



# VIDYA VANAM NEWSLETTER

January - May 2025



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Vidya Vanam inaugurated Junior Recreation Centre (JRC) in January .
- Junior and Middle School teachers visited Bengaluru for a faculty development programme.
- Junior School students participated in the Kids' Sports Fest 2025 conducted by The Samhita Academy, Coimbatore.
- Graduation day was conducted for students of Kindergarten.
- Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO), a conservation NGO from Coimbatore, conducted a workshop for students and teachers.

# JANUARY



- Classes 9 to 12 returned to school after the Christmas vacation on January 3. For the other classes, school reopened on January 6.
- Vidya Vanam introduced pottery classes for Class 3 upwards and appointed Writam K. as the Ceramics teacher.



- A Junior Recreation Centre (JRC) was opened on January 8. This resource centre for Classes 1 to 5 helps students develop their social and cognitive skills through activities such as puzzles, games and other interactive tools.



- Students and teachers celebrated Pongal, the state's harvest festival, by making Pongal (a dish made with rice and lentils) and decorating the classrooms with kolams (floor art with coloured powder).



- Students of Class 12 took the CBSE Practical Exams from January 10 to 29.
- The Junior and Middle School teachers visited Aditi Mallya International School, Bengaluru, for a faculty development programme on January 30 and 31. They observed the team-teaching methodology and studied the curriculum design patterns used there.

# FEBRUARY



- Vidya Vanam celebrated World Wetland Day with competitions of painting, quiz, and poetry recitation and group discussions on issues related to wetlands.



- Middle and Senior School students conducted a march through Anaikatti and formed a human chain to create awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of a drugs-free environment.



- On February 14, Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO), a conservation NGO from Coimbatore, conducted a workshop for Junior and Middle School on identifying indigenous flora and fauna through a series of hands-on activities.
- CBSE Theory Exams for Classes 10 and 12 commenced on February 15 and 17 respectively.



- Eight students from Junior School participated in the Kids' Sports Fest 2025 conducted by The Samhita Academy, Coimbatore, on February 22. students from KG to class 5 participated in Kids Sports Fest 2025 conducted at The Samhita Academy, Coimbatore. A. Sriram from Class 4 stood first in Javelin Throw and M. Gokula Priya from Class 1 took the second place in Standing Long Jump.



- On February 1, 15 and 22, crafts teacher Somnath Hazra and ceramics teacher Writam K. conducted clay modelling, origami, and drawing workshops in Seenkuli village as part of the school's Art on Wheels programme.

# MARCH



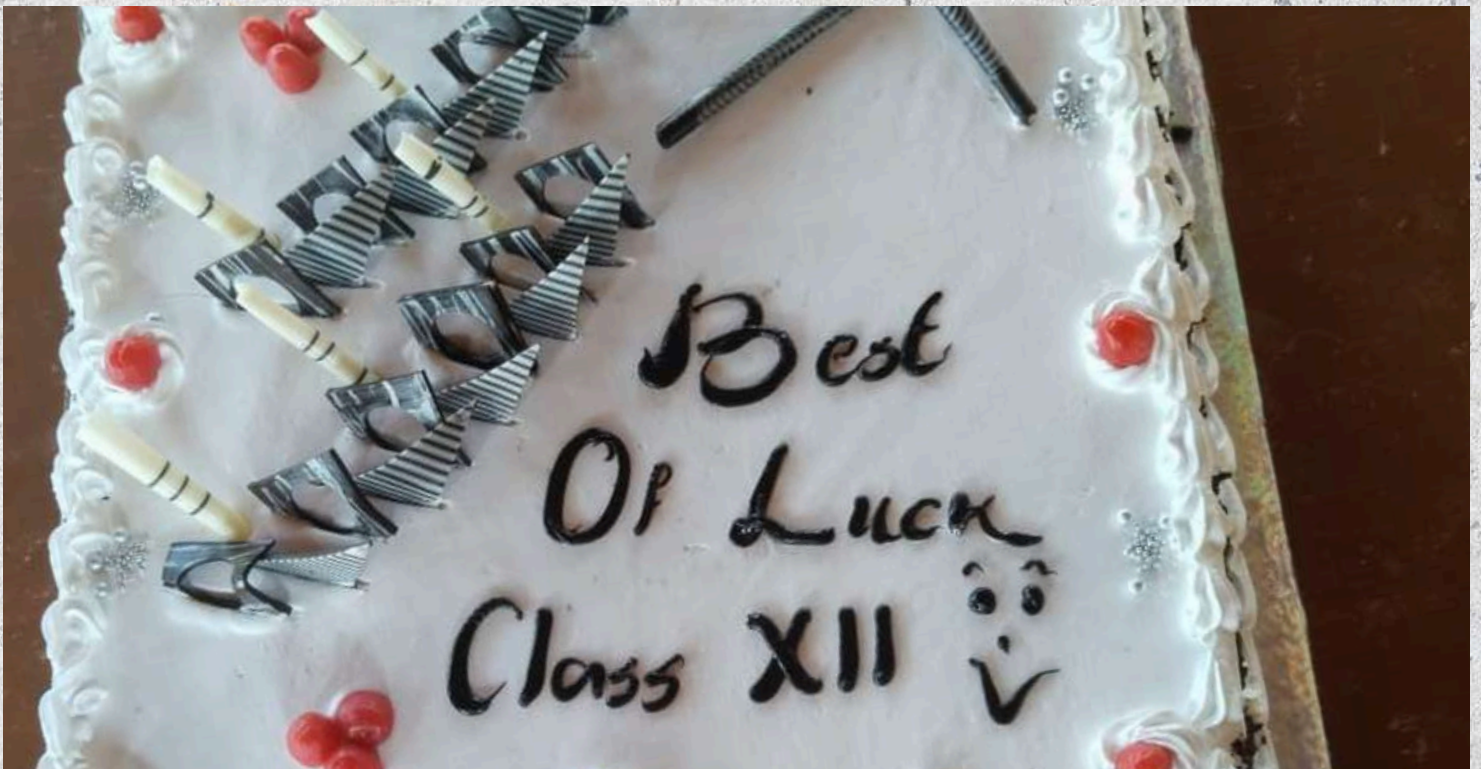
- On World Wildlife Day (March 3), Middle and Senior School students took out a rally to Anaikatti to raise awareness about the need to protect and conserve wildlife. The school conducted competitions in oration (English and Tamil), essay writing, quiz, drawing and mime and distributed books as prizes.



- Senior School students celebrated International Women's Day on March 8. Related issues were debated and orations were delivered. Quiz and drawing competitions were held.
- Students celebrated Holi, the festival of colours, on March 14. Teachers and students smeared coloured powder on each other.



- On March 26, Dr. Sara from Bethany Hospital, Anaikatti, conducted an awareness programme on sickle cell anaemia for senior school students, as this illness affects students from the tribal community.
- On March 27, graduation day was hosted for Kindergarten . Principal T.M. Srikanth and Director Prema Rangachary gave away the certificates.



- Students from Class 11 organised a farewell party for the students of Class 12 (2024-25). Principal T.M. Srikanth, Director Prema Rangachary and all teachers attended and wished the students success in their future endeavours.

# APRIL



- On April 4, Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO), a conservation NGO from Coimbatore, conducted a workshop for teachers on Oceans, as they are developing a curriculum for schools on marine environments that looks at how landlocked areas are also connected to coastal places.



- On April 23, the school celebrated World Book Day 2025. Students and teachers participated in the event and made their own bookmark.
- April 11 was the last working day for students, as the school closed for the summer. Special classes were held for Classes 10 and 12 until April 30.

# MAY



- Vidya Vanam's 2024-25 batch of students have successfully passed the CBSE board exams held in February - March. S. Sandhya of Class 12 was the school topper with an 88% aggregate.