

Vidyanjali's Bugle



Principal's Note

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest - especially when it comes to cybersecurity.

Vidyanjali proactively empowered students with the knowledge to become responsible digital citizens. SPL Elections taught children the value of democratic processes, voting, and fair elections while the Investiture Ceremony instilled leadership, responsibility, and teamwork in students. The visit to the 'Know Your Army' Mela strengthened the understanding of the Indian Army's role in national security, fostered a sense of duty towards the nation, and provided an opportunity to explore the military equipment.

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Workshops for Grade X

Sheryl (CBSE Teacher)

Science and Social Science workshops were organised for Grade X students with the aim of equipping them with essential exam strategies.

On January 3rd, the Science workshop was conducted by Sahodaya resource person Ms Rehana Sultana. The session aimed to strengthen students' conceptual understanding while equipping them with exam-oriented strategies.



Ms Sultana shared confidence-building techniques and practical tools to help students approach their board exams with clarity and focus. The interactive session also included tips on time management and problem-solving, making it highly beneficial for the students. This enriching workshop left them motivated, well-prepared, and eager to excel in their examinations.

Led by the esteemed educator Mrs. Indra Vijayakumar, a Master Trainer for Social Science (CBSE) with over 20 years of experience, the

session provided invaluable insights into exam preparation.



To ensure targeted learning, students submitted their areas of difficulty five days prior, allowing Mrs Vijayakumar to tailor her approach effectively. The workshop covered critical aspects such as map marking, time management, competency-based questions, and assertion-reasoning techniques. Practical strategies for writing structured long answers, avoiding errors, and tackling MCQs were emphasized. Mnemonics were introduced for easy retention, and updates in textbooks were discussed. Students engaged in hands-on activities, solving real-time scenarios to enhance conceptual clarity. Both the interactive sessions encouraged active participation and critical thinking.

Parent Presentations-2

Ramya (Montessori teacher)

The Pre-Primary Montessori Parent Presentations, held on January 4th and 11th,

highlighted the significant role of Practical Life and Sensorial activities in early childhood development. Practical Life exercises help children develop independence, manage their environment, and practice social behaviours with grace. These activities are essential in building skills that support daily life while nurturing self-confidence. Through hands-on exploration, children develop language and arithmetic skills at their own pace, promoting a deeper understanding of the world around them.



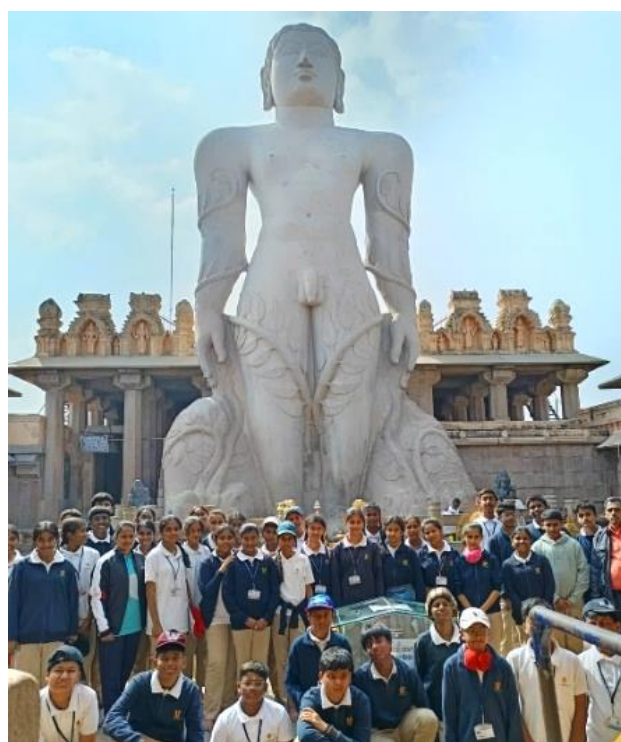
During the presentation, parents observed demonstrations of these activities and gained insights into their developmental purposes. They were impressed by the purposeful design of each activity and the care taken to support each child's growth. Parents particularly appreciated the analysis of movements in each task, which helps children learn proper handling techniques and grasp concepts more effectively.

Educational Trips for VI-VIII

Sheryl (CBSE teacher)

On January 7th and 8th, the students of Grades 6, 7 and 8 embarked on two exciting educational trips, exploring the rich history and culture of Karnataka. Accompanied by their teachers, they set off eagerly for an enriching experience.

On January 7, the eighth graders, along with their teachers, embarked on a fascinating expedition to Shravanabelagola. Climbing nearly 600 steps to the top of Vindhyagiri Hill, they were greeted by the awe-inspiring sight of the 60-foot monolithic statue of Bahubali, a timeless marvel of the Ganga dynasty. This monumental structure, carved from a single piece of granite, stood as a symbol of peace and renunciation.



Their journey then took them to Halebidu's iconic *Hoysaleswara Temple*, a magnificent shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva. The students were left spellbound by the intricate soapstone carvings, each telling a story of devotion, mythology, and war. The final stop of the day was the *Chennakeshava Temple* in Belur, an architectural masterpiece of the Hoysala dynasty. The breathtaking sculptures and exquisite detailing showcased the artistic brilliance of a bygone era.



The adventure continued on January 8, as students from Grades 6 and 7 set out to explore the historic town of Chitradurga. Their first destination was the Vijaya Vittala Temple, where they witnessed the grandeur of ancient Vijayanagara architecture. The trip then took them to the Vanivilasa Sagar Dam, a marvel of engineering, before they ventured into the mystical Chandavalli Thota caves. These 80-foot-deep caves, nestled amidst rocky terrain, sparked curiosity and wonder among the young explorers.



The highlight of the trip was the visit to *Chitradurga Fort*, where history came alive with tales of valiant battles fought by Tipu Sultan and the legendary bravery of *Onake Obavva*. Standing amidst the massive stone walls, students could almost hear the echoes of the past, imagining the strategic defenses and life within the fort centuries ago. The journey concluded with a visit to *Siddaganga Mutt*, offering a peaceful end to a day filled with adventure and learning. Both trips blended history, exploration, and fun, leaving students with a newfound appreciation for Karnataka's cultural heritage. These journeys not only broadened their knowledge but also



created cherished memories that will stay with them for years to come.

Fire Safety Training

Soyena (CBSE Teacher)

An informative Fire Extinguishing Training session was conducted on Monday, 13th January 2025, in collaboration with Hebbal Fire Station Officers. The session aimed to equip staff and students with essential fire safety skills, fostering preparedness and ensuring a safe environment. The training included practical demonstrations on handling different types of fire extinguishers and using them effectively during emergencies.



Fire officers educated students and staff on fire prevention measures, and the importance of staying calm during a crisis. Interactive activities allowed students and staff to practice fire safety techniques, making the session engaging and impactful. The hands-on experience boosted confidence among attendees, ensuring they

could respond swiftly and efficiently in case of a fire. The training emphasized teamwork and responsibility, reinforcing the significance of safety awareness in daily life.



The school's commitment to safety was evident through this well-organized initiative, which not only enhanced awareness but also empowered participants with lifesaving skills. The collaboration with Hebbal Fire Station proved invaluable in making the session both educational and practical.

Know Your Army Mela

Sheryl (CBSE Teacher)

On Saturday, 11th January, the 7th-grade students embarked on an exciting educational visit to the *Know Your Army* Mela at Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw Parade Grounds, MG Road, Bengaluru. This immersive experience provided a rare opportunity to witness the

Indian Army's operations up close and gain insights into the lives of our courageous soldiers.



Students explored various exhibits showcasing advanced weaponry, military tanks, and defense technology. They were enthralled by live combat demonstrations and interactive sessions with army personnel, who shared inspiring stories of bravery and dedication.

The event not only deepened their understanding of national defense but also instilled a profound sense of patriotism and respect for the armed forces. This visit was more than just an exhibition—it was a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by our soldiers to protect the nation.

Makara Sankranti

Soyena (CBSE Teacher)

Makara Sankranti was celebrated on January 13 to educate children about the cultural

significance, traditional practices, and values associated with the harvest festival of Karnataka. For Prep and Pre-Primary Montessori students, the celebration began with an interactive presentation on harvest festivals across India, highlighting Pongal, Lohri, Sankranti and Bihu through pictures and videos. Children joyfully sang a Sankranti song, embracing the festive spirit.



The most awaited event was the Mass Lunch, which was beautifully decorated with a hut, pot, sugarcane and rangoli. Children brought traditional dishes like sweet pongal, kosambari, yellu bella, puliyogare, and masala vada. Older students served food to younger ones on banana leaves, fostering a sense of responsibility and unity. This event instilled values of sharing and caring among children.

SPL Elections

Ramyra (Montessori Teacher)

The School Pupil Leader (SPL) elections at our institution epitomized a seamless democratic process. Initiated by the Election Committee, the Chief Election Commissioner first set the election dates and established eligibility criteria, emphasizing leadership qualities, academic excellence, moral values, and discipline.



Grade IX students were encouraged to file nominations, and after a meticulous selection process, the final candidates were announced, marking the beginning of spirited election campaigns. On polling day, Friday, January 17th, the electoral silence was observed to ensure a fair and unbiased voting environment. The voting process, supervised by Election Committee Members and various teachers, proceeded smoothly. Meticulous attendance records were maintained, and the event unfolded as planned and students from grades 4 to 10 exercised their voting rights. After the votes were cast and counted, the results were submitted to the principal, ensuring complete transparency and efficiency throughout the process.

The Election Committee's diligent efforts ensured a well-organized and transparent electoral event, culminating in the announcement of the SPL election results the following day. This experience not only provided students with a practical understanding of democratic principles but also fostered a sense of responsibility and civic duty within the school community.



Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony, held on January 24th, was a significant event marking the formal induction of the student council for the academic year 2025-26. The ceremony reflected the values of responsibility and leadership within the school.

The event commenced with a grand parade led by house leaders of Agni and Bhoomi, setting a patriotic tone. Principal Mrs. Vijayalakshmi administered the oath of office to the newly elected student leaders, including School Pupil Leader Pruthvi Raj K P, Deputy School Pupil

Leader Susheel Veerabhadrao, Minister of Sports S Thanushree, Minister of Culture Chandrika Aravind, Minister of Agni House Sai Sreeja Konda, Minister of Bhoomi House Syed Zaid, Minister of Discipline Gul Hassan Khureshi and Minister of Health and Environment Isha Girish. The roles and responsibilities of these leaders were emphasized, followed by a disciplined march past, symbolizing unity and teamwork.



Outgoing SPL, Akshavika Mariappan, shared valuable insights from their leadership journey, while newly elected DSPL, Pruthvi Raj, passionately presented their manifesto, outlining their vision and responsibilities. The principal's speech on leadership highlighted essential qualities, teamwork, and cooperation, setting the tone for the new council. The event concluded with a sense of pride and anticipation for the year ahead, celebrating the spirit of leadership and responsibility among the students.

Republic Day

Ramya (CBSE Teacher)

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and reverence on 26th January. The event was marked by unfurling the national flag by the Principal Mrs Vijayalakshmi, accompanied by the staff. The vibrant atmosphere reflected the deep sense of unity and national pride that Republic Day embodies.



Cyber Security Workshop

Sheryl (Montessori Teacher)

In an era where technology is an integral part of daily life, understanding online safety is crucial. Vidyanjali took a significant step in this direction by organizing a Cyber Security Workshop for

students from Grades 4 to 10 on Thursday, 16th January, 2025.

The session was led by Mr Chandan Gowda, Police Sub Inspector, and his team from the Bangalore City Police, Central Crime Branch.

They provided valuable insights on cyber threats, data protection, and secure communication practices. Students learned about the importance of strong passwords, recognizing cyber scams, and safeguarding personal information.



A dedicated Q&A session allowed students to clarify their doubts, making the workshop interactive and engaging. The initiative aimed to empower students with the knowledge and awareness needed to navigate the digital world responsibly. By fostering a culture of cyber awareness, the school is ensuring a safer online environment for its students.

Going Out-2

Ramya (Montessori Teacher)

A special educational trip for Pre-Primary Montessori students—a Tree Walk at Cubbon Park was organized on 23rd January. This experience was designed to encourage independence, responsibility, and curiosity, all while nurturing a love for teamwork and research.



During the Tree Walk, the children engaged their senses by exploring the world of trees through touch and smell. They discovered fascinating facts about the Plant Kingdom, gaining a deeper understanding of the natural world.

The students also learned to identify various tree species, expanding their knowledge of flora



around them. As part of this enriching adventure, the trip also included a visit to the Namma Bengaluru Aquarium.

Montessori Workshop

Ramya (Montessori Teacher)

On Tuesday, 21st January, and Wednesday, 22nd January 2025, the school hosted an insightful orientation program on "The Montessori Philosophy and Stages of Development" for undergraduate Psychology students from Christ University. The program was designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of the Montessori method and its application in early childhood education.



The interactive sessions, led by the Director, Dr S Rekha Reddy, offered valuable insights into the core principles of the Montessori philosophy, emphasizing on child-centered learning, independence, and hands-on activities. Dr Reddy expertly guided the students through the key stages of development outlined by Montessori, highlighting the significance of

creating a prepared environment to foster growth and learning.

In addition to the theoretical aspects, the students were given the unique opportunity to explore Montessori classrooms firsthand. The visit to the learning environments allowed them to observe how the Montessori method is implemented.



The program was a great success, equipping students with a wealth of knowledge about the Montessori approach. It was a valuable experience for all participants, broadening their perspectives on child development and educational practices.

Ganesha Homa

Soyena (Montessori Teacher)

On 31st January, Ganesha Homa was hosted for the X grade students, marking a spiritually enriching and motivational start to their Board examination journey. The sacred ritual aimed to invoke Lord Ganesha's blessings for wisdom, focus, and success.

The event commenced with the chanting of Vedic hymns, setting a peaceful and divine ambiance. Sri Lokesh Reddy and Dr S Rekha Reddy performed the pooja, seeking the deity's blessings for the students. The rituals were led by a priest with sacred offerings, while the students elevated the atmosphere by singing soulful bhajans, making it a truly immersive experience. Esteemed guests, Smt and Sri Muni Reddy, parents of Dr S Rekha Reddy, joined students and parents in the auspicious gathering.



Following the Homa, the much-awaited Award Ceremony recognized excellence in academics and dedication in service. Dr. Lokesh Reddy and Dr. Muni Reddy presented prestigious honors such as the Dr. Muni Reddy Award, Smt Nanjama Award, and Shruthi Award to the outstanding scholars. Dedicated teachers were acknowledged with the Best Teacher Awards, while appreciation awards celebrated the

invaluable contributions of housekeeping staff and teachers with over a decade of service.



Dr S Rekha Reddy's inspiring speech encouraged students to embrace perseverance, commit to continuous learning, and practice self-discipline. She led the tenth graders in taking an oath and gifted them books as a symbol of knowledge and lifelong learning. The event concluded on an emotional note, with students sharing heartfelt reflections and parents expressing gratitude for the school's unwavering support in shaping their children's futures. The day ended with a community lunch, leaving everyone with a sense of inspiration, gratitude, and determination for the journey ahead.

