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NEWS LETTER OF PEEVEES PUBLIC SCHOOL

Letter from the Editorial Team

Dear Peevees family,

September and October proved to be quite eventful with regards to the International scenario. With the Israeli-Palestinian conflict gaining traction and the third wave of Covid overwhelming a lot of countries, it wasn't a time to laugh off. The Taliban infiltrated Afghanistan after the US withdrew their troops and Britney Spears fought for freedom from her Conservatorship. In other news a teacher reprimanding a student for indiscipline was not considered to be abetment of suicide under Section 306 which was a landmark decision passed by the Supreme Court of India.

In Peevees also there wasn't a dearth of news. The Kerala government was taking measures to phase out the reopening of schools. Colleges and various other institutions were enthusiastic of beginning in person, offline classes after almost more than a year of working from home or studying from home.

The month of November was scheduled as a tentative month for the reopening of schools. It is a long due affair but the organisation of it all is a

very arduous process. The school is taking stringent measures to make the entire process a smooth one. The transition from home to school needs to be one that is easy and without any glitches.

Student's health and safety has always been a top priority of the school and thus a lot of planning and organisation is going into calling everyone back on campus. Hopefully things will work out for the best and we shall see everyone in person really soon. Praying to the Almighty to shower his blessings upon us and keep us all hale and hearty so that we all can come back to campus and be a family again.

Hope you all are doing well and looking forward to seeing each one of the students really soon.

Warm Regards,

Editorial Team,

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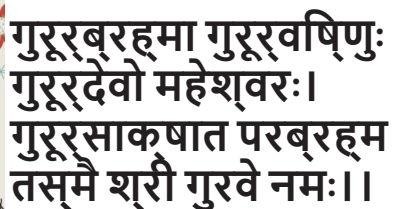
Health is Wealth

National Nutrition Week

Our bodies are built of and powered by solely what we eat and drink. Food is the source of all of the energy needed. Why do humans have to eat? Is it just because we get hungry? That is not all. People get energy from food. We need energy all the time, when we run, jump, sing, and even when we sleep. We create all the energy we need by eating. Human nutrition is a process by which substances in food are transformed into body tissues and provide energy for the full range of physical and mental activities that make up human life.



The Department of Science observed National Nutrition Week from the 1st of September onwards, by posting wonderful health snippets and healthy recipe ideas shared by the various students of the school. The entire week was a whirlwind of activity and the students gained knowledge from a plethora of information which was systematically managed by the proficient department members. It was one of the most enlightening and invigorating sessions that the school has seen in a while.



Teachers Day Celebrations



The world has changed in the past year. People have become distant, nature has grown wild and children have become disconnected. Despite everything and everyone being connected online, constantly being in touch and having 24/7 access to each other we still feel that crack in our relationships. So imagine what teachers who thrive on physical affirmations and contact are facing. The void is deep and the distance is too great to cover.

But nonetheless the students of Peevees Public School managed to help their teachers feel wonderful about themselves and presented and celebrated Teacher's Day in an extremely fun and creative manner. The bond between the students and teachers were strengthened as they poured out their hearts into a warm message wishing the teachers a Happy Teachers Day and sharing beautifully made greeting cards for their wonderful teachers. On the day itself there was an amazing program organised by the Program Co-ordinator which included dance performances and poetry and discussion of teachers lives. Our Principal Ashif Ikbal Sir thanked and called upon every teacher individually to share a special quality about them. It was a fun filled extravaganza and all the teachers and participants enjoyed themselves immensely.

Information Flow - CBSE Assessment Pattern Session

The CBSE has incorporated a lot of changes in the assessment pattern for Grades 9-12 in light of the pandemic. This has been done to make it easier and less stressful for the students to handle. On the 8th of September, Ashif Ikbal Sir, the Principal of the school called for a meeting on Zoom to discuss the changes in the new assessment pattern to the parents.

The session served the purpose of helping the parents understand what the requirements of the new pattern are and also relieved the minds of the students regarding online/offline examinations and the paper pattern. It was a much needed session which helped both the faculty, parents as well as the students.



Logic and Skills Play - Sudoku Competition



The competition was held on September 9th, the occasion of International Sudoku Day, for the students of Grades 5-10 in three different categories. The winners of the competition in Category I were, First Place - Mohammed Ali from Grade VI, Airon Rajeev second place from Grade V and Nafees Fazli from Grade VI who came in third. In Category II Samvithra Kandolath from Grade VII stood first followed by Bisma Gulshan from Grade VIII.

In Category 3 Sneha Kandolath from Grade IX secured the first place and Diya Fathima CH and Shiyan Muhammed Siyaz both from Grade IX stood second and third respectively. Sudoku helps the students train their brains and improves their logical thinking. Sheneer Sir and Jincy Ma'am organised this event in such a way that the students couldn't stop gushing about their experience.

Aptitude Check - Periodic Test and Half Yearly Examination



The Periodic Test and Half Yearly Examinations for the students of Grade V to Grade XII were conducted from the 20th of September to the 30th of September. All the students were armed with proper revision and a calm mind to take the exams. It helped them understand the marking scheme and paper pattern as well as the duration of their upcoming board examinations.



Each One Teach One - World Literacy Day



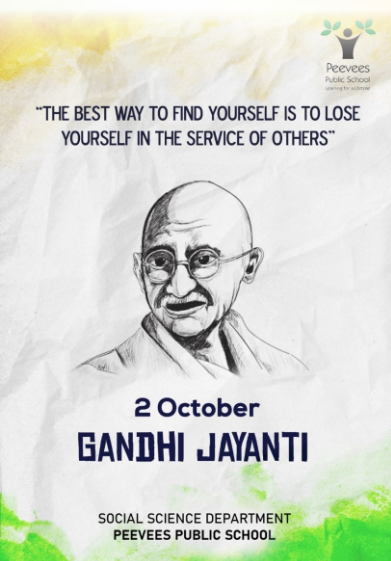
A wonderful initiative was taken up by the English Department on the occasion of World Literacy Day. Each student was asked to pledge to teach one person in their family or neighbourhood. The students were enthusiastic about the endeavour and participated with complete vigour. It goes a long way if we help educate our society and it beings from one person itself. The theme for this World Literacy Day 2021 was "Literacy for a human-centered recovery: Narrowing the digital divide."



For the love of Language - Hindi Diwas

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas on September 14th, the Department of Languages organised various activities. The first one was Poetry Reading for Grade 5th and 6th class students. Poster making was organised for Grade 7th and 8th Class students, while Class 9th and 10th had an essay writing competition. Samviritha and Hadiya from Grade 7 both participated in the poster making competition with enthusiasm and Sneha Kandolath from Class 9 participated in the Essay Writing Competition.

Father of the Nation - October 2nd Gandhi Jayanti



October 2nd marks the birth anniversary of one of the greatest freedom fighters in the world who practised and spread the ahimsa or non violent movement. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi or Gandhiji as he's fondly known was considered the Father of the Nation because like children he led Indians towards the path of freedom from the British rule.

On the wonderful day of his Birth Anniversary the Social Science Department celebrated the occasion by sharing the documentary on Gandhiji's life. Students of Grade 7 and 9 presented a beautiful video which spoke about how momentous Gandhiji's contribution was to our nation and how it changed the course of history. All the students watched the video and learned a lot of history from the documentary. It was the best way to remember our beloved Gandhiji.

There was also a cleanliness drive organised by the children where they took the initiative to clean up the places near them. After all cleanliness is next to Godliness as Gandhiji said. Children cleaned their rooms, their surroundings as well as the school grounds. It was a beautiful initiative which helped children connect with themselves. The children also submitted drawings inspired by Gandhiji like the three monkeys and his portrait. Overall it was the best manner in which we were able to pay tribute to Gandhiji.



My mind is not my prison - World Mental Health Day

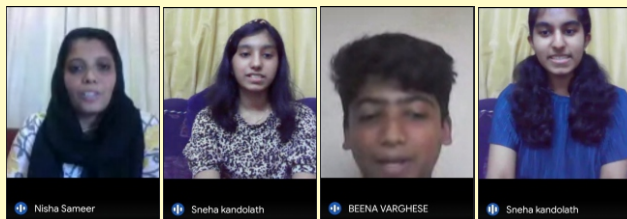


October 10th is observed as World Mental Health Day. The English Department organised a talk by renowned Clinical Psychologist and Expert T.P. Jawad of the Wellness Clinic. All the students as well as the parents were encouraged to participate in the session which was held from 5 to 6 pm.

Mr Jawad shared some very insightful observations regarding adolescents and how their teenage years affect them. We gained perspective into what is needed to handle a child who has or suffers from behavioural issues and also learned the methods by which we can gain better control over our emotions.

A lot of us related to what was shared during the session and the students asked some interesting questions at the end. Even the teachers interacted with Mr Jawad and understood the psyche of a teenager better. The session could prove to be very helpful to the parents, teachers and most importantly the students by helping them know themselves better.

Sports is to the body what reading is to the soul - Kerala Sports Day



GV Raja, the Father of Kerala Sports is the person in whose memory the Department of Physical Education organised an online quiz competition on the 13th of October, 2021. This was done in order to kindle the minds of the children who are passionate about sports. The topic for the quiz was Keralites Participation in International Championships. The age category for the quiz was Under 11, Under 15 and Under 19.



Online or Offline? - Parents Teachers Meeting

A lot of parents as well as students were in a dilemma about whether to return back to school or not after a circular sent by the CBSE regarding re-opening of schools. A PTM was organised on the 20th of October to address all the doubts and queries raised by the parents and students regarding their joining the school. Our respected Principal Mr Ashif Ikbal explained all the guidelines and was able to help the parents understand the safety measures taken by the school as well as the expectations from the school's end from the parents. Overall the meeting helped the parents feel assured that their child would be completely safe in the school environment.

During this meeting, in attendance were Mr Haris Madappally our Executive Director, Mr Ashif Ikbal our Principal, Senior Co-ordinator Ms Haseena Bavakutty, Ms Swapna the Ward Counsellor and Mr Iqbal the Health Inspector. Ms Swapna gave the inaugural address while Mr Iqbal gave the special address. The parents were relieved after listening to the comforting words of the members. Most of the students planned on returning back to school immediately after the session concluded.

76 Years of Excellence - UN Day Celebration



The 24th of October, United Nations Day, marks the anniversary of the day in 1945 when the UN Charter entered into force. The UN Charter has guided nations for the past 76 years and on this day, the Social Science Department organised an insightful session for the students. The teachers presented a video for the students which they watched to understand the importance of the day.

The students were also asked to participate and share their views about the day. The method in which they were asked to do so was to share recorded videos of themselves expressing their opinions.

Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat - CBSE Activity



From the 12th to the 20th of October, a plantation drive was conducted by the Science Department in the school garden where they planted saplings of medicinal plants like Amla, Neem, Lemon and Hibiscus. The names of the plants were tagged where students made placards of these plants and wrote its name in Malayalam and Hindi. The teacher in charge gave a session elaborating upon the importance of all these medicinal plants in the language of the paired state - Himachal Pradesh.

Are you Ready or Not? - Mock Test for CBSE Term I Examinations

A mock test modelled on the CBSE Term I Exams was taken by the students of Grade X and XII during the month of October. The paper pattern was in the MCQ format and the students had to complete the paper via Google Forms. The maximum time given to them to complete the exam was 90 minutes. The portion included was the entire syllabus covered in the Term I of their classes. Every student got a glimpse into how it would be to give an online exam when the board papers would be out and it prepared them for it.



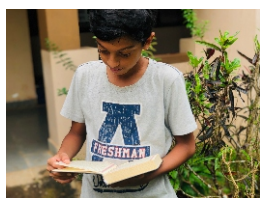


The Word of God

Quran Recitation Competition

The Value Education Department organised a Quran Recitation Competition on the 27th of October. The Word of the Lord is considered sacred in every religion. People believe that recalling their God's name brings them peace and happiness. It gives a sense of calm and relaxation. This was one of the reasons to organise the competition to encourage the students to remember the name of the Lord.

The students were divided into two categories - The first category was for students of Grade 5th to Grade 8th where the students had to recite any Surah from Surah No. 93 (Surah Zaha) to Surah 114 (Al Nas). In the second category the students from Grade 9th to 12th were included wherein they had to submit a video reciting Part of any Surah from first Juz to 29 Juz for minimum 3 minutes. The criterion of the competition was Tarteel Tajweed. Many students participated in the competition.

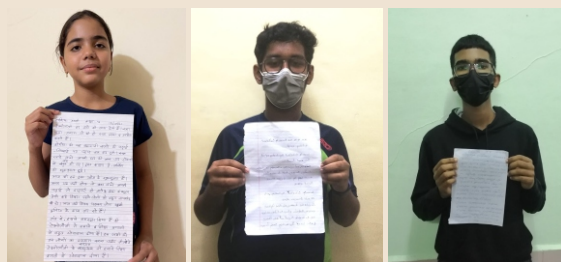


Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - CBSE Activity

Kolkata cannot be forgotten when thinking about places related to the freedom struggle during those years of British rule. Throughout the Indian Independence struggle, Kolkata remained the center of Indian nationalism. Ananda Mohan Bose and Surendranath Banerjee started the Indian National Association in Calcutta as the first nationalist organization. Calcutta was a center for creative minds and Indian leaders and it was here that plans were made for how to free India of British rule. The Calcutta Riots of 1946, also known as the "Great Calcutta Killing," were four days of massive Hindu-Muslim riots in the capital of Bengal, India, resulting in 5,000 to 10,000 dead, and some 15,000 wounded, between August 16 and 19, 1946.

During the month of October, the Social Science Department conducted a paragraph writing competition on the topic - Places related to the Freedom Struggle. These activities were organised in the school to make the students aware of the freedom struggle.

Access to the Internet - Yes or No??? Essay Writing Competition



On the 12th of October, the Department of other Languages organised an Essay Writing Competition on the topic - Should students get limited access to the Internet? Every student who had taken Hindi, Arabic or French as their second language was welcome to participate in it.

As the world has shifted online in the past year or so, children have gained unlimited and sometimes harmful access to the internet. This has not only complicated things for them but also become more difficult for the parents to monitor. They are exposed to the world outside through a screen and sometimes watch things which they should be protected from. This was a very important topic for students to elaborate upon and share their point of view about.

Top Notch Quality - Toppers Meet

On the 9th of October, 2021, Malappuram Central Sahodaya honoured the toppers of AISSE and AISSCE. The program was conducted at Ma'adin Public School Melmuri, Malappuram. Master Nezil Shah and Ms. Fathima Heba Mullaveetil of Grade X, Peevees Public school got an award for AISSE and Ms. Priyanka from the Commerce Section and Ms. Aysha Thasneem Mashood from the Science Section were awarded for the AISSCE. These students had performed exceptionally well and had scored above 90% marks in their board examination.



Back to the Pavilion - Boarders report back to campus



Finally after a long wait of around 7 months, the boarders reported back to campus on the 28th of October. All the students temperatures were checked and they went through a thorough health screening and quarantine process before joining the others and resuming their normal routines. Most of the students were eagerly waiting to come back to school after months and months of staying at home. They were happy of being back and relieved to finally be moving on and experiencing their boarding life.