

# LAKSHMI DARPAN

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**Confident, Competent and Compassionate Citizens through value based quality education.**

**November to March 2022**

From the Principal's desk

April 2022

We are back in school. The teachers seem happy and relaxed while the students are bursting with energy. There is an urge among the young to play and enjoy with friends the whole day. We realise that they do deserve to make their share of childhood memories.

Summer classes are on for the senior level, while the junior classes are getting ready for the summer break. With slow, measured steps we are bouncing back to normal. The Thanks Giving Assembly by class XII and Farewell to class XII helped the outgoing batch to consolidate their emotions. To cap it, the IAYP camp is sure to be etched in their memory. One batch of students is set to leave and soon a new batch of eager LKG kids will join us. Life goes on. Change and movement are inevitable aspects for growth.

Pre Covid days, I remember seeing the Lakshmi campus spotted with happy green parrots that came in large numbers to have their fill at a neighbouring cornfield and the bold Hawk cuckoos among the trees. They have left. Now, I see the Indian Koel and Great Egrets strutting around and outnumbering the native pigeons. Each has its beauty and its uniqueness. Well, at Lakshmi, we admire beauty, celebrate differences and uniqueness.

In recent times, our alumni from across the world have been connecting with us and recalling their happy days at LS. They say it is their confidence, communication skills and out of box thinking that gives them an edge over their counterparts. Interact club projects, Reading marathons, Poetry Under the stars, Market projects, QC presentations and Inter-House matches taught them - to celebrate their victory or lose gracefully. They learnt to fail and rise again, to appreciate the winner and to play for the team.

Years later, what remains of those childhood memories is a smile of days well spent and a happy schooling at LAKSHMI.

We at Lakshmi, hope to spread smiles and sunshine for generations to come.

As we break for summer vacation, let me wish you all happy - family time and a safe vacation. Hope to see the children back in Lakshmi campus on 6 June when school reopens.

Shanthi Mohan  
Principal

## News and Events

### November

13th - Paint for a Cause

### December

18th - Paint for a Cause - Exhibition cum Sale

15th - 22nd - Christmas Carnival - Class I

23rd - Virtual Alumni Meet

### January

6th - Inter House Flower Arrangement and Vegetable Carving Competition

6th - 12th - Field day - LKG

10th - Variety Show - UKG

12th - Prize Giving Ceremony for Class X toppers & Virtual Pongal Kondattam

26th - Republic Day Celebration

### February

5th - Virtual Iyatramizh Vizha

12th - Virtual Live Book session - Mr. S P Narayanan (Alumni) sound Engineer

16th - Inter House Debate Competition

18th - Themathura Thamizh Mandram Inauguration

26th - Virtual Hindi Day Celebration

28th - Inauguration of "Green Garden" Miyawaki forest

### March

1st - Farewell to Class XII & Term - II Exam for class IX

4th - Thanksgiving Programme by Class XII & Term - II Exam for class XI

25th - Virtual Case Study Presentation - Class VI

### April

1st - Live Book Session - Mr. Shri Jayakanthan, IAS

4th - Term - II Exam for classes VI to VIII

8th - Market Project - Classes IV & V

11th - Virtual Case Study Presentation - Class V

## **Beauty in little things**

The world is full of trees,  
Which sway in the breeze.  
Did you notice that sight?  
When birds fly away from swaying trees  
in fright,  
The leaves that rustle and fall,  
From swinging trees which are tall,  
I hope we see the beauty in Nature,  
And beauty in every creature.

L.Gayathri- VII F

## **Madurai**

In the land of festivals,  
To the days of carnivals,  
Here is where the Vaigai flows,  
Here is where Tamil grows.  
This is a city of joy!  
Oh! Don't you know, my boy?  
Watch the queen's coronation!  
This is the great Pandian nation!  
This is known as the temple city-  
Where the towers are all so pretty.  
Are you still confused?  
It's our marvellous Madurai before your eye!

S. Raghav karthikeyan- VII C

### **Cat phishing**

Welcome aboard!  
to the web of virtuality,  
Be it Snapchat, Insta, Fb, Tinder,Reddit  
Every post is a lure,  
Insta worthy pictures galore,  
Flawless beauty is the norm here,  
Numerous filters get you there,  
Meet a fitness freak,  
With a body of an ancient Greek,  
An amateur artist  
With perfect skill,  
An ideal couple so lovey- dovey,  
Every life is a fantasy,  
Where Ibiza is just a weekend's stop,  
Every upload tells a tale,  
It's no longer a life but a fairy tale,  
Snared by clickbaits,  
Umpteen quizzes reveal your trait,  
In the quest of a perfect match,  
Lost my savings in a snap.  
Mission abort !  
Don't go overboard.

S. Jeyaselvi  
Senior Faculty

### **The Midnight Train**

Speeding over the Indian plains,  
Arrives the Midnight Train.  
Filled with passengers half dozed, half  
awake,  
All waiting for the dawn to break!  
It makes the rusty rails rattle,  
Frightening the sleeping cattle.  
The beaming lamp, lights up the lane  
Streaking like a lion's golden mane.  
No other thoughts come up to my brain,  
As I watch The Midnight Train.

T.Armaan Ahamed - VI E

### **The Sun**

The sun is here,  
There's nothing to fear.  
Because of you  
Life is full of bloom,  
Without any gloom.  
The sun is here,  
There's nothing to fear.  
Let's plant some trees,  
To be pollution free,  
We have a mission  
To save our Earth.

V. Sanjana - III C



## Rustling trees

Ida found herself in a cabin deep in a forest, away for Autumn. She had a new case of writer's block and was looking for inspiration among the woodland. Each day she just saw bare trees, bushes and fallen leaves lying around. It would rain almost every day and all she could think about was the weather.

One day Ida sat in her porch thinking about why things were so bleak and the once lush woodland so sombre when she heard some strange voices.

How weird, and where exactly were they coming from? she sprang out of her chair and started walking between some tall trees. "Why am I hearing new voices without seeing anyone?" she thought.

"Past, to your left", one distinct voice said. Who could that be? Ida turned left and to her surprise she saw... a blue tree? How bizarre, trees are usually green?

"Am I hallucinating?" she asked the tree, not waiting for a reply. "Uh, no you're not. I am a blue tree." It replied.

Ida was so shocked she could have fainted, but she held her ground and stood as still as a statue.

Seeing her state of shock, the tree said, "There's no need to worry. There's one like me in each forest. I'm considered a Guide tree to help you navigate through this forest."

"Okay... so why did you call me in the first place?" Ida questioned.

"Well, this forest is in a crisis. Each day human demons are killing the trees and no one knows why. It's changing the climate drastically. I believe you can help us find a solution." the Guide tree proclaimed.

"Okay then. I can venture to find the source of this crisis as it might just help the rest of the trees." Ida agreed.

"Great! You should pick a twig off me to help you navigate. You will still be able to hear me through the twig and I can act like something called... a GPS?" the guide tree answered.

Ida pulled a twig off the guide tree and headed down the forest trail. In not less than half an hour, she came across a slope of tea bushes... which were white. Just how strange was this forest?

The twig of the guide tree said, "These are the white tea bushes. They are experts at finding secrets but be sure to decode their words. They always say the opposite of what they mean."

"Hello, it isn't nice to meet you" greeted the bushes.

Ida replied, "Hi! I'm here to investigate the cause of the decline of the woodland."

"We don't believe you. We aren't portable and we don't think the guide tree has told you about us." the white tea bushes declared.

Ida knew what they meant and took a leaf from one of the bushes. She continued down the forest trail. By then it was almost nightfall, so she rested under a tree overnight and listened to its tale of woe.

The sun rose. Ida followed another path, forgetting that it wasn't the right one.

While walking down the path, Ida came across a pale human-like figure with dark frightful circles around it and in an almost unconscious state. What was this? It seemed to be alive, so all Ida could do was to wake it up.

"Where am I?", the creature weakly said.

Ida's presence made the creature wake up and simultaneously the dark circles disappeared.

This creature and his clan have been the reason for the dying trees, stated the white tea leaf.

'They used up the forest for their own greed, not knowing the grave consequences.

She walked up to the creature and asked, "Who are you and what is your name? You've been causing trouble in this forest and I want to know your intentions."

"Woah woah, I don't know what kind of trouble I've done and I don't have any bad intentions, but I'm truly sorry for my actions. I'm Bree and, to be honest... I don't know what I am. I've been wandering all my life."

"I see, you should probably take control of your powers next time. You're welcome to stay in my cabin and atone for all your sins!" Ida said.

Bree accepted and as they were walking back to the cabin, Ida realized that the forest was slowly changing and looking bright and green.

Bree...the unfortunate human kind which demolished forests had realized his folly.

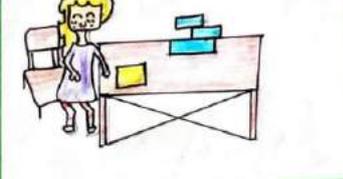
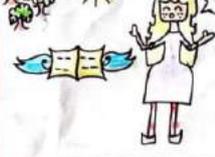
Ida realized that the world is going to be a better place with everyone co-existing with harmony.



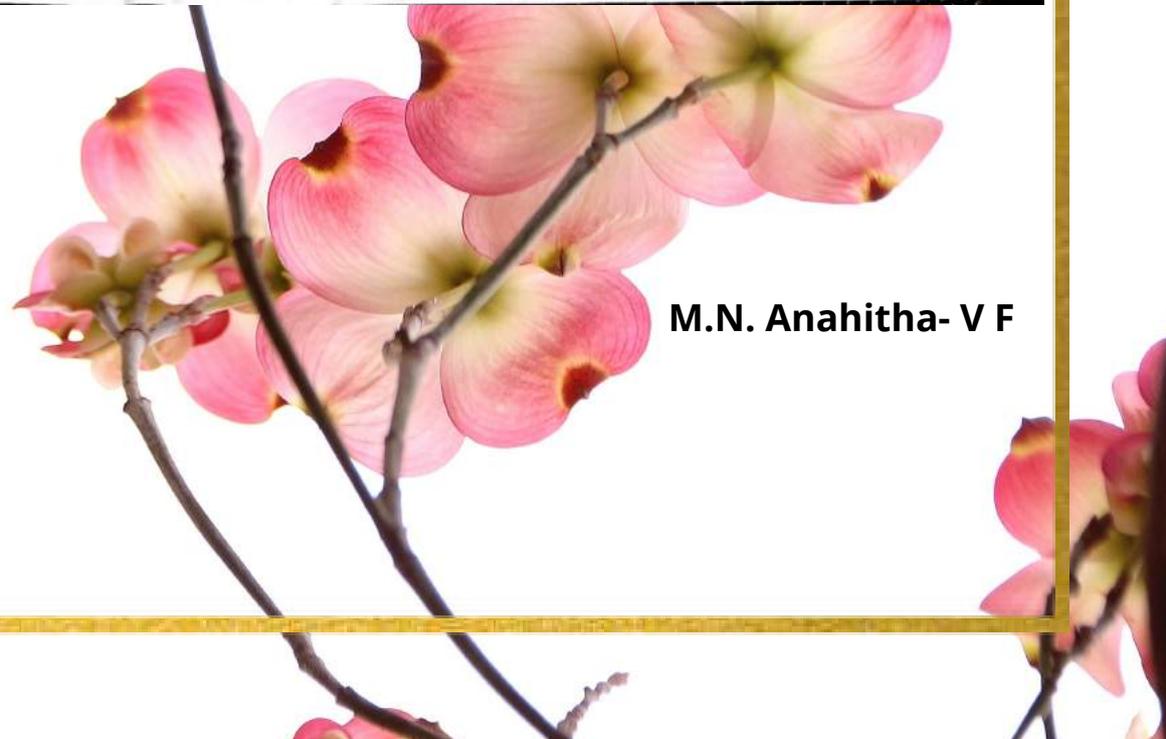
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# The Golden Book

## PICTURE STORY - THE GOLDEN BOOK

<p>Once upon a time, there was a witch who loved reading and writing books.</p>	<p>She had many books like Harry Potter, Dracula etc. in her big library.</p>	<p>She loved the Harry Potter books. So she too wanted to write such a story.</p>	<p>So, she set to work. She was going to write an awesome story!</p>
			
<p>She had a magic book to write stories, a magic pencil to draw pretty pictures and a creative pen to write the story.</p>	<p>She didn't like horror stories but loved fairy tales.</p>	<p>As soon as she was finished, the book sprouted magical wings and flew away!</p>	<p>Her precious book was now flying away! Oh! How she hated chasing it! She searched for it all day long.</p>
			
<p>At last, she arrived at a wizard's hut. She knocked on the door. The wizard opened the door.</p>	<p>She told the wizard of her lost book and he asked;</p>	<p>And he continued...</p>	<p>The wizard's words became true! She soon got famous! She also continued to write many stories!</p>
			

ANAHITHA M.N V-F



M.N. Anahitha- V F

## Painting of my voice

I participated in the creative writing competition held at my school on 8th January. This competition was held for the Golden pen award. The topic I choose was "Me and my mother at 6 and 16."

**"I can shake off everything as I write; my sorrows disappear, my courage is reborn."**

**-- Anne frank**

I feel the same way while writing this and I felt the same way while I wrote my creative writing essay. Before I started writing, my brother exclaimed "I can see beads of perspiration on your forehead, quite strange". I got breathless by reading all the topics, there were so many choices. I wanted to try my hand at everything. I did not start out writing well instantly but then it improved. This taught me that persistence and perseverance are the most valuable traits which give beautiful results.

Cold sweat rolled and fell on my paper smudging my ink. I felt like I was going through a heated argument with my old sufferings and happiness. The topic I took was not a piece of cake and I felt under weather. I sat idly like poor *ern goon* does in *Five find-outers and dog*. I wish I had a smart cookie friend like *Fredrick Totter vile* or *fatty* who could make words run away with him. After some time, I felt like God has gifted me with *Alicia's (Malory towers)* wild, unruly tongue and quick witted brain and I started writing and made my pen take control..

This piece of writing made me feel like a dog with two tails. I felt it was like *Sally's (Malory towers)* friendship with *Darrell* -not so funny but satisfying. I hope to be a part of many more such fabulous creative writing experiences!

D. Nabhanya - IX F

## The Vaccination Camp

Although most of us have already experienced a couple of vaccination camps in our school, the thought of getting the Covid vaccine gave a shiver up our spines. The Covid vaccination camp was organised on the 7th of January 2022. Though few felt wary about getting the vaccine, most of them encouraged the vaccination programme and were ready to get vaccinated.

The Vaccination Camp was set up in the Multi purpose hall. And most of them who went with fear to get their shot came out with a smile, relieved that it wasn't very painful after all. Thanks to our teachers and the medicos who helped us get our vaccines in the smoothest way. Actually vaccination with friends was fun. A big thanks to our school for organizing the Covid Vaccination Camp and for helping us reduce our risk of infection.

AR. K. Alamutheivaanai - X G

## **My QC Experience**

I am very happy to be a part of Quality Circle Programme (QC). I became interested in QC when my facilitator explained that it was about spotting problems and finding solutions. We all discussed and chose Lack of reading habit as the problem in the pandemic situation among the students. We found many ideas to solve the problems; my friends and I came out with many creative implementation steps. We planned to get speeches from voracious readers, show trailers, review books, conduct quiz sessions, debates and reading marathons. Through these, we could cultivate interest in reading, share tips to improve the reading habit and inculcate the benefits of reading.

After these implementation steps, we found that there was a notable improvement in the students' reading habit. We realized it from their active participation in reading marathon, debate and quiz.

I enthusiastically took part in all the activities and also enjoyed singing a song which was one of the implementation steps. I also danced, played trailers and drew the Fish bone diagram.

I am very happy because my little contribution motivated some children to read. After being a part of the QC team, I have started reading a lot more than before. I started motivating my neighbours, friends and relatives too and will continue doing this forever....

A. Akshadha Vasaki - V F

## **Self Learning**

Flowers have always intrigued me and I was so excited when I got a self learning topic on it. To study the parts of a flower, I was asked to dissect a hibiscus. For the first two attempts, I was unsuccessful. But the first two failures made my third attempt a great success. I dissected the hibiscus successfully and was amazed to see so many tiny parts in a flower. That experience was really great! As a continuation of this, I started studying about pollination which was quite confusing in the beginning. But, one day, I saw a bee in my garden transferring pollen grains from one flower to another. This made me understand the process of pollination. Hence, these concepts were made easy through self learning which gave a lot of practical experience. I thank my teachers who made this possible by giving us an opportunity to gain hands on experience. I am sure that this would stay in my mind always.

V. Aparnaa - V B

## Joy of Reading

The person who inspired me and who made me realize that books are good companions was my sister. I wasn't a great reader at grade 1 and 2. During her grade 5, she introduced me to books which were written by Enid Blyton, Roald Dahl and David Williams. Soon I also started reading Roald Dahl's books. I also read "Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift which I considered as my first large book. The next book which I read was my most favourite book "Robinson Crusoe" by Daniel Defoe. Since then, I discovered that reading is my passion and I set the ball rolling. Recently my father suggested me to read the book "Around the World in 80 Days" by Julius Verne. After completing that book, I was in cloud 9. I thank my father and my sister for helping me to taste the joy of reading.

D. Periasamy Nagarajan - V E

## Offline Classes - An Exciting Experience

I was excited about the reopening of our school for offline classes from 29th November. I got ready with my school bag, notebooks and the rest, two days before itself. Finally, the great day arrived. I got up as early as I could and was filled with delight. Then I arrived at school. Our temperature was checked and we were asked to assemble in the pillar area. We were very excited as we were meeting our friends after a very long time.

We were not able to identify some of our close friends and teachers as they were wearing masks. Then our Principal, Vice Principal, Academic Co-ordinator and our teachers gave instructions and precautions that are to be followed in the offline classes. After that, we joyfully entered our new classrooms and started sharing our enthusiasm about the new classroom. We had a smart board in our class. We exclaimed, "This is the first time we have a projector in our classroom!"

We happily unpacked our bags and arranged our things. We attended all the classes happily with full energy. Sanitizers were sprayed in our hands during the break. We thought that we could share our snacks and stationery as usual, but the fear of Covid stopped us from doing so. Yet, we enjoyed the break time by chatting with our friends and sharing our lockdown stories. Our enjoyment ended at 12.30 pm itself and we returned home for lunch. We attended school till the Christmas holidays. The school announced that full day school would start from 3rd January onwards. But to our disappointment, Covid - 19 resurfaced and we were back to online education again.

Just when I thought that it was boring to hear the phrase 'Mute yourself' again, offline schooling resumed from Feb 7 onwards and we are back to happy schooling.

Let us pray to God that things should remain normal and Covid - 19 shall not affect us in future.

V. Sai Kaarthi - IV C

## **My Fascination...My Rio**

Hello everyone! I am Neha from class 5D. In this article, I have written all about my pet Rio. It all started when a bird dealer came to give me a bird, since I wanted to rear one. He gave an adorable Albino cocktail. The word Albino is derived from the Latin word Albus, meaning 'white.' He gave a cocktail mentioning that cocktails are good for beginners. He gave me a male bird. When I first saw him, he was just a month old. We named him as Rio. We kept it in a cage which had wonderful accessories. The cage had a swing, a ladder, a stick, a ball (made of woven string). When he was a month old, he only ate Pet life hand feeding Formula. When he was two months old, he started eating coriander leaves, boiled corn, grains, sunflower seed and peas. He also loves to peck a bar of cuttlefish which is highly rich in calcium. To support and boost his immunity, we give certain vitamin supplements too. Other food items like chocolates, fruits and certain vegetables are very poisonous to him. So, we avoid those.

Now, he has grown to be a cute and charming fellow with fluffy wings, curly and soft hair. He also has a pair of flight feathers.

I love him so much and hope that he would stay with me forever as a very good companion.

**B. Neha - V D**

## **Field Day Fantasy**

Field day is a day of joy, fun, learning and excitement. It's an annual event which generates a lot of curiosity and interest among students as well as parents. Toyland, Village fair, Joint family, Festivals and People who help us, were the topics chosen this year.

Topics were discussed with the parents. An ambience related to the theme was created by the teachers and children. Each child along with his/her family performed for a minute in the form of a dance, song or skit. It was an opportunity for the parents as well as the elders in the family to remember their childhood days.

This year, the virtual field day celebration was a chance for the parents and teachers to showcase their technical efficiency. Each idea, backdrop and presentation was a thing of beauty and creativity. As a teacher, I eagerly wait for this grand event to exhibit my talent, to enrich the knowledge of students, improve language skills and enhance passion towards work.

**Ms. P.Beena  
Faculty - Level 1**

### **Virtual Children's Day**

UKG Virtual Children's day celebration was held on 12th November 2021. UKG teachers presented the show with the kid's unique Cartoon character named "Pinky the explorer". Teachers taught the concepts through discovery zone, songs, counting, and shadow play. All the 5 teachers of UKG took active part in this programme. Parents and kids enjoyed this event and they showered their appreciations. It was a technical treat for the kids. They loved the session and learnt a lot through this celebration.

Ms. M. M. Preethika  
Faculty - Level

### **Virtual Lunch**

"Friends who eat together stay together". We missed many joyous things with the kids during online classes. The bond, the love, sharing, caring and so on. One among those was our Lunch time. During lunch time, we chat a lot with the students, share all the moments that happened the previous day, but we missed that. To fulfill that feel, we started virtual lunch, where children and teachers had lunch together virtually. We had a casual talk, asked about their lunch and they shared their happy moments as well. This activity helped them to eat within 30 minutes and felt as if they were in school. We started this, to train them to eat on time and to eat different kinds of veggies. Parents felt happy about the virtual lunch. They gave spinach and veggies which the child hesitated to eat, but when they saw their friends and teachers they didn't hesitate but ate everything with a happy face. Parents wanted to have this every day. Now the kids are able to eat by themselves in class within 30 minutes. Virtual lunch created a rapport between teachers and children which in turn helps to know more about them other than academics.

Ms. Joycee Christina  
Faculty - Level 1

### **Mathematics concept- In and Out**

I take immense pleasure in sharing my experience learning the concept IN and OUT in an online session with my daughter. The concept was taught in a captivating manner by the teachers. The session was planned in the form of a physical activity. This fun-filled activity was carried out using a hula-hoop asking the children to jump in and out continuously.

The children enjoyed learning the concept in this unique way. They were active, confident and energetic. It was delightful watching them learn as well as have fun.

Lakshmi School has never failed to impress us when it comes to keeping our children engaged. I extend my gratitude to the beloved teachers and the management for your constant efforts even during the pandemic.

Ms. V. Rathika  
Mother of V. AmairaVirat - LKG D

## **Variety Show**

It was a pleasant surprise when the class teacher informed the class about the online variety show.

There was so much planned like song, dance, skit, welcome address, vote of thanks, it was a full-fledged show..!

Like any other parent, I was worried about how much we would be able to deliver considering that kids sometimes think it's funny to do the exact opposite of what is told!

Oh how wrong I was!! Everything was planned to the last bit of detail. We were told exactly what to do, how to do, when to do what.

Teachers made sure we were comfortable with what's happening, they were in constant touch tweaking everything with all the available resources, so we never felt it was an extra job, but a chance to enjoy and get involved with our kids and a part of their World.

The best part was when our kids got to meet their friends. After seeing them online all the time and interacting with them in person now was pure bliss! They loved every minute of the time they spent together, they were very responsible and competitive. It surprised all of us!

When it was finally time for us to view the performances, we were equally excited, nervous and thrilled as our kids.

It was overall a very beautiful and memorable experience.

The BEST online ceremony we have ever witnessed!

**Ms. PoornaParthasarathy**  
Mother of A. AdhvikRana - UKG A

## **Christmas Carnival**

We were invited for the Christmas Carnival which was conducted in the School premises. I would like to thank the teachers and the management for coming up with the idea and for all their efforts. As we all know, we were hit by the pandemic and the schools were closed, the kids were losing their precious school time and learning new things. But, once the school reopened, everything changed drastically as they organized this Carnival in less than a month. I am pretty sure that the teachers had to put in a lot of effort to showcase the kids' talents to the parents. The show was well organised and Covid protocols were followed keeping the well being of everyone in mind. The parents actively participated in the game show that was conducted and enjoyed it. The kids were at their best, excited to perform. Thank you Lakshmi School for this wonderful event.

**Ms. S. Gayathri**  
Mother of VenbaVignesh - I E

## **Opportunity knocked at my door!**

One Thursday evening, as I was preparing for my English unit test, I got a call from Shanthi ma'am, house mistress of Arul house. She asked me if I knew anyone who could dance for the Arul house variety show, as one of the seniors who was to perform has opted out. I immediately jumped at the opportunity, as I've been learning Bharatnatyam under Dr. Bala Nandakumar for a few years now.

We wrapped up my exam preparations, and got down to practicing the Thillana in Mohana Kalyani raga quite late at night. My mother helped me with the complex steps, while my father had his hands full trying to download and edit the sound track. Somehow we got it all done by 11 pm and I hit the bed , exhausted.

The next day, I had butterflies in my stomach as I got dressed up for the dance and practiced the steps once before leaving for school. My parents agreed to drop me at school for the big day.

I finished my English exam in a daze, and got the help of my friends Nikhitha Ashok and Niharika, to put on the final touches just before the show. The variety show was in the third period, and I missed the snack break entirely, as I had to get ready for the dance. Izaan was kind enough to offer me some biscuits.

I was called to the MPH and I rushed there just on time. Backstage, there were many seniors with lots of cool stuff like a drum set, a keyboard etc. Time just flew and in a jiffy and it was my turn already. All the big annas and akkas wished me good luck as I walked on stage. Finally the big moment arrived- I was there on stage, the lights blinding my eyes. Before I knew it, the music started to play, and I was lost in the rhythm. At last my performance was over and as I made the exit, I could hear a lot of cheers and applause. Even though I was very thrilled, my knees were still shaking! One very tall, senior anna came to me, gave a pat on my back and congratulated me. I was still too dazed to even reply!

After I came back to my classroom, everyone asked me how it went, and I was delighted to answer all of their questions. My experience participating in the Arul House variety show, was absolutely great. It was an amazing opportunity that knocked on my door by chance and I'm glad that I seized it!

**M.Samyuktha VI-E**

## **My Journey towards excellence - Siva Sakthi Award**

When you practice and love an art form with all your heart, appreciation will reach you automatically. And today I have received appreciation and accolades in classical singing through the Siva Sakthi award. A moment to cherish and be proud and happy! First of all, I would like to thank all the teachers who helped me achieve such a prestigious award. I have been practicing singing for 6 years. In the beginning, I was an average singer. With a lot of practice, my performance improved. I started to love the nuances of carnatic music. I entered my first competition. Even though I didn't bag any prize, I learnt a lot about the way of singing and the level of confidence you should have while singing. For the next competition, I had a mindset which told me that participation was more important than winning. With a lot of confidence I bagged the 3rd place in the district level competition of Sri Sathguru Sangeetha Samajam. I have participated in many competitions and programmes which made me confident. After 2 years, I was one of the best singers my teacher ever trained. Due to the lock down, I was disappointed that I may not be able to showcase my talents in school. But I was lucky enough to grab opportunities in the Assembly, Republic day and other celebrations. So when the Vice principal and the co-ordinators informed me about the Siva Sakthi award, my happiness knew no bounds. The news of me receiving such a prestigious award delighted my family. Let me share one important value I have inculcated - Love whatever you do. No matter how hard it is, if you truly strive for it, the whole universe would conspire for you to achieve it.

Srinika Prakash - VIII E

## **The Debate**

True to its nature, the debate organized by Lakshmi School came as a welcome relief to all of us. For most of us who have forgotten how to use our voice box, wear our critical thinking cap and had got used to talking on the microphone in front of the computer - this sure was a welcome relief. We had nearly forgotten the skill of debating in front of an audience during COVID days and we were happy to have had this opportunity to speak out. The participants from 5th grade clearly articulated their points in the debate on "Reading books is better than e-Books". This was my first opportunity to moderate a group and it was like an adventure to me. We really learnt how to communicate and talk under pressure. I was very nervous when I went on stage. All eyes in the room were looking at me and I could feel the butterflies in my stomach flapping their wings wildly! But when I heard the participants speak, their confidence was contagious. The way in which they spoke showed the effort and time they had put into researching the topic and I felt proud to be part of this team. Reading printed books is slowly becoming a rare phenomenon in today's world of e books and debating on this topic brought print books into limelight again. Nailing the right topic, organizing the event, and choosing the right team would not have been possible without our beloved teachers who supported us in every turn. It was a great opportunity and we are expecting many more happy School days ahead!

V. Jaisri - VII F

## **Geography Forum**

I am here to share my beautiful experience on the geography forum that I participated. On Saturday 26th of February, we the students of class VII-D presented a forum about climate change. We had been practicing for this forum for almost 6 months, and it finally paid off when we gave the final presentation, everyone loved it. I spoke about the emissions from industries. I also now want to share something that I learnt from the forum. First I thought that global warming happened due to deforestation and the bursting of crackers but when I saw my friends present their part during the practice, I came to know that it was just the tip of the iceberg and there was much more on this problem. When I dived deep into climate change I realised that the cause was the cruel activities of mankind. I also advised my family members on how to handle various things, in a way that it would not affect the environment. I am fan of Greta Thurnberg, the Swedish climate activist. I like the way she faced the backlashes that come from some people. She also became one of my role models. I learnt that if we want ourselves and future generations to have a better life, we have to protect our mother Earth. So let's make the Earth a better place to live. Thank you!

Sriman Srivatsav - VII D

## **I Just Talked**

Yes, indeed we have come back to school after 2 years of murky times, when one day our English teacher asked us if anyone was interested to participate in the inter house debate competition. I was excited and enrolled my name. The next day was the audition so I had to prepare the script and memorised it, all in a day. Successfully I did it, I delivered my speech! With the suspense of whether I will be selected or not, I went back to class. That evening I was simply delighted to receive a message from my teacher congratulating me. I had a week's time to formulate my theory for the topic, "Technology has motivated students to be self reliant." After 2 days of hard work, the much awaited day finally came. Representing Arul house, I took a seat on the stage on the 15th February. With all tension in my mind, I waited for my turn. Once I stood before the mike, there was only fear in my mind. I was able to feel my legs shaking and my hands cold, I felt that the time had come to overcome it. As I started debating my points, I began to gain confidence even though my heart was doing the lub-dub. After a competition, what do we wait for? Yes the results, I was waiting anxiously for that. A day later, the results were announced. To my surprise, Arul house got the first place and I was recognized as the best speaker. It was all like a dream come true for me. It gave me immense pleasure representing Arul house. From this journey I learnt, 'To attain success in life, we must overcome fear.'

V. Udyati - VII A

### **Meeting the Collector of Madurai District**

The collector of Madurai Dr.S. Aneesh Sekhar I.A.S visited our campus on the 28th of February to inaugurate the Miyawaki forest. It was a momentous occasion for us! Few of us got an opportunity to talk to the collector. We briefed him about our motive of cleaning River Vaigai. He was pleasantly surprised with our initiatives like, the physical and online surveys done by us, our most successful act of cleaning the Madakulam Lake under the guidance of Mr.Rajesh, member of the Green Revolution committee and our other implementations in school. We submitted a petition to the collector seeking the government's support in cleaning the river Vaigai. The brooks of 8B wants the future generations to experience only the glory of Vaigai. We are gaining support from our school. We'll strive our best to restore Vaigai and bring awareness to protect our water resources.

P. Hariharavadhana - VIII B

### **Short Film Experience**

Nine students of class 8-C, including me were curious to know how a short film could be made. We got an opportunity to learn about shooting a film because of the Children's short film competition conducted by Parent Circle. The topic was 'Being a man'. So we the students of class 8-C embarked on this adventure.

Next, we had to concentrate on the story and script writing. We had two main ideas for our story. Both our ideas were not selected but we did not give up easily. We all sat together for 3 hours straight and wrote a new script and gave names for our characters. Now the most exciting part was to shoot the short film.

Even though we were really excited to meet each other, we did not get distracted and started working seriously. Each and every one of us gave ideas to make the scene better. At the end of day one, we had completed four scenes. Some of us, including me had to re-shoot the scenes as we didn't deliver our dialogues correctly. The story line is connected with the SDG - Gender equality.

When we completed the shooting, we had a final challenge in front of us - editing. Our team's editor Ramasamy had a huge job in his hands. He worked really hard for three days and edited our short film successfully. I am really happy to tell what fun it was for nine curious students of 8-C to shoot a short film. We thank the school for the opportunity given to us.

T.V. Raksith - VIII C

## **Assembly**

While our class was planning for the topic of our 3rd assembly, we wanted to do something new. Our class teacher told us to share some unique topics in the discussion. Everyone recommended their topics. I suggested the topic "Entrepreneurship vs 9-5 Education". Unfortunately before I could consolidate my topic, the class was over. I got the support of Varsha and few other friends and we discussed the topic with our class teacher. He accepted the topic which I recommended but we got a lot of opposition on this topic from other students. All my friends and parents told me that this topic is too complicated to deal with, but we did not give up. I believed in myself and my classmates. We promised that we will make this assembly a successful one. The preparation was not as easy as we thought. Only a few were aware of the topic and many were not able to understand the term Entrepreneur. It was very difficult to prepare each and every programme and the duo speech was impossible but we made it possible through our extreme hard work. All our participants worked hard to the core than usual. Though we received negative criticism on our topic, we were very confident and made this assembly a success. So, I conclude that age is just a number, Make anything possible with your confidence and dedication. Thank you!

S.Siva Hari Baalan - VII B

## **Space dream- story**

Once I was seven years old, I had a dream that I was on outer space. I saw my favorite planet, the Mars; I landed on Mars and went around. It was just like Earth. It has seven seasons, polar ice caps, volcanoes and canyons. I came out of Mars and saw all the planets but Earth was the most beautiful planet compared to other planets on space. I came out of Mars and realized the fact, that it was a dream as I had fallen asleep while I was reading the book called "Space dream".

K. Magathi - III A

It was a pleasant morning in space; the Space star-1 had just been launched. It was the most fabulous spaceship in the universe. I, the captain of the ship, Asritha was proud . We were travelling at super wasp speed in the Space star 1. I was busy zipping around the galaxy as the captain of the spaceship. We were travelling to Earth for supplies, but were travelling in the wrong direction. Finally, we landed on a surface. We found that it was Mars. We were happy to land on Mars because we were the first crew to enter Mars. We proudly planted our national flag on Mars.

B. Asritha - III A

## Ant and the grass hopper - modernized picture story



K.K. Pritish Raj - III E

## **Farewell ceremony- Memories to cherish forever!**

The last days of our school life is an indelible memory. It is a record of pleasant moments that occupy a special place in our life. Farewell is a traditional occasion and it will have a deep impact on us as we are leaving our 'alma mater' this year. March 1, 2022, the most awaited day that we never wanted to actually arrive, the farewell day! The day we looked back at our beautiful memories of our good old school days that we will cherish forever this lifetime. The day we had prepared ourselves to be brave enough to say goodbye to LS, our second home. The day when the school campus was lit with girls and boys looking stunningly beautiful and handsome in colourful exquisite sarees and crisp tailored suits.

We had all gathered in the school campus at 2 p.m, in the afternoon of the day of farewell and had a photo session in our favourite and most memorable places in school for about an hour or two. Group photos were taken for each class. The hour was lit with bright smiles and pleasant faces with students complementing each other's attire and about 4 p.m, we were all requested to assemble at the multi-purpose hall where the farewell program was organised by the teachers. The stage was beautifully decorated with lights and candles and students were asked to be seated around the six round tables.

The programme began with the traditional lighting of "Kuthu Vilakku" by the heads and the candle light ceremony along with the oath taking by the school captain. This was followed by our teachers rendering us with amazing speeches quoting their lovable memories that they had with us! The farewell song video was played which had almost left us with happy tears as we felt reminiscing all our sweet moments through a kaleidoscope! And finally came the most favourite part of the day when the whole MPH was a echoing with cheers and laughters. Awarding stoles to the 82 Champions of the day! The names were read out as the stoles were awarded but with a twist! Instead of the names of the person, clues and hints about each student's personality, character traits and talents were read out by the teachers (some of which were collected from their friends secretly!) The hall was filled with people guessing different names from each tables as the hints were read out.

And then was the most emotional part of the day..Farewell speeches by students from each class. The speeches were so good and heart touching that we all ended up holding back our tears. Later, games were conducted in groups by the teachers and finally the farewell ended with us clicking photos wearing our stoles proudly! It was indeed a memorable day that will be photographed in our memories as a beautiful portrait! IF MY HEART WERE A CANVAS, EVERY SQUARE INCH OF IT WOULD BE PAINTED WITH MY MEMORIES OF LS! Farewell to you!

**M. Elcy Josephine - XII A**

### **Experience as a Judge**

I think I will always look for an excuse to come back to LS, and what better excuse will I have than saying "I was invited as a judge for the Senior Level Inter-house Debate competition".

It was a pleasure to join this event as a judge after all these years of participation. To see all the participants on stage reminded me of when I was a student and made me yearn back for those good old days. A big thanks for considering me as good enough to be a judge. I enjoyed the day and was amazed at the amount and quality of work the teams had put into their debates and the professionalism of their approach and presentation. Everyone who took part has much to be proud of.

The quality of debate, as expected of our school was outstanding and considering that this was the first live event after the pandemic, the participants did an excellent job during their speech.

Never expected there would be a day where I would go back to my school as a judge but the day did come and will remain a memorable one. Thank you for having me as a judge LS, I will always be your student at heart.

J.J Neha (Batch 2020-2021)

### **Thanksgiving Ceremony**

4th of March, a day we'd never forget. A day with a few tears, million thank you's and a billion smiles. It was the Thanksgiving ceremony, a day we express our gratitude to our passionate teachers. It started out great and ended even better.

The show started with a thanksgiving speech by Rithika which pumped all of us and set the mood right for the show. Then we shifted to a different energy with the music band. We had Madhav Krishna, Vinay and Keerthika on the guitar. Fredrick Michael on the drums and I did the vocal. We performed like we owned the stage. It felt awesome and we played our hearts out.

Moving on, we had a skit on three topics- confidence, competence and compassion. Yes! the Vision of our school which we were taught since the very first day we stepped into our classes. We had dances, songs, role-play on the visions and showed how much they mean to us. A video compilation was made by Anbu Malar with the many sweet memories of our batch at school with the teachers. It was a delight to watch.

We ended with all of 12th grade on the stage wearing graduation caps and stoles singing with all our heart and soul. We felt so strong and powerful yet it was weird how we all were a little sad on the inside considering this would be our last performance in our school life and that hurt. Anyways it was a beautiful memory we cherish forever. The best part was when we threw our caps high above our shoulders knowing we've reach the end of this beautiful chapter in our lives but also knew we have a lot more to see and a lot more to feel.

Lakshmi school made us who we are and our teachers sculpted us into unique individuals. The thanksgiving ceremony was a lovely day, light and bright and ended with a heavy heart. We'd remember this forever till the end of time.

K. Shreenithi - XII C

## **Our green garden**

**"The greatest threat to the planet is the belief that someone else will save it!"**

**As a part of implementing UN's Sustainable Development Goals for Climate Action, LVS along with the worldwide women's organization Soroptimist International Madurai inaugurated a Miyawaki Garden in our own Lakshmi Campus on 28th February, 2022.**

**What is Miyawaki? Miyawaki is a technique developed by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki, where dozens of native species are planted in the same area. This method is revolutionary for urban cities because it can be grown in small patches of land and does not need any maintenance after the first three years. The garden in our campus has been named "green garden" after a lot of thought and inputs from the students and teachers.**

**Our honorary District Collector Dr. S Aneesh Sekhar IAS, unveiled the tree planting plaque. Members of SI Madurai joined hands with the Student representatives of Lakshmi school, TVS Matriculation school and the special school for Autism(BSS) to plant 1000 Miyawaki saplings at the school premises including native species such as Kadambam, Magilam, Punnai, Mantharai.**

**Collector Dr. Aneesh Sekhar gave a very inspiring speech quoting Gandhi's words aptly that "The earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs but not every man's greed". He spoke on the importance of this generation to realize the importance of taking care of our precious natural resources for themselves and the future generations.**

**Founder president Anitha Rajarajan of SI and President of SI Madurai, Dr. Manju Anilkumar spoke on how the TVS schools have been doing exemplary work by connecting children with nature and how this Miyawaki forest in their school backyard will become a part of life for these children.**

**We Lakshmians, hope to take care of our 'Green Garden' with love & care.**

**Meenakshi A Unnithan - XI A**

## **Golden Pen Award for Creative Writing**

**The entire 12th grade gathered in the MPH on March 1 for our farewell. It was a bittersweet day for us all - a day of mourning the days past, and longing for the future. Before the programme began, a few endowment prizes were given out by the school, one of which was the Golden Pen Award for Excellence in Creative Writing.**

**Students from classes 9-12 had written essays to be contenders for the coveted award. I chose the topic "If I were a butterfly". I was also asked to mention all my prior awards and certificates from creative writing competitions, in an effort to solidify my standing. Writing is something very dear to me. The idea of expressing the nuanced feelings one experiences through something as simple as words is awe-striking to me.**

**Even thinking about receiving the award at my farewell, my last big event at school brings joy to my heart. I can still remember my name being announced as the winner, and walking to the stage to loud cheers from my friends and teachers. To receive recognition for something this important to me was a dream come true.**

**M. Meha - XII A**

## Live Book Session

The session with audio engineer and alumni Mr. S.P. Narayanan, as a part of our Live Book Sessions, was one to remember. Having worked on blockbusters such as Kurup, Master and Vikram Vedha, he was full of words of inspiration. So sure of himself, he not only explained every aspect of his field with clarity and patience, but also kept the session lively with personal anecdotes and memories of his experiences over the years. Interesting and to-the-point questions were collected from students across grades to make the session more invigorating and fun filled. Meenakshi Unnithan and I, Sanchita, put forward those questions to the guest on behalf of the students. He took them on sportingly and enthralled the audience with his wit and charm. His answers gave us an insight into his profession. Audio engineering isn't perhaps a familiar option for most of us students and therefore his inputs were of value addition to our career options. We were happy to learn about an audio engineer's profile, as famous as Mr. S.P. Narayanan, whose work involves recording, mixing, and designing sounds.

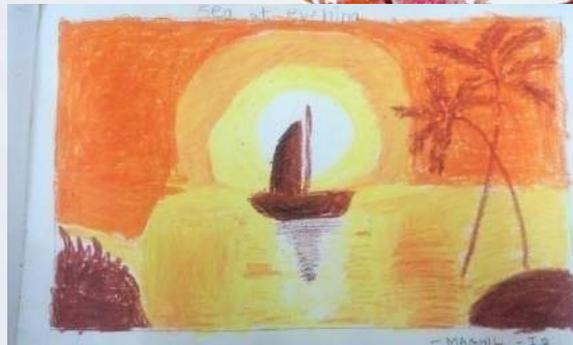
We are thankful to our school for making the live book sessions a regular feature and for inviting Mr. Narayanan for the session held on 12th January, 2022.

Sanchita Namagiri - XI A

### Class I Activity Photos



Z. Hasnaa | A



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M.P. Aradhya | D



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**We congratulate the  
newly Weds**

**Ms. Mallika and Mr. Sheik**

**Ms. Karthiga and  
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**Ms. Divya and Mr. Sathiesh  
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**Congratulations!**

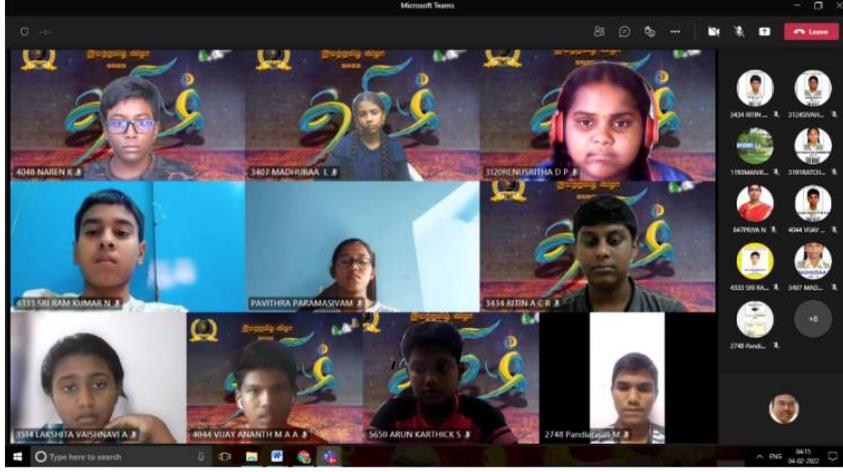
**Mr. Sundara Pandian on  
the birth of your daughter**

**Ms. Saranya on the birth of  
your son**

**Ms. Uma on the birth of  
your son**

**Mr. Santhosh Naveen on  
the birth of your daughter**

## 'முதல் மூன்று வாய்ப்புகள்'



'மாற்றம் ஒன்றே மாறாதது' - இந்த விடையம் யார், யார் வாழ்க்கைக்குப் பொருந்தும் என்று எனக்குத் தெரியாது. ஆனால், என் வாழ்க்கைக்கு மிகச் சரியாகப் பொருந்தியுள்ளது. நான் இதுவரை மூன்றுமுறை படிப்பதற்காக வெவ்வேறு பள்ளிகளுக்கு இடம் மாற்றியுள்ளேன்.

'மாற்றம் முதலில் கடினமாக இருந்தாலும், நடுவில் குழப்பமாக இருந்தாலும் முடிவில் நன்மையையே தரும்' என்பர். அவ்வாறு நடந்த நன்மைகளுள் ஒன்றுதான் நான் லக்ஷ்மி பள்ளிக்கு வந்துசேர்ந்தது. நான் வாழ்ந்த பழைய ஊரையும் நான் படித்த பழைய பள்ளியையும் விட்டு இந்தப் புதிய ஊருக்கு, இந்தப் புதிய பள்ளிக்கு வர எனக்கு விருப்பமே இல்லை. பின்னர், என் மனத்தைத் தேற்றிக்கொண்டு, நான் இங்கு வந்தேன்.

இங்கு வந்த சில நாட்களிலே என் வகுப்பு சார்பாகப் பள்ளி பொதுவழிபாட்டுக் கூட்டத்தில் 'மாதிரி சட்டசபை' நிகழ்ச்சி நடைபெறவிருந்தது. அதில் நான் தொகுப்பாளராகப் பங்கேற்க விரும்பினேன். நான் பேசும்பொழுது, 'என்னுடைய ஒவ்வொரு சொல்லும் துப்பாக்கியிலிருந்து வெளிவரும் குண்டுகள் போல வெளிப்பட்டு என் பேச்சைக் கேட்போரின் காதுகளில் விழ வேண்டும்' என்று நினைத்தேன். எனவே, அதற்காகக் கடுமையாக உழைத்தேன். என்னால் முடிந்த அனைத்தையும் செய்தேன்.

மார்கழி மாதத்தில் வெற்றிகரமாக அந்த நிகழ்ச்சி நடைபெற்றது. அன்று காலை சில்லென்று பனிக்காற்று மெதுவாக அடித்தது. சூரியன் மேகங்களுக்கிடையே இருந்து சிறிதாக எட்டிப் பார்த்தது. என் இதயத்துடிப்பு நிமிடத்திற்கு நிமிடம் மிகுதியாவதை உணர முடிந்தது. அப்போதுதான் நான் பேசத் தொடங்கினேன். நிகழ்ச்சியின் முடிவில் ஆசிரியர்கள் பலர் எங்கள் மாதிரி சட்டசபை நிகழ்ச்சியையும் என்னையும் பாராட்டியதில் நான் மிக்க மகிழ்ச்சி அடைந்தேன்.

இதைத் தொடர்ந்து பேசுவதற்கான மற்றொரு வாய்ப்பு எனக்குக் கிடைத்தது. என் தமிழாசிரியர் என்னைக் 'குடியரசு தின விழா'வில் பேச அழைத்தார். ஆனால், அப்போது எனக்கு உடல்நிலை சரியில்லை. ஆனால், வாய்ப்பைத் தவறவிட எனக்கு மனமில்லை. எனவே, நான் ஒப்புக்கொண்டேன்.

காணொலியாக என் உரையைத் தயாரித்து அனுப்ப எனக்குக் காலதாமதமானது. காரணம், எனது உடல்நிலை. ஆசிரியர் வழங்கியிருந்த காலக்கெடு நெருங்கியது. நான் மிகவும் பதற்றமடைந்தேன். என் குடும்பத்தாரையும் பதறச்செய்துவிட்டேன். இறுதியில்

நல்லமுறையில் காணொலி என் உரையைத் தயாரித்து, தமிழாசிரியருக்கு அனுப்பிவிட்டேன்.

இந்த நிகழ்விலிருந்து நான் என் வாழ்க்கைக்குத் தேவையான இரண்டு மிக முக்கியமான பாடங்களைக் கற்றுக்கொண்டேன். அவை - 1. என்னால் செய்யமுடியாத அளவில் இருக்கும் வேலைகளை ஒப்புக்கொள்ள / எடுத்துக் கொள்ளக் கூடாது. 2. எந்தச் சிக்கலையும் பதற்றம் அடையாமல் கையாள வேண்டும்.

அடுத்து சில நாட்களில் எனக்குப் பிறிதொரு வாய்ப்புக் கிடைத்தது. தமிழ்த்துறை நடத்திய 'இயற்றமிழ்விழா'வில் விவாத மேடைக்கு நடுவராகும் வாய்ப்பு. இந்த வாய்ப்பைச் சரியாகப் பயன்படுத்திக்கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்பதில் நான் உறுதியாக இருக்கேன்.

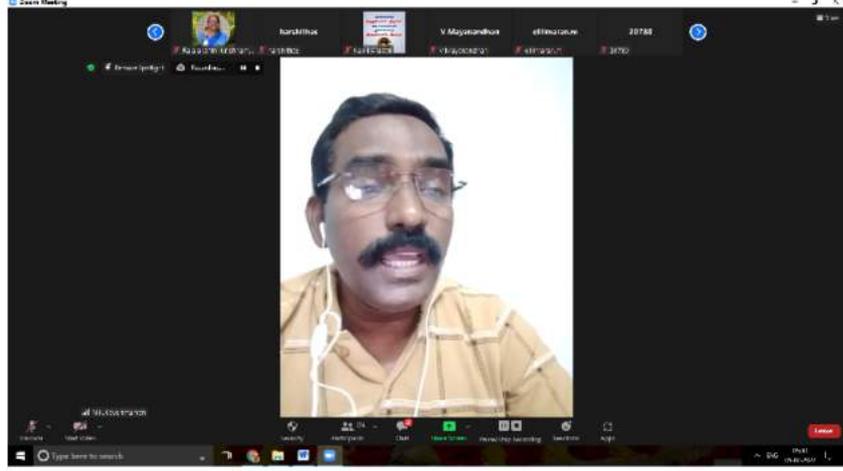
இந்த விழா இணைய வழியாக நடைபெற்றபோது என் அறைக்குள் என் குடும்பத்தார் வந்து சென்று கொண்டிருந்தனர். அதனால், என் கவனம் சிதறியது. கவனம் சிதறியதனால் நான் என் பேச்சின் இடையில் சில வாக்கியங்களைத் தவறவிட்டேன். விழா முடிந்த பின்னரும் இது என் மனத்தை உறுத்திக் கொண்டே இருந்தது. எனவே, நான் இதிலிருந்து 'எக்காரணத்தைக் கொண்டும் நம் வேலையிலிருந்து கவனத்தைச் சிதறவிடக் கூடாது' என்ற மற்றொரு பாடத்தையும் கற்றுக் கொண்டேன்.

வாழ்க்கை எப்போழுதும் இனிமையாக அமைவதில்லை. இன்பமும் துன்பமும் கலந்த கலவைதானே வாழ்க்கை! எனவே, இன்பமான தருணத்தில் பணிவையும் துன்பமான தருணத்தில் அனுபவத்தையும் கற்றுக் கொண்டால், நாம் என்றென்றும் சிறப்போடு வாழலாம்.

- பவித்ரா பரமசிவம், 9 - 'இ' பிரிவு

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## 'இயற்றமிழ் விழா-2022' பற்றிய எனது கண்ணோட்டம்



தமிழைச் சிறப்பிக்கும் விதமாக ஆண்டுதோறும் நடைபெறும் நமது லக்ஷ்மி பள்ளி தமிழ்த்துறை நடத்தும் இயற்றமிழ் விழா பற்றிய எனது கண்ணோட்டத்தை உங்களோடு பகிர்ந்துகொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.

மாணவி மதுராவின் பள்ளிஇறைவணக்கப் பாடலுடன் விழா இனிதே துவங்கியது. மாணவர்கள் விஜய் ஆனந்த், ஸ்ரீராம்குமார் ஆகியோர் அற்புதமாக அருமையாக இயற்றமிழ் விழாவினைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கினர்.

முக்கணிகளின் சுவை பற்றி அறிந்துள்ள நாம், புதிதாகக் காய்கறிகளின் சுவை பற்றி ஒன்றாம் வகுப்பு மாணவி ஜெ. ஜெனட் பிளிசியா மூலம் அறிந்துகொண்டேன். 'கற்றது கைமண்ணளவு, கல்லாதது உலகளவு' என்பதை அழகாக நீதிநெறிக் கதை மூலம் அழகாக எடுத்துக் கூறினாள் இரண்டாம் வகுப்பு மாணவி சி. ரித்தன்யா.

'எந்த நிறம் இருந்தாலும் யாவும் ஒரே தரம் அன்றோ' என்று மூன்றாம் வகுப்பு மாணவி ரா. அதித்திரி மழலைக் குரலினால் மகாகவி பாரதியாரின் கவிதையைப் பதிவு செய்தார்.

உலகளவில் அதிக அளவில் மொழி பெயர்க்கப்பட்ட நூலும் அறநெறி நூல்களும் தலைசிறந்த நூலுமான திருக்குறளில் இருந்து சில குறட்பாக்களைக் கூறி, அதற்குரிய தனித்துவமான விளக்கங்களை அளித்தார் நான்காம் வகுப்பு மாணவி ச. துவாரகா. மனிதகுல சாதனைகளின் வியக்கத்தக்க பரிணாம வளர்ச்சியை ஐந்தாம் வகுப்பு மாணவி நா. அனாஹிதா தனது மணிமணியான சொற்களால் சொற்பொழிவாற்றினார்.

பெண்கல்விக்காகவும் உரிமைக்காகவும் சிறு வயதிலேயே சோளப்பூவாக வெடித்துச் சிதறிய சிறுமி மலாலா பற்றி ஆறாம் வகுப்பு மாணவி மு. சம்புத்தா அருமையாகப் பேசினார். சுற்றுலாத் தலங்களில் மேகம் கீழே இறங்கி வந்து நம்மை மகிழ்விப்பதைப் போல ஏழாம் வகுப்பு மாணவி ஹரித்திராவின் 'மழைக்கவிதை' அனைவரையும் மகிழ்வித்தது.

'என்ன வளம் இல்லை இந்தத் திருநாட்டில்' என்ற தலைப்பில் விவாதமேடை நடைபெற்றது. ஒரு மாணவி அதனை ஒருங்கிணைக்க, நான்கு மாணாக்கர் தங்களின் கருத்துகளை ஆணித்தரமாக எடுத்துரைத்தனர்.

விழாவுக்குச் சிறப்பு விரும்பினராகத் தமிழாசிரியர் திரு. நா. கா. காவேரி மணியன் அவர்கள் வந்திருந்தார். அவரின் உரை விழாவிற்கு மணிமகுடமாக அமைந்திருந்தது. நமது பள்ளி மாணவர்களின் தமிழ்மொழித் திறமைகளை வியந்து, பாராட்டினார். 'முத்தமிழ்' என்பதற்கு அருமையான விளக்கம் கொடுத்தார். 'அனைத்து மாணவர்களும் புத்தகங்களை வாசிக்க வேண்டும்' என்று கூறி ஊக்கப்படுத்தினார். 'இன்பத்தமிழ்'ப் பாடலை இனிமையாகப் பாடினார். லக்ஷ்மி வித்யா சங்கத்தின் இயக்குநர் உயர்திரு. எஸ். ஸ்ரீநிவாசன் ஐயா அவர்கள் இந்த விழாவில் கலந்துகொண்டு சிறப்பித்தார்.

- வே. தனிஷ்கா, 8 - 'உ' பிரிவு



## தரவட்டக்குழுவின் அனுபவம்

என் பெயர் பா. மஹதி .

### இது தான் என் தரவட்டக்குழுவின் அனுபவம்

முதலில் இந்த குழுவை அமைத்துக் கொடுத்த ஆசிரியருக்கு மிக்க நன்றி. ஏனெனில் வாசித்தலை, எளிமையாக பழக முடிந்தது. நண்பர்களுடன் சேர்ந்து குழுவாக ஒரு வேலையை செய்யக் கற்றுக் கொண்டேன். அது மட்டுமின்றி 'வாசிப்பு பழக்கம்' பற்றி அட்டவணை இடும் பொறுப்பை ஏற்ற பிறகு பொறுப்புணர்ச்சி வளர்ந்தது.

இணைய வழி வகுப்புகளாக இருந்தாலும், நண்பர்களுடன் கலந்துரையாடியது மகிழ்ச்சியை அளித்தது. தரவட்டக்குழுவின் சின்னம் அமைக்கும் பணியின்போது எங்கள் கற்பனைத்திறனை வளர்த்துக் கொள்ளமுடிந்தது.

எங்கள் குழுவிற்கான பரிசுப்பொருளை நாங்களே தயாரித்தது, எங்களை இன்னும் ஊக்குவித்தது. பலவிதமான வரைபடங்கள் வரைந்து வேடிக்கையுடன் மகிழ்ச்சியாக வரைந்தோம்.

மொத்தத்தில் இந்தக் குழுவில் சேர்ந்து வேலைகள் செய்தது, எனக்கு மிக்க மகிழ்ச்சி அளித்தது.

நன்றி.

பா. மஹதி

5 ஆம் வகுப்பு 'அ' பி

## பேச்சுப் போட்டியின் அனுபவம்

அனைவருக்கும் வணக்கம்.

"விடாமுயற்சியே வாழ்க்கையின் வெற்றிக்குப் படிக்கல்" என்ற தலைப்பில் நம் பள்ளியின் இயற்றமிழ் விழாவில் பேசி, இரண்டாம் பரிசு வென்றேன்.

நான் பேசவேண்டிய உரையை முழுமையாக எழுதிக் கொண்டேன். அதை எழுதிட என்னுடைய அன்னை மிகவும் உறுதுணையாக இருந்தார்கள். நான் அதை திரும்பத்திரும்ப வாசித்து பன்முறை பயிற்சி எடுத்துக்கொண்டேன். நான் தடங்கலின்றிப் பேசியதற்குக் காரணம் என்னுடைய பயிற்சியும், பெற்றோர் மற்றும் ஆசிரியரின் ஊக்குவித்தலே காரணமாகும். என்னுடைய தமிழ் ஆசிரியை ஜே.கி.ளாடியா அம்மா அவர்கள், நான் எப்படி உச்சரிக்க வேண்டும், எங்கெல்லாம் ஏற்ற இறக்கங்கள் கொடுக்க வேண்டும் என்று என்னுடைய பேச்சை மெருகேற்றினார்கள்.

அதனால் நான் என் பேச்சு, ஒப்புவித்தல் போல் இல்லாமல், உணர்ச்சிகரமான பேச்சாகவே இருந்தது. அதற்கு என்னுடைய ஆசிரியருக்கு நன்றி தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன். நான் என் பேச்சை எப்பொழுதும் வாசித்தது கிடையாது. ஒரு மேடையில் வாசிக்கப்படும் கட்டுரையை எவருமே கவனிப்பது இல்லை என்பதே என்னுடைய அனுபவம் மற்றும் கருத்தாகும். நாம் நம்முடைய பேச்சை வலிமையாக்க நிறைய புத்தகங்கள் வாசிக்க வேண்டும் என்பதை புரிந்து கொண்டேன். நான் ஏன்? முதல் பரிசு பெறவில்லை என்பதை ஆராய்ந்து, அதற்கான பயிற்சியை மேற்கொண்டு அடுத்த மேடையேச்சில் என் உரையை மெருகேற்றிப் பிரதிபலிப்பேன்.

எனக்கு உறுதுணையாக இருந்த குடும்பத்தினர் மற்றும் தமிழ் அம்மா அவர்களுக்கு மீண்டும் என்னுடைய மிகப்பெரிய நன்றிகளைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

நன்றி.

கிருஷ்ண .சௌ

5 ஆம் வகுப்பு 'அ' பிரிவு

स्कूल आने के बाद....

स्कूल आने के बाद मुझे इतनी खुशी मिली है उसका कोई अंदाजा नहीं। स्कूल आने के बाद अच्छा सा बोध कर रही हूँ। मेरे सीखने का कौशल में सुधार हुआ है। मेरे अंक भी अच्छे आने लगे हैं। दोस्तों से बात करना उनके साथ खेलना इससे मुझे बहुत खुशी मिल रही है। स्कूल का वातावरण देखकर मन प्रफुल्ल होता है। बहुत खुशी की बात यह है कि मैं अच्छा हिंदी बात करने लगी। मैं बहुत खुश हूँ।

M.R. Seshaharshini - V B

स्कूल आने के बाद....

कोविड के लाकडाऊन के बाद जब मेरा स्कूल खुला तो मैं फूली न समायी। अपने दोस्तों और शिक्षकों से मिलने के लिए मैं बहुत अधिक उत्सुक थी। इतने दिन घर में बंद रहने के बाद स्कूल की खुली हवाओं फिर से लौटने का कुछ अलग ही मजा था। लापटाप के छोटे स्क्रीन से निकलकर श्यामपट की तरह कैसे मुड गए इसका पता ही नहीं चला। स्कूल बस् में बैठकर स्कूल आने का एक अलग ही मजा है। सच में स्कूल में प्रत्यक्ष आने का इंतजार खत्म हुआ।

A. Sharvi - V A

स्कूल आने के बाद....

जब मुझे पता चला कि स्कूल खुलने की बात से ही मैं बहुत परेशान हो गया था। यह सोच रहा था कि अब मुझे रोज सुबह जल्दी उठना पड़ेगा। और मैं यह सोच के परेशान हो गया कि अब मुझे क्लास वर्क और होम वर्क खत्म करना पड़ेगा। फिर मैंने सोचा कि स्कूल जाऊँगा तो बहुत दिनों के बाद अपने दोस्तों से मिलूँगा। फिर पहले दिन स्कूल गया तो बहुत मजा आया। दो-तीन के बाद सारे अध्यापिकाएँ नोट झाँच करने लगीं।

मेरी हालत खराब होने लगी। जब नोटस खत्म हुआ तो परीक्षा आ गई। तो हमें सारा गृहकार्य करना पडा। बडा अच्छा लगा फिर से स्कूल आकर बस भगवान से प्रार्थना है कि कोरोना को हमेशा हमेशा के लिए भगा दें।

Parikshit Bansal - VIII B

### मेरा अनुभव

लक्ष्मी स्कूल एक विद्यालय से ज्यादा एक परिवार है। इस परिवार में मैं मार्च 2019 को शामिल हुआ था। जब मैं कुछ 7-8 साल का था, तब मैं अपने चचेरा भाई को रोज स्कूल जाते हुए दिखता था और कभी-कबार तो उसे स्कूल छोड़ने के लिए जाता था। तब स्कूल के बाहर से देखकर मैं आश्चर्य में पड़ जाता था क्योंकि जो स्कूल में पढता था, वह इतना सुंदर नहीं था। तब मैंने सोचा भी नहीं कि मैं इस खूबसूरत परिवार में शामिल हो जाऊँगा। मुझे लक्ष्मी स्कूल में पढते हुए तीन साल होने वाले हैं। यहाँ पढकर बहुत खुशी हुई। मैंने कई स्कूल बदले हैं। पर सबसे ज्यादा मुझे पसंद यही है। मुझे खुशी के साथ-साथ गर्व भी हो रहा है कि मैं लक्ष्मी स्कूल के परिवार में शामिल हूँ-----।

K.Krishiv - VIII B

### हिंदी दिवस

हिंदी दिवस के नाम से ही मन में बहुत सारी खुशियाँ और कई उमंगें उठती हैं। पूरी पाठशाला में त्योहार का महील रहता है। सभी में कुछ करने की चाह रहती है। इस बार हम सबको हिन्दी दिवस में भाग लेने का सुनहरा अवसर प्राप्त हुआ था। हम तो बस मजे करने के लिए भाग लिए थे। हमें पता नहीं चला हम इस कार्यक्रम में कब ढल गए। हम ने इन कार्यक्रम से बहुत कुछ सीखा पता ही नहीं चला कब हम में इतने सारे गुणों का विकास हो गया। समर्पण की भावनाओं मिलजुलकर काम करना और एक दूसरे की भावनाओं को समझना। जिम्मेदारी निभाना। जब हमने हॉ कहा है तो पूरे दिन से हमें अपनी जिम्मेदारी निभाना। समय का सही प्रयोग करना और दूसरों के समय का सम्मान करना। आत्मविश्वास का बढ़ना हम से होगा। ऐसी कई बातें जिस शब्दों में पिरोया नहीं जा सकता है और हॉ सब से बड़ी बात नए शब्द जानना और हिंदी में सुधार आना। ये पल हमारे लिए खूबसूरत यादें हैं।

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