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Mentor's Message

I want to talk about something that may not always be visible but can deeply affect us all: cyberbullying. In this digital age, where we connect, share, and learn online, it's important to recognize the power our words and actions carry—even in the virtual world.

Cyberbullying is more than just hurtful comments or jokes shared online. It can include spreading rumors, excluding someone from a group, sharing private information without permission, or posting mean-spirited content. The effects are profound: it can damage confidence, cause anxiety or depression, and even lead to isolation or self-doubt. Often, those affected may stay silent, fearing judgment or feeling helpless.

But silence isn't the answer. If you are being bullied online, please know you're not alone. Speak to a trusted adult—your parents, counselors, or even me. If you witness it, be an ally. Stand up, report the behavior, and show kindness.

Remember, we have the power to make the internet a positive space. Every word you type matters. Choose kindness, build each other up, and think before you post. Together, we can ensure our school community remains a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

-Afrin I
Faculty of Visual Arts



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Change It Challenge: The Biogas Solution

On 19th November, we—Srinivas, Srivatsav, and Sriram—had the incredible opportunity to represent our school at the Change It Challenge finals, held at Vidyashilp Academy, Bangalore. Organized by Monash University, the competition brought together the top six teams from across India, shortlisted from a nationwide pool based on the preliminary video submissions. At the finals, we presented our innovative solution for sustainable biogas systems in agriculture, competing against some of the brightest young minds in the country. The experience was both intense and inspiring as we shared ideas, learned from other participants, and received valuable feedback from the esteemed panel of judges. We are thrilled to share that our presentation won first place, earning us not only the title but also an incredible prize—a fully sponsored trip to Melbourne! The competition was a truly unforgettable experience, and we came away with new insights, inspiration, and the motivation to push our project even further.

By Srinivas

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A Joyful Celebration: Children's Day, 2024

On the bright Thursday morning of November 14, 2024, the TIPS campus was more vibrant than ever. Students embraced the opportunity to wear their favorite, coloured outfits, a change from the daily uniform, adding a burst of color and energy to the school day. By afternoon, whispers spread about a special program prepared by the teachers—a blend of dances, skits, and musical performances. The rumors proved true, and the event turned out to be a spectacular display of talent and creativity. Teachers dressed themselves up and they laughed through their performances, enjoying and ensuring the audience enjoyed every bit too. The teachers' weeks worth of effort, undertaken during their busy schedules, definitely paid off. Students enjoyed an afternoon filled with laughter, music, and entertainment, ending the day on a high note and leaving everyone with cherished memories.

By Vivian Daniel Sudhakar

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Celebrating Light and Love: Diwali Diaries

Our school celebrated Diwali with great enthusiasm, blending creativity and tradition. We transformed a designated area into a vibrant display of festive cheer with intricate rangoli designs, handmade lanterns, colorful clay diyas, and a beautifully crafted replica of a village courtyard featuring an idol of Goddess Lakshmi. The highlight of the celebration was the traditional pooja performed by the teachers, joined by Diploma Programme students. Everyone participated in lighting diyas, offering prayers, and singing bhajans, fostering a sense of unity and devotion. The significance of Diwali was emphasized and the importance of eco-friendly celebrations was understood. The day ended with the exchange of sweets and warm wishes, leaving everyone inspired by the joy, togetherness, optimism and the positivity of new beginnings that Diwali symbolizes.

By Nishka Bhuradia
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Quiz Chronicles- The Journey of a Victory

It was unbelievable how my friend and I had gotten selected for the final round of the quiz after clearing the preliminary round, which was an MCQ component conducted amidst the whole school. We were representing Zeus, along with our juniors from 8th and 9th grade. As soon as they called us on stage, I could feel chills run down my spine. I was blinded by the huge spotlight in the auditorium and by my own jittery nerves. However, the big audience cheering for our team gave me confidence and calmed me down. Our team had put in a lot of effort for this event, from refining our knowledge on the natural sciences, general knowledge and history, to keeping up to date with current affairs. While the first round wasn't very promising, we made a great comeback in the following ones, especially the nerve-wracking rapid-fire. Our quick thinking, problem solving and recollection power were put to the test, but we managed to answer through the heat. Our hard work had truly paid off, and we had made Zeus proud.

By Bhavya Jain (B)
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The Night of a Lifetime - 12th Grade Farewell



The seminar hall buzzed with excitement as our 12th-grade seniors arrived for their farewell party on November 15. Preparing for their next chapter, they gathered to reminisce and bid a bittersweet goodbye to school life. After two months of planning—including selecting a theme, dividing tasks, managing two venues, coordinating events, and perfecting execution—my batchmates and I transformed the hall with a movie premiere theme. The ambient lighting, red curtains, handmade decorations, and creative photo booths set the perfect scene.

Seniors walked the red carpet, received hand-knit corsages, and enjoyed heartfelt video montages of their school memories. Speeches, songs, and personalized posters added emotional highlights, while musical performances and games kept the energy alive. A surprise flash mob and a DJ party brought everyone to their feet. The night ended with fireworks, symbolizing a bright future ahead.

Through organizing this event, I learned the value of teamwork and dedication. Farewells are more than parties; they are cherished moments that mark the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. We were proud to give our seniors a night they'll never forget.

By Kavın Srinivasan

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Freedom Through Lens & Brush- English CAS

For our English CAS activity, we were asked to snap a shot or paint a picture of something that, to us, encapsulated the essence of freedom. We had to support our visual piece with a slogan, caption or quote. I took this picture to highlight the theme of freedom because it is a concept that resonates globally. This idea came to me when I was scrolling through my phone, when I came across a quote, "Nature itself was a republic of freedom" by Andrea Wulf. This quote struck me because it reflects how nature operates without rules imposed by others. The torn paper represents breaking away from restrictions and peeping into the free world of nature. Growing up, natural spaces inspired me with their boundless freedom and by incorporating this through photography, I wanted to convey that nature helps us embrace freedom.

By Yackshanithi Manimaran

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Protégez notre environnement !

Le but de cet article est de parler de l'importance de protéger l'environnement, et comment nous pouvons le faire. Nous devons protéger notre environnement car le monde est notre maison, et vous devez ranger votre maison, vous la garderiez propre. Alors, nous devons aussi garder notre terre propre. En addition, en polluant, nous tuons les animaux sauvages, et nous endommageons les habitats, et cela peut mettre en danger les espèces. En plus, on doit protéger l'environnement pour la sécurité des générations futures. Nous endommageons l'environnement en polluant l'environnement avec des plastiques, et en dégageant des fumées nocives. Cependant, on peut protéger l'environnement en plantant les arbres, en ramassant les déchets qui sont sur le sol, et par la mise en œuvre d'autres méthodes. Par exemple, on peut suivre la règle des Trois "R" (Réduire, Réutiliser, Recycler). En plus, on peut consommer moins énergie, et plutôt d'utiliser les véhicules au gaz, on peut utiliser des véhicules électriques. En conclusion, c'est très important de protéger notre environnement, et comme une société, nous devons le faire. Il y a beaucoup de méthodes pour protéger l'environnement, et on peut les utiliser pour réduire la pollution, etc.

Soyez responsables !

Par Sriram Balaji

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Thank you for reading!

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