



**VANA VANI MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL  
IITM CAMPUS, CHENNAI-36.**

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## **NEWS LETTER FEBRUARY-2023**

**FEBRUARY 01, 2023 - FEBRUARY 02, 2023**

### **CLUB CULMINATION DAY**

The students of classes I-IX organised the club's culmination day on February 1 and 2, 2023. In the morning assembly, students from the respective clubs shared about their enriching yearlong club experience with the gathering.

In essence, the Club Culmination Day was an effort towards showcasing and sharpening the skills learnt by the students through club activities over the year. The various clubs were: Spoken English Club, Scrabble Club, Kathai Kelu Club, Drawing Club, Math Club, Sudoku Club, Dramatics Club, Puzzles and Riddles Club, Tamil Club, Spell Bee Club, Science Club, Arts and Crafts Club, Nature Club, Story Telling Club, Spoken English Club, English Literary Club, Tamil Literary Club, Quiz Club, Art Club, Craft (needle and thread club), Scouts and Guides, and Aerobics.

On the day, the students enthusiastically displayed an array of projects, worksheets, and much more of their work. The clubs put on an exciting display of activities such as a nature walk and seed ball making, skit, song, and many more by the Nature Club; a skit by the Dramatics Club; simple experiments by the Science Club; chart and model display by the Spell Bee club; puzzle solving by the Puzzles and Riddles Club; a skit performed by the Spoken English Club; students of the English Literary Club displayed song translation, onomatopoeic words, poetry, riddles, and Maths Club had puzzles and quizzes that thoroughly tested the participants' speed in calculations and mostly out-of-the-box thinking; Quiz Club conducted quizzing sessions; Art Club students displayed their artwork; concepts and terms of the different types of needlecraft were explained by the students, and they displayed their works on the board; Scouts and Guides were given an opportunity to put a variety of knot-tying skills into action; and rhythmic aerobic exercise with stretching was performed along the music by the Aerobic Club students.





**FEBRUARY 01, 2023**  
**VISIT TO IITMRP (RESEARCH PARK)**

On 1st February 2023, the students of Grade VIII and IX were taken to an exhibition at the IITM research park on account of the G20 summit that took place at IITM. There was a fascinating display depicting Indian culture and heritage as well as international information's through advanced technology which included virtual reality. The students were excited and thrilled to play games with the VR box. Overall, the visit was highly informative and fun. The students were able to learn a lot and they also enjoyed the trip very much.

The school was also conferred with a special award, as the sustainability was incorporated in the extracurricular activity in all the classes from VI - XII and for the maximum number of participations.

All together it was a great journey which was a fruitful and successful one.

The coordinators were Mrs. Deepa Fredrick and Mrs. N. Srilatha.



**FEBRUARY 03, 2023**

### **WORLD CANCER DAY AWARENESS PROGRAM**

World Cancer Day 2023 is observed on February 4 every year to raise awareness about the prevention and treatment of cancer. The theme for World Cancer Day 2023 is "Closing the Care Gap" with a special focus on uniting our voices and taking action.

On February 3, 2023, our school held an awareness program in honour of World Cancer Day. The students of classes VI–IX attended the program. The program began with a presentation by the guest speaker, Dr. Sathish A, MBBS, MDRT (Radiation Oncologist). He provided valuable insights into the causes of cancer, its symptoms, and the importance of early detection. He also discussed the different types of cancer and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle to reduce the risk of developing cancer.

The students were eager to ask questions, and they came up with some thought-provoking and insightful questions. The Chief Guest responded to each question with patience and provided insightful answers. Overall, the event was a great success, and the Q&A session was an excellent addition to the program. The students had a wonderful time interacting with the Chief Guest and learning from his experiences. The event provided an excellent platform for the students to learn, explore, and grow.



**FEBRUARY 03, 2023**

### **RALLY BY STUDENTS ON WORLD CANCER DAY**

Mrs. Nirmala P of Middle school organized a rally to create awareness for World Cancer Day. The rally was aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of cancer and the importance of early detection.

The students were divided into groups, and each group had posters with information about cancer. They went to each classroom chanting slogans. It was an excellent platform for the students to use their creativity and passion to make a positive impact on the community. The event helped to instill a sense of responsibility and social awareness among the students.



**FEBRUARY 03, 2023**

### **DENTAL PROGRAM**

Our school organized a dental program for the students on 3rd February. The program was aimed at creating awareness about dental hygiene and oral health.

The program started with a presentation by a dental health professional, who shared information about the importance of dental hygiene and how to maintain good oral health. The presentation covered topics such as the importance of brushing, flossing, and using mouthwash, as well as the effects of sugary foods and drinks on oral health.

The students were very enthusiastic about the program and were eager to learn more about dental hygiene. The program was an excellent opportunity for them to interact with a dental health professional and learn from their expertise. It also helped to raise awareness about the importance of dental hygiene and oral health.



## **FEBRUARY 6, 2023- FEBRUARY 10, 2023 MEDICAL AND DENTAL CHECKUP EVENT**



From 6<sup>th</sup> of February – 10<sup>th</sup> of February, our school organized a medical and dental checkup event for the students. The event was held in the school's primary auditorium, and it was aimed at promoting good health and preventing illnesses among the students.

The event started with the registration of the students, who were then directed to the medical and dental stations. The medical checkup included a general physical examination, which checked the students' height, weight, blood pressure, and heart rate. The medical staff also assessed the students' respiratory system and examined their eyes, ears, and throat.

The dental checkup involved a thorough examination of the students' teeth and gums. The dental staff checked for any cavities, gum diseases, and other dental issues. They also educated the students on the importance of proper oral hygiene and provided them with tips on how to take care of their teeth and gums.

The medical and dental checkup event was well received by the students, and they appreciated the opportunity to have their health checked in school. The event was also useful for identifying health issues early on, which could be addressed promptly, preventing them from becoming serious problems.

After the checkups, the students were provided with individual reports on their health status. Students who were identified to have health issues were referred to appropriate specialists for further examination and treatment.

Overall, the medical and dental checkup event was a success, and it provided students with an opportunity to learn about their health status and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

### **FEBRUARY 06, 2023**

#### **LOYOLA ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE TALENT EXAM**

Twenty-two students participated in the LTE conducted by Loyola Academy. From that, three students won medals and were selected for the second-level exam, which will be held on April 30, 2023. The question paper covered all subjects and was a comprehensive one.

II Level participants and the medals they were awarded are:

- Thanushkaa P-Gold
- S P Aarish Udhai - Gold
- Srijith S. J., Silver

### **FEBRUARY 08, 2023**

#### **NURSERY ANNUAL SPORTS DAY**

# **NURSERY**

The Nursery Annual sports day was held on 8th February. It was full of fun and excitement. The entire nursery was decorated with flags and colourful flag streamers. UKG children enthusiastically participated in the mass drill. All the kids took part in the sports events and each one was given a medal as a token of appreciation. The event came to an end with the distribution of prizes for parents' events which was previously held on 4th February.





**FEBRUARY 08, 2023**

**WEBINAR ON EMPOWERING LEARNERS WITH 'LEARNING TO LEARN' TECHNIQUES.**



Mrs. Indu K.M., PGT English, attended a webinar organised by the British Council and "English Connects" on "Empowering learners with learning to learn" techniques. The webinar focused on the metacognitive process of learning.

**FEBRUARY 09, 2023**

**SAI TECH (SCHOOL TOWARDS TECHNOLOGY) S2T**

Sairam institutions organized competitions under the title S2T School Towards Technology Edition 3.0 based on science and Technology on 09<sup>th</sup> of February from nearly 200 schools all over Tamil Nādu participated. Students exhibited science projects based on Robotics.

Our students from std VI to IX participated by exhibiting their projects based on Robotics. It was a wonderful opportunity for them.



**FEBRUARY 10, 2023**  
**ANNUAL INTER SCHOOL THEATRE FEST**

On February 10th 2023, the students of our school participated in the first annual inter school theatre fest conducted by the Union Christian Matriculation Higher Secondary School.

Two students from our school participated in Mono-acting and Spoken word poetry. Melina Rose had done a wonderful performance and secured first place and was awarded a trophy and certificate along with a cash price of Rs.3000.

**FEBRUARY 13, 2023 - 17, 2023**  
**STORY-TELLING, THE GRANDPARENTS' WAY**



Grandparents are a valuable resource because they have so many stories and experience from their own lives to share. Children will get connected to the grandparent stories, they offer a link to a child's cultural heritage and family history.

Vana Vani has organized grandparent story telling week from 13<sup>th</sup> February to 17<sup>th</sup> February. The children got excited listening to the moral stories shared by grandparents. The grandparents felt very fortunate to visit their grandchild's school and spent some time with the tiny tots.



**FEBRUARY 15, 2023**  
**STORY TELLING BY DR. M. VIJAYA**

On February 15, our school hosted a storytelling event in the primary auditorium, which was attended by students from grades V through VII. The event began by welcoming and introducing the storyteller, Dr. M. Vijaya. She told



an engaging story, which captured the attention of the audience and had them on the edge of their seats. The story had a moral lesson, which was well received by the students. Overall, the storytelling event was a great way to promote literacy and encourage creativity among students. The event helped to create a positive and encouraging environment that encouraged a love for reading and storytelling among students.



## **FEBRUARY 21, 2023** **OUR COLOURFUL WORLD**



Learning the colours is an important milestone in early childhood and represents a child's cognitive understanding. Colours are a part of daily life and are all around us. The best way for children to learn them is to experience them and play with them. So, the Rhapsody music foundation had recently arranged for an art and craft display "RHAPSODY ROCKS" on 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2023 in the Nursery section. The topic for the day was "OUR COLOURFUL WORLD". The children did some art, craft work and sang songs about colours. They were given the opportunity to experiment with colours using a variety of materials including paper, markers to explore pastels, crayons, paint, and thus developed an understanding of colours in many forms.



## FIELD TRIP

The main objective of conducting a field trip for students is to reinforce experiential and contextual learning. Vanavani organized outbound trips to provide a rich exposure to our students to experience learning in wider contexts and situations.

### NURSERY

#### LKG

The LKG children were taken on a field trip inside the IIT campus on 27/01/2023. They were shown the important landmarks of our sprawling campus which included the two temples, stadium, GC, SAC, swimming pool, etc.

The highlight of this trip was the visit to the Kids section of the Central Library, which had the children very excited about choosing and going through different books all by themselves. Overall, our children had a great time



#### UKG

On 30th January 2023, the entire UKG kids were taken to a field trip to the ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, Santhome (Aquarium and Museum).

Children loved the ambience and the time inside observing aquatic life - Star fish, Jellyfish, Eel fish, Spot fish, Mill fish, Squirrel fish, orange fish etc. They were excited to see the huge skin of a crocodile in the Museum. It was a thrill for the kids to see the lower jaw of whale, soft corals, sea cows, guitar fishes, crabs, sucker fish, sea snakes and more.

Field trip was not only fun but also cherished learning experiences for tiny tots.



## **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Field Trips for classes I-V were organized and were taken to various places on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Place</b>
I	Guindy National Park
II	Dakshina Chitra
III	Railway Museum (ICF)
IV	Vandalur Zoo
V	Egmore Museum



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### GRADE VI TRIP TO MAHABALIPURAM



Students of class VI went on an educational trip to Mahabalipuram on February 17. They learned about the art, architecture, and history behind the sculptures in Mahabalipuram. The places covered were the Five Rathas, Arjuna's Penance, the Butter Ball Boulder, and the Light House Museum. All in all, it was a rich, educative, and enjoyable experience.

At the end of the day, the tired but happy students reached school, and as they dispersed, they vowed that they would carry the memories of this trip as one more milestone in the timeline of their

school journey.



## **GRADE VII TRIP TO FARM GURU**

The students of class 7<sup>th</sup> went on a trip to Farm Guru on 17/02/2023 (Friday).

Farm Guru was conceptualised and conceived by a group of individuals, including professionals, agriculturalists, educationalists, and entrepreneurs. The love for the land, the love for the soil, and the dream of a better tomorrow for the future generation are the driving forces behind this initiative. It started in 2017 with the primary objective of giving the schoolchildren a one-day farming experience.

The purpose of visiting Farm Guru with Class VII was to learn about sustainable farming practises and the importance of local food production. The students left from school at 7:30 a.m. They reached the spot at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Sessa Sai, the farm's owner, greeted them. He is an ambassador of the Seychelles, and he gave them a brief introduction to the history of the farm and their mission. After that, they had their breakfast. Then, the students met a new friend, Max, who was a 1-month, 3-day-old calf. They also saw some rabbits.

The students had a ride in a tractor and bullock cart. After that, they had the organic section. In that, they also learned about the importance of crop rotation and how earthworms are helpful to maintain the soil's health and prevent diseases. They then ate lunch and went swimming. Before they were leaving, the students got some brinjal and guava. And I reached school at 6:00 p.m.

Overall, the field trip was a great learning experience for each of them.



## **GRADE VIII TRIP TO ADAYALACHERI**

On the 17th of February, the students of VIII class went on an excursion to the Tree Foundation at 5/25 Blue Beach Road, Neelankari, Chennai. The trip was organised by the school authorities for the students to participate in the One Day Estuarine Biodiversity Trail and Workshop.

We reached Adayalacheri in the morning and were greeted by the staff members, who gave us a brief introduction to the organisation and their work. The Tree Foundation is a non-profit organisation that is dedicated to preserving and protecting the environment through tree plantation drives, awareness campaigns, and education programs.

Students were divided into three groups, and the activities conducted for them were bird watching and recording species of trees, bark writing, stenciling, and observing insects. The walk along the banks to observe fish and other organisms was the most exciting one, as students got to see jellyfish, crabs, ducks, and damsel flies. Dip netting and using magnifying glasses on their nature walk kept them busy exploring whatever they could find interesting.

Students had their lunch at the beautiful view point around 1:00 pm, and after that they also played Frisbee and beach throw ball.

The next activity that they participated in was an interactive session with the staff members. They shared their knowledge and experiences about environmental issues and discussed ways in which we could make a difference in our own lives. We learned about the importance of conserving water, reducing plastic waste, and using eco-friendly

products. It was an eye-opening experience, and we realized that small actions taken by each of us could have a significant impact on the environment.

Overall, the excursion to the Tree Foundation was an enlightening experience for all of them. They learned about the importance of trees and the need to protect the environment. The students were impressed by the dedication of the staff members and their commitment to the cause. It was a great opportunity for us to connect with nature and understand our role in preserving it for future generations.



### **WIPRO EARTHIAN PROJECT 2022-23**

In the month of October 2022, forty-two (42) teams from classes VI–XII of our school took part in the WIPRO EARTHIAN PROJECT conducted by the CPREEC Foundation under various topics. The topics included

1. Solid waste management,
2. Sustainability: water
3. Bio-Diversity.

The students enthusiastically participated in all the activities, which included building a working model, conducting a case study, creating awareness about sustainability by conducting games and interviews, assessing the water usage by conducting water audits and testing the water's quality, etc. All team members have understood the need for sustainability in water, conserving biodiversity, and various methods of waste management.

On February 2, 2023, in the Regional Recognition Awards event, the regional winners were conferred with the awards at the CPREEC centre in Alwarpet, Chennai.

The four regional winning teams were

1. G. Trinesh, T.Janani, S.Sandhya,S.Sabarish Varshaan and K.Vishok Badri XII B guided by Mrs. Princy Tom.
2. S M Gowsi, R Roshini, R Supraja, M Tharini and J Petrina Daisy of class XII C guided by Mrs. Deepa Fredrick
3. S Jesintta, S J Karunya, Pratiksha Sakthivel, Surabi Murali, Srieashwar Jaganath of class VII 'B'. guided by Mrs. P Nirmala .
4. K Iris Feona, K Nivas hni, K Rithika, K G Vajeetha and G V Charishma of class IX 'B' guided by Mrs. N Srilatha .



### YASOU FAREWELL 2023

*“Every beginning has an end. And every end is a new beginning. It's a relentless cycle seen in every aspect of our lives”*

The Farewell was organized by the teachers of various sections for class XII on February 25, 2023 in the primary auditorium. The event had two segments- formal and informal. The Auditorium was amazingly decorated. The informal farewell party was presided over by the principal, vice principal, section heads and all the teachers of Vana Vani. Elegantly dressed, the XII class students entered the school auditorium at 2 p.m. The informal function began with many interesting and challenging games. Different titles were awarded to different students. The informal part ended with a farewell note. It was quite an emotional moment for all the students.

The formal part of the function began at 4.00 pm in the primary school auditorium with our Chairman Prof. S.P.Dhanavel as the Chief Guest. It commenced with a lamp lighting ceremony followed by the rendering of a prayer song and the tamizh thai vaazhthu. Mrs. Deepa Fredrick, welcomed the gathering. The Head Boy, Aryan I of XII A and Head Girl Bala Roshini of XII B gave a valedictory address and bid farewell to the school on behalf of their batch. Parents representatives of XII C and XII D also addressed the crowd with their poignant speeches expressing their views on the school's role in the holistic development of their children. This was followed by a short valedictory ceremony where each student was acknowledged and appreciated on the dais. A memorable candle lighting ceremony was next in line. The event wound up with the Chairman's speech on discipline and life beyond school. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. M. Geetha which marked the end of the function and thereby the school life of the batch of 2022 – 23.



Refreshments were provided and the students were all busy at the selfie corner creating memories with their friends.

To sum up, the day was great, filled with nostalgia, fun and excitement!



**February 21, 2023**  
**INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY**

On International Mother Language Day 2023, people around the world celebrate the importance of preserving and promoting their mother tongue. It is a day to raise awareness of the linguistic and cultural diversity that exists in the world and to promote tolerance, understanding, and dialogue between different communities.

Many organizations, schools, and universities around the world organize events and activities to celebrate International Mother Language Day. These may include language classes, cultural performances, exhibitions,



conferences, and workshops. The day provides an opportunity for people to learn about the importance of language and to celebrate the linguistic diversity that exists in the world. On February 21st, an International Mother Language Day was celebrated to embrace the diverse languages spoken in Vanavani Matriculation Higher Secondary School premises. After the invocation song students got to know the history of International Mother Language Day and why it is celebrated. After that, Students of different mother languages shared stories and poems in their mother tongues such as Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, Urdu, Kannada and Saurashtri.



**February 23, 2023**

**CLASS PHOTO SESSION**



The much-awaited class photo session of the academic year 2022-23 commenced on 23 February for classes I to XII. It was a great way to capture memories of the school year and the friendships that were formed in class.

**ACCOLADES**

- On February 4th and 5th, 2023 The Children’s Club Society conducted 24th Annual Inter School Competition. K. S. Mithra of class IV won third place in Story Telling Tamil - Junior. And S. Shiphrah of class IV won first place in Story Telling English - Junior.
- Y. Lakshan of VI A participated in the state level karate Championship 2023 on 26th of February at Aathilakshmi Thirumana Mandapam and secured first place in Colours Boys Individual Kata category.

