Events of 2011-2012

On the 15th of June, the various clubs of the school were inaugurated in a simple function held during the assembly. Mr Pradeep Chakravarty and Mrs. Anusha Chakravarty presided over the function. The rendition of a song by Mrs. Anusha Chakravarty, an alumnus of our school, was appreciated by everyone.

The annual Prize Day was held on 17th June. The Chief Guest, Mr. Shanker Gopalkrishnan, President of the Madras Consultancy Group gave away the prizes. Long Service Awards for completing many years of meritorious service in Vidya Mandir were presented to Mrs. Sumitra Ravichandran (30 years), Mrs. Sudha Suresh (20 years), and Mrs. Jayalakshmi (20 years). The Best All Rounder Awards were presented to Ramanna Srinivas and Nivedita Shankar. The Best Outgoing Boy and Girl were Vivek S and Vaishnavi S respectively. In his address, Mr. Shanker Gopalkrishnan, spoke about how commitment to a noble cause leads to success and fulfillment in life

The Alumni Induction ceremony was held on 18th June. Our principal, Mrs.Raghunandan, officially inducted the batch of 2011 into the Vidya Mandir Alumni family.

Reflections, the annual Inter-School Culturals was held on July 1st and 2nd. This year twenty six schools participated in the various events held on two days. The overall trophy was won by P.S. Senior Secondary School.

On July 8th and 9th it was time for Entrenous, the Intra-School Culturals. It was a platform for VM students from class X, XI and XII to showcase their budding talents. The events held included debate, quiz, T-shirt designing, shipwreck, Dumb-C, Adzap, music, dance and variety entertainment. It was a close contest and XII C emerged the winner.

On 16th July, there was fierce competition among the four houses for the top spot in the Annual Inter-House Dramatics Competition. "Ms. Civilization", the Nangaparbhath play was adjudged the winner. The second place was won by Nilkant for their play "Elizabeth Refuses". The plays were judged by Krishnakumar Balasubramanian from Little Theatre, Mr. Viswanathan of Alchemy and our Alumnus, Mr.Bhargav from Evam.

From July 17th to 21st, six girls from Class X visited the Methodist Girls' High School in Singapore as part of the on-going twinning program. They were accompanied by Mrs. Shobha Raman and Mrs. Elizabeth George. The students spent two days at the Methodist Girls School participating in class room sessions and also attended the Regional Youth Conference. This year the theme of the conference was "This earth is mine"

Independence Day was celebrated as usual with great enthusiasm. After the flag hoisting ceremony, the students put up a cultural program consisting of patriotic songs, colorful dances and a special mime show on keeping the environment clean. This was also the day chosen by the batch of 1986 to meet in school along with their teachers to celebrate their 25th anniversary.

The School Day was held on the 19th of August at Narada Gana Sabha. The evening started with a melodious performance by the school orchestra “Amritha Lahiri”. This was followed by the middle school play titled “The Fool’s Hunt”. The Sanskrit Play and the Tamil Play depicted
themes from the mythology. The dance drama, “Navarasanayagi” depicted the nine moods of the Devi. The Hindi dances featured the various dance forms of the North East. The evening ended with the High School English play, “Ms Civilization”.

From Aug 17th to 21st, ten students from Class XI and XII attended the **Harvard Model United Nations Conference** held at the World Trade Centre in Bombay. The students were accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Anuradha Prasad and PTA member, Mrs. Lathika Raman.

The 56th Annual **Sports Day** held on 31st Aug began with the march past followed by well-coordinated mass drill performance by the primary. The students participated enthusiastically in the various track events held during that day. The prize distribution ceremony was presided over by the Hon. Justice V. Rama Subramaniam. The overall cup was bagged by the Nangaparbhath House. The individual champions were

**Juniors:** Ananth and S Sadhvi  
**Seniors:** Abhinav Nair and Nethra Vishwanathan  
**Super Seniors:** Adithya Arun and Easha P Yadav

The **CBSE Cluster V Football Tournament** was organized by our school from 19th Oct to 21st Oct at SDAT Nehru Park. The tournament was inaugurated by Mr. Viji Santhanam, Brakes India Ltd and the Validateory function was presided over by Mr. Srikanth, Elforge Ltd. The guest of honour was Mr. Samuel Raj Daniel, Infra SDAT.

Winning Team: St Johns International Residential School Palandur  
Runners Up: Vidya Mandir Mylapore  
Third Place: Chinmaya International Residential School, Coimbatore  
Fourth Place: SBOA School, Anna Nagar

The winning team and the runners up will attend the CBSE National Football Finals to be held in November at Chennai organized by DAV Public School.

The project Day held on 23rd Dec 2011 had themes ranging from "Pollution - Solution", "Aqua World", "Africa", "Heads or Tails", "Art World" to "Significant 64". The topics were presented in the form charts, models, power-points, songs and dances. The Chief Guest, Ms. R. Aruna, Principal, Sri Sivasami Kalalaya Senior Secondary School, Mylapore took keen interest in the project display and greatly appreciated the students for their creativity and boundless enthusiasm.

The SPL Elections were held on 13th January. Karthik Nathan was chosen as the Student Pupil Leader while Srijayanth S. and Anvita Singaraju were chosen as Assistant School Pupil Leaders.

Funfest 2011 held on 22nd and 23rd January, saw our students enjoying themselves with their friends trying out their luck at different games and savoring the assortment of snacks available at the food stalls. The delicious muffins baked by the members of the Interact Club were an instant hit among the students and were sold out in no time!
On 26th January, the Republic Day was celebrated with the hoisting of the tricolor by the Principal. The middle school put together an excellent show consisting of patriotic songs, colorful dances and a tableau depicting our freedom fighters. This was followed the solemn investiture ceremony in which the new group of prefects headed by Karthik Nathan took over from the outgoing prefects.

The Founders' Day was celebrated on 3rd of February. The Memorial Oration was delivered by the Chief Guest of the day, Mr. T.T. Srinivasa Raghavan, Managing Director of Sundaram Finance.

The Primary School Day held on the 11th February commenced with a melodious performance by our orchestra "Amrita Lahiri" followed by the vibrant "Harvest Dances of India". The Tamil Play featured the historical poet-saint Thirugnana Sambandar while the Hindi Play was based on the entertaining tales of Akbar and Birbal. The day ended with the colorful Dance Drama.

On the 24th of February, it was time for the kindergartener’s to showcase their talents cheered on by an audience consisting of parents, grandparents, siblings and friends.

The board exams and summative assessments were conducted in March.

The school reopened for the new academic year (2012-2013) on 2nd April and will close for the summer on April 20th. The school reopens on June 4th after the summer holidays.