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**Congratulations ...**



**Arun D. Raj**  
State Level Gold Medalist  
Long Jump

# EMERGING WORLD OF STHV....



## Dear Readers;

Science and technology multiply around us. To an increasing extent they dictate the languages in which we speak and think. Either we use those languages, or we remain mute. Science, Technology and Human Values (STHV) has been a key term under discussion for more than 30 years. The relationship of science and technology with politics, society and culture are under research throughout these years. Science discoveries have helped a lot for the evolution of new technologies and vice versa.

As the full moon, by shedding soft light helps the buds of the lotus to open, this school helps the students to acquire new skills in science and technology and to interact with society at the same time and allows children to go back to the roots of culture, tradition and human values simultaneously. It also helps the students to come in contact with new horizons of knowledge on various subjects.

I feel proud to be a part of Labour India Family. There may not be many schools in India, which gives so much importance to STHV in lessons and class rooms.

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Editor in Charge

## The NCC

As a part of enhancing the qualities of character, courage, comradeship, discipline, leadership, secular outlook, spirit of adventure and the ideals of selfless service amongst the youth of the country, the NCC wing has got the kick off last week. The number of students who have enrolled to the NCC escalated compared to the last year. Based on the aim of giving minor training on military activities, the NCC cadets are given twice a year. The students are also given training on social service and youth management. The NCC division in the school is under the supervision of Mr. Williams. The students are enrolled from classes 5 to 9.





# CRITICAL THINKING

## Training Programme

On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2011, Dr. David Dean Junior from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania steered a seminar for teachers on 'Developing Critical thinking'. The two day workshop consisted of teaching on several topics, including discussion on the theories of developing critical thinking, solving problems in different scenarios, various thinking procedures and application of critical based thinking in classroom situations. The workshop comprised tutorials in groups, activities and overall discussions which provided teachers' knowledge for imparting to students. During the 2 days workshop, students of Labour India received an opportunity to interview the special guest.



### INTERVIEW ABSTRACT

**Students:** Could you briefly tell us about critical thinking?

**Dr. Dean:** Critical thinking is about solving problems, different thinking and open interaction'.

Dr. Dean explained the concept of critical thinking in detail but before that, a question was thrown back at us.

**He asked:** How do you make someone understand your problems?

Our answers were; by persuading, by making our point across and disarming all negatives.

Dr Dean asked us to come up with some problems which concerned us, for him it was the American politics, different parties in America and of the political party he supported. The discussion moved on to sports, particularly basketball, about Indian basketball teams and about our school basketball team.

**Students:** What do you think of our school?

**Dr. Dean:** Great school! I love the teachers. They are so eager to learn, working hard to do the best for you.

**Students:** What do you think of Kerala?

**Dr. Dean:** 'Kerala is great !'



FACE TO FACE

## Seeing, Hearing and Imagining Nature

As a part of study class 7<sup>th</sup> went to kottiyam 'Nattakam College' for studying geology. When we reached, there was a wonderful seminar about stones, minerals and fossils. Teacher who delivered the lecture was Dileep sir. He told us that earth is 450 million years old, and seismograph is an instrument used for measuring earthquake. When we went to the museum we saw corals, fossils and bones which have been decayed in the soil, petrified wood, dinosaurous bone, chlorite schist, slate, shale, metamorphic rocks etc.



## The post office visit

Post office, a place which was not very familiar to many of us. The procedures for sending a letter or the value of a stamp were not known to many of the kids. To make students aware of the post office and the procedures needed to send a letter and the other uses of a post office the students of class VI were escorted to the Marangattuppily post office. There they met the post master and enjoyed a delightful session in which he explained the working of a post office, duties of each persons and also gave ears to doubts and questions put forward by the tots.



## Anti Tobacco Day

**World No Tobacco Day (WNTD)** is observed around the world every year on June 27. It is meant to draw global attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to negative health effects, which currently lead to 5.4 million deaths worldwide annually. On this occasion, our school's english department and malayalam department representatives, Mrs. Shibi and Mr Nibulal enlightened us with their speeches on wiping off the use of tobacco from the surface of planet earth.



## Gloves Factory Visit

The outdoor class for students of class v was at the gloves factory located in Kadaplamattom on 15 th of July. The escorting teachers explained the working of different machineries and the raw materials used for making gloves. The students kept the values of Labour Indians all along the journey



## PARENTS MEETING

An interactive session was held for the parents and teachers of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> classes, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. The meeting for the 10<sup>th</sup> standard was held in the morning from 10:00am to 12:30 pm. And the meeting for the 12<sup>th</sup> began later in the afternoon around 1:30pm and lasted upto 4:00pm. During this parents were allowed to express their views and opinions regarding their children's development. Teachers had a chance to point out the positives and negatives about the students, so that it could help them in their betterment. The parents also gave their suggestions and ideas for the enhancement of the school and Management. Mr. Jiji Joseph(National Trainer and former Exe. Vice President of Jaycees) is elected as the new M.P.T.A. President.

## BEST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Every month a student from the primary, secondary and senior secondary sections is rewarded for their month's hardwork. This award is given on the basis of their academics, discipline, personality and character which are the essentials of a student. They receive a certificate and a position on the wall of fame. The lucky ones of the month of July are -:

K G Section -: Anna Saji, Primary- Sanu Angelose Shony, Upper Primary -: Sandeep (VIII B), Secondary- Akarsh F. Vargheese(X A), Senior Secondary- Anju Nair (XII D)



Anna Saji  
K G Section



Sanu Angelose Shony  
Primary



Sandeep  
Upper Primary



Akarsh F Vargheese  
Secondary



Anju Nair (XII)  
Senior secondary

## CLASSROOM LIBRARY

Reading is a habit which has the potential to take one to great heights. It has the capability of transporting a person to a completely fascinating realm, far away from the hustle bustle of life. This is the very purpose behind the installation of libraries within each class. Students of our institution are asked to bring in old books possessed by them for filling up their respective classes' libraries. The magic of words are clearly going to cast its magic on us with this new addition. It is strongly recommended that those of you who haven't yet contributed books to their class libraries start the ball rolling and become a part of the amelioration of our student niche

