



THE HIGH RANGE SCHOOL

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Calendar for the month

- Thursday 1st Oct. - Ayodha Pooja - holiday
Friday 2nd Oct. - Gandhi Jayanti - holiday
Friday 9th Oct. - Tamil Debating Society
Friday 16th Oct. - Malayalam Debating Society
Wednesday 21st Oct. - Deepavali - holiday
Friday 23rd Oct. - Reports to be sent to parents
English Debating Society

Happy Birthday to :

- 1st. - Havina P. Mathew (I)
8th - Suresh Kannan, Chockalingam (III)
11th - Alister Gomez (LKG)
12th - B. Deepa (IV)
18th - Sinthika Jasmine
21st - Sindhu P. Mathew (VI)
23rd - Stella (III)
24th - Pravin Moses Paj (IV), Susan Mathew (VI)
25th - Sree Devi (LKG)
26th - Samantha Nisbert
27th - Niphy Denn Chierian, Ravi Shankar (V)
Jim Prince (IV)
Ida George (LKG)
28th - Uma Priya (V)
30th - Annel Jasmine

Mr. & Mrs. A. Sraupathi Rajan have joined the Staff this term. They were previously teaching in the Kotagiri Public School in the Nilgiris.

Miss R. Moreira and Mr. A. Sampath Rajan attended a seminar on Value Education run by an organisation called "Sangamam" at the Korandekad Convent on the 12th and 13th September.

We are grateful to Miss Priya Bopanna who very kindly helped out for a short time in the school when one of the teachers was on leave.

Classes III, IV, V, and VI visited the Crocodile Farm at Amaravathi on 26th September.

The School has been divided into four Houses. They are:

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| House Captains for the year | ANAIMUDI HOUSE - (Green) |
| | - Mohan John Thomas |
| | SINDHU P. MATHEW |
| " " " " " | DEVIMALAI HOUSE - (Red) |
| | - G. Prashant |
| | RAJAPRIYA |
| " " " " " | NETTIMAED HOUSE - (Yellow) |
| | - Tinny Raymond |
| | PADMA PRIYA |
| " " " " " | THEERTHAMALAI HOUSE - (Blue) |
| | - Sanil Sebastian |
| | SUSAN MATHEW |

A literary Quiz Contest was arranged by the English Debating Society on Friday, 18th September. It is hoped that more such contests will be held on an Inter-House basis.

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The Elephant that came to my house

When the elephant came to my house, we were sleeping, and it ate the vegetables like Peas, Beans, Cabbage, Carrots. We have a big fence. It broke the fence and came inside and ate all the things. My father heard the sound of the elephant breaking the fence and he looked through the window and there was only one elephant. It was a mother elephant. Then my father slowly went to another ~~bed~~ bedroom where our servant was sleeping and called him. He suddenly got up and my father told him that the elephant was there. He went to the kitchen and made a sound and the elephant heard it and it was very angry and it came to our cattle shed and broke the shed, so we didn't make any noise. Everybody was frightened and after some time it ran away to another house.

SUSAN MATHEW (VI)

Wild Elephants on the Way

One day when we were returning from the School near Arivikad we saw an elephant. We stopped our Van to see the elephant. All the children shouted and howled so the elephant got angry and pulled out a tree and went to another tree and pulled that out also as the children were shouting again. Another day we saw 13 elephants. We mostly saw them in the evenings. This time some were bathing in the river and some were standing near. One day when my father, mother, brother and myself were returning from Munnar to our Estate at 11 O' clock in a car, we saw three elephants on the way. I was very afraid and the driver horned and they did not go. So I told my Father to tell the driver that we could go back to Munnar and come the next day.

Then my uncle said we would go till Madupatti and come back and see whether the elephants had gone or not. So we turned and went back. After some time we came again and the elephants came further forward and so we went back to Munnar and came the next day.

SINDHU P. MATHEW (VI)

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Wild Elephant

In High Ranges we can see wild elephants always during the night, some times in the day time.

One day an elephant visited my vegetable garden and damaged it completely. It came by 11 O'Clock at night and went off by 1.30 a.m. We saw it while eating the vegetables at mid-night. If we hurt it, it might attack us or the building. Tamed elephants will not attack any body.

VILAL K. PITY (VI)

A TRIP TO UDUMALPET

We made a journey to Udumalpet. When we arrived at Chinar we happen to see a big elephant crossing the road. We were very afraid seeing the animal. It stood in the middle of the road. We stopped our car. After five minutes it slowly moved. My uncle had a video camera, and when it was going inside the forest he took Pictures. Then we resumed our journey. It was at evening. Then we stopped at a bridge. When we were standing there, we noticed a herd of elephants grazing in the forest which was 2 Kms. distance from us. I enjoyed my trip.

T.M. SIBENA (VI)

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A TRIP TO ERNAKULAM

Early morning on the 8th we started our trip to Eranakulam. We reached there at 12.25 and we booked a room. When it was 3.15 p.m. we went to the children's part. There we saw some toy cars in which we could sit and drive. The park is near to the sea. We saw a big Ship which came from China. "King Cheal" was the name. Every ship takes a long time to load and un load. When Ships come and when some go the helicopters check whether they are exchanging loads with boats. After that we went back to our lodge. The next morning we went for boating and we saw many artificial Islands which were made by ships and helicopters. We saw a coir factory. There were many resorts. Then we went in a train from Eranakulam to Kottayam.

MOHAN J. THOMAS (VI)

THE RICH MAN'S DIAMOND

Once upon a time, there lived a rich man in a village. He had a poor neighbour. One day a fortune teller came to the rich man's house. The rich man asked him his fortune.

"Alas!" said the fortune teller, "some day all your wealth will go to your poor neighbour". The man became very sad. From that time he had no peace of mind. He wanted to keep all his wealth to himself.

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He thought of several plans. At last he sold everything and with that money he bought a large diamond. He sewed this diamond in his turban.

"Now," he said to himself, "My poor neighbour can never get my wealth. I will carry the diamond allways with me".

After some time the rich man went on a Voyage. One day the wind carried away his turban. It fell in to the sea and sank. The man was very sad to lose his diamond. "At any rate," thought he "my poor neighbour can never get it."

A few days later the poor neighbour bought a fish from the market. He took it home. When he cut it the large diamond came out shining. He sold the diamond and bought some cottages and vehicles.

P.GOBINATH (V)

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My last School

My last School was Viswadepti Higher Secondary School in Pollachi. That was just like our School. I used to go in the auto and return in the auto in the evening. I was staying in the hostel. In that hostel there were 20 children. The auto used to come at 9 O'Clock and the school was at 9.15 A.M. The School finished at 4.30 P.M. There were 9 periods in the School. The teachers are masters. Each period is 45 minutes. There is one more school called Viswadepti Primary School. I studied in the Viswadepti Higher Secondary School. In this School there is from 5th to 10th Standard. In the primary School there is from L.K.G. to 4th Standard. Every student has to come in his own vehicle. Some children come in autos, some come in the bus and some children by car. In the Primary School teacher are ladies and not masters. My brother studied in the Primary School. We had games period also. In the games period we played games, football etc. There were also cricket matches between our School and another School. My parents came and took me home once in a month. Only on the 2nd Saturday there was no class. On the other Saturdays there was class.

PR.NAGARAJ (VI)

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THE BISON

We saw some bisons near Arivikad when we were going in our School Van. There were thirteen bisons. They were very big with white fat necks. There were three babies and ten big bisons.

When the children saw the bisons they all shouted and some of them got angry and they ran off. The other bisons were standing there. They were at the other side of the dam. So they did not come and attack us. Then we started our van and went off.

SHABU P. JOSEPH (VI)

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FOOT BALL

I love foot Ball. My friends are Mohan, Tinny and Nagaraj. They are very good foot ball players. We play's foot ball every evening and other boys also join with us. The play ground is very small. It is near to a church. We have two foot balls, one is big and another is small and we have ten boys on each side. I am always centre half and Mohan is goal keeper. Tinny and Nagaraj are right half and left half. One Friday there was no School so we played with another team. We named them as High Range School Team and Munnar High School Team.

I was the captain of High Range School Team. We played a nice game and I scored two goals very beautifully. After the play our team got a shield and we kept it in our School and we went back to our houses.

SANIL SEBASTIAN (VI)

VAILANKANNI

We went on a pilgrimage to Vailankanni. We started from here on 26th August night 12 O'Clock and reached Vailankanni on 28th August night.

Vailankanni is a very holy place. There is a church in Vailankanni. There is a beach. There are sea snakes. We are not allowed to swim on that beach. There is also a museum near the church. In that museum there are many things which people offered.

There are two great stories about Vailankanni. One is about a lame boy and another is about a ship.

Once upon a time in the 18th century while a Portuguese ship was sailing a big storm came and this ship was wrecked in the sea. All the men thought that they would die but the captain still had hope. He told every body who believed in to pray. They all clung to the mast and prayed to Mary. The mast came to the beach at Vailankanni. Then they built a small church and left. When they went they gave the mast on which they had hung and prayed. That is the Mast which now also they are using to hoist the flag.

When I went once to see the flag hoisting at Vailankanni it was very crowded. People from all parts of the world came there. Even people from other religions came - Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and others.

Once upon a time there was a lame boy who trusted in the lady of Vailankanni. All his friends people and children laughed at him. But he did not bother.

Every day he used to take some milk to a rich man's house. One day while he was taking some milk a lady and a child came. That lady asked for some milk to the boy. The boy gave it. The lady gave the milk to the child and there was only very little milk in the pot. The boy prayed to the lady of health. Then he went to take a bath in a pond and he went to the rich man's wife and when he gave the milk the pot was over flouring. The lady asked why it was happening like that. Then he told the whole story to her. Then the lady told the boy to go to the priest and to tell about it. The boy said but I am lame I cannot walk so far but the lady did not agree so the boy ran and when he went to the priest his lameness was gone and he was normal.

The water which we get in all parts of Vailankanni is salty. But the water in the pond is not. People whose diseases cannot be cured by medicines, after they pray, are cured. And people who have no children have children after they pray there.

TINNY RAYMOND (VI)

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My Greatest Wish

Almost all the people have a certain ambition in their life. Some fulfil their wish but the others have to be satisfied with what they have; I also have an ambition in my life. My greatest wish is to become a Doctor. I have a special interest in Science. The study of Science, eg. "the human body" is really an interesting Subject. Whenever we visit the hospitals, I always feel a special interest in the way the Doctors examine the patients. When my sister was admitted in the hospital I always watched the doctors examining her and I really

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appreciated their behavior to the patients. The doctors in their uniform with a stethoscope is a picture I always adore. I don't know whether my dream will come true. Any way I'll try my best to become a doctor. I hope and pray my schooling in High Range School helps me to fulfil my greatest wish.

SAPNA ANU JACOB (V)

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Jokes in the Candle Light

These days we have power failure between 7 P.M. and 8 P.M. I don't go out to play in the evenings instead I sit and finish my studies and homework before 7 P.M. Between 7 P.M. and 8 P.M. we have our dinner in candle light. At that time my daddy tells me jokes. Here are some of them.

There are lots of jokes about a funny character Mr.X.

1. Mr.X was a police man. He was standing in front of a hotel with a water bottle. His friend asked him "Why are you here?" so Mr.X replied "Last week I caught a thief. He said that he wanted to drink some water. I told him you go in and drink some water mean while I'll wait here. But he didn't come back. Next day I caught the same thief again. He wanted to drink some water so I said "You wait here I'll go and get some for you." Again he ran away. This time if I catch that thief. I'll give him the water from my water bottle if he ask for some.

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2. Once Mr.X and his friend were having a cooldrink. Mr.X was having Cococola and his friend was having Fanta. After the drink his friend said, "My drink was fantastic". How was your drink? Mr.X replied "My drink was Cococolastick."

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3. One day Mr.X went for an interview. The Manager said take your seat. At once he took the chair in his hand.

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4. One day when Mr.X was at School he was asked to write about a train by his English Miss. She told them to write a page. So he wrote, the train left the station making the noise ko guf, gu, ko guf, guf and filled up a page with ko guf, guf.

T.DHEIVYA (III)

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PETS

I have a pet cat.
Its name is Bindhu.
It eats rice and fish.
The colour of the cat is Black.
It drinks Milk.
It has one tail, four legs, two ears and two eyes.
My cat play with me.
My cat loves me.
It looks after the house very well.

NITHYA (I)

I have a pet cat.
Its name is Johāny.
It plays with me.
It drinks milk and eats meat, fish and rice.
I love my pet cat.

SONIA NISBERT (I)

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My dog's name is Thūnder.
My dog plays with me.
My dog looks after me.
My dog is a Bassat hound.
My dog Brown and black.
My dog is short and long.

LAKSIMI (I)

The video film "Aladin and his magic lamp" was screened on
Friday, 11th
