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### PONGAL CELEBRATION



The birth of the Thai month was celebrated at Hari Shree, with joy, colour, and festive spirit as learners and staff came together to celebrate Pongal in the traditional way on Wednesday, 28th January. The campus resonated with the warmth of gratitude and togetherness that this harvest festival represents.

The Tamil Department, along with our learners, played a key role in making the celebrations vibrant and memorable. The programme began with Aditya Hridayam, followed by Surya Namaskar performed by our learners. The celebration featured silambam, traditional dances, songs, and an engaging enactment of Jallikattu, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu. The celebrations provided a meaningful opportunity for learners to understand the significance of honouring nature, farmers, and the spirit of abundance.



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the learners and parents for their cooperation and support in making the day a memorable and enriching experience for all.





The toddlers enjoyed exploring the transport theme through various fun-filled activities. The learners were introduced to vehicle names and related discussions, helping them build vocabulary and word recognition. Learning was further enriched through stories and songs, making the session engaging and meaningful.



They identified different vehicles and enjoyed following a “road” path while delivering items, just like drivers taking things to shops and homes. Learners shared their shopping experiences and learned new vocabulary. The week ended with fun role play in our Restaurant Corner, Show & Tell on shopping lists, and hands-on activities like packing bags and kneading dough. A joyful week of learning through play and real-life experiences!



This week, our PPII learners explored how community helpers at school, farmers, and shopkeepers help us every day. Children helped akkas and friends, shared how it felt to help others, and made thank-you cards. Role play brought learning to life as children acted as farmers, vendors, chefs, and shoppers, understanding how food reaches us from farm to shop. A lively fruit and vegetable hunt helped learners read words, sort items, and count together. It was a joyful week filled with responsibility, cooperation, and meaningful learning through play.



**Reading Together**

Our monthly Reading Together session is always a favourite with our learners. They love talking about the books they are reading and enjoy sharing stories with their friends.



**Circle Time**

**Learning Values: Kindness and Responsibility**

**Grade 2** learners took centre stage with an inspiring circle time focused on the core values of Kindness and Responsibility. Through engaging presentations and thoughtful activities, young learners explored how responsibility manifests through our words and actions in everyday life. The session encouraged the learners to reflect on how small acts of kindness and responsible behaviour can create a positive impact on those around them, fostering empathy and accountability from an early age.



**Learning Values: Respect**



**Grade 3** explored the important value of respect through a meaningful activity. Learners learned to appreciate and honour farmers who work tirelessly to provide our food, understanding the journey from farm to table. They discussed showing gratitude for every meal and avoiding food wastage. The activity extended to fostering respect within the classroom, emphasizing kindness, active listening, and valuing each classmate's thoughts and feelings, creating a harmonious and inclusive learning environment for all.

**Learning Values: Responsibility**

**Grade 4** learners were welcomed back to school with an engaging hands-on reflection activity, fostering a sense of responsibility and self-awareness. Children thoughtfully examined their personal growth and achievements from the past year, celebrating milestones while identifying areas for improvement. Through this meaningful exercise, they set purposeful goals for the upcoming year, developing critical self-reflection skills. This activity fostered accountability for their learning journey while nurturing the self-awareness essential for academic and personal development.



**Grade 7 and 8**

**Grade 7** learners enjoyed an exciting one-day field trip to Mahabalipuram as part of their Utsav research trip. The learners visited various places of cultural importance in Mahabalipuram like Arjuna’s Penance, Pancharathas, and Krishna Mandapam. Through guided walks, the learners explored the majestic architecture of the Pallava dynasty and its unique features which increased their appreciation of art and culture. On the same day, Grade 8 learners went to Thirukkazhukundram Temple. They observed the temple architecture with keen interest, carefully noting its structural elements and artistic details. An archaeologist accompanied the learners and helped the learners gain a deeper understanding of heritage architecture.



Learners of Grades 5 and 6 participated in a wellness session titled ‘The Jar of Me’ to learn more about themselves. Through an activity, the learners reflected on the different elements that make up who they are, including their strengths, interests, important relationships, and life experiences.

Learners worked in small groups which gave them an opportunity to share, listen and learn more about one another. The group discussions encouraged connection and helped learners recognise both similarities and differences among their peers while working to complete the task as a team.

The wellness session helped learners practice key social-emotional learning skills such as recognising emotions, identifying personal strengths and reflecting on experiences that shape their sense of self. The session helped learners create deep self-understanding while also fostering empathy and connection with others.



## Middle School Inter-House Matches

The Middle School Inter-House matches for Grades 6, 7, and 8 ignited fierce competition among the learners as they strived to ensure victory for their houses. In the Grade 6 Boys' category, 'House Akash' won football, cricket, badminton singles, and badminton doubles, while 'House Vayu' won table tennis singles and doubles.

In the Grade 6 Girls' category, 'House Akash' won cricket, badminton singles and doubles, and table tennis doubles, and 'House Prithvi' won football, basketball, and table tennis singles.

In the Grades 7 and 8 Boys' categories, 'House Vayu' won basketball and badminton singles and doubles. In the Grades 7 and 8 Girls' categories, 'House Prithvi' won football, basketball, and table tennis singles.



## Seva Initiatives 2025-26

## Mega Product Sale

The Middle and High School Seva Sale showed the passion and dedication of the

learners towards Seva. A wide range of stalls sold a variety of thoughtfully curated handmade products ranging from jewellery, natural oils, agarbatis, upcycled plant hangers, paintings, traditional games, food and more.

The successful sale was a result of hours of hard work and planning by the learners who worked meticulously for months to bring their vision to life.

## Wellness Session for Support Staff

Grade 9, Mullai learners thoughtfully planned and conducted a wellness session for the akkas and annas of CHSV. With great enthusiasm and care, the learners organized and executed a variety of fun and engaging games, ensuring active participation from the support staff. The session created a joyful and relaxed atmosphere,





filled with laughter and positive energy. The smiles on the faces of the akkas and annas were truly priceless, making the event a meaningful and memorable experience for everyone involved.

## Awareness Session



Neidhal learners conducted an awareness session on plastic pollution and cleanliness as part of their Seva. The learners addressed Grade 6 learners and engaged their attention with a humorous skit and interactive games. They also visited all grade 7 classrooms and spread awareness on cleanliness and its importance through songs. This innovative approach piqued the interest of the learners and made them understand the importance of caring about the environment.



## Learning with Purpose

Learners of Grade 9 turned creativity into action as Neidhal composed a rap song highlighting the importance of waste segregation, while Neil, a fellow student, designed a game app to spread awareness about the correct disposal of waste. Their initiatives showcased how learning can inspire innovation and responsible citizenship.

## Seva Culmination Programme – Grade 11



As part of their Seva (Service, Empathy, Values, and Action) journey, our Grade 11 learners organised the Seva Culmination Programme, highlighting their commitment to community service and leadership development. The programme showcased student learning



on key life themes including Mental Health, Digital Responsibility, Health and Fitness, and Food and Nutrition. Through interactive presentations and demonstrations, learners shared practical insights and strategies aimed at promoting well-being and responsible living within families and the wider community.

**CISCE**

**Physical Health & Fitness Assessment Programme (2025–2026)**

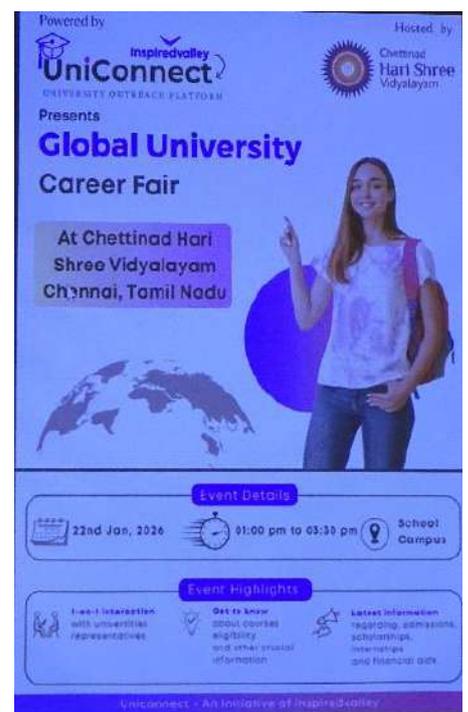
Active CISCE Physical Health & Fitness Assessment Programme for the academic year 2025–2026 has been conducted by the P.E. Department. This initiative, affiliated with fitness365 and CISCE, is a comprehensive fitness evaluation programme aimed at monitoring and enhancing learners’ physical development while laying a strong foundation for lifelong healthy habits.



**Global University Career Fair**

The Global University Career Fair, held on 22 January 2026, provided learners of Grades 11 and 12 with an enriching opportunity to explore academic and career pathways. Organised in collaboration with Inspired Valley / UniConnect, the fair brought together a diverse group of universities and institutions spanning liberal arts, technology, management, engineering, hospitality, medicine, and international education.

With the dedicated guidance of our Career Counsellor - Ms. Lavanya, learners interacted confidently with university representatives, gaining clarity on courses, admissions, scholarships, and future pathways. It was a focused afternoon of exploration, guidance, possibilities, and helping learners take informed steps toward their futures.





### High School Prize Distribution

Celebrating achievement and effort.

The High School Prize Distribution celebrated students' effort, excellence, and growth across academics and co-curricular pursuits.





## Republic Day Celebrations at CHSV

CHSV celebrated the 77th Republic Day with great pride and patriotic spirit. The campus resonated with enthusiasm as learners participated in various activities that highlighted the values of unity, freedom, and responsibility. The celebration included meaningful performances and presentations that reflected India's rich heritage and democratic ideals. The day began with the unfurling of the National Flag by the Principal, Ms. Janani Iyer, which served as a powerful reminder of our duties as responsible citizens and instilled a deep sense of national pride among the learners and staff. Vice Principal, Ms. Meena Sriram addressed the gathering, speaking about the core values and principles on which our strong Constitution is built. Her inspiring words filled the audience with a deep sense of respect and devotion to the country.





Loveliness is everywhere  
 If you have the eyes to see  
 Gracious nature sheds her beauty  
 Everywhere and endlessly.  
 Even if I was not really excited about it  
 I felt happy to have done something creative.  
 I felt like the memory had stayed with me.  
 Because it served as a reminder,  
 To the fact that things need not always be chased,  
 Sometimes they just find you, like poetry!

Grade 12 Student

## Leadership team

The beginning of a New Year brings with it a sense of newness – new hopes, new beginnings, and an opportunity to return to school with renewed energy. As the school reopened after the Christmas holidays, learners gradually reconnected with their spaces, their

peers, and their experiences, bringing back the familiar rhythm of school life.

Over the past few weeks, there have been several meaningful moments across the school. The Pongal celebrations brought with them a sense of joy and cultural rootedness. Classroom engagements and shared experiences across levels reflected learners participating openly, working together, and gradually taking greater ownership of their spaces. Through these everyday experiences and shared values, learners deepen their understanding of their role – not only as learners, but also as contributors within the community.

As we move into February, our Grade 10 and 12 learners prepare for their board examinations, marking an important milestone in their journey. Outbound trips and CE parent presentations across levels will also offer opportunities for learners to share their experiences, and for parents to watch their children on stage with pride and encouragement. We look forward to another eventful month ahead.

Ms. Janani Iyer  
 Principal



As we reflect on this month’s journey, I feel proud of the quiet determination and growing maturity our learners display each day. Their curiosity, compassion, and sense of responsibility remind us that true education shapes both mind and character.

Ms. Meena Sriram  
 Vice Principal

புதியதோர் உலகம் செய்வீர்...!  
மாணவர்களே.....  
ஒரு கணம் தோன்றி  
மறுகணம் மறையும் நீர்க்குமிழி  
மனித வாழ்க்கை!  
இதில் நீங்கள் வந்து போன  
தடம் காண காலமகள் காத்திருக்கிறாள்.



ஆயிரமாயிரம் பேர் வந்து போயினும்  
இன்னும் சிலர் மட்டுமே  
அகல் விளக்குகளாய் ஒளி வீசிக்கொண்டு!

அகிம்சையால் வென்ற காந்தி  
அஞ்சாநெஞ்சத்தால் வெற்றிகொண்ட சுபாஷ் சந்திரபோஷ்  
அறிவியலில் இமயம் தொட்ட  
அக்னிச்சிறகுகளின் நாயகன் அப்துல்கலாம்,....  
அன்றிலிருந்து இன்று வரை  
சாதித்தவர்களை மட்டுமே  
கரம் சேர்த்து நடந்து கொண்டிருக்கும்  
இவ்வுலகம்.., உங்களையும் அழைக்கிறது சாதிக்க வா,,

எழுதியவரின் வாழ்வை  
உயர்த்திய எழுதுகோல்,  
தான் தலைகுனிந்ததை நினைத்து  
வருந்தியதே இல்லை!  
ஒருவரை கீழிருந்து  
மேலே உயர்த்திய ஏணி,  
தான் மிதிபட்டதை எண்ணி  
எப்பொழுதும் ஏங்கியதில்லை!  
பூக்களால்  
அலங்கரிக்கப்படுகின்ற சிலைகளைக் கண்டு  
செதுக்கிய உளிகள்  
எப்போதும் பொறாமை கொண்டதில்லை!

ஆம்! அவ்வாறு தான் நீங்களும் இருக்க வேண்டும்.  
தனக்கென்று தேடாமல்  
நமக்கென்று சொல்லி வாழுங்கள்!  
கடமைக்கென்று வாழாமல்  
கடமையைச் செய்து வாழ்ந்திடுங்கள்!  
வந்து சேரும் என்று எண்ணாதே

தந்து விட்டுப் போ என்றும் சொல்லாதே,  
உள்ளதும் இல்லாமல் போய்விடுமே!

உண்மையாய் உழைத்திடுங்கள்  
உலகப்புத்தகத்தில் உங்களுக்கென்றுள்ள  
பக்கத்தைத் தேடிடுங்கள்..  
பழமையை வென்று  
புதுமைக்கு வித்திடுங்கள்.  
புதியதோர் உலகம் உங்களால் உருவாகும் !



By,  
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Head of Tamil Department

# Awards and Accolades

## Congratulations Maanvir!

Balance, Brilliance, and Bold Moves : Maanvir Jain of Grade 2, won two Gold Medals at the State Level Gymnastics Competition in the Under-8 category.



## Congratulations Rishwanth!

Brushes, Dreams, and Masterpieces : Rishwanth of Grade 3, secured 5th runner-up in an international art competition conducted by Global Art.



## Congratulations Chinmayi!

Turning Ideas into Ink with Bri Books : Chinmayi of Grade 3, wrote a book titled "Chinnu's Dream Adventure".



## Congratulations Yatha Shankar!

Yatha Shankar of Grade 4, has published a book titled "Believe in yourself".



## Congratulations Arjun Balamurugan!

Arjun Balamurugan of Grade 3 participated in the Level Up Academy Chess Tournament and secured 5th place.



## Congratulations Nithya!

Proud moment! Nithya, a Grade VI student from Samandhi has published her first story "The Architects of Silence" through Bri Books.



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