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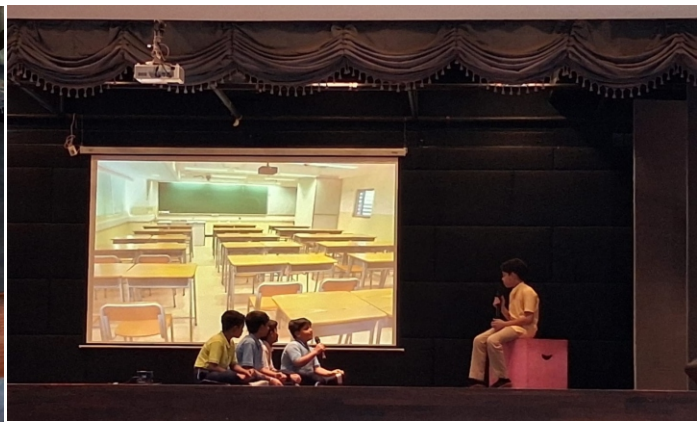
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PEER ASSEMBLY

GURU PURNIMA

Grade V presented a meaningful assembly celebrating the invaluable role of gurus and mentors in shaping young minds. The programme began with prayer, Gita chanting, and a soulful rendition of the Guru Ashtakam. Through thought-provoking dramas, learners explored how guidance and learning come from both home and school. A graceful Guru Vandana dance and an engaging Guru Purnima Quiz added depth and joy to the celebration. The assembly concluded with the National Anthem, leaving everyone with the inspiring message that a true guru guides us to learn, grow, and become better human beings.





INDEPENDENCE DAY

The learners of Grade IV took centre stage for a vibrant Independence Day special assembly. Through an inspiring blend of drama, expressive dance, and soulful music, the young performers brought history and values to life. Their presentation carried a powerful message for the school community: that true freedom goes hand in hand with responsibility and mutual respect.





WORDS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Sometimes, a few careless words can stay with someone for a long time. This was the message behind the Anti-Bullying Campaign held during the General Assembly. Led by the senior learners, the campaign focused on the impact of bullying and the importance of making school a safe and respectful place for everyone. The teachers also spoke about preventing bullying and treating others with dignity and respect.

The paper demonstration was one of the most memorable parts of the campaign. A sheet of paper was crumpled to show how hurtful words and actions can leave a mark. Even after it was smoothed out and an apology was made, the creases were still visible. The simple demonstration showed that while saying sorry matters, it may not completely take away the hurt caused.

The campaign left the learners with an important message: everyone has a role to play in stopping bullying. A kind word, standing up for someone, or including a person who feels left out can make a real difference. The assembly encouraged learners to be more thoughtful about their words and actions and reminded them that empathy, kindness, and respect can help create a school where everyone feels safe, valued, and included.







NEET ECONOMICS DEBATE

Stepping away from the traditional classroom for a day, the Economics learners of Grade XI Shanthiniketan participated in a lively debate on the motion: Is addressing the concerns raised in the NEET protests crucial for the development of a skilled, equitable and progressive India? Moderated by Anjana Acharya, this discussion challenged both the proposition and opposition to apply economic principles to an ongoing nationwide crisis.

As a speaker for prop, our team argued that while NEET plays an integral role in creating a common merit-based examination, it is devoid of that virtue when learners are unable to trust an institution to conduct it on a fair and transparent basis. The protest did not simply urge the resignation of former Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, but rather demanded institutional accountability more than anything. Furthermore, it raised broader concerns about excessive dependence on coaching centres, which reflects inequality within the education market. The protest also questioned what would become of the quality of human capital – with reference to the future doctors of India – if these concerns were left unaddressed, linking back to the impact they have on our economy's long-term development.

Conducted in a formal yet engaging format, this debate featured opening statements, evidence presentations, rebuttals, cross-fire questions, a closing statement, and finally, a neutral overview by one learner. More than simply defending opposing viewpoints, this session showcased how economics provides a foundation for understanding real-world policy challenges.





– Ira Anand

LEARNING THROUGH DEBATE

The economics students of Shantiniketan took part in a debate with the topic, "Is addressing the concerns raised by the NEET protests important for a skilled, developed and equitable India?". This is a highly relevant topic as it is concerned with the current events taking place in Jantar Mantar, Delhi. The debate was informal to a large extent, and Anjana Acharya was our judge. Both teams argued wonderfully, but because of presenting facts, citing official sources and staying firmly with their stance, the Opposition team (we) ultimately won, but both teams learned valuable economics and communication lessons.

– Radhesh (XI Shantiniketan)

THE MAKING OF VIZHA

The preparation for Vizha was a real masterpiece. Everyone did their best to put on a show that would amaze the crowd of students from the other schools. All around, for weeks before the event, one could feel the energy pulsing from our students. Being a participant in the opening ceremony was an incredible experience as I got to spend time with new people and had so much fun preparing for it. We practiced hard to make sure that everything went well so that the whole show would captivate the guests from the very first second. Behind this great success was the tremendous effort of the learners and the teachers.

Learners contributed by devoting all of their effort to practice and rehearsals, making sure to hold nothing back while staying up late-nights out of passion. The faculty provided the guidance needed to pull together this production, organizing and helping behind the scenes. Of course, the committee members of Vizha, who planned everything down to the last detail deserve most of the credit.

When the day finally arrived, the result was a breathtaking celebration of artistry and culture. The execution of every competition was flawless, immersing the audience in the fun from start to finish. The prestige of Vizha reached new heights this year, reflected in the overwhelming turnout of participating schools from across the region, each bringing in exceptional talent. It was a showcase of passion, unity, and excellence that will be remembered for years to come.
















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– Laavanya (XI Takshashila)

A JOURNEY INTO LEADERSHIP

The Investiture Ceremony of the Student Council for 2026–27, held on the 3rd of August, was an energetic event celebrating leadership and new beginnings. The auditorium was filled with excited and proud parents, teachers, and learners cheering for their peers.

The highlight of the event was the chief guest, Mr V.P. Senthil sir's speech. He is a distinguished Navy officer whose presence lent the occasion dignity and inspiration. His speech not only consisted of inspiring words but also had a humorous twist to it. He made it funny as he spoke about facing failures and even shared experiences of his own. His words inspired everyone to never give up and to keep trying. Through the speech, he conveyed that even after multiple failures, not giving up is true resilience, and that is the quality that every learner must possess.

Janani Acharya addressed us with heartfelt words and explained the rigorous selection process and emphasised the importance of trying without the fear of failing. Meanwhile, the proud parents in the audience were busy capturing photos of their children receiving the badges - a moment of shared joy and pride.
Personally, receiving the badge was a true honour. Being officially entrusted with a role filled me with gratitude towards my fellow peers who believed in me and cast their vote. This ceremony was more than just an event; it was truly an unforgettable experience, marching up the stairs and receiving the badge from the honoured navy officer and the principal, something I will cherish for the rest of my life

– Hrithikesh (XI Takshashila)







CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM

Patriotism took centre stage as learners, teachers, and parents came together to mark India's Independence Day. The occasion was a reminder of the courage and sacrifices of the people who fought for our country's freedom. Speeches in Tamil, Hindi, and Sanskrit brought alive the stories of India's freedom fighters and highlighted their contributions to the nation. They also reminded us of the determination and courage that shaped India's journey to independence.

The celebrations continued with a colourful mix of music and dance. The Middle School learners presented a lively patriotic dance and a melodious musical performance. Learners of Grades XI and XII kept the energy going with an energetic dance and a stirring musical presentation. Together, the performances showcased India's rich cultural heritage and gave everyone a chance to express their pride and love for the country.

The event ended on a meaningful and inspiring note. The speeches, music, and dance made the celebration enjoyable while also reminding us not to take our freedom for granted. It encouraged us to value freedom, unity, and responsibility and to carry these ideals with us as we look towards the future.















A DAY TO CELEBRATE TAMIL

From its fascinating history to its beautiful literature, Tamil has a rich heritage worth celebrating. Tamil Day gave us an opportunity to explore this heritage through a variety of presentations and performances. We learnt about the history and importance of the language and also paid tribute to Dr. Rajah Sir M. A. Muthiah Chettiar for his valuable contributions to education and society.

There was something for everyone to enjoy. Tamil songs, traditional dances, skits, poetry recitations, and an exciting Tamil quiz brought the celebrations to life. Learners shared interesting facts about Tamil, including its grammar, famous poets, and the importance of classical Tamil literature. We also learnt about the life and contributions of Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiyar. His patriotic spirit, inspiring poems, and efforts to champion equality showed why he continues to have such a strong influence on Tamil literature and society.

What made the celebration especially enjoyable was seeing our learners take the stage with so much confidence and enthusiasm. Each performance reflected the effort that had gone into preparing for the day, as well as the learners' love for Tamil and its culture. At the same time, we discovered many interesting things about a language that is an important part of our heritage.

The day ended with plenty of happy memories and a renewed appreciation for Tamil. It also brought our school motto, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, meaning “The world is one family”, to life by bringing everyone together to celebrate and learn about the language. More than just a day of performances, it was a chance to understand, appreciate, and take pride in the richness of Tamil.











INTER-HOUSE EVENTS

August was an exciting month for our inter-house events, with each house getting several opportunities to participate, compete, and work together. From creative activities and quizzes to Tug of War, the events brought out a lot of enthusiasm and house spirit. More than just winning, the activities gave us opportunities to learn from each other, try something different, and work together as a team.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PIN-UP BOARD

The Grade XI learners took part in an inter-house Pin-up Board activity on 12th August as part of the Independence Day celebrations. Putting the board together was a chance to share ideas, divide responsibilities, and turn our thoughts into something visually interesting. It also made us think about how we could present a theme in a creative and meaningful way. Akash House won the competition.

RANGOLI

On 12th August, the Grade XII learners participated in an inter-house Rangoli competition for Independence Day. Creating the Rangoli required everyone to contribute, from deciding on the design to bringing it together carefully. It was a simple but enjoyable way to explore creativity while working as a team. Vayu House emerged as the winner







INDEPENDENCE DAY QUIZ

The Independence Day Quiz for learners of Grades XI and XII was an engaging way to revisit India's history and our journey towards independence. The quiz encouraged learners to think, recall what they had learnt, and discuss answers with their house members. It was a reminder that learning can also happen through friendly competition and shared curiosity. Agni House emerged as the winner.

ONAM TUG OF WAR (BOYS)

The Onam celebrations brought an energetic inter-house Tug of War competition for the boys of Grades XI and XII on 19th August. The event was not just about strength; everyone had to pull together, encourage their teammates, and keep going even when the competition became tough. It was a good reminder that teamwork and determination can be just as important as individual ability. Prthivi House emerged as the winner.



ONAM

TUG OF WAR (GIRLS)

The girls of Grades XI and XII also took part in the Onam Tug of War on 19th August. The competition was filled with enthusiasm and plenty of encouragement from the houses. Working together and supporting one another made the event enjoyable, and it showed us the importance of staying determined and united as a team. Prthivi House secured the win.

POOKKALAM

The inter-house Pookkalam competition for Grades XI and XII added colour to the Onam celebrations on 19th August. Learners worked together to plan their designs and create their Pookkalams using flowers. The activity gave everyone a chance to be creative while also learning the importance of patience and coordination when working towards a common idea. Akash House emerged as the winner.



PIN-UP BOARD



As part of the Onam celebrations, learners of Grades IX and X participated in an inter-house Pin-up Board activity on 19th August. The activity gave learners an opportunity to explore the festival and present their ideas creatively. Working on the board together also meant listening to different suggestions, deciding what worked best, and putting the final presentation together as a team. Prthivi House won the competition.



MADRAS DAY

Madras Day on 19th August gave learners a chance to explore the city in two different ways. The inter-house Madras Day Quiz for learners of Grades IX to XII brought out some interesting facts about Madras, its history, people, places, and heritage. Preparing for the quiz also helped us look more closely at a city that is so familiar to us.

Prthivi House emerged as the winner. The ground-floor auditorium also hosted an art exhibition, where learners and parents were invited to bring and display their artwork. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to share their work and spend time looking at the different pieces on display. For the learners, seeing the work of others and presenting their own gave them a chance to learn from one another and enjoy art together.
It was a simple and enjoyable way to celebrate Madras, by learning more about the city and sharing something of our own with the school community.



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

A Silver Smash!

Ivaan of Grade II won a silver medal in the Under-10 Badminton category at the competition conducted by the Kalakshetra Welfare Association.



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

S. Dhritii of Grade V Thamarai proudly represented India at the 28th Asia Pacific Dance Competition (APDC) 2026, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 18 to 23 August 2026. The prestigious competition, organised by COMDANCE (CSTD), brought together talented young dancers from across the Asia-Pacific region. Dhritii showcased her versatility and passion for dance across multiple categories, delivering impressive performances in Tap Dance and Hip Hop.

She secured 3rd Place in the Under-11 Solo Tap Dance category, 2nd Place in the Hip Hop Troupes category, and 3rd Place in the Open Age Hip Hop Trios category. She also received Honourable Mentions in the Under-11 Ensemble Tap Dance and Under-13 Nationals Troupes categories.



CISCE Regional Level Archery Tournament

We are delighted to announce that M. M. Ratanjey Raja of Grade 8 Muthu has secured the Second Runner-Up position in the tournament and has been selected to represent Chettinad Hari Shree Vidyalayam at the next stage of the CISCE National-Level Archery Tournament.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ratanjey Raja on this remarkable achievement and wish him every success at the National Level!





CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Strength, Skill and Spirit

Maanvir of Grade III won two Gold Medals across two apparatus in the Under-8 Boys category at the state-level gymnastics competition conducted by the Tamil Nadu Gymnastics Association.

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