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# Welcome

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“ Greetings of the season to all our readers!



One of the blessings of the past year or so for me is that I have been home more than I have been in ten years. I feel I had moments with JPS learners that I missed with my sons. I always struggle with the balance of working and doing something I truly love and what I miss out on with my kids during that same time. As a parent, I always question if I am doing the right thing, making me WAY more understanding of my mom and dad.

✦ I remember that my mom told me when I was little that I watched too much TV and that I should get outside more. When I was in high school, I played cricket outside all hours of the night with my friends, and I remember my mom saying, "You need to spend some time at home, and it would be nice if you just sat down and watched some TV!" I reminded her that she had encouraged me more to get outside, and that didn't go over well at the time :) But now I understand.

✦ I know that when we question things in our lives, whether it is our parenting, our profession, or other aspects, it is a sign that we care and WANT to get better. That is a good thing.

✦ I also know that time is going by fast and as I get older, it goes by quicker. The last year has been a great opportunity for me to recalibrate and always think about how I can be the best dad I can possibly be. My kids are both gifts, and I love them with all my heart, and they have very different personalities and strengths. As it is for every child that enters school, I hope that the teachers they are blessed with see their uniqueness in the same way.

✦ As the youngest child of four ( including cousins ), I remember entering a classroom in a school and a teacher saying, "So you are another Thiyagarajan kid?" I felt that the teacher's perception was already determined, and we never got along. It wasn't that my siblings caused trouble in classrooms or that we didn't have commonalities because we did. But I wanted to be treated as my own person and not be labeled based on perceptions of me that were decided before I entered the classroom.

✦ My kids, as are all children, are gifts to our classrooms. Although I never expect others to feel the same way about them that I do, I hope they are appreciated for the unique individuals that they are.

✦ When we see not only the gifts of others but we recognize each other as gifts to our own lives, the spaces we occupy become so much better. We encourage them to shine their light on the world, and the world is so much better because of it.

That is my long-winded way of saying, Happy Birthday 2023!

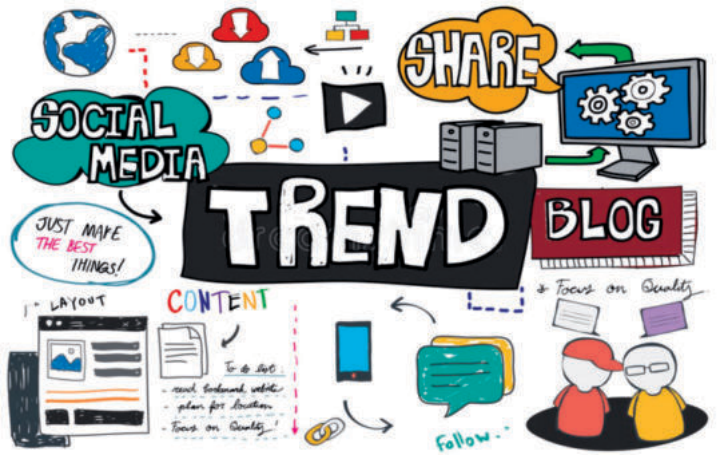
I hope you have a great year and Thank you for all that you do!

The next article is : Gamification and learning

I have changed a lot of my thinking in the years of writing this intro for the newsletters, but my belief in the importance of relationships in education will only get stronger over time. It is the foundation we build on to create amazing schools. It is not the only thing, but without it, you have nothing.

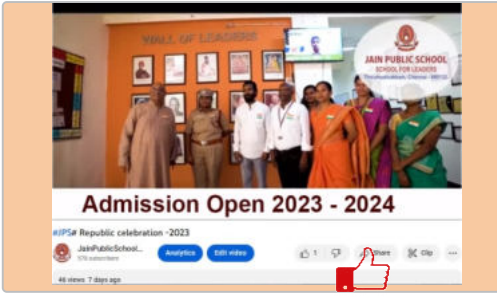
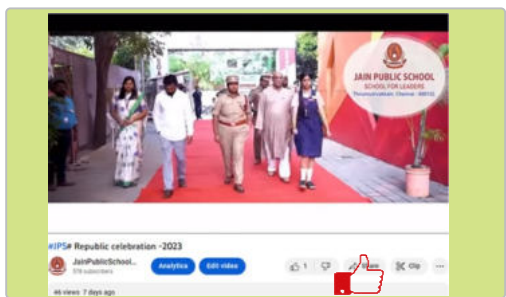


**Tr. Saravanan Thiyagarajan**  
Principal  
Jain Public School



# Social Media Trends

## YouTube Trends





# LEADERS FOR LEARNING



Leadership as a function of learning ( $L = f(\text{learning})$ )

## Introduction

- ★ To understand the concept of school leadership, we need to understand the origin of word leadership and where it came from. In medieval times the word lead began to take on more specific dimensions. The Online Etymology Dictionary tells us that the idea of being "in the first place" came about in the 1400s.
- ★ It's quite indicative from the above etymological connections that leadership is ascribed to space from which one can "guide", "inspire" enlighten"" exemplify".
- ★ In the context of schools, a leader is expected to arrive from a space of inspiration through role modeling, preaching, advising, executing, witnessing, etc.

## Qualities of a school leader:

★ Attributes of a good leader is a function of time. Every age has its own set of requirements regarding what is needed from a good leader. In the 21st century, the following set of qualities would put a leader in good stead:

- ★ Honesty and Integrity Ability to Trust and Empower Communicative, Collaborative and Connected.
- ★ Positive Energy.
- ★ Confidence.
- ★ Commitment and Persistence.
- ★ Willingness to Learn, Unlearn and Relearn.
- ★ Entrepreneurial, Creative and In -novative.
- ★ Intuitive.
- ★ Ability to Inspire.



## ' How has the role of a leader evolved over the years?.'

★ Leadership has been a topic of interest since the dawn of man, leadership and management studies were taken up in earnest in the early 20th century. Leadership in the contemporary world is defined by functions and situations. Leadership is not static and not restricted to the title. Its fluid and is subject to the event, task, skill or situation in context. The modern world including schools witnesses a lot of this kind of leadership.

## Education vs Learning

Education can be said to be a process through which a society passes on the knowledge, values and skills from one generation to another. Learning can be defined as the acquiring of new skills, knowledge, and values.

★ Learning is the basic instinct possessed by all individuals. On the other hand, education is earned by individuals.

★ Learning is said to be an on-going process. Education is something that one gets at some point in their life.

Learning is an informal process, and education is a formal process.

★ Learning is knowledge gained through experience, and education is knowledge gained through teaching.

★ Education is something that an individual gets from an outside source. On the other hand, learning is something that evolves in the inner self.

## Challenges and issues in present education system

India is the largest democracy with remarkable diversity among its population of 1.2 billion which makes up about 17% of the world's population. With the population growth rate of 1.5%, there is tremendous pressure on the education system to provide quality education at affordable price and improve the literacy rate.

### CHALLENGES :

- ★ Quality.
- ★ Access.
- ★ Cost.
- ★ Social & Cultural.

### ISSUES :

- ★ Education System Promotes Rat Race.
- ★ Education Does Not Build Persona of a Child.
- ★ No Critical Analysis, only following the establishment.
- ★ Too Much Localism Rather Global Outlook.
- ★ Teachers Themselves are Not Trained and Efficient.
- ★ The medium of Language of our Education System.
- ★ The education given is Irrelevant to Job-Market.
- ★ Missing Innovation & Creation because Only Aping West.
- ★ Students Happy in Getting a Highly Paid Salary Job but Lacks the Ambition to Become Entrepreneur.
- ★ Gross Failure of Our Education System to End Social Disparity.



## Why is it important for a leader to be a learner?

Leaders must be learners. It doesn't have the same ring to it, but it's just as important. Leaders who are continuously learning are respected because they're challenging their assumptions and bringing more knowledge to the table.

★ Learning can take many different shapes, so here are a few examples of ways that one can continuously be learning as a leader and encouraging his/her team to do the same.

### Read

★ Reading really is important. Read the opinions of others, and discover the ways in which you agree or disagree. Debate topics you've read about with your team.

### Listen

★ Listening to podcasts is another great way to learn. If you aren't sure what you should be learning about, one of my favourite podcasts is "How to Do Everything." You'll learn about Everything from bug drones to how to end a conversation.

★ Great leaders know that to continue their own growth, they must teach to learn. They become mentors. They realize that as they teach and interact with others, their knowledge increases. Teaching is one of the best ways to become a learner.

## Fundamental characteristics of good learners

Good learners are curious

★ Good learners pursue understanding diligently they search out information.

★ Good learners recognize that a lot of learning isn't fun.

★ Failure frightens good learners, but they know it's beneficial.

★ Good learners make knowledge their own.

★ Good learners never run out of questions.

★ Good learners share what they've learned.

★ Good teachers model this kind of learning for their students, which makes me believe that "good learner" belongs on those lists of good teacher characteristics.

## How can we promote learning amongst school leaders?

★ Education as a learning system. Coherence of policies.

★ Shared vision and understanding. Setting expectations

★ School leaders and teachers shaping learning systems.

★ Research, reflective practice, and inquiry.

★ Professional competences, capacity, and autonomy

★ Leadership competence.

## Learning at our school

Every year we have a quarterly School Heads Meeting wherein not only the principals of our three schools (Goodearth Foundation Schools Eicher School Parwanoo, Eicher School Faidabad, and Alwar Public School) and the management share their experiences and learning from the last quarter happenings but teachers, admin, accountants regularly interact with their counterparts and learn from each other's experiences. This learning is well documented as well for future reference.



## Benefits of a learning culture

- ★ Efficiency gains.
- ★ Increased productivity.
- ★ Increases retention.
- ★ Raising the bar by creating a continuous improvement mind- set, shared ownership for projects and shared accountability for results.
- ★ Developing leaders at all levels, which helps with succession planning.
- ★ Creating a culture of inquiry, adaptive capacity, and knowledge sharing (vs. knowledge hoarding).
- ★ Enhanced ability for individuals and teams to embrace and adapt to change.



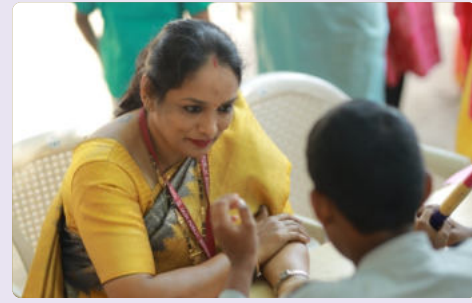
# ACHIEVEMENTS at JPS



# Pongal Celebration at JPS



Pongal, the harvest festival of south was observed in JPS in a befitting manner. On 12 th of January 2023. 'Chakra Pongal' the main dish was prepared in clay pot by teachers and parents. The same was served to the God.



Children participated in various program and did a magnificent job to bring laurel to Pongal celebrations. The highlight of the day was the bullock cart ride followed by breaking the pot ,which enjoyed by one & all.



The entire campus wore a festive look with a colourful rangoli ,sugarcane etc. Various celebrations and events at the school premises were designed in a manner to evoke & expose the student's inner most talents.



# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



73rd Republic Day was celebrated with pride and reverence at JPS Thirumudivakkam. The ceremony began with hoisting the tricolor flag by Mrs P.Aarnisha priyadharshini, (District officer fire and rescue services, Kancheepuram) accompanied by the Principal and SAO.



Cultural celebrations , talk by students ,dance and music ,patriotic song etc,triggered in the children teachers & parents alike ,many emotions pride ,love and respect for the country .



Finalists of JPS. Master Himanish and Miss Amrithavarshini VII B Vinadi Vinna. A Grand Quiz Competition sponsored by Dinamalar [Pattam] at Kalaivanar Arangam on 3rd February 2023. A Proud Feel indeed !!!

# Attendance Incentives



Teachers getting reward from Principal for their being regular with no absent is a proud feel. As many as 11 Teachers getting Cash incentives from Principal.



# Informational Hand on Kindergarden Meeting



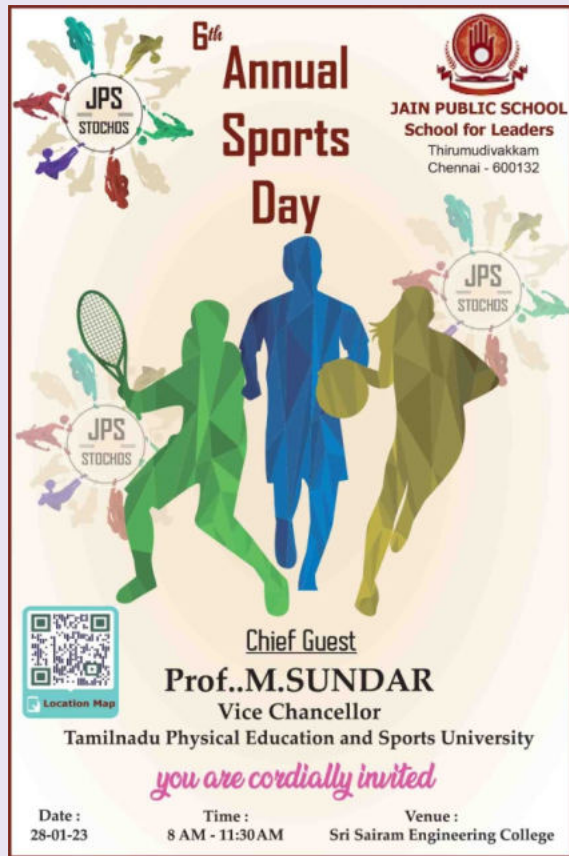
The informational kindergarten meeting was held in JPS on 18/01/2023. The purpose of the meeting was to provide helpful tips and variety of suggestions on, as to how to prepare KG kids for next Grade.



Lot of useful information was shared and answer to Questions raised by Parent were given by Principal & SAO.

# 6th Annual Sports Day Celebration

## JPS STOCHOS



**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Day**

**JPS STOCHOS**

**JAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL  
School for Leaders  
Thirumudivakkam  
Chennai - 600132**

**Chief Guest  
Prof..M.SUNDAR  
Vice Chancellor  
Tamilnadu Physical Education and Sports University**

*you are cordially invited*

Date : 28-01-23      Time : 8 AM - 11:30AM      Venue : Sri Sairam Engineering College



Sports Day is the celebration of human spirit and youth ,it not only inspires young minds but also teacher good values and ethics to growing generations .Jain public school celebrated its 6th Annual sports day on 28 January 2023 among great enthusiasm and camaraderie. The chief guest Prof.. M.Sundar Vice Chancellor Tamilnadu Education and Sports University was invited to the event ,Mr.Ashish chairman and other dignitaries presided over the function .



Large gathering of parents with their children were present to witness the grand event. The event had its grand opening with hoisting the school flag, glorious and well synchronized march past and declaring the meet open by the chief guest.

# Glimpses of sports cultural events and prize distribution of 6th Annual sports day of JPS.

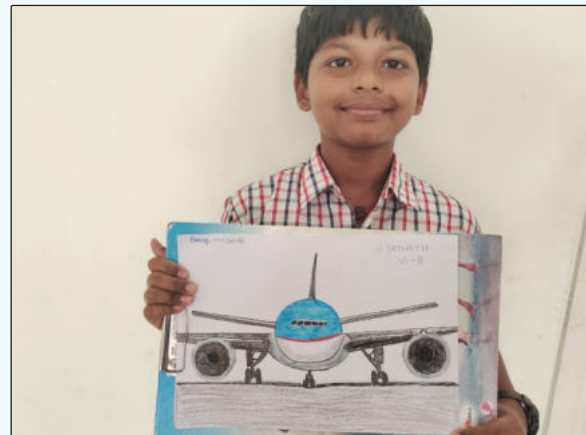




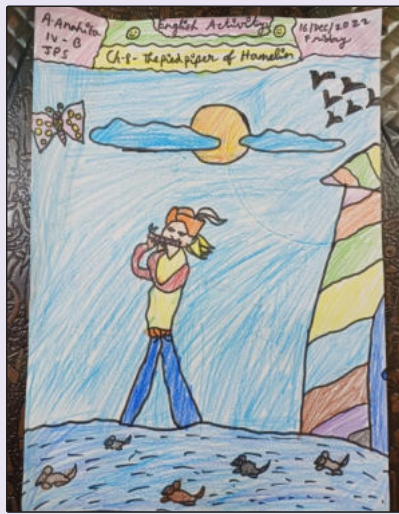
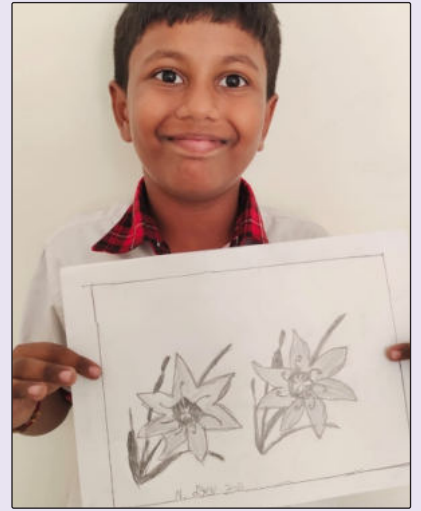




# Creative Corner







# SCIENCE ACTIVITY –VOLCANIC ERUPTION JPS



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Grade VI

L.C Arujanaa  
Grade III

