

TAMIL DEPARTMENT

NEWSLETTER

CPS PONGAL CELEBRATION

This year's Pongal celebration in CPS was a unique and enriching experience for all. We partnered with a local dairy farm and brought in cattle to our school campus. This experience allowed pupils and staff to view and understand the key aspect of the traditional Pongal festival. This initiative fostered a deeper connection to Tamil cultural roots amongst our pupils and highlighted the significance of agriculture and harvest. Pupils were actively involved in the celebration and learnt more about Pongal making, as well as the traditions and rituals of the harvest festival.



P4 PONGAL LEARNING JOURNEY TO CAMPBELL LANE

The Primary 4 Tamil pupils had visited Campbell Lane to explore the vibrant cultural traditions associated with the Pongal festival. They had the opportunity to observe festive decorations, traditional crafts, and the preparation of Pongal dishes. They also had a hands-on experience in trying out the traditional Pongal games. Through this immersive experience, pupils gained a deeper understanding of the significance of the Pongal festival and its role in Indian culture. The learning journey also included a visit to some cultural landmarks around Campbell Lane. This helped to foster an appreciation for the rich Indian heritage and develop a community spirit amongst pupils.



MOTHER TONGUE FORTNIGHT

In line with Mother Tongue Language Fortnight, we organized various engaging level activities for the pupils. Through these activities, pupils were better able to appreciate Tamil culture and understand Tamil traditions. Pupils also had the opportunity to showcase their talents!

P1: KARAGAM (DANCE)

P2: CLAY FIGURINE MAKING

P3: URI ADITHAL (GAME)

**P4: AGAL VILAKKU (OIL LAMP)
PAINTING**

P5: KABADDI (SPORT)

**P6: SIILAMBAM (MIXED
MARTIAL ARTS)**



The Primary 1 pupils learnt more about Karagam, a traditional Indian Dance form and its significance in Tamil Festivals. Pupils also had fun creating their own Karagam and performing their very own choreographed dance!



The Primary 2 pupils learnt more about clay figurine making, a traditional method that was used in the past to make cooking vessels. Pupils enjoyed creating their own traditional cooking utensils and vessels!



The Primary 3 pupils learnt more about Uri Adithal and its significance in the Pongal festival. Pupils enjoyed taking part in this traditional game and breaking the pots while they were blindfolded.



The Primary 4 pupils learnt more about Agal Vilakku and its significance in Tamil culture. Pupils had fun creating their own personalised oil lamps by painting their lamps in unique designs.



The Primary 5 pupils learnt more about the popular Indian sport, Kabaddi and its origin. The pupils were very excited to participate in the sport and had fun strategising as team while playing.



The Primary 6 pupils learnt more about the popular Indian martial art form, Silambam and its origin. The pupils were very excited to learn about self-defense and had fun trying out the various moves.



MTL FORTNIGHT BOOTH ACTIVITIES

In line with the Mother Tongue Fortnight week, booth activities were conducted during lunch time to deepen pupils' understanding of the Tamil culture. The booth activities included traditional Indian games such as Paramapatham (Snake & Ladders), Pambaram (Top), Aadu Puli Aatam (Goat & Tigers Game), Pallanguzhi (Congkak) as well as serving of traditional food on the banana leaf. Pupils were given pictures of a variety of traditional South Indian dishes and they had to arrange them according to how they are served on the banana leaf. Pupils enjoyed these hands-on activities!



MOTHER TONGUE FORTNIGHT LUNCH ACTIVITY-PUPPET SHOW

As part of our lunch activities to commemorate Mother Tongue Fortnight week, Venus Academy conducted 'Bommalattam', a puppet show on the theme of 'Indian Folktales'. The puppet show captivated pupils with its engaging storytelling through vibrant puppets and lively songs. The performance brought traditional stories to life by incorporating music to create an interactive and entertaining story-telling experience for pupils. Pupils were drawn to the tales and learnt about the cultural significance of Bommalattam. This was a unique performance that enriched students' understanding of Indian storytelling.



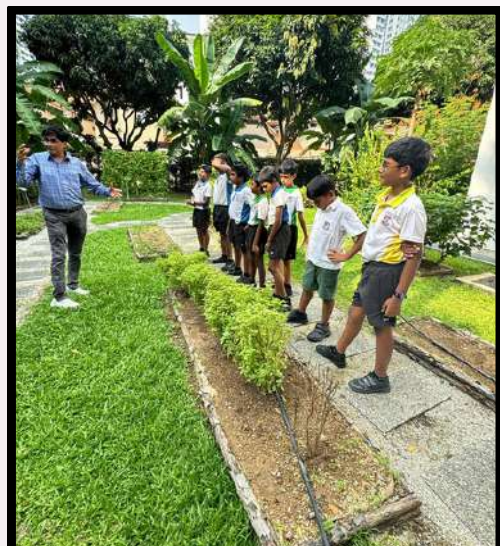
P4 CULTURAL CAMP

The P4 Cultural Camp was conducted in conjunction with the Mother Tongue Language Fortnight. This year's Cultural Camp provided pupils with a unique opportunity to learn more Traditional musical Indian story-telling. Students had the opportunity to try out narrating their very own story in a form of a song whilst playing a variety of musical instruments. This Cultural Camp certainly deepened pupils' appreciation for Tamil cultures and fostered their interest in story-telling.



P5 LEARNING JOURNEY TO MOOLIGAI THOTTAM

The P5 Tamil pupils went on an exciting learning journey to Umar Pulvar Tamil Language Centre (UPTLC) to learn more about traditional Indian herbs. The learning journey was an interactive experience that brought Tamil language and culture to life. Pupils explored the herbal garden in UPTLC and learnt about the medicinal properties of the various herbs, as well as their uses. Pupils also took part in several hands-on activities, where they played traditional games, and tried out the traditional Sport 'Jallikattu' through Augmented Reality. This experience reinforced classroom learning through engaging and meaningful activities. It was a engaging experience that deepened the pupils' appreciation of Tamil culture.



P6 TAMIZH THIRUVIZHA LEARNING JOURNEY TO UPTLC

The Primary 6 pupils visited the Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre for the 2024 Tamizh Thiruvizha (Tamil Fest). This Tamil Fest provided pupils the opportunities to learn more about traditional Indian Sports, Martial Arts, as well as Fine Arts. Pupils had a hands-on session where they could try out Martial Arts form such as Silambam. They also participated in several traditional Indian Sports such as Kabaddi and Pot-breaking. Following which, pupils learnt more about Tamil culture and the significance of folk dances by engaging in Oyilattam and Kolaattam. Through the activities, pupils are able to better appreciate Tamil culture and understand why some of these sports and folk dances are incorporated into Tamil Festivals. Pupils also had fun showcasing their hidden talents!





DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION



Our P6 pupils started off the celebration with a classical Bharatanatyam Dance. Following which, a skit performance on Naragasuran was put up by AKT Creations. The skit explained how Deepavali is celebrated to mark the triumph of good over evil with the defeat of Naragasuran. There was a medley of vibrant Mayilattam and Poi Kaal Kuthirai dance performances which the pupils enjoyed. Pupils also took part in a hands-on segment where they had the opportunity to play 'Parai' (traditional Indian musical instrument). It was an entertaining concert for all!





DEEPAVALI BOOTH ACTIVITIES

In line with our school's Deepavali Celebration, booth activities were conducted during lunch time to deepen pupils' understanding of the Deepavali and the significance of Deepavali traditions. The booth activities included Kolam decorating, Oil Lamp making and Kolam design cutting. The Primary 1 and 2 pupils coloured and decorated their own Kolams and the Primary 3 and 4 pupils made their own origami paper oil lamps. For the Primary 5 and 6 pupils, they learnt to cut out their own Kolam designs using coloured paper. Pupils enjoyed these hands-on activities!

