



Welcome to the first edition of the e-newsletter of the Rajas International School, Kurichi, Kottayam. I am sure this will throw light on the most unforgettable and precious moments of the school. This humble initiative is to keep all the stakeholders informed of all the events, endeavours and ventures that originated or took place in the school during the past six months.

It is our strong conviction that the school is the epitome of all virtues. All our thoughts and actions revolve around the sole idea of the integral development of the students, hence new pastures were discovered, new pastors were brought and new methods were implemented. Coffee@Tris, a platform for the students to interact with the great dignitaries, Pearls@Tris, teacher empowerment programme, thematic virtual assemblies to shed inhibitions of the students, subject weeks, designed for the better understanding of the subjects, special events to instill patriotic spirit in the students and special

competitions held to hone their talents are a few of the events conducted in the school. In addition to the reports of all these activities, some special events also are mentioned.

This newsletter is the result of the concerted effort of many people. All the staff, teaching and non-teaching, especially the editorial board, have chipped in to make it wonderful. Their contribution is remembered gratefully. I am grateful to Mr. Mathew for proof reading and Mr Abhilash for designing. I should say that this e-newsletter would not have come to light but for the guidance of our C E O, Mr. Kuriakose. I am grateful to him. Active participation of our students impelled us to go ahead. I wish it will continue. 'Heard melodies are sweet but those unheard are sweeter'. Our next e newsletter will be still better.

I hope you will enjoy reading the articles and reports.

JOHNSON

Principal, Chief Editor



MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

Thanks, to your understanding and cooperation.

My decision to appoint Mr Kuriakose, a national awardee educationist with three decades of administrative experience in India and abroad as our new CEO and Mr Johnson, a very well experienced academician as principal has been proved right. The changes we see in our school bear testimony to this.

Coffee@TRIS, Pearls@TRIS, Theme based Virtual assembly etc are indeed our USP's. The newsletter is yet another initiative. We can expect many more initiatives like this. It is heartening to learn that there will be two volumes of the newsletter in a year.

I thank the editorial board for their concerted effort in compiling the first volume.

We are at the threshold of the new year 2021. I do hope the new year will usher in a new dawn. Let us seek Divine blessings from God Almighty for a future devoid of pandemic, calamities and sufferings. I seek your continued support.

I wish you all A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Dr. S.A. Joy Raja MBA, PhD(USA)
Chairman

Dear parents,
2020 has witnessed many ups and downs in all spheres of life. The education sector has not been an exception. Real-time classes gave way to virtual classes. Equipping teachers, communicating effectively through virtual mode, net connectivity and power disruption etc were challenges. Within all constraints, our teachers have delivered their lessons reasonably well.



MESSAGE FROM CEO

However with proper training by experts delivery of lessons improved considerably. Net work issues remain a headache for teachers as well as parents. Please bear with us for such technical hitches.

Thanks for your understanding.

In order to showcase the talents of our students, we started theme-based virtual assembly in June. It is indeed a feast to our eyes. The exemplary performance of our kids deserves special commendation. We are proud of all the participants.

Our efforts to bring eminent speakers such as Dr. Subramanian Krishnamurthy, CEA to Govt. of India[who was my student in M.G.M S.S.S.Bhilai], Dr Sabu Tomas VC, MG University, Kottayam, Air Commodore Ajay Grover, etc for our Coffee@TRIS will continue. his month Mr Amitabh Choudhary, IPS, chairman, Jharkhand Public Service

of BCCI will be our guest and will speak on LESSONS LEARNT FROM HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE. PEARLS @TRIS is a monthly program for our teachers. This month Mr Devender Varma {founder of NEXT GEN TEACHING SOLUTIONS,US} with a distinguished career in ACCENTURE, COGNIZANT etc will talk on a virtual platform which is used by IITs and other institutions and conduct a demo.

.A newsletter is an in-house journal consolidating all the activities of the semester. I do hope you will enjoy reading it. Together we can. Let us strive to make TRIS Kottayam a trendsetter in the education horizon of this region.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful year

Kuriakose M.O.
CEO

Seasons greetings from TRIS Kottayam. I joined the school as the CEO in May 2020, amidst confusion and chaos created by the pandemic COVID19. I accept the challenges and constraints of my job in good faith and do hope that by God's grace and your continued support we can raise the bar. Let us collaborate in our endeavour to take our school to greater heights. Virtual classes, the only alternative to real-time classes offered a lot of challenges,

CHANGE OF GUARD

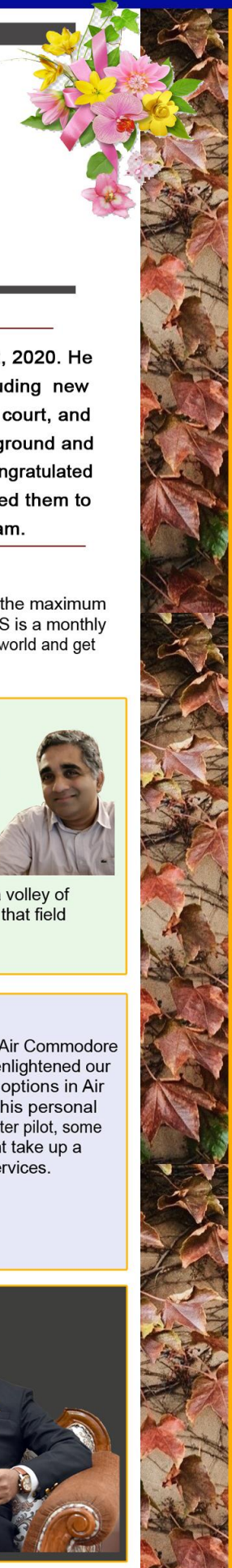


Mr. M O Kuriakose , a national awardee educationist with a proven track record of more than three decades of school administration in India and abroad joined our school as our C E O on 18th May 2020.



Mr. Johnson P V., former Principal of an International School, Mumbai with 22 years of experience teaching cum administrative experience in pan India joined as principal on 10th August 2020.

Their experience and expertise and collective wisdom will spearhead qualitative and quantitative improvement of TRIS in the future.



Chairman's visit



Chairman Dr. S. A. Joy Raja visited the school on October 2, 2020. He stated his plans for developmental work of infrastructure including new K G Block, a new volleyball court, renovation of the basketball court, and reconstruction the football court planting Bermuda grass on the ground and landscaping of the courtyard. Staff meeting was conducted and he congratulated the teachers on their relentless efforts during the pandemic and urged them to take the schools to newer heights. He was in praise for the new team.



We at Rajas, never stop our students within their text books. Rather, they are given the maximum exposure to enrich themselves with direct contact with the outside world. Coffee@TRIS is a monthly programme for them, to interact with rare luminaries selected from different parts of the world and get motivated with higher aspirations.



This year our students had the first chance on 16th August, when an eminent scientist, Dr Sabu Thomas, V.C of M G University was our Guest of Honour.

Focusing on academic excellence, he opened new vistas to our students, who were thrilled to have interacted with one of the great scientists of the world, who works in our neighborhood.

On September 12, Mr. Deepak Markose, an entrepreneur and consultant, illumined our students with Investment Management. With his expertise and vast experience in the international market, he convinced the students the scope in that field, who in turn had a volley of questions on the challenges involved in that field



September 19 marked yet another edition of Coffee@TRIS. It was a chance for our students to interact with an eminent scholar Ms Ramya, from the University of Chicago, who spoke on

unconventional courses in foreign universities. She guided them how to take up higher studies at some world-class institutions and how to avail scholarship and assistance abroad.

On 21st November, Air Commodore (Rtd.) Ajay Grover, enlightened our students on career options in Air Force. Listening to his personal experiences as a fighter pilot, some of our students might take up a career in defense services.

10th October was an unforgettable day when. Dr. K V Subramanian, the Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India graced our coffee @TRIS October edition as our Guest Speaker.

A former student of our CEO, Mr. M.O.Kuriakose, Dr.Subramanian spoke about Personal Excellence. According to him, determination coupled with perseverance can take anybody to the desired destination. Indeed, our students had a highly beneficial interaction with such an eminent scholar.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

World Environmental Day

June 6

At a very critical time, when the world was in the grip of fear of the corona Virus, TRISIANS dared to come out to show their concern for the mother earth. A well organised Environment Day programme was inaugurated by the newly appointed CEO, Shree M.O. Kuriakose, when he officially planted fresh saplings of Elanji tree, adhering to the COVID protocols in the school premises. Staff members Mr. Abhilash.S. and Mr. Mathew P.M. also planted saplings in the campus. The event turned out to be a real Vanamahotsavam, not only for the Rajas International school, but also for the entire Kurichi village, when all the Trisians engaged themselves in planting saplings and started nurturing them at their own houses.

As the local T.V. channels reported this unique event in their evening edition, it was shared and appreciated by thousands.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Day

August 6

Reminding the first ever Atomic Bomb shell over the twin cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, 6th August is dedicated to get rid of war and Weapons of Mass Destruction and to promote peace among the nations of the world.

During the special assembly organised by Mrs. Vismi Udayakumar the students of Grade VII B presented animated video programmes on the evil effects of war. A special skit focussing on peace was enacted by Jacob, Ethen, Elvis and Tiona. The day was all the more auspicious, as we welcomed our new Principal Mr. Johnson P V to the School. It was our honourable Chairman Dr. JOY RAJA himself extended a most cordial welcome to the New Principal. In his message, the CEO, emphasized that war is not the solution to any problem. Rather, it should be done away through bilateral dialogue. Addressing the staff community, the Principal focussed on the role of teachers in the modern world.



International Yoga Day

June 22

A virtual assembly was duly conducted on 22nd June to celebrate the International Yoga Day. The theme was "Yoga for health, Yoga at home".

Along with the regular assembly programmes, some of our well-trained students, headed by Taniya Mary Thomas gracefully demonstrated a few selected "asanas" on the occasion. Most of the Trisians shared videos of their yogic posters and practices during the occasion.

Our CEO, Shri M.O. Kuriakose, in his message highlighted the importance and benefits of yoga. He also exhorted the students to read at least one book in a week. The teacher in-charge Mrs. Mini George also shared her thoughts on the occasion.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

September 21

"Lokammuzhuvan sukhampakaranai sneha deepame avathariku..." That was the opening prayer for universal peace rendered with an angelic voice by Irine Ann Juby from Grade IV, as TRISIANS began the celebration of International day of peace on 21st September. Among many striking programmes, stood out the peace-parade of our young students, pledging themselves to be the ambassadors of World Peace. And the melodious voice of Taniya Thomas went so loud in the air recalling the words of St. Francis Assisi inspiring every human heart for a genuine "metanoia", which alone can lead to the realization of world peace.

Very striking messages were also shared by Shree M.O. Kuriakose, our CEO, and Mathew P.M. our English Language teacher, who organized the event.

KERALA PIRAVI

November 1

The 64th birthday of our motherland was celebrated at TRIS on the digital platform on 1st November. A good number of students enthusiastically participated in different cultural programmes that showcased the essence of living in "God's Own Country".

The occasion was specially marked by the gracious presence of Vayalar award winner Shree Babu Kuzhimattom, a native of Kurichy. He recollected his childhood days and how TRIS campus inspired him to write short stories. While addressing the student community, he stressed the need of nurturing and protecting Malayalam, our mother tongue. The day was special with a variety of programmes like Malayalam recitations, Kerala Dance, and different-Video presentations showcasing the unique features of Malayalanadu.

World Day of International Justice

July 17

TRIS celebrated the World Day of International Justice, on 17th July in a very significant way. Our senior students under the collective leadership of Taniya, Roanna, and Prayaga organized a grand programme to illumine the Trisian Community about the importance of the day.

Our primary Students staged a beautiful parade of Nobel Peace Prize winners like Mother Theresa, Malala Yusufai, Kailash Satyarthi etc. Similarly the Quiz programme hosted by Taniya Thomas was really the first of its kind during a virtual assembly in our school. Explaining the concept of justice and the relevance of our celebration in schools, appropriate messages were also shared by our CEO, Shree M.O. Kuriakose and Mr. Mathew P.M., the programme co-ordinator, respectively.

The United Nations Day

October 11

Recalling the ultimate goals of the United Nations Organization, the Trisian community celebrated the U.N. Day in a befitting manner.

To give a feel of the UN organization, our students conducted a mock U.N Assembly. It was really very interesting and informative a programme. The Book reviews by Pranav G and others were found very relevant. The appearance of Tania Thomas as a delegate from France, was also worth mentioning. Our junior students Thanmai and Thasmai from Grade 1 offered a special birthday gift to UN with an fantastic performance.

Our Principal Mr. Johnson P V and the teacher in charge Ms. Surumi delivered very befitting messages to the students during the occasion.

Indian Constitution Day

November 26

Presenting the fundamental rights enshrined in the constitution, several new faces appeared on the virtual platform. Thanmai and Thasmai, of Grade I, and seniors from Grade IX Taniya Thomas and Roanna Thomas presented so many interesting aspects of not only our fundamental rights but also of our fundamental duties, in a novel way. Similarly, Sidan Kuriakose from Grade VIII presented the preamble of Indian Constitution in a very impressive manner.

In his message on this auspicious occasion, our CEO stressed the importance of Indian constitution in our everyday life. The Principal also delivered a very befitting message to the students. Mrs Lakshipriya Vishnu co-ordinated the day's events.

Hearty Congratulations to everyone





"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge" (Alfred Einstein). These were the words quoted by Mrs Rita Prasad who masterly handled the First Session of the Staff Enrichment Programme (PEARLS@TRIS), a new initiative by the CEO Shree M.O. Kuriakose, and the Principal Shree Johnson Varghese, at The Rajas International School, Kurichy, Kottayam, on 17th Oct., 2020.



The gathering was inaugurated by Mr. Anil, Secretary to Gram Panchayat Kurichi, and was graced by the presence of Shree Subramanyan, the Dean of Rajas college, Nagarcoil, the Principals of Rajas International Schools, Kottayam and Nagarcoil and the Principal of the Syrian Jacobite School, Thiruvalla .

The second session of pearls at TRIS was conducted on 28th Nov. 2020 by Dr. PrabhasAravind, a consultant psychiatrist from Ottapalam, Palakkad. He authentically addressed the constraints and challenges of teachers during the pandemic.

The session that followed, gave a chance for the teachers to discuss the various problems they face during the CORONA-pandemic. He suggested a few practical steps to overcome the present-day crisis, especially in handling the online classes.



Teacher Training

Many training sessions were conducted for the teachers in addition to the Pearls@Tris

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1	June 5	Ms. Jayalaksmi	Introduction to Google Meet
2	June 17	Mr. M O Kuriakose	Qualities of teachers
3	Aug.25	Mr. Alan , Eduplus	Online platform for teaching
4	Oct 03	Mr. M O Kuriakose CEO	Preparation for result analysis on new platform
5	Oct 15	Mr. George and Mrs. Bianca	Structure of Result analysis
6	Oct. 22	Mr. Abhilash and Mrs. Vismi	Preparation of spread sheet for result analysis
7	Nov.07	Ms. Jayalakshmi	How to use Nearpod
8	Nov.23	Ms. Jayalakshmi	How to make the class more active using Nearpod
9	Dec 05	Mr. Alan , Eduplus	How to use Eduplus.

The Quiz



A Quiz programme was conducted for the staff on the topic 'Nehru' on Nov. 20. Four teams – departments of Humanities, Science, Languages and Math took part in the programme and the Science department was placed in the first place. Our CEO Mr Kuriakose was the quiz master.

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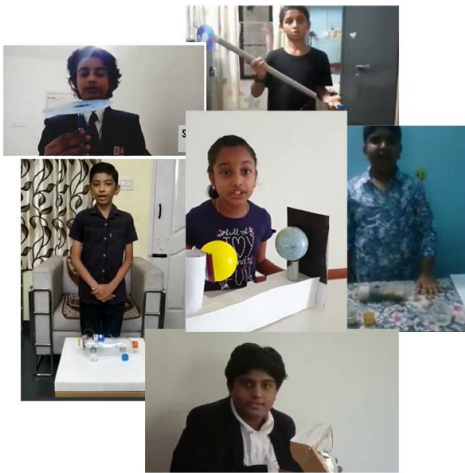
Parents Teachers Meet was conducted on Oct 15 after PA 1 on the virtual platform. 93% of the parents attended session and had a fruitful discussion on the improvement of the students.

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Second Parents Teachers Meet was conducted on Dec.12, after First Term Examination. Teachers had analyzed the result of the students with the parents with the help of histogram and pie chart.

SCHOLASTIC WEEKS

SCIENCE- WEEK (Sept. 21-26)



Ppractice makes man not only perfect, but also fully happy and successful. This is what is proved by Trisians during the science week. To master science subjects, they did not limit themselves to mere text books and lab-practice, rather, dedicated an entire week trying their hands on various science-projects and experiments. It is worth mentioning that there was an unparalleled enthusiasm among the young learners to undertake many rare science-projects under the guidance of our expert science. They came out with lots of working models, live-experiments, still models and many more. Indeed, it was a great occasion for them, not only to deepen the theoretical knowledge, but also to realize the real power and mystery of science and technology.

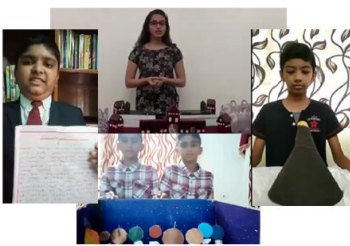
MALAYALAM- WEEK (Nov.1-7)



“Rooted in Kerala, but global in outlook and universal in spirit”. This sums up the motive force behind the MALAYALAM WEEK celebrated at The Rajas International school, Kottayam.

To safeguard the importance of Malayalam, our mother tongue, and to project the indigenous culture and traditions of Kerala, students staged several literary and cultural items like Malayalam speech, recitation, folk-tales, art-exhibition etc. during this memorable week. Indeed, it was a moment of joy for everyone, especially the parents who were highly appreciative of this unique gesture of our school.

SOCIAL STUDIES - WEEK (Oct. 19-23)



Social-Science subject became a joyous learning experience and the classrooms became a hive of learning-activities during an entire week. Our Primary students presented models based on Water and Air pollution while students of grade 6 and 7 presented working models and charts on the solar system, natural disasters and many ancient civilizations. Many senior students presented various economic activities of the ancient period. A role play based on Hitler’s concentration camp and a Mock-UN Assembly were among other highlights.

It was a golden opportunity for learners to explore the ancient societies and their social problems. They focused not only on people and their lives but also on nature and the universe. Thus it was a highly fruitful time for students to improve their awareness as well as to acquire in-depth knowledge regarding the diversity of the ancient-world.



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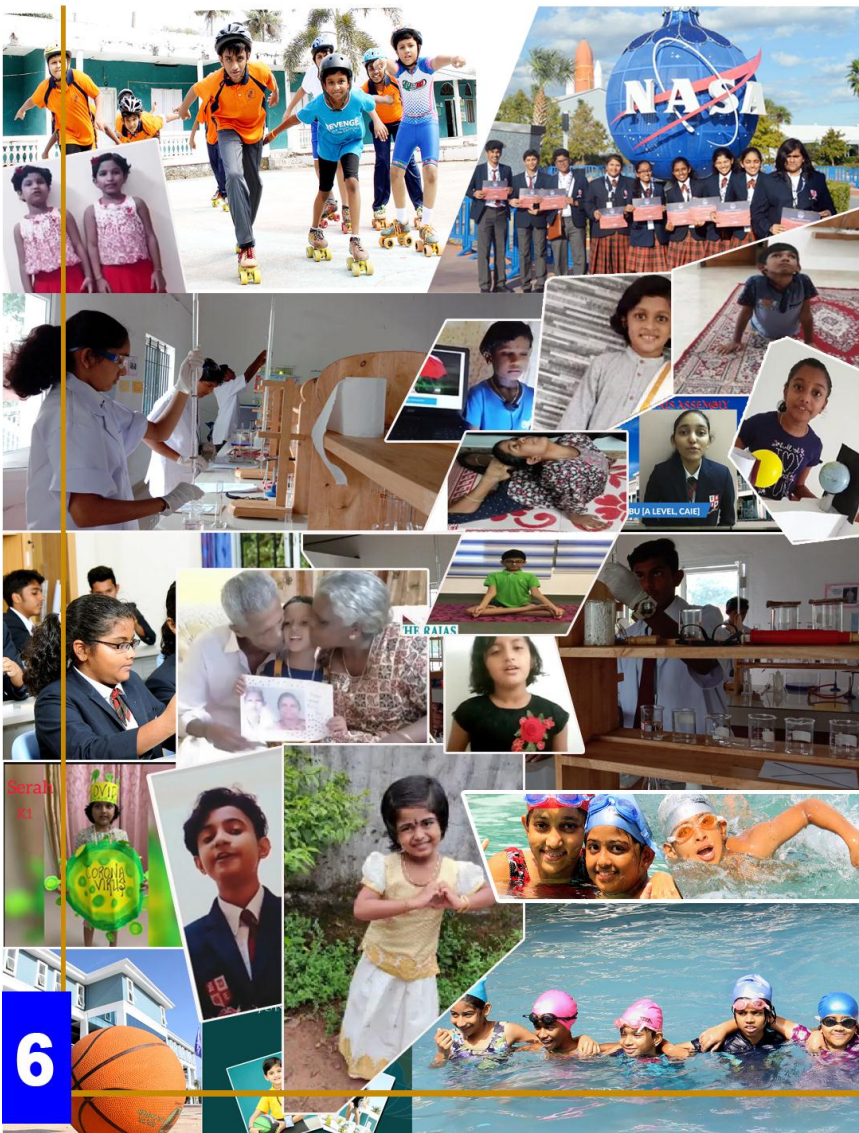


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Christmas



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