



The Premia Academy

The Premia Pulse

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From The Editor's Desk

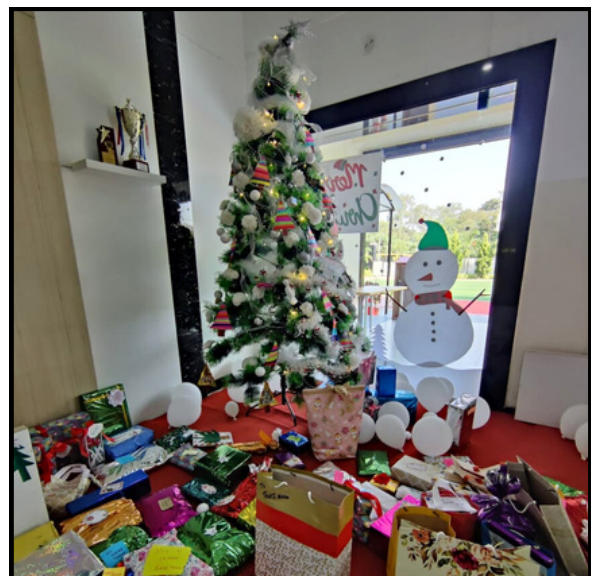
As we stand on the threshold of a brand new year, it's important to reflect on the past and eagerly anticipate the possibilities that lie ahead.

In these pages, you'll find inspiration for embracing change, setting meaningful goals, and cultivating a positive mindset as we navigate the year ahead. We drew the curtains on 2023 with gratitude and cheer during the Christmas week, along with STEM and Literary events throughout the month.

As we embark on this journey together, may the new year bring you joy, fulfillment, and the courage to pursue your aspirations.

Cheers to 2024!

- Nandika Preetham
Faculty In-charge, Ministry of Literary Affairs





Premia Escapades

Pre-primary - A Trip to the Airport

On a bright and sunny morning, a group of excited pre-primary students embarked on an enlightening trip to the airport filled with wonder and discovery. Giggles and laughter filled the air as the little explorers took a tour of the airport. They satisfied their curiosity about the real world!



Grades I & II - Fun at Gandipet Park

On 19th December, Grades I and II headed to the Gandipet park for an active day out. They had fun integrating physical activity with their science concepts. It was well enjoyed as children found the space to play and unwind as a picnic!



Grades VII & VIII - Maker Faire

Grades VII and VIII had a spectacular day at the Makers Faire! The air was buzzing with anticipation as they entered the venue where a countless number of workshops, prototypes, IQ toys, and beat therapy awaited them. They had first-hand experience in using active learning and collaboration to create solutions.





Experiences

Math Fun on Christmas Day!

Christmas was celebrated with rhythmic jingle bells and a Santa surprise enriched by the spirit of giving. We embraced the joy of playing Secret Santa, sharing tokens of gratitude with our support staff, spreading warmth and cheer. During the festive assembly, amidst the delightful carols and captivating dance performances, the Magic of Mathematics was integrated to commemorate the birthday of the Indian mathematician Shri Srinivasa Ramanujan.

- Samyukthaa M. (Gr. XI)



Students also participated in a tree decoration competition in the spirit of Christmas! Here are the winners!



The Pyjama Party

Wouldn't you love to have another hour of sweet sleep and head to school in your pyjamas? Well, the Premia Cubs did just that on the 8th of December. It was a unique experience for them as their teachers went above and beyond to make the most beautiful setups and activities in the classrooms.

- Prisha Pandey (Gr. X)





Experiences

Hindi Workshop by Madhuban

Ms. Rama Devi and Ms. Jamuna Thakur attended the workshop conducted by Madhuban Publication, which revolutionised Hindi learning, focusing on poetry and grammar challenges. Through innovative methods like learning through songs, participants effortlessly engaged with intricate aspects. Traditional tunes were repurposed to teach grammar and vocabulary, blending education with entertainment.

The workshop sparked a renewed love for Hindi, setting a new standard in teaching the language and emphasised both proficiency and joy in the learning process.

- Kaamil Hussain (Gr. IX)



CBSE Science Fair

John Dewey once said, "Every great advance in science has issued from a new audacity of imagination." That being said, who has a greater imagination than young students? Our students, Syed Qazi Abdul Rahman, Zaara Ali Syeda, Balahansini Gujja and Aakasapu Shashwath, aimed for the stars on the 8th and 9th of December, by presenting their new and exciting science projects at the Regional CBSE Science Competition at St. Peter's High School. They not only got to present their projects, but they also had the opportunity to discover other students' work and broaden their perspective and intellect. Both the projects presented were commended, and considered to be interesting advancements that could be used efficiently. Science is a tough and long road, but with these steps being taken, these young minds may be able to cross that road.

- Zaara Ali Syeda (Gr. IX)





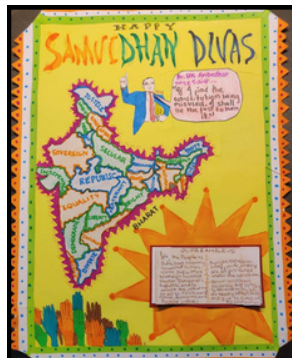
Experiences

Constitution Day

To commemorate the Constitution Day, which marks the adoption of the Constitution of India on the 26th November, the students of Grades VII and VIII participated in a poster making competition. Here are the top 3 winners!



Sanchi Daliya (Gr. VII)



Fiza Ali Syeda (Gr. VII)



Varenya Nayanapally (Gr. VIII)

Interact Club - A Conversation with Mr. Venkaiah Naidu

The 19th of December was a day that will always be remembered by all the Interact Club members, and recalled upon many a time, for they met the former Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu, who enlightened the audience with his words of wisdom.

The students had the opportunity to clarify doubts surrounding various issues in society, they received sound advice from Mr. Naidu, and called it a day with a lot of new information. The club members were ecstatic to meet a noteworthy individual like Mr. Naidu, who was quite humorous and knew how to enthral a crowd. Overall everyone was very motivated by Sir's words and went back home with smiling faces, inspired minds, and a story to tell their loved ones.

- Yuveka Suchith Khndelwal (Gr. XI)



CREATE HOPE in the WORLD Rotary Club of Banjara Hills

Inspiring Young Minds
FORMER VICE PRESIDENT VENKAIAH NAIDU

The Rotary Club of Banjara Hills - District 3150 proudly hosted the Former Vice President, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, in a momentous event that unfolded on December 19th. This gathering aimed to inspire and engage young minds, providing a unique opportunity for students to interact directly with the esteemed Former Vice President. 5 Interact Clubs from Meridian School, Indus International School, St Peters High School, Fountain Head Global School & The Premia Academy were fortunate to participate in an interactive session with Shri Venkaiah Naidu.

The event, meticulously organised by the Rotary Club of Banjara Hills, featured Mr Venkaiah Naidu sharing invaluable insights and advice with the enthusiastic gathering of students. Rtn. Durga Prasad Madasu, President, T Vijaypal Reddy, Director Youth Services, and Neeraja Ramarao, Secretary Rtn Vaasudevan spearheaded in organising the event, ensuring attendees a seamless and enriching experience.

Addressing the student leaders of the Interact club, Mr. Naidu urged them to concentrate on their studies as a means to equip themselves to contribute meaningfully to the nation and its people. Drawing from his life journey, he advised the students to listen and learn from the examples of Indian stalwarts and leaders. Mr. Venkaiah Naidu emphasised the importance of pride in one's mother tongue and culture, and he encouraged the youth to respect parents and elders, drawing wisdom from their experiences to build character.

Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu took center stage, addressing the students with motivational anecdotes and wisdom garnered from his vast experience in public service. His words resonated with the audience, encouraging them to strive for excellence, pursue knowledge, and contribute meaningfully to society.

A unique aspect of the event was the interactive session where Mr. Venkaiah Naidu graciously answered questions from the students. This dynamic exchange allowed the young minds to seek guidance directly from a seasoned leader, fostering a sense of inspiration and empowerment.

The Rotary Club of Banjara Hills, known for its commitment to community welfare and youth development, believes in providing platforms that nurture leadership and ambition. The event with Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu exemplified this commitment, creating an environment where young minds could learn, question, and be inspired.

As the Rotary Club of Banjara Hills continues its mission to uplift and empower the community, events like these underscore the club's dedication to fostering a spirit of leadership and curiosity among the youth.

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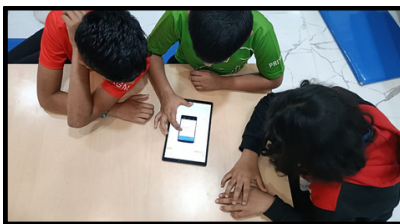
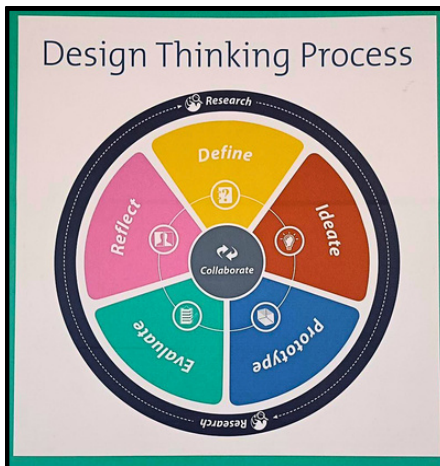


Deep Dive Into Design Thinking

The Five Stages of App Development

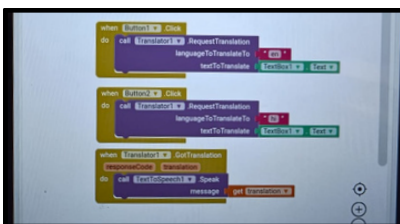
Continuing with our **Deep Dive Series**, this month's focus is Design Thinking, a forum that enables students to enhance their app-developing skills. The simplicity of app development without the need to know complex programming is making app development affordable and accessible to young innovators. They learn to combine tech skills and design thinking skills as they build applications solving everyday problems. It involves 5 stages.

- Prisha Pandey (Gr. X)



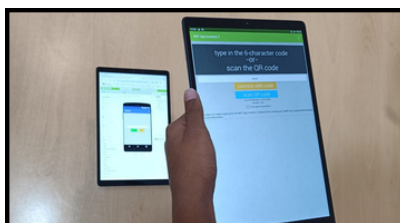
In the first two stages, **Define & Ideate**, students clearly define the problem or challenge they want to address with their app. This involves understanding the needs and preferences of the target users.

Students conduct user research to gain insights into the user's perspective. Defining the problem sets the foundation for the entire design process. Once the problem is well-defined, they brainstorm and generate creative ideas!



In the third stage, **Prototype**, students select the most promising ideas from the ideation phase and move on to creating a prototype of their app. This could be a paper sketch, a digital wireframe, or a simple interactive model.

The goal is to quickly and cost-effectively visualize the core features and functionalities of the app. Prototyping allows students to test their concepts and gather feedback early in the design process.



In the fourth stage, **Evaluate**, students conduct usability testing and gather feedback from potential users. This stage involves observing how users interact with the prototype and making note of areas that need improvement.

Students should be open to iteration, refining their app based on user feedback. This iterative process ensures that the final product aligns more closely with user needs and expectations.



In the fifth stage, **Reflect**, students reflect on the entire design process after testing and refining the prototype, and it's a crucial step!

This involves looking back at the challenges faced, decisions made, and lessons learned throughout the project. Reflection helps them understand the strengths and weaknesses of their design thinking approach, fostering continuous improvement for future projects.



CBSE Budding Authors



The Garden Mystery

By Nivedh Thampi (Gr. VI)

Once upon a time, in the quiet town of Greenfield, nestled between rolling hills and beautiful landscapes, stood Greenfield Elementary School. This school was renowned for its colourful and lush school garden where children learned about plants. One fateful morning, as the sun stretched its golden rays across the garden, Miss Eliza, the school's gardening teacher, arrived with a spring in her step. But her cheerfulness turned into concern as she noticed peculiar and strange square footprints imprinted in the moist soil of the garden beds.

Curious, Miss Eliza surveyed the garden. She found nibbled lettuce leaves, half-eaten carrots, and trampled tomato vines. The once-thriving plants now showed signs of a mysterious visitor's feasting. Determined to uncover the truth behind these bizarre events, Miss Eliza gathered her young gardeners, a group of enthusiastic students known as the "Green Fingers" to embark on an investigative mission.

Armed with magnifying glasses and determination, the Green Fingers scoured the garden for clues. Among the freshly disturbed soil, they discovered a trail of square footprints, each impression perfectly etched into the earth. 'Who could leave such square prints?' pondered Timmy, a curious fourth-grader, scratching his head.

Maggie, the observant second-grader, pointed excitedly toward the corner of the garden where a small shed stood. "Look! There's something shiny near the shed." They rushed over and found scattered shiny wrappers of square-shaped chocolate bars, a telltale sign left behind by the mysterious intruder.

"Square footprints and chocolate wrappers? This is getting weirder", remarked Miss Eliza, trying to piece together the puzzle. Just then, a rustling noise echoed from behind the shed. With bated breath, they tiptoed closer, only to find a timid rabbit munching on a half-eaten square chocolate bar. "Could it be the rabbit?!" gasped Sophie, a fifth-grader.

The rabbit, sensing their presence, scurried away, leaving a trail of chocolate crumbs in its wake. Miss Eliza, not convinced that the rabbit was responsible for all the peculiar occurrences, decided to set up a night surveillance plan. Under the starry night sky, the Green Fingers hid behind bushes, armed with flashlights and determination, everyone crouched with bated breath. Hours passed, and just as they were about to lose hope, a faint rustling sound emerged from the garden.

A grey figure emerged from the shadows, holding a square-shaped box of chocolates. It was Mr. Thompson! The school's receptionist, known for his sweet tooth and love for late-night snacks must have been the garden thief.

"Mr. Thompson? But why the square footprints?" gasped the astonished Green Fingers. Embarrassed and caught red-handed, Mr. Thompson sheepishly explained, I often come here at night for a snack. I walk in square-toed shoes, and I didn't want to leave any evidence of my midnight cravings near the school. Relieved and amused by how the adventure ended, Miss Eliza chuckled.

"Well, Mr. Thompson, it seems your love for chocolates led to a garden mystery! But in the future, let's enjoy snacks without sneaking into our beloved garden."



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1432

By Bala Hansini Gujja (Gr VII)

"I can't believe we lost!" said Olivia, raging with anger, while I was trying to calm her down. "I told you guys it wasn't worth staying back," said Sophia. "Come on, don't be so pessimistic, we managed to see the sunset, right?" said Liam. We played a basketball match that day, and we lost. We had to stay back at school because we hosted the match and were supposed to help clean the mess up.

"So much for a match we hosted but couldn't win," said Sophia, rolling her eyes. "It's alright, we'll try again next time," said Liam. I barged in, "Why don't we play a game to cheer ourselves up?" "And what game would that be?" asked Sophia. "I'm going to hide this coin in the playground, and whoever finds it, keeps it! Our bus is going to pick us up in 2 hours, so I guess we have quite a bit of time left!" A few seconds later, I was standing there, in our school playground, with a coin buried in the ground. Olivia didn't seem too excited, but she still joined us.

Surprisingly, while Sophia was digging, she found something much more valuable - A Treasure Chest! "Oh my God! Guys, come and look at what I found!" she exclaimed. Olivia and I were staring at the chest from a distance, while Liam took off for it. "Is this box supposed to be a treasure chest?" asked Liam, skeptically. I ran to the chest, and couldn't believe my eyes. It was indeed a treasure chest. Olivia wanted to call someone to find out what it was, but Sophia stopped her, "Guys, this should stay between us, okay? People will lose their minds after seeing this." "I agree," added Liam. We pulled the chest out together, only to find it secured with locks. "Come on!" said Olivia. "Well, we aren't going to get the literal treasure for free!" said Liam. "I've read about these kinds of chests, they were usually buried by ancient Egyptians!" explained Sophia. "Does that mean this chest is over a hundred years old?" asked Liam. I dug further, and found a piece of paper which said "1432".

"What in the world does that mean?" asked Olivia. "I'm guessing that everything that is going on is related to the intense electricity fluctuation happening in the school?" said Liam. Indeed, the electricity became unstable at that moment. "Considering it's 8 in the evening, let's hope the lights don't turn -" At that moment, the street lights shut off, and it was the lunar eclipse that day, so yes, it was pitch black. "Guess our bad luck still follows us!" said Sophia sarcastically. I warned everybody to be careful, and not touch anything. We all sat down where we were, at the playground. "I accidentally might have pressed the button on the chest -" Before Sophia could finish, she was held by someone behind her.

They took her and the chest with them, venturing into the school. "Oh no! What now? Sophia's gone!" exclaimed Olivia, drowning in fear. Liam and I knew just the thing to do - follow them. As we followed them to the school, the electricity came back, and Sophia broke down in laughter, coming out "Olivia, seriously? How would the ancient Egyptians know our current number system?" "That's true, why didn't we think of it before?" said Olivia.

"Is it a prank? Did you guys know about this?" I said, "Maybe that's why I wanted to play the coin game." Olivia couldn't help but feel dumb. "I mean we did a pretty good job for your birthday, considering we had to call the electrical staff to shut the electricity down!" exclaimed Liam. "I love you guys!" said Olivia. and I said "1432, which meant I love you too!" Liam said, "The box is filled with tokens of our friendship, in case you're wondering." We cut a cake, and celebrated Olivia's birthday at school, with the entire staff.



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Neon Whispers, Shadow's Triumph

By Kaamil Hussain (Gr. IX)

In the neon-lit streets of New Eden, the year was 2223. Retired master thief, Jack "Shadow" Reynolds, had just received an offer he couldn't refuse. A powerful gang, the Crimson Vipers, had hired him to steal a valuable asset from their arch-rivals, the Black Skulls. The catch? His daughter, Sarah, was being held hostage by the Black Skulls as collateral for Shadow's cooperation.

With no choice but to accept the job, Shadow began assembling his team of skilled professionals. There was Lila, the tech-savvy hacker; Marcus, the muscle and weapons expert; and Jax, the smooth-talking con artist. Together, they set out to plan the heist of the century.

Their target was a high-tech device known as the NeuroCore, rumoured to grant its owner immense power over the minds of others. It was said to be kept deep within the Black Skulls' heavily guarded headquarters, located on the outskirts of the city. As the days passed, Shadow's team worked tirelessly to gather information, create fake identities, and acquire the necessary tools for the heist. They even managed to plant a mole within the Black Skulls' ranks, providing them with crucial intel on the guards' schedules and routines.

Finally, the day of the heist arrived. Dressed in black tactical gear and armed to the teeth, the team made their way towards the Black Skulls' HQ under the cover of night. Their plan involved creating a diversion at multiple entry points while Lila hacked into the building's security systems and disarmed the alarms.

Just as they were about to breach the entrance, things went awry. The Black Skulls' leader, Victor, had anticipated their move and deployed his goons to ambush the team. In the ensuing chaos, Jax was gravely injured, and Marcus took a bullet to the leg. Undeterred, Shadow rallied his remaining team members and led the charge against Victor's men. With precision and skill, they fought their way through the compound, leaving a trail of unconscious bodies behind.

When they finally reached the NeuroCore, they found it surrounded by an impenetrable force field. But Lila had predicted this, and she quickly activated her secret weapon - a portable mind control device that she had been working on in secrecy. With it, she was able to disable the force field and retrieve the NeuroCore.

As they escaped the compound, Shadow knew they had to act fast to prevent either gang from retaking the NeuroCore. He ordered his team to split up and meet at a prearranged location outside the city limits. Once there, they would destroy the device, ensuring neither gang could use it to gain power over the citizens of New Eden. But before they could make their escape, Victor appeared one last time, pleading for mercy and offering a deal. He promised to release Sarah and dissolve the Black Skulls if Shadow handed over the NeuroCore.

For a moment, Shadow hesitated. He knew what needed to be done, but the thought of saving his daughter weighed heavy on his heart. However, he knew that giving in to Victor's demands would only lead to more suffering and oppression for the people of New Eden.

With a heavy sigh, Shadow rejected Victor's offer and prepared to destroy the NeuroCore. As the device exploded into a million pieces, the city erupted in cheers and celebration. The Black Skulls and Crimson Vipers were left reeling, their powers broken and their reign of terror brought to an end.

Shadow returned home to find Sarah waiting anxiously for him, safe and sound. She embraced her father tightly, tears streaming down her face. From then on, Shadow became a legendary figure in New Eden, known only as the "Ghost Thief" who brought peace and freedom to the city's citizens.



New Horizons

Young Innovators Programme - CCMB

The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology is a premier research institute based in Hyderabad, India. It is a leading centre for research in the areas of cellular and molecular biology, genetics, genomics, bioinformatics, and related fields. On 23rd December 2023, selection for the Young Innovators Programme was organised by Dr. Joby Joseph at IICT, Hyderabad that also featured an exam test on the student's knowledge of neurons, Harini Alwala of Grade VIII got selected to participate in the Programme amongst 326 students.

Harini will now participate in a two-week hands-on experience in research in CCMB, where the selected students will carry out experiments such as preparation and analysis of their DNA, preparation, and examination of nanoparticles, growing bacteria and counting them, observing the developmental processes in Drosophila and Zebrafish, in addition to visiting several facilities of the centre. Apart from this, they will also interact with various scientists and discuss their work during the program. On successful completion of the program, students will be awarded a certificate. We wish her all the best!

- Jia Lakhanpal (Gr. XI)



HITEX Kids' Fair 2023

The HITEX Kids' Fair featured an extravaganza of games, hands-on learning, interactive sessions, and many more fun-filled activities. Our faculty members engaged the young visitors with brain-teasers while having in-depth discussions with their parents.

We're also thrilled to share that the school band, ROAR, took the spotlight and secured the first prize in the Rock Band Competition at the fair. A huge shoutout to our amazing musicians - Aryan, Ayan, Harshith, Charita, Fiza, Zoya, Arysha, Tanya, Balahansini, Palak and their music teachers - Mr. Abhishek, Mr. Deviprasad & Mr. Don- who made this triumph possible!

- Adiva J. (Gr. IX)





Achievements



The Premia Stars - December 2023

We are proud to announce the results of the Premia Stars of December! Heartiest congratulations to the winners!

Brainfeed Awards 2023-24

We are excited to announce The Premia Academy's triumph at the ET TECH X Hyderabad Awards under the Best CBSE Schools! We are grateful for the recognition in multiple categories:

- 🌟 Excellence in Career Guidance
- 🏆 Excellence in Sports Education
- 💻 Excellence in Digital Technology Initiative
- 🍇 Best in Co-curricular Activities

This achievement reflects our commitment to holistic education, nurturing talent in academics, sports, technology, and beyond. Kudos to our dedicated team and talented students!





Achievements

Chak De Zoha

Zoha Shah, a student of Grade IX, was selected for the Ranga Reddy football team. She scored 4 Goals! Moreover, they won four matches against Hyderabad, Adilabad, Karimnagar, and Medak Districts, and made it to the SGF FOOTBALL NATIONALS! Congratulations to Zoha and her coach Abdul Sir!



Martial Arts Marvel

In an impressive victory, Veer Singh Gulati of Grade VII won a gold medal at the National Level Martial Arts Championship, under the guidance of his mentor, Mr. Shaukat Ali. Congratulations Veer!!

- Adiva J. (Gr. IX)



The MUN Master

Madhavi Sanskriti (Gr XII) participated in the Alethia MUN at the Pallavi Model School and the RockMUN at the Rockwoods School. Keep it up!



Kuchipudi Artiste

Naga Vaishnavi (Gr. IV B) secured the First place at the 28th Abhinava Nrutya Bharati Competition at Eluru amongst 68 participants. Hearty congratulations!



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