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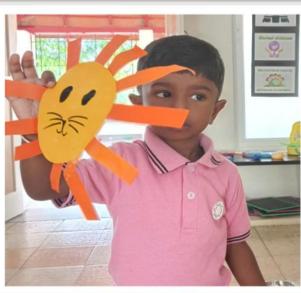
Making of Lion Craft

Learners used charts and strips to make their lions. As they worked, they learned about the features of lions such as their mane, fangs, claws, paws and strength. The activity helped them improve their fine motor skills through cutting and pasting. By sharing their finished crafts with peers, they built confidence and practised communication. This activity fostered teamwork, creativity and a deeper understanding of wild animals.









Making a Bird and a Nest

In this activity, the learners of PP-1, made a bird and its nest using paper, twigs, leaves, and grass. They used their imagination to design their bird and nest, during the process which they learned the use of scissors and glue. As they cut, folded, and put everything together, they improved their fine motor skills. The learners felt excited as they selected materials and assembled their nests. They were proud of their creations and enjoyed showing them to their peers and teachers. Some learners felt curious and amazed when they learned how birds build their nests. They had fun exploring the materials and creating something unique with their own hands.

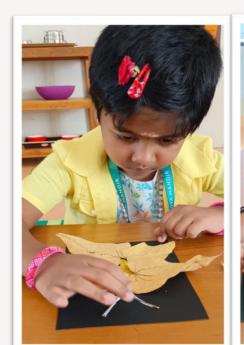






Butterfly Craft

Learners of PP2 created their very own butterfly crafts using leaves. Learners had a fantastic time collecting, sorting, and arranging the leaves to create their unique butterfly designs. It develops their fine motor skills through gluing leaves. Learners were thrilled to see their finished creative butterfly crafts which they proudly displayed and shared their experiences with their peers. This activity make learners to improve fine motor skills and handeye coordination through leaf arrangements. It encourages critical thinking and problem-solving through leaf selection and arrangement.







EVS Activity

Learners of Grade 1 plunged into typical Karate training to empower themselves with basic self-defence skills along with physical fitness and discipline. They explored practical and easy-to-learn selfprotection techniques tailored to their age and abilities.









Show and Tell

Learners of grade 1 brought a photo of their pet or a pet toy to class. Each of the learners had the opportunity to share their pet or toy with the group and talk about how to take care of it. They discussed basic activities like feeding, grooming, exercising and showing love to pets. This activity encouraged speaking skills, responsibility, and empathy towards animals.









Theatre Time (Classroom Corner)

Stories play a vital role in language development. After setting up a theatre corner in the classroom, learners of Grade 1 began enacting and narrating stories using various types of puppets and toys. Through this activity, they developed imagination and creativity. Together, these abilities create an immersive storytelling experience, helping learners connect emotionally and intellectually with the story.







Grab and Write

Associating new vocabulary with familiar words, images and real-life situations enhances understanding by helping learners build language skills. Learners of Grade 1 participated in an activity where they explored objects and independently wrote words containing the 'L' blend.

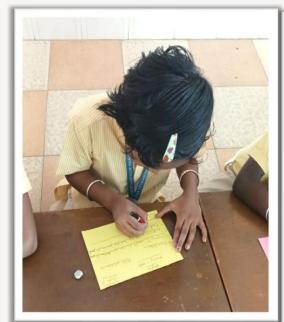






Penning Positivity

Learners of Grade 2 recently embraced the art of heartfelt note-writing, pouring their love, gratitude, and kindness into messages for friends and family members. Guided with clear steps for creating a beginning, middle and end, they thoughtfully structured their notes to express affection, appreciation and even apologies to their loved ones. This activity enhanced essential skills like self-expression, empathy and understanding the power of "magic words" like "Thank You" and "Sorry." By putting their thoughts into words, learners built connections and gained confidence in expressing emotions, showing just how impactful small acts of kindness can be.







Sip Pure and Safe Water

Grade 2 learners took on a hands-on water purification challenge, exploring making dirty water safe for drinking. First, they observed two beakers of water one clean, one dirty recognizing which was drinkable. But with a twist in their activity, each group was given a unique scenario (like a day at the pond, a picnic by the lake, or a mountain trip) where they had only dirty water and had to figure out how to purify it. The young scientists tried methods such as boiling, using chlorine tablets, and filtering with cloth, and each group presented their results, noting that some methods remove visible dirt but not germs. Finally, they shared and discussed their findings with other groups, comparing the best techniques. This activity encouraged teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills while highlighting the importance of clean drinking water.





House Hunt

Learners of Grade 2 participated in the interactive learning activity. They explored different types of houses through picture cards. Working together in pairs, they discussed and compared the unique features of each home by distinguishing movable houses from immovable houses. They also identified the house structures found in cities and villages. This hands-on experience deepened their understanding of housing diversity and fostered teamwork and a sense of shared learning.







Poetry in Motion

Our young grade 2 actors brought The Duck and the Kangaroo poem to life in a delightful role-play activity! With creativity and teamwork, they reenacted the story of the Duck, whose dream is to explore the world by riding on the Kangaroo's back. The performance reached a heartwarming ending as the Kangaroo, with the Duck nestled on its tail, fulfilled the Duck's wish for adventure! Through this engaging act, the children shared the characters' friendship, imagination, and the joy of making dreams come true. It was a wonderful blend of poetry and performance!







Planting

Learners of the Primary School got into the planting work. They discovered that the sprouted potato would grow and produce potatoes. They made a little potato-growing field. Then, they planted the sprouted potatoes and custard beans.









Bird Feeder

Learners of Grade 3 created a bird feeder during their Diwali vacation as a part of UTSAV activity. They also brought them to school and hung them in their classes. They realized that birds also need food. They started feeding birds in this way regularly.



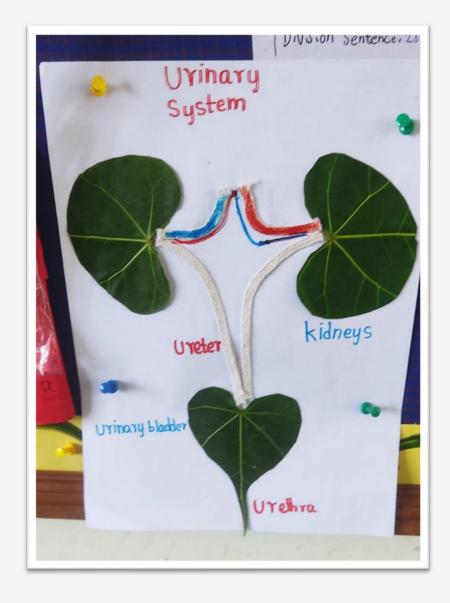


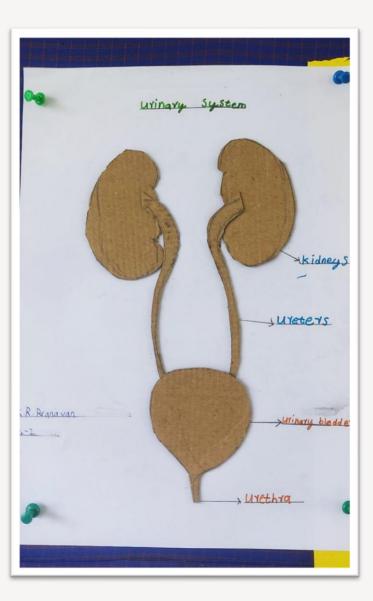


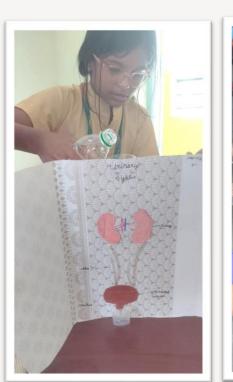


Exploring the Urinary System: A Hands-on Model-Making Experience

Learners of Grade 4 explored the fascinating world of the human body with a hands-on model-making project focused on the urinary system. This activity allowed them to visualise and understand the function of kidneys in waste elimination and identify the process involved in urine formation and excretion. They researched the key components like the kidneys, ureters, bladder and urethra by creating functional. Learners were amazed by the complexity of the urinary system and felt that creating a functional model greatly enhanced their understanding.





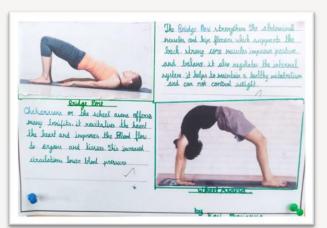






Emphasize Joints and Muscles Wellness through Yoga-Poster Making Activity

Learners of Grade 5 designed informative posters showcasing vital yoga poses that contribute to healthy joints and muscles. This project was designed to enhance physical well-being, raise awareness and promote responsible health practices. Through this activity, recognized and expanded their understanding of the advantages of yoga and honed their visual interpretation and presentation abilities.







My Favorite Toss

Learners of Grade 5 played a word chain game as a conglom activity to enhance their listening skills. They were able to improve their listening and memory skills through this activity.







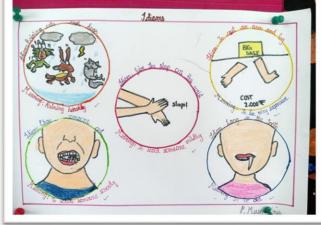
Idioms

Learners of Grade 5 chose some fun idioms, wrote their meanings and brought them to life with colourful illustrations. This type of activity not only deepens their understanding but also makes learning idioms super fun and engaging. This activity promoted creativity and critical thinking.





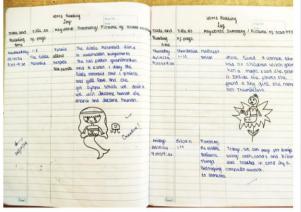




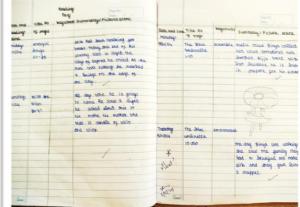
Reading Log

Learners of Grade 5 are gradually improving their reading habits. Every day, they read a few pages, jot down new words, draw and summarize their reading in their reading logs. This consistent practice is sparking a love for reading and seamlessly integrating it into their study routine. This engaging and multifaceted approach not only improves their reading skills but also makes them curious, creative, and consistent readers.









Conglom- Active Listening

Popcorn Storytelling was one of the Conglom activities for November. Each student read a passage from a book and then called on another learner to continue the story. This fun and interactive activity emphasized the importance of active listening by encouraging everyone to stay focused and engaged. By participating in this collaborative storytelling experience, students not only improved their listening skills but also deepened their understanding of the narrative techniques.







Chemical Changes

Grade 7 learners explored the wonders of chemical changes in the lab recently. Burning magnesium created bright magnesium oxide while dipping iron in copper sulphate transformed the solution and coated the nail with copper. Learners witnessed the chemical reactions and got excited to repeat the experiment.



Wonders of Sound

Learners of Grade 8 explored the wonders of sound by making simple musical instruments. Using a steel tumbler, they produced rhythmic beats and with a notebook and rubber bands, they created a violin-like instrument to produce varied pitches. They also experimented with a tuning fork to observe how vibrations create sounds. Striking the fork and placing it near their ear or water they observed how vibrations travel besides producing music and ripples. This fun activity helped them understand the science behind the process.



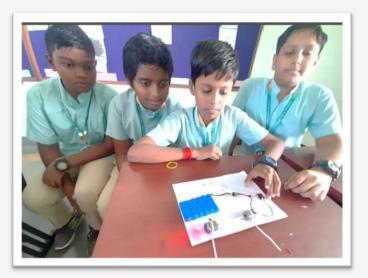






Open and Closed Circuit

Learners of Grade 7 discovered how electricity flows and how to troubleshoot problems with open and closed circuits. Using simple materials like a bulb, a battery and wires, they tested if the connections were complete. In a closed circuit, the bulb lights up because electricity flows freely. This hands-on activity honed their problem-solving skills.





How to Group Plants- Nature Walk

Learners of Grade 6 went on a nature walk in the school garden to explore and classify the plants they found during one of their Biology classes. This activity helped them learn more about the different types of plants and their characteristics. As they walked through the garden, they noticed a variety of plants, including flowers, shrubs and trees. They used a simple classification system based on observable features like leaf shape, flower colour and plant height.







Conglom - Effective Communication

In the recent morning circle sessions, learners participated in a series of engaging activities aimed at enhancing effective communication skills. These exercises highlighted the importance of clear communication, teamwork and creative problem-solving skills. One activity involved participants pairing up and sitting back-to-back. Then one partner described an object in detail without mentioning its name while the other attempted to draw it based solely on the verbal description. This activity emphasized the significance of precise and descriptive communication. Another session featured the silent paper chain challenge. The groups were tasked with creating a paper chain using only one hand per person, without speaking but relying solely on non-verbal communication. Lerners realized the power of body language, gestures and cooperation. These activities encourage learners to be mindful and focused towards their common goals.





Garden Blooms with Hope!

The recent rains brought a wave of hope and excitement to our school as learners from Grades 1 to 8 embarked on a journey of gardening and learning. Under the guidance of their acharyas, the learners sowed a variety of seeds and planted vegetables like coriander, methi, ridge gourd, ash gourd, beans, radish, potato, lady's finger and aloe vera. They also added flowering plants such as hibiscus and chrysanthemums, as well as bitter gourd, chillies, and tomatoes to their garden. Every day, students flocked to the garden without fail to nurse the plants under their governance. Throughout September, students dedicated themselves to tending the garden daily, caring for plants at various times. Their hard work paid off when they harvested coriander and sold it to earn money. Learners recently took their gardening project to the next level by purchasing garden tools and diving into the world of seed banks. They discovered that a seed bank is a collection of dried vegetable seeds stored for future use. Equipped with this knowledge, they set out to plough the land perfectly, constructing canals to ensure a steady flow of water to the plants. With great dedication, learners fixed up name boards for each class, creating a well-organized and thriving garden space. This hands-on experience instilled in them a deep appreciation for nature and the joy of nurturing life and they also learnt valuable gardening skills.







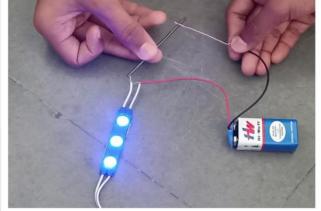


Mini Science Lab

Learners of Grade 8 turned their classroom into a Mini Science Lab. They brought in a tester set and various solids and liquids to explore the materials which are good conductors and insulators of electricity. They tested everyday items like milk, detergent, ink, water and sauce to see if the light glows, indicating conductivity. They even used a magnetic compass to see if the needle deflects. This hand-on activity clarified their practical qualms about conductors.







Childhood

Grade 11 learners were taken back to their childhood by singing the rhymes that they had learnt in their Kindergarten classes. This was done during the English class connecting to the topic, "Childhood". This activity made them explore on the theme of the poem, "When did the childhood disappear?". They came out with various assumptions and predictions and understood the changes that they had undergone from their childhood to adolescence.



General Assembly

Learners of Grade 4 showcased their talents with enthusiasm and that paved the way for the vibrant assembly performance. The assembly was tailored with all the features of Children's Day and incorporated with the performances of the teachers. The event served as a testament to children's potential, creativity, and teamwork.









Green Education Activities

During the Green Education period, learners of Grades 1 to 5 learned how to make herbal beeda, herbal inhalers and welcome drinks using the ingredients they brought from home and herbs they picked from our school garden. They all gained experience through eating, drinking and smelling. After UTSAV, they presented these to their parents.



Children's Day Assembly

The assembly on the Children's Day received a lot of likes from the learners by their sweet appreciation to the teachers who conducted the assembly for them exclusively. Since library day also intersected with the same day, library related pointes also were highlighted by a quiz and discussion. Children had a unique experience of watching their teachers perform in their places.

















KG - Children's Day Celebration

As part of the Children's Day celebration, learners enjoyed a variety of programs. They were thrilled by the Magic show - Presented by the Acharyas, The Puppet show - A Day at Zoo, the Acharyas puppet show using animal puppets with sounds of the animals, Rhyme Karaoke - Acharya humming the class rhyme and informed learners to find the Bounce Beat - Acharyas danced rhyme, gracefully to the enchanting music. Each learner took turn to present their reflections, which made them happy and excited. The day concluded with fun activities in their respective classrooms, where our learners had loads of fun and left home with lasting memories to cherish. Learners received cards prepared by their Acharyas, each featuring special adjectives unique to each child







On the joyous occasion of Children's Day, Classes 8 and 4 collaborated to present a vibrant assembly program, celebrating the spirit of childhood and emphasizing the school values of collaboration and sustainability. The assembly commenced with a warm welcome and an introduction to the significance of Children's Day. The highlight of the program was a skit beautifully enacted by students from both classes. The performance revolved around the values of collaboration and sustainability. It showcased how working together and adopting sustainable practices in daily life can make a positive impact on our environment and society. The learners presented an energetic and colorful dance performance, symbolizing the joy and vibrancy of childhood. The talent show was a platform to highlight the exceptional abilities of our students such as Yoga and Silambam along with veena recital. The joint effort of students from Classes 8 and 4 was evident in every segment of the program. Their teamwork and dedication truly reflected the value of collaboration that our school upholds.





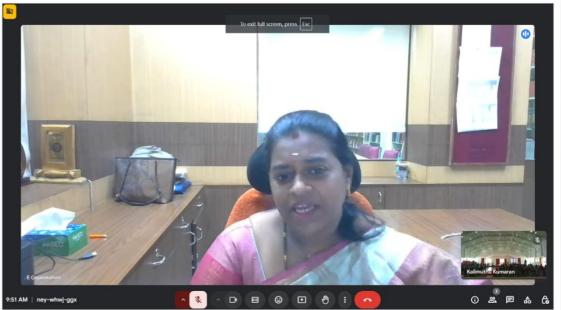


National Library Week

The session by the facilitator, 'Reading as a Superpower: How Books Can Shape Our Future', gripped the gathering with its immense insights about reading, the library and its history, library movements and their founders and their unparalleled devotion to promoting reading among all. She also quoted the responsibilities of elders in nurturing reading habits in young children. The virtual tour to the National Library of India, Calcutta, the Parliament Library of India, Asia's second-largest library, Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, Connemara Library, Chennai, and Saraswathi Mahal Library, Thanjavur made the audience awestruck. By and large, to say that this session ignited the spark of reading in all minds is an understatement. At the end of the session, the Vice Principal appreciated Kabilan of VI-2 for being a voracious reader who had utilised the resources in the school library.







Children's Day Celebration

A Joyful Celebration of Unity, Creativity, and Love on Children's Day! This year's Children's Day celebration was a delightful blend of sports, creativity, and heartfelt moments. The day began with thrilling basketball and handball matches between the Acharyas and learners, building a spirit of unity and excitement. Inside classrooms, acharyas organized fun-filled games, spreading joy and laughter among students. Each learner received a beautifully printed greeting card as a thoughtful gift. The highlight of the day was the cultural extravaganza, where the teachers showcased their talents through lively dances, entertaining stand-up comedy acts, a touching mime, soulful songs, and a thought-provoking street play with an inspiring message. The learners' cheers and applause filled the air, reflecting their admiration for their acharyas' creativity and effort. The celebration was a cherished experience, strengthening the bond between learners and acharyas and truly honouring the spirit of Children's Day!









Field Trip - Birds in the Woods

Learners of grade-3 were taken for a field trip to Ponnaiyar Dam. Learners as a pre- activity created a KWL chart to list down what they know about birds and what questions they should ask the forest ranger to know more about birds. On the day of the visit learners went for a nature walk mindfully listening to the sound of birds. They also sighted a few birds and they differentiated the sound that various birds make. They collected feathers and closely observed the nest that was built in an electric post. They were also curious when they saw the bats flying and asked questions about bats too. They had a discussion with the forest guard who clearly explained how he takes care and protects the environment in that area. Learners also observed the flora and fauna and amazingly looked at the 200 years old rain tree. They also got to know from the forest ranger how he takes care of even the smallest plant, animal and insects in the forest, and how it contributes to the environment.













Passion Club

At Chettinad Vidya Mandir, we believe in nurturing the whole student — mind, body and creativity. Our school offers a wide range of activities to inspire, challenge, and bring out the best in every student. "The Passion Club Activity" in November let all the learners explore artistic expression and storytelling. Through these activities, learners had the opportunity to develop a variety of valuable skills, both creative and practical.



Kalari Workshop

Kalaripayattu is one of the world's oldest Martial arts which is known for its fluid movement ,Acrobatics and weaponry combining physical training, mental focus, and healing techniques. A session on Kalari was held by Mr. Lakshmi Narayanan and team. This session with swords, shields, and stick was an enriching experience that connected the learners to the ancient martial arts of Kalaripayattu. It taught them the importance of focus, precision, and discipline while enhancing hand, eye coordination and reflexes. The session highlighted the relevance of preserving traditional art forms and their role in building resilience and self defense skill, offering a profound understanding of both physical agility and mental strength.











Utsav - Storytelling Session - Grade 4

During the Utsav celebrations, learners of Grade 4 gathered for a storytelling session by Ms. Jayanthi, a celebrated storyteller from Chennai. The story of Vamana Avatar shared by her, sparked a discussion on the ten avatars of Lord Vishnu. Learners explored its valuable lesson that greed can lead to devastating consequences. This enriching experience not only imparted moral values but also contributed to learners' character development.









Utsav - Thank You Card

Learners of Grade 1 created heartfelt "Thank You" cards to express their gratitude and care for their parents. Using pressed flowers, learners designed beautiful and personalized cards, showcasing their creativity and appreciation.





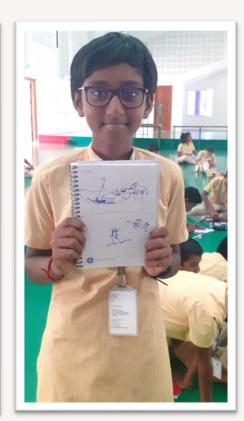


Utsav - Storytelling - Grade 5

Ms. Jeyanti, the storyteller, conducted a captivating and engaging storytelling session, focusing on Conflict Resolution and Dharma. She narrated stories depicting conflicts resolved by Lord Krishna, who, in various avatars, upheld Dharma and punished those who followed Adharma. She started with Thirukkural from the Adhikaram Kalvi and narrated a story in which Mahavishnu rescued an elephant named Gajendra, a devoted follower, from danger. In contrast, he defeated Kamsa's elephant named Kuwayampillai, who came with the intention to harm Krishna and Balarama In conclusion, she emphasized that God exhibits impartiality by safeguarding the good and punishing the evil. Learners also participated in the storytelling through their illustrating skills.











Natya Workshop - Celebrating Our Rich Cultural Heritage at UTSAV!

On the 5th of November, CVM proudly hosted the Natya Workshop led by the renowned Ms. Padma S Raghavan. This event, part of our annual UTSAV celebration, aimed to connect and rejoice in our shared value systems and rich cultural traditions. The workshop began with an engaging interaction between Ms. Raghavan and the learners from both CVM and CRMMS schools. She eloquently demonstrated the nuances of Bharatham, highlighting the importance of body language and the intricate mudras of this classical dance form. Throughout the session, students explored the mudras and the captivating stories of Lord Vishnu's iconic avatars. This session not only enhanced their understanding of Bharatham but also instilled a deeper appreciation for our cultural heritage.









Utsav - Field Trip - Brihadeeshwara Temple















Grade 7 learners had an educational journey to the Brihadeeshwara temple in Thanjavur. They explored the secrets of the past and gained valuable insights into the significance of historical monuments. This enriching experience, facilitated by Mr. Ramachandra Sekar Ji, provided a unique opportunity for learners to enhance their knowledge real-life and connect theoretical concepts to experiences. Throughout the visit, students engaged actively, thoughtful questions and sparking posing insightful discussions. As they wandered through the temple, they wondered at artistic statues and carvings. As students reflected on their experience, they began to connect the dots between the past and present, recognizing the importance of preserving cultural traditions for future generations.

Mandala Magic at Our School!

Learners of Grade 7, as a part of Utsav, had the privilege of participating in the Mandala art workshop, skillfully conducted by our esteemed alumnus, Mr. Dheepak Rishi. Mr. Rishi showcased his stunning Mandala artworks and explored the diverse applications of this ancient art form in modern objects. Inspired by his creations, learners explored the techniques involved in such a historical art form. Under Mr. Rishi's mentorship, they discovered the calming and meditative aspects of Mandala art while honing their artistic skills. This interactive and immersive experience also taught them the value of teamwork and self-expression.





Ayurveda Workshop

An enlightening Health and Ayurveda workshop was led by Dr.Suresh,an Ayurvedic doctor. This workshop explored the ancient wisdom of Ayurveda, holistic health tips and the natural remedies to enhance our well-being. This workshop was very useful to lead a healthy and balanced life through traditional practices.





UTSAV - Session on Archery

Our learners of grade 7 had an engaging and informative session with the archery master, Mr. Sadashivananda who delved into the rich history of archery, tracing its evolution from ancient times to its current Olympic status. It was an interactive presentation covering archery's origins, uses in war and hunting, and Olympic inclusion. The master demonstrated the bow and arrow techniques, emphasizing finger placement. He Connected to Mahabharata, exploring archery skills of legendary characters. Discussion on benefits of archery, including focus, discipline, physical fitness, and hands-on practice sessions under the master's guidance gave the learners a deeper understanding about archery.



State Level Silambam Competition

Rithvik Pranav R, Grade 1, has been trained diligently in the traditional Indian martial art of Silambam, specifically in Nedum Kambu Veecchu and Kambu Sandai. His dedication and passion have yielded impressive results, earning him a Silver medal in the U-10 category at the state level. Chettinad Vidya Mandir wishes him a great year ahead to win the greatest awards to come.



District Level Chess Tournament

Sudev S of Grade 7, has secured the 6th Prize in the U-13 Boys category at the 33rd District Level Chess Tournament, organized by Anand Chess Academy on the 6th of October, 2024 at KVV Matriculation School, Karur.



State Level Skating Achievements

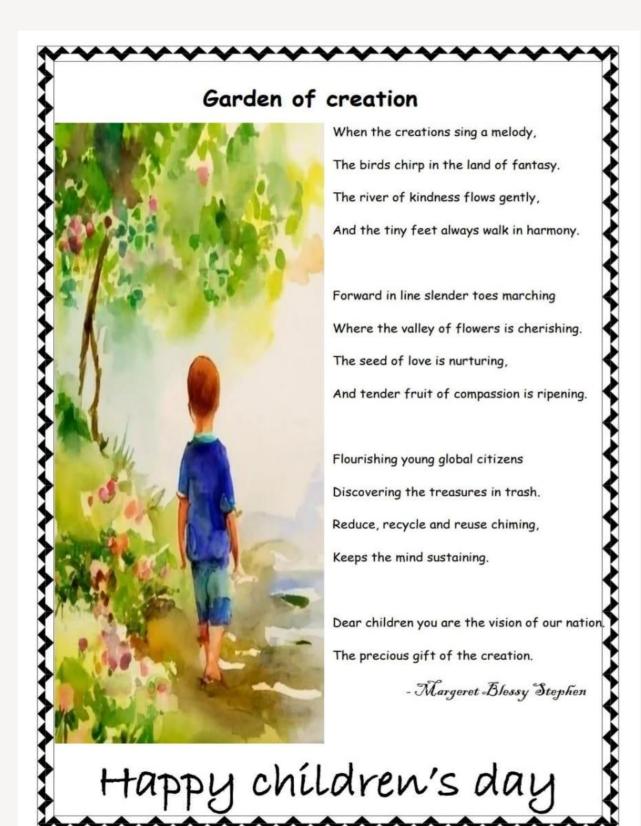
Learners of Chettinad Vidya Mandir Shone at Tamilnadu State Skating Championships 2024. A.V. Mithra of Grade 1 won a Silver Medal at the MARAGATHAM TNSSA State Level Skating Meet 2024 and got selected for the National Level. Aadhavan of Grade 5 participated in the 14th Tamilnadu State Speed Skating Championship 2024 (U12) and won a Gold Medal in Relay. This victory contributed to Karur district's 4th place overall. Arunmaruthan of Grade 7 participated in the 14th Tamilnadu State Speed Skating Championship 2024 (U14) and won a Gold Medal in Relay and a Bronze Medal in 1000m. contributed Karur district's This victory place overall. R. Krishna of Grade 7 got selected for the National Level Skating conducted soon by Tamilnadu Speed Skating Association at Coimbatore.











Teacher Speak

The "Garden of Creation" serves as a metaphorical space where the seeds of knowledge, kindness, and responsibility are sown in the hearts of children. These children are envisioned as the future leaders of society, nurtured in an environment where compassion, empathy, and a sense of duty to the community are cultivated. Through this poetic lens, Ms. Margeret Blessy Stephen - Primary Educator, thrive to a place of growth, care, and endless potential.





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