CORNERSTONE Times









Training ends someday,
discipline stays forever...

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Every Drop Counts. Every Action Matters.



Dear Parents,

There are times when the world around us calls for more than just awareness; it calls for a change in the way we think, live and act. Hyderabad is witnessing a growing concern over water scarcity and the shortage of essential resources. This is a reminder that the resources we have long taken for granted are precious, finite and deserving of our utmost care.

Water is not merely a resource that flows through our taps. It sustains our homes, nourishes life, supports our communities and makes every aspect of our daily existence possible. Yet, how often do we pause to consider how much of it we use and how much we unknowingly waste?

As parents and educators, we have a responsibility that goes beyond providing our children with opportunities and comforts. We must also teach them to value what they have, respect the environment and understand that responsible living begins with everyday choices.

We earnestly appeal to every family to be conscious and mindful of water consumption. Avoid unnecessary wastage, turn off taps when not in use, repair leakages promptly, reuse water wherever possible and encourage children to adopt simple, sustainable habits. Small individual actions, when practised collectively, can create a meaningful difference.

At Cornerstone, we believe that education must extend beyond textbooks and classrooms. It must nurture individuals who are sensitive to the needs of society, conscious of their environment and accountable for the world they will inherit.

Let us remember that our children are not merely inheriting the world we create; they are also inheriting the consequences of the choices we make today.

Let us not wait for scarcity to teach us the value of abundance. Let us learn to conserve while we still have the privilege of access.

Together, let us make every drop count. The future deserves nothing less.

Warm regards

Cornerstone School



Founder's Day – October 7, 2026

October 7, 2026, marked a significant milestone in the journey of our school as we came together to celebrate Founder's Day. Twenty years of vision, twenty years of trust, and two decades of unwavering commitment came alive on our campus, making the occasion truly memorable.

Yet, this day holds a significance far beyond a celebration in our school calendar. It is also the birthday of our beloved Chairman, Solomon Sir – the visionary who has stood tall with an unwavering belief in the potential of every child and the abilities of every teacher who is a part of this institution.

His faith in people, his commitment to education, and his belief in nurturing possibilities have shaped the spirit of our school. Founder's Day, therefore, is not merely a celebration of the years gone by; it is a tribute to a vision that continues to inspire us, a journey built on trust, and a commitment that grows stronger with every passing year.

Peer Teaching session

AI for a Better Tomorrow – A Peer Learning Session



As part of Kaushal Bodh, a peer learning session on Artificial Intelligence was conducted for Grade 7 students by our Grade 10 student, Shanmukha Sailesh.

Sailesh introduced students to the possibilities of AI and connected the Aisha's Mango AI example from their textbook with his own project, PneumoAI, which focuses on the early detection of pneumonia. This helped students see how concepts learned in the textbook can be applied to real - world challenges.

He also emphasised that Kaushal Bodh should not be viewed as just another subject, but as an opportunity to develop skills, explore ideas and create solutions with purpose. He encouraged students to take the subject seriously and make the most of the opportunities it provides.

The session was highly engaging and inspiring, giving students an opportunity to learn from a senior student's experience and understand how AI can be used meaningfully for a better cause.

Medicinal plants - Grades 3 to 5



As part of the Ayurveda Day celebration, a Medicinal Plants Display was organised in the school. Students were introduced to common medicinal plants such as Tulsi, Neem, Aloe Vera, Turmeric and Ginger and learned about their traditional uses. The activity created awareness about the importance of plants and encouraged students to value and care for nature.

Grade 9 Vocational Education - Guest Lecture



As part of Kaushal Vikas, our skill-based curriculum, students of Grade 9 attended an insightful Expert Lecture on Civil Engineering and Architecture. The session focused on the basics of both disciplines, career opportunities, and future pathways, led by experts from the respective fields.

1. **Mr. Vinod Binu**
   Masters in construction management from IIT Chennai
   Executive Director - Landbase consulting India Pvt. Ltd.



2. **Ms. Ramya keerthana**
   Master's in Construction management from NICMAR
   PMP certified
   Associate Director - Landbase consulting India Pvt. Ltd.

This was followed by a short site visit to our ongoing construction site on the CS campus, giving students an opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world applications.

G11-12 visit to HCU



MOOT COURT @HPS, BEGUMPET

Cornerstone Shines at the National Moot Court Competition



On 10 October 2026, nine Grade 11 students participated in the 2nd National Inter - School Moot Court Competition - Hyderabad Edition, held at Hyderabad Public School.

Accompanied by Seethalakshmy Ma'am and Supriya Ma'am, the students gained valuable experience in legal reasoning, research, and thinking on their feet. Competing against 56 teams, the team comprising Anagha Srinivas, Riya Nagrale & Likhith Bhandari won the Best Emerging Team award, bringing pride and joy to Cornerstone School.

The experience was a wonderful introduction to the world of legal advocacy.

Exploring History, Creating Memories – A Journey to Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar



The students of Grades 6–8 embarked on an exciting three-day educational excursion to Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, where history, heritage and memorable experiences came together.

The visit to the magnificent Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum, Bibi Ka Maqbara, the world - renowned ,Ajanta Caves and the historic Panchakki offered students a fascinating glimpse into India's rich architectural and cultural heritage. Beyond the textbooks, these visits brought history alive, allowing students to explore, observe and appreciate the stories behind these remarkable landmarks.

But the excursion was about much more than sightseeing! It provided teachers and students with the opportunity to interact beyond the classroom, share experiences discover one another's personalities and strengthen their bonds.

Indeed, such journeys remind us that some of the most meaningful lessons are learnt outside the four walls of a classroom.

They returned with more than photographs and souvenirs – they carried home friendships strengthened, experiences shared and memories to cherish for a lifetime!

Coorg Chronicles – Three Days of Togetherness!



The students of Grades 9 – 12 embarked on a memorable three-day trip to the picturesque hill station of Coorg, making it an experience filled with exploration, learning and togetherness.

From gaining fascinating insights into the world of coffee plantations to soaking in the breathtaking views at Raja's Seat and the mesmerising beauty of Abbey Falls, the trip offered a wonderful blend of nature, culture and discovery. A visit to the serene Golden Temple added a meaningful cultural dimension to the journey.

Beyond the destinations and sightseeing, the trip offered something even more special – an opportunity for teachers and students to connect beyond the classroom, strengthen their bonds and come together as one team. Shared laughter, conversations, adventures and countless little moments made the three days truly unforgettable.

Some journeys take us to beautiful places; the best ones bring us closer to beautiful people.

Coorg gave us memories that will be treasured long after the journey ended!

Not Just Playing to Win, But Playing to Grow...

Term I Sports

STUDENT'S/ TEAM NAME	SPORT/ EVENT	CONDUCTED BY	PARTICIPATION/ ACCOLADE
U14 FOOTBALL TEAMS (BOYS)	FOOTBALL	CBSE GAMES @ NELLORE	PARTICIPATION
U17 FOOTBALL TEAMS (BOYS)	FOOTBALL	CBSE GAMES @ NELLORE	PARTICIPATION
U11 CHESS (BOYS)	CHESS	CBSE GAMES @ HYD	PARTICIPATION
U14 CHESS (BOYS)	CHESS	CBSE GAMES @ HYD	PARTICIPATION
U17 CHESS (BOYS)	CHESS	CBSE GAMES @ HYD	PARTICIPATION
RIYA NAGRALE (G11)	MUN	HSIS INDIA 2026 @ PUNE	BEST SDG REPRESENTATION (SGD 5.0 - GENDER EQUALITY)
SUDITI GANGULY (G11)	POWER PITCH	BIRLA OPEN MINDS	II PLACE/SILVER
SVANIK PADALA (G9)	SKATING	REQELFORD INTL SCHOOL	I PLACE/GOLD
SHANAIKA PADALA (G5)	SKATING	REQELFORD INTL SCHOOL	I PLACE/GOLD
BITRAGUNTA VEDA (G9)	Group Kata (Category: 14+ Girls)	NATIONAL SHITORYU KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2026	I PLACE/GOLD
BITRAGUNTA VEDA (G9)	Individual Kata (Category: 14+ Girls)	NATIONAL SHITORYU KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2026	III PLACE/BRONZE
PUJYA SRITHA SINGAMALA (G7)	KARATE	-	-
JOSHITH KARTHIK BEVARA (G6)	BOXING U12 56-58 kgs	TG INTERSCHOOL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026	I PLACE/GOLD
ANVITHA SURINENI	CHESS	-	-
CHALLA NISHANTH	CHESS	CBSE GAMES	III PLACE/BRONZE
CHILKAMUKKU DIANA GRACE	GYMNASTICS	KHELO INDIA	-
U16 GIRLS	VOLLEYBALL	SADHANA INFINITY	II PLACE/SILVER
ATHAN SRI SIRI	BADMINTON	SADHANA INFINITY	III PLACE/BRONZE
KAVYASREE BATCHU	VOLLEYBALL	U14 TELANGANA TEAM GIRLS @ PUNE	II PLACE/SILVER
U17 GIRLS	VOLLEYBALL	SGFI INTERSCHOOL	II PLACE/SILVER
BHAVYESH BALAJI	CHESS	-	-
ANAGHA SRINIVAS	MOOT COURT	HPS, BEGUMPET	BEST EMERGING TEAM
LIKHITH BHANDARI	MOOT COURT	HPS, BEGUMPET	BEST EMERGING TEAM
RIYA NAGRALE	MOOT COURT	HPS, BEGUMPET	BEST EMERGING TEAM
KAVYASREE P	MOOT COURT	HPS, BEGUMPET	-
NAIVEDYA MENON	MOOT COURT	HPS, BEGUMPET	-
G PRANATHI	MOOT COURT	HPS, BEGUMPET	-
SAI SIDDESH PERI	MOOT COURT	HPS, BEGUMPET	-
BHAVESH	MOOT COURT	HPS, BEGUMPET	-
DIANA GRACE	MOOT COURT	HPS, BEGUMPET	-
AYITHA GAURAV	MUN, DELEGATE OF POLAND	MIRAI SCHOOL	SPECIAL MENTION
DIANA GRACE	CBSE NATIONALS GYMASTICS	CBSE	I& III PLACE/GOLD/2 BRONZE
M RAMA DRUTHI	ATHLETICS 200 Mts	GLENDALE ACADEMY NALLGANDLA	I PLACE/ GOLD
PUDI JAIDEEP	ATHLETICS 400 Mts	GLENDALE ACADEMY NALLGANDLA	III PLACE/ BRONZE

The school's U17 Girls' volleyball team won the Silver medal at the SGFI competitions held at Chandanagar.





Vijay Levi 5th grade got one Gold medal and two silver medals in swimming competition.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Grade 4 Tulips Presents: "Mawlynnong's Mending Moment"

Grade 4 Tulips presented an engaging and thought - provoking assembly titled

"Mawlynnong's Mending Moment" Through an inspiring story, the students highlighted the importance of environmental responsibility and the need to adopt sustainable practices in our everyday lives.

The young learners brought an important environmental issue to life through their captivating skit set in Mawlynnong, the renowned clean village of Meghalaya. With characters like Thenyak, Changun, and their fellow eco-heroes, the performance showcased how careless littering and improper waste disposal polluted the village and blocked its natural salt spring. Their collective efforts to clear the garbage and restore the flow of the spring beautifully demonstrated the power of teamwork and community participation.

Our young eco-warriors shared simple yet meaningful ways to protect the environment that truly made an impact:

- Following the three Rs - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
- Segregating waste responsibly using colour-coded bins.
- Using blue bins for paper and cardboard, green for organic waste, and yellow for plastics and metals.
- Avoiding littering and disposing of waste appropriately.
- Taking small, everyday steps towards a cleaner and greener environment.
- Working together to bring about positive change in the community.

Grade 1A - Staying Safe with Strangers

Grade 1B - The Sugar-Free Surprise

4B Daffodils Presents: "Managing Time Like A Smart Student"

Class 4B – Daffodils brought a fun and relatable story to life through their skit, 'The Clock That Kept Ticking." With characters like Arjun the late starter, Tara the planner, and Time itself appearing on stage as a wise, ticking guide, the performance showed students how the choices they make with their daily hours shape who they become.

Our young learners came forward with simple and smart time-management ideas that truly stole the show:

Making a short to-do list before sitting down to study
Finishing important work first, before playing
Keeping study time and play time separate
Asking for help early instead of sitting and worrying

Just starting - because beginning is often the hardest part

Their energy and honesty lit up the stage, turning a simple lesson about the clock into a message every student and teacher could enjoy.

Thanks to these young time-managers, Arjun learned that the goal was never to find more hours in the day, but to stop wasting the ones he already had.

The performance ended with a Time Pledge, a lovely reminder that respecting time is a daily choice that quietly shapes the life we build.

Learning Outcomes

- Self-Discipline
- Responsible Behavior
- Teamwork & Collaboration
- Confidence & Public Speaking
- Creative Expression
- Value Education
- Problem - Solving Skills
- Life Skills

4C Daisies Presents: "Fuel Off, Future On"

Class 4C - Daisies brought the important message of saving energy and making responsible choices to life through an engaging assembly, "Fuel Off, Future On." Through their lively skit, energetic dance, expressive performances and confident presentation, the students showed how small everyday actions can help conserve energy and build a sustainable future.

Our young learners shared simple and smart ways to save energy that truly stole the show:

- Switching off lights and fans when not needed
- Using daylight whenever possible
- Unplugging appliances when they are not in use
- Using energy wisely instead of wasting it
- Choosing simple, energy-saving habits every day
- Remembering that every little action can help save our Earth and power a better future

4D Orchids Presents: "The day mistakes became teachers"

On September 17, the students of Grade 4D – Orchids presented an engaging class assembly on the theme 'The day mistakes became teachers". Through a meaningful skit, lively performances, and an energetic dance, they highlighted the importance of making wise financial decisions.

Learning Outcomes

Understand that mistakes are a natural part of learning and growth. Recognise mistakes as opportunities to learn rather than something to fear or feel ashamed of. Reflect on their own mistakes and identify what they can learn from them. Develop a growth mindset by understanding that abilities can improve through practice and perseverance.

Values Developed

- Resilience
- Perseverance
- Responsibility
- Self - confidence
- Honesty

Grade 1A (Canaries)	- Staying Safe with Strangers
Grade 1B (Cardinals)	- The Sugar-Free Surprise
Grade 9C (Trailblazers)	- Financial Literacy for Teens
Grade 6A (Alpha)	- The Lost Bees
Grade 2D (Cherries)	- My Little Library
Grade 2E (Peaches)	- Road Safety for Young Children

"All of us do not have equal talent,
but all of us have an equal opportunity to develop our talents."

— APJ Abdul Kalam


ASSEMBLY


CLASS ASSEMBLY
GRADE6 ALPHA


GRADE 4B DAFFODILS
MANAGING TIME LIKE A SMART STUDENT




FUEL OFF, FUTURE ON




Road Safety for Young Children


STAYING SAFE WITH STRANGERS




GRADE 1 CARDINALS
THE SUGAR-FREE SURPRISE

No Bag Day, No Boundaries to Learning – A Green Escape to Eco Park!



As part of the CBSE initiative of *No Bag Day, the students of Grades 9 - 10 set out on a refreshing excursion to **Eco Park, Kothwalguda*.The visit turned out to be a delightful revelation, reminding us that Hyderabad is no less beautiful than a hill station! The lush greenery, vibrant flower gardens and serene surroundings offered a refreshing escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. Every corner presented an opportunity to pause, admire nature and appreciate the beauty that lies so close to home.The day was a wonderful blend of recreation, exploration and experiential learning. Away from textbooks and classroom routines, students enjoyed the freedom to connect with nature, interact with their peers and create memories together. At Cornerstone, we believe that learning extends far beyond the classroom. And this No Bag Day, we certainly made the most of it! *No bags, no books, but plenty of learning, laughter and memories!*



NCC Updates:

NCC cadets participated in their highly anticipated firing practice session on 28th September.

For these young leaders, it was their very first time handling the standard .22 caliber rifles, marking a significant milestone in their NCC training journey.

Under strict safety protocols and expert supervision at the firing range, the cadets were comprehensively briefed on range discipline, sight setting, and trigger control.

The session wasn't just about hitting the target; it was a profound lesson in patience, physical control, and mental clarity. Watching our cadets step off the range with newfound confidence and a proud spark in their eyes was a powerful moment.

We are immensely proud to announce that our NCC cadets Deepika Samantray, Parul Bhatt and T Mohana Mokshith have successfully advanced to the prestigious Inter-Group Republic Day Camp (RDC) selections. Demonstrating exceptional talent, teamwork, and discipline, our cadets have been chosen to compete in the highly competitive Cultural and Flag Area categories.

As we eagerly await the final selection results, the entire Cornerstone community stands behind them. We wish our brilliant cadets the best of luck as they continue to make us proud!



NCC ANNUAL CAMP

The first batch of NCC attended the mandatory ten-day Annual Camp from 9th October to 19th October 2026 at Zee High School, Hayathnagar on the outskirts of the city, in a beautiful campus with a large ground.

The camp offered them a valuable opportunity to step out of their comfort zones and develop discipline, independence, teamwork, and resilience.

Their daily schedule included morning roll call, Physical Efficiency Training (PET), breakfast, theory classes, and games and cultural activities in the evenings. The theory sessions covered topics such as teamwork and public speaking, along with insightful lectures by an Air Force Commander. Cadets also took part in section formation and fire drills, learning the importance of coordination and safety. The spirit of unity was evident when they supported one another during illness or injury. Most importantly, the cadets spent ten days away from gadgets, experiencing a complete digital detox and learning to connect, communicate, and enjoy life beyond screens. Overall, the camp was a valuable life experience that strengthened their character and taught them the importance of discipline, teamwork, and caring for others.









Inter-House Display Boards: House Spirit on Display!

Our school hallways are beaming with school spirit thanks to the latest House Display Boards! Each House brought exceptional research, artistic talent, and dedication to their assigned themes:

One World, One Family:
Showcased global peace and unity using handcrafted paper cutouts of world landmarks, origami doves, and vibrant international flags.



Heroes without Capes (Unsung Heroes):
Created a powerful tribute honoring community front-line workers - doctors, police officers, cleaners, and teachers - centered around a bold golden "Thank You" emblem.



The Constitution in Our Everyday Lives:
Delivered an outstanding, interactive display connecting civic rights to daily life, complete with Ashoka Chakra motifs and a 3D flip-book.



Science: Discover, Imagine & Transform:
High-tech exploration of futuristic science, space, and Nobel Laureates, brought to life with 3D rockets and a dynamic central globe.



While September and October were packed with examinations, assessments, and a flurry of activities, we now look forward to November with renewed excitement!

The month ahead promises a refreshing blend of fun, learning, celebrations, and engaging activities, giving our children plenty of opportunities to explore, participate, and create joyful memories.