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THEME FOR THE MONTH



ACTIVITIES



PLANTATION DRIVE 16TH JUNE, 2023 (FRIDAY)

A plantation drive was initiated by the school on June 16. The students of std VIII participated in the initiative by planting saplings of medicinal plants in the school compound. The students were motivated to understand the use and value of the medicinal plants planted and to care for them, helping them understand the importance of home remedies and traditional medicines.



ACTIVITIES

BAGLESS DAY

17TH JUNE, 2023 (SATURDAY)

The students enjoyed a bagless day where they indulged in various activities that helped them learn beyond the walls of their classroom and the confines of their books.

Students of classes III to VIII relished a Nature Watch activity where they spent time on the lush green campus of the school, observing the flora and fauna around them. The teachers interacted with them about caring for birds. Students placed earthen bird feeders filled with water and grains to help the birds survive the sweltering summer days. They interacted with the school gardener, learning about the various plants and trees on campus.

Additionally, students of stds III to V participated in a model-making activity in which they gave their theoretical knowledge a practical twist by turning their concepts into models. The activity aimed at fostering creative thinking and imagination and enhancing their physical and motor abilities saw enthusiastic participation from the young ones.

The students from VI to VIII saw the realisation of their creative ideas through the Best Out of Waste activity, in which they upcycled waste, unused, and discarded material to make beautiful dustbins and wastebaskets.



CAMPAIGN

SAFE ENVIRONMENT, SAFE TOMORROW 5TH TO 9TH JUNE, 2023

The school conducted an awareness campaign starting on 5th June, World Environment Day. The five-day-long campaign aimed to build awareness about the deterioration of our environment and about ways to create a safer and pollution-free environment.

The campaign kicked off on 5th June, with the Head Boy introducing the student to the importance of a safe environment for our survival, the need and objective of celebrating World Environment Day, and the current theme of #BeatPlasticPollution.

On 6th June, the students were given a comprehensive understanding of the concept of vermiculture and its significance as a sustainable agricultural practice by Ms. Suman Ghag (Science Department), followed by a demonstration and a tour of the school's vermicompost production units on 7th June for the students of std IX.

The 8th and 9th of June beheld the students add a spectrum of colours to their ideas and imagination on how to save the environment as they enthusiastically participated in the drawing competition organised as part of the campaign. They presented their creativity and artistic skills to illustrate their perception of the theme 'Pollution with a Solution'.

The campaign culminated with a Cycle Rally on 9th June, when our enthusiastic, young environmentalists rode their bicycles to raise awareness of the need for a pollution-free world.

The campaign saw active involvement from all the students in terms of participating in the various activities to contributing and implementing ideas for saving our environment at a local level.



COMPETITIONS



MONOACT COMPETITION

22ND JUNE, 2023 (THURSDAY)

A MonoAct Competition was held for the students of I and II stds. The contest witnessed a tough competition between 26 enthusiastic participants who conveyed messages about social awareness through their performances. Through their acts, the students polished their skills of presentation and public speaking while embracing their love for the theatre.



ALL INDIA ESSAY COMPETITION

23RD JUNE, 2023

An essay competition on the topic 'Improving Education and Social Policies in the Context of the G20 Nations', was conducted by Fravashi International Academy in association with the Forum of Free Enterprise, the A.D. Shroff Memorial Trust, and in commemoration of the G20 Summit 2023. 12 essays were submitted for the competition, and results are awaited.

COMPETITIONS



DRAMA COMPETITION 28TH JUNE, 2023 (WEDNESDAY)

A Drama Competition was organised for the students of III to V stds. A group of actors from each class presented a short play in English on various themes.

The competition saw actors compete against each other in terms of acting skills, script, dialogue delivery, costumes, and props. The competition helped the participants develop skills in the performing arts and team spirit.



EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS



BACK TO SCHOOL 5TH JUNE, 2023 (MONDAY)

The day was abuzz with seamless energy and fresh vibes as the school opened its doors to the academic session post-summer break. The students returned from their summer vacation with renewed energy, eager to share their stories and adventures with their teachers and friends. It took them no time to embrace their studies with rejuvenated aspirations and vigour as they settled down to their school routine and all that the month had in store for them.



RED CROSS UNIT INAUGURATION 7TH JUNE, 2023 (WEDNESDAY)

The day witnessed the oath-taking ceremony for the Red Cross Society administered by the Principal, Mrs. Roshni George, to the students and staff of the school. The Administrator, Rev. Fr. John Mathai, educated the students on the role and achievements of the Red Cross Society, followed by the badge distribution among the students.



EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION 21ST JUNE, 2023 (FRIDAY)

International Yoga Day was celebrated on the school campus, with students participating in pranayams and various asanas under the guided instructions of the Physical Education Teachers, Ms. Lalita Kamthe and Mr. Surajj Pawaar. Rev. Fr. John Mathai, the school's administrator, and Dhruv Ghevade, the sports captain, got up on the stands to speak to the pupils about the value of yoga and the virtues of self-discipline in one's life.



MEETINGS AND INTERACTIONS

The Transport Committee works closely with the School Management to ensure that the movement of students to and from school is safe and comfortable. The Parent Teacher Association helps act as a bridge between the parents and the teachers to ensure that the students find a safe and nurturing environment in the school that is conducive to their holistic development.

The Transport Committee and the Parent Teacher Association was formed on the 28th of June for their office for the year 2023-24



SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



TEACHERS' SEMINAR 9TH JUNE, 2023 (FRIDAY)

The teachers of the Pre-primary section conducted a seminar on the topic 'Educational Justice', exploring aspects like the meaning, importance, relevance, and implementation of Educational Justice. The interactive session following the seminar had the staff sharing their ideas, opinions, and suggestions for the same.

INTERACTION WITH DR. KEN SPILLMAN 13TH JUNE, 2023 (TUESDAY)

The students of stds III, IV, and V had a blast with Australian author, editor, and critic, Dr. Ken Spillman, whose work has spanned diverse genres, including poetry, sports writing, and literary criticism, and holds more than 60 publications to his credit.

Dr. Spillman read stories from his books, Jake's Balloon Blast, Jake's Great Game, and Jake's Concert Horror. He spoke to students about all the stories being in their minds and how to unleash those ideas with imagination and creativity. The student interacted with him, asking questions and sharing ideas.



SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

WELL-BEING OF THE TEACHERS

17TH JUNE, 2023 (SATURDAY)

A session was conducted by Ms. Anuja Kulkarni, the co-founder of Jidnyasa Assessment and Counselling, a Pune-based organisation that provides services in the areas of psychometric assessment, counselling, therapy, academic guidance, and training. Jidnyasa Assessment and Counselling are the officially designated counsellors for the school and have been providing counselling and support to the students for the last few years. The session that was conducted for the teachers enriched them with awareness of the importance of mental and physical well-being. It also helped the teachers understand the signs that could indicate learning disabilities, stress, educational or social maladjustments, etc. that could be corrected through a counsellor's support.



SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

SUMMER BOOK WRITING FESTIVAL

15TH JUNE, 2023

The School participated in the Summer Book Writing Festival that was put on by BriBooks and Education World in cooperation with NDTV and Disney International HD.

The students had the wonderful chance to study book-writing techniques from internationally famous teachers, authors, and storytellers at this festival. The occasion provided the students with the chance to use their creativity to create e-books that they could publish, sell, and be recognised for. Sixty students published their works out of the many who took part, and all benefitted by refining their writing skills.



ANTI-ADDICTION WORKSHOP

23RD JUNE 2023

Officials from the Vishrantwadi Police Department and members of the Mukangan Rehabilitation Centre conducted a seminar for the students of stds IX and X.



The staff and students warmly welcomed the guests, who in an interactive session taught the students of stds. IX and X about the negative effects of drugs using a documentary, personal stories, and clarifications of questions they posed. The subject of addiction was divided into smaller chunks so that the students could fully visualise the negative effects of any addiction and understand how to overcome it. The idea of seeking help was also brought up if one became bogged down in any kind of addiction. At the end of the wonderful workshop, Rev. Fr. John Mathai thanked the visitors for sharing their insightful knowledge while acknowledging the rise in the use of addictive substances in society.



SPORTS

CISCE ZONAL LEVEL KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP 24TH JUNE (SATURDAY)

The school had the honour of hoisting the CISCE Zonal Karate Championship 2023 on its campus. 19 schools in and around Pune enrolled a total of 190 students for the Championship. 67 Theophilians took part and accumulated an astounding medal tally of 17 gold, 12 silver, and 8 bronze medals.

The school was awarded three winner trophies, one each for the under-14 boys, under-14 girls, and under-17 boys' categories, as well as the runner-up trophy for under-17 girls. A total of 31 students are selected for the Regional level.

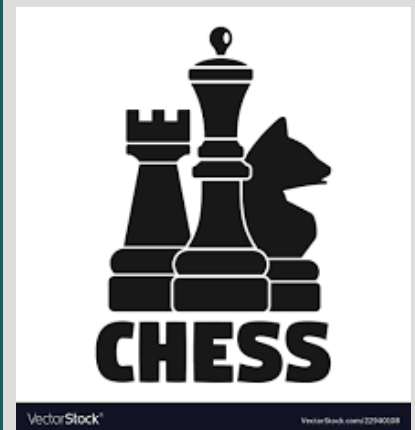


SPORTS

CISCE ZONAL LEVEL CHESS COMPETITION

24TH JUNE, 2023

A chess team comprising the best chess players in the school was sent to the CISCE Zonal Chess Championship. The tournament was held at Vidya Valley School. The rivalry was fierce, with a total of 8 schools participating, including Bishop School Camp, Podar International, Vidya Valley School, and others, which made the total number of students participating in the event skyrocket to 226. The school competed in the boys' under-17 and under-14 age groups. The Theophilians, who were faced with numerous highly ranked foreign players, held their school's head high with their rattling performance.



CISCE ZONAL LEVEL KHO-KHO MATCHES

27TH JUNE, 2023

The Theophilian Kho-Kho girls' team, comprising 12 players, attended the matches organised by the Council and Pawar Public School, Hadapsar, in the under-14 category.

Pitted against Tree House School, Karvenagar, the team put up a tough opposition, playing better with each quarter.