



Executive director's message



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of a busy term and the end of 2024, I'd like to reflect on some of the highlights.

The last two terms have been packed with exciting activities that have enriched our students in more ways than one. We were thrilled to welcome back in all its glory, our truly student-led inter-school cultural fest, Spectra, a celebration of creativity and collaboration, and most importantly leadership.

The alumni reunion brought back students across 10 batches, which included some award-winners in their respective domains. Watching 'All we imagine as Light' this weekend, I got to see why in Hridhu Haroon's case.

The enthusiasm surrounding Founders' Day, where we celebrated the history and spirit of our school, along with the many achievements of our students, helped us showcase our 21st year with aplomb. The Wings of Fire event was another highlight, where selected students adeptly displayed a sense of agency and global citizenship within a framework of project-based learning.

Class trips to 4 different locations provided our students with valuable learning experiences and memories outside the classroom, while the Sports Days were a wonderful display of teamwork, sportsmanship, house pride and school spirit. We are grateful for all the efforts put in by our undeniably energetic students, incredibly committed staff, and volunteers in making each event such a success.

Another very special highlight was our students being able to go to Attapadi to the APJ Kalam Azad Tribal Residential school to teach their students languages, and direct a lot of their fundraising efforts here towards the supplies and music instruments required there. Having the School's founder, Ms. Uma Preman and students join our Christmas assembly was a Christmas message in itself and a commitment to keep alive this tradition with the APJ Kalam Azad School into the future.



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Looking ahead, we have even more to look forward to. The upcoming Parent Sports Day on January 25th will be a fun opportunity for families to engage with our school community and a test of fitness and competition with the potential to inspire our own children. The Grade 8 Personal Project Exhibition on March 1st will be the culmination of the research and synthesis of 9 months of work on a pet project that will also be graded. And, of course, we eagerly anticipate the Early and Primary Years Broadway shows, where our younger performers will shine on stage as they take us through 3 different children's stories in a spectacle that has never failed to delight.

These events remind us of just how much there is to be grateful for—our incredible students, dedicated staff, and engaged parents who work hand in hand to make these moments possible. The break ahead offers a much-needed opportunity to pause, reflect, and recharge before we dive into the new term with fresh goals and new milestones to reach.

I am excited for what lies ahead and look forward to continuing our journey together into 2025. Thank you for being such great partners in our children's education and in the life of our school community.

Wishing you a restful and joyful break, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon. Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ms. Sapnu George



Principal's message



The Christmas Assembly on 18th December was a festive conclusion to the term, as well as a joyful start for the holiday period. The Assembly, like the term itself, burst with energy - music, dance, drama, and all against the backdrop of another wonderful decorative display from the Art Department. The assembly held the traditional elements - the Nativity story, Santa's arrival, carols and seasonal songs - but also complementary innovations, such as a version of the Nutcracker from the boarding students. All-in-all, this was a celebration of the season and of our school community.

The PYP Sports Day and Senior Sports Day during this past week gave us a chance to celebrate the different accomplishments of our students. These occasions, when the school community participates together, are an important part of the school experience. It was nice to have parents join us to add their support. Thursday was a rather wet day, but the resilience of all shone through. On Friday, we were able to enjoy a day of competition at the Sreepadam Stadium without any interruption. On both days, the spirit of friendly competition was enjoyed by all.

My thanks go to all the teachers who have worked so hard this term to provide such a variety of learning opportunities for TRINS students, and to the students too for their appetite for challenge and enthusiasm for participation. We all benefit from the tireless work of the various aspects of the school administration. Finally, my thanks to all the parents who have found positive ways to contribute to the school during the past term. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas with warm wishes for the year which is about to start.

Mr. Richard Hillebrand

Events Over

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

TRINS celebrated the spirit of Christmas with a vibrant assembly on 18th December 2024. The programme was filled with joyful performances, carols, and festive cheer, bringing students and staff together in celebration. The event highlighted the message of love, sharing, and togetherness, making it a memorable experience for everyone.



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PYP SPORTS DAY

The PYP Sports Day on 12th December was a vibrant and memorable event, even though rain graced us throughout the day! Our students completed every event with radiant smiles and boundless enthusiasm, showcasing incredible determination and sportsmanship.

The high turnout of parents added an extra spark to the day. Their active participation in Zumba and races, with both fathers and mothers joining in, brought infectious energy and made the event all the more special. Special thanks to Mr Deepak, whose lively music brought the event to life, creating a cheerful and vibrant atmosphere.

The beautifully executed march past demonstrated discipline and teamwork and set the tone for the day. Students competed in races and other events of agility, showing a positive competitive spirit, as well as the desire to support their classmates and their house.

A big shout out to the PE team for their resilience and flawless organisation, ensuring every activity went off smoothly despite the weather. Our emcees, Ms Shalini and Ms Sneha, did a stellar job of anchoring the event seamlessly, and throughout the day the academic team helped make the day a success. The PYP Sports Day was a true celebration of community, teamwork, and perseverance. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this day unforgettable!



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SENIOR SPORTS DAY

On 13th December, the Senior Sports Day was held at the Sreepadam Stadium, Attingal. The day started with the march past, a yoga display and a sports-themed dance performance. Throughout the day, students from Grade 6 to 12 competed in the range of track and field events, from the 100m sprints to the 1500m race, and including discus, shot put and long jump, culminating in the relays. There was a high level of competition throughout the day, as well as the enjoyment of the success of others. Angni house emerged as the champions on the day, closely followed by Jalam. Prithvi was placed third, followed by Vayu.

A big 'thank you' to the whole PE Department for organising the day - Mr Arun, Mr. Rajanish, Mr. Suraj, Ms. Reshma, Ms. Denit, Ms. Aneesha, Mr. Prasanth and Mr. Ananthakrishnan. They were supported by the academic team, both around the track and in terms of recording results and writing certificates. Ms Jeena held the day together as the announcer. The success of the day would not have been possible without the support of the Administration team, the Transport Department and the Catering team.

Adding to student participation, Grade 11 students hosted a snack bar with a lemonade stall as a part of their fundraising activities, raising over Rs 6,000. Thanks to Ms. Sini and Ms. Soumya for monitoring students all during the activity.



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MATH RELAY COMPETITION

Students from Grades 1 to 5 from the main school and Technopark campus participated in a Math Relay competition. The event was conducted as a grade-wise house competition at the main school campus. Students showcased enthusiasm, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, making the event a fun and enriching experience.



MONTAGE 2024

The finals of the Spell Vocab Challenge and of Just-a-Minute for Grades 6 to 8 were conducted on 10th December. Grade 9 and 10 students participated in the Turncoat Debate on 12th December. These events brought to a close Montage 2024 which was organised by the English Department.



Events Over

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION LESSONS WITH THE ATTAPADI SCHOOL

Students from APJ Abdul Kalam Residential Tribal School, Attapadi joined our Christmas assembly on 18th December, along with Ms Uma Preman, the founder of the school, and Ms Amitha, the Vice Principal. Their visit recognised the strength of the partnership between the two schools. On 7th December, Grade 12 students completed 9 weeks of online teaching culminating with first assessment on Language acquisition lessons with the Attapadi school. Thanks to students - Janaki, Vaidhehi, Ananya, Ajitha and Sherin for their time and effort put in to make the online lessons a success. Thanks to Ms. Rachel, Ms.Sini, Ms.Soumya and Ms.Renu for their extended support in guiding students.



OPEN HOUSE

The 11 AS Open House and 10IG Open House were held on Wednesday, 11th December. Alongside this, Grade 11 students (AS and DP) planned and executed a car wash and Mehendi stall as a part of fund raiser for buying gifts for student-led teaching culmination. They successfully raised over Rs 7,000.





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CAROL BREAK

The 12 DP students spread festive cheer through a flash carol on Thursday, 12th December at the Black Stage during the morning break.



SEN DEPARTMENT

The S.E.N department saw a flurry of activities to engage both students and teachers from 2nd December to 6th December. The purpose was to spread awareness and advocate for people with disabilities. Multi-sensory activities that help to build the large and small muscles, build focus and concentration, following instructions were set up outside the department. The students of grade 4 and 5 asked meaningful, thought-provoking questions in a question answer session. Students and teachers of grades 6 to 12 competed in a quiz testing their knowledge of the field of special education. Colourful posters adorned the school and teachers wore special badges on 3rd December marking the International day of Persons with Disabilities.





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EAT RIGHT ACTIVITIES

A number of 'Eat Right Activities' have been conducted with Grade 7 in line with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) initiative. These included conducting tests to detect papaya seeds in black pepper, the detection of artificial colour in turmeric and understanding food labels



PYP BROADWAY - COMING SOON

Excitement is in the air with preparations for the PYP Broadway underway. During assembly on Monday, 9th December, the students were organised into groups and did an initial reading of the script, scene-wise. Roles have been assigned and practice will begin from after the start of the third term. It is motivating to see the enthusiasm and dedication of staff and students in preparing for this special performance.





Technopark Campus

PK2 EXPLORES THE JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE:

On Thursday, 12th December, the PK2 children visited Mullassery Dairy Farm as part of their theme "How We Organise Ourselves," focusing on the concept "Farm to Table." The field trip was a delightful learning experience; they eagerly fed the goats with leaves, showcasing their enthusiasm and connection to the theme. This hands-on experience allowed the children to reflect on the importance of farms in our daily lives, deepening their appreciation for the origins of the food we consume.



YOUNG CHAMPS SHINE WITH GRIT AND SPIRIT

Grade 1 and 2 students participated enthusiastically in the sports day alongside the main school. Despite challenging weather conditions, the children displayed remarkable grit, determination, and sportsmanship. Their energy and perseverance shone through as they competed in various events, cheering each other on and giving their best. The event was a testament to their resilience and teamwork, making it a memorable day for everyone involved. The students truly embodied the spirit of sports and camaraderie.





Sasthamangalam Campus

A HOMELY FIELD TRIP FOR PK1 STUDENTS

As part of Theme 3, where our tiny tots of PK1 at the Sasthamangalam campus are learning about school as their first social community and how it differs from home, the children embarked on an exciting "Home Visit" to their classmate Adharv Sreenath's house. The visit began with a warm welcome from Adharv's mother, Ms. Lekshmi; Adharv happily shared his toys with his friends, creating moments of joy and camaraderie. The children enjoyed music and snacks together in the cozy ambiance of a home, while Adharv's grandmother showered them with love and affection.



FUN AND EDUCATIONAL FARM VISIT FOR PK-2 STUDENTS

On Wednesday, 11th December, the PK-2 students of Sasthamangalam Campus embarked on an exciting and educational farm visit to Mullassery Dairy Farm. As part of their Theme 3 - Food we get from animals. One of the most memorable moments of the visit was feeding the goats. This interactive activity not only thrilled the children but also offered valuable lessons about the significance of goats in providing milk. Additionally, the experience fostered a sense of kindness and responsibility as the children learned how to care for animals.

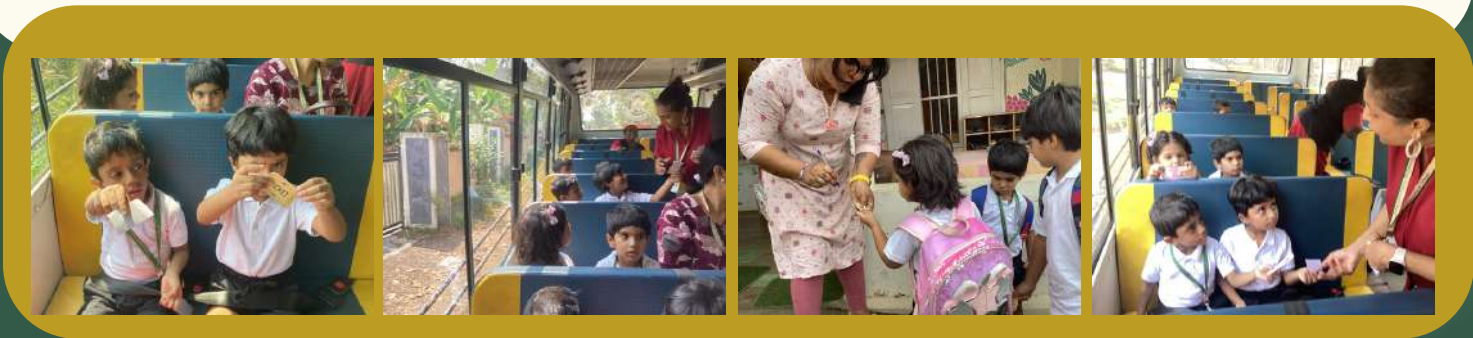




Sasthamangalam Campus

PUBLIC BUS ROLE-PLAY ACTIVITY

The KG1 students of Sasthamangalam campus embarked on an exciting and immersive learning experience as part of their exploration of Theme 3, "Transportation Makes Our Lives Easy." Their journey from the Main School to the City campus was transformed into a delightful role-play of a public bus ride, bringing the concept of public transportation to life. Teachers stepped into the roles of bus conductors, guiding the children through the process of purchasing tickets with the money provided to them. The students eagerly handed over their "fares" to receive their tickets before boarding the bus. At the destination, a diligent ticket inspector ensured that every traveller had their ticket, reinforcing the real-world system of public transportation. This engaging activity was a practical demonstration of the theme "How We Organise Ourselves," highlighting the importance of transportation in our social communities. A special appreciation to Ms. Harmya for playing the role of the Ticket Inspector!



THEME 3 - EXPLORING STORIES

As part of Theme 3, which focuses on exploring stories through various performing arts for KG2, City KG2 experienced a couple of performances this week. We were privileged to have Ms. Aparna Rajeev, a professional musician and the granddaughter of the renowned poet and lyricist of Malayalam literature and cinema, Late Sri O.N.V. Kurup. Ms. Aparna, also the mother of Laia Sidharth from City KG2, captivated our children with a mesmerizing demonstration of a story through song. She beautifully narrated the heartfelt conversation between Lord Krishna and His mother, Yashoda, through her soulful rendition. The children were spellbound by her performance, understanding and connecting deeply with the story. Heartfelt thanks to Ms. Aparna for her creative and meaningful contribution, taking time from her busy schedule to enrich the learning experience of our little ones.





Staff Profiles



Ms. Rensy Liz Oomen

Rensy Liz Oomen, Head Junior School, She joined as a support teacher in Grade 3. Her background in training corporates in Technopark in communicative English helped as she moved to the Library encouraging the love for reading in children through author talks, Literary workshops, movie sleepovers and more, before she eventually took on leadership of the Early and Primary Years in 2013. In this time, she was also instrumental in coordinating student immersive programmes, the Science & Lit Fest and TRINS Marathon, exhibiting her organisational skills.

With a background in hospitality, she effortlessly positioned these initiatives effectively with students, strong parent partnerships and relationships with the larger community outside the School. She currently oversees Internship programmes that students undertake during their vacations.

She continues to find as much joy and satisfaction spending time with her students today, as she did when she began her journey in the field of education more than 28 years ago. The flexibility and scope for inquiry that the IB curriculum provides, fascinates her as it presents innumerable avenues to explore the curriculum through differentiation which is the essence of inclusivity as a school, and aligns perfectly with the ethos of TRINS.

Teacher recruitment, training and retention are her strengths. She fosters lasting relationships with parents & alumni who have begun their journey in the Early and Primary Years and then moved on to different parts of the world, adeptly partnering with them after on diverse occasions.



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Ms. Amritha Renganath

Amritha Renganath, Professional Development Coordinator, SEN department, She joined our Special Educational Needs department 6 years ago, and currently also oversees their professional development. In this position, she designs and leads specialized training programs focusing on needs assessments, resource management, and collaborative professional growth. Her alignment with school goals, effective budget management, and integration of the latest educational research and trends, has been particularly helpful in having all members of this department be front and centre of consistent and effective training programmes, as participants and facilitators themselves.

Previously, she worked at the Vasant Valley School in Delhi, also reputed for its SEN programme. This was after 8 years in the corporate world- banking, insurance, and training. With an MBA, a PG Diploma in Special Education, Brain Gym 104 certification, and Apple Teacher Portfolio Recognition, she brings a wealth of targeted expertise to her students' holistic development and inclusion. She is also an award-winning weight-lifter at the district level.



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Ms. Sinduja V Menon

Ms. Sinduja V Menon, Head of Department Commerce, She has always maintained that her journey at TRINS has been nothing short of transformative for her and her children, professionally and personally. As a senior faculty and head of the Commerce department, she has been part of many key exchange programmes and field trips taken by students nationally and internationally, like the Bausch project in Germany. Her engaging classroom discussions always push students to question, argue, and think outside the box, and lets her remain a continuous learner.

Being witness to alumni evolve into successful entrepreneurs and management professionals around the world is her greatest source of pride and inspiration. Finding students' unique potential, and lovingly encouraging them to find themselves and their place in the larger scheme of things, has been a life's calling for Ms. Sinduja.

She has also contributed to our boarding and extra-curricular departments in the past, always displaying a strong sense of loyalty and pride in the values of the School that lets any and every type of student thrive and give back.



Upcoming Events & Holidays

Holidays

- 19th December 2024
until 6th January 2025 - Christmas Vacation
- 14th January 2025- Pongal
- 26th January 2025- Republic Day

Events

- 07th January 2025 - School Reopens
- 07th January 2025 - First Model Examination
(10IG, 11AS & 12 A2)
- 9th January 2025 - PTM Grade 7&10IC
- 10th January 2025 - PYP Term 2 PTM
& EY TP Term 2 PTM
- 11th January 2025 - All Kerala Cambridge Schools
Athletics Meet
- 15th January 2025 - EY LIT. FEST
- 20th January 2025 - Monthly Assessment DP 11 &12
- 23rd January 2025 - Grade 8 into Grade 9
Orientation
- 25th January 2025- Parent Sports Day
- 27th January 2025- Republic Day Celebration
- 28th January 2025- EY & PYP STEM Day
- 31st January 2025- Senior Swimming Gala





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