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Monthly Newsletter - July 2025

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## From the School Desk

### Celebrating the Journey – Not Just the Destination

The academic year began on a high note in June, and that vibrant energy has beautifully flowed into the month of July. This month was marked by many meaningful celebrations, but one event stood out as truly transformative — the Investiture Ceremony.

This ceremony was not just about handing over badges or titles. It marked the beginning of a leadership journey for our students. As educators and observers, we witnessed a spectrum of emotions in our children — some were eager to take the plunge and apply, some stepped back to let their friends shine, others hesitated out of fear of failure, and a few simply stood on the sidelines, unsure of what it all meant.

But among them, a brave few stepped forward. They applied, they prepared, and they faced their own inner questions:

“Am I ready for this?” “What if I don’t get selected?” “What if I do — am I really capable?”

Some of these thoughts may never have been spoken aloud, but were deeply felt. The path wasn’t easy — for many, it meant nervous moments, sleepless nights, and silent self-doubt.

And now, here they are — standing on the dais, holding the responsibility of leadership. But are they truly allowing themselves to feel the joy of this achievement? That is the question.

As adults, we too go through such phases. We toil through challenges, overcome bumps along the way, and reach milestones — only to brush them off quickly and move to the next task. We forget to pause, to celebrate, to smile.

In the quest for physical fitness, we may have shrunk our clothing sizes from XXXXL to S — but perhaps we’ve also unknowingly shrunk our smiles from XXXXXL to XS.

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Let us remind ourselves to recognize our own efforts. If we don't celebrate ourselves, who will? Let's be our own biggest cheerleaders — for our own well-being, and more importantly, to model the same for our children.

When children see adults appreciating their journey, not just the result, they too learn to value their own path. So, let's lead by example — celebrate small wins, acknowledge personal growth, and be the support system we seek in others.

Celebrate yourself. Be your own backbone. Live life fully — as a complete version of yourself.

**With Gratitude**

**The Smrti School Team**

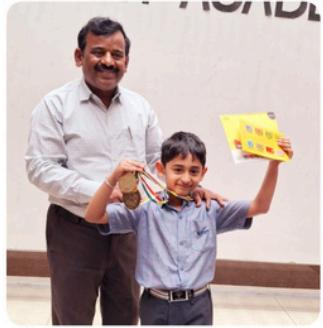
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## Shining Stars of SOF

### Shining Stars of SOF: Young Achievers Make Their Mark!

Our SOF Level-2 achievers made us proud! Reyansh Sharma (Gr 2) won International Gold in IMO and Zonal Gold in ICSO. Samyuktha Siddharth and Mithun Senthil Murugan (Gr 2) bagged International Silver medals. Pranav A.R. (Gr 2), Deeshani Joshi, and Yajas Pahariya (Gr 5) received Zonal Excellence certificates.



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## Grade 3A Leads the Way!

Justice Begins with Us – Grade 3A Leads the Way!

On July 16, Grade 3A brought the spirit of fairness alive in a special assembly for World Day for International Justice. From inspiring thoughts in three languages to news updates, affirmations, and a powerful skit, students explored what it truly means to stand up for what's right. With a heartfelt pledge and big lessons in small actions, they reminded us all that justice starts with kindness, truth, and everyday courage.



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## Doctors' Day at Smrti Academy

### Saluting Our Real-Life Heroes - Doctors' Day at Smrti Academy

On July 2nd, Grade 4A led a heartwarming assembly to celebrate National Doctors' Day, honouring the dedication of doctors and the legacy of Dr. B.C. Roy. From soulful prayers and thoughtful reflections to a lively Walk of the Profession, students expressed gratitude through poems, speeches, and roleplay. The celebration reminded us that doctors aren't just healers - they're everyday heroes who touch lives with care, courage, and compassion.



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## World Population Day

### Grade 4B Assembly: World Population Day

Grade 4B presented a thoughtful assembly on World Population Day, sharing speeches, news, and a fun note on National Sugar Cookie Day. A powerful skit on pollution encouraged eco-friendly habits, making the session a perfect blend of awareness, creativity, and learning.



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## Annual Health Check-up at Smrti!

### Healthy Smiles, Stronger Minds - Annual Health Check up at Smrti!

Smrti Academy hosted its annual health check-up in collaboration with Apollo Group this month. Students underwent general, dental, and eye screenings, reinforcing the school's commitment to holistic well-being and early health awareness.



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## Making Waves for Dolphins

### Making Waves for Dolphins at Smrti Academy

Under the Project Dolphin initiative, Smrti Academy dove into action with a series of engaging activities. Students took a powerful pledge to protect aquatic life, watched an eye-opening video on dolphin conservation, and showcased their creativity in a vibrant painting competition. It was a day of learning, expression, and commitment to safeguarding our underwater friends!



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## Young Changemakers Shine in Eco Fashion

### Young Changemakers Shine in Eco Fashion Show

On 25th June, Grades 1 and 2 wowed the crowd at Smrti Academy's Eco Fashion Show. Dressed in recycled wonders, students walked the ramp with confidence and care, spreading messages of sustainability. A perfect blend of fashion, fun, and eco-awareness - our little changemakers truly stole the show!



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## One Voice, Many Echoes

### One Voice, Many Echoes: Honouring Malala

On 11th July, Grade 6 students led a powerful Malala Day assembly, honouring the courage and legacy of Malala Yousafzai. With moving speeches, a skit, and heartfelt monologues, they highlighted the importance of education and the power of speaking up. Echoing Malala's words, "I did not stop. And neither should you," our students inspired all to stand for every child's right to learn.



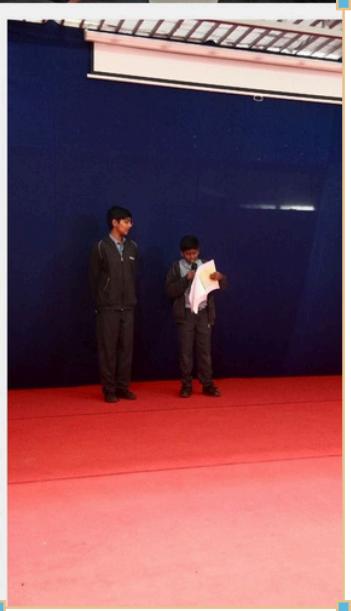
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## In Pursuit of True Wealth

### Grade 7 Assembly: In Pursuit of True Wealth

On 4th July, Grade 7 students delivered a lively assembly themed “Health is Wealth.” From a creative skit “The Real Treasure” to a fun quiz and health tips, the session reminded everyone that wellness is life’s greatest asset.



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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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## Smiles Between the Shelves

### Smiles Between the Shelves: Emoji Day Highlights

World Emoji Day was celebrated with joy and creativity in the library, turning reading into an expressive adventure! Students from Grades 3 to 5 took part in engaging activities like emoji-themed bookmarks, storytelling with emoji flashcards, and writing short stories using emojis. These fun-filled sessions helped them explore emotions, boost imagination, and bring stories to life in a whole new way.



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## Grandparents Day Celebration

### Celebrating Grandparents in a Grand Way at Smrti Academy

At Smrti Academy, we believe in honoring the generation that has made countless sacrifices and lived simple lives to brighten the futures of their children and grandchildren. Grandparents' Day was a celebration of love, memories, and deep gratitude.

We welcomed our dear grandparents in a traditional way, followed by a vibrant photo booth corner designed specially to capture their smiles and joy.

Our little Montessori stars delighted everyone with dance and singing performances, taking grandparents on a nostalgic trip down memory lane—reminding them of their own school days.

The celebration continued with fun-filled games where children and grandparents teamed up with great enthusiasm and laughter. The highlight of the morning was a lively dance floor, where grandparents grooved joyfully to the timeless hits of the 80s and 90s, stepping back into their teenage years with gleaming eyes and joyful hearts.

To add a sweet twist, we recreated a vintage-style "Paatikadai" shop, selling nostalgic candies from the 70s. It was a heartwarming sight to see grandparents browsing through the shop with childlike wonder.

A live kitchen served hot, traditional paddus, as a token of love and appreciation for their lifelong hard work.

The day ended with a deep sense of connection and joy. Many grandparents expressed how proud they felt to be part of a school that truly values their journey and legacy. It was not just an event—it was an emotion that will stay with all of us.

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## Harvesting in Smrti Academy

Gardening plays a vital role in each of our lives. It is the true realization of how the hard work of our hands can nurture life—from soil to seed, and finally, to the food that nourishes us.

By involving children in gardening, we are planting not just seeds in the ground, but values in their hearts—values of respect for nature, gratitude for resources, and deep appreciation for our farmers.

Through this hands-on experience, young minds begin to understand how much effort goes into growing the colorful, vitamin- and mineral-rich fruits and vegetables that reach our plates. It helps them recognize that every grain we eat is the result of dedication and labor, deserving of our respect and care.



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## Rediscovering Joy

### Rediscovering Joy: A Week of Indian Traditional Games at Montessori

Our Montessori children had a joyful week exploring Indian traditional games like Hopscotch, Kho-Kho, Kannamoochi, Nondi, Daagudu Moothalu, Lattu, and more. Through fun-filled indoor and outdoor play, they discovered teamwork, strategy, and cultural roots - bringing smiles, energy, and timeless lessons to life!



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## Rediscovering Joy



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## Empowering Educators

### Empowering Educators: Training on Competency-Based Education

On 19th July, teachers participated in an insightful training led by Ms. Polumi on Competency-Based Education. The session focused on designing learning outcomes, promoting skill-based learning, and aligning teaching with NEP 2020 goals. It offered practical strategies to enhance classroom effectiveness and student engagement.



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## Menstrupedia Workshop by CRY

### Growing Up with Confidence: Menstrupedia Workshop by CRY

On Wednesday, 2nd July, students of Grades 4 and 5 participated in a Menstrupedia Workshop by CRY (Child Rights and You). The session introduced the basics of menstruation, puberty, and personal hygiene in an age-appropriate and inclusive way. Through group activities and open discussions, children shared their experiences, learned about bodily changes, and broke common taboos - building awareness, confidence, and respect for their growing selves.



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## The Magic of Storytelling

### The Magic of Storytelling in Montessori

This month, our Montessori classrooms buzzed with the magic of storytelling! With puppets, props, and expressive narration, classic tales like The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Thirsty Crow, and Goldilocks came alive. Children also shared their own favourites - from animal fables to mythological tales - fostering imagination, empathy, and a love for language.



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## Smrti Academy – August 2025 Monthly Updates

### August - Events

- Saturday, 2nd Aug – PTM
- Friday, 15th Aug – Independence Day
- Monday & Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Aug – Field Trips
- Thursday to Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Aug – Interhouse Competitions

### August Holidays

- Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August - Varalakshmi Festival
- Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> August - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday
- Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August - Krishna Janmashtami
- Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August - Ganesh Chaturthi

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"Dance with your heart ❤️ your feet will follow "



"Dance is the Hidden language of the soul "



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