



# Idhayam Speaks....

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## Vision

To develop and nurture confident and expressive English Language speakers who can express their ideas and thoughts confidently in the public.

## Mission

To develop the interest and love for the English Language through the Art of Public Speaking, Listening, Newspaper Reading, Report writing and Performing

## Objectives

- \* To develop the English communicative skill among the students.
- \* To increase the English Vocabulary among the students.
- \* Working as a team and act as a News reporter of the school.

## A few words from the editor....

### **“Our vision, our mission and the values we stand for”**

Dear Readers,

You have in your hand “Idhayam Speaks”; Idhayam Rajendran School's pioneer official journal. It captures the momentous moments of Idhayamites journey from the month of December to January. We have tried to make sure this memoir of IRS helps you in recapitulating your eventful journey in Idhayam. This journal is not the outcome of the effort put in by an individual, but the immense effort put forward by the Editorial Board and dear Idhayamites. This is just a small tribute to our Alma Mater.

- The Editorial Board

## Days to Remember

- 16 December - Vijay Diwas
- 18 December - Minorities Rights Day in India, International Migrants Day
- 19 December - Goa's Liberation Day
- 20 December - International Human Solidarity Day
- 21 December - Blue Christmas, World Saree Day
- 22 December - National Mathematics Day
- 23 December - Kisan Diwas
- 24 December - National Consumer Rights Day
- 25 December - Christmas Day, Good Governance Day in India
- 26 December - Boxing Day
- 27 December - International Day of Epidemic Preparedness
- 31 December - New Year's Eve
- 1 January - New Year's Day, Global Family Day
- 2 January - World Introvert Day
- 3 January - International Mind Body Wellness Day
- 4 January - World Braille Day
- 5 January - National Birds Day
- 6 January - World Day of War Orphans
- 8 January - African National Congress Foundation Day, Earth's Rotations Day
- 9 January - Non - Resident Indian Day
- 10 January - World Hindi Day
- 11 January - National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 12 January - National Youth Day
- 13 January - Lohri Festival
- 14 January - Makar Sankranti
- 15 January - Pongal, Army Day

## If I were Spiderman

If I were Spider-Man, I would do all the stuffs which he did it in the movies like helping the police and most importantly - 'Being hopeful', as mentioned in one of my favourite movies 'The Amazing Spiderman 2'. I would enjoy my life by jumping off the big buildings of my city, and unlike I am right now, I would be outside my flat more than being inside. I would be normal in front of others and everything would be a secret one. I would choose any nearby place and meet people to know about their problems. I would neither take lift nor stairs (ha-ha, not every time).

During exams, with the help of power, I would go to tall buildings and lonely places to study because I think I can concentrate more and no one would disturb me (hush). I would find a silent place nearby to play my instruments. There I will sing and dance. I would be famous and people would love me, so I would try to arrange some events (of course with mask on), anytime, or mostly on festive days to encourage them to plant trees (or request them to do it on the spot) or to save water. I would make them to learn new things and have faith in their life...Ah! It would be a pleasant feeling. I would also increase my rate of journaling I do, and it would be a whole new change of texts (ha-ha), and sometimes I would share it with the people who love me also. I would probably make an Instagram or FB account where I would post mostly my selfies which would be taken on the top of buildings where no one can ever be (of course with mask on, again), they would know much more about my life and make them happy (I am sure).

The character, though not a real, has influenced me a lot.

*A. Arjun Std III*

## In and around Idhayam

- On 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 Second Terminal Examination has begun from LKG to grade 8.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022 our Idhayamites gave 1 hour program in Rainbow FM.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2022 Christmas and New year celebration was held in our school. On the same day, the Prize Distribution for MSE Fiesta (Social) was held and Quiz Dynamics was also conducted.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023, the students of grade 4 and 5 went to an entertainment trip to Cochin.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 Career Guidance Program was organized for grade 10 and 12. On the same day, Parent Teachers meeting was held for grade 10 and 12.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2023, the students of grade 8 and 9 went on a trip to Bangalore.

**“Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire.”**

- On 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 Pongal celebration was held in our school. Traditional games were conducted for all the students. They enthusiastically visualized all the events with utmost fervor.

## Recent Breakthroughs in Space Science

In 2022, the James Web Space Telescope detected evidence that carbon dioxide exists on a planet outside of our solar system - the first - time evidence of the gas has been found on an exoplanet. The planet WASP - 39b, is a hot gas giant that was discovered in 2011.

### The 10 biggest space science stories of 2021

The universe revealed more of its secrets this year and new missions will further explore on solar system and beyond.

1. Discovery of comet Berardinelli - Bernstein.
2. Amateur astronomer discovers a new moon around Jupiter.
3. NASA will return to Venus this decade.
4. James Web Space Telescope files into space.
5. The Sun is reawakening.
6. Even Horizon telescope takes high - resolution image of black hole jet.
7. Scientists spot the closest - known black hole to Earth.
8. Earth's second 'moon' files off into space.
9. Parker Solar Probe travels through the Sun's atmosphere.
10. Perseverance begins studying rocks on Mars.

### The 5 Most Out-of-This-World Space Accomplishments of 2022

1. James Webb telescope released spectacular images of nebulae and galaxies.
2. NASA's DART mission crashed a spacecraft into an asteroid.
3. Artemis kick-starts mission to the moon.
4. Black hole: Images and sounds.
5. China sends astronauts to its very own space station

### 4 important Indian space exploration milestones in 2022

1. Maiden flight of ISRO's SSLV.
2. LVM3's first commercial mission.
3. Vikram S launch.
4. First 3D-printed single-piece rocket engine.

*R.N. Dhanudhara Std VIII*

## Witticism

What do you call a boomerang that does not come back?

A stick

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How can you tell, it is a dogwood tree?

By the bark



## Oreo Brownies

### Ingredients

**For Cake:** All Purpose Flour or Maida -  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup  
Dark Chocolate Chips -  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup  
Baking Soda -  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp  
Water -  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup  
Buttermilk - 1 cup  
Cocoa -  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup  
Sugar -  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup  
Vanilla Essence - 1 tsp

**For Topping:** Chocolate Chips - 1 cup  
Crushed Oreo cookies

### Method:

- Preheat the oven to 350°F/180°C.
- Take a heavy bottom pan or a steel bowl.
- Put chocolate chips in it and melt it using the direct method or double boiling method.
- Once the chocolate is melted, add sugar, vanilla, buttermilk, and mix it well.
- Now add flour, cocoa, baking soda and mix it well.
- Add water to have a good mix.
- Grease a pan with butter or oil and dust it generously with flour.
- Pour the batter into a prepared pan and bake it for 40 to 45 minutes.
- Insert a toothpick in the centre and check whether the toothpick comes out clean.
- If it does, then the brownies are baked.
- Now sprinkle the top of the brownies with chocolate chips and put it back into the oven for a couple of minutes.
- Now the chocolate will be melted. Spread the chocolate evenly over the top of the brownies using a spatula or butter knife.
- Crush some Oreos and sprinkle them on top of the brownies.
- Let them cool a bit.
- Now slice them.
- Oreo Brownies are ready!!!



*A. Akilash Naveen, Std V*

## Jest

What's the best smelling ant?

*A deodar-ant*

## A terrible experience in the forest

Last week, my friend rang to me and asked our family to visit the forest where he was working as a doctor for taking care of the animals. I asked my mother, she accepted to visit there. We took trekking bag and went to the forest. I was seeing the nature for a long time and gasping the nature adventures. My family members left me and went somewhere. After seeing the scenery, I saw all around, there was no evidence where my family members had gone. I became very nervous and my hands began to tremble. There was sweat all around my face. I ran to my right side but there was no evidence where my family had gone. I searched the way for exit but I could not find it as I was deep inside the forest. At that time, I heard an unfrequented sound which was coming from my left side. As soon as I turned left there was a yellow

snake which was a poisonous snake that I read about last month in a book. I began to shout in fear but I knew that the snake which I saw, could feel the vibrating sound and might have chances to bite me. So, I closed my mouth and slowly walked without a sound. After a while, I felt very thirsty but there was no water. I started to eat leaves which has water in them. At that time, my family members were also searching me. As it was a cold month, I felt very cool. I took a wood nearby and burnt it with my solar match which I used to keep it in my pocket wherever I go. At last, an idea struck in my brain. I took a cloth and climbed on a very big tree and shouted for help. As I was in a very tall tree, my sound reached my family members and they rescued me with the forest forces.

*J. Jeno Clement Aron Std IX*

## Movie Review



**Movie Name** : My mind and me  
**Cast** : Selena Gomez, Mandy Teefey (mother), Raquelle Stevens (friend) and many others.  
**Creator** : Alek Keshishian  
**Language** : English  
**Runtime** : 1 hour 35 minutes  
**Release Date** : November 4, 2022

We all know, Selena Gomez, who's been a sensational pop star, songwriter, actor and producer. She's been working ever since she was 7. The glitz and the glamour along with the controversies surely intrigue us but imagine what a star is going through behind those "spicy" headlines and dreadful questions about the past that they're continuously struggling to move ahead of? It's all that this documentary is about and way more!

Selena was diagnosed with Lupus back in 2016. That has triggered crippling anxiety in her life ever since while she continuously tries to learn "how to breathe her own breath." A kidney transplantation, mental breakdown, depression along with the worst ever heartbreak is what she's been through in the past 6 years. But it is just sad what the outside world sees and focuses on.

*A. Rajaswaroopa, Std XI*

## Comic Strip Smart Phone Life



*M. Sundharavalli, Std IV*

## PHOTO GALLERY



## The most Valued and Important thing

"Families are like branches on a tree, we grow in different way, yet, we are in single root".

The most valued and important thing in my family is discipline. My father said to me "Discipline is the only thing which will make you move forward even when you are facing poverty". Education is seen in the first category, whether the person has discipline (or) not. So, when it comes to daily life it displays in every manner like at home, at school, at office, etc... everywhere. Now a days, people are seeking a job for only money, not for satisfaction and helping others.

*Here is, how we display it in our daily life.*

- Home:** First of all, how do you call your parents? I will call her 'Amma' but I have seen so many children calling their parents with name. It is a bad attitude to show to your parents. They are elders, so give respect to them.
- School:** School is the place where we can learn all the things most importantly discipline. If a person falls down, we usually start laughing, without knowing that it may hurt him / her. Avoid it. If your friends ask help, you should help them.
- Give respect to your teachers. They are your second mothers who sacrifice their family time to give your education.
- From these, we can understand that discipline is the most valuable thing in our life.

*M. Ananya Lakshmi, Std VII*

## The Best Place that I have visited in 2022

My sister woke me up at 5:00 a.m. and I felt some nice aroma penetrating my nose, which was from the kitchen. My mother was cooking scrumptious breakfast which was a combo of white sauce pasta and coke. I was mesmerized by the aroma. At that time, my father insisted me to get ready as he planned for a picnic to the Queen of Hills, Kodaikanal.

I got prepared for the picnic. We left home at 6:00 a.m. and my father started driving the car. I felt curious and amazed as he arranged the picnic to Kodaikanal after 8 years.

When we drove at the bottom of hills, I started to feel the cold wind and mist. As we moved higher, I started admiring the nature. The lovely scenario of trees, birds, sounds of 'Silver Falls' made me enthusiastic.

After four hours of travel in the hills, we reached 'Silver Falls'. It was covered by the mist which made the falls more attractive. We went shopping at the nearby shops. We bought things.

Soon we reached the resort. My family and I had a short nap in the fluffy bed. It was so cold that we could not keep our foot on the floor without socks.

After the nap, we visited Bryant Park, Pine Forest. Around 1:00p.m we had lunch at a veg restaurant. We went Pine Forest to have our nifty snacks like bread omelette. We took many snaps to save our amazing memory.

The second day, we went for cycling around the Kodaikanal lake. There my sister and I drank hot chocolate drink which was too yummy. At 7:00 p.m we started our journey back to Madurai.

In the whole journey, I enjoyed the nature like my favourite poet Ruskin Bond. Enjoying the nature, I slept in the car. When I woke up, I saw my home and my sister was standing outside waiting for my father to unlock the home.

Thus, Kodaikanal was the best place that I have visited in 2022.

*B. Nilesh, Std VI*

## If you were a YouTuber, what would you do?

My ultimate dream and wish are, to start a YouTube channel with the name 'Foodie's Vlogs'. My inspiration is from the YouTube like 'Irfan's view', 'Peppa Foodie' and 'Idris Explorer'. I am a foodie who loves eating. I hope even many of them around me are also a foodie like me. I want to develop a 'Foodie Family' with my YouTube channel.

First for a year, I would post reviews about the street foods and hotel foods in my native city. Later on, I would post reviews about the food not only in my state but also in other states and country.

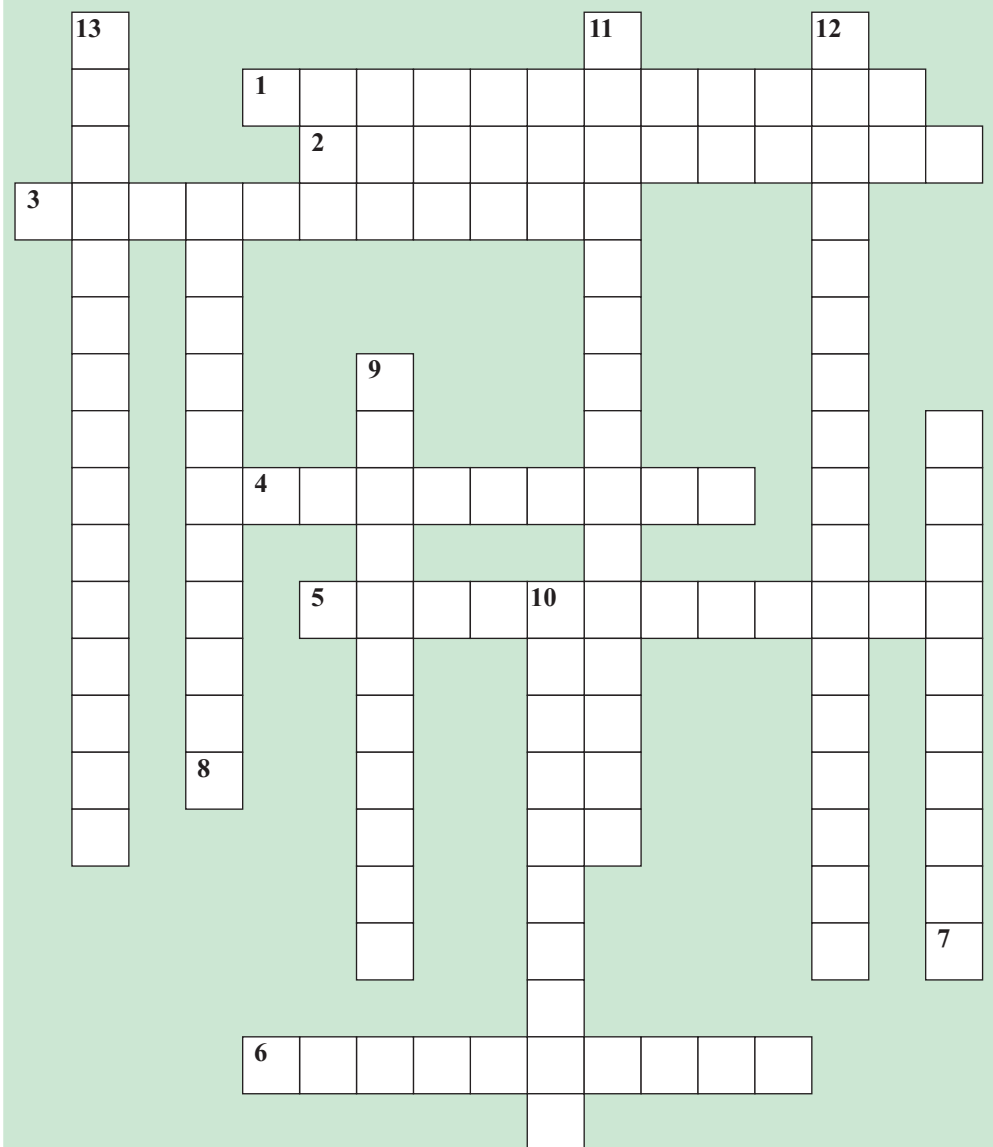
Finally, my desire is to have 20 million subscribers within 20 years from the time I started my YouTube channel.

FOOD is a Word.....

FOODIE is an emotion!!!

*G. Aldric Lawrence, Std IX*

## Cross Word Puzzle - Idioms and Phrases



### Across

1. Something that is very expensive
2. To do something in the earliest or fastest way.
3. When two or more people agree on something
4. Good luck
5. Something that is easy to do
6. Decide or agree to stop doing something

### Down to up

7. Something that is unorganized, hasn't been decided, unresolved or uncertain
8. Extremely happy

### Up to down

9. Something that you think, it will never happen
10. A person who is unwilling to spend money
11. Something that happens very rarely
12. Something that is impossible or difficult to find
13. Some one feels unwell or sick or ill

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. An arm and a leg   | 2. To cut corners | 3. See eye to eye | 4. Break a leg | 5. A piece of cake      | 6. Call it a day         |
| 7. Up in the air      | 8. On cloud nine  | 9. When pigs fly  | 10. Cheapskate | 11. Once in a blue moon | 12. Needle in a haystack |
| 13. Under the weather |                   |                   |                |                         |                          |

*M. Pragadeesh, Std VIII*

## Laudable Moment

- ★ V. Raghav Bharathi of Std IV has participated in Tamilnadu Yoga Carnival Open Championship held on 3rd December, 2022 and won 1st prize in common category.
- ★ R. Shashini of Std IV has participated in Creative Drawing Competition conducted by Kurukshetra Academy on 8th January and won 2nd prize.
- ★ R. Yaazlisai of Std I has participated in the State Level Yoga Open Championship – 2022 organised by Royal Stars Traditional Art Academy and secured second position in common category. She has also bagged the Best Performer-2022 award