

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 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 nonprofit 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 ecofriendly products. It was an eyeopening 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.