



Principal's message



The ELC and Early Years Sports Days on Friday 29th November were the first sports days conducted on the school's artificial turf, and were the start of the season of sports days, with the PYP and Senior Sports days taking place later this month. It was great to have so many parents in attendance cheering on the young participants - and then taking part themselves. The PE Department is instrumental to the success of these events and I would like to thank all members for the work they put into preparing for and conducting each Sports Day.

Over the weekend, Christmas decorations have started appearing around the school. Thanks go to our amazing Art Department for the inventiveness and ingenuity that is displayed this year, as every year. Throughout the year, the department - Mr. Sujith and Ms. Cyrielle, led by Ms. Sona - produce so many wonderful displays that are the backdrop to special assemblies and other occasions. The creativity that inspires them is such that they always deserve highlighting for the extra dimension they bring to our school's activities. Forthcoming Sports Days and parent meetings provide opportunities for parents to come to school and enjoy the display.

We have established a tradition of a seasonal cake fest. You will have received details of how to order cakes that the school bakery is now preparing. As well as the plum cakes, there are a number of other favourites available. Numbers are limited - please make sure you put in your order in good time. The funds raised are going to help the government schools with which we are working this year.

Mr. Richard Hillebrand

Events Over

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Grade 5 students had an interactive session with Dr. Divya Varghese on Monday, 25th November, as a part of the ongoing theme, 'Who We Are'. Dr. Divya conducted an engaging session to reinforce the interconnectedness of the digestive, respiratory and circulatory systems, demonstrating how different body systems work together while focusing on "What we should do to be healthy and What we should not do, to be healthy?"



EDUCATIONAL TRIP

On 26th November, the Commerce Department arranged an educational trip for the Economics, Business Studies, and Accounting students from 11th and 12th grades, who got an incredible opportunity to visit the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) branch in Trivandrum. Accompanied by our teachers, Mr. Michael and Ms. Sinduja, the trip offered valuable insights into the workings of the Indian financial system, monetary policy, currency management, and financial inclusion.

Students gained a firsthand perspective on how the central bank ensures financial stability, manages currency, and promotes inclusivity. This trip also highlighted the interconnectedness of economics, business, and accounting concepts.



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TIERRA FOOD PRIVATE LIMITED- VISIT

A group of 25 students from Grade 11 (Business) and Grade 9 (IGCSE Enterprise) visited Tierra Food Private Limited owned by Mr. Alex and his sons, George Alex and Jose Alex. Mr. Alex and Jose Alex shared their inspiring entrepreneurial journey. They discussed the inception of their business idea, the challenges they faced, the setbacks they endured, and their eventual revival and growth. They also elaborated on their customer base and outlined their future plans. The students actively participated, asking numerous questions to deepen their understanding.

This visit provided our students with invaluable insights into various aspects of business, including raw material procurement, manufacturing, finance, branding, packaging, quality control, promotion, employee welfare, and the importance of passion and dedication. Mr. Alex and Jose Alex willingness to host our students and answer questions made it a truly eye-opening experience for both students and teachers.





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ENGAGING SESSION

Ms. Parvathi M, Numeracy Facilitator and Associate Teacher (Grade 1), conducted two engaging sessions on upcycling paper for the Art Club and Nature Club students. During these sessions, students learned how to create decorative items and Christmas wreaths using paper, fostering creativity and sustainability. These are part of the Christmas decorations which are being put up around the school to bring festive cheer.



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MONTAGE 2024

Ahead of Montage 2024, the English Literary Day, two activities took place on 22nd November.

T-shirt Design: Five students took part in the T-shirt design contest. Harshvardhan, 6A, painted the popular Superman logo. Anya Samind, 10 IG A, stenciled 'Better Than The Movies'. Gayathri Abhilash, Ananya Kuthatu Manikandan and Nakshatra R Nair, Grade 9 IG, jointly painted 'Having Dreams Doesn't Kill Anyone'. (Pictures in attachment.)

Paint your poem: Poetry is an art form, one that predates literacy, and our students took up the challenge to visually interpret their favourite poem. Participants spent the afternoon painting on stone, paper and canvas. Saida Fathima, 10IG B, portrayed the quintessential idea of 'Rain' by Edward Thomas, Aishwaryaa Kashi Vishwanath, 9IG B, interpreted 'Daffodils', the popular poem by William Wordsworth, in bright colours on stone. Ayra Fathima Thahir, Grade 9 IG, chose 'Nothing Gold Can Stay' by Rober Frost.



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ORIENTATION

Into Grade 11 Orientation 28th November. Students in 10IG and 10IG spent Thursday 28th November learning more about the opportunities available in Grade 11 and 12 at TRINS. They 'tasted' subjects offered through the two internationally recognised academic curriculums provided at TRINS, the IBDP and Cambridge International A-levels. Teachers provided short learning experiences to help students understand more about subjects. These were interspersed with insights into the variety of activities in which students at TRINS are involved.

After school, parents attended an orientation to guide through the courses available to enable them to support their children in making choices about the future.



Events Over

FIRST TALENTS ASSEMBLY: A CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY AND JOY

This week, EY Main School held its first-ever Talents Assembly, marking a delightful departure from our usual assemblies. The spotlight was on the KG2 children, who showcased their incredible talents. They sang songs, recited poems, displayed their artwork, and danced to catchy tunes, filling the atmosphere with joy and excitement. To top it off, even the KG1 students, who were in the audience, couldn't resist joining in the fun, dancing and celebrating along with their peers. It was a truly heartwarming and energetic event! Next week the KG 1's will be showing off their talents.



Early Years Sports Day

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET: A CELEBRATION OF TEAMWORK AND TALENT

The Early Years (KG1 and KG2) and Early Learning Center (PK1 and PK2) students of City Campus, Sasthamangalam, had an eventful week with run-through sessions and the much-anticipated Annual Sports Meet, held on Friday, 29th November.

The culmination of dedicated practice and preparation was evident as the children showcased their sporting skills on the field, cheered on by their proud parents. A special note of appreciation to our little ones, who adapted so effortlessly to last-minute changes and brought their spirited energy to the field. Thank you to our Early Years and ELC teachers, whose dedication shone through the enthusiastic performances of their students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Arun, HOD of the Physical Education Department, and his energetic team (Mr. Rajaneesh, Mr. Suraj, Ms. Denit, Ms. Reshma, Ms. Aneesa, Mr. Prashanth, and Mr. Anandakrishnan) for orchestrating such a successful event. A special thank you to Ms. Ruth, our talented dance facilitator, for organizing the well-coordinated aerobics performance by the students. Kudos to Mr. Deepak for providing the perfect rhythms to energize the field. Finally, a big thank you to our support staff for their tireless efforts behind the scenes.



Early Years Sports Day

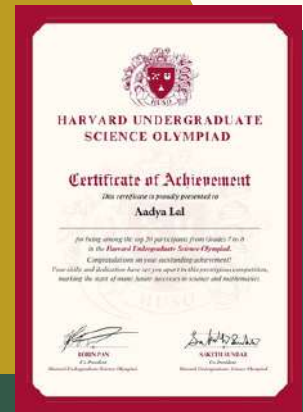


Student Achievements

Aadya Lal of Grade 8A has secured 30th rank nationally in Harvard Undergraduate Science Olympiad and has qualified for the second round exam and bootcamp. Congratulations!



Aadya Lal



Staff Achievements

Ms. Ambili Gopalakrishnan attended the Cambridge Training for Lower Secondary Science teachers, held on the 21st and 22nd November 2024 in Chennai.



Ms. Ambili Gopalakrishnan



Staff Profiles



Dr. Sini Regi Thomas

Dr. Sini Regi Thomas, Group Head Special Education Needs, has played a pivotal role in establishing the Special Education Department at TRINS into the award-winning beacon of inclusivity it has come to be for the Group today. Under her leadership, the department has expanded to include a team of 16 special educators, and the school has been recognised for its exemplary practices by the International Baccalaureate, the TES School award, and the Global School Leaders Consortium.

With over 15 years of experience in both inclusive and special school settings, her areas of focus include ASD, ADHD, learning disabilities, deafblindness, intellectual disabilities, and related challenges. She has steadily worked on her own and her team's extensive training and also facilitated several workshops for other organisations who reached out to us. Dr. Sini is the first Keralite to qualify for the Leadership Programme Fellowship at the Perkins School for the Blind in Boston. This was an advanced training programme professionals teaching visually impaired students with multiple disabilities and deafblindness. This 102-yr old fellowship awarded her a scholarship worth \$50,000. She holds Master's degrees in Sociology and Special Education, and Diplomas in Deafblindness (national rank holder) and Intellectual Disability (Kerala state topper). Dr. Sini completed her Ph.D. in Inclusive Education, with a thesis that serves as a resource for researchers developing educational apps. She has also completed a course on Assessment of Students with Extensive Needs and Augmentative and Alternative Communication for Individuals with Severe Disabilities, Early Childhood Development from Harvard University and American Sign Language.

Dr.Sini has been a panelist in a discussion on "Inclusive Education: Dilemmas and Challenges" conducted by Harvard University. She was the only special educator from Perkins School for the Blind to participate in the Grand Hackathon conducted by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge. She is a member of the India Inclusion Research Network (IIRN). She has been a force behind 'IEG', India's first free educational app dedicated to empowering and supporting teachers with best practices in inclusive education. She has presented papers at national and international conferences, published several research papers in esteemed journals and serves as a mentor and consultant for various organizations. She is registered with the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI). In recognition of her outstanding contributions to special education, Dr. Sini received the INSPIRE 3.0 Special Educationist of the Year award in 2023 from the Global School Leaders Consortium (GSLC).



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Ms. Rajitha Kaipulli

Ms. Rajitha Kaipulli, Assistant PYP Coordinator, Facilitator Numeracy has 14 years of experience in education, including 8 years at TRINS, Ms. Rajitha firmly believes that students excel and surpass expectations when teachers and parents recognize their potential and provide appropriate challenges. Her professional journey began as a Business Development Executive, but an unexpected transition to teaching marked a turning point in her career.

In her role, she is always looking to improve pedagogical approaches, enhance program delivery, and set high standards for teaching and learning. She focuses on designing and implementing an assessment system that empowers students to achieve their full potential by promoting self-regulated learning practices. Additionally, Ms. Rajitha coordinates PYP Round Square engagements, offering students valuable exposure to global perspectives and diverse cultures. She is dedicated to supporting students throughout their PYP journey, delivering engaging and relevant experiences that prepare them for future academic challenges.



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Ms. Sangeetha Biju

Ms. Sangeetha Biju, Round Square Representative, University Counsellor, Alumni in-charge, IB Theory of Knowledge Coordinator, Faculty of Computer Science.

An alumna of the College of Engineering, Trivandrum, Sangeetha transitioned to a teaching career after a brief period as a software trainer. In her 20 years at TRINS, she has held a host of diverse responsibilities with quiet dedication, consistency and unstinting commitment. She has been the coordinator of various external examinations, extra-curricular events, and was even the DP Coordinator who took us through to the IB Authorisation process 12 years ago.

As a faculty of Theory of Knowledge taking students through the many ways of knowing, she reflects those principles in her own approach to learning. Being our longest standing coordinator of the Round Square programme has helped her embody and inspire into action the 6 IDEALS of the Round Square philosophy into the fabric of the School. She is also our students' biggest support when choosing their programmes of study and universities. For all of these reasons and her instinctive connection with the student community, she has fostered very strong relationships with our alumni body, and been instrumental in connecting the School to all their stories of success, our biggest source of pride.



Upcoming Events & Holidays

Holidays

- 20th December 2024 - Christmas Vacation

Events

- 6th December 2024 - 9IG & 12A2 Open House
- 11th December 2024 - 10IG & 11AS Open House
- 12th December 2024 - PYP Sports Day
- 13th December 2024 - Grade 6 To Grade 12 Sports Day
- 16th December 2024 - Grade 1 & 2 PTM & Book Fair
- 16th December 2024 - Term 2 PYP +EY Main Campus+ ELC City & Technopark
- 17th December 2024 - EY Technopark Term 2 PTM
- 18th December 2024 - Christmas Assembly
- 19th December 2024 - Staff Development Programme





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