



Principal's message



Our 21st Founder's Day was our opportunity to look back again over the 2023/24 academic year and celebrate the accomplishments of so many TRINS students, accomplishments you might well have followed through 'Trins on Tuesday'. As is our tradition, looking back and the acknowledgement of achievements were interspersed with musical items - dance, instrumental and vocal - that showcased the dexterity and ability of students from the KG classes all the way up to Grade 12. Such an event is not possible without extensive planning - by the Music Department of course, but actually right across the school.

My thanks goes to every teacher, and all those in the administrative, maintenance, transport and catering teams who brought Founder's Day to such a vibrant reality on 11th October.

Founder's Day is also our chance to rededicate ourselves as a school to the vision that Mr. George M. Thomas had when creating Trivandrum International School, and to reflect on how to develop it going forward, as Ms. Sapnu George outlined in her speech.

Whilst TRINS students are centre stage when we mark the school's successes, Founder's Day was also the occasion to mark the contributions of teachers, ancillary staff and parents. The varied ways in which parents had contributed to the school, to supporting its students in their many activities, was essential to the character of the year and continues to be a vital part of the school's ability to deliver the all-round education that underpins moulding and empowering young learners

Mr. Richard Hillebrand

Events Over

21ST FOUNDER'S DAY AT TRINS

TRINS 21st Founder's Day, looking back over the 2023/24 academic year, took place on the main school campus on Friday 11th October. Mr George M. Thomas, Chairman of the TRINS Group of institutions, and Ms Sapnu George, Executive Director, spoke about the achievements of the school in terms fulfilling the vision at its inception in 2003, and how that vision continues to evolve, with markers being laid down for further progress.

Throughout the evening, there were moments to recognise those who made 2023/24 distinctive, ranging through students' academic achievements and accomplishments in school and beyond, through the many ways parents have contributed to the school to the long service members of the TRINS community have completed.

TRINS Founder's Day has always been an occasion when student performance provides moments of harmony and spectacle: last Friday was no exception. Musical performances spanned genres to demonstrate what is possible through innovation - choir items, instrumental performances and dance numbers that went from KG students synchronising to popular songs to a blockbuster extravaganza reflecting the energy of Indian cinema.



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SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - GUEST SESSION

Grade 2 of Main School and Technopark campus, had the opportunity to attend a guest session by Mr. Vinayachandran on 8th October, where they explored the topic of signs and symbols. His expertise in sign language enhanced the students' understanding of how it is used in communication, aligned with the current theme 'how we express ourselves'. During the 40-minute interactive session, he introduced basic sign language concepts, demonstrated commonly used signs, and highlighted its importance.



Main Campus

THEME 2: ROLE OF COMMUNITY HELPERS

EY Main School has been actively engaged in its second theme, focusing on the role of community helpers. As part of their inquiry, students visited the kitchen team to learn about daily food preparation and the various tools utilised in this process. The children have scheduled several guest speakers for next week, who will provide insights into other community helpers. Additionally, visits to the security and transport teams are planned.

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Technopark Campus

PK1 PARENT INTERACTION MEETING

The first Parent Interaction Meeting for PK1 was held on 4th October. During the meeting, parents and the facilitator engaged in open and transparent discussions about the children's progress. Many parents appreciated the opportunity to reflect on their children's development in a supportive environment. The meeting fostered a sense of partnership between parents and the school, emphasising the importance of continuous communication.

ONLINE THEME PLANNING

On October 5th, an online theme planning meeting was held with the parents of Grade 2 students from Technopark and main school to discuss the current theme, "How We Express Ourselves," with a focus on signs and symbols. The meeting aimed to gather valuable inputs from parents to enrich the learning experience.





Sasthamangalam Campus

"DOCTOR AS A COMMUNITY HELPER" BY DR. AKHILA NAZ

Dr. Akhila Naz, mother of Imaan Ibrahim Shah from City KG2, graciously volunteered to conduct an engaging session with our KG2 children, who are currently exploring "Community Helpers" as part of their Theme-2 learning. Dr. Akhila transformed the classroom into a mini doctor's clinic, complete with authentic tools and equipment, and delivered an interactive session on the vital role doctors play in our community and when we should visit them. The highlight of the session was an immersive role-play activity where the children took on the role of doctors, while Dr. Akhila acted as a patient presenting different health concerns. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Akhila for taking time from her busy schedule to enrich our theme.



SHOW AND TELL" ACTIVITY IN CITY KG1

As part of their Theme-2 on "How We Express Ourselves" - exploring both verbal and non-verbal expressions - City KG1 conducted an exciting "Show and Tell" activity. The children proudly brought their favourite items from home and confidently presented them to their peers. Not only did they describe the colour and texture of their chosen objects, but they also shared the sentimental value behind them, detailing who gifted the items and, in the case of toys, even demonstrating how to use them!



ELC PD SESSION ON EARLY DETECTION

As part of the ELC Professional Development (PD), Ms. Amrita Renganath, our Special Educational Needs (SEN) Teacher and SEN Professional Development Coordinator, conducted an insightful session for our ELC (PK1 and PK2) teachers from both campuses on 5th October. The session focused on key objectives, including:

- Understanding SEN intervention at TRINS.
- Recognizing red flags for children aged 2 to 4 years.

The teachers gained valuable insights into the importance of being attuned to developmental milestones in young children.





IB PYP

**THE ROLE OF CONCEPTS IN DRIVING INQUIRY IN THE IB PROGRAMME**

In the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme, concepts play a pivotal role in driving inquiry-based learning. Concepts are broad, powerful ideas that have relevance within and across subject areas, helping students to make connections and develop a deeper understanding of their studies. By anchoring inquiry to these key concepts, the IB programme encourages students to explore significant and enduring ideas rather than just memorising facts.

Concepts such as change, causation, and perspective provide a framework for inquiry, guiding students to ask meaningful questions and pursue deeper investigations. For example, when exploring the concept of change, students might investigate how technological advancements have altered societies or how environmental changes impact ecosystems. By engaging with these concepts, students are encouraged to think critically and analytically, drawing connections between their inquiries and the world around them.

This concept-driven approach not only enhances academic learning but also cultivates important life skills. Students learn to synthesise information, identify patterns, and apply their understanding in various contexts. By focusing on big ideas, the IB programme helps students develop a holistic view of knowledge, preparing them to navigate and contribute to an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

**Mr. Sanjay Prabhakaran**



Upcoming Events & Holidays

Holidays

- **31st October 2024 - Deepavali**

Events

- **21st October 2024 - Term Exams Grade 9 To 12**
- **22nd October 2024 - FA2 MS**
- **23rd October 2024 - EY LIT FEST - 3**
- **24th October 2024 - EY Halloween Celebration
(All 3 Campuses)**
- **26th October 2024 - SDP P SAT/NMSQT**
- **28th October 2024 - Deepavali Assembly**
- **30th October 2024 - EY Deepavali Celebration
(All 3 Campuses)**





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