

CONNECTIONS

FOREWORD

As January comes to a close, we find ourselves at the tail end of a long and strenuous exam season and find normality setting back in. Time seems to slow back down and every moment feels like one to be savoured. However, the events and happenings at our school seem to be ramping back up with the Pongal Peruvizha, one of the most important festivals of the year. Our annual Pongal Peruvizha never disappoints in bringing us together as a community with its village themed stalls, games and folk performances that help us connect with our culture and bring us back to our roots.

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-Varshita (11A)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ISSUE

Pongal Peruvizha

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PONGAL PERUVIZHA 26'

On January 9th, the air at Babaji Vidhyashram wasn't just filled with the usual school day chatter—it was alive with the scent of sweet delicacies, the rhythm of folk beats, and a vibrant spirit of gratitude. This year, our Pongal Peruvizha didn't just meet expectations; it soared past them, transforming our campus into a rustic village celebration.

Pongal marks the first harvest of the year and the beginning of the Tamil month of Thai. It was a four-day festival that expresses gratitude to the Sun God, Mother Nature and farm animals for a bountiful yield. The festival symbolises abundance, new beginnings and a strong sense of community.

By Rakshitha, 11B



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Entrepreneurs' Day



Republic Day

A Day of Patriotism and Pride



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This year's Entrepreneurs' Day transformed the school campus into a bustling marketplace, as students from Balvatika to Grade 11 demonstrated remarkable ingenuity and business insights. The event served as a vital platform for hands-on learning, allowing students to experience the complexities of market competition, product differentiation, and customer interaction in a real-world setting.

-Visvasivam, 9C

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On 26th January 2026, our school celebrated our nation's 77th Republic Day with great pride, enthusiasm, and patriotic spirit. The entire campus was beautifully decorated with tricolour flags and balloons, highlighting the values of unity, democracy, and freedom.

The programme began with the unfurling of our National Flag by our respected Chief Guests, along with our Principal Ma'am and Vice Principal Ma'am.

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Neel Shanker, 7G

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Specialist Talk

Art as a New Perspective on Life

That presentation was truly impressive because the speaker changed my perspective on my surroundings, especially when he explained that art isn't confined to museums but is actually embedded in every product we use. It was a significant realization because I usually think of art as just drawing or painting, so hearing him explain how a designer essentially..

-Shandresh, 9D

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Alumni Meet



As the new year had begun and the winter chill slowly started to fade, it was replaced by something far warmer, the presence of our seniors, our beloved alumni. On 10 January 2026 at 11:00 AM., the Grade 11 students, along with the Student Council, organised the Alumni Meet in the Balvatika Block, creating a space filled with shared memories, guidance, and inspiration. The alumni generously shared their experiences of life beyond school, speaking about preparing for entrance examinations,

-Griha Mohana Krishnan, 11B

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IIT Talk

Learning Beyond the Classroom :
The Lecture Experience



Nowadays, it's crucial to acquire knowledge and skills beyond the school atmosphere; it is absolutely necessary to satisfy our thirst for knowledge. Therefore, when we went to a lecture on pre-machine-learning big data algorithms by an award-winning professor Jeffery D. Ullman, we experienced an eye-opening event which furthered our curiosity about computer science.

- Aadhirai 9A



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Social Science

The Panchayat role play helped me clearly understand the responsibilities of the Sarpanch, Secretary, Patwari, and Panch members. I also learned how villagers present their

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issues and how the Panchayat works together to find solutions. Earlier, I had only seen pictures of people sitting together in meetings,

-Aiswarya A.R., 6C17

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Science



We the students of Grade 11 A, are pleased to announce the successful development of our own in-house balm and relief spray made from scratch in our chemistry lab itself. This initiative was undertaken as a part of our curricular output project-'Make our own balm and spray: How hard can it be?'

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-Sanskriti Sriram, 11A

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Balvatika Buzz

This January, the Balvatika Wing marked two important occasions through special assemblies, immersing the children in a blend of cultural joy and national pride.

Together, these observances provided the young learners with valuable insights. Pongal taught them about cultural traditions and gratitude towards nature, while Republic Day reinforced their connection to the country and its democratic ideals. It was a meaningful start to the new year for our youngest students.



-Bithya Shirley D M
Grade 11 A



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Elementary Bragboard

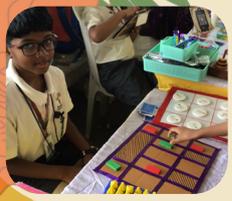
Elementary students participated enthusiastically in Entrepreneur's Day, bringing energy, creativity and confidence to the event. They set up a variety of stalls, including Food stalls offering tasty treats, Stationery stalls with useful supplies and Handcraft stalls showcasing artistic creations. With their innovative ideas and cheerful communication, the young entrepreneurs attracted customers and successfully sold their products.

-Griha Mohana Krishnan, 11B

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The Echo of Melody - Student Performance

December, the month of winter joy, draws people irresistibly from far and wide to Mylapore. This year too, the Performing Arts Department of Babaji Vidhyashram School made an exemplary contribution by participating in the Karthik Fine Arts programme.

When we began listing the songs, the count crossed ten! Awed by the number, [Click here to read more](#)

-Harini 9C, Ananya B 6C [Click here to view more](#)



MATH IN ACTION

GRADE 3

Classroom shopping is a fun and interactive activity for Grade 3 students that helps them learn about money and basic math skills.



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GRADE 4

Students of grade 4 finding the perimeter of the polygons formed by them using geoboard and also they found the radius and diameter of a circle



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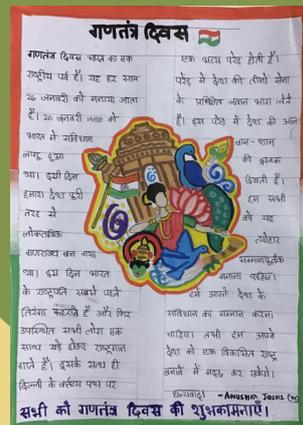
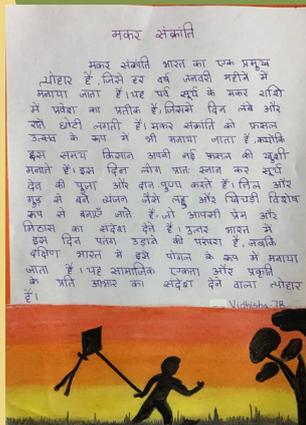
பொங்கலோ பொங்கல்!

நம் பள்ளி பாபாஜி வித்யாஷ்ரத்தில் கடந்த ஜனவரி 9 ஆம் தேதி பொங்கல் பெருவிழா ஆட்டம் பாட்டதோடு கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. மாணவர்கள் மற்றும் பெற்றோர்கள் ஒன்று கூடி இந்த விழாவை சிறப்பித்தனர். தமிழர் பண்பாட்டை மீண்டும் உயிர்ப்பிக்கும் நோக்குடன் மயிலாட்டம், ஒயிலாட்டம், புலியாட்டம், பொய்க்கால் குதிரையாட்டம், நடனம் போன்ற பல நாட்டுப்புறக் கலைகளை சிறப்பித்து இந்த விழா கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. பொங்கலை முன்னிட்டு நடந்த இந்த விழா எல்லோர் மனதிலும் தமிழ் பாரம்பரியத்தின் முக்கியத்துவத்தை மனதில் விதைத்தது. இதனை தொடர்ந்து பண்பாட்டு நிகழ்ச்சிகள் நடைபெற்றன. இந்நிகழ்ச்சிகள் தமிழர் பண்பாடு மற்றும் பாரம்பரியத்தின் பெருமையை வெளிப்படுத்தின.

- சீதளாதேவி பா 11ஆ



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Design Thinking

Art and Craft

Design Technology



Grade 7 students learned to operate a pottery wheel and crafted their own pots.



Grade 11 students worked on coding, designing, and developing projects for STEAM Day.



Computer Science

Students of Grade 9 experimented with generative AI tools to produce creative images and videos.



The Terrace Thoughts

Sleep Hygiene

Being both the doctor and mother of a teenager I constantly find myself balancing science with reality. It is easy for experts to advise, "Avoid gadgets one hour before bedtime," but applying this rule to adolescents is far more complex. After long hours of school, extracurricular classes, homework, and academic pressure, many teenagers turn to their phones not out of defiance, but as a way to relax, connect, and decompress. In adolescents, hormonal changes affect sleep patterns, and excessive screen time reduces melatonin production which is the sleep hormone.

-Dr.M.Sivasankari
Parent of G.Nandhan,9 A

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Achievements



In a thrilling match, our cricket team delivered a masterclass performance, defeating FIITJEE Global School and securing a commanding victory

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Makima skri-8C has secured an award in Harvard undergraduate science Olympiad.

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Mentosri teacher of the month



Ms. Sara
Balvatika Teacher



Ms. Fathima
Balvatika Teacher

Word of the month

Reinvigorate

To give new energy, strength, or enthusiasm to someone or something.

Example Sentence:
The start of the new academic year helps reinvigorate students' interest in learning.

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