



## Principal's message



I was in Hyderabad on Monday, 2nd December at the meeting of the Heads of IB World Schools in the South and East of India, hosted by the Shri Ram Academy. I have mentioned before how visiting other schools provides an opportunity for reflection. It is also always interesting to meet with other school leaders where we can share common concerns, as well as learn from each other's particular experiences and insights.

The keynote speaker outlined challenges in her own situation which certainly have pertinence for TRINS; the challenges of reconciling different expectations whilst being true to the school's vision and mission. Looking through this week's ToT, as is true most weeks, I see that range of activities that challenges our students to move beyond their 'comfort zone', supporting our goal of nurturing young leaders with a strong sense of values. We can look forward to this being a feature of the final week and half of term as students compete in Sports Day and take part in our end-of-term events. These will be shared in future editions.

Mr. Richard Hillebrand



## Events Over

### MONTAGE 2024

The Montage 2024 Assembly, held on 3rd December, was a celebration of literature, featuring a series of performances by students from grades 6 to 12. The event was inaugurated by the Principal, Mr Hillebrand, setting the tone for an inspiring event of literary exploration. Students brought to life famous literary works and characters such as Hamlet, Ibsen's A Doll's House, and Orwell's Animal Farm. Additionally, the Grade 6 students recited timeless poems, Tagore's 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' and Kipling's 'If', showcasing the beauty and power of words to inspire and challenge.





## Events Over

### TALENT ASSEMBLY

On Monday, 2nd December 2024, Grade 1A students hosted a lively Talent Assembly, filled with creativity and remarkable skills. The event showcased a delightful array of art and craft displays, enchanting poem recitations, lively songs, dynamic dance performances, engaging storytelling, and insightful speeches. The young performers amazed the audience with their impressive talents, leaving everyone truly inspired. Each child performed exceptionally well, making the event a memorable and heartwarming celebration of their abilities



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### MANALAKKAM LPS SCHOOL VISIT

On Wednesday, 4th December, as part of the on-going support for the upgradation of Government schools, TRINS donated 25 library chairs, 216 books (both Malayalam and English donated by Grade 11 & 12) and 46 toys as a part of the Manalakkam LPS Library improvement, along with foodstuffs for student breakfasts. The breakfasts were initiated in the first week of November and will continue all the way through until March. The handing over of the items was done in the presence of the TRINS student and teacher community along with the Manalakkam LPS community. The programme was presided by Ms. Sapnu, Executive Director, Mr. Hillebrand, Principal, Smt. Nayana Shameer, Mr. Suni K, Smt. Anju, Mrs. Sujabewgom (Headmistress). Thanks to Ms. Ambili Balan for coordinating the donation and to Ms. Sini Ijjo for the flawless coordination and emceeing in Malayalam.





## Events Over

### ST. MARTHA'S SPECIAL SCHOOL VISIT

On Thursday, 5th December 2024, Grade 3 students visited St. Martha's Special School as part of the PYP social service initiative. They interacted with the students by drawing pictures together, distributed handmade Christmas cards, and shared the monthly collection of rice and pulses.



### PUTHENTHOPE BEACH CLEAN UP

As part of their theme on sustainability, the Grade 4 students participated in a beach cleanup at the Puthenthope Beach on Thursday 5th December, 2024, demonstrating great enthusiasm and responsibility. They engaged with local health authorities and Haritha Karma Sena to understand effective waste disposal methods. The initiative was guided by Ms. Newshee, Ms. Reena, Ms. Rajitha, Mr. Arun, Mr. Mithun, and supported by Seema and Sindu Chechi. This hands-on activity not only fostered environmental awareness but also encouraged collaboration and community engagement.



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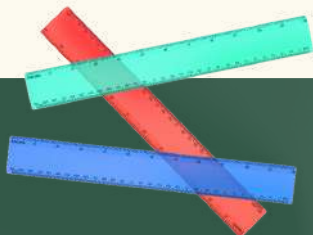
### SARVOMUN AT SARVODAYA SCHOOL.

The SARVOMUN was conducted on 30th November and 1st December at Sarvodaya school. There were 160 delegates from different schools across the city. The MUN was conducted with different committees, including CSW, HRC, and Loksabha. The four delegates from TRINS were: Aashmith Sameel (11DP), Ved Sanjeev (11AS), Siddharth Nair and Ayra Fathima Thair (both 9IG), accompanied by Ms Preetha Balakrishnan. All participated with great enthusiasm and Siddharth Nair received the special mention award for the best delegate in the CSW committee.



### MAGIC RULER

Ms. Shalini Bose conducted a captivating and interactive session for the S.E.N department on the "Magic Ruler." She explained how to create the magic ruler, its purpose, and shared effective techniques to address letter reversals. Teachers enthusiastically participated in activities and designed sample worksheets tailored to different age groups for student use. A heartfelt thanks to Ms. Shalini for her valuable insights!

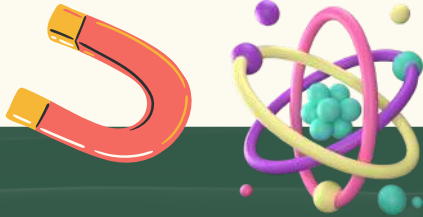




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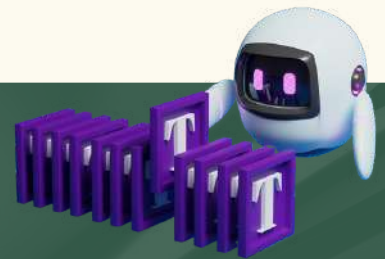
### MIDDLE SCHOOL: CURRICULUM UPDATES

The students in the 7th grade skills class have completed experiments with magnetism and Chemistry have completed studying separation of materials this cycle. Grade 8 students in skills class have completed Cartoon analysis in History class and usage of rhetorical appeals in speech - ethos, pathos and logos with the English teacher during this cycle.



### SESSION ON CHATBOTS

A group of 12 DP students participated in a 2-day session on Chatbots, conducted by Mr. Charush S, Chief of AI and Product at Foundation Flow. Thanks to Ms. Devika for organizing the session.





## Events Over

### TRINS KG1 STUDENTS EXPLORE TRANSPORTATION AT CHACHA NEHRU TRAFFIC PARK

As part of Theme-3, "How We Organize Ourselves," specifically "Transportation," our KG1 students embarked on an exciting field trip to the Shanghumugham Chacha Nehru Traffic Park on Wednesday, 4th December.

Students from the main campus, ELC Technopark and City ELC had hands-on experiences which allowed our little learners to ride bicycles on a miniature road system, immersing themselves in real-world traffic rules. They discovered the importance of driving and walking safely, following rules, taking turns, and helping others on the road. Adding to the excitement, the park's proximity to the International Airport gave children a thrilling opportunity to watch a flight take off, sparking their curiosity about air transport. They also observed fishermen navigating boats at sea, gaining insights into water transportation. This enriching trip not only enhanced their understanding of transportation but also inspired creative thinking about building their own transport systems in their class.





## Events Over

### GEARING UP FOR CHRISTMAS AT SCHOOL: A FESTIVE CELEBRATION IN FULL SWING

The holiday spirit is alive and thriving at school as preparations for Christmas are in full swing. The campus has transformed into a winter wonderland, adorned with twinkling lights, colorful decorations, and festive garlands. EY is buzzing with excitement as students participate in various holiday-themed activities, from crafting ornaments to singing carols. Teachers and staff have gone above and beyond to create a warm and welcoming.



### STORY WEDNESDAYS AT KG2 : SPARKING IMAGINATION AND LOVE FOR READING

Story Wednesdays at KG2 have become a delightful weekly tradition, captivating young minds with engaging tales and fostering a love for storytelling. Students skilfully bring stories to life through expressive reading, puppets, and visual aids, making the sessions both fun and educational. The children not only enjoy listening but also develop essential language and communication skills.





## Technopark Campus

### STORYTIME SHOWCASE: INSPIRING CREATIVITY AND COMMUNICATION IN KG2

On Wednesdays, as part of Theme 3, KG2 students of Technopark ELC participated in a story narration activity with great enthusiasm. The children confidently shared their favourite stories, showcasing their creativity and communication skills. Stories ranged from classics to imaginative tales, fostering listening skills, vocabulary and storytelling abilities. As part of the activity, the children discussed the author, explained their choice of story, highlighted their favourite characters and conveyed the moral of the story.



### CELEBRATING UNIQUENESS: GRADE 1 TALENT ASSEMBLY

Grade 1 talent assembly was a special event on Wednesday, 4th December! Students were able to showcase their individual talents, and conveyed an important message to highlight that everyone is unique in their own way. This event helped them build confidence and encouraged self-expression.







## Sasthamangalam Campus

### CITY CAMPUS KG2 : "STORY WEDNESDAYS"

As part of Theme-3, "Exploring stories fosters imagination and helps us understand relationships and values," KG2 at City Campus has introduced "Story Wednesdays" to celebrate the joy of storytelling. This engaging activity aims to enhance communication skills and expand vocabulary, while also nurturing creativity and moral understanding in children. On Wednesday, 4th December, KG2 students enthusiastically narrated their favourite stories. They shared why they chose their stories, described their favourite characters, and reflected on the morals, showcasing their budding interpretive and expressive skills.





## Round Square

The 9IG and 12 A2 Open Houses were held on Friday, 6th December, which was also an opportunity for the Round Square Café: The students of Grade 11 set up the fundraiser pop up cafe, selling cards, jewellery, artwork, toys and books. Throught the generous support of parents and other members of the school community.







## Staff Achievements

**Ms. Manjusha Nair of the ELC has been awarded an MA (Education) in Educational Management from IGNOU. We congratulate her on her achievement.**



**Ms. Amritha Renganath attended an online webinar "SEND Searchlights (November)" hosted by GL Education. This webinar focused on inclusion from the perspective of gifted and talented students.**





## TRINS Residential Newsletter - TRP#4



Dear Readers,

We are thrilled to bring you Edition 4 of the TRP, highlighting some amazing moments at TRINS Residential! This edition captures the vibrant Diwali celebrations, along with exciting field trips for Grades 6-12 that created lasting memories.

We'd love to hear your thoughts! Your feedback will help our students make the newsletter more engaging and meaningful. Additionally, we warmly invite parents and family members to contribute to upcoming editions. If you have artwork, poems, or creative pieces, we'd be delighted to showcase them!

Looking forward to hearing from you!







## Staff Profiles



**Ms. Rachel Jacob**

**Ms. Rachel Jacob, IB Diploma Programme Coordinator, IB Network Chair of the Asia Pacific (region-Karnataka, Kerala, Sri Lanka) is also our Faculty of English Language and Literature and Examiner of the Higher Level Paper in addition to being the IBDP Coordinator. Raised in Delhi, she completed her schooling from Mater Dei School and her Master's degree from Delhi University. Her passion and love for children found an avenue in the teaching profession during her post-graduate studies. Demanding and exacting as the IB programme is, Ms. Rachel endorses high performance standards, working against demanding schedules, while upholding the ethos of student-centred learning.**

**With an experience of about four decades of teaching in some of the country's best day and boarding schools, like The Shri Ram School, Delhi and Bishop Cotton School, Shimla, and with 15 years of international experience at Jakarta, Indonesia, she has brought in new ideas that has brought rise to student agency and student-led initiatives within the Diploma Programme since her joining TRINS in 2015. complete dedication to children. Passionate about theatre, music, reading and travelling, she does find some time to pursue her interests, and find opportunities to share her expertise to the School community and expand her own skills as a professional.**



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Ms. Deepthi Unnikrishnan

Ms. Deepthi Unnikrishnan, Centre Head, TRINS Early Learning Centre, Sasthamangalam. Having joined TRINS 8 years ago, Ms. Deepthi has been on a continuous journey of professional learning and personal growth. She began as a Support Teacher in Kindergarten, and steadily worked her way to the School leadership team. This progression has been both transformational and rewarding, allowing her to work her passion for education in the formative years of a child.

Her academic background is in Commerce and Computer Applications, but the IB pedagogy was something she embodied as an educator from the get go. Her forte also lies in the strong relationships with her parents and the able mentorship given to her team. Creating engaging, inquiry-driven learning experiences for our youngest learners, while celebrating their unique milestones is how a nurturing and inclusive environment has become synonymous with our Sasthamangalam campus today. Children are encouraged to develop curiosity, confidence, and compassion for a future of lifelong learning and global citizenship.





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**Ms. Sujithra Nair**

**Ms. Sujithra Nair, Coordinator Primary Years, Special Education Needs Department. Since joining TRINS in 2019, Ms. Sujithra has shown a flair for supporting our younger students with special educational needs. She holds a PG Diploma in Psychological Counseling, with expertise in Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD), Autism, and ADHD, and is a certified Brain Gym 104 practitioner.**

**She has additionally completed the IB workshop "Leading the Learning - PYP" (Category 2). Through various in-house and external training attended and conducted by her, for colleagues and parents, and with her own roles having ranged from Learning Support Teacher to Special Educator, to now the SEN Coordinator for PYP, Ms.Sujithra's professional development has shown steady growth. Passionate about her academic and non-academic responsibilities, she is dedicated to fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment for students that aims at celebrating their uniqueness.**



## Upcoming Events & Holidays

### Holidays

- **20th December 2024** - Christmas Vacation  
until **6th January 2025**

### Events

- **11th December 2024** - 10IG & 11AS PTM
- **12th December 2024** - PYP Sports Day
- **13th December 2024** - Grade 6 To Grade 12 Sports Day
- **18th December 2024** - Christmas Assembly
- **07th January 2025** - School Reopens







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