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World Animal Day Celebration on 7th October

On 7th October, World Animal Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the Primary Auditorium, involving students from classes 1 to 5. Students in classes 1 and 2 participated by coloring pictures of extinct and

endangered animals, while classes 3 to 5 showcases their love for animals by creating videos on their favourite pets. They also watched an educational video on extinct and endangered species, followed by an engaging Q&A session.



The event culminated in a video presentation of these activities, along with a heartwarming skit performed by primary students. The celebration highlighted the importance of kindness and compassion towards animals, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved.



STD 1 Colouring Activity Topic: *Animals*



STD 2

Collage work Topic: *Animals and their Habitats*



STD4*1-minute video on**Topic: Challenges faced by the endangered animals of the world.*

NAVARATRI GOLU CELEBRATIONS AT NURSERY ON 09.10.24

The Navaratri Golu celebration for nursery children was a vibrant and enriching event, fostering cultural awareness and imparting valuable moral lessons. The young students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, enthusiastically embracing our traditions. This memorable celebration left a lasting impression on the little ones, creating a joyful and meaningful connection to our cultural heritage.



AYUDHA PUJA CELEBRATION - 10th OCTOBER

Ayudha Puja is a day to honour and express gratitude for the tools and instruments that add meaning to our lives.



Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School celebrated Ayudha Puja with great enthusiasm on the evening of 10th October 2024 in the school office. Our Chairman, Professor S. P. Dhanavel, along with the principal, teachers, and non-teaching staff, gathered to offer prayers to Saraswati, the Goddess of Knowledge, Art, and Music. The office was beautifully adorned with traditional mavilai thoranam, crafted from marigolds and mango leaves.

A lamp was lit before the statue of Goddess Saraswati, symbolizing the light of learning. The serene chanting of pundits enhanced the sacred atmosphere, while the fragrance of fresh flowers and the soothing aroma of camphor from the lamps filled the space with peace and positivity. The celebration concluded with the distribution of prasada. The event, marked by both devotion and joy, left a lasting impression on everyone present.

JALAGANDEESWARAR TEMPLE - DANCE PROGRAM

On 11th October, our school students delivered a captivating Navaratri dance performance at the IIT Jalagandeeswarar temple. The event featured soulful renditions, including both solo and group performances, honouring deities such as Lord Ganesha, Lord Muruga, Lord Shiva, Lord Krishna, Goddess Lakshmi, as well as traditional items like Alaripu, Jatiswaram, and Thodaya Mangalam.



The temple members recognised the students' dedication by presenting them with a memento.



LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT LITERACY WORKSHOP

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main content is a presentation slide titled "Advantages and disadvantages of test formats" with the initials "HO" in the top right corner. The slide contains a table with three columns: "Format", "Advantages", and "Disadvantages". The rows listed under "Format" are "Live reading aloud", "Audio recording through speakers", "Audio recording through headphones", and "Video recording". A chat message from Julie Santhakumari (JS) is visible, stating: "From JULIE SANTHAKUMARI to everyone: Headphones: able to control volume, improved focus, individualized learning". The Zoom meeting controls and a Windows taskbar are also visible at the bottom.

Format	Advantages	Disadvantages
"Live" reading aloud		
Audio recording through speakers		
Audio recording through headphones		
Video recording		

Mrs. J.S. Vijayalakshmi and Mrs. D. Lakshmi participated in the Language Assessment Literacy workshop, held from October 7th to 19th, 2024, and organized by the British Council. The interactive workshop focused on developing the four key language learning skills, aligned with the CEFR framework. It covered topics such as improving listening skills, exploring the advantages and disadvantages of different test formats, writing guidelines, and designing LSRW (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing) assessments. The primary objective was to equip teachers with the tools to help students become confident and enthusiastic language learners.

GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATIONS AT NURSERY ON 17.10.2024

Global Handwashing Day, an international healthcare event celebrated annually on October 15th, raises awareness about the importance of hand hygiene as a simple, effective, and affordable way to prevent diseases. At Vana Vani Nursery, the occasion was celebrated on 17th October 2024, with great enthusiasm. The young children eagerly learned why clean hands are so important. Teachers demonstrated proper handwashing techniques and taught them a fun song about keeping hands clean:



**Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star,
Look how clean my two hands are.
Soap and water, wash and scrub,
Get those germs off, rub-a-dub.**

The children sang the song with excitement, reinforcing the lesson that handwashing with soap significantly reduces the spread of illness. Overall, it was an enlightening and engaging activity for the kids, helping them understand the value of maintaining clean hands.



STUDENT'S DAY CELEBRATION

On October 18, 2024, Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School celebrated Students Day, paying tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. The event featured inspiring speeches by students, who reflected on Dr. Kalam's visionary contributions and his belief in the potential of young people to shape the future of India. They highlighted the importance of dreaming big and the responsibility of students to lead the nation forward.

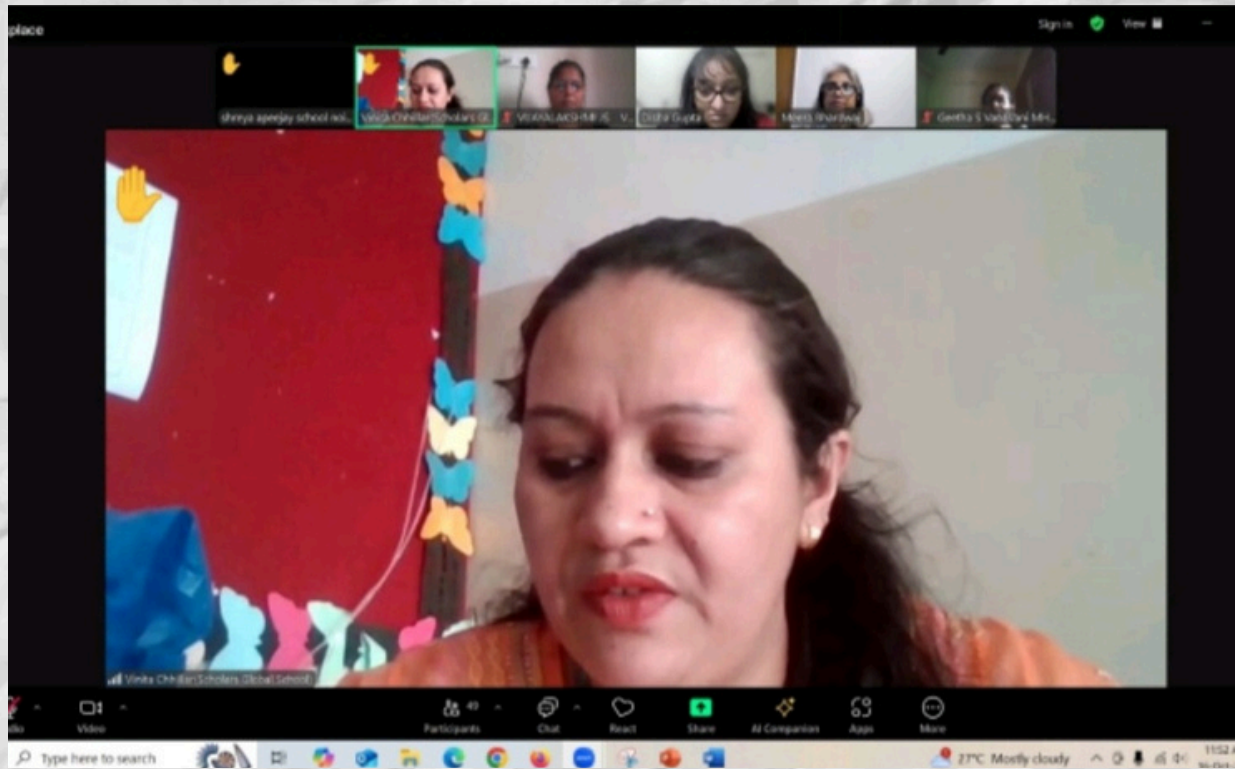


As part of the celebration, students presented a thought-provoking drama titled A Journey Through Time A Meeting with Dr. Abdul Kalam. The play creatively portrayed a time-travel encounter, where students brought Dr. Kalam to the present day to motivate their peers about environmental care and tree planting.

The event concluded with a collective pledge by the students to honor Dr. Kalams vision by committing themselves to environmental conservation and actively contributing to society. The celebration was a reminder of the pivotal role students play as future leaders and changemakers.



RIDS Mid - year review workshop



The RIDS-2024 team, along with the Vice Principal, actively participated in an engaging online Mid-Year Review Workshop on 16th October 2024, hosted via Zoom. Ms. Meera Bharadwaj from the British Council led the session, delivering a detailed presentation on the essential documents required for compiling the RIDS dossier.

The workshop emphasized the dos and don'ts of dossier compilation, while also reviewing the progress of RIDS activities. This informative and interactive session provided valuable insights, offering practical tips and formats for documenting the curriculum activities. It also addressed questions and challenges faced by participating schools, fostering a collaborative approach among the team.

TIME

Chennai center conducted '**Aqua Regia**' - National Quiz Competition on 22.10.24. Our High school students participated.



PRACHODHAYA QUIZ

AMM School conducted the 'Prachodya' Inter-School Quiz Competition on 26.10.24. Our school students participated and secured 3rd place in Levels 1, 2, and 3 respectively.

Level 1 - 3rd Prize

Pranav Aditya (1B)
Mahreefa Praveen (2B)
Tanmathiyan J (1C)

Level 2 - 3rd Prize

Vadlamani Suryansh (3A)
Grahita Nanjappa (4B)
Sai Abhinav (4C)

Level 3 - 3rd Prize

Prajith S (6C)
Monish Prabu M (6A)
Arnav Sharma (5C)



Congratulations to all our participants for their outstanding performance and achievements!



BRIDGING TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION : AI tools for effective Teaching

On 14th October 2024 Mr. Jeeva, Mrs. Sudha and Mrs. Vijaya Abhirami attended a workshop titled “Bridging Technology and Education : AI tools for effective Teaching” which was hosted by The Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SRM Institute of Science and Technology at Vadapalani Campus. They introduced us to various AI tools and the effective use of them in the teaching field with hands on practice. It was an informative session for all of us.





MRS. JAYANTHI ATTENDED A WORKSHOP ON 22.10.2024



பழக்க வழக்கம் - பண்பும் பயனும்- ஆளுமைத்திறன் என்ற தலைப்பில் 22/10/2024 அன்று சென்னை மெஸ்டன் கல்வியியல் கல்லூரியில் கருத்தரங்கு கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது. கவித்தென்றல் திருமதி .ஜெயா செல்வராஜன் அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்துகொண்டு சொற்பொழிவு ஆற்றினார். வனவாணி பள்ளி சார்பாக திருமதி ந.ஜெயந்தி (தமிழாசிரியர்) பங்கேற்றார். மாணவர்களின் பழக்க வழக்கங்கள் பற்றியும், பண்புடன் எப்படி நடந்து கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்றும், அவர்களின் ஆளுமைத்திறனை வெளிப்படுத்தும் விதத்தில் ஆசிரியர்கள் கொடுக்க வேண்டிய பயிற்சி பற்றியும் எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

GRADE 9 COMMUNITY LUNCH: A CELEBRATION OF SHARING AND TOGETHERNESS!

On October 18, 2024, our Grade 9 students came together for a memorable community lunch in their classroom. The atmosphere was vibrant with excitement and warmth as they shared homemade dishes, stories, and plenty of laughter. It was truly wonderful to witness the joy and happiness among the students!



BANKING BLITZ

On 23rd October, 2024 the commerce stream students of class XII were given the opportunity to participate in Banking Blitz, an inter school competition conducted by the Guru Nanak College, Velachery, Chennai. Our school participated in two events: (i) Treasure Hunt a team of four students and (ii) Quiz a team of two students.

They won the third prize in the Quiz competition and were awarded with certificates, trophies and a cash prize of ₹ 500.

BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES - CENTRAL CHENNAI DISTRICT: UNIT LEADERS' MEET

The Bharat Scouts and Guides - Central Chennai District held a virtual Unit Leaders' Meet on Saturday, 26th October, at 7 p.m. via Google Meet. Key participants included Mrs. Prasanna (Bunny Aunt), Mrs. Vishnupriya K. (Flock Leader), Dr. Varadharajan (Cub Master), and Mrs. Nirmala (Guide Captain). The agenda focused on upcoming events and initiatives, with leaders sharing insights and preparations for the future activities of the district.

INTER HOUSE EVENT-3 PHOTOGRAPHY 18TH OCTOBER 2024 (FRIDAY)

HIGH AND HIGHER SECONDARY

Inter-house competition Photography for High and Higher secondary was held on 18th October 2024. The event was separated into two segments level 1 (for 9th & 10th std), and level 2 (for 11th and 12th std).

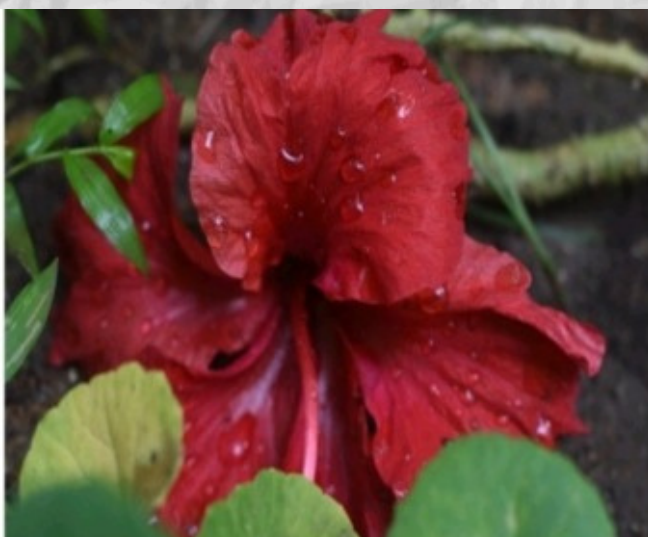
EVENT NAME --PHOTOGRAPHY

LEVEL-1

TOPIC : Nature Close Ups .

LEVEL-2

TOPIC : Macro shots of plants and trees.



LEVEL 1

POSITION	HOUSE	CLASS	PARTICIPANT'S NAME
Ist place	GANGA	10 A 10 B	1. S. S. SEEMAAN 2. M. PRAJITH VINAYAK
IIInd Place	YAMUNA	10 A 10 B	1. R. YUVARAJAN 2. D. BADRI
IIIrd Place	GODAVARI	10 A 10 A	1. S. V. VIDUR VAIBHAV 2. J. U. IMAYAVARAMBAN

LEVEL 2

POSITION	HOUSE	CLASS	PARTICIPANT'S NAME
Ist Place	GANGA	11 B 11 B	1. J. JAYADHARANI 2. MELINA ROSE
IIInd Place	GODAVARI	11 A 11 C	1. R. SRI CHARAN 2. T. ILAM BHARATHI
IIIrd Place	CAUVERY	12 B 12 B	1. D. MEENAKSHII 2. G. HEMAVATHY





Inter house events winners certificates for events conducted in term 1(June and July 2024) were distributed in assembly on 30.10.2024.



தின மலர் மாணவர் பதிப்பு -2024-2025

பட்டம் செய்தித்தாள் நடத்திய வினாடி வினா போட்டி அக்டோபர் மாதம் 23 / 10 / 24 அன்று முதல் சுற்றும் 24 /10 /24 அன்று இரண்டாம் சுற்றும் நடைபெற்றது. அதில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்கு சென்னை இன்ஸ்டிடியூட் ஆப் டெக்னாலஜி பேராசிரியர் திரு . விஜய குமார் அவர்கள் நமது பள்ளி முதல்வருடன் சேர்ந்து வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்கு பதக்கம், கேடயம் மற்றும் சான்றிதழ்களை வழங்கி பெருமைப்படுத்தினார் என்பதை தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறோம்.



Community Lunch- (Class - IV)-25th October

On October 25th, a “Common Lunch” was organized for students of class 4, bringing everyone together in a spirit of community and sharing. The students enjoyed a delightful meal with their friends. The event aimed to foster a sense of togetherness, encourage social interaction, and promote healthy eating habits. The atmosphere was vibrant as students shared their favourite dishes, exchanged stories, and bonded over food. This shared meal provided students with an opportunity to appreciate diversity in tastes and cultures, as many brought dishes from different backgrounds. The common Lunch celebration was a great success, and it brought smiles and positive energy to everyone involved.



CURRICULUM ACTIVITY 2 – OCTOBER 2024

“COLOURFUL SEASONS ACROSS COUNTRIES”

- INDIA, ZAMBIA, NETHERLANDS AND MEXICO
STD 1 & 2

The students of classes 1 and 2 embarked on a vibrant exploration of "Colorful Seasons Across Countries" - India, Zambia, Netherlands and Mexico, as part of the Curriculum Activity-2. The activity provided a new learning experience for the students, to describe the characteristics of the different seasons, compare and analyse the seasons prevailing in the chosen countries and also appreciate and celebrate the seasons of India, Zambia, Netherland and Mexico.



"Let's go on a seasonal adventure!"

The Students began their activity on October 7th and 8th 2024, through engaging PowerPoint presentations, flashcards, picture cards and videos on the diverse seasons of India, Zambia, Netherlands, and Mexico.



‘My Favourite Season is’ – Speech Competition

The students of class 1 and 2 participated in a speech competition titled "**My Favourite Season is...**". The prelims were conducted by the English teachers in their respective classrooms on 9th and 10th October, 2024. The finals for this competition was held on October 19th. Students randomly selected flashcards of India, Zambia, Netherlands, and Mexico and described the characteristics of different seasons of the chosen countries. The finalists were judged by Poojha D and Aditi P V, students from the Humanities and Social Science Department, English Studies, IIT Madras.



Seasonal Wheel Calendar

On 14th October 2024, students coloured and drew icons on the Seasonal Wheel Calendar template. The icons represented the season of India, Zambia, Netherlands, and Mexico. This enhanced their understanding of seasonal patterns and enabled them to analyse the different seasons.



Sorting Picture Cards

On 18th October 2024, the students from class 1 and 2 were divided into teams and sorted the seasonal picture cards into labelled boxes to compare and analyse the different seasons prevailing in India, Zambia, Netherlands, and Mexico. After the activity the students proudly affixed their findings as responses on the **Expression Board**.



Grand Finale

On October 26, 2024, the students hosted a seasonal celebration day on the theme 'Colourful Seasons - A Day of Celebration' on Grand Finale. It was graced by two distinguished guests, Ms. Fathima Rayamarakkar Fasal, who holds a PhD in Sociology & Urban Studies from IIT Madras, and Mr. Ananth Palanisamy, Senior Director at E L B Learning, USA.

The students were divided into groups and demonstrated various seasonal activities wearing seasonal costumes and also sang seasonal songs of India, Zambia, the Netherlands, and Mexico. To make the event even more interactive, students who were observing the showcase participated by showing a placard with the country's flag. As a follow-up to the performances, all students completed a worksheet on different seasons to reinforce what they learned during the activities.





‘Colourful Seasons Across Countries’ proved to be a resounding success, blending learning with enjoyment and inspiring students to appreciate and celebrate the different seasons of India, Zambia, Netherlands and Mexico.



Safe Diwali Celebrations Skit by Nursery Teachers



On October 29, 2024, our nursery teachers presented a lively skit to promote safe Diwali celebrations among our youngest students. Through an engaging performance, they demonstrated essential safety tips for handling fireworks, including wearing simple cotton clothes, keeping a safe distance while bursting crackers, and having a bucket of water nearby in case of emergencies.

The skit highlighted the importance of choosing quieter fireworks to protect young ears and avoid frightening animals. Using simple language and relatable examples, our teachers brought these valuable lessons to life, making safety a fun and memorable part of the Diwali festivities for our little ones.



NIOT Essay writing competition

The National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) organized an essay writing competition on October 30, 2024, as part of National Vigilance Week to promote values of integrity among young students. Students from grades 9 to 12 participated enthusiastically, expressing their understanding of the topic, “Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity,” through well-thought-out essays. Through this competition, NIOT aimed to inspire students to reflect on the importance of integrity in both personal and national development.

The event concluded with the announcement of the top three winners, with prizes presented by Dr. G. Latha, project director, scientist, and head of Ocean Acoustics at NIOT. First place was awarded to Moumita Anbuchelvan of class 11 B, second place to Kamalika. K.M.S of class 10 C, and third place to Lavina Roslin of class 12 A. The winners received special recognition and awards for their insightful and impactful essays. Each participant was also given a consolation prize to recognize their dedication and efforts.

Organizers provided all necessary writing materials, along with snacks and beverages, to ensure a supportive environment for the participants.

This competition showcased students' awareness of the role of integrity in building a prosperous nation, inspiring them to carry forward these values. It also encouraged students to continue developing their writing skills and participating in similar competitions in the future.



Enjoy watching video of the programmes in our School YouTube channel



Visit our school website: vanavani.iitm.ac.in