

**TRIVANDRUM** 

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### **Principal's Message**



We are on the final approach to TRINS Broadway 2023. This time next week, TOT will have pictures of the four productions that students in our four houses have been working on since May. It is a really important milestone: Broadway was a well-established feature of the TRINS calendar and it was one of the many aspects of the school's identity that was curtailed by the Covid period and its restrictions. Having our students back on stage at the Tagore Theatre for this event marks a significant point, a major achievement.

Whilst this is a production by students in Grades 6 to 12, it is a whole-school event, one of those moments when we can

all come together to celebrate the accomplishments of TRINS students. Next year, it will be the turn of the PYP students to present Broadway. I have been struck by the energy and purpose of the students that has been a feature of the preparations this year. I feel this is a student-led endeavour with a clear sense of ownership from the students from the beginning. The guidance of teachers has been integral to the progress that has been made, and the support of parents too, particularly those who have children in the production, but also those who will be in the audience; however, the efforts and initiative of the students are the most important factors shaping the final outcome.

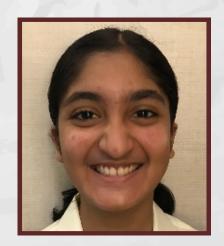
Enjoy the show!

Mr. Richard Hillebrand

### **Student Achievements**

### **Antara's PSAT success**

Congratulations to Antara Kunal Kothari (11AS) on her performance in the PSAT assessment. She was placed in the 95th percentile. She qualified as a semi-finalist and is under consideration for the National Merit Scholarship.





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### **TRINS Main School**



# Cancer Awareness Campaign

TRINS students have been participating in the cancer awareness campaign driven by KIMS, Fight Against Cancer Together (FACT). Their artwork, featuring positive responses to the challenges of cancer, is on display in the Academic Block. On Wednesday 22nd November, students presented their reflections on the artwork and also performed a mime on the same theme at KIMS hospital. On Saturday 25th November, students completed a final presentation which drew together their contributions to raising awareness of the importance of early identification and prevention.

#### KG 2 Guest Interaction

As part of the current theme 'How We Organise ourselves-(Community Helpers)'. Rensv Ms. Vice Principal, Oommen. visited the Early Years classroom to interact with the KG2 students. In order to learn more about her, the held students a brief interview during which they interesting her questions such as, what her favourite dish was and if she loved cats. The students were delighted to have Ms. Rensy among them in addition to enjoying the interactive session.







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#### **Sensitisation Session**

On Friday, 24th November, KG2 experienced a valuable and insightful sensitisation session led by Ms. Amritha. The session proved to be transdisciplinary, aligning with their current Unit of Inquiry theme on community helpers. the session, children had During opportunity to reflect on feelings of inclusion and exclusion, recognising individual strengths, understanding Special Educational Needs (SEN), exploring the concept of being a community helper, and discussing reasons behind certain behaviours observed in the class. The session concluded with a discussion on how each child can contribute as a community helper and support one another.

# KG 1 Theme Culmination and Next Theme Planning

On Friday, 24th November, we witnessed the theme culmination spectacular students took the stage to perform plays like "Four Friends" and "The Giant Turnip." It was heartening to see our students actively involved in choosing the plays, selecting characters, and even creating their props. Following the culmination, we collaborated with parents for ideas on the next theme and were delighted to receive numerous creative suggestions. The active participation of parents adds another layer of excitement to our upcoming theme. We look forward to the continued support and engagement from both students and parents.











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### Webinar on Epilepsy in Children

Ms. Syama Sugathan of the SEN Department attended a national-level webinar on the topic, "Understanding the Basics of Epilepsy in Children," organised by CRC, Davagere, on 17th November. It included various topics such as clinical features of seizures, epilepsy with encephalopathy, and self-limited epilepsies.



### TRINS ELC Sasthamangalam

### KG1 Theme 2 Culmination: Dance drama "Giraffe can't dance"

As part of the Theme 2(How we express ourselves) culmination, our KG1 team conducted a grand dance drama enacting the story of "Giraffe can't Dance". The story was discussed with the children prior and they themselves chose their favourite character from the story to enact. The dialogues were presented by the children with appropriate voice modulations and expressions related to situations, totally capturing the audience. Children shed their apprehensions about verbally and non-verbally expressing themselves in front of a larger group of people. The play smoothly touched the essence of the central idea giving



opportunities for children to express their imagination in different styles. Parents of KG1 students gave a standing ovation to our little ones, overwhelmed with pride and joy. Hats off to the home room teachers Ms Nisha P and Ms Sreedevi M G for the fabulous forest ambience created in the classroom for staging the show and preparing their children with such grace and confidence. The learning space was rightly matched to enhance children's understanding of the concepts addressed in the theme. Kudos!





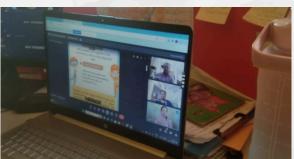
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#### **KG 2 Parent collaboration - Theme 3**

The KG2 team invited parents for an online collaboration to plan their new Theme (How we organise ourselves -Community helpers). It was again a great opportunity for the parents and teachers to interact and brainstorm ideas to tailor the lesson engagements and activities. Parents gave great ideas that we could incorporate into the learning of community helpers enhancing the children's understanding. An interesting point suggested by the parents was to give opportunities to children in this theme to understand that every helper irrespective of big or small, is equal and their contribution is important for the society. Thank you, so much dear parents, for being our partners in building these experiences for our children. Kudos to Ms Swapna Nair, HRT City KG2 for diligently planning the parent collaborations and for single handedly conducting them.

### **Upcoming Events**







Broadway: 1st & 2nd December 2023

School Christmas Celebration: 15th December 2023

Christmas Carnival: 16th December



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### **Round Square**

### **RS** Cafe







The second session of The RS Cafe was set up on 25 November.

# Round Square Post Card

The members of the Trins RS Society will be hosting a virtual Zoom postcard on 29 November as a collaborative attempt to create the environment we want to live in for the future, beginning with our own surroundings. They will be discussing with their peers from across the globe on how we can utilise our personal environmental values, alongside the UN's SDGs, to reshape and rejuvenate our local ecosystems.

