

Theophilian Trailblazers

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Embarking on India's Cultural Expedition



Activities

Cold Cooking Session July 11, 2024

A cold cooking session was organised for pre-primary students to inculcate respect and appreciation for food and the effort behind preparing it.

The children brought ingredients from home and participated in making sandwiches, corn chaat, and sweet poha. The session concluded with the students enjoying their delicious creations together with a strengthened sense of team spirit and appreciation for healthy, homemade food.



Activities

Appreciation for Indian Cinema

July 19 and 22, 2024

On July 19, students from all grades participated in an event dedicated to appreciating Indian cinema. The students watched a selection of short films, gaining insights into various aspects of filmmaking such as scripting, acting, and direction.

Following the screenings, students wrote their views, reviews, and articles, reflecting on their understanding of the films and the filmmaking process. This initiative aimed to deepen their appreciation for cinema and enhance their critical thinking skills.

On July 22, all the students were shown the movie 'Let's Change,' produced by the Government of Maharashtra. The screening aimed to help students understand the importance of cleanliness and encourage them to be actively involved in maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings.



Competitions

ASISC Interschool Creative Writing Competition

July 8, 2024

Ranish Mahapatra (Grade 8) and Rugved Mahurkar (Grade 9) represented the school at the ASISC Interschool Creative Writing Competition. Organised by the Association of Schools for the Indian School Certificate (ASISC), the event was held at Eden International School, Talegaon.



The competition saw participation from schools all over Pune and provided a valuable opportunity for the students to enhance their creative thinking and writing skills.



ASISC Interschool Declamation Competition

July 11, 2024

Swaraj Hargude of grade 9 represented the school at the ASISC Interschool Declamation Competition, organised by the Association of Schools for the Indian School Certificate (ASISC) and hosted by Podar International School, Pimpri.

Swaraj delivered an impressive presentation of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s iconic speech, "I Have a Dream." This competition proved to be an invaluable experience and also provided an excellent platform for students to compete with their peers from other schools.



Competitions

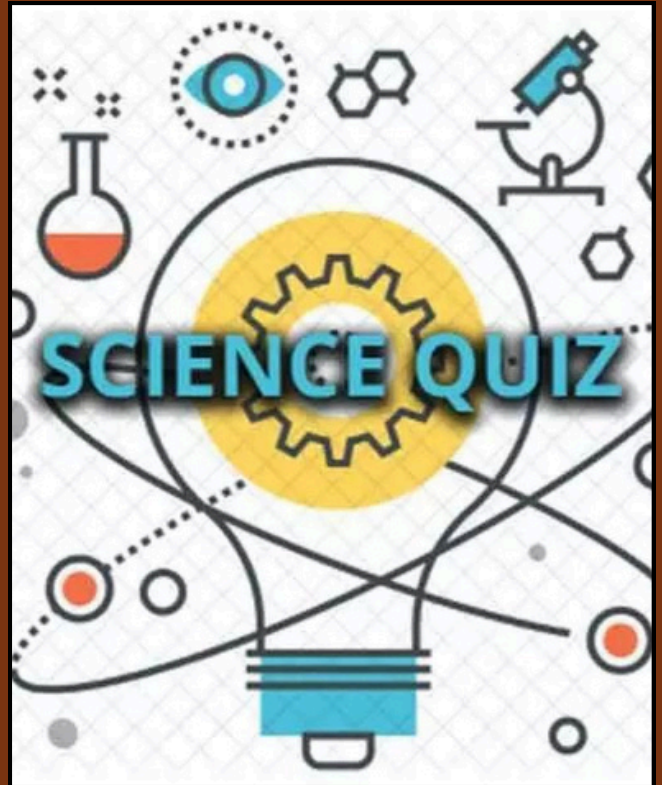
Science Quiz

July 11, 2024

Preliminary selections for the science quiz were conducted for the students in grades 1 to 5.

In the first round, Multiple Choice Questions were asked to students to short-list them for the second round.

The candidates who qualified in the first round were further shortlisted based on maximum marks scored by them in minimum time.



Albert Barrow Memorial Creative Writing Competition

July 12, 2024

The Albert Barrow Memorial Creative Writing Competition was held at Caelum High School and Junior College, Undri. More than 11 schools from Pune participated in the literary event. Avni Natu (Grade 9) represented the school in the junior category.

The competition helped to provide students with valuable exposure through inter-school events, enhancing their creative writing skills and encouraging literary expression.

Competitions

Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Interschool Debate Competition

July 15, 2024

Ruhi Paste and Junaid Nadaf of grade 10 represented the school at the Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Interschool Debate Competition. Hosted by Pawar Public School, Hadapsar, the event saw the students speaking on the topic 'Exploration of the New World is a Contention to No Game'.

The competition provided an excellent opportunity for the students to sharpen their presentation, communication, and oratory skills while competing with students from other schools.



Mime Act Competition

July 18, 2024

A house-wise Mime Act competition was held in the Mar Coorilos Hall. The event featured 27 enthusiastic participants from grades 1 and 2, aiming to build presentation and acting skills. The young performers captivated the audience with their expressive and creative acts.

The event helped build an appreciation for the performing arts in the young minds as they watched their classmates showcase their talent and hard work.



Competitions

Rajkumarji Agrawal Inter-School English Debate Competition July 22, 2024

The Rajkumarji Agrawal Inter-School English Debate Competition was hosted by Wisdom World International School. Anushka Mishra and Aaron Joise represented the school, engaging in a debate with participating schools from across Pune. The topic of discussion was "Celebrities Don't Always Make Good Role Models," with students presenting arguments for and against the statement. The competition provided a valuable platform for improving public speaking and critical thinking skills.



Events and Celebrations

I Unit Test

July 1-8, 2024

The first unit tests of the academic year was conducted from July 1-8, 2024. Students from all grades were assessed on all the main subjects. The tests aimed at evaluating the students' understanding and knowledge through written assessments to help the teachers and students identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement as the year progresses.

Guru Purnima Celebration

July 22, 2024

Students celebrated Guru Purnima with great enthusiasm. They felicitated the Principal and showed their appreciation for their teachers through songs, speeches, and the recital of dohas dedicated to teachers.

The event was a heartfelt tribute from the students to their educators.



Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

Training on ERP System

July 1-2, 2024

A training session on using the ERP system was conducted by the resource person, Mr. Sandeep Patil, and attended by all staff members. The training aimed at preparing for the near-future implementation of the ERP system

in the school. The school labs worked as training centers, providing teachers with hands-on experience in navigating the ERP system, once implemented.



Teachers' Seminar July 4-5 and 31, 2024

A seminar was conducted on July 4 and 5, by the teachers of grades 9 and 10, in the Mar Coorilos Hall. During this seminar, teachers shared their knowledge and opinions on various aspects of Indian cinema, the theme of the month.

They took to the podium to discuss the historical and geographical evolution of the industry, the rise of specific film industries, and the changing perspectives within Indian cinema. This engaging seminar provided a platform for educators to explore and appreciate the diverse facets of Indian film culture, enabling them to create an appreciation for the same in the minds of the students.

Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

Teachers' Seminar (continued.....)

Further, the teachers of grades 1 and 2 shared their insights on Indian Theatre, exploring its history, forms, relevance, and educational applications.

The informative session helped teachers expand their knowledge of the variety of Indian theatrical forms, which in turn will help them with the theme of August- 'Theatrical Tales'.



Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

Teachers' Training (Oxford University Press)

July 5-6, 2024

A teacher training session was conducted by resource persons from Oxford University Press for pre-primary school teachers. Held on the school premises, the workshop aimed to enlighten teachers on the theoretical and practical aspects of teaching.

The training also helped enhance the interactivity and engagement of their classes as the session equipped teachers with practical tools and techniques to make their lessons more dynamic and effective.



Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

Seminar on Addiction Awareness July 11, 2024

A seminar for students in grades 8 and 9 was organised by the officers of the Vishrantwadi Police Station in collaboration with the Muktangan Rehabilitation Centre, Pune.

The seminar was held under the leadership of Police Officers Mr. Campale, Mr. Ganesh Parade, and Ms. Damini Marshal Bangar from the Vishrantwadi Police Station, with counsellors from Muktangan Rehabilitation Centre, Mr. Neeraj Shevade, and Mr. Madhav Kolhatkar, to educate students about addiction.

The resource persons shared personal experiences and insights from Muktangan's efforts to help students understand what addiction is, how to identify it, and ways to assist individuals seeking help with addiction.

The seminar provided valuable information on the impact of addiction and strategies for supporting those in need of recovery, which will be beneficial to students, especially in their adolescent years.



Meetings, Seminars, Workshops



Teachers' Training (Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd.)

July 20, 2024

A workshop was conducted in the Mar Coorilos Hall, led by Ms. Jyotsna Singh from Scholastic India.

The session aimed to enhance teachers' communication skills both inside and outside the classroom, equipping them to better assist students in developing their communication abilities.

Through a series of short individual and group activities, the resource person illustrated fundamental principles of effective communication and provided practical strategies for improvement.

The engaging session proved beneficial to the teachers in understanding how to build more impactful and engaging interactions in educational settings.

Series of Cell Meeting and Training Sessions

July 22-30, 2024

The annual cell meetings for various subjects were conducted on various days spanning the month. The training sessions were attended by the department heads to gain a better understanding of the changes in the syllabus, paper pattern, assignment submissions, etc.

CISCE also conducted online meetings with the coordinators and school heads to provide essential information on examination procedures and other educational aspects emphasized by the board aiming to improve educational practices and ensure effective implementation of board guidelines.

Sports

CISCE Zonal Karate Championship

The school proudly hosted the CISCE Zonal Karate Competition on July 13, 2024. The event saw enthusiastic participation from 29 schools, in and around Pune.

A total of 266 karate enthusiasts represented the school, showcasing a marvellous display of their skills.

The won 21 gold, 7 silver, 5 bronze medals totalling to 33 on the medal tally. Additionally the school won 6 trophies under various categories. 21 students from the team qualified for the regional level.



CISCE Regional Karate Championship

21 karate players represented the school in the CISCE Regional Karate tournament, held at N. L. Dalmia School, Mumbai, on July 24, 2024.

The school won 11 gold, and 10 silver medals. Om Mane, Anup Chaskar, Parth Sapkal, Prajwal Karpe, Praneel Dhasal, Darsh Siyal, Aditi Borude, Anushka Mishra, Kirtika Sangam, Trishla Singh, and Aarohi More won the gold medals.

Samarth Jagtap, Shivraj Jadhav, Arnav Dessai, Swayam Jathar, Aditya Shinde, Naman Kakkatu, Jagruti Subudhi, Avanti Dolas, Tanishka Karanjkar, and Sai Chaugule won the silver medals.

The school bagged winner trophies for under-17 boys, under-19 boys and under-19 girls categories and also the runner up trophies for under-14 boys and under-14 girls categories.

11 students have been selected for the national level.



CISCE Swimming Championship 2024

The CISCE Zonal Swimming Championship 2024 was held on July 15 and 16 at the Divisional Sports Complex, Swimming Pool, Shashtrinagar, Yerwada, Pune.

The school was proudly represented by Indraneel Barge (grade 6), Aarav Yadav (grade 6), and Omkar Chaugule (grade 9). Indraneel Barge bagged a bronze medal in the 50m Butterfly Stroke and a silver medal in the 50m Freestyle, earning him a place in the regional level competitions.

At the CISCE Regional Swimming Competition, held on July 22 in Mumbai, Indraneel Barge secured the 4th position. Hearty congratulations to all the participants.



CISCE Badminton Tournament 2024

The CISCE Zonal Badminton Tournament was held on July 19 at The Bishop's School, Pune Camp. The school was represented by Shaurya Mishra, Parth Valekar, and Vivaan Pande. Shaurya Mishra showcased a good performance and was selected for the regional matches.

The CISCE Regional Badminton Competition took place on July 23 at the same venue. Shaurya Mishra, having qualified during the zonal matches, participated and continued to demonstrate his skills. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work!



Silambam Competitions

Shivansh Patil of Grade 1 has achieved remarkable success in Silambam, securing the Gold Medal at the 6th Pune District Silambam Championship 2024-26, held on July 13 and 14 at Navi Peth, Pune, for his exceptional skills in stick fighting.

Furthermore, Shivansh continued his winning streak by bagging another Gold Medal at the 21st State Level Silambam Championship, held from July 19 to 21 in Pimpri-Chinchwad. Congratulations to Shivansh for his outstanding accomplishments!

CISCE Zonal Chess Competition

The CISCE Zonal Chess Competition was held on July 27 and 28 at Wisdom World School, Hadapsar.

The school was represented by a team of six students -Shrinidhi Kulkarni, Soham Deepak Patil, Soham Patil, Pratham Kawate, Sumedh Gaikwad and Insha Mahat.

The students showcased their strategic skills, competing against peers from various schools in the zone. Congratulations to the students for their participation and efforts.



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