



# Pushpalata

Matriculation Higher Secondary School

# Reflections

2022-2023 Third Term Newsletter



*“Knowledge is power, Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.”*  
- Kofi Annan

## INTRODUCTION

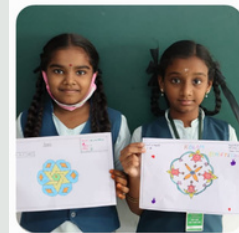
The 3rd Term for the Academic Year 2022-2023 commenced on the 2nd January 2023. The children were back to school after a brief 2nd terminal vacation. The management, teaching staff and students were eagerly anticipating what this New Year 2023 had in store for each of us. There were quite a few celebrations and annual school events lined-up for the 3rd Term. This term was very important for the students in terms to meeting with their career objectives and goals since the State Board Examinations for Classes XII, XI and X were to be conducted during the months of March and April.

The teachers were not only involved in deep teaching learning process, but were also engrossed in training the children in cultural activities to be performed during the annual sports day, talent day, etc.

## CELEBRATIONS AND OBSERVANCES

### மார்கழித் திருவிழா

மார்கழித் திருவிழாவை முன்னிட்டு 6, 7, 8 ஆம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்கானப் பயிலரங்கம் (கோலம் வரைந்து வண்ணம் தீட்டுதல், ஜமிக்கு மாலை செய்தல், வண்ணமலர் தொடுத்தல்) நடைபெற்றது. 6 மற்றும் 7ஆம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்குத் திருப்பாவை ஒப்புவித்தல் போட்டியும் 8ஆம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்குத் திருவெம்பாவை ஒப்புவித்தல் போட்டியும் நடைபெற்றது. 6, 7, 8ஆம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்கள் பக்தி இலக்கியத்தில் ஆர்வம் பெறும்வண்ணம் தமிழாசிரியர்களால் பெரியபுராணம் நூல் குறித்த விளக்கமும், அதற்கான பயிற்சித்தாளும் அளிக்கப்பட்டது. மேற்கண்ட நிகழ்வுகளில் மாணவர்கள் ஆர்வத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு தங்கள் திறன்களை வெளிக்கொணர்ந்தனர்.





National youth day was celebrated on 12th January, 2023. Being the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda the children were made aware of his teachings. The Children talked about Swami Vivekananda, recited some of his slogans and made posters with a broad vision in their minds. Various activities were conducted for the students of class 6 to 8 such as poster making on 'Youth Day' theme, painting on the topic 'Youth Problems' and scrap book designing on 'Youth Icons'. Drawing and Elocution Competition on the topic 'Youth for Universe' was conducted for the students of the higher secondary section.

## பொங்கல் விழா

பொங்கல் என்றாலே பொங்கி வருவது பால் மட்டும் அல்ல, மனிதன் இப்பூவுலகில் கொண்டுள்ள பாசமும் தான். பாசத்தின் மிகுதியாலே தமிழன் இயற்கைக்கு நன்றி சொல்கிறான். நன்றி என்பதை வார்த்தையால் சொன்னால் போதாது என்று அதற்கு ஒரு விழா எடுக்கிறான். தொல்தமிழன் எடுத்த விழாவில் எக்கலைகளை நிகழ்த்தினானோ அக்கலைகளாகிய ஒயிலாட்டம், கரகாட்டம், கும்மியாட்டம், கோலாட்டம் ஆகியவற்றை நம் பள்ளியின் கே.ஜி.வகுப்பு முதல் 9ஆம் வகுப்பு வரை உள்ள மாணவர்கள் நிகழ்த்தினர். 5ஆம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்குப் பொங்கல் நிகழ்வுகளை வரைந்து வண்ணம் தீட்டுதல் போட்டியும், 7ஆம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்கு பொங்கல் ரங்கோலி போட்டியும், 8ஆம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்கு 'பொங்கல் விழா மாதிரி' செய்யும் போட்டியும் நடத்தப்பட்டது. மாணவர்கள் குழுவாக இணைந்து தன்னார்வத்துடன் கலந்து கொண்டனர். மேலும், தமிழ்நாட்டின் பொங்கல் திருநாளையும் கேரளா, பஞ்சாப் மாநிலங்களின் அறுவடைத் திருநாளையும் பற்றி கலந்துரையாடியது பழமைப் பண்பாட்டுத் தேடலையும், தேசிய ஒருமைப்பாட்டினையும் உணர்த்தி அனைவரையும் மெய்சிலிர்க்க வைத்தது.



## National Voters Day

National Voters Day is observed on 25th January to commemorate the founding day of the Election Commission of India. Various activities were conducted for the students of Classes 6 to 8. The students were enthusiastically involved in activities such as Poster Making and Badge Making. A Mock Poll was also conducted where all the students actively participated. The students understood the importance of voting and the need for young voters to take part in the political processes.



## International Day of Women and Girls in Science

The International Day of women and girls in science was celebrated on 20th February with an objective to make the children learn the Indian women scientists to the core. Our toddlers of class 1 to 5 indulged themselves in various activities. They dressed up and talked like women scientists and recognized the role women and girls play in science and technology.



## Republic Day

"Everyone who is born in this great land has only one identity - We are all Indians." To spread the patriotic spirit among students, we celebrated our 74th Republic Day in our school with great zeal and eclat. We were glad to have Hon'ble Judge Mr. Jebamani Roby B.A.B.L., as our chief guest. He unfurled our National Flag and gave an inspiring speech on Indian Constitution.

The cultural events such as skit on importance of our Indian constitution, role play on an incident that took place in the life of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and patriotic songs performed by the students filled the entire place with patriotic vibes. Students of Class 6 to 8 participated in activities like Role play, Patriotic songs writing and many more with full involvement and proved that they were true patriots.



## Annual Sports Day 2023

The Annual Sports Day 2023 of Pushpalata Schools was held on the 27th January 2023 at the school Ground. It was a great privilege to have Dr. Abu Thamby, General Practitioner, Northampton, UK, who hoisted the School flag, declared the Sports meet open, lit the Olympic torch and released the pigeons.

The ceremonial parade led by the Head Boy and the Asst. School Pupil Leader of Pushpalata Schools, where 562 Athletes in 11 contingents participated. This parade was spectacular indeed.



Various cultural events like drills, yoga, Traditional Indian Dances, Martial Arts display and the Pride of India Parade was breathtaking and a real treat to the eyes.

In the end the Olympic Flame was extinguished and the School Flag was lowered. The Annual Sports day 2023 of Pushpalata Schools ended with the National Anthem.



## World Wetlands Day

"Protect the earth for next generation" Healthy wetlands help us cope with extreme weather events ". To emphasize the need to prioritize wetland restoration and to create awareness among the students to protect the wetlands and maintain the ecological balance The World Wetlands Day is observed on 2nd February. Based on the theme 'It's time for wetlands restoration ', the students of class 6, 7 & 8 were encouraged to write stories, poems and poster making on wetlands restoration.



## Creative Writing Workshop

A three-day workshop on Creative Writing was organized from 1st February to 3rd February 2023 for a set of students from classes 6 to 8 with the aim of nurturing their creative talent. The Resource Person was Mr. Vikram Sridhar, Performance Story Teller & Theatre Practitioner. The Theme of this workshop was Folk Writing (Me, Us & Place). The workshop dealt with observing nature, understanding ones past and ideas for creative writing. The children actively involved themselves in all the activities and had a wonderful learning experience both indoors & outdoors.



## International Mother Language Day

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# Pulwama Attack



A special assembly was conducted on 14th February 2023 to pay tribute to the CRPF Soldiers who lost their lives in the Pulwama attack.

The Pulwama attack occurred on 14th February 2019, when a convoy of vehicles carrying Indian security personnel on the Jammu–Srinagar National Highway was attacked by a vehicle-borne suicide bomber at Lethapora in the Pulwama district of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir



The special assembly included an interview with the Soldiers who narrowly escaped the Pulwama Attack. The students who enacted like these soldiers really touched the hearts of everyone present. The mime on the Pulwama Attack induced the patriotic feeling. The message of peace and non-violence was conveyed excellently through the role play, mime and patriotic song.



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“Success is not final,  
failure is not fatal:  
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continue that counts.”  
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# KG Graduation and Talent Day

The KG Graduation and Talent Day 2022-2023 of Pushpalata Matric Hr. Sec. School was celebrated on 25th February 2023 at Tapovan Hall. We were honoured to have Dr. S Maheswaran, MS Ortho, Thoothukudi Medical College as our Chief Guest. The theme of the talent day was "Back to the Future" where the children travelled to the ancient, medieval, modern and to the future. The dance performances, talk about and other cultural events were truly spectacular and took everyone present spellbound.



The Talent Day 2022-2023 of Pushpalata Matric Hr. Sec. School was indeed spectacular. The Jungle Dance, Space Dance, Robot Dance, Hoops Drill and the Finale were mind blowing. It was a wonderful way to showcase the past by comparing it to the present and future. Though our lifestyle had changed a lot when compared to the past, the message that the positive aspects of science and technology will give us a fulfilling life in future was well conveyed through various cultural programs.





## National Science Day

“Live, learn and explore! Contribute to the beautiful world of Science.”

National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28th February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28th February 1928. Based on this year's theme: “Global science for Global well-being”, a science expo was organised by the students of class VI to IX. The students displayed various working models of Biogas, Hydel Power, Water Level Indicator, Haemodialysis and many more. Through a role play on endangered and extinct species, the students created awareness among everyone about the urgent need of conserving wildlife from extinction.



## International Women's Day

International Women's Day was celebrated on 8th March 2023. There were speeches given by the male staff about how important women were in their lives, as a mother, as a daughter, as a sister and as a wife. Various games like lucky corner, passing the ball, balloon balance race were conducted by the teaching staff of Pushpalata Matric in which the lady staff participated with great enthusiasm.



## Lamp Lighting Ceremony

A lamp lighting ceremony was conducted for the students of Class XII who appeared for the Tamil Nadu Higher Secondary State Board Examinations (HSC) on 9th March 2023. The students lit the lamps to get the Almighty's blessings and to score good marks in the Board Exams. Our Correspondent in her address insisted on how important it was to develop self regulation to have a successful career. The Principal, Vice Principal and all the Teachers of the Higher Secondary Section wished the students and encouraged them to score good marks.



# COMPETITIONS – AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

## World Wildlife Week Competition



“Victory is always possible for the person who perseveres tirelessly. Tirunelveli Forest Division affiliated to the Tamilnadu Forest Department organized District Level Inter-school Competitions to celebrate “Wildlife Week 2022”. M Karthika of Class V secured the 1st Prize in Drawing Competition and Mahna of Class VIII secured the 1st Prize in English Elocution Competition.

## Badminton Tournament



“You were born to win, but to be a winner, you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win.”

The CM trophy 2022-2023 was held at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and at Anna Stadium, Tirunelveli on 6th February 2023. Amriz P of class 10 from Pushpalata Matric won the 1st Place in Badminton (Doubles) and Vidhusa S of class 9 won the 3rd Place in Badminton (Singles) in the Schools Category.

## Swimming Championship



*“Champions aren't born, they're made from the actions they take, the work they put in, and the focus they have for what matters most.”*

The 24th State Level inter-school Swimming Competition was held on 12th February 2023 at Virudhunagar. P. Manikandan of Class 5 won the 1st Place in 50 mtr. Back Stroke, 2nd Place in 50 mtr. Breast Stroke, 2nd Place in 200 mtr. Individual Medley and 2nd Place in 50 mtr. Butterfly Stroke. He also

participated in the 16th Short Course Swimming Championship – 2022 which was held at MGR Stadium, Madurai, on 25th & 26th February 2023 representing TDSA, Tirunelveli in the Group IV Boys Category and secured the 2nd Place in 4 X 50m Relay, 3rd Place in 200m Freestyle, 50m Back Stroke and 50m Breast Stroke, respectively.

## Karate Championship



The 13th National Level School Games Championship 2023 was held on 6th January 2023 at Pearls Public School, Armuganeri, Thoothukudi District. Nitish Kumar of Class VI bagged the Best Performer Award in Karate.



Tamilnadu Sports Kempo Association conducted Sports Kempo State Championship 2023 on 7th January 2023 at the Navodaya Academy, Namakkal. Mahizhan S. of Class V secured the 2nd Place in Kumite and in the under 11 boys 43kg Category. He also participated in the Saizan Goju-Ryu Karate Do Federation India Karate Championship held on 5th March 2023, at Thirumathi Rethinam Auditorium, Tirunelveli and secured the 3rd Place in Ind. Kata and Ind. Kumite in the boys Under 10 Category.

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## Silambam Championship



"Work Hard in Silence let Success make the noise"

C. Dharani of Class VI participated in 13th State Level Silambam Open Championship conducted by World Silambam Martial Arts Association at Nazerath on 25th Feb 2023 and bagged the 3rd prize.

## Chess Championship



"If something stands between you and your success, move it. Never be denied."  
Auro Chess conducted an International Open Rapid FIDE Rating Tournament at Star School Montessori, Karur on 19th February 2023. G Madhumitha of Class 5 participated in this Tournament and bagged the 2nd Prize. She also participated in the First Xaverian International Fide Rating Open Chess Tournament held between 4th and 7th March and won the 1st Place in the Under-11 category.

# INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS 2022-2023



## Overall Championship Winners

Ixora (Blue House)



## Overall Championship Runners

Butea (Red House)



## CONCLUSION

The Board Examinations for Classes XII, XI, and X commenced on 13th March, 14th March and 6th April respectively. The Annual Examinations for Classes I to VIII commenced on 3rd April 2023. The students were deeply immersed in studies and preparing very hard to score outstanding marks in their respective examinations. We take this opportunity to thank the Management, Parents, Teachers, Students and the support staff for being so encouraging and also for their support extended during this 3rd Term of the Academic Year 2022-2023.

The school closed for summer vacation on 13th April and will be reopening on 5th June 2023 for Class I to IX after the summer vacation to begin the new Academic Year 2023-2024. The re-opening date for Classes X and XII will be intimated through separate circulars. At this moment we wish to thank the Almighty for all the blessing bestowed upon us and through the Almighty's Blessings, we had a very successful and fruitful Academic year 2022-2023.

HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS