



### Principal's Message



The school campus was a 3-D canvas during the past week. Art Week was not only an opportunity to view completed student work; a central concept was that it was an on-going creative experience. Students engaged with a variety of activities, from painting both walls and trees, to using pendulums of paint to make immediate abstract works. A big thank you to the Art Department for putting together such an innovative range that enabled students to encounter art in these different ways.

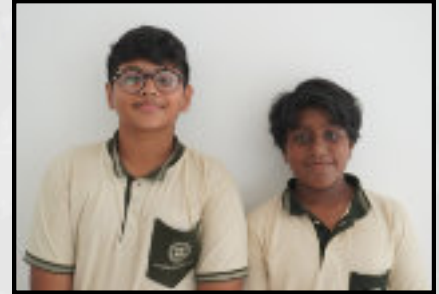
The week also saw PYP students taking part in leadership camps. Leadership and the spirit of adventure are both qualities that the school promotes, and the residential camps that are provided for students throughout their time at TRINS play a significant role in achieving this aim. Meeting with Grade 8 students and their parents this week as they look ahead to their ICSE or IGCSE courses starting in Grade 9 provided another opportunity to share the vision of the school and its emphasis on an all-round education.





## Student Achievements

Michael P.S and Niranjan from Grade 8B successfully advanced from the Zonal level in the Gizmos Global STEM competition as 'designers' with their inventive boat design. They are now set to compete at the National level.



## TRINS Main School

### Art Week

TRINS students celebrated Art Week from 16th to 19th January, led by 11 DP Art students with support from the Student Council. The week kicked off with a dynamic morning assembly, setting the stage for diverse artistic expressions. Students across PYP and Middle School explored activities: pendulum, action painting, tree painting, portrait creation, and recycled art. Grade 9 students enjoyed three activities, while 11 DP students conducted activities for Korani LP School students on Wednesday morning. These activities were created and organised by Ms Sona, Mr Sujith and Ms Cyrielle, with the support of the art assistants, Neethu and Sonu.

Additional activities included a Mandala drawing session by Ms. Ivana Baldo and an interactive session with sculptor Mr. Alwar Balasubramaniam. The Art Department extends gratitude to teachers whose efforts made Art Week a success.





## Leadership Camp

‘Why a leadership camp for formative years?’

It’s just because children are in their formative years, the years of transformation from self-centeredness to the stage of learning relatedness. Leadership for such young learners is not about learning to lead a group. It’s much more meaningful, evocative and revelatory.

At the PYP Leadership Camp 23-24, held for three days and two nights at Gogo Land, one hundred and fifty five students participated from Grade 1 to Grade 5. There were around 57 students for Grades 1 and 2 and 97 students from Grades 3,4 and 5 taking part in diverse activities designed to accentuate the latent life skills that would not have seen the light in a classroom or home environment.

So, the leadership camp was all about planned and unplanned opportunities for the young minds to explore. To some it was the seemingly impossible tasks that they accomplished, to others it was the fear of heights that they faced, to many it was the anxiety of separation from parents that they endured - and for all it was the apprehensions that they overcame just to see themselves metamorphosed into the better themselves.

The outcomes of the camp were rich with joy and reflection. Moreover this camp was also a wonderful opportunity to allow the students to figure out for themselves their own capacities and abilities in a group. The delight was to see how the students opened up and accepted the peers as their team mates who were once sidelined. The team spirit enabled them to welcome everyone, irrespective of their favourites, into their domains, especially while playing the game of ‘Share the Igloo’ as they could not bear to see anyone left out unsafe in the danger. When empathy and acceptance were evident in many students while taking part in different activities, some amount of unappreciation were also seen at the same time, which was taken advantage of to reflect upon.

It was rewarding to acknowledge the efficacy of the whole programme, which was the combined effort of the PHASE Sports team. They designed team-building activities like Capture the Flag, Parachute, Caterpillar, beach walk, sand-castle building and many more, along with the Gogo Land adventure activities of zip-lining, rope-walking, trampoline bungee jumping and tent pitching. Most importantly, all this was made possible by the inimitable support of the teachers of TRINS.





## TRINS Bookfair



Book Fair. The Principal, Richard Hillebrand, inaugurated the Annual Book Fair; over three days our school premises was transformed into a vibrant hub of literary exploration, thanks to the participation of four renowned book vendors, DC Books, Books @ Campus, New Light, and Book berries. The fair showcased a diverse array of books and activities, drawing enthusiastic engagement from students, parents, and the community. The success of the Book Fair reinforced our school's commitment to promoting a love for reading

and learning.

## Parent and Student Orientation

Thursday 18th January: the Grade 8 into 9 orientations took place for Grade 8 students and their parents, informing them about the options provided by TRINS for students progressing into the High School. Students entering Grade 9 at TRINS are able to choose to follow the ICSE or Cambridge IGCSE path. Subject teachers provided information about the subjects available for the first part of the event before Mr Hillebrand and Ms Gayathri led a general orientation session during which the requirements of ICSE & IGCSE curricula and the opportunities for all students were outlined.



## KG 2 Field Trip

As part of the ongoing theme, the KG2 students from the main school embarked on an exciting visit to the Chackai Fire Station on 18th January. The visit proved to be an enjoyable and enlightening experience for the kids. Under the guidance of the exceptionally kind firefighters, they gained hands-on knowledge of using different tools and equipment in emergency situations. The fire exercise not only added a thrill to their day but also imparted valuable insights into the vital responsibilities and roles that firefighters play within our community.





## KG 1 Lit Fest

During the Lit-Fest, KG1 students took centre stage, showcasing their reading prowess to Ms. Rensy. Their burgeoning reading skills left Ms. Rensy thoroughly impressed! Each student was handed a word card containing three CVC words. The room buzzed with excitement as they eagerly read aloud, anticipating the coveted star. The event was a delightful exhibition of their emerging literacy journey.

## TES Awards for International School 2024

Dear TRINS Family,

I am thrilled to share with you the incredible news that the Special Educational Needs (SEN) department of Trivandrum International School has been shortlisted for the Tes Awards for International Schools 2024 in the Specialist Provision Provider category. This recognition is a testament to the outstanding contributions and commitment of our TRINS family.

A big thank you to my passionate and committed SEN department team members. Your hard work and dedication have made this achievement possible. Our gratitude goes to the students under the Special Educational Needs department and their parents. We are immensely grateful for your unconditional support and trust. Your belief in our mission motivates us to maintain high-quality benchmarks and strive for excellence.

Ms. Sini Reji Thomas



**Tes Awards for International Schools 2024**  
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Specialist Provision Provider of the Year



## TRINS ELC Technopark

### Exploring Community Heroes: TRINS ELC KG-2 Field Trip to Police and Fire Station

KG-2 students had an exciting field trip on 18th January, exploring local police and fire stations in line with their community helper theme. They observed tools used by these services, fostering appreciation. During the police station visit, students were excited to see the cell room, courtroom, and armoury. They engaged in a discussion with Sub Inspector Mr. Midhun to understand the roles of policemen and their importance to the community. Similarly, the trip to the fire station was even more exciting as students witnessed a demonstration by firefighters, marvelling at the different tools used. Our sincere gratitude to Ms Veena for coordinating the field trip.





## TRINS ELC PK1 Field Trip



Engaging in discussions with professionals provided valuable insights, making the trip a memorable and enriching opportunity for the young learners to connect with their local heroes.

As part of our theme, "How We Organise Ourselves," centred on the concept of "School is Different from Home," the PK1 toddlers of Technopark visited the residence of their classmate, Kadheeja Kathoon. It was an exciting opportunity for them to see firsthand how a home environment differs from our school setting. The kids were greeted by Kadheeja's warm and welcoming family. Toddlers got to meet Kadheeja's parents, grandparents, and other family members. All the kids showed up in the brightest and happiest yellow outfits. They played games, chatted, and had snacks together. One of the highlights of the visit was meeting Kadheeja's cat, Chikku. It was a valuable hands-on experience that will stay with them for a long time.

We are grateful to Kadheeja and her family for opening their home to us and making this visit a memorable one. Kudos to Ms Poppy and Ms Shabena for orchestrating the field trip and effectively liaising with the parents.

## PK2 WOW WEDNESDAY - ARMY DAY

"Wow Wednesday" took on a patriotic spirit as our Pk2 community of Technopark ELC celebrated Army Day with enthusiasm. Children, donned in adorable soldier costumes, added a delightful touch. Students and facilitators engaged in face painting resembling army camouflage, fostering a sense of camaraderie. The day featured heartfelt performances of patriotic songs, nurturing a deep appreciation for those who protect and defend our nation. The discussions ranged from the importance and heroism of soldiers to understanding national symbols like the anthem, flag, animal, bird, flower, and fruit, fostering a profound sense of national pride among all. Thank you, Ms Milan, Ms Sheena, Ms Saniya and Ms Sheetal, for this fun day.





TRINS ELC Sasthamangalam

**ELC Wow Wednesday**

Sasthamangalam PK2 children celebrated "Army day" as a part of WoW Wednesday, where children enthusiastically dressed up as soldiers, wore military green caps and did army face painting. They also bought walkie talkies and toys to pretend-play enjoying the celebration of Army Day.



**Field Trip**

City KG2 students and teachers joined their counterparts to visit the Chackai Fire station on 18th January as part of the Theme-3 field trip. The trip helped our children to explore the roles and responsibilities of firefighters as community helpers as well as to explore the various tools and vehicles used by them.



**EY Literary Fest**



Sasthamangalam Early years team conducted the Fifth Lit Fest as part of ongoing Literary Fest. KG1 students did "CVC Word Game" to showcase their knowledge of blending and reading CVC Words through a Traffic Light and Picture game. The children of City KG2 conducted a sentence making activity, in which children confidently framed sentences with tricky and CVC words by applying the sentence rules.



**Round Square**

Paddle power unleashed! Hostel students dive into Kayaking adventure! The students spent a day at Kayak Adventures, Murukkumpuzha, kayaking as well as trying a hand at archery, balancing beam, parallel bars, Tarzan swing, rope climbing, Burma bridge and water volley ball. Aligning with the IDEALS of Round Square, Trivandrum International School realises that adventure is defined by each individual according to personal limits and we encourage and celebrate challenge, courage and tenacity in all contexts.

