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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear LWA family,

September saw a series of special assemblies and celebrations including Teachers' Day, Ganesh Chaturthi, Onam, Hindi Diwas and Grandparent's Day. Field visits to the zoo and Pondicherry were organized. Students participated in many internal and external competitions. The composite Science lab was inaugurated for promoting experiential learning amongst the Primary and middle School Students. As we gear up for our annual sports meet LPL, hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter.

- Ms. Santhi Swaminathan

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Teacher's Day Celebration – Class 8A & 8B

The Teachers' Day Special Assembly was conducted by **CLASS VIII** students on **05/09/2024**, in honour of Teachers' Day, commemorating the invaluable contribution of teachers in shaping young minds and fostering growth and development. The program celebrated the legacy of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose birthday is celebrated as Teachers' Day in India, and recognized the role of teachers in society. The assembly began with a soulful prayer, invoking peace and gratitude. The choir sang melodious songs dedicated to the teachers, creating an emotional and uplifting atmosphere. The students gave a heartfelt speech in Hindi, English and Tamil dedicated to the teachers. The speech highlighted how teachers inspire, guide, and motivate students to achieve their best. The student acknowledged the endless efforts of teachers, even beyond classroom teaching, and their influence on students' overall development. The students also performed a wonderful skit. The skit performance humorously yet thoughtfully portrays the daily challenges and rewards that teachers experience. It highlights the dedication, patience, and multi-tasking abilities that teachers demonstrate, and ends with a heartfelt appreciation for their invaluable role. The group of girls performed a traditional dance, symbolizing the respect and admiration students have for their teachers. A vibrant dance performance was presented by a group of Class 8 students. The dance celebrated the joy of learning and expressed the respect and admiration that students have for their teachers through graceful movements and uplifting music. One of the students recited a poem written in honour of the teachers, expressing the heartfelt gratitude. A fun segment was organized where students and teachers participated in interactive games such as musical chair, lemon and spoon and "Guess the Teacher" (based on the childhood photographs of the teachers, bringing laughter and joy to the assembly). The assembly ended with Scripture Reading followed by National Anthem. This Teachers' Day Special Assembly was a heartwarming tribute to the teaching community. The event was filled with joy, appreciation, and respect, leaving both teachers and students with cherished memories. The assembly not only celebrated the role of teachers but also reinforced the importance of their guidance in students' lives.



Ganesh Chaturthi Special Assembly- Class 4A & 4B

Festivals are a celebration of togetherness, uniting us in joy and spirit. The students of Class IV A & B brought the spirit of Ganesh Chaturthi to life with a special assembly that showcased the rich traditions of the festival. The highlight of the assembly was a series of speeches delivered in English, Tamil, and Hindi. These speeches not only conveyed the significance of the festival but also celebrated the diverse linguistic talents of the students. The assembly also featured a soulful song that echoed throughout the hall, leaving the audience in a reflective and festive mood. The dynamic dance performance, with students dressed in vibrant costumes, honoured Lord Ganesh. In addition, a scripture reading was conducted, the reading provided a deeper understanding of the festival's spiritual message and its timeless relevance in our lives today.



Onam Celebration Special Assembly – Class 5B

ONAM is a harvest festival of Kerala. It commemorates the return of king Mahabali to his kingdom. It highlights the values of equality, prosperity and harmony. On September 11, 2024 splendid stars of Class 5 B tacked their hearts together to perform ONAM special assembly. The assembly was headed by our great proponent respected Principal, Mrs Santhi Swaminathan. Teachers and parents gave their staunch support. Fervently, students participated in various programmes. The special features of the programme were fashion show, skit, ingress of king Mahabali, Onam culturals. The assembly concluded with the scripture reading followed by National Anthem.



Grandparent's Day Special Assembly – Class 1A & 1B

Grandparents are the family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, and the keepers of tradition. Grandparents are the family's strongest foundation. Through their special love and care, grandparents keep a family close to heart. LWA little tots of class 1 came up with scintillating performances as they danced to Bumbum bole. Grandparents enjoyed the assembly and we conducted some fun activities for them. To honor their grandparents children of class 1 made wonderful thank you card with their tender fingers. Grandparents enjoyed and had fun with their grandchildren. The Grandparents appreciated and shared their views on the effort to make a connection between the generations through these events. Grandparents whole heartedly participated in the programmes organized by the School.



“Grandparents hold our tiny hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever.”

Best Teacher Award

Ms. A. Suguna, a dedicated and outstanding educator of Lightworkers Academy received the prestigious Best Teacher Award "Shiksha Sironmani" from Zone 6 Peripheral Cluster on 3rd September 2024. The ceremony took place at Shraddha Children's Academy, Padur. Ms. Suguna's commitment to excellence in teaching and her tireless efforts to inspire students have earned her this well-deserved recognition. Her innovative approaches, patience, and passion for education have made a significant impact on her students' academic journey. Highlights: - Ms. Suguna's exceptional teaching methods and dedication to student growth. - Her contributions to shaping young minds and fostering academic excellence. - Zone 6 Peripheral Cluster's acknowledgment of her outstanding service.



Congratulations

Middle School Field Trip To Pondicherry

The world is a tapestry and this trip was a vibrant thread woven to our story. The trip was a reminder that life is full of amazing adventures waiting to happen. As the journey ended, a piece of all our heart remained, forever tied to the place we have been. Post trip blues are real, but the memories will keep us going! Every moment was pure magic. It was just unbelievable. It's amazing how quickly time passes when you are making unforgettable memories. Today we will be sharing all our wonderful moments with you. September 12, it was 5:45 am on all of us assembled in the ground floor corridor, ready to go. Before stepping into the bus, we had a prayer. All our mind was fresh, we got into bus with full energy. The bus started at 6:30, with a smiles on all the faces. We danced till we stopped the bus for breakfast. Being frank, the food tasted average but the milk was refreshing. Then we continued the vibe. Our second stop was at the Auroville. There we had a long walk in order to see the matrimandir. But the walk was tireless, as we entertained ourselves along the way. In the matrimandir we took lot of photos as snapshots of happiness. We then reached the hotel at Pondicherry. We all were so tired but the lunch boosted us. Then we went to our rooms, took rest and got ready. The next chapter of our adventure was at the rock beach. It was a place of peace and calmness. The journey's biggest surprise was yet to come. Guess what!?! We had a DJ night. That night cannot be expressed through words. It was just amazing. We returned to the room and slept soon. We woke up by 7:00 and got ready. Then We were all set to go to Pichavaram. That place was a voyage with nature. The last but not the least, we went to Mahabalipuram. And finally, returned to our school with the same energy. We would like to take a moment to thank all our teachers for being a guardian angel in our journey, providing love, care and support every step of the way. We extend are heart felt gratitude to our school management, Principal ma'am and Aspire holidays for organizing this exceptional trip. We are grateful for the opportunities you provide to explore and learn beyond our classroom. This trip was truly once in a lifetime experience.

- Class VIII



Hindi Divas Celebration

The Hindi Divas celebrations was a vibrant and engaging event that brought together students from various classes to showcase their talents and honor the Hindi language. The program commenced with the traditional lighting of lamps, symbolizing the dispelling of ignorance and the spreading of knowledge. This was followed by a melodious prayer song that filled the atmosphere with a sense of devotion. Students took the stage to deliver speeches about the significance of Hindi Divas in three languages—English, Hindi, and Tamil. Their words highlighted the importance of Hindi as a national language and its role in uniting the diverse cultures of India. Following this, a thought-provoking quote was shared with the audience, and also presented the day's news in Hindi, emphasizing the day's importance. The younger students from Classes 1 and 2 performed an entertaining role play, bringing Hindi stories to life with their charming enactments. This was followed by poetry recitations by Classes 3 and 4, where they shared beautiful verses that celebrated the richness of Hindi literature. Classes 5 and 6 recited famous couplets, which conveyed deep moral values in simple words. Students from Classes 7, 8, and 9 added a musical touch to the event with a special song dedicated to Hindi Divas. Their performance was followed by an energetic dance that kept the audience entertained. There was also a scripture reading session that added a spiritual element to the occasion. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes to the winners of various competitions that were held last month. The winners proudly received their awards, marking the culmination of a successful and enjoyable celebration of Hindi language and culture.



Pookolam Competition

Sparkling September Friday Activity: A Celebration of Creativity and Unity. On September 20, 2024, our school premises transformed into a vibrant canvas of creativity and collaboration as students from classes 6-12 participated in the 'Sparkling September Friday Activity'. This section-wise activity fostered unity, sharing, and teamwork among students. The highlight of the event was the Pookolam competition, held from 9-10 am. Students showcased their artistic skills by designing intricate patterns using natural items like flowers, petals, and leaves. The variety of designs on display was truly impressive, reflecting the unique talents of our students. To make the event even more special, parents were invited as judges. They praised the efforts of every student, encouraging the school to organize similar activities in the future. The competition was divided into two categories: classes 6-8 and classes 9-12. The winners are: Classes 6-8: 1. 7B 2. 8A 3. 6B Classes 9-12: 1. 10B 2. 11 3. 12. We congratulate all participants and winners on their outstanding performances. The 'Sparkling September Friday Activity' was a resounding success, showcasing our students' creativity, teamwork, and dedication.



Inauguration of Composite Science Lab

The inauguration of the LWA Composite Science Laboratory took place on September 5th, graciously conducted by the students of Class XI. Science/EVS teachers conducted a few demonstration to make science learning easier. Science composite lab is meant for primary and middle school students. Children are using the lab in an effective manner. It helps to inculcate scientific attitude among students.



Field Trip To Vandalur Zoo – Nursery & Prep

On Monday, September 30, 2024, the tiny tots of Nursery and Class Prep embarked on an exciting educational trip to Arignar Anna Zoological Park. The young explorers had a thrilling experience witnessing diverse wildlife, including majestic elephants, tigers, giraffes, rhinos, lions, gorillas, cheetahs, monkeys, crocodiles and various bird species such as ostriches, emus, cranes, black ducks, swans and vibrant peacocks.



CBSE Reading Challenge

CBSE conducts Reading Challenge for the classes 6 to 10 every year to evaluate the reading proficiency of the students. The Reading Challenge was conducted in English and Hindi and the following students were qualified for the next level.

- Gautam Vaddi of Class VI
- Meryl S Cheriyan and Zaheen Fathima of Class VII
- K.S.Raghasri and Sarvesh K of Class VIII
- Isabella Lourdu of Class IX
- Harshini Iyer and Shaik Shahzad of Class X.



Dishitha Prize Winner – Hindi Teacher's Welfare Association

On September 21, 2024, I was awarded with a trophy and a certificate by the CBSE HINDI TEACHERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION for having secured first place in HINDI (98%) at school level. The award ceremony was held at Bhavans Rajaji Vidyashram, Kilpauk wherein students from nearly 150 schools were felicitated. Being part of this event was a proud and inspiring moment for me. Standing alongside other toppers who had also excelled in Hindi, I felt a deep sense of pride representing my school. I am incredibly grateful to Subapradha ma'am, whose guidance helped me to reach this milestone and to my friends and family for their constant support.



CBSE Cluster Competition – Badminton & Kho kho

LWA students proudly participated in the CBSE Cluster Sports Competition, competing Under -13 & Under-17, held at the Zonal Level, including Tamilnadu, Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar Island. 400 teams participated in Kho-kho and 310 teams participated in Badminton. Our students gained invaluable expertise, sportsmanship and teamwork skills competing against top talent.



Classroom Activities



Math Lab Activites

Adding and subtracting fractions can often seem daunting, but using fraction strips can transform this complex task into a straightforward and visual experience. Fraction strips are simple tools that allow learners to see the relationships between different fractions clearly. To add fractions, start by aligning the strips according to their denominators. This visual representation helps in understanding how many parts each fraction represents. For instance, if you're adding $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$, place the $\frac{1}{4}$ strip next to the $\frac{1}{2}$ strip. You'll quickly notice that you need another $\frac{1}{4}$ strip to make a whole—demonstrating that $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$ equals $\frac{3}{4}$. Similarly, when subtracting fractions, fraction strips help illustrate how much of one fraction is left after taking away another. If you have a whole strip and want to subtract $\frac{1}{3}$ from it, placing the $\frac{1}{3}$ strip on top allows you to easily see what remains: two-thirds of the original whole. Incorporating fraction strips into your math toolkit not only enhances understanding but also builds confidence in handling fractions. This hands-on approach makes learning engaging and effective for students.



Class 5

Class 6





CLUB

Activities

Club Activities – Reading Activity

As a part of Reading club activity **Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya**, the National Digital Library for Children and Adolescents, an initiative by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt of India aims to provide free access to high-quality nonacademic books for children and adolescents across different geographies, languages, genres, and educational levels. We believe that making reading enjoyable is essential for nurturing a lifelong love for literature among students. We are excited to share an inspiring update from our recent Reading Club activity at Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, the National Digital Library! Our students had an incredible experience diving into the world of books through a visually engaging format that captivated their imaginations. After reading, students participated in lively discussions, sharing their thoughts and insights about the stories they encountered. This interaction not only improved their comprehension skills but also encouraged collaboration and communication. The Reading Club has become a space where students can bond over shared interests, fostering friendships and teamwork while developing their passion for reading.



Club Activities - House Model Activity Class 5



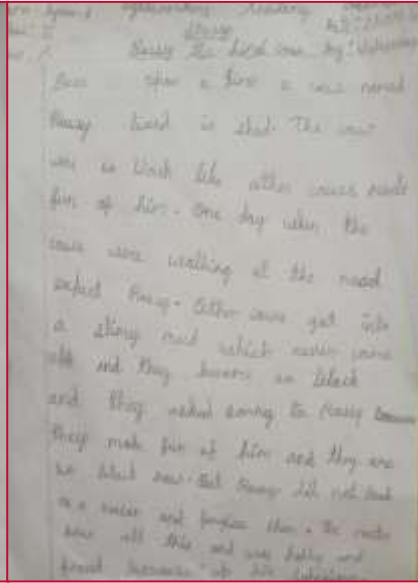
A fantastic EVS group activity for our Class 5 students that will not only enhance their learning but also spark their creativity! Activity Overview: Build Unique House Models! In this engaging project, students had worked together to create various house models, including: Igloo, Tent, Stilt House, Caravan. This activity fosters collaboration as students work in groups, learning valuable social skills along the way. Building these models encourages out-of-the-box thinking and problem-solving as they decide on materials and designs. Each house type represents unique lifestyles and environments, promoting awareness of diversity in living conditions around the world. We believe this hands-on experience will deepen our children's understanding of environmental studies while developing critical skills that last a lifetime.



Class 2



Mithran



Ayreen



B.Darshan

Poem – Joandra Raphael Class 8B

Reflections in the Mirror

I stare into the glassy sea, A reflection looking at me. Eyes shining like stars in the sky, A smile that covers my inner sigh. The clone inside smiles back at me, A loyal partner, patiently. It says, "You're growing and moulding, you're strong, Believe in yourself, and move along."

I see a face that's growing cold, Lots of laughter, stories unfold. A messy room, a confused mind, A heart that beats with hope left behind.

In this mirror, I search for me, A person I'm still learning to be. I see my strengths, my weaknesses too, A work in progress, that's what I do.

Sometimes I'm scared, itz all fears, But in this mirror, I wipe away my tears. I remind myself to stand tall, To reach my dreams, to give my all.

The clone inside smiles back at me, A loyal partner, patiently. It says, "You're growing and moulding, you're strong, Believe in yourself, and move along."

I take a breath, and let it go, enhancing growth, as I flow. In this mirror, I see a friend, A reflection that will company with me till the end. -Joandra Raphael

-Joandra Raphael

Poem Title

Reflection In The Mirror

Author's Note

This poem explores self-discovery and personal growth. It reflects many teenagers journey of navigating adolescence, idolizing imperfections, and finding inner power and beauty.

