

Vidyanjali's Bugle



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Principal's Note

"Empowering parents and providing teachers with the right stimuli are the cornerstones of a child's bright future."

At Vidyanjali, parents were empowered through sessions led by experts to nurture children's development. Class observations assisted Montessori parents in understanding the educational approach. Celebrations like Teachers' Day and staff trip uplifted the team, providing opportunities to refresh and recharge. Student educational trips enhanced the learning experiences of students outside the classroom. Participation in global events like Diplomathon Global encouraged students to think beyond their horizons.

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Parent Empowerment Day

Jasmine (CBSE Teacher)

On Sunday, 1st September 2024, an enriching Parent Empowerment programme was held for parents of Grades 4 to 6 students, aimed towards strengthening the bond between parents and children.

The event featured Dr Ashwini N V, Director of Muktha Foundation and CEO of Flourish Lifeschool, as the keynote speaker. She delivered an engaging session on "Growing Together," where she discussed key parenting styles: authoritarian, permissive, neglectful, and democratic.



Dr Ashwini highlighted the significance of democratic parenting, which promotes open communication and mutual respect. She emphasized the value of using "feeling words" to express emotions more clearly. By helping children develop a strong emotional vocabulary, parents can create an environment that encourages healthy conversations.

The session ended with an interactive Q&A, where parents eagerly sought advice on how to apply these techniques. The workshop proved to be highly beneficial, equipping parents with practical strategies to navigate parenting challenges effectively.

Teachers' Day Celebrations

Niveda (CBSE teacher)

On September 5th, students celebrated Teachers' Day to express gratitude and appreciation for the dedication and hard work of their teachers. The event aimed to foster a sense of community and respect between students and faculty.

The grade X students presented a flash mob on the basketball court a few days prior to the event warmly welcoming everyone. The event was named 'Spectrum Splash' – indicative of teachers lighting up the lives of students.



Students showcased their talents through various performances, including dance, where a vibrant group of students danced that energized the audience. A heartfelt song, a humorous skit

and energetic dance performances were presented by the students. Students took time to prepare personal cards and small gifts for each teacher.



A staff health checkup was arranged by the school management and a delicious lunch was ordered and served by the students of Grade X, which made it even more special. The Teacher's Day celebration was a resounding success, fostering a spirit of appreciation and respect.

Onam

Jasmine (CBSE Teacher)

Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala, was celebrated with great enthusiasm at our school, on 13th September 2024. The day was filled with traditional activities and a sense of unity, reflecting the spirit of Onam.

Pre-Primary Montessori and Prep II & III

Pre-Primary Montessori children celebrated Onam with enthusiasm. For the first-year children, spray painting on cutouts of trees and

boats were successfully executed, which helped the children develop their motor skills in an artistic manner.

The second-year children took part in a Pookalam decoration on paper activity. They used various colors of crepe paper to enhance their tactile and visual experience. The third-year children along with Prep II and III students participated in decorating the Pookalam in the auditorium.



Under the guidance of their teachers, the children carefully removed the petals from flowers and adorned the Pookalam design. Following the activity, the teachers explained the significance of the festival and treated the children to banana chips and *sharkara varatti*,



enhancing their cultural understanding and experience.



CBSE I-III

Creating a memorable and culturally rich event, students from Grade I showcased their creativity by colouring the Pookalam given on a sheet of paper.



Grade II and III children started their activity by making beautiful and intricate floral designs by sticking petals of different flowers on the outline given to them on sheets of paper. Teachers explained and narrated the story of Onam festival and gave information about the

traditional food and culture followed during the celebration.

The Onam celebration in school was a grand success, filled with joy, cultural pride, and unity. The students actively participated, making it a day of fun, learning, and appreciation of Kerala's rich traditions.

Educational Trips

Niveda (CBSE Teacher)

On September 11th and 12th, the students of grade IV and V respectively embarked on an exciting educational trip to the Visveswaraya Museum in Bangalore. The primary objective of the trip was to enhance students' understanding of science through interactive workshop and hands-on activities which made learning fun and engaging.



Students explored models of bridges, dams, and other engineering marvels. They learned about the principles of physics and engineering design. Students eagerly participated in experiments,

observing how different forces work. One highlight was the Van de Graaff generator, where they could see static electricity in action. They also had a wonderful time exploring the mirror maze and the 'bubble workshop' which taught them how to make portions of bubble mixture using soap water. The astronomy section ignited their imagination and curiosity about the universe. This trip provided the students with valuable insights into the world of science and engineering while encouraging them to explore their interests.

Hindi Diwas

Brinda (Montessori Teacher)

To mark the significance of Hindi Diwas, the school organized a special event for students from Classes IV to X on 14th September 2024. The objective was to instil a sense of pride and appreciation for Hindi, one of India's official languages.



The celebration culminated in a grand assembly conducted entirely in Hindi. The event began with the school pledge, followed by a thought-

provoking speech by a Class VI student, emphasizing the cultural heritage of the language. A Class X student then delivered an eloquent speech on the historical importance of Hindi Diwas. Adding to the patriotic atmosphere, a group of Class IX students performed a heartfelt Hindi song.

The celebration concluded with a renewed sense of unity, encouraging students to embrace and cherish Hindi in their daily lives. Hindi Diwas served as a powerful reminder of our rich linguistic and cultural heritage.

Diplomathon Global

Brinda (Montessori Teacher)

Vidyanjali Academy for Learning took part in the Diplomathon World Symposium on 21st and 22nd September 2024, hosted at Bangalore International School. This leadership event brought together students from Grades 3 to 12 to discuss global issues and engage in negotiations, with top schools qualifying for international rounds in Dubai and Japan. The school saw 24 students participating in events like debates, discussions, and diplomatic activities.

Vidyanjali bagged the prestigious Best Middle School Award and has been selected to participate in international conferences in Tokyo (January 2025) and Dubai (February 2025).



Special recognition went to Anaira D (Grade IVB) and Dhruva Agasthya (Grade VIIB) as Best Delegates. This symposium provided invaluable exposure on global diplomacy, helping students develop crucial leadership and research skills.

Ganesh Chaturthi

Brinda (Montessori Teacher)



On the 4th of September, Pre-primary Montessori celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with enthusiasm, embracing India's cultural diversity. Various activities were designed to enhance the developmental needs of the children.

1st-year Pre-primary children participated in sand pasting on a Ganesha outline, which helped them refine their motor skills. The 2nd-year children explored leaf textures through a leaf printing activity, fostering tactile sensitivity and patience. 3rd-year children engaged in lentil pasting, improving their fine motor coordination.

On September 6th, Prep 2 and 3 students celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi. The festival's significance was explained to the students. Children asked questions about Lord Ganesha, recited shlokas, and sang devotional songs learnt in their SAPA classes. Teachers demonstrated creating an image of Ganesha using leaves, and students eagerly recreated it. The celebration fostered creativity, tradition, and cultural understanding among students.

Parent Observations

Brinda (Montessori Teacher)

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of Independence." – Dr Maria Montessori



Parent Observation Week was held from September 19 to 27, for students in Grades I, II, and III. This initiative allowed parents to observe their children in the Montessori environment, offering valuable insights into the distinctive educational approach. During the observation, parents saw their children work calmly and independently with Montessori materials across a wide range of subjects, including Botany, Zoology, English, Geography, History, and more.

Parents appreciated the serene, disciplined atmosphere and the positive impact the Montessori approach has had on their child's development, both academically and personally, nurturing independence, focus, and a love for learning.

Staff Trip

Jasmine (CBSE Teacher)

"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."

On 20th September 2024, Vidyanjali organized a memorable staff trip to the Avathi Betta hills. Unlike typical staff outings, this trip offered a unique opportunity for both teachers and housekeeping staff to engage in a physically challenging and rewarding activity: hiking. The experienced team from "Let's Play Climbing"

guided the group, offering motivation and safety instructions.

The hike allowed participants to immerse themselves in the tranquillity of nature, far from the busy life, encouraging mindfulness and reflection. This trip differed from previous outings by focusing on physical exercise and teamwork rather than sightseeing or relaxation.



The journey through rugged trails and scenic landscapes offered a refreshing experience, leaving the staff with a sense of achievement and a renewed appreciation for nature's beauty.

