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**August 2, 2023**  
**Community Lunch for X**

A heart-warming event unfolded on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, as the school orchestrated a delightful community lunch for the enthusiastic students of class 10. A palpable sense of excitement filled the air as students gathered, each bearing a delightful assortment of dishes. These culinary treasures became a bridge that connected friends across all sections, facilitating a beautiful exchange of flavours and stories.

Laughter and camaraderie echoed across the school ground, as the students revealed the joy of sharing a meal with their peers. With every bite, they indulged not only in the scrumptious dishes but also in the precious moments of togetherness. The sun seemed to shine a little brighter that day, as the bonds of friendship were fortified amidst the shared delight of food and company.



**August 07, 2023**  
**GENERAL STAFF MEETING**

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, the teaching staff of the school convened for a general staff meeting with the school's Principal.

**August 11, 2023**  
**ANNUAL DAY**

The prestigious halls of Vana Vani were aglow with the spirit of celebration as the school commemorated its diamond jubilee with a grand 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Day event. Under the theme "ANUBHAVAM ARUVATHU, ARPUDHAM ANANDHAM" the evening was a tribute to six decades of educational excellence, community spirit, and cultural diversity. It was held on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The event took place at the Student Activities Centre (SAC) of IIT Madras, a venue befitting the occasion.



The school, renowned for its academic excellence and cultural richness, celebrated its long-standing journey with a focus on unity, diversity, and achievements. The event witnessed the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including Prof. V Kamakoti, Director of IIT Madras, Prof. S P Dhanavel, Chairman, Shri. Raman Kumar, Secretary - Cum - Treasurer, Mr. M. Sathish Kumar, Principal, Mrs. Princy Tom, Vice Principal, and the energetic young leaders, Head Boy Gopi Krishna E D and Head Girl Ananya Sudhakar.



The evening started with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the spread of knowledge, followed by a heartfelt prayer.

The Head Girl Ananya Sudhakar welcomed the audience and introduced the dignitaries.



The formal proceedings started off with Principal Mr. M. Sathish Kumar presenting the annual reports, encapsulating the achievements, advancements, and the collective spirit of the school over the past year.



The Presidential address, gracefully delivered by Chairman Prof. S. P Dhanavel, resonated with advice for parents to engage actively with their children, fostering an environment of shared learning and growth.



The Chief Guest, Prof. V. Kamakoti, through a captivating video address, shared his personal journey intertwined with the significance of education. He urged parents and teachers to recognize the invaluable role of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, emphasizing that habits cultivated at a young age hold a profound impact. Prof. V. Kamakoti's insights into free courses provided by IITM illuminated the path towards nurturing creativity and physical fitness, drawing from his own experiences as a former chairman of the school.

A pivotal occasion was the honouring of outstanding academic achievers and proficiency rank holders, graced by esteemed dignitaries. Also, Vana Vani had the pleasure of bestowing awards upon deserving individuals who had displayed remarkable dedication and contribution to the school community. The awards were as follows:

#### Vana Vani Golden Jubilee Award:

Mrs. Princy Tom (Vice Principal)

Mr. Babu S (posthumous, in memory of his dedicated service)

#### Vana Vani Golden Jubilee Association and Chandra's Endowment:

Mrs. Geetha Sukumar

Mrs. Prabha A

Mrs. Agnes Mari Lourduraj (posthumous, in honour of her memory and contributions)



The dignitaries further had the privilege of conferring the Overall Championship in Sports accolade upon Yamuna House, and the coveted shield was presented to Ganga House for their remarkable achievement as the Best House in the Inter School Cultural Competition 2022-2023.



The formal proceedings culminated in a climactic manner with the commencement of the prize distribution ceremony. With heads held high and hearts brimming with pride, the awardees graced the stage, each step a testament to their unwavering dedication and relentless hard work.

As the formal events came to an end, the audience transitioned to the informal segment, a vibrant showcase of talent that celebrated the cultural diversity and artistic prowess of the students.

### *Swagthanjali*



The first performance, an invocation dance, transported the audience to a realm of spirituality and devotion. Through graceful movements and expressive gestures, the dancers paid homage to Lord Shiva, captivating everyone with their storytelling through the art of dance.

### *Express to Impress*



The enchanting nursery welcoming dance was a delightful symphony of innocence and exuberance. As the little stars took their first steps onto the stage, their faces radiated with a mix of excitement and curiosity. The nursery dance expressed the purity of childhood, and the celebration of the school's 60 years impressed upon us the enduring impact of education and community.

### *Nature – My First Love*



The stage then resonated with the melodious tunes of an English song. The students of Grade I and II took the audience on a journey through nature, using their voices to celebrate the beauty of the world around them. The lyrics and music combined to create a harmonious blend that radiated positivity and appreciation for the campus's natural beauty.

### *Prime Time – 80's – 2k*



The audience was then treated to a unique form of artistic expression: mime. Grade V students took centre stage to depict the contrasts between life in the early 80s and the present day. Through their silent yet expressive movements, they vividly conveyed the transformations that have occurred over the decades, capturing the audience's attention and eliciting both laughter and reflection.

## Kaliyattam



The stage came alive with the vibrant hues of our regional culture as the energetic Kaliyattam folk dance was performed by primary class students who took the centre stage. It was a captivating journey into the heart of our heritage, where tradition and artistry merged seamlessly. Adding to the cultural extravaganza, the students' melodious voices harmonized in a beautiful song that celebrated Mother Earth and emphasized the significance of honoring parents and teachers. The lyrics were a heartfelt ode to the nurturing embrace of the Earth and the wisdom imparted by our elders.

## Splendid Sixty



An English play TEDDY AND MRS. THOMPSON took the audience on an emotional journey, reminding them that education goes beyond textbooks. Through heartfelt acting and compelling storytelling, the play portrayed the transformative power of care, compassion, and education in shaping lives and leaving a lasting positive impact.

## வைர வனவாணி, Vana Vani Shaan hamari hai, and Atma Anubhavam

The performances continued with captivating Tamil, Hindi and Sanskrit songs, each resonating with a deep sense of pride and celebration. The songs echoed the sentiments of unity and joy that were at the heart of the evening's theme, allowing the students to connect with their roots and express their emotions through the universal language of music.



## ஆன்றோர்களின் அனுபவம்

The informal segment soared to its peak with a captivating Tamil play presenting a story from Mahabharatham, which delved into the legendary saga of the Pandavas and Krishna. This enthralling performance not only brought ancient tales to life but also carried a profound message about the essence of human existence.



## Eira – Queen of Diamonds

The fusion dance seamlessly blended Mohiniyattam, folk, and Western dance styles. This captivating performance celebrated the cultural diversity present within the school and in society at large. As the dancers moved in harmonious unison, the audience was treated to a visual spectacle that underscored the beauty of unity amidst diversity.



## Vande Mataram



The grand finale dance performance, titled "Vande Mataram," was an awe-inspiring tribute to the spirit of patriotism and the unity of our nation. The stage came alive with a spectacular display of choreography, music, and visuals, all seamlessly woven together to create a powerful and emotional experience. The finale dance was a befitting tribute to the indomitable spirit of India, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of all who had the privilege to witness it.

As the curtain fell on the informal segment, the audience was left mesmerized and moved by the incredible talent, passion, and dedication displayed by the students. The informal programs truly embodied the essence of the evening - celebrating diversity, embracing creativity, and fostering a sense of unity through the language of art.



A vote of thanks was proposed by the Head Boy Gopi Krishna E D. The colourful program came to an end with the National anthem.

**August 15, 2023**

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



On the momentous occasion of the 77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on August 15, 2023, our school came alive with patriotic fervor and unity.

The event was a vibrant tapestry of meaningful moments, bringing together students, teachers, and staff to honor our nation's freedom.

Commencing with a heartfelt prayer, the day's proceedings embodied the essence of our nation's values. The unfurling of the national flag symbolized the soaring aspirations of our country, and it was accompanied by an array of captivating cultural performances.

Resonating with the spirit of freedom, Kevin Joel from the 11<sup>th</sup> standard and Kanishga from the 9<sup>th</sup> standard took the stage to deliver speeches that stirred the hearts of all present. Their words of inspiration echoed the dreams of our forefathers and the responsibilities we bear as citizens.

The essence of the theme "AUGUST PURATCHI" came to life through the dynamic dances and impactful drama performances presented by the primary and middle school students. The high school students, in their own unique way, paid tribute through a special song that left an indelible mark.



A pinnacle moment of the event was the flag hoisting by the esteemed chairman, Professor S. P. Dhanavel. With the tricolor fluttering in the wind, his address encapsulated the significance of the day and the importance of unity in diversity.

Beyond the confines of the assembly area, the high school students spread patriotic cheer by serenading the campus with melodious songs that resonated with everyone's spirits.

Guiding us seamlessly through this memorable journey were the event's comperes, Swathi from 11C and Melina Rose from 10 C. Their articulate narrations bridged the performances, creating a seamless flow that held the audience's attention. As the event drew to a close, Srija from 11C extended gratitude to all those who contributed to the day's success, delivering a warm and heartfelt vote of thanks.

The 77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at our school wasn't just an event; it was a manifestation of our shared love for the country and a reminder of the progress that still lies ahead. As the echoes of patriotic fervour lingered, the day served as a testament to the unity that binds us as a nation



**August 17, 2023**

### **VISIT TO GURUNANAK COLLEGE BY XII B STUDENTS**

On August 17, 2023, the students of Class 12 B, specializing in the biology stream, were given a valuable opportunity to visit Gurunanak College. During this visit, they were able to witness an array of displays presented by students from the biotechnology stream. This interaction proved to be an engaging and enlightening experience for our students.

Through active participation and meaningful communication with the students of Gurunanak College, our students were able to grasp various concepts related to biotechnology. The event featured an assortment of displays, including informative charts and captivating experiments, all centered on the field of biotechnology. This immersive learning experience facilitated the acquisition of knowledge and provided our students with insights into the practical applications of biotechnology.



**August 18, 2023**

### **ORIENTATION PROGRAM ON INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.**



On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the students of Class VIII had the opportunity to participate in an Orientation program focused on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. This program was organized and conducted by the faculty of Prince Shri Venkateshwara Padmavathy Engineering College and took place in the school's auditorium. The event commenced at 1:45 PM.

During this orientation program, the students were introduced to the exciting worlds of innovation and entrepreneurship. Following the orientation session, the students were scheduled to participate in a quiz. Overall, this orientation program served as a valuable educational experience for the Class VIII students, providing them with insights into the realms of innovation and entrepreneurship, which can be instrumental in shaping their future careers and aspirations.

**August 22, 2023**

### **FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CORNER**

#### **Exploring Nature's Bounty: The Fruit and Vegetable Fiesta at the Nursery Campus**

A delightful event unfolded on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, as the nursery campus transformed into a vibrant fruit and vegetable corner. Each child played a crucial role in this creative endeavour by bringing along a fruit and vegetable, contributing to an imaginative display that showcased the colourful diversity of nature's harvest. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as young minds embarked on a journey of exploration.

The event not only enlivened the senses but also fostered a sense of camaraderie among the children. Witnessing the kaleidoscope of fruits and vegetables brought by their peers, the little ones embarked on a captivating adventure of discovery. The occasion was more than just a display; it was an opportunity to impart an essential lesson about the significance of incorporating these wholesome elements into daily diets.

In the midst of this delightful display, a vital message took root: the importance of a diet rich in fruits and vegetables for overall well-being. As children gazed at the imaginative arrangements, the idea that food could be both nutritious and aesthetically appealing was firmly established.

This creative initiative beautifully reinforced the concept that health and taste can harmoniously coexist.

The event didn't merely stop at visual appeal; it engaged all senses. The tiny tots explored the world of fruits and vegetables through touch, smell, and even colour. By allowing them to experience the varied textures and scents of each item, the event turned into a multisensory learning experience. This hands-on engagement transformed mundane produce into fascinating treasures waiting to be explored.

The fruit and vegetable corner wasn't just an event; it was a stepping stone into a positive learning environment. The children were immersed in an atmosphere that nurtured curiosity and discovery. Through this experience, they not only expanded their understanding of food but also imbibed lessons that would stay with them as they grew.

Ultimately, the fruit and vegetable corner event was a splendid culmination of education and enjoyment. As the children marvelled at the diverse array of produce, they learned a lesson that went beyond textbooks—a lesson about the value of nourishment, the beauty of diversity, and the joy of exploration. This event was an avenue for our young learners to take a step towards healthier lifestyles and a deeper connection with the world around them.



**August 23, 2023**

### **COMMUNITY LUNCH FOR CLASS IX**



On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, the school organized a heart-warming community lunch for the lively class 10 students. They came together, each bringing delicious dishes, creating an atmosphere of anticipation and joy. This culinary feast became a delightful way for friends from different sections to connect, sharing flavours and stories.



Laughter and camaraderie filled the school grounds as students savoured their meals and cherished the moments spent together. The day seemed brighter, and the bonds of friendship grew stronger through the simple pleasure of sharing food and company.

**August 23, 2023**

### **CUBESAT WORKSHOP**

On August 23, 2023, The American Centre in Chennai hosted a CubeSat workshop attended by 20 students. The workshop featured a quiz session, a prelude on CubeSats by Mr. Subhash, and a captivating presentation by Mr. Nikhil showcasing a real CubeSat. Students were divided into groups to design their own CubeSat, showcasing their creativity. The event concluded with a feedback discussion and discussions about future ISRO endeavours. Overall, the workshop was enlightening and enjoyable, inspiring students' interest in space technology.

**August 25, 2023 – 26, 2023**

### **SCOUTS AND GUIDES CAMP**

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Vanavani Unit, organized a two-day camp at the Bharat Scouts and Guides Camp Centre in Triplicane on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for 39 students from classes 7 to 9.

During the camp, students learned essential Scout and Guide concepts, including the motto, Salute, Prayer song, Flag song, Flag hoisting, knots, Whistle and Hand signals, Woodcraft signs, and Tent making. They also received messages of Peace, Harmony, Wisdom, and Humility.

The camp provided opportunities for students to showcase their talents in dance, drama, and music. Additionally, they enjoyed a refreshing walk along the beach road and participated in a special yoga session conducted by Mr. Nanda, a Yoga teacher.

The camp concluded at approximately 3:30 p.m. on August 26<sup>th</sup>, leaving participants with valuable experiences and memories. This event promoted personal growth, teamwork, and the embodiment of Scout and Guide values among the students.



**August 26, 2023**

### **OPEN DAY FOR CLASSES I TO XII**

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the school held an Open Day for Primary, Middle, High, and Higher Secondary students, allowing parents to visit classrooms and engage with teachers.

Simultaneously, a counselling session by Dr. Sahithya, a student counsellor from DSE, was conducted for students of Classes IX to XII.

These events strengthened the school's connection with parents and provided crucial support to students' educational journeys.

**August 28, 2023**

### **NURSERY ONAM CELEBRATION**



Children of Nursery section celebrated Onam by decorating the assembly area with poo kolam, children dressed up

in Kerala traditional attire and gave speech about Onam, performed Kaikottikali dance. The attraction of the day was the entry of King Mahabali with chenda melam. Children enjoyed the event and got to know about Onam.



### **STUDENTS' ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DIVERSE EVENTS**

**August 18, 2023**

#### **"Quizza 2023: Unveiling Sports Knowledge" - A Triumph of Enthusiasm**

The resounding echoes of "Quizza 2023" filled the air on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, as SBIOA Junior College hosted an exhilarating sports quiz that set minds racing and hearts pounding. Our school's ardent sports enthusiasts took centre stage, embracing the challenge with unwavering determination.

### **INTERSCHOOL CULTURAL**

In the event Festa di talenti 2023 conducted by St. Bedes on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of August our school participated in various events like Art, Shipwreck and adapt tunes.

**August 28, 2023**

### **DAKSHINA CHITRA HERITAGE**

Dakshina Chitra Heritage took place on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023, wherein 15 of our middle-school students had participated. Students enjoyed the event and it served as an eye-opener to them about our heritage.



## BRAHM PRAKASH MEMORIAL MATERIALS QUIZ

This program is held to create awareness among the students about the importance of metallurgy and materials science in industrial and technological development, to broaden their knowledge in these fields, and to encourage them to choose these interesting and application-oriented subjects as their future course of study and career.

Ananya Sudakar (XII A), Gopi Krishna E. D. (XII A), Jarsana K (XII B) and Netra K (XI B) participated in the 31<sup>st</sup> Prof. Brahm Prakash Memorial Materials Quiz 2023. The first round consisted of twenty questions.

After the first round a lab visit was conducted and the students visited the Combinatorial Alloy Design Facility where they learnt about the working of the Vacuum Induction Furnace and the FIB Facility where they learnt about the SEM.



After the lab visit lunch was provided and the results of first round were announced. The second round was a buzzer round consisting of 7 questions each on three topics, Historical, Materials in everyday life and Basic material science and metallurgy's.

### Primary Inter School Competition

The following students participated in the Cultural fest - Shraddha sangamam conducted by SHRADDHA CHILDREN'S ACADEMY kottivakkam on 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Name	Class	Event	Place
Darshika.H	V A	Drawing	I Prize
Theekshna.D Karthikha.Y	V C V B	Pot Decoration	I Prize II Prize
Andric .S	V A	Solo Dance	II Prize



### PARAMPARA 2023 - GT Aloha Vidhya Mandir, Neelankarai , Chennai -115

#### Date Of The Competition - 4<sup>th</sup> August

S.No	Class	Events	Name of the student	Class/ Sec	Results
1	I & II	Emmersan Artisan - Grain Seed art	RISHIVANTH RAJ.M	II A	1st Prize
2	I & II	Ballet blues -Retro dance	R.DEVENDHRA AVANI HARITHA A R.RONIKA	II B II A II B	Participated
3	III - V	Artiste blaze- Matchstick art	V.PRAGADEESHWARAN	IV A	1st Prize
4	III - V	V-Thespia -Solo Enactment	V.SURAJ	VB	Participated
5	III - V	Ciosan weave-Basket weaving (paper)	V.VISHALINI	VB	2nd Prize



## Primary Interschool – Synergy – APL Global School

### Synergy – APL Global School - Okkiyam Thoraipakkam

Date Of The Competition - 4<sup>th</sup> August

S.No	Category	Events	Name of the Participant	Class / Sec	Results
1	III -V	Shake it up(Solo dance)	Andric .	V A	Participated
2	III -V	Words in Motion (Hindi Elocution)	Arnav Sharma	IV C	1st Prize
3	III -V	Katgasthu - Creating story (story telling)	Sainthavi.S	V C	Participated
4	III -V	The Canvas(Drawing)	Darshika.H	V A	1st Prize
5	III -V	Clay modelling(Sculpting)	Theekshna.D	V C	Participated
6	III -V	Mix up (Crossword)	Ashmitha.A Shiprah.S	V A V B	Participated
7	III -V	Quiz up	1.Faizan Abdulla.K 2.Jennis Rajkumar .S	V A V B	2nd Prize
8	III -V	Words in Motion (English Elocution)	Indrajith Senan.V	V A	1st Prize
9	III -V	One cut two folds	Varun.J	IV B	1st Prize
10	III -V	Patchwork Panorama- Collage	Monikasree.P	V B	2nd Prize



## August 5, 2023 HIGH SCHOOL INTER SCHOOL COMPETITION:

During the Parampara event held by GTA Vidhya Mandir on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, students from our school enthusiastically took part in a range of activities. Among these, Bhageswari B and Navanidhi M from class 10 A showcased their talents and secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Fashion show competition.

### WORKSHOPS



\* On the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023, Mrs. K. Sakthi Prabha participated in the Earthian 2023 - 2024 Sustainability Education Program Online Workshop for Teachers. This workshop was organized by the CPR Environmental Education Centre. The workshop took place from 10 in the morning to 12:45 in the afternoon. The informative session was conducted by three individuals: Mr. Thirunavukkarasar, Mr. Ramanathan, and Mr. Srinivasan. Mrs. K. Sakthi Prabha engaged with the workshop, gaining insights into sustainability education.

\* Mrs. Vishnupriya K and Mrs. Sreelatha attended a workshop for science teachers - ENVIRO 2023 conducted by the Industrial Waste Management Association on 30.07.2023 at IC & SR Auditorium, IIT Madras. The workshop was to teach creative thinking and build innovative capabilities in science among students and environment-related issues.

### Accolades

\* Yaksha. D.N of 5 A has won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the painting competition conducted at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan on the topic "Aircraft and Navy of ancient India".

\* Darshika H of 5 A has won consolation prize in the painting competition conducted at Birla Planetarium on 18<sup>th</sup> August.



\* D. Chudarvizhi, a student of Class XI B, participated in the Tamil speech competition organized by Muthatamizh Kalai Vizha of St. Michael's Academy on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023. She spoke eloquently on the topic "சிகரம் தொடலாம் சீக்கிரம் வா" (Lets Start a Revolution Now). The competition saw the participation of around 25 students. D. Chudarvizhi's performance was noteworthy, capturing the audience's attention with her well-delivered speech. Her efforts and skills were recognised as she secured the second prize in the competition.

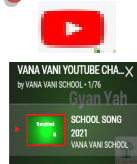


\* In the Divine Karate 1st State Level Karate Championship, which took place on August 20, 2023, at Youth Hostel, Adyar, M. Tejeshwar of Class VIII B participated with zeal. His remarkable performance in the individual Kata, 12-13 years category, earned him a well-deserved third-place position.

\* The Tamil marathon event was held on July 16, 2023, at Chennai Island, and served as a unifying platform for individuals from diverse backgrounds. Notably, the event saw the enthusiastic participation of three of our committed students: Karun Pridhu M from Class VII B, Dhayanithi N from Class VII B, and Lakshita S from Class VIII C. Recognizing their efforts and achievements, they were awarded certificates and medals.



Enjoy watching video of the programmes in our School YouTube channel



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