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UNDERWATER WONDERS: A LEARNING ADVENTURE

Ms. Sarala B, Nursery Educator

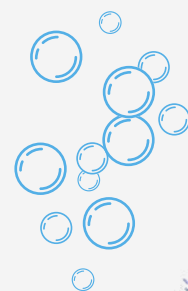
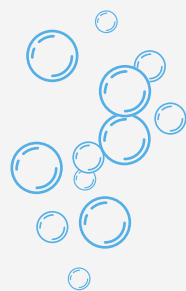


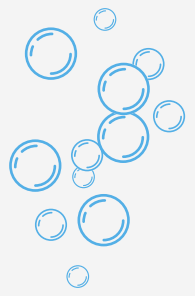
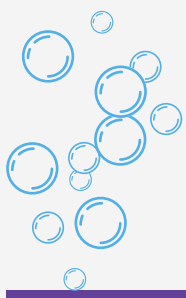
The kids enthusiastically engaged in learning about water animals, exploring the unique characteristics of various species. Through hands-on activities and visual aids, they discovered fascinating features of creatures like fish, turtles, dolphins, and more.

The excitement reached its peak during the show-and-tell session, where each child presented a chosen sea animal. They eagerly shared interesting facts and stories, showcasing their growing understanding of marine life.

Adding another layer of creativity and joy, the fashion show saw the kids dressed as their favorite water animals. Proudly parading in their costumes, they confidently explained their choices and described the animals they represented, further reinforcing their learning.

These activities allowed the children to explore and express themselves while deepening their knowledge of sea life. Their curiosity and excitement were evident as they discussed, showcased, and celebrated the wonders of the underwater world.





#2

SAIL AWAY WITH PAPER BOAT

Ms Sivaranjani S, Junior KG Educator



This week, the children created colorful paper boats as part of our water transport theme. They enjoyed folding the paper and crafting vibrant boats. We also discussed how boats and ships float and how they help people travel on water. The activity was both enjoyable and educational, helping the children learn about water transport while enhancing their creativity and motor skills. It was a joyful and engaging experience for everyone!







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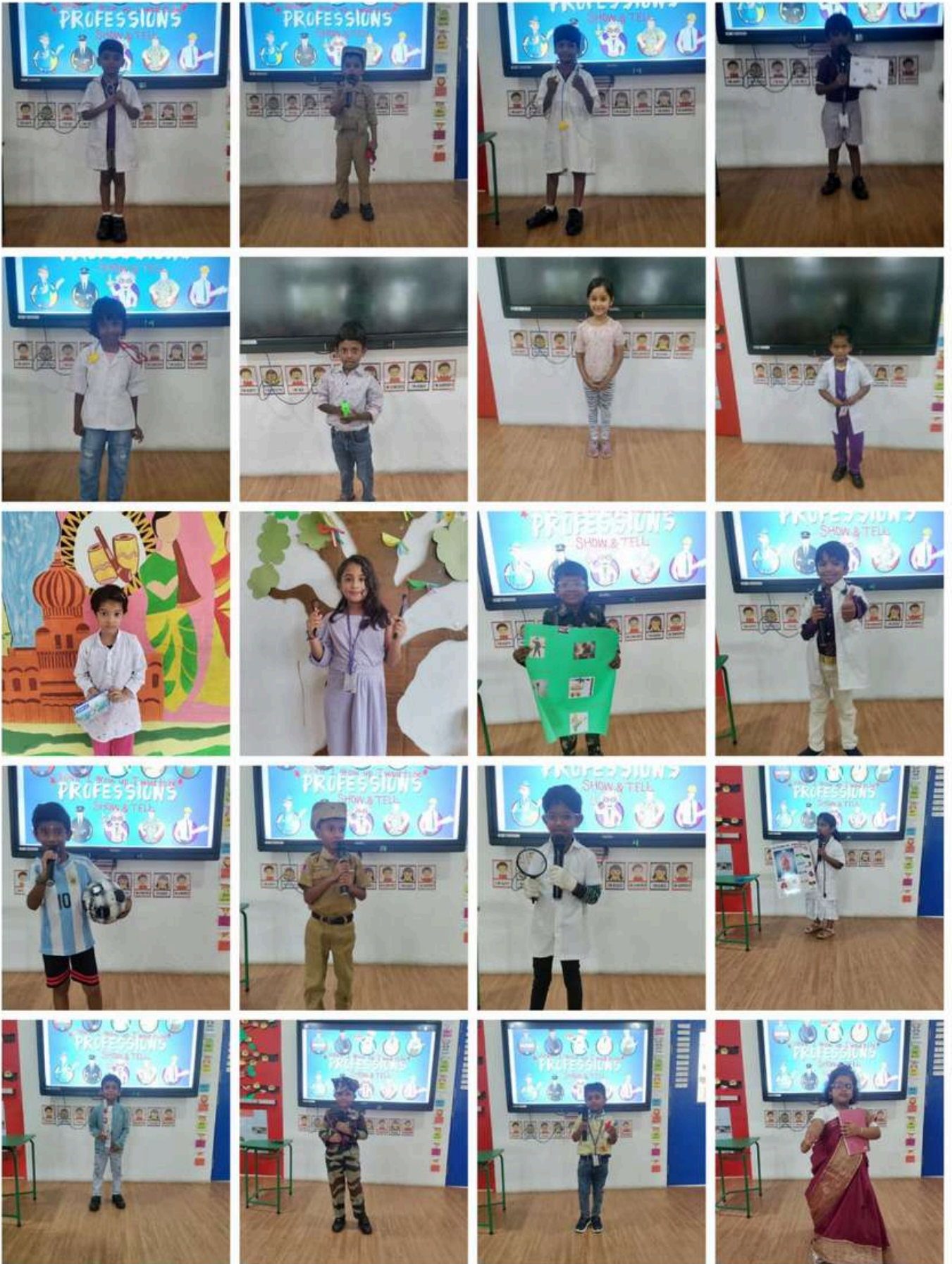
YOUNG LEADERS, BIG DREAMS

Ms. Devi S, Senior KG Educator



Senior Kindergarten recently held a delightful "Show and Tell" event, where our young students dressed up in their dream professions. From doctors to astronauts, they shared their aspirations and how they plan to contribute to society. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm and creativity as they envisioned a brighter future. This event not only boosted their confidence but also ignited a spark of ambition within them.





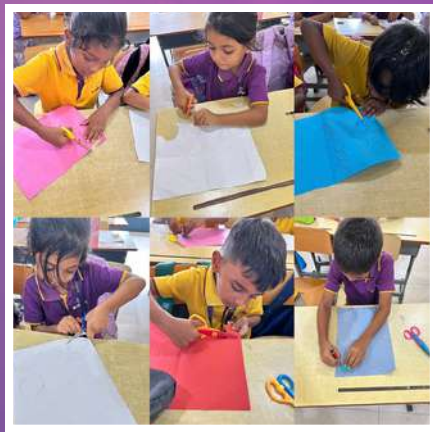
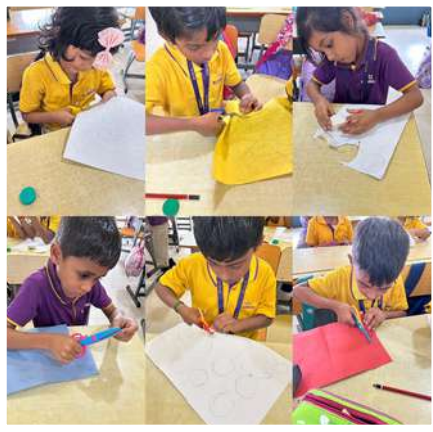
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हिंदी अक्षरों को सीखने की इंटरएक्टिव गतिविधि: रंगीन कैटरपिलर बनाना

Ms Sarala B, Grade 1 Hindi Educator



बच्चे हिंदी अक्षरों को क्रम में सीख रहे हैं, और उनकी स्मृति को मजबूत करने के लिए हमने एक हाथों से करने वाला और दिलचस्प गतिविधि प्रस्तुत की। इस कार्य में कागज का उपयोग करके रंगीन कैटरपिलर बनाना शामिल था। सबसे पहले, बच्चों को रंगीन कागज के पहले से कटे हुए गोल टुकड़े दिए गए, जिन पर उन्होंने सीखे हुए हिंदी अक्षर लिखे गए थे। बच्चों को इन टुकड़ों को सही क्रम में व्यवस्थित करने के लिए निर्देशित किया गया, ताकि कैटरपिलर का शरीर बन सके। एक बार जब क्रम की पुष्टि हो गई, तो उन्होंने उन टुकड़ों को गोंद से एक शीट पर चिपकाकर अपने कैटरपिलर को पूरा किया। रचनात्मकता जोड़ने के लिए, बच्चों ने कैटरपिलर के चेहरे पर आँखें और एक मुस्कान बनाई और इसे अपने पसंदीदा डिज़ाइन और पैटर्न से सजाया। यह गतिविधि सीखने को रचनात्मकता और फाइन मोटर स्किल्स के विकास के साथ जोड़ती है। बच्चों ने कैटरपिलर को काटने, व्यवस्थित करने और जोड़ने में खूब आनंद लिया। इससे न केवल उन्हें हिंदी अक्षर याद करने में मदद मिली बल्कि टीमवर्क और अपनी व्यक्तिगत अभिव्यक्ति को प्रोत्साहन भी मिला। बच्चों ने इस इंटरएक्टिव तरीके से सीखने का भरपूर आनंद उठाया।



#5

KINDNESS IN ACTION: ROLE PLAY ACTIVITY FOR KINDERGARTENERS

Ms. Shahana A, Senior KG Educator

Be Kind.



To celebrate Kindness Day, a special role-play activity was conducted for our kindergarteners with the aim of teaching them good classroom behavior and fostering a positive learning environment. The activity focused on helping children understand the importance of kindness, good manners, and creating a harmonious classroom.

For this engaging session, teachers took on the roles of students, acting out both good and bad classroom behaviors. A narrator guided the children through the drama, explaining the scenarios and reinforcing the importance of positive actions. The children were encouraged to participate by giving a thumbs-up for good behavior and a thumbs-down for bad behavior, making the session highly interactive.



To further involve the children, the narrator asked them questions, encouraging them to differentiate between good and bad behaviors. This interactive approach not only clarified the objective but also helped children connect with the concept of kindness in a fun and memorable way.

The highlight of the activity was seeing the teachers play the roles of students, which delighted the children and kept them fully engaged. By the end of the session, the children had a clear understanding of how small acts of kindness and following good behavior can make their classroom a positive and happy place to learn.

This role-play activity was a joyful and impactful way to instill important values in young minds, leaving a lasting impression on their hearts and actions.

#6

Mastering Table Manners: A Hands-On Learning Experience for Grades 3 and 4

Ms. Maria Justin , Primary School English Educator



The students of Grades 3 and 4 had an enriching learning experience as they explored the topic of table manners through a detailed demonstration and explanation during their Value Education session. The activity began with the presentation of a properly set table, complete with a neatly arranged tablecloth, showcasing the correct placement of dining essentials such as plates, forks, spoons, knives, glasses, and soup bowls. The organized setup emphasized the importance of creating a clean and pleasant dining environment. The facilitator explained the significance of each item's placement and how it contributes to a structured and respectful dining experience. Students were also introduced to the correct way to handle cutlery, including holding and using a knife, fork, and spoon effectively, as well as understanding cutlery placement signals like indicating when one has finished a meal. To reinforce the lesson, the students participated in a hands-on activity where they practiced setting up a table and using cutlery themselves. This interactive approach not only made the session engaging but also allowed the students to apply what they had learned in a practical context. The experience helped them develop confidence in dining etiquette, an essential skill they can carry into everyday life and special occasions.





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ORAL HYGIENE AWARENESS SESSION: HEALTHY TEETH, HAPPY SMILES



AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH DR. TEJASRI GANAPATHY

Ms. Ashika Banu & Ms. Abinaya ,Primary School Educators

On **13th December 2024**, the students of Billabong High International School, Kelambakkam, engaged in an enriching session on oral hygiene led by renowned dental expert **Dr. Tejasri Ganapathy**. The event aimed to foster awareness about the importance of maintaining dental health and equip students with the necessary techniques to care for their teeth effectively.

The session began with an engaging talk where Dr. Tejasri highlighted the critical role of good oral hygiene in leading a healthy life. She shared essential tips on the dos and don'ts of dental care, such as:

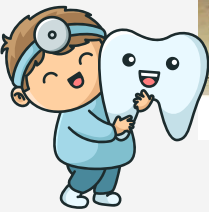
- Brushing twice a day using the correct technique.
 - Avoiding excessive sugary foods and drinks that damage teeth.
- Rinsing the mouth after every meal.
- Visiting a dentist for regular check-ups to prevent dental issues.

Dr. Tejasri demonstrated step-by-step brushing techniques, ensuring the children understood how to clean all parts of their teeth and gums effectively. She explained how improper brushing can lead to cavities, gum disease, and other dental problems, which can be easily prevented with consistent care. The students showed immense enthusiasm throughout the session. They actively participated in the discussion, asking thoughtful questions, and clarifying their doubts.

Dr. Tejasri patiently answered each query, creating a comfortable space for learning. The session turned into a lively exchange of knowledge, with students demonstrating curiosity and a genuine desire to learn.

Hands-On Learning and Awareness

To reinforce their learning, Dr. Tejasri conducted a fun demonstration on effective brushing habits. This hands-on approach helped children grasp the practical aspects of oral hygiene. By the end of the session, the students were able to identify common mistakes they make and learned ways to improve their brushing routine.



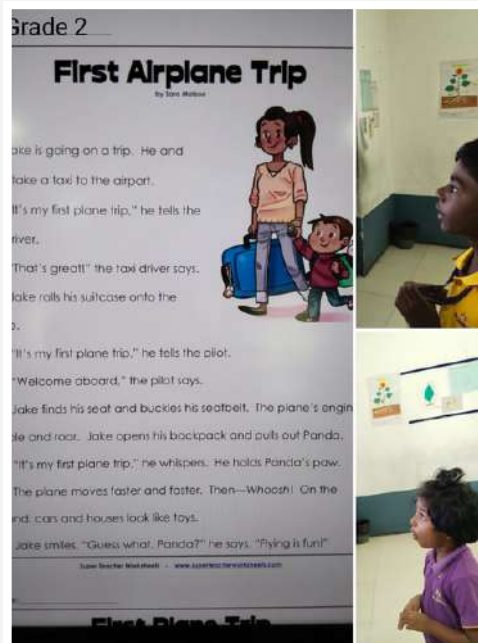
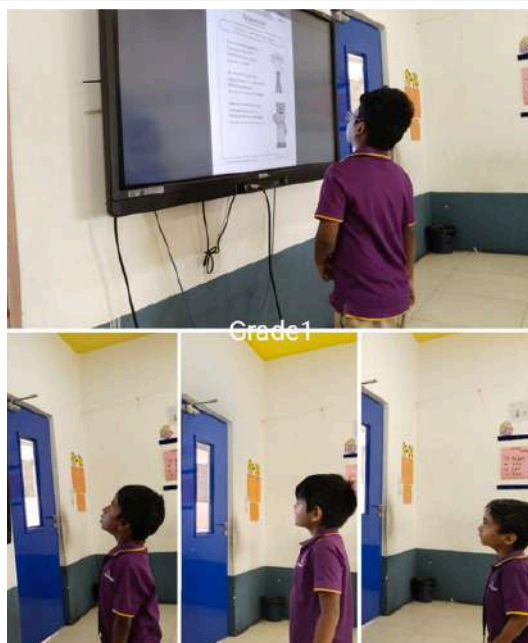
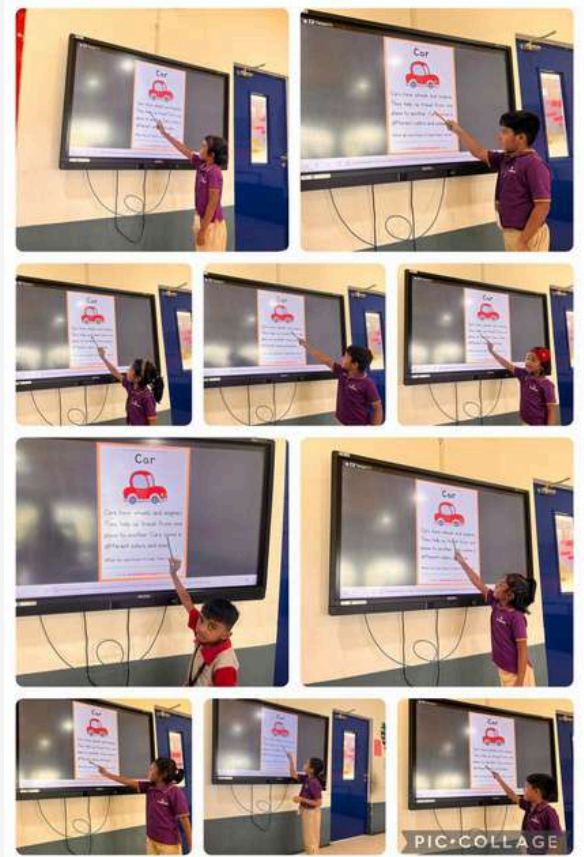


READING FRIDAYS

FOSTERING A LOVE FOR READING: A SPECIAL ACTIVITY FOR GRADES 1 & 2

Ms Kaleeshwari & Ms Juveria, Grade 1 Educators

A reading activity was conducted for students of Grades 1 and 2 to foster early literacy skills and encourage a love for reading. The session began with a warm-up discussion about the importance of reading, followed by a read-aloud of a colorful picture displayed. Teachers used animated voices and expressions to make the story lively and interactive. After the reading, students participated in a discussion about the story's main characters, setting, and moral lessons. Activities such as drawing their favorite scenes and answering simple comprehension questions further reinforced understanding. The event concluded with a short session where children shared their favorite parts of the story, promoting confidence in expression. Overall, the activity was engaging and successfully helped students enhance their listening, comprehension, and creative skills.



A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF IMAGINATION AND LEARNING

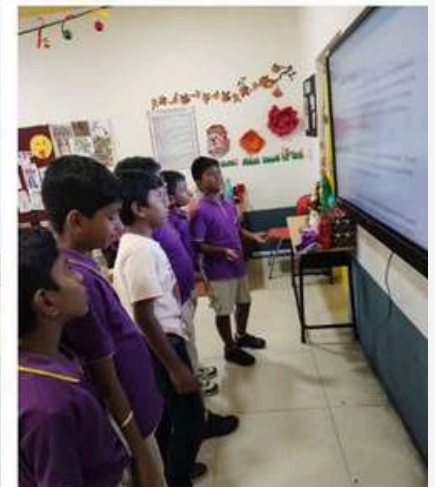
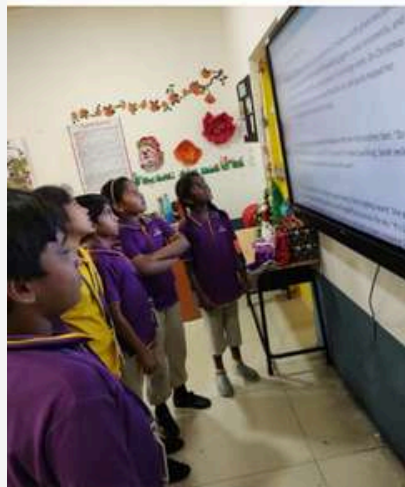
Ms. Maria, Grade 4 English Educator

Reading Fridays have become a cherished tradition, eagerly anticipated by students each week. This ongoing activity opens the doors to captivating worlds of imagination, where stories inspire, educate, and entertain. Each session goes beyond the act of reading—it's a journey that fosters curiosity, enhances comprehension, and nurtures a lifelong love for literature.

With every page they turn, students grow in confidence, expanding their vocabulary and refining their pronunciation skills. The collaborative environment encourages them to express their thoughts, share interpretations, and actively engage with the text. The stories don't simply stay on the page—they spark meaningful discussions, creative ideas, and connections that leave a lasting impact.

The excitement of Reading Fridays extends beyond the classroom through creative takeaway activities. From imagining alternate story endings and crafting character profiles to illustrating memorable scenes or writing reflective pieces about lessons learned, these activities allow students to dive deeper into the stories they read.

Week after week, Reading Fridays transform simple reading sessions into a celebration of creativity, expression, and the timeless magic of books.





பாரதியார் தின விழா - 2024

by Mr K. Varadharajan , Tamil Educator

நமது பில்லாபாங் உயர் சர்வதேச பள்ளியில் 11-12-2024 அன்று மகாகவி சுப்ரமணிய பாரதியார் பிறந்தநாள் பாரதியார் தினமாக கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. இதனை முன்னிட்டு மாணவர்களுக்கு பேச்சுப்போட்டி, பாட்டுப்போட்டி, மாறுவேடப்போட்டி போன்ற பல்வேறுப் போட்டிகள் நடத்தப்பட்டது. இதில் மாணவர்கள் தங்கள் தனித்திறனை சிறப்பாக வெளிப்படுத்தினர்.

பாரதியார் தினத்தன்று மாணவர்கள் பாரதியார் முகமூடி அணிந்து கொண்டு பள்ளிக்குள் அணிவகுப்பு ஊர்வலம் சென்றனர். அதன் பிறகு ரயான் ஹாலில் நடைபெற்ற விழாவில் மாணவர்கள், ஆசிரியர்கள் என அனைவரும் கலந்து கொண்டனர். இவ்விழா சிறப்பாக நடைபெற பல்வேறு வழிமுறைகளையும் ஆலோசனைகளையும் வழங்கிய முதல்வர் திருமதி அஸ்மா நயினார் அவர்கள் தலைமை தாங்கி சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார். அவர் பேசுகையில் மகாகவி பாரதியார் போன்ற ஆளுமைகள் குறித்து இளம் தலைமுறையினர் தெரிந்து கொள்ள வேண்டும். தேசப்பற்று, மொழிப்பற்று, இலக்கியம் போன்றவற்றில் மகாகவி பாரதியாரின் ஆளுமை பல நூற்றாண்டுகள் தாண்டியும் பேசப்படும் வகையில் அமைந்துள்ளதாகவும் கூறினார்.

அடுத்ததாக பேசிய சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் எழுத்தாளர் திரு கலந்தர் ஹாரிஸ் அவர்கள் பாரதியார் குறித்த சுவையான கருத்துக்களை வழங்கினார். அடுத்ததாக போட்டிகளில் சிறப்பாக பங்காற்றி வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்கு பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டது. அதன் பிறகு மாணவர்கள் தங்கள் குரல் வளத்தில் பாரதியாரின் பாடலை இனிமையாக பாடினர். அதன் பிறகு பேசிய மில்டன் பள்ளி முதல்வர் திருமதி ஹஷ்மத் அவர்கள் தமிழ் மொழி குறித்தும் மகாகவி பாரதியார் பிறந்த நாள் விழா கொண்டாடப்படுவதன் நோக்கம் குறித்து பேசுகையில் இது போன்ற விழாக்கள் ஆளுமை நிறைந்த மனிதர்களை அடுத்த தலைமுறையினருக்கு கடத்துவதற்கு பெரிதும் துணை புரிவதாகவும் அதனை நமது பள்ளி சிறப்பாக செய்து வருவதாகவும் பாராட்டி பேசினார்.

இதனைத் தொடர்ந்து மாணவிகள் மகாகவி பாரதியாரின் பாடலுக்கு சிறப்பான நடனம் புரிந்தனர். இவ்விழாவின் மூலம் மாணவர்கள் பாரதியார் பற்றியும் பாரதியாரின் சிறப்புகள் குறித்தும் அறிந்து கொண்டனர். இவ்வாறாக பாரதியார் தினம் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்று முடிந்தது.



