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From the Mind of the Principal

Mr. Selvan Patchamuthu

I am elated with the publication of the second Newsletter for this academic year. The Newsletter helps spreading the news about our Tamil school to reach wider audience.

In our first Newsletter, I had mentioned about safety measures. There has been considerable improvement with regards to the safety measures taken at our school. The parents have started to show interest and have cooperated with enforcing the measures that we have implemented. Again I want to stress that the safety of our students is our number one priority and you are an important partner in ensuring the safety of our students. Should a student or parent have a concern about the safety, please share the concern with us. Our student safety begins with each and every one of us learning how to work together to support Tamil education and keeping our community safe.

We have had a great year up to now, and I encourage the students to do the best for the rest of the school year. The teachers still have many things to teach and we want each student to work hard and to finish strong. During the second quarter Tamil Mazhai function and several competitions were held. Our school would like to thank the teachers in charge, who worked hard and organized these programs in a very successful and grandeur way. This time the students participation in the competition had increased considerably and the quality of the essays, speech, and Thirukkural recital was astounding. Winners of the competitions showcased their talents on stage during the Tamil Mazhai function and made our school proud. Our school thanks the teachers and parents who worked behind for the success of these students.

In addition, we have Elon university undergraduate students and a professor who come to learn Tamil in our school. Their interest and the speed within which they learn Tamil language encourages us. We are doubly elated that our Tamil language will reach other cultures through our effort.

Parents, please help your child to develop a routine for their Tamil homework and studies. Please stress the importance of Tamil education in everyday life and demonstrate your partnership with the school in helping your child to learn Tamil academically and socially. Our teachers are looking forward to continuing to work with you to make a difference in your child's Tamil education.

Please send us your feedback and opinions about our school to me in order for us to keep our school growing.



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News from Grade 1 B

In the second term, 1B students learned lessons from six to ten using the Tamil book and Exercise book.

In Tamil letters, we taught consonantal vowels (Uyirmei ezhuthukal) until " ஐ " series. Similar to first term, importance was given to identifying the letters, their sound and reading smaller words with their English meaning. Also, they learned how to read a sentence without difficulty and understand what it meant.

In grammar, we covered singular, plural with different set of words. Two new Thirukkural with their meanings was taught in this term.

1 B teachers are doing a wonderful job in indulging kids in ways that will interest them in learning the Tamil language. ♡

News from Grade 2 A

During this period 2A class students have been taught to learn the words related to Family Relationship, Vegetables, Animals and objects used in our day to day life.

To encourage the students to show more interest to come to the class and learn Tamil, the teachers do quiz word games.

Students are always encouraged to speak in Tamil only. When they're stuck teachers help them and give self-confidence. Looking at the story picture and narrating it in the same sequence in Tamil using their own words has been taught.

Arrange the story picture and narrating it in Tamil using their own words has also been practiced. Teachers are trying their best to provide an exciting learning atmosphere for the students. ♡

News from Grade 2 B

Students learned how to read and write eight directions, nine gems, six tastes, numbers (1-10) in Tamil in the start of the second term. We also taught them grammar like tenses and first, second, third person noun forms and how to use them while writing a proper sentence. We are very happy to announce

that the students from our class competed in "Tamil Competitions" which was held on November and some of them won prizes. They actively participated in "Tamil Mazhai" event – "Bharathiar Songs" and proved their ability on stage. Also we covered lessons 6 to 10 from our text book and the respective exercises from practice work book. The kids learned stories from "Panbulla Kudimakkal" story book and are very much involved in answering questions and communicating in Tamil with the teachers. Teachers from our class also worked very hard for preparing homework, quiz, Tamil Mazhai practice which made this term very successful. ♡

News from Grade 3 A

First three weeks of the second term, we practiced for Tamil Mazhai program in the class. Then we covered pages between 31 and 49 from Tamil book and pages between 31 and 45 in Practice work book and 2 lessons from the book Characteristic of a Good Citizen ('Panbulla Kudimakkal'). In grammar, we covered another set of words using ஓ, டு, ஈ letters. Learned the usage of Vowels (Uyir) and consonantal vowels (Uyirmei ezhuthukal) that are allowed at first and last in each Tamil word, singular and plural, gender formation and gender of different animals and its baby names. To understand and practice better, we provided handouts on the set of words and grammars. We taught how to rearrange the sentences logically to get the meaningful story from a set of scrambled sentences. Wrote articles on Scary event of the student, Sufferings by not listening to elders' advice, Event about discipline and how to correct it and Topics discussed with close friends as part of writing practice. On top of it, we taught 4 Thirukkural, along with its meanings and relevant stories. ♡

News from Grade 3 B

In class 3B, besides focusing on completing the syllabus for the second term, our students were practicing sentence writings, especially long sentences with more than six words. It is pleasure to see many students have been making a great progress. We are also focusing on teaching more grammars related to the lessons that they were learning. We have also taught them when to use "kuril" and "nedil" as many students still have doubts which one to use. We have also identified a few students who need extra practice in reading,

understanding, and conversation in Tamil. We group these students and a teacher sits with them and pays special attention to them which has been helping them to do better in learning Tamil Language.

We always make the learning fun by spending 10-15 minutes playing “word games” / dumb charades towards end of the class so they go home happily. This makes students to come to the class happily. Students worked hard on the sample test paper we sent and the homework and so that did well in their exams. ♠

News from Grade 4 A

The 4 A class has been working hard on improving their sentence structures during speech and writing. The kids were taught to conjugate the words with the proper Vetrumai Urubu by identifying the contextual meaning of the sentence. Though we did not delve into the details of the grammar of Vetrumai Urbu the kids were quick to grasp the concept. We the 4 A teachers are happy to see the vast improvement of kids being able to write with less spelling errors. Keep it up Kids! Our focus going forward is to increase the reading fluency of the kids. We encourage the parents to help them talk and read at home as well. ♠

News from Grade 4 B

In 4 B Class, students follow the syllabus based on the Tamil book to learn Tamil words, Grammar and Literature. For second quarter, we have learned to write sentences using “Patri” and “Pola”, increase the vocabulary to include homophones and multiple synonyms for a single word. 4B students were introduced to write various types of letters and the method of writing letters. They were also taught to conjugate and separate words. They are being trained to read and write with fluency and there are multiple rules and tricks being taught for them to help on this process. In Writing, the students learn to write various types of stories, essays and letters. On top of all these, 4 B students learn one Thirukkural per week.

In this Syllabus, we use Panbulla Kudimakkal book to teach the student to be a better citizen. Through these the children learn our Tamil arts, culture and tradition. ♠

News from Grade 5 A

In second term, 5 A class students were taught to combine two sentences with the same subjects. They were also taught with the usage of words like “ஓர்”, “ஓரு” in front of vowels and consonants. They learned how to pronounce the words that sounds “ரகர”, “றகர” and used them in sentence writing. Students were given a chance to speak a few sentences with these two words clearly and concisely.

Students learned World Wonders, the Pyramids and Ankorwat temple in lesson section. We also discussed and explained the meanings of two Thirukkural and three proverbs. They studied about unity in diversity through a song written by the great poet Bharathiyar and importance of social solidarity has been discussed in the class. ♠

News from Grade 5 B

We covered lessons 4-8 from the textbook. We learned the differences in pronunciation of certain letters and their corresponding meanings. We also made lot of sentences to differentiate “ஆகிய, முதலிய”. We completed the section 9 and 10 in the workbook. In both these sections we were able to practice the words we learned in textbook. We focused on comprehending skills. We read storybook and quizzed ourselves to improve our reading and speaking skills. Through “Thirukkural” we discussed the importance of listening and controlling anger. We discuss about these values in class through stories. ♠

News from Grade 6 A

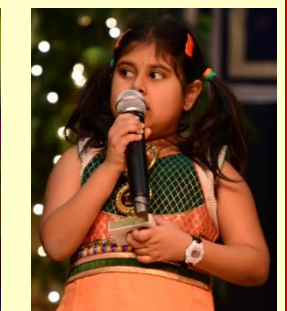
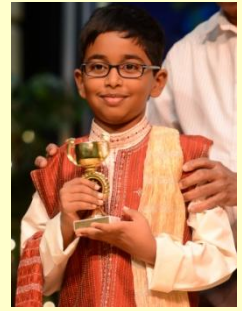
During the second quarter, the students of 6 A class learned about the unique experiences of travelling to foreign countries and about the specialty and greatness of the Tamil language from the textbook. During the course they have learned several new vocabulary words. In grammar they have been practicing the Vetrumai Urbu and sound variations through exercises. They also have been learning proverbs, Thirukkural from the textbook. ♠

News from Grade 6 B

Due to some unavoidable circumstance, we could not bring the news of Grade 6B in this Newsletter. ♠

Events of Tamil Mazhai 12.17.2016









Prof. Mathew H. Gendle of Elon University and his students learning Tamil in CTS



Winners of the Tamil Day Competitions 2016 -2017

பாட்டு	Songs	No of Participants: 47
Pre School	Class 1	Class 1A
1st: Rakshana Balamurugan Ruthvika Subramanian Nanditha Anantharaman 2nd: Mithun Sanjay Karthick Raja 3rd: Poorvaja Saravanan	1st: Lakshana Srihari 2nd: Pranav Chandramouli 3rd: Shruthi Kumaravel	1st: Shivani Iyer 2nd: Prajna Vimal 3rd: Shriya Prakash
மாறுவேடம்	Fancy Dress	No of Participants:56
Pre School	Class 1	Class 1B
1st: Ruthvika Subramanian 2nd: Sarvin Gowthaman 3rd: Samithra Sankar	1st: Srinidhi Jeyakumar 2nd : Sarvesh Dilipkumar 3rd :Adirish Chidambaranath	1st: Kanmani Madhanraj 2nd: Maansi Sudhaharan 3rd: Iniya Rathinakumar Srideekshitha Sureshkumar
	Class 1A	Class 2A
	1st: Shivani Iyer 2nd: Harishbabu 3rd: Mahizhini Karikalan 3rd: Sribala Arunachalam	1st: Srinath Jayaraman 2nd: Bhadresh Amarnath
ஓவியம்	Drawing	No of Participants:133
Class 1	Class 1A	Class 1B
1st: Shruthi Kumaravel 2nd: Poorva Viswanaath 3rd: Lakshana Srihari	1st: Harini Nachiappan 2nd: Taania Haleel 3rd: Mahizhini Karikalan	1st: Ananya Baburaj 2nd: Jenica Inigo 3rd: T .Suchitra
Class 1A/1B intermediate	Class 2A	
1st: Raahul Venkatesan 2nd: Adithya Kumaran 3rd: Aaniq Haleel	1st: Sanjusri Niranjankumar 2nd: Niyanthri Thyagarajan 3rd: Harshini Dandapani	
தமிழ் தேள்	Spelling Bee	No of Participants:33
Class 1B	Class 2A	
1st: Sonika Sankar 2nd: Ananya Baburaj 3rd: Sukhitha Vijayakumar Buvan Chandran T Suchitra	1st: Shreyas Vallabhan 2nd: Tanya Vijayakumar 3rd: Yaalini Elangovan	

பேச்சு	Oratorical	No of Participants:30
Class 2B and 3B	Class 3A	Class 4B and 5B
1st: Vishal Ramasubramanian 2nd: Rhythanya Nagaraja Class 3B 1st: Madhumitha Gopinath 2nd: Amizhdhan Elangovan 3rd: Rathisree Seenivasan	1st: Sahana Suresh 2nd: Arni Pancras 3rd: Poorvaja Chandramouli	1st: Krithika Velappan (4B) 2nd: JoeDanica Inigo (4B) 3rd: Ashwin Sivayogan (5B)
திருக்குறள்	Thirukkural	No of Participants:23
Class 2B	Class 3A	
1st: Shruthi Suresh 2nd: Shruthika Ravisankar (2B)	1st: Dhanya Balasubramanian 2nd: Shruthi Kannan 3rd: Sahana Suresh (3A)	
Class 3B	Class 4A, 4B and 5A	
1st: Amizhdhan Elangovan 2nd: Rathisree Seenivasan	1st: Archana Annadurai (5A) 2nd: Sindhu Shanmugam (4B) 3rd: Shivali Rajendran (4A)	
கட்டுரை	Essay	No of Participants:17
Class 2B	Class 3A	
1st: Hemanth Sudhaharan 2nd: Sahaana Selvakumar 3rd: Shruthika Ravisankar	1st: Dhanya Balasubramanian 2nd: Poorvaja Chandramouli 3rd: Amritha Selvaraj	
Class 3B	Class 4A, 5B and 6A	
1st: Madhumitha Gopinath 2nd: Keshav Varadarajan 3rd: Anisha Sivayogan	1st: Aparna Tharmar (6A) 2nd: Ashwin Sivayogan (5B) 3rd: Shivali Rajendran (4A)	Total number of participants in all events: 339

Important Program

Second Term Test

02.26.2017

Parents Teachers Meeting

03.05.2017

Teachers' Meeting

03.12.2017

School Photo Day

03.19.2017

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

03.25.2017

Deadline for submission of annual magazine article

03.26.2017

Teachers's Meeting

05.21.2017

Year End Test

06.04.2017

Graduation Day

06.11.2017



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