

From the Director's Desk

It is my great pleasure to extend heartfelt greetings to the readers of the first issue of the e-newsletter, INSIGHT by the students and teachers of L'ecole Chempaka "Serene Valley". I believe that the newsletter will serve as a window through which the complete profile of the academic and co-curricular activities, achievements and progress made during the stipulated period can be viewed. The Serene Valley team is committed to creating an atmosphere for nurturing innovation, creativity and excellence in the students who will be confident and competent to face the challenges. As our children are in a techno advanced generation, the role of education is highly challenging in this transition age. Hence the focus is on the multi dimensions of growth and development of students. The newsletter is one such an initiative that mirrors the life of the serene valley. On the occasion of publishing the newsletter, I wish to thank and congratulate the esteemed parents for their support and cooperation. I wish to thank the Vice Principal Ms. Anandhi Krishnan and her team for their constant effort in providing exciting learning experiences to all children at **Serene Valley**. I also wish to place on record my compliments to the members newsletter committee led by Mr. Varghese VP. of English department.

Let's all help them to think big, dream big and accomplish big. I wish them a happy academic year ahead!



Ms. Sheeja N

Director
(L'ecole Chempaka Society & Chempaka Kindergarten)



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L'ecole Chempaka Serene Valley

Kallayam, Trivandrum

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From the Dean's Desk

Dear Valued parents,

I consider it a proud moment to be able to write a brief message in the first volume of our newsletter-The novel thought of bringing out a newsletter is a brainchild of our school community, and I cannot but show appreciation on the student body for this magnificent work.

The unprecedented times we live in calls for innovative steps to be taken by progressive educational institutions such as ours. And I believe this is one such small step which will go a long way in keeping the school community well connected. A lot has been happening on our end during the vacation, anticipating online classes to continue for most part of the academic year 2021-22 we did everything we could to equip our teachers to take up the challenge. I feel it is wonderful to have captured some of those beautiful moments and share them through a platform like this with the school community. Most of our major events scheduled for the last academic year have been successfully completed, and we are already in the thick of a vibrant academic year with full vigour and enthusiasm.

The support and cooperation of the school community in providing the best possible education to our students is definitely something that I have come to admire in my experience as the dean of L' école Chempaka Serene Valley. I appreciate the cooperation and intervention of the parent community as I am a staunch believer in an education system wherein the learner remains at the center and the society, school and the parent community build a support system around them to facilitate better learning.

This academic year is special to us for many reasons: we have identified and shortlisted wonderful programmes for our students; programmes that will add value to the rest of their lives. Together lets keep providing the best for our students.



Mr. Jins Thomas
Academic Dean
L' école Chempaka
International

Wishing all my students, teachers, and parents an amazing academic year; an year full of learning and growing. Stay safe. Stay blessed.

L' école Fest-2020

a desire, a dream, a vision.

Name	Grade	Position
Declamation		
Gowri Parvathy J	VI Rose (Category 1)	First
Diya Venugopal	IX Zinnia (Category 2)	Third
Extempore		
Anandee Sundaram	VI Marigold (Category 1)	First
Debate		
Rithika R S		
Geo Abhilash	X Jasmine (Category 2)	Third
Mock Interview		
Surya Narayanan	X Jasmine (Category 2)	Third
Recitation (English)		
Gowri Parvathy.	VI Rose (Category 1)	Second
Ganga.B.Nair	IX Zinnia (Category 2)	First
Pavithra S	IX Zinnia (Category 2)	Second
Advika Nair	IX Zinnia (Category 2)	Third
Recitation (Malayalam)		
Ishani Madhudasa	X Jasmine (Category 2)	Second
Recitation (Hindi)		
Akshita K Suraj	VII Lotus (Category 1)	Second
Rheema R R	IX Zinnia (Category 2)	First
Spelling Bee		
Akshath S	VII Lily (Category 1)	First
Mridul Mathew Joseph	VII Lotus (Category 1)	Second
Manupriya Prasad	VIII Oleander (Category 2)	First
Mental Math		
Akshay Rajesh	VII Lotus (Category 1)	First
Light Music (English)		
Akshita.K.Suraj	VII Lotus (Category 1)	Third
Akshay Rajesh	VII Lotus (Category 1)	Second
Shivani.J	VIII Oleander (Category 2)	Third
Pavithra S	IX Zinnia (Category 2)	Third
Joshua John Varghese	X Jasmine (Category 2)	Second
Light Music (Malayalam)		
Jhanvi Shine	VI Marigold (Category 1)	Second
Adishesh Karthik Manoj	VI Marigold (Category 1)	First
Mridul Mathew Joseph	VII Lotus (Category 1)	Second
Adwaith Anil Nair	IX Zinnia (Category 2)	Second
Shravan Jayapal	VIII Oleander (Category 2)	Third
Surya Narayanan	X Jasmine (Category 2)	Third
Bharatanatyam		
Gowri Parvathy. J	VI Rose (Category 1)	First
Jhanvi Shine	VI Marigold (Category 1)	Second
Folk Dance		
Vidhyalekshmi M.P	VI Rose (Category 1)	Second
Cell Phone Photography		
Devika M S	VI Rose (Category 1)	Second
Anandee Sundaram	VI Marigold (Category 1)	Third
Art Talent Show		
Advika Nair	IX Zinnia (Category 2)	Second
Digital Collage		
Anika P L	VII Lily (Category 1)	Second

A team that inspires



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**A SCHOOL IN HARMONY WITH NATURE IS MUCH MORE THAN A SCHOOL;
IT IS A CONTINUATION OF THE SPIRIT OF NATURE WITHIN US!**



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

JUNE

- June 4 Special Assembly on World Environment Day
- June 10-12 Election of Student Council Members
- June 16-23 Reading week
- June 16 to 18 Prelims for L'ecole Fest (classes 6 to 10)
- June 21 World Music Day Celebration
- June 21 to 23 English Recitation (classes 1 to 5)
- June 23 Spelling Bee competition (classes 3,4 and 5)
- June 24-25 Story Telling Competition (classes 3,4 and 5)
- June 26-28 Folk Dance competition (classes 1 to 5)
- June 28 Awareness talk on Drug Abuse and Cyber Crime (classes 6 to 10)
- June 30 Elocution competition (grade 3 and 4)

JULY

- July 1 Elocution competition (grade 5)
- July 1-3 L'ecole Fest (Classes 6 to 10)
- July 10 Investiture Ceremony
- July 14 Drawing competition (Classes 1 to 5)
- July 15 Recitation in Hindi and French (Classes 3,4 and 5)
- July 16 Special assembly to celebrate Bakrid
- July- 21-23 Mental maths (classes 1 to 5)
- July 28-30 Junior Cultural Fest

AUGUST

- August 14 Spectrum-Science Exhibition (Classes 3 to 8)
- August 18 Onam celebration

HOW N WHY

L'ecole Chempaka, Serene Valley is associating with "How N Why" which is a global movement in education that brings the best of the worlds into your child's space. The curriculum educates and gets the students ready for what the future holds.

It aims at educating and nurturing the inquisitiveness in every kid so that they are 100% future-ready. How N Why aims at a holistic learning approach where the learning happens beyond the boundaries of subjects or the syllabus. Eight sessions will be conducted by a team of experts, for students of grades 6,7 and 8, starting from 10th of July, on alternate Saturdays from 4 to 5.30 pm.

Some of the topics students will be introduced to will be animation, bio-mimicry, gene technology, business development and App development.



ലോക്സഭയിലെ സ്കൂൾ ഡേ



Achyuth

കോവിഡ് എന്ന മഹാമാരി നാം ഏവരെയും അവരവരുടെ വീടുകളിൽ ബന്ധനസ്ഥരാക്കിയപ്പോൾ എല്ലാവർഷവും നടത്താറുള്ള സ്കൂൾ ഡേ ഈ വർഷവും ഉണ്ടാകുമോ എന്ന ചോദ്യം എന്നെ സദാ അലട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടിരുന്നു. പോയവർഷങ്ങളിലെ ഈ ഉത്സവത്തിന്റെ ഓർമ്മകൾ ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് ആജീവനാന്തം മധുരം പകരുന്നവയായിരുന്നു. ഒരു ദിവസം ഓൺലൈനായി 'സ്കൂൾ ഡേ' നടത്തുമെന്ന് അധ്യാപകർ അറിയിച്ചപ്പോഴുണ്ടായ സന്തോഷം പറഞ്ഞറിയിക്കാവുന്നതിലും അല്പമധ്യമായിരുന്നു.

ഈ മഹാമാരിക്കാലത്ത് ലോക്സഭയ്ക്ക് വന്നപ്പോൾ ഒരു സാധാരണ കുടുംബം അതിനെ എങ്ങനെ അതിജീവിച്ചു എന്നതായിരുന്നു നാടകത്തിന്റെ ഇതിവൃത്തം. നാടകത്തിലെ കഥാപാത്രങ്ങളുടെ സംഭാഷണങ്ങൾ അധ്യാപകർ തന്നെ സരിച്ച് ആദ്യം ഞങ്ങൾ സ്വയം പരിശീലിച്ചു. പിന്നീടുള്ള സൂം മീറ്റിംഗ് വഴി അവരുടെ നിർദ്ദേശപ്രകാരമുള്ള പരിശീലനത്തിലൂടെ അത് മിഴിവുറ്റതായി മാറി. ഞങ്ങൾക്കൊപ്പമുള്ള ആദിത്യുടെ വീട് ലോക്കേഷനായി തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു.

രാവിലെ എട്ടു മണിയോടെ ഞങ്ങൾ ഓരോരുത്തരായി ആദിത്യയുടെ വീട്ടിലെത്തി. അധികം വൈകാതെ ഷൂട്ടിംഗ് ആരംഭിച്ചു. ഞങ്ങളുടെ ആദ്യാനുഭവം - കൌതുകത്തോടെ എല്ലാവരും അതിൽ പങ്കുചേർന്നു. റീടേക്കുകൾ എല്ലാവരിലും ചിരി പടർത്തി. റിതിക ചായയ്ക്ക് പകരം കൊണ്ടുവന്നത് പച്ചവെള്ളം. ചുടുചായയെന്നോർത്ത് ആ വെള്ളം കുടിച്ചിറക്കി. എന്തൊരു ഭാവാഭിനയം!

അടുത്ത രംഗം പറമ്പിൽ കൃഷി - വീട്ടിൽ ഇന്നുവരെ ലുക്കി ഉടുക്കാത്ത എന്ന ഭത്താൻ ഒരു കൈ സഹായിച്ചെങ്കിലും അഴിഞ്ഞുപോകാതിരിക്കാൻ ഒടുവിൽ അധ്യാപകരുടെ സഹായം തന്നെ വേണ്ടി വന്നു. ആദിത്യയുടെ അപ്പപ്പൻ, ശ്രേയയുടെ അമ്മമ്മ റിതികയുടെ അമ്മ, വിശ്വജിത്തിന്റെ ആരോഗ്യപ്രവർത്തകൻ, അയൽവാസികളായ ഗൗരിയും ഇവയും, സുര്യ, ഇഷാനി എന്നിവരുടെ അവതരണങ്ങൾ ഇവയെല്ലാം ഒളിമങ്ങാത്ത ഓർമ്മകളായി എന്നും എന്റെ മനസ്സിലുണ്ടാകും.

കോവിഡ് പ്രോട്ടോക്കോൾ പാലിച്ച് നടത്തിയ ഷൂട്ടിംഗ് ഉച്ചയോടെ തീർത്ത് ഞങ്ങൾ വീട്ടിലേക്ക് മടങ്ങി. കാത്തിരുപ്പിനൊടുവിൽ മാർച്ച് 26ന് സ്കൂൾ ഡേ യൂട്യൂബിൽ സംപ്രേഷണം ചെയ്തു. ഇന്ത്യയുടെ വിവിധ സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളെ ആസ്പദമാക്കി മറ്റ് കുട്ടുകാർ അവതരിപ്പിച്ച പാട്ടുകളും നൃത്തങ്ങളും അതിൽ മനോഹരമായിരുന്നു. ഒരു നൂതന സംരമോമായിരുന്നു ഈ വർഷത്തെ സ്കൂൾ ഡേ - സ്റ്റേജിന് പരം ഓൺലൈൻ പ്ലാറ്റ് ഫോം. വീട്ടുകാർക്കൊപ്പമിരുന്ന് ഞങ്ങളുടെയും പ്രകടനം കണ്ട അഭിമാനത്തിന്റെ സുവർണ്ണനിമിഷം.

ഒട്ടേറെപ്പേരുടെ അശ്രാന്ത പരിശ്രമം കൊണ്ട് ഞങ്ങളുടെ കൊച്ച് നാടകം വിജയം കണ്ടു. തുടക്കം മുതൽ ഈ നാടകാവതരണത്തിന് ഞങ്ങൾക്കൊപ്പം നിന്ന സെലീൻ മാം, അജിത മാം, അനൂ മാം, ദേവി മാം എന്നിവർക്ക് ഒരായിരം നന്ദി. ഷൂട്ടിംഗിന് വീട് നൽകിയ ആദിത്യനും കുടുംബത്തിനും, ഷൂട്ട് ചെയ്ത ചേട്ടന്മാർ, സാങ്കേതിക സഹായം നൽകിയ വർഗ്ഗീസ് സാർ, ഒപ്പം എന്റെ എല്ലാ കുട്ടുകാർക്കും ഹൃദയം നിറഞ്ഞ നന്ദി.

"ഒരുമയുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ പെരുമയുണ്ടാകും"



Dancing in the breeze

Everyone loves going to the beach. The cool sea breeze, the sand, the water and the scorching sun, this is for what people come for. People always have stories to tell about it. Well, I would like to share one of my most memorable experiences at the beach. As the year 2020 was the period of virtual interaction, our school held a virtual school day in



an awe-inspiring way. I adore dancing, so my friend and I were selected to perform a semi classical invocation dance for the annual day. I was on cloud nine for having selected; the most exciting part was that it was shot on Shangumugham beach, Trivandrum. We were asked to reach there by 6 a.m. by our teachers. We dressed

up for dance from home itself and reached there by 6 a.m. My teachers and the camera crew were already present there. They started to shoot the dance by 8a.m. It was truly an inspiring experience dancing in the breezy sea with the waves splashing on my feet. Since there were three shots like medium, long and close shots, we had to dance three times. We felt extremely tired during that time, but when we saw the shots with the blue sea as the background, we were really spell bound.

The whole school day video was uploaded in our school's YouTube channel and it was really an out of box thinking of management and teachers! Our teachers went an extra mile to make the school day a huge success. This is one of the experiences that I will cherish in my whole life time as that was



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Meenakshi



Out Door Shoot: A Priceless Memory

"The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it." — Molière

Annual day is an occasion of celebration, felicitation, feast and festivity when students present their wonderful performances. This year the Annual day -2021 titled 'EKTHA' provided a camaraderie among the facilitators and the student participants. We enjoyed the spirit of "togetherness" we could bring in the times of virtual schooling. Jhanvi and I presented a mohiniyattam recital based on one of the most divine varnams "Sumasayaka", a fine composition of Maharaja Swathi Tirunal. It was our first duet performance. We both are blessed to have been taught the varnam by the dance exponent, Kalakshetra Parvathy Syam. Our dance teacher used to give us practice sessions over Zoom virtual meet. Jhanvi came to

my house the day before the shoot for the final rehearsal. It was a day to be cherished after a year long virtual meetings. We both are greatly indebted to Rema Ma'am who did our grooming. The shooting of the performance was at Kalmandapaman, the ancient and historical stone structure used for arattu (holy bath or ceremonial bath) of deities of Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Shangumugham beach. We woke up early morning at 3a.m. to get the makeup done for the classical repertoire. Our mothers did the makeup and the draping of the dance costume as we were apprehensive about hiring a professional makeup artist. The shooting began at 6.45am. When we reached there Rema ma'am and Devi ma'am were there to



Gowri Parvathy. J

shoot our performance. They motivated and gave us instructions on how we should perform for a dance shoot. The cameraman captured our synchronised movements set to the rhythm of ragam Karnataka Kappi. He took close-up and long shots which could be integrated for a finer video rendering. It was altogether a new learning experience on taking challenges and working hard to achieve a greater success.



A PANDEMIC ANNUAL DAY

The last year's Annual Day was a new and exciting experience for me. The Annual Day was done virtually, but as part of the celebration, I was to be a part of the dance program along with my friends.

The dance video was sent by the class teacher and we learned and practised it at home. As it was the time of the pandemic, we all could not perform it together. With the help of our parents, we could gather in one of our houses for practice, which helped us correct ourselves and coordinate well. I was so excited to see all my friends after a long time. We also played a little in between

the practice, which was what we were waiting for, for a long time. Even though we were only a few that participated, we all enjoyed it well.

We were asked to collect the costume from the shop and were asked to reach the school in full costume and makeup for the shoot. The shoot was done by professionals who were very cooperative. It was a different experience for all of us to perform in front of a chroma, as we always performed on the stage since playschool.



Meghna Mahesh

Another excitement was that we were able to meet our teachers of grade 4 for the first time. We all followed the COVID protocol, keeping social distancing and keeping sanitized. We all miss our school, teachers and games very badly, and I pray to God that our world will recover from the pandemic fast enough that we all can return to our school.



Potpourri of 'Ektha'



The unconventional SCHOOL DAY.

Due to the outbreak of the covid epidemic, we were forced to stay at home and practise online for the school day celebrations. As a result of this, school day was a completely different experience.

Kashmiri folk dance with a good song and colorful dress was chosen for us for the school day. Eight children were named for it. Along with the joy of participating, what made me happier was that I could personally meet some of my friends after several months.

Teachers told the summary of dance and explained the steps online. They told us that one day everyone can rehearse together at any of our friend's houses. The dance shoot would be held at the school. I was so happy when I realized that I could see my friends as well as school.

Everyone started learning the steps by watching the video sent by the teacher. The eight of us participating in the dance, started practising the dance through Zoom meetings. The rehearsal was planned at a hotel in Nedumangad. It was so exciting to see one another after a while. As everyone learned the steps from home, the coordination was easier and we were able to adapt quickly.

At last the day came for the shoot. We went to school, met and talked with our teachers whom we had only seen through the online sessions for the last one year. The teachers were also very happy to see us.



Alaina Anish

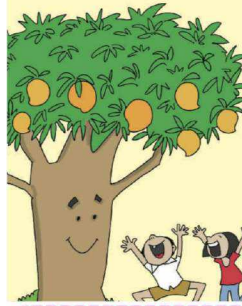
The dance shoot was completed well. It was a fresh and fascinating experience for me and it made me very happy. I pray to God that we could overcome this difficult phase and enjoy life as we had during those school days.

Memories beat like a second heart

The cademic year 2020-2021 was a different experience for me, as head girl. The investiture ceremony was held in controlled manner following the covid protocol and it was streamed live in youtube. I was also fortunate to contribute to the digital class magazine "Euphoria", which was a new experience for me. Just like classes, com-

Large streams from little fountains flow

The Story of Germination



Once upon a time, there lived a mother tree. The children were playing near the tree. After some days, the tree got buds on it. Then it flourished with flowers. It was a wonderful sight! Again, after some days, the flowers became fruits. The children liked the fresh mango fruits! Some ate them, some took them home, made pickle and ate them, some made milk shake and drank them. Whenever they did this, they throw away the seeds at different places.

The baby seed was lonely in the soil. It wanted to grow up and see the outer world. So, it ate appropriate food, got appropriate sunlight, drank

enough water and started growing up! It became taller and taller. The gentle breeze was blowing. Sometimes, heavy winds too. It struggled to stand up in the soil but didn't give up. After a few months, it became a tree just like the mother tree!

Again, the other set of children wanted to play over this tree too! This cycle keeps going... This is called germination



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Sweet thoughts linger...

For every festival or occasion, our school gives an opportunity for each class to make sweets together. Once in class VIII, we were assigned to bring dairy whitener packets for an activity. While I was taking out mine, my friend grabbed it from my hand and started playing with it. He hurried it up and caught it back several times, until the plastic package went a little too high, hit the fan with a bang and was ripped into two. The sweet load inside it drizzled on the class like snow! The packet was flung towards the blue notice board where it clashed again and fell. We all looked at one another for a moment with confusion and then broke into peals of laughter. My classmates' faces and hair were smothered in it and my other classmates who had just entered the class, were startled.



That's when we heard our class teacher coming! Together, we quickly managed to clear up the mess, but I never told the history on why I couldn't submit my package.
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petitions and fests were held on an online platform

and were well executed. The school day function "Ekta" was the fruit of the hard work put into it by the management, teachers and students. By participating in a play based on how covid-19 affects common man's life, I learned a lot and understood the importance of teamwork. This year was a different but a productive one and I will forever cherish the lessons I have learned and memories I made.



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