



The Trinsian

February & March 2016

WHERE LEARNING IS FOR LIFE

The Inauguration of the Multipurpose Auditorium

Recently, a new beautiful structure was inaugurated by our principal. After about a year of hard work this dome-shaped structure is finally accessible to students and teachers for events outdoor. This multipurpose structure was inaugurated with a special assembly where all students and teachers participated. The principal started off with thanking all the people involved in bringing this structure to life, and also gave permission to students to use this setting for learning. This building adds up to the facilities provided by our school and students are extremely grateful.

ShivaniJayasaal, 9IGCSE



Swimming Gala 2016

Our Swimming Gala took place at the end of the Monthly Tests, a wonderful way to end a strenuous week. There was an amazing line-up of participants - from those who use their strength to win to those who use their nimbleness to win. No participant found this year's swimming gala easy.

At the start of the swimming gala, the swimmers took it easy, not putting in their best effort, but as the final event took place the swimming pool had swimmers exploding out of each end of the swimming pool. The swimmers were so fast that they trailed white froth behind them. Soon, the gala came to end, Jalam bagging the first prize, Prithvi falling into the 2nd, Vayu and Agni in the 3rd and 4th places respectively.

SidharthPanickar, 8B



ADVENTURE TRIP TO COORG

On 10th February, the students of middle school had a trip to Coorg conducted by INME, as part of The Duke of Edinburgh programme. When the day finally arrived, everyone was very excited and couldn't wait to leave. After a day long bus trip, we finally reached.

The activities we did were all focused on building relationships through teamwork, but they were all fun. We had a high ropes course on the first day, a low ropes course on the second day and a backpacking trip on the third day.

We also learnt many skills, like washing our plates. It was much more fun and easier than I had thought. We also were not allowed to waste any food like we do in school.

All the instructors were very friendly and engaged us in many games whenever they saw us bored (not that we had the chance to be).

At last, when it was time to leave, none of us wanted to and we spent as much time as possible, chatting and delaying our departure. This was definitely one trip I won't forget.



Report by Anjali, 8A

Field trip to Sun Tec

Twenty five students and four teachers of the Department of Commerce visited Sun Tec Organisation on 18th of February as part of their field trip. The heads of different departments in Sun Tec gave us an overview of the work that each department does. They also gave a clear explanation to the question asked by the students. It was really an enriching experience for students to hear from different department heads about how they work. They were excited to hear practically, what they learn in their text book. It will be a great help for the students to answer their case studies in their examination. The students visited each department and understood how the work is done by the staff in different departments.

Some of them were inspired to become entrepreneurs listening to the success story of Mr. Nandakumar, CEO of Sun Tec.

Report by Ms Sinduja

THE DANISH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

9 students of grade 9 accompanied by the Principal, Ms Rupa Sen have gone on a 2 week visit to Denmark as part of the Indo-Danish exchange programme. They will be returning on the 16th of April.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME

PYP EXHIBITION

The PYP journey culminates in the PYP Exhibition which envelops all the five elements of PYP (Skills, Attitudes, Knowledge, Concepts and Action).

The Exhibition is a process that gives the students a platform to apply all the Profiles, Attitudes, Skills, Concepts, Knowledge and give them a chance to take meaningful action.

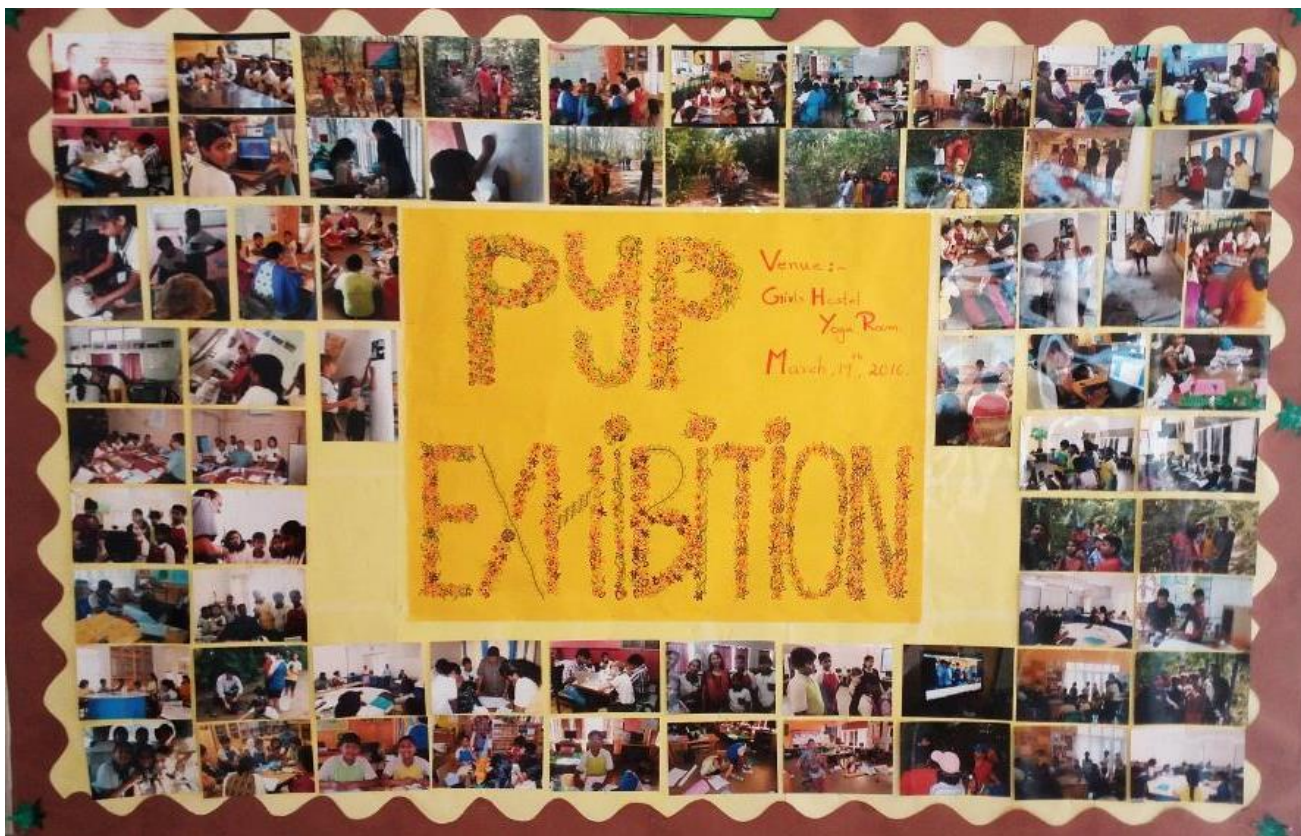
A unit that is owned by the students; from planning to execution, the students take lead of their learning. They chose their focus of research, work with mentors in team and complete the inquiry cycle.

The entire six weeks of this unit is an assessment, where they are observed for their team skills, creativity, communication, time management, commitment, application skills.

The journey culminates in a presentation planned by the students which includes written, oral, technology and presentations. Students learn to apply learnt concepts through PYP in this journey.

The Primary Years Programme helps mold students to be independent, team players, knowledgeable, effective communicators, thinkers, researchers, self-directed learners, empathic students; all of this is showcased in the PYP Exhibition.

As part of preparation for the exhibition, one group – Flourishing Forests- had an interaction with the forest ranger and also visited the Aripa Forest. The 'Blue Drops' group visited the Muttathara sewage plant to learn more about water purification process. The "Animal Strikers" interacted with BalanMadhavan, renowned wildlife photographer. They also attended the 'Fast against Stray Dog Menace' with MrKochohousephChittilapilly. Another group interacted with the Director of Mining. All the groups had a panel discussion later on where they showcased their findings to the panelists which included senior teachers and parents.





Visit to Municipal office: Grade 3 visited the Attingal Municipality office to interview the Municipal Chairperson, Mr M Pradeep. This was a part of their study on the roles and responsibilities of an organization and a citizen.



Visit to Post office: As a part of their exploration of the different systems around them, the students of Grade 4 visited the post office at Attingal on Tuesday, 1st March.



Visit to a farm: The students of KG1 and City KG visited a farm belonging to Mr Safar Iqbal, parent of Ihzaan of KG1 to see and play with the

farm animals there. This is linked to the current unit and provided additional information about how these animals are helpful.



Field trip to Radio station and police station: The students of the City KG visited the Peroorkada police station, Red

FM studio and All India Radio. The students got an opportunity to record a song and thereby, learn how a studio functions. WgCdr Venu Nambisan came to the City KG for an interactive session with the students on his role as a community helper.



Field trip to fire station, police station and post office: Students of KG1 who are inquiring into community helpers visited the fire station, post office and police station at Attingal. They interacted with the staff and came back with a lot of information to share with others.



Social Service: The students of Grade 2 visited Cheshire Home and donated oats to the aged and the sick. They sang for them, spent quality time with those in need, developing an innate quality of empathy.

"Be a Super Hero", is a culmination of the learning in the theater lessons conducted by Mrs. Calvell. She has dealt with various techniques of theater like attitude, occupation of space, body expression, etc and the students are eager to showcase their talents on Friday, February 26th.



Students of KG1 visited the zoo on Friday, 12th February. This is a part of their inquiry about the Animal Kingdom and how we share the world with them.



Math Day

Math Day was showcased in the PYP on Thursday, 11th February with the total involvement of the teachers, parents and students. For the students, it was an opportunity to play with the various Mathematics concepts they had learned in the classrooms. The parents delighted in watching their little wards manage independent stations with confidence. Congratulations to the entire PYP team for their commitment and dedication towards the success of this event!



GRADUATION CEREMONY OF KG2 STUDENTS

Farewell Assembly for Grade 12

The students of grade 12 were given a grand farewell. It started with a special assembly which was made memorable by the priceless message given to them by their class teachers, followed by the presentation of handmade cards by the representatives of each section. Afterwards, every outgoing student was given a lighted candle by the teachers, which were handed over to the students of grade 11.

This was followed by an unforgettable dinner party conducted in honor of the outgoing students. It was hosted by the Management and the occasion was graced by the presence of the Chairman, Mr George M. Thomas, Mrs George Thomas, MsSapnu, the Executive director, MsRupaSen, the Principal, and most of the teaching staff. The party witnessed innumerable moving moments as the students recollected and shared their treasured experiences at TRINS. Some were even seen going back to their seats in the middle of their speech, unable to reconcile with the fact that it was time for them to say goodbye to TRINS, their 'home away from home.' However, they found solace at the thought that they could visit their alma mater at any point of their life in future.

Each of the outgoing students was given two saplings, one which they plant in the campus and one which they take home and plant as a memory of their school years.





Farewell Dinner for Grade 12 hosted by the Management



The Tree Planting Ceremony



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Teachers in the senior section attended the job alike sessions conducted by the South Asia IB Schools Association at Jain International School, Bangalore.

The IB Annual Conference was attended by the Executive Director, Ms Sapnu, the Principal, Ms Rupa Sen, the IB PYP Coordinator, Mr Sanjay Prabhakaran and the IB DP Coordinator, Ms Rachel Jacob.

Mr Vijayaraghavan, Honorary Director of TRINS, was honoured with the Benedict Mar Gregorios Award for his contributions to the society, by the Association of Mar Ivanios College Old Students Association (AMICOS)



IMPORTANT DATES

- IB DP EXAMINATIONS START ON THE 2ND OF MAY, 2016
- CIE IGCSE & A LEVEL EXAMINATIONS START ON 3RD OF MAY, 2016

FOUNDER'S DAY 2016

The 13th Founder's Day was celebrated on the 2nd of April at Tagore Theatre, Trivandrum. It witnessed the grand graduation ceremony of the students of grades 5 and 12. MsRupaSen, the Principal, presented a detailed report which provided the audience a glimpse into all the events and activities that had taken place in the whole academic year 2015-16. It was followed by the inspiring reflections of the Chairman, Mr George M. Thomas, and MsSapnu, the Executive director. The other highlights of the evening included the dance performance by our tiny tots of the Early Learning Centre & the KG, awards ceremony, investiture followed by a musical performance by our students which included Eastern & Western music at its best.







