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Dear Parents and the VIS Community,

Welcome to the fourth edition of VISta!

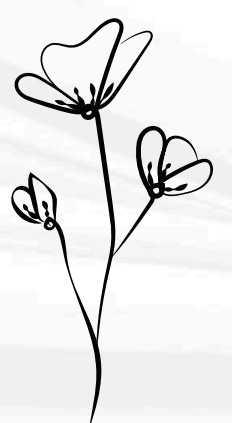
This past month, campus life at Vellore International School unfolded in a vibrant crescendo of pride, intellect, and celebration. Our pages open with the energy and appreciation of Teachers' Day, the diplomatic spirit of our young delegates at VISMUN, and the determination and teamwork showcased by our students on the national volleyball stage.

Beyond these highlights, the month was filled with opportunities for learning, connection, and collaboration. From the engaging Brain Gym session and the Grade 10 Global Perspectives project on Olive Ridley conservation to lively games evenings that brought students and teachers together, our campus continued to be a space for exploration and shared experiences. These moments reflected the enthusiasm, curiosity, and community spirit that shaped the month at VIS.

Emphasizing our commitment to holistic development, our student-athletes shone across courts and fields, bringing home proud sports achievements and demonstrating exemplary teamwork. VISta continues to serve as your dedicated window into these transformative moments. We invite you to turn the pages and celebrate the boundless energy and growth of our VIS family.

Happy reading!

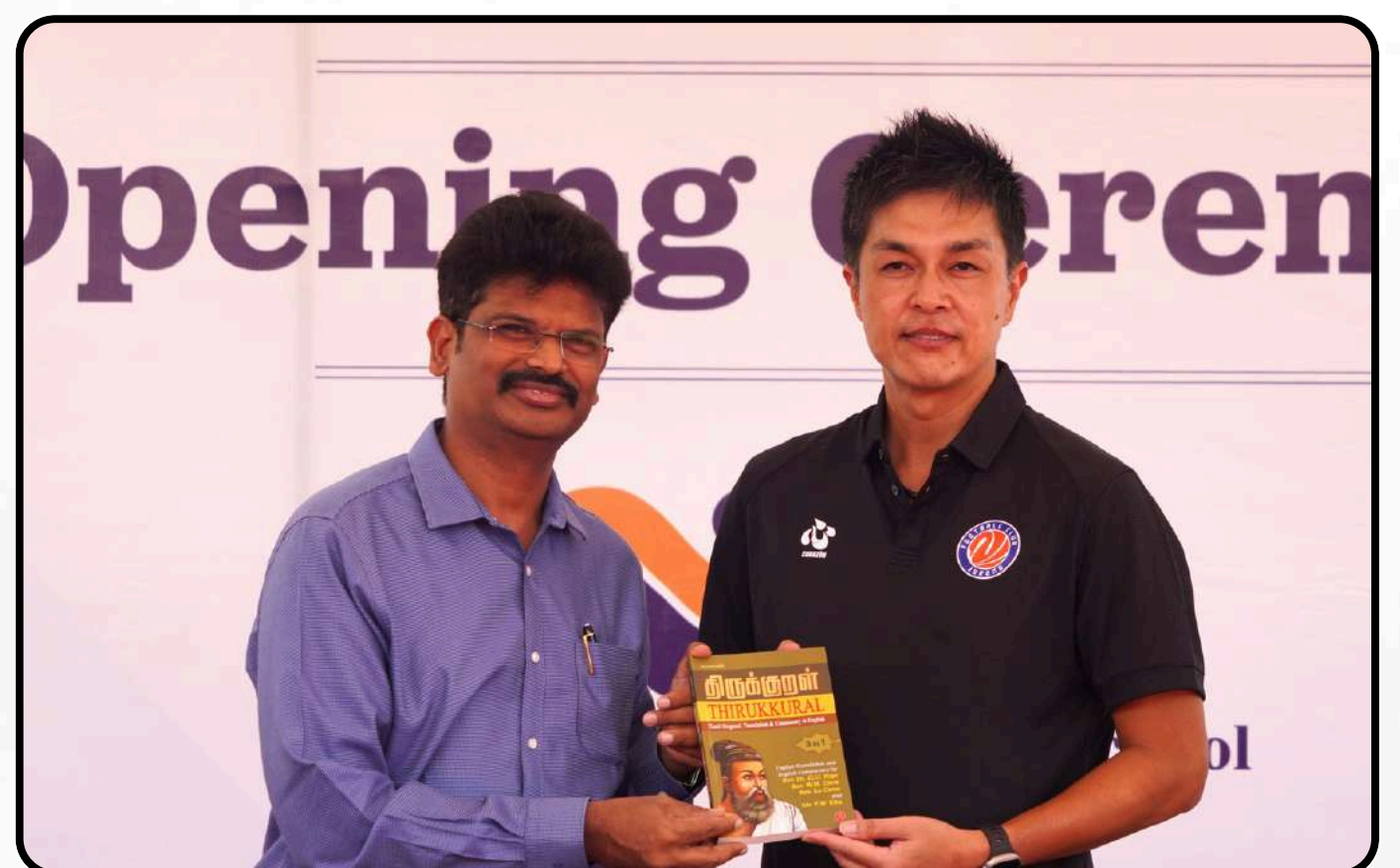
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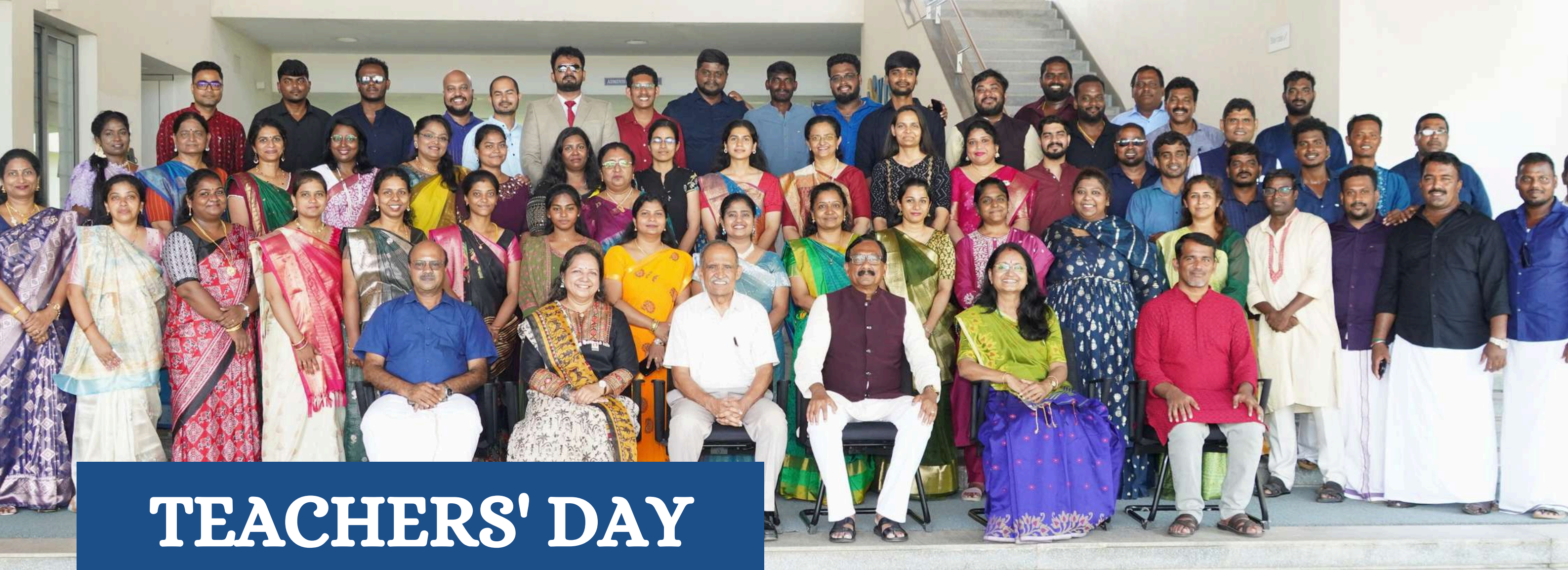


GRAND UNDER-15 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Vellore International School proudly hosted an exciting Under-15 Football Tournament, bringing together 64 school teams from Chennai, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Vellore, Chengalpattu, and Tiruvannamalai. The tournament followed a competitive knockout format, giving young footballers an opportunity to showcase their skills, teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. With a total prize pool of ₹2,25,000, the tournament offered ₹1,00,000 to the winners, ₹75,000 to the runners-up, and ₹50,000 to the second runners-up, adding further excitement to the competition.



The tournament was officially inaugurated by the chief guest, Mr. Daisuke Korenaga, Chairman of Football Club Jurong, Singapore, in the presence of the leadership of VIS and The Hindu Group. The opening ceremony marked the beginning of an energetic sporting event celebrating young football talent. As a gesture of appreciation and gratitude, the school presented the chief guest with a token of gratitude. The tournament provided a valuable platform for young players to compete, connect, and demonstrate their passion for football.



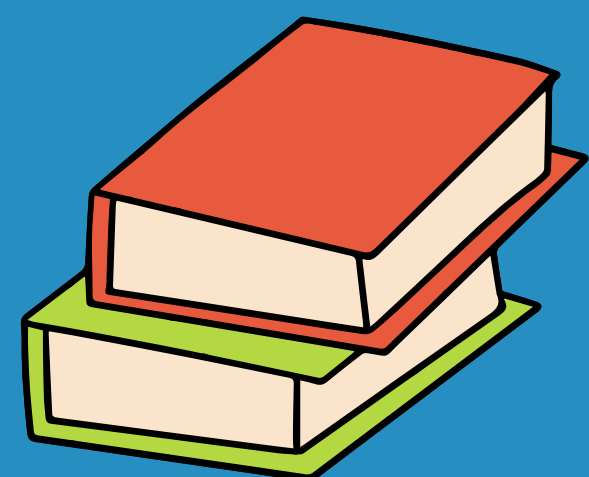
TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

Vellore International School celebrated Teachers' Day with a day filled with energy, gratitude, and fun, dedicated to honoring the educators who guide us throughout the year. The celebrations began with a vibrant lineup of student performances, including dances, musical acts, and heartfelt speeches that filled the auditorium with laughter, applause, and appreciation.



Students put their own spin on the performances, creating moments that were both entertaining and genuinely touching. Teachers then took a break from their usual routines to enjoy games and activities organized especially for them, with students cheering them on from the sidelines.

The day concluded with the management formally appreciating the teachers and staff and presenting them with gifts as a token of gratitude for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.





TEACHERS' DAY SPORTS

As part of the Teachers' Day celebrations, teachers swapped their lesson plans for game faces and took to the court for an afternoon of friendly competition. Staff members divided into teams and went head-to-head in volleyball and dodgeball, giving students a chance to see a more playful side of their teachers.

The volleyball matches were filled with energetic rallies, powerful spikes, and impressive saves, while dodgeball brought quick throws, dramatic dodges, and last-minute escapes. Every point and near-miss was met with loud cheers from the crowd.



Students lined the sidelines to support their favorite teachers, filling the court with chants, claps, and excitement. Beyond the competition, the games gave teachers and students a chance to bond outside the classroom. With plenty of laughter and enthusiasm, the matches became a highlight of the Teachers' Day celebrations.

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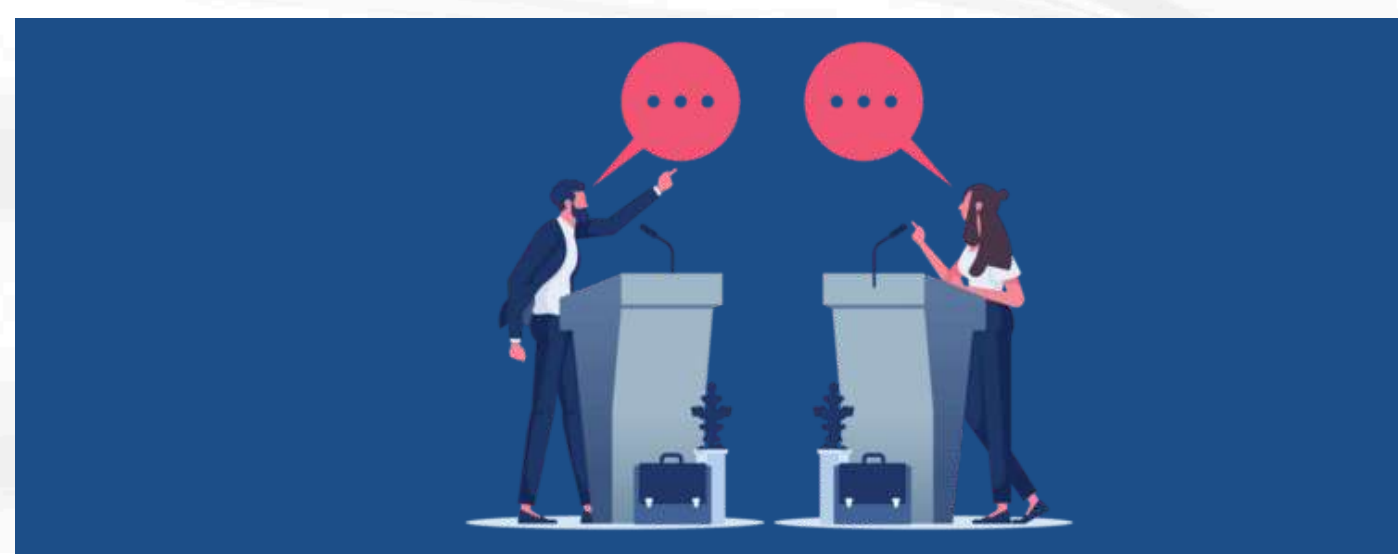


VISMUN

Vellore International School hosted VISMUN, its own Model United Nations conference, bringing together delegates from Grades 8 through 12 alongside participants from several schools across the region. The conference was the culmination of three months of preparation, with the organizing team coordinating delegate kits, compiling background guides from chairs and delegates, and guiding students through extensive research and preparation.



The three-day conference began with a formal opening ceremony, followed by committee sessions introducing the Rules of Procedure and setting the stage for the debates ahead. As the conference progressed, students took on the roles of diplomats, engaging in moderated caucuses, responding to crisis updates, and putting forward their perspectives on pressing global issues.



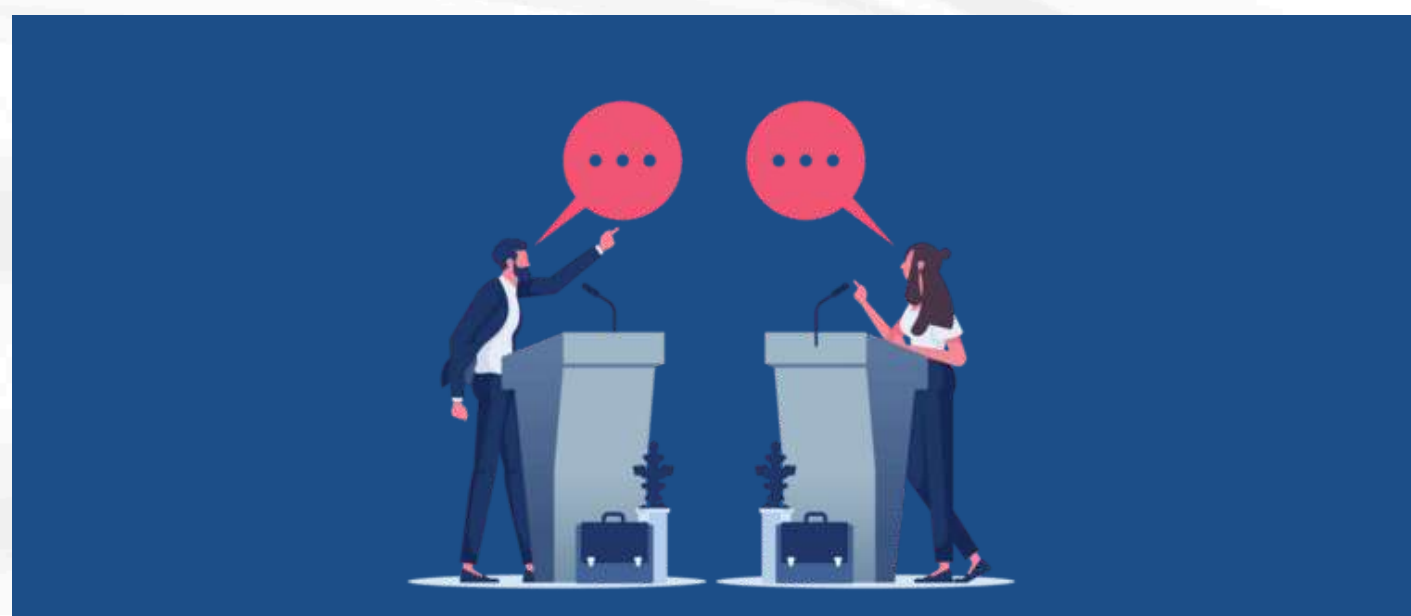


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Day 2 also saw delegates embracing traditional attire as the debates grew increasingly intense, with placards raised and voices heard across the committee rooms. The final day focused on collaboration, negotiation, and the drafting and passing of resolutions, as delegates worked to find common ground and turn their discussions into concrete outcomes. The conference concluded with an official award ceremony recognizing the efforts and achievements of participants throughout the event.



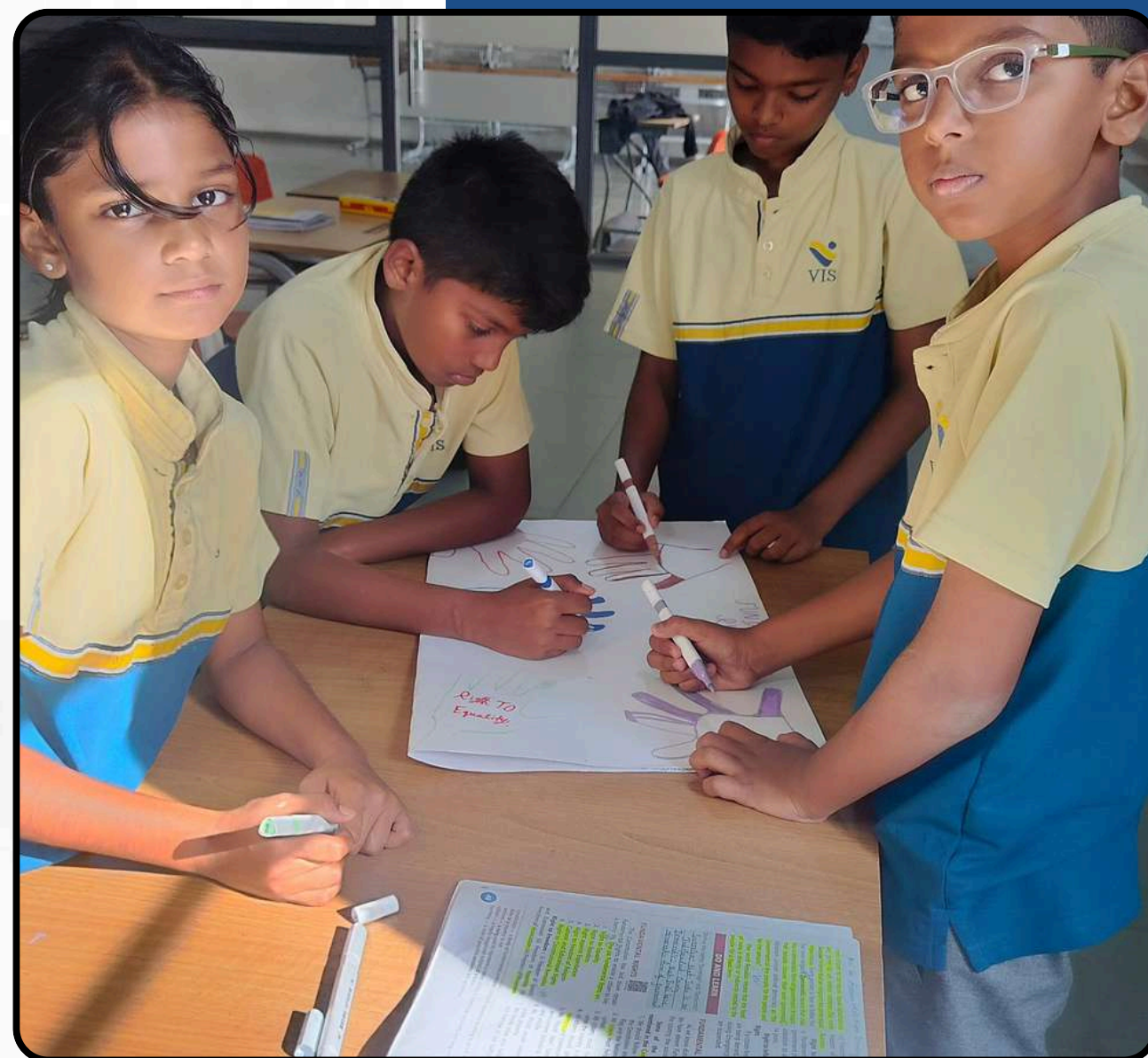
A special acknowledgement goes to the chairs from VIT, whose guidance and moderation helped ensure the smooth functioning of the committees throughout the conference. VISMUN was ultimately a rewarding experience in diplomacy, research, public speaking, and collaboration, giving students the opportunity to challenge themselves beyond the classroom and engage with peers from across the region.





OUR RIGHTS OUR FREEDOM

Grade 5 students explored the importance of Fundamental Rights through their Social Studies project, "Our Rights, Our Freedom." The project helped students understand that Fundamental Rights are basic rights guaranteed by the Constitution of India to protect the freedom, equality, and dignity of citizens. Students learned about the six Fundamental Rights: the Right to Equality, Right to Freedom, Right against Exploitation, Right to Freedom of Religion, Cultural and Educational Rights, and Right to Constitutional Remedies.

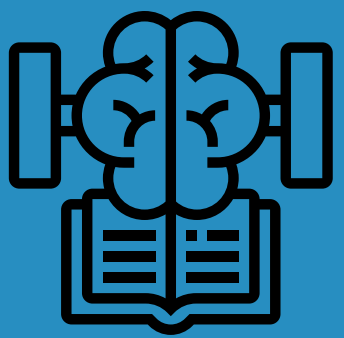


Through this meaningful project, students gained a better understanding of how these rights help promote equality and justice in society. They also learned that enjoying our own rights comes with the responsibility of respecting the rights and freedoms of others. The activity encouraged students to become more aware, responsible, and respectful citizens. The project concluded with an important message: "Know your rights, respect others' rights, and be a responsible citizen."





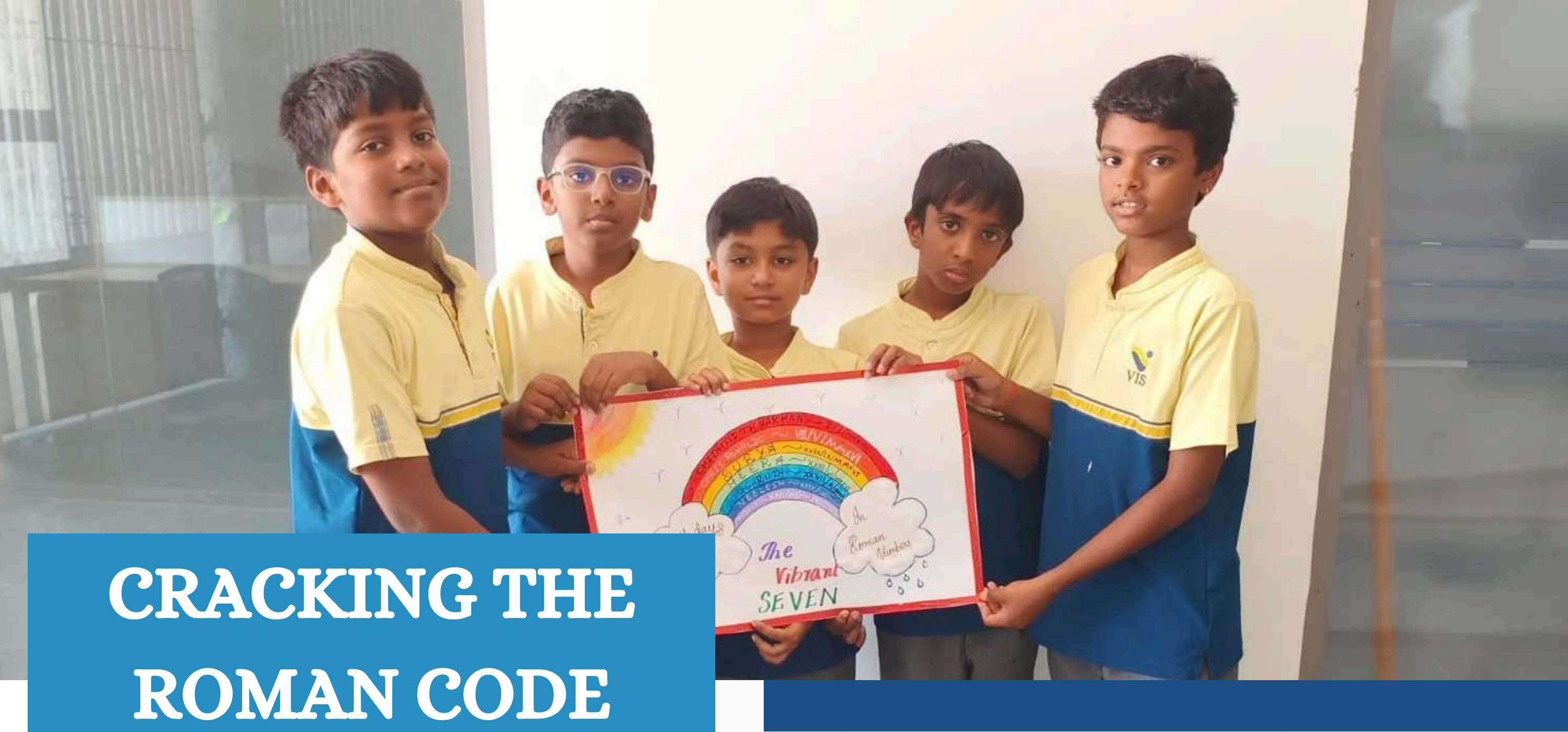
BRAIN GYM: TRAIN YOUR BRAIN



On Sunday, 20th September 2026, girls from Grades 5–12 participated in an engaging Brain Gym session designed to strengthen cognitive skills essential for everyday learning. Through interactive challenges, students explored attention, memory, inhibition, and mental flexibility while discovering how their brains respond to distractions, patterns, and new information. Activities such as memory challenges, recall games, and the Stroop Test encouraged students to concentrate carefully and understand how the brain processes information.

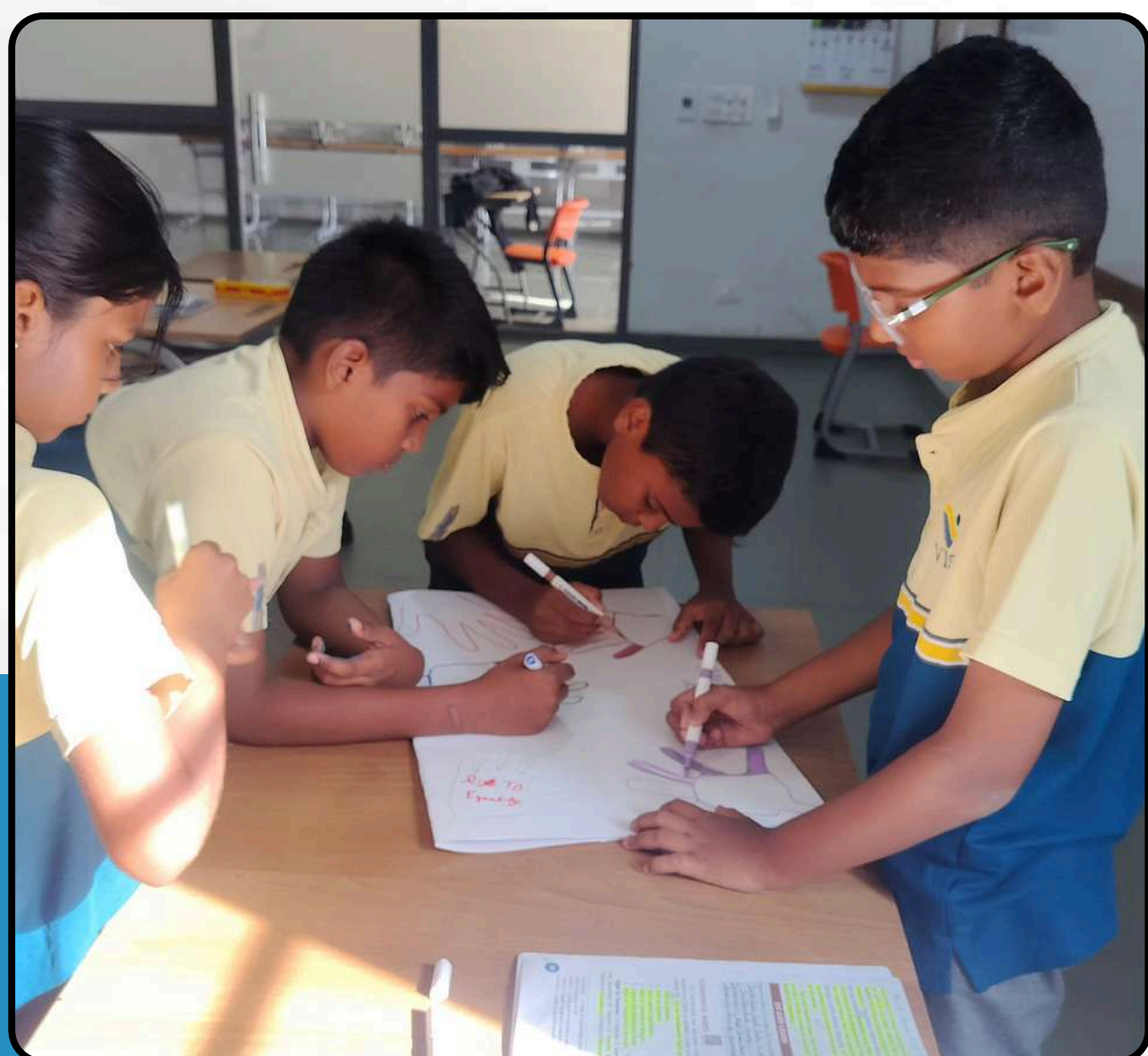
The session highlighted that effective learning is not simply about studying harder, but about understanding how the brain works and using smarter strategies. Students reflected on their own learning habits and each selected one brain-training strategy to practise during the following week. The session made learning enjoyable while encouraging students to become more focused, flexible, and confident learners.



A group of five young boys in school uniforms (yellow shirts and blue trousers) are standing together, holding a large, colorful drawing. The drawing features a vibrant rainbow with Roman numerals written along its arch. Below the rainbow, the text "The Vibrant SEVEN" is written in a decorative font, with "SEVEN" in green. To the right of the rainbow, there is a cloud with the words "In Roman Numerals" written inside it. The background shows a modern building with large glass windows.

CRACKING THE ROMAN CODE

As part of an engaging Mathematics activity on Roman Numerals, students participated in “The Vibrant Roman Numerals,” a collaborative and creative learning experience designed to make mathematical concepts more enjoyable and easier to understand. Students worked together to create a colourful representation of Roman numerals using an attractive rainbow theme. During the activity, they identified important Roman numeral symbols, explored their corresponding numerical values, and learned how different symbols can be arranged and combined to represent various numbers. The hands-on approach encouraged students to actively participate rather than simply learning the rules from their textbooks.



By discussing ideas and creating the display together, students gained a clearer understanding of the value and correct arrangement of Roman numeral symbols. By the end of the activity, students were able to recognise Roman numerals, understand their numerical values, and apply the basic rules for writing them with greater confidence. “The Vibrant Roman Numerals” demonstrated how creative activities can transform mathematical learning into an interactive, colourful, and memorable thing.



EXPLORING THOLKAPPIA POONGA

Students of our school had an enriching opportunity to visit Tholkappia Poonga (Adyar Eco Park) in Chennai, accompanied by Mr. Sarvesh, Mr. Renjith, Ms. Darshana, and Ms. Kavitha. The visit allowed students to step beyond the classroom and experience nature firsthand. Located around the Adyar Creek, the eco-park provided students with an opportunity to learn about native vegetation, mangroves, wetlands, biodiversity, and urban ecosystems. As they explored the surroundings, students observed the natural environment and developed a better understanding of the role these ecosystems play in supporting wildlife and maintaining ecological balance.



The visit successfully connected classroom learning with real-world environmental experiences. Students learned about the importance of conserving wetlands, protecting native species, and restoring natural habitats within growing cities. Exploring the park also encouraged curiosity and helped students appreciate Chennai's valuable natural ecosystems. The experience was both educational and enjoyable, inspiring students to become more environmentally aware and recognise their responsibility in protecting and preserving nature for future generations.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY



Through teamwork and friendly challenges, students strengthened important skills such as vocabulary, expression, communication, quick thinking, and confidence. Activities like Taboo encouraged them to describe words in different ways, while dumb charades tested their ability to understand and express ideas without speaking. The programme showed students that learning English can be both educational and entertaining. English Language Day successfully brought students together through play and performance, creating a memorable experience that encouraged creativity, collaboration, and greater confidence in using the English language.

Our school celebrated English Language Day with an engaging session hosted by Mr. Sarvesh, giving both junior and senior students an opportunity to experience language learning in a fun and interactive way. A variety of activities, including Taboo, dumb charades, clue-based challenges, and other language games, encouraged students to listen carefully, communicate clearly, and think creatively. The lively atmosphere allowed students to participate confidently while exploring English beyond their regular classroom lessons.





CISCE NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Students from Vellore International School brought home national honours at the CISCE National Volleyball Championship, held at the G.M.C. Balayogi Sports Complex, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, from 7th to 9th September 2026. Hosted by The Nasr School, the championship saw participation from teams representing nearly 20 states, bringing together some of the country's young volleyball talent.

In the Under-14 Girls category, Pranavsha (Grade 7) and Lingala Aadhya Reddy (Grade 8) proudly represented the Tamil Nadu team and emerged as National Champions. In the Under-19 Girls category, Shevani (Grade 9) and Harini (Grade 12) also represented Tamil Nadu and secured the National Championship title.

Their outstanding performances reflect the students' dedication, teamwork, and commitment to the sport. Winning at the national level is a remarkable achievement and a proud moment for both the players and the school.





THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter VISTA was created through the dedicated efforts of Tarun from Grade 10C and Hasinishree from Grade 11C, with the guidance and support of Dr. Ajay Vissnu M.Nair from the English Department. Working together, the students contributed their creativity, ideas, and effort to bring the newsletter to life.



The experience provided them with an opportunity to develop skills in writing, designing, editing, teamwork, and communication while documenting important moments and achievements from across the school. After the completion of the newsletter, our Chairman personally met the student team and appreciated their hard work and dedication. His encouraging words made the moment especially meaningful for the students and recognised the effort that went into producing VISTA.

The appreciation inspired the team to continue exploring their creativity and improving their work. The experience demonstrated how student initiative, combined with teacher guidance and encouragement, can result in something meaningful for the entire school community.

TURTLE CONSERVATION



The grade 10 Cambridge students recently undertook a comprehensive Global Perspectives project focused on the critical endangerment of Olive Ridley sea turtles. This dedicated team of students were guided by their GP teacher, Ms. Sornam. Their efforts were aimed at raising awareness and understanding the complexities surrounding these remarkable creatures.

As a key part of their research, they invited a knowledgeable guest speaker, Prem, to share insights and provide in-depth details on the threats faced by Olive Ridley turtles and successful conservation efforts.

The session was a powerful experience, allowing students to gain firsthand knowledge from an expert, discuss real-world conservation challenges, and consider their own roles in environmental stewardship. Grade 10 students actively participated, asking pertinent questions, and left with a renewed sense of purpose. The team's research will be summarized in their final GP report, contributing to a vital dialogue on marine biodiversity.





BREAK FROM MUNDANE



The Cambridge Grade 11 and 12 students came together with a few teachers for a lively Wednesday Games Evening to relax minds before the commencement of the FAT Examination. Filled with friendly competition, laughter, and plenty of team spirit, students and teachers were divided into two teams, with yellow and turquoise face paint adding a colourful touch and making it easy to tell the teams apart.

The evening kicked off with a game of Kings, bringing out plenty of strategy, energy, and playful rivalry. This was followed by an exciting round of dodgeball. With everyone cheering, laughing, and getting involved, the games created a relaxed atmosphere that brought students and teachers together beyond the classroom.





INTER-HOUSE KARAOKE NIGHT



Our school hosted an exciting Inter-House Karaoke Night and Dumb Charades, bringing students together for an evening filled with music, laughter, creativity, and friendly competition. Students representing their respective houses enthusiastically participated in the activities and showcased their confidence and talents. During the karaoke competition, participants performed a variety of songs, creating an energetic atmosphere as their housemates encouraged and cheered them on. The event gave students an enjoyable opportunity to step onto the stage and express themselves through music.



The excitement continued with Dumb Charades, where students had to communicate words and ideas using only actions and expressions while their teammates tried to guess the correct answers. The activity tested their creativity, quick thinking, observation, and teamwork, leading to many entertaining moments. Beyond the competition, the evening strengthened house spirit and friendship among students. The Inter-House Karaoke Night and Dumb Charades provided a refreshing break from academics and created a memorable experience filled with participation, teamwork, entertainment, and school spirit.



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