

# VIVEKANANDA MISSION SCHOOL

## JOKA

### Newsletter

#### READ TO GROW –

A Workshop on Reading “Reading is a uniquely portable magic.” Reading is one of the major skills which helps a learner communicate better. A two-hour workshop on Reading Skills was organised for the teachers of Transition and Class I on August 4, 2023. It stressed on the use of different modalities and resources to enrich reading competencies in children. The resource person of the day was Ms. Samudrika Armsted, teacher at Gems- Our own Indian School in Dubai. She has done action research on developing the reading skills of young learners.

#### Assembly Talk

An Assembly Talk was held on the occasion of Indian Air Force Day on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. Anasuya Roy of XA was the speaker.



#### Gandhi Jayanti

Students of the Junior Section took part in Assembly Talk and Classroom Activity commemorating Gandhi Jayanti.

#### World Food Day

The theme of the World Food Day 2023 is – “Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind”.

It serves as a reminder of the value of food security and the promise made by everyone in the world to eradicate hunger. Students of Nursery I, II and Transition celebrated World Food Day enjoying healthy food with fun and frolic.

Students of class II celebrated the day by making delicious non fire snack items wearing their chef hats along with an assembly talk.



खूब लड़ी मर्दानी वह तो झाँसी वाली रानी थी।

The students paid tribute to the fearless queen of Jhansi, Rani Lakshmi Bai through assembly programme

#### Guru Nanak Jayanti

Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings remind us of the importance of selfless service and compassion towards all beings. May we embody these virtues on this sacred day and always. Guru Nanak Jayanti was observed through assembly talk

“তোমায় সাজাব যতনে”

The tiny tots of Pre-Primary Section celebrated Durga Puja through classroom activities.



## Durga Puja activities “Choto Chokhe Boro Pujo”

Dripto Chakraborty of XIA and Reeddi Kundu of XIC represented VMS in the event “Choto Chokhe Boro Pujo” organised by TTIS on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. They were taken to 4 pandals where they handed over prize to the deserving Puja Committee for their hard work and artistic creation. They enjoyed delicious breakfast and lunch at Hyatt Regency. Their day ended with the young heart-throb actors Rwitobroto Mukherjee and Riddhi Sen handing over certificates as well as gifts to Dripto and Reeddi. “A memorable experience we will both treasure for life” ~ said Dripto & Reeddi



VMS paid tribute to Deshabandhu Chittaranjan Das. A former president of the Indian National Congress, the founder of Swaraj Party, defender of Indian revolutionaries and mentor to Subhas Chandra Bose, Das wore many hats.

## Diwali activity

The children of class II made different diwali crafts as well as tattoos on their friends' hands using acrylic colours and earbuds. The students of the Pre-Primary Section also took part in various activities.



## Public Speaking Club

This club strives to create a nurturing platform where young minds can unleash their thoughts, ideas, and passions. With engaging activities and supportive guidance, students are developing their self-confidence and articulating their thoughts with clarity. We are cultivating the art of effective communication, shaping and celebrating the power of each unique voice.



## A Programme on Cosmological Science

An interactive audio-visual programme on cosmological science, in collaboration with

Paschim Banga Vigyan Mancha for class XI Science students, was organised in the month of August.

The Resource person was Dr. Taparati Gangopadhyay (PhD, Astrophysics from Jadavpur University) Delegates of Paschim Banga Vigyan Mancha who attended the show included

1. Mr. Subhasis Datta – Executive Member of Parnasree Sahapur Vigyan Kendra
2. Mr. Achin Ratan Kar – Secretary of Dr. Meghnad Saha Vigyan Sabha
3. Mr. Dulal Roy Chaudhury – District Committee Member.



## Children's Day

Children's Day, through assembly programme, was celebrated by the teachers of unit 1.

Unit 2 teachers gifted the children of primary section with a wonderful programme on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

Unit 3 teachers presented an early Children's Day programme for their beloved students on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, thereby honouring the contributions of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and expressing their pride for their students.



Students of Pre Primary Section enjoyed different classroom activities on the occasion of Children's Day. Activities included Pinning rose blind-folded onto Chacha Nehru's coat. Chart making with hand impression. Soft board decoration with DIY aquarium.



On 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Nirjhor organised an Educational Trip to 'Netaji Bhavan', a place which was a centre of various revolutionary ideas in India's struggle for freedom against the British. Students from classes 5 to 12, accompanied by the Bengali department teachers, went for this trip



### Meditation Session

“By learning how to control the mind, we start to get rid of negative habits and develop good mental qualities instead”

Keeping this thought in mind, a meditation session was organised on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

(Saturday) for classes V to VIII. The session was conducted by Dhamma Ganga Vipassana Centre. (This meditation session had nothing to do with any organised religion. It is a technique which can be followed by everyone. It is totally nonsectarian and universal.) It was an extremely resourceful session conducted by Ma'am Chaitali Bagchi and Ma'am Roli Thakur. Audio instruction given by Mr. S.N Goenka was also shared. Students were taught Anapana meditation technique. The resource persons mentioned that 10 minutes of meditation practice on a regular basis will make the mind calm. Memory and understanding will increase. Nervousness will go away. Mental strength will grow. Students will be able to control their mind and decision making power will be enhanced. Students spontaneously interacted in the session.



### World Computer Literacy Day

It occurs annually on 2<sup>nd</sup> December and is intended to encourage the development of technological skills. In its own words, it aims to “create

awareness and drive digital literacy in under served communities worldwide”. The theme for 2023 is believed to be: **Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies.** On this occasion, students of Pre-Primary and Primary Section made charts and models.



### Krishti 2023 –

The Annual Fest took place over two days. 4<sup>th</sup> December was the Intra School Krishti Competition where the students from different classes competed against each other in different events. The winner of the Intra School Krishti Competition represented the school in the Inter School Krishti Competition which took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. Krishti was a grand success this year with students from 15 different schools participated wholeheartedly in different events like On-Stage events Dance & Music-Vocals, Fashion Show, Band Performance, Installation Art, Raise Your Voice, On-Spot Vlogging, Street Play, Non-Fire Cooking etc.

**After the completion of all the events, the result was declared. Champion School was VMS Joka. 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up was Garden High School. 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up was National English School. School Captains of VMS Joka handed over the Champion's Trophy to Garden High School.**



## Birth Anniversary of our Founder

Sir, Sri C G Chandra's birth anniversary was observed by the teachers and students of different units on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

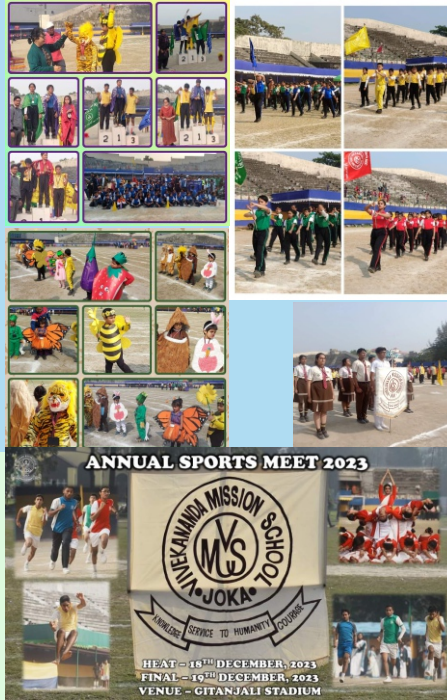
## Annual Sports 2023

The Annual Sports 2023 was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Gitanjali Stadium. The Meet was inaugurated with the Flag hoisting followed by the March Past and the Principal, Ananya Dutta's encouraging words and oath-taking by the Games Secretary.

Students from the Middle School and Senior section presented a spectacular performance based on Rhythmic Yogasana while the students of the Pre Primary Section presented a colourful Drill. The students from the Pre Primary section participated in the Go As You Like Race dressed as butterflies, various animals, various fruits and so on. Students from the Pre Primary and Primary sections took part in various races such as the Flat Race, Harry Potter Race, Hula-hoop Race, Obstacle Race, and Jump with Ball Race. Students from classes 3 and 4 also took part in the Relay Race. For the participants from classes 5-12, there were events such as Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, 100mt, 200mt and 400mt Race and so on. The House Relay for the senior students had all the

House members cheering in unison.

The Sports Meet was brought to an end by the distribution of the prizes and the House Trophy for the session 2023 was bagged by the Royal (Blue) House.



## Christmas Corner Decoration

An Inter-House Competition was arranged for the students of Unit 2 (classes II to IV), Unit 3 (classes V – VII) and Unit 4 (classes VIII -XII) on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023.

The decorations made by the students beautifully portrayed the birth of baby Jesus and the essence of Christmas. The participants, dressed as Santa Claus, entertained the audience with their soulful singing.



## History Club Activity

“কারার ঐ লৌহকপাট,  
ভেঙ্গে ফেল কর রে লোপাট,  
রক্ত-জমাট শিকল পূজার পাষণ-  
বেদী।”

The essence of Bengal Renaissance – abolition of Sati to promotion of Female Education and all such uplifting practices could be felt and realised every moment by the students during their visit to the Alipore Jail Musuem on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 organised by the History Club.

The walls of this newly built musuem spoke volumes about the revolutionary struggle of Bengal and India at large during the torturous British-Raj. Students of classes VI to XI got the exposure to the Typewriter used by Pandit Nehru, the revolvers used by Jatindranath Mukhopadhyya (Bagha Jatin), and all such historical articles.

The students learned a lot from this unforgettable experience.





## Science Club Activity

Students tried making a Hydrometer to measure relative density of liquids. Students took part in identification of Acid and Base with Natural Indicators (hibiscus extract, beetroot extract, turmeric solution) and Chemical Indicators (litmus, phenolphthalein, methyl orange). Students made home-made water purifier using plastic bottles and other easily available ingredients.



## No Book Day

Students of class II celebrated No Book Day. The children enjoyed the live art creation by Apu Sir followed by a session of fun and frolic with music and dance. They were also shown a movie named '*Kailashe Cricket*'. The children brought traditional Bengali food and also enjoyed DIY wall hanging activity. The students of classes III and IV enjoyed a 'No Book Day'. They showcased their talents. They celebrated the day by making delicious non-fire snack items which was followed by screening of three short movies – *Alibaba* and *40 Thieves*, *Dengi vs Durga* and *The Other Pair*.



## National Energy Conservation Day

A PowerPoint presentation was shown to class I students and the teachers explained the advantages of energy conservation in simpler words. The students of Primary Section presented an assembly talk. The lights of classrooms and corridors were turned off to observe the day.



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Students from the Pre Primary, Primary, Secondary and the Higher Secondary Sections participated in the Agomoni programmes that were held for different units, during Assembly

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## SPORTS HANDBALL CISCE REGIONAL HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

was hosted by East West Model School (Burdwan) on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July. VMS bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> position.



## CHESS

**Riddhiman Das of class IV D** received 9<sup>th</sup> position (Group-Marching pawns B) in Intra Academy Chess Tournament, 2023 organised by Dhanuka Dhunseri Dibyendu Barua Chess Academy.

VMS chess team secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position in U-17 Boys CISCE Regional Chess Competition. The team consisted of **Eshan Bhattacharjee – X E, Projoy Jana – X C, Aritra Biswas – IX and Mayukh Ganguly – VIII H.**



**Anurag Roy of class VB** secured 6<sup>th</sup> position in 6<sup>th</sup> All Bengal Age Group (under 11 boys) Rapid Chess Tournament. He was awarded with a trophy and Participation Certificate on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at SGS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL.



## CRICKET

**Ayush Bhattacharya of class XII F**, a member of the U-19 cricket team representing West Bengal and North East Zone, participated in the National Cricket Tournament organised by CISCE held in Bhopal from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This team with Kinkor Sir as their Manager bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the tournament.



**Abrik Sarkar of class IV H** has won a medal from a cricket tournament conducted by United Club and secured a rank making 165 runs and the highest six of this year.

## KARATE AND TAEKWONDO

**Aaratrika Mondal of class-II A** participated in 21<sup>st</sup> ITF Open State Taekwon-Do Championship and secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

**Baidurjya Adhya of class VII B** bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Intercity Full Contact Kyokushin Karate .

## FOOTBALL

### Intra-School Football Tournament

VMS Football Academy organised Intra-School Football Tournament on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Students from classes Transition to class VI took part in Junior & Sub-Junior teams. From the Sub-Junior Section, the Man of the Match was **Shayaree Chakraborty of class III-A.**

**Arkhideep Das of class I-E** was declared the Best Goalkeeper and the Man of the Tournament was **Srinjay Barua of I-B.**

From the Junior Section, the Man of the Match was **Debabrata Mondal of class III-I** and the Man of the Tournament was **Aritra Mondal of class IV-F.**

A State Interschool Athletics Meet was held on and from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December, organised by Techno India Group. A total of 67 schools participated , our school took



part in various events and emerged victorious adding feathers to the VMS cap.

**Sunayana Halder from class VI C**, ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> and received the silver medal in Long Jump for Junior Girls.

**Shuvangi Das from class VIII E**, ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> and got the silver medal in 100m Flat race for Senior Girls.

Participants of 4×100m Relay Race for Boys were

**Aryan Das XI C, Sk. Lafif Murshed VIII H, Anshuman Biswas XI D and Nilotpal Ray XI F**. They bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> position and received Bronze Medals.

Participants of 4×100m Relay Race for Girls were

**Shuvangi Das VIII E, Sunayana Halder VI C, G Sruti IX H and Roopkatha Das IX H**. They bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> position and received Bronze Medals.



## OLYMPIADS

**Aadhyaya Pramanik of class VII C** has secured 1st position in the class in International Olympiad of English Language by Silver Olympiad. She secured 100/100.

State rank : 1

Zonal rank : 1

Olympiad rank : 1

Her International Olympiad Rank is 1.

She received a medal of excellence as well as certificate.



## DANCE, SINGING, RECITATION, ELOCUTION

**Atreyee Mondal of class IX A** secured 4<sup>th</sup> position out of 100+ participants in the Annual All India Elocution Competition for Students, 2023 which was held in the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**Priyadarshini Ghosh of Nursery I F** received 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at the 77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration for her oratory skill [Category A: Speech].

**Subhadeep Swarnakar of class VII A** was awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Singing Competition [Category: Rabindra Sangeet].

**Debashmi Roy of class III J** bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position in "Sit and Draw Competition" at Kolkata Information Centre organised by the Information and Cultural Affairs Dept., Govt. of West Bengal.

## ART AND CRAFT

**Aadrika Goswami of class I A** secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in Drawing Competition [Theme: *Amar Pujor Hullor*].



**Arush Bhattacharjee of class I B** secured the 7<sup>th</sup> position in Drawing Competition organised by Maheshtala Anweshan, Batanagar.

**Titiksha Shukrita Sahu of class III A** participated in a drawing competition and secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

**Archishman Bakali of class VII C** received "ABANINDRANATH TAGORE AWARD" at the International Online Exhibition & Award Event. He also won a Special Award at the "AZAADI", National Online Art & Photography Exhibition & Competition. Furthermore, he was declared the Gold Awardee for winning the 30<sup>th</sup> Future Star Artist National Online Art Exhibition and Competition, 2023 organised by Manikarnika Art Gallery.



**Arush Bhattacharjee of class I B** secured 5<sup>th</sup> position in Drawing Competition organised by Paschim Raipur Sarbojonin Durgosab Committee, Maheshtala. He also secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the Drawing Competition organised by Moinagar Bangasree Club & Library, Maheshtala.



## SIP ABACUS AND SPELL BEE

**Ahitaknika Roy of class- I E** secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position in The National Level Abacus Competition.



**Arjya Samaddar of class III F** received a medal of participation at the SIP

ABACUS, Thakurpukur. Students who received a Medal and Certificate of Excellence in Round 1 of SIP Abacus Eastern India Inter School Colouring Contest 2023

**M. Madhavan of IV A**  
**Aheli Samanta of II G**  
**Srinjoy Das of II C**  
**Ankit Sinha of I C** – 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

SIP Abacus Eastern India Inter-School Colouring Contest 2023 [Final Round Result]

**Aishani Banerjee of class I J** – Champion (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Anusha Mondal of class III D** – Champion (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Nevan Mukherjee of class II G** – Champion (1<sup>st</sup>)

**M.Rajnandini of class IV A** – Champion (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Ritisha Haldar of class II – I** -- Champion (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Souhitri Sarbajna of class II-H** – Champion (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Aishani Dutta of class I section – I** – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Prapti Sardar of class II – I** – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Ashmita Debnath of class II-I** – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Abhigyan Roy of class II G** – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Dipanjana Modak of class III H** – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Rajanya Rao Polley of class II** – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Soumili Karmakar of class II G** – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Aarush Nandi of class I C** – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Shreyansh Banerjee of class IV G** – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Risha Das of class IV A** – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Nevan Mukherjee of class II G** has secured the 63<sup>rd</sup> rank in

the West- Bengal State Level Grand Finale of WIZ NATIONAL SPELL BEE 2022-2023.

**Yashica Das of class IV A** has secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> rank in West Bengal in the State Level Grand Final of 14<sup>th</sup> Wiz National Spell Bee 2022-23. She has also secured the 6<sup>th</sup> rank in 14<sup>th</sup> National Mega Final of Wiz National Spell Bee 2022-23. She has been awarded with a medal and trophy for the State Level Rank along with cash award of Rs 1000 for her outstanding performance in the National Mega Final level. She has been recognised with a certificate of Accomplishment and a Merit certificate.



**Aadhaya Pramanik of class VII C** has secured the 22<sup>nd</sup> rank in Wiz National Spell Bee National Mega Final 2022 – 2023. She has received a certificate and a memento.





## MISCELLANEOUS

Vivekananda Mission School has secured 1<sup>st</sup> Rank in the Times School Survey West Bengal, South 24 Parganas zone (ICSE BOARD, 2023) for its outstanding performance in the field of education. The Award Ceremony was organised in ITC SONAR BANGLA on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023.



**Somrik Das of class III F** received Participation Certificate in Science Camp 2023 at the BITM.

The Fashion Show team received their medals and certificates for securing the 3<sup>rd</sup> position at CONCORD 2023 organised by Calcutta Boys' School on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

The team consisted of **Subhamita Ghosh – XII A,** **Trinanka Sarkar – XII C,**

**Sattwikay Ray – XII E,** **Aditya Karmakar – XI D,** **Zahinuddin Mondal – XI F,** **Saptarshi Panigrahi – XI A,** **Shreyanki Paul -X A,** **Sreeja Mitra – X E,** **Priyanka Halder – IX E**

The Technical Support team consisted of **Debayan Das – IX E** and **Rajanya Chakraborty – IX G.**



**Ritisha Bagchi of class XI E (now in class XII)** received her award from respected Principal Sister for securing 'All Section 2<sup>nd</sup> Rank' in academics. Owing to unavoidable circumstances she was unable to attend the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.



Our very own Supriyo Dutta Sir, an alumni of VMS as well as an inspiring mentor of our Music Department was much appreciated for his performance at the Pauline's Chapel in Rome on Diwali.

## On Diwali, 3 Indian musicians to light up Rome's Pauline Chapel

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Kolkata: Hindustani classical vocalist Supriyo Dutta, sarod player Partho Sarathy — both from Kolkata — and tabla player Sanju Sahai of the Benares Gharana have been invited to perform at Pauline Chapel in



Vocalist Supriyo Dutta (in pic), sarod player Partho Sarathy and tabla player Sanju Sahai will perform on Sunday morning

The historic building in Rome is one of the three current official residences of the president of the Italian Republic, apart from Villa Rosebery in Naples and the Venusta di Castelporziano.

This large chapel is named after Pope Paul V, who ordered its construction in 1615 to endow the Quirinale Palace with a space the

of Sistine Chapel.

Since 1823, Pauline Chapel has been used as the seat of four consecutive conclaves. The first pope elected there was Leo XII and the last one, Pius IX.

Every Sunday when Quirinale Palace is opened, the chapel hosts a concert, which

is open to the public and is broadcast live on radio.

On the website of Quirinale Palace that lists the concerts at Pauline Chapel, the Sunday's event has been described as: "Three Indian artists of exceptional international prestige propose a musical meditation on the occasion of a solemn holiday in the Hindu calendar, Diwali, corresponding to our celebration of the new year..."

Dutta is currently on US-Europe tour: "The concert is a production of Radiò, in collaboration with Rai-Quirinale and the Presidency of the Republic. It will be broadcast live on a radio channel. This is perhaps the first time any Indian artist has been invited to perform at such an event," he said.

## TABLE TENNIS

**Srinjay Barua of class I B** bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Table Tennis Competition organised by CLT.

## SWIMMING

**Pratyush Mondal of class IV A** bagged 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Recreation Unit Centre Intra Club Swimming Competition (30m free style & 60m relay)  
**Arihant Chowdhury of class V J** also bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Intra Club Swimming Competition, 2023 at the Recreation Unit Centre Club.

