

# *VIDYA VANAM NEWS LETTER*



*SECOND TERM  
DECEMBER 2019*

# ***HIGHLIGHTS***

- Students of Class 8 won first prize in a contest organized by Shanti Ashram.
- Two articles by teachers are featured in reputed magazines.
- The theme of Project Day 2019 was Space and the chief guest was Dr AS Kiran Kumar, former ISRO Chairman.



# ACHIEVEMENTS



- In November, Shanti Ashram organised a contest on the theme "Every Child is a Storyteller". Mohamed Arfath, Arivu & Kumaresan from Class 8th won the first prize for their puppet show on Child Abuse.
- An article on "CAN MIRACLES BE PLANNED?" by Sukanya Muraleedharan, the Junior School English Teacher was featured in the Teacher Plus magazine.
- An article on "FROM PRIMITIVE TOTEM TO HINDU GODS" by Guruprasad Dey, Art Teacher, was featured in the magazine Art & Deal.

# *EVENTS*



Students celebrated the 150th year Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by performing dances based on patriotic song and created memes that spoke about communal harmony.

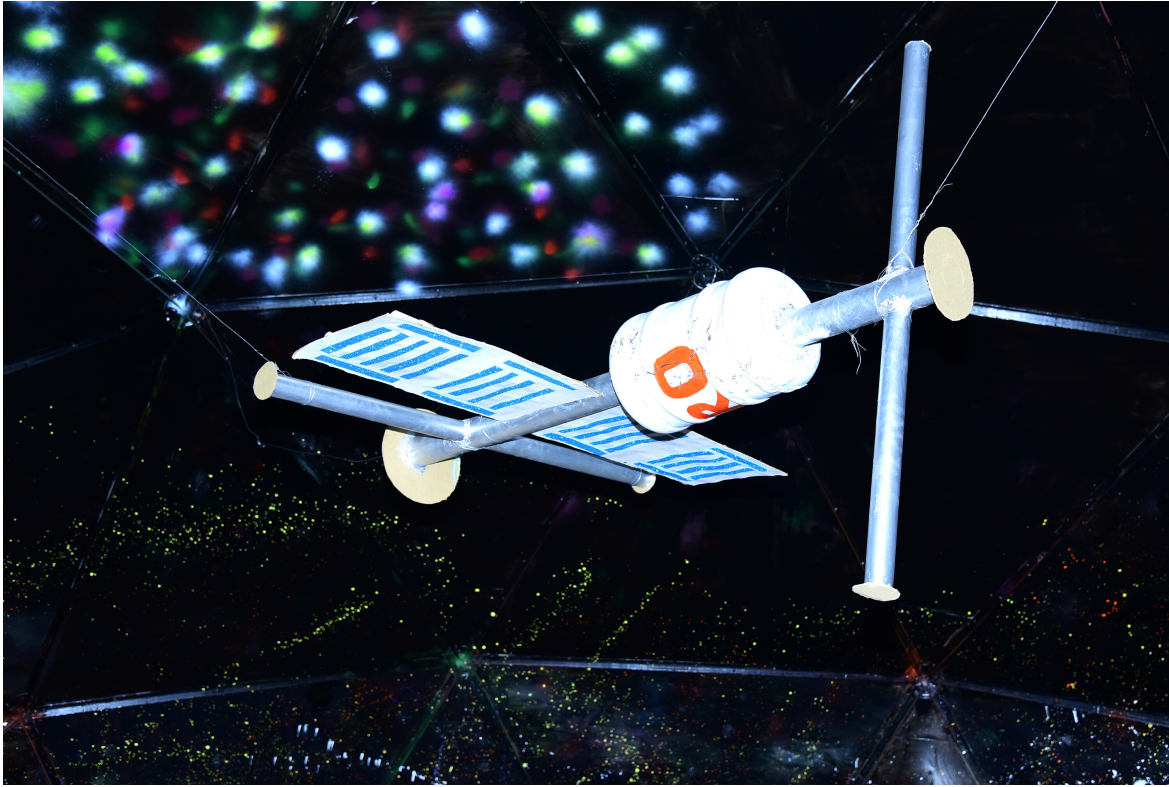
On Children's Day, teachers took it upon themselves to entertain the students. Among the various items was psychology teacher Nitya Raj's puppet show on good touch and bad touch. Vidya Vanam's Director Ms Prema Rangachary and Principal Mr TM Srikanth performed "In the Jungle" from the movie "The Lion King".

# EVENTS



In December, just before the Christmas holidays, 12 teachers including the Director Prema Rangachary and Principal TM Srikanth, went on an educational trip to Gujarat. The first stop was Bhuj where they checked out the various tribal crafts, a weaving village. From the Kala Dunga, they viewed the vast expanse of the Rann of Kutch and also spotted a bridge that crossed over into Pakistan. They visited the Harappan site of Dholavira and saw the ancient rainwater harvesting system, reservoirs, wells, a stadium and more. A visit to Modera's sun temple, the Gujarat Vidyapit and Sabarmati Ashram completed the trip. Of course there was shopping at the Teen Darwaza.

# PROJECT DAY



For Project Day, the theme this year was Space. Not just outer space but also concepts like personal space, living spaces, the spaces humans have created on earth and more. Two months of preparation, debates, discussion, dance and music came to life on December 6. The exhibits were in two parts: one showing personal space and focussing on languages and social science aspects and the other focussing on Space through the eyes of science and mathematics. The Chief Guest was Dr AS Kiran Kumar, former chairman of ISRO, and the man responsible for the successful launch of Mangalayan. He visited every stall and interacted with the children.

# VISITORS



Dr Paulo Cesar Teles, a Brazilian artist from of the University of Campinas held a week-long workshop with his assistant Rosana Aparecida Bernardo. He taught the children how to work with waste and finished by creating a Wishing Tree made completely from scrap material.

Prof Vasanth Raj from Madras Institute of Technology spoke about drone technology and also gave demonstration of its uses.

Well-known author Perumal Murugan and historian AR Venkatachalapathy had an interaction with the teachers and discussed basic concerns of educating a child.

# MEDICAL CAMP



Dr Lakshmi Ramanan from Chennai's Shree SAI Healing Trust conducted a general health check-up in October and gave the school feedback on specific issues that needed further investigation or treatment.