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Monthly Newsletter - September 2024

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,



As we embrace the vibrant spirit of September, I'm thrilled to reflect on the numerous enriching experiences our students have had this month. Our middle and high school students embarked on an enlightening field trip to the Nehru Planetarium, where they explored the wonders of the universe, sparking their curiosity and passion for science.

We celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm, honoring the dedication of our teachers who inspire and guide our students every day. Our Onam celebration brought the community together, highlighting our rich cultural heritage. Hindi Diwas was another memorable event, with students paying tribute to the beauty of the Hindi language through recitations and performances.

In alignment with our commitment to cleanliness, our school observed Swachh Bharat Week as a tribute to the Father of the Nation. This initiative emphasized the importance of sanitation, with students participating in various activities that promoted awareness and responsible behavior toward cleanliness.

This month also witnessed Montessori classroom observations, allowing parents to engage with their child's learning environment and share their feedback with teachers.

In addition to these activities, our students excelled in various competitions, including the Spell Bee Level 1, India Quest Quiz competition, and the WWF-India 2024-25 first round. The NIE quiz was another success, showcasing our students' knowledge and skills. Furthermore, I am proud to announce that several students participated in the Business Plan Competition organized by the Entrepreneurship Cell at IIT Bombay, known as Eureka Junior.

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All five students who registered have successfully advanced to the second round, demonstrating their entrepreneurial spirit.

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Additionally, an online teacher training workshop was conducted by Ms. Nimisha on "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," focusing on transforming our teachers into effective leaders. This session provided valuable insights that will enhance our teaching methods and strengthen our learning community.

I am proud to share that I am now a certified CBSE Resource Person after attending an intensive two-day training program. This certification underscores our commitment to continuous professional development and excellence in education.

Furthermore, I'm excited to announce that Smrti Academy has been honored with an award at the India K-12 Awards, presented by the Eldrok Foundation, in recognition of our commitment to promoting experiential learning programs. This award highlights our dedication to innovative teaching methods that enhance student engagement and foster real-world skills. As we move forward, let's continue to inspire one another and create a nurturing environment for our students to thrive.

Warm Regards,
Amutha M Edward
Principal, Smrti Academy

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Smrti Academy Students Excel

Smrti Academy Students Excel in IIT Bombay's Business Plan Competition

We are excited to announce that students from Smrti Academy have participated in the Business Plan Competition organized by the Entrepreneurship Cell at IIT Bombay, known as Eureka Junior. This initiative aims to foster an entrepreneurial spirit among students in classes 6 to 12.

Eureka Junior encourages young innovators to develop their ideas and offers a platform to showcase their projects. Participants benefit from skill development activities, workshops, boot camps, and mentoring by industry experts to help refine their entrepreneurial concepts.

We are proud to report that all five students who registered for Eureka Junior have successfully advanced to the second round of the competition. Congratulations to Aparna and Jathin from Grade 6, Rishit and Anirudh from Grade 7, and Advay from Grade 8 for their outstanding achievements!

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🎉 Congratulations to our NIE In-House Newspaper Quiz winners for August! 🏆



We're thrilled to announce the winners of the NIE In-House Newspaper Quiz for August! In Grade 4A, congratulations to Kushagra Paraashar and Rachel Mary Swaroop. For Grade 4B, the top honors go to Mihiraamsh Potamsettie and Ayansh Thakkur. In Grade 5, Pavin Jain stands out as the winner, while Jathin Ravish and Chaitra Chowdary excelled in Grade 6. Atharva Pandey and Nithik Midhun are the proud winners in Grade 7, and in Grade 8, Advay A K and Aarna Bhardwaj achieved victory. We're incredibly proud of all our talented students—keep up the great work! ⭐

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Training of Trainers



Exciting News!



Our Principal, Ms. Amutha Edward, recently participated in the CBSE Teacher Trainer program, leading to her selection for an intensive two-day training coordinated by the Institute of Secretariat Training & Management and the Centre for Excellence. This experience has equipped her with valuable insights and skills. We are proud to announce that she is now a certified CBSE Resource Person, reinforcing our school's commitment to educational excellence!!

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Wild Wisdom Global Challenge

Wild Wisdom Global Challenge- The Ultimate Scaly Survivalists. (2024-25)

Our students from Grades 6 to 9 enthusiastically participated in this year's Wild Wisdom Global Challenge, themed "The Ultimate Scaly Survivalists". The challenge offered a thrilling opportunity for students to delve into the world of reptiles, exploring their remarkable diversity, adaptations, and survival strategies. Participants were able to break down myths and misconceptions about these incredible creatures, gaining a deeper understanding of how reptiles have thrived for millions of years. We are proud to announce that students who advanced to the second level of the competition have been awarded digital certificates in recognition of their achievements. This event not only fostered curiosity but also inspired a deeper appreciation for the natural world among our young learners.

Exploring Nature and Innovation: Wild Wisdom Global Challenge & QUEST Participation (2024-25)



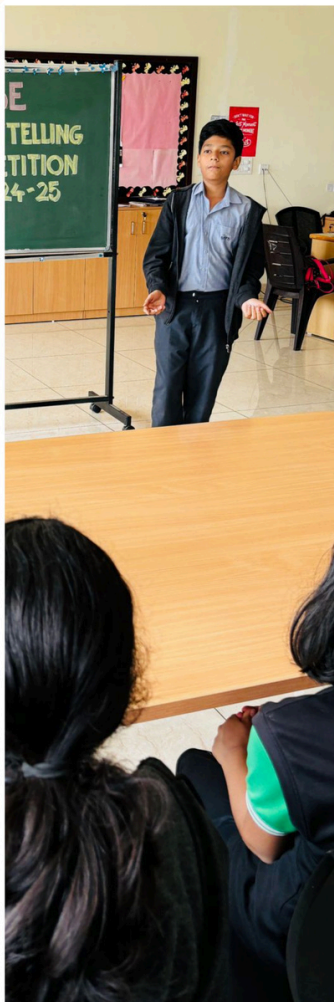
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Voices of Imagination

Voices of Imagination: Unveiling Stories, Shaping Minds!

The CBSE Storytelling Competition at Smrti School was filled with excitement and creativity, where stories came alive! Among the talented storytellers, Grade 7's Sriadhithi and Grade 3's Deeshani Joshi captivated the judges with their imaginative tales and expressive performances. Their storytelling prowess has earned them a spot in the regional level competition. We are eagerly cheering for them as they continue to share their stories and spread their magic.



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Embracing Cleanliness, Cultivating Kindness

Embracing Cleanliness, Cultivating Kindness: Swabhava Swachhata, Sansar Swachhata!

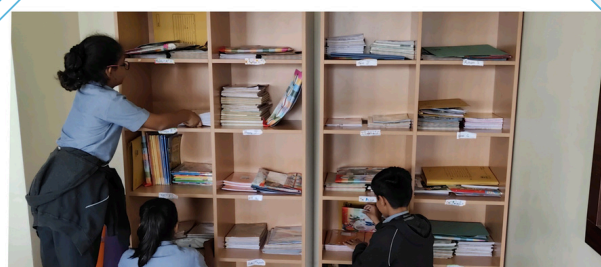
Students from grades 7 to 10 came together to present a lively and thought-provoking assembly on Swabhava Swachhata, Sansar Swachhata – a theme that connects personal and environmental cleanliness. Through a captivating Nukkad Natak, they showed how cleaning our minds and hearts is the first step towards a cleaner world. Montessori students took a rally around the school, spreading awareness about cleanliness.

Their performance encouraged everyone to reflect on their habits, values, and actions. The message was simple: when we clean our thoughts, our surroundings follow. The assembly ended with a powerful pledge to keep ourselves and the world around us clean, creating a brighter, better future.

Embracing Cleanliness, Cultivating Kindness



GPS Map Camera





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Exploring the Cosmos

Exploring the Cosmos at Nehru Planetarium!

Students recently visited the Nehru Planetarium for an exciting field trip designed to spark their interest in astronomy and space science. During the visit, they enjoyed an immersive dome theater show that took them on a journey through the solar system, showcasing distant planets, bright stars, and fascinating galaxies. After the show, students explored interactive exhibits that deepened their understanding of space exploration. This enriching experience not only filled them with wonder but also inspired a greater curiosity about the universe and their place within it.



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Exploring the Cosmos



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Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas: A Language that Unites, Culture that Inspires!

Smriti Academy proudly celebrated Hindi Diwas with an enthusiastic assembly led by students. This special event paid tribute to the great poets of Hindi literature, with students reciting Dohas and sharing their meanings, highlighting the beauty and depth of the language.

Principal Ms. Amutha Edward conducted an interactive session with the students, emphasizing the importance of language as a vital skill and discussing the historical significance of Hindi being declared the official language of India. Her insights reinforced the theme of unity in diversity that Hindi represents.

The celebration also featured engaging dramas that underscored the significance of the Hindi language. Through a variety of cultural performances, the richness of Hindi was beautifully showcased, making it a memorable and inspiring event for everyone involved. The day not only celebrated the language but also fostered a sense of pride and appreciation for India's cultural heritage.

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Hindi Diwas



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Smrti Academy's Sports Day!

Smrti Academy's Annual Sports Day was celebrated with enthusiasm on August 30th and 31st.

The first day featured sports activities for Montessori to Grade 2, graced by Chief Guest Mrs. Deepa Ravichandran and dignitaries Mr. Ravichandran, Founder Director, Mr. Ravi Ramachandra, and Principal Ms. Amutha Edward. Mrs. Ravichandran highlighted the importance of sportsmanship and participation in her address to students and parents.

The second day showcased the annual sports meet for Grades 3 to 10, again with Mr. Ravichandran as the Chief Guest. Both days included energetic events like the band display, march past, track events, and school drills, captivating the audience and delighting proud parents.

In his speech, Mr. Ravichandran emphasized balancing academics with physical activities for well-rounded growth. He announced the school's expansion to K-12, with Grade 11 admissions opening soon, encouraging students to find joy in their pursuits and reminding them that true sportsmanship lies in enjoying the process.

Winners were awarded medals and certificates for their achievements, and the Champions Rolling Trophy was presented to the Sapphire House for its outstanding performance in all activities. The celebration concluded with the National Anthem, making it a memorable and inspiring Sports Day for everyone involved.



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Happy Teachers' Day!

Teachers' Day Celebration at Smrti Academy

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Smrti Academy. The Student Council, under the guidance of Cultural Captain Sneha, organized a special assembly to honor our beloved teachers. The event began with a heartfelt prayer and a touching speech by Head Boy Adhiraj. This was followed by a graceful dance performance by students from Grades 6 to 10 and a humorous skit presented by middle and high school students, which brought smiles to all.

To add some fun, the students hosted a quiz with a twist specifically designed for their teachers. The assembly concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Head Girl Sandhya. After the assembly, the celebration continued with exciting activities and a lively dance session led by the leadership team.

The program wrapped up with a speech from Principal Ms. Amutha Edward and a group photograph to capture the memorable day.



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Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration!

Crafting Joy and Spreading Blessings—Celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi!

We celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with enthusiasm, reflecting our commitment to nurturing cultural values. The children engaged in colorful art activities and actively participated in the festivities honoring Lord Ganesha, creating a truly memorable and joyful experience for everyone involved.

This event not only connected students to our rich cultural traditions but also fostered a sense of community among all. In celebrating together, we reinforced our school's values and the importance of unity and joy in our diverse cultural landscape.



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Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration!



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Onam 2024

Harvesting Happiness, Celebrating Togetherness - Onam 2024

On September 13, 2024, the Montessori staff and students celebrated Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala. The school buzzed with energy as children dressed in traditional attire and worked together to create a beautiful Pookalam using vibrant flower petals. This stunning flower arrangement symbolizes peace and prosperity.

The celebration culminated in a spirited Thiruvathira dance, where Montessori 3 students and teachers gracefully encircled the Pookalam, radiating joy and unity in every step. The event truly captured the essence of Onam, fostering a sense of togetherness and happiness among everyone involved.



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Montessori Classroom Observation

Strengthening Connections: Montessori Classroom Observation at Smrti Academy

At Smrti Academy, we are excited to announce the ongoing Montessori Classroom Observations, where parents are invited to step into their children's classrooms. This initiative provides a unique opportunity for parents to observe the vibrant learning environment and the various activities their children engage in every day.

The observations allow parents to gain insights into their child's educational experience, fostering a deeper understanding of our Montessori approach. After the observation, parents are encouraged to share their feedback with teachers and the principal. This open dialogue aims to strengthen the collaboration between home and school, ensuring that we work together to support each child's development.

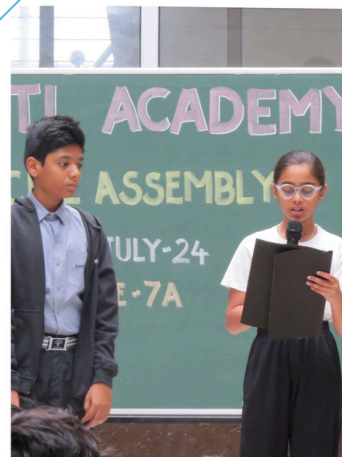
We believe that fostering strong connections through open communication and shared insights is essential for enhancing the educational experience at Smrti Academy. Together, we can create a nurturing environment that empowers our students to thrive.

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Shining a Light on World Population Day

On July 11, Grade 7 marked World Population Day with a vibrant assembly. Through impactful speeches, creative skits, and an engaging quiz, they creatively illustrated the impact of this boom on our planet and the challenges faced across continents.



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Empowering Success: The Power of Proactiveness in Students

Blessings and Greetings!

Today, I want to discuss a crucial mindset that can transform your academic journey beyond proactivity.

Being proactive is all about taking ownership of your education, your life, and your future. It's about being proactive, not reactive. Reactive students often wait for opportunities to come to them instead of seeking them out. They respond to situations rather than anticipating them and focus on short-term fixes instead of long-term solutions. This reactive approach can lead to missed deadlines, poor grades, limited personal growth, and decreased motivation. The cost of reactivity can take a heavy toll.

On the other hand, proactive students take the initiative and seek opportunities. They anticipate challenges, prepare for them, and focus on long-term goals and solutions. This proactive approach leads to better time management, improved grades, increased personal growth, and enhanced motivation and self-confidence.

To become proactive, start by creating a schedule and sticking to it. Set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound) goals and track your progress. Seek mentorship and guidance from teachers, mentors, or professionals. Develop a growth mindset, embracing challenges as opportunities for growth. Finally, prioritize self-care and well-being, recognizing that your physical and mental health is essential to your success.

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Empowering Success: The Power of Proactiveness in Students

A Call to Action!

I urge you to make the shift from reactive to proactive today. By adopting a proactive approach, you'll achieve academic excellence, build resilience and confidence, unlock your full potential, and create a brighter future. Remember, proactivity is a choice—choose to empower yourself!

Tr. Sherly Mathews
English Department

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Teacher as Lighthouse

In the vast ocean, where waves crash and darkness falls, a lighthouse stands tall, casting its beam of light to guide ships safely to shore. It doesn't pull the ships or force them in any direction—it simply shines, providing the clarity needed to navigate treacherous waters. Much like this beacon, a teacher plays an equally vital role in the lives of students, guiding them through the often stormy seas of learning and growth.

A lighthouse, though stationary, serves as an unwavering guide, helping ships avoid dangers and stay on course. Similarly, a teacher's guidance helps students navigate the complexities of both academics and life. However, while the lighthouse shines from afar, teachers engage on a deeply personal level, responding to each student's unique needs and adapting their support to suit different learning styles. This human touch, paired with the teacher's consistent presence, allows students to find their path while feeling understood and supported.

In both roles, the common thread is the provision of direction and safety. A lighthouse may illuminate the rocky shores, but it is up to the captain to steer the ship safely. Likewise, a teacher provides the knowledge, encouragement, and skills necessary for success, but it is the students who must navigate their own paths, knowing that they are guided by someone who believes in their ability to reach their destination.

Through storms, dark nights, and moments of doubt, both the lighthouse and the teacher remind us that, with guidance and support, even the roughest journey can lead to safe harbors. Just as a ship finds its way back to shore, a student, with the help of a dedicated teacher, finds their way to strengthen their character and competence.

Ms. Nimisha Gaur
Middle School Coordinator

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Master Your Time: Get Ready for Exams!

Smrti Academy recently held a valuable workshop on time management aimed at helping students feel prepared for their Midterm 1 exams with confidence. Led by Ms. Parimala and Ms. Nimisha, this engaging session focused on effective planning, ensuring students can balance their study time with other activities for a well-rounded school life.

During the workshop, students learned how to create realistic study schedules and prioritize tasks, which are essential for managing their time effectively. Through interactive activities, they practiced breaking down their study material and incorporating refreshing breaks. The goal was not only to develop time management skills but also to build confidence as they prepare for their exams.

By mastering these techniques, students now feel empowered and ready to tackle their exams with ease. We affirm that these skills will help them succeed and maintain a healthy balance in their school lives!



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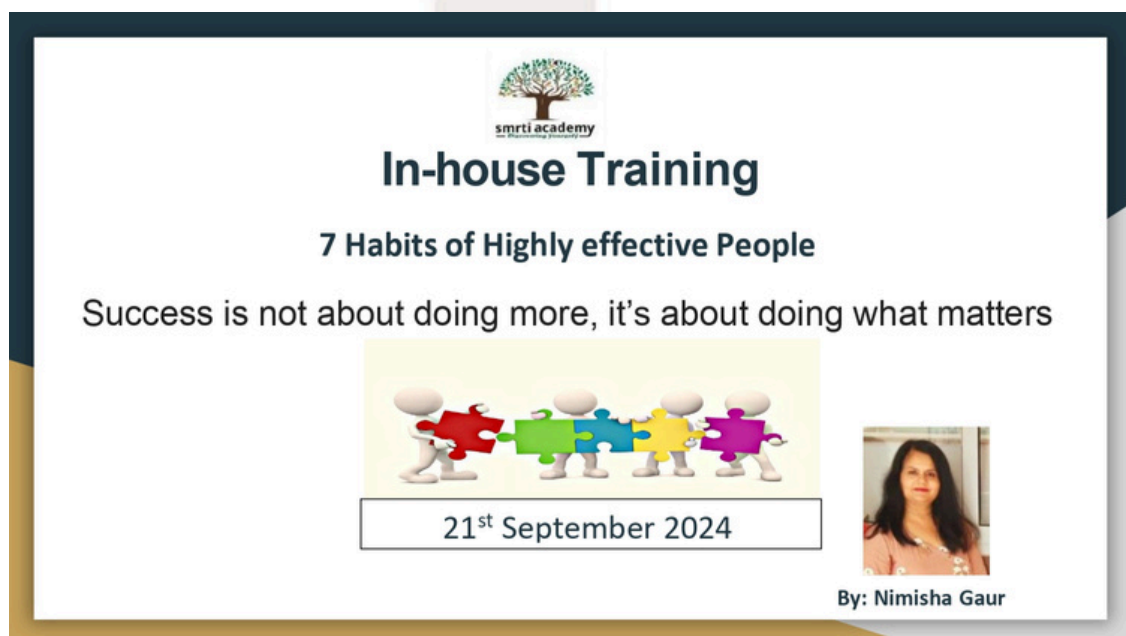
Empowering Educators

Empowering Educators: Teacher Training Workshop on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

On September 21, Smrti Academy hosted an engaging online teacher training workshop led by Ms. Nimisha Gaur, our Middle School Coordinator. The session focused on "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," emphasizing how these habits can transform teachers into effective leaders.

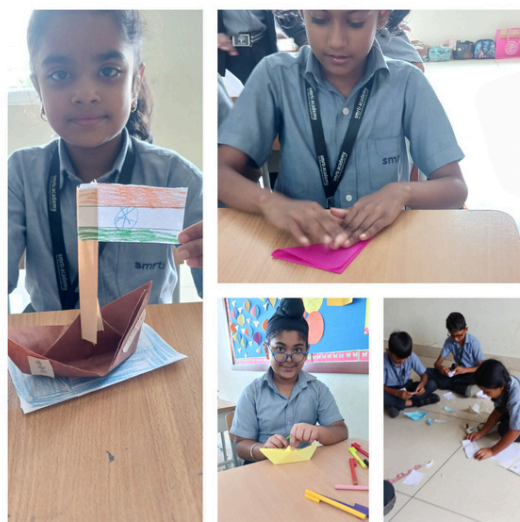
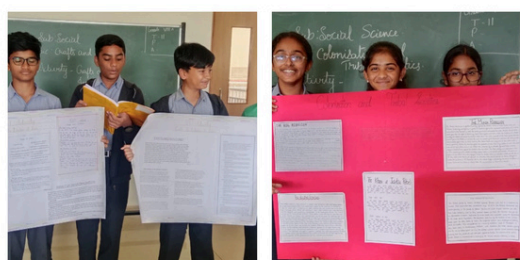
Ms. Gaur guided participants through each habit, illustrating how they can foster a shift from dependence to interdependence in their professional lives. The workshop encouraged teachers to reflect on their practices and adopt strategies that enhance collaboration and effectiveness within the classroom.

This workshop aimed not only to enrich teachers' professional skills but also to inspire them to lead with confidence and purpose, ultimately benefiting our students and the broader school community.



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School Activities



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