

BHAVAN'S GANDHI VIDYASHRAM

KODAIKANAL



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The Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan stands for the integration of Indian Culture and the revitalization of Dharma in its three-fold form of Truth, Love and Beauty. (Satyam, Shivam and Sundaram) Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram believes in a holistic approach to learning, giving equal importance to academics, sports and other creative pursuits.

In the forty years of its existence, the school has strived to do its best to promote overall excellence of all the students coming into its portals. Those passing out have emerged as responsible, useful and socially desirable individuals striving for success in their chosen fields.

The year 2022-23 has been a successful year filled with commendable achievements. 40 years of excellence in holistic education, our school has set a high standard in today's field of education and is one among the cream of the best residential schools in South India.

FACULTY-MENTORS WITH MISSION

Carefully selected faculty with long years of experience and qualification are the core strength of Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram, Kodaikanal. The faculty members are highly competent, dynamic and well-experienced professionals who are committedly leading their students to the hallway of success. The teachers at Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram have also taken learning beyond the four walls of the classroom by playing multiple roles as mentors, philosophers and guides.

Clearing doubts, allaying fears and anxiety of the students and motivating them to perform well both in academics and co-curricular activities, the teachers here have been able to set the tone for a wholesome, holistic learning environment.

SCHOOL REOPENS 4th JAN 2023

The second term of the academic year 2022-23 commenced on 4th January 2023. The practical board examinations were conducted in the second week of January.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME-(15 JAN TO 21 JAN 2023)

A student exchange program offers students' exposure to a new culture which enables them to learn new perspectives. Joining such a program enables students to learn a new language and also helps them to develop their personality and increase tolerance for other cultures.



Fifteen students and three teachers from Bhavans, Nagpur visited our school from 15th January to 21st January 2023 as part of cultural exchange program. They stayed in the school campus and mingled with our students and teachers. The students had the opportunity of learning, living and experiencing the culture of the student community at Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram. The students of the Bhavan's Nagpur attended classes, visited local places of importance like the Solar Observatory, Kodai Lake and the Rose Garden. They also presented a stage program comprising of songs and dances. This exchange program thus helped the students of both the schools to understand each other and establish friendships.





ANNUAL NCC CAMP

The NCC provides opportunities to the youth of the country for their all-round development with a sense of Duty, Commitment,



Dedication, Discipline and Moral Values so that they become able leaders and useful citizens. NCC training offers many benefits to the trainees. We are glad to share that 19 of our NCC cadets attended the Annual NCC camp held at Palani from 18th Jan to 26th January 2023.



REPUBLIC DAY 2023 CELEBRATED- The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with pride and reverence in the school on 26th Jan 2023 in front of Sadasivan Auditorium.



The ceremony began with the hoisting of the tricolor flag. The students highlighted the importance of the day with remarkable speeches in English, Tamil and

Hindi. They sang patriotic songs to celebrate the occasion. The program came to an end with the National Anthem. Sweets were distributed to celebrate the special occasion.



MANGALDEEP 2023

Mangaldeep, the farewell function for the outgoing students of classes X and XII was held on 30th January 2023. The program was organised by the students of classes IX and XI. There was a variety entertainment program.

Representatives from the outgoing batches recollected their experiences and thanked the teachers for their support and guidance. Lamps were lighted and the students offered them to Goddess Saraswati and prayed for the divine guidance in taking up the board examination smoothly. A special dinner was organised for the students of the outgoing batches.





COUNSELLING SESSION

Career Counselling is essential to prepare young students for their life after school and in the world of work. The decision of which degree program to pursue at University is very important to Secondary School Students. With a view to broaden the horizons of the students a counselling session was organised for the

senior students on 18th February 2023 at the Audio Visual Lab. The resource person was Mrs. Sheela Benjamin Thomas, HOD, Department of Special Education, KIS. The Topic of the counselling session was -Ease your examination fear.

ART PROJECT

An art project created using waste materials was prepared by our students under the guidance and leadership of our Art Teacher, Mrs. Krishna Bauer. This collaborative art project, "Tree of Life" was appreciated by one and all.



The students made a tapestry woven with plastic yarn made from all kinds of plastic bags used for packaging grocery and snacks items. The unique piece of Art work named as "Tree of Life" was 5 feet in diameter and was made of around 150 plastic bags and



beautiful ropes. These ropes were used to weave this beautiful piece of art. The background was made with card board procured from throwaway storage boxes. Flexible PVC pipes and wires were used for making the frame. All the materials used in this art piece were acquired from "waste" or junk. That is why this art piece a good example of "treasure from trash".

Plastic wrappers which are thrown into the dustbin without any second thoughts were chosen as primary resource material. The plastic wrappers were then made into beautiful ropes and this tapestry was woven. These wrappers were fused together using hot iron and baking paper. The round shape blue and green background colours of tapestry represent our planet. The tree represents the life force, growth, wisdom and prosperity. The colours of the tapestry represent the five sacred elements; Space, Air, Agni, Water & the Earth which are responsible for whole cosmic creation including human body and hence should be revered.

"Tree Of Life" can serve to become a sound symbol for living in harmony with Nature by observing zero waste lifestyle and sustainable living. Nature, nurtures but does not produce any waste. Mankind has to learn the concept of zero waste from the Nature, which is the only sustainable solution to reduce the impact of climate change and global warming.

FOREST CLEANING CAMPAIGN-16 March 2023



To instil in the students, values of cleanliness of the surroundings and to promote a healthy environment, the students of grades 10 and 11 were taken to the Sacred Heart College, Shenbaganur as a part of the Forest Cleaning Campaign conducted by the College on 16th

March 2023. Over 250 students from all over Kodaikanal and the Solaikuruvi team participated in the event. Collectively, the team managed to gather 1 Ton of waste which was then segregated into 421 kgs of glass bottles, 4 kgs of aluminium and over 221 kgs of plastic which were then sent for recycling.





Our students also visited the museum which houses relics of some extinct animals and some rare herbs.



VISIT TO THE ROSE GARDEN-27th March 2023

Parks are a great place for kids to discover nature and exercise their imagination. Children benefit from learning about and from nature by immersing themselves in it.

The students of grades 2 to 8 were taken to the Rose Garden and the Solar Observatory on 27 March 2023.



VISIT TO THE KODAIKANAL SOLAR OBSERVATORY



TEACHERS' ENRICHMENT PROGRAM-

Six teachers, Mrs Deepika Devi, Mrs. Gowri, Mr. Arun, Mrs Ramya, Mrs Gayatri and Mr. Anand of our school attended the Capacity Building Programme on Financial Literacy and Use of Digital tools conducted by First Step Public School at Batlagundu on 28th March 2023. The Resource person was Dr. Rosy Lidia.



INTACH Khaana Khazaana competition

The nutritional importance of traditional foods needs to be recognised and popularised. Traditional food products are socially, culturally and economically important. To create awareness among students, INTACH, Kodaikanal Chapter organised a Poster Competition at Zion School on 16 February 2023. Our students participated in the event enthusiastically. The best entry certificate was given to Miss M. B. Hiran Mayee Madhavan of grade 7 of our school.



EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO SHOLAI FOREST

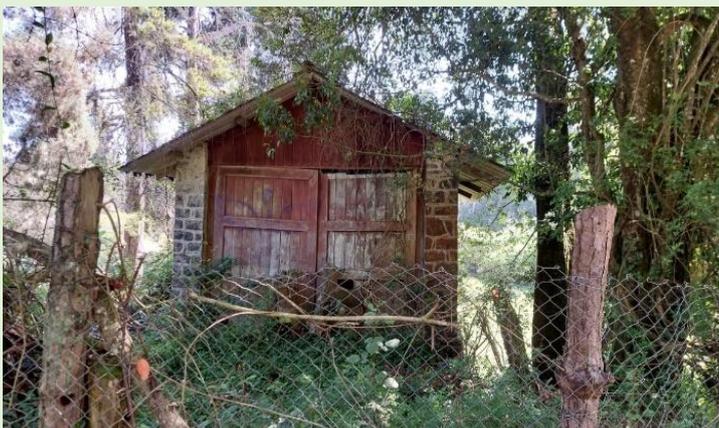
Field trips encourage the strengthening of bond between teachers and the students. Such trips also help in improving children's social and interactive skills. It

is one of the best ways to make learning fun for children outside the classrooms.



Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram encourages learning beyond what is provided in a textbook, in both our students and teachers. Nature-based learning and education improves a child's academic performance and critical thinking.

Students of grades 10 and 11 were taken to the Bombay Shola Forest area in Kodaikanal on an educational trip. Shola forests are montane evergreen forests unique to the high-altitude





regions (above 1,800m) of the Western Ghats. Sholas contain a wealth of plant, animal and bird species. Together with native grasslands, this ecosystem plays a key role in absorbing monsoon rains. Sholas are most often found in the protected folds of hills. Our students gained a lot of information about the flora and fauna of the Bombay Sholai forests. They learnt about the medicinal properties of plants.

TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Tamil New year was celebrated in school on 14th April 2023. A special assembly was organised. Students performed dances and also presented a skit on the occasion. This was followed by a special puja in the Saraswati Temple. Sweet Pongal was distributed after the puja. An inter-house football match for the super senior boys was organised in the morning hours. A sumptuous lunch on banana leaves was served in the dining hall on the occasion.





TAMIL ELOCUTION COMPETITION

On the occasion of Vallalar's 200th birth anniversary, an essay writing and speech competition were jointly organized by the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Ministry of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments at Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Kodaikanal on 23rd March 2023. Our students won prizes in the Essay Writing and Tamil Elocution Competition. The prize winners are as mentioned below.

Dheya S.B. secured Second place in Essay Writing.

Sanjay Kumar secured Second place in Tamil Elocution.

Harsh Aagunan T. secured Third Place in Tamil Elocution.



CHILDREN SPORTS FESTIVAL

Children Sports Festival under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav was celebrated in school from 26th April to 28th April 2023. The different sports portals such as Fit India Portal, National Sports Repository System of Sports Authority of India were popularised through speeches in assembly. Awareness about indigenous games and various sports activities were conducted. Outdoor games like football, basketball and badminton were organised. Indoor games like Chess, Ludo and Carrom were also conducted in school.





Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram is a centre for excellence in education and the most sought after destination for students from all across the country and the globe.

❖ Our school has been ranked No: 1 in the parameters of "Individual Attention to Students" in a survey of top 125 International, CBSE and ICSE schools in India, conducted by Education Today.

❖ Our school has been given NCC affiliation and has also been accredited with the ISO certification.

❖ Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram, Kodaikanal is the proud recipient of the prestigious International Dimension in Schools certification and trophy from the British Council for the academic years 2022-25. The certificate has been accredited by the British Council for school's efforts to embed international aspect in their curriculum.



HAPPY SUMMER VACATION!