



### Principal's Message



On Friday 12th April, the school will hold a Graduation ceremony for the outgoing Grade 12 students. On 5th April we had the Farewell Assembly, a less formal event, but one in which the whole student and teacher community, from Grade 1 upwards, came together to express our support, appreciation and best wishes for the students who will be completing their schooling at TRINS this term.

This is a group of 50 students, our largest ever graduating batch. A significant number joined the school at the beginning of Grade 12 and others in Grade 9, but over a quarter of the batch have been with the school for eight years or more - some since KG. Their experience in the KG and PYP classes were fundamental to their education and a vital part of the memories of TRINS that they will have. I am confident that when we speak about their commitment, compassion and comradeship, these qualities are a product of having so much accumulated experience of the school. Those who have joined were drawn by what the school had to offer and have been able to bring their own contribution to the year group. All have benefitted from the patience, guidance and care that they have found from their teachers.

I am fortunate to lead a school in which the bonds between students are so strong and in which the trust between students and teachers is so evident.

Mr. Richard Hillebrand

### Student Achievements

#### OLYMPIAD AWARDS

Raynaa Rahi Abdurahiman, of Grade 4 secured a Silver award (medal and a certificate) from International Olympiad Foundation for IFEO (English Olympiad) and a Bronze award (medal and a certificate) from International Olympiad Foundation for IFSTO (Spell Talent Olympiad)



Raynaa Rahi Abdurahiman

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Aadith Chandru of Grade 4 secured a bronze award (medal and a certificate) from International Olympiad Foundation for IFRAO (Reasoning & Aptitude Olympiad) and a Bronze award (medal and a certificate) from International Olympiad Foundation for IFSO (Science Olympiad)



Aadith Chandru

Anya Rahul, of Grade 3 secured a Bronze award (medal and a certificate) from International Olympiad Foundation for IFEQ (English Olympiad)



Anya Rahul

**VIETNAM-INDIA FRIENDSHIP ESSAY CONTEST**

Sarah Thomas Regi of class 7 received recognition for her participation in the Vietnam-India Friendship Essay contest 2023 conducted by the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, New Delhi.



Sarah Thomas Regi

**Staff Achievements**

**MASTERCLASS HOSTED BY SURAASA**

Ms Cyrielle participated in the masterclass on "Standardization Vs Creativity in the classroom' on 26th March, hosted by Suraasa. Now she possesses valuable insights and strategies to ensure the right balance of standards and creativity in the classroom for maximum learning.



Cyrielle



**AAS-AVAZ TRAINING WEBINAR**

Ms Surya Mole K R attended AAS-AVAZ Training webinar on 30th March. Participants engaged in hands-on activities to learn practical strategies for implementing AAS-AVAZ effectively. It highlighted the significance of effective communication skills in enhancing overall development and quality of life for children with special needs.



Surya Mole

**RESOURCE PERSON ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

Ms Girija D N was a resource person in the National Seminar on Inclusive Education conducted by the Centre for Learning Disabilities and Difficulties Dept of Education, Kerala University on 26th March.



**TRINS MAIN CAMPUS**

**Staff Training: Visit to CADRRE**

As part of their professional development, Ms. Kavya Ajayan and Ms. Ahalya Das visited the CADRRE centre for a two-day visit on 3rd and 4th April. Their observations will provide them invaluable knowledge and practical experience that will immensely benefit them in their work. Our gratitude to Ms Sapnu for arranging this trip.



Kavya Ajayan



Ahalya Das



## FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

On the morning of 5th April, the school gathered for the Farewell Assembly for the 2024 graduating Grade 12 students. This has become an established school tradition during which cards are given to the outgoing students, lighted candles are presented by teachers to the Grade 12 students, who in turn pass them to the Grade 11 students, and the Grade 12 students each receive a sapling.

This year's assembly was organised by the Grade 11 students for their seniors, with both a dance and a song. Neeraj and Sherin led the assembly. Appreciations for the Grade 12 students were given by Ms Sapnu, Mr Hillebrand, Ms Gayathri and Ms Rachel. Minaxee Panicker, Akhil Krishnan (who both joined TRINS in 2010) and Athman (who joined in 2014) spoke for their peers, recalling joining TRINS, as well as reminiscing about the experiences they had shared with their classmates - and teachers. Those in Grade 12 who have completed the bronze level of the International Award for Young People received their award from Ms Sapnu during the assembly.

The school thanks each member of this class for their contribution to TRINS and wishes them every success in the future.



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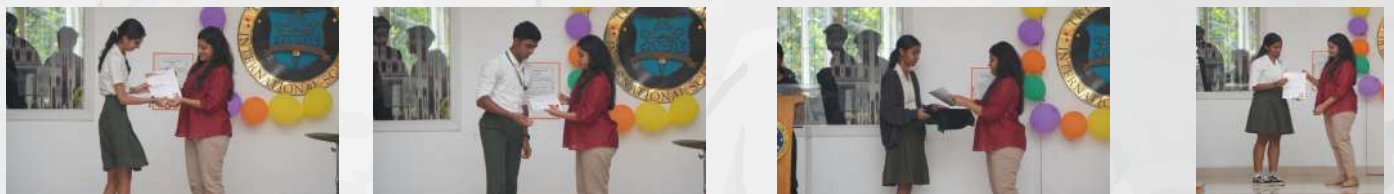


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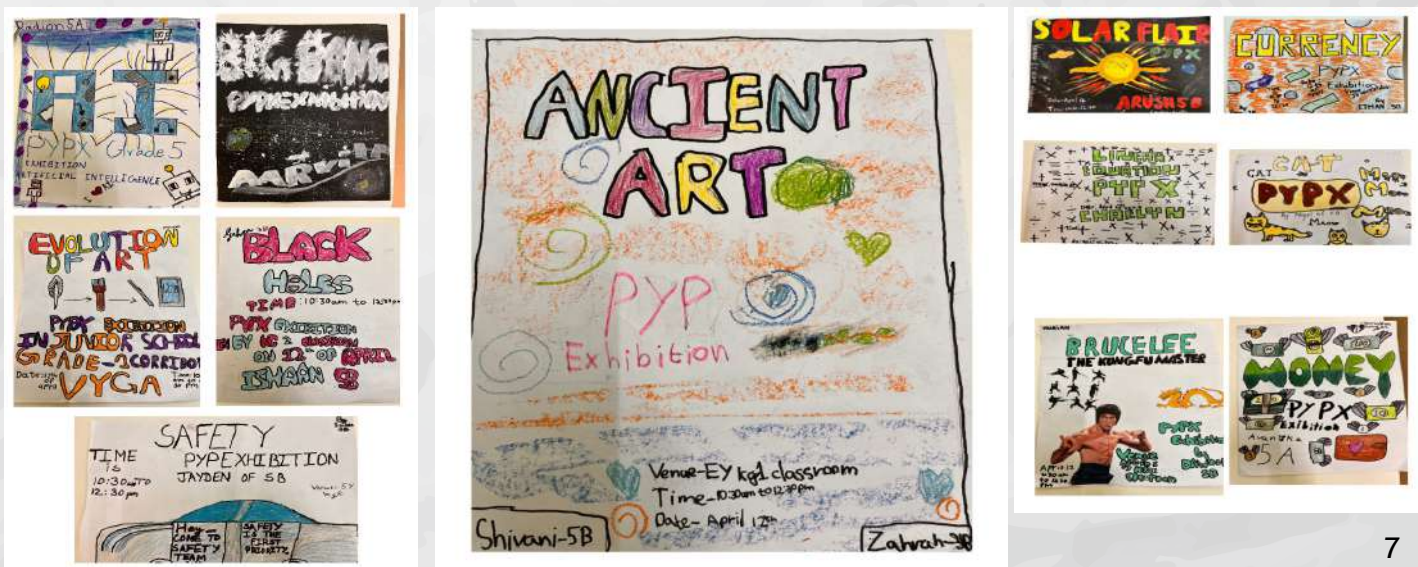


### PYP SPELLING BEE

The PYP spelling bee saw full participation from Grades 1 to 5. The spelling bee contest was conducted over the past few weeks. Three rounds of spelling tests were held, testing the spelling ability of the students through different activities and dictations, culminating in an oral round to determine the winners. The oral round was conducted on the 20th March for all the grades. Numerous finalists showcased their skills, securing first and second places. The event aimed to foster enthusiasm for improving spelling abilities among all students.

### HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

As a part of our present theme, 'How we express ourselves', the students of Grade 3 expressed their knowledge and understanding of the theme by designing newsletters and posters in integration with the Grade 5 PYPX event. Grade 3 interviewed each student of grade 5 and learnt about the purpose of the project each one is doing. This was further used creatively to inform others about the event, directly touching the central idea of our theme.





### HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

As part of their inquiry into the significance of persuasive techniques in communication, students of Grade 4 spearheaded a thought-provoking street play focused on advocating 'No War'. The street play incorporated a diverse range of artistic elements, including script writing, music, art, drama, dance, poster making and poetry. We applaud the students for their dedication, creativity and unwavering commitment to promoting peace in our society.



### PEER BUDDY CERTIFICATES

As part of a novel initiative by the SEN department, peer buddy certificates were given to the following students of KG2 for consistently being kind to their peers with special needs: Mihika Thampi, Saatvika S, Krishnendu A R and Yuvaan Sankar. The students of KG2 have shown that even the youngest among us can lead by example, teaching us all a valuable lesson in humanity. Peer buddy certificates will be given to students of Grades 1-5 in the following weeks.







### ART EXHIBITION

Grade 7 and 8 students showcased their wonderful creativity through the colorful "SPIRITS" masks art exhibition in the admin block. They imagined and built huge masks called 'African vibes' and 'Mythic creatures', an amazing serie of 3D artworks. This week featured an Art/Library fusion event, introducing middle school students to the art of storytelling through the African tale of the Water spirit 'Mami Wata'.



### Round Square

Congratulations to Sarah Biji Tharakan for achieving the prestigious King Constantine medal for her diligent contributions as the Round Square student secretary towards the Round Square service activities at school.





TRINS ELC TECHNOPARK

SUMMER CAMP

Trins ELC Technopark has kicked off its summer camp with tremendous enthusiasm, welcoming children aged from 2 to 8 years old. The camp features a diverse range of activities including yoga, art, crafts, magic, cooking, storytelling, drama, music, and dance. The eager participation of children adds an extra spark to the facilitators' day, fostering a vibrant environment where creativity and imagination flourish side by side.



TRINS ELC SASTHAMANGALAM

The TRINS Sasthamangalam campus reverberated with excitement and energy as the summer camp kicked off, ushering in a delightful blend of play and learning. From the moment the doors opened, the air was filled with the vibrant buzz of children immersing themselves in various activities designed to ignite their creativity and curiosity.

The camp, tailored to cater to children aged 2 to 6, promised a holistic experience packed with yoga, magic tricks, art, craft, free-play, sand-play, water-play, story sessions, and sing-along times. One of the most heartwarming aspects of the camp is the coexistence of different age groups, with children aged 2 to 3 and 4 to 6 seamlessly blending into the beautiful fun-filled ambiance. The yoga classes, led by the external yoga instructor, Ms. Asha Anandan, were a highlight for many. It was great to see the children eagerly participate, embracing the principles of mindfulness and movement. In addition to yoga, the camp offers a plethora of activities to cater to diverse interests. From fireless cooking classes that sparked culinary creativity to art sessions that unleashed artistic expression, every moment is filled with opportunities for growth and exploration. Home-room teachers led engaging story times, captivating the children's imagination with tales that transported them to far-off lands and sparked their curiosity about the world around them.

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As the camp unfolded, anticipation grew for the surprises yet to come in the following weeks. Along with the home-room teachers Ms Harmya, Ms Shisy and Ms Aparna, Ms Joshlin has joined us as an intern to support us with the camp. Kudos and all the best to the entire team!



## EARLY YEARS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY: EXPLORING EDUCATIONAL DIVERSITY IN BANGALORE

In a quest for professional growth and the exchange of best practices, the Early Years Team comprising KG1 and KG2 teachers from TRINS (Trivandrum International School) and CIS (Cochin International School) embarked on a transformative journey to Bangalore. From 1st to 3rd April, the team immersed themselves in a whirlwind of school visits, eager to explore and learn from a diverse range of educational philosophies, cultures, visions, and missions.

Led by a dedicated group of educators, including Ms. Sreedevi Anand, Ms. Gopika Akhilesh, Ms. Veena Prasad, Ms. Swapna Nair, Ms. Nisha P, and Ms. Nisha Abraham from TRINS, alongside Ms. Lekshmi Rakesh, Ms. Srividhya, and Ms. Teena from CIS, the team was guided by the experienced hands of Ms. Lekshmi Naveen (Centre Head, TRINS Technopark campus), Ms. Deepthi Unnikrishnan (Centre Head, TRINS Sasthamangalam campus, and Ms. Girija Nair (EY Coordinator, CIS).

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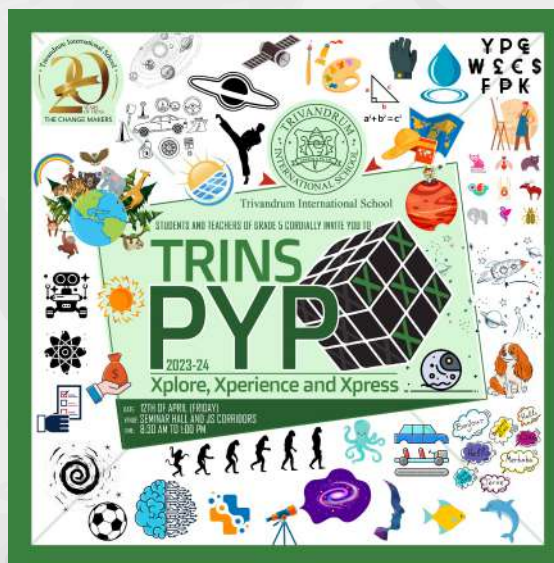
Their journey took them to three distinct schools, each offering a unique educational experience. The Oakridge International, an IB Continuum school, showcased a holistic approach to education grounded in international standards. At Papagoya Kindergarten, a Norwegian school, the team delved into a different cultural perspective on early childhood education. Finally, The Bright Beginnings, a Montessori school, provided insight into the principles of child-centred learning and exploration.

Throughout their visits, the team had the opportunity to capture glimpses of diverse resources, manipulatives, and learning environments, enriching their understanding of effective teaching methodologies. From sensory-rich classrooms to outdoor learning spaces, each school presented innovative ways to engage young learners and foster their holistic development. The collaborative sessions with founders and department heads proved invaluable, allowing our teachers to engage in meaningful discussions and address their queries effectively. The exchange of ideas and experiences nurtured a spirit of camaraderie and mutual learning, reinforcing the importance of continuous professional development within the educational community..

A heartfelt thanks goes to Ms. Lekshmi Naveen for her exceptional organisational skills and effective coordination, which ensured that the collaboration was both fruitful and productive for our team.

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