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Partition Horrors Remembrance Day Event

The Partition Horrors Remembrance Day event was held on 14/07/2024 at the IIT Madras Research Park, Taramani. The program aimed to educate young people in India about the sufferings endured during the partition and to emphasize that such events must not be repeated in the future. The event began at 4:45 pm with the arrival of the chief guest, and approximately 120 students from classes IX and X attended. The chief guest was the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri RN Ravi. The National Anthem and Tamil Thai Vazhthu were sung.

Dignitaries attending the event included INA veteran Mr. R. Madhavan, the Director of IIT Madras, Prof. V. Kamakoti, Dr. Deepak, and Ms. Beenavati Agarwal. Students from

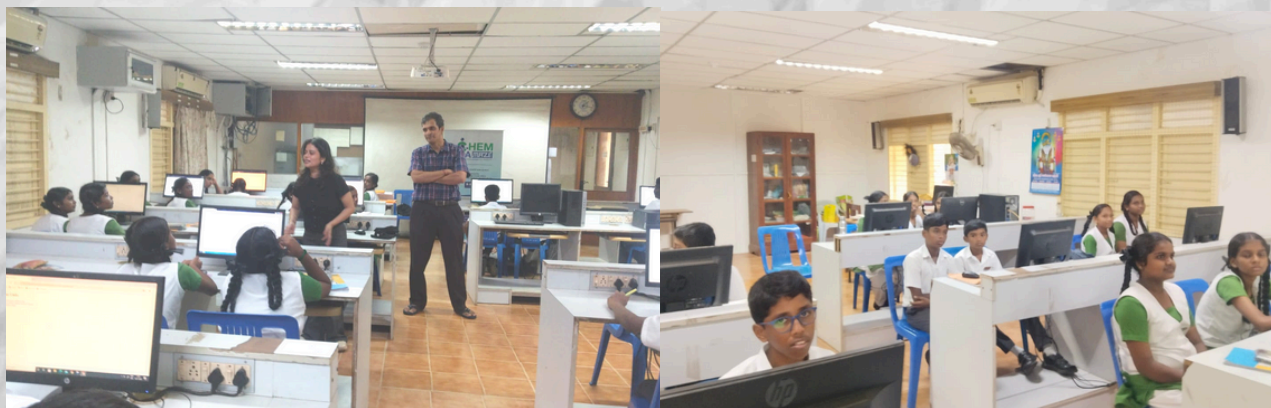
various colleges and schools were also present.

Prof. Kamakoti delivered the welcome address, followed by speeches from the other dignitaries. The INA veteran gave an inspiring speech about his experiences in the INA and performed a patriotic song at the age of 98. A video was shown that highlighted the horrors faced by people during the partition. The Hon'ble Governor RN Ravi then spoke about the reasons behind the partition and how it might have been avoided. The event concluded with a cultural program performed by CMC Chennai, which included a dance-cum-drama. The event ended with the vote of thanks and the National Anthem.



Digital Chemistry Games

On July 18, 2024, Prof. Kartic Vaidyanathan, a faculty member at IIT-M, along with his team, conducted a series of digital chemistry games for students of Classes 7 and 8 at our school. The students also had the opportunity to solve a crossword puzzle, which they thoroughly enjoyed. These interactive games enhanced their understanding of the subject in an engaging and fun way.



Quiz Competition Winner

Poorvaja Raman of Class 8C won a special prize in the quiz competition organized by SOF as part of the ENVIRO program, held on July 27th and 28th, 2024, at the ICSR Auditorium, IIT-M, Chennai, in celebration of World Environment Day. She was also awarded a cash prize of Rs. 500 for her outstanding performance.





Poetry Recitation competition held at St. Michael's Academy

We are delighted to announce that Ameera Shree of Class 4 A has secured the 3rd prize in the Rhyme and Reason Poetry Recitation competition held at St. Michael's Academy, Adyar on August 17th, 2024, where she confidently presented a poem of her choice amidst stiff competition from various schools across Chennai, showcasing her exceptional talent and dedication to poetry.

Vana Vani's 61st Annual Day Celebration

Date: 9th August 2024 Time: 4:00 pm Venue: Student Activities Centre (SAC), IIT Madras

On August 9th, 2024, the vibrant halls of Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School resonated with joy and pride as the school celebrated its 61st Annual Day. Held at the prestigious Student Activities Centre (SAC) of IIT Madras, the event was a grand tribute to over six decades of academic excellence, cultural richness, and a deep sense of community. The evening was a perfect blend of tradition and innovation, reflecting the school's enduring legacy and its forward-looking spirit.

The event was graced by the presence of several eminent personalities, whose contributions and support have been integral to the school's success. Among the distinguished guests were:

Professor. Balaji Narasimhan, from the Department of **Civil Engineering** and **Chairman** of the **Engineering Unit at IIT Madras**, who honored the event as the **Chief Guest**.

Professor. S.P. Dhanavel, Chairman of the Vana Vani Managing Committee, whose leadership has been a guiding force for the school. Mr. Raman Kumar, Secretary-cum-Treasurer of the Vana Vani Managing Committee, who has played a pivotal role in shaping the school's strategic direction.

Mr. M. Sathish Kumar, the dynamic Principal of Vana Vani, whose vision continues to inspire both staff and students.

Mrs. Princy Tom, the Vice Principal, who has been a pillar of support in the school's academic and extracurricular endeavors.

Gokulnath Srihari and Netra K, the Head Boy and Head Girl, whose leadership among the student body exemplifies the values Vana Vani seeks to instill.

In addition to these dignitaries, the event saw enthusiastic participation from proud parents, who filled the venue with their unwavering support, and exuberant students, who were eager to showcase their talents.



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

Head Girl Netra K then warmly welcomed the audience and introduced the distinguished guests.



Following this, the Principal, Mr. M. Sathish Kumar, presented the Annual Report. His report meticulously highlighted the school's remarkable achievements over the past year, encompassing both academic successes and the rich array of extracurricular activities. His words painted a vivid picture of a school that not only imparts knowledge but also nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and social responsibility.



Following the Principal's address, the Special Address was delivered by Mr. Raman Kumar, Secretary-cum-Treasurer of the Vana Vani Managing Committee. Mr. Kumar articulated the school's vision for the future, outlining ambitious goals that aim to elevate the institution to new heights. He also took a moment to express heartfelt gratitude to the staff, students, and parents, whose collective efforts have been the cornerstone of the school's enduring success.



Next, the Presidential Address was given by Professor S.P. Dhanavel, Chairman of the Vana Vani Managing Committee. In his speech, Professor Dhanavel emphasized the importance of holistic education, which goes beyond academic achievements to encompass character development, ethical values, and community engagement.

He spoke eloquently about the critical role parents play in their children's education and development, urging them to remain actively involved in their children's academic and personal growth. Professor Dhanavel also invoked the inspiring legacy of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, encouraging students to pursue excellence and contribute positively to society.



The highlight of the evening was the Keynote Address by the Chief Guest, Professor Balaji Narasimhan. His speech was a source of inspiration for both students and teachers alike. Professor Narasimhan spoke about the importance of striving for excellence and innovation, not just in academics but in all aspects of life. He also touched on the vital role teachers play as mentors, guiding students towards their goals. Professor Narasimhan's words resonated deeply with the audience, particularly when he called upon the students to acknowledge and appreciate the unwavering support of their teachers and parents, who are the true pillars of their success.

A significant portion of the ceremony was dedicated to recognizing the outstanding achievements of students through the presentation of Endowment Awards. These prestigious awards were given to students who had excelled in academics, sports, and other extracurricular activities. The awards served as a testament to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of the students, and were presented by the dignitaries amidst loud applause and cheers from the audience.

Vana Vani had the honor of recognizing individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and contributions to the school community. The awards presented were as follows:

Vana Vani Golden Jubilee Alumni Association Award:

- **Mrs. Brindha Sreedhar,**
Social Science teacher
- **Mrs. M. Vijayalakshmi,**
Maths teacher
- **Mrs. Anuradha M,**
Chemistry teacher
- **Mr. K. Pakkiaraj,**
Supporting staff

Vana Vani Golden Jubilee Alumni Association Award and Nishanth Chandra Endowment Award:

- **Mrs. M. N. Laila Banu,**
Nursery section
- Nishanth Chandra Endowment Award:
- **Mrs. Princy Tom,** Vice Principal
- **Mrs. C. Santhi,**
Head of Tamil Department



The Class Teachers and the Section Head of High School received the certificate for the school's exceptional performance in the Std. X board examination for the academic year 2023-2024, held on August 4, 2024.



The dignitaries had the honor of presenting the Overall Championship in Sports to Yamuna House. Additionally, Yamuna House was awarded the prestigious shield for their outstanding performance as the Best House in the Inter School Cultural Competition for the year 2023- 2024.



A vote of thanks was delivered by Head Boy Gokulnath Srihari, marking the conclusion of the formal program.

This was followed by a spectacular Cultural Program that highlighted the diverse talents of the students and vividly reflected the school's vibrant cultural ethos.

A captivating invocation dance titled "**Nrityanjali**" was performed. The dance, deeply rooted in Indian traditions, featured a team of skilled dancers who embodied the essence of **Nritya** - a classical dance form characterized by expressive movements and rich body language. The performance began with an homage to Lord Ganesha, aligning with the tradition of seeking divine blessings before embarking on significant endeavors. This was followed by an exploration of Vishnu's avatars, illustrating the dance as a manifestation of maya or lila, reflecting both textual and oral traditions. "**Nrityanjali**" was a brilliant display of cultural heritage and artistic excellence, contributing significantly to the cultural richness of the Annual Day celebrations.



The UKG children delighted everyone with their lively act titled **“Rock to the Rhythm”**. This performance perfectly encapsulated the transformative power of dance, showcasing its ability to unite, inspire joy, and bring out the innate creativity and energy of our youngest stars. The little tots took the stage with remarkable enthusiasm and rhythmic precision, delivering a performance that was both charming and electrifying.



The Standard 1 students delivered an impactful Tamil skit titled **“வனம் வளர்ப்போம் வளம் பெறுவோம்”** was a thought-provoking performance underscored the critical importance of environmental conservation, delivering a compelling message about the need for collective action to safeguard our planet. The skit illustrated how nurturing nature and preserving trees are vital for sustaining our environment and supporting life. The performance resonated deeply with the audience, effectively raising awareness about conservation and inspiring a commitment to environmental responsibility.

The dance performance titled **“Seasons Symphony”** Performed by Standard 2 students, this mesmerizing act celebrated the beauty and diversity of nature through the changing seasons. The performance not only highlighted the students’ developing dance skills but also fostered an appreciation for the natural world and its seasonal transformations. The “Seasons Symphony” resonated deeply with the audience, leaving them enchanted by the young performers’ ability to bring the beauty of nature to life through dance.



The standard 3 students delivered a profoundly moving performance of the English song **“Echoes of Dreamers”**. This musical piece was a heartfelt tribute to the dreams and aspirations of the students, capturing the essence of hope and ambition. The rendition of “Echoes of Dreamers” was not only a showcase of the students’ musical talents but also a celebration of their potential and aspirations. It highlighted their ability to convey complex emotions and connect with the audience through music.



English skit titled **“The Enchanted Quest”** performed by students from Standard 4 and 5. This engaging performance transported the audience into a world of fantasy and adventure, showcasing the students’ dramatic talents and creativity. The skit highlighted the themes of teamwork and perseverance as the friends sought to find the mystical fountain within the Enchanted Forest. The students’ performances were both engaging and entertaining, demonstrating their acting prowess and ability to bring a fantastical story to life.



The standard 6 students delivered a Hindi song performance titled **“Prakriti aur Insaan”**. This soulful rendition explored the intricate relationship between nature and humanity, emphasizing the need to preserve and honor the natural world. The song, celebrated for its evocative lyrics and melodic charm, praised the vibrant and colorful aspects of nature. The students’ expressive singing and engaging delivery brought the song’s message to life, leaving a lasting impact on everyone present and fostering a deeper appreciation for the beauty and fragility of nature.



The play, titled **“Golden Bonds: Cherishing Our Parents in Their Golden Years”** was a contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare’s timeless classic “King Lear” and it was performed by our talented 7th and 8th standard students. This poignant adaptation reimaged the original tale, focusing on the profound theme of family and the responsibilities we hold towards our elders. The performance was not only a testament to the students' dramatic prowess but also a powerful reminder of the importance of cherishing and respecting our parents in their golden years. The heartfelt portrayal of family dynamics and the duty of care towards our elders left a lasting impression on all who attended.



A splendid performance of the French classic **“Aux Champs-Élysées”** delivered by our talented 11th and 12th standard students. This iconic song brought a touch of Parisian elegance to the evening, offering the audience a delightful escape to the heart of Paris. The choice of **“Aux Champs-Élysées”** added a sophisticated layer to the event,

showcasing the students’ diverse talents and their ability to convey the beauty of international music. The performance was a testament to their dedication and training, and it highlighted their ability to engage the audience with a blend of musical skill and cultural flair.



The tamil skit titled **“விழி திறந்தது வழி தெரிந்தது”** performed by our insightful 9th and 10th standard students. This skit addressed the contemporary and increasingly relevant issue of mobile phone addiction, providing both humor and reflection on its effects. It highlighted how excessive use of mobile phones can lead to distractions, affecting students’ academic performance and personal relationships. The performance was both entertaining and educational, offering valuable insights into the negative consequences of over-reliance on technology.



An Impressive instrumental medley titled **“Madhuralap”** performed by our gifted students. This medley was a masterful fusion of classical and contemporary tunes, showcasing the exceptional musical talents and versatility of our student performers. The performance was marked by a harmonious interplay between different instruments, demonstrating the students' collaborative spirit and their ability to integrate diverse musical elements into a cohesive and engaging presentation.



A spectacular conclusion with the performance of **“Awakening the Light Within”** a dynamic fusion dance that celebrated the themes of unity and diversity. The thematic core of the performance revolved around the interplay of good and evil, a concept vividly illustrated through the choreography. The dancers portrayed contrasting elements of light and darkness with striking visual effects and emotive dance sequences. Overall, the fusion dance was a testament to the creativity and dedication of the students, and it served as a fitting end to the cultural program, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.



As the informal segment concluded, the audience was deeply impressed by the students' remarkable talent, passion, and dedication. The programs perfectly embodied the evening's spirit - celebrating diversity, fostering creativity, and promoting unity through art. The success of Vana Vani's 61st Annual Day highlighted the tireless efforts of the school's teachers, who meticulously guided the students throughout their preparations.

Independence Day Celebration



On August 15, 2024, Vana Vani High School celebrated Independence Day with vibrant performances that honored the spirit of our nation.

The event began with a heartfelt welcome address by Chudarvizhi D of Class X B, emphasizing the significance of Independence Day and the sacrifices of our forefathers. The Tricolour was then hoisted by our Chairman, Prof. S. P. Dhanavel, in the presence of our Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Shri Raman Kumar, Principal Mr. M. Sathish Kumar, and Vice Principal Mrs. Princy Tom. This was followed by a moving rendition of the Flag Song by the school choir, which set a solemn tone for the day.



The March Past, featuring different student contingents, showcased discipline and national pride, while a patriotic song by our Primary School students inspired a sense of unity. Arnav Sharma of Class V C delivered an eloquent Hindi speech on our responsibilities as citizens, and a Tamil skit by Middle School students brought history to life. Adeline Mary of Class X B captivated the audience with an inspiring English speech about freedom and democracy. A dynamic dance performance added a festive flair to the celebration.

Our Chief Guest, Prof. S. P. Dhanavel, delivered a powerful address on national unity and the role of youth in shaping the future. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Abhinaya S of X B, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the event's success. The celebration ended with the National Anthem, bringing the day of reflection and unity to a close.



Monisha and Kanishga of Class X B expertly hosted the event, making it a memorable occasion for all.

RIDS ACTIVITY 6 – AUGUST 2024 REPORT

FOOD PRESERVATION ACROSS DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

- INDIA , USA, GERMANY & QATAR

Inspiring Food Preservation Demonstration by

Alumnus Azhagiri Rajendran - July 29, 2024

On July 29, 2024, we were honored to welcome back our distinguished alumnus, Mr. Azhagiri Rajendran, as part of the RIDS program organized by the British Council. Mr. Rajendran, who completed his schooling at Vanavani School in 2005, has built an impressive career as a sous chef with Carnival Cruise Line in the USA, amassing over 15 years of culinary expertise.

Mr. Rajendran shared his vast knowledge of global food preservation techniques, drawing from his experience with the Taj Group of Hotels, the ITC Group, and his travels to over 10 countries where he mastered more than 10 different cuisines. The event was transformed into an interactive culinary workshop, where participants had the opportunity to prepare dishes like pasta, soup, and pancakes under his guidance.

A highlight of the session was Mr. Rajendran's detailed presentation on food preservation methods from Germany, Qatar, and the USA. His insights into the importance of food safety, longevity, and nutritional value were both enlightening and engaging.

The day concluded with a lively Q&A session, leaving us all inspired and more knowledgeable about the culinary arts. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Rajendran for this memorable experience and to everyone involved in organizing the event. The enthusiasm of all participants made it a truly unforgettable day.

This version is concise and well-suited for a school newsletter, capturing the key highlights while maintaining an engaging tone.



Visit to AAVIN: Exploring the World of Milk Processing - August 1, 2024

On August 1, 2024, students from classes 7 and 8 had an exciting opportunity to visit AAVIN in Sholinganallur, Chennai, as part of the Recognition of International Dimension in Schools (RIDS) program. The visit provided a closer look at the food processing industry, with a special focus on dairy production.

During the visit, students learned about the fascinating journey of milk, from its collection to final packaging. They observed how milk is maintained at the right temperature throughout the process and explored various AAVIN milk products, including AAVIN Nice, AAVIN Delite, AAVIN Premium, and AAVIN Diet, each distinguished by different colors like blue, green, and orange.

The tour included a visit to the packaging unit, where students saw the steps involved in preparing milk for distribution and the storage facilities that keep it fresh. They also gained insights into the concept of Solid Non-Fat (SNF) and a deeper understanding of the nutritional components of milk.

As a special treat, students enjoyed AAVIN ice cream, chocolate, and biscuits during the visit, with a nominal entry fee of ₹50 collected from each participant.

Discussions on milk shelf life and storage practices further enriched their knowledge of dairy product sustainability.

This educational trip provided a valuable hands-on experience, deepening the students' understanding of food processing and emphasizing the importance of dairy products in daily life.



Exploring Global Food Preservation Techniques - August 2, 2024

As part of the Recognition of International Dimensions in Schools (RIDS) program, students embarked on an exciting project to research food preservation techniques from various parts of the world, including India, the USA, Germany, and Qatar. The task involved gathering information on these techniques and presenting their findings through a video presentation.

The activity began with students watching informative videos showcasing different food preservation methods used in these countries.

Following the videos, they completed a questionnaire to test their understanding and reinforce their learning about these techniques.

This activity provided valuable insights into global food preservation practices, broadening students' perspectives and enhancing their research skills. It helped them appreciate the diverse methods used to keep food fresh and safe across the world.



PowerPoint Presentation: Insights from the AAVIN Milk Factory Visit - August 13, 2024

As part of our RIDS activity, students from classes 7 and 8 visited the AAVIN Milk Factory on August 1, 2024. Following the visit, we created a PowerPoint presentation to share our observations and learning experiences. On August 13, 2024, we presented our findings, focusing on pasteurization methods used in different countries, including the USA, Qatar, and Germany. The presentation included detailed information and a video component to illustrate the various pasteurization techniques we studied. After the presentation, we participated in an oral questionnaire session, allowing us to discuss and review what we had learned.

This helped reinforce our understanding of pasteurization methods and their applications in different countries.

This activity not only deepened our knowledge of dairy processing but also enhanced our ability to present and discuss complex topics effectively.



Comparative Analysis and Bar Graph Drawing - August 14, 2024

As part of our RIDS activity, students from classes 7 and 8 conducted an engaging survey to gather data on preserved food products. Using a Google Form, we collected responses from approximately 20 individuals each in the USA, Germany, and Qatar, along with 20 people in India. On August 14, 2024, we analyzed the collected data and created a bar graph to compare the results. This visual representation helped us present our findings clearly, highlighting the differences and similarities in preserved food products across the countries surveyed.

This activity provided valuable insights into how food preservation practices vary around the world and enhanced our skills in data analysis and presentation.



Poster Making Competition - August 21, 2024

As part of our RIDS activities, a Poster Making Competition was held on August 21, 2024, with enthusiastic participation from students of classes 7 and 8. The theme, "Preserve and Prosper," inspired students to creatively express their understanding of the importance of preservation.

The event was honored by the presence of Kanimozhi Viswanathan, a student from Anna University, who served as the esteemed judge. She carefully evaluated each entry, acknowledging the students' impressive designs. In recognition of her time and contribution, a memento was presented to her on behalf of the school.

To further enrich the event, a song illustrating the process of crop cultivation from start to finish was played, adding an educational element to the competition.



Grand Finale - August 24, 2024

The Grand Finale of the RIDS activities for Grades 7 and 8 was held on August 24, 2024, showcasing the students' extensive work to teachers, parents, and our distinguished chief guest, Dr. J. Jelin, Assistant Director and Authorized Officer of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Chennai. Dr. Jelin addressed the students, offering valuable feedback on their efforts. These activities significantly enhanced the students' understanding of food safety, teamwork, and global perspectives, fostering a deeper appreciation for international practices and creative thinking.





Community Lunch – Class VII

The community lunch for Grade VII took place on the middle school ground on August 23, 2024. The children sat in groups and shared their homemade food with one another. It was a splendid sight, and the children were very happy and joyful. This event helped to inculcate the value of sharing in them.



Krishna Jayanthi Celebration



On 23.08.24, our Nursery students celebrated Krishna Jayanthi with a delightful array of activities. The little ones, adorably dressed as Radha and Krishna, charmed everyone with their heartfelt speeches, melodious songs, and lively dances.

The Vice Principal honored the occasion as the special guest, warmly interacting with the children and emphasizing the significance of understanding India's diverse religious festivals. The event was a resounding success, leaving parents beaming with pride and joy.



National Space Day Celebration at Tamil Nadu Science & Technology Centre

The Tamil Nadu Science & Technology Centre recently hosted a National Space Day celebration, featuring an international competition held on August 9, 2024, at the Birla Planetarium. The competition included various categories such as model making, painting, and essay writing.

In the painting competition, which focused on the theme "Development of India's Space Technology at 2020," Sudharshana of Class 6A distinguished herself with her remarkable artwork, securing the third prize. The prize distribution ceremony took place on August 28, 2024, where the awards were presented by Dr. K. Ponmudi, Minister for Higher Education, including Technical Education, Electronics, Science, and Technology.



நூல் வெளியீட்டு விழா



24.08.24 அன்று நம் பள்ளியில் 11:30 மணி அளவில் நம் பள்ளியின் தமிழாசிரியர் சசிகுமார் அவர்கள் எழுதிய மனிதா விழித்தெழு ! கவிதை நூல் வெளியீட்டு விழா நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவிற்குச் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக பட்டிமன்றப் பேச்சாளர், கவிஞர் திரு ஜோ. அருள் பிரகாஷ் அவர்கள் தலைமை தாங்கி விழாவினை சிறப்பித்தார். நிகழ்ச்சி இறைவாழ்த்துடன் தொடங்கியது. விழாவின் வரவேற்பு நிகழ்ச்சியாக திரு. M. சதீஷ்குமார் அவர்கள் வரவேற்று தொடங்கி வைத்தார். இந்நூலின் முதல் பிரதியை நம் பள்ளியின் செயலர் திரு. S. P. தனவேல் அவர்கள் முதல் பிரதியை வெளியிட, அதனை சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் ஜோ. அருள் பிரகாஷ் அவர்கள் பெற்றுக் கொண்டார். உடன் நம் பள்ளியின் முதல்வர் திரு M. சதீஷ்குமார் அவர்களும், துணை முதல்வர் திருமதி. பிரின்ஸி டாம் அவர்களும் பெற்றுக் கொண்டனர். இந்நிகழ்ச்சியின் நன்றி உரையை இந்நூலின் ஆசிரியர் கவிஞர் பா. சசிகுமார் அவர்கள் நன்றியுரை நவில விழா இனிதே நிறைவுற்றது.



Animal Welfare Awareness Program



On August 22nd, the students of classes 4 through 8 had the opportunity to attend an enlightening awareness talk on animal welfare and the issues of animal abuse, presented by Samaran Thamarai from Blue Cross. The session aimed to educate and inspire our students about the importance of treating animals with kindness and respect.



Community Lunch for Class X

On August 2nd, 2024, our school hosted a delightful community lunch for the students of Class X, as part of our curriculum. This event brought together students and staff in a joyful and communal setting, aimed at promoting positive social behavior.

The lunch provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to interact outside the classroom, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and sharing. The menu featured a variety of dishes, including both local favorites and international options, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere.

The event was met with enthusiasm and appreciation, as many enjoyed the chance to connect and share a meal together. Overall, it was a resounding success, reinforcing the strong sense of community within our school.



Heartfulness classes were held during the moral science period for Class XI from the month of August .Class IX moral science period was engaged by Samskritha Bharathi.



ACHIEVEMENTS



On August 23, 2024, Preetha Janani of class 8C and Selva Kumar of class 8B participated in a drawing competition organized by IITM. Preetha secured the first prize, while Selva Kumar achieved third place.

The State Government of Tamil Nadu has recently launched an initiative to honor players who have excelled in international competitions. As part of this initiative, Lithikesh A, a student of class 8B from our school, was recognized for his outstanding achievement. Lithikesh secured the 2nd prize in the Indo-Nepal Silambam Championship.

The honor was presented by the esteemed Sports Minister, Udhayanidhi Stalin, on August 4th at Nehru Stadium. This recognition underscores the government's commitment to celebrating and supporting young talent in the state.



Vana Vani 58th Annual Sports Day



The Annual Sports Day, celebrated on 31.08.24 at Manohar C Watsa Stadium, was a grand occasion marked by enthusiastic participation from students and strong support from parents and the community. The event featured a comprehensive list of activities, including cultural displays, athletic competitions, and a formal medal distribution ceremony.

The arrival of the Chief Guest, Prof K Arul Prakash, was momentous and he was greeted and cheered by students, parents, and staff. The air buzzed with excitement as the distinguished guest made his way to the venue, marking a significant highlight of the day's events. The school band, positioned strategically at the entrance, played a lively and celebratory tune that added an extra layer of grandeur to the arrival. The Chief Guest was formally welcomed by the principal Mr. M Sathish Kumar, the Vice Principal Mrs Princy Tom and Head of the Department of Sports Mr K Selvakumar.

The day began with a vibrant display of Silambam, a traditional martial art form of Tamil Nadu. It was a captivating display of skill and cultural heritage, setting an energetic tone for the day's events. Students demonstrated their agility and precision, earning applause from the audience. The rhythmic clashing of sticks and synchronized movements created a mesmerizing visual and auditory experience, enhanced by traditional drumming and instrumental music. It impressed the audience and they responded with an enthusiastic applause.

This vibrant opening act not only highlighted the richness of cultural traditions but also set an energetic tone for the day's events, blending cultural pride with the excitement of the athletic competitions to follow.

The event commenced with a prayer and the rendition of Tamiz Thai Vaazthu, invoking blessings and a sense of unity among all present.

The Sports Secretary Varshini delivered a warm welcome address, acknowledging the efforts of everyone involved in organizing the event. Her speech highlighted the importance of sportsmanship, community spirit, and the achievements of the students.



In a symbolic gesture, the Chief Guest performed the flag hoisting ceremony. This act marked the official commencement of the sports meet and was met with enthusiastic applause from the attendees.



Following the flag hoisting, students from various houses participated in a well-coordinated March Past. The parade showcased the schools' house colours and the pride of each participating group, adding to the festive atmosphere. The march past featured an impressive array of contingents, including Cauvery, Ganga, Godavari, and Yamuna, along with the NSS (National Service Scheme), RSP (Road Safety Patrol) and Scouts and Guides. Each contingent, representing different groups and traditions, paraded with pride and precision, adding to the grandeur of the event.

The Sports Secretary led the Oath-Taking Ceremony, where students and staff pledged to uphold the values of fair play and integrity. This ceremony underscored the importance of ethical competition and respect for all participants.

The Chief Guest officially declared the sports meet open, marking the beginning of a day filled with athletic challenges and achievements. Their words of encouragement inspired participants to perform their best.



Students from Classes 4 and 5 showcased their energy and coordination through an invigorating aerobics dance. The performance was a lively and entertaining display that engaged the audience and set a positive tone for the day.



The Cardio Dance, performed by students from Classes 6 to 8, was another highlight of the day. This high-energy performance demonstrated the students' rhythm and enthusiasm, and it was well-received by the audience.



The 100 meters Sprint, a key track event, featured students from all categories competing for the top honours. The races were marked by intense competition and remarkable speed, with winners emerging from each category.

The 4x100 Meters Relay showcased teamwork and coordination, with teams from various houses and categories racing in a thrilling relay event. The excitement was palpable as teams passed the baton and raced toward the finish line.



The Annual Sports Day also featured a series of engaging events specifically for parents, conducted separately for men and women. The participation from parents was nothing short of astounding, adding a vibrant and inclusive dimension to the day's festivities.

The Chief Guest delivered an inspiring address, commending the students for their efforts and achievements. His speech highlighted the values of perseverance, dedication, and the importance of sports in personal development.



The highlight of the day was the prize distribution ceremony, where students who excelled in various events were recognized for their achievements. Medals and certificates were awarded to the top performers, celebrating their hard work and success. Litikesh of class 8 was recognized for winning a silver medal in State Level Silambam Competition. Minisha of Class IX A was awarded the Vana Vani Golden Jubilee Award and Raja Ram Memorial Award was shared by Shivaraman M of XII B, Sanjay U of XII B and Jemi A of 8 B. The First Prize for the march past was awarded to Yamuna House, with Ganga House securing the second place. Among the other groups, the NSS Unit of Vana Vani emerged victorious, followed by the Guides contingent. For the academic year, Ganga House was recognized as the runner-up, while Yamuna House was celebrated as the overall winner.

The Assistant Sports Secretary delivered the Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest, participants, parents, volunteers, and staff. Their acknowledgment of the collective effort contributed to the event's success.



As the day came to a close, the flag was lowered in a ceremonial manner, signifying the end of a successful and memorable sports meet.

The Annual Sports Day was a resounding success, characterized by exceptional performances and enthusiastic participation. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and demonstrated the collective spirit of our school community.

The event concluded with the National Anthem, bringing a sense of unity and pride to all attendees.

Enjoy watching video of the programmes in our School YouTube channel



61st Annual Day Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKa5BZ8-L4c>



61st Annual Day Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJYLJFPEBoE>



58th Annual Sports Meet

<https://youtu.be/FRrbpcdBydo>



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