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Principal's message



Across all three TRINS sites, Children's Day was marked last Thursday by moments of fun in which our children got to watch adults on stage - singing, dancing, acting (not just speaking). This year, for the first time, the Executive Director and teachers (regular features of Children's Day assemblies over the years) were joined by parents at the main campus. It was great to have a number of our parents being part of the performance, bringing their passion and skills in dance and singing to the mix.

As a school, we appreciate the various contributions that parents make. This past week there have been a number of theme planning meetings with parents for our KG classes, and parents often contribute to Units of Inquiry in the Primary Years Programme as visiting experts. Last year, our older students benefited from parents providing internships, and we hope to repeat this very fruitful initiative this year too. Thank you to all parents who give their time selflessly to enhance our holistic curriculum. As important is the role parents play in their children's academic progress and we look forward to meeting parents in the various parent meetings that are scheduled for the rest of this term.

Mr. Richard Hillebrand





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CHILDREN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

The Children's Day assembly organised on Thursday 14th November was a joyful celebration filled with vibrant performances. The SEN team's teamwork and dedication made this Children's Day assembly an unforgettable celebration for everyone. The event featured a collaborative effort from teachers and parents. This is the first time parents joined the assembly, delivering professional-quality performances that captivated the audience, creating a concert-like experience. Special thanks go to Ms. Navneetha for coordinating smoothly with the parents. The Music Department coordinated and choreographed performances from the teachers, including the Principal, Mr. Hillebrand, and Ms. Sapnu George The Art Department decorated the assembly area. Other highlights included thoughtful, heartfelt messages written by teachers on special cards for their students, and ice cream as part of the delicious lunch. Thank you to all the teachers, parents, chechis, canteen staff and the entire support team who helped create an unforgettable celebration.







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WINGS OF FIRE

The Wings of Fire 2024 programme culmination assembly took place on Wednesday, 13th November, celebrating the students who completed the project. This was an opportunity to celebrate the students' accomplishment, and to thank the mentors who made this endeavour possible. The following students achieved Outstanding level in the project and received scholarships for the next academic year from Ms.Sapnu George.









Avijit Nair - Grade 7B







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TALENT ASSEMBLY

On Monday, 11th November 2024, Grade 2A hosted their Talent Assembly, where students showcased impressive skills and creativity. The assembly featured a variety of engaging activities, including energetic dance performances, keyboard performance and recited poems with enthusiasm and expression. This assembly was the action element for their theme "Signs and symbols".







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ADVENTURES IN COORG: GRADE 8 CAMP TRIP

From 3rd to 9th November, students from Grade 8 embarked on an unforgettable camping adventure to Coorg, accompanied by teachers Ms. Devsree, Mr. Rajanish, and Ms. Sonia. The group travelled by bus, enjoying the scenic journey. The camp offered a mix of activities, including trekking, team-building exercises, and exploring Coorg's natural beauty. Students embraced the opportunity to bond with peers while learning valuable lessons about teamwork and resilience.







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<u>CLASS TRIP - GRADE 9 & GRADE 10</u>

The Grade 9 and 10 class trip was a memorable blend of excitement, learning, and exploration. Students marvelled at the panoramic views from Panchgani's Table Land and tackled adventurous activities like trekking, rappelling, and caving. Their negotiation skills were tested through a lively experience of Hindi bargaining at the local markets, adding a practical twist to their life lessons. A visit to Lonavala's Chikki Factory offered a sweet insight into the production of traditional treats. Thrills peaked at Immagica Adlabs, and a stunning sunset marked the day's end with nature's beauty. Special thanks to Ms. Bindu, Ms. Jeena, and Mr. Michael for their exceptional dedication.







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CLASS TRIP - GRADE 11

From 2nd to 6th November, a group of Grade 11 students ventured on an exhilarating trip to Delhi, Jim Corbett, and Nainital. Some of the best parts of this memorable trip included adventure activities like rope bridge crossing, tree climbing and zumaring, mountain biking, a trek to Baur River, and even cooking in groups! The students also enjoyed exploring Nainital's busy market and taking a relaxing boat ride on the lake. A big thank you to Ms. Sangeetha for her meticulous planning and to Ms. Jisha, Ms. Synthia and Mr Abhilash for ensuring the students had a safe, memorable experience.







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CLASS TRIP - GRADE 12

The 6-day educational trip to Chandigarh, Kullu Manali, and Kurukshetra was a memorable and enriching experience for the 12 DP and 12 A2 students who made the trip. Ms. Krishnendu G S, Mr. Abilash George, and Ms. Meryl Benny accompanied the group, ensuring a seamless blend of learning and adventure. Key highlights included a thrilling 9 km rafting experience on the Beas River, a scenic trek to the Parsha Waterfalls exploring local flora and fauna, an exploration of the vibrant local culture and economy at Mall Road, Manali, and historical insights gained during the visit to Kurukshetra. The trip fostered hands-on learning, cultural immersion, and teamwork, leaving a lasting impact on the participants.







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SUNDAY FUN DAY - AMARAN MOVIE AT LULU

On Sunday, 17th November 2024, TRINS organised a delightful Sunday Fun Day Movie event at Lulu Mall. Parents, children and staff joined together for a special screening of the acclaimed movie 'Amaran'. This movie was chosen as it holds a unique connection to our school community. The lead actress portrays a teacher who was one of our very own educators in the past, Ms. Indhu Rebecca, making it a truly heartwarming experience for everyone present.

The event was not just about enjoying a movie but also celebrating the bond between our school, its families, and the larger community. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and joy as students, parents, and staff gathered to share this memorable experience.

We thank everyone who joined us for making the day so special, and we look forward to hosting more such events in the future!







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EARLY YEARS: THEME PLANNING WITH PARENTS & EXCITING FIELD TRIPS AHEAD!

This week, the KG 1 and KG 2 teams at EY Main School held collaborative theme planning meetings with parents, and we are thrilled with the innovative ideas that were shared. Parents expressed strong interest in supporting our upcoming themes as guest speakers and field trip volunteers, which will undoubtedly enhance the learning experience for our students. Parents of KG1 children joined in theme planning at ELC Technopark, actively engaging in the discussion and sharing their insights. They suggested activities such as 'Guess the Vehicle Sounds' and the 'Transportation Relay Race' to enhance engagement with the theme, 'How We Organise Ourselves' - focusing on 'Transportation Makes Our Lives Easier'. Similarly, at ELC Sasthamangalam KG1 parents and homeroom teachers came together for a collaborative planning meeting. Parents offered invaluable suggestions, many of which will be woven into upcoming activities. They also volunteered to support the theme by identifying resources, potential field trip locations, and guest speakers who could provide real-world insights into transportation.









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CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION - EARLY YEARS MAIN SCHOOL

On Thursday 14th November our school was filled with pure joy, innocence, and a sense of fun that reminded us all of the importance of embracing our inner child. The children had a wonderful time at the whole-school assembly, enjoying lively music and dance performances. The perfect weather allowed them to play freely in the park, and they relished every moment. Throughout the day, students watched movies, played games, and danced to their hearts' content. It was truly a day full of love, laughter, and shared joy, a reminder of the simple pleasures that make childhood so special.









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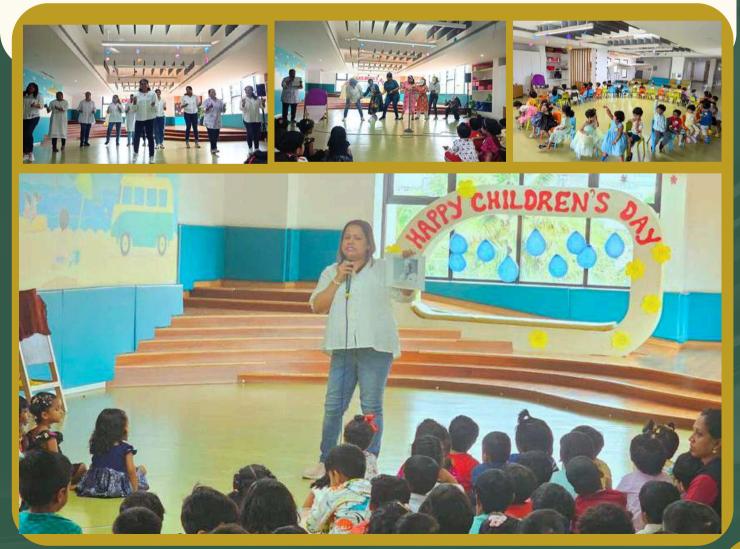
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CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday, 14th November, the Children's Day celebration was a beautiful blend of fun, learning, and heartfelt moments. It was a day that reminded everyone of the importance of nurturing young minds and creating an environment where children can thrive and grow with happiness. The teachers enacted a beautiful skit 'The Enormous Turnip'. In addition, the teachers also performed a dance. A special highlight was the 'Surprise Gift' session, where each child received a thoughtful gift and sweets, adding a touch of warmth and care to the celebrations. The atmosphere was filled with love and positivity, making Children's Day a truly memorable occasion for all.







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CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday 14th November the City campus was filled with joy and excitement as teachers and students came together to celebrate Children's Day. The formal assembly kicked off with a heartfelt story about why India celebrates Children's Day on 14th November. Ms. Rajita Abraham captivated the children with her storytelling, sharing the legacy of 'Chacha Nehru'.. Children listened proudly, learning about Nehru's affection for children and his vision for their future. Adding a personal touch, teachers wrote individual messages for each child, paired with special take-away gifts. The children's eyes sparkled with joy as they received their notes and watched their teachers perform a lively, surprise dance for them. The dance floor transformed into a space of pure joy and celebration, allowing the children to express themselves freely. The day concluded with Ms. Deepthi presenting each child with a red rose as a symbol of love and admiration.







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Round Square

Ms. Sangeetha, the school's Round Square Representative, presented a session at the South Asia and the Gulf Regional Annual Meeting on 9th November. This was held at the Indian School Al Ghubra, Muscat. Ms Sangeetha writes:

'I felt a great sense of pride presenting TRINS' best practices at the Annual RS Schools Forum last weekend in Muscat. As teachers, we are constantly striving to do more for our students, and this presentation gave me a chance to step back and appreciate our efforts in a different setting.

I would like to thank Ms. Bindu Jayaprakash who has been equally involved in coordinating the RS activities in the Middle and High School and Ms. Rajitha Kaipulli who is steering the same in the PYP. A lot of activities are being planned for this year as well, starting with the Environmentalism project under the guidance of Dr. Aswathy J and Ms. Sunu Job. We also plan to have multiple pop ups of the RS Cafe, the Gratitude Day and the intramural conference in January, to list a few.'







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Alumni News

Nivedita Dileep graduated from 12DP in 2022. She is now an undergraduate studying B.A. Economics and Politics at the University of Leeds, UK. She has taken her academics further by being policy researcher in the Financial Regulation department of the Leeds Policy Institute. This enabled her to work with students from across various social science departments. 'The cherry on the cake', she says, was that their paper was selected into the LSE British Conference of Undergraduate Research 2023.

Nivedita writes; 'I joined Leeds Student Radio right at the start of my university journey, and continue to be part of it in my second year. The radio provided a platform for me to develop my public speaking and conversational skills, while also exposing me to the world of broadcasting and media. I currently am a presenter for Women's Hour, a daytime show dissecting gender-related issues. In my first year, I was a presenter for International Hour, a weekly music programme showcasing music from across the world.'







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Ms. Amoolya Asok

Ms. Amoolya Asok, High School Coordinator at Trivandrum International School, Having joined TRINS in 2018, Amoolya brought over five years of teaching English Language and Literature at the undergraduate level at Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru. Her academic and teaching expertise spans Post-Colonial Literature, Comparative Literature, and Gender Studies. She currently teaches Cambridge IGCSE Literature, Cambridge A Levels English, and Theory of Knowledge (TOK) within the IB Diploma Programme.

Since joining TRINS, Amoolya has demonstrated versatility and dedication in leading diverse initiatives across the School. She led the team that launched the first-ever online TRINS Yearbook website during the covid year. She has led the British Council International Dimension in Schools authorisation activities for 3 subjects. She is the Student Council Coordinator, and has developed strong relationships with parents in her role as class teacher for the last 6 years.

Her ability to navigate roles across curricula and sections in the School has equipped her with a well-rounded perspective that she now brings to her new role.





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Ms. Anuradha P, Middle School Academic Coordinator, has been with TRINS since 2018. She hails from Chennai and holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree from SRM Engg. College. She completed her Graduate certificate in Teaching in 2015 at University of North Carolina, Charlotte. She has taught in the United States for two years before she joined us here at TRINS. She has been placed within the top 10, in a global Teachers Olympiad conducted by Suraasa that had 68,000 participants. She teaches Mathematics, Physics and Global Perspectives.

She brings in a variety of engaging teaching strategies to her classroom to nourish the love for the subjects in the students. Academic planning, professional development and individual student progress are areas she focuses on in her role as the Academic Coordinator of Middle school for the past year, striving to establish high quality academic delivery in every classroom for every student.





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Mr. Arun Anil Kumar

Mr. Arun Anil Kumar, HOD Physical Education is a passionate Physical Education Professional with over ten years of experience teaching, coaching, and mentoring students of all ages. His expertise lies in creating engaging and inclusive learning experiences that foster physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship. He has worked in India and the Middle East, with experience in both Cambridge and CBSE curricula. This includes three years as the Activities Coordinator at the Cambridge School in Doha, Qatar, and more recently, as the Head of the Department at the Gulf Indian High School.

We are excited by what he has brought to the department - training students in psychomotor skills and coaching students to build strong teams for national and international level tournaments - developing our school pride and putting TRINS on the map.





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Upcoming Events & Holidays









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