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Reunited for a New School Year



Upcoming Events

- Track Fest – 10th Aug, '24
- Independence Day Week Celebrations
- Story Telling Session – 29th Aug, '24
- Art Fest – 31st Aug, '24
- Grade Wise PTM – As per schedule

“A new school year signifies fresh starts, exciting adventures, new friendships, and unique challenges. The slate is wiped clean, and endless possibilities await.” – Denise Witmer.

As we transition back to school, both teachers and students are filled with anticipation. With summer break behind us, the school bell rings once again, heralding the beginning of an academic year brimming with hope and excitement.

Amidst conversations about summer experiences, there is much to learn and new friendships to forge as classes shift and new students join our community. The classrooms come alive with laughter and lively discussions, as lessons resonate off the walls. It is truly heartwarming to witness the school corridors bustling with students and teachers exchanging joyful greetings.

Investiture Ceremony



Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States, once remarked, “Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.” At TIPS Chennai, we uphold this belief by empowering our student council members to showcase their talents as they guide their peers in various aspects of school life. Leading the entire school is a significant responsibility that cannot rest on the shoulders of a single individual.

The ceremony commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge. The announcement of the new Student Council members began with the House Captains, followed by the Sports Captains, and concluded with the Head Boy and Head Girl. The new council members were met with resounding applause as they received their badges and sashes from our coordinators and principal. This momentous occasion marked the beginning of an exciting new academic year.



Student Led Conference - I



Effective communication and confident presentation are crucial skills for conveying information persuasively. On July 20, 2024, students from Grades 6 to 9 participated in the Student-Led Conference (SLC-I) for the 2024-2025 academic year. Students choose topics of interest from various subjects, preparing presentations and models to showcase their knowledge.

Parents were invited to witness their children's demonstrations in the school premises. This event allowed students to take charge of the learning process, explaining concepts directly to their parents. The role reversal filled parents with pride as they observed their children confidently leading the sessions.

The SLC-I not only deepened students' understanding of chosen topics but also developed their presentation and communication skills, preparing them for future academic and professional challenges.



Cycling Odyssey



Cycling, a sport with a 150-year history, originated in France in 1868. Today, with an estimated 1 billion bicycles worldwide, this eco-friendly mode of transport saves over 238 million gallons of gas annually.

On June 29 & 30, 2024, our students participated in an exciting cycling expedition across two routes: Padur to Red Hills and Kolathur to Nellikuppam. This adventure allowed students to bond with peers while enjoying lush, green landscapes. The journey promoted physical fitness, environmental awareness, and social interaction.

Students relished the camaraderie and sense of achievement as they pedalled through picturesque settings, creating lasting memories. This outdoor activity exemplified our commitment to holistic education, combining exercise, environmental consciousness, and social bonding in a single, engaging experience. The expedition fostered a deeper appreciation for sustainable transportation and nature in an enjoyable and fun way.



Bastille Day



Bastille Day, the French National Day celebrated on July 14th, commemorates the storming of the Bastille prison during the French Revolution. On July 18th, DP1 students at TIPS Chennai organized a celebration featuring French haute cuisine, showcasing delicious offerings such as Croissants, Crêpes, and Palmiers.

The students wore patriotic badges and distributed them across the campus, while their creativity was evident in the posters and charts displayed throughout the school. Students from Grades 6 to 9 enjoyed the French delicacies during lunch.

In a commendable act of social responsibility, the DP students pledged to donate the proceeds from the food stalls, along with their own contributions, to a local orphanage, exemplifying the spirit of unity and compassion inherent in Bastille Day celebrations.



Digital Safeguarding Literacy



In our technology-driven world, cyber security has become crucial. It protects our devices, online services, and personal information from cyber-attacks. As we increasingly rely on smartphones, computers, and the internet for daily activities like banking, shopping, and social media, safeguarding our digital presence is essential.

Recognizing this importance, TIPS organized a Cyber Security Awareness programme on July 24, 2024, for students from Grades 5 to DP/AL. The session provided valuable insights into the workings of cyber-attacks and criminals. Students learned effective strategies to protect themselves, their devices, and personal data both online and offline.

This initiative aimed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the digital landscape safely, emphasizing the critical role of cyber security in today's interconnected world.



Understanding Metals and Acids



Materials react differently to acids, particularly metals, which decrease in size when exposed. This reduction is due to the formation of a salt solution and the release of hydrogen gas as bubbles.

Grade 8 students engaged in a chemistry lab activity on the "Reaction of Metals with Acids," providing them with hands-on experience to observe these reactions firsthand. They confirmed the formation of salt solutions and hydrogen gas, deepening their understanding of metal-acid interactions.

This practical experience not only reinforced their theoretical knowledge but also ignited curiosity and interest in Chemistry. By actively participating in the experiments, students gained a clearer grasp of fundamental concepts, enhancing their overall learning experience and appreciation for the subject.

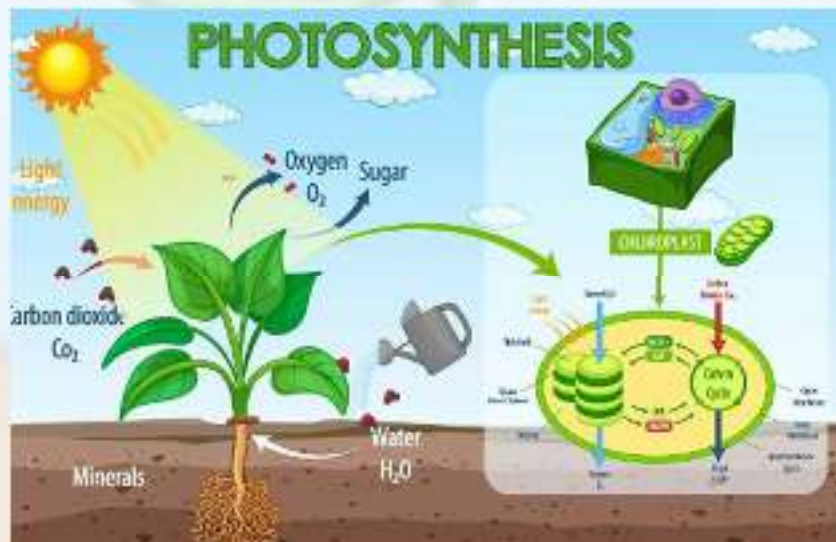


Experiential Learning



Photosynthesis, a remarkable process carried out by plants, harnesses sunlight to convert water and carbon dioxide into glucose and oxygen. The chlorophyll in leaves acts as a natural solar panel, trapping the sun's energy and fuelling this vital process. Plants store excess glucose in the form of starch, a process that can be temporarily halted by depriving them of light.

Grade 7 students witnessed a starch test to demonstrate the presence of this essential compound in leaves. By boiling the leaves in water and ethanol, followed by an iodine test, they were able to confirm the presence of starch. When iodine is applied to a leaf containing starch, it turns a distinctive blue-black colour, providing visual confirmation of this important plant compound. This kindled their curiosity to understand the fascinating world of flora and fauna.



Asteroid Day



Asteroids, often referred to as minor planets, are rocky remnants from the early formation of our solar system, approximately 4.6 billion years ago. Most of these celestial bodies reside in the asteroid belt, located between Mars and Jupiter. They vary significantly in size, with the largest, Vesta, measuring about 329 miles in diameter, while the smallest can be as tiny as 33 feet.

Asteroid Day, observed on June 30, aims to raise awareness about the potential hazards posed by asteroid impacts and to inform the public about global crisis communication strategies. In celebration of this day, Grade 6 students participated in a poster-making activity on 1st of July, creating vibrant artworks to promote awareness across the campus. Their creativity helped to engage school community in creating awareness on asteroids.

Analysing Advertisements



An average person is exposed to anywhere between 300-350 advertisements every day. Advertisements serve to be the best method to draw attention to products, causes, and other topics. The impacts of advertisements are subtle so individuals don't generally know that they are being sold things or their behavioural changes in response to the adverts. A good advertisement serves to pique the watcher's interest and leave a lingering impression in the minds of the clients.

Students in grade 8 recently showcased their skills through presentations on ad analysis as part of their pre-IB program. This exercise provided them with several benefits. By analysing advertisements, students learn to decode symbols, texts, and meanings, enhancing their critical thinking and media literacy. They gain a deeper understanding of how ads influence consumer behaviour and societal norms. This knowledge equips them with the ability to critically assess media messages, fostering analytical skills that are crucial for academic success and informed

