



The Trinsian

August 2015

WHERE LEARNING IS FOR LIFE

Welcome back, Trinsians!



It was the day everyone had been eagerly looking forward to, it was the day when they ardently wished if the day could be a little longer, so that they

could fully reveal the treasure chest of their priceless experiences of the past month to their beloved friends and teachers, and it was the day when they hoped to meet new faces and to make new friends...It was the 3rd of June –the Reopening Day.

They had been away from their second home – Trins – for more than a month. Now they are back, with renewed



energy and enthusiasm from a well-deserved refreshing vacation. In the midst of the company they ever cherish, their irrepresible joy spilled over to never-ending talk and laughter.

The staff members had decorated the classrooms and the assembly area in exquisite taste to welcome the students back after their hiatus. During the assembly conducted by the teachers, while the principal was introducing the new



teachers and students, everyone listened to her with rapt attention and watched them curiously and enthusiastically, cognizant of the fact that those people too would be having an

important role to play in the screenplay of their lives.

At the end of the day when they hesitantly boarded the bus, an unspoken message that there was more to be said than what had been shared, was palpably clear on everyone's face. However, there was a profound sense of relief at the thought that it was just the beginning, there was a long year ahead...



Young Round Square Conference

'Good leaders are made, not born.' Leadership was the central theme of our YRS Conference. We had a warm welcome by the students and staff of Emerald Heights International School. Thirteen schools participated in YRS.



Following the grand opening ceremony we were grouped into specialized Barraza teams. I was in Lincoln group, where we learnt about youth parliament. We had a theatre Barraza and a social problem Barraza, and then we visited Nakharali Dhani, a Rajasthani village. We started the next day by planting trees, followed by a debate Barraza and a theatre workshop. Shortly afterwards there was a trip to a panchayath. Later on, we had the cultural evening and an awesome DJ night.

The next day started off with a community service, as a part of which we went to a school for children with hearing impairment, and learned the Indian sign language. On the same day, after the Barraza role plays we had the closing ceremony, followed by dinner at the principal's residence.

I always look forward to participating in such YRS conferences, where I can develop my confidence, independence and a sense of personal responsibility.

Malavika Pradeep -6B

Our trip to Indore, Madhya Pradesh

As part of our Round Square Conference, held at Emerald Heights International School, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, 6 students – Malavika Pradeep, Rishi, Nash, Benhail, Ananthasai and me – were selected from Trivandrum International School. We started on 7th June. When we reached there, after registration, we had tea and snacks. Then we had an informal interaction with our facilitators. We got to know each other through this interaction.



Based on our hobbies and topics of interest, we were divided into 4 groups: Bal Panchayath, theatre, parliamentary and public speaking. We had Barazza sessions in which we learned about the Parliament and we also had debates in parliaments. Later, we visited a Rajasthani village called Nakhrali Dhoni, where we ate delicious Rajasthani food and we also went for a ride on the camel. The next day, we had a session on Bal Panchayat and we went to a village called Hosur and learned how a Sarpanch gets elected. We also had been to a school for children with hearing impairment, where we learned about how the people over there communicate with each other, we also got to learn some signs and symbols from them. On the last day of our stay, we had a DJ night. Then we had dinner at the Principal's residence. The next morning, we came back to Trivandrum. This has been a memorable experience which we will all cherish throughout our lives.

-Marilyn Geomi Rajesh, 6B

PYP CARNIVAL

The learning engagements in the PYP curriculum are hands-on experiences to reinforce concepts. Students think, do and learn. The PYP Carnival provided a window to showcase this learning to the parent community by inviting them to be a part of the authentic inquiry. Literacy, numeracy and theme-based engagements were planned by the students, and the parents joyfully played the role of students.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY



Council members from the Senior school with the teachers



Council members with the Principal



School choir



Taking the oath



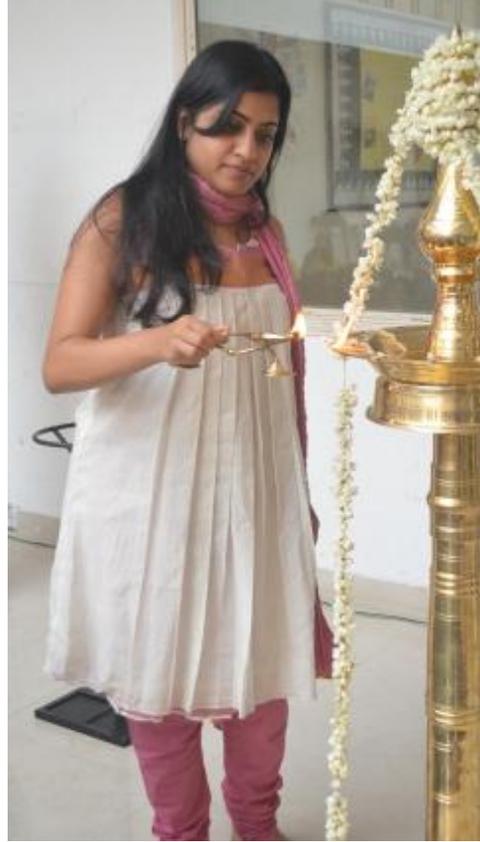
The middle school council members with the MS teachers



The council members from the hostel

SCHOOL BIRTHDAY

We celebrated our 12th Birthday on the 16th of July, 2015, which gave us an opportunity to proudly reminisce on the milestones we have passed.





TALENTS' DAY

TRINS has always encouraged students to become confident public speakers and performers. The School's birthday was celebrated on the 16th of July as Talents' Day to provide a platform to showcase the wide array of talents of our students. It was heartening to see the entire student community shed their inhibitions and express themselves in front of a huge audience enthusiastically and confidently.





WORKSHOP ON PUBLIC SPEAKING by 'WORDZ'

Public speaking is one of the most important skills you will ever develop in life. It is so important that it could be the deciding factor in many things, such as your career development, your business growth and even relationships with your friends and family. It is a skill worth learning.



TRINS conducted a two-day public speaking workshop for middle school. On the first day, we were asked to bring a notebook and a pen. My first thought was that it was going to be one of those boring lecturing and noting session. But, I was dead wrong! Shivish sir, the instructor, had made a PPT for all the activities he had planned. The first thing we did was narrating stories on a picture he showed. It was almost like an extempore session. Everyone produced many stories, some you wouldn't have even thought of! Later that day we had an epic rap battle and a debate on the topic 'Would you rather trust a ten-year-old or a ninety-year-old to drive you around?' it was quite interesting. Both sides came up with pretty convincing points.



On the second day, we had another extempore story-telling session. Then we got into groups and did role-plays on various topics – an interview session, a product advertising, narrating a murder scene and



many more. This activity improved our group discussion skills as well.

At the end of the two-day workshop, the instructor gave us tips for better speaking and the names of some famous orators to look up to. Everyone came out of the workshop as a better speaker. It was a very fun and informative experience.

Anjali – 8A

MODEL UNITED NATIONS - TRAINING

MUN, or Model United Nations, is an action filled, eye-opening student replica of the United Nations. On the 22nd of July, we, the students of TRINS, were given a four-day opportunity to take part in a training workshop and an actual MUN conducted by the WORDZ institute.

The first day kicked off with a typical briefing on what MUN was



all about as well as a quick history lesson on the formation and running of the UN. We were split into two different committees of the general assembly: The Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM) and The Disarmament and Security Council (DISEC). In our committees we learnt about the procedural structure of an MUN, which is honestly more confusing than trigonometry! The next day we were given a quick interactive session on public speaking before being prepped on what we were meant to do on the



following day, when we would be moving to our first MUN conference.

The first day of our Intra-MUN was filled with chaos, excitement and a lot of learning. Each committee was given a topic to debate on and each student was given a particular country to represent. After hours of endless speaking, arguing, deliberating and stumbling (when it came to the procedural rules) each committee managed to produce successful resolutions. The day ended with the prize giving ceremony and a sad farewell to our excellent trainers.

This experience has taught us all so much, from gaining the confidence to speak on the spot to getting a chance to interact with people you've never had a chance to talk to before. Just the practice of one MUN has turned everyone into full-fledged debaters overnight, with skills and memories that we will never lose.

Manasi Janardan – 10igcse



SCIENCE FAIR 2015-16

On the 4th of August, students across the school transformed their classrooms into treasure chests of various exhibits of their interests and aptitudes. Most of them came up with very impressive performances as a result of their charged-up motivation. The children were beaming with pride as they were explaining their quality projects to the visitors and judges, proving that enquiry mind is quite active at TRINS.

The senior school pupils actively participated in a science workshop conducted by SCT College of Engineering, Trivandrum. The session was truly interesting and interactive.

Our guest of honour was Mrs. George M. Thomas, who graciously opened the Fair. She took a keen interest and spent the whole day visiting each and every exhibit, and appreciated the students' efforts. The Fair was meticulously well-organized, and everything went smoothly with clockwork precision. Obviously it was due to the team effort of all stakeholders. As the icing on the cake, there was a fine biological display in the laboratory, which attracted many visitors.

Mr Ranjit & Mr Sareesh



Our new initiative – Our tiny tots from ELC visit the big school

The youngest buds (Early Learning Centre, Bellhaven Garden) from the TRINS bouquet visited main school to participate in various activities on Tuesday, 11th August, 2015. Captured a few golden moments of the splashes and fun they had in the swimming pool. The students had a memorable day.



Power Parenting

A very effective presentation on 'Parenting Techniques' was conducted by our senior psychology teacher and psychologist, Mr Amar Rajan. This was attended by parents of Grades 6-12, and the interactive session centred around the challenges students face and how as parents they need to strategize ways and means to handle these. Overall, a fruitful session, which helped the parents to reflect and view situations with a different perspective.

D.E.A.R.

It's silence...silence everywhere! The whole school: students, teachers and administration staff –everyone – is immersed in the world of books. It's Friday 2:30, the time for D.E.A.R. – Drop Everything And Read.

As the very foundation of Trins is on the motto 'Moulding a new generation of leaders,' TRINS is quite aware of the importance of reading. Margaret Fuller says, "One has to be a reader of today to be a leader of tomorrow." It is what TRINS does – making a generation of readers.



SOCIAL SERVICE @ TRINS

Social service is an integral part of a leader's life. As TRINS is a school born to mould a new generation of leaders, it is imperative that it nurtures a sense of social service in the minds of every Trinsian. As a result, each and every Trinsian contributes immensely to the social service in various ways.



Eighteen students from grade 11 teach Communicative English once in a week in the government schools: LPS Korani, LPS Manalakam and LPS Pattathil. In addition to that, Trinsians have donated 40 kg of green gram to the HIV patients as per the request of Mr Vijay Menon, medicines to Regional cancer centre, Trivandrum, by the advice of Dr Prashanth, CMO of RCC, and 187 kg of rice to the palliative care centre in Chavara. Moreover, Trins often donates packets of adult diapers and lotions to the patients of Ward 9 in the General Hospital, Trivandrum, utilizing the amount donated by the TRINS' Staff.



TRINS will continue to do this service as every Trinsian believes that service to his fellowmen is a social and moral responsibility of every human being.

FRESHERS' WELCOME

The Sunday, 26th of July, the hostel students had an opportunity to showcase their hidden talents as it was the hostel Freshers' Night. Freshers' Night has been a hostel tradition for a long time and it's been an event that makes everyone get to know each other in a better way. As the hostel captain, it was my privilege to organize this year's Freshers'Night. As our guests, we had Ms Sapnu and Mrs. George.



M.Thomas along with our loving Principal Ms. Rupa Sen, to encourage all the performances showcased by the children. We had performances from every single hosteller, be it juniors or seniors, old or new students- even the teachers participated wholeheartedly! I'm sure the programme was great fun to everyone who attended, and I look forward to more of such events in the future.

Malavika Lal



ACHIEVEMENTS

OUR TOPPERS IN THE MAY 2015 CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS

IGCSE



ADITHYA NARAYANAN

(10 A* & 1B)



BITHIAH ROY

(4A* & 6A)



GOURI G PANICKER

(6A*, 2A & 2B)



KRISHNAPRIYA VINOD

(3A*, 6A, 1B)

AS LEVELS

(Year 11)



CIBILU PRADEEP

(4A)

A LEVELS

(Year 12)



DEVIKA S VALLABHAN

(2A* & 3A)

TOPPERS IN THE CAMBRIDGE CHECKPOINT EXAMINATIONS

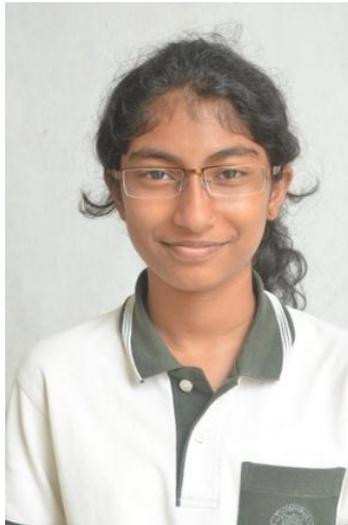
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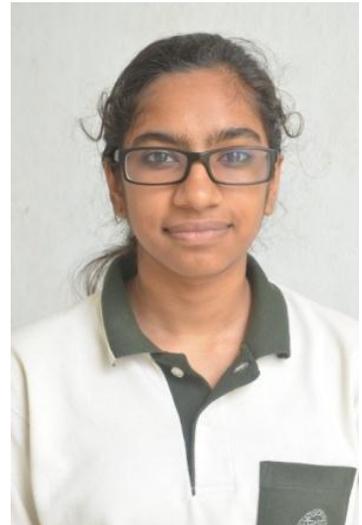
ANJALI NAIR



APARNA NAIR



SHEETAL JAYASAAL



ZENYA SIYAD

Lions Club Felicitates Achievers

The Lions Club of Perumguzi extended their appreciation and encouragement to honour the students for the greatest achievement of the highest score across the world.

The Lions Club of Perumguzi is a part of Lions Club International Youth Development. Lion A.K. Abbas, district governor, and his team visited our school on the 5th of August, and honored our students during the special assembly.



GUESTS AT TRINS

The School was privileged to have a special delegation of 6 members from the State Planning Board, who came to understand the best practices of learning & teaching at Trins.



ANNUAL BOOK FAIR 2015

The annual book fair was inaugurated on the 20th of August and concluded with the open day on the 22nd.



ONAM CELEBRATIONS

The term came to a colourful close with the Onam celebrations, which had the Athappokkalam competition,uriyadi,teachers' competition,onam songs, a fashion show by the tiny tots of Year 1, all followed by a grand Ona sadya.







■ LITERARY WEEK- September 2015

Wishing all students, parents & staff of the Trins family a very happy & prosperous Onam!

-From the Principal's desk

