



## TRINS ON TUESDAY

**From The Principal's Desk:** The colourful assembly on Monday, which showcased and celebrated the range of languages spoken at TRINS, was a great way to start the week. Throughout the school this week, across all three campuses, language development and the joy of mastering a language were encouraged through initiatives by our Second Language, Literacy and English teachers. 'Fete Bookaroo 2023', organised by Literacy teachers in the PYP, gave students quizzes and activities to push both the oral and written uses of English, as well as reading. Similarly, the English Department ensured through Montage 2023 that there was a real variety of activities for students in Grades 6 to 12, engaging them with both the creativity and challenges of using English effectively. It is fitting that the accomplishments of both our students achievers this week evolve around the effective use of language. Whilst mastery of English is a strength given the access it provides to so many opportunities, being able to use more than one language is even more of an advantage to any student and we rightly celebrate the richness that languages bring to our school community. Thank you to all the teachers from the English Department and the Second Language Department for their contribution to such an energetic week of activities.





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## Student Achievement

**RMUN India 2023:** Yuvankumar (Grade 8) won the Diplomacy Award at the RMUN India 2023 hosted by Rajagiri Public School, Ernakulam on 29th and 30th September. Congratulations to him and to Tharian and Chandrika who also represented the school. Thanks to Ms Meryl for accompanying and coaching the team.



**Nasaiba Noufal** of Grade 9 IG has become a published author with Scholastic Writers Academy. Her story is included within 'Everlasting Stories' which was launched on 10th October.



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## Main School Activities

**Language Week** from 9th October to 13th October was an initiative to foster a deeper appreciation for cultural diversity among our students. The Second Language Department organised the Language Week programmes across the school. We embarked on a wonderful journey during the



whole-school assembly in which our PYP students showcased their talents in three different language events. The Hindi students presented the diverse states and cultural forms of India, while the Malayalam students showcased the art forms of Kerala. Additionally, the French students participated in showcasing the Festival of France, Mardi Gras.

In the PYP, various activities such as recitation, elocution, nature walks, song fusion and the wish tree have effectively allowed our students to improve their language skills and explore new ones. A particularly enchanting activity during Language Week was the "Wish Tree." Here, students were encouraged to share their heartfelt wishes. Language teachers played a special role, tying the wishes onto the tree, imbuing them with the power of language and expression. The inclusion of our Early Years students added a fresh and unique element to our PYP language garden. As part of this exciting event, EY students not only discovered the magic of various languages but also embraced the charm of French culture. They enthusiastically learned a French song, their voices harmonising with the catchy tunes as they sang along, creating a delightful melody that echoed through the school.







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**‘Minikavithakal’**, Ms Mini Gopinath's invitation to speak Malayalam to Grade 5 students proved to be a valuable experience. Her extensive literature experience emphasised the importance and richness of the Malayalam language and the significance of preserving one's mother tongue. We are grateful to have received ‘Minikavithakal’, a poetry book authored by Ms. Mini Gopinath, for our Junior School library.

In the Middle School, the children wrote their wishes in their respective Second Language to contribute to the Tana-bata tree (a wish tree). There was also a treasure hunt activity and Grade 7 & 8 made a newspaper in different languages.

Thank you to all the Second Language teachers, your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.





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'Fete Bookaroo 2023' inculcated love for language and stimulated our children to enhance their English language skills. The day was packed with engaging and fun activities for children. The children from Grade 1 to Grade 5 took part in various literary events, from knowing the authors to character acquaintance, from presentations of dialogue snippets to JAM, from literary quiz to spellbee and more. To add on to the vibrance, a special guest Ms Prabha Nair, an author who has contributed to Amarchithra Katha and Tinkle, interacted and shared glimpses of her wisdom with our children. The Fete Bookaroo culminated with DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) that included the whole PYP family of students, teachers and the support staff to promote reading skills.

The house point tally from the Literacy competitions is:

Agni- 49

Jalam- 58

Prithvi- 57

Vayu- 71







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**Montage 2023:** Trivandrum International School celebrated Montage 2023, the English Department's contribution to the Language & Literature Week, with great fervour. The literary contests scheduled across the week included The Middle School Spell-Vocab Challenge, Just-a-Minute, Balloon Debate and Apostrophe, the creative writing contest for students across Grades 6 to 12. The event culminated with the High School and Senior School Literary Quiz on 13th October.



**Music Therapy:** On Thursday, 12th October Ms Kavya Ajayan took a music therapy session for many of the Junior School children of the SEN department. Music therapy can help a child manage stressful situations and interventions are designed to encourage socialisation, self-expression, communication and motor development.



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**Farm Visit:** On the 9th October 2023, the students of KG 2 embarked on a thrilling adventure to the Mullassery Dairy Farm, as an integral part of their educational theme, "How the World Works." The students were joined by their enthusiastic peers from both the City and Techno-park Campus, creating an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation. They had the unique opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of farm animals, including gentle cows, playful goats and lively hens. This engaging field trip provided an invaluable learning experience for the students as they began to grasp the essential needs and wants of these animals. It was a day filled with joy, discovery and the delight of connecting with the natural world, leaving lasting memories for all the young adventurers.



On behalf of the TRINS Social Service, we extend our gratitude to all the students and teachers who have generously donated to the Rice and Green gram collection drive.





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## ELC Technopark Update

On 10th October, Trins Early Learning Center celebrated its 3rd Literary Fest with great enthusiasm and excitement.

The Show and Tell activity was organised to encourage KG1 students to express themselves and enhance their public speaking skills. Each child was given the opportunity to bring an item of personal significance and present it to their classmates. The KG1 students showcased an array of imaginative items, ranging from stuffed animals to toys, favourite story books, etc. It helped students improve their language skills, enhance their vocabulary, and develop self-confidence. The Literary Fest was marked by a positive and encouraging atmosphere. Thank you, Ms Sreedevi, Ms Gopika and Ms Jasmin, for all your continuous effort and dedication.

KG-2 students showcased their poetic talents through recitations. The event celebrated their creativity and communication skills, offering a platform for young learners to shine. Kudos to Ms Veena and Ms Deepthi for the flawless planning and implementation.



**Session on Child Safety:** ELC Technopark conducted a vital session on 11th October, addressing the topic of "Good Touch and Bad Touch" for our students. Our school counsellor, Nishitha Mohan Das, led this session, aiming to provide our young learners with a fundamental understanding of personal boundaries, safe touch, and self-protection. The session began by distinguishing "good touch" from "bad touch," with a focus on how good touches evoke comfort and safety, like a hug from a family. This initiative plays a crucial role in promoting the safety and well-being of our students. Immense thank you to Ms Nishitha Mohan Das for conducting this interactive session with our EY children





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**Farm Visit:** On Monday, 9th October, the KG-2 students embarked on an exciting field trip to Mullassery Dairy Farm,, which proved to be a memorable and educational experience for them. Upon arrival, the students were greeted by a wide array of farm animals. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Lekshmi for her invaluable support throughout the trip. Her guidance and assistance were instrumental in ensuring the smooth execution of this educational excursion. Additionally, we would like to thank Ms. Manjusha for her efforts in arranging the bus facility on time, making it possible for our students to embark on this enriching adventure. We are also grateful to Mullassery Dairy Farm for their warm hospitality and for providing our students with this enriching experience.

Thank you, Ms Veena and Ms Deepthi, for your enthusiasm and for offering the children an enjoyable day out on the farm.





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## ELC Sasthamangalam

**Language Week:** As part of the PYP Language week, the Early Years team of the City campus had an enriching Language Week from 9th October to 13th October. An introduction of Malayalam vowels (Aksharamalaka) was done by Ms. Deepthi; Mrs. Lekshmi Kumariyamma, grandmother of Anannya A D of City KG1, volunteered to narrate a "muthasshikatha" (grandmother's tale) in Malayalam, to our children. As part of introducing a foreign language, Ms. Anna Bychkova, Mother of Siddharth Bychkova Nair of City PK2, who is also a Russian native and a musician by profession, volunteered to introduce her mother tongue Russian to our children. She gracefully conducted the session of introducing daily greeting words in Russian through ice-breaker activities and taught them a song in Russian through a native game they play in Russia. Children and teachers could relate to the game as we play similar native games in India. To wind up, Ms. Deepthi introduced the Indian national language, Hindi, through a vocabulary lesson and song. Children enjoyed greeting and speaking to each other in Hindi. Special thanks from our heart to Mrs. Lekshmi Kumariyamma and Ms. Anna Bychkova for spending time with our children and giving them valuable lessons through the medium of language.







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**Literary Fest:** The Early Years of the campus (KG1 and KG2) conducted the third event in the ongoing Literary Fest. KG1 showcased their confidence in describing their favourite object through a show and tell. We saw the tiny tots of KG1 bloom into confident communicators coming out of their shell without any stage fear. KG2 demonstrated their skills in poem recitation. A big shout out goes to our EY facilitators Ms Nisha P, Ms Swapna and Ms Sreedevi M G, for building this strong foundation for our children and for being their pillars of support.



### Staff Achievements

**Ms. Shalini Bose and Ms. Hima Das** of the SEN department attended a 4-day online intensive learning program in Handwriting for Dysgraphia conducted by Dr. Shipra Gupta, Sensible Child, Delhi. This is an application-based course for handwriting skills that can be applied to children with Specific Learning Disabilities.

**Ms. Karthika Raj** attended a panel discussion on October 9th organised by the Maharashtra Dyslexia Association as part of the Dyslexia Awareness Month Programme. The discussion gave an orientation about new practices for the management of dyslexia across the globe and empowered all the panel members on how to spread awareness about the same.

**Ms Amritha Renganath** is attending a week-long online CIET- NCERT Training on Digital Technology for Children with Special Needs organised by NCERT (Ministry of Education)

