



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 April to May. 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 APRIL TO MAY

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| 14 April | - Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti, Tamil New Year, Vishu, Baisakhi |
| 15 April | - Bengali New Year (Pohela Boishakh), Himachal Day |
| 17 April | - World Haemophilia Day |
| 18 April | - World Heritage Day |
| 21 April | - Civil Services Day |
| 22 April | - Earth Day |
| 23 April | - World Book and Copyright Day |
| 24 April | - National Panchayati Raj Day |
| 25 April | - World Malaria Day |
| 26 April | - World Intellectual Property Day |
| 29 April | - International Dance Day |
| 1 May | - International Labour Day |
| 3 May | - World Press Freedom Day |
| 4 May | - International Firefighters' Day |
| 8 May | - World Red Cross Day |
| 11 May | - National Technology Day |
| 12 May | - International Nurses Day |
| 15 May | - International Day of Families |
| 16 May | - International Day of Living Together in Peace |
| 17 May | - World Telecommunication and Information Society Day |
| 18 May | - International Museum Day |
| 19 May | - World Family Doctor Day |
| 20 May | - World Bee Day |
| 21 May | - International Tea Day |
| 22 May | - International Day for Biological Diversity |
| 23 May | - World Turtle Day |
| 24 May | - Commonwealth Day |
| 25 May | - International Missing Children's Day |
| 26 May | - World Dracula Day |
| 27 May | - World Emergency Medicine Day |
| 28 May | - World Menstrual Hygiene Day |
| 29 May | - International Day of UN Peacekeepers |
| 30 May | - Goa Statehood Day |
| 31 May | - World No Tobacco Day |

Summer Edition

***Let the sunshine fill your heart with happiness.
Bloom like a sunflower in the warm summer sun.***



Meritorious Moments

- K.V. Krishna, Std II student participated in the 7th TN State Level Children's Chess Tournament - 2026 held on 25th January 2026 at Keren School, Madurai. Competing in the Under-13 category, he scored 6.5/7 points and secured 7th place, earning a Certificate of Merit.
- Master Vijay V. S. from Madurai participated in the 1st Tamil Nadu State Level Open and Children's Chess Tournament held at Saraswathi Narayanan College on 8th March 2026. He competed in the Under 8 category and scored 5 points out of 6 rounds. His excellent performance earned him 3rd place in the merit list. We congratulate him for his outstanding achievement and wish him continued success in future tournaments.
- K. Deepesh Mari Krishna of Std VIII participated in the Invitational Open Karate Tetsuken State Championship 2026 at Madurai and secured the 3rd Prize in the 13 Age Category.
- B. Daswanth from UKG B has achieved a wonderful success in Brain O Brain in 16th.
- S. Adith Shashank of Std VI won the 3rd prize in a state-level chess competition conducted by Chanakya Chess Academy in Malaysia. He also received the title of Best Strongest / Best IPT Player and a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the event “Play Against the Grandmaster” with Priyadharshan Kannappan in Malaysia.

Streaming My Story – The Blue Blogger (World Water Day)

Every year on March 22, we observe World Water Day to spread awareness about the importance of water. As the Blue Blogger, I stream my story to remind everyone about this precious resource. Water is not just for drinking; it supports farming, industries, animals, and every living being. Yet, many people still waste it without realizing its importance.

This global event is supported by the United Nations, which works to ensure clean water and sanitation for all. When I think about people who walk miles just to collect water, I feel grateful for every drop that flows from my tap. This thought inspires me to use water wisely and encourage others to do the same.

Through my blog, I remind everyone to fix leaks, avoid wasting water, and practice rainwater harvesting. Simple actions like turning off the tap while brushing can make a big difference. Together, we can protect our rivers, lakes, and oceans for future generations.

On this World Water Day, I promise to respect and save water. As guardians of our blue planet, let us protect every drop, because every drop tells a story. Today, I choose to share this story with hope and responsibility.

“The future depends on what we do in the present.”

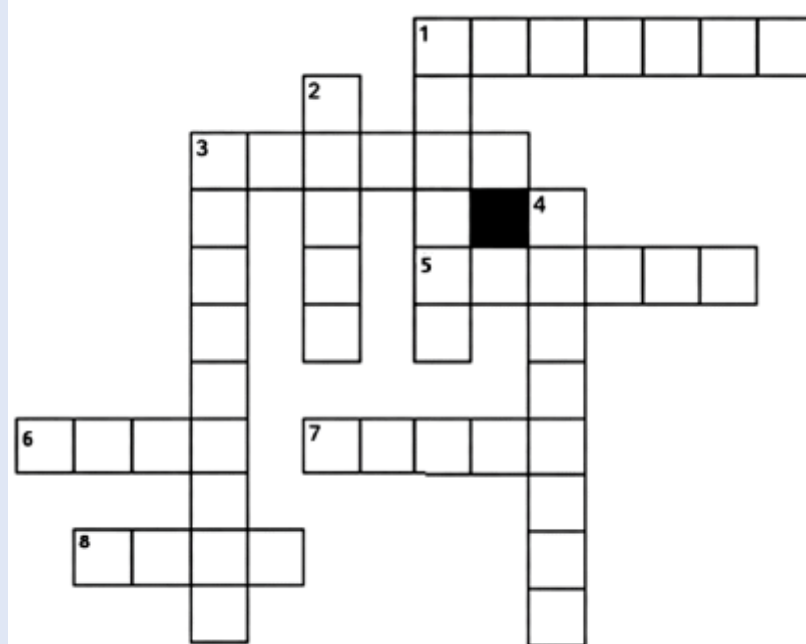
- Mahatma Gandhi

R. Prathiksha, Std VII

Pictorial memories



Women of Power - Crossword



Down:

1. A woman who always tells the truth.
2. A woman who is not afraid to face challenges.
3. A woman who believes in herself.
4. A woman who has many new ideas and imagination.

Across:

1. A woman who likes to help people in need.
3. A woman who shows love and concern for others.
5. A woman who has great strength and determination.
6. A woman who is confident and ready to take risks.
7. A woman who learns quickly and thinks well.
8. A woman who is caring and gentle to others.

Across: 1. Helpful, 3. Caring, 5. Strong, 6. Bold, 7. Smart, 8. Kind

Down: 1. Honest, 2. Brave, 3. Confident, 4. Creative

Answers:

S.R. Pugazhini, Std III

Poetry Matters in the Digital World

In today's digital world, technology has become an important part of our lives. People spend a lot of time using smartphones, social media, and the internet. Even in this modern age, poetry still plays a meaningful role in society.

Firstly, the digital world has made it easier for poets to share their work. Through blogs, online magazines, and social media platforms, poets can publish their poems and reach readers from different parts of the world. Earlier, poets had limited opportunities to publish their work, but now technology has opened many doors for them.

Secondly, poetry helps people express their feelings and emotions. In the fast-moving digital world, many people feel stressed or busy. Reading a short poem can calm the mind and make people think deeply. Poetry also helps students develop creativity, imagination, and language skills.

Moreover, digital platforms encourage young writers to take part in poetry competitions and writing communities. These opportunities help students improve their writing abilities and gain confidence.

In conclusion, poetry still matters in the digital world. Technology has not reduced its value; instead, it has given poetry a new platform to grow and reach more people. Therefore, poetry continues to inspire, educate, and connect people even in the digital age.

B. Lakshitha, Std VIII

In and around Idhayam

- On 26th January 2026, 77th Republic Day was celebrated in our school with great contentment.
- On 29th January 2026, the students of Std I, LKG, and Pre-KG celebrated Newspaper Day and learned about the importance of newspapers in our daily life.
- On 31st January and 1st February 2026, our school celebrated Kids Utsav and the 27th Annual Day with great grandeur.
- On 5th February 2026, a Career Guidance and Generative AI Awareness Session was conducted for students of Std IX and IX.
- On 6th February, students of Std VI to IX took part in competitions such as Poster Making (59 students), Best Out of Waste (54 students) and Essay Writing (55 students).
- On 10th February 2026, our Idhayamites shared their love and happiness through the Potluck Lunch. On the same day our kids of UKG and Pre-KG celebrated World Pulses Day and learned about the importance of pulses in our daily diet. The students of LKG celebrated Umbrella Day and learned about the use of umbrellas during rainy weather
- On 12th February 2026, the Young Indians (Yi) group organised a Sapling Plantation Drive at Silver Jubilee Park.
- On 13th February, LKG students celebrated Taste Buds Day with different food items.
- On 17th February 2026, students attended the “Dare to be Saved” Prize Distribution at the Vellore Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- On 20th February 2026, UKG students celebrated Journey Junction (Transport Day). On the same day Pre-KG and LKG celebrated Pink Day, and Std VI students attended an enrichment programme titled “Balance Beyond Screens.”
- On 25th February 2026, 48 students participated in the 7M Program Recording. All the activities were informative and enjoyable for the students.
- On 27th February 2026, National Science Day was celebrated by our Idhayamites of Std I to IX and XI with great enthusiasm.
- On 1st March 2026, our students of Std IX went on a refreshing trip to Vagamon & Cochin.
- On 3rd March 2026, Holi was celebrated with great joy in our school. Students learned about the festival of colours. They enjoyed playing with colours in a safe way. The celebration spread happiness everywhere.
- On 4th March 2026, our UKG students enjoyed a special Bonding Banquet with a scrumptious lunch, spending joyful moments with their parents.
- On 6th March 2026, our Pre-KG and LKG kids celebrated Black and White Day. The children came dressed in black and white clothes. They showed different black and white objects in the class. It was a fun learning day for the little ones.
- On 7th March 2026, our school celebrated Women’s Day to honour the achievements of women. The celebration reminded us to respect and appreciate their role in society.
- On 9th March 2026, our students of Std I to VIII enjoyed the movie *Hoppers* at INOX.
- On 10th March 2026, students of Std II celebrated Grandparents' Day to embellish the adorable bond between the grandparents and the grandchildren.
- On 11th March 2026, our students of Std III to VI celebrated the Math Savvy programme. Students participated in interesting math activities and games.
- On 12th March 2026, students from Std III to VIII observed Dandi March Day and learned about its importance in Indian history.
- On 13th March 2026, our LKG students went on a field trip to the Madurai International Airport to learn about aviation and basic airport procedures. It was an exciting and educational experience for the students.
- On 14th March 2026, our students' voices were broadcast on Madurai FM Rainbow Radio in the programme “Pattam Poochigal,” where their talents were showcased and heard across the city.
- On 16th March 2026, students from Std II to VIII observed National Vaccination Day and learned about the importance of vaccines for good health.
- On 17th March 2026, our students of Std XI went on a refreshing trip to Vagamon & Cochin.

NEET & JEE vs Other Courses

After Std XII, many students believe that clearing the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) or the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) is the only path to success. These exams are highly competitive and require strong preparation in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology (for NEET) or Mathematics (for JEE). They offer admission into top medical and engineering colleges, including institutions like the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). Careers in medicine and engineering provide stability, high salaries, and social respect, but the preparation process is intense and stressful due to limited seats and heavy competition.

On the other hand, there are many other career options such as Management, Law, Commerce, Computer Science, Design, Media, Psychology, and Entrepreneurship. These fields focus more on skills, creativity, communication, and practical knowledge. They also offer strong career growth and good earning potential, often with less exam pressure compared to NEET and JEE.

In conclusion, NEET and JEE are excellent options for students interested in medicine or engineering, but they are not the only measure of success. Choosing a course based on interests, strengths, and long-term goals is more important than simply following competition or social pressure.

T.M. Darsheel Krishen, Std XI

How Do Countries Measure Happiness?

Happiness may seem like a personal feeling, but researchers measure it using surveys and statistical studies. One important study used around the world is the World Happiness Report, which is supported by the United Nations. The report collects data from the Gallup World Poll conducted in many countries.

In this survey, people are asked to imagine a ladder with steps from 0 to 10. Step 0 represents the worst possible life, while 10 represents the best possible life. People choose the step that best describes their current life. The average score of all the people surveyed becomes the happiness score of that country.

Researchers also study several factors that influence happiness. These include income level, social support, healthy life expectancy, freedom to make life choices, generosity, and corruption levels.

According to recent reports, countries like Finland, Denmark, and Iceland often rank among the happiest countries in the world.

Thus, happiness is measured not only by wealth but also by health, trust, freedom, and social support in society.

K. Jai Amirtha Varshan, Std IX

The story behind Holi

“Holi is the time when colours of joy paint the world with happiness.”

Holi is one of the most joyful festivals celebrated in India. It is known as the Festival of Colours and usually falls in the month of March. The festival marks the arrival of spring and brings people together in happiness and celebration.

The history of Holi is connected with the story of Prahlada, a young boy who was a great devotee of Vishnu. His father, Hiranyakashipu, was an arrogant king who wanted everyone to worship him. Hiranyakashipu became angry because Prahlada continued to pray to Vishnu. He tried many ways to punish his son, but Prahlada's faith protected him from harm.

Finally, Hiranyakashipu asked his sister Holika to sit in fire with Prahlada. Holika had a special power to protect her from fire, but the plan failed. Prahlada was saved while Holika was burnt.

To remember this victory of good over evil, people light a bonfire called Holika Dahan on the night before Holi. The next day, people celebrate by playing with colours, sharing sweets, and spreading joy everywhere.

R. Prathiksha, Std VII

National Vaccination Day

National Vaccination Day is observed every year on March 16 in India. It is celebrated to create awareness about the importance of vaccines in protecting people from serious and life-threatening diseases.

This day also helps us appreciate the efforts of doctors, nurses, and other frontline health workers who work hard to ensure that every child receives proper vaccination. National Vaccination Day also marks an important event in India's history. On March 16, 1995, the first oral polio vaccine was administered in the country as part of the fight against polio.

Vaccines have helped control many dangerous diseases and have saved millions of lives around the world. Some diseases that can be prevented with the help of vaccines include polio, measles, tetanus, tuberculosis, diphtheria, hepatitis B, rubella, whooping cough (pertussis), and chickenpox.

In India, the Universal Immunization Programme provides free vaccines to protect children from several of these diseases and helps build a healthier society.

Let us celebrate National Vaccination Day by spreading awareness about vaccines and encouraging people to get vaccinated for a safe and healthy future.

Happy Vaccination Day!

S. Ishan, Std V

Grandma's Corner

A Loving Advice to My Dear Children

Where love, stories, and old-time wisdom bloom

Welcome to Grandma's Corner!

My dear little ones,

Grandchild : Grandma, summer holidays are coming! I am very excited.

Grandma : Summer is a lovely season, but you must take care of your health.

Grandchild : What should I do, Grandma?

Grandma : Drink plenty of water and fresh juices. Eat fruits like watermelon and mangoes. They keep your body cool.

Grandchild : Can I play outside all day?

Grandma : Play in the morning or evening when the sun is gentle. Avoid the hot afternoon sun.

Grandchild : What else can I do during summer holidays?

Grandma : Read storybooks, help your parents, learn new skills, and play happily. Holidays are for learning and growing in a joyful way.

Grandchild : Thank you, Grandma. I will enjoy my summer holidays wisely.

Grandma : That's my good child. Enjoy, learn, and stay healthy.



If Animals Had a Parliament

If animals had a parliament, they would make many rules to protect themselves and their habitats from humans. These rules would help them live safely in nature and maintain balance in the environment. Some of the possible rules and laws are given below.

1. The Territorial Sovereignty Act

All remaining forests, wetlands, and grasslands would be declared protected zones where human construction is not allowed. These areas would belong to animals and must remain safe for them.

Migration corridors would also become protected pathways. Humans would have to build tunnels or bridges across roads and railways so that animals can move safely from one place to another.

2. Self Rules

Animals should not harm humans if humans do not harm them. Peaceful coexistence between humans and animals is important for the survival of both.

Animals should also avoid entering towns, cities, and villages in search of food. Instead, they should depend on the natural food available in their habitats.

3. The Resource Protection Decree

Animals depend on clean air, pure water, and healthy land to survive. Therefore, strict environmental rules would be enforced to protect natural resources.

Ocean Rights: Large-scale commercial fishing and trawling would be banned to prevent over-harvesting of marine animals and accidental catching of other sea creatures.

Pollution Penalties: Dumping plastic, oil, or chemicals into rivers, lakes, or oceans would be treated as a serious crime because it harms animals and destroys ecosystems.

4. The Anti-Violence and Poaching Code

Any direct violence against animals would face strict legal consequences.

The Ivory and Trophy Ban: The trade of animal fur, tusks, horns, or animal heads would be completely illegal because animals are living beings, not trophies.

Self-Defense Rights: Animals that injure humans while protecting their young or defending their territory would not be punished, as they are only protecting themselves.

5. Habitat Restoration Law

Humans would be required to plant more trees and restore damaged forests so that animals can regain their lost homes and natural shelters.

Conclusion

An animal-led parliament would shift the world's focus from human convenience to the survival of all living creatures. Their laws would not ask for special privileges but for the basic right to live freely in their natural habitats without the constant threat of human interference. Such rules would remind humans that protecting animals also means protecting the balance of nature.

V. Mithun Kishore, Std VI

