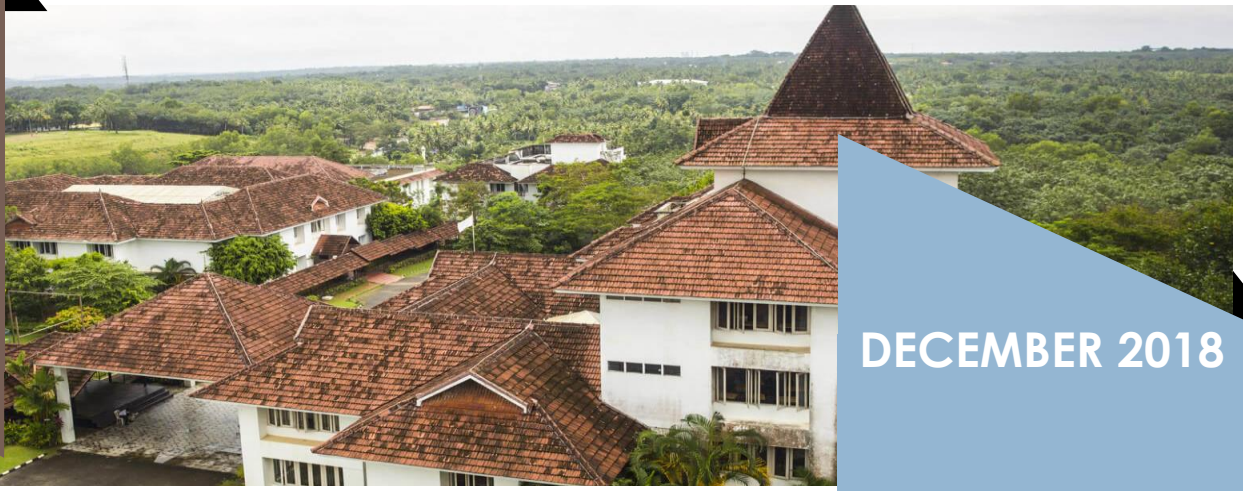




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SPORTS DAY



ROUND SQUARE PROJECT



CHRISTMAS





As the waters stormed into our state of Kerala and caused a catastrophe, all I could do was watch the disaster uncover on my television screen from the comfort of my home. I had the grudging desire to help, but what could a kid like me do? This is where the round square project came to my fulfillment. Thanks to the service project #rebuildkerala under the aegis of round square by TRINS, I was part of a 17-member delegation to help revamp a flood affected school in the outskirts of Kochi, North Paravoor. It gave me an immense meaning to life. Though this was the least I could do for them, I did it with joy, whole heartedness and pride! I recall the words of John Holmes, “there is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.” I am sure our little help would have brought a smile to many of the title faces and realization to them that there are people from distant places who care. It was just not the service alone. As an individual, I could take back many lessons for life and lessons for personal growth. I was to flaunt my leadership skills and play a part in organizing, charting out according to priority, delegating responsibilities and was able to realize the value of team work and the importance of commitment. My creativity skills were also sharpened with the painting and creating an aesthetic environment for children like me. The daily commute in the raft to the school added a pinch of adventure to the service. It was an overall exertion to the body, mind and soul.

-Sheetal Grade 9 IGCSE





Grade 6 SLC

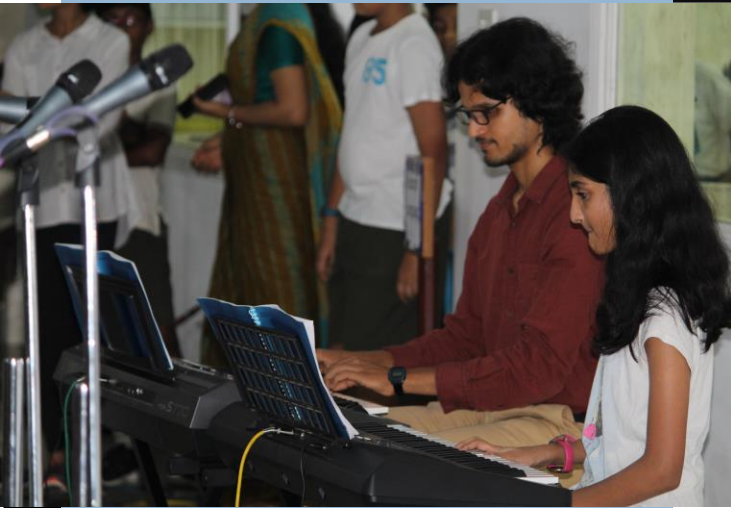


Hi, my name is Neha and I'm in grade 6C and on the 7th of December 2018 was the class 6 SLC. SLC or Student Led Conference is an event where we showcase our talents of a subject or extracurricular activity, to our parents. When my classmates and I heard that we were going to do it, we were really excited. We were each going to be sorted into different subjects, and each subject with their respective classroom. We had to decorate the classroom, based on our topic. I was selected for English and I was so happy, because its my favorite. For our subject, the English Students and I, did our topic on the novel, "The Secret Garden", which our class in currently reading. We made a lot of charts and posters, and with the help of our teachers we planned out a lot of games. On top of that we also had to practice on our extracurricular activities. I was in guitar and dance. We had to use a lot of energy in dance and my fingers were killing me after I played my guitar. Finally, the day of

SLC came and it was only a few hours before it was to begin. But then, we English students realized that we were way behind on decorations. We worked very hard and of course our teachers helped us. We set up our room and everything looked great! Slowly parents started to increasingly trickle in. Soon SLC started and parents were walking up to stalls. The parents tried out games from the English group stalls and they enjoyed it. Soon it was time to present our extracurricular activities in front of the parents. I had never played an instrument in front of an audience and dancing in front of people is overwhelming! But all of us did really great and we beamed happily when we were done. Now my classmates and I miss working on SLC and not having regular classes. The MCs did a great job and the teacher helped out a lot, but our hard work too really paid off. I enjoyed having SLC, and I can't wait for my next one!!

-Neha Grade 6





INME to COORG

We the students of Grade 6 & 7 had a wonderful trip to an Inme Camp Site - Coorg - on the 14th of December 2018. We started our journey from Trivandrum at 4:30 in the evening. The bus ride was very enjoyable, with everyone singing and dancing, looking forward to the trip as a whole. Following Dinner at Regant Lake Palace, we watched a movie, after which everyone had a nice long sleep in the bus. We were woken up for hot tea and breakfast at Wayanad at about 8 o' clock. The moment we all had been waiting for had finally arrived - we had reached Coorg at exactly 1:30pm.

We had delicious lunch from there, after which we were given a tour of the whole site by the coaches. We were also introduced to the dogs and puppies at the campsite, whom we all loved and adored since the first day itself. We played around the campus, and after dinner, we immediately went to sleep as we were tired from the whole journey. We started the next day with some exercises, and then had breakfast. We were then split into two groups. While one group was taken for rock climbing, the other group were introduced to the equipment used, and the different kinds of knots used. After each group had done both the activities, we were taken back to the camp site, where we played a new game called Mafia. After dinner, we all went to sleep as we were tired from the days activities. Even the next day started with a new set of exercises, followed by breakfast. We then got to learn something new : How to pack your Backpack. The coaches gave us a backpacking session and explained to us how we had to pack our bags and where to put things and how we had to put them so that we would be able to utilize our space effectively. We were then taking for trekking in the honey valleys, where we got to see very beautiful sights of the valley and of Coorg. On the last day, we had the most competitive activity : the Helter Skelter; otherwise known as the Inme Olympics. All of us were split into teams, after which we were given activities where we had to compete against each other to choose the true winner. Everyone showed their true competitive spirit through this activity. It made me happy when my team won as well. After this exciting activity, we had lunch and then had a session where we shared our experience about the trip and exchanged thank you notes with the coaches. The hardest part of the whole trip was leaving, after having such a wonderful time there. We learnt a lot from this trip, and all of us are looking forward to the next Inme Trip we will be taking part in.

-Anagha Grade 7





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