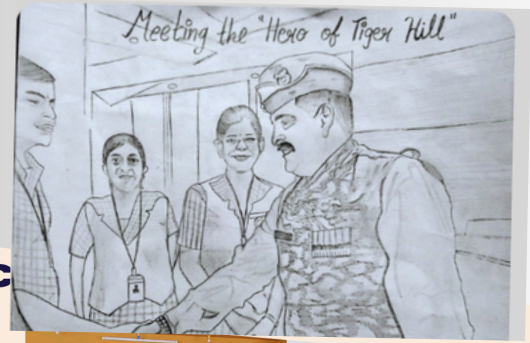


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# Introducing the Office Bearers :



## The First Meeting

The Interact Coordinators had their first meeting for the year via zoom on 17 th July 2024 from 5pm to 7 pm. The Interact coordinators from our school attended the meeting. Newly elected President of the RCM, Rtn Chella Krishna addressed the Interact Coordinators. Rtn Balaji Chinni gave an overview of the joint Installation ' Unify. '



Rtn Jayshree Sridhar briefed about the upcoming projects. Rtn Ashwath Reddy spoke about the streetscape project .He made a special mention that it will be a great idea to extend streetscape into neighbouring Govt schools and to make a joint project with them. Green Rotarian Vinay Mohan, Zone 1 schools chairman gave the vote of thanks. A special user friendly portal for uploading project reports will be introduced.



## Clean Shore Initiative



**We made a clean sweep at the first beach clean up activity of this academic year on 20th of July 2024. Fourteen Interactors and two teachers joined hands with the Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI) on this cleaning initiative of the Ashtalakshmi Beach , Besant Nagar.**

**The students with their bags and gloves were the motivating factors to the tourists and locals, that we need to take matters into our hands to make a difference!**



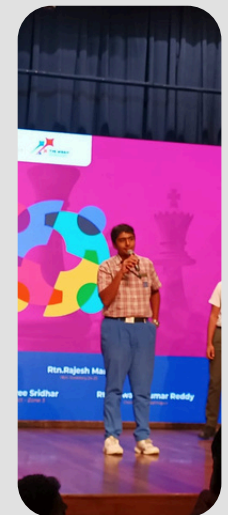
## The Club Installation

The Installation Ceremony "Unify" of the Interact Club was organized by the Rotary Club of Madras on the 26th July 2024 at Rani Seethai Hall , Anna Salai. The President of RCM, Rtn.Chella Krishna collared the Presidents of the Interact Clubs.

The office bearers were given their badges and handed their responsibilities as Interactors . Our school received the Best Supporting Interact Club Award for the year 2023-24. The students of our school performed a fusion dance for the programs The Youth Services Director, the Zone chairs and a host of Rotarians graced the occasion

The Interactors introduced themselves to their co-interactors from various other schools as well as to the Directors and other dignitaries of the RCM. The program came to a end with the feedback session followed by a scrumptious lunch that was provided. They were wished good luck by Mr.Vinay Mohan, Chairman Interact of Zone-1 and other Rotarians and Rotaractors .

The Interactors are poised and all set to work for the welfare of the school as well as the community. They are looking forward to creating a more peaceful, selfless and sustainable atmosphere

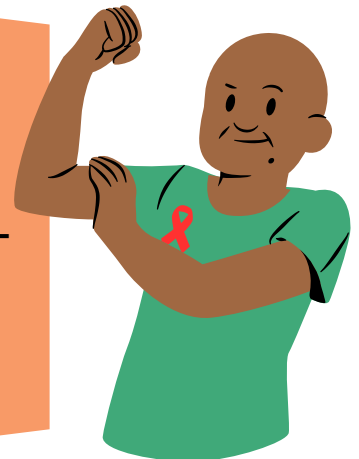


## ABC Can-Stop Exhibition

The word "CANCER" spreads fear in the hearts. To break this and empower the students with knowledge and confidence, the Sundaram Medical foundation and the Rotary Club of Madras organise competitions.

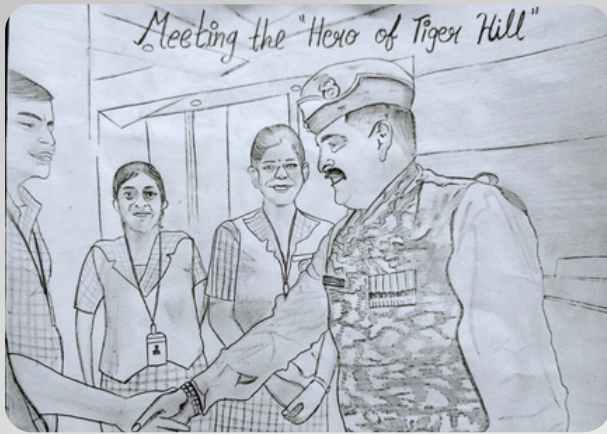


This year on 27th of July, 2024, sixteen students accompanied by two teachers went to the Can-Stop exhibition and participated in all the competitions.



It is noteworthy that out of 56 schools for quiz our team of students were one among the 9 teams who cleared the written test and were selected into the final round. Our students had an enriching experience and a wonderful time.

## Echoes of Valor



Being present amidst **the youngest recipient of the Param Vir Chakra** is a really blessed opportunity. What more could a student ask for! Five Interactors along with a teacher coordinator of Sri Sankara Vidyashramam Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Thiruvanmiyur were fortunate to be a part of the 5th weekly meeting of the RCM held to present the "For the Sake of Honor Award", the highest award of the club to **Honorary Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav** on the 30th of July 2024 from 1:30 p.m. at Hyatt Regency , Teynampet.



Honorary Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav delivered his speech which inspired every one of the listeners to such an extent that one could not have controlled his/her patriotic ardor. "**फौजी मरने के लिए नहीं , मारने के लिए ही होता |**", he said . It means ' A soldier is not meant to die , he is meant to kill. ' Being the Silver Jubilee Year of the Kargil Vijay Divas, one could not ask for more than being present amidst a Kargil War warrior . Followed by the speech was the felicitation of Honorary Captain with the 'For the Sake of Honor Award ' .



The Interactors were privileged to meet Captain.Y.S.Yadav and interact with him. It was a wonderful and productive time for the Interactors. with a lot of takeaways ..... **Patriotism is not about loving the country , but loving others before self .**





We feature in Rotary's magazine the 'LIGHT HOUSE'

The Rotary Club of Madras in its magazine , The Lighthouse released on 28th July 2024 published an article about the Clean Shore Initiative programme of our school .



# Annadhanam and Paropakaram

## Collection Drive

Interactors In Action... Giving With A Smile !

The month of August brought with it a wave of kindness! Our Annadhanam activity began in all earnest. Interactors went around the whole school collecting . Eager little hands brought bags of rice, dhal, soaps and biscuits. Goodness and giving surely brought a smile and a warm feeling in everyone's heart!





**Sri Sankara Vidyashramam**  
**Mat. Hr. Sec. School**  
**Interact Club**



*Annadhanam Paropakaram*

**RICE , DHAL , HAMAM SOAP**  
**MILK BIKIS , DATES**



Your contributions are greatly appreciated

Last date for the collection drive : **14.08.24**

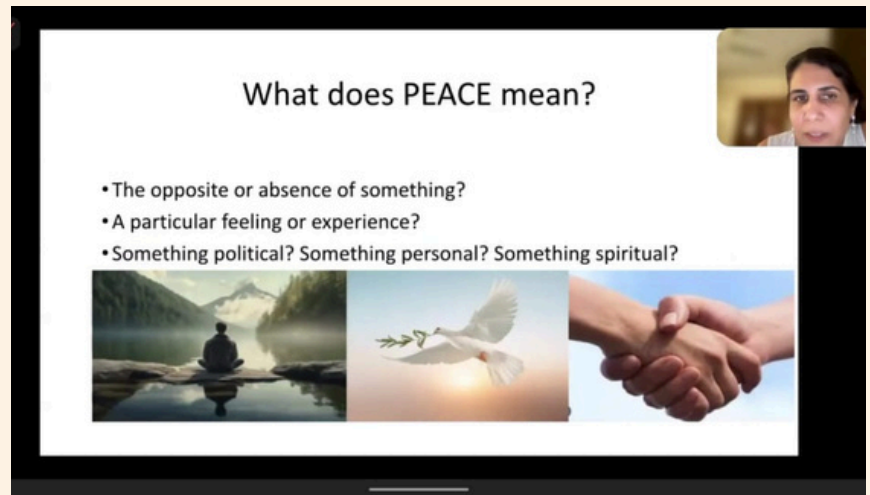


“ Each donation is a step towards **building** a better world, fostering **bonds** of humanity, and **bringing** cheer to those we help.

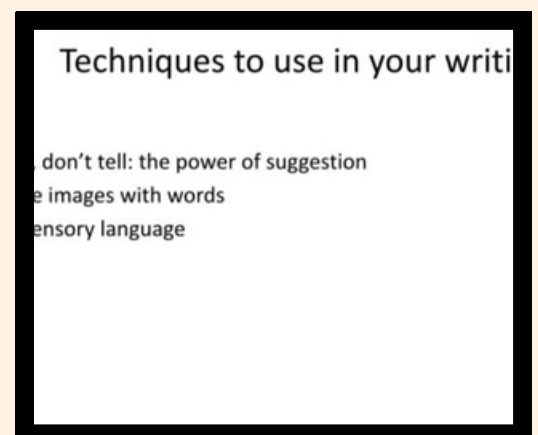
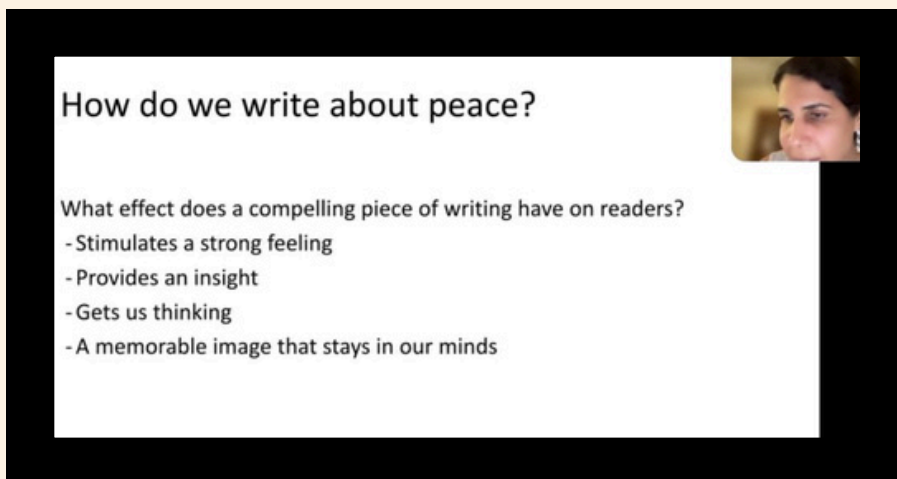


From Our Hands to Their Hearts:  
The Gift of Food, The Gift of Hope.

## Online session by the Rotary Club of Madras on 'Peace'



The Interactors of Std 9 and 11, attended an online session on August 8 organised by the Rotary Club of Madras on the topic 'Peace'. In this interactive session, Rotarian Maya Thiyagarajan guided the students on the methods used to write an essay, the components and so on. The students will be writing essays on peace for the International Day of Peace for the four way test of Rotary club of Madras.



# Magic of Tricolour Unfurls At Boys' Town

## - Hand in Hand We Celebrate

15th August 2024 - a day to cherish and remember!



The fervour and excitement of Independence Day caught on as seventeen Interactors and two teacher coordinators of Sri Sankara Vidyashramam, Thiruvannamiyur celebrated Independence Day at Boys' Town with the Rotarians and students there. The events began with a march past and flag hoisting. Rtn. Chella Krishna, President of the RCM, Rtn. Benjamin Cherian and a host of distinguished Rotarians took part in the celebrations.



Past President Rtn. Chandra Sekar was lauded for his efforts in playing a major role into making Boys' Town what it is today. He planted a mango sapling and unveiled an inscription in his honour amongst great cheer from everyone. The Rotarians addressed the gathering. Various cultural programmes were performed by the children. An Interactor of our school played the violin. Our school gifted Rtn. Chella Krishna the President of RCM a pencil sketch of his portrait, hand drawn by an Interactor of our school. He also celebrated his birthday there which made the event more glorious.



Our school donated rice and dhal and presented gifts for the students of RCM Boys' town.

A delicious lunch was organised by the RCM after the programme. An Interactor gave a feedback on our visit to Boys' Town. It is always an inspiration, interacting with students there whose discipline we so admire.



# Rotary Youth Exchange Programme

**A DAY OF INTERNATIONAL ASPIRATION AND INSPIRATION !**

Interactors of classes 9 and 11 attended a guest lecture on Rotary Youth Exchange Programme in our school on 30 th August 2024. Who better than a youth icon himself who has travelled this international path with resounding success ,to address the students! Holding many international portfolios, Rtn. Dinesh Gajendran is a Catalyst and Executive Director of Audacious Dreams Foundation, Indian Commonwealth Champion and Commonwealth Youth Worker Awardee. Rtn. Dinesh Gajendran's interactive session was both interesting and engaging!



In the offing..... a trip to Malaysia! In this interactive session, students got to know about the purpose of the trip - to forge international connections, meet diplomats, interact with the student community ,cultural forums and industrial visits. Thus this global immersion tour offered the students 'the edge '... A one of a kind Global Experience which will make them International Change Makers !

## Teacher's Day - A day to cherish

Excited faces everywhere... it's a special day indeed!

This Teachers' Day (5th September 2024) dawned with the hues of green. The day began with a special poem for the teachers rendered by an Interactor.

Students bearing beautiful hand - made cards and flowering saplings... thoughtful gifts which touched the teacher's hearts. The lessons on saving nature had hit the right notes! What more could a teacher ask for on teachers' day!

Teachers were felicitated by the managing trustee for long service.



## Supporting Fighters, Celebrating Survivors



On the 13th of September 2024, our interactors were honored with the opportunity to visit the Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai, to donate biscuits, soaps, and dates to the patients. Two Interactors, along with a teacher coordinator, met with Dr. Surendran Veeraiah, Professor and Head of the Department of Psycho-oncology and RCTC.



During the visit, we learned about the causes, stages, and prevention of cancer.

Dr. Surendran emphasized that cancer is curable if detected early. He explained that while only 10% of cancers are linked to genetic factors, the other 90% result from unhealthy lifestyle choices. A balanced diet and regular exercise are crucial in preventing the disease.



Dr. Surendran stressed that early detection plays a vital role in improving the chances of a cure.

We concluded the visit with the powerful message: "Spreading awareness today, for a healthier, cancer-free tomorrow."



Thank you  
for  
tuning in!



CATCH YOU IN  
NEXT ONE!