

International Mother Language Day

is celebrated worldwide on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity.

According to the UN: “Every two weeks a language disappears taking with it an entire cultural and intellectual heritage. At least 43% of the estimated 6000 languages spoken in the world are endangered. Only a few hundred languages have genuinely been given a place in education systems and the public domain, and less than a hundred are used in the digital world. Multilingual & multicultural societies exist through their languages which transmit and preserve traditional knowledge and cultures in a sustainable way.”



Our mother language - “matru bhaasha” is Gujarati and is one of the most valuable jewels in our lives. It is the language of our forefathers and connects us with our heritage and defines our socio-cultural identity

Gujarati is an Indo-Aryan language, derived from Sanskrit. The Gujarati alphabet has 47 letters. It is a phonetic script and therefore easier to read than English.

The linguistic skills - useful in many areas of personal development and communication - used in learning Gujarati are similar to linguistic skills in learning any other language e.g French, German etc.



OAUK from the beginning has recognised its duty and responsibility to preserve our mother tongue Gujarati by forming Gujarati schools to encourage learning of Gujarati from generation to generation.

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A day to celebrate our mother tongue - Gujarati and commend the work done by our Gujarati Schools

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