# Cornerstone Times

## CRESCENDO 2023-24




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# As it is rightly said, don't limit your challenges, challenge your limits

Organizing a mega event is not easy.

However, Cornerstone School has earned the repute of challenging the limits.

The resounding success of Crescendo 2023-24, our Annual Day for Grades Pre Primary to Grade 10, was a resounding one and has managed to make a powerful statement -that teamwork and a genuine sense of responsibility bring things to perfection.

In a joyous celebration of early education and unity, **Lily The School for Toddlers** and Cornerstone came together for their much-anticipated mega event – the Annual Day of Nursery and Pre-Primary on the 26th of Jan 2024.

This extraordinary occasion marked the culmination of efforts from both institutions, symbolizing the harmonious collaboration and shared commitment to nurturing young minds.

Under the enchanting theme,

## "Journey Through the Pages of a Book"

The event promised a magical exploration of the wonders that literature can unfold for the youngest learners.

The venue, bedecked with vibrant displays and creative installations, served as a testament to the dedication and hard work put forth by the faculty, staff, and students alike.

Children embarked on a delightful adventure, immersing themselves in the enchanting world of storytelling, where each page unfolded a new realm of imagination and discovery.

The air was filled with laughter, joy, and innocent curiosity.

The closing ceremony featured the grand **"Walk of Unity"** a symbolic gesture representing the amalgamation of Lily The School For Toddlers and Cornerstone.

Teachers and little ones walked hand in hand, showcasing the strength of unity.

26th Jan, the iconic day marked 75th Republic Day and the icing on the annual day celebration was our patriotic spirit which could not be dampened by the spirit of Annual Day.

A heartfelt skit in Telugu on patriotism, performed by the Higher Grade students. The emotional storytelling, combined with traditional costumes and vibrant performances, touched the hearts of the audience.

The Journey was a recognition of the hard work, dedication, and collective spirit that created a profound and memorable experience.



In a dazzling display of creativity and unity, the Annual Day of Grades 1, 2, and 3 at Cornerstone School transported attendees back in time with the theme

**"Vintage Vibes: A Cornerstone Doordarshan Night."**

The nostalgic ambience, reminiscent of the golden era of Doordarshan, brought forth a unique blend of retro charm and youthful exuberance with stories of Malgudi days, King Solomon, Jungle Book and Paramanandayya sishyulu.

The advertisements added more cheer in between the stories with Surabhi as the cream on cake.

The event was a testament to the commendable hard work and dedication put forth by teachers, students, and staff.

From meticulously crafted stage designs to the vibrant costumes that echoed the bygone era.

The exclusive LED screen effects brought a modern touch to the nostalgic ambience, showcasing vivid visuals that transported the audience back in time.

Complementing the stunning visuals was a carefully curated background music selection that underscored the theme and mood of each segment.

The melodic tunes of the choir children and rhythmic beats seamlessly blended with the acts.

The background music was a crucial element that set the tone, evoking nostalgia and eliciting emotional responses from the audience.

Every detail reflected the passion and commitment of those involved in making the Annual Day a resounding success.

The highlight of the evening was the closing ceremony – a symbolic "Walk through with the Torch of Unity.

"Students with their teachers joined hands in a procession, carrying the torch that symbolized the unity and collaboration integral to the school community.

This heartfelt gesture underscored the collective spirit that made the event not just a showcase of talent but a celebration of togetherness.

In the afterglow of the event, it was evident that Vintage Vibes had left an enduring impression, blending nostalgia with contemporary enthusiasm.

Once again, the flawless synthesis and coordination stole the show, emphasizing that when we prioritize the interests of our students and school beyond our personal gains, nothing is beyond our reach.



A Glimpse into the Reflection from parents that serves as a testament to our hard work and team work and one that keep the spirit within us going:

Hi Mam,
Good Morning..

Just wanted to convey my sincere thanks for the Annual day event ( Doordarshan). Who so ever thought of this idea , he or she is truly need a big hats off. Its truly a time travel to my childhood.. I recorded few clips and when I am listening those I am getting goose bumps. Even when I am writing this I am getting goose bumps. it was mesmerizing and nostalgic. those adds like Nirma, Dairy milk (Kuch khaas hai) , Gold spot etccc... I heard after decades and I truly had a time travel to my childhood. Just curious who/ how/ when the idea click in mind. Might be Sharmila Mam's idea not sure though but who so ever , he or she need a BIG BIG BIG Salute. My Heartful thanks to entire team. And Props..... I don't have any words for that. Its so creative , it required so much dedication and Passion. A BIG BIG THANKS to Entire team.

* All the acts are so heart touching. and one act where entire family sitting IN front of TV, its not coming and one person rotating the legacy Antena.. I am sure this was a situation in each and every house in 80s and 90s. truly a nice concept to enact Doordarshan

## Assemblies:

Students of Grade 5 conducted a special assembly on

**"Meethi Vani ka Mahatva"**

The skit emphasized the fact that kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.

The assembly proclaimed the fact that kind words do not cost much, yet they accomplish much.



Students of Grade 4 conducted an exuberant skit on

**"Ekta Mein Shakti"**

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

The skit showcased the importance of being united and we are only as strong as we are united as weak as we are divided.



## Assemblies:

Students of Grade 5 Explorers presented a thought provoking skit on the theme,

**"BOREDOM THERAPY- CREATE MAGIC WITH BOREDOM"**

The assembly was beautifully portrayed by the students depicting the fact that there's no time to be bored in a world as beautiful as this.






A special assembly on the topic

**"Good manners and Etiquettes"**

was conducted on 11th Jan for the students of PP2 to Grade 8.

The skit began by emphasizing the impact of magic words in everyday communication.

The characters demonstrated how incorporating phrases like



**"please", "thank you", "excuse me," and "I'm sorry"**

can transform ordinary interactions into respectful and considerate exchanges. The skit on "Good Manners and Etiquettes" served as a powerful and entertaining reminder of the values that form the bedrock of our school community.





**Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA)**

On 18th Jan, 2024 Cornerstone organized a special assembly dedicated to address the serious concern of drug abuse among students.





The assembly aimed to raise awareness about the consequences of drug abuse and to encourage students to take a collective pledge to eradicate this issue within the school community.

Teachers Ms. Usha Bharati and Ms. Deepta shared their knowledge with students on the topic that needed attention among young minds.

The event brought together students, teachers, and staff to foster a sense of unity in the fight against drug abuse.

## Assemblies:

**Republic Day Celebrations:**

The Republic Day celebration at Cornerstone was a grand and patriotic event that brought together students, teachers, and staff to commemorate the founding of the Indian Republic.

The day was marked by a series of vibrant and culturally rich performances that showcased the diversity and unity of our nation.

The cultural program kicked off with captivating English and Telugu skits, each carrying a poignant message about unity, diversity, and the importance of democracy.

To celebrate Tourism Day, a brief yet informative talk was given, shedding light on the rich cultural heritage, historical significance, and the natural beauty of our country.

The students were encouraged to appreciate and explore the diverse landscapes and cultures that India has to offer.

The artistic talents of the students took center stage with a mesmerizing group song, which echoed the patriotic fervor of the occasion. Following this, a vibrant group dance performance added a colorful touch to the celebration.

The event concluded with the national anthem, sung with great pride.

The Republic Day celebration at Cornerstone was not merely a spectacle of performances but a reminder of the collective strength that binds us as a nation.

It instilled a sense of patriotism and civic responsibility among the students, fostering a deeper understanding of the democratic principles that govern our great country.



## Field Trips:

Field trips provide authentic, hands-on experiential learning opportunities where students connect to what they are learning in the classroom, in a real world context.

**Pottery Making Professional:**

Students of Grade 4 were taken on a field trip to a pottery making professional in the nearby community.

The curious little ones observed the process with keen eyes and were amazed at the beautiful pieces lined up for observation.



Our students enthusiastically took part in pot making and were happy to see the masterpiece of their own creation - The Pots.

**Shilparamam:**

Our enthusiastic and excited students of Grade 4 visited Shilparamam as part of their educational field trip.

They got to experience village culture and heritage.

They observed different stalls that displayed art and crafts of Telangana.



**A Buzz in Cornerstone**

Students of Grade 8 made a Beeline to Honeybee center.

The trip was an enriching experience to the students as the team at the center was absolutely passionate about sharing the magical world of bees with the students.

The trip indeed was a unique experience, with thousands of buzzing bees flying around and students getting to learn how these tiny, yet powerful creatures work and live.

The visit to Apiary is one students will never forget.



# Field Trips:

**Botanical Garden:**

On 9th Jan 2024, Grade 6 embarked on an educational and delightful field trip to the local Botanical Garden.

The purpose of the trip was to enhance our understanding of plant life.

The excursion also offered a blend of educational exploration and recreational activities, providing a well-rounded experience for the students.

After the educational exploration, students were treated to a session of playtime amidst the lush greenery of the garden.

Students enjoyed their time in the play area, fostering a sense of camaraderie and joy.

The field trip to the Botanical Garden was a resounding success, blending education with recreation seamlessly. Students gained valuable insights into the fascinating world of plants while also enjoying a well-deserved break through playtime activities.



**Birla Science Museum:**

Cultural and educational institutions, Museums offer the diversity of knowledge with historical values and creativity, inspiring young minds. Birla Science Museum, a pride of Hyderabad, comprises planetarium, museum, Science center, art gallery as well as dinosaurium.

The outcome, the application of the blend of knowledge and creativity, is somewhat the expected effect of the field trip.



## Pleasure Trips:

Students of Grades 7, 8 and 9 were taken on a one-day trip to Hidden Castle on 25th Jan, 19th Jan, and 23rd Jan respectively.

The trip was a huge welcome break for both the students and teachers to plunge headlong into a plethora of activities and games.

The day was packed with a combination of fun-filled activities like zip lining, trekking, one-minute games, campfire, DJ and many more enhancing games.

It was heartening to see the students going all out to attempt the sports challenges with excitement and enthusiasm.

This was indeed an exciting and fun-filled experience for the learners as they made memories while having a lot of fun!



## Workshop for Students:

**Stop Sacrificing A Girl's Self-Esteem at the Altar of Menstrual Myths**

Effective menstrual hygiene is vital to the health,well being, dignity, empowerment, mobility and productivity of women and girls.
Poor menstrual hygiene may cause stigma, ill health and can lead to school absenteeism and increased school dropout rates.



Keeping the same in mind an interactive workshop on menstrual hygiene was conducted on

5th Jan 2023 for Grade 5 girls by Counsellor Sunita Ma'am.

During the workshop, the students were told about the science behind menstruation and the myths surrounding it.

The session entailed a comprehensive understanding on the what, why and how of menstruation comprising its meaning, developing a biological understanding and most importantly, awareness of hygiene practices to be maintained during menstrual cycle.

This endeavour by the school helped the girls to develop a better awareness of themselves and remove their inhibitions.

# Workshop for Students:

**It's Not About Having Lots Of Money. It's Knowing How To Manage It.**

The Money Management workshop (8th Jan, 2024) for Grade 8 students aimed to equip young minds with essential financial literacy skills.

Recognizing the importance of financial education, the workshop focused on cult ivating responsible money habits, budgeting skills, and an understanding of basic financial concepts.



The Money Management workshop for Grade 8 students successfully achieved its objectives by providing a comprehensive overview of essential financial topics.

The workshop not only equipped students with practical money management skills but also fostered a mindset of responsible financial decision-making.

**The Cyber Security Workshop**

A workshop for students in Grades 4 and 5 was conducted with the aim of providing fundamental knowledge and skills to promote online safety and security.

The workshop aimed to empower students with the tools necessary to navigate the digital world responsibly.

The workshop began with an introduction to the significance of cyber security in the digital age.

Participants were familiarized with the increasing prevalence of cybercrimes and the potential impact on individuals, property, and organizations.

An overview of essential security tools was provided, including firewalls, antivirus software, encryption, and multi-factor authentication.

Participants learned how these tools contribute to safeguarding against various cyber threats.

Students gained valuable insights into the diverse nature of cyber threats and acquired knowledge about security tools to mitigate risks.





# Workshop for Parents:



A workshop on the topic "Understanding our Teenagers" was conducted for the parents of Grades 8 and 9 by

**Mrs. Grace Nirupama**

Certified Coach, John Maxwell Team, US.

The workshop aimed to equip parents with insights and strategies to better understand and support their teenagers through the challenging phases of adolescence.

**Some of the key takeaways:**

1. Teach children to be their best, not THE BEST.
2. Choose your parenting style: Helicopter parenting or Lighthouse parenting?
3. Completing the race is more important than competing.

The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A session where parents had the opportunity to seek clarification on specific concerns.

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive.

Parents expressed gratitude for the practical strategies provided and the opportunity to share experiences with others facing similar challenges.



## Add more meaning to your life by travelling as much as you can as it is the best way to learn

Students of Grade 6 undertook a fascinating project on showcasing India's diverse tourism attractions on National Tourism day.

Each class was assigned specific states and union territories to explore and present on an A4-sized informative poster. The goal was to highlight the rich cultural, historical, and natural wonders of these regions, encouraging an appreciation for India's vast and varied tourism offerings.

The exhibit was thoughtfully organized, with each class focusing on the assigned states and union territories.

The students took a creative approach to display their findings on A4 sheets, combining textual information with vibrant visuals.

The exhibits were placed in a designated area, allowing visitors to easily navigate and explore the diverse tourism spots across India.

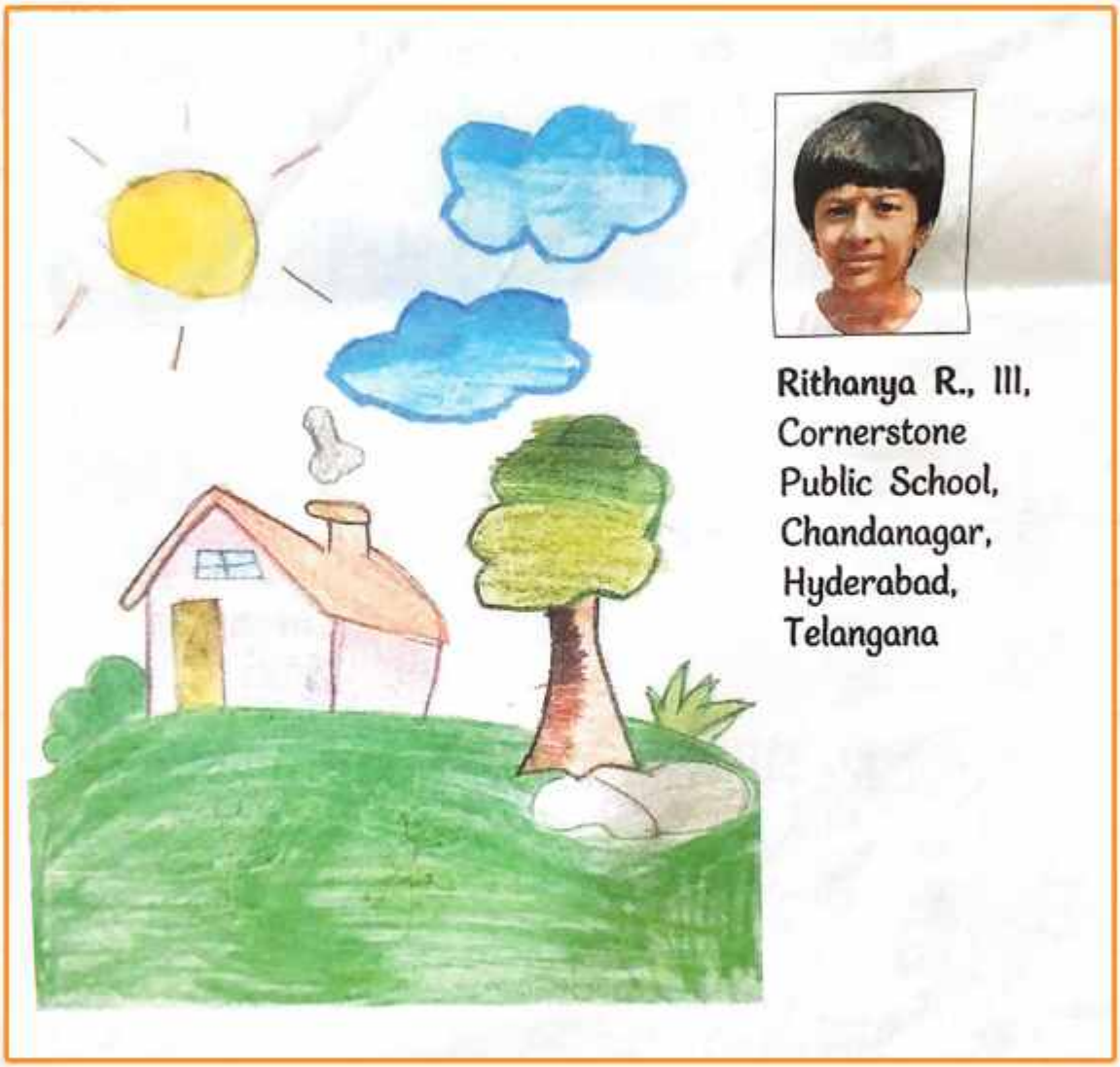


## You don't choose art; art chooses you:

Empowering Students Through Art Education: Painting is one of the best forms of self-expression.

The school takes absolute pride in Rithanya R of Grade 3, whose drawing got published in 'The Hindu Young World'.

At school students are encouraged to actively take part in arts that foster creativity, confidence and compassion.





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