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TO
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“LEARN, GROW, SHINE!”



TEACHER'S COLUMN



MEMORY – THE FOUNDATION OF LEARNING

Memory is the ability of the brain to store, retain, and recall information when needed. It plays a vital role in learning. Without memory learning new things would not be possible. In the present day, technology has become an important part of learning. When used wisely, it improves understanding and retention. Overuse can weaken memory skills, such as memory drain which refers to a gradual weakening or loss of the ability to remember and recall information. With proper habits like regular revision, good sleep, balanced use of technology, and focused study, memory can be improved.

Psychologies have explained memory in learning through different theories

1. Multi-store Theory of Memory: "Learning becomes effective when information moves from short-term memory to long term memory"
2. Levels of Processing Theory: "The deeper we process information, the better we remember it"
3. Theory of meaningful Learning: "Learning is effective when new knowledge is connected to previous knowledge"
4. Gestalt Theory: "Remember things as a Whole, not in parts"

Memory is the central mechanism that makes learning possible, meaningful, and lasting. Behaviourist theories emphasize practice and reinforcement, showing that repetition strengthens memory through habit formation. Information Processing theory explains memory as a systematic process of encoding, storage, and retrieval, highlighting the importance of attention and organization. Working Memory theory stresses the limited capacity of memory and the need for structured, manageable learning. Cognitive and Constructivist theories view memory as an active process where learners connect new information with prior knowledge to construct understanding.

Different theories explain memory in learning from different viewpoints. All agree that attention, understanding, organization, and practice are essential for strong memory and effective learning.

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HALF WAY TO EXCELLENCE

CELEBRATING SIX MONTHS OF
GROWTH,
GRIT, AND
ACHIEVEMENT



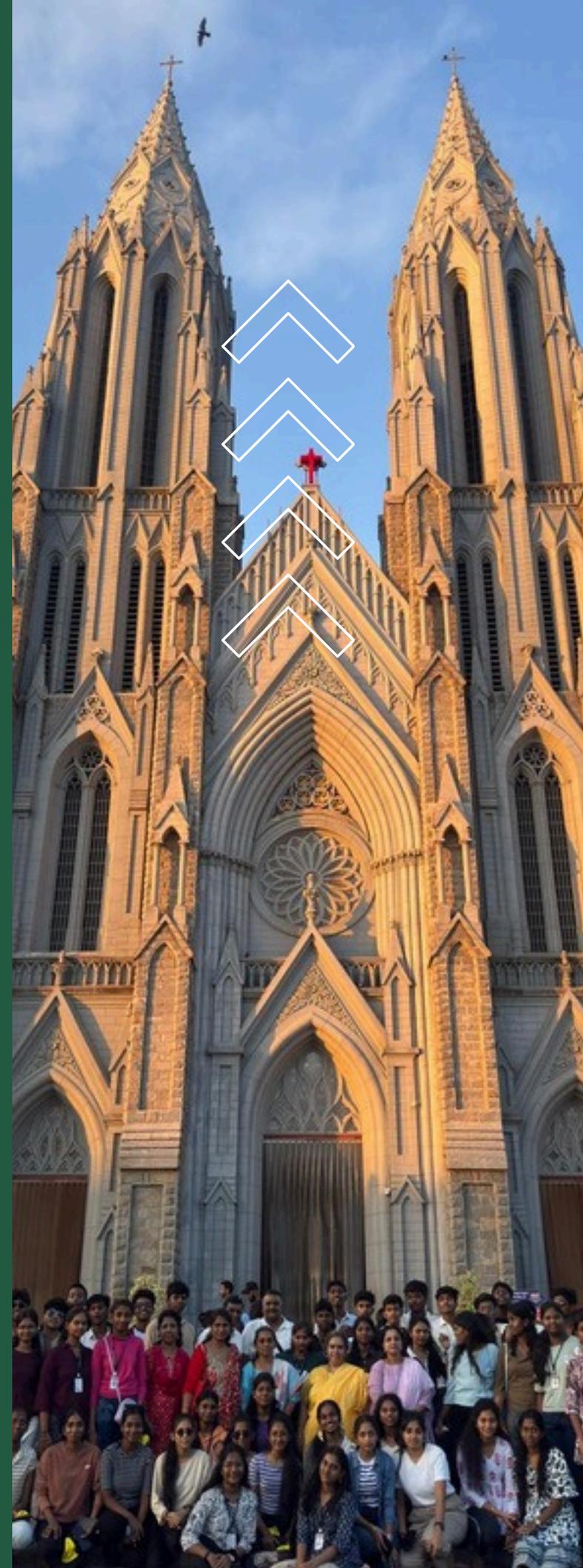
**HALF THE YEAR HAS GENTLY PASSED,
LEAVING BEHIND FOOTPRINTS OF EFFORT AND
EXCELLENCE.**

**CLASSROOMS ECHOED WITH CURIOSITY,
CORRIDORS SPARKLED WITH TALENT,
AND EVERY SMALL STEP GREW INTO A
MEANINGFUL ACHIEVEMENT.**

**THROUGH LEARNING, CREATIVITY, AND CARE,
OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TOGETHER
TURNED ASPIRATIONS INTO
ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

**AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO THE COMING MONTHS,
RENEWED GOALS, DEEPER LEARNING, AND
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE GUIDE OUR PATH
FORWARD,
PROMISING A FUTURE SHAPED BY FOCUS,
CONFIDENCE, AND CONTINUED SUCCESS.**

**Celebrating Six Months of
Growth,
Grit, and
Achievement**





June Glitz



Buzz Across the Campus
Action, Energy and Engagement



Flashy July

A Month of Energy and Excitement



August Unfolded

Moments that Mattered



September Spotlight

Learning Comes Alive....



October Vibes

Learning Beyond the Classroom



November Moments

Experiences That Inspired

Joy of Giving

***Empowering
Education Digitally***



Joy of Giving

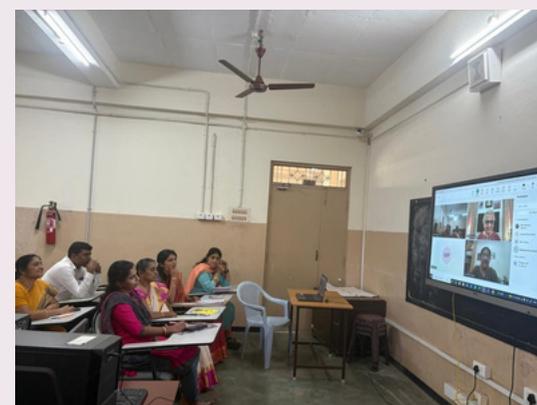
23 students of Grade 9 and 11 took up a commendable initiative by organizing a crowd funding drive to support the Vision of Bala Mandir Kamaraj Trust. Understanding the importance of digital access in learning, they came together to bridge the gap for the underprivileged students across Tamil Nadu, enabling them to continue distance learning without barriers. This meaningful effort helped bridge the digital divide and reinforced the values of empathy, collective responsibility and the power of education through service. This thoughtful effort not only empowered the beneficiaries but also instilled values of empathy, teamwork, and social responsibility among our school students.

**“Joy of Giving: Connecting Lives
through Learning”**

Empowering Educators

A Journey of Learning and Leadership

A focused professional development session was conducted for the science faculties of our school with Mrs. Jayanthi, a Chemistry educator from a reputed school in the USA, on 22.12.25. The training highlighted contemporary teaching-learning practices followed in U.S. classrooms, with special emphasis on assessment strategies and instructional effectiveness. The session offered valuable insights into structured grading systems for laboratory work and the systematic maintenance of student observation records. This enriching interaction served as a meaningful training opportunity, equipping teachers with practical methodologies that can be thoughtfully adapted to enhance classroom practices and academic outcomes.



A training session on the Neopro Touch Board was held at IET on 11/12/25 and conducted by Mr. Thamizh. The session provided hands-on experience and clear guidance on operating the touch board for classroom teaching. Key aspects included basic navigation, use of interactive tools, annotation, and multimedia features. Overall, the training was informative and beneficial for effective technology-based teaching.

“Soil and Me” - Learning from Nature

As part of the Interact RVLA programme, the interactors of Sri Sankara Vidyashramam School, Thiruvanniyur, visited Farm Guru on 5th January 2026. The students experienced rural life through traditional farming, learned modern techniques like drip irrigation, and understood the importance of sustainability. Activities such as bullock cart rides, beekeeping, pottery making, and traditional meals encouraged teamwork and bonding. The visit enriched students' awareness of rural livelihoods and responsible leadership.



Winning WAVES



Our students actively participated in the Inter-School Tournament held on 28.12.2025 at Sri Sankara Matriculation School, Thiruvannamipur. The tournament served as a vibrant platform for students from various schools to compete, interact, and exhibit their skills in a healthy competitive environment. With enthusiasm and determination, our cadets took part in events such as chess, table tennis, and carrom, delivering commendable performances. Their achievements highlighted teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship, reflecting the school's strong emphasis on all-round development.

READING CORNER



"Did you
guess it
right?"

Guess the book

A young boy discovers he is very different from others.

- * A school teaches magic instead of maths.
- * A lightning-shaped mark changes his life forever.

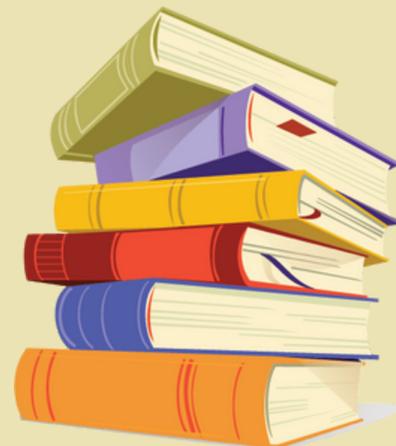
Mystery line of the month



"The tiny boat drifted away, carrying more than just a boy."

Have you read this book? If not, try finding it in the library and discover the full story!

 One line. one guess. one new book to explore!



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Fort St. George, CHENNAI (1639)



Pages from the Past

**KNOW YOUR
City**



One Place, Many Stories

- Fort St. George

Built in 1644, Fort St. George marks the beginning of Chennai as a modern city. It played a key role during the British period and stands as a reminder of the city's colonial history

Cultural and Historical Space

Within the fort is the Fort Museum, which displays old coins, letters, uniforms, and paintings that tell stories of earlier times. St. Mary's Church, one of the oldest churches in India, is also located here.

Life Today



Today, Fort St. George houses the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and remains an active centre of administration. It continues to shape Chennai's present while preserving its past.



WIT & WHIMS

Write one sentence that:

- ✓ Has a simile
- ✓ Includes a science word
- ✓ Is grammatically correct

TRY IT NOW

Tomorrow is neither Wednesday nor Thursday. Yesterday was not Friday or Saturday. Today is not Thursday or Sunday or Monday. What day is it today?

Decode the values of emojis.

$$\text{🍏} + \text{🍏} = 10$$

$$\text{🍏} + \text{🍌} = 14$$

$$\text{🍌} - \text{🍏} = ?$$

SUPRIYA STD XI

(INTERACT CLUB PRESIDENT)

ANSWERS FOR October 2025 EDITION

Word Ladder

COLD → CORD → WORD → WORM → WARM

Rebus Brain Teasers

- One in a million
 - Think twice
 - Tricycle
- Asha → Math
 - Kiran → Science
 - Joel → Literature

LEARNING
IS FUN
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