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Peer Assemblies



Where Values Met Tradition and Celebration Grade IV presented an assembly on Onam, exploring the values and significance behind the traditional practices associated with the festival. The assembly began with a compering segment that introduced the spirit and cultural significance of Onam. A drama highlighted the values reflected in the traditions of Onam Pookolam and Onam Sadya, helping the audience understand their deeper meaning.





The celebration continued with the melodious song Chettimandaram and a vibrant Thiruvonam Kali dance. An interactive quiz on interesting facts about Onam added an engaging element to the assembly. Through the various presentations, the assembly celebrated tradition while encouraging learners to understand the values of togetherness and the rich cultural heritage associated with Onam.



The Grade IV peer assembly on Krishna Jayanthi began with a soulful prayer seeking Lord Krishna's blessings. The learners then presented a meaningful drama highlighting Krishna's teachings of respect, responsibility, kindness and inclusiveness.

This was followed by a lively dance performance that beautifully captured the joy and spirit of Krishna Jayanthi. The learners also took a pledge to practise these values in their daily lives and to be responsible, respectful and caring towards others.

The assembly concluded with a message reminding everyone that the teachings of Lord Krishna continue to guide us towards living a happy, responsible and meaningful life.







Understanding the "Why" of Our Traditions Our Grade III learners marked Ganesh Chaturthi with a vibrant peer assembly that went beyond celebration to encourage curiosity. Rather than simply observing rituals, the learners explored the meaning behind them: why we offer kolukattai, why durva grass is placed at the feet of the idol, what the umbrella symbolises and why the idol is immersed in water at the end of the festival.

Through an engaging drama, thoughtful music and a lively quiz, the learners discovered that every tradition carries a purpose, rooted in nature, gratitude and timeless values. Their confident presentation and teamwork were truly commendable.







Grade III learners presented an assembly on the theme *Think Before You Act*, exploring the importance of pausing, reflecting and thinking carefully before making a choice. Through a story, poem and real-life classroom situations, the learners reflected on the value of wisdom and how thoughtful actions can guide us towards better choices.

The assembly also connected this timeless idea with the lives of great leaders who demonstrated the importance of thinking before acting. Through these varied presentations, the learners explored how wisdom can help us respond thoughtfully and responsibly in everyday situations.







Kindness

Grade III presented an assembly on the theme *Kindness*, with a focus on recognising simple acts of kindness in everyday life. The assembly began with prayer and Bhagavad Gita chanting, followed by a short drama that explored kindness through inclusion, caring for animals and helping others learn.

A kindness-themed song encouraged everyone to make thoughtful choices in their words and actions. An interactive quiz invited the audience to reflect on kind responses in everyday situations. The assembly concluded with a kindness pledge, reminding everyone that compassion can be expressed through small, meaningful actions.
The central message was simple yet powerful: Kindness begins with me.





Body Safety

The Personal Bubble

Our Grade III learners took part in an age-appropriate body safety session centred on the idea of the "personal bubble", the invisible space that belongs to each of us. Through discussion and activities, learners learned to recognise their own comfort zones, respect the boundaries of others, and understand that they are always free to say "stop" or "no" when something feels uncomfortable. The learners were also reminded that trusted adults at home and at school are always there to listen and support them. Their thoughtful participation and maturity throughout the session were truly encouraging.
By nurturing awareness, confidence and mutual respect, we continue to help our learners feel safe, empowered and cared for.





Utsav Field Trip!

Celebrating Our Traditions and Culture : This year's Utsav carried a meaningful theme for each grade, and the field trips brought these values to life beyond the classroom.

Grade II: Kindness and Generosity | ISKCON Krishna Temple The learners experienced the serenity and devotion of a living place of worship. They learned how faith finds expression through compassion, sharing and selfless service. The visit nurtured warmth of heart and the joy of giving.



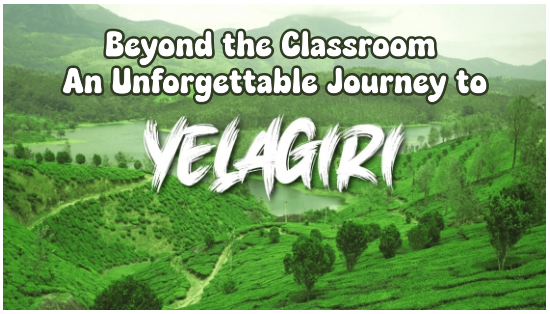
Grade III: Respect for All | Chettinad Sarvaloka Eco Farm The learners observed medicinal plants and saw drip irrigation in action, discovering how every living thing and every drop of water is precious. They learned to honour nature, farmers and the wisdom of traditional practices. The experience instilled gratitude and respect for all.

Grade IV: Truthfulness, Righteousness and Protection | Vivekananda House The learners explored the life of Swami Vivekananda, a beacon of honesty, courage and moral strength. They reflected on his call to stand for what is right and to protect the vulnerable. The visit inspired pride in our heritage and a resolve to live by these ideals.









The Grade VII outbound trip to Yelagiri was filled with adventure, discovery and memorable experiences. After the journey up the hills, learners arrived at the resort before heading out for their first outdoor activities. Tent pitching and campfire craft brought plenty of excitement as learners worked together and tried their hand at something different from their everyday school routine. As evening set in, everyone gathered around a spectacular bonfire, which quickly became one of the highlights of the trip.

Later that night came another memorable experience; stargazing. Although the skies were slightly cloudy, learners were still able to spot Venus, making the session particularly exciting. They also learnt about constellations, planets, galaxies and other celestial wonders. Seeing Venus appear through the cloudy night sky was a special moment and made the stargazing session stand out. The following day, learners visited Fundera Park, where they had the opportunity to see and interact with a variety of birds and animals. The visit added a lively and enjoyable experience to the trip while giving learners a closer look at wildlife. A visit to the local handicrafts market followed before it was time to begin the journey back to school. Though the outbound lasted only two days, it was packed with different experiences. From pitching tents and gathering around the bonfire to spotting Venus and exploring Fundera Park, the trip showed how learning can extend far beyond the classroom through exploration, experience and discovery.











-Maanasa Karthik, Grade VII Maragatham



A Memorable Experience

Our trip to Pondicherry had a good mix of nature, history, and relaxation. We first boarded the bus and went straight into the peaceful woods of Sadhana forest. After the long journey, we decided to settle at the hotel. After some rest we went to the French town. It was interesting to learn the history behind it. After a glass of warm milk and cookies, we went back to the hotel. The next day, after breakfast we explored a bird sanctuary. Feeding the birds, and learning about various animals were so fun. We also explored the sound park and learnt how different objects can make the most unique sounds. Last but not least we went to Matrimandir. It was quite the walk, but the breath -taking view at the end was worth all the wait. We made the trip back to Chennai by carrying with us a lot of learnings and even more precious memories.




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-Abiksha Prabhakar, Grade VI Suryagandhi

Dahi Handi : A Potful of Joy

The spirit of Janmashtami came alive at Chettinad Hari Shree Vidyalayam with a vibrant and joyous Dahi Handi ceremony. The celebration brought together our learners and teachers in a lively atmosphere filled with enthusiasm, teamwork and devotion. The event was a wonderful blend of tradition, joy and togetherness, leaving our learners with cherished memories of a meaningful cultural experience





Celebrating Team Spirit, Skill and Sportsmanship



The school campus came alive with energy and enthusiasm during the much-awaited Inter-House Sports competitions. The events provided our learners with an exciting platform to showcase their sporting talent, teamwork, discipline and













Annual Sports Meet 2K 26



Chettinad Hari Shree Vidyalayam's 21st Annual Sports Meet was a celebration of sports, teamwork and dedication. The event began with the March Past, where learners from the four houses, Agni, Aakash, Prithvi and Vayu, demonstrated extraordinary discipline and coordination. This was followed by the oath, taken by the Sports Captains, and the traditional torch-bearing ceremony.

The Sports Captains then presented the Annual Sports Report, highlighting the school's remarkable achievements at the zonal, regional and national levels across nine disciplines. Our respected Chief Guest, Olympian Mr Sebastian Xavier, encouraged the learners with his inspiring words and formally declared the Sports Meet open.



Learners across grade levels participated in a range of drills, from yoga by Grade VI and Textile Tango by Grade VII to pyramid formations and mime by the senior school learners. These performances reminded us that when we work together, anything can be achieved.

As part of Hari Shree's SEVA initiative, learners of Grade IX also conducted traditional game stalls, engaging parents in games from their childhood and creating an opportunity to reconnect with cherished traditions.



Learners from Grades VI to XII participated in a wide range of track and field events, including shot put, long jump, 100 m, 200 m, 400 m and relay events. The athletes displayed outstanding sportsmanship, determination and skill throughout the competitions. The event concluded with Agni winning the shield for Best March Past and Prithvi winning the House Cup.

Bia, Grade IX Kurinji


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DONT BE A BYSTANDER
BE AN
UPSTANDER
DONT TURN
WHISPERS INTO
WOUNDS
BE A TEAMMATE
NOT A
TORMENTOR
BEHIND EVERY SCREEN
IS A
HUMAN BEING








ANNUAL SPORTS MEET







Career Fair and University Panel Discussion

The Career Guidance Cell hosted a dynamic Career Fair and University Panel Disussion on Tuesday, 1 September 2026, providing learners and parents with a valuable opportunity to explore diverse academic and career pathways.

The event brought together representatives from leading universities and institutions from India and abroad. Learners and parents had the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about academic programmes, admission processes, scholarships, career pathways and emerging areas of study.











Parents' Seva Event : Rediscovering Traditional Games





A delightful Parents' Seva Event brought families together through the timeless charm of traditional games. Held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the event offered parents an opportunity to reconnect with games that have been cherished across generations.

The initiative created a joyful space for families to bond, reminisce and celebrate the richness of traditional games.



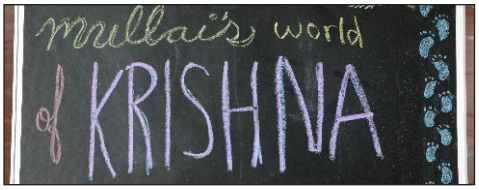


Little Krishnas, Big Celebrations!

On 5 September, the learners of Grade IX Mullai organised an interactive showcase integrating the themes of Krishna Jayanthi and sustainability. Through a dynamic station-based approach, visitors experienced an immersive showcase featuring do-it-yourself art, interactive games and a live puppet show, all presented by the learners. They interacted with their peers and acharyas while sharing tips on caring for animals during the festival, using sustainable decorations, choosing nutritious foods and keeping local waterbodies clean and unpolluted.

The showcase beautifully brought together celebration, creativity and environmental responsibility.



Aditi,Grade IX,Mullai

Special Programme - Teacher's Day

Teacher's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the learners of Grades XI and XII. The celebration was a heartfelt tribute to the teachers who inspire, guide, and encourage us every day. The learners organised a special programme filled with warmth, appreciation, and cheerful moments. Through their thoughtful gestures and engaging activities, they made the teachers feel truly valued and special. The celebration was a beautiful expression of gratitude for the dedication, patience, and unwavering support of our teachers.






Sporting Excellence – CISCE Cricket Achievements 2026

We are proud to announce the outstanding achievements of our learners in the CISCE Cricket Tournament 2026.

At the CISCE Regional Level, the following learners were selected in their respective age categories:

Under-14: **K. Sarvesh**

Under-17: **V. Sidhaarth, Rishi Syam Suri, and Shravan Kumar Ganesh**

Under-19: **VS Svabhu, Sumukh Arunkumar, Lakshay Raguraman, and Shivesh Anand**

Adding to this achievement, VS Svabhu and Sumukh Arunkumar were selected to represent at the CISCE National-Level Cricket Tournament 2026 in the Under-19 category.

We congratulate all our talented cricketers on their remarkable accomplishments and commend their dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship. We wish them continued success in their future sporting endeavours!











AWARD And accolade



A Winning Move

Yuvaan Shingvi of Grade 4 secured 3rd Place in the Unrated Category at the International FIDE Rated Open Tournament and received a cash prize of ₹15,000 and a Smart TV in recognition of his achievement.

A Gold Medal Moment

Rudra Sabapathy of Grade 3 secured the Gold Medal in the Under-8 Boys' Floor Artistic Gymnastics category at the State Gymnastics Championship conducted by the Tamil Nadu Amateur Gymnastics Association.





A Story of Hope Takes Flight

Evaan Chordia of Grade 3 has published a book titled "Hope Finds Home"

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