



## Principal's Message



We had been asked by Cambridge International to hold back on celebrating the achievement of Mathew Mariel Joseph until the Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards ceremony had taken place. His accomplishment as the all-India topper in the International AS-level Psychology for the November 2022 session is certainly a cause of celebration - a testament to his hard work and resilience. Our track record shows that TRINS students achieve top grades and gain admission to leading institutions both in India and abroad. This term we are aware of achievements by our senior students as they make plans for the future. Applications for Indian universities will commence shortly, but applications to overseas universities are being made and conditional offers are regularly being received - they have come from institutions in Australia, Canada and the UK. I congratulate Ananya Menon, our Head Girl, on being awarded a Next Genius scholarship for a US college.

The success of our most senior students is a culmination of the holistic education the school promotes, which includes the academic rigour the school encourages, that prepares TRINS students to apply with confidence to university and then follow their own paths into the future.

Mr. Richard Hillebrand

## Student Achievements

### Topper in India for International AS- level Psychology by Cambridge International

Mathew Mariel Joseph (graduated 2023) was recognised as the Topper in India for International AS Level Psychology, November 2022 by Cambridge International at a ceremony in Mumbai on 28th January. Mathew is currently completing his national service in Singapore and then intends to pursue his interest in Psychology and Neuroscience at university. Mr Abhilash, Mathew's Psychology teacher, accepted the award for Mathew.. (Continued on page 2)



Mathew Mariel Joseph



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Mr Abhilash writes, "It was an incredible experience representing our school at the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards function. Despite Mathew being out of station, the honour of accepting the award was both humbling and unforgettable. The event showcased the dedication of our school to academic excellence. Over 150 awards were presented to students and teachers from across India. Looking forward to more successes and collaborative achievements as we continue to nurture a culture of excellence at our school."

Mr. Abhilash



Anya Rahul of Grade 3A secured the bronze Award in Class 3 - English Olympiad (IFEQ) -2023 conducted by the International Olympiad Foundation.

Anya Rahul



Congratulations to Ananya Menon of Grade 12DP for having secured the Next Genius scholarship for admission to Beloit College, Wisconsin. Ananya aspires to study International Relations at the undergraduate level.

Ananya Menon



Sasha Jayaraj of Grade 9IG competing against students nationwide, has obtained 3rd rank in French Word Power B1.1 organised by Prayatna Educational Society, the Bureau du Québec and Alliance Française de Normandie, France.

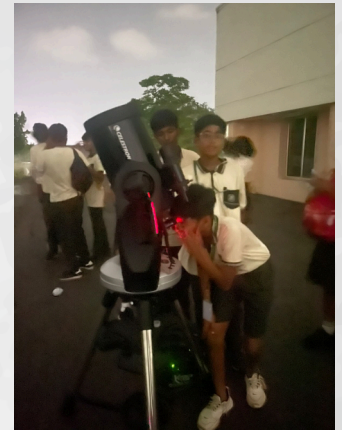
Sasha Jayaraj



## TRINS Main Campus

### Hostel Field trip

The hostel students of Grade VIII and below, visited the planetarium on Friday, February 2nd for sky observation. The students were able to spot Jupiter and its satellites.



### PYP Student Council

The student council members of PYP held a discussion with the teachers on 30th January, 2024. The collaborative session discussed mutual expectations and concerns with respect to students adhering to certain essential agreements that were agreed upon to maintain discipline in different places like the seminar hall, Junior School porch, pathway, lunch hall and other school premises.

### Tackling Global food crisis

Grade 5 students are learning about the global food crisis and possible solutions in their current theme. One possible solution suggested by the students was sustainable food production. To take a step towards the same, they visited an uptown urban hydroponic farm and terrace organic vegetable garden and learnt about various farming techniques. In the hydroponics farm, the high-quality yield of kale, Bok choy, spinach, lettuce, basil and microgreens packed with nutrients without soil in a controlled environment amazed them. Students witnessed 25 different varieties of vegetables and fruits in the organic vegetable garden which was set up on a terrace with minimal resources. Both these places inspired the students and they are excited to apply these techniques to grow their own food plants in upcoming projects.





## Talent Assembly

Grade 3A sparked in their Talent Assembly on Monday, 29th January showcasing a diverse blend of dance, music, instruments, stories, poems, craft, quiz, and magic. The enthusiastic audience actively participated, creating an engaging atmosphere. A special thanks to the dedicated homeroom teachers, Ms. Sneha and Ms. Nimmy. A huge appreciation to the invaluable support from Mr. Arun, Ms Chinmayambika and Ms. Vineetha.



Heartfelt gratitude to our parents for their unwavering encouragement, contributing to the success of this vibrant and talent-packed assembly.

## Round Square

### The Round Square History Labs

The History labs are a series of Zoom sessions led by students from RS schools around the world on different aspects of world history, drawing on their location and their own topics of study. The participants are invited to prepare their own contributions on each session's topic. The overall aim is to build empathy, to demonstrate that there are many sides to a story, and to highlight that we interpret and understand historical events differently depending on our context.

The students of TRINS have participated in History lab sessions last year on topics such as The World War I, Colonialism, The Cold War, Ancient architectural marvels, Trade cities and Ancient cities and their vibrant cultures.

The upcoming History lab on February 8th is being hosted by The Kingsley School in the UK on "The Roaring 20s".



TRINS ELC Main School

**KG 1 Zoo visit**

On the vibrant Tuesday morning of January 30th, the enthusiastic students of KG 1 eagerly embarked on a captivating journey into the realm of their new theme, "Sharing the Planet." This tuning-in session proved to be an immersive experience as they encountered a fascinating array of animals, including bears, monkeys, deer, turtles, birds, and an assortment of reptiles. This interactive exploration not only introduced them to the wonders of the animal kingdom but also ignited a spark of curiosity that will undoubtedly fuel their learning journey throughout the theme.



**KG 2 Police station visit**

On Monday, 29th January, KG 2 students visited Attingal police station, exploring tools like guns, handcuffs, lathi, and walkie-talkies. Police officers highlighted their roles, stressing the importance of maintaining law and order. The session included educating students about the significance of calling the emergency number 112 in urgent situations. This visit offered a firsthand look at law enforcement tools, fostering awareness of the police's vital role in community safety.





**TRINS ELC Sasthamangalam**

**ELC (PK1 and PK2) Term 2 PTM - Monday, 29th January 2024**

The Term 2 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) at Sasthamangalam campus was an occasion filled with joy, gratitude, and positive feedback from parents. The event served as a platform for parents to connect with teachers and the centre head,



providing them with insights into their children's progress and development. The overwhelming sentiment expressed by parents was one of contentment, acknowledging the homely environment, loving attitude of teachers, and transparency in the curriculum and the overall development of the children which received heartfelt appreciation from parents. Overall, the PTM concluded reinforcing the positive partnership between parents and the preschool team. As the preschool community looks forward to the upcoming academic year, the success of the PTM reflects the dedication and commitment of the ELC team which includes Ms Harmya (PK2 HRT), Ms Aparna (PK2 HRT) and Ms Shisy (PK1 HRT) to provide an exceptional early childhood education experience.

**KG1 Field Trip to the Zoo, Wednesday 31st January 2024**

The kindergarten 1 (KG1) team embarked on an exciting and educational adventure to the zoo as part of their fourth theme, "Sharing the planet – We share the world with animals." This theme-based field trip aimed to provide the young learners with hands-on experience in understanding various aspects of animals, including their shapes, sizes, colours, dietary habits, habitats, and family dynamics. The field trip sparked a deeper inquiry into the actual homes of animals beyond the confines of the zoo.



Children were encouraged to think about the natural habitats that animals prefer and the role these environments play in their well-being. The realisation that animals have specific needs and homes beyond the zoo added a layer of awareness to the children's understanding of their coexistence with the animal kingdom. The trip provided a solid foundation for future learning. Thanks to the guidance and mentorship of Ms. Nisha P and Ms. Sreedevi MG, the young minds are now better equipped to embark on their project-based learning journey, armed with newfound knowledge and a deep appreciation for the wonders of the natural world.

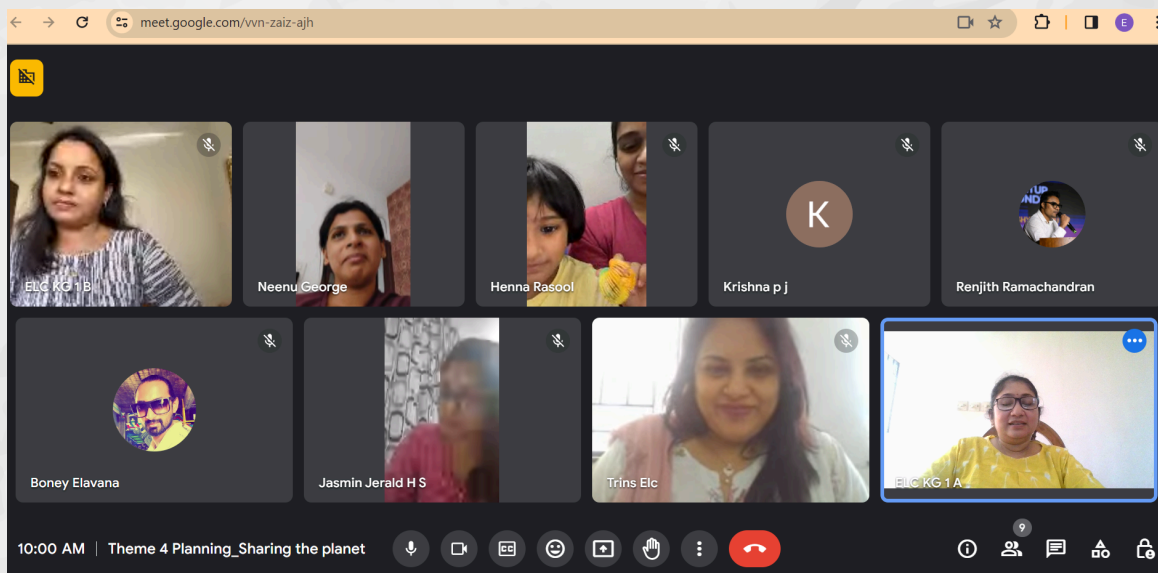


## KG2 Parent Collaboration - Theme 4 , Wednesday 31st January 2024

In a spirit of collaboration and engagement, the parents of City KG 2 children recently participated in an online meeting with the teachers to discuss the fourth and final theme, "Stories." The virtual gathering was an opportunity for parents to delve into the central idea and lines of inquiry that would shape their children's exploration of both imaginary and real stories, feelings portrayed through narratives, and the values embedded within stories.

Parents expressed their admiration for the chosen central idea, recognizing the significance of stories in a child's development. The exploration of imaginary and real stories, understanding emotions conveyed through narratives, and learning values from stories resonated well with the parents, emphasising the holistic approach to education taken by the City KG 2 team. The virtual meeting was not just a one-way communication; parents actively contributed their ideas and suggestions to enrich the theme engagement. Many parents emphasised the importance of including traditional stories with moral values, suggesting that they could be a powerful way to impart timeless lessons to the children. There was a consensus among parents to encourage children to share their interpretations of the morals of stories, promoting critical thinking and reflection.

Parents eagerly proposed incorporating activities that would allow their children to unleash their creativity and imagination. The idea of creating opportunities for children to craft and role-play their own stories was well-received. This interactive approach was seen as a way to nurture not only storytelling skills but also enhance communication and collaboration among the young learners. The positive and collaborative atmosphere during the online meeting was attributed to the efforts of Ms. Swapna, who played a crucial role in creating a vibrant and inclusive environment for parent collaboration. Parents extended their gratitude to Ms. Swapna for her dedication in fostering a strong partnership between home and school.





## TRINS ELC TECHNOPARK

### KG1 Field Trip to the zoo

As part of their "Sharing the Planet" theme, KG 1 students from TRINS ELC Technopark took a field trip to the zoo. Throughout their walk amidst the lush surroundings of a forest-like setting, they immersed themselves in the realm of animals, gaining insights into their care and habitats. The children enthusiastically asked numerous questions about different animals, the duties of zookeepers, and the types of food provided. Nurturing such curiosity not only encourages their inquisitive minds but also instils empathy and a sense of responsibility towards the natural world. The outing was both enjoyable and educational, providing students with the chance to closely observe a variety of animals and their habitats. This hands-on experience sparked their curiosity and conveyed valuable lessons on the importance of kindness towards animals and environmental stewardship. Thank you, Ms Sreedevi, Ms Gopika and Ms Jasmin, for coordinating the event.



### Theme 4- Planning with Parents

KG 1s at TRINS ELC Technopark orchestrated an engaging online session, convening parents to brainstorm learning activities centred on the theme of Sharing the Planets and exploring animals' significance in our lives. The session aimed to instil a sense of responsibility towards animals while elucidating their roles in our daily existence. Through collaborative discussions, parents and educators strategized enriching engagements to cultivate children's understanding and empathy towards the animal kingdom. Such initiatives foster holistic learning experiences, nurturing young minds to appreciate and respect the diverse creatures that cohabit our planet, thereby fostering a harmonious relationship with nature from an early age.