



Vidya Vikas Mandal's
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Dear Readers,

Vidya Vikas Academy provides opportunities for every student to develop their talents and skills through the many programs, activities and events conducted intra-school, inter-school at the taluka, district, state and national level. Our efforts and commitment is directed towards creating, responsible, caring and happy citizens who will make a contribution to society. We thank our School Managing Committee, the Board of Management and our staff for encouraging a holistic education and congratulate all our students for their participation and achievements.

Saroadnyja Sambari
Editor

Tania Monteiro
Vice Principal

Joble Bijoy
Principal

October 3, 2017

GANDHI JAYANTI / CLEANLINESS DRIVE

Gandhi Jayanti, was celebrated at Vidya Vikas Academy on 02nd October 2017 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the father of our Nation – Mahatma Gandhi.

The staff and the students celebrated the occasion with great zeal, enthusiasm and patriotism.

The theme for the assembly was “the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”.

The assembly began with the garlanding the portrait of Gandhiji by Principal, Mrs. Joble Bijoy and Vice Principal, Mrs. Tania Monteiro. This was followed by the prayer service and pledge conducted by Suhit and Aarav from Class 5. Corriene from Class 5 shared anecdotes from Gandhiji's life and various contributions of Bapu to India's freedom struggle.

A video presentation highlighted the values and the ethics Bapu strived to inculcate in the society. Children were given an account of how he led our nation in the fight for freedom and sacrificed his life for social equality.

2nd October, is observed as the International Day of Non-Violence or World Peace Day. Kielle from Class 5 recited a poem on peace to tell the importance of non-violence in our life.

Principal, Mrs. Joble Bijoy, gave an inspiring speech on the life on Bapu. Some of the key aspects of the speech are “One can find in Mahatma Gandhi, an inspiring role model. Students can follow & emulate Bapu, in many ways. Reading & writing are major habits which students can imbibe from his life. Gandhiji visualized cleanliness in three ways – a clean mind, clean body and clean surroundings”.

She concluded saying that one could follow Bapu's principles by keeping the school campus, our homes, as well as our neighbourhood clean.

This was followed by National Anthem.

A cleanliness drive was conducted in the school campus later by students and staff. were in-charge of the drive. Staff Coordinator – Tr. Sonal Singh, Tr. Pearl, Tr. Balika, Sir Sidharth and Sir Kuttan.



October 10, 2017

WORLD ELDERS DAY

The International Day of Older Persons is observed on October 1 each year. On December 14, 1990 the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons.

As our students were answering the Term I exams in the 1st week of October, we at Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated "World Elders Day" on 10th October 2017. The objective of the assembly to make the pupils aware of the problems faced by the elderly due to poverty, unemployment, disease and injustice done to them.

"Respect", "Love" and "Help" were the key values focused during the assembly programme.

Seven Senior Citizens from the vicinity were invited for the special assembly. The program commenced with the welcome address by the Principal, Mrs. JobleBijoy. followed by a prayer service.

The pupils of Classes 4 and 5 entertained our guests through songs, jokes and dance. The guests actively participated and enjoyed the games which were arranged for them.

To honour and appreciate their presence, mementos were distributed followed by snacks. It was an enjoyable morning for our guests which they will cherish.

Staff Co-ordinator: Clotilda Goes.



October 11, 2017

ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - DESIGN A CALENDAR 2018 - CLASSES 6 TO 8

An activity to 'Design a Calendar for the year 2018' was held in the month of September 2017, for the students of Classes 6 to 8. The theme chosen was paintings in 'Pablo Picasso' style of art.

The objective of this activity was to learn about an artist and incorporate his style (Cubism) in one's artworks. Students created eye catching visuals using distortion as an element of design.

They enjoyed this research based activity and also learnt a lot about the artist and his works. Twelve best entries were chosen.

Staff Co-ordinator: Hema Cacodcar



October 13, 2017

FAST - ONLINE ENGLISH READING ASSESSMENT TEST

The Primary Section of Vidya Vikas Academy organised a "Reading Week" from 09th to 13th of October, 2017 to enhance the reading skills of the students.

FAST - Online English Reading Assessment Test was conducted for the students of classes 4 to 6 to measure a child's reading abilities and their expertise levels against national benchmarks.

Sir Pruthviraj Desai assisted to conduct the online assessment.

Pupils of Classes 1, 2 and 3 actively participated in various activities conducted by their teachers to enable them to become independent readers at the end of Grade 3. Pupils were encouraged to read, understand, respond to and apply concepts from the text so as to make reading enjoyable.

The following were some of the activities conducted:

Class 1: Caterpillar Words, Enacting a Story, Story Telling and Picture Composition

Class 2: Reading Stories and Lessons, Jumbled Story (assemble the given sentences and form a story), Look and Read the given words from the board, Enacting a story (different characters), Extempore (speaking on any festival they like)

Class 3: Reading (a) Newspaper Headlines (b) Facts and Information from the General Knowledge Books and Encyclopedia (c) Stories (d) Magazines (e) Picture Compositions (f) Crosswords (g) Comprehensions.

This activity was enjoyed not only by the students but by the teachers too as students showed a lot of interest and aptitude for reading.

Staff Co-ordinator: Clotilda Goes



October 13, 2017

ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER – BITE AND TASTE – CLASSES 1 TO 5

The activity for the month of September-October, 'Bite & Taste – Food eaten around the world', was conducted for the students of Classes 1 to 5.

The main objectives of this activity were:

- To develop independence and self sufficiency.
- To increase awareness of healthy choices and nutrition.
- To make Science and Math concepts come alive through real world applications.
- To practice time management and problem solving.

Food is a good way to introduce young people to a variety of countries and cultures. It creates an awareness about healthy food and dietary habits. Our students brought a variety of mouthwatering homemade delicacies which were delicious and tempting. The students enjoyed relishing and sharing the food among themselves.



Students gained added knowledge about different international cuisines and enjoyed the activity thoroughly.

Staff Co-ordinator: Neerja Bane

October 13, 2017

WORLD OZONE DAY

Objective: To spread awareness about ozone depletion and explain the damaging effects of ultraviolet radiation caused due to the use of ozone depleting substances.

September 16 is designated by the United Nations General Assembly as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

As our students were answering the Term I Exams in the month of September, a special assembly was conducted by the students of Class 6 and 7 to celebrate 'World Ozone Day' on 13th October 2017.

The assembly began with a short speech on the importance of the Ozone layer and the impact of ozone depletion.

It was followed by a skit depicting the causes of ozone depletion and a collective pledge was taken by the students to protect the Ozone layer.

It also included a dance followed by slogans mentioning the seriousness of the situation. The assembly enlightened the audience and made them realize the prime reasons leading to the depletion of the Ozone layer.

Overall it was a very effective assembly and it is hoped that now, the children through self awareness will be able to spread the message and alert others around them regarding the same.

Teacher Co-ordinator: Sushma Kalghatgi



October 14, 2017

STREET PLAY COMPETITION

Students of Vidya Vikas Academy participated in the All Goa Konkani Street Play Competition organised by Manovikas English High School in their school campus on October 13, 2017.

The objective of this activity was to give students an exposure to one of the most versatile and difficult form of acting and drama – Street Play.

12 students from Class 7A and 8A enthusiastically presented the street play based on the theme 'Abhyaas – Sajaakaaymajaa?'. This competition also gave the students, an opportunity to watch the performances of various other schools, thereby enriching their experience in the field of drama.



Staff Co-ordinator: Reshma Raikar

October 14, 2017

SCHOOL LEADERS FOCUSED GROUP MEET

Principal, Mrs. Joble Bijoy and Vice Principal, Mrs. Tania Monteiro attended a School Leaders Focused Group Meet on 05th October 2017 at Hotel Nanutel, Margao, organised by Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd. The resource person was Mr. Neeraj Jain, Managing Director of Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd.

A presentation was shown on the findings of the kids and Family Reading Report, a survey of Indian Children ages 6 – 17 and their parents as well as parents of children ages 0 – 5 regarding their attitudes and behaviour around reading for pleasure.

The report was a valuable source of data which helps in understanding the relevant trends related to reading habits in children. The report also provides important insight on reading in school and gives an insight into the gaps that can be filled by Educators, parents and publishers.

There was a brief discussion after the presentation, where by a lot of input was given by some of the school heads.

October 19, 2017

ALL GOA GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

The 14th All Goa General Knowledge Quiz for Ratnakar Memorial Rolling Shield, was organized by the Parent Teacher Association of Bhatikar Model High School, Gogol, Margao. The quiz was held at Bhatikar Model High School on Friday 13th Oct' 2017 from 9.am to 1.00p.m.

Around 25schools from all over Goa participated in the competition. Mast.Ryan Fernandes and Mast. Ameya Jamkar represented Vidya Vikas Academy. The quiz began with a qualifying round out of which only six teams were selected. The questions ranged from current affairs, history, music, sports and miscellaneous topics. A healthy competition was witnessed with full participation of the six teams which consisted of two participants each.



The quiz master, Mr. Savio Victoria, made the quiz lively by asking the audience a number of questions which they answered with full enthusiasm. The results were announced on the same day much to the joy of the participants.

Students of Vidya Vikas Academy, Margao, bagged the second place with a cash prize of Rs. 1000. A.J. De Almeida High School Ponda stood first, bagged a Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 2000 while Loyola High School Margao stood third with a cash prize of Rs.800. Certificates were awarded to all the participants of the competition. The quiz was organized in a very smooth and systematic manner.

Staff Co-ordinator: Reeva Rodrigues

October 19, 2017

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

Diwali is a festival of lights celebrated every year all over the world by the Hindus which signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair.

Students of the Pre-Primay section of Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated the Diwali festival on 13th October, 2017. It was a delight to see the children dressed in colourful traditional clothes for the occasion.

Students of Jr. Kg B depicted the scene of Lord Rama, Laxman, Sita and Hanuman coming back to Ayodhya after 14 years of exile. Tr. Marisa spoke about the significance and importance of celebrating this festival. The highlight of the celebration was the dance performance followed by a firework display. The activity for the day was the mouthwatering "Bhel" prepared by the children along with their teachers.



All the students had a wonderful time taking home happy memories.

Teacher Coordinator: Tr. Marisa and Tr. Loreta.

October 19, 2017

WORLD FOOD DAY

The students of Jr. Kg A of the Pre-Primary section of Vidya Vikas Academy conducted a special assembly, to celebrate the World Food Day on the 13th of October 2017. The objective of the assembly was to inculcate in children the value and respect for the food we eat.

The significance was highlighted through a short skit on the famous story, "The Ant and the Grasshopper" followed by a conversation among the children with a message, "We should not waste food."

A riddle game was held to know more about the names of the various delicacies prepared around the world. The program was coordinated by Tr. Genesis.



October 30, 2017

EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO BANGALORE - KODAIKANAL - MADURAI

What could be a better way of giving students, an exposure to the historical aspects, geographical conditions, culture, heritage and life of people in a particular place than an educational tour of that place?

Keeping this very objective in mind Vidya Vikas Academy organised an educational-cum-fun filled tour to Bangalore - Kodaikanal - Madurai.

54 students and 8 staff set off on a 7-day tour on the 23rd October 2017. The itinerary in Bangalore included visit to Bull temple, Lalbagh gardens, Tipu Sultan's Summer palace and finally shopping at Mantri Mall.

The visit to Wonder La was the epitome of excitement. The students enjoyed themselves, the whole day on the dry and wet rides and yet their expressions were like "How we wish we had more time".

Kodaikanal enthralled everyone with its scenic beauty and misty mountains. We visited Morpheus Point, Pine Forest, Coaker's Walk, Sacred Heart Museum, Silver Cascade Water Falls, Bryant Park and Kodai Lake in Kodaikanal.

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The visit to the renowned Meenaxi temple in Madurai was a treat for the lovers of architecture, heritage and mythology. We also visited Tirumala Nayakar Palace and Gandhi Memorial in Madurai.

The tour group returned back with happy memories on 30th October 2017.

Staff Co-ordinator: Reshma Raikar



November 01, 2017

NCC ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP

1 Goa Naval Unit organised a 10 day Annual Training Camp for NCC cadets at Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Valpoi, Goa, from 23rd October 2017 to 01st November 2017. 426 cadets from schools across Goa participated in the camp.

23 cadets from Vidya Vikas Academy got an opportunity to attend the camp.

Training in special subjects was conducted during the 10 days camp namely firing, rigging, ship modeling and drill.

Demonstrations of fire safety drill, snake show, road safety; talk on health, hygiene and first aid was held for the NCC cadets.



The cadets participated in various games such as cross country, volley ball, football etc. They also showcased their talents in the cultural programme held at the camp site.

The cadets had a once in a life time experience which helped them develop qualities of character, courage, comradeship, discipline, leadership, secular outlook, spirit of adventure & sportsmanship and the ideals of selfless service among the youth to make them useful citizens.

Co-ordinator: Sidharth Faldesai, ANO



SENIOR SECONDARY SECTION

October 17, 2017

VISIT TO INS HANSA NAVAL BASE AT DABOLIM

By Pershirl Fesie Fernandes

We the Students of Class 9 and Class 11 of VidyaVikas Academy visited the INS HANSA, Naval Base at Dabolim, Goa on 12th October 2017. We got an opportunity to see various air-crafts operated by the Indian Navy.

Some of these INAS are:

1) The INAS 303 (MiG 29k)

Also called as "BLACK PANTER" is a mission specific fighter aircraft which can detect any sought of danger, 300km away from it. It is an all weathered, air dominance fighter, which consist of 2 seats (for pilots) that can be ejected, so also it is armed with an arsenal and one of the most sophisticated weapons to get the best target on land, water and air. It can fly up to an altitude of 65000 feet, with a length of 17.5m and a speed of 1900km/hr.



2) INAS 315 (IL38)

Also known as "WINGED STALLIONS" is a mission specific aircraft used for long ranged marine life. It has a speed ranging from 300-610 km/hr.

3) INAS 561

Also called as "ROTOR", is a mission specific and used for Air borne warnings. It has a weight of about 12.5 tons, speed of 250 km/hr. and can fly up to an altitude of 1300 feet. Only 1 pilot is required to operate it. An unique feature about this fighter airplane is that it does not have a propeller.

4) INAS 322

It is also a mission specific airplane used for emergencies. It weighs about 5.5 tons and is armed with weapons like 7.62mmMMH MAG .It consists of 2 pilots and 14 crew members.

5) CHETAK (helicopter)

This is one of the most unique helicopter. What makes it unique is that is multitasks and is not mission specific. It has a speed of 280 km/hr. and can fly up to an altitude of 21300 feet.

We had a close view of the takeoff and landing of some of these aircrafts. The officers gave in depth explanation about each of these aircrafts, so also interacted with all the students and didn't hesitate to answer any kind of queries raised by the students related to the aircrafts.

Later we visited the Naval Museum and met a few Commanding Officers who not only enriched us with their knowledge about the navy but also encouraged us to join in and show our love towards the country.

We came back to school with an enriching experience and motivation. Some of us were even inspired to join the Indian Navy.

Students were accompanied by Sir Sidharth Faldessai and Tr. Shaheena Basha.

October 17, 2017

WEBINAR ON 'MEDIA LITERACY' – DECONSTRUCTING THE MEDIA BY DR. SAMIR PARIKH

A webinar on 'Media Literacy' entitled 'Deconstructing the Media' by Dr. Samir Parikh, Chairperson of Fortes National Mental Health program was conducted at VidyaVikas Academy, Margao-Goa on 11th October 2017 at 12noon.



A total of 60 students from Class X and class XII enthusiastically attended the webinar. In an hour of live session, Dr Parikh discussed various topics concerning the skills required to understand the type of media influences, deconstructing the media messages effectively, understanding the impact of media on today's younger generation and knowing the difference between offline and online persona.

The session was very stimulating and interactive. The students had put forth their questions which were sent through the online portal and were answered by Dr. Parikh in his question & answer session. It was a great opportunity for the students at the same time a unique experience to attend a live webinar session.

The webinar was co-ordinated by Akshay A. Chari & Sarvadnya Sambari.



October 17, 2017

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated annually on 11th October to highlight issues concerning the gender inequality facing young girls. This year's theme was "The Power of the Adolescent Girl: Vision for 2030." To commemorate this day of vital importance the Senior Secondary section of Vidya Vikas Academy conducted a special assembly in the school hall.

The assembly began with a short prayer service to pray for the girl child all over the world so that they may lead a life devoid of discrimination, inequalities and violence. Nikhil Raikar conducted a short quiz to put students' knowledge to test about the rights and contribution of girls in India. A very influential video was also shown to the students on the same. Shruti Chaturvedi recited a poem entitled 'Still I Rise', giving out a strong message that despite violence, inequalities, suppression and indifference, girl's world over will still rise and fight for their rights.

The assembly ended on a note that it is the need of the hour to stand for the rights and safety of the girls in our surrounding only than this world will be a better and a safe place to live in for a girl child.

The assembly was conducted by students of Class XI and coordinated by Tr. Jeniffer Fernandes.



October 18, 2017

WORLD FOOD DAY

To commemorate "World Food Day", celebrated the world over on the 16th of October every year, and as part of 'work experience' activity, VidyaVikas Academy Senior Secondary Section hosted a cooking competition for students of Class 12 on the 14th of October 2017. The students were grouped in three's according to their choice and were instructed to present food items under two broad categories namely, Vegetarian / Seafood Sandwiches and Sweet Dish.

The competition was titled 'Cooking without fire' and was judged by Ms. Martha Rebello from V.M. Salgaonkar Institute and Sebastian Breitingner, a chef by profession, based on taste, texture and presentation. Martha Rebello also briefed the students with the career options at V.M. Salgaonkar Institute of Hospitality and she also gave students some cooking tips based on the competition that was held.



Three groups bagged the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the two categories. The names of the winners are as follows:

Position	Category A	Category B
	(Sandwiches)	(Sweet Dish)
1st Place	Anjali Mitra	Earl Fortes
	Minati Alphonso	Jonathan Correia
	Shivona Fernandes	Kurt Gonsalves
	Indira Mascarenhas	Stanford Fernandes
2nd Place	Dhruv Faldesai	Anjali Mitra
	Kimberly Pandey	Minati Alphonso
	Pranav Patel	Shivona Fernandes
	Vaibhav Mishra	Indira Mascarenhas
3rd Place	Dazan Fernandes	Mihir Kulkarni
	Sheena Mashelkar	Niharika Samaga
	Varun Prakash	Arshiya Shaikh
	Anish Gajinkar	

The program was coordinated by Yashvi, Tr. Pooja and Tr. Joyce.

Centre of Excellence

A unique opportunity for students to pursue their talents and interest in school, after school hours from 2.00p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Highly qualified staff will conduct classes for violin, keyboard, bass guitar, vocals and guitar, tabla, drums, dance (classical & western), Karate, Art and Photography. Fees to be paid in advance for a year. For details contact school office.

Yoga Classes

As part of our outreach programme and service to the community Vidya Vikas Academy has yoga classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. in the school hall, 2nd Floor. Register at the school office.

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