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## LEARNING & GROWTH



### TODDLER

This month, our toddlers explored the world of fruits through fun and engaging activities! From identifying fruits, exploring textures and smells, to making juice, fruit salads, and creative fruit art, every day was filled with curiosity, laughter, and learning. Role plays, songs, stories, and a Fruit Treasure Hunt made the month colourful, active, and full of joyful discoveries.



## PPI & PPII

The children of Pre-Primary I & II explored the fascinating world of the five senses – sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch through a variety of hands-on and engaging activities. They enjoyed identifying different smells, sounds, and textures, and even experimented with tracing lines and numbers on Sand and Rawa. Through creative activities like folded paper painting and musical glass colour and fun was added to their learning. Outdoor experiences such as the Sensory Walk and Nature Walk encouraged observation and curiosity about the world around them. The fruit salad group activity helped them understand taste preferences and the importance of healthy eating. It was a month full of joyful discovery, where every sense came alive through play, exploration, and creativity!

## GRADE I

Reading Log: The reading log activity is done with much enthusiasm by the learners. Each week, Grade I students share a book they enjoyed. They talk about the story, their favourite part, and why they liked it. This helps children develop a love for reading, improves understanding, and encourages sharing ideas with friends.

## MAITRI

Acharyas and Akkas looked forward to the Maitri sessions, enjoying laughter, learning, and togetherness. The past two sessions were full of creativity with kolam-making, flower-tying, and fun games, ending in joyous laughter and camaraderie.



## CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

### KRISHNA JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS

The Cambridge campus came alive with joy, colour, and devotion as our little ones celebrated Krishna Jayanthi with enthusiasm. The classrooms were adorned with kolams and festive decorations, creating a vibrant and traditional atmosphere. Our young learners arrived dressed in traditional attire, many as little Krishnas and Radhas, adding a touch of magic to the celebration. A special highlight of the day was when grandparents were invited to narrate stories and songs of Lord Krishna in each classroom. The children also observed a simple pooja, fostering a sense of reverence and cultural appreciation.



### JANMASHTAMI



Learners presented a heartwarming Krishna Jayanthi celebration that beautifully wove together the values of “gratitude and empathy”. Through an engaging role play, our young performers emphasized the simple yet powerful act of expressing gratitude and saying “thank you” to those who touch our lives. The presentation took a deeper turn as learners narrated the inspiring story of Lord Krishna lifting the Govardhan Hill to protect an entire village from torrential rains – a timeless lesson in selflessness, compassion, and community care. The assembly came alive with soulful devotional songs and graceful dance performances that captured the festive spirit of Krishna Jayanthi, leaving the audience both entertained and enriched. It was wonderful to see our learners not only celebrate a festival but truly embody the values it represents.

## A Creative Celebration of Krishna



The Grade 7 CE peer presentation was a joyful tribute to Krishna Jayanthi, celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna through a colourful display of music, dance, drama, and cultural expression. Students enthusiastically showcased the skills they have developed in their CE classes. Melodious devotional songs, energetic dance performances, traditional Silambam segment, blending martial arts with cultural storytelling, engaging dramas bringing to life iconic moments from Krishna's childhood wove together a memorable program that honoured the life and teachings of one of the most beloved Gods.



## Matka Breaking

It was truly enthusiastic to watch all four house members embrace the spirit of community bonding and teamwork while attempting to form the pyramid and strike the matka. The joy, cooperation, and collective effort beautifully captured the essence of the festival.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



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## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Grade 8 CE peer presentation centered on Independence Day emphasised the sacrifice and strength that went into securing freedom for our nation. The presentation was filled with patriotic songs. Dance and powerful Silambam and Drama captivated the audience and enforced the effort taken by our forefathers and leaders to make our nation an independent country.



## GANESH CHATHURTHI CELEBRATIONS

The learners participated enthusiastically in the Ganesh Chaturthi celebration with joyful songs and bhajans in praise of Lord Ganesha. They created their own adorable paper cup Ganesha showcasing creativity and excitement. Through stories and songs, they learned about Lord Ganesha's wisdom and kindness, making the celebration both meaningful and fun.



## GANESH CHATHURTHI CELEBRATIONS

Learners presented a beautiful assembly centred on the theme of Gratitude, seamlessly woven into the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. The programme began with comperes sharing their personal Ganesh Chaturthi experiences, followed by a soulful prayer by the choir and an energetic Ganesha song that had the audience delighted and engaged. The highlight was an engaging enactment of the timeless story of Lord Kubera and Lord Ganesha, conveying a powerful message about humility and thankfulness. The assembly concluded with a graceful dance performance that captivated everyone present. Our young learners also reflected on their key takeaways, sharing what gratitude means to them and how they can practice it in their daily lives. Congratulations to Grade 4 Sindhubhairavi for this enriching and memorable presentation!



## Celebrating Ganesh through Art



The Grade 6 CE peer presentation was a vibrant celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi, showcasing the incredible talent and creativity of our students. The event served as a platform for students to express the skills they have developed in their CE classes through soulful songs, mesmerising dances, powerful Silambam performance and a thought provoking drama, all centered on Lord Ganesh!

## ONAM CELEBRATIONS

Cambridge Campus was abuzz with excitement as the children celebrated Onam. Dressed in colourful traditional outfits, they created beautiful pookkalam, carefully placing each flower petal. Later, they enjoyed a special lunch served on banana leaves, experiencing a cherished tradition of Onam.





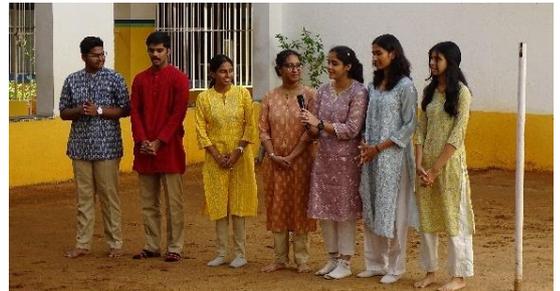
## A Colourful Ode to Onam

Grade 9 enthusiastically celebrated Onam as part of their CE peer presentation, showcasing the festival's vibrant traditions and cultural significance. The entire presentation was like a beautiful pearl chain, with our students showcasing Silambam, Drama, Music, and both Traditional and Western Dance performances, each thoughtfully chosen and crafted to form a stunning piece of artistic jewellery.



## A Vibrant Celebration of Navratri

Grade 11 CE presentation was based on the spirit of devotion and festivity that filled the air as the school celebrated Navaratri with great enthusiasm and reverence.



## Tamil Day : Honouring Tamizh and Tradition



The Tamizh Day celebration by Grade 7 students to honour the birthday of Sir Raja Muthaiah was a day filled with an explosion of creativity, heritage and tradition. With moving poem recitations, impactful speeches and riveting drama, the children showcased the values and culture integrated in Tamizh language. The events helped students understand the rich culture and history of Tamizh and its beauty. The day served as a reminder of how language, art and culture shape our sense of identity and belonging.

# Career Exploration

## Grade 2: People at Work and Helping Hands

Our youngest learners enjoyed a delightful read-aloud session featuring the engaging story “Career Day.” The activity opened their eyes to the wide variety of jobs that exist in our community and helped them appreciate how different professionals serve as helping hands in our daily lives. Through colourful illustrations and relatable characters, students recognized that every occupation—big or small—plays an essential role in making society function harmoniously. The session also sparked curious questions and thoughtful observations about the people who help us every day.



## Grade 3: Where People Work and What They Use

Grade 3 students participated in an interactive and lively picture-based quiz that brought the concept of careers to life. With enthusiasm and keen observation, they identified various professions by matching visual prompts with



corresponding careers, showcasing their growing understanding of work environments and professional tools. The session concluded with a meaningful reflection activity, where each student shared the profession, they dream of pursuing someday. These heartfelt reflections opened up inspiring conversations about aspirations, personal interests, and possible pathways toward their chosen careers.

## Grade 4: I Can Be... & Working Together



Grade 4 students stepped into the role of budding journalists for this engaging activity. They conducted interviews with family members to learn about diverse career paths, bridging classroom concepts with real-world experiences. Through their inquiries, students discovered a rich variety of professions within their own families—from healthcare workers and engineers to artists and entrepreneurs. When they reconvened to share their findings, the classroom buzzed with excitement as students presented their discoveries, collectively creating a vibrant mosaic of career stories. This exchange beautifully emphasized how different professions interconnect and complement one another, reinforcing the theme of working together in our professional world.

## Grade 5: Jobs Around Us

Our Grade 5 students delved into the evolving landscape of modern-day professions through an energetic group activity that skilfully combined teamwork with creative expression. Organized into collaborative teams, students drew profession cards and enthusiastically took on the challenge of acting out various jobs while their classmates worked to identify the careers being portrayed. This dynamic exercise introduced them to a wide spectrum of contemporary professions, including several emerging careers that didn't exist a generation ago. More importantly, the activity sparked meaningful discussions about how the job market continuously adapts and transforms in response to technological advancements and changing societal needs, preparing our students to navigate an ever-evolving professional landscape.



### Discovering Wildlife Photography

Grade 6 had their first career exploration of the year, where they were introduced to wildlife photography by Mr. Arun Kumar. He shared stories from his own experiences in the field, highlighting the importance of patience, creativity, and teamwork in wildlife photography. The session helped students understand what wildlife photography entails, the skills needed and also exposed them to the idea that there are various paths to success.



### A Glimpse into Transplant Surgery

As part of the Grade 7 career exploration program, students had the unique opportunity to hear from Dr. Aishwarya Rajkumar, a respected transplant surgeon, who spoke about her inspiring journey in the field of medicine. Dr. Rajkumar encouraged students to reflect on their personal strengths and interests as they begin thinking about their future careers.



Students learned that success can look different for everyone, and that there are many possible routes to achieving their goals.

### University Fair

Chettinad Harishree Vidyalayam hosted a Study Abroad Career Fair from leading universities across the U.S, Canada, Switzerland and Hongkong on campus, providing students of Grades XI and XII with a valuable opportunity to explore a wide range of higher education options. Representatives from renowned international universities participated in the event, offering insights into their academic



programs, admission processes, scholarships, and campus life. Our learners were engaged in inspiring conversations with admissions officers from prestigious institutions such as Bryant University, University of San Diego, Memorial University of Newfoundland, SHL Luzern, Hong Kong Baptist University.

## Dream Journal Launch

“My Dreams, My Goals, My Path,” is a workbook and a journal authored by our founder, Mrs. Geetha Muthiah, to inspire our learners to dream boldly and empower them to achieve their dreams.



## UTSAV: Exploring Tradition and Values

### PRIMARY UTSAV

Through UTSAV, learners explore the richness of our traditions and philosophies, daily rituals, ancient games, and art forms. Learners engage in a rich array of experiences – workshops, field visits, demonstrations, performances, and reflective activities that encourage personal connection and deeper cultural insight. This year the Utsav celebration included Inauguration and Music Session by Ms. Sumitra Vasudev, Theatre session by Alchemy, Story Session by Ms. Subha Mohan and Dance by In-house facilitators.

UTSAV FIELD VISIT: The Grade I went on a field visit to The Jagannath Temple. The temple is dedicated to the divine trinity Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra.

## Grade 2 – Kindness and Generosity

Grade 2 learners explored the values of kindness and generosity through their visit to the ISKCON Temple. They observed temple etiquette and learned about the significance of giving prasadam as a symbol of sharing and love. The experience helped them reflect on how small acts of kindness can create joy and harmony around them, echoing the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – “the world is one family”.



## Grade 3 – Respect for All

As part of their Utsav theme Respect for All, Grade 3 learners visited Chettinad Sarvaloka, where they witnessed the beauty of sustainable farming. Through their interactions with nature and farmers, they learned to appreciate the hard work that sustains our lives and the importance of respecting every living being. The visit nurtured gratitude and deepened their connection with the Earth.



## Grade 4 – Truthfulness, Righteousness, and Protection for All



Grade 4 learners visited Swami Vivekananda Illam to explore the theme of Truthfulness, Righteousness, and Protection for All. Inspired by Swami Vivekananda's life and teachings, they reflected on the power of truth and moral strength in daily life. The trip encouraged learners to uphold honesty and compassion while taking responsibility for the well-being of others and the world around them.

## UTSAV - Parent Event

Our school came alive with vibrant colours, creativity, and the spirit of togetherness during the UTSAV Parent Event. This special celebration brought families together to explore and honour traditional Indian art forms, with each grade engaging in unique hands-on activities.

### Grades 2 and 3: Kolam Magic

Our youngest participants and their parents created beautiful kolam designs, filling the corridors with intricate patterns and bright hues. The joy on children's faces as they worked alongside their parents – carefully placing each dot and line – was a sight to behold. These traditional floor art pieces showcased the perfect blend of patience, precision, and creativity.



### Grade 4: Crafting Thoranam

Grade families embraced the art of making thoranam, the decorative door hangings that symbolize prosperity and good fortune. Parents and children worked together, stringing flowers, leaves, and colourful materials to create stunning traditional garlands that now adorn our school spaces.



### Grade 5: Garland Artistry

Our Grade 5 students and their parents demonstrated their creativity through garland-making, weaving fragrant flowers and decorative elements into beautiful designs. The aromatic and visually stunning garlands reflected the care and attention each family put into their craft. The UTSAV Parent Event was not just about creating beautiful art – it was about strengthening

bonds between home and school, passing down cultural traditions, and creating lasting memories together. We are deeply grateful to all the parents who participated and made this celebration truly special.

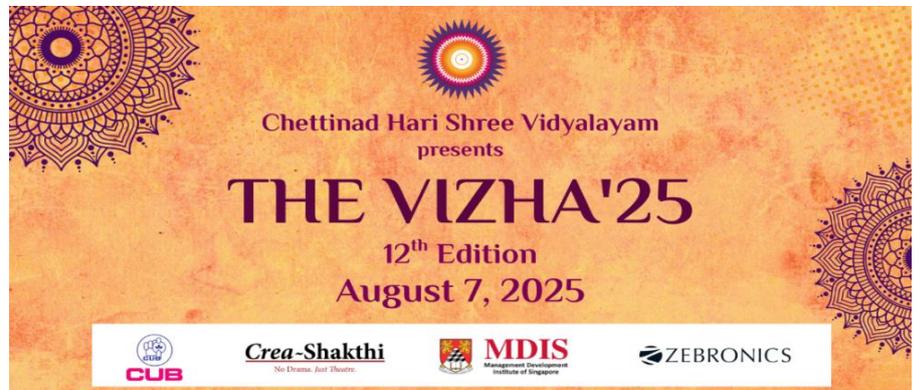
## INDEPENDENCE DAY

The school gathered on the morning of August 15 to celebrate our 79th National Independence Day in all its grandeur. The Student Council organized a variety of events to mark this special occasion. It is always a matter of pride to honour our past and celebrate the promise of the future.



## CHSV Vizha

Chettinad Hari Shree began the month of August in style with our prestigious interschool cultural fest, *Vizha 2025*. The event was inaugurated by the musical prodigy, Lydian Nadhaswaram. Students from 24 schools participated in this cultural extravaganza!!!





## Where Spirit Meets Strength – Sports Day at Chettinad Harishree Vidyalayam

The much-awaited Sports Day was held on September 3rd, 2025, at Nehru Stadium, celebrating athletic excellence, teamwork, and the spirit of sportsmanship. The event was graced by Mr. Karthik Meiyappan, a distinguished leg-spin bowler representing the United Arab Emirates National Cricket Team.



The ceremony began with the lighting of the Olympic torch by national-level athletes, followed by captivating demonstrations including March Past, Silambam, Mime, and the Human Pyramid.





Students showcased their talent and determination in various track and field events such as the 100m and 200m sprints, long jump, relay, and open 400m race, while parents enthusiastically participated in special events, adding joy to the day.



The celebrations also featured Mental Health, Seva, and Traditional Games sessions, promoting holistic well-being.

The event concluded with the House Championship results, with Akash House emerging as the champion, followed by Agni, Prithvi, and Vayu Houses, marking the end of a spirited and memorable day of sports.



# Awards and Accolades

## Multiple Mastery

Dhruv Nitin of Grade 3 showcased remarkable versatility by securing First Place in Singing, Guitar Playing, and Slokah Recitation, as well as Second Place in Yoga at the events organized by Ambalaar Ayya Vidyashram to celebrate Independence Day.



## Dynamic Dancer



Dhritii S. of Grade 4 participated in the Asia Pacific Dance Competition (APDC 2025) held in Singapore and achieved commendable success. She secured Second Place in the Under-9 Hip Hop Group category, participated with great spirit in the Under-11 Jazz Group, and earned Fourth Place along with an Honourable Mention in the Open Age Jazz Group.

## CISCE Regionals Tennis & Badminton



Our students participated in Tennis and Badminton tournaments under 14, 17 and 19 categories and bagged a total of six medals with one gold, four silver and one bronze. The students showed excellent discipline and representation across all categories. Thanuusha Shree of Grade 10 and Arjun Pandian of Grade XI have been selected for Nationals in Badminton and Tennis respectively.

## Budding Author



The recent addition to our school library is from our very own student, Yuvan Krishna. The book titled, "Elvis: Shadows and the Sword." is a fantasy adventure trilogy for children around 9 to 12 years old. Originally featured in The Indian Express, Yuvan's work stands out for its creativity, vivid storytelling. The book is now available on Amazon, Flipkart, and other leading e-commerce platforms.

## Moments of pride



Our School participated in two major cricket tournaments. At the CISCE Zonals, held from 14th to 16th July in Chennai and hosted by Primrose School, our teams competed in the U-14 and U-19 categories.

Kudos to the Zonal U-19 team for securing Third Place in the tournament!





Several players also earned recognition for their individual best performances, showcasing exceptional skill, focus, and commitment on the field. Big Congratulations!!! Nanda, Grade 7, Best Fighter of Match Award.

Our U-16 team took part in the prestigious City Inter-School Cricket Tournament organized by TNCA at the M.A Chidambaram Stadium, Chepauk, showcasing commendable effort and team spirit.



Aarya Raghavshyam and Vihaan Badrinarayanan, Grade 8 have been selected for regionals. Aarya Raghavshyam has won Man of the Match as well.

Svabhu, Grade11 has won Man of the Match Award.

## National Pride in International Circuit Racing

Rakshitha Dave of class XII Shivaranjini, participated in the Nexter BRIC Super Bike Championship 2025 - Sport Production 400cc SP Junior category held from September 26th-28th at the Chang International Circuit, Thailand and bagged the 3rd place. She is the first girl from India to get on an international podium in circuit racing. We are so proud of you Rakshitha!



## Coming Up in the Next Issue

- Middle school/High school Seva
- Viksit Buildathon
- Seva Guest lecture
- UTSAV - Middle school & High School

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