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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,



I am honoured to introduce myself as the new Principal of Smrti Academy. Stepping into this role is both a privilege and a responsibility—one that I embrace with enthusiasm and commitment. My vision is to make Smrti Academy not just a centre of academic excellence but a place where students grow into confident, creative, and resilient individuals. Education goes beyond grades; it is about preparing children for life by fostering critical thinking, leadership, and a love for learning.

This journey is a partnership between the school and parents, and your trust, involvement and support are invaluable. Together, we can create an environment where every child thrives, discovers their potential, and enjoys the process of learning. I look forward to working with you to make Smrti Academy a place of innovation, excellence and joy.

The past month has been filled with energy and milestones. We celebrated Makar Sankranti with enthusiasm, where students connected with cultural traditions through a special assembly. Our Primary Doll Making Activity brought out creativity as students and parents crafted beautiful handmade dolls. One of the highlights of the month was the STEAM Exhibition, where students showcased their innovative projects in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, reinforcing the importance of hands-on learning.

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Our students also distinguished themselves in inter-school competitions, demonstrating remarkable skill and dedication. Many secured prestigious awards, adding to our school's growing legacy of excellence—congratulations to all the winners!

There is a need to celebrate examinations. This need is not only for children but for parents too!!! To kick start this and to support academic growth, we conducted an Exam Celebration Activity, equipping students with effective study techniques, time management strategies and stress-relief methods to ensure they feel confident as exams approach.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers, enthusiastic students, and supportive parents for making this month so rewarding. Together, we are building a vibrant and inspiring learning environment. I look forward to the months ahead, filled with new opportunities, progress, and joyful learning experiences.

Warm Regards,
Madasu Ramachandra
Principal, Smrti Academy

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SOF and Spell Bee Examinations

SOF and Spell Bee Examinations at Smrti Academy: A Showcase of Talent and Knowledge

Smrti Academy commenced the year with a series of exciting exams, giving students the opportunity to showcase their skills. On January 21st, 36 students participated in the International Computer Science Olympiad (ICSO), testing their computer science and problem-solving abilities. Two days later, on January 23rd, another 36 students competed in the International Social Studies Olympiad (ISSO), demonstrating their knowledge in History, Geography, and Social Sciences.

On January 29th, 22 students from grades 1 to 9 took part in the Spell Bee Level-3 Exam, enhancing their language skills and gaining confidence. We are incredibly proud of all our students and their dedication, reflecting the spirit of Smrti Academy.

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Congratulations to Our Logical Champions!

We are proud to announce that our talented students participated in the LogIQids Logical Reasoning Exam held in November and showcased their exceptional analytical skills!

A big congratulations to Harvi Shah (Grade 4), Raavi Dua (Grade 4), Vivaan Agarwal (Grade 4), Japhia (Grade 9), Anirudh Nair (Grade 7), Rithika Nakkana (Grade 7), and Darshe Buch (Grade 5) for their outstanding performance. Their dedication and logical acumen have earned them well-deserved certificates of achievement. Keep Shining!



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Celebrating Our Brilliant Winners

SpellBee Regional/State Level Competition: Celebrating Our Brilliant Winners

Our students have once again proven their brilliance and determination in the SpellBee Regional/State Level Competition (Level-2). Their hard work, focus, and dedication have earned them well-deserved recognition, and we are thrilled to announce the medal winners from Smrti Academy.

Congratulations to the following students for their exceptional performance:

- Avyukt Senguttuvan – Grade 2A
- Anika Hemanth – Grade 3A
- Vivaan Hemanth – Grade 3A
- Mihiraamsh Pothamsetti – Grade 4B
- Pavin Jain – Grade 5A
- Sidhanth Sivakumar – Grade 7A
- Atharava Pandey – Grade 7A
- Japhia Ananth – Grade 9A



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STEAM Expo 2025

STEAM Expo 2025: A Celebration of Curiosity and Innovation

Our school proudly hosted the highly anticipated annual STEAM Expo on Saturday, January 25th, 2025, offering an inspiring showcase of the incredible talent, creativity, and hard work of our students across all grades. Each grade explored a distinct theme, highlighting their understanding and application of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics in imaginative and hands-on ways.

The younger grades set the stage with fascinating explorations: Grade 1 took us on a journey through the wonders of the Plant Kingdom, while Grade 2 brought to life the diverse and captivating world of the Animal Kingdom. Grade 3 transported us beneath the waves, unveiling the mysteries of the Ocean Habitat, and Grade 4 wowed us with innovative projects inspired by the natural genius of Biomimicry.

As we moved into the senior grades, the projects became even more advanced and thought-provoking. Grade 5 ignited curiosity about the cosmos with their in-depth exploration of Astronomy and Space. Grade 6 sparked important conversations around the future of our planet with their focus on Sustainable Agriculture. Grade 7 delved into the fascinating world of Mechanical Engineering, and Grade 8 captivated audiences with their discoveries in Forensic Science. Grade 9 rounded out the event by showcasing cutting-edge work in Robotics, offering a glimpse into the future of technology and design.

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The STEAM Expo was an extraordinary opportunity for students to share their knowledge, ignite imaginations, and inspire both their peers and visitors. It was truly a celebration of learning, creativity, and innovation - a day that left everyone excited for what next year's edition will bring!





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Flying High with Joy

Flying High with Joy: Sankranti Celebration at Smrti Academy

On January 17th, 2025, Smrti Academy's Grade 1A students hosted a vibrant assembly to celebrate Makar Sankranti. The event began with Reyansh and Viraj explaining the festival's significance, highlighting its regional celebrations like Pongal, Lohri, and Bhogi. The students shared a beautiful prayer led by Radhya, Samyuktha, and Mounvi, followed by an inspiring thought from Rachita. Satwik updated everyone with global news, emphasizing the importance of staying informed.

A major highlight was the showcase of traditional attire and regional customs, followed by an energetic dance performance by Grade 1A girls. The assembly concluded with a heartfelt Sankranti poem, leaving the audience with warmth and positivity. The event was a perfect blend of culture, creativity, and community spirit, celebrating the joy of Sankranti!



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A Glimpse into the Future

New Year, New Beginnings: A Glimpse into the Future

On the 10th of January, Class 2B hosted a special New Year-themed assembly that blended inspiration and entertainment beautifully. The event began with a peaceful prayer led by Shamit and Himank, setting a calm and reflective atmosphere for the day ahead. Himank then shared the thought for the day. Satwik kept the audience up-to-date with current events during the news segment.

The highlight of the assembly followed, as the boys presented a meaningful skit on the theme We should never underestimate ourselves. The girls took the stage with a lively and graceful dance performance to ring in the New Year. Their vibrant energy and enthusiasm brought an element of joy and celebration to the assembly.

The assembly was wrapped up with Himank leading the pledge, emphasizing the importance of making and keeping promises to oneself. The assembly was a perfect start to the New Year, filled with inspiration, celebration, and a reminder to embrace new beginnings.

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Kites, Pongal, and Joy

Kites, Pongal, and Joy: Makar Sankranti Celebrations at Smrti Academy

On January 13th, 2025, Smrti Academy celebrated Makar Sankranti with Montessori students and teachers, blending joy with learning about this important harvest festival. Teachers explained the significance of Sankranti, marking the Sun's transition into Capricorn and new beginnings. Students explored regional customs, including Pongal in Tamil Nadu, Lohri in Punjab, and Bhogi in Andhra Pradesh.

The children participated in art activities, making decorative pots, colorful kites, and rangolis, reflecting the festive spirit. A highlight was preparing Pongal, with students joyfully chanting "Pongalo Pongal!" as they watched the dish bubble over, symbolizing abundance. The event was a perfect mix of creativity and cultural learning, leaving students with a greater appreciation for India's traditions.



Kites, Pongal, and Joy



**HAPPY
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SANKRANTI**

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Hands, Hearts, and Creations

Hands, Hearts, and Creations: A Crafty Day at Smrti Academy

On January 17th, 2025, Smrti Academy hosted the vibrant Craft Bazaar, where Montessori students and their parents came together to craft dolls, puppets, and other arts and crafts. This event offered a unique opportunity for families to bond while exploring their creative sides.

Children learned new crafting skills under their parents' guidance, creating beautiful, one-of-a-kind treasures. The final display was a celebration of imagination, teamwork, and craftsmanship, showcasing stunning handmade dolls and other artistic creations. The day was filled with laughter, learning, and love, leaving families with not only artistic masterpieces but also cherished memories of a day spent together in creativity.



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The Power of Reading

The Power of Reading: Unlocking Lifelong Learning

Reading is a gateway to endless possibilities. With every book, article, or story, we unlock new worlds, gain fresh insights, and explore new perspectives. It's not just about reading words; it's about immersing ourselves in the hearts of characters, understanding history's lessons, and uncovering the wonders of science.

Through reading, imagination flourishes. A young reader exploring a fairy tale embarks on grand adventures, while a teen diving into a dystopian novel begins to dream of a better future. An adult reflecting on a biography draws inspiration from the real-life struggles and triumphs of others. Reading is not bound by age or location - it's a lifelong companion, a mentor, and a friend.

But reading offers more than just entertainment. It cultivates empathy, allowing us to walk in others' shoes, share in their joys and sorrows, and connect with the rich tapestry of human experience. It sharpens our minds, enriches our vocabulary, and fosters critical thinking skills. In today's fast-paced world, reading offers a rare moment of peace - time to learn, reflect, and grow. It's not just a habit; it's a superpower that fuels curiosity and creativity throughout our lives. So, pick up a book today. With every page, you're not just reading - you're growing, dreaming, and unlocking the limitless potential of words.

Ms. Nandita Chakraborty
Class Teacher - Grade III - A

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Empowering Minds

Empowering Minds: Unlocking Success in Exam Preparation

Smrti Academy hosted the "Let's Celebrate Examination" event, organized by the Rotary Club of Tumkuru, for grades 8, 9, and 10. Led by Ms. Nishitha and Ms. Kumari, the session provided valuable strategies for effective exam preparation. Students participated in a SWOT analysis, identifying their strengths and areas for improvement. The session also explored how observing positive study behaviors can enhance learning through mirror neurons.

Finally, the importance of time management was discussed, teaching students how to balance study and relaxation to reduce stress and improve performance. This insightful session aimed to equip students with essential tools to manage exams with confidence and success.



STEAM LAB set up for Government School Children



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