



# CHINMAYA PRAVAHINI

The News Letter of  
Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Vaduthala, Kochi



## INTRODUCING..... OUR MASCOT: 'MR. PEN GUINN'

We are proud to announce that this year we are releasing a mascot representing the literary committee of our school. We present to you Mr Pen Guinn!!!! He will be the 'brand ambassador' of the committee and all the literary events associated with it. Let us introduce Mr. Pen to you. He wears big round glasses to see through you and discover the creative mind hidden in you. He is a scholarly bird and the book in one hand depicts his respect for the literati. We sincerely thank Rahul P Kumar and Chitranjali E of class XI, for their efforts in bringing out the mascot. We hope that all of you like Mr Pen Guinn for he is sure to dig out the creative, vibrant you!!

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hari Om to one and all!

Pravahini symbolizes flow, the flow of ideas and events that are in continuous swirl in and around Chinmaya every term. Sometimes the flow is smooth and sedate, at other times it is tumultuous and energetic. This term has seen the waters turning into rapids because the activities have been many and varied. Be it sports or cultural, the students of Chinmaya have done us proud. We have been on a winning spree bringing back trophies from arts and sports events. Long may it last! Various activities taken up by the many departments and clubs have also been included in this issue so that you are kept abreast of what your children are doing in school. Do read each issue carefully as my students have taken great pains to put it all together for you. Thank you for all your cooperation and support.

Maya Mohan  
Principal

## LETTER FROM KAMAKSHI MA'AM

I understand that the school had an action filled term, with a lot of activities. I am sure that, the school will achieve greater heights in the years to come, with the cooperation of all stakeholders. I wish all students get a chance to showcase their talent both in scholastic and co-scholastic areas and they grow into complete personalities equipped to face life. Thank you parents for all your support.

Ms Kamakshi Balakrishnan

## *Investiture Ceremony*



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The investiture ceremony held on the 1st of July 2010 was spectacular as the new office bearers were sworn in on this auspicious day. Parents of badgeholders, teachers and the Principal attended the function. During the ceremony Ma'am spoke about what our school expects from the students and their parents, and insisted that we shoulder responsibilities together. Then all the badgeholders took an oath to put in their time and effort for the school's benefit. The former Head Boy and Head Girl delivered a speech on their previous year's experience followed by the acceptance speech of the incoming Head Boy and Head Girl.



**Swami Tejomayanandaji's Birthday**

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The 30th of June 2010 was Swami Tejomayanandaji's birthday. We were given a brief speech about Swami Tejomayanandaji by Ma'am during the assembly, in which she described to us how Swamiji's revolutionary transformation from an ordinary person to the greatest disciple of Swami Chinmayanandaji came about. Bhajans and Gurū Sthothram were chanted in the auditorium for Swamiji's well being. Classes I to XII participated in this function.



**Fulbright Workshop**

## *Fulbright Workshop*

On July 2nd, 2010 a mentoring workshop for Fulbright Nehru Fellowship was conducted by United States Educational Foundation (USEF). The workshop which was open for teachers and professionals offered information and guidance on Fulbright Nehru Fellowship for 2011-2012. The interactive session was attended by Mr. S. Vasudevan, Regional Officer and Educational Advisor, Ms. Mini Ulanat, Mr. C. Jayaram and Ms. Geetanjali Nataraj.

## Onam Celebrations 2010

The most awaited Onam celebrations arrived on the 19th of August. The celebrations included a variety of interhouse competitions and lasted for two days. The first day started off with the inaugural ceremony and the chief guest was the playback singer, Mr. Devanand who sung a song for all the students. The ceremony ended with a dance by the juniors. The day also featured competitions like Group Dance, Kaikottikali and Onappattu. The day ended with Satpura house in the lead.

The second day of Onam celebrations featured Semi Classical-Fusion, Classical Music, the Pookalam and Kolam. All the events showcased the prodigious talents of the students. Satpura house emerged as the overall winner.



Onam : Row, row, row the boat

## Informatics Practices Workshop

An Informatics Practices Workshop was conducted by Ms. Mini U, CUSAT, Mr. Binu and Mr. Mahalingam, faculty, Rajagiri Engineering College for the IP students in senior classes. The workshop was mainly based on Java, Networking, ASQL and XML and also projects to be given to the students. Teachers from various other schools also attended the workshop which proved to be informative for both students and teachers alike.



Onam : One of the many scintillating performances

## Gurupoornima

Gurupoornima, the birthday of the great sage Veda Vyasa, was conducted by our school on the 25th of July. This auspicious day was blessed by the presence of Shri.L. Girish Kumar, chairman of Shri Puram Thantric Reseach Centre who stressed on the values taught by Swamiji and advised everyone to emulate his example. He reiterated Swamiji's quote "You must be ready to accept all things as natural with quiet cheer". He also spoke about the sanctity of the saying "Matha, Pitha, Guru, Deivam". On that day, bhajans were sung by the students after which the programme came to an end.



Gurupoornima : Shri L. Girish Kumar enlightens the gathering

## Teachers' Day



Teachers' day : Vying to win !

Our school celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th September 2010 in the school auditorium with a lot of fun and frolic. All the teachers were given roses as a symbol of love and respect. An eye-catching dance performance and a beautiful song were performed on stage. A few games were played to make the celebrations more interactive and interesting. The teachers showed their talents, competed with each other and relived their childhood.

## SPIC-MACAY

Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth is a non profit organization that works for spreading awareness about the diversity of Indian Culture throughout India. A performance by SPIC MACAY was organized in our school by dancers and musicians from Orissa. Young boys dressed in female attire performed the gotipua dance to the tunes of the Manjira instrument. The gotipua dance consists of a number of acrobatic poses and requires years and years of dedicated practice. The performance was indeed spellbinding.

SPIC-MACAY : A breathtaking pose

## Gurusamadhi

Gurusamadhi, of Poojya Gurudev Swami Chinmayandaji, fell on 3rd of August. Swamiji was the founder of the Chinmaya movement and he imparted moral values to the young children. As a tribute to the great sage, bhajans were sung in the auditorium followed by the guru sthrothram. The ceremony came to a close with a silent prayer.

Gurusamadhi

On the 3rd of October 2010 our school conducted the Sahodaya meet. The Chairman of CBSE, Shri Vineeth Joshi, IAS addressed a gathering of teachers and parents of class 9th and 10th students. The other dignitaries who came were, M.C.S Jolly, President, Sahodaya schools complex, Kochi and Dr. Sadhana Parashar, HOD, Research and Innovation, CBSE. The purpose of the Chairman's visit was to explain in detail about the Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) introduced for classes 9th and 10th CBSE. It was made clear to the audience that CCE will enable a student to develop not only in academics but also in co-scholastic areas like debate, photography, etc through grading system, projects and group activities. Representatives from all CBSE schools under the banner of Kochi Sahodaya and about 700 parents attended the programme. Later they were provided refreshments.



Sahodaya Meet



Independence day : 'Stand at ease!'

### Independence Day And Ma'am's Birthday


We celebrated the Independence Day and Ma'am's Birthday on August 15th with much gusto. Mr Rahul Joseph, an alumni of our school was the chief guest for the Independence Day celebrations. The march past commenced with Mr Rahul receiving the salute. He gave a brief talk on the importance of our school motto- "Keep Smiling". Vindhya house was judged winners for march past. After the Independence Day celebrations we moved onto Ma'am's birthday celebrations. Ma'am was presented with cards made by students of each class. They also put up a very entertaining dance and music performance. The birthday cake was cut and sweets were distributed among the students.



Happy Birthday to our dearest Ma'am!

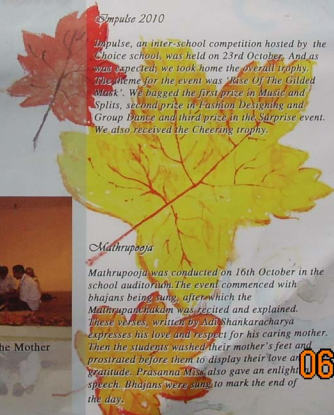
### *Vox Populi 2010*

The Vox Populi is an inter-school competition hosted by Vidyodaya School, and for the 11th time in a row, we won the Vox trophy. It was as if the cup was destined to be ours forever. The competition was held on 9th October with 19 participating schools. The theme for the event was 'Gitanjali'. The various events were Surprise, Recitation, Quiz, Skit, Dance, Music etc. We bagged the first place for the Junior Skit, Splits, Group Dance and Fashion Designing and the second place for Music. We also got the consolation prize for the Senior Skit. All in all, it was a 'one-man show'!!!!




Vox Populi : Victory is ours!

### *Impulse 2010*



Impulse, an inter-school competition hosted by the Choice school, was held on 23rd October. And as was expected, we took home the overall trophy. The theme for the event was 'Rise Of The Gilded Mask'. We bagged the first prize in Music and Splits, second prize in Fashion Designing and Group Dance and third prize in the Surprise event. We also received the Cheering trophy.

### *Mathrupooja*



Mathrupooja was conducted on 16th October in the school auditorium. The event commenced with bhajans being sung, after which the Mathrupanchakam was recited and explained. These verses, written by Adi Shankaracharya expresses his love and respect for his caring mother. Then the students washed their mother's feet and prostrated before them to display their love and gratitude. Prasanna Miss also gave an enlightening speech. Bhajans were sung to mark the end of the day.

Mathrupooja : Pranams to the Mother

## CBSE State Athletic Meet

The State Athletic Meet organized by Alan Feldman Public School at the LNCPE Stadium, Kazhikuttam, Trivandrum was conducted from 22.09.2010 to 24.09.2010. Around 2800 athletes from 118 schools participated. Our school won 8 gold medals and 8 silver medals and also created 3 new meet records. Our school won the overall championship for U-16 Boys and was the runners-up in the Section category championship for U-19 Boys. Overall our school stood third.

### Meet Records:

- Aihul Ramachandran created a new meet record of 11.0s in the 100m dash.
- In the U-16 Boys category, Rohit Tony and Joseph K Joseph broke the 400m and 800m records in 52.7s and 2.9 minutes respectively.



Athletic Team

## Volleyball (Girls)

Varuna Cup- First Runners Up  
All Kerala CBSE Girls Volleyball  
Tournament- Second Runners Up



Volleyball Team

## Basketball (Girls)

Toc H Cup (U-13)- Winner

### They Made Us Proud.....

- Our Maths teacher, Ms. Sindhu, got her Doctorate in Topology in Maths.
- Anirudh Dhar of class 8 got into the State Basketball team.
- Lakshmi Pradeep of class VIII won the Super star Award of Amritha TV Channel.

## 12<sup>th</sup> Toppers 2009-2010

- 1. Science- Shelden Selas Rodrigues (97.2%)
- 2. Commerce- Surabhi Dhar (96%)  
Shruti Sadasivan Nair (96%)

Surabhi and Shruti are also recipients of the All-Kerala Chinmaya Gold Medal.



Basketball Team