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From the School Desk

Independence with Responsibility

All of us value independence - we want to make our own choices, follow our interests, and live freely. Naturally, we also want the same for our children. But when we are part of a family, it already means that we are connected, and in some ways dependent on each other. So the real question is: Do we really need complete independence, or a balanced form of it?

Independence is meaningful only when it is exercised with responsibility. If freedom is used carelessly, it may harm both the child and the surroundings. If it is used only to satisfy or adjust to others, then it becomes a new kind of dependence. In both extremes, true independence is lost.

This imbalance is what we increasingly see in society today—emotional instability, stress, and even depression. Children (and even adults) often confuse independence with doing everything alone. But real independence is not about isolation. It is about:

- Having the courage to make choices,
- The wisdom to act responsibly, and
- The humility to seek support when needed.

Do I really need to buy this? – Will it add value to me, or am I spending just because I can?

Do I have the courage to say “No”? – Can I refuse when something inappropriate is happening, and stand for what is right?

When given a task at school – Do I put my 100% thoughts and effort into it, or do I simply depend on others for help?

If I am given a gadget – Am I using it responsibly, or am I misusing my freedom?

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Just like plants need both sunlight and support to grow, children too need freedom with guidance. Stay available as a guide, but avoid over-interference. Show that seeking help is strength, not weakness.

When children start asking themselves these questions, they begin to use their independence wisely. They learn that freedom is not about doing everything alone, nor about doing whatever they like. True independence is about making responsible choices that help them grow, while also respecting the people and environment around them.

As parents, our role is to guide them with these reflections, not to make every decision for them. Slowly, they will develop the maturity to handle freedom in a balanced way—and that is the real strength that prepares them for higher studies, careers, and life itself.

With Gratitude
The Smrti School Team

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Quiz & Conquer: Celebrating India!

Quiz & Conquer

As part of Independence Day, Smrti Academy hosted a lively Quiz Competition to celebrate India's history, leaders, and achievements. Students showcased knowledge, quick thinking, and enthusiasm, making the event memorable. Kudos to the winners and all participants for keeping the spirit of learning and patriotism alive!



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The Spirit of Patriotism

Young Orators Illuminate the Spirit of Patriotism

In an inspiring Inter-House competition, students of Grades 1 and 2 eloquently shared their reflections in the One Minute Speaking Activity on the theme "Patriotism." With clarity and conviction, they articulated how true love for the nation extends beyond words - through honoring our heroes, upholding respect for the flag, safeguarding the environment, and embracing the responsibilities of citizenship.



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Educational Excursion

Educational Excursion to Bannerghatta Biological Park

On 22nd August, students of Grades 1 - 4 embarked on an educational visit to Bannerghatta Biological Park. They observed a diverse range of animals, exotic birds, and fascinating reptiles, gaining a deeper understanding of wildlife and its significance in the natural world.



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Friendship: Heartfelt and Timeless

Grade 2A celebrated Friendship Day with an assembly that highlighted the joy, kindness, and support that true friendship brings. Through a skit, “What is Friendship?”, and a lively dance, the students conveyed that friendship knows no boundaries and adds happiness and meaning to life. The Thought of the Day and news updates complemented the performances, leaving everyone inspired and reminded that friendship is one of life’s greatest gifts.



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Independence Day Assembly

Unity in Diversity: Grade 2B Independence Day Assembly

On 13th August, Grade 2B's Independence Day Assembly celebrated patriotism and unity. Through a silent skit, "Religion is not to fight but to make friends," and a lively dance, "If You Love Your Country," students conveyed messages of peace, pride, and India's diversity, leaving everyone inspired and reminded that our strength lies in unity.



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Dancing into Devotion

Dancing into Devotion: Grade 2C's Ganesh Chaturthi Assembly

The students of Grade 2C transformed the morning assembly into a celebration of faith, wisdom, and culture as they marked Ganesh Chaturthi with heartfelt performances. From prayers and trilingual thoughts of the day to news updates, the program blended tradition with learning. The highlight was a spirited dance dedicated to Lord Ganesha, radiating joy and devotion, and reminding everyone of the values of humility, unity, and perseverance.



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Grade 5A's Ganesh Chaturthi Assembly

Invoking Wisdom and Devotion: Grade 5A's Ganesh Chaturthi Assembly

On 27th August 2025, Grade 5A conducted a solemn and inspiring assembly to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi, honouring Lord Ganesha as the embodiment of wisdom and the remover of obstacles. Through prayers, reflective thoughts, and captivating cultural presentations, the students infused the program with devotion, learning, and festive fervour, leaving the audience uplifted and inspired.



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Patriotism in the Air

Patriotism in the Air: Smrti Academy Celebrates Independence Day

Independence Day at Smrti Academy was celebrated with profound pride and patriotic fervour. The unfurling of the tricolour filled the campus with an air of reverence and unity. Through graceful cultural performances, students paid tribute to India's rich heritage and timeless values. Stirring speeches and soulful songs echoed gratitude towards the sacrifices of freedom fighters while honouring the nation's journey of progress. The celebration left every heart imbued with a renewed spirit of patriotism, pride, and responsibility towards the country.



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Little Chefs at Smrti Academy Montessori

This month, Smrti Academy Montessori introduced our little ones to fireless cooking, where they prepared healthy and delicious recipes like salads, laddoo, chocolate, and murmura mix. The activity encouraged creativity, teamwork, independence, and healthy habits, and the joy of sharing their creations with teachers and staff made it even more memorable.



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Forging Tomorrow's Leaders

Forging Tomorrow's Leaders - Investiture 2025 - 26

Smrti Academy crowned its new Student Council on 18th July in a ceremony brimming with pride and promise. With badges pinned, flags hoisted, and a plant nurtured in symbolism, young leaders took their oath to lead with heart and honour. Here's to a year of bold voices and brave choices!



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Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration at Smrti Academy

The most awaited festival of Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm at Smrti Academy. Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles and the symbol of wisdom and new beginnings, is dearly loved by children for his elephant head and mooshika vahana. For them, Ganesha is not just a deity but a true friend, whom they lovingly invoke through songs like “Oh My Friend Ganesha.”

The celebration began with our respected Chairman Sir and Principal Sir performing the pooja and praying for the well-being of everyone. At the same time, the campus reverberated with the joyous chants of “Ganapati Bappa Morya, Mangala Moorthy Morya” from our enthusiastic children. A beautifully decorated Ganesha backdrop caught the admiration of every passerby, adding to the festive charm.

The highlight of the event was the mesmerizing dance by our M3 girls, which filled the atmosphere with energy and joy. Their performance also inspired other children to join in and match steps with them, spreading the festive spirit across the campus.

Adding to the creativity, children from E1, E2, and E3 environments engaged in a colourful mask and scrapbook activity, which they will cherish as a special memory of the festival.

Celebrations like these go beyond rituals. For children, they become a way to build social and emotional skills such as empathy, cooperation, and communication. They also nurture cultural awareness, respect, and appreciation for diversity, values that will guide them for generations to come.

Ganesh Chaturthi at Smrti Academy was truly a blend of devotion, culture, joy, and learning—a celebration that children will carry in their hearts.

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Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration at Smrti Academy



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Montessori Patriots in Action

Independence Day: Montessori Patriots in Action

Smrti Academy's M1 - M3 children celebrated Independence Day with creative costumes, speeches, and patriotic activities. Portraying freedom fighters and national symbols, they expressed pride, creativity, and responsibility, making the celebration colorful, inspiring, and truly memorable.



Happy independence day



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Krishna Janmashtami Celebrations

Krishna Janmashtami Celebrations at Smrti Academy

Smrti Academy celebrated Krishna Janmashtami with joy as little ones dressed as Krishna and Gopikas, sang bhajans, danced, and created colorful flutes, peacock feathers, and butter pots. The day's highlight was a playful Dahi Handi event, filling the campus with laughter, devotion, and festive cheer.



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Raksha Bandhan

Raksha Bandhan: Beyond Siblings, Bonds of Joy

At Smrti Academy, Raksha Bandhan went beyond siblings as friends tied handcrafted rakhis to each other, sharing tilaks, goodies, and smiles. Dressed in traditional attire, the children's joy and camaraderie filled the campus with love, warmth, and festive blessings.



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August Blossoms with Devotion at Montessori

Smrti Academy glowed with festive cheer during the Vara Mahalakshmi Pooja. Children in vibrant ethnic wear filled the campus with joy and devotion, singing shlokas and witnessing the graceful Lakshmi Baramma dance.



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September 2025 Monthly Updates

September - Events

- Thursday, 4th Sep – Teacher's Day Celebration
- 18th - 25th Sep – Term 1 Examinations

September Holidays

- Thursday, 4th September - Teacher's Day (Half Day for students)
- Friday, 5th September - Eid Holiday
- Saturday, 13th September - Second Saturday
- 27th Sep - 05th Oct - Term 1 Break (Dussehra Vacation)

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Sports Activities

Sport teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose - it teaches you about life.”

Sport refers to an activity involving physical activity and skill. Sports are an integral part of human life and there is great importance of sports in all spheres of life. Furthermore, Sports help build the character and personality of a person. In Smrti Academy, We have facilities to play Team Games like Basketball, Football , Cricket, Athletics & and Individual games like Badminton & Table Tennis . Whether it is a game of soccer, cricket, or ultimate frisbee, outdoor sports have a way of bringing students together, fostering bonds of friendship and camaraderie that last a lifetime.



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Stronger, Smarter, Safer Online

On 12th August, students of Grades 4 - 8 at Smrti Academy attended an eye-opening Cyber Safety Workshop by Ms. Monisha Murali and Mr. Manoj from CRY (Child Rights and You). The session highlighted safe online practices, protecting personal data, spotting cyber threats, and handling cyberbullying - empowering students to navigate the digital world responsibly.



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Teachers as Lifelong Learners!

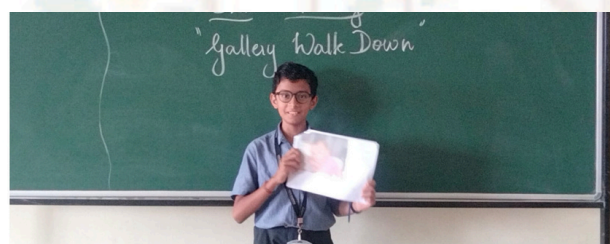
Teachers of Smrti Academy attended an insightful workshop on “Begin with an End in Mind” by Mr. Raghuram from S. Chand Publications. The session highlighted goal-oriented teaching and practical strategies, leaving the faculty motivated to bring purposeful learning into the classroom.



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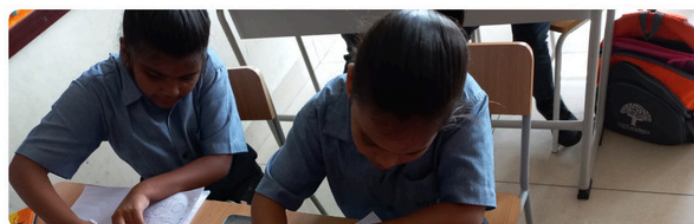
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