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Monthly Newsletter - October 2024

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,



As October comes to a close, we reflect on a month filled with enriching experiences and achievements at Smrti Academy.

We began the month with our Parent-Teacher Meeting to discuss students' performance in the mid-term exams. Thank you to all the parents who participated and shared valuable feedback, allowing us to work together in support of our students.

This month also saw our students engage in various competitive exams, including the IGKO and the state-level Wild Wisdom Global Challenge held at Daffodils English School. We are proud to share that Joanna Ananth from Grade 9 and Kshitij Darvekar from Grade 7 represented our school with exceptional skill, placing us among the top 10 performing schools in this prestigious competition focused on wildlife conservation.

Amidst changing weather conditions, we adapted by conducting online classes to ensure our students' learning continued uninterrupted. We appreciate your flexibility and support during this transition.

Our students showcased their creativity and talents through co-scholastic activities, including an inspiring Inter-House Talent Show for Grades 4 to 8 and a delightful "Pick and Speak" challenge for Grades 1 to 3, promoting confident public speaking around the theme of festivals. We also continue to see enthusiastic participation in sports, performing arts, dance, and music, enriching our students' holistic development.

In honor of World Students' Day, we organized a Biography Poster and Book Talk Competition celebrating Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, allowing students in grades 4 to 8 to connect with his inspiring legacy. Additionally, through

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Project Veer Gatha, students explored the stories of India's gallantry award winners, creating poems, artwork, and multimedia presentations that highlighted their bravery.

We are thrilled to announce our students' achievements at SPARDHA, the inter-school competition held by Amaatra Academy on October 28. Our karate participants won an impressive medal tally of 1 Gold, 2 Silver, and 3 Bronze medals, showcasing their dedication and skill.

Our Grade 1, 2, and 3 students enjoyed a captivating storytelling session led by Ms. Teenu, one of our dedicated parent volunteers, who brought stories to life and sparked imagination in the classroom.

The month concluded with a special assembly celebrating Diwali, where our Grade 6 students presented a vibrant program that truly captured the spirit of the festival.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to more collaborative efforts and achievements in the coming months!

Warm Regards,
Amutha M Edward
Principal, Smrti Academy

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Mind Over Matter

Mind over Matter - Smrti Academy dives into the IGKO

Smrti School proudly hosted the International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO) this term, with an impressive turnout of 60 enthusiastic students from various grades. The event celebrated students' curiosity and their pursuit of knowledge beyond textbooks, challenging their awareness on topics ranging from current events and global issues to history, science, and culture.

Students showcased their knowledge, speed, and analytical skills as they tackled a series of thought-provoking questions designed to broaden their perspectives and encourage a lifelong passion for learning. The IGKO is an integral part of Smrti School's commitment to holistic education, encouraging students to be well-informed global citizens.

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Inter-School Karate Competition

Smrti Academy's Triumph at SPARDHA Inter-School Karate Competition

Smrti Academy is thrilled to announce our students' outstanding achievements at SPARDHA, the inter-school competition held by Amaatra Academy on October 28th, 2024. Competing in the Karate events, Kata and Kumite, our talented participants brought home an impressive 1 Gold, 2 Silver, and 3 Bronze medals, showcasing exceptional skill, focus, and sportsmanship.

Pavya from Grade VI emerged as a standout, winning Gold in Kumite and Bronze in Kata with strength and versatility. Adiraaj from Grade X secured Silver in Kumite with his powerful performance, while Adhitya's focus earned him a Bronze in the same event. Kathir from Grade X also showed exceptional consistency, winning Bronze in both Kumite and Kata.

Each of our students displayed unwavering dedication, making Smrti Academy incredibly proud. Congratulations to Pavya, Adiraaj, Adhitya, and Kathir for their accomplishments, and a heartfelt thank you to their coaches for their guidance.



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Pick and Speak

October's Inter House Activity at Smrti Academy: "Pick and Speak"

Smrti Academy celebrated its Inter House Activity with a unique twist: the "Pick and Speak" challenge. Led by English teachers, this event provided our young orators a platform to shine. The goal was to encourage confident public speaking while allowing students to creatively express their thoughts on a beloved topic - festivals! Students from Grades 1 to 3 participated enthusiastically, each grade assigned themes relevant to their understanding and experiences with festivals. Grade 1 explored the joy of festivals, discussing topics like "Why I Love Festivals," memorable gifts, and the "Colors of Festivals." Grade 2 shared insights on unity through celebrations with topics such as "How Festivals Bring Us Together," "My Favorite Festival," and "Celebrating with Friends." Grade 3 dove into the cultural richness of festivals, covering themes like "Festivals and Food," "Festivals Around the World," and family traditions.

The activity was judged based on clarity, creativity, and confidence, with students awarded House Points, adding a spirit of friendly competition to the event. This activity not only honed their public speaking skills but also strengthened bonds within their houses, making each child's voice an inspiring part of our vibrant school culture. We are immensely proud of our students for their enthusiasm and creativity and look forward to many more such enriching events!



Pick and Speak



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Inter-House Talent Show

Inter-House Talent Show: A Memorable Display of Talent and Creativity

On Monday, 28th October 2024, Smrti Academy held its much-anticipated Inter-House Talent Show for students in Grades 4 to 8, and it was an inspiring display of creativity and passion! This event provided students with a wonderful platform to showcase their unique skills and artistic flair, making for a truly memorable day filled with performances that captivated both peers and teachers.

Participants competed in various categories, including solo dance, singing, acting, musical instrument performances, poetry recitation, stand-up comedy, and other unique talents like magic tricks and mimicry. Each student brought their best to the stage, performing with enthusiasm and confidence. The diverse talents on display highlighted the creativity and dedication our students had put into their performances. With the guidance and encouragement from teachers and families, students arranged their own costumes, props, and background music, adding a personal touch to each act.

The judges evaluated the performances based on creativity and originality, stage presence and confidence, and the skill and technique demonstrated. The level of talent showcased was impressive, with students displaying originality and poise that won the admiration of the audience. The event not only celebrated our students' talents but also helped them build confidence and connect with their peers in a supportive and joyful environment.



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World Students' Day Celebration

World Students' Day Celebration at Smrti Academy: Honouring Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

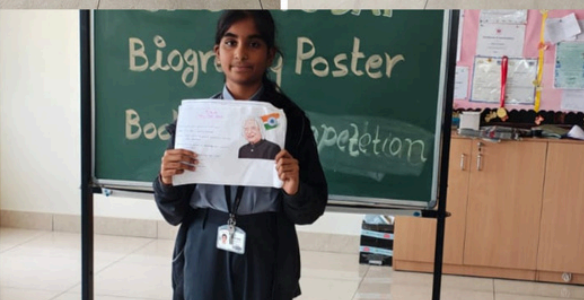
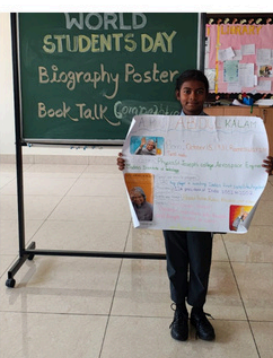
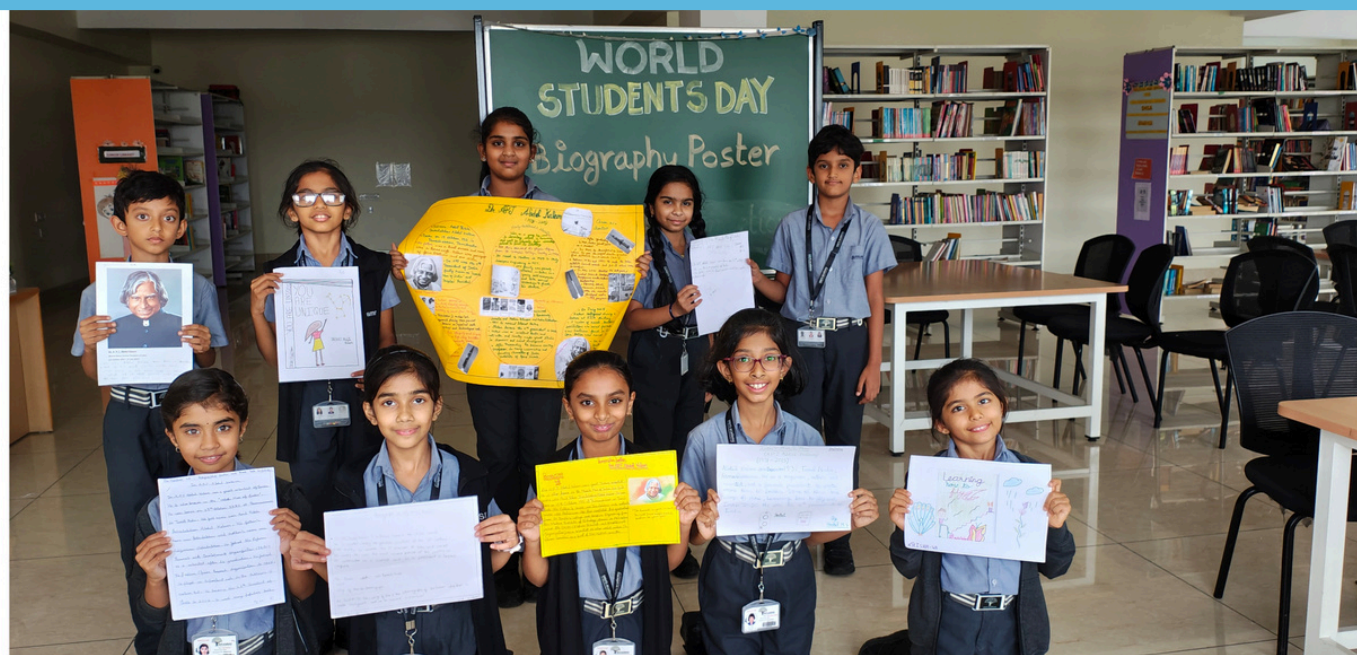
To celebrate World Students' Day and honour the legacy of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Smrti Academy organised a Biography Poster and Book Talk Competition for students in grades 4 to 8. Dr. Kalam, lovingly remembered as "India's Missile Man," made a lasting impact on science, education, and the empowerment of young minds. His life and work have been a source of inspiration for students across the nation, and this event provided an opportunity for our young learners to connect with his legacy in meaningful ways.

The celebration began with the Biography Poster Activity, where students from grades 4 - 8, showcased Dr. Kalam's journey from humble beginnings in Rameswaram to his remarkable achievements as a scientist and India's People's President. Each poster highlighted key moments from his life, including his pivotal contributions to the Pokhran-II nuclear tests and the Missile Technology Development Program. With a creative blend of inspiring quotes, personal anecdotes, and thoughtful illustrations, students captured Dr. Kalam's passion for a developed India and his unwavering dedication to empowering young people.

Participants were evaluated on creativity, their understanding of Dr. Kalam's contributions, presentation skills, and the impact of their work on fellow students. This celebration was a fitting tribute to Dr. Kalam's belief in the power of young minds, encouraging students to follow his example by dreaming big, working hard, and staying committed to their aspirations.

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World Students' Day Celebration



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Celebrating Our Young Conservationists

Smrti Academy Excels at the State-Level Wild Wisdom Global Challenge: Celebrating Our Young Conservationists

On October 24, Smrti Academy proudly participated in the state-level Wild Wisdom Global Challenge – The Ultimate Scaly Survivalists (2024-25) held at Daffodils English School Association in Sanjayanagara, Bengaluru. This unique competition gathered environmentally passionate students from across Karnataka, who showcased their knowledge on wildlife conservation, with a focus on reptiles and their fascinating survival adaptations.

Our school was represented by two outstanding students, Joanna Ananth from Grade 9 and Kshitij Darvekar from Grade 7, who brought pride and honour to Smrti Academy. Their dedication, curiosity, and hard work shone brightly as they competed with some of the best minds in the state, ultimately placing Smrti Academy among the top 10 performing schools in this prestigious challenge. Their exceptional performance highlights the values of environmental awareness and excellence that our school continually strives to nurture in our students.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Joanna and Kshitij for their commendable achievement and express gratitude to their mentors and teachers for their guidance and support.

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Lighting Up Smrti Academy

Lighting Up Smrti Academy: Celebrating Diwali with Joy, Unity, and a Splash of Creativity!

On October 30th, Smrti Academy was abuzz with excitement as our Grade 6 students celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights, with a vibrant and heartfelt program. The event was a beautiful showcase of talent, creativity, and the spirit of community, reflecting the true essence of this joyous occasion. It commenced with our enthusiastic anchors, Jathin and Pavya, who warmly welcomed everyone and set the tone for the festivities. Moksha and Gurmeher led the attendees in a heartfelt prayer, invoking blessings and peace for all. Their serene presence reminded us of the significance of unity and goodwill during this auspicious time.

Following the prayer, Hamsika shared an inspiring thought for the day, encouraging everyone to embrace the spirit of kindness and generosity that Diwali embodies. Her words resonated with all, setting a reflective mood for the event. The news segment, presented by Vismaya and Niranjani, highlighted recent achievements and events within the school community, reminding us of the importance of staying connected and informed.

Naithik then led the audience in a pledge, reinforcing our commitment to values such as respect, integrity, and compassion, which are essential as we celebrate Diwali. Atharvan and Shanvika captivated everyone with interesting facts about Diwali, sharing insights into its history and cultural significance. Their engaging presentation educated and entertained, adding depth to our understanding of the festival.

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Saiansh took the stage to share fascinating stories about how Diwali is celebrated across different parts of India. His storytelling brought the diverse traditions of Diwali to life, sparking curiosity and appreciation among the students. To keep the spirit high, Aparna hosted an exciting quiz related to Diwali, encouraging participation and friendly competition among the students. Laughter and cheers filled the room as everyone tested their knowledge about this beloved festival. The program then transitioned into the performing arts segment, where Lola, Saujanya, Moksha, and Gurmeher mesmerised the audience with a beautiful song that echoed themes of light and hope. Their melodious voices added a festive touch to the celebration.

Finally, the event culminated with a lively dance performance by Aanya and her group. Their energetic choreography and vibrant expressions captured the joy of Diwali, leaving everyone clapping and cheering. The Diwali celebration at Smrti Academy was not just an event but a reminder of the values of togetherness, joy, and cultural appreciation. It was a day filled with laughter, learning, and light - a true reflection of the spirit of Diwali.

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Charting Success Together

Charting Success Together: Smrti School's Parents-Teachers Meeting & Book Fair

Smrti School held its Term 1 Parents-Teachers Meeting on 19th October, creating an interactive platform for parents and teachers to discuss students' achievements and areas for improvement. Teachers provided personalised feedback on academic progress, social skills, and overall growth, while parents shared valuable insights and suggestions.

Adding to the day's excitement, the school hosted a Book Fair, featuring a diverse collection of books that appealed to students and parents alike. Families explored a variety of genres, nurturing a love for reading and bringing the joy of learning into the spotlight. The event was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the partnership between parents, teachers, and Smrti School, setting a supportive foundation for the rest of the school year.



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Project Veer Gatha

Project Veer Gatha: Honouring the Bravery of Our Gallantry Award Heroes

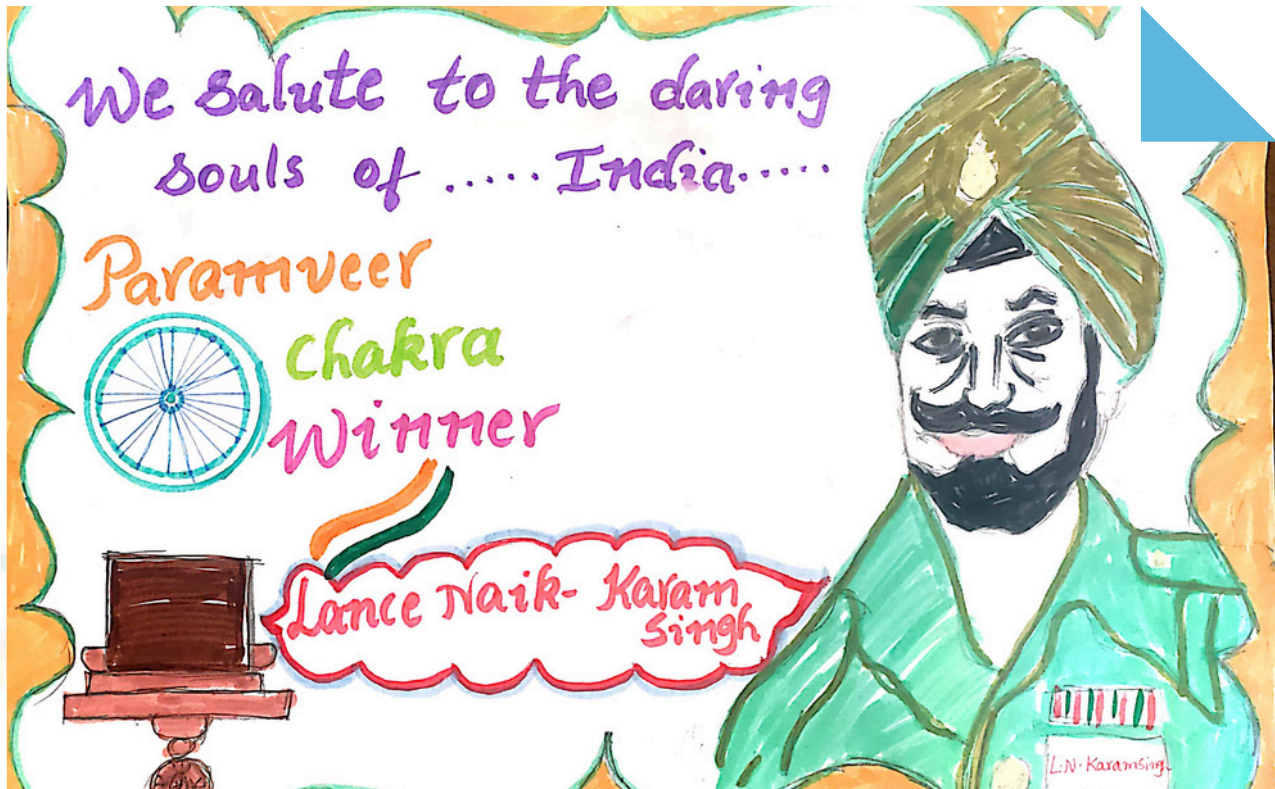
As part of Project Veer Gatha, Smrti Academy recently conducted a special home task to inspire patriotism and civic values in our students. Launched by CBSE in 2021, this initiative aims to share the remarkable stories of India's gallantry award winners, celebrating their courage and selflessness. Students from Classes 3 to 10 engaged wholeheartedly in this meaningful project, each exploring the life and bravery of a gallantry award hero.

For Classes 3 to 5, students had the option to write a poem or paragraph, about their chosen hero or create a drawing or painting inspired by their bravery. From heartfelt poems to colourful illustrations, students captured the courage and character of these national heroes, showcasing the values they found inspiring. In classes 6 to 10, students unleashed their creativity with a vibrant mix of projects - poems, multimedia presentations, and striking artwork. Many crafted engaging PowerPoint slides and compelling videos that celebrated acts of bravery, showcasing the profound impact of these heroes on society.

The submissions were evaluated based on creativity, understanding of the chosen hero's life, and the overall presentation. We extend our gratitude to parents who supported their children's research through the Gallantry Awards website, guiding them in exploring the life stories of our nation's bravest individuals. This activity was more than just a task; it was an opportunity for our students to connect with India's legacy of heroism and to reflect on how these values can inspire their own lives. Project Veer Gatha has left a lasting impression, reminding us of all of the extraordinary lives and sacrifices made by these heroes, and instilling a spirit of pride and patriotism in our students.



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A Montessori Experience

Diwali Celebrations at Smrti Academy: A Montessori Experience

This year, our Montessori children at Smrti Academy celebrated Diwali with a vibrant series of activities that embraced the festival's spirit of joy, creativity, and togetherness. It began with a special circle time where the children learned about the significance of Diwali through engaging discussions and storytelling, followed by a delightful assembly featuring cultural performances. The little artists showcased their creativity during a diya decoration and art activity, crafting beautiful diyas that symbolise the triumph of light over darkness.

Additionally, the children participated in a traditional pooja, which taught them about gratitude, prosperity, and the importance of rituals in various cultures. In the spirit of sharing, a class party was organised, where the children exchanged and enjoyed sweets, highlighting the joy of giving and fostering a sense of community. Overall, our Diwali celebrations provided a memorable experience filled with learning and connection, reinforcing the cultural values we cherish at Smrti Academy.



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Sports and Performing Arts

Engaging in Sports and Performing Arts at Smrti Academy

At Smrti Academy, students thrive in sports and performing arts, showcasing their talents and teamwork. From soccer, badminton, athletics, table tennis and basketball to dance and music, they embrace every opportunity to express themselves and develop new skills. These activities foster confidence, creativity, and camaraderie, enriching their school experience and promoting a vibrant community spirit!



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The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists (IDEI)

The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists (IDEI) is recognized by the UN and observed annually on November 2. The purpose of this observance is to create an environment where journalists can report on issues worldwide freely and without threats. In recent years, crimes against journalists across the globe have risen. It is not just in war-torn countries where journalists face threats while covering news, but also in various other nations with no such conflicts. This clearly shows that crimes against journalists are not confined to a few countries; it is becoming a global issue. Journalists, in their efforts to reveal the truth and present facts, often find their voices muzzled.

The critical question is, if journalists are not safe while covering national and international news, how will society shape itself? On IDEI, people should raise awareness about the unlawful arrest and detention of many journalists worldwide. The unsolved cases and lack of trials for these crimes must be highlighted. According to UNESCO, between 2006 and 2024, over 1,700 journalists have been killed globally, with nearly 9 out of 10 cases of these killings remaining judicially unresolved.

The media is an essential mechanism in the functioning of states across the world. The democratic rights, freedoms, and equality of every citizen are compromised when journalists are prevented from doing their jobs.

Megha Yadav
Social Science Teacher

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Dussehra: A Reflection on Inner Transformation

With Dussehra recently behind us, it's time to reflect on the true essence of this festival. Traditionally, Dussehra symbolises the victory of good over evil, marked by the burning of the effigies of Ravana. But as we participated in this age-old ritual, I found myself pondering a deeper question: what if we used this occasion to confront our own inner "Ravanas"—the not-so-good habits (negative habits) that hinder our personal growth?

Growing up, I often wondered why we burned Ravana. As I matured, it became clear that the real battle lies within us. The ten heads of Ravana can be seen as representations of our detrimental traits: procrastination, anger, pride, jealousy, negativity, fear, hatred, selfishness, impatience, and despair. Each one of these heads represents obstacles to our happiness and success.

This Dussehra, I took a moment to symbolically burn away these inner demons. I wrote down my negative habits and visualised letting them go as I watched the flames consume an effigy. It was a powerful moment of commitment to change.

By embracing this spirit of renewal, we can make meaningful strides toward personal growth. Here are some insights I gathered during this reflective journey:

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Dussehra: A Reflection on Inner Transformation

1. Identifying Habits: Acknowledge what holds you back.
2. Setting Goals: Create actionable plans to replace negativity with positivity.
3. Celebrating Small Wins: Recognize small achievements to stay motivated.
4. Embracing Positivity: Surround ourselves with uplifting influences.
5. Sharing the Journey: Discussing our goals with family and friends provides accountability and fosters a supportive environment for change.

By choosing to burn our inner Ravana, we can free ourselves from negativity and contribute to a more positive world. Dussehra teaches us about the triumph of light over darkness. As Gandhiji said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Let's commit to becoming the best versions of ourselves, transforming this festival of lights into a celebration of hope and renewal.

Ms. Nimisha Gaur
Middle School Coordinator

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A Captivating Storytelling Session with Ms. Teenu

Our Grade 1, 2, and 3 students were treated to a magical storytelling session, brought to life by Ms. Teenu, one of our talented parent volunteers. With expressive narration and lively gestures, Ms. Teenu transformed an ordinary classroom into a world of wonder, filling the room with excitement and curiosity. Her storytelling style had every student on the edge of their seats, eagerly following each twist and turn of the enchanting tale.

Chosen with care, the story was perfect for our young audience - fun, entertaining, and rich with meaningful lessons about kindness, bravery, and friendship. The students listened intently, their faces lighting up with smiles and laughter, fully immersed in the story's magical world as Ms. Teenu skillfully painted vivid scenes with her words.

As a delightful surprise at the end, Ms. Teenu gave each student a colourful worksheet, encouraging them to reflect on the story and its characters. The worksheet included creative activities like drawing scenes, answering fun questions, and even inventing their own endings! The children eagerly put their thoughts on paper, allowing the magic of storytelling to extend well beyond the session.

A big thank you to Ms. Teenu for creating such a memorable experience and inspiring our young learners to connect with stories in a meaningful way. This was truly a day that will live in their hearts, sparking a lifelong love for stories and imagination.



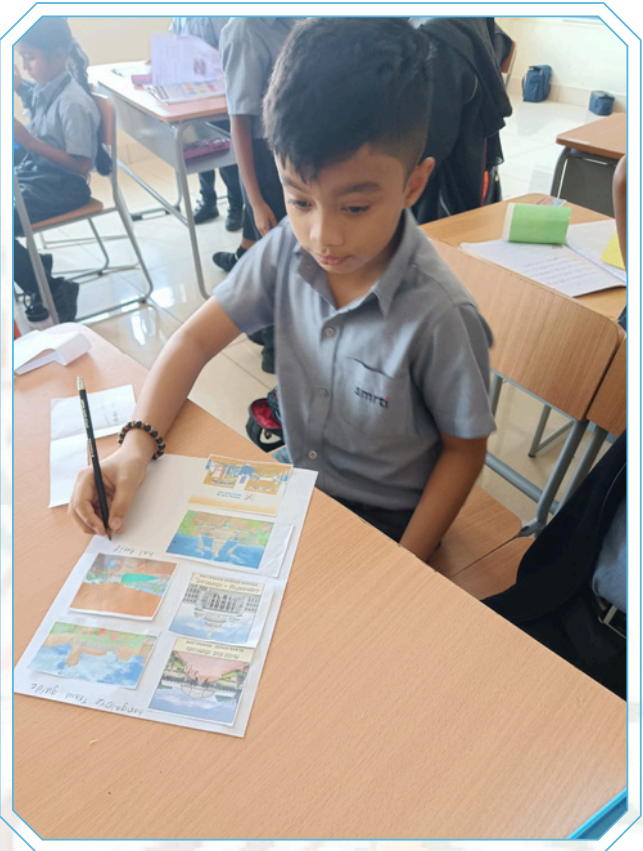
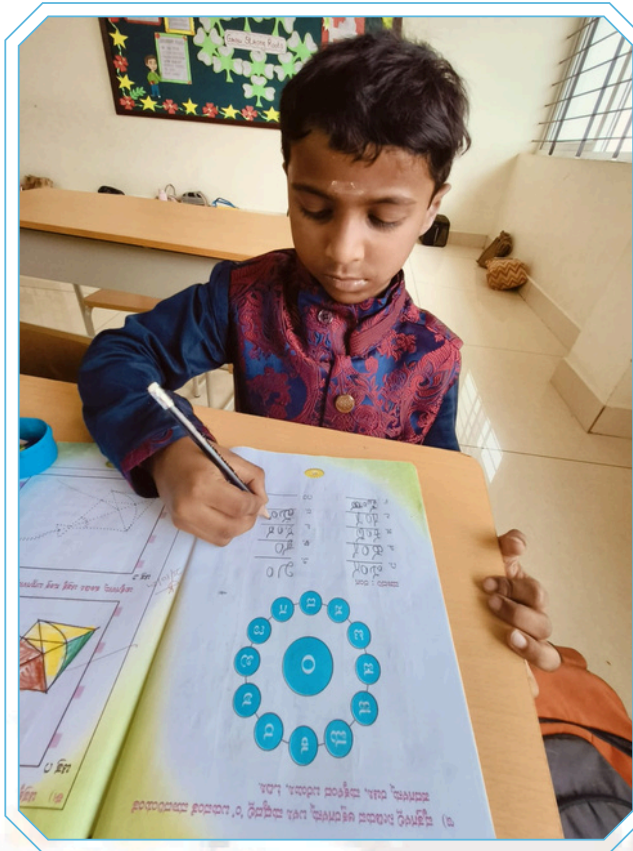
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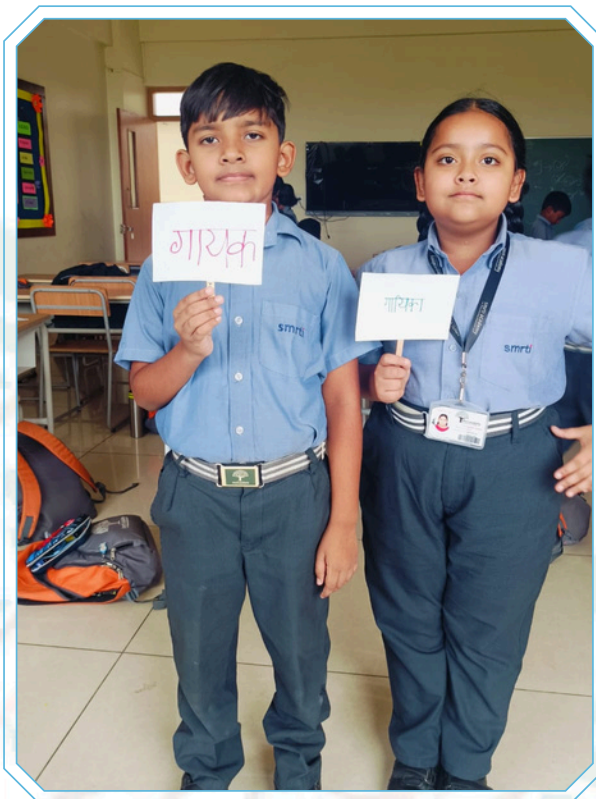


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School Activities







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