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# March



# Future Ready: Career Counselling

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.” The career counselling drive in our school was conducted for the grades 9 to 12 and the sessions were off without a hitch. The teachers underwent training with EduMilestone , a career counselling website in collaboration with our school and carried out the orientation. The orientation proceeded with introducing students to the website, in which they would take a psychometric assessment (in their homes) and further submit the report which includes the results of their assessment such as aptitude, personality, strengths and weaknesses. Over 145 reports were submitted, apt career guidance was given, and doubts were cleared. The students were encouraged to explore career choices and became more self-aware in their future choices. This was an invigorating experience which improved their confidence.



**College Presentations**



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# June



# Leaders of the future: Investiture ceremony

On the 29th of June, Shraddha witnessed the rise of a new generation of leaders, ready to shape the school's future. The Investiture Ceremony, a vibrant celebration of student empowerment, marked the inauguration of the newly elected Student Council for the academic year. The ceremony, a testament to Shraddha's commitment to fostering a culture of responsibility and student voice, saw the newly appointed council members sworn in by retired Lt. Col. S. Pakianathan. His stirring address, emphasizing the importance of discipline, respect, and environmental consciousness, served as a guiding light for the young leaders. The highlight of this year's senate is that this is the first time the juniors are being represented in the senate. For the first time, the primary grade students filed their nominations, campaigned and voted in their senate elections. The newly appointed council, embodying the spirit of action and attitude, is poised to guide and inspire their peers, ensuring that Shraddha continues to be a beacon of excellence and a nurturing ground for future leaders.



**March Past**



**Pinning of Badges**





**Junior Senate**



**Pinning of Badges**



**Group Picture**



**Pinning of Badges**

# Honor Roll: Felicitation Ceremony

A Felicitation Ceremony was held to honor our students for their exceptional achievements in the CBSE - held board examinations for the year 2023-2024. The event featured inspiring speeches by the school's trustees, award presentations and acknowledgments of the candidates' efforts. It was a memorable day that celebrated excellence and provided an opportunity for the toppers to inspire others to follow in their footsteps. The ceremony highlighted the values of dedication and hard work, fostering a sense of community and motivation among all attendees. The toppers of Grades 10 and 12 respectively were Bhavik Parimal Davda who scored 475/500 and Shiva Priyan who scored 486/500.



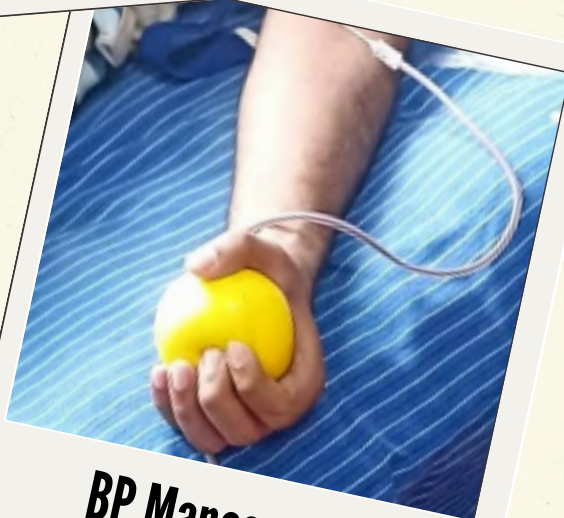


# Life Pulse: Blood Donation Drive

Shraddha hosted a successful blood donation camp in collaboration with Promed Hospital, Kottivakkam, involving teachers, parents and relatives of students, aged 18 and above. The event aimed to boost blood donations and raise awareness about their importance. The camp turned the school into a vibrant space for giving and learning. Educational booths provided valuable information on blood donation, while medical professionals highlighted its life-saving impact. This demonstrated the power of community involvement. The event not only met immediate needs but also fostered a stronger sense of social responsibility among participants.



**Pre-donation tests**



**BP Management**



# Zen Zone: World Yoga Day Celebration

“Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self, to the self.” This Yoga Day, the students transcended the ordinary, embarking on a profound journey of self-discovery guided by the ancient wisdom of yoga. The school, for a fleeting hour, became a sanctuary of peace and mindfulness, as a yoga instructor led students through a series of postures designed to harmonize body, mind and spirit. The air hummed with a palpable sense of tranquillity as students, with newfound focus, explored the intricate connection between physical movement and inner well-being. The session, a testament to the transformative power of yoga, served as a poignant reminder that true health encompasses not just the physical, but also the mental and spiritual realms. Through their enthusiastic participation, the students demonstrated a commitment to holistic wellness, a commitment that will undoubtedly serve them well throughout their lives.



**Meditation**



**Asanas**







# Safety First: Mock Fire Drill

At Shraddha Children's Academy, the safety of our students is paramount. Our students participated in a comprehensive fire drill to learn the importance of emergency preparedness. The drill was meticulously planned to ensure maximum effectiveness. Students practiced evacuation procedures, learned to stay calm, and understood the value of teamwork. The drill, carefully organized by our dedicated staff, as a vital exercise in ensuring that our students are prepared for emergencies. We appreciate the hard work of our staff in making the drill both educational and effective, reinforcing our commitment to a safe and secure school environment.



**Extinguisher training**



**Training Complete**







July



# Together We Shine: Shraddha Sangamam

July 13th witnessed a vibrant tapestry of talent and camaraderie as SCA hosted its annual fest, a dazzling spectacle that drew over 20 schools to its vibrant stage. The air crackled with excitement as students from across the city converged, their energy palpable as they competed with passion and grace. The triumph of the day lay in the spirit of collaboration and shared joy that permeated the event. The presence of esteemed guests, Ms. Aditi Balan, a renowned advocate, actress, and dancer, and Thajmola, a captivating Instagram influencer and content creator, added a touch of stardust to the occasion. Their presence served as an inspiration to the young participants, reminding them that dreams know no bounds. The day was a testament to the power of youth, a celebration of the boundless potential that lies within each child. From the spirited competitions to the joyous mingling of students from diverse backgrounds, SCA's annual fest was a resounding success, a vibrant testament to the transformative power of community and the enduring spirit of youth.



**Special Guest**



**Dance Performance**





**Light Music**



**Lighting the lamp**



**Dance**



**Chief Guest**

## Kiddies Meet: Junior Sports Bash

Sports days are celebrations of athletics, teamwork, sportsmanship and the spirit of friendly competition. The junior sports day at our school was vibrant with different sports from long jump to the running races and it was a place where future athletes were born and memories were made. Furthermore, the march showcased incredible discipline and coordination and the plethora of drills were truly impressive.



**Chair Drill**



**March Past**



# Carnival of Joy: Shraddha Fest

The Carnival was truly an extravagant day where the students of SCA and many others had an incredible amount of fun with the various events that were organized and headed by our PTA. A few days prior to this event, a special Lucky Draw was conducted by the PTA for 3 categories, juniors, seniors, and the support staff. On the day of the Carnival, there was a plethora of food to go around with many stalls and even some by the Mavericks and the Full Hearts club of our school, the latter which donated all their profits to charity. In addition to those stalls, the Green Thumb Club had a stall for plants and seeds of diverse varieties. The day was filled with various performances on the stage including dances, karaoke, music and even a magic show. Additionally, there were a many trinkets, toys and books in various stalls, all of which were captivating. The inside of the school was also entertaining with an array of games such as reflex test, bowling, high striker, virtual reality games, ping pong cups etc. As the day progressed with playing games and having fun, the weather grew hotter as well but the wide range of refreshments and drinks proved quite useful in satiating dehydration. The students also enjoyed their lunch with different kinds of food from pizzas to biryani. Overall, the Shraddha Fest of 2024 was an exuberant event which everyone enjoyed to the fullest.



**Stalls**



**Activities**



# Guiders' Premier League: Parent-Teacher Matches

Our school recently hosted a thrilling series of sports matches featuring parents and teachers competing in throwball, football, basketball, and cricket. The energy was high as everyone showcased their skills and sportsmanship. It was surely a sight to behold, to see our parents and teachers play fiercely, against each other, no doubt, but together, more importantly. The event culminated with a special ceremony where the winning teams were felicitated by our Principal. It was a day of camaraderie, fierce competition, and unforgettable fun, strengthening the bond between our school community and celebrating the spirit of teamwork!



**Felicitating Winners**



**Basketball Match**

# Heroes In Scene: CPR Camp

The CPR Camp with Promed Hospital, led by Dr. Arun Kalyanasundaram, was a specialized event aimed at equipping participants with life-saving skills in CPR. The camp included hands-on training and demonstrations on performing CPR effectively, using defibrillators, and recognizing emergency situations. Dr.Kalyanasundaram, a renowned expert, guided students and attendees through practical techniques and best practices.





# August





## House Hustle: Interhouse Matches

Shraddha Children's Academy hosted its annual Inter-House Sports Matches, featuring intense competition between the houses Mars, Neptune, Venus, and Uranus. The event showcased thrilling matches in football, throwball, basketball, and cricket. put up a strong fight. The students' quick reflexes shone, and their teamwork impressed. The games were fast-paced, with all the houses making notable plays. The games featured excellent play from all houses. The event was a celebration of teamwork and sportsmanship. Thanks to our dedicated staff and enthusiastic participants, the matches were a great success and highlighted the spirit of competition and unity at our academy.



***Super-Senior Basketball***



***Super Senior Basketball***







# Champion's Arena: Senior Sports Day

The senior sports day featured a variety of competitive sports and games, promoting teamwork and physical fitness. Activities included track and field events, drills, relay races, and team sports, where the students competed for medals and trophies. The Mars house was the overall champion and Neptune bagged the trophy for the March Past.



***March Past***

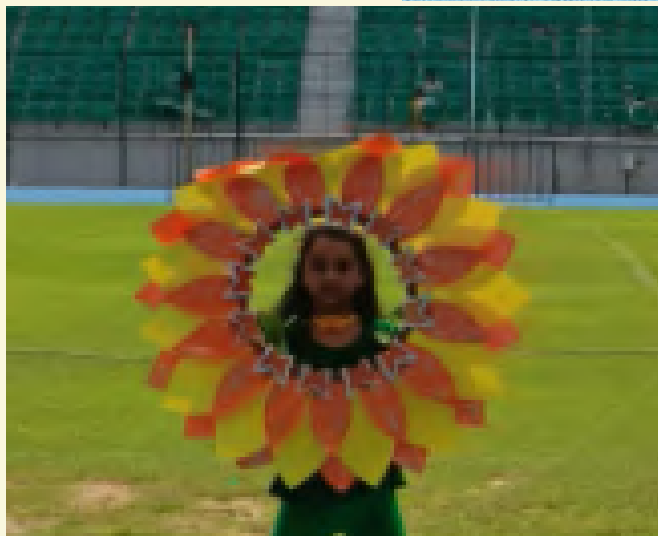


***Athletics***











# Freedom Fiesta: Independence Day

Independence Day Celebrations commemorated the nation's freedom and sovereignty with patriotic events and activities. The day included a flag-hoisting ceremony, national anthem singing, and speeches by key figures of our school reflecting on the country's history and instilling patriotic values in students. But the most iconic of the activities was perhaps the exciting cosplay done by our students, of our freedom fighters.



**Costumes**



**Band March**





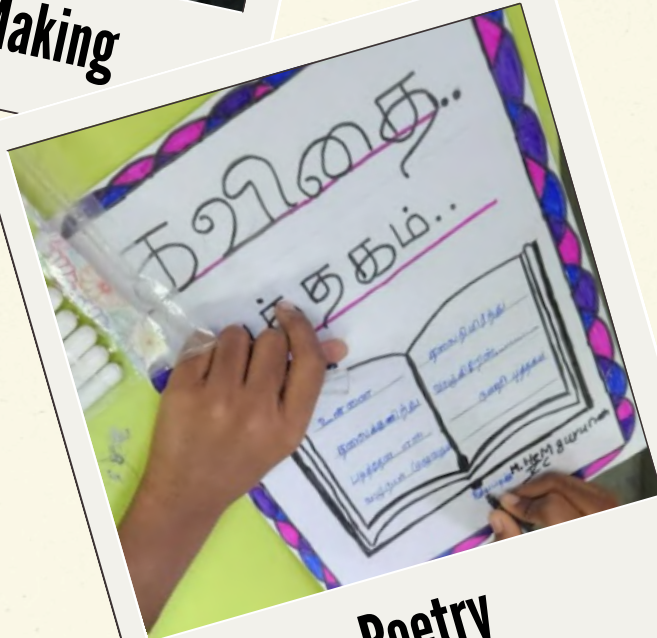


# Agaram Tamil Competition

Agaram Tamil Competition was a remarkable initiative that fostered a deep appreciation for the Tamil language and culture. By offering various competitions and awarding prizes and medals, our school hosted this competition encouraging participants to engage with Tamil literature, poetry, and oratory. This event not only highlighted the richness and beauty of the Tamil language but also provided a platform for individuals to showcase their talents and skills.



**Poster Making**



**Poetry**





# September



## Landscaping: Middle School Tours

Our middle school students recently embarked on two exciting excursions, creating memories filled with adventure, learning, and camaraderie. The Grade VIII students journeyed to the lush hills of Kodaikanal, while the Grade VII students explored the serene landscapes of Yelagiri. Both trips allowed students to step out of the classroom and into the heart of nature, providing them with not only an educational experience but also a chance to bond with their peers and create lasting memories.



**Kodaikanal**



**Yelagiri**



# Trip to the Post Office

Students of our primary classes took part in an informative and exciting activity which took them outside the bounds of the school. They wrote a letter to their loved ones, and collectively went to the local post office, where they posted their letters. Besides gaining a clearer idea on how the Indian Postal Department works, students had the novel experience of writing and posting a letter on their own.



**Posting Letters**



**Workshop**





## In the Happy Business: Market day

On September 21, our young entrepreneurs from Grades III, IV, and V embarked on an exciting journey as they participated in the first-ever Shraddha Weekend Bazaar. With vibrant enthusiasm, the students set up stalls to sell fresh produce, toiletries, and provisions, showcasing their entrepreneurial spirit. However, the aim of the event was not profit but compassion. The proceeds from the bazaar were donated to the senior citizens at Akshaya Trust in Palavakkam. The Shraddha Weekend Bazaar was more than just an entrepreneurial experience for our students—it was a powerful lesson in empathy, generosity, and the joy of giving.



**Fruits and Veggies**



**Groceries**







# Themed Weeks



# Bookworm Bonanza: Literary Week

This year, Literary Week in Shraddha was a fest, a celebration of the written word. Our students embraced the power of words, proving George R.R. Martin's adage true: "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, and the man who does not read lives only one." The display boards overflowed with original poetry, each verse a testament to the students' passion for literature and their ability to craft captivating stories and poems. Not only that, but students competed against each other in a set of mind-boggling quizzes to test their literary knowledge and linguistic skills. A creative cosplay of different literary figures, to express their utter love for the art of literature. Their vibrant display served as a reminder of the transformative power of reading, and the profound impact it has on shaping our understanding of the world. These students, through their dedication to the written word, have proven themselves to be not only voracious readers, but also gifted storytellers.



**Quiz**



**Costumes**





# Eco Warriors in: World Environment Day

“Be a part of the solution and not a part of the pollution.” World Environment Day was a part of the science week in our school and the students participated in a variety of activities. The week kickstarted with an orientation by Mr Ashwin from EFI (Environment Foundation of India) on sustainability and conservation, simultaneously getting creative with in-class recycling and upcycling. Taking it beyond the classroom with a beach clean-up drive making a tangible impact on our community. Grade three went on a refreshing nature walk, grade four learnt how to make paper bags, grade five made and coloured vibrant bird feeders. The students also made an eye-catching poster to spread the awareness of saving our environment with the main theme being “save water and save yourself”, a truly imperative slogan.



**Presentation**



**Beach Cleanup**

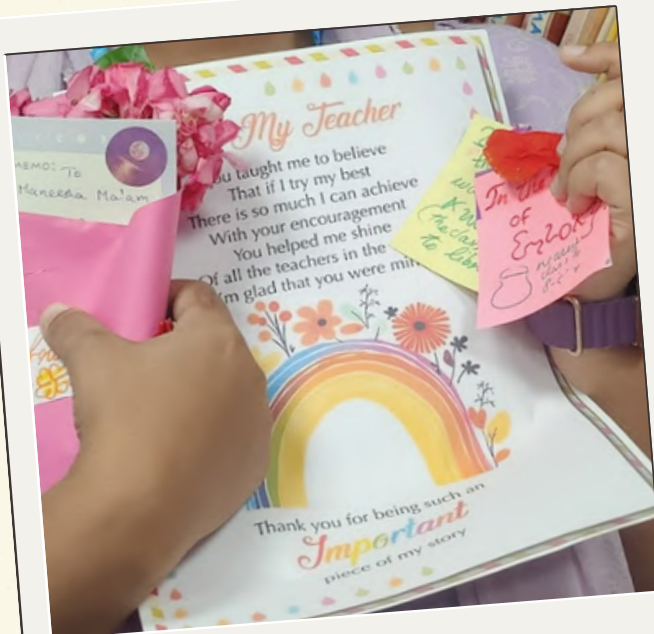






# Star Educators: Teacher Appreciation Week

Shraddha Children's Academy recently held a lively Teachers' Appreciation Week, honouring the dedication of its educators. The week featured a student vote to select their favourite teachers, culminating in a special awards ceremony wherein each teacher was given a personalised bookmark. The hallways were decorated with colourful charts and engaging "Guess the Personality" quizzes, where students identified teachers from pictures of their younger years. This interactive element added a fun twist to the celebrations. Moreover students made a "Why We Love You" chart full of sticky notes with hearty messages for their teachers, many other handmade gifts. The event not only recognized the hard work of the teachers but also strengthened the connection between students and staff.



**Greeting Card**



**Treasure Hunt**





# **Upcoming Events**

- **Grandparents' Day Celebration**
- **Diwali Celebrations**
- **Children's Day**
- **Visit to the Ripon Building and Modern Bakery**
- **Math Mania Week**
- **Annual Day**
- **Senior Citizens Home Visit**
- **Cyber Safety Week**
- **Student Led Conference**
- **Halloween Dress-up**
- **Learning to Weave**