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Principal's message



Spending Diwali in the school boarding was an enriching experience. I accompanied students to spend time with the elderly residents of Puthan Manthiram, which included distributing sweets, singing to the residents - and in turn being sung to by the residents and spending time chatting with them. Personally, I find it very rewarding to see TRINS students being confident enough to interact with others and having the empathy to make connections. In the evening, the boarding facility was decorated for the festival and we enjoyed the atmosphere created by the lighted diyas. This community within the wider TRINS community has a very special spirit.

Deepening the bonds that tie our students together is one of the benefits of the class trips that are taking place this week. Alongside this - integral to this - are the opportunities for adventure and leadership. I look forward to being able to share their experiences with you in future editions.

Mr. Richard Hillebrand





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CLASS TRIPS

Students from Grade 6 to Grade 12 have departed for class trips:

- Grade 6 & 7 students have gone to Coorg, Karnataka
- Grade 8 students are going to Yercaud, Tamil Nadu
- Grade 9 & 10 students going to Panchgani
- Grade 11 students are going to Jim Corbett and Nainital
- Grade 12 students are going to Chandigarh and Manali







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YIP CLUB LAUNCH

The Young Innovators Programme (YIP) is a flagship initiative by the Government of Kerala that empowers students, aged 13 to 37, to tackle real-world challenges through innovative solutions. Since 2018, YIP, led by the Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC), has been fostering creativity and problem-solving across the state.

K-DISC is now encouraging schools to set up a YIP Club to provide guidance for students in this area. The Principal, Mr. Hillebrand, inaugurated the TRINS YIP Club on Wednesday 30th October. Mr. Biju Parameswaran, Programme Manager K-DISC, talked in detail to students about the activities of the club and its mission/ vision. Ms Anitha, STEM Coordinator facilitated the occasion.

TRINS students have enthusiastically participated in YIP. Mihir from Grade 11 AS emerged as the state-level winner of YIP 5.0! Last year, Venika, Priyanka Kalahasti, and Gourika advanced to YIP 6.0 and are continuing their journey to new milestones. Additionally, Aryaman Pillai and Aadya Lal have been selected for YIP 7.0, working on projects aligned with the UN SDG goals. As our 'Student Ideators', these young innovators are mentored by esteemed scientists and engineers, opening doors to potential startup ventures!







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SESSION FOR THE SEN DEPARTMENT

Mr. Girinath Gireesh Kumar, an associate member of ISP and Former Associate Member of the American Psychological Association 2022 (APA), as well as the Founder/ Manager at Hi-Q Mental Health Services, took a session on the topic: Stress Management of self and Handling Exam Fear among Middle and High School Students for the S.E.N department. His session included recognising signs of stress and anxiety, its causes and effects and how to manage it in our daily lives.



DIWALI CELEBRATION

Grade 5B presented a whole school assembly on 28th October, focusing on Diwali celebrations across the country. The students presented various aspects of the festival, including Dhanteras, Govardhan Puja, the main Diwali festivities, and Naraka Chaturdashi. They emphasised the importance of togetherness during this special time and addressed the negative impacts of fireworks, such as pollution and disturbances to wildlife. As a meaningful reminder of the values represented through Diwali, the students encouraged everyone to enjoy sweets and celebrate unity instead of bursting crackers.







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LITERARY COMPETITION - PYP

This week, PYP held an exciting inter-house literary competition aimed at enhancing students' language skills. Grade 5 participated in a challenging Literary Quiz, testing their knowledge on spelling, vocabulary, idiom and comprehension. Meanwhile, Grade 4 engaged in creative Picture Story Writing, allowing their imaginations to flourish. Grade 3 captivated audiences with their Storytelling, showcasing their narrative skills and expression. For Grade 2, the Show and Tell activity encouraged students to present their ideas confidently. Finally, Grade 1 participated in a 'Talk on a given word', helping them develop speaking skills. Overall, the events fostered creativity, communication, and a love for language among students. The points secured by the winners were contributed to their respective houses.



KERALA PIRAVI DAY

The Junior School students celebrated Kerala Piravi Day with a small gathering during break on 1st November. The Grade 5 Malayalam language students presented a song highlighting the beauty of Kerala. Adith Chandru, a Grade 5 student, spoke about ways to protect our homeland from waste.

Meanwhile, a celebration was held at the Black Stage for staff and students in Grade 6 and above, coordinated by Ms Sini Jijo. Teachers sang a traditional song, followed by a dance by Syrandhree, 11DP. Students from Grade 6 presented key ideas to highlight the significance of Kerala Piravi Day and the uniqueness of our state.







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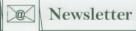


DIWALI IN THE BOARDING

TRINS boarders had a varied Diwali. In the morning, they visited the elderly residents of Puthan Manthiram, Chirayinkeezhu and those who are resident at Asha Bhavan. Our students shared Diwali treats, lit diyas, sang and spent time interacting with the residents.

In the evening, special snacks were prepared - masterminded by Mr Abhijith. A rangoli was created outside the main hostel building and the scene was alight with diyas as darkness fell. After dinner, and with the rain having cleared, fireworks were thoroughly - and responsibly - enjoyed.







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DIWALI CELEBRATION - MAIN CAMPUS

EY Main school campus recently celebrated Diwali with vibrant displays of light, colour, and joy. The event was enhanced by the presence of parent volunteers, who generously dedicated their time to assist in creating a beautiful rangoli. The EY space was adorned with diyas, rangoli designs, and festive decorations, fostering a warm and inviting atmosphere. Children participated enthusiastically, dressed in traditional festive attire, and engaged in songs and dances that reflected the spirit of the celebration. They also had the opportunity to decorate their own diyas, which they proudly took home to light during the Diwali festivities.







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CAKE MIXING

On November 2nd, TRINS hosted a delightful cake-mixing ceremony, bringing together parents, boarders, and staff to mark the start of the festive season. The event was inaugurated by our Principal, Mr. Richard, alongside Mr. Anil, and created a warm, collaborative atmosphere as everyone joined in to blend the rich ingredients.









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PARENT INVOLVEMENT - PK2 TRINS ELC TECHNOPARK

Under the theme "Who We Are," with the central idea, "Me, my family, and my friends make my world," our PK2 class recently enjoyed a heartwarming visit from Ms. Anjana Tomy, mother of Amaira Ajun. She captivated the children with a beautiful story, The Flower and the Butterfly, accompanied by joyful songs that filled the room with love, laughter, and excitement.



DIWALI DELIGHT: A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATION

On 30th October, 2024, TRINS Technopark celebrated Diwali with festivities that brought the spirit of the festival to life. The day was filled with joy as children participated in dances, a lively ramp walk, and spoke about Diwali, capturing the essence of the celebration. The ELC teachers delighted everyone with a skit, portraying the Diwali story dressed as characters like Rama, Sita, Ravana, Hanuman, and the golden deer, making the tale come alive for the young audience. The children enjoyed Diwali sweets and also got creative, designing their own diyas, which they proudly took home as a Diwali keepsake. This wonderful blend of learning, tradition, and hands-on activities made for an unforgettable celebration.







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WHISKERS AND WORDS - GRADE 1 LITERACY EVENT

On 25th October, 2024 Grade 1 students eagerly took part in a sentence-building activity centred on animals "Whiskers and Words". Each child chose an animal and crafted five sentences, sharing fascinating details about its habitat, diet and special characteristics. This lively exercise not only strengthened their speaking skills but also reinforced grammar and sentence structure. The activity sparked creativity and boosted confidence, making it a joyful celebration of learning as students expressed themselves and expanded their knowledge in a fun, supportive setting!



EXPRESS: SHOW AND TELL - GRADE 2 LITERACY EVENT

At our Grade 2 "Express: Show and Tell" literacy event on 30th October students proudly presented their favourite items from home. Each child spoke with enthusiasm, sharing what made their chosen item special, fostering a joyful and supportive environment. This activity helped build confidence, encouraged expressive language, and strengthened listening skills. It was heartwarming to see them connect personal experiences with their peers, creating meaningful conversations and strengthening classroom bonds through shared stories and excitement!









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DIWALI CELEBRATION

The TRINS Sasthamangalam campus embraced the vibrant spirit of Diwali on Thursday, 30th October. Students and staff arrived in festive attire, enhancing the colourful atmosphere created by traditional Diwali decorations that adorned the entire school. A special assembly was conducted where children learned the story and significance of Diwali. They also expressed their creativity through craft activities, including decorating traditional mud diyas as symbols of celebration and light. Parent volunteers added a unique touch to the festivities. The traditional rangoli display was beautifully crafted by Ms. Uma Devi, mother of Vivaan Jana Sreenivasan (City KG2); Ms. Gouri, mother of Nayra Gouri R (City KG2); and Ms. Divya Viswanath, mother of Adithi Viswanath (City PK2). Their artistic dedication brought to life a vibrant rangoli embodying the themes of luck and prosperity. Adding to the excitement, Ms. Lekshmi, mother of Adharv Sreenath (City PK1), captivated the children with a storytelling session on Rama and Sita, using her own handmade props to enrich the tale. The day also featured delicious Diwali sweets, joyful dancing to North Indian rhythms, and concluded with the lighting of sparklers, spreading light and joy to all.







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Student Achievements

Pranav Vinayraj, Grade 4, has set a record in the Asia Book of Records for being the "Youngest to Achieve 100 Percent Accuracy in Typing Speed"; his Asia Book of Records was telecast on Sudarshan News on 3rd November.



Shriya Sivakumar of 7B reached the semifinals of the U16 doubles in the Kerala State Sree Chithira Tennis Tournament 2024, organised by the Kerala Tennis Association held at Kinattingal Tennis and Sports Academy on 19th to 26th October 2024.









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Congratulations to the TRINS footballers who competed in the First All Kerala Cambridge 7-a-side Football Tournament for boys (U18 category) on Saturday, 2nd November.

Nine schools from across Kerala competed in the tournament hosted by the International School of Thrissur. TRINS reached the final league stage having topped the qualifying league with victories over Devamatha CMI school and GEMS School Cochin. In the final league, TRINS defeated Global School Calicut 1-0 and drew 1-1with Global International School, Cochin. TRINS finished second in the tournament: whilst accumulating the same number of points as the tournament champions, Global International School, Cochin, TRINS had scored one goal less.

Marcus Joseph, Grade 9IG,was the leading goal scorer of the tournament. Anthony Joseph of Grade 10IG was adjudged as the best goalkeeper of the tournament. Thanks are due to Mr Arun Anilkumar and Mr Prasanth for coaching and accompanying the squad.







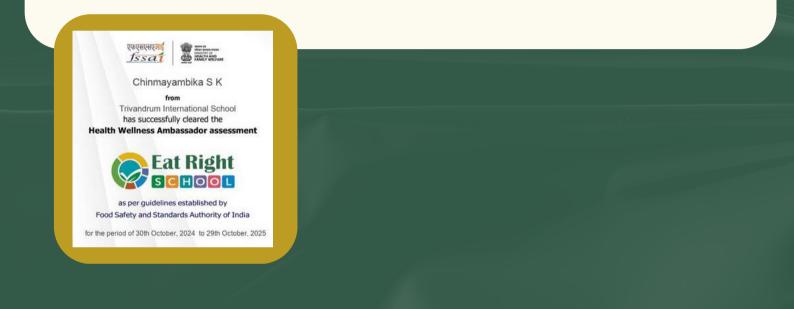
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Staff Achievements

Ms. Chinmayambika and Ms. Ambili Gopalakrishnan have both completed an online certification course for the Health and Wellness Ambassador Programme by the Eat Right India Initiative of FSSAI.



Ms. Sujithra participated in a webinar hosted by Starwalkers focusing on Augmentative and Alternative Communication support for neurodivergent individuals. Ms Amritha Renganath attended an informative online workshop led by Geeta Gopi N, a Rehabilitation Practitioner and Psychologist, titled 'Techniques for Advancing Expressive Writing in Children with Diverse Needs', and Ms. Amritha Renganath and Ms. Girija D N attended a webinar on "Cognitive Training as a Strategy for Neurodiverse Children in Global Education" conducted by Energia SOI.







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Alumni Updates

Sarah Tharakan, who graduated from Grade 12 earlier this year, came back to visit the school this week. Sarah was the Round Square Student Representative for 2023/24 and did a great deal to raise the profile of Round Square amongst the student body.

Sarah is now doing BA Arts - Fashion Business Management from Indian Institute of Arts and Design, Delhi.







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Exciting News from TRINS Boarding!



Dear TRINS Community,

We are excited to announce that the latest edition of the TRINS Residential Boarding Newsletter (TRP - TRINS Residential Plus) is now available! This issue is packed with highlights and heartfelt memories from recent activities and events enjoyed by our boarding students. From the spirited Founders Day celebrations to a relaxing beach day, a scenic trip to Alleppey, and an enchanting visit to Magic Planet, this edition captures moments that make the boarding experience truly special.

We invite you to explore these stories and celebrate the wonderful experiences that continue to enrich the lives of our boarding students. <u>Click here</u> to read the TRINS Residential Boarding Newsletter.



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Upcoming Events & Holidays



- 13th November 2024 EY Children's Day Celebration
- 14th November 2024 Children's Day Special Assembly
- 15th November 2024 EE Orientation Grade 11 DP
- 18th November 2024 Whole School Assembly
- 20th November 2024 EY Literature Fest 4
- 21st November 2024 Open House DP
- 28th November 2024 Grade 10 To 11
 Orientation Taster lessons & Parent Orientation
- 29th November 2024 EY & ELC Sports Day







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