



Principal's message



The final week of the first term at Trivandrum International School looked forward to Onam and the festival was marked in all three sites. This year we have kept in mind the adversities that others in the state have faced and the difficulties they continue to encounter. At the start of the week, a cheque was presented to the Chief Minister of Kerala, Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan, to support the relief effort.

We now enter our second term as the academic year progresses. On 11th October, the school will mark Founder's Day - please keep that date free for it will be an occasion for celebrating the accomplishments of our school community, as well as enjoying a number of student performances.

Mr. Richard Hillebrand



Events Over

TRINS COMMUNITY: SUPPORTING WAYANAD RELIEF EFFORTS

At TRINS, our commitment to social responsibility is at the heart of everything we do. In response to the devastating landslides in Wayanad, Kerala, we, along with Cochin International School and The Charter School, rallied our communities to support the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF). Thanks to the incredible generosity of our parents, we raised an impressive ₹17.5 lakh for the relief efforts.

On Monday, September 9th, I, along with our Executive Director Ms. Sapnu George, Principal Mr. Richard Hillebrand, and Honorary Director Mr. G. Vijaya Raghavan, had the honour of presenting the cheque to Kerala's Chief Minister, Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan.

We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming support from our parent community, which has made this contribution possible.



Events Over

WINGS OF FIRE

On Saturday 7th September, students participating in the TRINS Wings of Fire Programme 2024 presented their projects to judges, as well as to their peers and parents. The Programme enables students to pursue an idea that aims to address real-world issues related to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, ranging from the challenges of pollution and sustainable waste disposal to access to education for all and the creation of more efficient urban environments.

The presentations reflected the development of ideas to outcomes that raised awareness or provided a model for how change might be brought about. Judges included TRINS alumni, previous Wings of Fire participants, Mr. Vineet Panikkar and Mr Jayakumar C., who was also Chief Guest. Mr Jayakumar is a co-founder and the Executive Director of the environmental organisation, THANAL, sharing insights into the importance of activism in the face of the complex issues that make the achievement of the SDGs so difficult. The final verdicts will be announced later this term.



Events Over

ONAM ASSEMBLY

The significance of Onam was the theme of the final assembly of term during which King Mahabali once again returned. Thank you to Ms Sini Jijo, Dr Aswathy and Ms Meena for coordinating the event. This was a feast for the eyes, with the artwork of students providing a technicolour backdrop to an assembly in which children and teachers in traditional dress brought seasonal glamour. Mrs Mary George, Ms Sapnu George and Mr Richard Hillebrand each gave a reflection on Onam in 2024, the timelessness of the festival and the particular need for a sense of community in the aftermath of the landslides in Wayanad District.

The literal feast was the Onam sadhya provided by Mr Anil Mathew and the catering team. Our heartfelt thanks to them for providing such a sumptuous end to the term for us all.



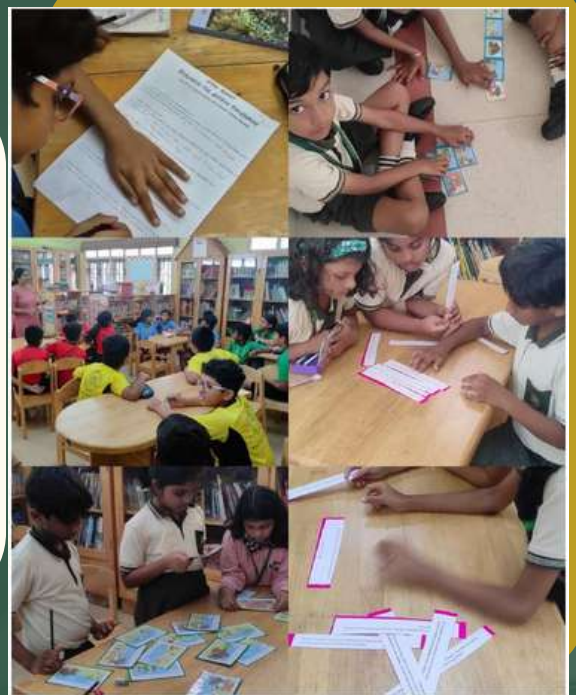
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GLOBAL SCHOOL ALLIANCE

10th September, Grade 1 students from both the main school and Technopark participated in an online collaboration with Newton Global School in Indonesia. This was our first collaboration through the Global School Alliance. During this event, students from both institutions exchanged information about the cultural celebrations of their respective countries. Our students presented the Onam celebration, including its origins, various festivities associated with it, and also discussed Baisakhi. The students from Newton Global School shared insights into their rich heritage, including their temples and traditional cuisine. We extend special thanks to Ms. Newshee Thahir for facilitating this collaboration with the Grade 1 teachers. Additionally, we are grateful to all the Grade 1 teachers—Ms. Keerthana Vasanth Kumar, Ms. Rosemary Yesudas, Ms. Parvathi M, Ms. Sheethal Satheesh, Ms. Ahalya Das, Ms. Kavya Ajayan, and Ms. Karthika Raj—for their contributions to making this event a success.

LIBRARY EXTRAVAGANZA

For the past two weeks, the Junior School Library has hosted a fun-filled event called Library Extravaganza. Students from Grades 1 to 5 participated in a variety of engaging activities such as Book Quest, Book Quiz, Story Sequencing, Picture Sequencing, and Story Matching. The activities were organised as a house-wise competition, adding an extra layer of excitement to the event.





Events Over

ST. MARTHA SPECIAL SCHOOL

Dr. Sini Regi Thomas was invited to speak at St. Martha Special School at Menamkulam on Saturday, 7th September. She spoke about how to address challenging behaviours in children with special needs. Teachers from the SEN department also visited the school. The visit gave an insight into how inclusive education is possible for students with more severe challenges. It also provided an opportunity to see their facilities, infrastructure and practices such as a ramp with accessibility to all parts of the school, a sensory integration room and full-fledged occupational therapy room.



Main Campus

THEME 2 : THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY HELPERS IN OUR DAILY LIVES

EY conducted a collaborative online planning meeting with the parents of KG1 and KG2 at the EY Main School campus, focusing on Theme 2, which centres on the role of community helpers in our daily lives. The parents contributed a wealth of innovative ideas to enhance the children's learning experiences, and their active participation is greatly valued.



ONAM CELEBRATION

Onam was celebrated with great enthusiasm and grandeur at the EY Main School campus. The children came dressed in their finest traditional Kerala attire, adding to the festive spirit of the occasion. The EY play area was transformed into a vibrant and beautiful setting, capturing the true essence of the Onam festival. A variety of traditional Onam games were organized throughout the day, providing entertainment and engagement for the children. They also participated in lively dances to Onam songs, showcasing the cultural richness of the festival. The celebrations concluded with a traditional Ona Sadya, allowing everyone to enjoy the authentic flavors of Kerala.





Technopark Campus

KG2 ONLINE THEME 2 PARENT COLLABORATION

On 10th September, KG2 conducted an online theme collaboration session with parents, focusing on the theme "How We Organise Ourselves." The discussion revolved around community helpers, their roles, responsibilities, and how various jobs are interconnected with our daily lives. Parents actively contributed ideas for learning engagements, suggesting activities like role-playing, guest speakers, and interactive games to help children understand the importance of community helpers and foster a deeper connection between the children, their community, and the world around them.

ONAM CELEBRATION

Onam is a time of joy and togetherness for our school community. Our ELC Technopark celebrated Onam on Thursday, 12th September. A special touch was hearing about the story behind Onam from Ms. Girija (Ameya's Grandmother - Grade 1) and learning how it was celebrated during her time; this was a wonderful experience for the students. Thank you, Ms Rosemary, and the entire ELC Technopark team for the tremendous effort in organising the Onam event.





Technopark Campus

AKKULAM FIELD TRIP

The PK2 children from the Technopark campus visited Akkulam Children's Park on 11th September as part of their tuning-in for the theme "Who We Are", centred around the idea "Me, My Family and My Friends Make My World". The trip was filled with joy and excitement as the children created beautiful memories together. Engaging in various activities, they embraced the spirit of sharing and playing with their friends, strengthening their bonds with one another. Our gratitude to Ms Milan, Ms Ananya, Ms Gauri and Ms Megha for organising the event.



LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

GUEST INTERACTION

Following the theme "Who We Are", on Tuesday, the Grade 1 students shared their knowledge about the harvest festivals of Kerala and Punjab in an interactive session with Newton Global School, Indonesia. This collaborative experience provided our children with valuable insights and knowledge. We are extremely grateful to Ms. Newshee for giving Grade 1 this wonderful opportunity and to Ms Rajitha for guiding us through.





Technopark Campus

GRADE 1 - THEME END CULMINATION

Our Grade 1 students had a culmination of the theme, 'Who we are'. The culmination of their efforts was seen in their ability to speak confidently about the celebrations and share their personal insights. It was a rewarding experience and this theme has sparked continued curiosity. Children were confident in sharing their thoughts on the celebration - a proud moment and a testament to their engagement and preparation! Kudos to Ms Rosemary and Ms Sheethal for supporting and guiding the students.



KG1 COLLABORATION MEETING - THEME 2

During our meeting on the theme "How We Express Ourselves", we delved into the central idea of collaboration and its significance in self-expression. Parents contributed valuable input, recommending the inclusion of pretend play. This approach emphasises the importance of imaginative role-playing in developing communication skills and fostering creativity, enriching the way children express themselves. Great job Ms Gopika for connecting with the parents!



Sasthamangalam Campus

ONAM CELEBRATIONS

The City Campus celebrated Onam today with vibrant festivities, including colourful flower arrangements (pookkalam), Onam songs, the arrival of Mahabali, and the lively Pulikkali performance. The event was spearheaded by our enthusiastic parent volunteers, making the day truly special. We were honoured to have the grandmothers of Parth and Madhav (both in PK2) share traditional Onam stories with the children. Ms. Hima, Atharv Girish's mother, beautifully recited Kumaran Asan's famous poem Veenapoovu, while Ms. Aparna, Laia's mother from KG2 and a well-known playback singer, delighted everyone with a melodious song. Ms. Aparna is the granddaughter of the legendary poet and lyricist O.N.V. Kurup. Adding to the joy, Navaeh's grandfather, a retired headmaster, led a craft session where children created traditional toys from coconut leaves.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and grandparents for filling the day with your love and warmth. Special thanks to our chechies for preparing a delicious Onam Sadhya, and huge kudos to Ms. Shisy for her meticulous planning and flawless execution. We are grateful to all our teachers for their tremendous teamwork, making this celebration a grand success.





Student Achievement

SWIMMING TOURNAMENT - PUNE

TRINS students competed in the International Schools Sports Organisation (ISSO) National Games: Swimming Tournament, Pune (11th-13th September). Congratulations to all who took part and in particular to the following for achieving podium places:

- Faihan S. U14 boys 200m breaststroke 3rd place
- Advay Nair U19 boys 50m backstroke 3rd place
- Tharian Abraham U19 boys 100m freestyle 3rd place



Faihan S.



Advay Nair



Tharian Abraham

Congratulations to Mariyam Eira Rabeeh and Shriya Sivakumar Padmanaban (both of Grade 7) on being selected for the CISCE National Sports and Games for the Tennis Under 14 category.



Mariyam Eira Rabeeh



Shriya Sivakumar Padmanaban

Aayush Nitya Siju of Grade 4B has self-published a captivating fantasy moral story, crafted with great dedication. There are puzzles, a glossary, and fascinating facts, all seamlessly integrated into the story. He also took the initiative to design the graphics for each page using Canva, ensuring that they perfectly complement the storytelling.



Congratulations

Sessions By Ms. Sini

THE FIRST STEPS: HOW EARLY STIMULATION SHAPES LIFELONG LEARNERS

Dr Sini Regi Thomas, Head of the SEN Department at TRINS, conducted two engaging sessions: one for parents of children aged 2 to 6 years at City Campus, Sasthamangalam; the second for our ELC Technopark parents.

The sessions, titled First Steps, highlighted the crucial role of parental interactions in early childhood development and were designed to support parents in recognising and valuing the significant role they already play in their children's development. We explored the powerful impact of everyday interactions and how these natural, reciprocal exchanges contribute to lifelong learning. Parents at both centres appreciated the valuable insights shared through the interactive sessions.



Dr. Sini Regi Thomas



Upcoming Events & Holidays

Holidays

- 2nd October 2024 - Gandhi Jayanthi

Events

- 25th September 2024 - EY LIT. Fest-2 & Book Fair
- 26th September 2024 - EY Term 1 PTM & Book Fair
- 27th September 2024 - PYP Term 1 PTM, Grade 7 PTM, and Book Fair
- 28th September 2024 - Book Fair TP and PK2 to K1 Parent Orientation
- 3rd October 2024 - HULC Day; Grade 8 PTM
- 7th October 2024 - Teachers' Day Assembly
- 11th October 2024 - Founder's Day





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