

LAKSHMI DARPAN

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

From the Principal's desk



Dear parents,

“Dream Country” was one of the projects given for class VIII on “Collaborative Wednesdays”. Student teams were supposed to create their own countries based on the extent of the latitude and longitude given to each of them. They had to imagine and define the physical features, flora and fauna, clothes, language, food, festivals, etc for that country. The teams made their presentations describing their countries in detail.

Their creativity, logical thinking, usage of technology and confidence impressed us. Last year, we found that students didn't open up and were lacking social skills because of the pandemic. That's the reason we introduced these “Collaborative Wednesdays”. The way they made use of the activities of these Bagless Wednesdays gave us a lot of hope.

Not just class VIII, right from KG to class XII, every single activity gave us hope and promises that we are on the right track. We were worried that children might take years to come out of the effects of the pandemic. But just like how nature always finds a way, our children also broke away from the shackles created by the pandemic. Job markets are evolving and we are grooming children for jobs that do not exist yet.

It is skills like collaboration, imagination and problem solving, constantly practiced in school that will be the key to their success in future. We endeavour to make students confident citizens with social responsibilities. You will get to know the various school activities through this newsletter and the yearbook that will be published soon. We thank all parents for the trust, and involvement in all our programs.

Wish you all a very happy vacation.

Subhashini
Principal

NEWS & EVENTS



November

- 7 th - Physics Exhibition for Classes VI to VIII
- 8 th - Biology Exhibition for Classes VI to VIII
- 9 th - Chemistry Exhibition for Classes VI to VIII
- 14 th - Children's Day
- 19 th - Variety Show for class III
- 21 st - LKG Field Trip to Thriumohur Temple
- 22 nd - UKG Field Trip to D-Mart

December

- 2 nd - Annual Day
- 13 th - LKG & UKG Field Trip to CSI Cathedral Church
- 16th - Class II Field Trip to Thiruparamkundarm Park
- 22 nd - Christmas Carnival for Class I
- 22 nd - Promoting Local Artisians-Florist (Level2)

January

- 9 th - Field Trip to the city
- 10 th - LKG A Family Bonding Day
- 11 th - Inter House Spell Cricket for class VI to VIII
- 11 th - LKG B Family Bonding Day
- 12 th - Pongal Celebration (Level1 to 3)
- 23 rd - LKG E Family Bonding Day
- 13 th - LKG to Class V Pongal Celebration
- 18 th - LKG C Family Bonding Day
- 20 th - LKG D Family Bonding Day
- 18 th - Class I Field Trip to Thindiyoor Village
- 19 th - Interhouse Declamation
- 23 rd - LKG Field Trip to Uzhavar Sandhai - Anna Nagar
- 26 th - Republic Day/Cross Country Race
- 27 th - UKG Field Trip to Agriculture College
- 27 th - Declamation Finals for Class IV and V
- 27 th - Interhouse Quiz for Class XI and XII
- 31 st - Hindi Day

February

- 2 nd - Farewell to Class XII
- 9 th & 10 th- EPL for Class IV and V
- 27 th - Term II Exam for Class IX

NEWS



March

- 1 st - Term II Exam for Classes XI
- 3 rd - Inter House Debate for Class VI to VIII
- 7 th - Intramural for Class 6
- 7 th - Intramural for Class 7
- 9 th - Cyber Security Session
- 10 th - QC Intra School Case Study Class VIII
- 14 th - Interhouse Debate for Class IX to XII
- 14 th to 18 th - Class II Science Project
- 17 th - Library Day Celebration
- 17 th - Summer Classes for Classes IX and XI
- 20 th - Intramural for Class 8
- 21 st - Class VIII Lakshmi Landia Project Presentation
- 25 th - UKG Variety Show
- 29 th - Term II Exam for Classes VI to VIII
- 24 th - Poetry under the Stars
- 31 st - Variety Show for UKG

Uniform

"Wear your brother's shirt, they'll fit you in a few years!"
My mom told me as she handed me the uniform, worn torn
Now, I don't know about the rest of my peers
But my brother's hand-me-downs is what I thrived on
Say, I tell you: imagine a classroom
You'll think of a blackboard (that's actually green)
A place depleted of melancholia and gloom
And a stone floor that's hardly ever clean

Different kinds of people scattered everywhere
First benchers' silence and last benchers' roars
Some on the tables and some on the chair
Half in the class and half in the corridors

But there's one thing that unites them all, isn't there?
Some two sizes big, and some a little too small
A bright yellow shirt that we so religiously wear
The uniform we swear we won't miss at all

My brother's over sized shirts always annoyed me
Took longer to iron and still had no shape

There was nothing good about reusing it, really
I swear I tried everything to escape

But that was one time, before our last day
When everyone ran behind each other with pens
And made promises to never betray
And to always remain friends

That day, as my shirt filled up with words unsaid
Agreements, old stories and secrets under the collars
I couldn't help but wish my shirt were bigger instead
I wouldn't trade the garment for a million dollars

To think that after a decade and a half
I'm leaving my yellow shirt behind,
Feels like I'm letting go of my laugh
That I 'm not sure I'll again find

Sanchita Namagiri, XII A

IIMUN Mumbai 2022



Every IIMUN (India's International Movement to Unite Nations) conference is a rewarding experience and IIMUN Mumbai 2022 was no exception! I have attended various IIMUN conferences several times in high school and arguably; this was my most challenging IIMUN so far.

As a class 12 student, I decided to attend IIMUN Mumbai 2022, 2 months before my board exam because I knew that this was going to be an awesome experience that would expose me to the global situations I did not know earlier. I would have definitely regretted if I hadn't taken up this opportunity. I thank my school for giving me this opportunity.

We were a team of 9 students and Ms.Selvi Williams was our teacher in-charge who took care of our safety and also guided us throughout the conference. She had also trained us for the conference. The conference took place from 9 December to 11 December in HVB Global Academy. A special inauguration ceremony in the Gateway of India was organized by IIMUN to commemorate the completion of a decade of IIMUN's existence. The programme was graced by several eminent personalities in various fields like Mr.Boman Irani, Mr.Shantanu Mukherjee, Mr.Ajay Piramal, Mr.Nadir Godrej, Mr.Gaur Gopal Das, chiefs of the Indian army, naval and air force. Listening to the inspirational and enlightening speeches of these renowned people all in one evening was nothing short of a dream. Their experiences and principles in life truly touched all our hearts.

We had around 20 committees in the conference like Lok Sabha, UNODC, WHO, Influencers Summit, UNHRC etc. Every committee had different agendas that addressed key global issues like drug abuse, pandemic, cryptocurrency etc. We had to discuss the stances of the countries or political party we were representing and discuss solutions to curb the problem.

We really had to work hard to make an impression and influence the committee as there was heavy competition as many delegates who participated were experienced. Each delegate was so well-prepared and spent months researching on the topic, only making us wish that we had gotten some more time to prepare. The committee sessions were insanely long but we never felt tired as it was intriguing and nerve-racking to see people debate and roast the other delegate over his stance.

The best part of our trip was our stay at Taj President, Cuffe Parade. We got to enjoy different cuisines like Konkan, Italian and North Indian. Our comfort was their top priority and everything was done to take care of our needs. It was indeed a luxurious stay.

The icing on the cake was definitely winning the Best Delegate in the UNODC committee. This was my last IIMUN and it couldn't have been any better. The memories, laughter and learnings of this IIMUN will be deeply etched in my heart forever.

Sivaghami L , XII C

CROSS COUNTRY RACE



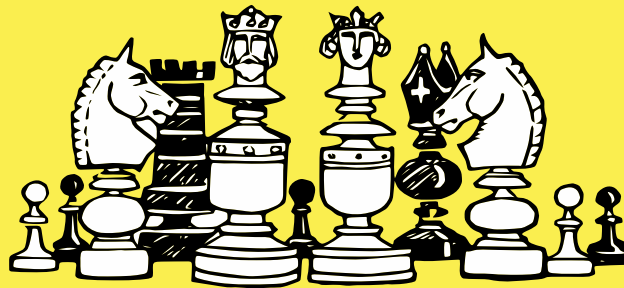
Our school conducted a Cross Country race on the 26th of January. I was one among the many who participated in the race with eagerness and enthusiasm.

I performed to the best of my ability and secured the eighth place. Although I narrowly missed out on the prize, I was not upset as I understand that sports is not about winning or losing but it is about team work and sportsmanship.

I thank the school for organising such events and I look forward to participating in the Cross Country run next year as well.

Jishnu Varadhan .K , IV C

My Experience in a Chess Tournament



From 27 th January to 31 st January I had an opportunity to participate in the MPL's National school chess championship 2023 which was held in Hosur, Tamilnadu. This event was organized by Ananthi Chess academy, Madurai and was funded by "The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports." More than a thousand five hundred players from all around India had participated in this event. This event was a five day event comprising nine rounds or nine games. It was a toughly fought championship with players fighting hardest for a single point and the tournament ended with a very close battle where each player breathed on the neck of the others .

My experience in this tournament was fantastic. I had a great exposure to understand the way of thinking of players from other states, their style of playing and learnt many new tactics from them. Chess is considered hard as "One bad move destroys forty one good moves," so all the players have to be on their feet looking out for their opponent's blunders and punishing them. My games usually went on for three to four hours and I barely had time to eat lunch. Winning and losing is a part and parcel of the learning process, after all every chess grandmaster was once a beginner. Although I was not able to finish top three in my age category, my learning was abundant which improved my way of thinking and tactics. I wish to practice more and do even better in my future tournaments, and who knows I may eventually win a prize.

Sudharshena.V ,VIII B

Promoting Local Artisans

It was September 2022, the time where the month marks the end of the monsoon season and signals the arrival of the cool season. Hence, we members of the Interact club decided to help people with our warm behaviour. We came up with the idea of organising a Cultural Fest and contribute the money collected through it for charity.



As part of the Cultural Fest, two artisans who were professional basket weavers were invited to our school. They came in and began their work. It was an amazing sight to see how quickly they were able to weave the bamboo baskets perfectly! In just a matter of minutes, they displayed a whole lot of baskets woven with bamboo. It was so fascinating to see how skilled they were at their work. The finished baskets were sold to eager buyers who wanted to support our cause. The money collected was given to the artisans who were thrilled at the encouragement and appreciation they received from the students.

Though it was a small act of compassion, it gave us a huge sense of pride! We were able to understand their situation of post-covid and we promoted local cottage industries and created awareness about the situation to a huge crowd. This, we believe would have surely created an impact on the parents and I thank our school for exposing us to such an opportunity.

Devathaa.V, XI A

Field Trip – Thiruparankundram Park



My school had arranged for a picnic to the Thiruparankundram Park. It was a very good experience for all of us. We went to the park in our school bus. We all enjoyed traveling with friends and teachers. Once we reached we had our snacks and were excited to start playing. We saw a few monkeys in the park and loved the dancing in the musical fountain. We also enjoyed playing the slide. I had a lot of fun with my teachers and friends. It was the best day ever.

AadyaMrinal, II A

Market Day Project– A Charity Fund Raising Project



On 14th October 2022, we, the 4th and 5th grade students of Lakshmi School had our Market Day Project.

We rolled up our sleeves and dived head first into entrepreneurship.

Our Multipurpose hall was lively for it was filled with good hearted people.

Our Market had items such as cooking oil, clay pots, health mix, towels, eco friendly products handmade soap, recycled paper pencils and lot more.

Food court had yummy healthy menu of fruit kebab, brownies, cupcakes, pani poori and many more. The members of PVC (Protecting Vaigai Club) created awareness on conserving rivers by conducting quizzes which was informative and displayed charts on rivers.

I was a part of WoW(World of Words) club, we conducted many fun filled, creative and interesting games like scribbles, connection, guess the author of books. Students and parents were very eager to play our games. We gave bookmarks as rewards. The clubs made a remarkable contribution for the cause.

Students were given responsibility for full delivery of the project from planning, marketing and sales to execute a successful market project.

And what a success it was!

All the money earned was given to our supporting staff.

At the end of the day,

We realised the words of Helen Keller,

'Alone we can do so little;

Together we can do so much'

We all felt contented and extremely happy.

Thank you to our teachers and parents who have helped us raise money for a great cause.

We all look forward to next year's event - they have some mighty big shoes to fill!

Mohamed Akmal M, V C

Field trip



We all go to school to learn.

In Lakshmi School, we don't just sit in the classroom and learn by imagination.

Every year we go on field trips to different places in and around Madurai to observe and learn new things.

Field trips are filled with fun and joy.

We go in our school buses along with our teachers and friends.

This year, we were taught about water resources, so, we were taken to water bodies all over Madurai like Viraganoor dam, Vaigai River, Theppakulam and Karupayurani pond.

This helped us to understand and learn better.

So field trips are always interesting and I always enjoy it.

Sahana.K , III E

Black Gold

I stood at the foyer of my daughter's apartment,

A three layered mud contraption before me on the veranda floor, and my dear daughter beside it.

She said amma don't worry, no boochies will spring out when I open it,

A colony of black ants though had a free ticket and were trailing from the parapet to the sides of the earthen pot,

She moved it a little and alas a robust lizard peeped out cheerily saying hellooo to me,

Her help scrambled away, I jumped in fright, there stood my brave girl treating her daily dump , I would have enjoyed the aesthetics of the Khamba- the three tier composter...if not for my aversion for the boochies....

The tiny earthworms, red wigglers, light brown wrigglers and the grey fluffy maggots, squirming and squishing in my minds eye.

Abracadabra....she opened the top one, I peeped into it from faraway, poised to run if anything sprang out...

Hand hoe and the cultivator beside her, she gently removed the layer of newspaper that covered and took the big bowl of wet waste and plop! plop! dropped it into it,

Rich in nitrogen, papaya peels, sweet beet skin, a few squeezed lemon rinds, crunchy carrot skin, onion and garlic peels and the brown skin of ginger with a cob of corn, finely chopped, not to forget a dessert of water melon seeds with its thick shell cut into pieces.

She whispered proudly to her wormy friends,
Dearies have a field day today,I enjoyed my lunch, now you have your heart's content,
Adding remix powder to help in the process, she gently covered it with the newspaper
and closed the lid.'

Microbes, neem powder and dry leaves she adds periodically,
She looked at me, her eyes full of mischief, and declared, 'Easy peezy mom, isn't it!' I
nodded my head although doubtful.

Now let's harvest the bottom one, It's more than a month and it's ready ,she said.
I looked at akka and asked her if she had cleared the kitchen, she nodded her head,
my daughter looked at us ,her eyes spoke volumes, said don't move amma, stay here
and watch the magic!

Now, I braced for the worst, wore my footwear, pulled my saree up, waiting to sprint
into the house if something threatened me.

Akka spread a sack on the corridor ,my darling opened the lid of the third tier in the
bottom with great concentration and with the help of the cultivator started mixing it, I
could see two black boochies whizzing inside the khamba...

I moved a step backward as she started to slowly mix the contents of the container,
I imagined the flies trailing up her hands and gooey worms trickling out of the
container, But as she churned and mixed with the garden hoe, the pleasant smell of
wet sand on a drizzling summer day could I experience,

It was not from outside but from inside the Khamba,
I was flummoxed as she emptied the fine smooth compost on to the sack,
Pure black gold flowed smoothly out of the contraption,
No smell, no hassles, rich in minerals, right for her pots of climbers, creepers,
succulents and herbs.

She looked at me proudly and said,
"Now I have no guilt amma, my wet waste is used and my dry waste only will go down
to the common bin"
I felt proud of my daughter...
Let's turn trash to treasure!

Share to Show your Care...

Share to show your care...

G : There is an exciting opportunity knocking at our door.

D : Yes! Some of us are going to get selected to speak in the All India Radio Station.

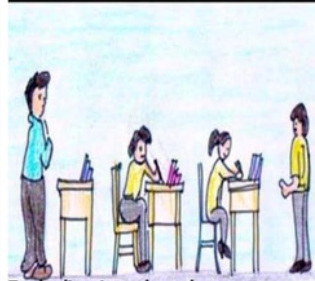
G : Oh! I am so thrilled.

Selection Process is going on.....



Students are finally selected to deliver patriotic speeches in Tamil....

Intensive practice is going on.....



Teacher listening to the students.....

The day has arrived.

Two teachers accompany the students to the Radio station.

As each student steps into the sound proof room, they find it surreal.



The recordings are aired by All India Radio....

These students have done a tremendous job.



The students are given a cash award by the radio station.

They wonder what they could do with the money

The teachers suggested to donate the money for a good cause through the Interact Club.



The Interact Club of Lakshmi School promotes social responsibility.



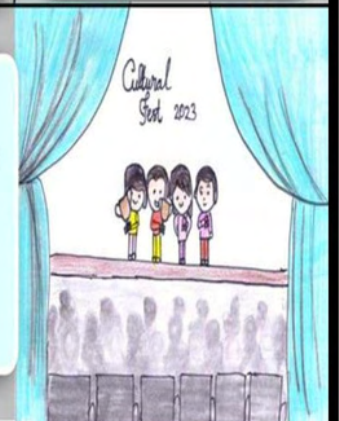
The students of senior level plan a cultural fest to generate funds.

They sell tickets for the fest.



A dance, music and drama show is arranged.

Winners of inter-house competitions take part in the event.



They put their heart and soul for the success of the cultural fest.....



The event is a grand success. Parents and students enjoy the show.....



Nine old age homes in Madurai are identified.



The Interact Club decides to provide supplies to old age homes with the money collected from the cultural fest and the Radio Station programme.



Eye testing is done and spectacles are provided for those in need.



Students visit the old age homes in 3 groups. During travel, they wonder how their experience is going to be and are excited to share and care for the needy.



Students humbly hand over supplies like spectacles and health drink mixes.



On reaching, students are heartily greeted by the senior citizens.



The elderly share their life experiences with the students which leaves a deep impression in their minds.





The senior citizens bless the students and appreciate their social consciousness.

Their narratives are diverse and heart wrenching. Elderly parents chased out of their own homes. Students promise to take good care of their parents.

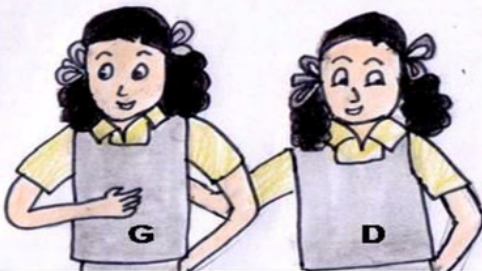


Students return to school with their hearts filled with contentment and share their experience with their friends.



G : This journey has taught us a few important lessons.

D : It is an experience of a lifetime and encourages us to take part in such noble deeds.



G : Indeed we are blessed to study in a school that believes in compassion as a virtue and also provides us opportunities to exhibit it.

Let this endeavour to shower our compassion continue to benefit the less privileged. Proud to be a Lakshmiian!



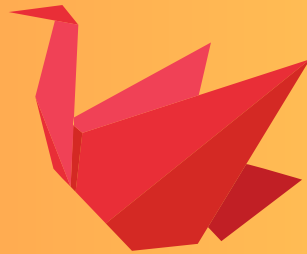
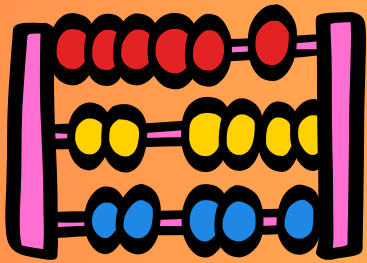
My experience as a little teacher



I was very happy to be a little teacher. Thanks for the wonderful opportunity mam, I taught about the types of wind. I enjoyed asking questions to my friends. It was a very interesting and interactive class. I was very proud to be a seven year old little teacher.

Thanvi, II D

Fun filled Learning



Bagless day is a big initiative anchored in bringing reform, keeping education global yet local as per changing times. This type of learning surely ensures the overall development of kids since they would use their energy on activity-based learning. It reduces pressure on children and also let them explore their hidden talent.

Fun-filled activities are conducted on this day in the school for the children's overall development. The activities carried out on these days like reading time, story-telling, art& craft and cleanliness-related activities enhance the independence and self-responsibility of children. The way the teachers engage our children on bagless day through innovative ideas is really amazing. My daughter has thoroughly enjoyed bagless day activities. This idea will bring some positive impact which is worthwhile for children. We, parents are indeed happy about this day, looking forward for more innovative activities in future.



Dr.P.Indra Devi, Mother of T.Harini, II C

My Experience in The Family Thiruvizha



I noticed a message on the school group in WhatsApp. It had said about an art contest announcement by Chellamuthu Trust and I knew I had to participate, even though I realized that my mom would not let me take part because my unit tests were coming up. But, after a long debate and a very short period of time, I finally started my picture on the topic Valentine's day with friends and family. I did have a few problems along the way of finishing my picture like my markers ran out halfway and that my hand suffered the agony of cramps. My picture seemed like a piece of dump to me but a masterpiece to the people who surrounded me. I went to school and tried hiding it from my friends, but as usual my inquisitive friends had to ask about my picture and marvel at it. I then submitted it to my art sir and then returned to my regular classes.

After a few days, my class teacher called and informed that I had to go to Sethupathi High School as my painting was shortlisted.. When I entered I could see my picture hanging among the pictures done by other school children. One of the Organizers met us and said that the drawing that I had made was specially appreciated by the other judges. She told us that my conceptualization of the theme was unique and creative. We soon settled down in our seats and started waiting for the show to happen. My father and brother kept complaining and muttering about how they had to wait for an hour when we had hardly been there for fifteen minutes. We then saw some shows and also understood that this event was held by the CARE factory. Eventually my father and brother wanted to go shopping for football shoes and gloves so I had to give in. Before leaving I saw some people selling some stuff that were made by the people in the factory. As I wanted to help those people I bought a few things that I thought were cute like a candle that had the label of love, a colorful pillow that was so soft like a cloud and a small purse that had the design of elephants.

Later in the evening, we got to know that I had got the first place for my picture. I was so happy but also sad for missing out the opportunity of getting the prize on the stage and taking photographs. I did scold my brother and father for that but I was still so happy that I had bagged the first place. I had to receive it from teachers on Monday but kept forgetting to bring it to school. Finally I didn't forget it on the second week, the applause and appreciation from school is all that matters.

Manya Kamal, VI E

Declamation

"If you can speak, you can influence. If you can influence, you can change lives." is a famous quote I would like to start with. Speaking is an art and those who are good orators greatly influence others. Our school conducts Declamation every year and I participate in it always, but this year was a bit interesting where we had to deliver powerful speeches given by famous personalities. My friends who spoke at the finale took commanding speeches and spoke eloquently without any error. All those speeches gave me heebie-jeebies that I was anxious of my speech even though I had prepared well. I took the popular speech of one of the greatest scientists in the world and our Peoples's President Dr.A.P.J Abdul Kalam. One of the most provoking yet powerful points that he says is, "As cowards hounded by our fears we run to the United States of America to bask in their glory and praise their system. When New York becomes insecure we run to England. When England faces unemployment we take the next flight to the Gulf. When the Gulf war struck we demand to be rescued and brought home by the Indian government."

In this context he says we run to other countries but when there is a problem there we are demanding to be rescued by the Indian government. This has imbibed in me a passion for our nation. After everything got over, we got satisfactory feedback. The appreciation we got from our friends was mind blowing. Last thing I would like to say is that this was a fantastic and marvelous event in which we showed our best in elocution. As I come to the end of this article, I would like to thank a special person who supported in all ways more than my parents. It was none other than my English teacher who gave a helping hand in everything.

Atheendra.R.S , VIII F

Pongal Celebration – Feedback



I liked everything about the PONGAL CELEBRATION. I enjoyed dancing, singing with my friends and playing with my parents. I loved bursting the balloons. I liked the coin collecting game. I was also excited to watch my "MULAPARI" grow. I thank my teachers for helping all of us to perform well on stage.

AaravMathan.A, II A

Cross Country Run

On the 26th of January between 8am and 8:30 am we had the Republic day ceremony and between 8:30 and 11:00 the cross country race was held. We paid respect to our nation and our constitution and started on our most exciting run. It felt as refreshing as it brought back memories of cross country race when we were in primary; it was more competitive and joyful than the other years. After two whole years of the pandemic and no exposure to such special outdoor activity, cross country run was a magical event to all of us. Personally I would have never planned on a run with my friends or anything so adventurous, but it made me think why I haven't planned one yet. It felt new as we had only run inside the school for cross country in 4th and 5th but now we are running outside the school. I really enjoyed the cross country and would have regretted if I didn't attend it. I was also extra happy to gain points for my house. This wasn't about winning; this was about memories and experience. The chief guest who was also a sports person gave an inspiring speech about why sports is important and I'm pretty sure everyone liked it too.

Kavyashree, VIII B

QC team of VIII A, the Unpluggers

An awareness message (A fictional letter conversation between 13 years old self to 8-year-old self on harmful effects of using headphones/ earphones) A letter from 13-year-old me to 8-year-old me.

Hi Srishti! (8 years old me)

Well, I feel much moved indeed to be writing to you like this. I bet you are jumping out of joy right now. We had always been big fans of time travel, haven't we? I am glad of whatever I have made out of my life at 13 and all credits is to the efforts that you have made at 8.

I know that you will be glad to know that I'm adopting safe listening practices until today. Today I happened to meet our friend Sofia who had bad listening practices at 8. She is suffering from noise induced hearing loss. Too bad, the doctor told her that the hearing loss was permanent, but was preventable had she intervened at the right time. I feel extremely guilty and terrible that I was not able to convince my friend to adopt safe listening practices at 8. I suggest you to reach out to Sofia and all our friends and ask them not to use ear phones or headphones continuously for more than an hour. Continuously, advise them to have frequent breaks and adjust the volume below 60 decibels. Make them understand the importance of ear health, that ear is as important as any other part of the body. I hope you would preach what you practice.

Thanks a ton. Keep continuing your safe listening practices and be assured that '13-year-old me' is really proud of you. To hear for life, listen with care! Unplug before it is too late!

With love,

Proud 13-year-old me

Srishti Vaithiam THE UNPLUGGERS, VIII A

Field Visit – Varichiyur Jain Caves



The experience and knowledge we gained through our field visit is always enriching. On 14 February, we went to Varichiyur, Uthayagiri Eeswarar Temple and Asthagiri Eeswarar Temple which are next to each other. Our teacher shared the history of that place. We gathered a lot of information through the boards kept near the temple. We saw the tall, wide hill holding all the mysterious and glorious history of the lifestyle of the Jains. There was a small temple inside the hill where we had the beautiful painting of Lord Shiva. We also saw a number of Jain beds and a lot of accurate footprints. Near those Jain beds certain holes were there for storing water. It also explained about the devoted life of Jains to their religion. In the temple there was a priest named "Ramalingam Pillai", who shared interesting, ancient stories of Jainism which truly inspired us.

Vishakashri, Research team, VIII F

EduSports Partner League – EPL

We had our EPL matches at our school in the month of February. Girls' teams played kho-kho and boys' teams played football. It was a new experience for all of us as a team play. Each one of us played hard to make our team win. Though, our team lost in Kho-Kho, we learned team spirit and sportiveness. I enjoyed the game thoroughly.

Vashnietha.S, IV F

My Variety Show

Much expected variety show happened on 19th November, 2022. The main theme of the variety show is to demonstrate which relationship is the strongest in the world. The interesting fact about the variety show is 100% participation from all the students of class 3. Our teachers took a lot of efforts to design the theme, costumes and properties which made the event a colorful one. This variety show included skit, speech and dance performances.

From our variety show it was proved that Mother Child relationship is the strongest. This is not just the lesson for students but also the lesson for all the audience. I thoroughly enjoyed our variety show which gave me an opportunity to perform on the stage.

Nikhil Sam, III E

Visit to Edaganathar Temple & Sericulture Farm



It was a blazing day though the sun was hidden behind the curtains of clouds. It was an ideal day for a field trip. The entire grade was startled as we had not been expecting a field trip just with the end of our unit III. We definitely needed a pause from our academics as from the next month we would be brainstorming for our term II.

We boarded the bus around 9 am. The charming view which we got while travelling in the bus absolutely eased our mind. After an hour of travel we visited a sericulture farmer. We talked to a cultivator for about half an hour about the cultivation of silkworms. Then we proceeded to our next destination, The Edaganathar Temple. We prayed to the deity and went ahead to eat our lunch.

The monkeys there amused us showing their hilarious moves. Then we played and chatted there for about an hour. Then our teachers explained to us about the importance of this temple. And with that we started from there and reached our school by about 3pm. This day beyond doubt was sure one of the finest days I have ever had.

Pradishtha .S, IX B

Talents Day



Talents day was held on the 23rd of February, 2023. This day was held to showcase various talents of the students such as Vocal music, Instrumental music, Dance and Theatrical arts. On that day, eleven of us participated in the Veena Instrumental play, in which four of my friends played a song titled "Aigiri Nandhini "and rest of us played a song called "Rama Janarthana." Both songs were accompanied by the rhythmic music of Mridangam.

Both songs were taught by our Veena Guru Mr.Sankar. We all justified our opportunity and gave our best. Finally, we thanked our teachers and School for giving us a wonderful opportunity to showcase our talents.

Kayel Darini.R, VII B

WOW's experience in Market Project



I am very happy to share my views on the WOW (world of words) club's role in the 2022 Market project for classes IV and V. Our team and Mrs.Santhi had chosen interesting games like

1. Connecting Cards - This is a fun game where you join multiple pictures to get the title of a book. It was a wonderful experience to watch our guests figure out the title of "Oliver Twist" and many more.

2. Scrabble - In this game, you get seven random letters and try to form a meaningful word. This was a tough one for our guests but our smart students figured it out (Yay!)

3. Make the title - This game needed our guests to make a title of a book by unscrambling the letters we gave them. It was quite an experience to watch our guests play with the letters and make out the titles.

For each game, we had them pay 10 rupees to play or listen to the activity. My friend and I made 12 cards. Once the parents started coming in, they paid 10 rupees to play .If they had got the correct answer, they would receive a bookmark and a pamphlet as a reward. Each of us made 15 to 20 bookmarks and all of them were out within an hour and same for the pamphlets too.

The market project lasted around 3 hours and was fun. We would like to really give the credit to our teachers. They made this market project possible and guided us all the way through. Special shout out to our coordinator Meenakshi ma'am for encouraging us and making the WOW club possible . My friends had a lot of fun playing games.

The games were very nice and attractive and the food was amazing, (my favorite was the "Paani Poori"). My friends and I really enjoyed this golden opportunity for the WOW club projects and they were awesome to do. Thank you all teachers and friends for the WOW club and the market project. I am sure my juniors in the coming years will also enjoy the privileges we had this year with the Market project. And all of the profit earned went to charity, I am proud to be a part of it.

Arjun Pandian, V C

Panjam Pokia Kunjarathammal

My teachers called me, out of the blue, regarding the Lakshmi School Annual Day 2023, where I was selected to dance as "Seemaati Kunjarathammal". This sent me into a state of euphoria because not only was it the first time I was selected for the Annual Day, but I was also looking forward to know more about the motherly soul - "Panjam Pokkiya Kunjarathammal" - who did all she could to help the needy during the Great Indian Famine.

I had a lot of fun learning about the four stages of Kunjarathammal's life which was depicted beautifully by the author of the impeccable novel "Thoonganagara Ninaivugal", Mr. A. Muthukrishnan. He was actually a guest for our Annual Day Programme too. He stated that he was able to see his novel come to life through the dance programme. He wanted to meet our dance team and our teachers and appreciate them whole- heartedly for making this wonderful event happen. We felt elated when he said our dance was even more impactful and touching than his own novel!

He narrated to us a lot about Kunjarathammal a Devadasi, who had a lot of money, luxuries and privileges, all of which were devoted to feed the people who were dying in hunger. The British, who were ruling over India at that time, were flabbergasted due to the fact that a single lady was able to do what the government was not able to. Eventually, Kunjarathammal lost all her wealth and became one of the common people. She later met her demise due to a disease, but she is still alive till today in the heartbeats of people, most of whom know her as "Theiva Kunjaram". He told us without her help, Madurai would have perished in hunger. he also gave a small talk about his book the " Thoonganagar Ninaivugal" which was really inspiring.

I should thank our music teacher, Hari Sir, for his excellent and power packed lyrics which made the dance drama meaningful and our dance teacher, Suchitra ma'am who guided us in this venture.

Ezhil Yalini.T.M, VII F

Report on Inter-House Debate

The Inter-house debate competition took place on the fourteenth of March. Participants from classes 9 and 11, representing their respective houses, took turns putting forth their views for and against the topic "Chat GPT is a boon to society". I had the opportunity of being the moderator for the debate. The timely and relevant topic sparked heated discussions that featured exchanging a spectrum of opinions and firing skilful rebuttal questions. The speakers who went for the topic discussed various facets of the AI bot's potential for assistance and the advantages Chat GPT has to offer, like quick communication and increased productivity. The opposing team of participants listed its shortcomings and pointed out its inability to be functional. They criticized its accuracy and reliability and emphasized its scope for adversely affecting humans. The speakers delivered their arguments courteously and presented incredibly enlightening views. The debate ended on a spectacular note.

With the houses separated by only a few points, Arul house emerged as the winner, followed by Arivu.. The title for best speaker went to the deserving Ramasamy of class XI

Keerthana Bharathi.G.S, XI C

A Visit to American College

On March 7, I along with seven other students from class XI and five teachers, visited American college to attend a programme organized by Scilet . Mr.T.M.Krishna, a renowned Carnatic vocalist was the speaker for the event which was the inaugural endowment lecture in honour of late Mr.Nair,a senior English professor of American college. Mr.Krishna was very practical in his approach, shared various life lessons he learnt, told us how essential a part music played in his life, and at the same time, he cracked a few jokes to ensure our attention. In the end, he sang a warm, rhythmic, melodious song that attracted a huge round of applause from the audience. But this was not the most exciting part of the event. What was very special was that we got an opportunity to click a picture and interact with him, and those few seconds made us all realize what an approachable person he was. With our minds rewinding the entire programme, we came back to school, talking about the good moments which turned into cherishable memories, and, undoubtedly, it was an educational, enlightening, and eye-opening day for all of us-yeah, it was a day well spent!

Aswini Kannathal, XI C



My experience as a judge

One day a teacher came to forward an important information. She called out my name, along with another student which was a surprise. She made an impressive revelation, which made me feel excited then. She stated that I was selected to be the student judge for the Interhouse Declamation Contest held for the students of class 6.

Enthusiasm in me was at its peak on the day of the event. I was so excited that I made it to the venue even before the participants and the other teacher judges arrived. It started with the usual Morning Prayer and the host taking pains to introduce each participant of the show. Thus, for every participant, individually we judges wrote our remarks and awarded the rightful points.

Initially I was having a problem in entering the student names but as time passed, my understanding of judgement started to materialize. I attribute my assessment of the situation to my co-panelist, Mrs. Rajasubhashini, who even helped me with certain points I missed while recording my judgement. Even if it was a first-time experience of judgement, I was able to share my views, precisely.

At one point of time, I was remembering the times where I as a participant, struggled with every word I attempted during declamation, yet I never lost my hope and I kept trying. We ended our duties of validating the score sheets, by endorsing the sheets with signatures of the three judges.

As a judge I realized that involvement of the participants and the anticipation of the judge was equally important to maintain the charm of the competition. The perspective of every judge differed. I was able to perceive the spirit of everyone present there, especially the stars of the stage. It will always remain as an unforgettable memory in my heart.

Vighnesh Das, XI A



Thanks Giving Show

It was indeed a pleasure to plan out a programme to express our gratitude towards the institution that shaped us, much less being able to host it. My friend Jwala Varna and I took the lead to organize the show as the hosts. It was made mandatory that all classes participate.

There was enthusiastic participation from a majority of the students. The preparations for singing and dancing performances, speeches and a play about today's current scenario of students (and possibly about our own future scenario). The day of the show came with much fanfare with our beloved teachers as our audience. It felt amazing to be under the scrutiny of stage lights, but it was also very bittersweet for it was the last time we get to be on that stage as students. All the speeches were worded and conveyed with the immense gratitude and nostalgia we all felt as a batch, the songs matching the emotions but a bit more bass boosted.

The highlight of the entire show had to be the play—which showcased the turmoil faced during the final 12th grade result time in a hilarious and slice-of-life way. We ended the show with all of the 12th graders on the stage shouting a cheer. Photos were taken to capture that moment in time. Kudos to all the performers of all the programs for putting up an engaging show which led to almost all the teachers personally reaching out to me to commend or to chastise all our shenanigans. And of course, our eternal gratitude goes to our teachers and our school for always giving us such opportunities.

To conclude our show in one sentence—I said then and I quote—"All that we are is owed to LS, and hence we reflect it in whatever we do."

Yashwanthi Krishna, XII B

Interhouse Declamation Competition

No sooner had I received the news that the Interhouse Declamation Competition was to be held, than I gave my name for the same. I have been actively participating in Declamation Contests since 4th standard. This year we had to deliver a speech given by a famous personality. The speech was by Malala Yousafzai, an education activist. The English teachers of all the four houses held the audition a few days prior to the competition. I got selected and was to represent Aram House.

I was very nervous on the day of the competition. One of my classmates and other students that I knew were also selected for delivering the speech. The judges entered and the much awaited competition began. First was the turn of Arul House, followed by Anbu House, Arivu House, and Aram House. We were supposed to deliver the same speech exhibiting smooth delivery of the content with proper pronunciation and body language. After Kaavya Sree, the last participant of Arivu House, it was my turn. I mustered all the courage I could, took a deep breath, and stepped forward. I felt all the eyes in the audience were on me. I knew instantly that all were intently listening to us participants. I finally started my speech. I felt relieved after I finished it though.

The next week, the results of the Interhouse Declamation Competition were announced in the assembly. Samyuktha of Arul House had bagged the first place who I felt had done remarkably well. I had bagged the second place, and Gopika who also represented Aram House had won the third place. I felt an instant surge of happiness and energy flooding inside me.

This competition made me gain confidence and get rid of my stage fear. Such competitions help us to shape our personalities. Thus, I have decided to participate in the upcoming competitions like these, irrespective of whether I win or lose.

Neeraja, VII B

Annual Day

The much-awaited day for the Lakshmians, that was locked away in a closet for two years by the pandemic was brought to life with the zest and vigour of the excited students. It was spectacular. The blinding lights beamed down on our faces, as we walked onto the stage. Our hearts were beating loud enough for us to hear each other's nervousness, just shy of speaking on the microphone. Never did we imagine that we would be hosting the annual day when we watched our seniors do the same with such grace. We were certain that we would be tongue-tied, up on that stage but as soon as the first few words were uttered, the tension oozed out of our nerves as we felt the tremendous joy that was coursing through our bodies.

It was the joy of leaving the mark of our voyage in LS, we felt ecstatic, as if we had engraved it on the stage floor. None of this would have happened in the first place if it wasn't for Vidhya Madam's guidance and confidence in our potential.

The students as well as the teachers put in their hard work and determination to showcase a phenomenal array of programs that encompassed a plethora of colors and smiles through songs, dances, skits, a tableau, and a magnificent dance drama. From quoting the UN Sustainable Development Goals to portraying the inspiring & heart-touching life story of Kunjarathammal, the program packed with fillers was even more entertaining. The dusk edged in and the moon indeed had set out and at that moment we realized how grateful we were, for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that our school had given us.

Nidhukrishna G, XII A & Meenakshi A Unnithan, XII A

Field Trip – One with nature

It was a Tuesday morning when all of us headed on the bus with our classmates, for our first and last field trip of the year. Our journey was very interesting. We viewed many beautiful, well-known, tall hills with the sun rising slowly. Next we saw a few transparent, shallow freshwater ponds which tempted us to drink and taste the freshness of it. We also could see some beautiful birds like the egrets having long plumes. Next was the white lilies, which are perennial plants with leafy stems and solitary flowers. Furthermore, we saw a few TVS factories bustling with active workers. Close to these factories we came to a small village where there were many peasants and young children looking at us as in awe, as if we were their unreachable sky.

After crossing through all these amazing places we reached Arittapatti, our field trip destination. We visited a Shiva temple and when we reached the divine place. We felt positive and good vibrations. This field trip helped me to understand that we need to visit lesser known temples which depict the culture and heritage of our temple City, Madurai. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this field trip possible.

Anjana Alamelu, VII B

A Report on Poetry Under the Stars

Poetry is a space in which broad questions are grappled with and answers sought. It has the power to move and inspire us in ways that other art forms cannot. Poetry under the stars 2023 was held on the 24th of March with zeal. The theme for this year was 'Indian Culture and Heritage'. Students from classes six to twelve participated with great enthusiasm. They showcased their own takes on some of the famous poems of English literature, including the works of Sarojini Naidu, Rabindranath Tagore and many others. The stage witnessed a notable amount of original poems as well. Not only did the students recite English poems but also a series of Hindi and Tamil poems which glorified the culture of India. We even had a number of supportive parents performing along with their children. The best part of the night was the musical performance by our beloved teachers which kept us excited for the rest of the show. All the performances were beautifully presented. After two and a half hours of poetry, the show finally came to an end. Overall, it was a night to be cherished.

Steffi Jecintho.J, XI C

An Initiative to Fight for our Feathery Friends

As part of the sparrow conservation project, we decided to throw light on sparrow conservation and what better way to do it than to speak about it on the radio. Instantly after being included in this venture, my planning started. A few days later, I was told that we have to speak in Tamil. I was very concerned about how I was going to memorize my parts and speak fluently. We spent hours and hours perfecting the language. As the day of our recording got closer, I became nervous. Our Tamil teachers guided us in every step until we got the perfect balance of vernacular and formal Tamil.

When the day arrived, I was very excited. As we reached the radio station, we were welcomed by the RJ who then took us to the recording booth. We had a quick and brief discussion on how and what we are going to present. After some deliberation, the recording started. After a couple of sound checks and retakes, we finally perfected our recording. All amped up about the broadcasting of our talk, we told everyone we knew to tune in and listen to it. Not only did I get an opportunity to speak in the radio again but I also learnt a lot about sparrows and truly realized all the harm we create to them and why we must protect them at all costs. That day made me feel proud of myself for two things; one, being able to fluently speak in Tamil and two, contributing to a change for bringing awareness on the plight of our feathery friends.

Aaradhna.G, IX C

The Lion King Roars

I'd like to express my gratitude to those who organized this Variety show. The idea of requiring all of the children to participate in the show was brilliant. When I was in school, only a few students could participate in dance and drama; the rest would simply watch the programme with longing eyes. Here everyone had a great time dressing up and performing. I saw a lot of grandparents who were overjoyed when their children appeared on stage. Beginning with Simba's arrival, dancing trees, those pinkish flamingos with blushing cheeks, begin to confront hyenas, dancing bulls with vibrant horns, red and blue butterflies, flower dressed kids and finally the victory of Simba, everything was well narrated and performed. We parents enjoyed arranging the costumes and other items as it was planned well ahead. There is no last-minute rush burrying. It's a big deal to finish this show without any flaws; it clearly shows the teacher's and kids endeavors. Special Applause to the teachers and parents for organizing everything on time, especially the eye catching costumes. Overall, we had a great time watching the show "Hakunamatata- The Lion king awaits". Congratulations to everyone on the team.

Archana .S, Mother of Prajuna UKG A

Bidding Adieu to Our Beloved LS

The farewell is the most important event that the class 12 students look forward to. Our farewell was held on the 3rd of February, 2023. As we entered the school campus, it started drizzling as if Mother Nature was blessing us herself.

Contrary to the usual school rule of no photographs, we were made to stand in different locations of the campus and taken series of photos much to our heart's content. All our teachers made us feel beautiful and loved. They had designed the MPH stage with a floral background. They played videos of us engaged in various activities during the academic year. They had also collected photos of us from different years and showed us how we had changed from inexperienced kindergarten kids to the confident teenagers that we have grown up to be. Knowing how much we love games, the physical education teachers had organized some exciting games for us. To mark the formality of the occasion, we all lit candles and took an oath to be worthy of our education and to serve the society truthfully.

The highlight of the programme was the PPT that was played with our photos and short notes about our personality displayed next to it. Our dear teachers also spoke about their memories of the time spent with us and in return, a few student representatives also spoke of their fond moments in school. In the end, the farewell was how goodbyes usually are- charged with emotions such as sadness, pride, nostalgia and hope.

Thaksha Rishi, XII B

Zicola – Our pride!

It was a collaborative project to create our own country. According to the latitude given ours was an Island country. We had the freedom to express all our ideas and to create a country of our own. It was lot of collaboration of our thoughts and ideas. We were able to think out of the box. As we worked as a team we were able to put forward many ideas out of which we selected the best. We were guided well by our experienced facilitators Rajeswari ma'am and SelviWilliams ma'am. It was a great opportunity to improve our creative skills. We were also able to express our ideas on how we wanted our country to be. Though it was a fantasy, we would like to build a new and sustainable India. We were also able to overcome stage fear and confidently able to present our dream country. It's my pleasure to have such a great opportunity to improve my skills and talents.

Harini.V, VIII E

Interhouse Quiz Phase Two

The phase two of Interhouse quiz took place on the 27th of Jan, 2023. Each house had one participant from classes 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11. The quiz consisted of seven rounds namely Acrobuster, Republic Day, Science and Technology, Politics, Entertainment, SDGS and Sports.

The first round Acrobuster consisted of a set of nine questions each with five marks and was given seven seconds to answer. The second round "Republic Day" consisted of questions worth 20 points with 10 seconds given for each question. The third round was Science and Technology and each question had answers in two parts "X" and "Y" and each part was worth 10 points.

The next round was Politics. This round had two divisions; one was based on International Politics which had questions containing images of a particular personality of political importance and was worth 20 points each. The national round was the second division in the politics round and had questions based on Indian Politics. The Fourth round, "Entertainment" was enjoyed by the audience as it covered questions based on famous songs and movies. It was followed by the SDGs round which had questions worth 20 points each and was given 10 seconds to answer.

The last round "sports" focused on FIFA and once again had all the participants as well as the audience buzz with excitement as they came up with the answers. By the end of the quiz, we had Arivu house coming first followed by Arul, Anbu and Aram.

Alamutheivaanai. K, XI B

Cyber Security –Need of the hour!



I attended the most required and helpful session arranged by our school to know how vulnerable we are at the software world. The IT department of Lakshmi School had conducted an interactive session on Cyber Security for the students of classes VII to XI on the 9th of March. Ms. Ponmeena, the inspector of police in the branch of cybercrime let us know and familiarize ourselves with the malicious immorality of the software world. At length, she talked about the hazards that are faced by the net savvy young community when necessary precautions are not taken while being on social media. People take advantages of us by accessing our data, our photos and our bank account details. If one has gained it all, there is no way of stopping them from taking money from our bank account or committing any heinous crime. With just one photo, there can be an infinite deal of possibilities to disrupt our normal life. With just one detail, there can be multiple ways of how someone can play havoc with our lives.

Even though, social media is a helpful resource and a platform for endless communication, there are people and hackers to ravage our lives. She advised us to use it carefully for our well-being. She gave us tips and ways to protect ourselves from falling into the trap of hackers. She stressed on the importance of being Cyber safe and also shared Helpline numbers. Personally, I have used her tips to change the settings of my profile picture, my details and deleted all my saved passwords from Google. I got the opportunity to listen to the different sensitive cases that the inspector had handled and I was appalled to hear about it. I believe that we, as responsible and safe citizens, should abide by the advices that the cyber security police officer briefed us about. I firmly believe that we should protect our identity rather than focusing upon the worthless likes and comments. I strongly hope that you would protect and safeguard your identity even in the software world!

Ramasamy, IX C

Variety Show

The word Excellent is an understatement of what we experienced this morning. As a family we came up with key takeaways from today's program and we are grateful and reassured for putting our child in LS.

Importance of living in harmony with animals and educating about tribes is a way forward for a healthy eco system.

Last but not the least, teachers of LS has set the standards high. They have brought the highest potential from every child in all aspects. Best teachers do that.

Thank you so much team Lakshmi School. We are looking forward for the next year's celebration already.

Akilah Lakshmi.R, Mother of Vrudula Karthick UKG E

STORY

THE MAGIC CASTLE

Once upon a time there lived an old man. He had a new house. His old friend also lived near his house. One day, he asked his friend pointing to a castle far away, 'What is that?' His friend answered, that it was a magic castle and no should enter it. But stealthily in the midnight, he went inside the castle. There he climbed up some yellow stairs that led him to a room. Then he saw a small statue of a blue bird and twisted the blue bird's tail. A box popped out from the ground. When he opened it a large monster appeared from the box. As soon as he saw the monster, he flung the box away and ran to his house. He woke up startled, just to find out that he was dreaming.

Rishwanth.K.P, II C

THE INTELLIGENT GOAT

Once upon a time there lived a baby goat. She was very small. Her name was Poni. After some days, Poni grew up into a kind goat. She was very intelligent. One day, a farmer came to see if any goat was there. The farmer saw Poni. He tried to catch Poni. But Poni ran away. The farmer got an idea. One night Poni was sleeping and the farmer came and caught Poni with a net. Poni tried to escape, but she could not. She thought of a plan. One night she jumped out of the fence and ran away and she never went near the farm.

Shree Riya.Ma, II A

THE NAUGHTY CROW

Once upon a time there lived two friends, a good giraffe and a naughty crow. The crow always teased the giraffe. One day the good giraffe thought to teach a lesson. The giraffe offered a mango to the crow to eat. 'The fruit is so tasty', said the crow. The next day the giraffe asked the crow to come to his big house and offered mangoes. The crow went and ate a juicy mango. The crow wanted to eat many more mangoes, so every night the crow went to the giraffe's house and ate a mango. In the morning the giraffe sees one mango is missing. Then one dark night the intelligent giraffe pretended to sleep, the naughty crow came in the night and the giraffe saw that. In the morning the giraffe went to the crow's house and asked 'Why are you eating my mangoes like a thief?' You should ask me and then only you should take. The crow learnt an important lesson.

Moral: One should not steal.

Shreelaya.Ma, II E

ஓர் இனிய பயணம்

பல நாட்களுக்குப் பின்னர் பள்ளியிலிருந்து களப்பயணத்திற்கு அழைத்துச் செல்கின்றனர் என்பதைக் கேள்விப்பட்டதும் நான் இதுவும் வழக்கமான களப்பயணத்தைப் போன்று தான் இருக்கும் என்று நினைத்தேன். ஆனால், அரிட்டாபட்டி குன்றுக்குச் சென்ற இந்தக் களப்பயணம் எனக்கு வியப்பைத் தந்தது.

அரிட்டாபட்டி தமிழ்நாட்டின் பழங்கால வரலாற்றுப் பதிவுகளைக் கொண்ட ஓர் ஊர். மேலுருக்கு அருகில் உள்ள இந்த ஊருக்கு நாங்கள் பள்ளியிலிருந்து செல்ல ஒரு மணி நேரமானது. செல்லும் வழியில் பச்சை வயல்வெளிகள், மரங்கள், செடிகள் அவற்றில் அமர்ந்தும் பறந்தும் செல்லும் ரெட்டைவால் குருவிகள், தவிட்டுக்குருவிகள் போன்றனவற்றையும் நாங்கள் கண்டுகளித்தோம்.

அரிட்டாபட்டியில் சில குன்றுகள் இருந்தன. குன்றின் அருகில் தாமரைகள் நிறைந்த குளம் இருந்தது. நாங்கள் அந்தக் குன்றுகளில் ஏறியது எங்களுக்குப் புதுவிதமான அனுபவமாக இருந்தது. குன்றில் பழங்காலத் தமிழ்எழுத்தில் எழுதப்பட்ட கல்வெட்டுக்கள், சமணர்கள் படுத்து உறங்கப் பயன்பட்ட கற்படுக்கைகள், குடைவரைக் கோவில்கள் ஆகியன இருந்தன.

நாங்கள் அங்கிருந்த போது சில சுற்றுலாப்பயணிகளும் வந்தனர். நாங்கள் அங்குக் குடைவரை சிவன் கோவில், விநாயகர் சிலை, லகுலீசர், சமணர்படுக்கை, மஹாவீரர் சிலை ஆகியனவற்றைக் கண்டோம்.

பழந்தமிழரின் இறைநம்பிக்கை, தவவாழ்க்கை, சிற்பக்கலை, கல்வெட்டுக்கலை, இயற்கையோடு இணைந்து வாழ்ந்த முறை ஆகியனவற்றைப் பற்றி நாங்கள் இந்தக் களப்பயணத்தின் வழியாகத் தெரிந்து கொண்டோம்.

டி. பி. சமிக்ஷா, VII C



களஆய்வும் களப்பணியும்

எட்டாம் வகுப்பு மாணாக்கருள் ஒன்பது பேர் **14.02.2023** ஆம்நாள் மதுரை வண்டியூர் கண்மாயை ஆய்வு செய்தனர். மதுரைநகர் மக்களின் குடிநீர்த் தேவைக்கு முதன்மை ஆதாரங்களாக வைகை ஆறும் மழைநீரால் நிறைந்திருக்கும் கண்மாய்களும் குளங்களும் தான் உள்ளன.

தற்போது மதுரையில் நிலத்தடிநீர் சராசரியாக **600** அடி ஆழத்தில் மட்டுமே கிடைக்கிறது. 'இந்த நிலைக்கு என்ன காரணம்?' என்பதனை நாங்கள் ஆராய்ந்தோம். நாம் வைகை ஆறு ஓடும் வழித்தடங்களை ஆக்கிரமித்தமையும் ஆண்டுக்கு இருமுறை கண்மாய்களையும் குளங்களையும் முறையாகப் பராமரிக்காமையும் தான் இந்த நிலைக்கு முதன்மைக் காரணம் எனத் தெரியவந்தது.

வண்டியூர்க் கண்மாயில் கழிவுநீர் கலப்பதும் நெகிழிக்கழிவுகள், மறுசுழற்சிக்கு உட்படுத்தாதபொருட்கள், மட்காதகுப்பைகள் ஆகியன கண்மாயைச் சுற்றியுள்ள பகுதிகளில் கொட்டப்படுவதும் கண்மாயின் நீராதாரத்தைப் பாதித்தன. அவற்றை நீக்க நாங்கள் நடவடிக்கை மேற்கொண்டோம். எங்கள் மாணவ குழுவினர்களத்தில் இறங்கி, தூய்மைப்பணியினை மேற்கொண்டனர். குறிப்பிட்ட கால இடைவெளியில் நாங்கள் இதனைத் தொடர்பணியாகச் செய்து வருகிறோம்.

சாந்தனு, VIII C



‘வானொலி உரை’ அனுபவம்



பலருக்கும் கிடைக்காத அரிய வாய்ப்பு ஒன்று எனக்குக் கிடைத்தது. 01.02.2023ஆம் நாள் அகில இந்திய வானொலியில் உரையாற்றும் வாய்ப்பினைப் பெற்ற பத்துப் பேர் கொண்ட குழுவினருள் நானும் ஒருவர் என்பதில் பெருமிதம் கொள்கிறேன். அந்த அரிய வாய்ப்பினை நான் சரியாகப் பயன்படுத்திக் கொண்டேன்.

எங்கள் குழுவினர் எடுத்துக்கொண்ட பொதுத்தலைப்பு ‘பாரத நாடு’ இந்தப் பொதுத்தலைப்பின் கீழ் நான் ‘பகத்சிங், ராஜ்குரு, சுக்தேவ்’ ஆகியோரைப் பற்றிப் பேசினேன். இந்த நிகழ்ச்சிக்காக நாங்கள் தொடர்ந்து பத்து நாட்கள் வாசிப்புப் பயிற்சியினை மேற்கொண்டோம். தமிழாசிரியர்கள் கொடுத்த தீவிரப் பயிற்சியின் காரணமாக நாங்கள் வானொலிக்கு ஏற்பப் பேசுவதில் தேர்ச்சியைப் பெற்றோம். வானொலி நிலையத்தில் இருந்த ஒலிப்பதிவு அறையில் நாங்கள் அனைவரும் அமர்ந்திருந்தோம். எங்களின் மனத்திற்குள் பெருமிதமும் ‘எடுத்துக்கொண்ட பணியினைச் சரியாகச் செய்து முடிக்க வேண்டும்’ என்ற பொறுப்புணர்வும் மிகுந்திருந்தன.

ஏறத்தாழ இரண்டு மணிநேரம் நாங்கள் ஆழ்ந்த அமைதியினைக் கடைப் பிடித்தோம். நாங்கள் ஒவ்வொருவரும் எங்களுக்குரிய உரையினை மிகச் சரியான உச்சரிப்புடன் ஒரே முறையில் பதிவுசெய்து முடித்தோம். அதனால், வானொலிநிலைய ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் எங்களைப் பாராட்டினார். இந்த வானொலி உரை அனுபவம் எங்களுக்கு மனநிறைவினைத் தந்தது.

நா. க. லேகனா, IX E

मैं और मेरे चाँद सितारे



मैं छत पर कभी कबार जाती हूँ | छत पर लेटे हुए तारों को देखती हूँ | जब मैं तारों को देखती हूँ ,मेरा मन बड़ा खुश हो जाता है |तब पता ही नहीं चलता कि मैं किस बात पर खुश हूँ| मेरा दिमाग शांत रहता है , कुछ नहीं सोचता है | रात को पूरे आकाश में अंधेरा छाया हुआ रहता है| उस अंधेरी रात में उस टिमटिमाते तारों का वर्णन करना मुश्किल है | दुनिया में सबसे खूबसूरत चीज छत पर लेट कर सितारों का वर्णन करना है | मगर प्रायः लोग इसको नहीं देखते हैं | उनके पास समय भी नहीं है | जब हम बहुत उदास होते हैं ,तब इन नक्षत्रों को देख कर मन खुश हो जाता है | बहुत सुकून मिलता है | छत पर लेटे हुए उस ठंडी हवाओं में उन तारों को देखना अच्छा लगता है | पूरा संसार सो जाता है ,तो शांति से उन तारों को देखने से सारा दुख और गुस्सा उड़ जाता है | उन तारों के बीच में पूरे चाँद को देखना मन को बहुत अच्छा लगता है | वह चाँद मुझे तो ऐसा लगता है, कि मुझसे बात कर रहा है | धीरे-धीरे उन तारों के साथ वह चाँद भी जाता प्रतीत होता है | इन नजारों को देखते समय पता ही नहीं चलता कब यह चाँद अपनी जगह से खिसक गया है | उसके साथ मैं भी जाती हूँ | कभी-कभी मुझे ऐसा लगता है कि चाँद मुझे देखकर मुस्कुरा रहा है | तारों को गिनते गिनते मैं सो जाती हूँ |

Sree Kavya Darshini -VIII A

उम्र

उम्र समय के इशारों पर चलता है,
जैसे सूरज साँझ से डरता है ।
उम्र हमारी सीमा नहीं है,
वह हमारी जंजीर नहीं है,
कहते हैं उम्र सिर्फ एक अलफ़ाज है,
जो देता सुकून का एहसास है ।
इसलिए मेरी सलाह है कि दिल की सुनो,
उम्र तो है, निभाने के लिए ।

Piyush Das - IX B

हिंदी दिवस

हिंदी दिवस के दिन मैं बहुत खुश थी क्योंकि पहली बार मैं मंच पर नृत्य करने वाली थी। चारों ओर खुशियाँ थी। ऐसा लग रहा था जैसे कोई त्योहार हो, सबके दिल में नया उत्साह और उमंग था। हर कार्यक्रम मनोरंजक था। मैं बहुत खुश थी। मुझे फिर से इस दिन का इंतजार रहेगा।

Riya Souzan - 5A

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We Congratulate the Newly Weds

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2	KAAYIYAA N X H	15TH NOV - 20TH NOV	BADMINTON	UNDER -17 - DOUBLES	WINNER	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BADMINTON
3	MRIDINE RAMAKRISHNAN VIII A	31ST OCT - 6TH NOV	BADMINTON	UNDER -13 - DOUBLES	BRONZE MEDAL	ALL INDIA U-13 RANKING TOURNAMENT, MUMBAI
4	MRIDINE RAMAKRISHNAN VIII A	6TH NOV - 12TH NOV	BADMINTON	UNDER -13	BRONZE MEDAL	TAMILNADU STATE RANKING TOURNAMENT, NAGERKOVIL
5	ATHEENDHRA R S VII F	6TH NOV	ROLL BALL SKATING	UNDER - 13	GOLD MEDAL	ROLLBALL ASSOCIATION OF TAMILADU
6	ATHEENDHRA R S VIII F	20TH NOV	ROLL BALL SKATING	UNDER - 13	SILVER MEDAL	ROLLBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA
7	VARRUNAN V K VI C	20TH NOV	TAEKWONDO	UNDER 13	GOLD MEDAL	TAEKWONDO SPORTS ASSOCIATION OF MADURAI
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