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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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December 07, 2024

PRE-PRIMARY STAR QUEST

The Pre-Primary Star Quest "Budding Talents Blossoming Futures" at VVA's Pre-Primary Section was a vibrant celebration of the students skills and abilities, designed to give each child a chance to shine. Through this special event children were not only able to display their abilities but also build confidence, fostering a sense of accomplishment and pride in their achievements. It was a memorable day of excitement, learning, and celebration of their early milestones.

The highlight of the occasion was when children from various age groups and classes showcased their talents in singing, dance, elocution, Fancy Dress and quiz allowing the young stars to demonstrate their unique strengths in a supportive and joyous environment. The School Hall was filled with energy as the young performers captivated the audience with their charm and stage presence. The atmosphere was electrifying with resounding applause reverberating through the hall. Participants were elated to receive certificates and gifts as a well-deserved acknowledgment of their exceptional efforts. In essence, the event stood as a powerful testament to the students unwavering motivation, grace, and confidence in engaging in the contest.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Ashwini Palankar and Tr. Glafy Vellis



December 10, 2024

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

On December 10, 2024, Vidya Vikas Academy held a special assembly to commemorate Human Rights Day. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of promoting physical, social, and spiritual well-being among vulnerable groups worldwide.

This year's theme, "Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now," served as a reminder that human rights are essential for a brighter future. Students delved into the significance of this



occasion and explored the six fundamental rights that form the foundation of human dignity and freedom.

A thought-provoking presentation highlighted the importance of these rights, while students creatively displayed placards showcasing each of the six fundamental rights. The event concluded with a quiz that tested students' knowledge about human rights.

The assembly emphasized that protecting human rights is crucial for the development of individuals, communities, and the nation as a whole. Promoting human rights awareness and education encourages students to become responsible citizens.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Rona Vas

December 10, 2024

TWIST AND SOLVE

The activity for the month of December, themed "Twist and Solve (Rubik's cube competition)," was conducted for the students of class 9 and 10 at Vidya Vikas Academy. The objective of the activity was to develop logical thinking, problem solving and improve the understanding of spatial visualization.



A diverse group of students enthusiastically participated in the challenge which enhanced problem solving skills, hand - eye co-ordination and critical thinking. The activity also fostered a sense of camaraderie, as the students worked together to share various algorithms and strategies.

The activity was a huge hit with the students who were fully engaged and motivated throughout the challenge. It also helped to promote cognitive skills, spatial recognition skills and a healthy competition among the students

Co-ordinators: Tr. Luianne Almeida and Spurty Khandeparkar

December 11, 2024

NOURISH TO FLOURISH

A vibrant and engaging special assembly themed "Nourish to Flourish", was held on the 11th of December, 2024 by the students of Junior KG A and B. The event, which invited parents from both classes, was a lively celebration of health and wellness.



Focusing on the theme "Nourish to Flourish," the assembly sought to raise awareness among both children and parents about the importance of fueling our bodies with healthy foods.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents while promoting a message of health and well-being.

The students of Junior Kg A kicked off the assembly with an energetic dance performance, incorporating dumbbells to raise awareness about staying fit. This was followed by a spirited action song performed by the Junior Kg B, celebrating the importance of healthy food, accompanied by enthusiastic singing and dynamic gestures.

The highlight of the assembly was an inspiring enactment by the children, which emphasized the significance of making healthy food choices over unhealthy options.

The key message was clear: by eating healthy, we can grow stronger, stay active, improve our studies, and flourish in all aspects of life. The event was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents while promoting a message of health and well-being.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Ashwini Palankar and Tr. Sherianne Coutinho

December 13, 2024

25TH ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET 2024-25

Vidya Vikas Mandal's Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated its 25th Annual Athletic Meet for the academic year 2024-25 on 13th December 2024. Students from Classes 1 to 12 participated with confidence, boundless energy, and commendable sportsmanship. The Raia Panchayat Stadium buzzed with enthusiasm and a spirit of competition. The chief guest for the occasion was Mr. Nishad Shevde, Head Coach and Founder of SS Tennis Academy, Margao.



A vibrant and synchronized Goff dance performed by our dynamic students offered a warm and delightful welcome to the dignitaries and the audience. The well-coordinated march past, accompanied by the melodious marching music of the School Band featuring eighty one talented students, was truly a visual and auditory treat. Adding to the pride of the event, the torch relay by young and promising athletes of Vidya Vikas Academy, who have represented the school at both State and National levels, inspired everyone with their passion for sports.

In addition to traditional athletic events, displaying strength and teamwork, engaging novelties and drills such as Bamboo Blaze, Zig Zag Run, Slow Cycling, and Umbrella Regiment added excitement and variety to the day's program. The students showcased their skills and determination across a kaleidoscope of events, leaving the audience enthralled.

Winners of various competitions were felicitated by the chief guest, encouraging them to aim for even greater achievements in life. The coveted Best House Trophy was awarded to the Green House.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest encouraged the students not to limit themselves in this limitless world and to perceive sports, not just as a co-curricular activity but as a career, a lifestyle and an opportunity for global recognition.

The event concluded on a high note, with participants and spectators alike carrying home a sense of fulfilment, cherished memories, and a renewed zest for excellence.

Co-ordinator: Sports Department

December 14, 2024

MATH WHIZ

Vidya Vikas Academy organized a 'Math Whiz' as the activity for the month of December 2024 for classes 6 to 8. The objective was to enhance students' mathematical and analytical skills through engaging multiple-choice questions.

The questions covered topics like arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and logical reasoning. The activity aimed to promote critical thinking, problem-solving, and confidence in mathematics. Students participated enthusiastically, showcasing their abilities in brainstorming and creative thinking. Five top scorers from each class were selected.

Participants demonstrated a keen interest in applying their knowledge to solve real-life mathematical scenarios. The activity highlighted the importance of logical reasoning in academics and daily life. It provided an opportunity to identify and nurture mathematical talent. Overall, the event successfully met its objectives and left students motivated.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Shaefali Lendhay, Tr. Sushma Kalghatgi and Tr. Mansi Dessai

December 16, 2024

A GIFT OF WONDER (MY OWN CHRISTMAS MIRACLE STORY NARRATION)

The activity titled "A Gift of Wonder" was held in December for classes 1 to 5, that focused on encouraging students to share their own Christmas miracle stories. This two-round event aimed to enhance creativity, boost confidence, and promote empathy, all while blending the festive spirit of Christmas with learning. In the first round, students narrated their stories, with each student given 2 minutes to present. Teachers evaluated the stories based on creativity, clarity, and relevance to the theme, selecting the top 5 students for the final round.



In the final round, students presented their stories once more to the Teacher incharge, refining their delivery and

confidence. The activity was a huge success, with students showcasing their storytelling skills and embodying the spirit of Christmas through their narratives. The selected students were recognized and sent for further evaluation, with photos of the activity capturing the enthusiasm and joy of the event.

The event not only promoted creativity and public speaking but also fostered values of kindness and generosity.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Lulet Fernandes and Tr. Celebrity D'Costa

December 18, 2024

PRE-PRIMARY LIBERATION DAY CELEBRATION

The Liberation Day assembly was conducted by the students of Nursery A. The main aim of the assembly was to familiarize the students with the significance of "Liberation Day" and the traditions of Goa.

The highlight of the assembly was introducing the students to the language "Konkani" wherein the students shared a few lines on Goa in Konkani being, the language spoken by the people of Goa.



The students sang the Konkani song "Undir Mojea Mama" and danced to the vibrant tune of "Goa Amche" fostering a deeper connection with Goan culture and tradition

Co-ordinator: Tr. Fatima Diniz

December 19, 2024

LIBERATION DAY

Goa Liberation Day was celebrated at Vidya Vikas Academy on Wednesday, 19th December 2024, with great enthusiasm and joy. The event began with a brief introduction by Tr. Reshma Raikar, setting the tone for the day. The Tricolour was hoisted by Principal, Mrs. Joble Bijoy followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The cultural programme opened with a Konkani Tiatr, conveying the message that no matter where life takes us, we should always remember our roots.

Miss Aditi Bhende from Class 8 delivered an inspiring speech, paying tribute to the brave freedom fighters who contributed to the struggle for liberation from the Portuguese rule.

The students showcased their talents with a vibrant performance of the traditional Carnival and Shigmo parade, followed by a Goan folk dance, 'Dekhni.' The audience were also delighted by melodious Konkani songs celebrating the beauty and rich culture of Goa.

A humorous Konkani monologue was presented by Aarush Sankaw of Class 6.

The prizes and certificates were distributed by Principal, Mrs. Joble Bijoy, recognizing the winners of various events. The event concluded on a patriotic note with the singing of the national song, 'Vande Mataram.'

Co-ordinators: Tr. Reshma Raikar and Tr. Sharmila Naik



December 19, 2024

SNEHA DHARA- DONATION DRIVE

The Outreach Committee along with the Sneha Dhara team from Vidya Vikas Academy organized a donation drive from 10th to 18th December 2024 with an aim and objective of fostering a spirit of giving and supporting an orphanage. The school initiated an extensive awareness campaign through posters, announcements and designated collection points across the school premises.

The campaign witnessed enthusiastic participation from students who donated stationery, clothes, and groceries. The team consisting of 11 staff and 10 students visited the orphanage, on 19th December 2024. The success of this initiative highlights the generosity and compassion of the school community. The team offered a prayer service for the children. They had an amazing opportunity to interact, dance and sing carols. They also distributed

Christmas gifts which brought a smile on their face that said much more than just a thank you.

The value of giving back to the community, appreciating their own privileges, and understanding the impact they can make in the lives of others through small acts of generosity was a major takeaway for our students. It was indeed a very exhilarating experience.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Farheen Khan, Tr. Merexi D'Silva, Tr. Lalita Kochrekar, Tr. Mable D'Souza, Tr. Lezennia Gomes, Tr. Vismila Rodrigues, Tr. Lavina Barretto, Tr. Olga Dias, Tr. Saba Mokashi, Cidroy Paes and Damodar Pattanshetty

December 21, 2024

NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY

National Mathematics Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at our school to honor the birth anniversary of the legendary mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan.

The event aimed to highlight the significance of mathematics in daily life and inspire students to develop an interest in the subject.

A short presentation showcasing Ramanujan's life and achievements was screened to provide students with insights into his extraordinary journey, followed by skit, dance and quiz.

Students gained a deeper appreciation for the beauty and importance of mathematics in their lives. They learned about the contributions of Ramanujan and felt inspired to explore mathematical concepts beyond the classroom. The event also instilled a sense of curiosity and motivated them to approach mathematics with greater confidence and enthusiasm.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Mansi Desai and Spurty Khandeparkar



December 23, 2024

PRE-PRIMARY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON "CHRISTMAS"

Christmas, a festival celebrated worldwide to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. A special assembly on "Christmas" was conducted for the students and parents of Nursery A, B, and C. The assembly emphasizes harmony, love, sharing, and helping the needy.

The students brought the story of Christmas to life through a delightful enactment, showcasing the significance of the festival. Adding to the festive spirit, the children also performed a lively dance, sung carols, spreading cheer and joy among the audience.

The parents of the Nursery students were invited to witness the event, making the celebration even more memorable. The highlight of the assembly was the surprise entry of Santa Claus on a bike which brought excitement and smiles to everyone, especially the children.

The assembly beautifully captured the essence of Christmas, leaving the audience inspired and filled with festive joy.

Co-ordinators: Tr. Fatima Diniz, Tr. Shirley Fernandes, Tr. Mayura Bandodkar



December 23, 2024

PRE-PRIMARY NSBD - WINTER WONDERLAND

The Pre-Primary Section celebrated 'No School Bag Day' on the 23rd of December 2024 with the theme "Winter Wonderland".

The objective was to immerse children in the festive spirit of Christmas while helping them understand the significance of the celebration and its various elements.

The highlight of the day was the engaging games conducted in each class. The students walked through the corridors to explore the beautifully decorated boards prepared for the season. The boards showcased various festive elements such as Santa Claus, Candy canes, poinsettias, snowmen, bells, snowflakes, star, candles and more. They also visited the crib, where a short story was narrated about the significance of Christmas, the crib

and the birth of Jesus. The creative takeaways made by the children included Christmas-themed crafts such as Christmas trees, candy canes, reindeer, stars, Santa Claus, and other festive symbols. The children proudly carried home the art and craft items they created, adding to the joy of the season.

The day was filled with lively activities, including carol singing, dancing to Christmas songs, and a storytelling session, where children learned more about the traditions and essence of the festive season. The event successfully created a joyful and educational experience, leaving the children with cherished memories of Christmas.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Sherianne Coutinho

December 23, 2024

NO SCHOOL BAG DAY (PRIMARY)-CHEERFUL CHIMES

No School Bag Day for the Primary Section was held on Friday, 23rd December, 2024 with the festive theme "Cheerful Chimes," dedicating the day to the joy of Christmas.

Students arrived dressed in Christmas colors, adding to the holiday spirit. A variety of engaging activities brought the festive theme to life, including karaoke singing of Christmas carols, crafting edible snowmen, treasure hunts, and creating greeting cards and paper bells adorned with cheerful messages. Students also showcased their creativity with snowflake patterns, geometric ornaments, and Christmas-themed paintings. They recited poems in Hindi and Konkani, and spoke about their favourite Christmas symbols, fostering cultural and linguistic appreciation.

The highlight of the day was a special assembly featuring a skit, a speech on the meaning of Christmas, dance performances, and Christmas carols.

The celebration beautifully embodied the spirit of love, sharing, and joy, leaving students with cherished memories of a day filled with festive cheer and meaningful lessons.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Nilanjana Chakraborty



SENIOR SECONDARY SECTION

December 02, 2024

CHEM FEST 2.0

Vidya Vikas Academy set the stage ablaze with a dynamic Chemistry Fest 2.0 that unfolded from November 25 to December 2, 2024. Organized by senior secondary students, the fest aimed to spark interest and creativity in chemistry while emphasizing the value of hands-on learning and critical thinking. Featuring five dynamic segments — Chemistry Carnival, Chemical Fusion, Chemical Quizzical, Chemathlon, and Titration Race — the event seamlessly combined education and entertainment.



The Chemistry Carnival captivated audiences with thrilling experiments, making science exciting and accessible. Chemical Fusion unveiled the artistic side of chemistry with spectacular reactions that left the audience in awe. Chemical Quizzical brought a competitive spirit to the fest, challenging participants with a lively quiz.

Chemathlon, an adventurous treasure hunt, engaged students in solving chemistry-related puzzles and tasks, while the Titration Race provided a platform for participants to showcase their precision and analytical abilities in a time-sensitive contest.

The Chemistry Fest offered a vibrant mix of educational exhibits, creative experiments, and interactive challenges. It successfully nurtured a deeper appreciation for chemistry, demonstrating its relevance to both academics and everyday life while encouraging a spirit of exploration and innovation among students.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Sabha Mokashi

STEAM LAB/ATL SECTION

December 23, 2024

WHERE SCIENCE MEETS CREATIVITY

In December 2024, students in Classes 1–6 participated in engaging STEAM Lab projects that combined science, technology, engineering, art, and math through hands-on experiments. They began by using 3D pens to create festive Christmas decorations, introducing them to 3D design while enhancing creativity, fine motor skills, and spatial awareness. Next, they explored gravity and motion by designing roller coasters, experimenting with ramps and slopes to understand the principles of physics and engineering. Additionally, students built Rube Goldberg machines using everyday materials, creating chain reactions to illustrate cause-and-effect relationships while honing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. These activities promoted teamwork, creativity, and practical learning in a fun and innovative way.



Co-ordinator: Sayed Mohamed H.

December 23, 2024

WHERE CURIOSITY SPARKS INNOVATION

In December 2024, students focused on transforming 3D designs into tangible products, advancing their skills in additive manufacturing. They learned the 3D printing process, including slicing, uploading, validating, and prototyping, while gaining proficiency with slicing software and print settings. By iterating on prototypes, they refined designs, exploring how adjustments impact quality, structure, and functionality.



These activities emphasized problem-solving and provided hands-on experience in prototyping and product development, bridging the gap between digital design and real-world applications. Students strengthened technical abilities and gained valuable insights into 3D printing technology for future challenges.

Co-ordinator: Sayed Mohamed H.

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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