

# *Theophilian Trailblazers*

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*Embarking on India's Cultural Expedition*



# Activities

## Independence Day Activities August 14, 2024

Students across various grades participated in a series of engaging Independence Day activities, celebrating the spirit of freedom and unity.

Pre-primary students brought and shared tricoloured food, reflecting the colours of the national flag. Nursery students coloured the Lotus, acknowledging the importance of the national flower. Students of LKG decorate their art pages with handprints in the colours of the Indian flag. Students of UKG engaged in sticking and drawing national symbols, learning their significance. Grades 1 and 2 children drew and made the national flag.

Grade 3 students used pulses to colour the outline of the national flag. Students in grades 4 and 5 crafted greeting cards with an Independence Day theme.

Students in grades 6 and 7 made kites in the tricolour to celebrate the occasion. Grades 8 and 9 prepared posters with slogans on "स्वतंत्र भारत, स्वच्छ भारत" emphasising national pride and cleanliness.





# Activities

## Science Activity

August 17, 2024

A science activity was organised by the students of grade 5, based on understanding food adulteration.

The activity was conducted with the purpose of raising awareness about adulteration in everyday food items and teaching students to detect it.

Through hands-on experiments and demonstrations, students explored various methods to identify adulterated ingredients.

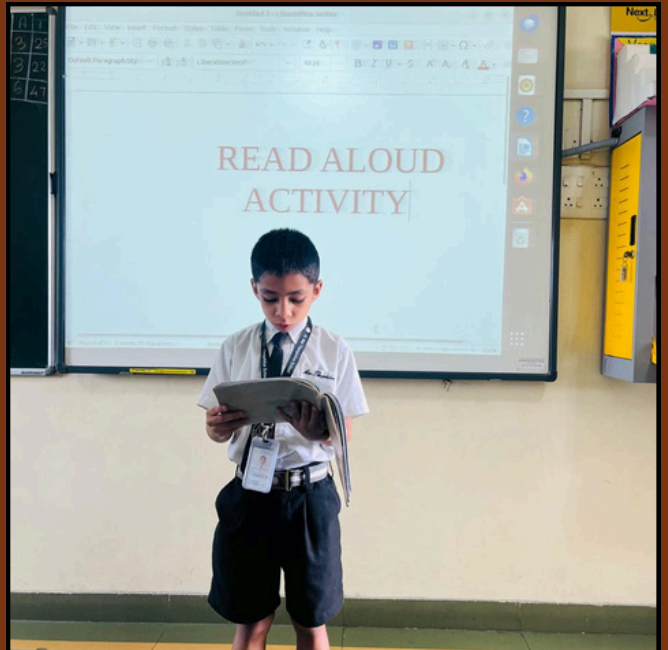


## Read Aloud Session

AAugust 22, 2024

Read Aloud Session was conducted across all grades, where students read aloud noted literature by famous writers.

This event was not only enjoyed by the staff and students but also helped students appreciate the literary works and the creativity of renowned authors.





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## Rakhi Making

August 22, 2024

Grades 1 and 5 students showcased their love, imagination, and creativity by making beautiful *rakhis* for Rakshabandhan.

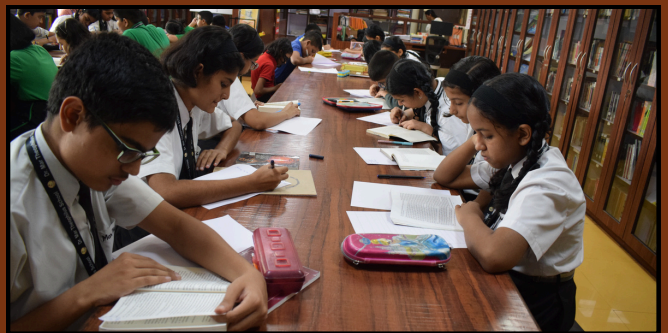
The activity witnessed the young students craft beautiful Rakhis with care and enthusiasm, immersing themselves in the festive spirit and the bond of love celebrated during Rakshabandhan.



## Read and Review

August 23, 2024

A Read and Review session was conducted in the school library, featuring selected students from all grades. Each participant was given a random book to read, following which they had to write an introduction and review of the book. The participants made use of their analytical and writing skills to share their views and insights.





# Activities

## Rasrang, A Drama Fest August 23, 2024

The school organised 'Rasrang—A Drama Fest', an event dedicated to fostering an appreciation for drama and the performing arts. Three captivating one-act plays were staged:

The play "Thessiamma" was performed by students of grades 6 and 7, showcasing their talent through a compelling performance.

The short story 'Lottery' by Munshi Premchand was brought to life by grade 8 students, highlighting the social themes central to the story.

'The Post Office' was performed by students of grade 9, delivering a moving narrative of the famous work of Rabindranath Tagore.

The event left the artists and the viewers with a deeper appreciation for the art of drama.





# Activities

## India's Cultural Heritage August 29, 2024

Students in grades 4 and 5 organised a scintillating program titled "India's Cultural Heritage." Students presented the rich cultural heritage of the Indian states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu.

The audience was enlightened with detailed information regarding the traditional dressing, diverse cuisine, melodious music, and architectural heritage of these states. The event showcased a vibrant display of India's cultural diversity.





# Activities

## Swachhata Shapat August 30, 2024

To mark the beginning of the Swachhata Pakhwada, the Swachhata Shapat was taken by the entire school.

Led by the Principal, Mrs. Roshni George, the staff and students repeated the oath to maintain a clean environment and to make cleanliness and good hygiene a part of their daily routine. The school made a promise to take responsibility and be committed towards a cleaner and healthier community.



# Competitions

## Mimicry Competition

August 1, 2024

The Mar Coorilos Hall buzzed with excitement as 36 talented finalists from grades 3 to 5 showcased their acting and presentation skills.

Out of 60 participants, these short-listed finalists captivated the audience with their impressive ability to mimic various characters and personalities. Dressed as the characters, the students demonstrated their creativity and hard work.



## Science Quiz

August 2, 2024

The first round of the Science Quiz saw an enthusiastic group of 158 students from grades 6 to 8 compete with all their might. After a competitive initial round, 32 students were selected to advance to the final round.

The quiz provided the students with a platform to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for science.





# Competitions

## Silver Screen: Dress and Dialogue

August 2, 2024

The competition organised in the Mar Coorilos Hall saw 15 finalists from grades 6 to 8 compete with zeal. This event invited students to channel their inner actors by mimicking legendary dialogues from popular movies while dressed as their favourite iconic characters. The competition helped the students present their acting and presentation skills to an enthusiastic audience.



## Fancy Dress Competition

August 8, 2024

Students from grades 1 and 2 participated in a heart-warming Fancy Dress Competition. The young participants, dressed as the unsung heroes of the Indian independence struggle, brought out the stories of these remarkable figures. Each student highlighted the patriotism and sacrifice of their chosen personality through informative speeches, helping the audience inculcate a deeper appreciation for the contributions of these heroes to India's freedom.



# Competitions

## YMCA Competitions

August 12-13, 2024

The YMCA hosted the Interschool Folk Dance competition on August 12 and the Interschool Patriotic Song Competition on August 13, 2024.

The competitions were conducted at the YMCA Pune centre on M.G. Road, Camp, with schools all over Pune eager to participate. 10 talented dancers from the school presented their skills through a captivating performance, putting up a tough competition. The group performed the Bohada, a folk dance popular in the Nasik region of Maharashtra.

On August 13, the school choir, consisting of 21 enthusiastic singers, put on an awe-inspiring performance at the Interschool Patriotic Song Competition, rendering the song 'Saath Chalen Hum'.





# Competitions

## Inter-house Patriotic Song Competition August 14, 2024

The Mar Coorilos Hall echoed with patriotic fervour as students from four houses, spanning grades 1 to 5 and grades 6 to 10, competed in a spirited Patriotic Song Competition. The house-based competition saw rigorous practice and preparation by all four houses, which resulted in their vibrant performance to an equally excited audience.





# Competitions

## I Round of Math Quiz

August 16, 2024

The first round of the Math Quiz took place, with 785 students from grades 1 to 9 participating enthusiastically. The quiz was conducted to spark the students' interest in the subject and to test and enhance their mathematical skills.

The event saw enthusiastic participation, as students tackled challenging math problems given to them. The students who qualify in this round will compete in the final round.



## NELTAS Examination

August 20, 2024

NELTAS, a leading education and innovation company, has been conducting its competitive assessments in the school for the last few years. The first round of the NELTAS Exam for the academic session 2024-25 was conducted in school for all the children from grades 2 to 8.





# Competitions

## Hindi Elocution Competition August 22, 2024

Hindi Elocution Competition for students from grades 1 to 5 was organised, featuring 22 talented finalists. These young orators were judged on their eloquence, expression, presentation, and confidence.

The competition provided an opportunity for students to showcase their Hindi language skills, with each participant delivering their speech with poise and clarity.



## Oratoria- Interschool Debate Competition August 22, 2024

Oratoria- an interschool debate competition, was hosted by Pawar International School, Amnora. The event saw active participation from reputed schools across Pune.

Representing the school, Aaron Joise and Junaaid Nadaf (grade 10) debated on the relevance of Financial Literacy in school education, putting forth their arguments and insights for and against the topic.



# Competitions

## Fancy dress Competition

August 23, 2024

The Pre-Primary Fancy Dress Competition was held in the Mar Coorilos Hall, featuring young participants dressed in Bollywood and retro-themed outfits.

The little ones delighted the audience with their creative costumes, and charm and flair of classic Bollywood icons and retro styles. The event was enjoyed by the staff and students for the creativity and expression showcased by the young students.





# Events & Celebrations

## Open House (I Unit Tests)

August 3, 2024

An Open House session was held for all grades, bringing together teachers and parents.

Teachers took this opportunity to share the assessment results of the first written evaluation of the year, offering valuable insights into each student's academic progress.

Parents were also informed of their children's strengths and areas needing improvement. The session proved to be an effective platform for communication between parents and teachers to support the students' growth and development.



## Book Fair

August 1 to 3, 2024

Scholastic India, established in 1997, runs a publishing program producing innovative titles in a variety of genres. Scholastic India organised a book fair in the school lobby, transforming it into a literary haven.

The space was organised with racks brimming with books across various genres, creating an inviting atmosphere for students. This event turned into an exciting treasure hunt for young readers, eager to discover their favourite characters and authors.





# Events & Celebrations

## Independence Day Celebration August 15, 2024

The school celebrated Independence Day with a lively cultural program. The event featured inspirational speeches, stirring patriotic songs and poetry, and the ceremonial hoisting of the national flag.

Staff, students, and parents came together to honour the significance of the day, reflecting on the nation's history and achievements and taking pride in being a united family.





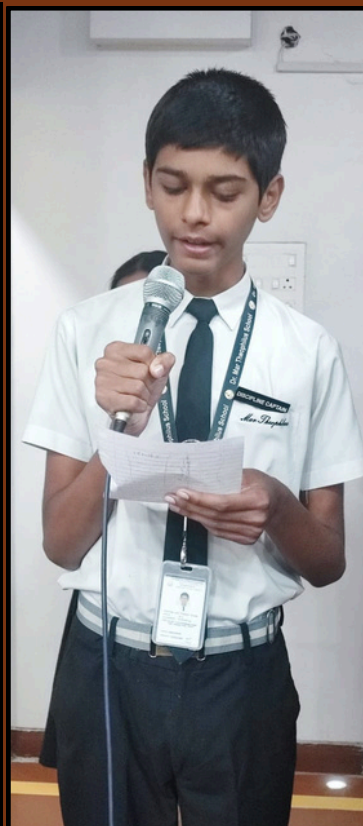
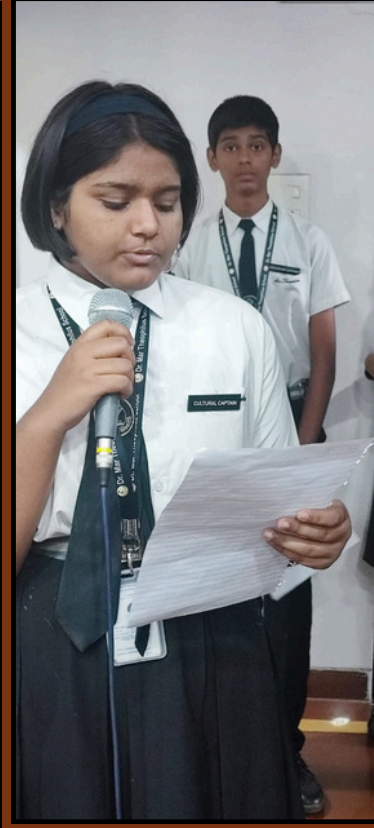
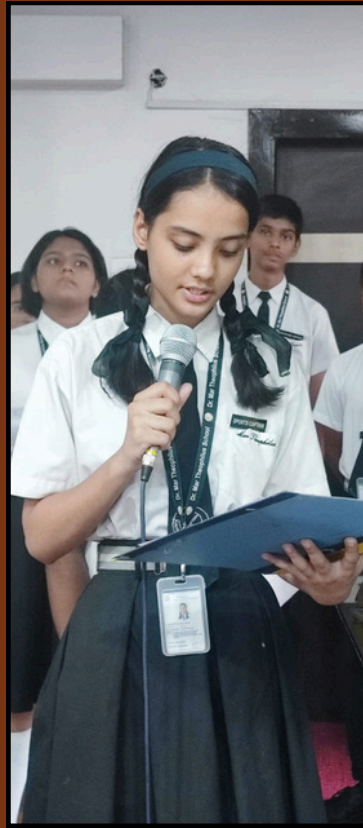
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## National Sports Day August 29, 2024

The school commemorated National Sports Day with a series of informative and inspiring speeches delivered by students in grade 9 led by the sports captain, Anushka Mishra.

The speeches highlighted the legendary achievements of Major Dhyan Chand and emphasised the importance of sports in the overall development of a student.

The event honoured the memory of one of India's greatest sports icons and also encouraged students to embrace a healthy and wholesome lifestyle.





# Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

## Workshop on Effective Communication

August 16, 2024

A workshop on "Effective Communication" was held to enhance the communication skills of the school staff.

Conducted by Prof. Anthony Thomas, the session focused on strategies and techniques to improve the efficiency and clarity of communication within the professional environment.

The attendees gained valuable insights into the principles of effective communication.



## Fire Safety Workshop

August 17, 2024

A firefighting session was organised on the school grounds, providing the staff with essential training on fire safety equipment and measures.

The workshop aimed to educate and equip the staff with the knowledge needed to handle emergency situations effectively. Participants learned about the proper use of fire extinguishers, evacuation procedures, and other critical safety protocols. This hands-on experience enhanced the staff's preparedness and ensured a safer environment for everyone in the school.





# Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

## Enhancement Session for English Teachers August 23, 2024

A Language Enhancement Session was conducted, focusing on English grammar, particularly punctuation. The session, led by resource person Mrs. Ramola Kurian, aimed to help English teachers deepen their understanding of the nuances of punctuation. This training provided valuable insights and practical tips to enhance their teaching methods, ensuring more effective communication of grammatical rules to students.



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