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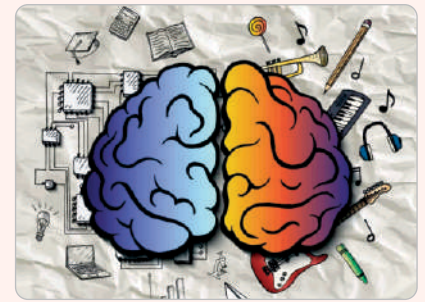


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# Welcome

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“ Greetings of the season to all our readers!

✪ Nigel Holdsworth, a student from the class, shared this short and insightful video on "Nurturing a Culture of Wellbeing" in his school. One of the things that I truly appreciated about the video was Nigel's vulnerability and recognition that sometimes, a new leadership team walks into a school and acts as if nothing existed before their presence.

✪ As someone known for helping to lead meaningful change in organizations, I am often asked, "What is the first thing you would change in a school if you were to become the principal today?"

✪ My answer is always the same. "Nothing."

✪ The first thing I would do is try to understand the culture and strengths of not only the organization but each staff member, the students, the parents and the other stakeholders and try to lead based on people feeling valued. If people think you are coming there to "fix them," you are in for a rude awakening. If they know you value them and want to help them grow, they will be more open to embracing new ideas moving forward. .

✪ Nigel does a great job of sharing a relevant example of this in his video, and it would be a great resource for discussion on a professional learning day with you, hence the reason I share it with you today!

✪ We are always interested in hearing your views. We invite articles on the topic ' Instilling financial literacy among students for our next issue of the newsletter. If you have any comments about the newsletter, or if you'd like to tell us about what's happening at school, please email us at [principal@jpschennai.org](mailto:principal@jpschennai.org)



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

# “DYNAMIC SCHOOL AWARD”



The strength of the achievement is rooted in the depth of the passion. Jain Public School always has burning desire to be the best. In recognition of the ongoing commitment to excellence, he had embraced the Dynamic School award from Education Today. First school in Chennai to receive this prestigious award. On behalf of Jain Public School, our trustee Mr. Kuldeep Surana had received the award in New Delhi.

Academic Reputation is essential for all institutions. Ranking of school was done based on the overall impression of excellence and quality considering the following criteria ;-

1. Academic Reputation
2. Teacher's Advancement & well-being
3. Co-curricular Education
4. Sports Education
5. Digital Learning Advancement
6. Student Advancement & Mentoring
7. Leadership in quality Management
8. Parental Engagement
9. Future-Proof Learning Infrastructure
10. Value For Money

### Introduction

Imagine a scenario, Where Children are collecting pebbles to create a small castle of stones or using a running race to learn the concept of cardinal and ordinal numbers.

To teach children, concepts need to be deeply instilled into their young minds and this takes more than just conventional classroom teaching. In an age where children are easily distracted and crave engagement, the practice of teaching children through outdoor activities helps to keep them engaged and learn in an interactive manner.

The focus on rote memory education is getting antiquated in several parts of the world and being replaced by interactive teaching models to keep up with the changing attention spans and educational needs of the modern day child.

Outdoor teaching enables children to think, where instead of learning with a projector and screen, they are inspired to use the sky as the canvas on which they paint their ideas.



### Benefits of Teaching through Outdoor Activities :-

Teaching out in the open is one of the best ways to break the monotony of a regular classroom and is recommended as one of the most effective teaching techniques by several top educational models in the world. The benefits of teaching through outdoor activities have been listed below.

1 It is scientifically proven that experiential learning is more likely to lead to greater retention of concepts in memory. Children are more likely to remember a concept through experience than through an explanation from a textbook.

1 Activity driven learning kinaesthetically improves a child's well-being, mentally and physically contributing to a healthier life for children.

1 When children are allowed to learn in open spaces, their creativity increases manifold and they are more enthusiastic and motivated to get involved in the learning process. In this scenario, children can be taught difficult concepts more easily.

1 Outdoor learning helps children develop their social skills through group activities.

In Short, when the mind is open and stress-free, attitudes towards learning are encouraged and a joyful environment is established.

### Making Teaching Outdoors Interesting and Effective

Teaching and learning should never be a mundane experience for both the teacher and the student. In our experience as an educator, we have always followed four cardinal pillars of teaching –communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking, which are universally accepted new generation skills. An additional but important element we believe in is confidence.

It is only when students are exposed to experiential learning that they get confidence and one of the great methods of experiential learning is to teach them outdoors to get hands-on experience. Instances where the school has implemented outdoor teaching methods, include,

1 Children go through the exercise of a nature walk and learn simple concepts like the different parts of plants to more complex concepts, like dicotyledon and monocotyledon.

1 Recently, in Bangalore, a sky watch was conducted at school where the children were shown a rare phenomenon called 'Brahma Dhanush'.

1 We had simulated a simple shopping experience, where children were asked to go buy something from a shop and then asked to do the basic mathematics for the transaction.

Multiple other innovative projects have been implemented by the school to encourage learning outdoors, including through theatre, dance, music, yoga and sport.

### Effectiveness of teaching outdoors

The experience has been largely positive for both teachers and students. Students find the experience of outdoor learning more enriching and the application of the concepts they learn in an outdoor environment has been more.

For teaching, it is a welcome change from the confines of the classroom, and also, challenges them to come up with scenarios and different methods to use outdoor means to teach concepts; It, therefore, fosters innovation among teachers.

### Promoting Teaching through Outdoor Activity

Schools are slowly warming up to the concept of outdoor-based learning and this can be accelerated by encouraging teachers to devise new lessons using non-classroom methods.

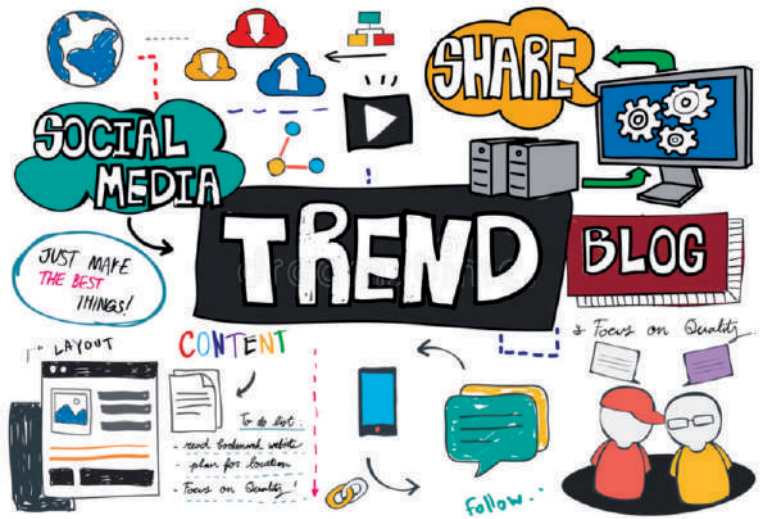
Our recommendation would be to use everyday scenarios like buying from a shop, going to a bank or playing a sport to teach various concepts. For instance, organizing a cricket match to teach children the concept of counting and basic arithmetic helps them retain the concept in their minds. This ensures that students understand the application of concepts in their everyday lives and are prepared for these scenarios when they grow up.

## SBOA award @ JPS



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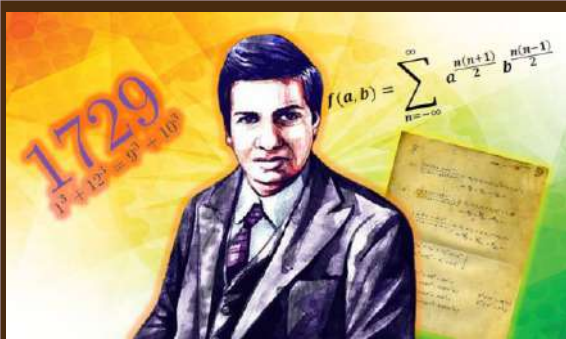
Witnessed a flavored cultural ignition on 28th and 29th Oct 2022 at SBOA Anna Nagar. The young blood pays more attention towards fashion. Nikki Dravid grade XII bagged the award for the best model with his designer cum classmate Mohammed Ishaq. Reagan Raj of XI got third place in Creative Writing. Our young leaders gave a wide participation and nominated for 10 different categories



# Social Media Trends

## YouTube Trends





# MATHS PROGRAM @ JPS



Jain Public school stands tall always with the unique idea of intra school competitions based on the multiple intelligence. This month , the focus was on logical intelligence .The same was witnessed with the origami work of the children.









# Diwali and Fire safety drill @ JPS



Diwali is the day to light diyas and sparklers , but it is also the time to stay safe.Jain public school always have safety of the children in our heart , mind and soul. In lieu of the same, the need of the hour, JPS organized a fire safety drill where the experts demonstrated how to be safe while bursting the crackers and other precaution measures.



# Halloween Celebration



JPS celebrated Haloween . Children of primary grades dressed up in frightening masks and costumes and won the attention of the entire crowd of children had a Feast to their eyes on seeing those scary faces.

# Dandiya Raas:



JPS delighted with Gala event called 'Dandiya Raas' to celebrate Navaratri on 01 Oct.2022 The idea of celebration is to get festive feel and to bring all in one arena. The crowd enthralled to enlarge their friend circle in addition to fun fullness.The event began with a welcome drink followed by dance amidst professional sound system & dandiya performance by all .

# STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES



**Travel With us**

Taking a Journey into Southwest Switzerland: A Journalist's Diary  
- Amrithavarshini.A

"Forests and mountains that are mesmerizing"

My train journey from Soral to Avusy was the most memorable part of our university's research trip. The weather was windy. My eyes were glittering seeing the evergreen forest sparkling in the sunshine. All the leaves in the trees danced to the beats of the wind. They slowly splashed on the water droplets that had accumulated due to yesterday's rain. There were a lot of monkeys chattering until we passed through the forest. My eyes were glued and my jaw dropped seeing the lakes filled with clean water and a-ton of coral fish. We reached the station and stayed in a hotel nearby. A few hours later, while walking in the hotel's backyard, I saw a scene that froze my body. There was a glacier mountain range which was like a smaller version of the Himalayas. My college mates soon invited me to join them for supper. They then started writing Journal entries for our records. Soon it was time for bed and I started writing my diary. Be ready to hear the adventures we are going to make tomorrow.

What to choose?  
What to choose?

*Sunrise? or Sunset?  
Town? or City?  
Swimming? or Running?  
Badminton? or Tennis?  
What to choose? What to choose?  
Confusing !!!!! What to choose?*

*Maths? or Science?  
Summer? or Winter?  
Dogs? or Cats?  
Studies? or Sports?  
What to choose? What to choose?  
Confusing !!!!! What to choose?*

*Train? or Bus?  
Ship? or Plane?  
Surfing? or Riding?  
Classic? or Modern?  
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*So . In a winter morning I went to see the sunrise from the cliff of hill in my home town.  
Practiced Running . Played Tennis . Went to a science exhibition . Adopted a cat . Went to a sports meet . Went horse riding in a beach . I wore a classic gown and Traveled through Train to reach the harbour to come back to my house in Spain.*





# Dinamalar – Cover page

**புரிந்து கொள்ளாததால் தான் நிறைய சண்டைகள்!**

உடல் பித்தலாகி தன் துறா குழல் தளபதி... வளர் விழுங்கலையும் அணியியிட்டு துறா... வெல்லினை நம்பியிருந்து நமது உடல் பித்தலாகி வந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறார். எல்லா குழல்களும் பித்தலாகி வந்து... சிறைகளில் அடைக்கப்பட்டு சிறைச் சண்டைகளில் பித்தலாகி... போடும் போடுவோம். யிட அணை, அபிமானம் உடைய சென்றும் வந்துபுத்தலாகும் சண்டைகள் இவை தவிர தன் துறா குழல்களில்...

**விறப்பில் சண்டைகள், துறா குழல்கள்**

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**"A sibling is the lens through which you see your childhood."**  
 Happy to inform you that our school is the only school in Chennai to be featured in the Tamil talk show titled "General things that siblings will compete for". The young orators had a session with officials of \*DINAMALAR TAMIL NEWSPAPER. The photos and students' views on the same pictured in the reputed Tamil newspaper Dhinamalar- pattam edition on 31st October 2022.



# Scout Function



"The scout is an organization that constantly gives you new goals to achieve that's what life is all about."

It's a great news for our JPS family. JPS has become integral part of Bharat scouts. You can Witness JPS faculties proudly receiving the honor. JPS young leaders will have the golden opportunity of participating in all the scouts events PAN India after December 2022.

# SPORTS TEAM

