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Keeping the Horizon in Focus

Dear Parents and the VIS Community,

Welcome to the second edition of VISta!

Following the heartwarming response to our inaugural issue, our team is back to bring you another curated window into the daily lives, achievements, and growing friendships of your children here at Vellore International School, Chennai.

Our first month was all about setting foundations and helping our students settle into their new home away from home. This edition captures the true rhythm of campus life as it shifts into full swing.

In this issue, you will get an insider's view of how our classrooms are transforming into hubs of active learning—from collaborative science experiments and creative storytelling to outdoor nature explorations.

None of this would be possible without the incredible dedication of our faculty and staff. A special thank you to our grade teachers, subject teachers, and house parents for capturing these candid moments and bringing these stories to light.

We hope this edition brings you closer to your children, giving you reason to celebrate their growth, smiles, and progress.

Happy reading!

— Editorial Team

Turning Waste into Worth: IGCSE Recycling Initiative



The IGCSE students organised an engaging waste management initiative on 13 July to promote the importance of recycling and environmental responsibility. Students were encouraged to bring paper waste, which served as their entry to a series of exciting games such as Spin the Wheel, Hit the Target and several other interactive activities, with attractive prizes awaiting the winners. The event successfully combined education with entertainment, making sustainability both enjoyable and meaningful. By the end of the programme, a significant quantity of paper had been collected for recycling, highlighting the collective efforts of the school community. The initiative effectively demonstrated how small individual actions can contribute to creating a cleaner and more sustainable future.

Sunday Activity: Pottery Fun with the Junior School



The Juniors enjoyed a delightful Sunday pottery session, where they explored their creativity through hands-on learning. With great enthusiasm, they moulded clay into colourful and imaginative creations, making the activity both exciting and rewarding.

The pottery session helped students develop creativity, patience, and fine motor skills while encouraging self-expression. Working with clay also enhanced their concentration and confidence as they transformed simple ideas into unique works of art.



The room was filled with smiles, laughter, and excitement as students proudly displayed their finished pieces. The enjoyable experience not only nurtured their artistic talents but also created lasting memories, making it a truly special Sunday for our Junior School.



The pottery activity provided a perfect balance of learning and enjoyment. As they explored different shapes and designs with clay, they strengthened their imagination, problem-solving skills, and attention to detail. The engaging session encouraged every child to create with confidence while celebrating their own unique ideas.



Little Hands, Great Responsibilities: Understanding the Constitution



Students of Grade IX A participated in an engaging activity titled, designed to deepen their understanding of the Indian Constitution and the values that form the foundation of our democracy. Through colourful handprints, each student creatively represented a Fundamental Right, Fundamental Duty, or a civic responsibility, symbolising their commitment to becoming responsible citizens. The activity sparked meaningful discussions on the constitutional ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity, encouraging students to reflect on their relevance in everyday life. It also emphasised the importance of respecting the law, embracing diversity, and contributing positively to society through simple acts of honesty, kindness, and responsibility. By blending creativity with civic education, the initiative transformed constitutional learning into a memorable and inspiring experience, motivating students to uphold the values of the Constitution both within and beyond the classroom.



Ms. Theresa
(Faculty Of Social Science)

Reaching for the Stars with Dr. Swathi Mohan

Students from Grades XI and XII (CISCE & Cambridge) of VIS participated in the Space Science Programme at VIT, where they attended an inspiring lecture by NASA scientist Dr. Swathi Mohan. The session introduced students to exciting developments in space exploration and scientific innovation.



Dr. Mohan shared insights into her journey, experiences with NASA missions, and the importance of perseverance, curiosity, and teamwork in achieving success. Her engaging talk motivated students to dream big and pursue careers in science and technology.



The programme provided an enriching learning experience, broadening students' understanding of space science while encouraging them to explore new possibilities in STEM. It was an inspiring opportunity that left participants motivated and eager to contribute to the future of scientific discovery.



Stories That Inspire, Imaginations That Soar



Every Saturday, the campus comes alive with the magic of storytelling as students of Grades 5 to 8 participate in engaging storytelling sessions. Distinguished storytellers and guest speakers from outside the school visit the campus to narrate captivating tales that entertain while imparting meaningful life lessons.



Far from being passive listeners, students actively participate through discussions, role play and interactive activities that encourage creativity and critical thinking. These sessions nurture imagination, strengthen communication skills and instil a lifelong appreciation for literature. By transforming stories into memorable experiences, the programme creates an environment where learning becomes joyful, meaningful and deeply engaging for every young learner.

Beyond the Classroom: Nurturing Passions Through Hobby Clubs



Learning at Vellore International School extends far beyond textbooks. To encourage students to discover and develop their interests, a wide range of hobby clubs is offered to students from Grades 5 to 12. From Dance, Music, Photography, Art, Instrumental Music and Science Club to Writing Club, Reading Club and Model United Nations (MUN), these sessions provide enriching opportunities to learn, create and collaborate. Guided by experienced mentors, students explore new skills, cultivate creativity and build confidence in a supportive environment. Whether expressing themselves through art, debating global issues or nurturing a love for literature and science, every learner finds a platform to grow. These clubs continue to inspire curiosity, foster holistic development and celebrate the diverse talents of our student community.

Building a Tobacco-Free Generation

Our students attended an insightful Tobacco Awareness Seminar conducted by Mr. Ranjith. The session highlighted the harmful effects of tobacco consumption and emphasized the importance of making healthy, informed choices from a young age.



Through engaging discussions and real-life examples, students gained a better understanding of the physical, mental, and social consequences of tobacco use. The seminar also encouraged them to resist peer pressure and adopt a healthy lifestyle.



The interactive session inspired students to become responsible individuals and advocates for a tobacco-free future.

A Taste of France : Celebrating Bastille Day



The French students of Vellore International School celebrated Bastille Day with a vibrant special assembly on 14 July, offering the audience a delightful glimpse into French culture and heritage. The programme featured eloquent speeches, graceful dance performances and engaging presentations highlighting the significance of Bastille Day, the French language and the nation's rich traditions.



Through their confident performances, students demonstrated not only linguistic proficiency but also a deep appreciation for cultural diversity. The assembly transformed the morning into a lively celebration of history, art and global understanding, reinforcing the importance of embracing cultures beyond geographical boundaries.

Restoring Shores, Inspiring Change: Grade 12 Beach Clean-up Drive



As part of the NSS initiative and the SUPW programme, students of Grade 12 from both the ISC and IGCSE curricula participated in a beach clean-up drive at Besant Nagar Beach on 12 July. The activity encouraged students to contribute towards environmental conservation while understanding the importance of responsible citizenship. Working together, they collected litter and helped restore the cleanliness of the shoreline, demonstrating that meaningful change begins with individual action. Beyond the physical effort, the experience instilled a deeper sense of environmental awareness and civic responsibility. The initiative served as a valuable reminder that protecting our planet is a collective responsibility requiring commitment, compassion and sustained action.

Unlock Global Opportunities: International Career Fair



Vellore International School successfully hosted the VIS International Career Fair, bringing together representatives from leading international universities. Students had the opportunity to interact with admissions experts, explore diverse academic programmes, and gain valuable insights into higher education opportunities across countries including the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Europe, and Asia.



The fair featured informative sessions on university admissions, scholarships, career pathways, and application processes. Students and parents engaged in meaningful discussions with university delegates, helping them better understand global education systems and make informed decisions about their future academic and professional aspirations.

The event inspired students to broaden their horizons and confidently pursue international opportunities. By connecting with prestigious universities from around the world, participants gained clarity, motivation, and practical guidance, making the VIS International Career Fair a valuable step towards achieving their global education and career goals.



Charting New Horizons: Eruditus Inspires Global Aspirations



Students of Vellore International School attended an enriching session conducted by Eruditus Education, offering valuable insights into the rapidly evolving landscape of global higher education. The speakers highlighted the growing presence of prestigious international universities establishing campuses in India and discussed how these developments are creating new academic pathways for aspiring students.



The session explored the advantages of earning globally recognised qualifications while studying closer to home, alongside the opportunities for international exposure, interdisciplinary learning and enhanced career prospects. Students also gained a clearer understanding of emerging trends in higher education and the changing expectations of universities worldwide. Informative and thought-provoking, the session encouraged students to broaden their perspectives, explore diverse educational opportunities and make well-informed decisions as they prepare for their future academic journeys.

A Tribute to a Guiding Legacy



The birth anniversary of Rajeshwari Amma was observed with deep respect and heartfelt gratitude at Vellore International School on 13 July. The occasion brought together members of the school community in remembrance of her inspiring legacy and enduring values. Teachers paid tribute through a simple yet dignified ceremony, honouring her life and the ideals she stood for.



The observance served as a moment of reflection, reminding everyone of the importance of compassion, service and dedication in shaping both individuals and institutions. Such occasions reinforce the school's commitment to preserving its rich heritage while inspiring future generations to uphold these timeless values.

Serving Excellence: Host of the CISCE Volleyball Zonals



Vellore International School proudly hosted the CISCE Volleyball Zonals on 6 July, welcoming talented teams from numerous schools for an exciting display of sportsmanship and competitive spirit. The tournament was meticulously organised, ensuring smooth coordination, fair play and an enjoyable experience for all participants. From thrilling rallies to closely contested matches, the event showcased remarkable athleticism and teamwork. Adding to the celebrations, the VIS teams delivered exceptional performances, securing victories across multiple categories and making the school community immensely proud. The successful conduct of the tournament reflected the dedication of the organising committee, staff, volunteers and students, making the event a memorable milestone in the school's sporting calendar.

Vellore International School Excels in ICSE Cricket Zonals



Vellore International School showcased exceptional determination in the CISCE Zone A U-19 Cricket Tournament. Tharun emerged as the standout performer, delivering an impressive all-round display with both bat and ball. His confident performance and leadership inspired the team to compete with great spirit throughout the match.

The team's disciplined batting and positive partnerships reflected their preparation, resilience, and ability to perform under pressure.

The VIS bowlers and fielders complemented the batting effort with disciplined spells, sharp catches, and energetic teamwork. The all-round brilliance, combined with the collective effort of every player, made the match a memorable performance and a proud moment for Vellore International School.

Court of Glory: VIS Stars Shine at CISCE Regionals



In a proud moment for Vellore International School, Chennai, five of our standout U-19 girls were selected to represent Zone-A at the prestigious CISCE Regional Basketball Tournament. Held at Bharathi School, Coimbatore, from July 26th to 27th, 2026, the two-day championship brought together top athletic talent from across the region, setting the stage for intense competition and high-energy sportsmanship.



Demonstrating exceptional grit, tactical discipline, and seamless teamwork, our athletes played a pivotal role in driving Zone-A through grueling matches against formidable opponents. Their dedication on the court reflected weeks of rigorous training and unwavering perseverance.

Their relentless drive culminated in a remarkable achievement as the Zone-A U-19 team secured a hard-earned 3rd Position in the tournament! We extend our heartiest congratulations to our brilliant student-athletes for bringing home the bronze and making the entire VIS community proud. Their success continues to inspire our campus sports culture, proving that determination always leads to excellence.

VIT Open Sports Tournament



Students of Vellore International School showcased exceptional sporting talent at the VIT Open Sports Tournament, held as part of the Rajeshwari Amma Memorial celebrations on 8 July. Competing against several institutions, the VIS boys' and girls' teams participated in both Basketball and Volleyball, displaying remarkable determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the tournament. The event provided young athletes with an excellent platform to compete at a high level while fostering sportsmanship and mutual respect among participants. Their commendable performances reflected months of dedicated practice and unwavering commitment. The tournament served as yet another opportunity for VIS students to uphold the school's tradition of sporting excellence with pride and confidence.

Harmony Unplugged At VIS



VIS came alive with music and excitement during its Karaoke Night, bringing together students and faculty for an evening of fun and entertainment. The event created a lively atmosphere where everyone could relax, sing, and enjoy each other's performances.

Students confidently took to the stage and performed a wide variety of songs, ranging from timeless classics to the latest chart-topping hits. Faculty members also joined the celebration with enthusiastic performances, encouraging students and adding to the excitement of the evening. The audience cheered, clapped, and sang along, creating an atmosphere filled with energy, laughter, and appreciation. Every performance reflected confidence, enthusiasm, and a passion for music, making the Karaoke Night a memorable experience for everyone present.



The Karaoke Night strengthened the bond between students and faculty, creating lasting memories filled with laughter, applause, and joyful moments. It was a wonderful celebration of togetherness, creativity, and the vibrant community spirit that makes VIS a welcoming and engaging place for all.

Why I Love Books



Books are more than pages filled with words. To me, they are companions that have taken me on countless adventures and taught me lessons that I treasure every day.

Books have taught me to understand feelings and emotions. Whenever I read, I feel peaceful and calm. A book is not just paper and ink; it is an emotion for me. Books are my silent friends; they don't judge me, instead, they quietly listen. If books could speak, they would tell me to "trust your instincts." Through books, I have travelled to many fictional places inside my mind. My imagination grows whenever I read about new, multi-dimensional characters.

A book I can never forget is Tintin because it was a huge part of my childhood, and I thoroughly enjoyed reading those adventurous stories. I would thank all the writers in the world for sharing their creativity. Books are a rollercoaster of emotions, ranging from joy and sorrow to deep curiosity.

I first fell in love with books when I was 7. My father is a huge fan of reading, and he introduced me to them. I get really curious whenever I open a new book. Books have taught me to "never judge a person based on their looks." Books take me to other worlds; I have visited many centuries and different cultures through them. They have also helped me better understand how other people feel.

If books were magical doors, they would lead to many fictional places like Hogwarts. If I could design my own library, I would add bean bags instead of chairs, and I would include a cafe so people could spend plenty of time there. I would also make it pet-friendly, as I am a huge fan of animals!

I would like to write books for kids so they could expand their imagination at a young age. I would like my books to share kind messages like "be grateful," "be kind to everyone," and "never discriminate." They can make the world kinder and wiser by spreading good values.

-Ardra V Narayan
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My Favorite Book Character:

Jude Duarte

My favorite book character of all time is Jude Duarte from The Cruel Prince series. Jude is the protagonist throughout the whole series, and there are many reasons why I picked her as my favorite character out of all the books I have read so far. I really admire her strength and bravery throughout the series, as well as her unwavering loyalty to her loved ones and her home, Elfhame.

Jude also has many interesting physical traits described within the books. For instance, she almost always wears her hair in braids that she coils around the top of her head to form horns. She also carries her late father's sword, which is called "Nightfell." Other than her physical appearance, Jude has a very interesting personality; she is extremely strong-willed, very smart, and strategic. She is also highly skilled in the art of swordsmanship and martial arts.

Jude faces many challenges, such as trying to avoid the unavoidable war between Elfhame and the Undersea. She also faces the most traumatizing experience of being kidnapped by the Undersea. Jude gives her all to avoid the war, but in the end, she is given no other choice but to fight for herself, her family, and most importantly, Elfhame.

Other characters view Jude very differently. Some respect her strategic planning, her strength, and her beauty, while others underestimate her because she is born mortal. Many important and catastrophic events happen within the series that Jude takes part in, such as the war between Elfhame and the Undersea, as well as the coronation of Elfhame's new High King.

As I have said many times, I love Jude because she is strong, kind, and not stupid. I think there are quite a few things I share with Jude, like the fact that I love planning and strategizing just like she does! I would love to be friends with Jude Duarte because I feel like she would be a great listener and give me advice like a protective older sister.

In conclusion, I have learned a lot from Jude Duarte, such as how to be brave but also smart, and to think carefully before I speak. Jude has inspired me to start being braver and maybe even start learning a new martial art! Readers could learn so many things from Jude Duarte, such as how to be brave, strong, and smart. In conclusion, Jude Duarte is an amazing, complex, strong character and my absolute favorite

-Sana Shanmugaraj
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