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LITERARY COMPETITION PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

On 4th February, the prizes for the Tamil Literary Competitions held for Classes VI, VII, and VIII were distributed by Mrs. Akilandeswari, Vice Principal (In-charge). She appreciated the students for their enthusiastic participation and encouraged them to continue developing their language skills.

On 5th February, the prizes for the English Literary Competitions held for Classes VI, VII, and VIII were distributed by Mrs. V. Sasikala, Head of the English Department. She congratulated the winners and motivated all students to actively take part in literary activities.



The programme recognized the talents of middle school students and inspired them to excel in both Tamil and English.

7 FEBRUARY, 2026

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY 2026 – A CELEBRATION OF ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM



The programme began with the Opening Remarks by the student comperers, who warmly welcomed the gathering and emphasised the importance of sports in nurturing discipline, confidence, and cooperation among children. The arrival of the Chief Guest, Professor Rupashree Baral, was received with enthusiastic applause. This was followed by the Prayer Song and Tamil Thai Vaazhthu, invoking blessings for the successful conduct of the event.

The Junior Sports Day for students from UKG to Grade 5 was celebrated with great excitement and cheer on 7th February 2026 on the school grounds. The event beautifully reflected the vitality, teamwork, and sporting spirit of our young learners, making it a memorable occasion for students, parents, and teachers alike.





The Welcome Address was delivered by Sri Lakshan R., the Primary Sports Captain, after which the Chief Guest was formally introduced and honoured. The hoisting of the school flag by the Chief Guest marked a proud moment, and the Junior Sports Meet 2026 was officially declared open.

The day unfolded with a series of lively cultural and physical performances. The UKG students captivated the audience with their delightful Aerobic Dance, setting an energetic tone for the celebrations. This was followed by a well-synchronised Calisthenics display by students of Classes 1 to 3, showcasing discipline, coordination, and teamwork. The vibrant Zumba Dance by Classes 4 and 5 added colour and enthusiasm to the programme.



A variety of Nursery Sports Events brought smiles and applause from the audience. Events such as the Hopscotch Relay, Hopping Race, Crab Race, Hoop Race, Bunny Race, and Running Race highlighted the confidence, agility, and joyful participation of our youngest athletes. The competitive spirit continued with the 50-metre race finals for students from Classes 1 to 5, where students demonstrated remarkable determination and sportsmanship.





Earlier, students of Classes 1 to 5 had participated in Sports Selection Events, through which they were chosen for various track and field activities based on their skills and performances.



Adding warmth and excitement to the day, parent participation events were conducted for both mothers and fathers. Their spirited involvement not only enlivened the atmosphere but also strengthened the bond between the school and families – a gesture deeply appreciated by the children.

The gathering was then addressed by the Chief Guest, whose inspiring words encouraged students to value sports as an essential part of holistic development. This was followed by the Prize Distribution Ceremony, recognising the efforts, enthusiasm, and achievements of all participants.



The programme drew to a graceful close with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Shivani P. S., the Primary Sports Captain. The lowering of the flag and the rendition of the National Anthem marked the conclusion of the celebrations. Junior Sports Day 2026 ended on a joyful note, leaving behind cherished memories and further instilling the spirit of sportsmanship among our young learners.



ETHICS AND MORAL TRAINING



நன்னெறி மற்றும் ஒழுக்கம் குறித்து ஆசிரியர்களுக்கான ஒருநாள் முகாம், சென்னை மாவட்ட கல்வி மற்றும் பயிற்சி நிறுவனம் மூலமாக (9/02/26) அன்று நடைபெற்றது. அதில் வனவாணி பள்ளியின் சார்பில் தமிழாசிரியர் பா.சசிகுமார் அவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டார். பயிற்சியில் போதை ஒழிப்பு பற்றியும், மாணவர்களுக்கு அளிக்க வேண்டிய ஒழுக்கக் கல்வி குறித்தும் கூறப்பட்டது.

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON MGML METHODOLOGY AND CONTEMPORARY EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES 12TH & 13TH FEBRUARY 2026



A two-day workshop on Multi-Grade Multi-Level (MGML) methodology and contemporary educational practices was held on 12th and 13th February 2026 at Mahatma Hall (HSB 356), IIT Madras campus. Representing the school, Mrs. V. Indumathi (Primary School), Ms. Nivithaa Shri V. (Middle School), and Mrs. Kumud Mishra (High School) participated in the programme.



The workshop featured insightful sessions on Learning with Ladders of Learning, mixed-age classrooms, cooperative learning, MGML in the age of Artificial Intelligence, art education, MGML in public school systems, exam-oriented education, and global citizenship education.

On Day 1, Prof. Thomas Müller discussed structured learning pathways through Ladders of Learning. Ms. Jayashree Nambiar highlighted the advantages of mixed-age classrooms.

Overall, the workshop was informative and professionally enriching, offering valuable insights for effective classroom practice.

Prof. Christine Schmalenbach explored cooperative learning, Mr. G. Gautama examined MGML in the context of AI, and Prof. Christian Herbert Römmelt reflected on art education and holistic development.

On Day 2, Ms. Merlia Shaukath addressed MGML implementation challenges in public schools. Prof. Steven Puttick spoke on exam-oriented education, while Prof. Gregor Lang-Wojtasik discussed Global Citizenship Education. The concluding session by Ms. Citka Ashouri Pour Moghaddam on socio-emotional learning was particularly engaging, emphasising emotional well-being and classroom relationships.

IEO OLYMPIAD MEDALS DISTRIBUTION IN THE PRIMARY



The IEO Olympiad was conducted for students from Classes 1 to 5, with a total of 74 students participating enthusiastically. The participants performed commendably and were awarded certificates and medals for their achievements. Thirteen students from the Primary Section secured Gold Medals in the Olympiad. The certificates and medals were distributed on 16th February 2026 by the Section Head, Mrs. Geetha Sukumar.

NSO OLYMPIAD

The NSO Olympiad Examination was conducted on 11 December 2025 for students of Classes I to XI, witnessing the enthusiastic participation of 150 students. The examination provided a valuable platform for young learners to assess their scientific aptitude and analytical skills at a competitive level.

The students performed commendably, earning certificates and medals in recognition of their achievements. Notably, fifteen students from the Primary Section secured Gold Medals, bringing great pride to the school.

The certificates and medals were formally distributed on 19 February 2026 by the Section Head, Mrs. Geetha Sukumar, who congratulated the achievers and appreciated their hard work and dedication. The occasion served as a motivating milestone, encouraging students to continue striving for excellence in academics.



IOEL MEDAL WINNERS

The IOEL Olympiad Examination for the academic year 2025–2026 was conducted successfully in our school, with enthusiastic participation from students of the Primary Section. The examination provided an excellent opportunity for young learners to demonstrate their proficiency and confidence in English.

The medal winners were honoured on 25 February 2026 in recognition of their outstanding performance. The distribution of medals marked a proud and memorable occasion for both the students and the school community.



SILVERZONE – INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD OF MATHEMATICS (IOM)

The International Olympiad of Mathematics (IOM) conducted by SilverZone was held for students from Classes I to XII, with a total of 94 students participating enthusiastically. The participants performed commendably and were awarded certificates and medals for their achievements.

Among them, twelve students from the Primary Section secured medals, bringing pride to the school. The certificates and medals were distributed on 5 March 2026 by the Section Head, Mrs. Geetha Sukumar.



IGKO OLYMPIAD

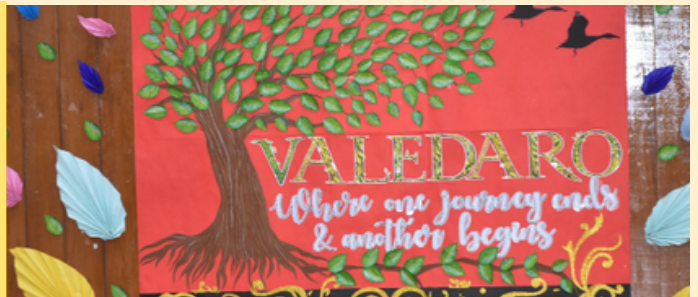
The IGKO Olympiad examination was held on 8-10-2025, and medals were distributed to the winners on 10th February 2026.



NAME	CLASS	MEDALS
N. ARUVI	1B	Gold medal
ADVIK PRATAP SINGH	2A	Gold medal
PONVELSIVAN P B	3A	Gold medal
TANMATHIYAN J	3B	Gold medal(Distinction)
VADLAMANI SURYANSH	4A	Gold medal
VASANTHA MOHANA	5B	Gold medal
DASHWANTH A K	5B	Gold medal
ILAN BHARATHI A	5B	Gold medal

VALEDARO' 26

On February 12, 2026, the halls of Vanavani were filled with a poignant blend of nostalgia and hope as the school bid farewell to its graduating batch. The event commenced with a soulful ceremony where students stood in a solemn line, lighting candles to symbolize the grace and enduring memories of their school years. Mrs. M. Vijaya Abhirami welcomed the students.

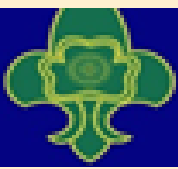




The formal proceedings were graced by the Chairman, Mr. S.P. Dhanavel, who joined the students to share pearls of wisdom. In his address, he spoke about the future, offering guidance on career paths and emphasizing the importance of resilience in the years ahead.

The atmosphere shifted to high spirits during the much-anticipated informal session. The afternoon was filled with engaging games and the distribution of Farewell Awards, recognizing students across various unique categories. The emotional pinnacle of the day was a surprise video montage showcasing the graduating batch's journey at Vanavani. The sight of their shared memories brought tears to many eyes, serving as a beautiful tribute to their time together. The program concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new journey.





BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES CENTRAL CHENNAI CONDUCTS TESTING CAMP



The Bharat Scouts & Guides, Central Chennai District, successfully conducted a one-day Testing Camp for the Chaturtha Charan (Cubs) and Heerak Pankh (Bulbul) awards on Sunday, February 15, 2026.

The event was held at the Manuelmony Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Pallavakkam Branch, located on Periyar Salai, Karim Nagar, Chennai.

The following students from Standards 3 and 4 participated and successfully qualified for the Golden Arrow Award, the prestigious national-level recognition for this age group:

- Hevanthika F.S.
- Prithvika K.N.
- Saadhanaa M.
- Saral R.
- Vaishnavi K.
- Varshna D.

The students demonstrated exceptional skills and thoroughly enjoyed the various camp activities. Passing these tests marks a significant milestone in their scouting journey, making them eligible to apply for the Golden Arrow at the national level. **Flock Leader:**

Vishnupriya.K



CUBS TESTING CAMP

The Bharath Scouts and Guides, Central Chennai conducted Chaturtha charan testing camp for cubs on 15.02.2022 at Manuelmony M. H. S. S., Palavakkam, Chennai-41. The following 6 Cubs attended and passed the test successfully.

1. Steven Samuel A 3B
2. Lavakash P 3B
3. Tanmathiyan J 3B
4. Barathan V 3B
5. Rithvin S 3C
6. Sanathkummaran N 4A



CRAFT CLUB (STD - IV)

The Craft Club for Grade 4 was conducted with great enthusiasm and creativity. The students actively participated and enjoyed making beautiful and useful items using simple materials.



During the sessions, students created a variety of craft items.

- They made colourful paper bags, learning the importance of reusing paper and protecting the environment.

- They also designed attractive photo frames to display their favourite pictures.

- The students showed excellent creativity while making baskets using paper cups and woollen thread. They carefully wrapped the wool around the cups to create bright and decorative baskets.

- Another interesting activity was making a cute doll key chain, which the children enjoyed designing and decorating.

- The students also prepared a useful pen stand using straws, which helped them organise the pens neatly.

- Finally, they made beautiful wall hangings to decorate their homes and classrooms.

Through these activities, students improved their fine motor skills, creativity, patience, and teamwork. The Craft Club sessions were enjoyable and helped the children learn new crafts and the value of handmade art.

Overall, the Craft Club was a wonderful and enriching experience for the class 4 students.



சங்கம்: கதை நேரம் (2025-26)

வகுப்பு: 2(அ,ஆ,இ பிரிவுகள்)

ஆசிரியர் : க.மோகனாம்பாள்

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பாடத்திட்டம்: நோக்கங்கள்:-

- 1) கதைகளின் வகைகள் பற்றி அறிதல்
- 2) கதையின் கருத்தைப் புரிதல்
- 3) கதையை எளிய முறையில் தானே கூறுதல், எழுதுதல்
- 4) கற்பனையாக கதை உருவாக்கி பேசுதல்

உச்ச விழா நாள்: 17.2.26 1.கதைப் பாடல் (நேருவின் வாழ்க்கை)

2.கதை பத்து, கருத்து பத்து - பேசுதல்



KINESTHETICS CLUB (STD - II)



The Kinesthetics Club provided students with a dynamic platform to explore concepts in English and Mathematics through active participation.

In English, students strengthened their understanding of action words (verbs) by expressing them through physical movement. Spelling skills were enhanced through Hopscotch Spelling, transforming traditional learning into an engaging and joyful experience.



In Mathematics, students practiced skip counting using puzzles and number lines and developed their understanding of greater than and less than symbols. They also identified flat shapes in their surroundings, recognizing the presence of mathematics in everyday life.

The Jenga Challenge added excitement and teamwork to the session. Each block removed required students to answer a question from Mathematics, encouraging critical thinking and collaboration.

The activities reinforced the belief that learning becomes more effective when students learn by doing.



ECO CLUB (STD - V)

CRAFT FROM WASTE ACTIVITY – STANDARD V

The Eco Club of Standard V successfully organized a “Craft from Waste” activity as part of its ongoing commitment to environmental awareness and sustainable practices. The program aimed to encourage students to creatively reuse discarded materials and understand the importance of waste management.

Eco Clubs play a vital role in developing environmental consciousness among students. Through practical and engaging activities, the club bridges the gap between theoretical classroom learning and real-world environmental responsibility. The “Best out of Waste” initiative is one of the core activities designed to instill creativity while promoting eco-friendly habits.

During the activity, students enthusiastically transformed waste materials such as old newspapers, plastic bottles, cardboard, and fabric scraps into useful and decorative items. The event highlighted the importance of recycling and reusing materials instead of contributing to landfill waste.

Students demonstrated remarkable imagination and innovation in converting everyday scrap into meaningful creations.

The event was a great success and received positive participation from students and teachers. The activity not only nurtured creativity but also strengthened students sense of environmental responsibility.



THE BUNNIES PROGRAMME – ACADEMIC YEAR 2025–2026



The Bunnies Programme for the academic year 2025-2026 was started with the aim of developing discipline, leadership quality, teamwork and good citizenship among the Nursery children. The activities were conducted once a week. The students were involved in various activities such as action songs, group games, and also learnt simple exercises.

Through activities, the students were also introduced to concepts like cleanliness, helping others, respecting elders, celebrating festivals, road safety, life skills and love for nature. The Bunny Law, "I shall try to be a good boy/girl," was incorporated through various activities conducted throughout the year, through which the students learned to practice good behavior, kindness, responsibility, and positive values in their daily lives. The culmination for the Bunnies programme was held on 19.02.2026, where works of children from throughout the year were kept on display.



DIGITAL CLUB (STD - III)



Culmination day of the digital club of class III students was presented on 17/2/2026. Throughout the year, the club focused on how to use MS Paint, Tux Paint and Paint 3D in order to design the creative page by the students in designing the greeting card, creating the house and creating the beautiful scenery using MS Paint and Paint 3D.



Students learned about the various tools and how to use the tools while working on the app (MS Paint and 3D Paint). They practiced through activities like drawing a house, creating a birthday invitation card in MS Paint, and creating 3D objects using Paint 3D.

On Culmination Day, students' creative work using Paint and Paint 3D was projected on the screen through PowerPoint. They also shared their experiences of working with Paint and Paint 3D and discussed the tools they liked the most.

The culmination event highlighted the students' creativity and helped them develop essential digital skills, including digital drawing, basic photo editing (cropping and resizing), and manipulating shapes.

ART CLUB (STD - II)



Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist when we grow up."

With this inspiring thought, the Art Club of Class 2 functioned actively during the academic year 2025-26 under the guidance of the Teacher Coordinator, Ms. Suji. The club provided a vibrant platform for students to explore their creativity, imagination, and artistic skills in a positive and encouraging environment.

The culmination programme was held on February 18, 2026, where the students' artworks were beautifully displayed on the notice board. An Art Relay activity was organized, in which three groups of Class 2 students participated enthusiastically and created artwork based on a given theme. This collaborative activity promoted teamwork, creativity, and coordination among the students. A live art painting session was also conducted, showcasing the artistic talents and confidence of the young learners.

Through their active participation in the Art Club, students enhanced their creativity, fine motor skills, communication abilities, and emotional expression. The club continues to nurture artistic potential and build confidence among students.



MATH MAGIC CLUB (STD - V)



The Math Magic Club for Std V was conducted to make mathematics fun and engaging for students. The class was divided into four groups named after great mathematicians:

Aryabhata, Brahmagupta, Srinivasa Ramanujan, and Pythagoras. The aim of the club was to develop logical thinking and problem solving skills among students.

Various activities were organized to encourage active participation. Students enjoyed solving math puzzles as a team. General problem-solving sessions helped improve analytical skills. "Sum Fun with Maths" activities made calculations enjoyable and interactive. Magic squares were introduced to help students explore number patterns. Students showed great enthusiasm during all sessions. Group discussions encouraged teamwork and collaboration. Each group presented their solutions confidently. The activities helped reduce fear of mathematics. Students learned that math can be creative and interesting. Students improved their mental math abilities. The club encouraged curiosity and critical thinking. The Math Magic club created a positive and joyful learning environment.



NATURE CLUB (STD - IV)



Class 4 students (Each house meets monthly) learn about nature and participate in exciting activities.

The Nature Club Culmination Day was a joyful occasion where students shared their experiences from various eco-friendly activities conducted during the year. They spoke proudly about planting Saplings and learning to care for trees, understanding their importance in maintaining a healthy environment.



Students described Seed ball-making as a fun and meaningful way to spread greenery, while the Seashell activity helped them appreciate marine life and the importance of protecting the oceans. Reflections from the Nature walk showed that they observed plants, birds, and insects around campus, deepening their respect for nature.

The Leaf printing activity combined creativity with environmental learning, allowing students to explore the beauty and diversity of leaves.

The programme concluded with students pledging to adopt eco-friendly habits and continue protecting the environment. Culmination Day not only celebrated their activities but also strengthened their commitment to building a greener and more sustainable future.

PUPPETRY CLUB



The Puppetry Club entered a new phase in 2025, with all students of Std. V becoming active participants. The students, divided into four houses, attended the Puppetry Club on a rotational basis. Each house was given the opportunity to participate for one month, attending four sessions conducted every Friday.

During the initial sessions, students were introduced to the concept of puppetry, the objectives of the club, and their roles and responsibilities. They gained insight into the essential components of a puppet show, including the role of the puppeteer, backdrop design, voice modulation, scriptwriting, and coordination. They were also introduced to different types of puppets such as stick puppets, soft puppets, hand puppets, and finger puppets.

The students developed an understanding of the importance of puppetry in the field of education as an effective and engaging learning tool. They enthusiastically watched puppet show videos to observe techniques and presentation styles. Subsequently, the students were divided into teams and encouraged to select topics of their choice. They collaboratively worked on scripting, dialogue delivery, and puppet handling, followed by regular practice sessions.

The students of Cauvery House presented a puppet show titled "Ramayana – The Epic." They scripted an excerpt from the epic and diligently practiced their dialogues and the handling of stick puppets. The final performance was staged on 17th February 2026 in the Primary Auditorium. Students of Std. III, IV, and V formed the audience.

The presentation beautifully conveyed the values depicted in the Ramayana, inspiring students to stand against wrongdoing, uphold justice, and face challenges with courage.

ART CLUB (STD -I)



The venue was filled with colourful, thoughtful, and expressive artworks, each piece reflecting the hard work, patience, and originality of the young minds.

The Art Club Culmination was held on 18.02.26 at the primary department. It was a vibrant and inspiring celebration of creativity, talent, and imagination. The event brought the school community together to witness the remarkable artistic journey of our students, whose enthusiasm and dedication were evident in every display. Children also spoke about their experience in the art club.



LIFE SKILL CLUB (STD - I)



Life Skill Club Activity: Learning Independence Through Daily Tasks

As part of the Life Skill Club Culmination, students of class I participated in a practical session of the following activities.

During pack the school bag activity, students were encouraged to pack their school bags independently, arranging books, stationery, lunch boxes, and water bottles neatly. This helped them understand the importance of organization and care for personal belongings.

The Bottle Cap Activity enabled students to practice opening and closing water bottle caps, thereby strengthening their fine motor coordination and promoting self-reliance in daily routines.

A hand wash activity was also included to reinforce good hygiene practices. Students learned the correct method of washing hands using soap and water.

The session concluded with a group song on cleanliness, making the learning experience enjoyable and memorable.

This Life Skill Club activity successfully enhanced students' confidence, independence, and life management skills, contributing positively to their overall development. Such experiential learning activities play a vital role in preparing students for responsible and healthy daily living.



YOGA CLUB CULMINATION – YAMUNA HOUSE



On 18 February 2026, the students of Class IV, Yamuna House, presented the culmination of their Yoga Club activities. The event was thoughtfully organized and reflected the students' consistent practice, discipline, and understanding of yoga as an integral component of holistic education.

The program commenced with a guided meditation session, creating a calm and focused environment for the audience. This was followed by a concise presentation on the significance and benefits of yoga, wherein students highlighted its role in enhancing flexibility, strength, concentration, emotional balance, and overall well-being.

A melodious yoga prayer was then rendered, establishing a serene and respectful tone for the proceedings. The students proceeded to demonstrate Surya Namaskar (Sun Salutation), a sequence of twelve postures performed with coordination and precision. They explained how this practice improves stamina, circulation, and mental clarity while energizing the body.

The asana presentation formed a key highlight of the event. Students confidently performed various postures such as the Tree Pose, Downward Dog, and Warrior Pose, articulating their physical and mental benefits. Each asana reflected careful training and steady practice.

YOGA CLUB CULMINATION – YAMUNA HOUSE



The session concluded with Savasana (Relaxation Pose), during which the students guided the audience through a brief relaxation exercise. This brought the event to a peaceful and balanced close.

The culmination program was a commendable showcase of dedication and teamwork. It reinforced the importance of yoga in nurturing physical health, mental discipline, and inner harmony among young learners. The event stood as a testament to the students' commitment and the school's emphasis on holistic development.



FIRELESS COOKING CLUB



The Cooking Without Fire Club for Class 5 was conducted during the academic year 2025–2026 to provide students a safe, engaging, and educational introduction to the fundamentals of food preparation. The club successfully combined practical skills, nutrition awareness, creativity, and teamwork, ensuring a holistic learning experience.

From the very first session, emphasis was placed on safety practices, including proper handling of ingredients and safe use of basic kitchen tools. Students were trained to work responsibly and maintain cleanliness, with cleaning up after preparation becoming a routine practice from day one.

The club focused on developing basic culinary skills such as peeling, chopping, mixing, assembling, decorating, and presenting dishes. These hands-on activities strengthened fine motor skills and instilled confidence among students.

Through a variety of recipes, students explored creativity in food combinations and presentation, while also gaining awareness of nutrition and healthy eating habits. In addition, the sessions promoted independence, responsibility, teamwork, and social skills, as students worked collaboratively in small groups and shared tasks efficiently. Kitchen-related vocabulary and action words were introduced in every class, enhancing their language skills alongside practical learning.

Recipes Prepared

Throughout the year, students enthusiastically prepared a variety of nutritious and innovative dishes. Some of the recipes included:

- Eggless Mayonnaise and Sandwich
- Omam Kashayam
- Vetrilai Kashayam
- Lime Juice
- ABC Juice
- Fruit Salad
- Vegetable Salad
- Pumpkin Soup
- Papaya Banana Smoothie
- Sweet Aval (Wet and Dry)

Special efforts were made to introduce elements of internationalism by preparing dishes such as eggless mayonnaise, ABC juice, and pumpkin soup, thereby broadening the students' exposure to global food practices.

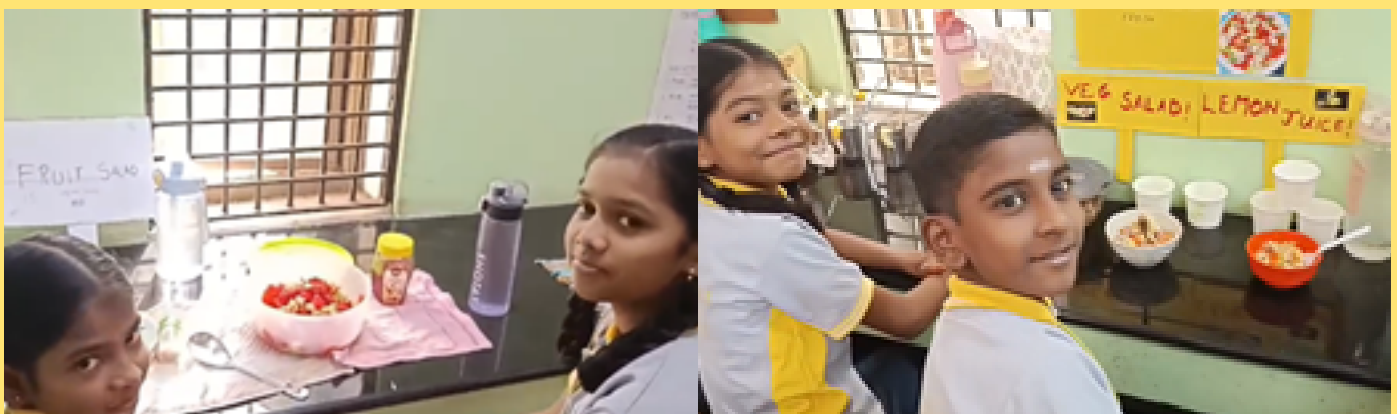
FIRELESS COOKING CLUB

The club culminated on 18th February 2026, where students proudly displayed their culinary skills. The event was a grand success and was enthusiastically visited by students, teachers, the Section Head, the Vice Principal (In-charge), and the Principal (In-charge).

The dishes showcased during the culmination included:

- Watermelon Juice
- Lime Juice
- Carrot Juice
- Fruit Salad
- Vegetable and sprout salad
- Eggless Mayonnaise and Sandwich
- Papaya Banana Smoothie
- Sweet Aval
- Rava Ladoo
- Sandwich Toast

The display reflected the students' creativity, confidence, and teamwork. Their ability to prepare, present, and explain their dishes demonstrated the effectiveness of the club's objectives. The Fireless Cooking Club proved to be a meaningful and enriching experience for the Class 5 students. It successfully combined fun with learning, helping children develop essential life skills, nutritional awareness, environmental sensitivity, and self-confidence. The club marked a memorable and impactful initiative for the academic year 2025–2026.



SPELL BEE CLUB

The Spell Bee Club for Class III concluded successfully with its Culmination Day held on 17 February 2026, marking the completion of a productive and engaging academic year.

Throughout the year, students actively participated in a variety of language-based activities designed to strengthen their reading and spelling skills. They learned short and long vowel sounds, common blends, rhyming words, and double consonants, building a strong foundation in phonetics. In addition, students explored prefixes, suffixes, silent letters, compound words, and anagrams, which enriched their vocabulary and enhanced their word-building abilities.

The sessions were conducted through enjoyable and interactive methods, including games, group activities, and presentations, making learning both meaningful and lively. On the culmination day, students confidently demonstrated their progress, reflecting remarkable improvement in spelling accuracy, pronunciation, and overall language development.

The Spell Bee Club proved to be an enriching experience, nurturing a love for words and strengthening essential language skills among the students.





Cubs & Bulbul Utsav-2026 was held at AGM MHSS, Velachery on 22.2.2026 World Thinking Day. 12 students of cubs and bulbuls from std 4th and 5th participated and performed exceptionally well across multiple categories, bringing laurels to the school. Our students delivered an energetic and synchronized performance, securing the Winner's Shield for the Tribal Dance. Dylan Valentwin of std 5 won the first prize for his portrayal of the legendary freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

In honour of the overall performance and participation, the school was awarded a Shield from the Central Chennai District. The students were awarded medals and certificates of their hard work and sprit. This Utsav provided a wonderful platform for our Cubs and Bulbuls to interact with peers and uphold the motto, "Do Your Best."

Learning of the bulbuls continues...



SCOUTS AND GUIDES CLUB ACTIVITIES – CLASSES VI TO VIII

The Scouts and Guides Club for students of Classes VI to VIII was conducted during the club hours. The activities helped students develop discipline, teamwork, confidence, and a sense of responsibility.

During the sessions, students learned to assemble properly and stand in formation. They took part in the Flag Break ceremony and sang the Scouts and Guides Prayer and Flag Song with respect. They also understood the meaning of the Scouts and Guides motto, "Be Prepared."

Students practiced BP-6 exercises to improve their physical fitness and learned foot drills such as attention, stand at ease, and marching. They were also taught different types of knots and their uses, Scout and Guide signals for communication, the Scout and Guide handshake, and whistle commands.

Each meeting concluded with the National Anthem and proper dismissal.

Overall, the club activities were interesting and informative. Students participated actively and learned valuable skills useful in their daily life.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB CULMINATION (16TH FEBRUARY – 19TH FEBRUARY)

The Middle School Club Culmination was held from 16th February to 19th February, marked by great enthusiasm and spirited participation from the students. Over the course of four days, the various clubs showcased the skills, creativity, and knowledge they had developed throughout the academic year.

The English Literary Club presented an engaging play titled Pandora's Box, beautifully conveying the themes of curiosity and hope. The students performed with confidence and brought the story vividly to life on stage.

The Tamil Literary Club delivered an insightful and inspiring presentation on the significance and richness of the Tamil language. Their speech thoughtfully highlighted the language's cultural heritage and enduring legacy.

The Aerobics Club captivated the audience with a lively and rhythmic performance that reflected their discipline, coordination, and regular practice.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB CULMINATION (16TH FEBRUARY – 19TH FEBRUARY)

The Folk Dance Club presented a graceful traditional dance, celebrating our vibrant cultural traditions through colourful costumes and expressive movements.



The Quiz Club conducted an interactive and stimulating quiz session, encouraging active participation while testing students' knowledge across a range of subjects.



The Math Club demonstrated a variety of mathematical concepts, solving problems using concise and effective methods. Their presentation underscored logical reasoning and smart problem-solving techniques.



Overall, the Club Culmination was a resounding success. It provided students with a valuable platform to exhibit their talents, creativity, confidence, and teamwork.

FOLK CLUB

The Folk Club Culmination was held on 17th February at the Middle School stage. The students presented traditional folk dances such as Oyillattam, Karakattam and Kummi, showcasing the richness of Tamil culture and heritage. The program was conducted in the esteemed presence of Vice Principal Incharge Mrs.Akilandeswari and Middle School Section Head Mrs.Reji Monson. The event was well-organized and appreciated by all, serving as a meaningful platform for students to preserve and promote our traditional art forms.



தொடக்கப்பள்ளி

தமிழிலக்கியச் சங்கம் 2025-2026 ஆண்டிற்கான அறிக்கை

நான்காம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்கு நாடகக்குழுவில் ஒவ்வொரு வாரமும் பல விதமான நாடகங்கள் கற்றுத்தரப்பட்டன . அதில் பாரதியாரும் பாரதிதாசனும் இவ்வுலகிற்கு வந்தால் என்ற தலைப்பில் நவீன நாடகத்தினைக் குழுவின் உச்சக்கட்ட நாளன்று பள்ளி கலை அரங்கில் மாணர்கள் அனைவரும் நடித்துக்காட்டி தங்கள் திறமையினை வெளிக்காட்டினர். விழா இனிதே நிறைவேறியது.



தமிழ் இலக்கியச் சங்கம் – 2025 -26



தொடக்கப்பள்ளியைச் சார்ந்த மூன்றாம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்கள் ஒவ்வொருவாரமும் விடுகதைகள், சொல் விளையாட்டு, புதிய சொற்களை உருவாக்குதல், முறைமாறியுள்ள சொற்களை முறைப்படுத்துதல், படங்களைக் கொண்டு சொற்களைக் கண்டுபிடித்தல் போன்ற பல செயல்பாடுகளில் மகிழ்ச்சியாகப் பங்கேற்றனர். மேலும் இறுதிச்சுற்றன்று குறில், நெடில் வேறுபாடு, சொல்லுக்குள் உள்ள சொல்லைக் கண்டுபிடித்தல், சொல் ஒன்று பொருள் இரண்டு, தொலைபேசியில் உள்ள செயலிகளின் தமிழ்ச்சொற்களை வரைபடம் கொண்டு அழகாக விளக்கினர்.

PRIMARY ENGLISH LITERARY COMPETITIONS – 2025-26

The Prize Distribution Ceremony for the Primary English Literary Competition for the academic year 2025–2026 was held on February 19th, 2026, to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students in the various literary competitions conducted during the year. The event recognised the enthusiastic participation and excellent performances of the young learners. Certificates of achievement were awarded to all the winners in appreciation of their hard work and dedication, and books were presented as tokens of encouragement to further inspire their love for language and literature. The ceremony was a proud and memorable occasion, and we congratulate all our winners on their success and wish them continued excellence in the years ahead.



Written Competition - Winners

Std 1 Picture Inspired Writing		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
1B	Aruvi N	I
1A	Venba Anandraj	II
1A	Krishika S	III
Std 2 A Rainy Day - Written		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
2A	Aradhya Akhilesh	I
2A	Dhuruvan A	II
2B	Jiya P	III
Std 3 Creative Writing from Visuals		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
3C	Keerthi Sri K A	I
3B	Tanmathiyen J	II
3A	Vaishnavi K	III
Std 4 If I had Wings - Written		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
4C	Paavai S	I
4C	Sadhana Shree M	II
4C	Ishaan Ganesh A	III
Std 5 Creative Letter Writing		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
5A	Vidhyasri R	I
5A	Ameera Shree S M	II
5B	Siddharth S	III

Oral Competition - Winners

Std 1 Show and Tell		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
1B	Aruvi N	I
1B	Sadhana S	II
1A	Vadlamani Sisira	III
Std 2 Build a story - Oral		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
2A	Maithreyi Bhagyalakshmi V	I
2A	Advik Pratap Singh	II
2A	Aadhi Dev K S	III
Std 3 Poem Recitation		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
3B	Steven Samuel A	I
3C	Sanjeev Rajkumar	II
3A	Mahrifa Parveen M	III

Std 4 Elocution- Books are better than TV		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
4B	Krithik B	I
4A	Parvendhan S	II
4C	Hevanthika F S	III
Std 5 Advertise the Product		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
5B	Pragya M	I
5C	Pavika G	II
5C	Vennba J U	III



Spell - Bee - Winners

Std 1 Spell Bee		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
1B	Ilavenil T A	I
1A	Krishika S	II
1B	Aruvi N	III
Std 2 Spell Bee		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
2A	Saadhvi Sanjay	I
2A	Sri Sai Athivarathan V	II
2B	Magizhvan Raj R	III
Std 3 Spell Bee		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
3B	Tanmathiyen J	I
3C	Rithvin S	II
3A	Mahrifa Parveen M	III
Std 4 Spell Bee		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
4C	Mitra B	I
4B	Hema Maheswari P	II
4C	Kanishka S	III
Std 5 Spell Bee		
Class/ Sec	Prize Winners	Position
5A	Shreya Sri S	I
5A	Dylan Valentwin M	II
5C	Hanisha L	III

Reading Marathon

Class/Sec	Prize Winners	Position
Class 4	Paavai S	I
	Shivanya K	II
Class 5	Shreya Sri S	I
	Ameera Shree S M	II



READING MARATHON REPORT (2025–2026)

The Reading Marathon for the academic year 2025–2026 was conducted in our Primary School Library from 5th November 2025 to February 2026 for students of Classes 4 and 5. A total of 44 students enthusiastically participated in the event and read a wide variety of books, including storybooks, biographies, moral stories, and general knowledge books. The students regularly visited the library and maintained a reading record throughout the marathon.

The main objective of the Reading Marathon was to develop a love for reading among students and to improve their reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills. Through this activity, students enhanced their confidence, imagination, and knowledge.



At the end of the marathon, students shared their reading experiences and spoke about their favourite books and characters. Certificates were distributed to appreciate their active participation and sincere efforts.

The Reading Marathon was a great success and encouraged students to make reading a regular habit. The following students are the winners for the reading marathon.



Reading Marathon Winners

4th standard

1. Paavai .S
2. Shivanya.K

5th standard

1. Shreya sri. S
2. Ameera shree.S.M

NSS GIRLS UNIT – VALEDICTORY FUNCTION



The NSS Girls Unit marked the successful completion of its service activities for the academic year with a Valedictory Function held on 19th February 2026 at the Primary Auditorium.

The programme commenced with a prayer song, followed by the NSS Song and the Tamil Thai Vazhthu, creating a solemn and patriotic atmosphere. The event was graced by our esteemed Chief Guests, Dr. Mohammed Sitheek, District Liaison Officer (DLO), and Mrs. Ezhillarasi, District Liaison Officer (DLO), Chennai.

A comprehensive report was presented through a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the various service activities carried out by the NSS volunteers and emphasizing the core ideals of the National Service Scheme. The presentation reflected the commitment, discipline, and social responsibility demonstrated by the volunteers throughout the year.

The Chief Guests addressed the gathering and appreciated the dedicated efforts of the NSS unit. They shared valuable insights on leadership, service, and community engagement, motivating the students to continue their service with enthusiasm and responsibility.

Our respected Vice Principal also graced the occasion. She

commended the consistent hard work and achievements of the school's NSS unit over the years and encouraged the volunteers to uphold the spirit of selfless service.

The Valedictory Function concluded on a note of pride and accomplishment, marking another successful year of meaningful service by the NSS Girls Unit.

SCIENCE PROJECT FOR NURSERY KIDS

FEBRUARY 20, 2026



The Science Project for Nursery children was conducted on 20th February 2026, Friday, with great excitement and active participation from the little learners. The event provided a joyful platform for children to explore and understand basic concepts of nature through observation and hands-on activities.

UKG – A: Our Green Friend

The topic for UKG–A was “Our Green Friend.” This theme was selected to create awareness among children about different types of plants and their importance in our daily lives. The students learned about various plants, their uses, and the parts of plants that we eat. They also understood the simple process of how a tiny seed grows into a plant through germination.

The children participated with great enthusiasm. They confidently explained their models and charts, showcasing their understanding in a simple and expressive manner. The activity helped them develop curiosity and appreciation for plants and nature.

SCIENCE PROJECT FOR NURSERY KIDS

FEBRUARY 20, 2026



UKG – B: Nature’s Yummy Gifts

The topic for UKG-B was “Nature’s Yummy Gifts.” This theme aimed to make children aware of the different types of vegetables and fruits we receive from nature. They learned about vegetables grown above the ground, underground vegetables, and those grown on climbers. They also explored fruits that grow on trees, bushes, and vines. In addition, children observed flowers with fragrance and flowers without fragrance.

The students were delighted to have a hands-on and visual learning experience. Their excitement and involvement reflected their growing understanding of the natural world around them.

Overall, the Science Project was a meaningful and engaging learning experience. It successfully nurtured curiosity, observation skills, and love for nature among the young learners.

PRIMARY NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2026



The students of Classes I to V celebrated National Science Day with great enthusiasm on 20 and 21 February 2026. The celebration was marked by vibrant participation and a remarkable display of creativity and curiosity.

Students of Classes I and II presented projects related to Environmental Studies and Mathematics, while students of Classes III to V showcased innovative models and experiments based on Science, Mathematics, and Social Studies. The exhibits reflected thoughtful understanding, originality, and keen interest in exploring various concepts.

The event provided an excellent platform for young learners to articulate their ideas and demonstrate their knowledge confidently. It not only strengthened their conceptual understanding but also enhanced their communication, collaboration, and presentation skills. The celebration successfully nurtured a spirit of inquiry and inspired the students to observe, question, and learn with greater enthusiasm.

NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY- CLASSES VI TO IX

FEBRUARY 21, 2026



On 21 February 2026, our school enthusiastically celebrated National Science Day to honor the remarkable discovery of the Raman Effect by the eminent physicist C. V. Raman. The celebration aimed to foster scientific temper, curiosity, and innovation among students.

A vibrant exhibition was organized as part of the event, where students from Science, Mathematics, and Social Studies showcased a wide array of innovative projects and working models. Some of the highlights included a polymer model, a hydraulic bridge, and a detailed working model of the human digestive system. The Social Studies section featured impressive presentations such as the Architecture of the Cholas and demonstrations on latitude and longitude. Mathematics projects included concepts like measures of central tendency, simple interest, and compound interest, presented through engaging and practical models.

The classrooms were filled with enthusiasm as students confidently explained their exhibits and demonstrated experiments to visitors. The event not only enhanced their understanding of concepts but also encouraged creativity, teamwork, and critical thinking.

Overall, the celebration of National Science Day was a memorable and inspiring experience that ignited passion for science and innovation in young minds, truly reflecting the spirit of inquiry and discovery.

உலகத் தாய்மொழி நாள் உறுதிமொழி



உலகத் தாய்மொழி நாள்(21/02/26) முன்னிட்டு 20/02/26 அன்று நம் பள்ளியில் உறுதிமொழி ஏற்க வழிபாட்டு கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது. அதில் தமிழைச் செழிக்கச் செய்வோம் என்றும் தமிழுக்காக பாடுபடுவோம் என்றும் பள்ளி பொறுப்பு முதல்வர் முன்னிலையில் தமிழ் ஆசிரியர் உறுதிமொழி சொல்ல மாணவர்கள் அதைப் பின்பற்றி உறுதிமொழி மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.

தொடக்கப்பள்ளி



பட்டம் நாளிதழ் நடத்திய வினாடி வினா நிகழ்ச்சியின் இறுதிச்சுற்றில் வெற்றி பெற்ற கா. பவிக்கா ஐந்தாம் வகுப்பு "இ" பிரிவு மற்றும் டிலன் வாலண்டிலின் .மெ ஐந்தாம் வகுப்பு "அ" பிரிவு ஆகிய இருவருக்கும் நம் பள்ளி துணைமுதல்வரும் பொறுப்பாளருமாகிய திருமதி அகிலாண்டீஸ்வரி அவர்கள் மாணவர்களுக்குச் சான்றிதழ்களையும், கோப்பைகளையும் வழங்கி பாராட்டினார்.

ADDRESS TO BOARD APPEARING STUDENTS – A MOTIVATIONAL SESSION



On 19th February 2026, the Chairman of our school, Professor S. P. Dhanavel, addressed the students appearing for their board examinations in a special session organized on the school campus.

The session was both inspiring and reassuring, aimed at guiding students as they approached one of the most significant milestones in their academic journey. Professor Dhanavel emphasized the importance of disciplined preparation, clarity of concepts, and maintaining a calm and focused mind during examinations. He encouraged students to believe in their abilities and approach the exams with confidence rather than fear.

Highlighting the value of time management, he advised students to plan their revision systematically and ensure adequate rest and a healthy routine. He also reminded them that examinations are not merely a test of memory but a reflection of understanding and consistent effort.

The address concluded on a motivating note, urging students to stay positive, trust their hard work, and give their best without undue stress. The session left the students feeling encouraged, confident, and mentally prepared to face their board examinations with determination and optimism.

DISPLAY BOARD RESULTS 2025–26



The Display Board activity was conducted systematically from June to February, showcasing a wide range of engaging themes throughout the academic year.

This initiative aimed to enhance students' creativity, research skills, general awareness, and presentation abilities. Each theme was thoughtfully presented, making the displays both informative and visually appealing.

The consistent effort, enthusiasm, and dedication displayed by the students in preparing the boards were truly commendable.

The winners are as follows:

First Place: Cauvery House

Second Place: Ganga House

Third Place: Yamuna House

Fourth Place: Godavari House



WORKSHOP



Dr. (Mrs.) Reji Monson, Middle School Section Head, and Ms. S. Lalli, TGT Mathematics, attended a 5-day workshop titled “Heart of the Matter”, organised by Sundaram Educational Trust, with training support from Inkle Weave Educational Training Service (V-Excel), at Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School, Mylapore.

The first module was conducted from 6th to 8th November 2025, and the second module was held on 6th and 7th January 2026.

This programme was designed for coordinators and teachers handling classes from Grades 6 to 12, with the aim of empowering educators to effectively meet the needs of adolescents. The programme focused on honing listening and responding skills, creating awareness about mental health issues, and equipping teachers to handle sensitive challenges such as bullying, substance abuse, gadget addiction, internet dependency, anger and aggression, and relationship management.

The faculty comprised senior psychologists, educationists, and school doctors.

Enjoy watching video of the programmes in our School YouTube channel



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