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Welcome

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Greetings of the season to all our readers!



- The New School Academic year 2021-2022 has brought about a new set of challenges for most of us. 2021 will continue to be dominated by the impact of Covid-19. But just as we allow ourselves to look ahead to a more hopeful futuristic year ahead, we also need to look back at what we learned over the past couple of years. One of the many things 2021-2022 has taught us is the importance of working together – and how crucial international collaboration really is.
- Our schools and teachers have geared to the new challenge of welcoming students to physical classrooms post the pandemic. However we will be offering digital classes to the students whenever the need arises. We are looking for newer strategies to engage the students and make learning a fun-filled activity. Carl Rogers said, "The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn ...and change."
- The classrooms therefore are great centres of learning and lay the foundation of formative and secondary years of schooling and life. It is in the classrooms that great minds are born and the different traits of learning conceptualization takes a concrete shape in terms of knowledge transfer. Effective lessons help students in learning new concepts and building a rapport with the teachers, so a happier environment for everyone involved is maintained. It is also believed that teachers must inculcate in students a degree of empathy and compassion for the world around them so that education is not deprived of a humane dimension.
- We thank all the parents who have sent articles on the topic ' 'Necessity of Mental Health for Children in Schools' and we have presented a few impressive and thought-provoking write-ups in this newsletter.
- We're always interested in hearing your views. We invite articles on the topic ' Importance of Primary School Education' for our next issue of the newsletter. If you have any comments about the newsletter or if you'd like to tell us about what's happening at school, please email us at principal@jpschennai.org.



Tr. Saravanan Thiyagarajan Principal Jain Public School

INFOCUS Assessment for Learning



Anna Smith, Senior Education Manager at Cambridge International, introduces this issues In Focus which explores how Assessment for Learning can help identify and address gaps in knowledge As programme director of the Cambridge Schools Conference, it is always a highlight of my year to attend our global conferences, and I know that's the case for many of my colleagues too. I love the discussion of ideas, the thought -provoking keynotes and the practical workshops. I love the chance to talk about teaching and learning with teachers and leaders from around the world. And, judging by the hundreds of positive comments we receive from delegates, I know that the conference is valued by our schools too. That's why we were so keen to make sure that Covid-19, while it stopped us meeting up face to face, wouldn't stop us meeting online.

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And so it was a great pleasure to be able to launch the Cambridge Schools Conference Online last November. We focused on 'Assessment for Learning in a Changing World' and we heard from Professor Dylan Wiliam as our keynote speaker. Professor Wiliam is widely recognised as the leading expert in Assessment for Learning (AfL). With him, we thought about the nature of memory and retrieval, how to design effective questions, and how big the Covid-19 learning loss might be. There was a lot of interest from delegates for our discussion of 'zero stakes testing' (where only the learner discovers how well they did in a test, not the teacher, so they can really focus on their improvement). And teachers were particularly reassured by Professor Wiliam's reminder that 'vou've got this' - that the skills we have in more ordinary' times are ones that will support us, and our students, as we respond to the demands of Covid-19. We followed up Professor Wiliam's keynote with a series of panel discussions, where we heard from Cambridge teachers and leaders from around the world. In unprecedented circumstances, they have taught classes online, have managed returns to school, safety measures, returns to lockdown, and 'blended learning', with some students at home and some in class. And yet what we heard from our panel lists wasn't negativity. It was the sharing of lessons learnt and of practical advice to support learners. It was a privilege to hear what they had to say, and I'm delighted that we are able to hear more from four of those panel lists. We are continuing the conversations started at the conference throughout this issue's In Focus section. colleagues from across Cambridge Assessment explore why multiple choice questions can be used to assess complex issues, and share tips for question design. And on we hear from Tabitha Gould of Cambridge Mathematics about her top tips for AfL in mathematics. It's been a real pleasure to hear from practitioners around the world as we explore together our understanding of high-quality teaching and learning in these difficult times. I look forward to continuing the conversation in the coming weeks and months.

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as we respond to the demands of Covid-19"



Sound mental health is fundamental for a child and it's success in life. Encouragement should be given to recognise their thoughts and feelings. During Childhood days the children think that the people at home are their friends. When they move to schools, they find new friends and build good relationship with them. But that bonding will be more valued by the children.

The schools should equip the students with the following tools to manage their challenges.

- A primary goal of mental education is to increase the awareness, how to maintain positivity in themselves etc should be taught to them.
- Avoiding negative thoughts.
- Always focus on aims or success.
- Make them happy by changing the environment.
- The environment should be smooth and clear.
- Try to improve their communication skills.
- Build Self-confidence within themselves.
- The child will grow in a good atmosphere without stress.

Mother of **P.J. Preethi sahana** Grade IX



YOU' are God's masterpiece - make the most of it . IT'S OKAY to make mistakes, to have bad days, to do what's best for you and to be yourself. Every individual must accept himself because he is unique. This is the source of good mental health. each person is a jewel in a crown of unequaled beauty and when sometimes personal ruin stares at us right on the face, we should draw power from within ourselves and say; it's okay to be less than perfect and it's okay to be less than smart. Belief in our individuality, our capacity for glory and our explicit talent is really healthy. Everyone should yearn for good mental health. Acceptance of yourself will recharge you and will become a powerful force in ensuing renewal. Don't allow yourself to take any event as defeat, rather rejoice and gather the opportunity to grow through the painful experience. Kids should be trained to get self motivated and should create a thirst to develop themselves.

Mental health impacts every area of life. Apparently maintaining health and wellbeing is rather a complex task. Children in this unprecedented covid-19 situation might become the victims of emotional and behavioural problems. Good mental health of a child is essential for his or her overall health, development and education. The signs of mental health problems vary depending upon the age of the children. In the ages of preschool - unusual temper tantrums, extreme aggression or disobedience. In the grade years - Unexpected drop in school performances, prolonged sadness. In adolescent years detachment from family and destructive behaviour. Psychotherapy, cognitive behavioural therapy, group therapy are the ways to treat the mental illness. Parents can promote good mental health habits in the children in ample ways such as spending quality time with them, discuss about their problems, ensure that they get enough sleep, help them to relax, engage them with creative outlets. Let us all follow our mind ; the source of our recharge.

Happy mental health journey.

Radhanand Mother of **Amrithavarshini Anand** Grade 6 B



ACHIEVEMENTS

A dream becomes a goal when action is taken towards its achievement.



காந்தி செயந்தி – காஞ்சிபுரம் மாவட்ட அளவிலான பேச்சுப் போட்டி மாணவர்கள் பங்கேற்பு





தேர்ந்த கதை சொல்லியைத் தேடல் - இணைய வழியில் அசிஸ்ட் உலக சாதனை தமிழ்நாடு ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சி பல்கலைக்கழகத்துடன் பங்கேற்பு.



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Gokul Krishna of Grade 5 has added another feather to JPS cap by winning Orange Colour Belt in GI TOKU KAI KARATE - DO INDIA.







Navarathri Golu



Our Vice Principals started with the lighting ceremony



Jps went into a festival mood, this month with the celebration of navarathri in a grand manner. With this celebration a vibrant prosperity spread around the campus.









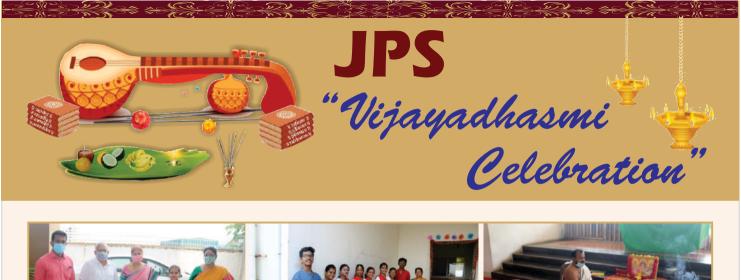




Occasion of Ayudha Puja



அப்துல் கலாம் பிறந்த நாள் கொண்டாட்டம்





Occasion of Aksharabhyasam



On Vijayadhasmi, the students across all grades gave a fabulous cultural performance.



The students of primary & secondary wing swayed to the tunes of music with their graceful movements.



Live Golu and Story Telling Session by the cute little Buttterflies was the key note of the celebration.



Some pleasant and memorable moments of navarathri celebration.



Sandeep Grade 8



Nidhanya Grade 3 A



Nigarish Begum Grade 1A





Khush Sachin Birundh Grade 8

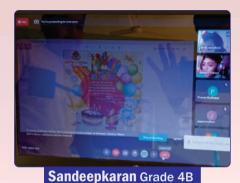
May your birthday be sprinkled with fun and laughter. Have a great day!



Mithun Grade 5A

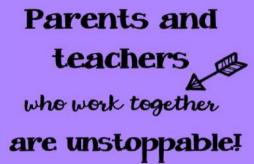


Arjuna Grade 3 B



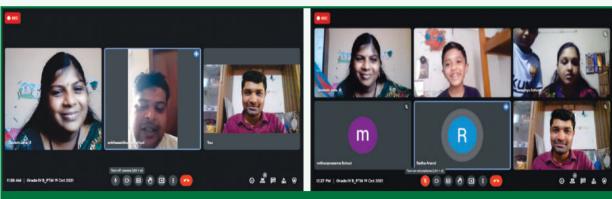
The Students of JPS celebrate their birthdays with a difference. The teachers make it momentous and exciting by making home visits during their birthdays. Gifts and birthday cards are presented.







Grade 4A - PTM



Grade 4B - PTM



Online PTM across classes helped the parents to know about their wards academic performance.

REATIVE Being creative is not a hobby it's a way of life **ORNER Kindergarten**



Ishitha surana UKG A



Iniya Theshna R B UKG A



Prashvitha UKG A





Shivaay Pathak LKG



Akshith LKG



KAVI B.G UKG A

A Midas touch in creativity through online art and craft classes.



The students of primary wing have created master pieces in craft through virtual mode.





Preethi Sharma : Grade 8







Sriya Shalini Sahoo : Grade 8





Purvi Sharma : Grade 9

The Senior students have excelled in the field of art. These are some of their creative pieces.

Monthly Calendar

November 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Daily Events

Dates	
Nov -02	Diwali celebration
Nov -04	Diwali
Nov -10	World Science Day For
	Peace and Development
Nov -11	National Education Day
Nov -14	Children's day Celebration
Nov -27	Investiture Ceremony
Nov -30	Gurunanak Jayanthi