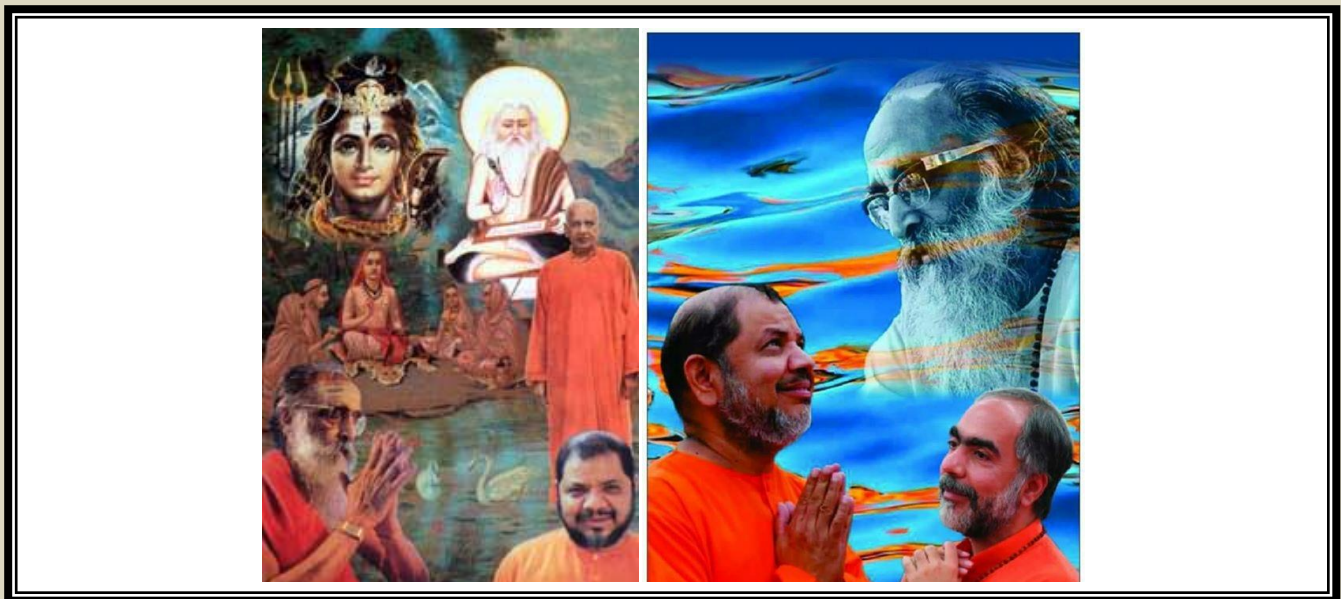




Chinmaya Vidyalaya

**Kundanbagh, Begumpet,
Hyderabad-500016**

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It is His Grace

Expressing through all of us.

Learn to work hard

Surrendering unto Him and watching interestedly

Both the gains and the losses; all success and failure.

That inward stability is

The Balance of The Wise.

2nd August 2018: Bonalu Celebrations in the Vidyalaya.

Telangana state festival BONALU was celebrated in our Vidyalaya in a traditional way with religious fervor and gaiety. Primary children performed a dance during the morning assembly, indicating the traditional way in which this festival is celebrated. An amazing dance, done by the students! Hats off to Smt. Sravanthi and Smt. Prasanna, our teachers from the primary section who have prepared the students in such a short duration.



3rd August: Gurudev's MahaSamadhi Day Observance:

Born on 8th May 1916 at Ernakulam in Kerala, Balakrishna Menon, went on to help with the freedom struggle of India. Working as a journalist with the National Herald newspaper, he wanted to expose saints, duping people dressed up in orange robes. His search for the truth led him to Uttarkashi to meet Swami Shivananda, where realization dawned on him that there is more to the truth than what we know of, hidden in the scriptures and Bhagavad Geeta. Then onwards, started his quest for the unknown, leading him to his guru, Sri Tapovan Maharaj, and the establishment of the Chinmaya Mission, now spread out in many countries of the world with 313 centres.

Such is our Gurudev, Pujya Swami Chinmayananda! He attained Mahasamadhi on the 3rd of August 1993. This day is also known as 'The Chinmaya Family Day' or 'Aradhana Day'.

Lobby Board decoration



Board decoration in the ground floor lobby

Activity in Assembly :

Students of Class X performed a small activity on the occasion of the Mahasamadhi Day. Each student took upon himself the task of picking up one namavali of Gurudev from the Ashtotranamavali and vowed to stick to that particular virtue and do their best in it. The activity was conducted during the morning assembly in the presence of Swami Saakshiroopanandaji and the entire Vidyalaya.

Let us all contribute in our small way to the society by imbibing any of these virtues. Let us also learn from our Gurudev- the global leader, the art of imbibing all these qualities that makes him stand out, not only as a spiritual master, but also as a global leader in this society.





Mahasamadhi Day Celebrations in the assembly by Class X students

Paduka Puja in the ground floor lobby by council members:

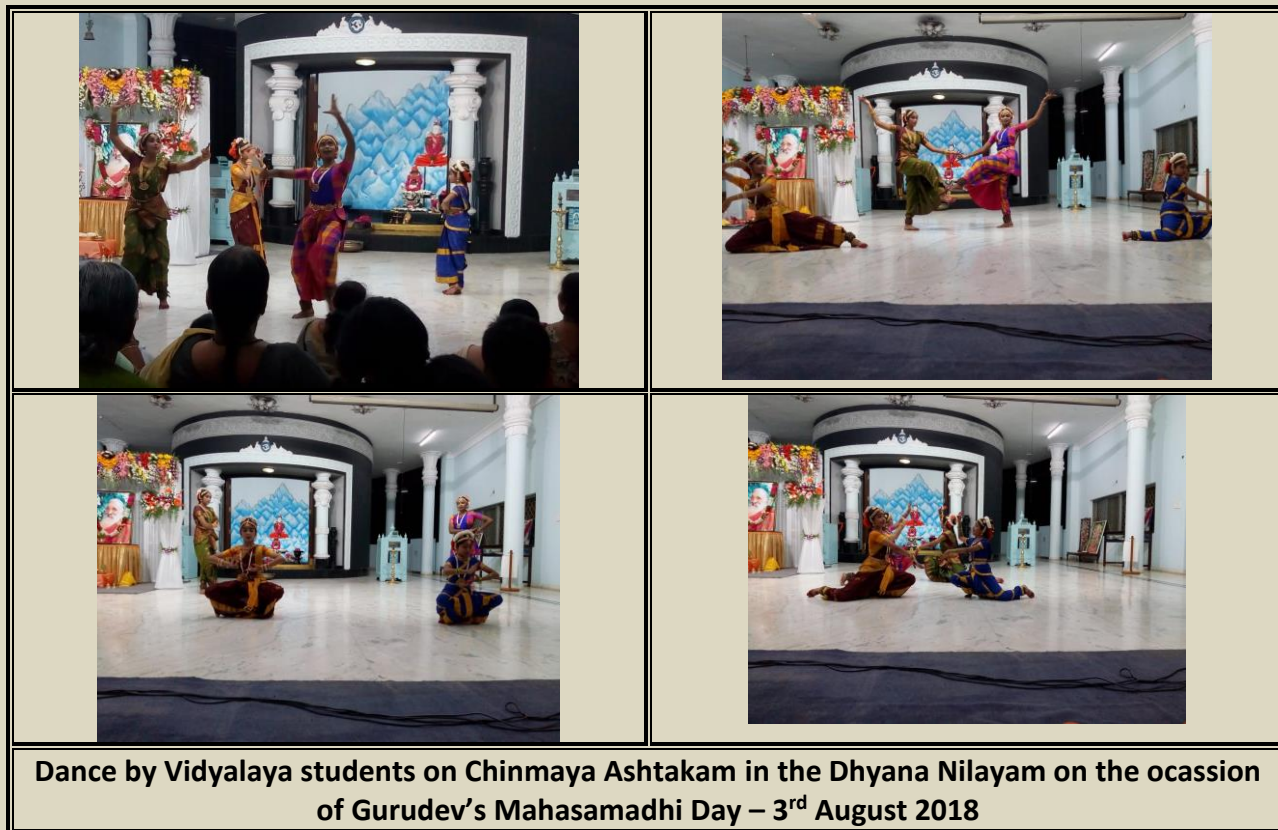
Paduka puja was performed by the Vidyalaya student council members at the main altar under the guidance of Swami Saakshiroopanandaji. A few bhajans were rendered by the Vidyalaya students. Students, right from Class I to XII performed the paduka puja in their own classrooms.



Council Members performing Paduka Puja at the main altar on Mahasamadhi Day

Observance of Aradhana Day in the temple:

A few Vidyalaya children sang melodious bhajans , while a few others performed a dance to the reverberating tune of the Chinmaya Ashtakam, in front of Lord Jagadeeshwara, in a programme organized by the Chinmaya Mission, Hyderabad on the evening of 3rd August 2018 at its premises at Kundanbagh, Begumpet. The Dhyana Nilayam wore a festive look with the floral decorations and prayers offered to Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayanandaji.



Dance by Vidyalaya students on Chinmaya Ashtakam in the Dhyana Nilayam on the occasion of Gurudev's Mahasamadhi Day – 3rd August 2018

3rd August 2018: Participation in ConQuiz Tador.

20 Vidyalaya students from Classes X, XI and XII with two staff members, Sri. Krishnakanth and Smt. Hemalatha participated in the ConQuiz Tador conducted by the PES University, Bangalore at KLN Prasad Auditorium, Lakdi Ka Pool (Managed by FAPCCI). There were 101 teams from across Hyderabad who participated in this Quiz. Eight teams got qualified for the finals after the eliminations. Three of the teams were from our Vidyalaya. The teams comprising of 1) Chi. Arul Menon & Chi. Poorvi 2) Chi. GanaNaga & Chi. Dhruv Chopra and 3) Chi. Tejas & Chi. Sreeman qualified for the finals.

Congratulation to all the participants for taking part and doing their best.



Vidyalaya students participating in ConQuiz Tador at KLN Prasad Auditorium

3rd August 2018: Painting competition by ICICI Direct for Class V students:

ICICI Direct conducted a painting competition on the topic of “Environmental Awareness” as part of their promotional campaign. This competition was conducted for the students of Class V on 3rd August 2018. Sri. Sanjay Ojha, the branch manager of ICICI Direct, Ameerpet Branch and his team of five members distributed papers and colours to all the children of class V and guided them. Our Class V children had a stupendous time, bringing out their creative side, and trying their artistic hands on paper.



Children participating in the painting competition on “Environmental Awareness”

3rd August 2018: Haritha Haaram conducted by Primary children on occasion of Chinmaya Aaradhana Day:

Smt. Madhumathi, our Telugu teacher from the primary section took up an initiative to make a beautiful “Tulasi Vanam”, a rose plantation, and a flowering garden with the help of primary children, admin staff, first floor ayyammas and other primary teachers. Students from class I were asked to get Rose flowers while students from class II were asked to get Hibiscus flowers. Classes III, IV and V brought other flowering plants. As part of their CCA activity, these students handed over their plants, and helped maintain the eco system of our Vidyalaya.





Primary children participating in Haritha Haaram as part of their CCA Activity

Children thoroughly enjoyed participating in this activity and had tremendous fun getting their hands into the natural feel of Mother Earth.





Primary children participating in Haritha Haaram as part of their CCA Activity

4th August 2018- Career Planning Session:

So many questions and not many people to answer!!! Students of Class X are generally in a confused state as to what next?? What to persue in academics once they are done with their board exams? Taking a right decision at this juncture, is an extremely crucial step , so that they can smoothly continue to study towards their goal. If there is an expert to guide them at this stage, nothing like it!! Smt. Uma Bagoor, conducted a session for the students of Class X on the 4th of August 2018 in the AV room of the Saraswati Nilayam with the help of a power point presentation. Students had an interactive session with her, discussing all possibilities of the various branches and streams of academics that could be persued later.



Career Councillng Session for students of Class X by Smt. Uma Bagoor

Merit Certificates awarded to students of Sanskrit Olympiad-2017:

114 students from Class VI to X participated in the 3rd National Sanskrit Olympiad held in Nov 2017. 53 of them qualified for the merit certificates, and eight of them went on to the next level, which was held in January 2018. Merit certificates were awarded to these students on the 4th of August 2018.



Merit certificates received by students who scored well in the 3rd National Sanskrit Olympiad

4th August 2018: Unit Test II for Classes VI to IX:

Unit Test –II started for the students of Classes VI to IX from the 4th of August. Unit Test for classes I to V started on the 7th of August and they went on till the 13th and 10th of August respectively.

4th August 2018: Start of the student clubs:

Student Clubs for the academic year 2018-19 were flagged off on the 4th of August 2018. Literary Club, Enact Club, Fine arts club and Arts&SUPW club were the four clubs into which students of Classes IX, X, XI and XII actively divided themselves into. They started working on

new ideas which would help not only themselves, but would contribute in the growth of the younger students and the institution.

4th August 2018: Competitions by PCRA:

Petroleum Conservation Research Association has been in the forefront to create mass awareness towards conservation of petroleum products, promoting fuel efficient equipment and helping the government in proposing policies and strategies for petroleum conservation. As part of its mandate, various literary and cultural events are conducted for school children. CBSE affiliated schools were allowed to participate in these competition, which also included a painting competition and an essay writing competition .

A total of 240 Vidyalaya students from Classes V to X participated in the painting competition, while students from Class VII to X participated in the essay writing competitions. Topic given for both was “Save fuel for better environment”. The two best essays and paintings in both the junior (Class V to VII) and senior (Class VIII to X) categories were picked up and uploaded onto their site.

In the essay writing section, while the essays of Chi. Ayush Mohanty of Class VIII and Chi. Pranav.V of Class VIII were picked up as the best ones at school level. In the painting competition, the paintings of Chi. Ayushi Karani of Class VII and Chi. Vishnupriya of Class VII were selected at the school level in the juniors category, while paintings done by Chi. Gayatri Kalur of Class X and Chi. G. Sri Meghana of Class IX were the best ones in the senior category.





Painting Competition by students of Middle School

10th August-11th August 2018: MUN

Model United Nations (MUN) is a simulation of the United Nations, conducted to encourage students to give their suggestions on global problems.

Seven students of our Vidyalaya from class XI- Chi. Ananya Bharati, Chi. Mahima Mathur, Chi. Sashank Narayan, Chi. Nakul Bahani, Chi. Suhaasi Palle, Chi. Kabir Varkey and Chi. Chavi Singh were delegates at the MUN conducted by DAV , Safilguda, held from 10th to 12th August 2018. These students were part of certain committees, and were given a different country to represent. Each student was provided with an agenda and was supposed to bring out solutions for a global problem being faced by that particular country. This was an excellent forum for students to get acquainted with international problems.

15th August 2017: Independence day Celebrations:

The Nation’s 72nd Independence Day was celebrated in the Vidyalaya with a lot of patriotic fervor.



Board decoration in the ground floor lobby



Invitation Card made by Chi. Aasthik and Chi. Hiteesh of Class XII



Black Board decoration at the entrance



Board decoration in the first floor lobby

The chief guest for the day was Sri. Manohar garu- Chairperson of the managing committee of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Hyderabad and the correspondant of Chinmaya Vidyalaya-GMR- Shamsabad.. The dignitaries were escorted to the Vidyalaya ground by the pilot march students and were welcomed with saplings.



Dignitaries welcomed with saplings

Invocation, including the entire text of the Vande mataram was rendered by children of Class V and Class VI. Principal madam - Vani Maam welcomed the audience, and quoted Gurudev's quote on Freedom. She spoke about the ban on plastics, and also about a ban on unsupervised usage of technology, especially cell phones by school children. We have requested the audience to make a beginning by implementing this particular theme in our school as well.

		
<p>Invocation by primary children</p>	<p>Welcome address by Principal Madam</p>	<p>Flag Hoisting by the chief guest and other dignitaries</p>
		
<p>Dignitaries and audience taking the national pledge</p>	<p>School choir taking the national pledge</p>	<p>Students and teachers taking the pledge</p>

Children of Class VIII rendered a Sanskrit song, accompanied by musical instruments. Chi. Avasista Bagoor on the flute and Chi. Arul Menon on the keyboard, along with Sri Suresh-our PT Sir on the drums gave a melodious note to this rendition, describing the glory of our motherland. Kindergarten students, came dressed up as great freedom fighters of yester years and enchanted everybody with their appearances.



Investiture ceremony

Vidyalaya toppers of Class X and Class XII for the academic year 2017-18 subjectwise were felicitated during this event.

Two very multi talented students of the Vidyalaya having won awards in other fields were felicitated on this day.

Chi. Gayathri Ganti, a student of Class VIII, won the 2nd prize in an essay competition- “The Kamala Memorial Essay Competition” conducted by the CCMT, as part of their International Childrens’ Magazine- “Balvihar”. She received a cheque of Rs. 1000 and the foremost copy of this esteemed magazine. Sri Mahohar garu was extremely happy to hand over this book to her again in front of all the parents, staff and students.

Chi. Medhini of Class III participated in “Voice of Bard” , an interschool competition of the literary compositions of William Shakespeare, on the 21st of July 2018, at Sanskriti School, Kondapur. She was supposed to act out a monologue from any play of Shakespeare. Within a very short duration, Chi. Medhini learnt it, and enacted the monologue on stage in front of many people. She was the youngest participant, and received a thunderous applause for her phenomenal and effortless performance. Sri Manohar garu presented her a with a certificate and a memento.



Chi. Gayathri Ganti being felicitated by the chief guest



Chi. Medhini being felicitated by the chief guest

Eight students of the Vidyalaya who reached the national level in the 3rd Sanskrit National Olympiad exam, held in January 2018 were awarded medals and certificates. Chi. Amulya of Class VII, Chi. Rachana, Chi. Trisha, Chi. Meghana and Chi. Sai Nandini of Class IX, Chi. Arul Menon and Chi. Debanshi Dwibedi from Class X and Chi. Tejaswini were the award winning meritorious students for this year.

Sri Manohar garu was extremely happy to note the revival of the Sanskrit language and these students being the torch bearers of this language for the future.





Meritorious students with Swamiji and their mentors

Children of Class VII came up with a medely of patriotic songs- each depicting a different language of our country. Children came dressed up in the colours of the tricolor, and showed their gratitude to Mother India. Children of the secondary classes rendered a Telugu patriotic song, describing the greatness of our country.





Medely of patriotic songs in different Indian languages

Six students of Class X, formed their own band, writing their own lyrics, composing their own music and showcasing these patriotic noble thoughts in front of the audience on Independence day. A telugu patriotic song and a hindi skit on “Matadaan ka mahatva- the impotence of casting your vote” was showcased to the audience.



Vidyalaya students with their own musical composition



Telugu Patriotic Song



Matadaan Ka Mahatva- Be sure to cast your vote



The grand finale of the event was a mix and match medley of the different classical and folk dance forms of our country, by the primary section of the Vidyalaya. The chief guest appreciated the teachers who trained the children within such a short span of time, and the children who learnt all the dance steps with such grace and beauty.



Medely of the different classical and folk dances of India

Little children came dressed up as great leaders of yester years and were welcomed by the audience during the grand finale.



India...an amalgamation of the various cultures and different states

Vote of thanks by Vice Principal madam, Smt. Suneetha and Shanti Path followed the felicitation of the chief guest by Correspondant Sir, Sri. Hari Prasad garu.



Sri. Manohar garu and Smt. Rajeswari garu being felicitated by our Correspondant Sir

Vice Principal, Smt. Suneetha proposing the vote of thanks

Shanti Path by the Vidyalaya choir

18th August 2018:

The Communal Harmony Campaign Week was observed from November 19-25, 2017 by National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH). The observance aimed at fostering and reinforcing the spirit of communal harmony , national integration and pride in this vibrant and composite culture.

Our Vidyalaya students also participated in this campaign. Students of the Middle school had participated in an Essay Writing Competition on the topic of “Communal Harmony and National Integration”. Certificates for the prize winning students were awarded on 18th August 2018.



Prize winning students of the essay writing competition

26th August 2018: Raksha Bandhan:



Board decoration in the first floor lobby on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan

August 17th 2018 to 22nd August 2018: Terre Green Olympiad:

TERRE is a non-profit, non-partisan and independent organization dedicated to sustainable solutions to our developmental imperatives. Terre Olympiad is an initiative to make our youth empathetic towards environment. It is an online quiz competition based on environment education and awareness.

Almost 50 students of our Vidyalaya from Classes VI to X participated in this online quiz within a span of one week. This will encourage and inspire the youth to get closer towards our natural surroundings and to become a future ambassador of our environment.

Participation in NSSC-2018:

The National Safety Science Campaign (NSSC) aims to increase awareness among children about the science of safety and the behaviours that keep us safe. Participation in NSSC will have broader impact by influencing peers, families, and society at large, thereby building a community of safety-conscious individuals.

63 Vidyalaya students from Classes V to VIII participated in this Campaign in the Poster and Slogan Contest. The theme given to them was “Safer Public Bus Transport”. Absolutely amazing and breath taking posters and slogans done by our children!! We hope to nurture this talent in the future as well.



27th Aug -1st Sept 2018: Telugu Vaarotsavaalu – Telugu Week Celebrations:

Telugu-“the sweetest of all Indian languages” as stated by Rabindranath Tagore, is one of the oldest languages in the world and has been voted as the 2nd best script in the world by International Alphabet Association after Korean.



27th August to 1st September saw very melodious , and a few very majestic, very righteous mornings in our Vidyalaya.

The very first day saw the three great poets, Kavitraylu; Nannayya, Yeranna and Tikkanna come onto stage and bless the audience. The great author/composer/poet “Potana” who has given the great epic – Andhra Mahabharatam, considered to be the “pancham vedam” came onto the stage. This was hand in hand with students of Class VI singing a very beautiful song about the greatness and sweetness of the Telugu language.



Gajendra Mokham- a story from the Bhagavatam was enacted by the students of the secondary section, with very apt narration and poems- (padyalu) accordingly.



Enaction of Gajendra Moksham



Day1 Telugu Vaarotsavalu participants with their mentors

The age old traditional rendition of a story from the mythology in the form of a song and its explanation : the Hari Katha was taken up by the students on Day2. They explained about the great poet Vemana and had little children chanting vemana shatakam padyalu on the stage.



The Hari Katha also stated the Jnanapeeth awards that were awarded to some telugu poets and composers whose contribution to the literature of the Telugu language was of extreme significance. A very beautiful melody, explaining the greatness of our mothertongue was rendered by two students of the Vidyalaya. Day 2 ended with a beautiful melody explaining the greatness of the Telugu language and urging the listeners to treat their mothertongue with high respect.



Day3 started by talking about the different festivals celebrated in this state and a few dances that touched the folk lore of this state. Ganesh Chaturthi, Bathukamma, Sankranti etc were some of the festivals that were touched upon this day.





Students participating on Day 3 of Telugu Varotsavalu with their mentors.

Day 4 showed the glory of the folk songs, sung for Mother nature, the nourishers - the farmers, and the protectors- the soldiers. Sweetness of the Telugu language was showcased in a dance and song sequence.



Glory of the Telugu Language

తెలుగుభాషను కాపాడుకోవడం అందరి బాధ్యత

మన ప్రాంతంలో జరిగిన తెలుగు భాషా కార్యక్రమం చాలా విజయవంతం అయింది. ఈ సందర్భంగా తెలుగు భాషను కాపాడుకోవడం అందరి బాధ్యత. తెలుగు భాషను కాపాడుకోవడం అందరి బాధ్యత. తెలుగు భాషను కాపాడుకోవడం అందరి బాధ్యత.

Information about Telugu Vaarotsavalu in Saakshi Newspaper

Day 5 showcased the three great singers, Tyagaraja, Ramadasu and Annamayya, with their deities and melodious compositions rendered by them.



Compering children in their traditional best



The great poet/singers- Tyagaraja, Ramadasu and Annamayya



అలరించిన భక్తి సంకీర్తనలు



పవనపూర్వం: బీరసామిలోని దివ్యమ విద్యాలయంలో జరుగుతున్న తెలుగు వారసాల వారోత్సవంలో భాగంగా శుభ్రవారం విద్యార్థులు భక్తి సంకీర్తనతో ఆలరించారు. వాగ్గేయ కళాకారులైన శ్రీరామరాజులు, ఆస్పదాచార్యులు శీర్షక లతో ఆచారకులను భక్తి పాఠశాలలో ముంచి

భార్య, పద కవితా విరామాలను ఆస్పదాచార్యులు, శ్రీరామరాజు శీర్షకలు ప్రపంచ వ్యాప్తంగా వ్యాప్తి గడించారు. ఆ శీర్షకలకు మనవత ప్రాచీనం కవిలారానిన అవసరం ఉంది. 66 సంవత్సరంగా విద్యార్థులు తమ ప్రదర్శనల ద్వారా భావిస్తున్నారు.

Saakshi newspaper carries articles about our Vidyalaya Telugu Week celebrations



Vibrance of this great soil- Telugu teachers get blessings of the Gods!!

Day 6 of the Varotsavalu had an amazing activity to their credit, well appreciated by the audience, very well trained by the teachers and very well presented by the students.

Avadhanam is a literary performance, which involves partial improvisation of poems using specific themes, forms or words. It requires immense memory power and tests a persons capabilities of performing multiple tasks simultaneously. All the tasks are memory intensive and demand an indepth knowledge of literature. The tasks vary from making up a poem spontaneously to keeping a count of the number of fallen flowers at random. No external memory aids are allowed while performing these tasks, except the person's mind. Avadhani refers to the individual who performs the Avadhanam.

Telugu varotsavalu concluded with a Ashtavadhani, simultaneously answering eight people one after the other. Done by the students of Class X, this activity required tremendous skill, knowledge and a capacity to decipher the poems. Kudos to Chi. Manogna of Class X who played the role of the Ashtavadhani. Hats off to the Telugu department and Smt. Rajeswari of the music department , who trained these children!!



Ashtavadhani

Every single day, has brought alive the vibrance of this great soil - the traditional songs, festivals, the regional goddess, the folk and tribal songs.

Explanation in this beautiful language Telugu, also stated as the Italian of the East, was provided by the compering children for each and every item presented in this week. Wonderful showcase of talent put up by the students , very ably guided by the telugu teaching staff!

Classroom Activities:

EVS Activity in Class II:

“God is One, God is One, God is One for Everyone” – This is a Balvihar bhajan sung by little children. And how true is it!! We wish this was echoed by adults as well, just as it was done by our second graders and their EVS teachers.



EVS activity in class II

Math activity in Class III:

Children of Class III learnt about 2D and 3D shapes in a unique manner. They had a fun filled atmosphere, playing and making objects out of clay- objects which represented 2D and 3D shapes.



Math Activity in Class III

Social activity by students of Class III:

Class III social teachers had the chapter of “Delhi” by having a short seminar on it. Children came prepared with a few charts and write ups about the monuments of Delhi.



Science activity in Class V

Kindergarten Section:

3rd August 2018: Family Day by LKG:

Lower Kindergarten (LKG) students learnt about our family values in the form of a role play by the students. UKG students sang a few bhajans as well.



Family Day by LKG students.

10th August 2018: Green Day in LKG:

Lower Kindergarten became eco friendly with green-green green everywhere. Teachers and children alike, were dressed up in green colour clothes. They were taught about green objects and green things in nature and around us.



Assembly in an eco friendly environment



Decorations in the classrooms



LKG students with their teachers in green attire.

Independence day celebrations:

The 72nd Independence day saw freedom fighters in the Vidyalaya Kindergarten section, with Jhansi Ki Rani Lakshmbai, Bhagat Singh, Chacha Nehru, Sarojini Naidu, Subhash Chandra Bose and others, spreading a lot of patriotic fervor amongst the audience. All the children were given tricolours, and they have supported all the freedom fighters by waving their individual flags.





Raksha Bandhan Celebrations:

Bandhan- the bond between brothers-sisters, and in our Vidyalaya, between brothers, between sisters, between teacher and student, between every single person in the Kindergarten section was celebrated by tying Rakhees on the wrists of every child of LKG and UKG.





Kindergarten children celebrating Raksha Bandhan

Janamashtami Celebrations:

The birthday of Lord Krishna was celebrated in the Kindergarten wing by the presence of so many little Krishnas' and little Radhas' and little Gopikas'. The little tiny tots came dressed up in their finery, all set to break the Matkis and steal some Maakhan. They transported everyone to Vrindavan as the little Radhas paired up with little Kanhaiyyas to have a Raas-Leela.



All the Kanhaiyyas with their Radhas





Kindergarten children enjoying Janamashtami



Mera Kaanha Bada Albela.....Zara Matki Sambhaal Brij Bala

Audience consisted of all other children dressed up in their traditional finery . The event was graced by the presence of Swami Saakshiroopanandaji who later blessed these little children. Little Krishnas gave prasadam to everyone.



Swamiji blessing the Kindergarten children



Receiving prasadam from little Krishnas

Paduka Pujas:



Paduka Puja by students of Class VIII B on 10th August 2018

Paduka Puja was done by the students of Class VIIIIC on the 31st of August 2018.

CCA Competitions:

CCA Competitions were held for primary classes and secondary classes on Fridays and Saturdays respectively. These are activities conducted as per the festivals and events occurring in that particular month.

Primary			
S. No	Date Of Event	Classes	Activity
1.	3 rd August 2018	I to V	Haritha Haaram
2.	31 st August 2018	I to V	Birthday card making





Birthday card making by students of Class III, IV and V



CCA Prize winners of Classes I and II

Middle School			
S. No	Date Of Event	Classes	Activity
1.	4 th August 2018	VI to VIII	Quiz- Round 2
2.	18 th August 2018	VI to VIII	Extempore
3.	25 th August 2018	VI to VIII	Rakhee Making



Quiz-Round 2 for students of Classes VI,VII and VIII



Extempore for students of Classes VI,VII and VIII





Rakhee making by students of Class VI, VII and VIII

Until Our Next Issue : Keep Smiling



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