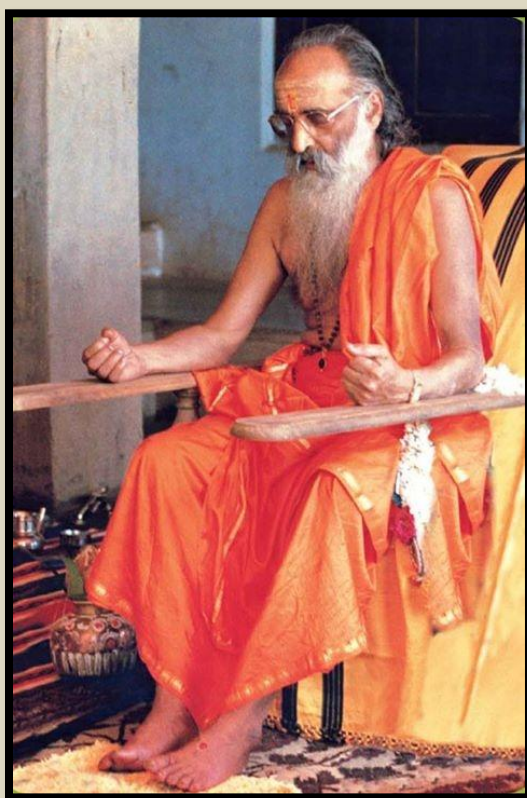




Chinmaya Vidyalaya

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**Never before
The world needed
Such dynamism as today and
Our country needs it most.
Your future job is
To uplift the country,
Revitalize and Make it a Nation.**

Chinmaya Vidyalaya – Begumpet ushers in the new year 2018 with a feeling of love for all the staff and the students, hoping that in this endeavour of spreading quality education, we are able to transform the life of students for the better, enhancing the worth of the future citizens of the world.



3rd Jan to 12th Jan 2018:

Preboard I examination was conducted for the students of Class X and Class XII, to get them a feel of the board examinations and to get them better equipped for the same.

4th January 2018: Principals of CBSE Schools meet with Swami Advayananda about Chinmaya VishwaVidyapeeth:

Envisioned by Gurudev, Swami Chinmayanandaji, transforming the mindsets of the younger generations, is one of the most important need of the hour. A university where students could be imparted higher education, uniquely blending Indian knowledge traditions with modern day curricula, reinforced with the beauty of the Gurukula traditions has come up in the form of Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth. Housing two campuses- Chinmaya Eswar Gurukula for Indic wisdom located at Ernakulam and Chinmaya Naada Bindu Gurukula for Performing arts located at Kolwan – Pune; the Chinmaya VishwaVidyapeeth is a pioneer in blending East with West, Science with Spirituality, and the past with the present , in the higher education space.

The University is offering courses in the Arts and commerce streams. Sw. Advayanandaji, who is the Acharya in charge of the Chinmaya International Foundation (CIF) & Trustee of the Chinmaya VishwaVidyapeeth and Sri. Suresh Subramanian, Registrar and Principal Director- Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth visited the Vidyalaya on the 4th of January 2018. Principals of CBSE schools in and around Hyderabad offering class XI and XII in their schools were invited for an interactive session with Swamiji and Sri Suresh. Also invited were the students and parents of our Vidyalaya studying in class XII. This proved to be a very effective career guidance session.

The dignitaries were escorted by the student pupil leaders and welcomed with Poorna Kumbham.



Swami Advayanandaji being welcomed with the Purna Kumbham

Swamiji had an introductory talk with the audience and held the audience in rapt attention. He then handed over to Sri Suresh Subramanian, who explained about the university, the courses being offered and more information in the form of a powerpoint presentation. The audience was then invited for a question answer session , during which Swamiji and Sureshji answered all the queries of the students and the teachers present.



Sessions being conducted by Swami Advayanandaji and Sri Sureshji

Dignitaries and all the visiting faculty from the various schools were given saplings as a token of our love and appreciation.



Dignitaries being offered saplings



Our Vidyalaya teachers with Swamiji and Sri Sureshji

5th January to 11th January 2018 – UT4 for Classes I – VIII:

Students of Class I to Class VIII of the Vidyalaya were assessed in the form of Unit Test 4 which was conducted from the 5th of January to the 11th of January 2018.

12th January 2018: Sankranti Celebration in the Vidyalaya:

The transition of the Sun from the Dhanu Raasi to the Makara raasi marks the starting of Uttarayana which means the northern movement of the Sun. Sankranti is one of the festivals celebrated in our entire nation , known with different names in different states. It marks the arrival of fresh grains in the houses of farmers, the fruits of their toil and hard work.

Some of the colourful and joyful events of this festival are keeping Muggulu(rangolis), calling Gangireddulu (sacred bull) and haridasulu coming over with their singing.



Decorations for Sankranti celebrations in the first floor lobby

Primary teachers spent a lot of time and efforts in order to put up the decoration in the first floor lobby. They got mud and grew wheat grass and mustard plants . They brought in the entire model of a small village wherein small idols from Kondapalli were displayed along with the regular setup, showcasing a festive village atmosphere.



Decorations for Sankranti celebrations in the first floor lobby

Ground floor lobby also wore a festive look with the efforts of the SUPW teacher and senior students of the Vidyalaya. Students of Class IX helped the Art and SUPW teacher in order to bring about this beautiful pictureousque background to the first floor lobby.



Decorations for Sankranti celebrations in the ground floor lobby

Celebrations for Sankranti started with beautiful floral decorations and rangolis by our Vidyalaya teachers and the traditional pongal making in an earthen pot. Pongal Prasadam for the entire Vidyalaya was also prepared.



Pongal Making for Sankranti in the traditional earthen pot

Preparations for the Bogi Mantalu were done by the male staff of the Vidyalaya. Children and teachers went around the bogi mantalu and in that process burnt all the bad qualities of hatred, jealousy, cunningness and ill will towards others.



Getting things ready for the Bogi Mantalu



Children and teachers going around the Bogi Mantalu

Three primary children came dressed up as Haridasulu. All the Vidyalaya children came dressed up in their traditional finery. Vidyalaya teachers explained the importance of the sun changing rashes and entering the Makara Raasi. They also explained the reasons behind the traditions that are followed for Sankranti in our culture. A few primary and middle school children sang a few songs about the oncoming bogi and sankranti festivals.



Haridasulu in their traditional finery

Primary children rendering a beautiful song about Sankranti

The main attraction of muggulu in Sankranti festival time is “Gobbemmalu” – cow dung balls, which are kept on the rangolis in order to invite prosperity and bliss into the house. These ‘gobbemmalu’ are decorated with turmeric powder, red vermilion powder and flowers. Little

Kindergarten children from our Vidyalaya's Shishu Vatika wing danced around the gobbemmalu kept on the stage.



Children of the secondary section singing a song for which children on the stage are going around "Gobemmalu"



Children intently watching the Sankranti celebrations

A gangireddu- a beautifully decorated bull was brought into the premises with the basavanna- a very traditional way of celebrating this festival. The gangireddu also danced to the tunes of the music, on the instructions of the basavanna.



"Gangireddu" in the premises as part of the Sankranti celebrations

Shishu vihar and primary children were showered with Bogipallu- a symbolic way of celebration for the bogi festival, wherein flower petals, small ber fruits, akshatalu, black channa and coins are put on the heads of little children to ward off evil spirits and bring good luck. Here, in the Vidyalaya, only flower petals, akshatalu , and ber fruits were used for the bogi pallu. Teachers and elders put bogipallu for the little ones and blessed them.



LKG Admissions:

Admissions to the Vidyalaya at the LKG level happened in the form of a lucky draw. Applications were given from the 3rd of January till the 8th of January. The Vidyalaya received 437 applications for the 100 seats that were available. 100 tokens were picked up on the 11th of January in front of parents, by the parents themselves and they were directed for the next set of formalities.

20th January- Participation in SPARK – The 7th Annual Inter State Science fair held by K V Rao scientific society.

Dr. K.V.Rao Scientific Society holds an annual science fair wherein the SPARK Innovation Awards are presented for entries displaying use of scientific concepts for solutions to an existing problem through some novel concept or device.

The SPARK Innovation Award is KVRSS's small contribution towards fostering the culture of scientific enquiry by creating a multi state competition which will make children understand the harnessing of the scientific principles they have learnt and work with their own hands to create a new product.

SPARK- The 7th Annual Science Fair for the year 2017-18 was open to students from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and TamilNadu and was held on 20th Jan 2018 at Siddhartha Nagar Welfare association, Vengalrao Nagar, Hyderabad. A total of 200 projects were received by the institution. After scrutiny, only 30 projects were selected from all the states, of which one was from our student, Chi. V. Saathwik from Class VII. His project "How to minimize radiations from mobile phones" was well appreciated and he received a participation certificate.



21st January: Participation the the state level camp for the VVM examination:

Vigyan Vidyarthi Manthan (VVM) 2017-18- India's largest Science Talent Search for New India using digital devices , organized by Vignana Bharati in association with NCERT, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Vigyan Prasara, Department of Science and Technology held a talent search exam. The initial preliminary round of this online exam was held at the Vidyalaya on 5th December. About 7300 students from Telangana from classes VI to XI took this exam. 133 students from all these classes qualified for the state level camp. This camp was held on 21st January at Sanghamitra School, Nizampet, Hyderabad.

Chi. Sai Vivek of Class VIII took the elementary round of the exam on 5th December along with 22 students of the Vidyalaya. He was the only student of the Vidyalaya who qualified for the state level camp and got to interact with scientists and professors working with VVM, along with the various tests and practicals in Physics, Chemistry , Biology and Mathematics. Results were announced towards the end of the day and twelve students were selected to go to the next level ie the National Level which will be held in the month of May 2018 in Delhi. Chi. Sai Vivek got selected in the state level and will now represent our Vidyalaya in the National level. Congratulations to Chi. Sai Vivek.



Chi. Sai Vivek of Class VIII receiving awards for being a winner in the state level camp of VVM exam



Sri Durga Prasad Kalidasu garu, our Science teacher being given a jury award.

Our Vidyalaya teacher, Sri. Durga Prasad Kalidasu accompanied Chi. Sai Vivek for the state level camp. He was also part of the judging panel which assessed the students. He was appreciated by being awarded the jury award.

21st January 2018 : Participation in ‘Care for climate change’ expedition :

‘Care for climate change’ is an expedition being held by Sri. Robert Swan- a world renowned orator who has travelled to inspire and develop leaders to build a sustainable world. Pratyusha Parkala- an RJ at Radio Mirchi is one of the ambassadors to have been selected to represent India at the “International Antarctica Expedition 2018”. She would be travelling to Antarctica as part of an expedition wherein she would be part of a global training on renewable energy and sustainable living.

Chi. Pratyusha came to our Vidyalaya to invite a few students for a painting competition and a greeting card making competition. Nine students from our Vidyalaya participated in this competition which was held at “ Our Sacred Space- Secunderabad” on 21st January 2018. Chi. Pratyusha would be carrying the best of these cards and paintings with her on her Antarctica trip and would display them over there.

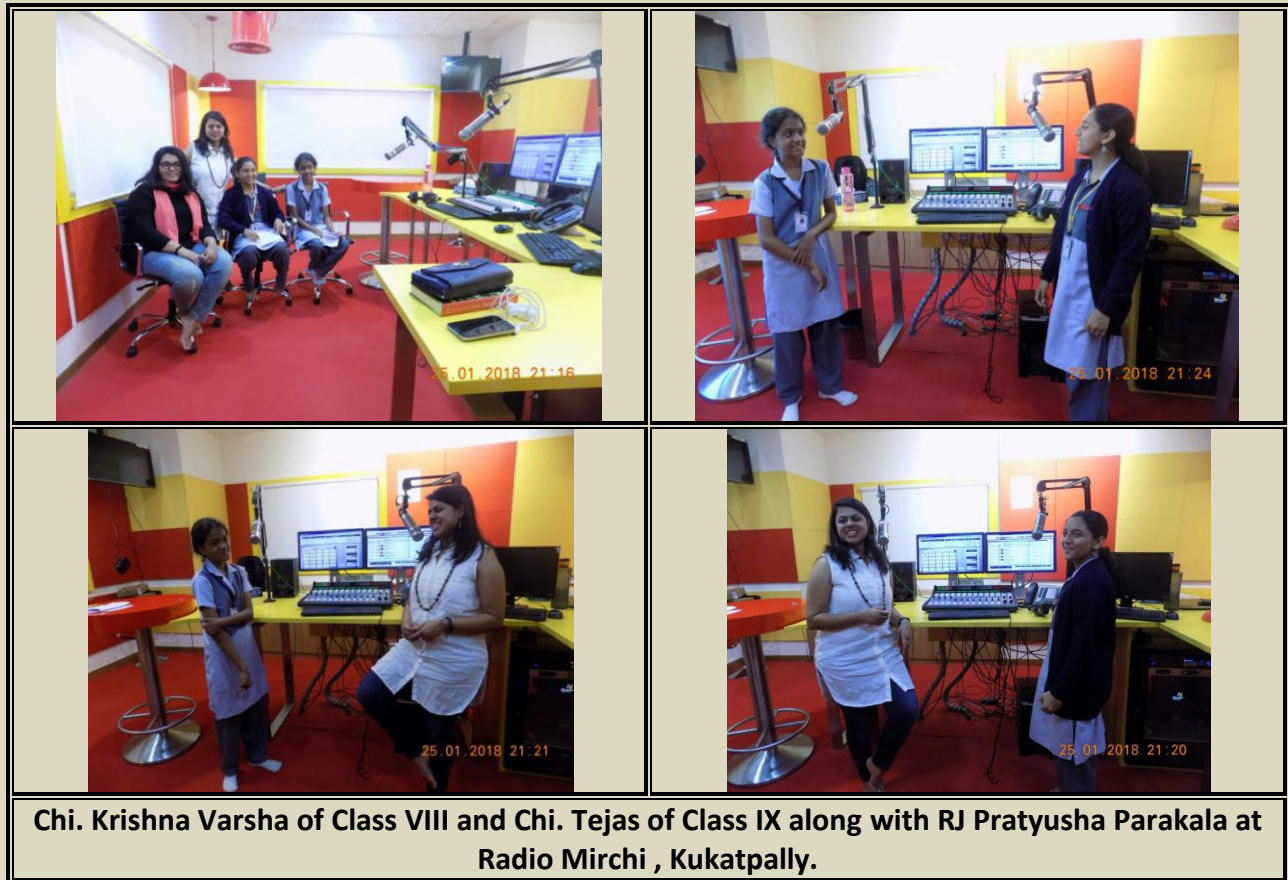


Vidyalaya students at the painting and greeting card making competition held at Secunderabad as part of the ‘Care for climate change’ expedition

25th Jan 2018: Participation in Radio Mirchi live program

Two students from the Vidyalaya were invited to present their thoughts about Climatic changes along with the anchoring RJ at Radio Mirchi- Kukatpally, Chi. Pratyusha, on Thursday- 25th January 2018. Chi. Krishna Varsha of Class VIII and Chi. Tejas Gadgil of Class IX went to this studio on 25th Jan in the morning and this was aired live.

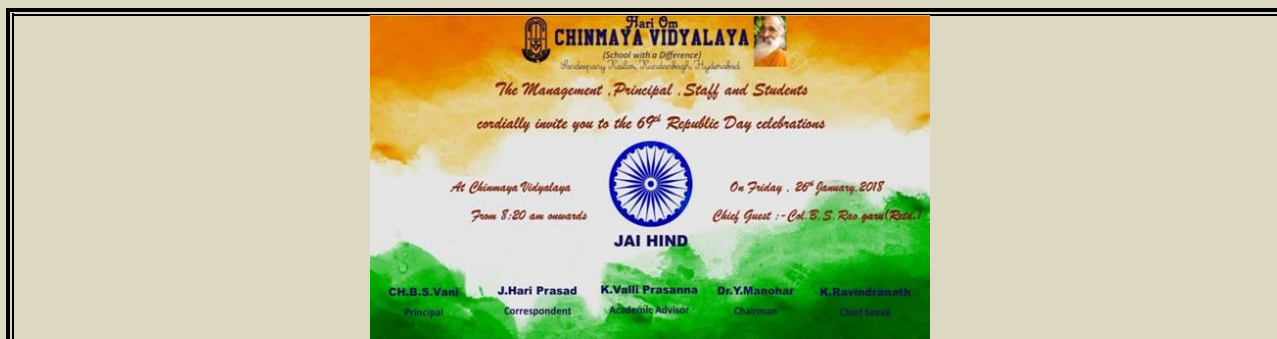
Chi. Krishna Varsha had won a cash prize of Rs. 1500/ when she won the first prize at the essay writing competition at the first Mathematical Informatics Olympiad on 22nd Dec. She had given half the amount to a shelter for adolescent girls and had kept the remaining amount for herself. RJ Pratyusha is collecting funds for her travel to Antartica, and Chi. Varsha suddenly made a decision to give the rest of the amount to her. This gesture received a very good appreciation from the team of Radio Mirchi.



26th January 2018: Republic Day Celebrations:



Republic Day 2018 was celebrated in the Vidyalaya with a great patriotic fervor. The invitation card was done by the students of our Vidyalaya from Class XI (Chi. Aasthik and Chi. Hitesh) and was sent by mail to all the parents and well wishers of the Vidyalaya. Chief Guest of the event was Col. B.S.Rao garu, an armed forces veteran with senior level corporate experience.



Invitation Card for Republic Day designed by students

The Chief Guest was escorted by the students of the pilot march and were welcomed with saplings after the invocation and national song.



Pilot March



Invocation and prayer



The chief guest and dignitaries being welcomed with saplings

The Vidyalaya Principal, Smt. Vani welcomed the esteemed gathering, after which we had the flag hoisting ceremony, which was accompanied by the national anthem, and followed by the flag song and the national pledge.

		
<p>Welcome address by principal madam</p>	<p>Flag hoisting</p>	<p>Rendition of the national anthem, and flag song</p>

Speeches in English and Hindi by students of Class IX were followed by the drill display of the kindergarten students.

		
<p>Speech in English by Chi. Tejas of Class IX</p>	<p>Speech in Hindi by Chi. Anushka of Class IX</p>	<p>Drill display by Kindergarten students</p>

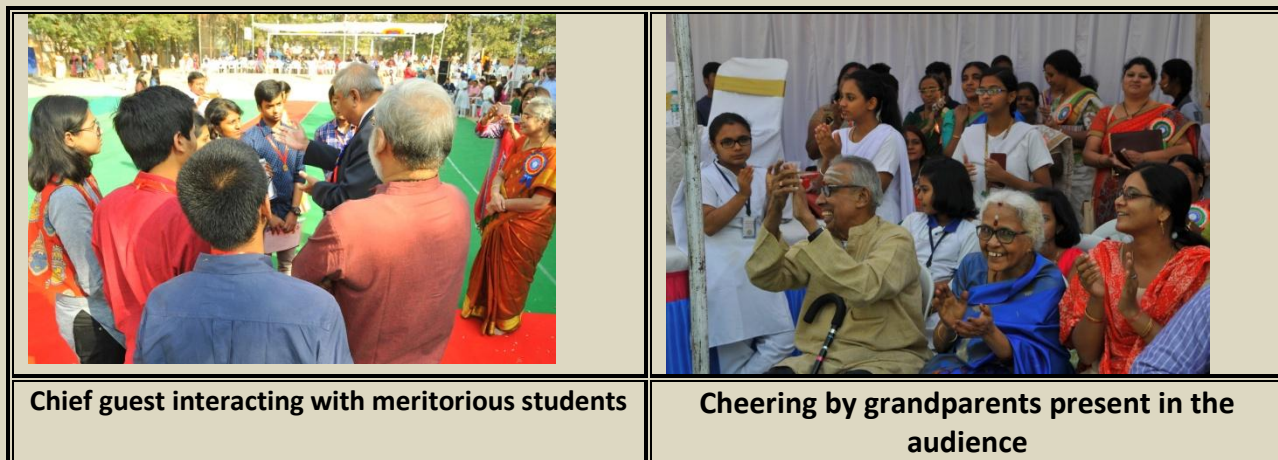
Jaya Bharata Janani- He Bharata Mata – a patriotic Sanskrit song depicting the vastness and the greatness of our country was sung by students of the middle school.

This was followed by housewise drill display by the students of the primary wing with the help of hoops, dumbbells, ribbons and lezims. They released tricolor ribbons along with a few patriotic slogans .



Housewise drill by primary students

Awards were given to the winners of the Bhagavad Geeta competition, the Class XII and Class X meritorious students, Chi. Sai Vivek of Class VIII who has been selected for the National level of VVM exam, the children of the "Each One Teach One" campaign and the winners of the Maths Olympiad held at SNIST.



Chief guest interacting with meritorious students

Cheering by grandparents present in the audience

Teachers handling Class X and Class XII were felicitated with medals and saplings. Our chief guest met all the meritorious students, and had a word with each of them, enquiring about their future plans and ambitions. He congratulated each and every teacher for the success of their students.

Parents, grandparents and well wishers were very happy , cheering and encouraging everyone with their loud applauses.



Col B.S.Rao garu, the chief guest for the evening appreciated and thanked all the teachers who were bringing up a highly talented scientific generation of students, and these are the citizens who would embark on becoming the citizens of a world leading nation. He was very impressed by our Vidyalaya motto “Keep Smiling” and urged every individual to do that. “How we wish to see the country in a few years is in our hands”- were his words of advice to the gathering.



A traditional and devotional folk dance was choreographed with the help of “Chekkas”- two jingling pieces of wood held between the palms bringing out rhythmic music. Children of our middle school performed a dance with these instruments to the tunes of yet another beautiful folk song – “Kittamma Gopala Bala Kittamma”, which was sung by a few more of our children.



Children performing a beautiful dance for "Chekka Bhajana"



Children singing for "Kittamma Gopala Bala Kittamma"

A patriotic telugu song "Oke Kulam Manadi, oke jaati manadi" was followed by the rendition of a hindi song highlighting the travails of a lone youth roaming aimlessly in search of this "Manzil" and beseeching God to show him the path of virtue, courage and wisdom - a song worded and composed by a few children of Class IX.



Middle school children rendering the telugu patriotic song "Oke Kulam Manadi, oke jaati manadi"



Patriotic song by the band formed by our Vidyalaya children

Haryana- the land of the Gods was one of the two states given to us as a CBSE initiative to know more about our country. Students of Class IX presented a variety of dances in order to project this. They performed the Gidda dance, the Haryanvi dance and the Bhangra dance in addition to letting us know more about this beautiful state through commentary. It culminated with "Jo Bole So Nihal....." and a child waving the National flag in the centre of the ground.





Bharat Humko Jaan se Pyara Hai

28th Jan 2018: Chinmaya Quotient Quiz- Round II

All the Vidyalaya teachers had to appear for a written test - “Chinmaya Quotient Quiz” after preparing from the text “Manifesting Divinity” on the 26th of November 2017. The first six toppers got qualified to go to the next round . Round II was held on the 28th of January. Our Vidyalaya was the centre for a few more schools including GMR- CV-Shamshabad and CV Guntur. Six teachers wrote this exam on the 28th of Jan. This was a good way to step into the shoes of the students and get a feel of how students write exams.

31st Jan 2018: Hindu Quiz Comp

A few students from our Vidyalaya participated in the Hindu Young World GK Quiz conducted by “The Hindu” on the 31st of January at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Baghlingampally. Held in 17 cities in India, including Hyderabad, this quiz was a thrilling exercise which went on for eight hours. A massive turnout of 525 teams, consisting of 241 teams of two students each competed in the juniors category which catered to Classes IV, V and VI. In the seniors category, 285 teams participated representing Classes VII, VIII and IX.

13 teams from the Vidyalaya from classes VI to IX participated in this Quiz in both the junior and senior categories. All the participants were given certificates.



Some participants for the Quiz competition

Kindergarten Section:

Kindergarten wing of the Vidyalaya celebrated Sankranti along with the students of the primary and middle school in the Vidyalaya grounds , going around bogi mantalu and getting blessing of all their teachers and elders in the form of bogipallu. They also prepared kites in their respective classrooms.



Kite making and colouring by the children of the Kindergarten section as part of the Sankranti celebrations

Paduka Pujas:



Paduka Puja by students of Class IVC on 19th Jan 2018

Other awards and Laurels:

Chi. Aarush Hotta of Class IV participated in the 31st National U-11 Open Chess Championship 2017 held at ShivChatrapathi Sports Complex , Pune from 22nd Nov to 30th Nov 2018



Chi. Aarush with his certificate

CCA Competitions:

CCA Competitions were held for primary classes and secondary classes on Fridays and Saturdays respectively. These are activities conducted as per the festivals and events occurring in that particular month.

Primary			
S. No	Date Of Event	Classes	Activity
1.	11 th January 2018	I and II	Colouring Competition
		III to V	Girls: Rangoli making Boys: Kite Making
2.	25 th January 2018	I and II	Decorating flag with pulses
		III to V	Bouquet Making



Students of Class I and Class II doing colouring and kite making as part of CCA



Class I children sticking tricolor pulses to our flag as part of CCA Activity



Class II children sticking tricolor pulses to our flag as part of CCA Activity



Rangoli making by students of Class III, IV and V



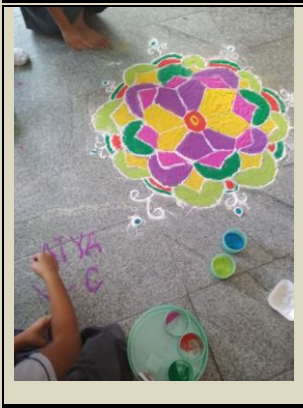
Kite making by students of Classes III, IV and V



Students of Class III, IV and V enjoying making bouquets

Middle School			
S. No	Date Of Event	Classes	Activity
1.	11 th January 2018	VI and VII	Rangoli making
2.	12 th January 2018	VIII	Rangoli making







Rangoli making by the students of Class VI



Rangoli making by the students of Class VII





Senior Secondary			
S. No	Date Of Event	Classes	Activity
1.	12 th January 2018	IX to XII	Rangoli making





Rangoli making by students of Classes IX to XII



Until Our Next Issue : Keep Smiling

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