

# Vidyanjali's Bugle



## Principal's Note

*Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out - Robert Collier*

Vidyanjali is pleased to announce that it has been honored for Excellence in Life Skills and Activity-Based Learning. This accomplishment reflects the collaborative efforts of management, parents, and teachers, all dedicated to the school's vision of developing globally responsible students. The Dasara and Deepavali festivals were celebrated to instil the values embedded in our rich culture and traditions. Additionally, training sessions for staff and students were conducted to enhance their skills, helping them achieve their goals and lead successful lives.

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## School Award for Excellence

*Soyena (CBSE Teacher)*



Vidyanjali Academy for Learning was awarded the prestigious India K-12 Award for excellence in Life skills and Activity-Based Learning at the India K-12 Expo 2024. This recognition celebrated the school's commitment to equipping students with essential life skills and engaging them in hands-on, experiential learning methods.

The award ceremony took place on September 25, 2024, at the KTPO Trade Centre in Whitefield, Bengaluru, bringing together education professionals to highlight outstanding contributions in the K-12 sector. These accolades underscore Vidyanjali Academy's dedication towards quality learning and inculcating real-world skills in a nurturing environment.

## Student Achievements

In partnership with the International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH), Vidyanjali held essay writing and Poster Mania competitions for students. The event, held on September 11, 2024, was themed "Building Team Resilience" aimed at encouraging students to explore resilience and teamwork and essential skills in adolescence. The competition saw exceptional participation, with three students from Grade 9 - Sai Sreeja Konda (1<sup>st</sup> place), Pruthviraj K P (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and Susheel Veerabhadrarao Choragudi (3<sup>rd</sup> place) - emerging as prize winners in the essay writing competitions. In the Poster Mania Competition, Isha G from 9<sup>th</sup> grade bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> place followed by Sonakshi Reddy from 6B in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



The essays stood out for their thoughtful and unique perspectives on fostering team resilience, capturing the attention of both judges and peers. These winning essays have been featured in "We Connect" magazine, providing the students an opportunity to share their ideas with a broader audience.

## Dasara Dolls Exhibition

*Sumeetha (CBSE Teacher)*

"Culture is the widening of the mind and of the spirit." Vidyanjali celebrated the vibrant Dasara Bombe Habba on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. The event involved all students from Pre-Primary Montessori to grade 10.



Teachers led students through the exhibition, explaining the stories and characters behind each intricate doll arrangement. Parents were also invited to share captivating tales which helped students gain a deeper understanding of the Ramayana's rich narratives and values such as courage and respect.



The Dasara festivities nurtured creativity and deepened cultural understanding, reminding everyone of the importance of heritage in shaping a harmonious society.

## Parent Observations

*Ramya (Montessori teacher)*

The Pre-primary Montessori department hosted Parent Observation sessions from September 18 to October 4, 2024, to give parents a deeper insight into the Montessori environment and teaching methodology.



During these sessions, parents had the opportunity to witness, firsthand, how children engage in hands-on activities, choose tasks, and interact with peers, all while embodying the Montessori philosophy of self-directed learning. These observations were carefully structured, with guidelines in place to ensure that parents maintained a respectful and unobtrusive presence. This allowed children to focus on their activities, promoting authentic learning experiences.

Many parents were pleasantly surprised by their children's autonomy and problem-solving skills, and expressed pride as they observed their kids actively engaged in their work. Overall, providing parents with the opportunity to observe in a Montessori environment enriched their understanding and involvement in their children's education.

### Staff Trainings

*Soyena (CBSE Teacher)*

Staff training sessions were held to enhance teachers' effectiveness, safety preparedness, and well-being. On October 15, Consultant Psychologist Dr Shailaja Shastri led a training session – "Orientation on Action Research." This session empowered teachers to use reflective practices and data-driven approaches to tackle

classroom challenges, promoting innovation and improved student outcomes.



On the same day, a Mock Fire Drill was conducted to equip staff with essential fire emergency skills. This drill, which included evacuation protocols and fire extinguisher training, underscored the school's commitment to safety and readiness.



On October 18, Mr Satya Narayana Raju Mudunuri, a distinguished Faculty Mentor for Life Skills & Value Education, conducted an engaging session on "Work-Life Balance." He shared strategies for managing personal and professional responsibilities, supporting staff well-being and productivity. Following this, on

October 19, School Counsellor, Ms Dhriti Kansara, led a session titled "Channelling Classroom Energy: Strategies & Expectations," which introduced teachers to effective methods for managing classroom dynamics and fostering a positive learning environment. The training offered practical insights to boost student engagement and establish realistic expectations. Through these sessions, Vidyanjali demonstrated a dedication to empowering educators, fostering growth, and ensuring both classroom and personal success.



### *Workshop for Elementary Educators*

A two-day workshop titled "Discovery-Based Teaching & Prepping for Elementary: Exploring the World Around Us" was held on October 5 and 6, 2024. This engaging event brought together educators from various backgrounds, including Montessori, CBSE, ICSE, and State Boards, fostering a rich exchange of ideas. Led by Director Dr S Rekha Reddy, the workshop featured interactive sessions that introduced innovative teaching methods aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

A significant emphasis was placed on equipping Montessori pre-primary teachers with the essential skills and knowledge to teach subjects such as History, Geography, Botany, Zoology, Arithmetic, and Language at the pre-primary level. The collaborative atmosphere allowed educators to share their experiences and best practices, enhancing their teaching approaches.



Overall, the workshop successfully enriched educators' understanding of discovery-based methodologies, providing them with valuable tools to engage students and cultivate a lifelong love for learning, marking a significant step forward in educational practices.

### **Educational Trip**

*Ananya (Montessori Teacher)*

From October 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, an educational trip to the vibrant city, Hyderabad, was organized for Class IX and X students. This excursion offered students a unique opportunity

to engage with the city's rich historical, cultural, and cinematic heritage.



The itinerary included visits to iconic sites that deepened students' understanding of various subjects. At the Charminar, they explored its architectural beauty and historical significance. The majestic Golconda Fort provided insights into the region's past, while the Salar Jung Museum showcased a vast array of art and artifacts, fostering an appreciation for the arts.

A standout experience was the visit to Ramoji Film City, where students delved into the world of cinema, gaining first-hand knowledge of film



production and storytelling. Overall, the trip successfully bridged classroom learning with real-world experiences, enhancing their knowledge of history, geography, and the arts. This educational journey will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on academic and personal growth.

## Gandhi Jayanti

*Ramya (Montessori Teacher)*

The Pre-primary Montessori celebrated Gandhi Jayanti from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, a week-long event designed to instil the values of Mahatma Gandhi and highlight his significant contributions to our nation. Children participated in a Room Cleaning Challenge, where they learned to organize their spaces and toys, turning it into a fun family competition. Families also engaged in Waste Segregation Awareness, discussing the importance of sorting waste by creating separate bins for biodegradable and recyclable materials, giving children the responsibility to sort household waste for a week.

Additionally, the "Clean Surroundings" campaign encouraged families to choose a spot in their neighbourhood to clean together, educating children about the environmental impact of cleanliness. Overall, the Gandhi

Jayanti celebration provided a meaningful experience, helping children learn about Gandhiji's life and principles while developing active participation and instilling values of truth and community service in our future generation.



## How to Prepare and Achieve Excellence in Exam Preparation

*Sumeetha (CBSE Teacher)*

*"Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire."*

On October 28, 2024, an enriching workshop titled "How to Prepare and Achieve Excellence in Exam Preparation" was hosted for students in IX and X standards. Led by Dr R N Tiwari, a

distinguished CBSE Master Trainer, the session offered students invaluable strategies to enhance focus, manage their time effectively, and approach exams with renewed confidence.

Dr Tiwari emphasized, "Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire." This quote resonated deeply with students, inspiring them to take proactive steps toward their academic aspirations.

The workshop underscored our commitment towards building a supportive learning environment and equipping students with the tools necessary for academic success. By the end of the session, students left feeling motivated and better prepared to tackle their upcoming exams, ready to strive for excellence in their academic journeys.



## Deepavali Celebrations

*Brinda (Montessori Teacher)*

Deepavali, the auspicious festival of colours, was celebrated by Pre-Primary to Grade III students through a series of enchanting events. Through these events, the school aimed to build

a growth and sustainability mindset by introducing students to the varied cultures of India. It was also a means for students to foster their fine motor skills, artistic expressions and bright imagination.

### *Pre-Primary Montessori*

A delightful laddoo-making activity was held for Pre-Primary Montessori students. This engaging experience allowed young learners to explore healthy eating while expanding their vocabulary by learning the names of various dry fruits. Working together on this festive treat emphasized the importance of teamwork, making the laddoo-making session a meaningful celebration of Deepavali.



### *Primary Montessori*

Primary Montessori students in Grades I, II, and III engaged in activities such as Paper Lantern Making, Diya Wall Hanging, and Deepavali Decor Hanging, which allowed them to explore their creativity while embracing essential values like communication and collaboration.

### *CBSE I, II, III*

Students of CBSE I-III embraced the festive spirit through creative activities such as Diya making using clay, Diya decoration and Paper Lantern making, which fostered their imagination and fine motor skills. Through these hands-on experiences, students learned about the significance of Deepavali, emphasizing the powerful message of light triumphing over darkness and good prevailing over evil.

As the young learners worked together to create festive decorations, they reinforced the significance of Deepavali, celebrating the triumph of light over darkness. This vibrant celebration nurtured their holistic growth, making it a memorable and enriching experience for all participants. Overall, the Deepavali celebration beautifully blended creativity and learning, leaving a lasting impact on the students.

