



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 July to August. 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

EPOCH OF AUGUST

- 1 August** - National Mountain Climbing Day
- 3 August** - International Friendship Day
- 6 August** - Hiroshima Day
- 7 August** - National Handloom Day
- 8 August** - Quit India Movement Day, International Cat Day
- 9 August** - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- 10 August** - World Lion Day, World Biofuel Day
- 12 August** - International Youth Day, World Elephant Day
- 13 August** - International Left-Handers Day, World Organ Donation Day
- 14 August** - Independence Day of Pakistan
- 15 August** - Independence Day of India
- 17 August** - Indonesian Independence Day
- 19 August** - World Photography Day, World Humanitarian Day
- 20 August** - World Mosquito Day
- 23 August** - ISRO Day
- 26 August** - International Dog Day, Onam
- 29 August** - National Sports Day

FUN CAT FACTS

• Cats sleep a lot – usually **13–16 hours** a day.

• A group of cats is called a **clowder**, and a group of kittens is a **kindle**!

• Cats have **32 muscles** in each ear, allowing them to rotate their ears **nearly 180°**.

• A cat's nose print is **unique**, just like a human fingerprint.

• Cats' brains are **90% similar** to human brains – even more so than dogs'!

• Cats can make **over 100 different sounds**, while dogs make only about **10**.

In and Around Idhayam

- ★ On July 17th, our Pre-KG students celebrated **World Emoji Day** with fun activities that helped them learn about digital emotions in an enjoyable way.
- ★ On July 18th, our school proudly hosted the ASISC Fr. George Hess SJ Memorial Literary Zonal Competition Zone III (2026), uniting 309 students from 19 schools across various literary categories. Evaluated by 39 expert judges and officially observed by Mrs. Ayesha Hussain (Principal, M.K.R. Ayya Nadar Jeyalakshmi Ammal English Medium School), the seamlessly organized event highlighted exceptional talent, strict discipline, and healthy competition before concluding with a grand Prize Distribution Ceremony.
- ★ On July 20th, our LKG kids celebrated Chess Day, through black and white craft, shape recognition and playful board activities.
- ★ On July 24th, our LKG kids celebrated Family Day, by creating beautiful family tree crafts.
- ★ On July 24th, our school hosted the Frank Anthony Memorial All India Interschool Debate Competition – Category I. The event brought together 16 debaters from eight schools, evaluated by a panel of three judges and a moderator. Highlighting eloquent arguments and critical thinking, the contest concluded with a valedictory ceremony presenting Merit Certificates to the Winning Team, Best Speaker, and First Runner-up Speaker.
- ★ On July 26th our school, hosted the Dr. Kamal Babu 2nd TN State Level Children's Chess Tournament. The event brought together around 400 young players across Under-7 to Under-17 categories, overseen by 14 arbiters, with 120 trophies awarded to the top achievers. Er. P.P.P. Aruna Mugesh inaugurated the tournament, while Grandmaster Priyadharshan Kannappan served as the chief guest for the valedictory ceremony to motivate the champions and distribute prizes.
- ★ On July 28th, the Interact Club Installation Ceremony took place with much fervor, inducting new student leaders who solemnly pledged their dedication to service.
- ★ On July 29th, our LKG kids celebrated International Tiger Day, with fun crafts, colourful tiger mask and lots of learning.
- ★ On July 30th, Our Pre-KG, LKG and Std V, VI students celebrated Friendship Day with great pomp and enthusiasm.
- ★ On July 31st, our **Idhayam Expo** enlightened many students from various schools. The event was honoured by our esteemed chief guest Mrs. Mathumitha R. Dharmesh, B.Com., Entrepreneur, Nutritionist and Wellness Advocate.
- ★ On August 3rd, our Pre-KG and LKG students celebrated Watermelon Day with great excitement.
- ★ On August 5th, our Pre-KG and LKG students celebrated Steam Fiesta with remarkable enthusiasm.
- ★ Our school organized **15th Kids Olympics** and 28th Annual Sports Day on 8th August, 2026. It was presided over by Mrs. Kamini Giridharan, B.A., Founder and Entrepreneur of Parampariya Farm. The events have started by flag hoisting and followed by colorful kids' parade, Olympic torch, calisthenics, fun games and prize distribution.
- ★ Our **28th Annual Sports Day** was presided over by Mr. M.G.S. Balakrishnan BBM., MBA., Director, M.G. Camel Pooja Products Private Limited, Virudhunagar. The events started by flag hoisting and followed by march past, hoisting the house flag, Olympic torch, oath taking and declaration of the sports meet open. Track events and relay were conducted and the prizes were distributed to the winners by the chief guest.
- ★ On August 11th and 12th 2026, our students of Pre-KG to VIII enjoyed the movie Spiderman: Brand New Day at INOX.
- ★ On August 12th, our Std IX and XI students visited Lady Doak College to witness a live performance of Rabindranath Tagore's renowned play, Chandalika gaining a rich appreciation for literature and theatre. On the same day our Pre-KG and LKG kids celebrated World Elephant Day learning about elephants and the importance of protecting these gentle giants.
- ★ On August 13th, our students of Std XII participated in an educational visit to the District Court, Madurai. On the same day our students participated in an interactive session with former IAS officer Shri. V. Irai Anbu.
- ★ On August 14th, our Pre-KG and LKG kids celebrated Blue day. They took part in engaging activities and explored the colour blue.
- ★ On August 15th, Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic spirit. Students formed a special ground formation by standing along an outline drawn on the ground.

National Sports Day

Celebrating the Spirit of Sportsmanship



"A champion is not measured by the number of trophies won, but by the values carried on and off the field."

Every year on 29th August, India celebrates National Sports Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, the legendary hockey player fondly known as the "Wizard of Hockey." With his extraordinary skill and dedication, he led India to three consecutive Olympic gold medals in 1928, 1932 and 1936, bringing immense pride and glory to our nation. This day is not merely a celebration of sports-it is a celebration of courage, discipline, determination and the enduring spirit of sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship is the greatest victory any player can achieve. It teaches us to compete with confidence, play with honesty, respect every opponent and accept both success and failure with grace. A true sportsperson understands that character is far more valuable than medals and that every challenge is an opportunity to learn and grow.

From the excitement of the school playground to the grandeur of international stadiums, sports bring people together beyond language, culture and borders. They nurture teamwork, resilience, leadership and compassion- qualities that shape not only outstanding athletes but also responsible and confident citizens.

On this National Sports Day, let us pledge to stay active, encourage young talent and uphold the values that make sports truly meaningful. When we play with fairness, respect, and passion, every field becomes a classroom, every game becomes a lesson and every player becomes a winner.

"Play with your heart, compete with honour and let sportsmanship be your greatest victory."

R. Lakshana, Std X

The Magic of Fast Bowling



With golden curls and a side-arm swing,
Stands Sri Lanka's sling-action king.
He pauses, breathes, and softly blows,
A silent prayer where the red leather goes.

A gentle kiss upon the ball,
Before the batsman's defenses fall.
He starts his run with a lethal grace,
Unleashing magic powered by pace.

The arm sweeps low, a whip-like arc,
A lightning strike that ignites the dark.
It swoops down low where the toes reside,
A deadly yorker no bat can hide.

The bails light up, the stumps fall flat,
A masterclass over ball and bat.
In a whisper, a kiss, and a round-arm sling,
Lives the magic of fast, low - swing king.

R. Saran, Std VI

Acrostic poem on Photography



Painting with light, with shadows and with time,
Holding close the memories that slip from human minds.
Objects and faces stand in sharp, clear relief,
Telling a silent story of pure joy or heavy grief.
Opening wider windows to the worlds we love to see,
Glimpsing the brilliant beauty of all that ought to be.
Reflecting vivid truth in every single frame we take,
Art born so gently for eternity's own sake.
Preserving just a fraction of this life before it flies,
Heroic, grand adventures captured safely by our eyes.
Years may swiftly roll by, but the image still remains.

K. S. Anbuselvam, XI

Grandma's Corner

Where love, stories, and old-time wisdom bloom
Welcome to Grandma's Corner!
Loving Advice to My Dear Children
The Importance of Healthy Lungs
My dear children,
Warm greetings from Grandma!



Every morning, when I watch the birds soar high in the sky and feel the fresh morning breeze, my heart fills with peace. But do you know what allows us to truly enjoy this beautiful world? It is the gift of healthy, strong lungs that let us breathe freely every single day.

Our lungs work tirelessly from the moment we are born. Taking care of them is a precious responsibility. Simple habits like deep breathing exercises, staying away from dusty or polluted areas, and spending time around green trees can make a wonderful difference. Eating fresh fruits, drinking plenty of water, and keeping our surroundings clean help our lungs stay strong and free from illness.

Children, in today's busy world, we often spend too much time sitting indoors. When you go outside to run, skip, and play, you give your lungs the exercise they need to expand and grow strong. Even taking a few deep, conscious breaths when you feel tired or stressed can instantly refresh your body and clear your mind.

Remember, breathing well is not just about keeping the body alive. It teaches us to slow down, find balance, and stay calm. When your lungs are healthy, you feel more energetic, your mind is sharper, and you are ready to take on the day with a bright smile.

Start your day by stepping outside, standing tall, and taking a few deep breaths of fresh air. Take care of your body, protect the air around you, and practice deep breathing with love and consistency. Soon, you will feel full of life, happier, and more vibrant in everything you do.

May every deep breath bring you energy, every clear exhale wash away your worries, and every healthy habit bring you closer to a long and beautiful life.

With love and blessings,
Grandma.

"Breathe deeply to bring your mind and body into perfect harmony."

Jest

Teacher : Why are you carrying a ladder to school?

Student : Because I heard the lessons were on a higher level today!

Teacher : Why didn't you do your homework?

Student : I didn't want to spoil your weekend with extra correction work.

Remembering Nagasaki: A call for lasting peace



On August 9, 1945, the city of Nagasaki witnessed one of the greatest tragedies in human history when an atomic bomb destroyed the city and claimed thousands of innocent lives. The devastating effects of the explosion continued for years, as many survivors suffered from radiation-related illness and emotional trauma.

Young people also have an important role in building a peaceful future. By promoting kindness, tolerance and respect for diversity, they can help create a world free of hatred and conflict. As we remember the victims of Nagasaki, let us honour their memory by strengthening our commitment to peace. Their suffering should inspire us to reject war. We promise that we will work together building a safer world.

S. Varshitha Sree, Std XII

Art Attack

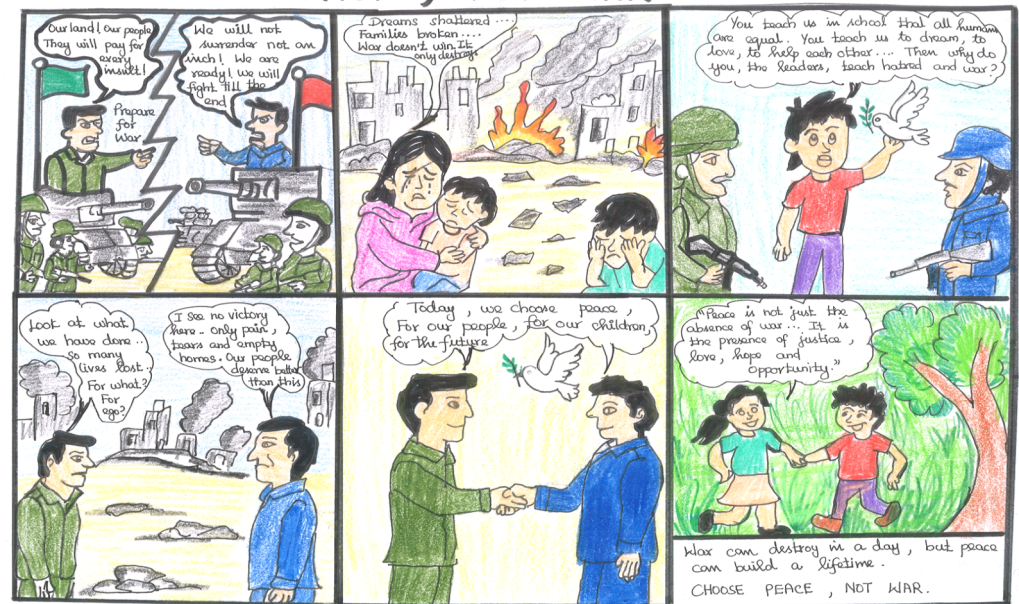


V. Adithya Sailesh, Std IV

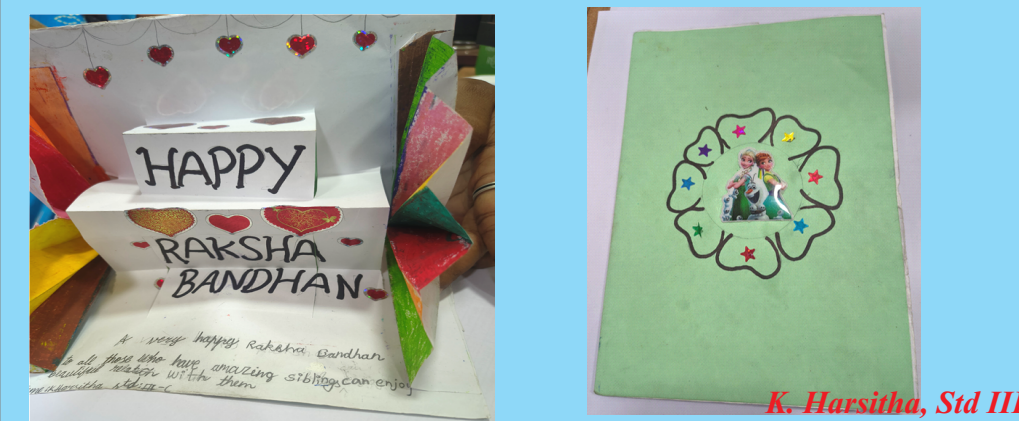
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CHOOSE PEACE, NOT WAR

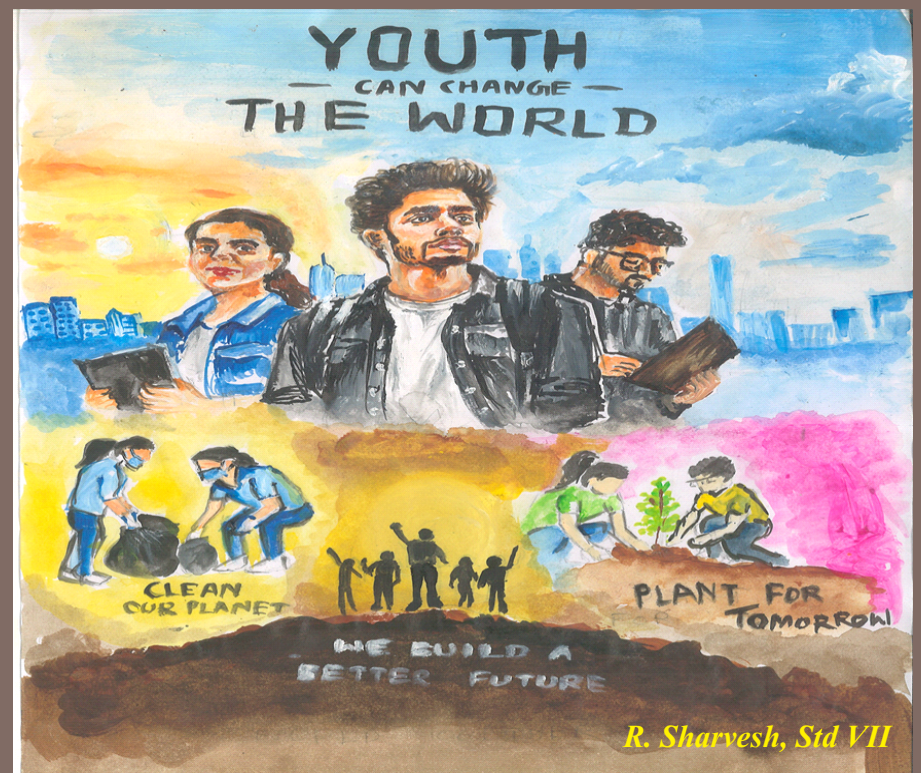
M. Yaswanth, Std IX



Creative Corner



K. Harsitha, Std III



R. Sharvesh, Std VII

PICTORIAL MEMORIES



The Legacy of India's Handloom



Indian handloom is popular across Asia. The artistry of Indian weavers has made Indian handloom products valuable and commercially recognized. Handloom weaving has long been the backbone of India's textile tradition. It provides livelihoods for millions of Indians, particularly empowering women artisans.

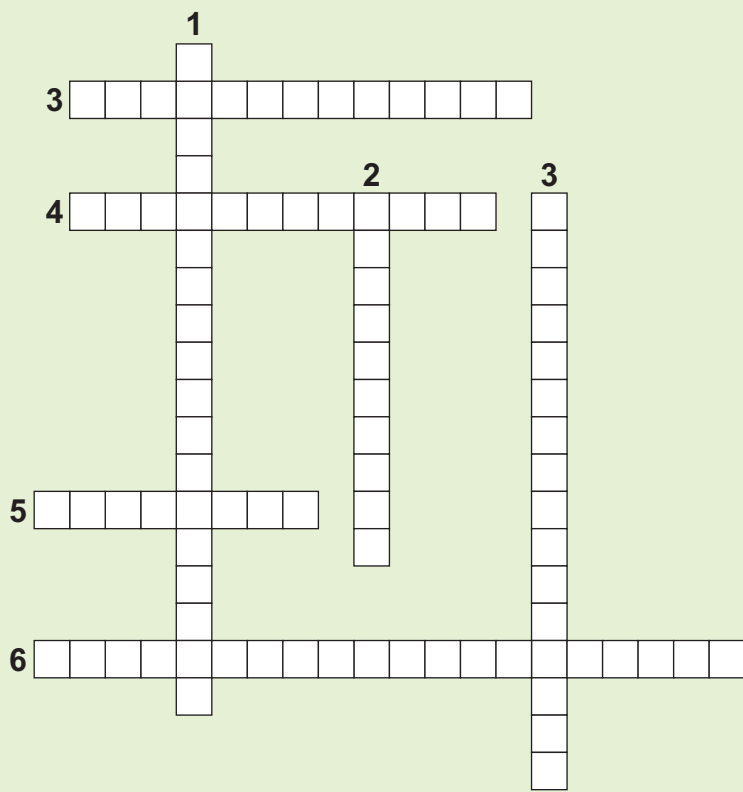
Handloom weaving is eco-friendly and relies on human skill, using natural fibers. Today, this heritage faces competition from power looms and fast fashion. However, its legacy endures through the global resurgence of sustainable fashion. Indian handloom is not just a commercial product; it is the pride of India.

Banarasi silk from Varanasi, Kanchipuram silk from South India, Gujarat's Patola silk, and Gadwal silk are famous examples of India's rich handloom tradition. The handloom sector experienced a revival during the 1905 Swadeshi Movement. Mahatma Gandhi championed the use of Khadi, a hand-spun and handwoven cloth, as a powerful symbol of economic self-reliance and anti-colonial resistance.

Today, traditional artisan communities such as the Devangas, Ansaris, and Salvis continue to pass down their specialized skills, keeping centuries-old design traditions alive while adapting to the modern fashion market.

S. Shraddha, V - C

Cross Word Puzzle



Across

- 3. The revolutionary leader executed alongside Bhagat Singh and Shivaram Rajguru on March 23, 1931.
- 4. The 18-year-old Bengali martyr who attempted to assassinate British magistrate Douglas Kingsford.
- 5. The strategist behind the 1930 Chittagong armoury, affectionately known as "Master Da".
- 6. The leader known as "Frontier Gandhi" who founded the Khudai Khidmatgar movement.

Down

- 1. The radical leader who reorganized the HSRA and vowed never to be captured alive.
- 2. The tribal folk hero and prophet who led the ulgulan or Great Tumult movement in Jharkhand.
- 3. The Iron Man of India who integrated over 500 princely states into unified India.

Shanjana Rajesh, Std VIII

Answers:
Across: 3. Sukhdev Thapar 4. Khudiram Bose 5. Surya Sen
Down: 1. Chandrasekhkar Azad 2. Birsa Munda 3. Vallabhbhai Patel 6. Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan

Meritorious Moments

- On July 6th, D S Hrishikesh of Std VI has secured third place in Virudhunagar District level Yoga Competition hosted by JCI Virudhunagar Elite.
- On July 8th, our students excelled at the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Birthday Celebration Competitions held at VHN School, alongside 22 competing schools.
- On July 17th, our student A. Jayisnuvar of Std VII secured Second Place in the Archery Compound Round (Under-14 Boys) at the CISCE Regional Games & Sports 2026 held at Christwood School.
- On July 17th, our students participated at the CISCE Regional Level Boxing Championship held at SHIKSHA GREENWOODS ICSE / ISC CISCE School, Vellore. Gold Medals: R. Vedhamagi, K. Aaradhana Std VII, Sadhana Rajesh, T. R. Santosi Std VI, Silver Medal: A. Ananya Std VI, Bronze Medal: N. Vipiksha Std VII.
- On July 17 to 19, G. Prazin of Std VI bagged first place in Open National Silambam Championship organised by Bharat Silamban Federation held in Thiruvannamalai.
- On July 18th, our students achieved top honours at the ASISC Zonal Literary Competition Zone IV held at Sacred Heart International School, Marthandam.
First Prize: K. Sarveswaran – Declamation (Jr), T. Haasan – Declamation (Sr), A. Ananya Lakshmi – Debate (Sr), J. V. Akilan – Debate (Jr), N. Mithun Kishore – Story Telling (Sub-Jr), S. A. Thanushika – Creative Writing (Sub-Jr), R. Reena Rathinam – Creative Writing (Sr), R. Sharvesh – Painting (Sub-Jr)
Second Prize: V. Isai Iniya – Declamation (Sub-Jr), G. R. Vimal Saravan and P. Iniya – Quiz (Jr).
- On July 25th, our students brought laurels to the school by winning First Runner-up Trophy at the SESS Competition hosted by M.K.R. Ayyanadar Jeyalakshmi Ammal School, a commendable academic and cultural feast.
- On 25th July, M.S. Jenisha our student of std II emerged as winner in the Under-9 Girls' Singles at the Inter Club Badminton Tournament held at MS Sports Hub, Madurai.
- On 26th July, our student B.U. Achudhan of std II secured I Place in the Under-7 Single Stick Silambam event at the Tamil Nadu Grand Talent Hunt Championship held in Madurai.
- On 29th July, our student G. Emayavarman Simmon of Ukg secured III Place in Gymnastics, at Dr. MGR Stadium, at Madurai.
- On August 2nd, B. Dasvanth of Std I secured First Rank in the Quad event in the Under-6 category in the State Level Open Speed Skating Championship at MS Sports 200 m International Roller-Skating Rink, Sivagangai District.
- On August 6th, Our Principal, Mrs. A. Nabishathulmisheria, attended the Scholastic Principals' Conclave 2026 at Courtyard by Marriott, centered on “The Invisible Curriculum: Unlocking Students' True Potential.” The conclave focused on nurturing confidence, curiosity, identity, originality, and student voice. An initiative to document Madurai's culture and heritage through students' interactions with their grandparents was also introduced.

- On August 6th and 7th, our school students achieved outstanding success at the CISCE Regional Level Yoga Competition held at The Ashram School, Chennai, alongside 26 competing schools. M. Sundharavalli won two Gold Medals in the Under-14 Girls category. S. K. Jajeeth Karupaiah secured a Gold Medal and a Silver Medal in the Under-17 Boys category. Both students have been selected to represent the region at the CISCE National Level Yoga Competition.
- On August 8th, V. Sai Vidhya of Ukg won 1st prize Gold Medal in Rink-1 200m and 1st prize with Gold Medal in Rink -2 400m under 6 years girls' category in Quad Skating at MS Sports Club, Sembur, Sivagangai.
- On August 8th, eight students of our school participated in the ASISC Literary Event Regionals 2026 at St. Jude's Public School, Kothagiri, alongside 29 competing schools. **R. Sharvesh** secured 1st place in Painting and was selected for the **National Level**. K. Sarveswaran won 2nd place in Declamation. S.A. Thanushika secured 2nd place in Creative Writing. N. Mithun Kishore won 3rd place in Storytelling. R. Reena Rathinam secured 3rd place in Creative Writing.
- On August 9th, our school hosted the CISCE Regional Level Rifle & Pistol Shooting Championship 2026 at the Madurai Rifle Club. V. Raghav Bharathi of Std VIII secured 1st place in the Under-14 Air Pistol category. R.V. Kavin Arun of Std IX won 3rd place in the Under-14 Open Sight category. R.V. Sajiit of Std XII secured 2nd place in the Under-19 Open Sight category. All three students have been selected to represent the region at the National Level.
- S. Adhvik Srinivas of Std I has won 3rd District Level Chess Tournament (Jazz Public School, Melur), 7th TN State Level Children's Chess Tournament - 2026 (Keren School, Madurai), Secured 2nd place in Dr. Kamal Babu 2nd Tamil Nadu State Level Children's Chess Tournament - 2026, won the Best Beginner Award, Crown Master Award and the Strongest Youngest Player Award after playing against Grandmaster Priyadarshan Kannappan in FIDE-Rated AEON Chess Tournament (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), Set an Elite World Record for the longest storytelling performance of Ramayana stories.
- S. Adith Shashank of Std VII secured 1st place at the 3rd Jazz District Level Chess Tournament, 3rd place at the Chesspraxis State Level Children's Chess Tournament, and 4th place at the Dr. Kamal Babu 2nd Tamil Nadu State Level Children's Chess Tournament.
- R. Meeraja of Std VII secured 7th place at the Dr. Kamal Babu 2nd Tamil Nadu State Level Children's Chess Tournament.
- On 15th August our student, G. Sai Miniska of Std XI secured Second Place and won a cash prize of ₹6,000 at the Intellectual Inquisitive Talk (IITx), a prestigious student talk show jointly organized by MSS Wakf Board College, Madurai, and the Madurai Economic Chamber.
- We are delighted to share that M. K. Hansheka and S. Pranava Priyan of Std XI have been selected in The Hindu Young World Quiz this month.