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From The Principal's Desk: I concluded the week in Dubai to attend the Round Square Regional Forum. The combination of student-leadership and service that is reported in this week's ToT is very much in the spirit of Round Square. I have enjoyed the conversations I had whilst at the Forum, which were an opportunity to exchange ideas, as well as to establish and reinforce connections with other Round Square schools in the Gulf and South Asia region.

I know the coming month is very busy, particularly for those in Grades 6 to 12. Within two weeks, our students will be treading the boards at the Tagore Theatre as TRINS Broadway returns. My thanks to all who have already bought tickets - there are some introductions to main characters below. We then look forward to the Carnival on 16th December, preparations for which are already well underway. I look forward to seeing you there. In addition, the order for the Cake Fest are being sorted to make sure everybody receives what they desire. If you have not already completed your order, please do so as soon as possible. Central to all that we do is the all-round development of our students, and academic progress is an integral element of this. I am aware that this can lead to apparent tensions, but our experience is that students who have an education that provides breadth alongside academic depth, flourish in school and are well-prepared for the world beyond school. This week again, you can read about the process of academic planning, as well as the activities that are taking place in our classrooms and beyond. My thanks to all who support our students and enable the school to fulfil its mission of preparing young leaders - and make TRINS such an exceptional school to represent at meetings such as the Regional Forum in Dubai.





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Main School Activities

Children's Day : The Children's Day Assembly was held on 13th November amidst much anticipation. The teachers enthralled the children with their varied performances. The MC, dressed as Chacha Nehru, reminded us of the importance of this day. The assembly ended with a surprise flashmob by the teachers. Children were treated to cream cakes on that day and ice cream and special Children's Day cards from their teachers the next day, on 14th November. A big shout out to the SEN Department for planning and coordinating the Assembly, as well as to the Music and Art departments for their contribution to this energetic start to the week. EY joyfully observed Children's Day on Monday, 13th November, joining the main school assembly where they delighted in the performances by the teachers. To add a personal touch, each student received a hand-written card and a badge from the teachers.





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Visit to RCC : On 13th November, 2 students - Naman (12DP) and Aswin Krishna (12A) along with teachers had visited RCC, Trivandrum to invite the RCC Director and Additional Director for the Broadway Cheque handing over ceremony and visited the General Ward. Thanks to Ms.Ritu for accompanying them.

Ammathottil : On 14th November, 6 students visited Ammathottil to celebrate Children's Day with the children of the home. Our students spent quality time with the Ammathottil children, singing, dancing and telling stories. They had colouring competitions for them. Special Children's Day cards along with toys were gifted to each child.





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Cancer Awareness Campaign

TRINS students are engaging with a cancer awareness campaign initiated by the KIMS hospital. Our students have been trying to reach as many people as possible, both within the school and beyond, with their message about early screening for cancer and maintaining a healthy lifestyle as a contribution to prevention.

Cancer Awareness Session: On 14th November, Dr. Hariharan, Additional Director and Head of RCC research, was invited for a guest session to speak on Cancer awareness for students of Grades 9-12. Thanks to Ms. Ambili Gopalakrishnan, Biology teacher for co-ordinating the logistics for the session.



On 17th Nov, a special assembly was hosted by the cancer awareness campaign team. Malayalam song performed by Shruthi Arya Krishna(12A) and Maria Geomi Rajesh (12DP), Shrika of Grade 7 recited her self-made poem on Cancer awareness and finally speech by Janaki S(12DP). Thanks to Ms. Brinda, Mr. Alan and Mr. Arun for supporting the children with the song.





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From 15th - 18th November, an Art exhibition on Cancer awareness was held for which students of Grade 4 - 8 participated with their art pieces depicting cancer awareness. Thanks to Ms. Sona, Ms.Cyrielle and Mr.Sujit for coordinating and motivating the students for the same. Special thanks to Ms.Cyrielle for helping the students in setting the wall for the exhibition.



A signing wall was initiated as a part of the cancer awareness campaign where many students, teachers and parents signed with supporting messages.



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Sharing the Planet : Grade 4 planned theme 4 with the parents on 16th November. The core topics of air and water of the theme (Sharing the Planet) were discussed. The planning helped identify perspectives such as giving learners life experiences of sustainable living, identifying the interconnectedness of man's needs and wants with resource use and misuse etc. As always, the planning was a mutual learning experience for the facilitators and the parent community alike.

Ancient World Display : Students of Grade 5 brought alive the ancient world with a display of spectacular exhibits from the ancient civilisations. They made great connections through stories, role plays, models and other visuals of their legacies, we are carrying forward to this day. It was amazing to hear the stories about what led to the invention of silk or paper in ancient China, invention of makeup and toothpaste in ancient Egypt and the gift of chocolates and corn by the Aztecs. They traced back the roots of democracy to Ancient Greek and Roman civilisations. It was a celebration of learning thoroughly enjoyed by the parents, teachers and students. Thank you to homeroom teachers MS. Neetu, MS. Shabna & Ms. Geomi for enhancing agentic learning opportunities for the fifth graders.





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Veli Tourist Village : The students of Grade 3 went on a field trip to The Veli Tourist Village on Tuesday 7th November, in order to explore the physical features of the different water bodies and the landforms associated with it. They observed the sea and the beach as well as the lake and the land around it. They noted that the land around the lake was fertile for vegetation because of its fresh water. They also enjoyed the beautiful sight of the lake water entering the sea.



How We Express Ourselves : Grade 1 recently concluded their theme unit " How We Express Ourselves "with great success. The culmination event featured a captivating gallery walk showcasing the diverse forms of art created by our talented students throughout the theme. The children exhibited their work with tremendous pride and enthusiasm, creating an atmosphere filled with creativity. The gallery walks not only allowed the students to showcase their artistic skills but also provided an opportunity for them to express their individuality. The commitment and effort put forth by both students and teachers were evident in the quality and variety of art on display. Congratulations to the Grade 1 team for their dedication and hard work in making this thematic culmination a memorable and enriching experience for our students.





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Alphabet Ramp Walk : The fourth Literary Fest unfolded on Thursday, 16th November, featuring a spectacular Alphabet Ramp Walk. The sight was truly delightful as students showcased creativity by dressing up as various letters. They not only walked the ramp but also shared insights about the letters and words associated with them. A special note of gratitude to Ms. Nisha Abraham for the inspiring idea behind this event, and heartfelt thanks to the parents for their enthusiastic participation.



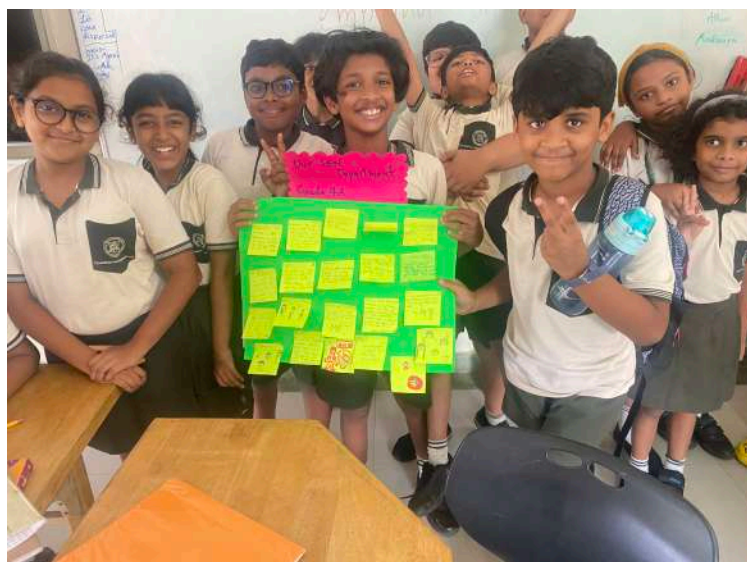


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Visitors in KG 2 : On Thursday, 16th November, KG 2 welcomed visitors from Grade 5 into their classroom. The purpose was to provide the older students with an opportunity to understand and explore the friendly KG 2 classroom environment. Ms. Keerthana facilitated the engagement by involving the students in a lesson where they were encouraged to teach CVC words to their KG 1 peers.



Ms. Karthika Raj conducted a sensitization session for the Grade 4A students, providing an interactive platform which included a discussion on how our SEN Department supports children with special needs. The conclusion included a session by PYP Counsellor Ms. Nishita on "Empathy and Compassion in our classrooms."





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Student Achievements

Vidhyarthi Vigyan Manthan : Sreedev of Grade 7A and Avijit Nair of Grade 6A have been selected for the state level camp after passing the first round of the Vidhyarthi Vigyan Manthan exam. Thanks to the Science departments for following up on this.



Sreedev



Avijit Nair

TRINS Technopark ELC

Children's Day celebration: On Monday, November 13th, Technopark campus hosted a vibrant Children's Day celebration. The kids arrived dressed in a spectrum of colours, demonstrating their grasp of the day's importance. Their enthusiasm was palpable as they received thoughtful tokens from their mentors and eagerly displayed them to their proud parents.





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4th Literary Fest - Alphabet ramp walk: The 4th Literary Fest at Technopark featured a delightful and educational event as KG1 students took centre stage in an Alphabet Ramp walk. The event aimed not only to showcase the creativity and enthusiasm of the young learners but also to provide them with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of alphabets in a fun and engaging manner. The Alphabet Ramp Walk held at KG1 during the 4th Literary Fest was a unique and innovative way to integrate learning and entertainment. The children, dressed up as various alphabets, paraded down the ramp, each representing a sound of the alphabet. The ramp walk allowed them to not only display their outfits but also share interesting facts related to the letter sound they represented. Beyond the visual appeal and entertainment element, the Alphabet Ramp Walk served an important educational purpose. It provided a platform for the young learners to reinforce their understanding of the alphabet, phonetics, and associated words.

The event facilitated a hands-on learning experience, allowing children to actively engage with the material in a memorable and enjoyable manner. The event not only showcased the creativity of the children but also highlighted the school's commitment to making learning a joyful and engaging process. Overall, the Alphabet Ramp Walk was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on both students and spectators alike. A humongous thank you to Ms Sreedevi, Ms Gopika and Ms Jasmin for meticulously organising the event.





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Art Gallery walk: It was wonderful to see the Grade 1 students proudly presenting their art work. A good start to showcase different art forms. This was an opportunity for children to express themselves in their own innovative way.



PK2 - Theme 2 culmination: PK2 Technopark marked the joyful culmination of Theme 2 - We Express Ourselves Through Art, on Friday, 3rd November. Our curious preschoolers explored various art forms, igniting their imaginations and fostering self-expression. They enthusiastically undertook the following creative activities including leaf painting, chlorophyll painting, bottle paint stamping, hammered leaf and flower art, balloon art, balloon stamping, corn cob design, paint with truck and cars, splatter spinning art, and resistant art. Throughout this artistic journey, our preschoolers were fully immersed in the world of creativity, joyfully embracing the opportunity to express themselves through various painting mediums. The gleeful smiles and boundless enthusiasm radiated throughout the culmination event, serving as a testament to the profound impact of artistic expression on a child's development. Kudos to Ms Milan, Ms Sheena, Ms Saniya and Ms Shehina for a fun-filled day.





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TRINS Sasthamangalam ELC



November 13th Children's Day: Children and staff of Sasthamangalam campus wrapped themselves in different colours of the rainbow on Monday, November 13th as part of Children's Day celebration. Colours of the rainbow depict happiness, unity and diversity. The unity of different perspectives and emotions in one. We the teachers embraced our little ones on this special day under the

umbrella of this theme. Teachers wrote personalised cards for their children and gave them gifts and chocolates with love. Sri Jawaharlal Nehru, dear Chacha Nehru, was introduced to the little ones and his immense love for children. Teachers sang the song of rainbow engaging the surprised little ones with dance movements! The seniors of the campus, KG2 children, went to their juniors as little teachers for the day, reinforcing various concepts with them. And it was play, play and play for all of us! Thank you, so much dear home room teachers, for making this day a wonderful colourful experience for all our little ones.

City KG2: Parent Volunteering: As part of their Theme-3 about Community helpers, Dr Madhuri (KIMS), mother of Shanaya Harish Prabhu of City KG1, visited the KG2 children with an amazing role-play emphasising the importance of doctor as a community helper, with teachers taking part in the drama and a dance-based demonstration on "10 Techniques of hand wash". The children interacted with her with various inquiries on doctors, the tools used by them, the vehicles used in emergencies and other helpers in the hospital community. It was a wonderful experience for us and the children enjoyed every bit of the play-fun-based session with her. We wholeheartedly thank Dr Madhuri for taking time off her busy schedules and volunteering this session. Thank you so much Ms Swapna HRT of KG2 for creating wonderful opportunities for our children.





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Round Square

Round Square Regional Forum: The Principal, Mr. Richard Hillebrand, attended the Round Square South Asia and the Gulf Region's annual forum from 17th to 19th November. This was hosted by the Indian High School, Dubai. It provided an opportunity for the leaders of the Round Square schools in the region to meet to share good practices and to strengthen collaborative networks. With the Round Square Chief Executive in attendance, the school leaders were updated on the progress and immediate plans of the organisation, as well as having the opportunity to reflect upon how schools might want to develop the character building of students through the Round Square IDEALS.



RS Reflection: On 13th November, the five students who attended the RSIC in Nairobi in October led a session for their peers. They were able to reflect on their experience - how their preconceptions of Africa were challenged and how the immersion in such a diverse community of young people enabled them to make new friendships.





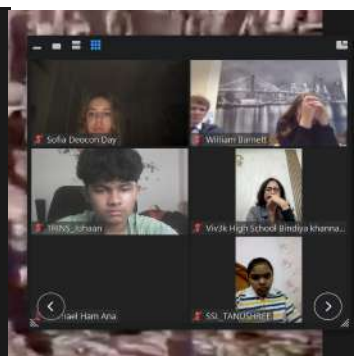
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RS Cafe: The student initiated Round Square Cafe was launched by the Round Square student society on 16th November, headed by Sarah Tharakan, the RS Student Secretary. The cafe will have an ongoing presence during events such as open days, Broadway and parent orientations. On Thursday, the cafe sold food prepared by students, greeting cards, art work, jewellery and half price books. The funds raised will be used by the students for charity, the first one being a Gratitude Day that they wish to celebrate for the support staff at Trins. The next cafe will be set up on the 25th November during the Grade 10 to 12 Open Day.



Round Square postcard: Five students from grades 9-12 participated in the Round Square postcard hosted by the Craighouse School, Chile. Thanks to Ms Sunita for guiding them.

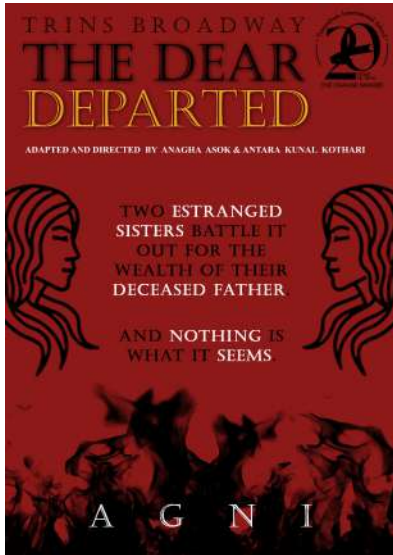
RS History lab: Five students from grades 9-12 participated in the History lab hosted by Kogakuin school, Japan. Thanks to Ms Sunita, Mr Renjish and Mr Hillebrand for guiding the students.





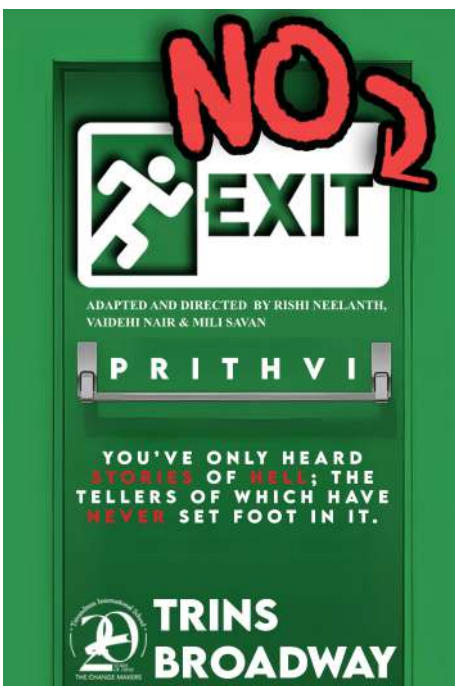
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TRINS BROADWAY 2023: Meet the characters



Agni House- The Dear Departed

Abel Merryweather - Widower though he may be, old Abel Merryweather is still blessed. He has his daughters, sons-in-law, not to mention his beloved grandchild. Oh, but then he died. And dead men tell no tales, right? Amelia Slater - I am Amelia, the ideal daughter any parent would ask for: a loving mother and the ideal wife. I have been really good to my father but I am sure he is planning on giving all his possessions to my shrewd and crafty sister. With my father's passing, I now have the perfect opportunity to inherit the entire sum. . Elizabeth Jordan - My name is Elizabeth Jordan. I am the more attractive and intelligent sister. I am entitled to all of my father's property than my sister. What can I say about my sister? She has no idea what to do or how to bargain or negotiate. Take a peek at her fashion sense as well!



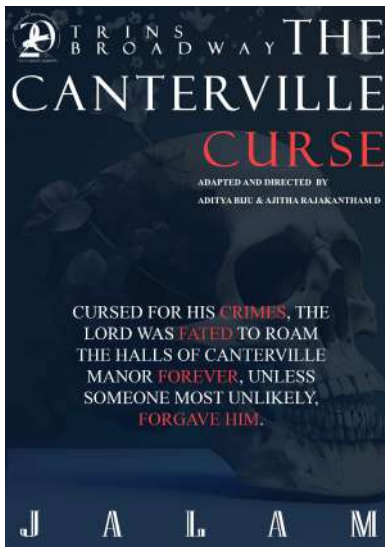
Prithvi House - No Exit

Garcin: They're sending me, an acclaimed journalist and activist, to Hell! The good I've done, saving my wife from the gutter. . . Surely this has to be a mistake! All I did was spread my- I mean THE truth.

Estelle: I'm Estelle Rigault. I have done nothing wrong so why would they send me to Hell? I don't deserve this so why can't you just let me go??



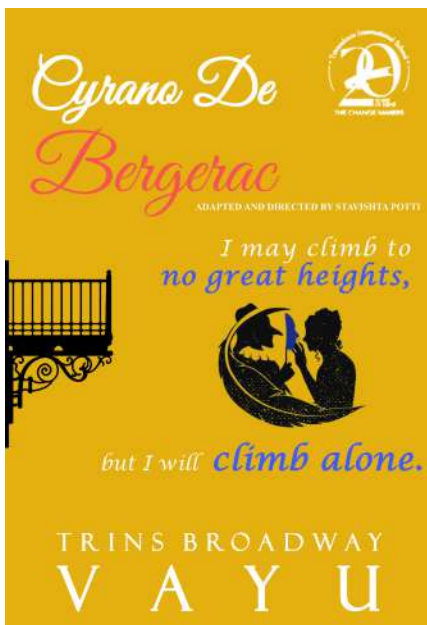
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Jalam House- The Canterville Curse

Greetings, I, Sir Simon de Canterville, recount my haunting tenure of over three centuries in Canterville Chase, where a dark past haunts me. The thrill of terrifying the Canterville family once filled my ghostly existence, until the Otis family from across the Atlantic took ownership. Unlike their predecessors, they mock my spectral presence with pranks, leaving me weary and desolate. Amidst this gloom, Virginia, the enchanting daughter of Mr. Otis, emerges as my beacon of solace. Witness my tale unfold, a poignant saga I would say. Your presence is appreciated.

Virginia, the only daughter of the Otis family, is bold and kind-hearted. Her family does not believe in ghosts but as the story progresses, she finds out that a ghost named Sir Simon, really does lurk around the halls of the manor. Virginia finds out about Sir Simon's true story, which leads to the story's development.



Vayu House- Cyrano de Bergerac

Roxanne; Picture, if you will, Christian, a handsome cadet whose visage mirrors the dreams that flutter within my heart. A poet of unparalleled eloquence, even better than that of my dearest friend Cyrano. My heart beats with a longing for true love, yet I am not easily swayed by superficial expressions of affection. Instead, I seek a love that transcends the surface, delving into the realms of soulful connection and intellectual resonance. So, dear audience, in this ethereal waltz of emotions, join me as I navigate the labyrinth of love, where each glance, each word, and each heartbeat echo the sublime complexities of the heart's delicate choreography.



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NO EXIT
DIRECTED BY RISHI NEELANATH
WITH VAIDEHI NAIR & MILI SAVAN

YOU'VE ONLY HEARD **STORIES OF HELL**; THE TELLERS OF WHICH HAVE **NEVER** SET FOOT IN IT.

THE DEAR DEPARTED
DIRECTED BY ANAGHA ASOK & ANTARA KUNAL KOTHARI

TWO ESTRANGED SISTERS BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE WEALTH OF THEIR DECEASED FATHER.

AND NOTHING IS WHAT IT SEEMS.

Cyrano De Bergerac
DIRECTED BY STHAVISHTA POTTI

I may climb to no great heights,

but I will climb alone.