

THE SOMAIYA SCHOOL RAYS



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FOREWORD

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another edition of RAYS our e-Newsletter, the second this year, all of which we hope has helped you stay updated with the latest happenings in our school. We hope you enjoyed the summer months spending a lot of time outdoors. We at The Somaiya School definitely enjoyed it a lot and are excited to be back at school.



For the very first time we welcome our new junior student council along with the senior council. These bunch of young and energetic council members are ready to take on their responsibilities head on. We wish them all the best for the year.

At TSS it is our mission to provide children with a holistic education and giving them exposure to an array of things. With this belief in mind we celebrated a range of assemblies this month including World Environment Day, Yoga Day, French Day, Guru Purnima, Kargil Divas and Doctors Day. The students surely gained a lot of knowledge and enjoyed researching and presenting the assemblies.

We believe in maximizing the resources available to us in our wonderful campus. With this thought in mind our students engaged in a few learning session with the native French students on the Somaiya Vidyvihar campus and put up a small performance along with the students for the French Day Assembly.

We strive everyday to make learning engaging, relevant and joyful for all our students. We hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter.

Do share your ideas with me for a great school year at principal.tss@somaiya.edu.

Warm regards,

Ms. Parveen Shaikh

Principal

SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

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RAMYA JAMMI

What led you to pursue your career as a special educator?

Teaching is a wonderful chance to change the world one moment at a time, and being a special educator is no different. Initial experiences in this role created a path towards special education. When a child with autism who is resistant to personal touch comes up and gently hugs me, **the impact is real**. Despite all the stress, teaching students with special needs constantly reminds me of why I became a teacher. When I see a student spend hours trying to learn something and then finally succeeding, I forget all about the challenges of the profession.

What/ who has been your source of inspiration?

My relative who is a child with special needs - his struggle in this society, My mother who is an excellent teacher herself and my school teachers who taught me to be sensitive towards my peers when inclusion was not yet born.

I started my career as a Rehabilitation therapist working with children with special needs. My

What are the difficulties that you face in your line of work?

The biggest hardships in this field is to handle denial and the path of acceptance of stakeholders (specifically parents) at various levels. Then it's easier said than accepted term "inclusion". Their everyday struggle of **Fit or Misfit** in the society. And lastly limited resources and centres, all therapies under one roof is the biggest challenge.

How would you describe the importance of mental health and wellbeing in a student's life?

Awareness has created a better understanding of every child's space and security in the society. The WHO definition of health also includes mental health apart from physical and social well-being. When a student is healthy in all areas - physically, emotionally, spiritually the growth and development is faster and easier. The only thing is that society is taking its baby steps towards creating awareness and acceptance of Divyang. Let us hope this grows and flourishes well in India as in other countries.

How would you describe your journey with TSS so far?

TSS plays a major role in inclusion and acceptance which is also the motto of the school. It has helped me grow every day in my career and shape my professional life in this city. As it's been more than two and a half years in this school I have noticed the growth of the school and how each employee is trained and helped wherever required. Working in this accepting environment, I have cherished every moment with the students. As it says "The more you teach the more you learn" I am just learning every day and every moment in TSS.

A quote that motivates you.....

"It takes a big heart to help shape little minds"

World Environment Day:

Saving the environment is the need of the hour and we strive to educate and make our students aware of the current global scenario and contribute in conserving the earth. In light of this, students of Grade 5 presented an assembly for the primary section on the World Environment Day. The students were shown a video and oriented on how human activities affect the environment. Facts on how the United Nations has brought in the forefront an awareness on the ill effects of industrialization and population explosion were also shared. The assembly highlighted the importance of Environment Day and the need to focus on how we can change our habits for the betterment of the environment. This was followed by a mime act on saving trees. Students also had prepared poems individually on "Mother Earth" and the best ones were read out to the audience. The assembly culminated with the showing of an inspiring effort made by people around the world to create "Earth Ships" to help sustain the environment and use natural resources without causing its depletion.



Eid Celebrations:

The Teachers of grade 1 presented an assembly to sensitize and create awareness among the students about the festival of Eid and the holy month of Ramzan. It was presented in the form of a skit wherein the way to greet each other during Eid and the meaning of Iftar and its significance was acted out by the teachers. A video depicting Ramadan and the virtues that need to be imbibed by all was shown beautifully. Facts pertaining to Eid were shown on the PPT and explained by Ms. Reema. She further spoke about the five pillars of Islam and gave a brief explanation on them. The assembly concluded with a quiz and a flash mob dance performance that left everyone with a smile on their face!



Yoga Day:

The basic importance of life is the health of our body. It is commonly said that 'Health isn't everything, but without health everything is nothing'. To highlight this, the students of TSS celebrated International Yoga Day with immense pride and exuberance. Grade 4 and 9 collaborated to present an assembly wherein they emphasized the importance of yoga in our lives and the need to stay fit and healthy. The students presented a splendid display of musical yoga. The Quiz on yoga further had everyone jogging their memories!! The audience too were made to do certain yoga exercises. The assembly ended high on the yogic note with the Head boy presenting the History of yoga and International Yoga day



World Doctor's Day:

The students of Grade 3 presented an assembly with an amazing act that highlighted the need for doctors. They also educated the audience on the different types of doctors and their fields. The quiz at the end had the audience excited and was full of healthy information. Grade 6 also presented the assembly for the secondary section, highlighting the current scenario in society with respect to medical admissions and a student's life doing medicine. The students also shared valuable information about the entrance examinations for medicine and humour was brought in by CIRCUIT of MUNNABHAI MBBS fame.



Felicitaton Program:

The Somaiya School takes great pride in the achievement of each and every student. So this year's result of grade 10 brought in a lot of cheer and cause for celebration. The school felicitated the students for their glorious achievements which was due to their hard work and diligent efforts. Master Debanjan Bhattacharjee emerged as the school topper with 98.6%.



Our Class X Toppers (2018-2019)



Mst. Debanjan Bhattacharjee
98.6 %



Ms. Yutika Pathak
96.4 %



Mst. Mit Gandhi
96.2 %

Subject Wise Toppers

English



SreePrabha Nair
Marks 99

Hindi




Debanjan Bhattacharjee
Marks 99




Yashvi Doshi
Marks 99

Mathematics




Debanjan Bhattacharjee
Marks 100

Science




Debanjan Bhattacharjee
Marks 100




Manay Mehta
Marks 100


Social Science



Yash Khanna
Marks 99




Pranav Shindhaye
Marks 99




Debanjan Bhattacharjee
Marks 99

Elements of Business



Dev Gandhi
Marks 95

Foundation of IT



Vansh Joisher
Marks 96

Result Analysis

95% & above - 11 Students,
90% to 95% - 13 Students,
85% to 90% - 11 Students,
80% to 85% - 09 Students,

75% to 80% - 04 Students,
70% to 75% - 01 Student,
65% to 70% - 03 Students,
60% to 65% - 01 Student.

Overall Result 100 %

Investiture Ceremony:

The much awaited Investiture Ceremony took place in the month of June where the new members of the Student Council were vested with their new badges, power and positions!!!! The ceremony began with the gloriously coordinated march past, which had everyone's heart beating to the rhythm. Our Principal Ma'am then took the stand and presented a beautiful motivational speech on how to become a good leader. This was followed by oath taking and honouring the council members with their badges. The ceremony had the council members beaming with pride and a desire to fulfill each of their duties with utmost commitment and sincerity. The House Masters too took their oath and stood with their house captains and sports captains, pledging solidarity and support.



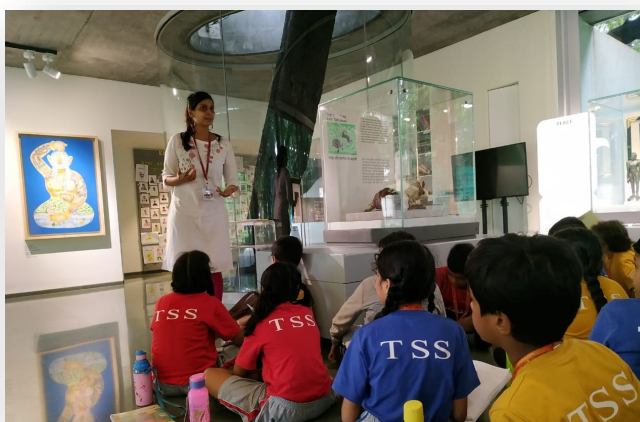
Student council Members:

The following students represent the Student Council for the academic year 2019-20:

	Atharvaveda	Yajurveda	Rigveda	Samveda
HOUSE MASTER	Ms. Gomathi	Ms. Meghna	Ms. Varsha	Ms. Yamini
HEAD BOY			Tanish Chheda (10 B)	
HEAD GIRL				Tejasvi Lala (10 B)
SCHOOL SPORTS CAPTAIN	Parth Shah (10-A)			
HOUSE CAPTAIN	Darsh Dave (10-A)	Vedant Thakkar (9-A)	Jadon Lopes (9-A)	Tejasvi Devkar-Bhosale (8-B)
HOUSE SPORTS CAPTAIN	Arjun Shivaramakrishnan (9-A)	Deep Chawda (8-B)	Aarya Savani (10-A)	Aryan Chatterjee (8-A)
ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMP	Ashwika Iyer (3-A)	Mahee Chauhan (3-C)	Krishiv Shah (3-A)	Sanchi Sarawagi (3-B)
ASST Ju.HOUSE CAPTAIN	Vedika Patel (4-C)	Daiwik H. Diwani (4-B)	Tianna K. Gajra (4-B)	Veeana Chheda (4-A)
Ju. HOUSE CAPTAIN	Nirman Mehta (5-B)	Aarohi Shah (5-B)	Aarush Aiyar (5-A)	Mahir Thakkar (5-A)

Field Trip– CSM Vastu Sangrahalaya:

The students of Grade 3 visited the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya on 31st of July. The purpose of the visit was to enlighten the students about the origin of History and different civilizations. The museum had separate Nature of History section and artifacts excavated from Harappan sites. The museum's outstanding collection of sculptures, terracotta, Indian miniature painting, ivories from Japan and China had everyone mesmerized.



Beach Clean-up:

The students of grade 7 visited the Dana Pani beach at Malad with a mission in hand. The beach clean mission was organized to sensitize the students towards the importance of a clean environment and proper disposal of plastic waste. The students enthusiastically participated in the beach clean-up and were surprised by the amount of plastic waste found. Mr. Afroz Shah, lawyer, and conservationist along with his representatives spoke about 'Circular Economies' and the process to be followed after collecting of plastic wastes. The session was quite an eye-opener for all the participants.



French Day Assembly:

French day in TSS was celebrated with students of Grades 1 to 10 presenting an assembly. They recited many rhymes in French and also spoke about famous French personalities. The humorous drama presented different delicacies of France. The highlight of the day was the performance given by the Exchange students from Ghana.



Reports:

Guru Purnima:

Guru Purnima is a festival that reflects India's cultural tradition of showing respect and reverence to teachers who are considered equal to god.

Grade 7 in put up a poetical assembly for Guru Purnima with students reciting verses about the various roles played by a Guru in our lives. A dance piece choreographed by the students themselves paid obeisance to the gurus in our lives.

The students of Grade 11 celebrated Guru Purnima with a true sense of devotion and dedication to their teachers/gurus by presenting an assembly. The programme included a formal introduction of the event followed by various cultural representations highlighting the importance of respecting teachers. Master Anmol, while introducing the event, emphasized the importance of gurus in shaping the lives of the coming generations. Dhruvi and Sara through a PPT on the emergence of Guru Purnima, took the discussion ahead in its cultural and historical context. The life and work of Savitri Bai Phule, the Icon of women's education was presented through a video screening by Rajashree and Mahima. The skit presented by the students emphasized the way they changed their approach towards their Guru. The poem by Sabiha lighted up our minds about the role of teachers in today's generation. The event was formally concluded by Deev, Sara and Anshika, leaving behind a significant impact among the audience regarding the teaching and learning process and also our teacher's role in our lives. An impressive dance performance was a feather in the cap of the show.



Blood Donation Drive:

As a part of the CBSE SEWA activity for grade 10, Social Service Committee(SSC) had organized a blood donation drive. The students of grade 10 visited the Somaiya Ayur Vihar Blood Bank where they learnt about the process of blood donation and how the components are separated and used for specific purposes.

On 21st June 2019, the students of Grade 10 conducted a rally on the importance of blood donation in Ghatkopar East and within the Somaiya Vidyavihar campus.

In school, the students were involved in poster making and acting in a skit.

On 24th June, two short skits and a song were presented in the school assembly to spread awareness about the importance of blood donation and the myths surrounding it. Students were handed donor forms and encouraged to motivate people (family and friends) to donate blood.

On 28th June, the students and SSC in association with Somaiya Ayur Vihar organized blood donation camp. Grade 10 students were responsible for the process of registration of donors, sticker distribution and certificate distribution. The camp was from 8.30 AM to 4 PM. At the end of the drive the blood bank had 153 registered donors and had collected 112 bags of blood.



Kargil Diwas:

Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 26 July every year in honour of the Kargil War's Heroes. TSS commemorated Kargil Diwas by presenting an assembly. The students of grade 9 presented a beautiful skit and various videos highlighting the sacrifice of the soldiers and importance of this day. The video played in the end had everyone moved to tears and love for the nation reignited in their hearts.



Special Mentions:



Mr. Pradeep Panigrahi:

Mr. Pradeep Panigrahi, Award Leader of The Somaiya School, Mumbai was nominated by the Award Programme Foundation for **"Valuable Service Meritorious Certificate"** as a token of recognition for his dedicated support towards the International Award for Young People (IAYP) Programme. The Award Programme was first introduced in the United Kingdom in 1956 as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The aim was to motivate young people aged between 14 and 25 years to become involved in a balanced programme of vol-

untary self-development activities to take them through the potentially difficult period between adolescence and adulthood. The Award Certificate were presented at the event of Annual Gold Award Ceremony, held at India International Centre, New Delhi on 9th July. We are proud Mr. Pradeep's achievements!

Arjun Shivaramakrishnan:

In Jan 2019, Crossword Bookstore conducted a short story writing competition for students of Grades 5 to 9. Arjun Shivaramakrishnan, currently in Grade 9A, won laurels for the school as a finalist. His short story "Namo's Quest for the Perfect Jalebi" was published in I Want to Be An Author - 2, the anthology printed by Crossword. He received a copy of the book along with a certificate. It's another feather to our cap!

