

## Pawar Public School, Bhandup

### Eumind Project 2024-25

The academic year 2024-25 marked another successful chapter in our institution's long-standing association with the Eumind programme, a collaboration that has flourished over a decade. The partnership between Pawar Public School, Bhandup and Vechtdal College, Netherlands proved both academically enriching and personally transformative. Through engaging, interactive experiences, the students gained global awareness, cross-cultural empathy, and friendships that transcend borders.

As part of the exchange programme, some students from the Netherlands had visited our city, Mumbai and our school in the months of November and December 2024 (from 26th November, 2024 to 4th December, 2024). Their stay here in India enriched them with exposure to diverse cultures, deeper understanding of Indian traditions and valuable cross-cultural friendships.



We had online collaborative projects with the partner schools- Vechtdal College Ommen, Netherlands and VIBGYOR School, India. Fifty-five students from grade 9 were selected and were divided into eleven groups. They conducted research on various topics under two broad categories:

- Regions-Transport and Traffic Safety, Celebrations, Local Shops vs. Online Shopping, Facilities for Youth and Sports
- Values-Celebrations, Family Roles, Friendships, Grandparents, Student-Teacher Relations and Bullying

Each group created and presented their research through interactive presentations. They interviewed locals and related people, collected real-life perspectives, and prepared introduction videos to share their findings. The process encouraged teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking and created awareness about different lifestyles around the world.

The students not only interacted online but also had a memorable video call session with the EUMIND members, which made the discussions more engaging and personal. The programme was filled with lively exchanges, laughter, and mutual learning, making the experience both educational and enjoyable. These lively interactions helped the students understand the view points of the students from the partner schools.



Some students from Pawar Public School Bhandup visited the Netherlands for nine days in the month of May 2025. They stayed at the homes of their Dutch counterparts. This immersive experience allowed them to experience daily life in another country, build strong friendships, and learn first-hand experiences about Dutch culture. The students attended festival celebrations, a memorial day and even studied in the Vechtdal College as students for a day. In return, the Dutch students will soon be visiting India in December 2025, further deepening this cross-cultural bond.

