

Dear Readers,

Vidya Vikas Academy provides opportunities for every student to develop their talents and skills through the many programs, activities and events conducted intra-school, inter-school at the taluka, district, state and national level. Our efforts and commitment is directed towards creating, responsible, caring and happy citizens who will make a contribution to society. We thank our School Managing Committee, the Board of Management and our staff for encouraging a holistic education and congratulate all our students for their participation and achievements.

Manju Modur Editor Tania Monteiro Vice-Principal Sheetal Kumar Vice-Principal Joble Bijoy Principal

January 16, 2021

PRE-PRIMARY – SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON LOHRI

Lohri, the harvest festival of Punjab was celebrated virtually for the students of Pre-Primary on 13th January 2021 to mark the end of the Cold Winter Season.

The significance of the festival was explained by the teacher coordinator and a short story on the festival was presented to the pupils.



The presentation concluded with the greetings and prosperity for the coming new year.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Clece Conrad Crasto

January 18, 2021

PRE-PRIMARY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON MAKAR SANKRANTI

Makar Sankranti is the festival of Gujarat. The tradition of kite flying is held on this day. A special assembly on this festival was presented to the students of pre-primary virtually. The significance of this festival is the harvest of sugarcane, which was explained to the students.

It is always celebrated on 14th January which marks the beginning of the harvest season. The highlights of the presentation in the video was the flying of kites.



Co-ordinator: Tr. Fatima Diniz

January 18, 2021

MEDICAL CAMP AT VVM'S VIDYA VIKAS ACADEMY

The Sports Department of Vidya Vikas Academy, in association with Borkar Nursing Home, Margao, organised a free medical camp for the staff of VVA. The camp was held on 13th January, 2021 at Vidya Vikas Academy. The medical team comprised of Dr Neeraj Borkar and Dr. Sanjivi Talak, and six nurses. The health camp provided consultation and diagnostic tests of Complete Hemogram, Blood Sugar Level, ECG and BP checkup.

All SOP's were followed for conducting the camp safely and smoothly.



Co-ordinator: Sir Sidharth Fal Dessai

January 21, 2021

PRE-PRIMARY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON PONGAL

Pongal is a harvest festival in south India. It is one of the most important festivals celebrated by the Tamilians in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

A special presentation on Pongal was uploaded on 14th January 2021 for the Pre-primary section.

The teacher explained the significance of the festival in a presentation through visuals and song.



Co-ordinator: Tr. Trina Pereira

January 30, 2021

<u> ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH – SOLO SINGING</u>

Music is the best method of relaxation. Music binds our soul, hearts and emotions. It cheers the spirit and lightens the heart. To bring out the singing talents of students, we at VVA had an Online Solo Singing Activity for our students of class 1 to 5.

Due to the ongoing situation, the students were asked to mail us a 1-minute video of their performance. The concept was created to give an opportunity to the students who had amazing voices and are locked at home.

The participants from class 1 to class 5 put forth their enthralling performances. They sang the songs with confidence and passion. The mellifluous songs pulled the heartstrings of the listeners. The 98 participants who submitted their videos to us, performed on a virtual platform with some high energy singing.

Co-ordinators: Sir Saturnino Fernandes and Tr. Neerja Bane

January 30, 2021

PATRIOTIC DANCE ACTIVITY

A patriotic dance activity for the students of classes 6th to 8th was conducted on 20th January, 2021 to inculcate the feeling of patriotism and pride for ones country in the young minds. The students were dressed up in colorful costumes and swayed to the beats of music. Students enthralled us with their vivacious performances on patriotic songs with zest and valor.

This activity allowed students to know and understand about the various dance forms in India and made students passionate about dancing, kept the flame of patriotism alive and created positive attitude among them.



Co-ordinators: Tr. Privanka Bhandari and Tr. Reshma Raikar

Anuary 30, 2021

REPUBLIC DAY 2020

Vidya Vikas Academy celebrated Republic Day keeping in mind the norms of Social distancing. The programme started with a warm welcome by Tr. Satya Sharma.

This was followed by flag hoisting by the Principal and the singing of the National Anthem.

The Principal, Mrs. Joble Bijoy addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of the day.

Sir Neil D'Cruz and Sir Saturnino Fernandes spread the feelings of patriotism by singing a melodious patriotic song followed by the Vote of Thanks by Tr. Satya.

The program ended with the singing of the national song Vande Mataram by Tr. Archana Verma.

A special presentation on Republic Day was presented virtually to the students of classes from 6th to 12th standard on 26th January 2021.

Co-ordinator: Tr. Satya Sharma

January 30, 2021

MARTYR'S DAY

Vidva Vikas Academy observed Martvr's day on tribute 30th January 2021 to to the Martyr's who pay risked their lives in the freedom struggle and suffered atrocities at the hands of the British. Martyrs' Day is a day observed annually by nation to salute the martyrdom of soldiers who lost their lives defending the sovereignty of India.

On this day, every year, the students of Vidya Vikas Academy organise a special assembly to commemorate the struggle of the martyrs towards attaining freedom. This year

COVID 19 has pushed us to suspend classes and maintain social distancing. Hence, a recorded video on the







importance of the day was shared with the students of classes 6 to 10. Silence of two minute was observed by the staff of Vidya Vikas Academy.

The objectives of the video were:

To make the students realise the importance of the day.

To make the students aware about the events of the day and the people involved.

To make the students appreciate the contribution of our great Martyrs.

To inculcate the values of patriotism.

To instil a sense of pride in our students about our great Martyr's who fought for our country.

Co-ordinator: Sir Gajanan Prabhudessai

January 30, 2021

ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH – PATRIOTIC SINGING

The month of January fills in the feeling of Patriotism in every Indian.In the patriotic fervour of the Republic Day, a video of the famous Goan band" Black in White" singing and performing AR Rahman's Maa Tujhe Salaam was sent to the students to inspire a feeling of Patriotism among them.

The basic objective of developing art of expression and zest was accomplished as some students reverted with a video of themselves singing the song. This patriotic singing activity added Momentum in the current online experience of the students.

Co-ordinator: Sir Neil D'cruz

SENIOR SECONDARY SECTION

January 30, 2021

MARTYRS' DAY

"Martyrdom does not end something; it is only a beginning." Martyrs are the real heroes and the pride of any nation. They fought with exemplary heroism to ensure that the future generation gets the freedom from chains of slavery. Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas is observed every year in India on 30th January in order to mark the remembrance of the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. On January 30, 1948, The Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated by Nathuram Godse at the Birla House during his evening prayers. This year, India is observing Mahatma Gandhi's 73rd death anniversary.

A special assembly was prepared and uploaded on 30th January, 2021 in order to honour the countless sacrifices made by Gandhiji and many other valiant soldiers. The assembly highlighted Gandhi's sacrifices towards India's freedom and his ideologies which were based on truth and non-violence. A video



was also shared to enlighten students about Martyrs' day. Through the video, students were also reminded that we need to be grateful for the sacrifices of our warriors towards our freedom. The assembly ended on the note "Happy are we, who can breathe freedom and enjoy a safe future".

Co-ordinator: Tr. Reema Dalal

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