The school reopened after a two-year gap forced by the covid-pandemic. The primary concern was to get the children back in physical classes mode.

We remained practical and designed a wellprepared reopening framework, a considerable return to normal life that was expected in the coming months – something that lakhs of students, teachers, and parents were looking forward to, for the past two years.

The academic year 0f 2022 – 23 began with a few competitions to bring the children back to their regular routine which they had long missed.





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# **Investiture Ceremony**

Pallika Sivakumar, vice-captain, Yogita Sethia sports captain, Usman Talha Primary Captain Jazaa Pathan of Integrity house



Janhvi Deo, vice-captain - Shruti Govilkar, sports captain - Raj Pawar and the primary captain Priyanshi Khatri of Discipline House.



Etasha Sabnis, vice-captain - Kavya Pathak, sports captain - Rohan Vaidya and the primary captain, Saksham Thakur of Dedication House.



The investiture ceremony took place on 25<sup>th</sup> April. All the students selected for appointments looked sharp in their sashes and smart attire. Everyone was looking forward to finding out who would be their next leader.

The prayer was the first part of the ceremony. After the prayers, Mrs Anamika Kundu ma'am, began with pleasantries. Then it was up to CEO Sir, Col P.D. Kulkarni (VSM) and Principal ma'am, Mrs. Sahana Arif, to do the honours of presenting the badges to the students, as they invested them with their responsibilities.

Pavitra Mehrra, the school head boy, arrived marching, forgetting all his concerns as he faced his peers. He was then presented with his badges and Epaulettes.

The next to come up was our school head girl, Yashoda Rane who headed to take her position and receive her badge.

The school sports captain, Aarav Singh, was next to walk up to the stage to embrace his badge and made us all proud.

The vice head boy, Shlok Togarge and the vice head girl, Sakshi Kadam, followed with fiery confidence.

As the event progressed, the house mistress of each house came up to honour their respective house captains –



Muhammad Meeran Sayed vice-captain - Soham Patil, sports captain Sameer Hussain and the primary captain Shiv Pardeshi of Team Spirit House



Following the badge distribution, CEO sir was invited to the podium to lead the appointments to take the pledge of allegiance towards their duties. We could sense the passion, sincerity and eagerness to assist and guide us through the sports and academics.

CEO sir fired the students with motivation and encouragement, inspiring us all to put our complacency behind and take on our responsibilities, working hard, to make our parents and teachers proud.

nternational Shakespeare's Day

To many, he was simply "The Bard", but most of us know him as Shakespeare, and the manner of speaking that was prevalent throughout his works is still singularly recognizable.

William Shakespeare left an indelible mark in the world of literature. He was supremely gifted at selecting the right words and arranging them into convincing representations of reality in all its forms, material and immaterial. His verbal dexterity was nothing short of amazing. If Shakespeare could not find a word to fit his meaning, he invented one. *Bandit, Critic, Dauntless, Ionely, Iaughable, eyeball, assassination, alligator, obscene,* and more than 1,700 other words we use today were all coined by Shakespeare.

His innumerable gifts to the English language are acknowledged by the world every year. International Shakespeare Day is celebrated all over the world on April 23rd and we enjoyed the day in the best possible way.

Palika Sivakumar and Etasha Sabnis shared some facts about William Shakespeare's life during the school assembly.

Sameer Hussain from class 10th-B recited a poem from Act IV Scene II of the play "The Merchant of Venice".



Yashoda Rane Head girl The importance of mercy could not be better expressed than it's twice blessed! Next Raj Powar from class 10th-A presented a monologue from Act II Scene III of the play "The Merchant of Venice".

This monologue lifted Shylock's character to one of the most powerful ones in the drama.

William Shakespeare is called "The Bard of Avon", similarly Rabindranath Tagore is called "The Bard of the East". Having been born in Calcutta and educated at the University of London, Tagore grew to be a gifted playwright, poet, novelist, actor, composer, teacher, painter, philosopher, and theatre director.

Shakespeare was a great influence on Tagore, as evidenced by the poem he wrote and translated in Shakespeare's honour. Both Shakespeare's and Tagore's works are characterised by the same sensitivity and sophistication of feeling.

Shlok Togarge from class 10<sup>th</sup> presented one of the most famous lines in all of Shakespeare's works occurring in Act III scene II of the play Julius Caesar. Mark Antonio would be proud of that monologue! Rohan Vaidya from class 10<sup>th</sup> presented a monologue from Act III Scene I of the play "The Merchant of Venice"

Next was Quiz Time! The celebrations continued.

Etasha Sabnis, Palika Sivakumar and Soham Patil took over for the quiz.

The students who had gathered in the MP hall of the school and had heard and may have read about Shakespeare went back enriched.







## **SPORTS - LANGDI**

Langdi in Maharashtra is a popular childhood pastime, it is described as the foundation of all sports.

The junior section of boys and girls from classes I and II were seen enthusiastically playing this sport. The little feet that had lost practice over the two years of pandemic were struggling to keep the balance, but never the less, they managed to play their game. The excitement could be seen on their faces.

Winners are: Girls Team - Discipline Boys Team – Dedication

Runner up Girls Team – Team Spirit Boys Team – Discipline

## **ART ACTIVITIES**

As the school playground was echoing with the cheers and laughter of the students, the corridors of the school were bustling with the artists who were gearing up for the Origami competition.

This competition was held in the month of June 2022.

Origami excites other modalities of learning. It has been shown to improve spatial visualization skills using hands-on learning. Such skills allow children to comprehend, characterize, and come up with their own ideas for the world around them.







#### Winners are:

Manasvi Deshmukh I DIntegrity HousePrisha Jogal II CDiscipline HouseRiyansh Patil III BIntegrity HouseZoya Parkar IV BDedication House



The month of April also had some outdoor sports activities for the students. Interhouse dodgeball and table tennis.

Both these competitions had the four groups i.e. Sub-juniors, Juniors, Middle and Senior school girls and boys competing for their respective houses.

The hot summer did not bring down the 'josh' of these players, as they were all into it after a long gap.



Sub Junior Dodgeball Boys Dedication Sub Junior Dodgeball Girls Discipline

Junior Dodgeball Boys Integrity Junior Dodgeball Girls Dedication

Middle Table Tennis Boys Team Spirit Middle Table Tennis Girls Integrity

Senior Table Tennis Boys Dedication Senior Table Tennis Girls Integrity

## **SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

The month of June and the re-opening of the school after the summer vacations had lot in store for the students on and off the field.

The first, and most important, was football, getting muddy—grazed knees, a mouthful of mud and grass after being upended, and the excitement that only football could give.

There were three categories for the boys. Junior football team that consisted of the boys from classes III to V, Middle School boys of classes VI to VIII and the seniors of classes IX to XII.

For the first time football was introduced to the girls. There were two teams, Junior Girls team and the Middle School Girls Team.

"The matches were played with great fervour. One could see the commitment of the players for their team and their house."



Results are: III To V Boys Discipline III To V Girls Discipline

VI To VIII Girls Discipline VI To VIII Boys Team Spirit

IX To XII Boys Dedication IX To XII Girls Integrity



It was also during this month that the teachers and students were seen preparing for the much-awaited Annual Day, which was to be staged after a gap of two years.

The month began with auditions for the actors, dancers and singers. The Annual Day was staged on three days comprising the Primary, Middle and Senior school.

For the first time the students were being selected for the choir which was put up by the Primary section students



OLIVER TWIST – Primary School

#### **ANNUAL DAY**

The days rolled by and practices were in full swing. Teachers ensured that the classes were on and academics were not left behind.

Soon the day for the various plays to be staged drew close.

July 28, 29 and 30 the plays were staged. The students put in fantastic shows. These were well received and applauded by the parents and the school management. The hard work put in had paid off.



ANDHER NAGARI CHAUPAT RAJA - Middle School



THE RIVALS – Senior School

## CHESS

Chess is an incredibly beneficial pastime, because playing chess results in better brain function, improved memory and mental abilities, strategic thinking and attention improvement. Students of Vidyashilp are growing in great numbers to play this sport.

Quite a few students are also seen playing during their recess time.

Interhouse chess competition was held in the month of August 2022. The rains did not hamper the players, as they were seen engrossed in their game, trying to outwit the other and score points for their house.



#### Results are:

Junior Boys Daksh Patil V A Integrity Junior Girls Abhidnya Hogale IV C Team Spirit Middle Boys Umesh Nagarani VII Team Spirit Middle Girls Rishika Navlakha VII B Integrity Senior Boys Krishna Kshirsagar X A Team Spirit Senior Girls Sakshi Kadam X B Integrity



### **Recitation competition**

English Recitation competition was also held in the month of August. Students of classes 2 to 4 took part in this interhouse event.

There were 12 participants in all, three from each house. They were to recite their poem in the given time of 3 minutes.

Each participant who came up on the stage was confident and recited the poem without referring to any text.





The results were as follows: Surabhi ShivKumar IV B Dedication

## **JUST A MINUTE**

The next interhouse competition was held in the month of August JAM – Just a Minute, for students of classes 6 to 8. Here the selected three candidates from each house were to speak on the chosen topic for a minute.

This topic was given to them on the same day of the competition and just a few hours for preparation was given. They could take the help of the internet or books from the School Library to prepare.

The Winner was Tanvi Belvi VIII A Integrity

### INTERHOUSE THROWBALL AND BASKETBALL

Playing throwball and basketball benefits and improves motor coordination, flexibility, and endurance. It also encourages speed, power, agility, and strength. These skills are shown to have a positive effect on nurturing a healthy body weight and encouraging more physical activity, which can enhance cardiorespiratory fitness and self-esteem. We had organized inter-house throwball competitions for junior and basketball competitions for, middle and senior boys and girls. The competition was conducted between 22 August to 2 September 2022.

The results of inter-house throwball and basketball competitions are as follows:

Table Tennis Junior Boys Discipline Table Tennis Junior Girls Discipline Table Tennis Middle Boys Team Spirit Basketball Middle Girls Integrity Basketball Junior Boys Discipline Basketball Senior Boys Integrity Basketball Senior Girls Integrity





#### THE INTER HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE

The much awaited Inter house English debate was conducted after 3 years in the school premises, with students facing off in person. The topics were interesting and thought provoking. The young debaters were charged up and spoke with conviction.

Topics for preliminary round were:

 School buses should be made compulsory.
Technology has increased the divide between the rich and the poor.

Topics for the final round were:

1. Regional languages should be the medium of instruction at school.

2. Friendships are stronger today because of social media.



However, it was the rebuttal rounds that show cased the thorough research, preparation and judgement of the students.

Their ability to question and probe on one hand was balanced with meticulous explanations and deliberations on the other.

The guest judges Mr Uma Shankar Devadhe and Mrs Geeta Bennur were all praises for the participants, their debating skills, articulate speech and confidence.

The winners for the year was Integrity house. Runner up was Team Spirit.

Best speaker award was convincingly won by Nedish Mehrra.





### The Language Week Celebration – August 2022

Language week was celebrated to create subject enrichment avenues through fun activities and promote good reading habits. A plethora of activities conducted included:

Storytelling, story reading, read aloud, introducing one's favorite character, recitation competition, Spell Bee and Slogan writing.

In few classes students put up charts to track the books read by them. Students enjoyed listening to stories read aloud to them in junior classes while deriving the pleasure of reading fiction themselves.

Slogan writing saw students pouring their creativity into writing catchy slogans on books, reading and libraries with colourful illustrations. After reading their stories, students were asked to introduce their favorite characters to the class.

Few students used relevant props, which made a good impact. The Read aloud was a great hit among the junior students who learnt the relevance of reading aloud.

The spell Bee conducted class wise had enthusiastic participation. It was exhilarating to see students spell challenging words very confidently.

Language week was thus celebrated with great zest and zeal.









Teacher's Day is celebrated in India every year on 5th September to appreciate the role played by teachers in the life of students-the leaders of tomorrow.

The day is also celebrated to pay tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of the country and a visionary educator.

VIDYASHILP PUBLIC SCHOOL, PUNE, celebrated this day with great enthusiasm on 5th September, 2022.

The day commenced with school assembly conducted by the students. Later the senior students took charge of classes as Teachers.

It was fun to watch the proceedings Students enjoyed the classes to the fullest.

A cultural programme was organised for the teachers by the students. Along with the teachers, CEO Sir, Principal ma'am, Vice Principal sir were also present to grace the occasion.

The programme was hosted by the Head Girl Yashada Rane and her team. The colourful event took off with a beautiful poem recitation by Palika Sivakumar, followed by a group dance by the girls of classes IX<sup>th</sup> and X<sup>th</sup>.

### **TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION** A day dedicated to teachers

On September 10th, in celebration of Teachers' Day, Vidyashilp Public School hosted an overnight retreat for the entire teaching and non-teaching staff. They travelled to the Balaji resort, 45 kilometers from the school.

After arriving at the resort, They moved on to some thrilling and adventurous activities that let the staff get to know each other's strengths and forced the majority of the staff to face their fears.

Integrity House had planned some games for the teachers that evening. The activities were extremely special since they allowed us to learn more about our fellow teachers. It resembled a team-building exercises.

Some teachers could showcased their exceptional talents. Those who had initially been strangers grew accustomed to one another when we returned. The journey was fun and interesting while the team created strong bonds.





Be Internet Awesome" - a Program to equip young learners to be safe online, organized by CBSE in association with Google (A CBSE Training Program in 3 series).

Post-pandemic the online learning has become an inseparable part of the teaching learning scenario in schools across the country and hence the need to navigate safely is paramount.

This program aims to-

1. Empower Teachers & students with Digital Citizenship Skills.

2. Nurture Digital Responsibility, Online Safety, Cyber-Bullying Prevention, Health & Emotional wellness in the Digital world.

3. Equip students with knowledge, skills, and resources to succeed as lifetime learners.



# **Be Internet Awesome**











**<u>2nd</u> May 2022:** Children celebrated **Maharashtra Day** by coming to school in traditional Maharashtrian attire and getting one Maharashtrian food item in their tiffin. This day was celebrated to introduce them to the state in which we live and to make them aware of few facts of Maharashtra like regional festival, food, language and famous places to visit.



<u>**2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022:**</u> Students of Jr kg celebrated **Father's Day** to show love and respect for their role models by playing games, giving greeting cards made by them and having a fun filled morning only for themselves with their fathers.



## PRE-PRIMARY

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2022:** To bring them close to nature, to understand the process of growing food and also to develop their gross and fine motor skills, children of pre-primary did **Gardening activity** by growing fenugreek and coriander. It was really interesting for them as each day they used to observe their plant and how much it had grown. They learnt about things which plants need to grow by doing this activity practically.



<u>8<sup>th</sup> August 2022:</u> Friends are oxygen of life. To understand their importance and to help them when in need and to be there for them always, **Friendship Day** was celebrated by tying friendship bands and listening to stories about true friendship

#### 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022: Janmashtami was

celebrated with great pomp and fun as children love to hear stories of Lord Krishna. The significance and importance of festival was explained to our little Radhas and Krishnas. They sang songs in glorification of the Lord and danced on few tunes too. They even broke the handi made of balloons to enjoy their Makhan and chocolates.



**<u>26<sup>th</sup> August 2022:</u>** To help our toddlers overcome their stage fear to bring out their inner talent, to build self-confidence and to enhance their vocabulary, **Theme Dressing** was celebrated where children came dressed up as flowers, fruits, vegetables and animals and shared few information about them.





#### **PRE-PRIMARY**







