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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.

Manju Modur
Editor

Tania Monteiro
Vice Principal

Joble Bijoy
Principal

January 15, 2019

CELEBRATION FOR MAKAR SANKRANTI, PONGAL AND LOHRI

A special assembly on the festival of Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Lohri was celebrated for the Pre-Primary students on the 15th of January 2019.

The teachers informed the children that these 3 festivals are harvest festivals. The significance of these festivals is that people thank God for giving them a good yield.



Though popular belief has it that Lohri is celebrated to mark the end of peak winter. This festival is traditionally associated with the Rabi crop.



The highlight of the festivals was the flying of the kites, the Bangra and the Giddha dance, the children dancing around the Pongal pot and the cattle race.

Co-ordinators:

Tr. Ninoshca, Tr. Loreta and Tr. Fatima.

January 15, 2019

ARMY DAY- SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

A special assembly was conducted on Monday, 15th January 2019, to celebrate 'Army Day.' The students of classes 6A and 8 A, B, C, along with the Vice-Principal Mrs. Tania Monteiro, Sir Sidharth Faldessai (Physical Education/NCC Officer) Tr. Marina A. D'Costa, gathered in the school hall, along with the N.C.C. cadets. The N.C.C. cadets enlightened the audience, the significance of the Army Day, celebrated in memory of the gallant spirit of Kodandera Madappa Cariappa, the First Indian Chief of independent India, who succeeded the last British Commander, Sir Francis Bucher. K.M. Cariappa brazed a trail in the Indian Armed Forces, with his unrelenting patriotism. He is a man known for many firsts, but he is best remembered, as the legend, who made the Indian army, truly Indian.



The programme included a video highlighting, the lives of the Indian soldiers, who sacrifice everything for us, fighting and protecting us against the enemy under severe weather conditions and rough terrain, in order to protect the citizens of our country.



The video provided the students with an insight of a soldier's life. We at Vidya Vikas Academy salute honour and appreciate these brave men, who lay down their lives to protect us.

Jai Hind.

Co-ordinators:

Sir Sidharth Faldessai, Tr. Marina A. D'Costa

January 21, 2019

SHAIVI AND REUEL BRING LAURELS TO VVA, YET AGAIN!

Shaivi Gaonkar of class 6C and Reuel Rodrigues of class 6A have done us proud yet again!

Shaivi has won the 2nd prize in the Ravindra Bhavan organized drawing competition on the occasion of "Asmitai Dis", while Reuel has won the consolation prize for the same.

The topics for the contests were Green Goa/ Young Goa. Both the girls have been awarded a certificate each and cash prize of Rs. 2,000/- and Rs.500/- respectively.

Congratulations once again!

Co-ordinators:

Tr. Hema Cacodcar and Tr. Kelly Fernandes



January 22, 2019

CONSERVE MY PLANET

CONSERVE MY PLANET WORKSHOP, powered by Schneider Electric India and driven by SHARP NGO, has successfully conducted environment awareness sessions at our school, through informative, interesting and motivational sessions. These sessions were conducted by Ms. AARTI BELANI, who put in great efforts, to encourage and motivate the students, in every way possible. The students of class 6, were eager, enthusiastic and gave it their all, to do their best.



The various sessions conducted by Ms. Belani, will surely go a long way, to educate the young minds of our students, on conservation of energy and also, instill a strong sense of responsibility in them, towards their environment.



Our school applauds and appreciates the endeavour by SHARP NGO and wishes them success in their efforts, to continue to spread this awareness to all, thus conserving our planet.

Co-ordinators:

Tr. Rona Vas and Tr. Marina A. D'Costa

January 22, 2019

FIELD TRIP TO 3MTR

The students of classes 6 A, B, C along with their respective class teachers and the School Sports Director, were fortunate to witness the celebration of 'Army Day'.

We began with a visit to the training area, where soldiers were busy undergoing rigorous training. They displayed their climbing skills, using ropes both horizontally and vertically.

Various tactics and styles used to approach the enemy, were also displayed, using different weapons/apparatus (rifles, machine guns, hand grenades, mines, masks, boots, gloves, radio signals, etc.).

We were invited to demonstrate and inquire about everything that was displayed to us. The explanations and demonstrations, were received with much curiosity and awe. A short video was shown, with regards to road safety, followed by group photos.



We expressed our sincere thanks and appreciation to the officer-in-charge and presented him, with a 'Thank You' card, as well as several other cards, bouquet of flowers, prepared by the students, expressing their love, appreciation and honour to all these brave soldiers, who sacrifice their all, to protect us. God bless them.

Co-ordinators:

Tr. Marina A. D'Costa, Tr. Rona Vas and Tr. Shabeena Khaji

January 25, 2019

NO SCHOOL BAG DAY

No School Bag Day was held on Friday 25th January 2019. The theme was "PROUD TO BE AN INDIAN". The prime objective of organizing the event was to generate a patriotic feeling, promote the rich cultural diversity of our country.

The event began by the morning assembly followed by answering the achievers test in the first and second period. Each class teacher and subject teacher conducted various activities in their respected classes.



The various activities which were conducted in classes are: Students were taught to do Wind Chimes, Kite Decoration/flying, Food Kabab, Collage Work, Making a badge (India), Movies such as Legend of Bhagat Singh, Chak De India were shown to students. Students were encouraged to write a poem based on Patriotism and were asked to sing the same in the class. Patriotic songs: Mere Desh Ki Dharti, Vande Mataram were taught to students. Patriotic videos – Based on National leaders, Parade at the Red Fort were also shown to students.

Co-ordinator:

Tr. Jeria Coutinho

January 25, 2019

REPUBLIC DAY ASSEMBLY BY THE PRE-PRIMARY

A special assembly on Republic Day Celebration was held on 25th January 2019 in the Pre-Primary section of Vidya Vikas Academy by the Sr. Kg. C pupils.

The teacher explained to the students the significance of the Republic Day and the importance of the Constitution for the Governance of the country.

The highlight of the Programme was the impression created by some pupils who personified famous freedom fighters and quoted their famous quotes.



The Programme ended with the children dancing to the tune "Jai Ho".



Co-ordinator:
Tr. Ninoshca Martins.

January 26, 2019

REPUBLIC DAY

Republic Day is a day of celebration in India, commemorating independence from British Raj and bringing into force of India's constitution.

Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated the 70th Republic Day on 26th January 2019 with great enthusiasm.

The programme was as follows:

Tr. Satya Sharma welcomed the gathering on the occasion of Republic Day. Principal Mrs. Joble Bijoy unfurled the National Flag followed by the National Anthem. Thereafter the Principal addressed the students emphasizing the importance of this day and to respect our constitution. She also informed them of the inauguration of the Edu Park for the Primary Section and Play park for the Pre-Primary section and soon to commence Atal Bihari Tinkering Lab for classes 7 to 12.



A speech in Hindi was delivered by Miss Anushka Mitra from Class 8 B. A patriotic dance called "Vande Mataram" was performed by the Tiny tots of the Pre-Primary section. The students spread the feelings of patriotism by singing the medley of patriotic songs. Master Ved Iyer delivered a speech in English emphasizing the importance of the day. Last but not the least the pupils of Class 6 expressed their feelings of patriotism through a dance performance.



Principal then gave away certificates and trophies to the students for their excellent performance at different external competitions. The Principal congratulated the prize winners and encouraged the students to participate in many such activities. The programme was compered by Miss Stuti Agarwal of Class 8 B.

Tr. Satya Sharma proposed a Vote of Thanks. There was a Live Streaming of the programme at five different locations in the school. It was co-ordinated by Sir Akshay Chari, Mrs. Pradnya Nadkarni, Mr. Manju Modur and Mr. Addison Costa. The programme was concluded with the National Song "Vande Mataram".

Co-ordinator:

Tr. Satya Sharma

January 30, 2019

VIDYARTHI VIGYAN MANTHAM

Vidyarthi Vigyan Mantham is a National Level Science Talent Search examination conducted by Vigyan Prasar in association with Vidyan Bharati and NCERT. It is the largest on-line examination using digital devices such as smart phones and laptops.

Five students from Vidya Vikas Academy were selected for the State Level Camp held at Vidya Prabhodini High School Porvorim. The Camp was held on Sunday, 20th January, 2019.

During this camp students got the opportunity to interact with Dr. Vithal Tilve, Space Scientist from United States.

Nischaal Parulekar from class 10, stood first at the State Level and from Class 9 Nihaal Virginkar stood first at the State Level.

Both the boys will now represent Goa at the National Level Examination to be conducted at any of the National Laboratory in India.

Co-ordinator:

Tr. Calorina Rodrigues



January 30, 2019

MARTY'S DAY

In India, Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas is observed on January 30 as it marks the assassination of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi in 1948, by Nathuram Godse. On Martyr's Day the President, the Vice President, the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister and the three service chiefs gather at the Samadhi at Raj Ghat memorial and lay wreaths decorated with multi-coloured flowers. A two-minute silence in memory of Indian Martyrs is observed throughout the country at 11am.

At Vidya Vikas Academy, students of Class 8 staged a skit which was presented to students and teachers in the school Assembly Area. This skit depicted a school scene where the teacher took them travelling back through time to witness the first sepoy mutiny where martyrs like Mangal Pandey sacrificed their lives fighting the British. Since some students were still skeptical, the teacher took them to visit the future where Indians were still dependant on the British. This sight brought home the true importance of our brave martyrs. At 11 am the entire school fraternity observed a two-minute silence in memory of the martyrs of our country.



The Vice Principal Mrs. Tania Monteiro concluded the assembly by telling the students that we should appreciate our Martyrs for the freedom and democracy they fought for.

Co-ordinator:

Tr. Sandra Mesquita

January 30, 2019

MAKE AND TAKE – BOOK MARKS

The monthly activity for January was “Make And Take Bookmarks”. This was conducted for classes 9 A, B, & C. The activity was based on making bookmarks using chart paper and adding quotes, such as success, self-confidence and honesty etc.



The objective of a book mark is to keep the reader's place in a book and enable the reader to return to it with ease.



It was a creative activity and the students made innovative book marks.

Co-ordinator:

Tr. Deepa Raikar

January 31, 2019

CULINARY ART

Culinary Art- a monthly activity was organised for the students of class 6 to 8. The aim of the activity was to provide a platform for the students to showcase their culinary talent and foster their creativity and decision making skills.

It was conducted with a view to create awareness about the nutritional value of food and emphasise their skill in preparing and presenting food.

The students prepared healthy dishes like sprouted bhel, fruit smoothie, muesli, channa masala, Russian salad, etc. using quick and easy recipes.

They exhibited the dishes in an artistic and aesthetic way.



The dishes were judged on the basis of the nutritional value, health quotient, taste and team effort.

Co-ordinator:

Tr. Sushma Kalghatgi

January 31, 2019

FAREWELL 2019 - CLASS 10

The auditorium of Ganesh Daivajnya echoed with the blessings on the morning of 31st January, 2019 when Vidya Vikas Family came together to bid farewell to the outgoing 2018-2019 batch of class 10 students.

Students of Class 9 organized farewell party with great enthusiasm and of course endeavoured to leave a trail of nostalgia behind for the tenths.



The programme commenced at 9 am at the auditorium with a prayer service followed by an inspirational speech by the Vice Principal, Mrs. Tania Monteiro. The Head Girl, Miss. Nadia Da Silva shared her experiences at Vidya Vikas Academy from nursery to class 10.

Mementos were distributed to the students of class 10 which created a fiesta devoted to the years spent together with friends and teachers to reminisce joyous moments. The students enjoyed the Spot Prizes and the zealous performances by class 9 i.e. melodious music, drama and dances staged on the occasion.

A Power Point Presentation, "Memories down the lane" created a nostalgic moment for the students to relive their past memories in the form of photographs. The highlight of the programme was the much awaited Mr. and Miss VVA in which our dashing young boys and gorgeous girls of class 10 participated with great enthusiasm.



A very emotional Vote of Thanks proposed by the Head Boy, Mr. Keegan Barreto touched the gathering. The students went home with happy memories which they will cherish forever.

Co-ordinators:

Tr. Calorina Rodrigues, Tr. Vichye Vaz and Tr. Farheen Khan

February 6, 2019

ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH: SPELL -O- CHECK

The spell - O - check competition was held to awaken excellence and provide opportunity for students to be confident and compete with their peers in an atmosphere of fun and friendship.

The students of classes 1-5 were equipped with a spelling list to facilitate effective learning and active participation in the Spell - O - Check competition.

The objective was, to learn to spell quickly and accurately. It also encouraged them to explore a wide range of vocabulary. By participating in such competitions students not only learn to test themselves but also learn new words and spelling strategies.

It enables students to use their wits and memories in the face of competition. They experience both success and failure, learning how to handle both, with grace and gratitude. It was a wonderful and thrilling experience for all and they truly enjoyed it to the fullest.

Co-ordinators:

Tr. Rochell Fernandes & Tr. Olga Dias



SENIOR SECONDARY SECTION

January 12, 2019

National Youth Day

National Youth Day is celebrated annually on 12th of January in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. It is celebrated because the Indian government felt that the philosophy and teachings of Swami Vivekananda could be a source of great inspiration for the youth of India.

To observe this day of vital importance students of class 11-A conducted a special assembly on 15th of January 2019.

The assembly commenced with an anecdote on Swami Vivekananda's life and works followed by the screening of a video explaining the significance of the day. Inspirational quotes pen down by this great personality were also shared with the audience.

The assembly ended with the recitation of a poem entitled 'Peace' by Swami Vivekananda.

Co-ordinator:

Tr. Jeniffer Fernandes



January 25, 2019

RASHTRIYA KISHORE VAIGYANIK SAMMELAN 2019 (Children's Science Congress)

106th Indian Science Congress

The 106th edition of Indian Science Congress was held at Lovely Professional University Phagwara, Punjab from 3rd January to 7th January 2019. The event was themed on the topic "Future India: Science and Technology"

The exhibition aimed at providing a forum for children to pursue their natural curiosity and inventiveness to quench their thirst for creativity and to encourage children to visualize future of the nation and help them become sensitive and responsible citizens.

After participating at the 45th Jawaharlal Nehru National Science, Mathematics and Environment exhibition for children, Sujit Patil and Oysturn Vas from 12-A qualified to represent their project "Smart Mirror" at the ISC's, Children's Science Congress 2019.



The inauguration ceremony of ISC was held on 3rd January and was graced with the presence of our Honourable Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi, whereas the Children's Science Congress (Rashtriya Kishore VaigyanikSammelan), was inaugurated on 4th January 2019 respectively.



Children's Science Congress provides opportunities to young researchers and university students to assimilate ideas from the stalwarts of science. Students from various schools exhibited tremendous amount of enthusiasm and keenness in listening to the science giants and witnessing around 120 projects from all across the country presented in the ISC this year. A local tour was also arranged to Pushpa Gujral Science city.

Students felt highly motivated to interact with the judges and delegates and considered it as a great learning experience and sharing of ideas.

Co-ordinator:

Sir Bhushan Sail

January 26, 2019

DAAN UTSAV- JOY OF GIVING

Daan Utsav aims at spreading joy and happiness among those who need help and support, and for each of us to experience the joy in giving. It also provides the opportunity to contribute time, money and material for the less fortunate one's in our society.



To inculcate this moral value of giving and sharing among today's youth, the Senior Secondary Section organized a trip to the orphanage, 'Valentina's Little Heaven' at Colva as part of Daan Utsav on 26th January 2019. Utilities donated by the students of class 11 and teachers were distributed among the orphanage children. The students entertained all the pupils of the orphanage with some songs and games. The smiling faces of the children filled everyone with contentment and joy.

It was an overwhelming experience for the students and the teachers.

Co-ordinator:

Tr. Joyce Fernandes and Tr. Meenal Patil

January 30, 2019

MARTYRS' DAY

On 30th January 2019 students from the Senior Secondary Section observed Martyrs' Day to pay respect to the sacrifices made by the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi and for the gallant efforts made by our fellow Indians for the pride and honour of our nation.

This day marks the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi by Nathuram Godse in 1948. To commemorate this day, a special assembly was conducted by the students of class 11A to instil among the younger generation respect for martyr's.

The assembly began with an introduction to this day of vital importance followed by the screening of a short video depicting life of Mahatma Gandhi. The assembly was concluded with the sharing of some inspirational quotes on Martyrs' day.

Co-ordinator:

Sir Akshay Chari



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.