

the school



NEWSLETTER

TERM END EDITION

This is the final newsletter for this academic year and captures moments from January to April-2026. We hope you enjoy this edition as we look forward to more such happenings in school in the coming academic term.

History Comes Alive at Mahabalipuram



The students of Class 8 visited the Pallava Age monuments over two trips to Mahabalipuram. They read and understood the significance of Mallai for the Pallavas and the way their history is etched at Mahabalipuram. The study involved reading, listening to lectures, completing worksheets and doing individual presentations. Each student chose a monument and prepared docent like presentations walking the group through history at the respective sites. The students learnt how to relate with history through architecture. They also enjoyed the bus rides, drinking coconut water and making sandwiches for breakfast.



Special Assembly

On 17th February every year the school holds a Special Assembly. It is the death anniversary of J Krishnamurti. Like every year this year too we had a few students, teachers, non-teaching staff and parents share their thoughts as part of the Assembly. Each speaker had chosen a theme that they wished to explore for themselves and spoke around that. In attendance were students, teachers and parents of the school. The students and adults sang a collection of songs from the school song book. At this Assembly, there is also the felicitation of staff who have completed fifteen years in school. This year it was Pradeesh Anna and Meera Akka who were felicitated. The Assembly ended on a reflective mood for everyone present.



Spinning and Weaving



Mr Poludas Nagendra Satish, founder of Kora Design Collective and working with National Institute of Design spent three days as a guest of school. His deep interest lies in cotton, thread, fabric and craft and works with natural resources and local livelihoods. During his three days at school students, teachers and interested parents were fortunate to learn how to draw fibre from raw cotton, spin with hand, ply the yarn and the rudiments of weaving by hand.



A Mud and Stone Bench Takes Shape



One of the teacher trainees at school helped create a mud-stone bench near the mango tree along with the students. It was an interesting experience of mixing clay, stamping it out, giving it shape and finally adding it to the frame of the bench.

The Middle School Overnight Trip to Mamandur

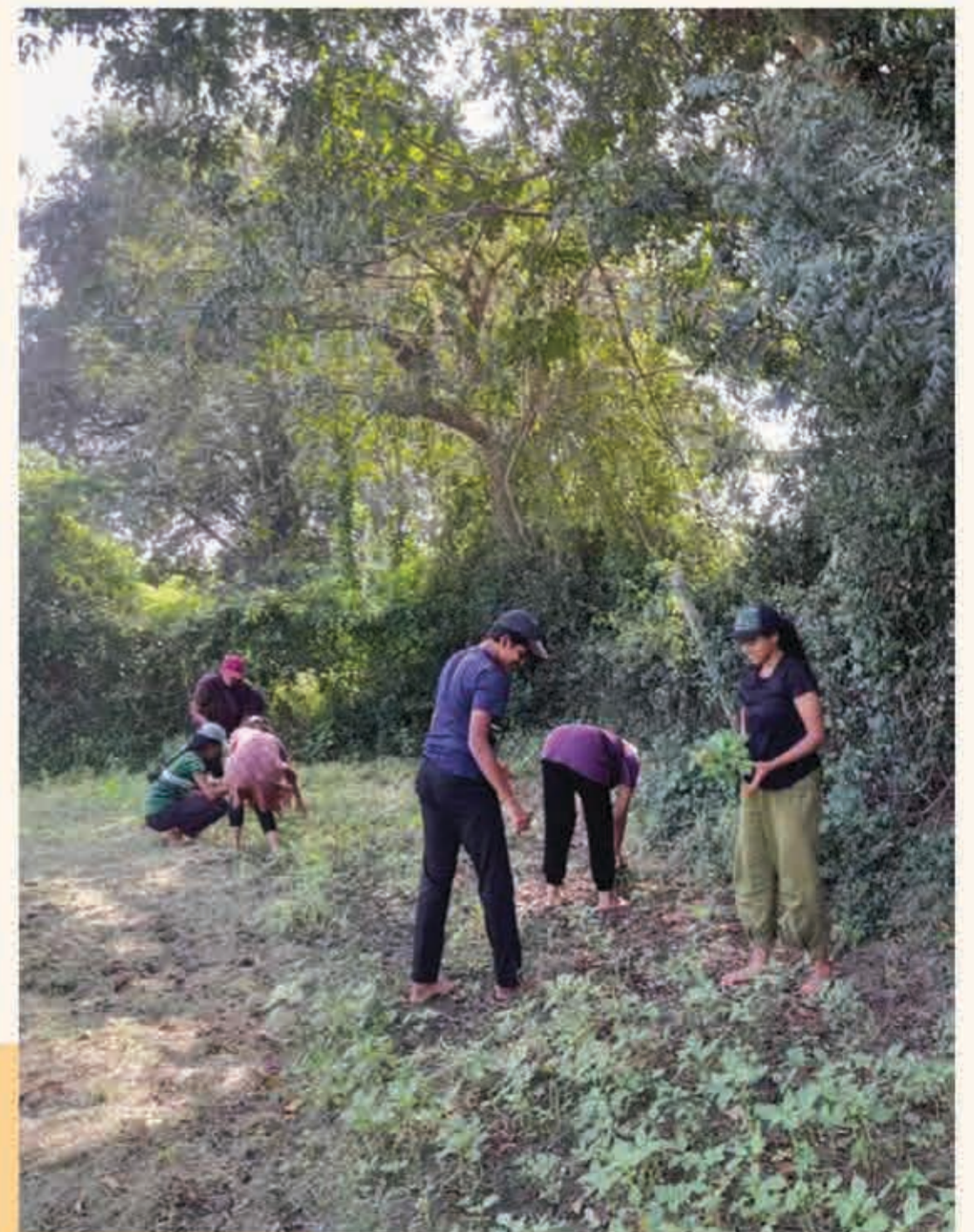


Each of the middle school classes visited the Venkateswara National Park at Mamandur, Andhra Pradesh, for three days this February. The quiet natural space and the flat terrain allowed for long and pleasant daily walks through the scrub jungle which was interspersed with clear streams and large creaking bamboo groves. Students and teachers experienced hikes to scenic spots where they spent time by themselves, looking around, sketching or journalling their thoughts. Back at camp, some activities planned, further helped students relate with one-another and the place around them. Each day ended with circle time conversations where parts of a book written by Keneth Anderson was read, to get a historical understanding of the bio-region. Circle time conversations also allowed the group to share and discuss their daily experiences.



A Day at the School Farm - Class 11

The students of Class 11 went for a visit to the school farm. They walked through the fields and understood about the crops that are grown at the farm. They planted saplings and harvested the greens which they brought back to the school kitchen. They walked around the farm and rested at the pond to reflect on their day. The day ended with students having questions around food choices, farming and sustainability.



A Trip to Agra



The students of Class 8 visited various monuments in Agra as part of their study of history. The monuments included Mariam's Tomb, Sikandra, Itimad-ud-Daulah, Fatehpur Sikri, Agra Fort and the Taj Mahal. Here are a few pictures from the trip.

Kolam Assembly



On the last Wednesday of February, the middle and senior school students engaged in a Kolam making activity for the Long Assembly. It was the first time for many students and teachers to experiment with drawing patterns on the floor with Kolam powder. As the students worked in small groups, they were helped and guided by some of the teaching and non-teaching staff who came around to help work with the technique of creating patterns using rice flour. By the end of the assembly, almost the entire pathway from the entrance of school to the volleyball court, was filled with creative designs and diagrams of varying sizes, patterns and complexities.



Till We Meet Again

- a farewell to Class 12

- a few moments from the Assembly



Fruits of Labour from the Kitchen Garden



These are the copious harvests from the kitchen garden in school, thanks to the efforts of Hari Anna, the school gardener!