



The Trinsian

November & December
2015

WHERE LEARNING IS FOR LIFE

Minstrels of Fusion – The Museum Concert

As Stevie Wonder once said, “We all have ability; the difference is how we use it.” Everyone has the ability to perform well, but only a few realize their true potential and use it to its perfection. We, the Trinsians, had used our opportunity to express our feelings towards our Mother Earth through music – Minstrels of Fusion – at the museum on the 6th of November.

Minstrels of Fusion is a combination of both eastern and western songs, and was performed to let others become aware of how we are harming our nature. At the beginning only a small group of spectators was present, but gradually, the crowd started to pour in, and by the end of the performance the gazebo in the museum was thronged with people.

We succeeded in our endeavor as the audience was patiently listening to our performance and had taken back home the message: Stop harming our Nature.

-Report by Sandra Benetho (9igcse)



SarvodayaVidyalaya - MUN 2015

Manasi Janardhanan of grade 10 IGCSE and Sumitha J of grade 9 IGCSE took part in Model United Nation organized by Sarvodaya Central Vidyalaya, Nalanchira, Trivandrum on the 24th and 25th of November. Our school was given the portfolio of Saudi Arabia. The major discussion was on the current refugees' problems faced by the world and on the environment issues. From Trivandrum city around 16 schools participated.



The team bagged second best delegate award and Manasi received a cash prize of ` 10,000/- and a trophy for the second best speaker. The award was given by Major arch Bishop Cardinal Cleemes, the head of Malankara Catholic group and Patron of St. Mary's group of institution. The MUN was conducted at Major Arch Bishop Climes Institute of Business Management, Mar IvaniosVidya Nagar, Nalanchira, Trivandrum.

- Report by Mr Rajesh Varghese

Sports Day

The TRINS Annual Sports Day, which was scheduled for the 13th of November started off on a colourful note, with an exuberant display by the students with the March Past, Yoga display and the PYP drill. Unfortunately, the events had to be postponed owing to the bad weather.

We resumed our events on December 4th and the students participated with enthusiasm and house spirit.



The track events



Fit Fun- Marathon 2015 - is an initiative of Trivandrum International School, a school born to mould a generation of leaders, to instill in the minds of every Keralite the awareness of the importance of fitness for a healthy life. Kerala, which is considered to be one of the most developed, one of the most educated and one of the most health-conscious states has already become the capital of lifestyle diseases in India. The goal of the campaign was to spread the good news that all these lifestyle diseases are preventable by exercising regularly, following a healthy diet.

It was an immensely successful event with the participation of more than 150 students of 11 -13 years of age from 15 schools in Trivandrum. Hats off to all young heroes who have shown their intense desire to make God's own country a place of people who are fit and healthy.





Special Assembly by Year 9 students

A special assembly with the theme 'Feed the World' was conducted by the grade 9 students as part of the International School Award activities. The students enacted the theme in the form of a skit.



Theatre Performance

A German children's theatre group called the "Performing Group" staged their play Trashedy - which deals with trash and its bad effects on the environment. Goethe-Zentrum coordinated the staging of the play in school. The students of classes 5-8, German language students and some senior secondary students had the opportunity of viewing the performance.

CLASS TRIPS

YEAR 10 – KOCHI

The students of grade 10, went to Kochi as a part of our class trip for 2 days. The place was chosen after many discussions, but from the beginning we knew it was going to be fun. We left on 22nd of November in morning, after picking up people from different stops. We reached Wonderla later than we expected due to traffic, but enjoyed as much of it as possible. In the evening we went to the hotel to freshen up and have dinner, after which we went to Lulu mall for some shopping and then for the new James Bond movie "Spectre". The next day, we checked out of the hotel and went sightseeing to famous areas such as Fort Kochi and Mattancherry, where we got to see the Chinese fishing nets, the Jewish area, the Synagogue, the Dutch Museum. The trip concluded with some last minute shopping at the Lulu. Overall, the Kochi class trip was fun filled and exciting. While it also got everyone to bind more, due to how much time we spent together.

– Report by Nadeem Shaj



YEAR 11- BENGALURU

On 18th November, 18 students of grade XI IB and A Level proceeded to Bangalore for 3 days' Fun Trip. During their stay in Bangalore they visited many places such as Snow City, Phoenix Mall, Wonder La, and Play Arena. On the 21st, they caught the flight back to Trivandrum,

It was a memorable trip. It taught the students to be in a team and help and guide each other. It taught them the time management, as everywhere the time had to be adhered to. It opened their minds towards the vast business in some big cities of India, and they could compare the progress of Kerala with Karnataka.

PYP ACTIVITIES

Diwali & Children's Day Celebration

On November 16th, the staff and students in the PYP celebrated Diwali and Children's Day with much gaiety and fun. The students were regaled with presentations by each class, with the highlight of the Celebrations being the dances and songs by the teachers.



Grade 1 visits the coir factory, saw mill, brick factory

Grade 1 students are inquiring into the concept of "Natural Materials" and how they can be changed and used to make our lives easy. As a part of their learning, they visited a coir factory, a brick factory and a saw mill in Attingal. Thanks to the parents of AkshayaSreekumar (Grade 1B) and to Ms.Reena E Jose and Ms.Vidya S Pawar, homeroom teachers of Grade 1 for coordinating this visit.

Grade 1 visits school Bakery:

Grade 1 students went to the school bakery to see how natural materials change to become useful. Baking cakes and bread was, indeed, fascinating.

KG 1 students go for a field trip: KG1 students who are learning about how transport makes our lives easy, went to the highway to see different types of vehicles and what each of them transport.

**Grade 2 field trip to Planetarium**

The Grade 2 students visited the planetarium in connection with their present unit "Solar Systems".

End of Unit celebrations – Early Years

The Early Years invited the parents to an end of the theme celebration on Friday. Students sang, danced and played interactive games with their parents to demonstrate their understanding of the concepts and skills related to their theme.

Interaction with German exchange students

There was a fruitful interaction between the German students and the students of Grade 4 A and Grade 4 B on the topic "Sustainable Energy". Information was shared about the resources used and how energy is best utilized in Germany.

Visit to Napier Museum – Grade 4

The students of Grade 4 visited the Napier Museum on 12th November, 2015 in relation with the impact of significant events in history and to see the artifacts from Bali, China, Japan and other South East Asian countries. The focus of the interaction was on Kerala history and the students were able to compare and contrast between the two civilizations.

The month of November saw many of our Parents volunteering to interact with the students on various topics related to the current theme.

Workshop on Problem solving

The students of grade 4 and 5 got a chance to attend a workshop conducted by two parents Ms. Rekha and Ms. Lekshmi on a very important aspect of leadership - problem solving.

In a very interactive session, students worked in teams to find solutions to issues related to them. In the process; understood various aspects of problem solving, like

- identify the problem
- listen to team members and respect all solutions
- not to jump to conclusions or give up
- analyse all solutions practically and select the best

It was very interesting to see how students could connect with the visitors and find relevance to such a complex topic like problem solving. Credit to the workshop leaders to design the session in a student friendly way resulting in best results.



Ms. Hema talks about Malala and Valmiki to grade 5 students

MsHema, parent of Niranjana of Grade 5, had a discussion with all the students about Malala and Valmiki. The focus of discussion was the power of words and how words have brought about a change in society.

Grade 5 parent takes a literacy lesson - "to kill a mockingbird"

Lekshmi, the parent of Arati, had an interaction with the students of Grade 5 on the book "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. They discussed the different characters of the book and the setting in which it was written.

Check out our blog on the PYP leadership programme

<https://trinsleadership.wordpress.com/>

The Leadership Camp for PYP students

The little leaders of PYP took part in a three day outdoor leadership camp conducted by Flow, Bangalore, from December 14th to 16th, where they were given training in Problem solving, Team work, Resilience and Communication through carefully designed adventure sports.





The Jodo Gyan Workshop for PYP Teachers

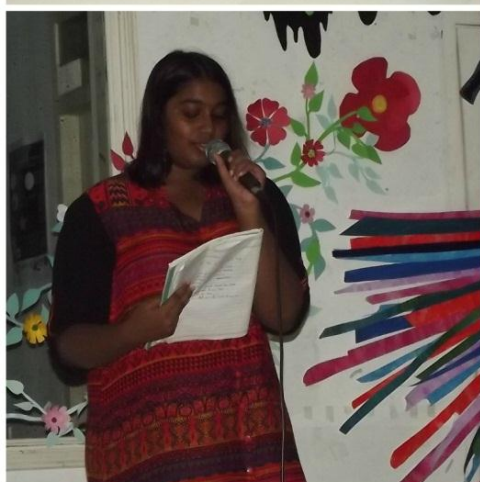
The PYP teachers were engaged on the 4th and 5th of December in a Math workshop by JODOGYAN, Delhi. The workshop focused on the relevance of Maths in daily activities and the importance of learning Math concepts. The facilitator, Mr. E.K. Shaji, emphasized on the importance of making the students understand the concepts using stories, manipulatives and activities.



HOSTEL ACTIVITIES

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

Diwali was celebrated in the boarding house with lights, colour, music & dance.



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

The hostel students of TRINS recently had a fun-filled weekend that was packed with various activities. On Saturday, the students were taken to a beach where they learnt the delicate art of sand sculpturing. With the guidance of Ms. Sona, the pupils worked together to create a giant, beautiful sculpture depicting a woman's face. Afterwards, the children played invigorating games such as beach volleyball and kabbadi, and were fortunate enough to watch an exquisite and incredibly moving sunset together. The spirit of camaraderie that was created through these activities touched all of the students deeply, and, for many people, the events, opened a new door into a world that they had never before thought they would enjoy.



- Christmas holidays : December 20th to January 3rd.
- School reopens for third term on 4th of January, 2016

**Upcoming
EVENTS**

Christmas Celebrations





Wishing all students, parents & staff of the Trins family a merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

