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Dear Readers,

Vidya Vikas Academy provides opportunities for every student to develop their talents and skills through the many programmes, 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.

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July 02, 2024

SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY ASSEMBLY – PRE-PRIMARY

The Pre-Primary Section of Vidya Vikas Academy conducted a special assembly on 2nd July, 2024, to celebrate the school's anniversary. The assembly emphasized on striving for future success and highlighted that unity brings victory. Students were made aware of the school's glorious journey of 30 years and its achievements. The assembly included a fun questionnaire and riddle round, where students who answered correctly were rewarded with a "happy heart." A dance performance on the song "I Have a Dream" showcased the students' talents and dreams.



It was a heartwarming reminder of the school's legacy and the bright future that lies ahead.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Sheetal Sawant

July 02, 2024

SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

A special assembly was conducted to commemorate the School Anniversary of Vidya Vikas Academy on 2nd July 2024. The assembly began with a prayer service and a beautiful hymn. A graceful dance performance by our students was the highlight of this wonderful celebration. A melodious group song was presented by our students which was followed by a power point presentation showcasing the history, the different activities, infrastructure and achievements of the school. A lovely skit, '30 years of learning and laughter', highlighted the efforts of the school for the holistic development of the students followed by the dance. On this occasion our ex-student Ms Sharlaine Menezes, Goa's first female rapper and a TEDEX speaker inspired audiences with her words and her performance.



Principal, Mrs. Joble Bijoy, wished all the staff & students on this auspicious occasion.

The objective of the anniversary celebration was to rekindle the memories and remind the students that they are the ones who will bring laurels to the institution by giving their best in academics and other co-curricular activities.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Calorina Rodrigues, Tr. Clotilda Goes, Tr. Reshma Raikar and Tr. Hema Cacodcar

July 05, 2024

VANMAHOTSAV-SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The Van Mahotsav special assembly was held on 5th July 2024, by the students of class 1 to 5. The event aimed to highlight the significance of trees and promote sustainable practices among the school community. Students recited heartfelt poems that celebrated the beauty of nature, sang melodious songs and presented a thought-provoking skit depicting the consequences of deforestation and the urgent need for afforestation initiatives.



A touching moment during the assembly was when the Principal and Vice Principal tied a friendship band around a plant. This symbolic gesture underscored the school's commitment to nurturing and protecting the environment as a cherished friend. The event left a lasting impression on everyone present, reinforcing the importance of environmental conservation.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Neerja Bane

July 05, 2024

VAN MAHOTSAV - SPECIAL ASSEMBLY- 2024

A special assembly was conducted to celebrate Van Mahotsav on Friday, 5th July 2024.

The main objective of the Assembly was to spread awareness about the significance of trees in our day to day life. Through an informative speech and synchronized dance, the students were made aware of the importance of trees in our lives and ill effects of deforestation.



Further, a workshop on seed bombs was conducted by resource person, Mrs. Aruna D'Costa. The students actively participated in the workshop and created vibrant seed bombs by rolling the seeds within the clay.

A plantation drive was also organized in the school campus to promote afforestation and the growth of trees. The NCC cadets planted saplings and took a small step forward to support the conservation of trees. The children celebrated Van Mahotsav by sowing seeds. Watching the seedlings grow helped them understand how nature works.

The event helped to bring awareness about the green cover around us. It also helped in strengthening the bond between plants and human.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Sushma Kalghatgi

July 16, 2024

BASTILLE DAY

Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated the 'Bastille Day' on 16th July 2024, a day which marked the beginning of the French Revolution. The objective of the special assembly was to promote cultural awareness and encourage student participation.



French students from classes 5-9 along with the French teachers put up a program to portray the significance of the day. Students participated enthusiastically, fostering a sense of global appreciation and respect for diverse culture and global traditions.

It was a spirited and zestful celebration. The eagerness and the energy of our students was the highlight of the day. The rich history and vibrant culture of France was a major takeaway from this assembly.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Farheen Khan, Tr. Shwetambari Parab and Tr. Kenisha Vas

July 16, 2024

INTER SCHOOL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Vidya Vikas Academy participated in Badminton event organised by Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Goa. The matches were held from 16th to 19th July 2024 for U14 /U17 boys and girls categories. U14 girls secured the first place at the Taluka level and are qualified for the District level and U14 boys and U17 girls secured the second place at the Taluka level.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Sonia Naik



July 22, 2024

GURU PURNIMA SPECIAL ASSEMBLY (PRIMARY SECTION)

Guru Purnima is an auspicious day that reminds us of the significance of teachers, masters and gurus in our lives. To celebrate the occasion, a special assembly was conducted for the students of classes 1 to 5 on 22nd July 2024. The objective of the assembly was to show the significance of respect and reverence given to a guru. The assembly began with the Guru Mantra which was followed by a prayer dance. The assembly also included a speech, poem, dohe and quotes. A video highlighting the importance of a guru in student's life was also shown to the students.

After the assembly, a small quiz was conducted wherein questions were asked related to the information provided in the assembly. Through the assembly the students understood the importance of Gurus in our lives. The students expressed their love and devotion towards the Principal, Vice-Principal and teachers by offering flowers & cards to them.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Shabeena Khaj



July 22, 2024

GURU PURNIMA SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated Guru Purnima on 22 July 2024 to honor and appreciate the teachers who play a vital role in guiding and shaping the lives of students.

The event was anchored by Sarah, who seamlessly introduced each segment. The assembly began with a shloka recitation by Drishya and Anvay, followed by an insightful presentation by Indrajith on the importance of Guru Purnima. Speeches expressing gratitude towards teachers were delivered by Vihaan and Jagrit, capturing the essence of the day. Kavitas were recited by Sana and Ishika, beautifully honoring the dedication of teachers, and couplets (doha) of renowned saints Kabir and Rahim were presented by the students of class 9 and 10, sharing timeless wisdom. A story highlighting the importance of guru in students life was also shown to the students. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Shachi, appreciation for the teachers sincerely expressing.

Students had a deeper understanding of the significant role teachers play in their personal and academic growth. Overall, it reinforces the value of education and the enduring impact of the teacher-student relationship.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Abha Yadav



July 22, 2024

KOOL SCHOOL DAY-PI APPROXIMATION DAY

"The Great Pyramid, that monument to spirituality that the Agashan Teachers hold in such high esteem, is built according to Pi's principles."

Keeping this quote Vidya Vikas Academy dedicated the Kool School Day to Pi Approximation Day. The objective of having this day in academy was to nurture the importance of Mathematics in our daily life.

Kool School Day was celebrated on 22nd July as the day coincides with the approximated value of Pi which is 22/7. The students enthusiastically participated in various activities like Pi approximation recitation, Pi circle art, Pi trivia and many more.

The take away was to kindle young minds to be inquisitive and explore their own potential. The students enjoyed a day wherein they were engaged with fun filled activities and took with them memories that they would cherish



for years to come.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Shaefali Lendhay

July 22, 2024

KOOL SCHOOL DAY (PI APPROXIMATION DAY)

Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated the Pi Approximation Day by organising various engaging activities centred around Pi, for the students of class 9 and 10.

The main objective is to make Pi Approximation Day both educational and enjoyable, fostering a deeper appreciation for mathematics among students

The day began with a brief history and significance of π , followed by a memorization contest where students showcased their ability to recall the digits of π . Hands-on activities included creating a "Fruit Mania" fruit salad to visualize the concept of π , making models using colored paper to craft bracelets, necklaces, and graffiti using geometrical shapes. Additionally, the event featured exciting games of twos and threes, and a quiz competition to test students' knowledge of π and its applications. These activities provided a fun and interactive way for students to learn about π , encouraging both creativity and mathematical understanding.

The event concluded with a reflective session where students shared their experiences and what they learned, making the day both educational and enjoyable.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Calorina Rodrigues



July 23, 2024

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY 'MATH IS EVERYWHERE'

The essence of mathematics is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple. -Stan Gudder

On 23th July 2024 a special assembly on 'Math is Everywhere' was conducted for the students of classes 1 to 5. The assembly aimed to promote interest in mathematics and create awareness about importance of mathematics in day-to-day life situation.

The assembly started with the introduction and importance of Mathematics. A few interesting facts of Math were shared in the assembly. The students of class 4 presented a short skit on 'Invention of Zero' followed by a dance performance depicting different formation of shapes. Lastly, the students enthusiastically participated in the Math quiz.

The assembly not only highlighted the relevance of math in daily life but also provided students with an enjoyable and enriching math experience.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Pearl Pereira



July 25, 2024

NSBD-NATURE TRAILS

The 'No School Bag Day' for the month of July was held on 25th July, themed "Nature Trails." The Pre-Primary students came dressed in shades of green, brown and floral attire, representing the theme of nature. The teacher briefed the students about some of the things found in the environment. Following this, the children were taken on a nature walk to enjoy and explore their surroundings.

Songs and dances for the day were centered entirely around nature. The highlight of the day was "Extempore", where children presented items and pictures found in nature and spoke a few lines about them. As a takeaway, students were thrilled to make vibrant headgears, which added to their excitements and joy. It was a day well cherished by all.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Shirley Fernandes



July 26, 2024

NO SCHOOL BAG DAY (PRIMARY)-TIGER TALES

"The tiger is a symbol of beauty, bravery, strength, and nationality." -Unknown

No School Bag Day was held on 26th July, 2024, by the Primary Section with the theme "Tiger Tales." Students were engaged in educational activities related to the majestic tiger. They wrote impactful slogans, crafted tiger face pen holders, and performed action songs and dances related to tigers. Additionally, students presented fascinating facts about tigers, created origami tigers, and told captivating tiger stories. They also designed tiger habitats, produced typography art to promote tiger conservation, and performed Vyagrasana, a yoga sequence featuring the tiger pose. To further enhance their understanding, they watched a documentary titled "Discovering Tigers: The Majestic Big Cat."



This event not only fostered a deeper appreciation for tigers but also highlighted the importance of their conservation.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Nilanjana Chakraborty

July 27, 2024

OPEN HOUSE EXHIBITION- HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENT

The exhibition titled 'Human and Environment' held on Open House Day, 27th July, 2024, provided an engaging platform for the students to explore the intricate relationship between humans and the environment. The exhibition was designed to foster awareness, inspire action, and promote sustainable practices.

Science: The students explained the impact of each of their exhibits on the environment.

The exhibits included the animal cell, rocket, balanced diet, food chain, rail transport, tiger habitat.

EVS: Students presented models of floods, droughts, and earthquakes to demonstrate how human actions can worsen these natural disasters. The students explained the impact of their exhibits on the environment.

Languages: The students made models/charts showing the harmful effects of pollution on nature. These exhibits highlighted how pollution damages the environment.

Social Science: The students displayed the impact humans have on the environment through various charts depicting dams, different modes of transport and modern agricultural practices.

With a diverse range of activities, charts and models, the day successfully highlighted the impact of human activities on the environment and explored innovative solutions for a sustainable future.

Co-ordinator: Subject teachers. (languages, Science, Social science)

July 29, 2024

TREE EXPRESSIONS

A poem writing and recitation activity titled "Tree Expressions" was held for students of classes 9 and 10. The theme for the activity was 'Trees' with the aim to ignite their love for trees, highlighting the importance of trees and personal experiences.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students increasing their appreciation for the environmental role of trees while at the same time developing their creative skills through poetry.

The activity successfully fostered both educational and personal growth among students while promoting environmental awareness.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Priyanka Bhandari and Tr. Sunanda Rebello



July 29, 2024

SPELL BEE COMPETITION

"Spelling is the foundation of literacy and literacy is the foundation of knowledge"

Vidya Vikas Academy organized a 'Spell Bee Competition' as the activity for the month of July 2024 for classes 6 to 8. The primary objective of conducting this activity is to enhance the students' language skills, improve vocabulary, and foster a deeper understanding of the English language.



The competition had two rounds. For the first round the main focus was on individual capabilities allowing each student to demonstrate their understanding of spelling, vocabulary, and language rules independently. For the second round, 'Guess the Correct Spelling', students were required to guess the right spelling from the varied options given to them, adding an additional layer of complexity to the contest.

'Spell Bee Competition' provided a holistic learning to the students. It developed their self-confidence and public speaking skill.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Lavina Barretto and Tr. Valancy Rodrigues

July 29, 2024

WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY 2024

Every year on July 28th, people around the globe come together to observe World Nature Conservation day. To commemorate this day Vidya Vikas Academy conducted several activities for students.

The objective of these activities was to remind the students the importance of conserving our natural resources and protecting the environment for our future generations.

Envelope making using old magazine or newspaper.

Leaf impression paintings.

Paper bags making for disposing sanitary pads.

Essay writing / Poem Writing on the topic: Lead a Green Way of Life.

Debate on Nature Conservation and Urbanization were some of the activities conducted.

Through these activities students learnt to take proactive steps towards sustainable conservation.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Hema Cacodcar and Tr. Michelle Mascarehnas



July 29, 2024

ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH- SOLO SINGING

Vidya Vikas Academy organized a "Solo Singing Competition" for the students of class 1 to 5. The objective was to provide a platform for musical geniuses and encourage them to showcase their talent.

The competition was held in two rounds Preliminary Round where the interested students performed and the top 7 from each division were selected for the finals. In the final round the finalists performed individually and were evaluated based on vocal quality, control, diction and rhythm.

The top 5 performers were honored with certificates. All participants demonstrated impressive skills and dedication. This activity gave moral boost to our students and inculcated competitive spirit.



Co-ordinators: Sir Cidroy Paes, Tr. Vannesa Gonsalves and Sir Gladson Saldhana

SENIOR SECONDARY SECTION

July 02, 2024

30TH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated its 30th anniversary on July 2, 2024, with a special assembly.

The objective of the anniversary celebration was to rekindle cherished memories and remind the students that they are the future torchbearers who will bring laurels to the institution through their excellence in academics and co-curricular activities.

The event commenced with a prayer service, setting a solemn tone for the occasion. We were honored to have two distinguished ex-students with us: Ms. Sharlaine Menezes, Goa's first female rapper and a TEDx speaker, who inspired the audience with her words and performance, and Ms. Durva Talaulikar, who motivated our students academically with her insightful remarks.

Principal Mrs. Joble Bijoy extended her best wishes to all the staff and students on this momentous day.

The event not only celebrated past achievements but also laid the foundation for future aspirations, inspiring students to strive for excellence and contribute positively to the community.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Nikita Afonso



July 24, 2024

VVA INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICIALS (2024-25)

Vidya Vikas Academy, Margao held its annual investiture ceremony of Senior Secondary officials for the academic year 2024-25 in the month of July.

The candidates were nominated for the posts of General Secretary (Boy & Girl), Discipline Secretary (Boy & Girl), Sports Secretary and Class Prefects, based on a fixed criteria.

The results are as follows:

General Secretary (Boy) Ishan Naik

General Secretary (Girl) Nadia Nicole Soares Sousa

Discipline Secretary (Boy) Jarvis Frajel Fernandes

Discipline Secretary (Girl) Kenisha Christabelle Mascarenhas

Cultural Secretary (Boy) Umesh Phadke

Cultural Secretary (Girl) Leah Nisha Costa

Sports Secretary - Danielle Sousa

Class Representative 12 A Pete Lobo

Asst. Class Representative 12 A Aarya Kamat

Class Representative 12 B Austin Da Cunha

Asst. Class Representative 12 B Zoya Menezes

Class Representative 11 A Berwyn D'cunha

Asst. Class Representative 11 A Daksh Tiwari

Class Representative 11 B Luke Soares

Asst. Class Representative 11 B Arya Patel



The Investiture Ceremony was scheduled on 27th July, 2024 at 8:30 am in the VVA School Hall. The ceremony commenced with the March of the Student Council with band followed by traditional lighting of the lamp by the Principal, Vice-Principal, General Secretary (Girl & Boy), and their parents. Thereafter, the newly elected officials were administered the Oath by the Principal Mrs. Joble Bijoy, in the presence of the staff and the parents of the

officials.

Each elected official expressed their thoughts about how they plan to be a school ambassador followed by lighting of the candles. They all sang a song "This Little Guiding Light" as a sign of acknowledgement of the responsibility that lies ahead. The General Secretary (Girl) proposed the vote of thanks. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the School Anthem.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Reema K.

July 26, 2024

CELEBRATING NATIONAL SPACE DAY: VIDYA VIKAS ACADEMY TRIUMPHS AT ASTRONOMY QUIZ

Vidya Vikas Academy senior secondary students participated in an astronomy-themed quiz competition organized by Goa University in collaboration with the Master Control Facility of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in Hassan, Karnataka. The theme of the competition was "Touching the Lives While Touching the Moon."



Our students achieved outstanding results in the competition:

Winners:

1st Place: Fynn Gonsalves

2nd Place: Pranaam Bhat and Ezekiel Cardozo

3rd Place: Hernan Fernandes

The quiz competition offered participants significant insights into space and astronomy. It sparked a strong enthusiasm for engaging in future competitions, highlighting the importance of such events in inspiring young minds and nurturing their interest in science and space exploration.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Reema Dalal

July 31, 2024

KOOL SCHOOL DAY-PI APPROXIMATION DAY

Vidya Vikas Academy, Senior Secondary section celebrated "Kool School Day" for students of class 11 & 12. The event was based on the theme "Pi Approximation". Pi Approximation Day is observed every year on July 22. It aimed to deepen students' understanding of this fundamental concept in mathematics through a series of interactive activities.



The teachers coordinated a diverse range of activities related to the theme which included brain teasers, logic games, mind challenges and strategy puzzles. The event highlighted the beauty of mathematics and inspired students to further explore the fascinating world of numbers.

The goal to ignite curiosity in young minds and encourage them to explore their own potential was fulfilled. Students spent the day immersed in enjoyable and stimulating activities, taking with them lasting memories that they will treasure for years.

Co-ordinator: AVP/Section Head

STEAM LAB/ATL SECTION

July 28, 2024

WHERE SCIENCE MEETS CREATIVITY

In June 2024, the STEAM Lab activities for Classes 1 to 6, focused on hands-on projects integrating multiple STEAM disciplines.

Class 1 students built fishing rods and rocket ships, aiming to introduce basic mechanics and aerodynamics, fostering curiosity and foundational physics knowledge. Class 2 explored air-propelled spaceships and balloon cars, enhancing their understanding of air pressure and motion.

Class 3 engaged in magnet fishing and magnet cars, delving into magnetism and material properties, deepening their appreciation of magnetic fields. Class 4 participated in pond fishing and making paper elephant trunks, learning about buoyancy and biomechanics, enhancing their grasp of physical properties.

Class 5 focused on building catapults and projectile-catching mechanisms, exploring levers and projectile motion, improving their engineering skills. Class 6 brainstormed real-world problems, built toothpick and popsicle stick mechanisms for catching balls, and constructed projectile launchers, enhancing their critical thinking and structural engineering knowledge.

These activities nurtured creativity, practical skills, and interdisciplinary learning, providing valuable experiences that bridged theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.

Co-ordinator: Sayed Mohamed H.



July 28, 2024

BEYOND WIRES: SHAPING FUTURES WITH PRACTICAL ELECTRONICS

The ATL Lab promotes collaborative learning, fostering teamwork to develop innovative solutions and enhance creativity and problem-solving skills.

Students of class 7 were introduced to circuit design using Tinkercad, covering basic electrical principles.

Class 8 focused on finger detection using block coding, introducing computer vision and programming logic.

Class 9 delved into facial recognition using AI and PictoBlox, exploring machine learning applications.

Class 10 enhanced understanding with on-off switch circuits, focusing on controlling electrical flow.

Class 11 emphasized advanced circuit design techniques with complex configurations and applications.

Class 12 explored 555 timer IC for creating timers, pulse generators, and other circuits.

The focus was on experiential learning, integrating theory with practical skills and creative development.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Ankita Raikar



Centre of Excellence

A unique opportunity for students to pursue their talents and interest in school, after school hours. Highly qualified coaches will conduct classes for Gymnastics, Table tennis, Basketball, Chess, Skating, Guitar, Drums and Keyboard.

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