

Theophilian Trailblazers

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Embarking on India's Cultural Expedition

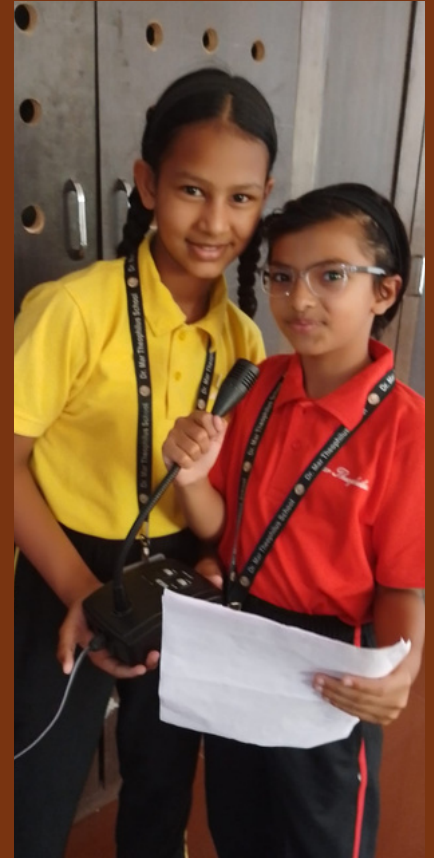


Activities

Theophilian Herald

With renewed zeal and enthusiasm of starting the new academic session the Theophilian Herald recommenced its activities.

The young radio jockeys of grades IX and V kept their classmates entertained with current events, interesting trivia, humorous anecdotes, weather updates, and catchy tunes.



Storytelling Marathon

Grade 1 and 2 students engaged in a captivating activity on April 15, 2024, where they shared tales penned by Indian authors with their classmates.

This fascinating experience encouraged a love for reading, an appreciation for our rich literary heritage, and quality time spent with their friends and teachers in a land of enticing fictional characters.

Activities

Understanding Shapes

The students in pre-primary engaged in an interactive activity on April 22, 2024, that helped them understand basic shapes.

The children proudly showcased the shapes of their lunchbox contents. From rectangular and triangular sandwiches to circular *rotis* and *idlis*, each student enthusiastically explained the shapes they observed.

This hands-on experience not only reinforced their knowledge of shapes but also taught them to be observant learners.

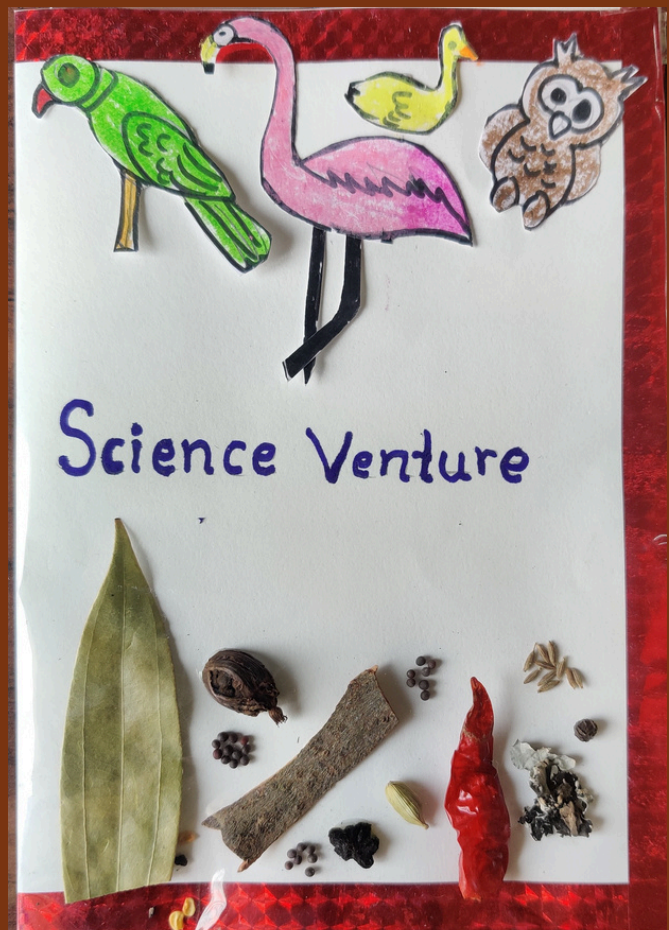


Activities

Science Venture

A science based activity was organised on April 29th, 2024. The Science Venture activity took place, with classes III and IV participating in the event with zeal. The focus topics were birds for grade 3 and medicinal uses of spices for grade 4. The activity aimed to instill care and empathy towards birds and nature while educating students about the medicinal uses of spices.

Students of grade 3 shared fun facts on various bird species. Categorising them based on their beaks, feet, nests, food, habitat they presented intriguing facts using posters, photographs, and flashcards. Meanwhile, grade 4 students provided information about the world of Indian spices, explaining their scientific names, habitats, species, and emphasizing their medicinal and common uses through charts and samples.



Activities

Awareness Rally

Students in grades 2 to 5 engaged in an awareness rally in the school's neighbourhood.

The rally was conducted on April 30, 2024 wherein students carried banners and charts, encouraging people to exercise their right to vote judiciously.

The rally was conducted on account of the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections to motivate people to understand the impact their vote can make towards the future of our nation.



Competitions

Pen a Poem

On April 26, 2024, grade 4 and 10 students participated in a heartwarming activity, "Pen a Poem," dedicated to honouring the heroines in their lives - their mothers.

As part of a competition celebrating Mother's Day, students penned touching poems praising the selfless love and sacrifices of their mothers.

The event was a touching tribute to the unsung heroes who shape and inspire us every day and also to the theme of literary expressions. The results of the competition are awaited.

Dr. Mar Theophilus School Presents

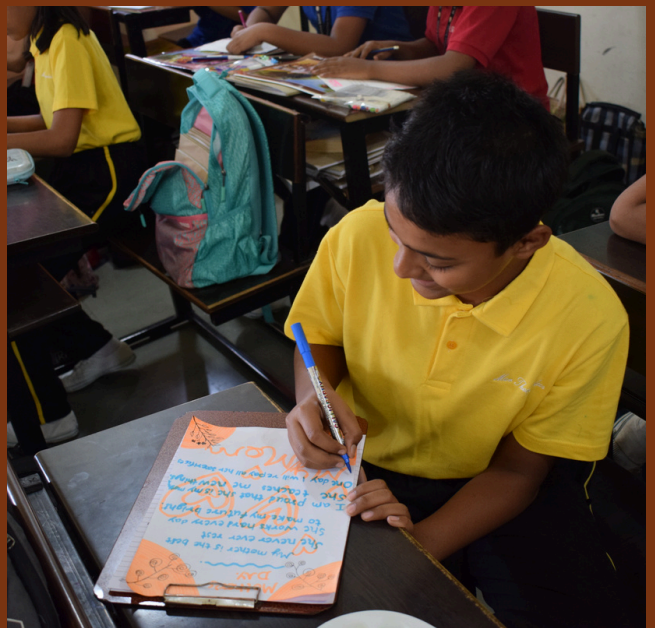
Pen a Poem....

Mother, the Unsung Hero

**Celebrate moms through the power of poetry.
Share your story!**

The competition will take place on
26th April, 2024 [Friday]
at
the Zero Period.
All the students of Std IV to X will
participate in the same.

Note: The poem to be written in English only.



Author of the Year

Students from grades 3 to 5 showcased their literary talents in the "Author of the Year" competition, held on April 26, 2024. Participating in the competitions that they wrote articles, poems, and stories, pitting their creative thinking and writing skills against each other.

The event aimed to enhance students' literary abilities, provided them with a platform to express their imagination and creativity through words.



Competitions



Oratory Odyssey

A declamation competition was organised for the students in grade 8, celebrating the month's theme, 'Literary Expressions'.

The first round of the competition was held on April 15, 2024 and the final round on April 26, 2024. The event saw the active participation of around twenty-five students in the preliminary round.

The final round with fifteen students was judged by Mrs. Ramola Kurian, an expert in the field of English language teaching with an experience of over 45 years. The competition saw the first prize being shared between Ranish Mahapatra (Blue House) and Nimisha Chaturvedi (Green House). Aditi Oza (Blue) and Rushan Sanghvikar (Green House) won the second and third prizes respectively.

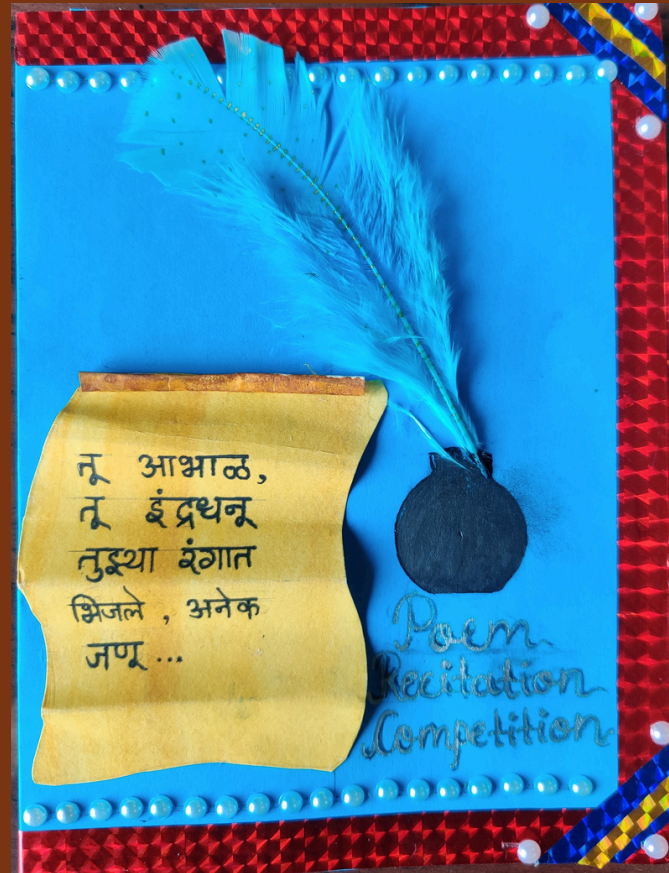


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Marathi Poetry Recitation Competition

On March 29, 2024, students of grade 7 showcased their love for performing arts and appreciation of poetry in the Poetry Recitation Competition featuring works by notable Maharashtrian poets. The event served as a platform for students to polish their presentation skills and cultivate a deeper understanding of literature and poetry.

Participants captivated the staff and their classmates with their eloquent renditions of poems, that encapsulate the essence and cultural richness of Maharashtrian literary heritage. The competition not only celebrated artistic expression but also encouraged students to explore the nuances of language and rhythm.



Competitions

Hindi Debate Competition

On April 30, 2024, the school hosted a stirring Hindi debate competition, featuring students from grades 9 and 10.

The competition aimed to enhance the participants' debate skills and foster critical thinking. The thought-provoking topic, "Should politicians receive a pension?" ignited engaging discussions among the debaters.

After rounds of fierce arguments and rebuttals, Vedant More and Awani Natu (grade 9) and Anvesha Rai and Trishala Singh (grade 10) emerged as winners.



Events and Celebrations

First Day of Schooling

On April 1, 2024, the school welcomed its newest members to the Theophilian family as they embarked on their first day of schooling in Nursery. The event was marked by a warm induction session led by our dedicated Pre-Primary teachers, aimed at easing the transition and creating a nurturing environment for our young learners who had come out of the comfort zones of their homes.

The teachers did their best to help the children in the transition by engaging them in fun activities. While some tiny tots were excited and joyful, others joined in with half-hearted curiosity. Teachers provided gentle guidance and encouragement, ensuring that each child felt supported and valued from the very start.



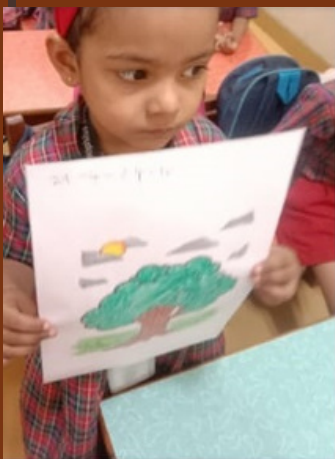
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Celebrating World Art Day

On April 15, 2024, the school embraced the spirit of creativity with a splash of vibrant colours in celebration of World Art Day.

Students from all classes participated enthusiastically, showcasing their artistic talents through painting and sketching activities.

The event was a showcase of students' diverse expressions, captured beautifully in their sketches and paintings, reflecting the depth of their creativity and imagination.



Events and Celebrations

Celebrating Earth Day

On account of World Earth Day, on April 22, 2024, the students of grade 6 participated in an engaging read-aloud session organised by the Geography teachers.

Incorporating the theme of the month (Literary Expressions), the teachers read aloud an Indian folk tale, 'Amrita and the Trees', highlighting the need to conserve forest and water for sustaining life on earth.

The activity was followed up with an engaging interactive session that enriched the students' knowledge about the initiatives related to Earth Day through its annual theme, 'Planet vs. Plastic'.

The event highlighted the importance of environmental conservation, focusing on promoting a plastic-safe environment and the significance of conserving forests and water resources. Students actively participated in discussions, answering questions posed to them.



World
Earth Day
2024



Amrita
and
the Trees



Events and Celebrations

Dental Health Camp

A dental health camp was organised on April 26, 2024. The doctors of D.Y. Pati I Dental School, Lohegaon, conducted a free examination for all the students of the school. Starting at 9:30 am, the three-hour-long camp examined all the students, further enabling them to avail themselves of free tooth cleaning and other dental treatments at a lower cost.

The doctors put in extra time and efforts into promoting awareness about oral hygiene among the students by educating them about habits and routines that would help them maintain their healthy smiles.



Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

Teachers' Seminar (Exploring Literary Expressions)

Teachers in the Pre-Primary section conducted a seminar exploring the theme of literary expressions. The seminar conducted on April 3, 2024, was attended by the Principal, the Administrator, and the staff.

The seminar commenced with an insightful introduction to the theme through enactment and proceeded to build a comprehensive understanding of the subject through skits, speeches, and presentations.



Parents' Orientation Session

On April 6, 2024, the school hosted a Parents Orientation Session. The session was attended by parents of students studying in grades Pre-primary to 5. The session provided an opportunity for direct interaction between teachers and parents, focusing on important school policies, rules, regulations, expectations, and available facilities.

During the session, the teachers engaged with parents, addressing queries and ensuring clarity on various aspects of the school curriculum, both scholastic and non-scholastic. Parents gained valuable insights into the educational approach through the information necessary to support their children's academic journey.

Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

Student Council Meeting

The Student Council Meeting was convened on April 19, 2024. The session focused on orienting the newly appointed council members to their roles, duties, and responsibilities towards the school.

Attended by the newly elected members of the Student Council, the Coordinators, and the Heads of Sports and English Departments, the meeting was presided over by the Principal and the Administrator of the school.

The speakers emphasised the need for collaborative efforts by the members to ensure the smooth functioning of school activities. Discussions also centred on nurturing effective communication, enhancing student engagement, and promoting initiatives for the upliftment of the school.



Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

Lifestyle Diseases

Dr. A.G. Unnikrishnan, a leading endocrinologist and diabetologist from Pune, conducted a seminar on April 25, 2024, addressing students in grades 9 and 10 on lifestyle diseases. He emphasised the impact of poor lifestyle choices on health. Dr. Unnikrishnan discussed the prevalence of lifestyle diseases among the young, such as diabetes and heart diseases, caused by addiction to substances like sugar. He stressed the importance of awareness and the implementation of healthy habits, including a balanced diet, regular exercise, and adequate rest, to prevent such diseases. Students were urged to be sensitive to those battling illnesses, promoting inclusivity and compassion in society. Overall, the seminar provided invaluable insights into maintaining good health and making positive lifestyle changes, empowering students to prioritise their well-being.



Sports

67th SGFI National Roller Skating Championship

The 67th SGFI National Roller Skating Championship unfolded in Satna, Madhya Pradesh from April 11 to April 15, 2024, drawing talented athletes from across the country and providing them a platform to showcase their speed, agility, and precision on wheels.

Among the participants, Tanishka Karanjkar, a student in grade 9, represented the school at the prestigious event, receiving many accolades for her performance.



CISCE Regional Yoga Olympiad

The CISCE Regional Yoga Olympiad took place on April 18, 2024, at Walsingham House School, Mumbai.

Representing our school with pride and determination, four of our talented students - Prajwal Joshi (grade 7), Soham Patil (grade 6), Vedant Singh (grade 6), and Yashs Nakhale (grade 6) participated in this prestigious event.

The Olympiad provided a platform for students to demonstrate their flexibility, strength, and mindfulness through various yoga asanas and practices.

It was an inspiring display of discipline, focus, and physical fitness, reflecting the holistic values of yoga in nurturing both body and mind.



INTER-HOUSE CRICKET MATCH

IX & X Boys' Category

The School organized an intra-house cricket tournament where each team fervently represented their respective houses, fostering a sense of healthy rivalry and unity among our students. The inaugural match, held on April 8, 2024, featured the Red and Blue houses of standard 9th- 10th boys, with the Red house emerging victorious and securing a spot in the Final. Following this, on April 10, 2024, the Green house competed against the Yellow house, with the Green house triumphing and advancing to the final match. Finally, on April 12, 2024, amidst intense competition, the Green house claimed victory and were declared the champions of the standard 9th- 10th boys' category.

VII & VIII Boys' Category

The school hosted an intra-house cricket competition for the 7th- 8th standard boys, showcasing spirited performances and fostering camaraderie among the participants. The series commenced on April 15, 2024, with a thrilling match between the Red and Blue houses, resulting in a victory for the Blue house, securing their spot in the final. On April 16, 2024, the Green house faced off against the Yellow house, with the latter emerging victorious and earning their place in the championship match. Finally, on April 18, 2024, amidst much excitement, the Yellow house triumphed over the Blue house in the final showdown, clinching the title of champions in the 7th- 8th standard boys' category.

IX - X & VII - VIII Girls' Category

The school also organized a cricket match featuring a mixed team of girls from the Red and Blue houses facing off against a mixed team from the Green and Yellow houses on April 19, 2024. In an exciting display of talent and teamwork, the Red and Blue houses of 9th- 10th and Green and Yellow houses of 7th- 8th emerged victorious in the match.



INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL MATCH

IX & X Boys' Category

On April 20, 2024, an inter-house football match was held between the 9th- 10th standard teams of the Red and Blue houses. The Red house secured a victory in this spirited competition. On the same day a match took place between the 9th- 10th standard teams of the Yellow and Green houses. The Green house emerged victorious in this match, earning their place in the finals.

During a highly competitive final of football matches on April 22, 2024, the Green house emerged triumphant over the Yellow house, thereby securing their position as champions.

VII & VIII Boys' Category

The 7th- 8th standard inter-house football tournament took place between the Red and Blue teams, followed by a match between the Green and Yellow teams on 20th April, 2024. Blue and Green emerged as the finalists respectively. Finally, on April 22, 2024, in the championship match, the Blue house claimed victory and was crowned champions.



INTER-HOUSE KHO KHO MATCH

IX & X Girls' Category

The eagerly anticipated Kho Kho matches between the girls of 9th- 10th standard took place on April 23, 2024, showcasing exemplary sportsmanship and fierce competition.

The clash between the Red and Blue teams was nothing short of intense. Both teams displayed exceptional agility, strategy, and teamwork. However, in a closely contested battle, the Blue team emerged victorious, demonstrating remarkable defensive tactics and swift tag-outs.

In another thrilling match, the Green and Yellow teams showcased their Kho Kho prowess. Ultimately, it was the Green team that emerged triumphant, utilizing their speed and coordinated efforts to secure a well-deserved victory.

The final took place on 24th April, 2024 the exhilarating match saw Green and Blue houses against each other. It was the Green house that emerged as champions.

VII & VIII Girls' Category

On April 25, 2024, the highly anticipated Kho Kho matches among the 7th- 8th standard girls unfolded, showcasing an impressive blend of sportsmanship and fierce competition. Despite a closely contested battle, the Red house team emerged victorious.

In another exciting match, the Green and Yellow teams displayed their Kho Kho skills. In a showdown of speed and coordinated efforts, it was the Green team that emerged triumphant, claiming a well-deserved victory over their opponents.

The climax of the tournament arrived with the final match held on April 25, 2024, pitting the Green house against the Red house in an electrifying showdown. With anticipation running high, both teams showcased their skills and determination on the field. However, it was the Green house that ultimately emerged as champions, sealing their victory with a stellar performance in the final match.

Awards

The Level 1 Spellbee Exam

The results for the first level of the Spellbee exam were announced on April 30, 2024, with our school winning 14 gold, 17 silver, and 20 bronze medals.

Each participant received a participation certificate. Additionally, our school hosted the Level 2 Spellbee exam on April 18, 2024, the results of which are awaited.

Silverzone Olympiad

Silverzone conducted Olympiad Exams for number of subjects during the academic year 2023 - 2024.

Participants excelled in the exams showcasing their understanding of concepts and their resolve to face the challenge poised by the competitive exam with zeal.

Students bagged Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the Science, Math, English Language, and Reasoning and Aptitude exams., with Novika Boid of grade 3 being the Zonal Topper in "International Olympiad for English Language".



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