



Principal's message



Within this edition you will again see the range of activities that our students are involved in and how they enhance the education that the school provides from pre-KG all the way to Grade 12.

As we enter the final month of this term, the pace and variety of life at TRINS does not slacken. Languages week celebrated both the languages taught at the school and those spoken within the school community. The ability to communicate in more than one language is, indeed, a 'superpower' and we should not take for granted how widespread this is within our school community. It supports both the international mindedness and the pride in our Malayali context that are integral to the school's ethos.

Mr. Richard Hillebrand

Events Over

DIGITAL ART WORKSHOP

Visual art students from Grade 6 to 9 participated in a variety of digital art workshops or conferences conducted by a French artist, Aurelien Jeanney, on 20th November at the Alliance Francaise of Trivandrum. He is an art director and multidisciplinary artist at Maison Tangible. His work has won international awards, including prizes in Canada (Grafika, Numix) and France (Cannes Lions). Our students interacted with him, explored his universe, his moving images and his virtual and augmented reality. They understood how technologies will impact the future of Art, the perception of Art. They participated to 3 workshops:

- **Hands-on AR & VR Activities:** Create your own AR poster using architectural modules and design tools.
- **Modulo Buildings Application:** Once your poster is created, you'll replicate your design using the Modulo Buildings app on a computer, fine-tuning shapes and colors to match your vision.
- **Bringing Designs to Life:** Watch as your static poster transforms into an animated experience through the Maison Tangible app, offering a mesmerizing AR animation that makes your creativity spring to life.



Events Over

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT ASSEMBLY

The Second Language department organised an assembly on 18th November, showcasing linguistic diversity and cultural richness. The assembly, integrating all second languages: Hindi, Malayalam, French, Spanish, and German. Students enthusiastically participated in various cultural and football-related programmes, highlighting their talents.

Throughout the week, the Second Language Department conducted literary competitions during lessons, encompassing:

1. Recitation
2. Elocution
3. Singing songs

Students showcased their linguistic skills in their respective second languages, fostering confidence and creativity.





Events Over

FILM FESTIVAL

Film Festival held in the seminar hall, featuring short films in all second languages. This engaging event allowed students to explore diverse cinematic perspectives. Complimentary popcorn added to the festive atmosphere.



Events Over

PYP LITERACY DAY

The PYP Literacy Day event, Fete Bookaroo 24-25, was a highly anticipated and fun-filled celebration of literacy, where students of all grades engaged in exciting and educational activities tailored to their specific grade levels.

Grade 1 students participated in a Noun Relay Race and Story Building session, while Grade 2 enjoyed Snake and Ladder on Prepositions and word creation. Grade 3 engaged in Dumb Charades and book reviews, and Grade 4 wrote scripts and made chocolate, blending creativity and learning in fun, interactive activities along with Recipe Writing. Grade 5 students met Ms. Khyrunnisa. They all ventured writing poetry and participated in JAM, experiencing oratory skills. They also took part in DEAR sessions and watched literature-related movies, deepening their love for reading.



Events Over

LANGUAGE WEEK CELEBRATION

As part of the Language Week celebrations, students from Grades 5 to 8 had an exclusive opportunity to meet renowned children's author from Trivandrum, Ms. Khyrunnisa A. on Tuesday, 19th November. A prize-winning author of children's fiction, she created the popular comic character Butterfingers for the children's magazine, Tinkle. A prolific speaker, academician and columnist, Ms. Khyrunnisa writes for adults too. After the interaction, Ms. Khyrunnisa conducted a book signing also for the students.



Events Over

PERUNGUZZHI COIR FACTORY VISIT

IGCSE Enterprise is a subject introduced this year. On 13th November, the Grade 9 Enterprise students visited the Perunguzhi coir factory. They had fun learning more about the different types of coir and they were given a chance to experience making the coir ropes, which our student loved. We had visited both the units of the Perunguzhi factory and were given a tour by Mr. Ajith, the President, and Mrs. Anitha, the manager of the coir factory. Both Mr. Ajith and Mrs. Anitha very patiently answered the questions of our students about the coir manufacturing process, production rates, process time and various other information.





Events Over

UOI THEME: "HOW THE WORLD WORKS"

As part of our UOI theme, "How the World Works," the Grade 1 students visited the Coir Factory in Perunguzhi on 20th November. The purpose of this field trip was to explore how natural materials can be transformed into useful products for our everyday lives. The children had a fantastic time learning how the coconut's outer shell is processed into husk and then turned into ropes. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are thankful to Mr. Anilkumar for his detailed explanation.





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HATTER'S DAY: A WHIMSICAL WOW WEDNESDAY

We are delighted to share that WOW Wednesday of PK 1 and PK 2 at TRINS ELC celebrated on 20 November was a truly magical celebration, as we embraced the whimsical theme of Hatter's Day! The children, with the loving guidance of their parents, had an unforgettable time creating their own unique hats at home. The hats were a beautiful display of creativity, with each one reflecting the child's personality and imagination. The highlight of the day was the joyful ramp walk, where the children, paired together, proudly showcased their stunning creations. It was a day filled with laughter, bonding, and pure excitement.





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A SYMPHONY OF SOUNDS: KG1'S LITERARY FEST

On 20th November, our KG1 Technopark students had a delightful time at the Literary Fest, immersing themselves in a world of sounds and words. The children enthusiastically explored different sounds by saying words that began with each sound, sparking curiosity and joy in their learning. They also enjoyed the engaging activity of Sound Musical Chair, where they identified and responded to various sounds with excitement and energy. The day was a wonderful celebration of language and auditory exploration, leaving smiles on the faces of our little learners.

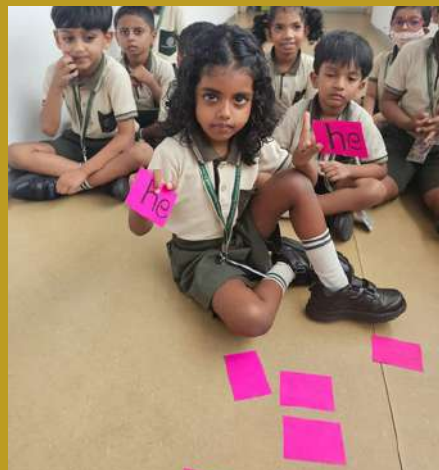




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TRICKY WORDS MADE FUN: KG2'S 4TH LITERARY FEST

On 20th November, the KG2 children at TRINS ELC Technopark enthusiastically participated in their 4th Literary Fest, which focused on Tricky Words. The event kicked off with an engaging game of Musical Chairs, where children read the tricky word on the chair they landed on. This was followed by an exciting Memory Game that tested their recall and concentration as they matched tricky words. The fun continued with hopscotch and a game of Snakes and Ladders, both incorporating tricky words to reinforce their learning. To wrap up, the children completed an activity where they identified and circled tricky words, further solidifying their understanding in a fun and interactive way.





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EXPLORING THE COIR FACTORY: GRADE 1'S INSIGHT INTO SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION

On 20th November, Grade 1 had a fascinating and educational experience by visiting the Coir factory at Perinkuzh as part of their current theme - How the world works. This factory provided a deep dive into how this eco-friendly material is processed and transformed into various products.





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SHOWCASE OF TALENT AND CREATIVITY: GRADE 2 ASSEMBLY

On 18th November, Grade 2 hosted a vibrant Talent Assembly, beginning with a heartfelt skit on The Giving Tree, sharing a powerful message of kindness. The event featured captivating dance, Kalari, and singing performances, including a delightful presentation about the solar system. It was a celebration of creativity, learning and the unique talents of our young stars!



BOOKAROO LITERACY FEST: A DAY OF FUN AND LEARNING FOR GRADES 1 AND 2

On Tuesday, 19th November, Grades 1 and 2 celebrated the Literacy Fest Bookaroo, filled with exciting and educational activities. Grade 1 engaged in a noun relay race and story-building, while Grade 2 had fun with Snake and Ladder on prepositions and a word game. The day also included a screening of The Lion King for Grade 2 and The Little Bear for Grade 1. It concluded with D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) time, where students enjoyed reading their favourite books.





Sasthamangalam Campus

CITY KG2 FOURTH LIT FEST : TRICKY WORD MUSICAL CHAIR

On Wednesday, 20th November, the KG2 children of the City Campus enthusiastically participated in a creative and engaging activity to reinforce their knowledge of Tricky Words as part of the 4th Lit Fest series. The highlight was a lively Musical Chairs game, where each chair featured a tricky word. As the music played, children joyfully moved around, and when it stopped, they had to read the word on their chosen chair and create a sentence using it. A big round of applause goes to Ms. Swapna Nair, the HRT of KG2, for her thoughtful planning and mentoring. Her innovative approach to combining learning with play has not only enriched the children's language skills but also empowered them to express their understanding creatively and meaningfully.





Sasthamangalam Campus

CITY KG1 FOURTH LIT FEST : LETTER HUNT ADVENTURE

On Wednesday, 20th November, the KG1 children of TRINS Sasthamangalam Campus took part in an exciting Letter Hunt game as part of their 4th Lit Fest series. The young learners eagerly searched for hidden letters, and upon finding one, confidently spelled out the sound of the letter and shared a word associated with it.



ELC WOW WEDNESDAY SERIES: HATTER'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, 20th November, the preschoolers of City ELC embraced the joy and whimsy of Hatter's Day as part of the Wow Wednesday Series. The day was brimming with excitement as the little ones arrived donning a delightful variety of hats—big, small, colorful, story-inspired, food-themed, and more!





Student Achievement

INTERNATIONAL FRENCH COMPETITION

The students from Grade 5 to Grade 12 successfully participated in the International French Competition organised by the Prayatna Educational Society from 12th November to 15th November. The competition was a valuable learning experience for the students, allowing them to apply their French language skills in a global context.



BASKET BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The TRINS boys senior basketball team competed in the St Thomas Basketball Championship on 18th and 19th November. The team finished second, having won its first match against the Government Model School 27-5 and the semi-final against St Thomas School 31-18. In the final, the team was beaten by Loyola, 37-35. Marcus Joseph of 9IG was recognised as the promising player of the tournament. Congratulations to the team and to Mr. Arun.





Staff Achievements

Dr. Sini Regi Thomas, Head of the SEN Department, was a speaker at the World Conference of the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI), held from 14th to 16th November 2024, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Her paper, 'Ready for Inclusion? But I Am an Infant...', sparked critical reviews and discussions among delegates. The event saw participation from representatives of 67 countries, making it a global platform for exchanging ideas on inclusive education.



Ms. Shalini Bose presented a session on 16th and 17th November, 2024 on the topic 'Inclusion and Advocacy: Empowering Children on the Autism Spectrum to Become Active Contributors to Society' at the Zonal Conference on 'Redefining Communication Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Current Trends and Future Prospects' held at the Child Development Centre.





Staff Achievements

On Saturday, 16th November 2024, Ms. Amritha Renganath attended a session titled "Unlock Creativity: Ignite Out-of-the-Box Thinking in Your Classroom". The workshop was conducted by Ms. Greshma Momaya, a Pedagogical Expert and Founding Principal of Prarthana World School.



Ms. Amritha Renganath

Ms. Karthika Raj has secured free admission for the School Inclusion Training Programme 2024, offered by Ummeed Child Development Center Mumbai. Ummeed is a renowned institution that provides specialised care for most developmental disabilities. We wish her a good learning experience.



Ms. Karthika Raj

As Ms. Merly and Ms. Sonia attended and completed training workshops for Cambridge Lower Secondary Mathematics and English in Chennai on 18th and 19th November.



Ms. Merly



Ms. Sonia



Staff Profiles



Mr. Sanjay Prabhakaran

Mr. Sanjay Prabhakaran, Group Head - IB Primary Years Programme, brings over 20 years of experience in the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP), with a strong focus on fostering inquiry-based learning and student-centred education. For the past decade, he has been an integral part of Trivandrum International School (TRINS), leading the PYP team, contributing to the school's recognition as a top-ranked institution, and establishing two feeder schools: the Early Learning Centre (ELC) in Trivandrum and Cochin International School (CIS) in Ernakulam.

As a member of the IB Educator Network (IBEN) for 13 years, Sanjay has facilitated workshops for educators worldwide and led school authorisation processes for IB accreditation. His expertise lies in developing robust PYP frameworks, driving professional development, and creating environments that support the holistic growth of students and educators.

Sanjay's leadership reflects his commitment to collaborative learning, innovation in education, and nurturing thriving school communities.



Staff Profiles



Ms. Anupama Nambiar

Ms. Anupama Nambiar, Head of Department, English, has 11 years of teaching experience and over six years at TRINS, Ms. Anupama oversees the implementation of the English Literature and Language programme across the School. She is a Cambridge Assessment Specialist Examiner, IBDP English Examiner, and Extended Essay Supervisor. She has the experience of working as a content developer for Pearson Education South Asia, where she developed her interest and strength in curriculum development, lesson planning, and delivering targeted feedback to enhance student learning.

Ms. Anupama fosters emotional intelligence in her students and firmly believes that teaching and learning thrive through meaningful relationships—where trust and communication help them grow both academically and personally. A passionate advocate for student independence, she strives to empower them to persevere through setbacks and cultivate resilience. For her, the students are the ‘software updates’, keeping her adaptable and intune with evolving ideas!



Staff Profiles



Ms. Jyothi Unnithan

Ms. Jyothi Unnithan, ICSE Coordinator, HoD Computer Science, SAT examination Coordinator. Since 2014, her diverse responsibilities at TRINS have included overseeing internal examinations for grades 6 to 12, managing standardized testing (SAT, PSAT 9/10, PSAT/NMSQT), bringing with her the breadth of 24 years of teaching experience (of which 12 years was in higher education). After her Post Graduate education in Computer Applications, Ms. Jyothi's career began with a solid foundation in software development at the Department of Power, Kerala Government, where her technical and practical foundation set her firmly towards a holistic approach to teaching Computer Science.

She then transitioned to academia as a Lecturer in Computer Science at Kerala University and in the UAE teaching undergraduate and postgraduate programs. She later joined Cambridge International School in Dubai, where she taught IGCSE and A Level Computer Science.

Known for her dedication and depth of knowledge, Ms. Jyothi continues to inspire students and colleagues, with her passion for education and commitment to academic excellence.



Staff Profiles



Mr. Anil Mathew

Mr. Anil Mathew, Group Catering Manager, a seasoned culinary expert over the last 3 decades, has been an integral member of Trivandrum International School since the School's inception in 2003.

He graduated from the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Chennai, in 1988. He has since worked at hotels like the Le Meridien, Kovalam and the Ashok Hotel, New Delhi.

He is also a certified trainer in food preparation, recognized by the Indian Society for Training and Development (ISTD), a post-graduate in Business Management and a proficient speaker of Japanese!

His unique recipes in various cuisines and stringent high standards have created dishes in our kitchen that have consistently delighted our alumni and students over the last 21 years at TRINS.



Upcoming Events & Holidays

Events

- **28th November 2024 - Grade 10 To 11**
Orientation Taster lessons &
Parent Orientation
- **29th November 2024 - EY & ELC Sports Day**
- **3rd December 2024 - Montage 2024 (English Festival)**
- **6th December 2024 - 9IG & 12A2 Open House**
- **11th December 2024 - 10IG & 11AS Open House**





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