

CREATIVE CHRONICLES

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Creative Chambers, Thoraipakkam before we added a roof to enable outdoor sessions all year round!

Hello everyone!

I hope this finds you and yours safe and well? It has certainly been an adventurous term! The theme of this quarter was magic because we all need something positive to believe in - and for the older ones we delved into some of the key wars in history. We got as far as discussing World War 1, so this is to be continued!

Lots of events happened this term. We had our annual debate competition Definitive Debate. We were very excited to have journalists, lawyers, and actors judging the Preliminary Rounds. Their feedback to our students was invaluable.

Our MUN instructor Fazil ably guided our students to a successful and enjoyable experience at the American International School's CHEMUN.

There was much excitement at Halloween with shows galore and Trinity exams too! Christmas saw our annual visit to the Guild of Service Seva Samajam orphanage take place - and the children made craft with Philip Sir, boogeyed with Kiran Sir, interacted with us, ate lots of yummy contributions from your parents and were given goody bags filled with your brand new contributions. Thank you.

A December round of Trinity Communication Skills exams and Trinity Drama exams saw us to the end of the term and into a fortnight of holiday! The Trinity results were a mix of Distinctions and Merits mostly and we basked in the glory of the clever students! The next term begins first week Jan.

I must thank some special people...my mother Tehzeeb Katari for fielding new enquiries and getting us lots of lovely new students! Ravi Katari for giving them excellent mock exams for Communication skills, and my Mum for doing the same for Drama, Shruti for researching and creating exciting content and for this comprehensive newsletter, Philip and Kiran for being wonderful as always, Monisha for being a super support, Anniroodh for adding some musical magic, all our much-loved interns for your energy and finally all A to Zee parents and students for staying the course - rain or shine! Now for what lies ahead....

What lies ahead this coming term is....

Alternating locations between RA Puram and Thoraipakkam so as to satisfy students in both areas. Nobody would need to trek more than once a fortnight!

A reduction in class sizes in view of the need for social distancing. We do have a waiting list for certain batches so let us know if anyone is interested for next term.

A return to World Scholar's Cup training! Our top teams have won the ultimate laurels - some of them will be helping us with the training! Wed 4.30pm

A return to physical theatre! Peter Pan is our upcoming production. Open air Rehearsals Saturdays 12.30pm in Thoraipakkam in person only. Open to all our students - but you have to show up or else!

Regular sessions continue as per schedule:

Age: 5 to 8 years

Zeebees (Fri- 3.30- 5.30pm/ Sat 4-6pm)

Age: 8-10 years

Junior Debate (Mon 5-6.30pm)

Age: 9-12 years

Originals (Fri- 5:30-7:30pm)

Comm & Drama (Sat 10.30am-12.30pm/ 2-4pm)

Age 10-13 years:

Intermediate Debate Tue 5-6.30pm

Ages 13+

Teens - Peter Pan this term! (13+ yrs) (Sat 12.30-2pm)

Advanced Debate (14+yrs) (Thu 5-6.30pm)

World Scholars Cup (Ages 10-17 years) Wed 4.30-6.30pm

Train as per the annual exciting syllabus: Debates, Essay, MCQ Quiz, AV Quiz

Trinity training for Speech and Drama - Grades 5, 6, 7, 8

(approx one hour any time during the window 3-5pm)

Mon Grade 5 , Tue Grade 6, Wed Grade 7, Thu Grade 8 approximately 18-20 sessions.

Drama: Play, prose, poem, analysis, reflection

Comm Skills: involves research presentations and discussions

One session a week in a small group, mock exam, recording of exam. Trinity exam fee separate.

NEW! Communication Skills for Adults Rs.7000 per term (Wed 8-9am) Speech writing, Presentations, Public speaking, Vocabulary development, Email communication and exploring different concepts via discussion
Train for the GESE Trinity exams (optional)

We would like to wish everyone a

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Warm regards,

Shaan Katari Libby

Founder, A to Zee Creativity

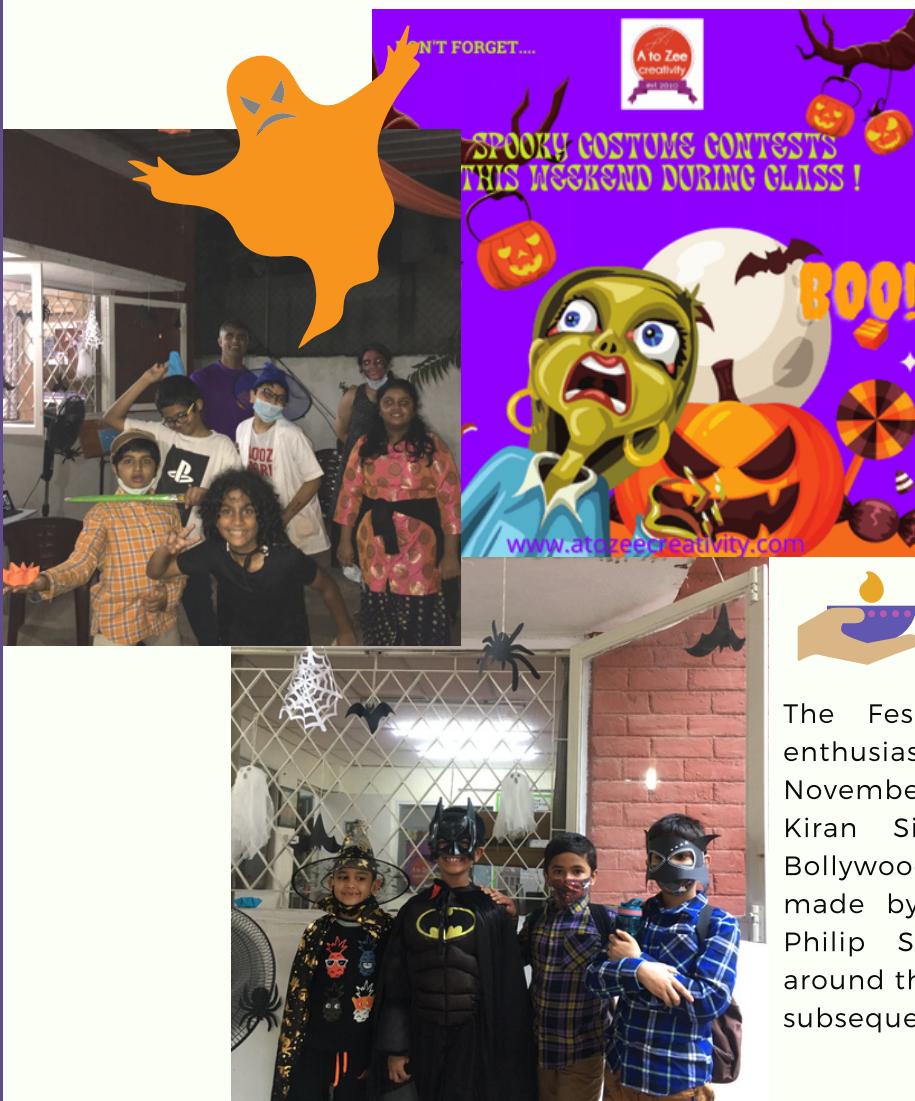


Celebrating the Spooky Season

Halloween stayed for a whole week at A to Zee, and the children acted their way through as ghastly ghouls and screechy skeletons. With debates and discussions centered around witch trials, the safety of the festival and the existence of the supernatural, the Originals, Zeebees and Comm & Drama children enjoyed themselves at Creative Chambers for a spooky celebration.

Dressed as wizards, princesses, evil chefs and more, the little ones indulged in some Halloween poetry performances while the older children gave stellar improvisation presentations.

Of course, every evening ended with an overload of candy - the children were taught the art of trick-or-treating, and they knocked on the doors, demanding their fair share. Winners of the Costume competition received...special candy!



CHEMUN XV

The American International School hosted the 15th edition of CHEMUN, which saw 7 of our students as A to Zee delegates and more in their school delegations - and some of our alumni like Tejas Narayan.

Rohan and Adesh Roberson were impressively on the Organising Committee!

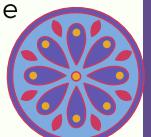
The theme this year was 'Finding Stability in an Ever Changing World'. Our students represented delegations of various nations in the General Assembly, ECOSOC, APQ and Environmental Committee. Held on 12, 13 and 14 November...

Comments:

Zai Tehzeeb Libby: *It was an interesting experience and very well-organised. I really hope we can do it in-person next year!*

DIWALI

The Festival of lights was celebrated enthusiastically during the first week of November. For the Originals and Zeebees, Kiran Sir set the mood with some Bollywood numbers while lamps were made by the students with the help of Philip Sir. Intelligent debates revolved around the use of firecrackers, and the subsequent repercussions.



Definitive Debate

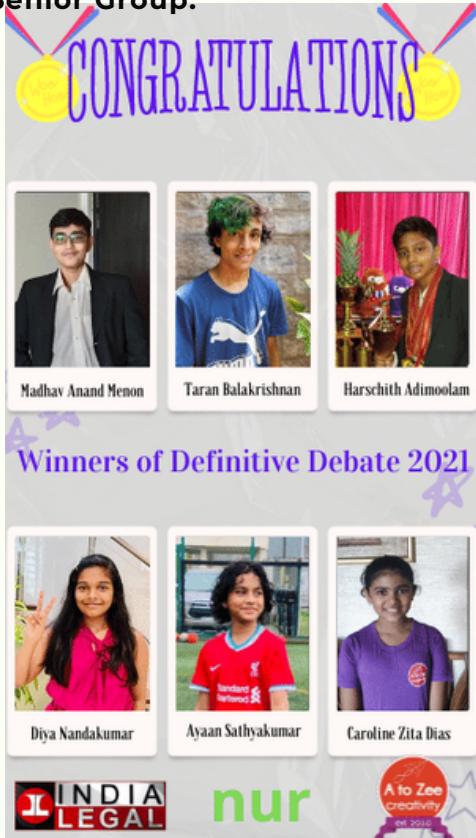
What other people fear, we do for fun!

The Second Edition of Definitive Debate was hosted on the 24th of October which saw a participation of 48 children in the senior and junior category. Our judges included several lawyers and journalists with Mr Mukund Padmanabhan and Mr Inderjit Bhadwar as the chief guests of the day.

The students put forth impassioned and reasoned arguments that touched upon social and political life, as well as abstract themes. While tackling challenging questions asked by the Chief Guests, the **winners of the junior group** were **Ayaan Sathyakumar, Caroline Zita Dias, and Diya Nandakumar** who argued against the motion: "This House Believes that Poorly-behaved students should be judged by a jury of their peers."

The **winners of the senior group** were **Harschith Adimoolam, Madhav Menon, and Taran Balakrishnan**, who spoke for the statement: "This House believes the internet has enhanced the freedom of the press."

Additionally, the **Best speakers of the competition were recognised: Mathew Ryan and Anya George** from the Junior Group, and **Yash Chokhani and Madhav Menon** from the Senior Group.



CONGRATULATIONS

Madhav Anand Menon Taran Balakrishnan Harschith Adimoolam

Winners of Definitive Debate 2021

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Trinity Communication and Drama Exams

Another set of Trinity exams were successfully conducted with students graduating from various grades in flying colours. Overall, we had mostly Distinctions and merits in the Communication Skills exams,

And in the September Drama exams of Seniors we are pleased to say Siddarth Thomas got a Distinction at Grade 8 level!

We had a few Merits and a few Passes - nothing lower.

Our most recent exams took place in Musee Musical, with examiners zooming in from London. Mr Alistair calling our kids 'switched on'. Ms Georgina Elliot mentioned she was indeed impressed by some philosophical sayings from the children- taking things one day at a time, especially during these tough times.



CONGRATULATIONS

Juniors:

Anya Mercy George Mathew Ryan

Seniors:

Madhav Anand Menon Yash Chokhani

Best Speakers
Definitive Debate 2021

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What else have our students been upto?

For the Seniors, the theme for this quarter has been war. We delved into various revolutions and wars across the eras, and debated on topics such as conscription, diplomacy, interrogation techniques. In addition to this, they also analyzed war poetry and were quizzed on the American and French revolutions, and WWI. While discussing the futility of war and if they ever (God forbid) were forced to take up arms, here's what a few of them had to say:

Madhav Menon: "If another world war erupted, I would not take up my arms for two main reasons. Firstly, I am not old enough to be conscripted. Secondly, a third world war is futile because it is most likely going to be nuclear. Technology has advanced so much that the need for human soldiers is becoming redundant by the day. With the use of nuclear powers, most soldiers are likely going to be killed before a proper war even starts."

Aanya Ebrahim: "I believe there is great honour, dignity and immense patriotism in war, in fighting and in submitting one's blood for the greater good of their country. However, in another sense, there is a degree of futility to war. It's messy, it's a bloodbath. There is wasteful expenditure of manpower and resources, and if there is any path of resolution other than war, it should be a resort of priority."

The Juniors had another fun-filled quarter based on the theme of magic!

On asked what they'd like to create or see in this world if they were in possession of a magic wand, here's what a few of them had to say:

Krishaa Taleda: Nothing is perfect in this world. We all suffer from many issues and problems but one of the most horrible issue in this world is the caste system. This system has been affecting education, marriages, jobs etc. Thus, if I would have some magical power to change something I would put an end to this so-called Caste System.

Dhiya Sathish: I want to spread my ability to everyone and be together then we can defeat any problem that comes against us.

Kimaya Vishal: If I had a magic power and could change anything, I would make mermaids exits. If mermaids exist they could teach us how to swim professionally. They could help us get more information about the ocean and also themselves give us some information since they have lived underwater their whole life.



We took some time out to reiterate just how important the members of the next generation are...

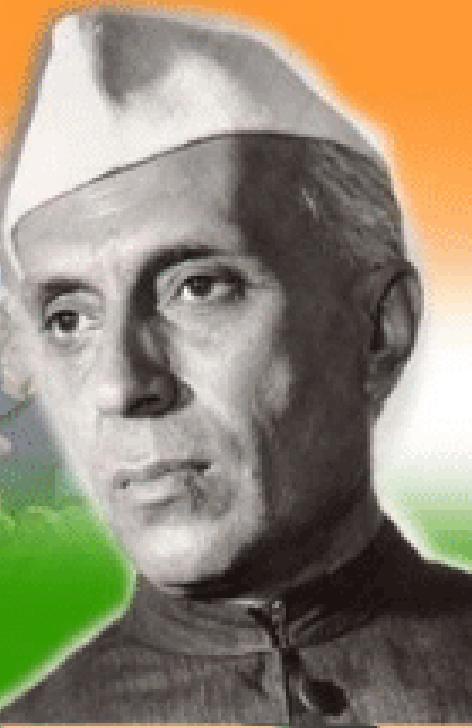
 **HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY**
OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU!

Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow.
- Jawaharlal Nehru

HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY

14 NOVEMBER

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Tis the Season!

... the season of giving. NUR and A to Zee Creativity set out to spread some joy.

The most wonderful time of the year was celebrated in full swing. Our debate champs fiercely debated on the pros and cons of Santa's naughty and nice list, his character and intentions, the commercialized nature of the festival, and everything else Christmas-y.

In the spirit of the season, we're elated to have spent an evening with the children of Seva Samajam on the 10th of December. The children were kept thoroughly entertained with Christmas Carols led by Anniroodh Kumararajan, Craft time with Philip sir and Zumba time with Kiran sir. Philip sir doubled as Santa, handing over goody bags to every child who then proceeded towards delicious snacks.

We're grateful to the parents and children for their generous contributions that sent the little ones over the moon.



NUR and A to Zee Creativity would like to say... **A HUGE THANK YOU !**

to you all for your contributions to our Christmas Cause...

Archana Choradia (Eshan)

Dr.Anjana Mohan (Pranav)

Ashwini Abhishek (Ahaana)

Divya Biyani (Ananya & Krshay)

Hema Krishnan (Hadanya) ★

Ianthy Sam (Sasha & Hana)

Dr.Jim Libby (Adam & Zai)

Kala P (Prithika)

Kinnera R. (Kairav)

★ Dr.Logeshwari (Hashini)

Nalini Aravindan (Sibhi)

Nisha Tibrewala (Radhika & Shreya)

Pavithra Kabir (Vidhur & Athira)

★ Poonam Chokhani (Yash & Devanshi) ★

Priyanka Baid (Viranshh)

Radha R (Reyhan and Ruhan)

Ranjitha S. (Atchyut)

Rehana Krishnan (Shreya)

Shikha Goel (Aashna)

Wilcy William (Ann & Anya)

**Warm regards,
Tehzeeb Katari & Shaan Libby**



All aboard the Trinity Exams Express!

Some of our December candidates...



Ananya Gullapalli

Hashini Karthikeyan

Kimaya Vishal



Vidyutha V

Miraya Agarwal

Vriti Baid



Vihaan V

At Musee Musical with Ms Lal

Sasha Verghese



Narayan PK



Shreya Gupta



Armaan Nawaz



Saanvi Gupta



Ann George with Shaan Libby



Darsh Menon



Aditi Srivatsan



Yash Chokhani



Veer Karra with Ms Lal



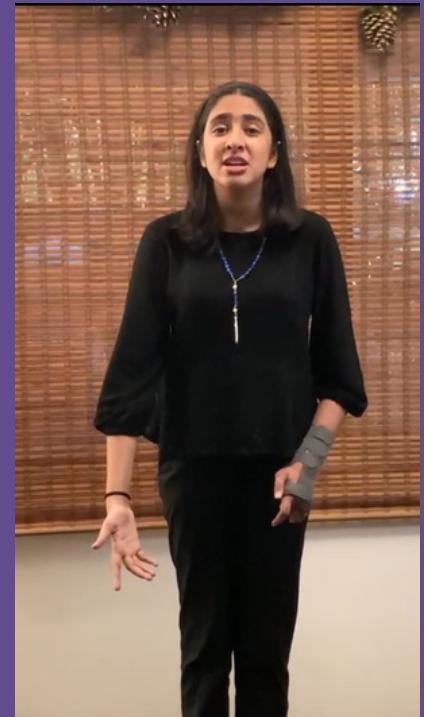
The Drama Carriage of the Trinity Express



Pritish Chetan



Pranav Ranjith



Aashna Madan



Anshuman Athreyan



Oviya Hemanand



Taran Balakrishnan

Click on the underlined names for a surprise.

The world belongs to the curious lot who click on the underlined names.





**Devanshi and Hashini
after poetry practice**



**Reyhan and Ruhan
with Chicken stories**



**The chaotic bunch
from 10.30 AM
Comm&Drama**



**Undivided attention for
Vidhur and Ayaan
from Philip sir**



**Carol practice
with our in-house
musician, Anniroodh**



PETER PAN!



INTERESTED?

OPEN TO ALL OUR STUDENTS!

REHEARSALS (OUTDOORS):

12.30PM SATURDAYS

JAN ONWARDS

MID-APRIL SHOW!

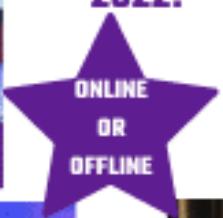


TOPPED REGIONALS 2019
7TH AT GLOBALS MANILA 2019



TOPPED SOUTH ASIA &
7TH AT GLOBALS BEIJING 2019

TRAIN FOR
WORLD
SCHOLARS CUP
2022!



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WEDNESDAYS
4.30 - 6.30PM



TOP 4% AT YALE TOC 2019



2ND SKITTLE OVERALL
GLOBALS THE HAGUE 2019



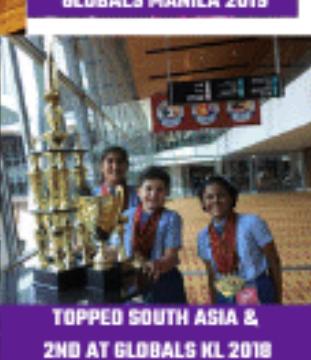
TOP SKITTLE OVERALL
GLOBALS MANILA 2019



TOP DEBATER !
YALE TOC 2018



TOPPED GLOBALS KL & YALE TOC 2018!



TOPPED SOUTH ASIA &
2ND AT GLOBALS KL 2018