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### Pre- Primary



Our learners celebrated Children's Day with great joy and excitement! Dressed in bright blue, the children were warmly welcomed by the acharyas. The celebration began with a lively puppet show based on the story "The Talking Bird" which had them eagerly guessing who voiced each character. This was followed by an energetic dance performance by the acharyas to a vibrant Tamil folk song, which had the children clapping along. Each child received a treat along with a handmade pencil topper and pencil, making the day extra special.



## GRADE 2

Our Grade 2 students had an unforgettable Children's Day celebration as they embarked on a colourful journey around the world! The three classes were divided into exciting stations representing Japan, France, and Kenya, where young explorers discovered the beauty of different cultures through hands-on activities. Little hands were busy creating vibrant flags, folding delicate paper fans, and crafting adorable finger puppets at each station. The classrooms came alive with joyful music and energetic dancing as children celebrated the uniqueness of each country. It was heartwarming to see our young learners discover that while cultures may differ, art, music, and play unite us all. What a wonderful day of creativity, learning, and fun!



## GRADE 3



a relaxing break where students enjoyed an entertaining film with their friends. The Dance Freeze station was filled with laughter as children danced to lively music and froze in hilarious poses. Every student rotated through all three activities, ensuring everyone experienced the complete celebration. It was a memorable day filled with art, entertainment, and joy for all our young learners!

Our Grade 3 students celebrated Children's Day with great excitement through three engaging stations. At the Mandala Art station, children created beautiful, colourful patterns that showcased their creativity. The movie time station provided



## GRADE 4

Children's Day for our Grade 4 learners was a heartwarming and joyful celebration. The day began with a fun movie screening of Curious George, filling the room with smiles and laughter. Excitement continued as children enjoyed engaging games like the ball race, memory time challenge, and aim the cup. Their enthusiasm and cheerful spirit lit up the classrooms. The highlight of the day was when each child received a personalised greeting card from their class teacher, making them feel valued and special. The celebration ended with happy hearts, shared laughter, and beautiful memories that will be cherished for a long time.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Children's Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm at Hari Shree this year. The day started with teachers welcoming the students from the gate and wishing them as they stepped inside the premises. Various activities were arranged by the teachers to

engage the students. Fun games, art activities, classroom celebrations kept the spirit of Children's Day high. The day served as a reminder to all that students are the heart of everything we do here at Hari Shree.



## Educational Trip



The Grade I learners had an enriching educational tour to the Government Museum, Egmore, where they explored a variety of exhibits. The learners were especially captivated by the bronze statues, identifying features and relating them to topics they had studied earlier. They were also amazed by the giant metal book and the papyrus manuscripts, which sparked many curious questions about how inscriptions were made in ancient times. The children also enjoyed exploring the exhibits of different civilizations, making it a meaningful and engaging learning experience.

## House Visit



PP2 learners had a wonderful opportunity to visit a classmate's home as part of their social learning experience. They thoroughly enjoyed the warm hospitality and relished the delicious snacks served. The visit also provided a meaningful setting for the children to practice the social skills they have been learning, making it both enjoyable and enriching.



## Learning & Growth

Our PPI and PPII learners had an exciting month exploring the transportation theme through hands-on activities, stories, and play. PPI children were introduced to land, air, and water transport through songs, stories, matching games, sorting, and pretend play. They also enjoyed making paper boats. PPII learners shared their train-travel experiences, made and raced paper boats, and explored floating and sinking by testing natural materials and predicting outcomes. The theme was filled with joyful exploration and meaningful learning.





Our toddlers enjoyed exploring wild animals through stories, pictures, and play. They learned the names of animals, recreated a leopard's spots with paint and had fun acting like animals by rolling a dice—stomping like elephants or roaring like lions. They also listened to clues and searched for hidden animals around the class room. It was an exciting month filled with movement, creativity, and joyful learning.



**Reading together**



As part of our monthly programme, we hosted a reading together session for our Grade I learners. The children truly enjoyed spending time with their books, while appreciating the pleasant weather. It was a joyful and calming experience that nurtured their love for reading.



## Sprinkling Kindness Everywhere



Grade 2 learners presented a delightful and inspiring assembly on acts of kindness in connection with World Kindness Day. The program beautifully emphasized the importance of showing compassion, care, and respect to others.



Through a touching skit and a melodious song, the students demonstrated how even small gestures can create a positive impact within the school and the community. Their sincere performance reminded everyone that kindness costs nothing but means everything, leaving the audience inspired to spread love and goodwill in their daily lives.

## Little Stars Shine Bright



Grade 2 students delivered a heartwarming Children's Day assembly that celebrated the magic of childhood.



Through engaging performances and thoughtful presentations, our young learners conveyed a powerful message—every child is unique and special. Their performances beautifully captured the joy, curiosity, and boundless potential that children bring to the world. It was a touching reminder to celebrate the uniqueness in every young heart and to cherish the wonder of childhood.

## Karthigai Deepam



Grade 2 learners beautifully presented the assembly “Light Unites Us” to celebrate



Karthigai Deepam. Through storytelling, reflection, and a kindness activity, they highlighted our core values – Oneness, Resilience, Compassion, Contribution, and Excellence. The Arumugam story, Infinite Flame, and

Pass the Light activity reminded everyone that true celebration begins with lighting the lamp within. The assembly concluded with gratitude, joy, and a message of unity: “When we come together with kindness, we become one light.”

## Learning Perseverance: Our Grade 2 Circle Time Activity

Our Grade 2 students participated in a meaningful circle time activity that developed the essential skill of perseverance. Through this hands-on experience, children developed a growth mindset, learning that effort leads to improvement, while also building resilience and self-monitoring skills as they tracked their own progress. The excitement was evident as students who initially struggled celebrated their improvement by the final attempt, internalizing the powerful lesson that I can't do it yet opens doors to success. This activity planted seeds for lifelong learning habits, showing our young learners that practice, patience, and persistence truly pay off—skills that will serve them well throughout their educational journey and beyond.

## Listening to Learn: Our Grade 3 Circle Time Activity



This week, our Grade 3 students participated in an engaging circle time activity that sharpened their listening skills. Students listened carefully as step-by-step instructions were given to draw an image, following each direction without seeing the final picture beforehand. The excitement at the reveal was wonderful

as students compared their drawings and discovered how careful listening led to successful results—some noticing that missing even one small detail affected their final image. This hands-on experience taught our learners that good listening is an active skill requiring concentration and practice, essential abilities for academic success and effective communication in all areas of life.



## Lights, Camera, Listen! Grade 4 Brings Stories to Life



Our Grade 4 learners practiced active listening skills through storytelling and drama. Students listened carefully to an engaging story, showing excellent focus and attention throughout. Afterwards, they worked together to act out the scenes, demonstrating great memory and recall of the details they heard. The activity required teamwork and coordination as learners decided on roles and brought the story to life through creative expression. It was wonderful to see them support one another while using their bodies and voices to recreate each scene.

## Utsav

The middle school campus came alive with colours, music and excitement as students and teachers celebrated UTSAV, our annual immersive learning experience for students. The experience aimed at creating awareness, interest, and understanding of our Bharatiya culture, heritage, and traditions. The festival began with an inauguration by Smt. Prem Krishanmurthy, followed by a soulful invocation song and dance performed by the middle school students.

Various events like Krida, Seva sessions, and treasure hunt were planned for Grade 6,7 and 8 students at different venues. Students also got the opportunity to experience sessions conducted by experts on different areas like music session by Ms. Manjula Ponnappalli, Yoga by Ms. Queen, IKS by Shri. Ramachandrashekar, water conservation by Dr. Chitra Madhavan, theatre session by Creating Shakthi, a session on temple architecture, along with group activities for the students.



An engaging Sanskrit and Tamil conversation session by Grade 7 and 8 students brought out the beauty and intricacies of language while Herbal Healers, a dinacharya session enabled the students to make their own herbal and cosmetic products from ayurvedic natural products.



The two day celebration ended with a moving dance performance by Dr Ambika Kameshwar and Rasa group which was vastly appreciated by the students.

This immersive experience helped students get back in touch with their heritage and roots and helped them appreciate the immense culture of the land they proudly call home.



## ICSE / ISC UTSAV

The ICSE campus came alive with learning and cultural exploration during High School UTSAV, our annual immersive learning experience, held on 10th and 11th November. The event was thoughtfully designed to create awareness, interest, and a deeper understanding of our culture, heritage, and traditions among the students. Over the two days, students actively participated in a variety of engaging sessions that went beyond textbook learning and encouraged experiential understanding of India's rich cultural legacy. The programme provided a meaningful platform for students to connect with traditional values while developing curiosity and appreciation for our heritage.



High School UTSAV 2025 was a resounding success, leaving students and parents with enriching experiences and lasting impressions, while reinforcing the school's commitment to holistic and culturally rooted education.



## INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS: A CELEBRATION OF TALENT AND TEAM SPIRIT

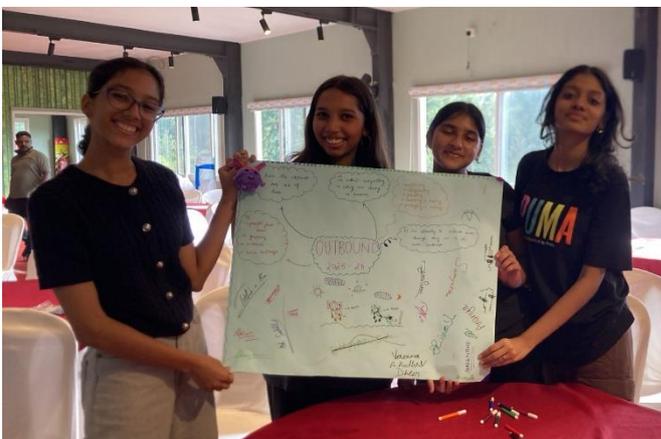
The school hosted exciting Inter-House Sports Competitions, featuring a range of popular games including Football, Cricket, Basketball, Badminton, and Table Tennis. Students enthusiastically participated, proudly representing their respective houses and demonstrating exceptional skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. It reinforced the values of unity, perseverance, and fair play, while creating memorable experiences for everyone involved.





## Residential School Trips: Learning Beyond the Classroom

One of the most anticipated events in the school calendar, residential trips enrich students with memorable experiences and valuable life skills. These residential trips enable students to connect with nature and explore various avenues that foster curiosity, independence, and teamwork. Some of the moments that were beautifully captured and will remain engraved in their minds forever. This year Grade 9 explored Coorg, Grade 10 visited Kodaikkanal and Grade 12 unfolded Rajasthan.





## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Congratulations Samrutha !

We are proud to share that Samrutha Sadanand secured 1st place (Gold Medal) at the 7th Adventure Trophy Interclub Gymnastics Contest, conducted by Adventure Gymnastics and Sports Academy. Congratulations Samrutha! We celebrate your wonderful achievement and wish you continued success.



Congratulations Yuvaan Shingvi !

Yuvaan Shingvi of Grade 3 participated in First RCA and DPCA State level Children's Chess Tournament.



Congratulations Katyayani !

Katyayani of Grade 3 secured the Bronze medal in Chengalpattu District Taekwondo Championship 2025.



Congratulations Ashwika !

Ashwika has secured 3rd place in Kumite at the Chennai District Karate Championship and has been selected to represent the district at the State Karate Championship. Way to Go Ashwika!!!



## Congratulations Gayathri !

Gayathri from Vairam, Grade 7, has made the school proud by passing the Trinity Western Vocal Examination (Grade 2) with merit. A passionate learner of both classical and western vocal music from a young age, she has been training in Carnatic music under Yogam Santhanam Acharya at the MLV School of Music and learning Western vocals at Musie Musical School under Teacher Melvin. Having completed Grade 2 in Trinity Rock and Pop, Gayathri continues to pursue her passion. The school congratulates and wishes her continued success



## Congratulations Vasundhara !

We are pleased to inform you that Vasundhara delivered an outstanding performance at the Chennai District Swimming Meet, conducted by the Madras District Aquatic Association, held on 29th and 30th November at Lady Andal School. She secured Gold Medals in 50m and 100m breaststroke events. Her remarkable achievement reflects her dedication, discipline, and sporting excellence. We congratulate Vasundhara on her success and wish her continued achievements in the future.



## Students' Corner

We start the day happily, set the tone for the day,  
A promise to be disciplined in every way.  
"We will be honest!" (Or at least we will try...)  
But when acharya sees us talking, "We didn't do it!" we l  
We will settle down on time! Early, not late,  
But still for 10 minutes, we make the teacher wait.  
We will be helpful, compassionate, and kind,  
Even then, in break time, so many fights we can find!

## THE TONE

Bia Kaur Suri (Grade 8, Pavazham)

Easy to say, but difficult to do,  
We follow it in the first class, and the second too.  
As the day goes on, it becomes less fun,  
The tone is forgotten as the day is done.  
Without a scolding, the day isn't complete,  
And again and again, this cycle we repeat.  
So next time, remember: actually, follow the tone that you set,  
You will learn crucial values that you will never forget.



## Students' Corner

Our school is lit, our hearts light,  
as Utsav shines so warm and bright,  
Two happy days, so full of cheer,  
a time we all wait for every year.

We dance, we sing, we listen, we play,  
we share about cultures in every possible way  
from north to south, east to west,  
Each part of India shows its best.

From tall temples to mosque 's song,  
to church's prayer all day long,  
a bond between cultures proved so strong,  
reminding us of where we belong.

Though our custom may divide,  
but we thrive to walk side by side,  
different paths yet one belief,  
with peace and harmony there is no grief.

From Gujarat's garba, fast and bright,  
to Tamil Nadu's kolam made with white,  
Bengal's sweets and Kashmir's chills,  
The rhythm of India slowly builds.



## Colours of India

Jiya (Grade 9, Mullai)

Spices dance in every dish,  
fulfilling even the smallest wish,  
from Dosa's crisp to coffee cold,  
It bridges generations both young and old.

Hindi runs from the nation's core,  
Tamil sings by the southern shore,  
Bengal meets poetry's stream,  
Kashmir dances in each dream.

Odia echoes in Odisha's breeze,  
Malayalam flows with Kerala's seas.  
Kannada sings across Karnataka's land,  
Punjabi and Assamese proud and grand.

Gujarat echoes to its own tune,  
Marathi rises high in the monsoon,  
Telugu, a language soft and clear,  
a nation where no one is to fear.

So let's celebrate with an open heart,  
an adventure for 2 days is about to start,  
different roots we might belong to  
but time has come to know who you are?





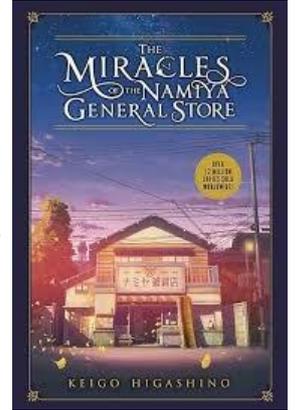
गुरु-शिष्य का पावन नाता

गीता चतुर्वेदी |

गुरु-शिष्य का ये नाता, जिसे दान और सम्मान के धागों ने है बांधा।  
गुरु द्वारा बताए गए, ज्ञान के पथ पर चलकर ही शिष्य, अपना भविष्य बनाता।  
जब शिष्य सम्मान की दीक्षा देता, तो गुरु मन हर्ष-हर्ष जाता।  
कितना प्यार, अनोखा है ये नाता, जो प्यार से भी प्यारा कहलाता।  
इस रिश्ते को भगवान ने भी अपने से ऊपर है माना, अमर रहे गुरु और शिष्य का ये न्यारा नाता!

## Book Review

The Miracles of the Namiya General Store by Keigo Higashino. I did not stumble upon this book. I sought it out. Simply because it was a book by Keigo Higashino, who writes the kind of crime fiction that has been my staple diet for decades. Crime buffs worship Higashino for his tightly plotted whodunits, deft characterization and all too human stories of crime and greed. Only, this time round, this book was not crime fiction. It was a collection of interwoven stories about human decision making. About a Mr. Namiya, owner of a general store in Tokyo, who helps people decide the course of Their lives by giving them guidance and insight about the decisions they must take. These happen to be extremely difficult life choices involving a moral dilemma every time.



We encounter a young woman torn between her ambition to compete in the Olympics and tend to her dying boyfriend, a young boy faced with the trauma of permanent separation from his parents, a musician's angst when his familial duties take precedence over his musical career and his ultimate sacrifice. In every instance, Namiya comes to their rescue, clears the cobwebs of their minds with his sagacity and patience and helps them move on with their lives, facing the consequences of their life choices boldly. Tender and poignant, the book has recurrent themes of human fallibility and vulnerability and of course, the triumph of the human spirit. There lies its universal appeal.

Higashino's endearing tale has a magical beginning. It introduces to us, three delinquents holed up in the Namiya General Store years after Namiya's death, trying to escape the police. Fate beckons and they carry on the work of Namiya, dispensing advice into the past! Though the premise of this novel is not time travel, it seamlessly weaves into the narrative, lending the novel its endless charm.

Keigo Higashino's books always offer the reader a large chunk of Japanese culture to bite into and savour. When you enter its pages, it feels like entering a far off and exotic land full of magic and promise. The magic lingers long after you have exited the pages, just like the legacy of Namiya that carries on years after his death.

A twinkling gem of a book, "The Miracles of the Namiya General Store" is a miracle by itself.

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**Beyond the Bell: After-School**

**Skill Enrichment Highlights**

The After School Skill Enrichment Programme for the academic year 2025–26 witnessed enthusiastic participation across sports, martial

arts, public speaking, MUN, and art and craft during the First Term Peer Demonstrations held in November 2025. Learners actively engaged in badminton, basketball, cricket, football, table tennis, and archery, gaining match exposure, technical skills, teamwork, and strategic thinking under guided practice. Martial arts demonstrations in karate and silambam enhanced discipline, fitness, self-defense skills, and cultural awareness.



Public speaking sessions such as Speak Up Stars, Assertion Arena, and a mock MUN strengthened learners' confidence, communication, research, and critical thinking abilities. Creative expression flourished through fabric painting and craft activities using sustainable materials, promoting imagination and fine motor skills. Overall, the programme provided a holistic platform for learners to showcase their talents, learn from peers, and grow in confidence, collaboration, and creativity.



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