



VIDYA VANAM

NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

- School reopened on January 2, 2023.
- A group of 18 educators from the Unitarian Church, Washington D.C., the U.S., visited the school.
- Students of Classes 10 and 12 appeared for the CBSE Board exams.
- International Women's Day was celebrated.
- Prema Rangachary, director, Vidya Vanam, received the "World of Women 2023" award from The Hindu.
- A series of workshops for teachers was conducted with experts hosting sessions on various topics.

JANUARY



Students returned to school on January 2, 2023, after the Christmas vacation.

On January 6, students of Class 12 took their CBSE Board practical exams.



On January 13, students and teachers celebrated the Tamil harvest festival Pongal. They made delicious pongal and decorated the classrooms with kolams (traditional decorative art using rice flour and color powders).



On January 19, Students of Class 6 participated in the 'National Eco-Fest' conducted by AADI Foundation at Mattathukad, Kerala, and won prizes.

On January 26, the school celebrated Republic Day. Prema Rangachary, director of Vidya Vanam, hoisted the national flag. All the students and staff participated.

FEBRUARY



On February 3, a group of 18 educators from the Unitarian Church, Washington D.C., the U.S., visited Vidya Vanam, interacted with students and spoke to the teachers to learn more about the school's methodology.

On February 6, Mridu Dore Shekhar, trustee of Bhuvana Foundation Tennessee, the U.S., and Mr. Chandra Sekhar visited the school and interacted with the students.



On February 10, Carnatic musician and author T.M. Krishna visited the school along with Palayam and Saravanan, two fishermen from Chennai. The two spoke to the students about the various kinds of fish found in the sea and the nets and tackles they used for fishing.

On February 16, students of Classes 10 and 12 appeared for the CBSE Board exam (Theory).



On February 17, students from Classes 3 to 5 participated in a nature walk at the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) and learnt about insects.

On February 24, students from Classes 9 and 11 visited Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Science for a photography exhibition conducted by Vaiyam, a Coimbatore-based creative collective.



On February 25, Class 8 students visited Chennai and went on a turtle walk organized by the Students Sea Turtle Conservation Network (SSCN).

MARCH



On March 8, Vidya Vanam celebrated International Women's Day. Chief Guest P. Sangeetha, Assistant Editor, Times of India, Coimbatore, spoke about child rights and importance of education for girls. Shanthala Ramesh, an alumnus of Vidya Vanam and winner of the Aval Vikadan award, spoke about her achievements. This was followed by the screening of the documentary film, 'He Named me Malala'.



After the International Women's Day celebration, students also celebrated Holi, the festival of colours, by smearing coloured powder on each other.

On March 28, Prof. Dr. Kalyanaraman, author and Principal of Presidency College, Chennai, visited the school and spoke to the students about ancient and modern literature.



On March 31, Prema Rangachary, director, Vidya Vanam, received The Hindu World of Women Excellence in Academics and Education Award at a function in Chennai.

On March 31, students of Automotive Engineering from Classes 9 and 11 visited the showroom of Detailing Wolves, a car servicing centre in Coimbatore.

APRIL



On April 21, the school celebrated World Book Day 2023. Students of Classes 7, 8, 9 and 11 participated in quizzes (English and Tamil) and art competitions and won prizes and certificates.



Members from Junior Chamber International (JCI) donated dresses and water bottles to students from the tribal community and provided leadership skill training to the teachers.

The last working day of the school was April 13 for the students.



From April 24 to 28, the school conducted a series of workshops for teachers on topics such as Drama in the classroom (Kalieswari S.), Teaching Maths (Meena Suresh), Socio-emotional learning (Aruna Sankaranarayanan), Teaching Social Science (Anna Chandy) and Teaching Science (Jubimol J.).

On April 30, the school closed for the teachers.