

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

It's my pleasure to meet you all through this e-News Letter.

Humanity has faced many seismic events but during this pandemic, the world of the classroom and learning has undergone both visible and invisible changes. "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent but the one most responsive to change." — Charles Darwin.

To make the students acquainted to these new changes, school had started online classes with the inventiveness of creating a safe and happy environment. Beyond doubt it was a smooth sailing for teachers too as they had to move from physical class to virtual class. A blessing in disguise is the physical presence of parents in the child's learning.

Vidyodaya always strives for excellence by preparing her students for learning beyond their school years and assisting them in becoming life long learners. The school enhances student's emotional growth along with intellectual excellence and rear their creativity, curiosity and their strive to experiment and innovate new things on both, academic and non-academic fronts. This empowers them to develop their self-esteem, self-awareness and self-confidence. While studying in Vidyodaya Mat. Hr. Sec. School, the students will be groomed to be confident, articulate and enlightened youngsters ready to step into a comprehensive society with dignity, honour and rectitude.

By God's grace and with the continued support of parents, we believe that we can achieve greater heights.

*Leena Wesley, Principal.*

## Editorial

From the Editors' Desk

On the academic front our results for the year 2019 was overwhelming with 100% pass percentage. Our sports team continue to perform well at district, state and national levels. We have always been committed to the holistic well being of all our children. Our staff has always strived to nurture young minds. In this new approach to schooling, we have done our best in planning our curriculum incorporating interesting activities, competitions and programmes which keeps the students engaged and connected through this extended period of distancing and lockdown. We have devised a mindful approach to our virtual learning program integrating art, physical education and value education. The school paper provides a platform for our students to express their ideas and creativity. The world is going digital and so are we! Stay positive and connected.

## Students' Editorial

2020 has been a year filled with unpredictable events. Everyone had to adapt themselves and we students were no exemption. But, still life has to go on and we cannot succumb to changes even if it is hard. This has been accepted by all of us and we have been adapting to a new way of education and are now almost accustomed to it. Along with the support of the principal, teachers, parents and students this has been successful so far. Online learning has provided us with opportunities to showcase our creativity and broaden our skills. We are grateful to our school for keeping us engaged and productive through different means even during this lockdown. With faith we wish to overcome this phase of our life together.

## From the Correspondent's Desk



Dear Children,

The academic year 2019-2020 was coming to an end when out of the blue all of us were caught unawares by the pandemic that gripped the whole world! Ever since, all our lives have been turned upside down!

Now we are mid-way into this unusual academic year 2020-2021. There have been no children or teachers on the campus. Vidyodaya school looks empty and bare waiting to listen to the foot falls, laughter and mischief of its girls.

We had to get used to the "new normal" of being in a virtual world, interacting with teachers, friends and family through social media.

I am very happy that all of you have adapted well and connected with your teachers and attending classes.

There is no greater joy than seeing and interacting with each other in person.

I hope that all of us are able to be back in school soon. In the meantime, maintain health and hygiene protocols. You and your family keep healthy and stay safe!

Warm regards

*Nandita Krishnan, Correspondent.*

# CONGRATULATIONS....



## Subject Toppers

### Std X

|                |        |  |
|----------------|--------|--|
| Tamil          | 99/100 | Chaitanya V, Netra Srinivasan ,<br>Shreyaa Vinod                                   |
| English        | 90/100 | Shreyaa Vinod  |
| Mathematics    | 99/100 | Chaitanya V, Netra Srinivasan,<br>Priyadharshini S, Samyuktha S,<br>Vishwa Priya G |
| Science        | 98/100 | Samyuktha S , Harini J   |
| Social Studies | 97/100 | Chaitanya V  |

### Std XI

|               |        |  |
|---------------|--------|--|
| Tamil         | 93/100 | Savitha Sri M L  |
| French        | 99/100 | Srimathy M   |
| German        | 99/100 | Logapriya B, Sabeeha Farheen ,<br>Aisha Nabeela S, Jeyavarshini J,<br>Preetha Pushkarni P, Abhinaysree P,<br>Tasneem S |
| Hindi         | 98/100 | Peeya Surana   |
| English       | 97/100 | Preetha Pushkarni P  |
| Mathematics   | 97/100 | Preetha Pushkarni P  |
| Physics       | 93/100 | Preetha Pushkarni P, Jeyavarshini J  |
| Chemistry     | 94/100 | Preetha Pushkarni P  |
| Biology       | 94/100 | Preetha Pushkarni P  |
| Computer Sci. | 98/100 | Kiruthika J  |
| Accountancy   | 98/100 | Ganga R  |
| Commerce      | 99/100 | Peeya Surana   |
| Economics     | 96/100 | Savitha Sri M L , Peeya Surana   |
| B. Maths      | 99/100 | Abinayasree P , Ganga R  |
| Computer App. | 81/100 | Ranitha R  |

### Std XII

|               |         |  |
|---------------|---------|--|
| Tamil         | 98/100  | Dhakshayani A  |
| French        | 99/100  | Srinidhi A   |
| German        | 99/100  | Aswathi S, Aishwarya G,<br>Tejaswini T, Hannah P, Varshini R,<br>Swetha A, Sharmili A, Pavithra K,<br>Jessy Infantina J, Lilly Varsha,<br>Sorna Shri Varshini, Ashritha A M,<br>Uthra Ajith Kumar, Nivetha B,<br>Sai Shrinidhi H, Samyuktha K,<br>Smyrna Sharon S, Tanisha Doshi |
| Hindi         | 97/100  | S Priya  |
| English       | 95 /100 | Aishwarya G, Kavitha K, Ramya R,<br>Sorna Shri Varshini U,<br>Rishitha Muttineni   |
| Mathematics   | 94/100  | Mridula Vinod  |
| Physics       | 87/100  | Hariti Rao U , Mridula Vinod   |
| Chemistry     | 88/100  | Aishwarya G  |
| Biology       | 94/100  | Sharmila K   |
| Computer Sci. | 99/100  | Aishwarya G, Ashwathi S  |
| Accountancy   | 100/100 | Saishrinidhi H, Nivetha B  |
| Commerce      | 98/100  | Rishitha Muttineni, Saishrinidhi H,<br>Nivetha B   |
| Economics     | 98/100  | Rishitha Muttineni, Lakshana S.,<br>Kerenappuch Praisay  |
| B. Maths      | 98/100  | Geerthana K  |
| Computer App. | 78/100  | Vishnu priya R.  |

### Group Topper



### Group Toppers



# Treasuring the perfect gift WINNER

## Olympiad (level 2) 2019-2020

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| <br>LAKSHA S<br>IEO (CLASS 9)<br>ZONAL RANK: 38<br>INT. RANK: 247 | <br>ANNINA KURIEM<br>IEO (CLASS 7)<br>ZONAL RANK: 88<br>INT. RANK: 896 | <br>SANDHYA S<br>NSO (CLASS 3)<br>ZONAL RANK: 96<br>INT. RANK: 689 | <br>ROSHINI S<br>NSO (CLASS 5)<br>ZONAL RANK: 180<br>INT. RANK: 2249 | <br>PRIYANKA G<br>IEO (CLASS 8)<br>ZONAL RANK: 242<br>INT. RANK: 2640 |
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## Champions (2020-2021)

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| <br>NAME: EVELYNE<br>EMMANUEL E<br>CLASS: 3<br>WINNER OF SCIENCE AND<br>GK QUIZ        | <br>NAME: SAI NITHYA<br>MAHESWARI P K<br>CLASS: 9<br>WINNER<br>ORG.: SRM | <br>NAME: RAMYA K<br>CLASS: 10<br>2ND PLACE<br>ORG.: ST. JOSEPH'S                      | <br>NAME: ABISHAI S<br>CLASS: 11<br>2ND PLACE                           | <br>NAME: SRIYA K<br>CLASS: 12<br>1ST PLACE<br>ORG.: ST. JOSEPH'S    |
| <br>NAME: SHASHINI S<br>CLASS: 5<br>CONSOLATION<br>ORG.: SATISH DHAWAN<br>SPACE CENTRE | <br>NAME: LAKSHA S<br>CLASS: 10<br>WINNER<br>ORG.: SRM                   | <br>NAME: MEENAKSHI S<br>CLASS: 9<br>CONSOLATION<br>ORG.: SATISH DHAWAN<br>SPACE CENTRE | <br>NAME: VARSHA THOMAS<br>CLASS: 10<br>1ST PLACE<br>ORG.: ST. JOSEPH'S | <br>NAME: AMBRITHA I<br>CLASS: 3<br>MEDAL: BRONZE<br>LEVEL: NATIONAL |
| <br>NAME: SWATHI A<br>CLASS: 8<br>2ND PLACE<br>GANDHI JAYANTHI<br>ART COMPETITION    |   |   |  |   |

### BEING VIGILANT

#### INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LIMITED (IOCL) Inter-School Winners

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| <br>Shreyaa Vinod XIA<br>I prize (Rs.10500) | <br>Aaisha Nabeela XIIB<br>III prize (Rs.4000) | <br>Haritha S IXB<br>I consolation prize (Rs.2000) |
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#### Essay Writing

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| <br>Shrilakshmi B XB<br>I prize (Rs.10500) | <br>Roshni A XB<br>III prize (Rs.4000) | <br>Sanjyuktha D IXA<br>I consolation prize (Rs.2000) |
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#### Slogan Writing

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| <br>Graceline Miracle D VIB<br>III prize (Rs.4000) | <br>Niriksha S P VIA<br>III consolation prize (Rs.2000) |
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Winning a prize in any competition motivates students like me.  I personally learnt a lot about how joint effort can help us eradicate corruption.  I understood 'Being Vigilant' is the need of the hour.

- Shrilakshmi B XB  
- Shreyaa Vinod XIA  
Aaisha Nabeela S XIIB

### GANDHI STUDY CENTRE

Gandhi Study Centre organised special online events for school children to commemorate the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

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| <br>Taking part and winning has been a memorable experience. | <br>I'll try my best to follow Gandhian principles. |
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Varsha Thomas XA  
I prize (Rs.3000) in the state level exam.

Yuvashree XA  
I prize (Rs.1000) in quiz

IOCL and BHEL organised Vigilant Awareness Week competitions in the month of October 2020. Participants from Vidyodaya Matriculation Higher Secondary Academy competed under various categories and emerged victorious.

### BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LIMITED (BHEL) School Level Winners

**Elocution:-**  
Abinayashree.P XIIC - I prize  
Shreyaa Vinod XIA - II prize  
Sujaritha Sri.S XIIC - III prize

**Essay writing:-**  
Netra Srinivasan XIA - I prize  
Shreyaa Vinod XIA - II prize  
Shruthi.T XIIB - III prize

**Poster making:-**  
Aishwarya.A XIIB - I prize  
Krithika.K XIIB - II prize  
Reethika Baskar XIIB - II prize  
Magashree.T XIIB - III prize



The event made me utilise my free time and articulate my points virtually.

- Abinayashree.P XIIC

I understood 'Being Vigilant' is the need of the hour.

Aaisha Nabeela S XIIB

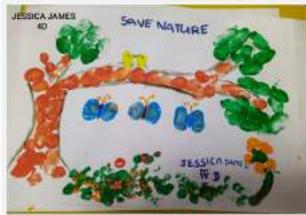
### NAVY WEEK 2020

The Indian Navy conducted an online quiz as part of the Navy Day celebrations. A selection quiz was conducted at school level. Abishai.S (XIIB) and Anipalli Keerthana (XIA) were short listed for the preliminaries. They competed with 22 schools and were qualified for the finals.



My participation in Indian Navy inter school quiz competition was extremely educative.

- Anipalli Keerthana XIA



### UN DAY CELEBRATIONS IN VIDYO: TREES - THE LIFELINE OF EARTH (IMPORTANCE OF TREES CAPTURED IN ART!)

The theme for this year's UN day was "Plant a tree, save a life." This emphasizes the importance of trees and plants for earth's sustenance. Researches show that tree planting has a 'mind-blowing potential' to tackle the current climate crisis. Vidyodaya has always inculcated in its students an awareness and responsibility towards the environment and mankind. Owing to the COVID 19 pandemic, many a school have embraced an innovative approach to learning and exploring new things through virtual contests and webinars. Our school in particular never misses an opportunity to provide a conducive and encouraging environment to inspire students to do incredible things! Hence, all the contests were held online this year. As always, we got to see a plethora of extraordinary ideas from the Vidyodayans in the form of art, photography and articles. Budding artists and writers from various classes poured in their groundbreaking ideas to show us what tree conservation means to them and almost all of their notable work left us engrossed! These contests indeed helped in unleashing our hidden talent. We acknowledge and appreciate the commendable contributions of all the students who actively participated in all the contests. It is no doubt that the creativity of these young talented minds will bring laurels to the school. Our heartfelt gratitude to Vidyodaya for providing us a platform to discover ourselves!

Savitha Sri M L  
XII C

Shreyaa Vinod  
XI A

Having attended eleven years of regular class, the last year of schooling ended up online. But this experience too will remain special and unique. Online classes has helped us to learn to create power point presentation for class seminars on varied topics. This has made teaching and learning more effective and interesting. Interactive sessions have boosted my confidence and I am ready to face challenges in life.



# PENNEED DOWN FEELINGS ON PRINT!

The catastrophic outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic has turned the world's economy upside down. During these unprecedented circumstances, with the tremendous lifestyle changes introduced by the government, we can expect major post-pandemic changes.

Tourism industry, which has been one of the worst-hit, is expected to flourish with millions of people eager to enjoy it. Malls, theatres, and amusement parks will become functional once again with hundreds of people gathering, thereby increasing the risk of a second wave of pandemic. With activities like these taking place on a large scale

## A GLIMPSE INTO OUR POST PANDEMIC FUTURE



there might be an Economic boom! After the pandemic, age-old practices

that have been forgotten with the passage of time like, washing our hands and legs after returning home, greeting others with our traditional 'Namaste' rather than shaking hands, etc. will continue to be followed. We may also witness notable changes in the fashion industry where face masks might become the new trend! Already we have some celebs flaunting designer face masks on special occasions!

Today's generation, with a fast-paced lifestyle with very little time for each other, has seen an opportunity to spend qual-

ity time with their loved ones due to companies opting for practices like "work from home". The one silver lining during the pandemic as a result of work from home, has been a drastic reduction in the pollution levels due to much less vehicles plying.

We can expect to see these practices continuing and also revival of traditional home remedies as immunity boosters and healthy practices. So, after all the pandemic could be viewed as a blessing in disguise leading us for a better lifestyle.

Shreyaa Vinod, class X, Vidyodaya Matriculation Academy, Chennai

The outbreak of Covid-19 is having an undeniable influence over us. The year 2020 has changed our lives by confining us inside four walls. I sank into contemplation; clueless as to how I will make myself occupied during this lengthy lockdown; hovering for a moment I came to a conclusion to correct my mistake as a responsible citizen. Yes, I thought to do my part to replenish and renew our nature.

## MY EXPERIENCE IN NOURISHING NATURE



My best distraction during shelter-in-a-place could be in my balcony. Bird watching is my favourite hobby, during the mid April and May I noticed many birds in thirst and hunger flying madly in search of water and food, and

then I decided to keep a few cups with water and grains which might satisfy the need of the birds. Fulfilling the need of the bird is not only the major ecological deed but there are many others too! Halt the destruction of nature or we are likely to suffer even more

Abishai S, class X, Vidyodaya Matriculation Hr Sec Academy School



## Dad - A three letter word full of feelings

DAD! Every time I enunciate this word, I experience a wonderful feeling like no other. Blood rushes through my veins in an extraordinary way and I acquire an incredible strength inside me! And I must highlight how protected and secure these three mere letters make me feel. A father shares an invaluable and unbreakable bond with his child. But when it comes to a father and his daughter the bond becomes even more special!

For every girl her father is a pillar of strength who supports and encourages her through life's difficult turns. He is a loyal and trustworthy confidant whom she can trust all her deepest secrets with. In her eyes, he is god in disguise, whose love for her is infinite. He is the one mighty superhero who defends, protects, and shields her against all evils in life. And according to her, Superman, Batman and even Ironman wouldn't stand a chance before her lion-hearted warrior!

For every girl, her dad is the one man who showers her with all the love, respect and happiness that she deserves! All that

a girl sees in her dad is a selfless individual who sacrifices his happiness, cravings, sleep, desires, and practically everything for the sake of his family.

A father and his daughter may not always stay together but the affection a father has for his angel and the love a daughter has for her hero will remain the same forever! A father is also born, when his daughter is born. The daughter slowly blossoms into a young lady while the father remains a child forever and considers his daughter his baby forever! Such amazing dads deserve to be celebrated and honored each and every day. Hats off to all the amazing dads out there!

Shreyaa Vinod, class XI, Vidyodaya Matriculation Academy, Chennai



## THE CHANGED MIND

My teen mind realized many things about me and my surroundings by experiencing COVID-19 pandemic. It not only cleared my mind but also my house. Post pandemic will not be the same as it was like pre-pandemic. As a Chennai girl, I have limited time with my working parents and hence pushed into a state where technology is my best friend. But now, all of a sudden my parents are here inside the same walls for more than 4 hours (excluding sleep). At times, I picture my first school day in post pandemic as a cool monsoon day, wind whistles through my hair. Yes! this pandemic has improved nature more than any of us could. I would still be scared that the virus might come back, but small happiness like coffee in the rain should make me forget it. Usually I would want the day to be a holiday so I could sit home and watch television, but then I'd prefer people over Netflix. Small drops of water splash on me as I see my friends for the first time in months. I run to them just like a little girl runs to her mother and try to hug them, but curse social distancing, I can't. I'm pretty sure this is how every student will feel. School in September instead of holidays doesn't sound so bad. In fact school itself doesn't sound so bad. The fear of losing my life and lives around had made me realize how even a minute is worth enjoying. This is the first pandemic and I wish it should be the last in my lifetime.

Charvie Joanna, class X, Vidyodaya Matriculation Academy



## POSITIVE OUTLOOK TO LOCKDOWN

The current coronavirus crisis has created havoc all around the world and with the government enforcing numerous protective measures to battle the vicious virus, nationwide lockdowns have become the norm. The lockdown has played a positive significant role in reducing pollution and creating serene and calm environments. During these testing times, we youngsters who constantly crave to explore the outside world and yearn to hang out with our pals are imprisoned at our homes! And to us, beating lockdown blues, seems to be the biggest challenge ever! Luckily, I developed this amazing hobby that kept me fully occupied and gave me a lot of fun!

It was during this lockdown period that my mom introduced me to

kitchen gardening and I'm happy she did! It took a lot of hard work, patience, care and attention to start and maintain a kitchen garden, but it was all worth it! Watching those little seedlings grow into ambrosial veggies gave me an ecstatic feeling! The refreshing fragrance of ripe, red tomatoes, round brinjals,



leafy spinach, fresh green herbs, and many other appetizing veggies floated in the air and filled me with positive vibes! Who knew that vegetables from your own little kitchen garden are a million times tastier than those from the market! This pandemic which has us all locked up inside our homes has provided birds and animals with an opportunity to soar and wander around with liberty! However, these poor creatures find it difficult to feed themselves and their young ones during these times. I must say the lockdown period has made me an artisan! I had great fun making bird feeders out of coconut shells and hanging them up near my garden with grains and water for birds. Within days I found my garden filled with little birds chirping and humming enchanting melodies! I personally feel that, the lockdown period has been a learning experience and has helped us grow as nature conscious individuals.

SHREYAA VINOD, class XI, Vidyodaya Matriculation Academy, Chennai

# IT TAKES MORE THAN A DECADE TO BECOME A FAMED JOURNALIST, AND THIS IS JUST A SMALL STEP!



# tGELF

Amoha Varthini R  
Class 10



Sowmya S  
Class 10



## BENEFITS OF tGELF

tGELF helps us discover our efficiency as leaders.

- Motivates us to work as a team and helps us analyze and create great ideas.
- Teaches us moral values through videos to understand the concept of leadership and team work better.
- Encourages us to apply these qualities in life and also helps us become better people.

tGELF IS A GLOBAL EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM THAT IS CONDUCTED IN OUR SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OF CLASSES V TO X

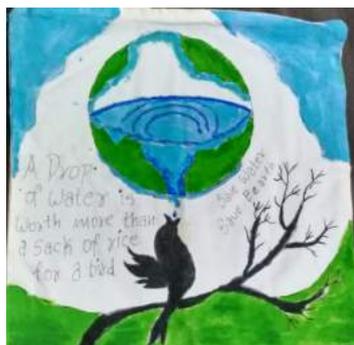


### WHAT IS TEAM WORK?

tGELF has taught us about team work and it's importance. Team work is present in every single thing, from a world famous music band to our personal friend group. Do you think we will do just fine without others? There are some things that can't be reached alone. Also, working together can make things easier and fun.

### LEADERSHIP

Leadership is not just about assigning tasks to the team and acting tough. It's about taking charge, standing firm through difficulties and earning respect from your team. Leaders take responsibility and get the work done. Great leaders know their goal and go on confidently, creating a common identity for the team.



Gagini S.P. 12 C

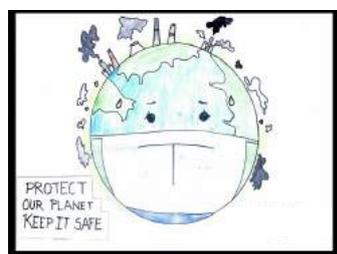
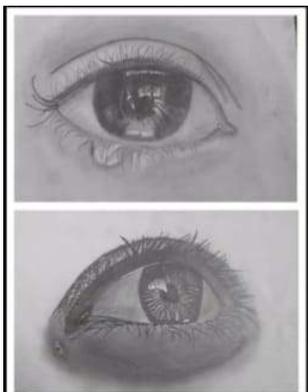


Anipalli Keerthana 11 A



Sai Keerthana P. 11 A

Krithika K. 11 B



Harini Sri K. 11 B

## VIRTUAL BOOK READING SESSION WITH DR. KIRAN BEDI

(GOVERNOR OF PUDUCHERRY, INDIA.)

Annina and Mrinalini of Class VIII had the opportunity to attend the "Book Reading with Dr. Kiran Bedi" programme

## WAS THERE ANY SELECTION PROCESS?

**Annina:** Yes, I had to send a formal email to Raj Nivas stating my interest to participate in the virtual book reading session. I had to add my personal details and a short video highlighting my interests and hobbies. I later received a notification that I was selected.

**Mrinalini:** I received the digital copy of the book "Making of The Top Cop" penned by Dr. Kiran Bedi which I had to read before the live session. This book is based on the life and struggles of Dr. Kiran Bedi and the challenges she overcame to reach this esteemed post at Raj Nivas.



## Raj Nivas Connects Series 15 Book Reading with Dr. Kiran Bedi



## WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THIS SESSION?

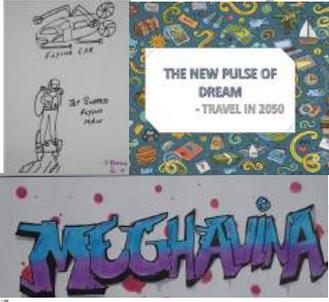
**Mrinalini:** It was indeed an exciting and a wonderful learning experience to interact with Dr. Kiran Bedi. Listening to her first hand, narrate with examples from her life was inspiring. The book itself is a reflection of her courage, grit and determination.

**Annina:** Throughout the session, Dr. Kiran Bedi continued to encourage young children like us to strive to excel.

**Mrinalini:** It was a highly inspiring and motivating experience which left me with a feeling that I should keep striving harder. I am sure this event will be etched onto my memory forever and will be a catalyst for my growth in future. This wouldn't have been possible without our wonderful teachers, who keep pushing us to come out of our comfort zone and explore our potential.

# DEUTSCHE WELLE

## DIGITAL YOUTH CAMP



At present everybody is into technology and almost all our time is just spent on electronic gadgets. A 5-day workshop was conducted by Goethe Institut Max Mueller Bhavan Chennai. A team of 5 students from std. XI and XII participated in this workshop and learnt how to create a podcast on the topic "Back to the Future travel in 2050". We were given instructions on using various editing and software facilities that were available. To make things more interesting we had a Graffiti workshop and Meghavina S B of std. XI won the contest for the best Graffiti work. We found it really interesting as it kindled our creativity and curiosity. Finally, we would like to thank our school for giving us an opportunity to be a part of this informative workshop.

-Sreya S (XI), Sai Keerthana P (XI), Reena V (XI),  
Meghavina S B (XI), Amrutha Varshini S(XII)

## CAREER GUIDANCE

'Engineering studies in Germany' a career guidance program for std. XI and XII was conducted virtually on 28th August 2020. Three eminent speakers from various universities of Applied Sciences highlighted the career opportunities in Germany. They also gave the students an insight of the semester pattern, academic programs and entrance exams. The session was indeed an eye-opener for the students aspiring to study abroad. Our gratitude to Goethe Institut, Max Mueller Bhavan and our school for giving us this opportunity.



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

I had an incredible opportunity to be selected by Goethe Institut to take part in the "Scholarship Program". It gave me a sense of pride being the only one from Tamilnadu and I owe this credit to my school for constantly motivating me. The program focused on 'SUSTAINABILITY' Grune Stadt - Freiburg (Green City Freiburg). Through the virtual mode we went live interacting with the people of Germany. We viewed supermarkets, restaurants and textile shops in Freiburg. They are eco-friendly and we were taught how they reuse and recycle products. On interacting virtually with them, we realised their contribution in saving energy. The last day concluded with a farewell party and we bid adieu to our friends.

Abinayasree, P  
XII-C

## YOUNG GOETHE CLUB

The 'Young Goethe Club', an inter school club for std. XI and XII, was launched by Goethe Institut for students who are interested to learn the language, culture and educational opportunities in Germany. The sessions were informative, interesting and interactive with games, Kahoot quiz and flash cards,



## FREIBURG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Freiburg scholarship program encourages students who want to enhance their German language learning skills. It patronizes young minds with great potential towards this goal. Thanks to God and my school for the wonderful opportunity. Happy to be a part of this journey.

Abishai S  
XI B

The Scholarship program by Goethe Institut was prodigious. We had quizzes and breakout sessions. I learnt a galore about environmental protection through the online camp & also developed my vocabulary skills in German. I would like to thank my school for this beneficial exposure.

Sai Nithya Maheswari P K  
IX B

## Thank you note!

Vidyodaya is extremely happy in collaborating with Goethe Institut as it has motivated students through their various programmes conducted globally and has opened opportunities in the lives of many students. At this juncture, we also wish to appreciate and acknowledge the contribution of the smart board and the projector for our school by Goethe. We are sure that it will continue to cater to the needs of students as well as teachers especially in the post pandemic era.

"HOFFENTLICH GEHT DAS WEITER!!"

- Mrs. Reena Wesley



Ms.Hema, our German teacher has been instrumental in roping us with Goethe Institut Max Mueller Bhavan and giving us an insight into a window of academic and career opportunities in Germany.

# Science Film Festival



The Science film festival 2020 was conducted by the Goethe Institut highlighting SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS from 7th October to 20th December. The aim of the demonstration was to show that science can be fun and appealing when taught through multi media.



## 1. PRAVEENA NANDAKUMAR

I had an amazing time experimenting with the leaves and colours in the science workshop conducted by the Goethe Institut  
-Ananya .S 3B

The hands-on activities were fun-filled and engaging, which was a great inspiration to me.  
- Dheeptha .K 3C



I was very much excited to see the science behind the magic milk experiment.  
- Dhanya .D 3D

They showed us some short films which were awesome. I am really happy for this opportunity.  
- Sandhya .S 4B

The online workshop was really interesting. We were very excited to do the water pump and apple experiment.  
- Kanishka .E 5B  
-Sanjana Sri J.L, 5B

I learnt that banana leaf being eco-friendly can be used for packing food. I thank my school for giving me this opportunity  
- Niriksha S.P. 6A



The Science Film Festival was a fun-filled, informative workshop with experiments, video clippings, quizzes, animations galore which taught us the importance of nurturing change for a bright future. Thanks to our school for giving us this value-added exposure.  
- Sai Nithya Maheswari P.K. 9B

In the science and sustainability digital workshop, we got to see a plethora of intriguing short films and perform engaging science experiments which left us engrossed. It was an immense pleasure to be a part of this entertaining and enlightening session  
- Shreyaa Vinod 11A



The Science Film Festival, was an inspiring move to inculcate the importance of 'Recycling and Upcycling methods' in young minds. The institut also made it clear that festivals are conducted not only for celebrations but also for instilling social responsibilities in the lives of future citizens. I am glad that I was a part of it.  
- Abishai .S 11B



## Pop up creative room

Goethe Institut has come up with teaching new techniques and skills in an interesting way, in tie up with STEM. It teaches techniques related to 3D tools, 3D animations and coding with scratch. Kids were given training on 3D techniques which is going to rule this modern world. It also develops artistic, creative and thinking skills.

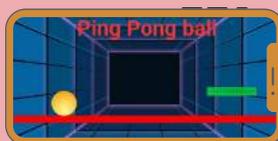
### Coding with scratch

Batch Design - Narasimha, Subashree  
Batch Create - Shakthivel

### 3D Animation

Batch Think 3D - Sheeba, Narasimha  
Batch 3D Tools- Smitha, Caroline

Coding with scratch is a session which is full of fun. I felt coding very easy and enjoyable. There were many characters, backdrops and functions. With that, I made some animations and three different games, catch the whale if you can, hide n seek with gobo and ping pong ball. I had a wonderful time working with the scratch team and was inspired by this amazing session. It created an interest regarding the subject of coding which is going to immensely help us in the future. I thank each and everyone for giving this opportunity.  
- Kenisha .M 6B



When I was selected for the 3D animation workshop, I was excited to know more about it. I was introduced to new software called Tinkercad where we can make 3D objects like a house, snowman, aeroplane and many more. I have also started practising this 3D animation to broaden my skills. I am glad that I was given such a wonderful opportunity.  
- Unnamalai .V 5A

# ABOUT HEYMATH: **HEYMATH CORNER!**

Our collaboration with HeyMath is an initiative taken for making Math creative and enjoyable for students. This application interface is very easy and simple for kids to interact. "CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK" series is conducted on Tuesday and Friday through their online portal. The regular updates of top scorers give a proud moment for parents and teachers of Vidyo and also motivates students constantly to enhance their critical thinking skills.

## TOPPERS IN THE LEADERBOARD:

1. SAI VAISHNAVI J
2. SANJYUKTHA D
3. MEENAKSHI S

HeyMath challenge gave me a new experience and I learnt new things through it. It helped me develop my reasoning skills and increased my interest towards Math. This challenge made me think faster and triggered my mental ability.

- Sai Vaishnavi J - IX A



During this lockdown, I wanted to do something productive and fun. This challenge contained questions based on logical reasoning which was difficult at first but I tried harder every time. Few times my name came up on the leader board which made me feel proud. - Swathi A - VIII A



SAI VAISHNAVI J  
IX - A



SANJYUKTHA D  
IX - A



MEENAKSHI S  
IX - A

## OTHER ACHIEVERS:

- JUNIOR CATEGORY:**
1. SWATHI A, VIII-A
  2. RUCHITA S, VIII-A

- SENIOR CATEGORY:**
1. AMSAVARTHINI S, IX-A
  2. DHAKSHINI S, IX-A
  3. NIHARA NAZIR N, IX-A
  4. ISRAANA BEGUM G J, IX-A

"WE MAY WIN AND WE MAY LOSE,  
BUT WE WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED!"

EVELYNE EMMANUEL E  
III-A

RAGAVI R  
VI-B

SANJYUKTHA D, IX-A  
MEENAKSHI S, IX-A  
SAI VAISHNAVI J, IX-A

Participated in the "Math Solver Challenge" conducted by Classle SKILLNET

**Poorvika**  
Second in Online Math Quiz  
23/08/2020

POORVIKHA S S, VII-C  
Bagged second place in "Online Math Quiz" conducted by Cue Math Programme

## MY HEY MATH EXPERIENCE

HeyMath is a wonderful website for learning Math. It is very useful and creative. Watching videos, doing worksheets and taking up tests makes Math more interesting.

- Manasvini V V A

The year 2020 was different in many ways especially in the academic front. Classes went online. Websites like HeyMath helped the students by giving them interactive challenges and helped the teachers to analyze the students' understanding skills.

- Smriti K V B

HeyMath is one of the best educational platform that helps students to learn many Mathematical techniques in an interesting way. We may go wrong sometimes but HeyMath gives solutions and makes us get familiar with such challenging problems.

- M Anushree V C

HeyMath has made Math concepts easy, giving a visual insight into the world of Maths. If I do not understand a concept, I can look at the solution given at the bottom and try it out again. Working out revision worksheets assigned by my Math teacher helped me score good marks and gave me confidence. I don't need my mother's help anymore. I can learn Math by myself which is really cool.

Lakshaana V.R. V B

I like Hey Math videos. The quiz in Hey Math helps me to do well in Math.

- S.Ananya III B

Math has become my favourite subject because of HeyMath activities. The activities and worksheets are very interesting.

- Mariyam Aashika Rafi II A

I participated in a speech about the concept of shapes in Math. I chose the shape square and explained it virtually. It was very interesting to know about different shapes.

- T. Poorvajha I A2

## Participation in Math Solver Challenge

## Participation in Discovery School Super League conducted by BYJU'S



# Library Instagram Thread 1/2

Thread 1/2



I participated in all library activities. On the very first day, I had to tell a story, so I told 'A tale of a tiny seed'. I enjoyed telling it. Then I had to write a paragraph, I selected 'If me and my mom switched places' and I was happy writing it. Then I had to recite a poem, I recited 'O Captain! My Captain'. I loved reciting it. These amazing activities vanished my boredom and brought in adventure and thrill during this lockdown period.

LAKSHITHA L  
CLASS 4

Libraries are exciting places for children to learn. They help students to navigate the internet, offer a quiet area for students to study and encourage them to read. The librarian stocks various books that a student enjoys.

SUMAIYA BANU M S  
CLASS 5

A book is a treasure from which we gain knowledge. The favourite place in my school is my library. I used to visit the library during my lunch break everyday. Even though classes are being conducted online, I thank the school for sending us an e-newspaper everyday. Every year we celebrate library week in our school during which various competitions are held and I used to be a regular participant in it. It gives me a lot of happiness and excitement to take part in these competitions. It has consistently improved my thinking and speaking skills.

POORVVIKHA  
CLASS 7

Story telling is a wonderful activity which I always enjoy and never miss to participate. It has helped me to develop my creativity, build my self-confidence and practice self-discipline. It really helped me to improve my vocabulary, pronunciation and inculcated moral values that each and everyone of us should follow.

Writing different ending for a story is an amazing activity and it develops my creativity. It's really a challenging and interesting activity. I also love to draw and participating in "Drawing your favourite scene" has improved my imagination. During this lockdown, I was missing all these activities. But I was excited when these activities were announced, which refreshed me a lot. Thanks to Sylvia ma'am for conducting and encouraging us to do these activities.

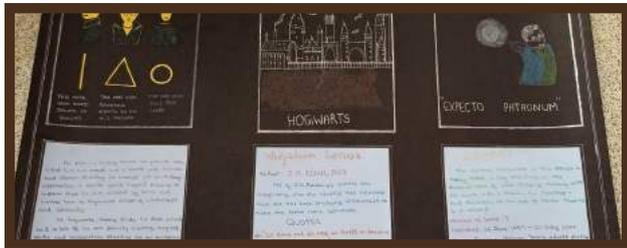
KENISHA M  
CLASS 6

Making a Storyboard was a wonderful experience. It also inspired me to read more books. I learnt a lot of new words while reading books. Books made my vocabulary and imagination better. So I thank my school and my librarian for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

NTITHA G  
CLASS 8

Library Activities improve our knowledge. Reading good books make us have a clear idea on a particular topic. Group activities emphasize the importance of team work. It makes us realize our strengths and weaknesses and improves co-ordination and co-operation. Books help us to improve our language by introducing new words. It upgrades our vocabulary skills which can be used in our daily life. Working in teams develop our leadership qualities. It boosts our social approach. Book reading develops our confidence, creativity and makes us face the world BOLDLY!!!

SHRUTHI MANKANDAN  
CLASS 8



For this year's library activities, I submitted a newsletter and a book talk video. While creating the newsletter, I did some online research. I learnt what a newsletter is, what it comprises of and how it is created. I then created my own newsletter with politics, sports and entertainment articles. I also added an advertisement and a comic strip at suitable places. For the book talk video, I chose a book called 'Four Wamed' written by Jeffrey Archer. This book has four short stories. It was a challenge to talk about the author, each story and the characters in the book and my favourite aspect of each story - all in less than four minutes. Doing library activities was an interesting learning experience.

MIRNALINI SURESH  
CLASS 8

are numerous Enid Blyton stories about mischievous school children and fairies who play and improve the humans. For the avid fan of fantasy, there is a range of options starting with Harry Potter, to Percy Jackson and Twilight and finishing off with science fiction. Each and every book you open will hold a wonderful story and it will enchant and bring you into a world filled with magic.

ANNINA KUREN  
CLASS 8

Virtual library activities were conducted in my school amid the lockdown due to the global pandemic. It was a wonderful experience participating in Book talk which helped me enhance my comprehension and communication skills. I was able to discover and express my hidden talents through this competition. The review of my performance by our librarian gave me immense confidence and encouragement to participate enthusiastically in more upcoming events.

MEENAKSHI S  
CLASS 9

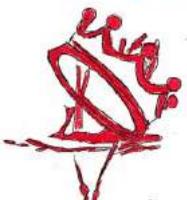
Every year, we take part in various library activities in school. This year as we all know, we are not able to meet each other due to COVID - 19. These library activities kept us engaged online even through this pandemic. In English, we did book talks, paper versions of novels and story boards. We practiced and performed through online, interacting with each other, which made these activities more interesting. We also read books and gathered information online. I would like to thank our teachers for giving us an opportunity to perform several activities online and keeping us connected with each other.

SAI VAISHNAVI  
CLASS 9

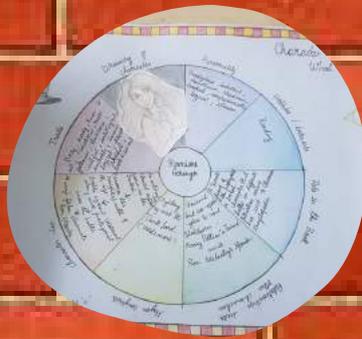
In our school library, we do a lot of activities during the library week. For example, design a book cover, do a 6-minute talk on your favourite book, or even act out a story. There are lots of different activities that one can do and if you find yourself lacking inspiration you can look at the previous year's work. It may be a group activity or an individual activity, but for everything you will find something that will catch your eye in the magical bookshelves of Vidyodaya. For the lover of the orthodox happy endings, there

ASHWARYA  
CLASS 9

## MACBETH



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



Vidyodaya is known for its library which is not only filled with books and silence but also filled with knowledge, inspiration and motivation. Every year our school celebrates library week where they conduct many competitions. These competitions give opportunities to many students like me to showcase and improvise our talent. It also rejuvenates and recreates our mind and we learn about various new things apart from books and exams. The COVID-19 pandemic might have stopped us from going to school but it hasn't stopped our school from giving us opportunities. We had many activities and I participated in the book talk competition. I really enjoyed preparing for the competition. I came across many new words, different perspectives of various authors, more over I realized that I was competent in writing on my own without Google's guidance. This competition also made me stop worrying too much about my health and focus on something else. I would like to thank my school management for this opportunity and also my librarian Sylvia ma'am for her guidance and support.

SAI NITHYA MAHESWARI P.K  
CLASS 9

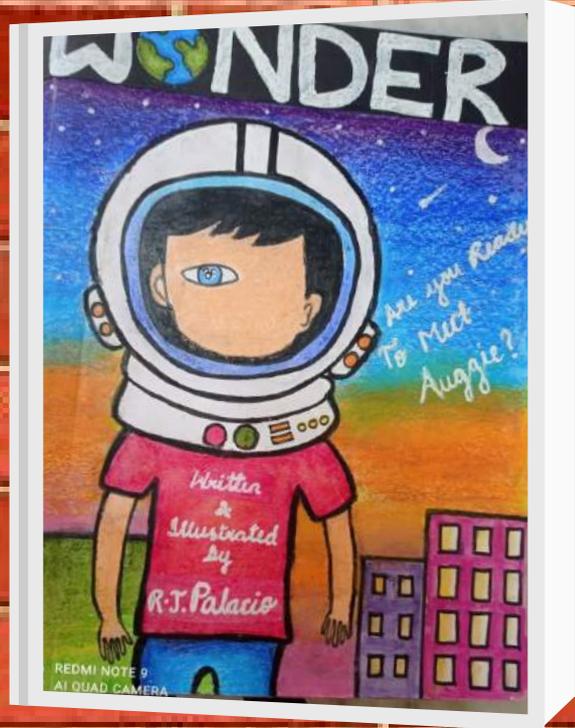
a different and wonderful experience for me. For the Tamil library week, we worked in groups. We were allowed to choose any topic. I liked this idea since it gave wings to our creativity. We conducted three events and working as a team made our work easier and more productive. I want to thank my school for giving us this fabulous opportunity to showcase our creativity and language proficiency. I like to specially thank Sylvia ma'am, our librarian for motivating us to take part in this programme.

PRİYANKA G  
CLASS 9

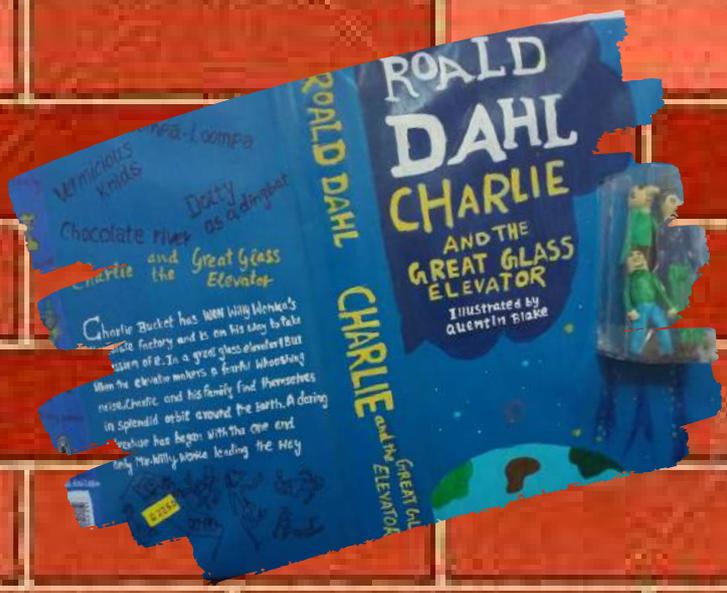
Challengers room in Vidyodaya helps children with attention deficit, focus, slow processing and learning difficulties. The resource room addresses to learning difficulties by observation, assessment and remedial help. Various sensory exercises, occupational therapies, brain Gym and mudras are practiced to sharpen the senses which are the gateways of learning. VAKT methodology is applied to strengthen the basic knowledge, thus building a positive attitude towards learning. Challengers room equips children with proper strategies and techniques that builds confidence to overcome the challenges to the best of their abilities.

Mrs. Sujatha  
Special Educator

The students of Vidyodaya are fortunate to participate in the Library Week Celebrations every year. This year, due to the outbreak of the pandemic, we participated in online competitions. For English, we had three competitions for Class 9. They were book talk, creating a paper version of a novel we have read and creating a storyboard. I participated in the book talk competition. I chose my all-time favourite book, Oliver Twist, an amazing novel penned by Charles Dickens. It was little challenging to finish the talk within the stipulated time and I did my best to keep it short. This Book Talk was



## JOURNALING: What? Why? How?



Journaling/ Journal Writing/ Diary Writing is not a new concept to any of us. We've all at some point thought about doing it, some might have done it for short while and maybe a handful managed to keep up with this habit for a long period of time! We see it in movies and tv shows, we read about it in books, or read books that are diary entries (hint: Diary of Anne Frank)! We also know that a lot of famous and successful people keep up this good habit. But, what's the big deal? Why does everyone recommend it? Journaling is the act of expressing your deepest thoughts and feelings by putting words to your inner life and then putting these words on paper. It is a cathartic activity that helps you let go off and process negative emotions and situations as it highlights and deepens positive experiences. By writing down your thoughts and feelings, you are forced to slow down and pay attention to everything that is going on in your life. Okay, now that I've covered the "what" part, let's move on to the "why". Scientifically speaking, according to a study conducted by Harvard University, participants who journaled at the end of the day had a 25% increase in performance when compared with a control group who did not journal (Stefano, G. Gino, F. Pisano, G. Staats, B. 2014). Another study conducted by Cambridge University found journaling helps improve well-being after traumatic and stressful events. Participants asked to write about such events for 15-20 minutes resulted in improvements in both physical and psychological health (Baikie, K., & Wilhelm, K. (2005). The last study (I promise!) published in the Journal of Experimental Psychology found that reflective writing reduces intrusive and avoidant thoughts about negative events and improves working memory. These improvements, in turn, free up our cognitive resources for other mental activities, including our ability to cope more effectively with stress. Emotionally and psychologically speaking, your journal is your escape, it's your Namia, it's yours and yours alone! It's a place for you to leave your worries, to unburden yourself, something for your future self to read, and an accurate measure of self-growth! How often do you consult your past self to make decisions? Could you do so even if you wanted to? Or have most days, most experiences, most feelings, most thoughts vanished from memory? Journaling is a memory bank with unlimited storage.

It's an archive, a reference manual, an unmatched tool for learning from today to inform tomorrow. In short, journaling is you investing in yourself. What's the best way to start journaling? Is there an ideal time of day? How long should it take? How many pages? Forget all that. Who cares? How your journal is much less important than why you are doing it: To get something off your chest. To have a quiet time with your thoughts. To clarify those thoughts. To separate the harmful from the insightful. To prepare for the day ahead and review the day that passed. There's no right way or wrong way. The point is just to do it. When Charles Darwin began keeping his "little diary" at the age of 29, he filled the pages with everything he could remember from his life, until eventually, he was up to date and shifted his journaling to daily notable events. Thomas Edison made it his objective to record the most mundane events and details of his day. General George S. Patton had a section for his daily affirmations, like "Do your damndest always," "Always do more than is required of you," and "You can be what you will to be." There are no rules in journal writing. The pages are for your eyes only. Be your weirdest self. Be your most curious self. Be your most prolific horrible idea-having self. Dump out everything and anything that comes to mind. There's no one way to journal. There's no right way to journal. There's only your way of journaling. Make it weird. Make it fun. Just do it. Start small, here's a short list for you:

- Track something: your study time, number of times you frowned, number of times you smiled, etc
- Prioritizing and gratitude
- A to-do list
- Rate your day and explain the rating
- Prepare for the day
- Brainstorm ideas
- Celebrate each day

Make Pinterest your best friend! You'll find journaling prompts for every mood and occasion, create ideas to make your journal match your vibe. The only thing to remember is change will happen when you commit to the process. Be regular, be sincere, and be truthful and you will one hundred percent start seeing change! So girls, let's commit to elevating and striving towards becoming a better version of ourselves!

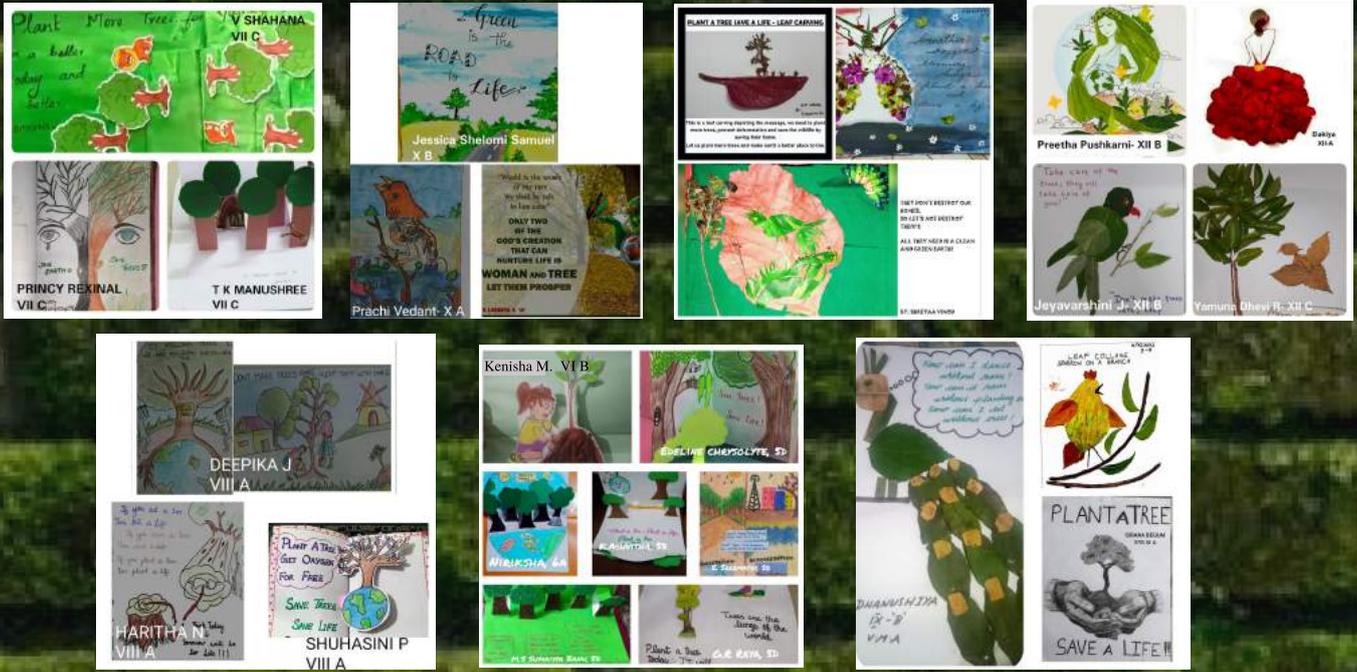
Ms. Sridevi  
Student Counsellor



Nidhiva thapaliya 4d



# Green Goals



"Writing to me, is thinking through fingers". Writing is an emotion of mixed untold feelings penned down to make a change either on ourselves or around us with addition of beautiful colours. It also enables trouvaille new ideologies. Writing has always been a pleasure to me and I thoroughly enjoyed when I got the opportunity to pen on the topic PLANT A TREE, SAVE A LIFE. Thanks to Vidyodaya for giving me an opportunity as it was an eye opener. -Laksha S. XA

### PLANT A TREE, SAVE A LIFE

Trees are the most essential part of the ecosystem. It provides us with oxygen to breathe in and absorb carbon dioxide to maintain the balance in the environment. Human beings are completely dependent on trees for food, medicine, timber, etc. Forest serves as natural habitat to a lot of animal species. If forests are gone, wild animals will die, which eventually affects the food chain. Trees are important for temperature regulation and rainfall. This is why it is critical to help save trees. In our own little way, there are things we can do. For instance, if we cut one old tree, we should plant 5 new trees. If everyone share the same mission, our trees will stay for the next generation.

**-SANAH TAHANI IX A**

### UN Day Paragraph

#### Plant a tree save a life

**D.SANJYUKTHA 9A**

This photograph is taken at the adjacent side of our apartment. Look at nature with open eyes. I feel very happy looking at the bunches of fruits hanging down from the branches. I see many birds and squirrels eating the fruits. Looking at them I have decided to plant saplings in and around my environment so that it looks more green. Planting saplings will keep our atmosphere free of carbon dioxide, helps us to breathe fresh air and get rain. Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant". So, "Plant a seed and make the planet green".

### PLANT A TREE, SAVE A LIFE

This picture beautifully depicts the importance of a single tree in conserving all other life forms on Earth. Hundreds of animals are taking shelter under one tree.

"My favourite place to rest and be tucked in the shade of an old oak tree."  
-Arlie Wollard Graybi

Trees are our best friends. They are of tremendous value to us. They give us oxygen. They are home to numerous birds, insects and animals. They prevent drought and soil erosion. They help in reducing pollution. They are good sources of medicinal herbs, gums and fruits. Besides all these, they cause rainfall. They have the capacity to reduce heat upto 10 degrees, thus creating a cool ambience. Thus, it is extremely important to plant trees. Without trees, survival is impossible. Tree plantation is a duty of each one of us.

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to die."  
-Abelton Peterson

Trees play a significant role in ecological balance and equilibrium and by protecting and growing more trees, we can ensure the health of our ecosystems. The United Nations Organization has provided a wonderful opportunity to bring awareness on plant health. So, let us do our bit in making our planet GREEN and BEAUTIFUL!

**G PRIYANKA IX B**

### PLANT A TREE, SAVE A LIFE

Let's dramatize how it would be if our organs are going to interact with us. Sounds very funny right? Think this is how they will express themselves:

**LUNGS:** "My buds!! I am sure you all would be knowing me well particularly in this pandemic situation as I am the one who is targeted and affected badly by the virus (COVID-19). To save yourself, you are trying all means to protect me for your survival.

But do you know something? Actually, it was my friend who was a pillar of support in my ups and downs. He knew what I wanted and without any hesitations provided me the help in which I breathed happily. In fact, he did not expect anything in return for serving me. But as days passed by, slowly realized a bifurcation and discomfort inside me. As I was trying to analyse the reason, I was h' hard to know that my friend was slowly put to death. Yes, it pained to hear that he was chopped for your selfish needs.

When God created my friend, He knew that my friend is going to support every living being in some way or the other. But in the recent years, my friend himself has been struggling a lot to survive, in spite of providing all essentials to the mankind and solely shouldering the responsibility to give us fresh air even after the mankind polluting the environment. He had not demanded anything from the mankind except for space for him and his family to expand. But all that he received was disaster by the mankind. I think you must be having a clear picture and guessed who my friend was. Yes, he is none other than the TREE. Somewhere out there he has been tirelessly producing fresh air so that I can breathe. I think you guys owe an apology for destroying him.

Every mankind now is pushed to such a situation that no one is allowed to breathe the natural air that was provided by my cherished friend. I think this is what we call the CIRCLE OF NATURE. I trust and hope at least now you wouldn't be running behind land, money, factories, malls, highways etc. and start giving room for my friend and his family to bloom your environment.

As the biggest plant on earth, my friend is giving you oxygen, storing vicious carbon, stabilizing the soil and giving life to the wild life. It is really a matter to be considered on your part. Remember when you SAVE A TREE, you SAVE A LIFE. When you PLANT A TREE, you PLANT HOPE for future. My selfish friend gives you limitless oxygen. He brings you rain, gives you food and sacrifices himself to provide you wood. He stands in the sun to provide you shade. He clears the air you pollute, but you don't care and smelly vapour.

But look, I have just expressed only my feeling, maybe my colleagues would also soon come up with their views. I think it's high time you wake up to make a change as change is the only constant phenomena.

My humble request would be to plant as many trees as possible to provide a better living for the future generation. He gives you everything you don't well deserve, and so it's your duty to keep him preserve. Don't forget SOMEONE IS SITTING IN SHADE TODAY ONLY BECAUSE SOMEONE PLANTED A TREE YEARS AGO.

**- LAKSHA S. XA IX A**

**AMRITHA G 11 B**

There stands a magnificent tree, chaquedically welcoming its guests with the harmonious rhythm of the wind accompanied by the gentle sway of its leaves. It bristles off my dirtiness like a mother who tends to her fatigued child.

It stands, supplying fresh oxygen to all who pass by, providing shade to the lovely children who play around it. It even withstood the terrible impacts laid by storms and winds with an unshakable stance. It is more than a majestic old tree which acts as a life saver of many who are in dire need of it. Yes, it is my tree, my one true friend. Standing firmly rooted to the ground shows me unswerving loyalty. A partner in crime proving the gardeners that we are unattainable. An excellent musician who taught me the sound of life and lent a best home owner who wishes to provide all its tenants immense luxury.

### PLANT A TREE, SAVE A TREE

When I took a picture of this coconut tree which has been living in my backyard for an eternity I was in shock when I came to know that a simple living thing gives me a whole life support. I have come to know the importance and impact of trees in our world. To put it there I am going to simply say that without trees we would be nothing. I would like to share my thoughts on trees, through this essay. They nourish us and protect us in many ways. They keep our environment green and clean. So it becomes our responsibility to repay them for the things they do for us by saving them. They absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and give O<sub>2</sub> which we breathe in. So we depend on them for our survival. There are many harmful gases that pollute the environment. People suffer from respiratory disorders and breathing problems. Let's not destroy trees just for our selfish needs. Instead save trees. So let us take steps to save them and us. We should create awareness among to plant saplings.

"Saving Tree is Saving Life". **-GEENAS XI A**

# Children's Fiesta



## Fancy Dress



I selected butterfly as my theme because I am waiting to fly out joyfully getting myself relieved from corona.

- Madhumitha. R 1 A



The current pandemic prompted me to choose the role of sanitizer. Proper use of sanitizer will make the whole world corona free. I think I have succeeded in spreading the right message.

-Mariyam Aashika Rafi 2A

## Finger Art

Kindness is a language which deaf can hear and blind can see. Kindness begins with me. I have chosen kindness as the theme of my finger art competition. I was excited and happy doing it.

- Hafsa Sabreen.A 3C



Participating in finger art competition through Google meet was a very exciting experience. It helped me in developing my creativity and thought process.

-Sai Lakshanaa .J 4A

## Trash to treasure



A thought provoking competition which turns a normal thing into something unique. I had a wonderful experience in taking part in this competition. It gave me confidence to enhance my skills and creativity.

-Shri Swetha K 5A



Participating in competition gave me a platform to display my creative and artistic abilities. This competition encouraged me to try more craft work using waste materials.

-Niriksha.S.P 6A

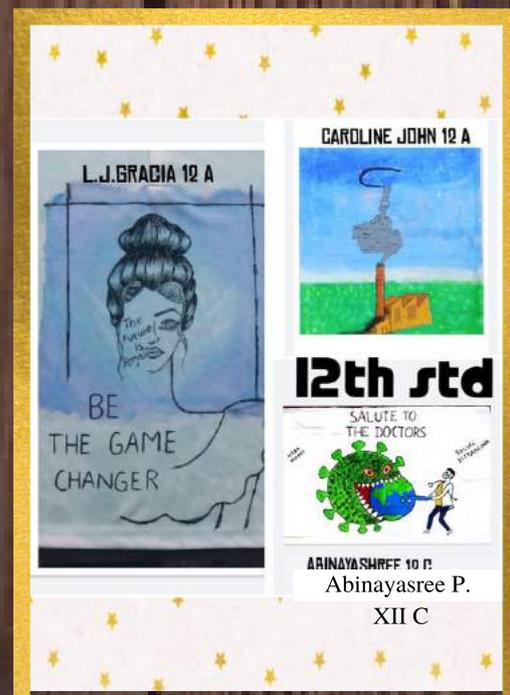


**WE'RE THE FUTURE WORLD !!!**



Attending various online classes like academics, dance, yoga, art etc. feels very strenuous for most students, and so it was really great initiative by Vidyodaya to conduct competitions online and exhibit students' talents and skills. All this while, I was under the impression that cutting vegetables is no big art and I used to tell my mom that I could do a better job than her. But only after setting my hands on it, I realized that the art of carving really needs patience, skill and talent. It also made me understand that every task has a beauty in it. Thanks to Vidyo for giving the students this wonderful exposure.

Laksha S. X A





# Sports Trivia!



Janani S XII B

S. Sangamithra VII B

Hansitha Sai 9 IV B



At Vidyodaya Matriculation Higher Secondary Academy, we recognise the role of sports in a long-term healthy lifestyle which is both enjoyable and fulfilling. Our school provides many opportunities for the students to actively compete in sports. In addition to competing for their school, they also compete representing their district and state.



Upadhrithi Balaji VI C

S Janani ( sports secretary 2020-21, VMA) of XII B has won several accolades including the prestigious CM Trophy from the Government of Tamil Nadu along with a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh for her accomplishments in swimming. She also won two gold medals, three silver medals, and one bronze medal in various sports meet. S. Sangamithra of VII B, a national level squash player has won laurels for the school.



Ramya K X B



Aasha Devi and Kavitha both promising players, who passed out from VMA in 2020, bagged the runners-up trophy in the state level lawn tennis tournament. Upadhrithi Balaji of VI C won the first place in 'basketball handling' in an online contest. Ramya K of X B stood first in E Kata virtual competition. Reneta Sianna and Bushra Sabreen of XII B took part in an E quiz on sports. We acknowledge and appreciate the commendable achievements of these young athletes!



Kavitha K Aasha Devi

Reneta Sianna XII B

Bushra Sabreen XII B



# e-buzz sessions



DATE: 21-5-2020, 23-5-2020

TOPIC: Certified Virtual Classroom Teacher

OUTLOOK: The webinar paved a platform to explore virtual classroom by upgrading knowledge of using online tools and methodologies. The virtual concepts for teachers were expounded effectively.

- Mrs. Jaganthi T

DATE: 8-6-2020

TOPIC: Digital media for learning and teaching

OUTLOOK: Learning using digital modes was well elucidated and practical suggestions were given. Tips were given on conducting practical classes online by using free resources.

- Mrs. Anitha Mary D

DATE: 19-11-2020

TOPIC: Effective utilization of Google classroom, Google meet and extension activities

OUTLOOK: A clear delineation of Google Meet's new features like live captioning during the meeting, compatibility across devices, adjustability of layout and screen settings, controls for hosts etc. was given.

- Mrs. Ebenezer Permani J

DATE: 24-10-2020

TOPIC: Creating a motivating environment online: tips & strategies

OUTLOOK: The webinar threw deep insights on the topic and the role of teachers in promoting a motivating virtual environment. The meticulous strategies provided was insightful.

- Mrs. Aarshi C

DATE: 12-9-2020

TOPIC: Heritage Education for young minds

OUTLOOK: The webinar etched that it shall be the duty of every citizen of India to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture.

- Mrs. Geetha C K

JUNE 2020

TOPIC: Virtual Classroom

OUTLOOK: The webinar paved a platform in learning how to manage and engage students and conduct an effective virtual class. The inputs from the webinar are:

1. Technical environment
2. User training
3. Asset preparation
4. Presentation skills to ensure good user experience

- Mrs. Sumaiya M

DATE: 02-11-2020

TOPIC: HeyMath

OUTLOOK: The meeting gave us guidelines to improve the performance of the students through e-book lessons.

- Mrs. Suguna R

DATE: 21-11-2020

TOPIC: How to present analytical subjects more interactive using online white board tools and writing tablets

OUTLOOK: The objective of the webinar was to make online classes more interactive by using presentations, online white boards, posters and other teaching materials to visualize the concepts in a more effective way.

- Mrs. Preetha Vinodhini S

DATES: 20-11-2020, 21-11-2020

OUTLOOK: இணைய வழியில் கல்வி கற்பிக்கும் ஆசிரியர்கள் மாணவர்களின் கவனத்தை ஈர்க்கும் வகையிலும், கற்றல் ஆர்வத்தை தூண்டும் விதமாகவும், படைப்புத்திறனை ஊக்குவிக்கும் பொருட்டும் கற்பிக்க கையாள வேண்டிய வழிமுறைகளான படலைகாட்சி, மென்பொருள், வினாத்தாள், ஒலி உட்புகுத்தல் ஆகிய செயல்முறை விளக்கங்கள் அருமையாக விவரிக்கப்பட்டது.

- Mrs. Sivigami G

DATE: 5-7-2020

TOPIC: One On Education

OUTLOOK: The webinar was a platform for teachers to interact with educators across the globe. The webinar by Nik Peachey, 'Blended learning in the post-lockdown' gave us the confidence to utilize the power of digital devices in a more positive and productive way.

- Mrs. Bharati Mahadevan

DATE: 28-7-2020

TOPIC: Environment and climate change mitigation

OUTLOOK: The webinar was a precise conception about how climate changes owing to drastic unfavorable swaps in the environment besides giving a lucid picture of how technology has impaired our climate.

- Mrs. Leena Wesley

DATE: 20-11-2020

TOPIC: How to create an effective presentation through Microsoft PowerPoint

OUTLOOK: Creative ideas were projected to make the PPT more enjoyable. Adequate information about Google Slides like inserting video, recording audio, voice typing etc. was eloquently depicted.

- Mrs. Hemalatha P

DATE: 20-8-2020

TOPIC: SkillID (iGELF)

OUTLOOK: The key focus of the interactive session was identification of strengths and development of individuals' skill sets. The webinar gave a clear insight that leadership traits can be acquired through learning practice and developing on one's own strength.

- Mrs. Radha C

DATE: 23-11-2020

TOPIC: Augmented Reality and virtual reality tools for demonstration of experiments

OUTLOOK: The webinar gave a cognizance of how to enhance real objects using visual, auditory, somatosensory, haptic and olfactory means. Instead of images, teaching and learning is more effective through animations made using apps.

- Mrs. Gigi Samuel

DATE: 19-8-2020

TOPIC: SkillID (iGELF)

OUTLOOK: The session was very interactive and interesting, helping us to play a key role in sharpening and pruning the leadership qualities among students. The presentation and video offered a lot of clarity in inculcating positive thinking and team work.

- Mrs. Pramila R

AUGUST 2020

TOPIC: English Development Programme

OUTLOOK: The objective was to provide information, clarify ideas, improvise and to introduce new approaches in teaching English language. It immensely helped us to update ourselves in the current scenario.

- Mrs. Bhuvanewari S

DATE: 23-9-2020

TOPIC: The chemistry of chemistry

OUTLOOK: The methods for teaching as well as learning were discussed together. Tips were given to memorize equations in a simple manner. Tough laws and principles were taught in the form of songs.

- Mrs. Suba S

DATE: 20-8-2020

TOPIC: Transform early year mathematics

OUTLOOK: The webinar was all about incorporating technology and teaching tools in a virtual classroom.

- Mrs. Hensley

OUTLOOK: I had the opportunity to attend various webinars conducted by Goethe Institut, Chennai. Experts from Germany and Poland handled varied topics like learning apps and tools for online classes, phonetic methods, vlogs and videos in teaching German language and creating videos.

- Mrs. M K Hema

TOPIC: How to conduct assessment in Google Forms

DATE: 22-11-2020

OUTLOOK: The nifty webinar gave a clear insight of how to access google forms and many useful tips to manipulate the features of Google forms efficiently by embedding images, uploading videos, framing equations etc. were propounded.

- Mrs. Nithiyavathani

"The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery"

Now with all of us grappling with the pandemic situation, technology has been very deeply interwoven into our daily lives be it payment of bills, shopping, gifting or for that matter teaching !!! Hence it becomes very important that teachers of today are digitally literate. More so because the younger generation is far better technologically literate than us.

# The Spark Corner!

On the 5th of May, 2020 I attended a webinar on methods to develop super memory, where I learnt to unlock the full potential of the brain with 10 simple hacks and powerful memory retention techniques. The webinar increased my positive thinking and I enjoyed it

- Reena V  
11 A

The career guidance program was very useful. We got a clear idea about the various career options available. The speakers explained in detail about the career opportunities in teaching and human resource management. The session was interactive and threw more light on the career options available.

- Aisha Nabeela S  
12 B

The webinar on the topic "The chemistry of chemistry" taught us to learn the subject effortlessly and to remember the equations through various shortcuts.

- Pavithra N  
12 A

The webinar by Bannari Amman Institute of Technology gave an in-depth view about atomic number and structure of an atom. Electronic configuration was taught from a technical perspective. The position of transition metals was compared with super heroes. It was a fun way to remember and comprehend the concept better.

- Reshmi A  
10 B

## fREADom workshop

### Class 2

The story telling session of BLPS was interesting. I learnt new words and I also enjoyed reading.

- Manuakshi C S

### Class 3

The story telling session by BLPS was very informative and gave me great ideas to read and narrate stories. It was a wonderful, entertaining and an inspiring workshop.

- Trushashree T

### Class 4

fREADom workshop conducted by BLPS gave me an amazing experience of how to read books, narrate stories, compare the characters and spell words easily. It was a unique learning experience.

- Moudhitha C S

### Class 5

A workshop on story telling organized by BLPS was valuable and distinct. I found it really interesting and got engrossed in the story "Grandma's Unnippam". The stories helped me to improve my creative thinking.

- Anvitha K

### Class 6

The online English workshop session conducted by BLPS was an awesome experience. We were given lots of inputs and tips regarding speaking skills and pronunciation of words through various video activities. Each of us was assigned a creative scenario and speaking on that seemed quite challenging and exciting.

- Krithi D

A webinar was conducted by Bannari Amman Institute of Technology on the theme 'Fundamental Concepts of Chemistry'. The session was about atoms, molecules etc. which was like a recap of concepts we had learnt earlier. The elements in the periodic table was taught in an easy manner with some tips and tricks. In all, the session was informative and useful.

- Reena V  
11 A

Bannari Amman Institute of Technology organized a wonderful session on the 5th and 6th of December. I used to find periodic classification of elements very difficult to learn but the webinar helped me understand the concepts easily. I also learnt the facts and uses of metals in various fields of engineering.

- Shradha R  
11 B

### CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Part 1: December 5 was indeed a pleasant day with Ms. Shruti Rashmin, Manager, communications, TD wealth, giving us a clear idea of the communication department, project management, crisis management and digital media.

Part 2: Career guidance program with Mr. Maheshwar Singh was interesting. He not only told us about VISCOM department, but also suggested colleges which gave more importance to women.

- Janani S  
12 B



Aparna J  
10 B

## Lock down learning

From rekindling an old hobby to picking up a new skill, lock down has proved to be the most exciting period of my life. I have always loved cooking since I've been a kid. Ingredients fascinated me, aroma kindled my senses and my taste buds allow me to experience taste that are sweet, salty, sour and bitter. This lock down was a magical period and I got time to explore the kitchen. Initially I helped my mom with small chores in kitchen. The most challenging task was to make perfect rotis that would satisfy my 'Perfect Mom'. Once I asked her to let me do the cooking all by myself and to my surprise, she agreed! I learnt to make samosas, sandwiches and my favourite cupcakes with buttercream icing.

In spite of all the ingredients and my hard work there was something missing. I realized that each time my mother cooked she added a magic potion and that's her 'love'. I love cooking and you too Mom!

Lavanya V  
10 A

## Virtual Class Seminar

The seminar on "Environmental Management" was made interesting, useful, informative and interactive through power point presentation, videos and facts. It helped us to improve our vocabulary and communicative skills too. The importance of team work was stressed in this session.

"Talent wins games but team work and intelligence win championships"

Harini P  
10 A

## Passion during pandemic

The best way to keep one in a good state of mind especially during pandemic is to engage in a hobby. I have been practising the guitar for a long time. Playing the guitar has kept my spirit high and music has been my stress buster. Initially coping up with online guitar classes was difficult. But, now it is the time that I look forward to everyday. I have been learning new and interesting arpeggios, chords and other pieces which helped me clear my mind. I have been able to focus on my passion thus taking it to the next level.

So, dear friends let's look at the whole pandemic period in a more positive way and learn new things.

Madhuvanathi H  
7 A

## A Brainstorming Seminar

The seminar conducted by SCERT was basically for teachers handling class 10. The aim of the seminar was to highlight the hotspot in our syllabus for better learning of the students and to boost their knowledge through lively videos.

- Mrs. Anupama S



## Engaging in an escapade

Don't let your fear of failing triumph over the joy of participating

Competition: PAINTING

Topic: Honesty and experience during corona lockdown  
I learnt that 'Honesty Is The Best Policy' during critical circumstances.

Niriksha  
6 A

Competition: PSG TECH TALENT TEST  
It was a new experience being monitored by Artificial Intelligence. It enhanced my knowledge in current affairs and sports.

Yuvashi V  
10 A

COMPETITION: POSHAN ABHIYAN QUIZ

I learnt to face challenges boldly.

Hemasri S  
12 B

COMPETITION: ISRO QUIZ

TOPIC: 'SATELLITES IMPROVE LIFE'  
It was an interesting virtual quiz competition

Mahalakshmi Eniyavan  
12 B

## Fruits Day



Suhana MD. Nazeer  
IA2



## Pulses day

On pulse day, myself and my friends discussed about the healthy features of pulses.

This day taught me healthy food habits which I will follow for sure..

-P.Y.Sai Sudharshini IA1



## Greens Day

Greens are rich in vitamins, calcium and minerals. "Vallarai keerai", also known as brahmi leaves helps in improving our memory power. This day motivated me to grow greens in my terrace garden.

-Yakshiny Sai.K IA2

## STD I

### celebrating food

Healthy week was conducted as a part of Environmental studies.

It helped us to gain awareness about healthy eating habits.

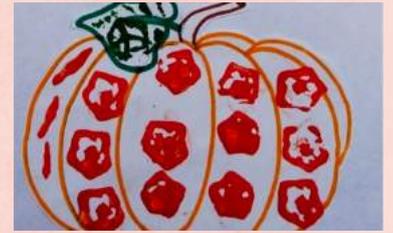
Learning more about juicy fruits, colourful veggies, healthy grains and fresh greens was fun. In the end, an oath to eat healthy food was taken by the children.



## Vegetables day

On vegetables day, we dressed like our favourite vegetables. Fruits and vegetables are very important for our health. Beetroot is my favourite vegetable.

- S.Amy Susan IA1



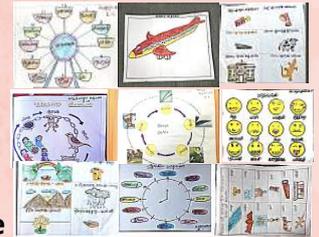
Manushri CS 2A



## STD II

### Little Explorers

Learning is an adventure



TAMIL

ENGLISH

I did this activity in a happy mood. I remembered the temple festivals in my home town. The singular and plural activity was really a fun filled activity.

- P.Sharmila Banu - II D

I enjoyed doing this activity by sticking various pictures.

- S.Dharshini - II A



I was so excited to do this activity. It was something new for me. First, I drew the outline of an aeroplane, then coloured it in red and yellow. Next, I wrote the months on it. I learnt the months of the year.

-S.Dharshini - II A

## MATHS

I am fond of colours. So, I made a beautiful peacock with my finger prints. I enjoyed doing it.

- Sashanka.R - II C

I had great fun doing this colouring activity. I enjoyed it and learnt the combinations in addition.

- K.Kamya Sri Atchaya - II A



EVS

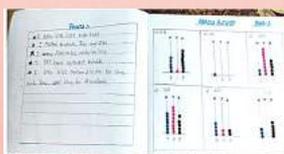
I did this vegetable fruit carving with the help of my mother. I used vegetables like tomatoes and chillies. Fruits like oranges and grapes were used to make different shapes. Fruits and vegetables keep us healthy. I really enjoyed this activity.

- Santhwana Sajayan - II A

I am a red crab. Do you know how I was made?

I was made from a delicious apple. "An apple a day keeps the doctor away"

- Nagammal Tejaswini.N - II C



Y.V.Karthicka - II B

# TEACHERS' DAY AND WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



J. Sai Lakshanaa 4A



Manju Hasini. P 4B



N. Nishitha 5 C



Roshini S 6A



L. Lakshita 4D

## Teachers' Day Celebration

Teachers play a crucial role in shaping the lives of young children. Expressing our gratitude in a different way, i.e., virtual connect gave us great joy. The whole concept was exciting. Getting everyone on board, planning the day, thanking all our wonderful teachers made the day special.

- T. Shruthi, 12B



J. Surya Harini 4 B

## World Environment Day

A very special day for us Vidyodayans especially because we are blessed with such a beautiful green campus. The theme for 2020 was 'Celebrating Biodiversity' - a concern that is both urgent and essential.

To care for ourselves we must care for nature. It's time to wake up, take notice and raise our voices. It's time to build back a better planet for the people.

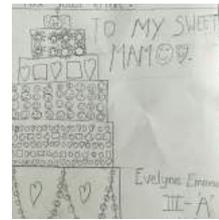
- Shrilakshmi. B 10B



J Megha Sharon 8B



Tirzah Amanda 5 D



Evelynne Emmanuel E. 3A

## IN PURSUIT OF WELLNESS

### YOGA DAY

Yoga means addition of energy, strength and beauty to body, mind and soul. The theme for this year's yoga day was "Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family". So I celebrated Yoga day at home with my grandmother. We did asanas which were being played regularly during the break time in our online classes. Those videos taught us basic asanas which are easy to learn and practice.

-S. Ananya 3B



### DOCTORS' DAY

Doctors' day is celebrated on the 1st of July every year in India. Doctors play a key role in taking care of the well-being of people. We are indeed indebted to them for their untiring efforts put in for the service to mankind. This pandemic has brought to limelight their important role in society. We express our appreciation and salute all our frontliners for their valuable service.

- Shri Swetha 5 A



Shri Swetha 5 A

### GLOBAL HAND-WASH DAY

This year focussed on the overall well being of human beings. The pandemic helped us realize the importance of meticulous hand washing. Highlighting the importance of cleanliness, the posters on global hand wash day carried the message of overall hygiene and well being.

-Shrilakshmi. B 10B



Harshinisree. S 3A

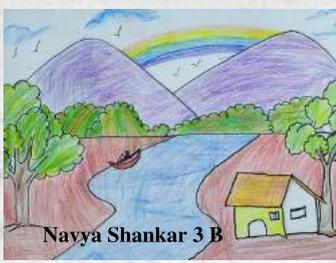
### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Indians celebrated 74 years of Independence on 15th August 2020. "Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life. What would a man not pay for living?" True to the words of Gandhiji, our biggest battle this year was with the Novel Corona virus in which lives were at stake. The Covid Hero of Chennai Corporation, Zone 9, Dr. Mahalakshmi was invited as our chief guest. She hoisted the flag, giving us the hope that we will emerge victorious in the battle against this pandemic.

-Shrilakshmi. B 10B



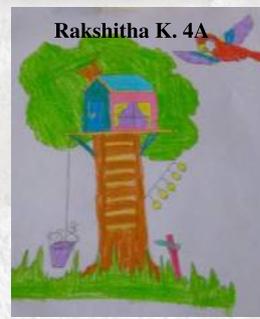
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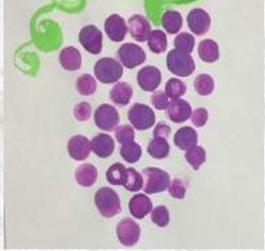


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Rakshitha K. 4A

Vedhasree .B. S. 4B



# Art & Craft

The art and craft videos played during the break of our online classes were very creative and innovative. The videos piqued my interest and motivated me to experiment in different art forms.

Art activities were great stress busters and added a dash of colours to my life. My brother too has developed keen interest in art and has started enjoying doing origami with me.

Now, my room is decorated with artistic creations and everyone who enters my room leaves with a smile.

- S. Divyadarshini VI C



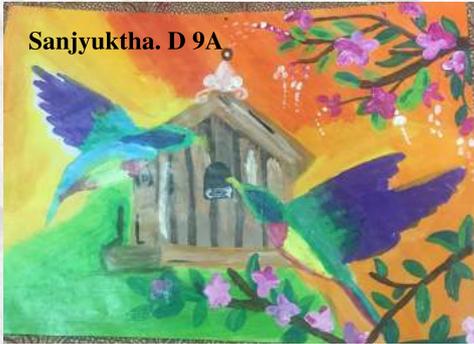
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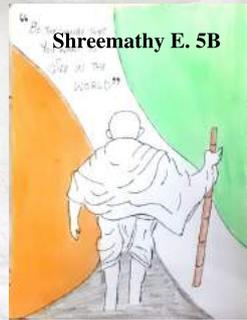
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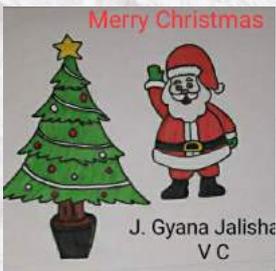


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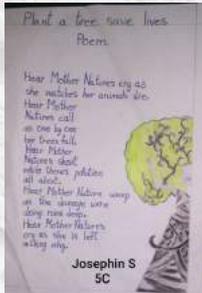
Anishka.k 4B

Renukuntla Madhu Shravani 3A



Merry Christmas

J. Gyana Jalisha VC



Plant a tree save lives  
Poem  
Hear Mother Nature cry as she watches her animals die.  
Hear Mother Nature call as she is one by one for trees fall.  
Hear Mother Nature's plead when trees pollution all around.  
Hear Mother Nature weep as the message came along some days.  
Hear Mother Nature's cry as she is left all day long.  
Josephin S  
5C



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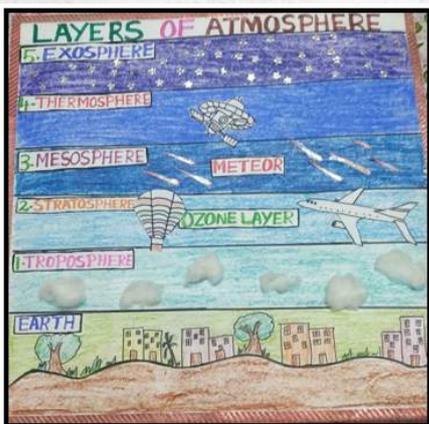
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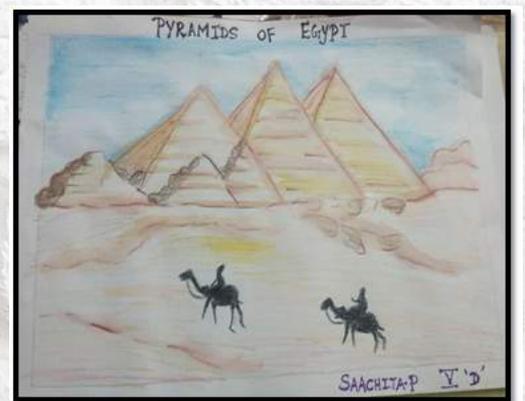
## ARTISTIC SKILL ON PAPER



Amania Juliet Abraham V-B



S.Dhanya Sri IV-C



P.Saachita V-D

# OUR EXPERIENCES

## WITH NATURE AND SCIENCE



### SINK OR FLOAT EXPERIMENT

The sink or float experiment is a simple, fun experiment which shows buoyant objects float, while dense objects sink. My science teacher explained the principle of buoyancy through a simple, practical experiment. This made me try out the experiment at home, using a fruit and a bowl of water and I was happy to observe, understand and appreciate the principle of buoyancy taught by my teacher.

BY LAKSHITA. L IV - D

### SAVE FARMERS AND AGRICULTURE

Hi all!

In my Tamil book, there is a lesson about agriculture and farmers' efforts towards producing food for us.

During this lockdown, I went to my native village. There my dad showed us how we get food grains from paddy field. I got an opportunity to plant few saplings in my uncle's field. I felt so happy and really enjoyed being with them.



BY SHIVANI. S  
IV - D

We express our appreciation and gratitude to all our frontliners. Thank you for being our nation's guide light.

### Our heartfelt thanks to the real heroes!

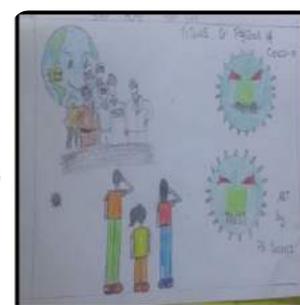
I thank the bevy of stars who take huge risks to keep us safe despite the threat of being exposed to the virus. The hospital staff, police, civic workers, and people involved in delivery of grocery, medicines and food are the frontline soldiers who keep our society functioning.



S. Roshini  
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M. Keerthana  
VI A

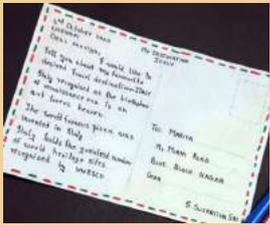
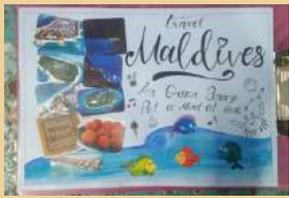
S. Janani  
V A



P. K. Janani  
IV C

# ENGLISH

## IS THE LINK TO SIGN IN ANYWHERE



In our busy virtual world, the only relaxation is our English activity. Making a travel postcard about our favourite travel destination and speaking about it was really exciting.

SAMYUKTHA S XI A

Activities like postcard making speaking about our favourite travel destinations, recipe demonstration etc. have made the English class very interesting and interactive.

JASWANTEE P XI B

## PRIMARY WINDOWS



Learning is more effective when it is an active rather than a passive process.



I did the "Who am I" activity for English. I really enjoyed doing this activity making a riddle about five insects. It helped me learn a lot about these insects. Overall it was a happy experience for me to browse and find out more facts and create my own riddles.

Mahalakshmi P. M. 3A



HARSHINI SREE S 3A

Schooling has been all about learning and my school **VIDYODAYA** has always played a pivotal role in helping me learn new things. One such initiative was the making of an e-newsletter and I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this wonderful initiative.

Rhea Ninan XI A

