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From the Principal's Desk

A Successful Year

Mr. Selvan Patchamuthu



Spring Greetings!

I cannot believe that our school year is coming to an end in a few days. First and foremost I thank everyone who have helped in making this school year a success.

Our Tamil school has been actively encouraging an environment where your children can read and speak in Tamil. We believe that our school has made a positive impact in Tamil language education. A good example is where our students participated in the Tamil Sangam event and shared information about Pongal. Interestingly, we are researching about how to make our children converse only in Tamil with their parents. I would be glad to hear from you on this.

I appreciate the personal time our teachers spend in teaching Tamil and directing the Tamil school. I thank them and their families in their selfless and sincere dedication towards the Cary Tamil School. Events such as Tamil Mazhai, where our students showcased their Tamil language proficiency illustrate the effort our Tamil teachers have put in. My sincere appreciation for their efforts.

Other than homework, our teachers also give short stories and 'Panpulla Kudimakkal' books for the children to read. It would be wonderful if you can help your children do their homework as well as read these books and develop their language skills. I also have one more request to make. In the classroom, I have noticed that children often ask to go to the restroom or drink water. It would be helpful if parents can help their child take care of these before the class starts in order to minimize disruption.

For the safety of the children, during school hours between 02:15 and 03:45, the school doors will remain closed. We do not want our students to get out of school without being accompanied by a parent or guardian. Parents also should not ask their children to walk to their vehicles all by themselves. Moreover, we request parents not to be on the phone while dropping their children, drop-off at the right place and also cross the road at the right place. Let us be good role models to our children. I am happy to discuss in detail on the above, if required.

Thank you for your support!

Selvan.

Editorial

Dear CTS Parents, Teachers and Students, we are pleased to bring the second and final issue of this Newsletter for the academic year 2017-18.

In this issue we bring you highlights from the Tamil Mazhai event, results of student competitions and academic news from many classrooms.

At CTS, we have classes starting from Pre-K to High School level 1 (HS1A) and it takes a lot of effort and time for volunteers to collect all the class news and compile them into a Newsletter. To get its full benefit, teachers, please give us your support by reading this to your students in the class room and give a few home works from Newsletter articles. Parents please read them at home to your children. Even though the newsletter is bilingual, we encourage the kids to read the Tamil section, which will be yet another effort to make them proficient in our mother tongue.

We welcome your feedback as well as Tamil articles, grammar lessons and interesting facts that will help students and teachers in our school. You may send your feedback and articles to 'cts.newsletter.editor@gmail.com'.

Finally, we take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to Teachers and Volunteers who have contributed in publishing this Newsletter.

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TAMIL MAZHAI 2018

Cary Tamil School conducted Thamizh Mazhai on February 3, 2018. Students from pre-K to 2-A presented various programs under the topic “Uzhaipe Uyarvu” meaning, ‘Hard Work leads to Growth’. The program started with Thamizh Thaa Vaazthu sung by children from various grades. Teacher Golda Joseph hosted the show and the welcome speech was delivered by Teacher Krishnaveni.

The Principal of Cary Tamil School, Mr.Selvan Patchamuthu addressed the audience. In his speech he explained the importance and necessity of taking our language to our kids in all possible ways. He also thanked the organising committee of Tamil day competitions, Tamil Mazhai event, Newsletter team, teachers and every supporting volunteers.



The Principal address was followed by students’ performances.

Younger students from pre-K class in traditional attire sang a few beautiful songs. Following that performance, students from grade 1 sang a meaningful song about busy ants and shared

a few words about hard work. A few other students from grade 1 sang a nice song about hard work found in living beings around us and explained it with a few words.



Students from grade 1A and 1B enacted an amazing drama about hard work and clarified that there is no substitute for hard work. That was followed by a program in which students from 1A explained that hard work is the key to success using couplets from Thirukkural. A few other students from grade 1A delivered their crisp speech about the importance of hard work and pioneers who succeeded due to their efforts. Students from 1B emphasized the value of hard work through different songs like “Seiyum Thozhile Deivam” and “Uzhaithu Munneru”. A few 1B grade students shared idioms which described that hard work is priceless. Followed by that, a few students from 1B enacted a play, “Uzhaipe Vetri” and read a beautiful poem about hard work.



Next, students from grade

2A came up with a story and play which again clearly explained the importance of hard work in every one's life. That was followed by a debate in which 2A students discussed the greatness of hard work. As the final performance, a few students from 2A conducted a quiz show about the great people who succeeded in their life through hard work.



Followed by these fabulous performances, Mrs. Sarumathi Janarthanan delivered trophies to the winners of Tamil day competitions.

Tamil Mazhai event continued after a delicious lunch. "Anbinaal Vellalaam" (Win through Love) was the topic of afternoon session.

Students from grade 2B staged a play titled "Anbinaal Vellalaam" which clearly showed that Love is strength.

Next, grade 3A students debated the topic "Ulagai anbaal vellalaamaa? Arivaal vella-laamaa?" - What can be used to win over the world? Love or Wisdom! Then grade 3B students presented plays "Anbu pasi vilayaattu" and "Anbinaal paadam katra mannan" both emphasising the value of Love.

Next, grade 4A students enacted a play, "Tamil ilakkiyathil Anbum Aranum" which very well showed us the glory of love and virtue in our Tamil literature. Students from 4B presented a play "Anbinaal vendra kuthusandai" which vis-

ualised how love brought victory among a few sportsmen.

As the final performance students from grade 5A, 6B and 7A presented a panel discussion on the topic of "Anbinaal Vellalaam". Followed by all the above amazing performances, Mrs. Alli Dass distributed the trophies to the winners of Tamil day competitions.

Hard work certainly pays off and Love wins the whole world. Our Cary Tamil School students showed us that Hard work and Love are the two eyes of everyone by their fabulous performances. We take this event as a stepping stone in teaching our younger generation, the classic language of Tamil. We wanted every student of Cary Tamil School to participate in this event and speak a few words on stage. This Tamil Mazhai event paved a way to fulfill our desire.

The event concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Guru Guruparan. We take this opportunity to deliver our heartfelt thanks to every enthusiastic parent volunteer who rendered their valuable time and support to make this event a success.



Tamil Mazhai Organizers: (from Left):
Niranjan, Gurubaran, Veni and Golda

PHOTO & VIDEO

Tamil Mazhai Photos are on pages 10-11. For a video of Tamil Mazhai (morning events lonely), visit <https://youtu.be/jC8p9BOFAMU>

ACADEMIC NEWS



News from Pre K:

This second quarter, our kids showed great enthusiasm and eagerness to attend the classes. Through 'show and tell' approach, we encouraged the kids to select their favorite objects and talk about them in Tamil. They learned new stories and songs. New words for animals and colors were introduced in Tamil. Like giraffe, zebra, horse, brown, golden etc.

Kids took part with great zeal in the practice sessions for 'Tamil mazhai' event. Parents support was phenomenal. Kids performed very well on the stage which was enjoyable and appreciated by all. They also received prizes as a token of appreciation and encouragement.

News from Grade 1:

In second term, we concentrated on the eighteen "mei elluthukkal". We taught students to write in the correct order and to identify them. Every week, three new letters were taught and homework was given to practice the letters in the exercise book. In addition, we revised "uyir elluthukkal" that was done in term 1.

We give more importance to spoken Tamil in this level. They were taught pictures having the "mei elluthukkal", vehicles' names, vegetables,

birds, reptiles, insects, colors and shapes. Pictures from the text books were pointed out and kids were made to repeat them multiple times.

To encourage speaking, students were asked to prepare and say five sentences about their family. Our aim is to make them more comfortable with spoken Tamil and to grow to their next level irrespective of their current level.

Students were taught two songs in this term. In class, we encourage kids to talk in Tamil by asking questions and talk about day to day life. They interact well and love talking.

News from Grade 1A:

During the II term of 1A class, students were able to sing 'Tamizhthai Vazhthu' enthusiastically without much help from teachers. Tamil Mazhai program really helped the kids to converse in Tamil with more confidence on stage.

Kids have learnt to pronounce and write 25 uyirmei letters without mistakes. These letters were taught in a pattern ஸ் + அ = ஸ். Kids learned to read and write 38 new words. They were able to translate the words from Tamil to English and English to Tamil. From the text book, they learned to sing 3 new songs with rhymes, with good pronunciation and

Tamil meaning. Kids learned 14 new sentences made up of 2 to 3 words each. They learnt to read the sentences and were able to translate them in English. From the uyirmei letters from what we taught so far, kids can identify the short and long sounds letters and categorize them. We have given this exercise many



times in class and have made kids familiar with Tamil letters.

உயிர் மெய் (Read and write)

- ர், ரா, ச, சா, க, கா, த, தா, ற, றா, ஞ, ஞா, ய, யா, ங, ஙா, ல, லா, வ, வா, ழ, ழா, ற, றா (ட் + அ = ட)
- 38 words - learn to read and write
- 3 sing along songs
- 23 long words to read
- 14 sentences (with 2 or 3 words) to read
- kuril and nedil sounds all the above uyir mei eluthu
- Learn unscramble words from the word list above
- Translate the Tamil words to English and English to Tamil

News from Grade 1B:

This quarter the boys and girls have shown immense interest in learning Tamil . Our class begins after we sing a song praising mother Tamil.

For second term, 1B students learnt lessons from six to ten. In Tamil letters, we taught consonantal vowels (uyir meiezthukal) until " ஐ " series. Similar to first term, importance was given to identifying the letters, their sound and reading smaller words with their English meaning. They also learnt how to read a sentence without difficulty and understand what it means.

In grammar, we covered singular plural with different set of words. Two new Thirukurals with their meaning was taught in this term. 1B teachers are doing a wonderful job in indulging kids in ways that will interest them in learning the Tamil language.

News from Grade 2A:

This term we focused on talking in Tamil. The students practiced looking at pictures and talking about it. We can see the progress they have made so far this year, being able to read and talk more fluently in Tamil. The students are encouraged to talk in the class and are challenged to keep their conversation in Tamil, using various methods to encourage them at that.

The students talked about how they celebrated Pongal, the Tamil harvest festival and their experience of how it is celebrated back in Tamil Nadu villages.

The students also spent some time reading the library books issued to them every term.

The students also put a great performance for the "Tamizh Mazhai" program. We had dif-



ferent programs all aligned with the theme 'Hard work takes you to great heights'.

The students program for the Tamizh Mazhai included:

- Who is who? - Giving clues and guessing a famous personality
- A conversation on importance of hard work
- A story to emphasize the rewards of hard work
- A conversation on Dr. Abdul Kalam

In this second term the students also learned to read and write the numbers 1 to 10 in Tamil and learned a song to remember the Tamil numbers.

News from Grade 2B:

Our students learned directions, tastes and numbers in Tamil. We also taught lessons from 6 to 10 in text book and covered the relevant lessons in work book also.

Kids learned many good stories from the book 'Panbulla Kudimakkal' and improved their reading and interpreting skills in Tamil. Regarding grammar, we taught about verb tenses and how it is applicable in a sentence in order to make it meaningful. They practiced this skill through weekly homework. We are very proud to announce that our class kids had participated in Tamil competition conducted by Cary Tamil School and had won many prizes too. Teachers and students together cooperated and the kids performed well in 'Tamil Mazhai' program. Overall teachers and students worked hard in this term and ended it successfully.

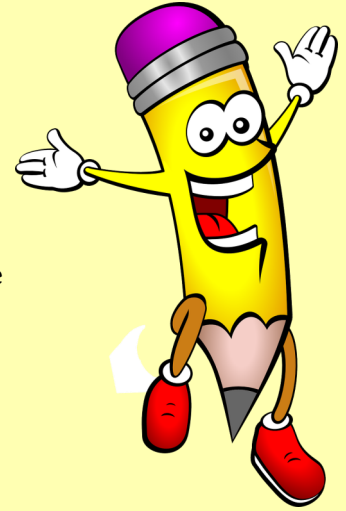
News from Grade 4A:

In the second term 4A students learnt lessons 5 to 8 in the Text book. Through these lessons the students learnt about the quality of forgiving others bad actions and also the importance of freedom. They also learnt about the animal protection society, what they do and how to raise pet animals.

From the exercise book, students completed all the exercises from the third and fourth units. They also learnt 'Vetriverkkai' from the text

book and learnt the moral behind each of those verses.

In grammar they are practicing on how to write proper sentences considering the gender, tense and person. They learnt moral lessons from Panpullakudi-makkal text book and also discussed about these values in the class. The three classes in this 4A level are actively participating in the class room discussions and are very much interested in learning new vocabulary in Tamil during every class!



News from Grade 4B:

During second term, we covered from page 27 to 49, from 4B Syllabus ('Paadanool') and from page 30 to 48 in Practice Book ('Payirchinool') and 2 more lessons from Characteristic of a Good Citizen ('Panbulla Kudimakkal').

On top of these we covered topics like, Caring of Parents, Doing Social Work, Visiting Children's Home, About our Teacher, Why to study Tamil, Foreign Visits etc. from the Teachers Guide. In addition, we also taught topics like, Why Education is Important, Our suffering of doing something by thinking like a big person, Our life plan, Events we won by doing little by little etc., to improve students skills and guide them in life.

In grammar, we covered Opposite words and Sentences, Several Words with one Meaning, A Set of ன, ல, டு, the unique letters of Tamil and its sounds and different words using these three letters, Usage of words "Like" and "About", Genders, Nouns, Singular - Plural, Stack words, etc. We taught the laws involved in each of them and gave handouts too.

We also taught 4 proverbs, 2 Kontrai Venthan and 2 Vetri Vekkai and how they help in our life. Further, we taught some poems form literatures like, Kuttrala Kuravangi, Seevaka Sinthamani, Sillapathikaram, to teach the tradi-

News from Grade 5A:

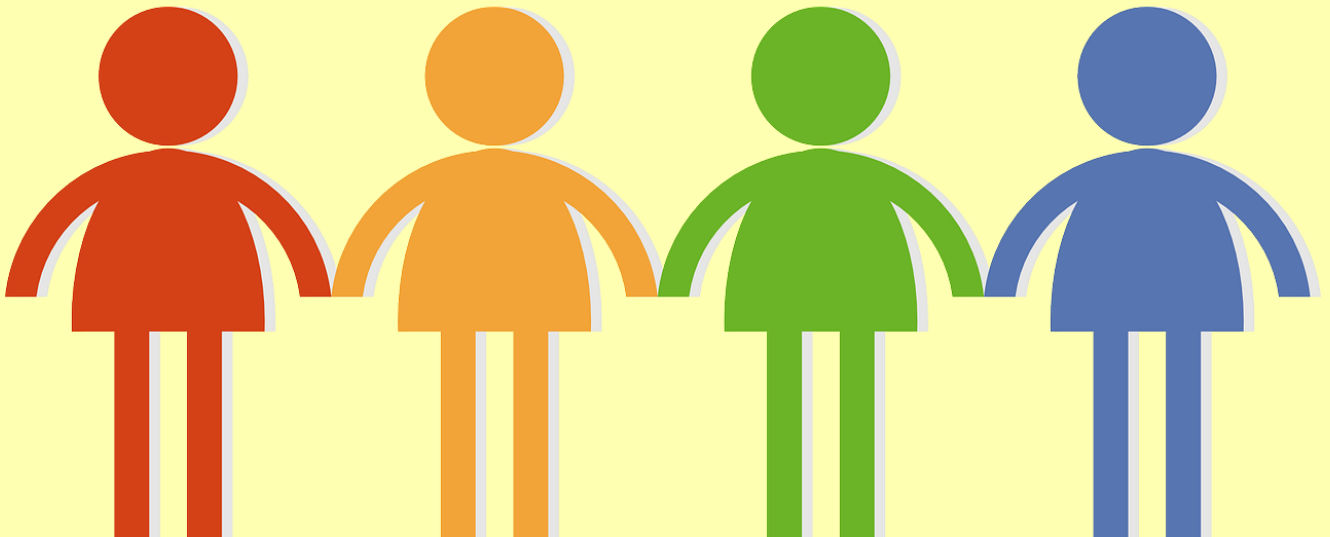
In 2nd term, 5 A class students were taught to combine two sentences with the same subjects. They were also taught the usage of words like "ஒர்", "ஒரு" in front of vowels and consonants. They learned how to pronounce the words that sounds "ரகர", "றகர" and used them in sentence writing. Students were given a chance to speak a few sentences with these two words clearly and concisely.



tions of Tamils. Also, we trained students to write their own program for Tamil Mazhai. Students did their own program very well on the stage.

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.

Sometimes these students showed interest in learning some science in class. This time, we explained about the "Formation of Rainbow" in Tamil. This will be beneficial to them in their higher studies.



Tamil Competition Results

Our Congratulations to All Winners!!



Drawing	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Class 1	Harish Karthik	Rakshana Balamurugan	1.Arjun Sujay Sankar 2.Keerthanaa RaviSankar
Class 1A	1. Sriram Ganesan 2. Prema Meenakshi Sundaram	1. Jaiagasthia Ashokkumar 2. Sudiksha Palani	1. Aashika Hariharan 2. Kalaivardhini Muthuraman 3. Lohitya Vinodh 4. Shruthi Kumaravel
Class 1 A & 1B	Shivali Chutkay	Vidyut Ramakrishnan	1.Kavin Meenakshi Sundaram 2.Ayana Khan
Class 1B	1.Harini Nachiappan 2.Nithika Gandhiraj 3.Thaneeswaran Magesh	1.Dheetchanaa Ramaraj 2.Nishika Gandhiraj 3.Manjusha Pandian	1.Diyamikaa Subramani 2.Sahana Prabu 3.Sarvesh Pandiarajan 4.Vyshnav Thenappan
Class 2A	1.Maansi Sudhaharan 2. Suchitra Thanumalayan 3.Sukhitha Vijayakumar	1. Harshini Mohanraja 2. Ananya Baburaj 3.Siddharth Sarvanan	1. Iniya Rathinakumar 2.Sarvesh Kumar 3.Jenica Inigo 4.Harini Anantharaman

Tamil Competition Results Continued

Singing	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Pre K	1.Kanishka Saravanan 2.Mithraa Shanmugam	Harshithaa Haribabu	Niyata Ramanujam
Class 1	Nandhitha Anantharaman	Mohitha Suresh	Keerthanaa Ravisankar
Class 1A	Sriram Ganesan	Sarvesh Dilipkumar	1.Farica Claire Kumar 2.Lakshana Srihari 3.Shruthi Kumaravel 4.Jeysna Jeyaraman
Class 1A & 1B	Vidyut Ramakrishnan	-	-
Fancy Dress	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Pre K	1.Kanishka Saravanan 2.Sriraam kumaar	Kasivisalakshi Muthuraman	Niyata Ramanujam
Class 1	Sathvika Suresh	Ruthvika Subramanian	Nikhil Sai Anil kumar
Class 1A	Prema Meenakshi Sundaram	Keshav Arun	Ragini Ramanujam
Class 1B	Varsha Radhakrishnan	Shriya Prakash	Shivani Iyer
Class 1A & 1B	Kavin Meenakshi Sundaram	Ayana Khan	-
Class 2A	Harini Nirmalkumar	Iniya Rathinakumar	Vaishnavi Senthilkumar

Spelling Bee	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Class 1B	Shriya Prakash	1.Prajna Vimal 2. Venkatanathan Thottiyam	Sharvesh Alagappan
Class 2A	1.Madhini Sivasailam 2. Ananya Baburaj 3. Suchitra Thanumalayan 4.Sukhitha Vijayakumar	1.Brindha Sri 2.Kaitlyn Shiju	1.Harini Anantharaman 2.Harshini Mohanraja
Speech	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Class 2B,3A,3B	1.Srideekshitha Sureshkumar 2.Rhythanyaa Nagaraja 3. Arni pancras	1.Nethra Ashokkumar 2.Sahana Suresh	Kriti Nandhakumar
Class 4A,4B,5A,5B,6A	Madhumitha Gopinath	Joe Danica Inigo	1.Rathisree Seenivasan 2.Krithika Velappan
Essay Competition	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Class 2B,3A,3B	1.Shruthikaa Ravishankar 2. Dhanya Balasubramanian	1.Hemanth Sudharan 2.Amritha Selvaraj	-
Class 4A,4B,5A,5B,6A	Madhumitha Gopinath	1.Chandhana Srihari 2.Shivali Rajendran	Pranathi Selvakumar

Tamil Competition Results Continued

Thirukkural	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Class 2B,3A,3B	1.Yazhini Elangovan 2. Shruthikaa Ravisankar 3.Dhanya Balasubramanian	1.Niyanthri Thiyagarajan 2.Sahaana Selvakumar 3.Sahana Suresh	1.Janice Sherlin Suresh 2.Srideekshitha Sureshkumar 3.Kriti Nandhakumar
Class 4A,4B,5A,5B,6A	Amizhdhan Elangovan	Shivali Rajendran	Archana Annadurai

Around Cary Tamil School

Dr. Nagalingam Sivayogan



One day, I found some students studying or doing homework just outside while waiting to enter into school. It is interesting to note the kind of interest students' show in learning Tamil.

Another day I overheard this talk between two students while waiting outside. They were talking about the volunteer who opens the car door.

Student 1: Today, I wanted to go with my mother for parking the car. That uncle forced me to get out of the car. He did not allow me to go to park the car with my mother. I am not a kid.

Student 2: Yes, I agree. One day I opened the car door to get out of the car. He pushed me inside the car and closed the door. Then he opened the door for me to come out. I do not know why he thinks I cannot open the door.

This gave me a good feeling of how duty consciously our volunteers are doing their work.

Great job our volunteers!!

TAMIL MAZHAI

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[More photos in Tamil Section]



Photos By Arul N. For more go to: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/d0STbYbcNzmJ1nHW2>