

# Vidyanjali's Bugle



## Principal's Note

*"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." – William Yeats*

To ignite the fire of education and foster essential competencies and mindsets in the students, Vidyanjali organised various training programs for its staff. 'Meet and Greet', an event to acquaint the newly admitted children and their parents with the resources and facilities available, was organized, during which our teachers took them on a comprehensive school tour. As a fire safety measure, Hose Reels were installed in the school campus. After a long summer vacation, children returned to school with renewed excitement and fervor. Let's anticipate a productive and inspiring academic year, filled with growth and achievement!

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## Creya Workshop

*Jasmine (CBSE Teacher)*

Our Creya teachers attended a week-long training program, 'Maker in Teacher', from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024, in Hyderabad. An interactive session was designed to induct the maker spirit among the participants across various states. Robotic vehicles were designed using coding apps that helped teachers master programming commands.



This hands-on experience was further enhanced by a race on a track using their designed vehicles, fostering practical understanding and teamwork. Teachers also received training in Electronics and IoT, where they explored electronic components and their functions.

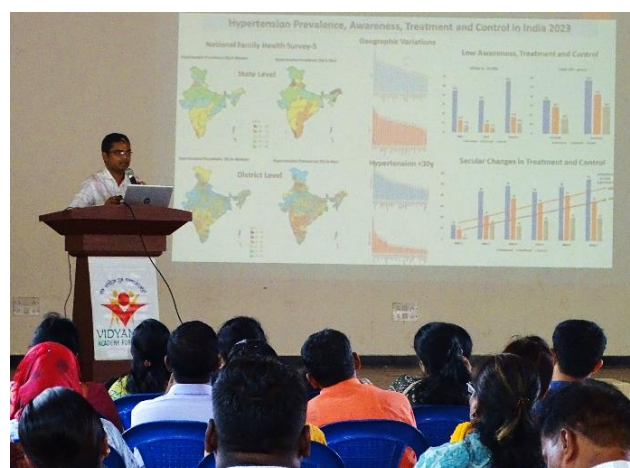
The program was an erudite for imagining, ideating, designing and encouraging children to develop STEAM skills and a deeper understanding of how to apply their knowledge in real-world scenarios, preparing them for future academic and professional challenges.

## Staff Development Programmes

*Ananya (Montessori teacher)*

The first week of school for teachers was marked by a series of enriching workshops, led by our esteemed director, Dr S Rekha Reddy. These sessions focused on self-development, emphasizing the importance of self-esteem and confidence. She also provided an insightful overview of the school's history, core values (CRISP - Compassion, Respect, Integrity, Service, Persistence) Vision, Mission and working principles.

Vidyanjali's annual health check-up revealed significant issues among its staff, including hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, high blood pressure, and low blood pressure. To address these concerns, the management organized the vital health awareness program titled 'Empowering Educators: Maintaining Thyroid Health and Blood Pressure.' It was presented by Dr Santosh B, an endocrinologist from Bangalore



Baptist Hospital. The session aimed to raise awareness and provide teachers with essential information on maintaining their health, specifically focusing on thyroid function and blood pressure management.

Trainings on social etiquettes, computer skills and Senses Board were also conducted for teachers. These comprehensive workshops not only equipped the teachers with valuable professional and personal development tools but also highlighted the school's commitment towards fostering a supportive and holistic educational environment.

## Reopening of School

*Angela & Ananya (CBSE and Montessori Teachers)*



The reopening of school brings a mix of excitement and anticipation for children. On Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2024, Vidyanjali warmly welcomed the children back to school.

Students from pre-primary Montessori to 8th grade returned with bright and cheerful faces. While Montessori students were guided by their teachers to their respective environments, the enthusiastic CBSE students from Prep to 8th grade were escorted by their class teachers to their classrooms.



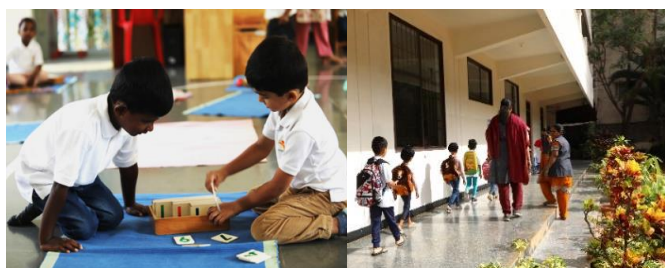
During the assembly, all students from classes 4 to 10 were given a hearty welcome by our Principal Mrs Vijayalakshmi, Vice Principal Mrs Sharada T Rao and all the teachers. New teachers and students were introduced to all, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and community. Our director, Dr Rekha Reddy, addressed the children, emphasizing the importance of greeting each other with a warm smile every morning, and wished everyone a happy academic year.

Following the assembly, class teachers engaged with their students in the classrooms. Together, they established classroom rules and consequences. This collaborative approach

ensured that rules were understood and accepted, promoting a smooth and safe learning environment. Notably, classes for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders had commenced earlier, on 20<sup>th</sup> May, setting the stage for a structured and productive academic year.

### Welcoming Vidyanjali's Young Enthusiasts

On May 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, Vidyanjali welcomed its new Pre-Primary and Primary students beginning their school journey. To ensure a smooth transition, the school invited these young learners a week early to adapt to their environments, emphasizing self-directed learning and hands-on activities.



During this preparatory week, teachers provided special attention, guiding the children through essential Everyday Practical Life (EPL) activities to foster independence and fine motor skills. Preliminary activities were conducted in Pre-primary Montessori environments, where children took part happily.

They also introduced the basic ground rules for a harmonious classroom atmosphere. The

children's enthusiasm and excitement were heartwarming, and their eager participation was evident. This thoughtful introduction eased their transition and laid a strong foundation for future learning. Vidyanjali's commitment to nurture each child's potential through the Montessori method shines through in this early adaptation period, ensuring a supportive and enriching start to their educational journey.



### Meet and Greet

*Angela (CBSE Teacher)*

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

'Meet and Greet' for newly admitted students and their parents took place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024, in the school auditorium. Teachers from pre-primary, primary Montessori, and CBSE introduced themselves before guiding the parents and students on a comprehensive school tour. Children had the opportunity to explore their new classrooms, while parents were

introduced to the school's infrastructure and lush greenery.

Following the tour, IT Coordinator Mr Harish led a session on using Edumerge, tailored for both Montessori and CBSE parents. Detailed explanations were provided to parents on how to view their child's performance and stay updated about school events, making the platform user-friendly for all. The session was followed by a fun quiz based on the school tour, where eager and energetic parents were on their toes to answer questions. Winners were rewarded with farm-fresh mangoes.



Overall, the Meet and Greet was a memorable and welcoming event that ensured a smooth beginning for new students and their families into the school community.

## Fire Safety Workshop

*Jasmine (CBSE Teacher)*



"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." - Benjamin Franklin

The staff of Vidyanjali attended a Fire and Emergency workshop hosted by the Government of Karnataka R A Mundkur Fire and Emergency Service Academy, Bangalore on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. The programme was organized to raise awareness on combatting fire accidents in schools. The session was conducted by training faculties Mr Kumar B, Mr Anil Kumar and Mr Doddey Gowda. First Aid Fire Fighter certificates were issued to our staff who attended the workshop.

The expert team provided live demonstrations on fire drills and educated the gathering on techniques to prevent fire accidents. The workshop mainly helped teachers to educate children to learn the right way to behave during a fire accident.