

VIDYA VANAM

NEWSLETTER JUNE-OCTOBER 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% PASS FOR THE FIRST BATCH OF STUDENTS TO TAKE THE CBSE STD X BOARD EXAM.
- PREMA RANGACHARY SPOKE ON “INCLUSIVE LEARNING” AT A WEBINAR ORGANIZED BY JAIPURIA SCHOOLS.
- THE SCHOOL HOSTS AN ONLINE MEETING ON “INTEGRATED ART WITH MATHEMATICS”.
- 73RD INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED.
- FAMILIES OF STUDENTS GIVEN GROCERIES DURING THE LOCKDOWN.
- EACH HOME IN VADAKALUR IS GIVEN GARBAGE BINS.

Events



On July 15, Vidya Vanam's staff and students were thrilled to note that all the students who had appeared for the CBSE X Std Board Exams in March 2020 had passed. For the incoming batch of Std XI, the school has introduced a variety of subjects, like Automotive, Agriculture, Information Technology, Food Production, Fine Arts, Dance, Music, Accountancy, along with the regular ones of Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Maths, History, Sociology, Psychology, among others.



A promotional banner for an 'Upskill' training session. At the top left is the website 'www.jaipuriaschools.ac.in'. At the top right is the logo for 'Seth M.R. JAIPURIA SCHOOLS'. The central graphic features a stylized orange figure holding a flag, with the word 'UPSKILL' in large orange letters and the tagline 'scale up your skills' in a purple box below it. The main title is 'Centralized Refresher Teachers' Training'. On the left is a circular portrait of Ms. Prema Rangachary, with her name in a purple box below. On the right, the topic is 'TOPIC: INCLUSIVE LEARNING', the date is 'Date: 13th June, 2020', and the time is 'Time: 3:00 PM onwards'.

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Ms. Prema Rangachary

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Vidya Vanam's director Prema Rangachary spoke for an hour on "Inclusive Learning" during a webinar by Seth M.R Jaipuria schools. This was broadcast live on YouTube and Facebook and was attended by 150 number of teachers and educators across India. Mrs Rangachary also answered questions about the school and its methodology at the conclusion of her presentation.





Events

On August 15, Vidya Vanam celebrated India's 73rd Independence with a flag hoisting by the teachers residing on campus. This was livestreamed to the students and other teachers.



VIDYA VANAM
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TOPIC: INTEGRATING ART WITH MATHEMATICS

19.09.2020 - 3.00PM - Junior School

26.09.2020 - 4.00PM - Middle School

FREE



ZOOM
MEETING



SAROJA SUNDARARAJAN

A senior Maths teacher and teacher-educator with more than 50 years of experience, she was the first CBSE teacher to receive the Best Teachers' National Award from President. She has authored several textbooks for Stds. 1 to 8. She has also produced pioneering material to integrate Art with Mathematics. Her website www.mathfundsindia.com has 100 worksheets on this topic. The proceeds from their sale is donated to the PM CARES FUND. Currently, she conducts online teacher training workshops.



MEENA SURESH

A former senior principal and now a teacher-educator, she is a consultant for schools and has edited a primary Math textbook series for a private publisher. She is involved with many educational trusts in various capacities. She helps schools set up Math Labs and Clubs and has conducted more than 300 workshops for teachers in various aspects of math education and teacher empowerment. She believes that every child can learn.

ZOOM ID/PASSWORD WILL BE GIVEN AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION

Facebook live @ Vidya Vanam

For Registration/Queries Call:8695140435 or e-mail us at vvschooloffice@gmail.com

FOR MATHS TEACHERS

Events

Vidya Vanam organized an online meeting for teachers across INDIA on "Integrated Art With Mathematics". Mrs Meena Suresh and Mrs Saroja Sundararajan, both well-known Maths educators from Chennai, offered tips and advice to making Maths interesting to students. Over 130 teachers from schools and colleges who participated received certificates.



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As part of its commitment to the community, Vidya Vanam distributed garbage bins to 70 houses in Vadakalur village in an effort to help the people keep the surroundings clean.





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- Vidya Vanam's teachers are helping students in their villages to study by forming groups and following social distancing, masking and other pandemic-related protocols. That this has helped the children is reflected in their internal assessment.
- The students of Std XII have formed groups to help middle-school students who are struggling with the online mode of classes. They follow social distancing, masking and other pandemic-related protocols and work with their juniors to help them with their school work.



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- Vidya Vanam is distributing groceries to the families of its students to ensure that their health and nutrition needs are being met. This will continue until the school is able to reopen and provide food on the campus.



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- Saranya Vinayagam, a student of Std XII who is conducting classes in her village and Vidya Vanam's principal T.M. Srikanth were interviewed for an article on rural schools in the online magazine Gaon Connection, Click the following link for the highlighted article

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sX586YmaYNVGsxUvkXNy3xWoZlyjnR0w/view?usp=sharing>

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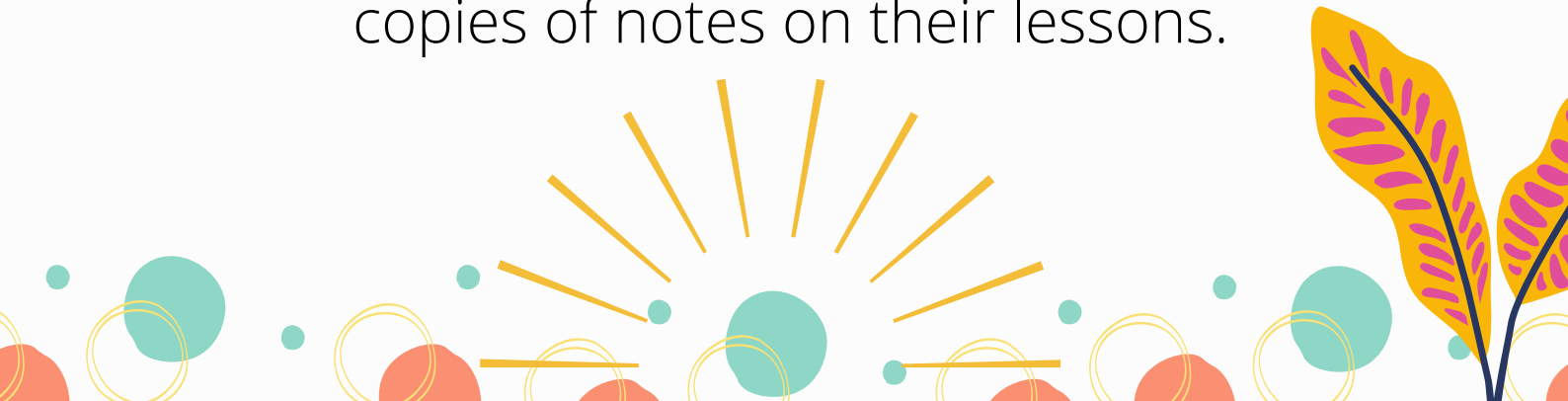
- The Tamil Nadu Forest Department conducted competitions for National Wildlife Week in the villages around Anaikatti. Divya.S from Aalamara Medu and Sharmila.R from Kondanur Village won the first/second prize.



Challenges of online learning.

With the Covid-19 led lockdown, we have moved to an online mode teaching, which has thrown up many challenges in such a remote area.

For Standards 9-12, classes were initially held on Zoom. Over the past month, the school has moved to Google Meet, as it was found to be more flexible in terms of time. Each Standard has classes for just two hours which is scheduled to take into account that families with more than one child will be sharing devices. Yet connectivity issues and frequent power cuts during the rainy season prevent children from accessing these classes and attendance tends to be erratic. Nevertheless, children from Standards X and XII are making great efforts to attend and prepare for their forthcoming board exam. Most of the children have a smartphone and parents have invested in that and in getting better data packs. Wherever possible, the teachers are reaching out to students with hard copies of notes on their lessons.





Challenges of online learning.

For Middle School, video lessons are posted every day; one subject per day, followed by a worksheet on the lesson. The answers are uploaded as photos on WhatsApp. For example, in science, the teacher showed experiments related to germination, soil erosion and presence of starch. In Math, the teacher shows how to solve sums involving integers and fractions and word problems. Languages involve reading out and narrating stories and poems and developing language activities from them.

In Junior School, the teachers send videos of a song, a story, craft work, which the children can learn and repeat. A few spelling exercises and activities for math and science are also given.

However, for the last two segments, the parents have to cooperate and share the lessons with the children. At times, they have expressed their inability to do this, especially when they have to go to work. Some have in fact said that they do not see their children as they leave early and return late.

