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"

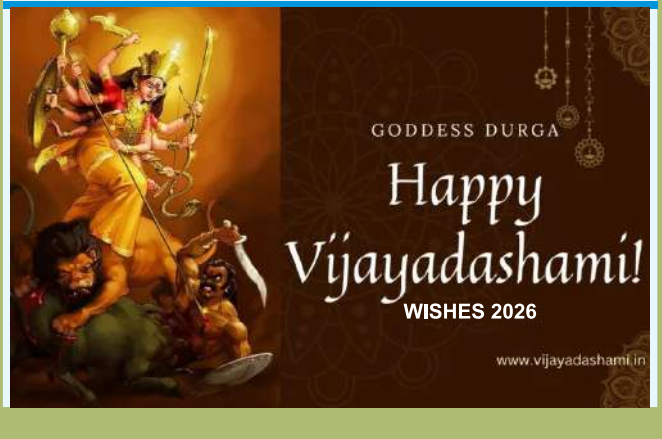
Dear Readers,

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 October to November. 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 October

1 October - International Day of Older Persons
2 October - Gandhi Jayanti, International Day of Non - Violence
4 October - World Animal Day
5 October - World Teachers' Day
8 October - Indian Air Force Day
9 October - World Post Day
10 October - World Mental Health Day
11 October - International Day of the Girl Child
13 October - International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
14 October - World Standards Day
15 October - Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's Birth Anniversary, World Students' Day, International Day of Rural Women
16 October - World Food Day
17 October - International Day for theEradication of Poverty
20 October - World Statistics Day (observed every five years; next in 2030)
24 October - United Nations Day
24 October - World Development Information Day
29 October - International Internet Day
31 October - National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas), Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



When does Unity Matter More than Individuality?



As a school student, I believe that unity matters more than individuality when we have to achieve something together. Every student has different talents, ideas, opinions, and interests. These differences make each person unique. However, there are situations where working together is more important than thinking only about ourselves.

Let's see an example, during a school sports competition, every student may have different abilities, but the team can succeed only when everyone cooperates. Similarly, while doing a group project, each student may have a different idea. Instead of arguing, we should listen to one another and work towards a common goal.

Unity is also important, but we should not completely lose our individuality. As students, we spend a large part of our lives learning and growing together. We may compete with one another in studies, sports, and other activities, but we should remember that success is not always about being the best individually.

Unity teaches us cooperation, responsibility, kindness, and respect. By learning to stand together while respecting each person's uniqueness, we can become not only better students but also better humans.

S. Pranava Priyan, Std XI

Jest

1. The Clever Student

Teacher: Why are you late to school?
Student: Because of the sign on the road, Ma'am!
Teacher: What sign?
Student: "SCHOOL AHEAD – GO SLOW!"

2. The Homework Mystery

Teacher: Where is your homework?
Student: I gave it to my dog, Ma'am.
Teacher: Why?
Student: You said it was a piece of cake, so I thought he could eat it!

3.What's in a Name?

Student 1: Why is our English magazine called Idhayam Speaks?
Student 2: Because it gives a voice to our thoughts.
Student 1: Then why do we need an English teacher?
Student 2: To make sure our hearts speak English fluently!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

SPACE SURPRISE!

A day on Venus is longer than its year! Venus takes longer to rotate once on its axis than to complete one orbit around the Sun.

TASTE WITH YOUR FEET!

Butterflies have taste receptors on their feet, which help them identify suitable plants.

A SLOW SURPRISE!

Some land snails can remain inactive for extended periods during unfavourable conditions, such as extreme heat or dryness.

R.Darshana Sri, Std XI

Grandma's Corner



My dear children,

As we celebrate the International Day of Older Persons, I want to share a small thought with you. One day, each of us will grow old. The kindness and respect we show our elders today will become the example for future generations.

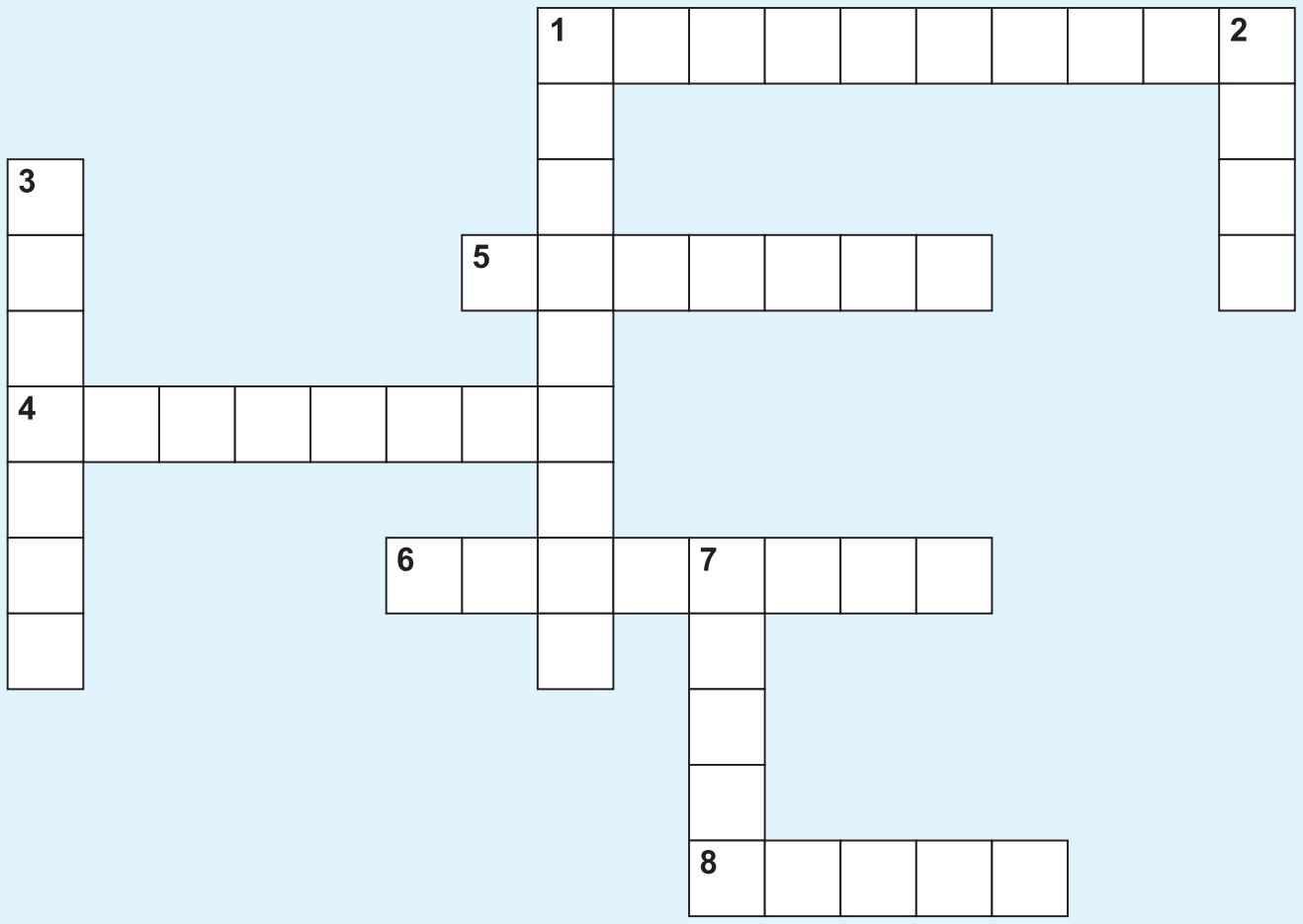
Spend a few minutes talking to your grandparents. Listen to their stories, ask about their childhood, and learn from their experiences. A warm smile, a helping hand, or a simple "How are you?" can brighten their day more than you can imagine.

Remember, older people may walk more slowly, hear less clearly, or need extra help, but they carry a lifetime of wisdom and love in their hearts. Never make them feel forgotten. Instead, make them feel valued, included, and cared for.

The greatest gift you can give an older person is not money or presents but it is your time, respect, and affection.

With love,
Grandma

POLIO AWARENESS CROSSWORD



QUESTIONS

ACROSS

1. The virus that causes polio.
4. What helps protect the body against a disease?
5. What is the body's ability to resist infection called?
6. Who is mainly targeted in polio vaccination campaigns?
8. Who developed the oral polio vaccine? (Surname)

DOWN

1. What is the condition involving loss of muscle movement?
2. Who developed the first widely used injected polio vaccine? (Surname)
3. What practices help keep us clean and prevent disease?
7. In what form is the oral polio vaccine commonly given?

Answers:
Across:
1. Poliovirus 5. Vaccine
4. Immunity 6. Children
8. Sabin
Down:
1. Paralysis 2. Salk
3. Hygiene 7. Drops

G.K. Sowbackiya, XII A

Photo Gallery



A Day on Another Planet



A day on another planet would be vastly different from life on Earth. Scientists believe that planets like Mars and Jupiter have unique atmospheres, gravity, and landscapes that could shape daily activities. For example, Mars has only about one-third of Earth's gravity, so walking or jumping feels light and bouncy. The sky might be pink, orange, or blue due to different atmospheric particles.

Temperature extremes, ranging from freezing nights to warm days, would affect how humans live there. Technology, like advanced spacesuits and life-support systems, would be essential to survive. Understanding the environment would also require learning about alien soil, weather patterns, and potential resources for food and water by studying another planet.

Humans could expand scientific knowledge, explore possibilities for colonisation, and even discover signs of extraterrestrial life. Exploring such a place would teach us not only about the planet but also about adapting life beyond Earth.

S. Viyanigan Saran, Std IV A

Comic Strip - World Teacher's Day



Happy World Teacher's Day

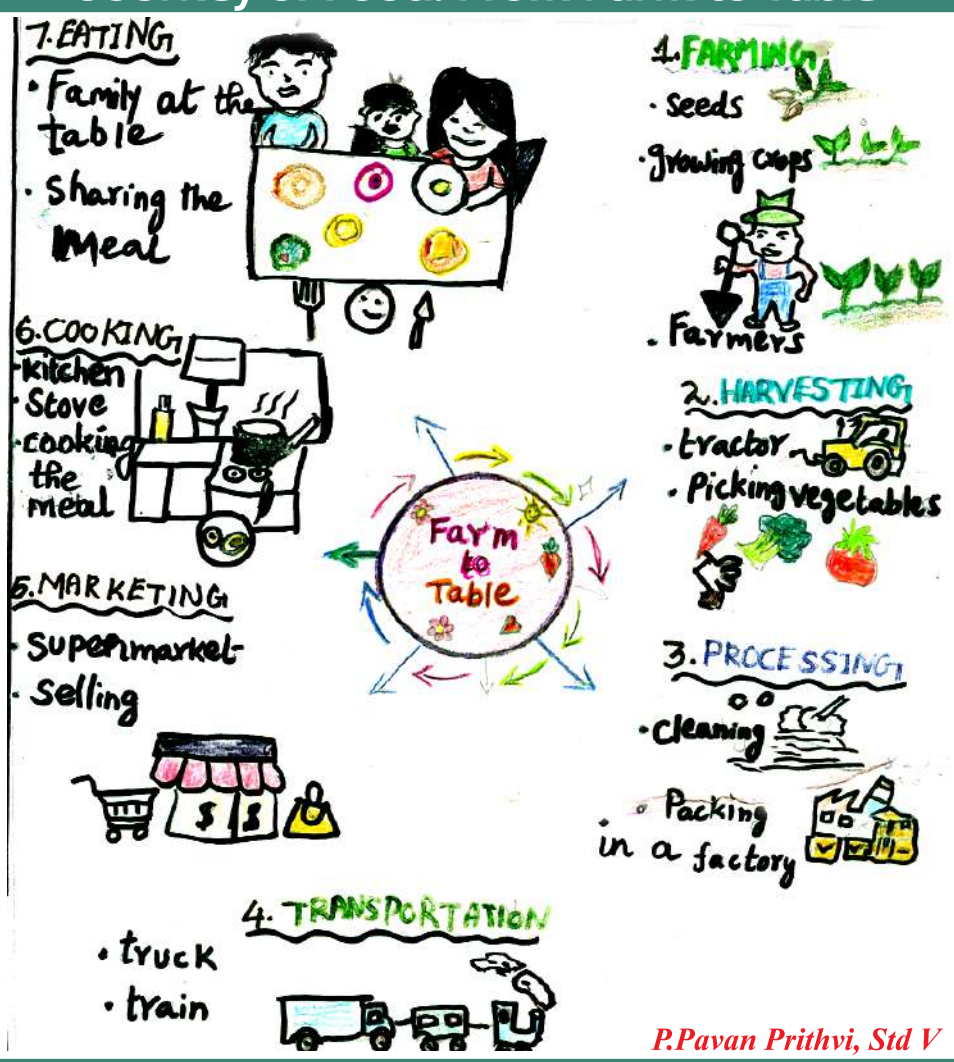
Sadhana Rajesh, Std VI

MY DREAM PLANET



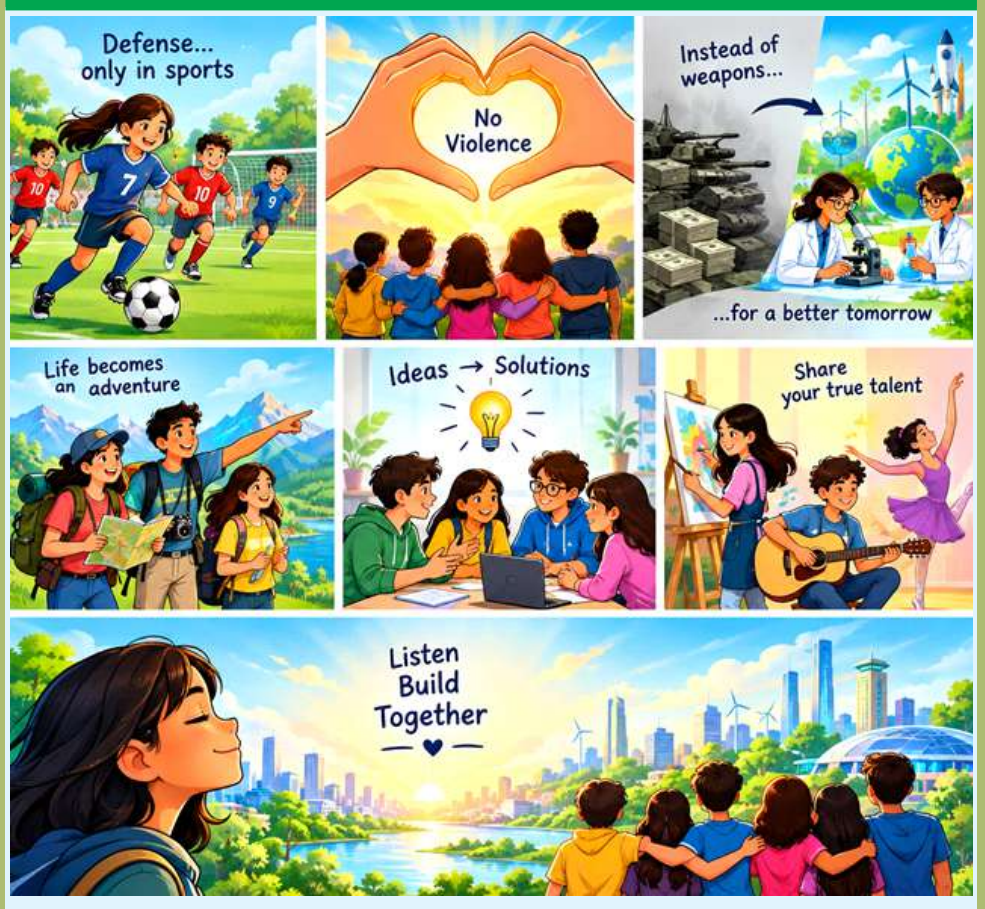
P. Lainika Meena, Std III

Journey of Food: From Farm to Table



P.Pavan Prithvi, Std V

A World Without Violence



Imagine a world where the word “defence” is only used in sports and the heavy armour we carry in our hearts is completely gone. A world without violence is a bright, energetic place where we have finally outgrown the old, primitive habit of trying to hurt each other when we disagree.

Instead of pouring trillions of dollars into weapons and security systems, humanity funnels that massive wave of genius into curing diseases, reversing climate change, and exploring stars. Without the exhausting weight of fear, everyday life becomes a bold adventure, arguments turn into creative sparks to solve big puzzles, and every single person shares their widest ideas, art, and true talents without ever being afraid of being attacked or mocked.

It is the ultimate blueprint for human potential, inspiring us to realize that true strength isn't about how hard you can strike but how deeply you listen and build together.

H. Haritha, Std VIII

The Nation's Wings



Who races with thunder and tears through the sky,
Who dances with lightning, fearless and bright,
Who challenges storms as the fierce winds rush by,
Who guards our nation through day and through night,
Who carries our dream on wings strong and wide,
Who else but our heroes, our nation's pride?
Who rises like fire when danger draws near,
Who answers the darkness with courage so true,
Who turns every storm into strength without fear,
Who points to the vast heavens in India's hue,
Who carries the tricolour with honour and might,
It is the Indian Air Force our guiding light!

C. B. Kaviyalini, Std VII

In and Around Idhayam

- On 23–25th September 2026, Std VI students participated in Genesis 8.0 – Public Speaking Workshop, organised by BeeHive Communication Club at N. Gowri Memorial Hall, to enhance their communication skills and build confidence.
- On 24th September 2026, our School conducted GENESIS 9.0 “My Smile, My Responsibility” for Std III to V. Dr. M. Manicka Raj, M.D.S., Director of Punnagai Dental Clinic, Madurai, educated students on oral hygiene, proper brushing techniques and healthy dental habits, inspiring them to take responsibility for their dental health.
- On 24th September 2026. our School conducted GENESIS 10.0 “Eat the Rainbow - Healthy Food for a Healthy and Happy Life” for Std I and II. Ms. Sirpa Rajavel, Nutritionist and Dietitian, introduced students to rainbow food and the importance of Go, Grow and Glow Food, encouraging them to make healthy food choices and develop good eating habits.
- On 24 th September 2026, the LKG children presented “Rhythm of Billion Dreams,” celebrating India's rich culture and diversity.
- On 25th September 2026, Pre-KG children celebrated Snowy Wonderland with joyful rhymes, lively dances and fun-filled snow-themed activities.
- On 25th September 2026, our school conducted GENESIS 11.0 Storytelling Session for Pre-KG, LKG and UKG students. Mrs. Pradeepa Ramesh, MBA, Early Childhood Educator and Storyteller, engaged the children through an animal-sound game and the stories Gajapathi Kulapathi and Pooni and Minni. The session fostered imagination, creativity, listening skills and joyful learning among the young learners.
- On 6th October 2026, our school students of Std IX and X participated in a workshop led by Pranic Healing Trainer Mrs. Vinodha Rajam, focused on "Master Your Mind, Shape Your Future," empowering students with practical skills in self-discipline, thought control, positive habits, confidence, and decision-making.
- On 7th October 2026, LKG and UKG children of VHN–TMJ Matriculation Higher Secondary School visited Idhayam Rajendran School for a fun-filled day. They enjoyed boating, water play, sand play, and a movie screening at PAMC Hall. The visit offered a joyful blend of exploration, recreation, and memorable experiences.
- On 8th October 2026, 151 students of Std VII and VIII visited Sethu Institute of Technology (SIT) for the World Space Week Celebration 2026, organised by ISRO's Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, on the theme “Rocket Revolution.” Students explored rocket and satellite models, watched space-related videos, and participated in various competitions, including painting, quiz and essay writing. A few students from Grades VI, IX and XI also participated in the competitions conducted at SIT. The visit inspired scientific curiosity and deepened students' interest in space exploration and ISRO's achievements. S. Ashwanth Paramesh of Std XI, secured 1st Place in the English Elocution Competition held as part of World Space Week.
- On 8th October 2026, our LKG and Pre -Kg children celebrated World Sight Day to create awareness about the importance of eye health and taking care of our eyes.
- On 10th October 2026, our school successfully organised the 11th PV Alpha Fest, “Constellation of Excellence”, witnessing enthusiastic participation from 43 schools, with 1,081 participants competing in 29 events. The fest was inaugurated by Mr. A. C. Senthil, Managing Partner, Ponvelan Cycle Mart, Madurai, who inspired students with his motivational address. A team of 27 neutral judges ensured fair evaluation. The valedictory ceremony was graced by Mr. Anand Kasimani, Correspondent and Secretary, MNU Jayaraj Annapackiam Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Madurai, who distributed the prizes. The fest celebrated talent, creativity, teamwork and sportsmanship, making it a memorable experience for all.
- On 10th October 2026 Four students from Grades VII and VIII participated in the Story Writing Competition organised by the Book Guild of Madurai on the theme “Madurai - A City of Culture and Heritage.” Three of our participants secured the First, Second, and Third Prizes in the English and Tamil categories, bringing pride to the school.

Meritorious Moments

- On 5th and 6th September 2026, V. Juwanna Brave of Std IV won Gold Medals in both Kyorugi and Poomsae at the 5th Hero's Cup Taekwondo Championship 2026, organised by the Amateur Madurai District Sports Taekwondo Association (AMDSTA), held at Om Sadhana Central School, Madurai.
- On 5th September 2026, K. V. Krishna of Std III participated in a world record event and helped set a record by holding the Sethubandhasana (Bridge Pose) continuously for 11 minutes, along with 99 other participants, at Fathima Indoor Stadium, Madurai, organised by the Cholan Book of World Records.
- On 5th September 2026, V. Akshata of Std VI achieved a World Record by holding Ekapada Sirasasana for 11 minutes, organised by Kalam Traditional Arts Academy at Fatima Indoor Stadium, Madurai.
- On 5th September 2026, G. Sindhu Naachiyar of Std VI achieved a World Record by holding Sethubandhasana for 11 minutes, organised by Kalam Traditional Arts Academy at Fatima Indoor Stadium, Madurai.
- On 23–25th September 2026, A. Jayisnuvar of Std VII and B. S. Rishi Karthikeyan of Std IX participated in the CISCE National-Level Archery Tournament held at The Heritage School, Kolkata.
- On 27th September 2026, S. Adith Shashank of Std VII (under 13) secured second runner up in State level Chess tournament conducted by Global Sports foundation.
- On 30th September 2026 Sadhana Rajesh of Std VI won the Gold Medal in the CISCE National-Level Boxing Tournament 2026 in the Under-14 Girls (22–24 kg) category, held at Christ Church Jabalpur Diocesan High School, Ghamapur.
- On 1st October 2026, S. Adhvik Srinivas of Std I got 6th place in (under 7) FIDE international chess premier league at Trivandrum. On 4th October he was selected as best youngest player and played with GM Vidit Gujarathi for simul match.
- On 1-4 th October 2026, S. Adith Shashank of Std VII (under 13) won in premier chess League FIDE at Trivandrum got cash prize 5K held at GM Vidit gujarathi@ simul match
- On 1st October 2026, R. Sharvesh of Std VII from Idhayam Rajendran School secured first prize in Poster Making conducted by Oikos club department of zoology
- On 2nd October 2026, V. Sai Vidhya of UKG won 1st prize with gold medal in Rink-1 200m and 1st prize with gold medal in Rink -2 400m under 4 to 6 years girls' category in Quad Skating held at JBNK Sports and Cultural Arena, Boothakudi, Madurai. On the same day, V.Sai Vikram of Std IV won 2nd prize with Silver medal medal in Rink-4 200m and 2nd prize with Silver medal in Rink 5- 500+D and 2nd prize with Silver medal in Rink 6-1000m under 8 to 10 years boys category in Professional Inline Skating held at JBNK Sports and Cultural Arena, Boothakudi, Madurai.
- On 9th October 2026, our Pre-KG and LKG students participated in the Drona School- "Sparkle Kids Fiesta" 2026, featuring 17 schools, and proudly won five prizes, including the Runner-Up title and a Gold Coin. S. Kaarnith Nimalan of Pre-KG has secured 2nd Place in Tiny Tots Runway (Nature and Superhero Mashup). E. S. Serena Jesllin of LKG has secured 4th Prize in Twinning Tales (Mom, Dad and Me).D. Mahizhan of LKG has secured 2nd Prize in Twinning Tales (Mom, Dad and Me).S. Shaharika of LKG has secured 1st Prize in Jingle Beats (Rhyme Relay). B. Lakshana Gowri of LKG has secured 3rd Prize in Prop a Tale (Storytelling).
- On 10th October 2026, D. Mirdula of Std VI participated in the 3 km Awareness Walk organised by Sounds Good Hearing Care at Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai.
- On 10th October 2026, R Sharvesh of Std VII participated in the CISCE National-Level Drawing and Painting held at Delhi Public School, Kolkata.
- On 11th October 2026, P. Bavya of Std VI secured 1st place in the State Level Open Yoga Championship - 2026 held at KMR International School (CBSE), Madurai.
- On 11th October 2026, M. R. Arriyan of Std I secured 3rd place in Under-7 category in the Tamil Nadu State-Level Children's Chess Tournament, organised by Kamalammal Arts & Sports Chess Academy, Madurai, and affiliated with the Madurai District Chess Circle.
- On 11th October 2026, Adhvik Srinivas of Std I participated in the Tamil Nadu State-Level Children's Chess Tournament, organised by Kamalammal Arts & Sports Chess Academy, Madurai, and affiliated with the Madurai District Chess Circle. He scored 4 points out of 6 rounds and secured 11th place on the merit list in the Under-7 category. He also won the Special Prize for securing 1st place in the Under-6 category.

Seoul: Where Tradition Touches the Sky



Seoul, the capital of South Korea, is a beautiful city that blends modern attractions with traditional Korean culture. My drawing features the magnificent N Seoul Tower, standing tall on a lush green hill. The surrounding trees, winding pathway and wooden fence add natural beauty to the landscape.

On the right, the South Korean national flag waves proudly beside a traditional Korean building with a tiled roof. The colourful scenery captures the charm and cultural richness of Seoul. I chose this city because its unique combination of nature, history and modern architecture fascinates me. Through this drawing, I wish to express my admiration for Seoul, a city where tradition and modernity exist in perfect harmony.

P. Anshi, Std X

Guava Crunch Energy Toast



Ingredients

- Sliced whole wheat bread (rich in fibre)
- 1 guava (provides vitamin C)
- ½ tsp ghee (provides energy)
- 1 tbsp crushed walnuts (rich in omega-3 fatty acids)
- ¼ tsp chaat masala (adds flavour)

Instructions

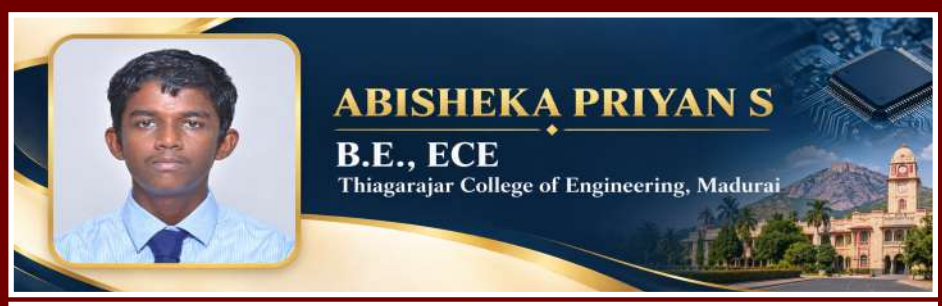
- Toast the bread until it becomes crisp.
- Finely chop and mash the guava flesh until it is soft and slightly chunky.
- Spread the ghee over the toast.
- Spread the mashed guava evenly over the toast.
- Sprinkle chaat masala over the guava.
- Finally, scatter the crushed walnuts on top.

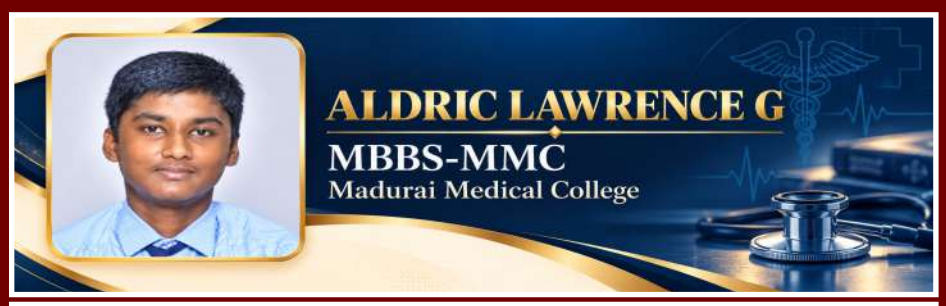
Benefits

This quick and crunchy toast provides fibre, healthy fats and vitamin C. It makes a nutritious snack that can help support energy levels and overall health.

Kausik B. K. Std IX

Stepping Towards Future Pathways



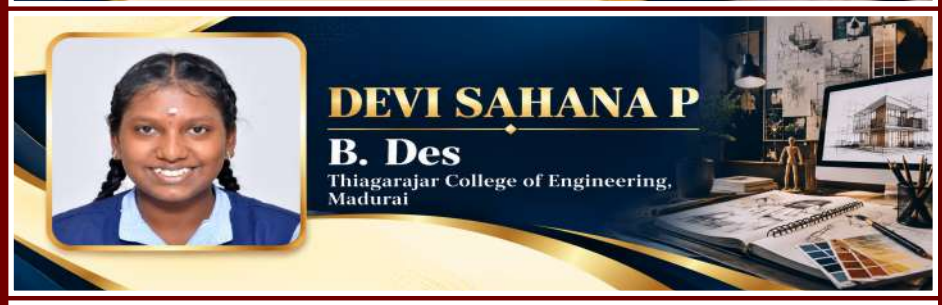






















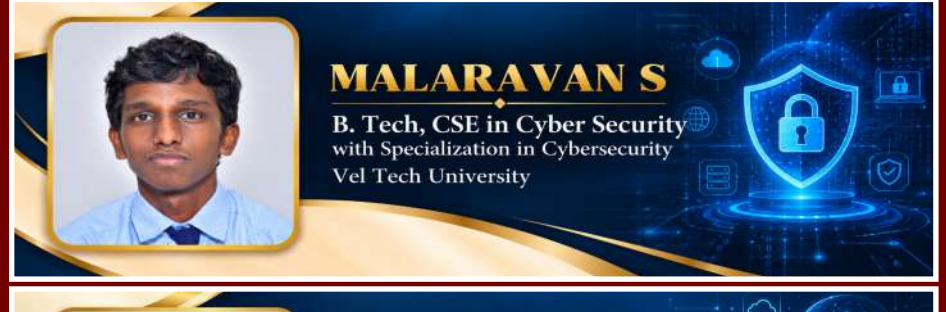


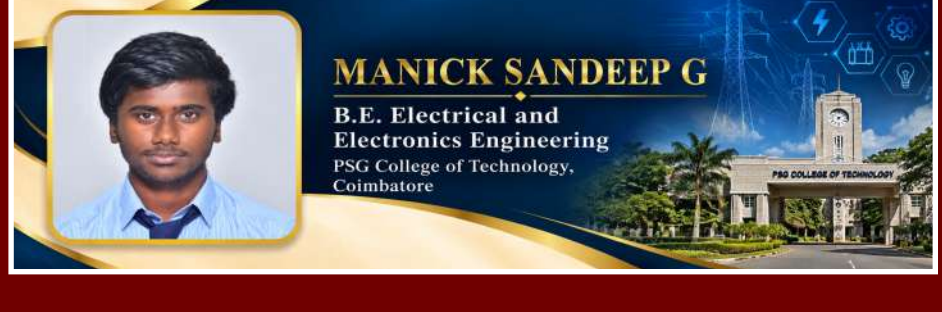


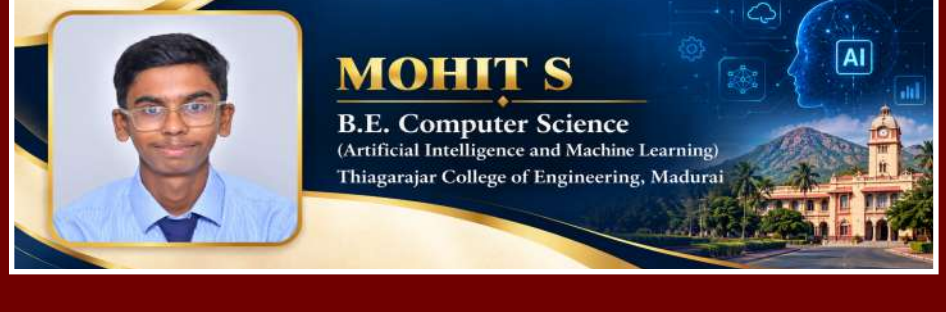












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