

# Welcome to The NEST School

## Where Learning takes flight with smiles abright

Nurturing confident, curious, and creative kids, The NEST school offers a joyful, holistic learning experience that prepares students to thrive in tomorrow's world.

### OUR VISION

Nurturing young learners with a global and creative mindset to power the transformation of their and our world

### OUR MISSION

Children shape our world as much as we shape their world. As educators, we believe that transforming their learning experience is the key to unlocking a better, more empowered world. We aspire to create education that is



Relevant to Real World & Individual Passions



Supported by Application & Experience



Collaboration Driven



Organic & Holistic



Anchored to Create Social Impact





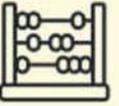
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**DIRECTOR - The NEST School**

**30+ Years** of IB Leadership  
Experience across the Globe



# The NEST Approach

## A Joyful Start with Our Early Years Program



At NEST School, our Early Years Program (Pre-KG to UKG) is designed to make learning an adventure! We combine the best of Montessori, Waldorf, and Reggio Emilia philosophies to create a holistic and engaging experience. Here's how we make a difference:

- **Building Independence:** We empower children to manage themselves, fostering emotional well-being and self-confidence.
- **Developing Essential Skills:** Through hands-on activities, we lay the groundwork for reading, writing, and motor skills development.
- **Learning Through Play:** We believe in the power of play! Our activity-based approach sparks curiosity and creativity.
- **Creating Connections:** A safe and supportive environment helps children build strong relationships and feel secure.



MONTESSORI



Reggio Emilia





# Ignite Curiosity

## The Primary Years Program (Grades 1-5)

At NEST School, our Primary Years Program (PYP) is where young learners embark on a journey of discovery! Designed for Grades 1-5 and following the renowned IB framework, PYP fosters a love of learning through:

- **Inquiry-Driven Exploration:** We encourage students to ask questions, investigate, and take ownership of their learning.
- **Real-World Connections:** Learning comes alive as students explore big ideas through six engaging themes like "Who We Are" and "How the World Works."
- **Skills for the Future:** PYP develops essential skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication, preparing students to thrive in a complex world.



- **Learning Across Subjects:** Our transdisciplinary approach connects different subjects, making learning relevant and meaningful.
- **Personalized Progress:** We provide ongoing feedback and transparent assessments to support each student's unique learning journey.





# Preparing Global Citizens

## The Cambridge Program

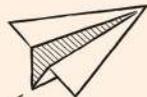
NEST School's Cambridge Program, starting from Grade 6, provides students with a globally recognized education through the Lower Secondary and IGCSE curricula. We offer a broad spectrum of subjects, from Art and Music to ICT and Drama, all delivered with a focus on project-based learning and the development of essential life skills through CAS.



### Key Highlights:

- **Nurturing Talent:** The NEST Talent Hub empowers students to discover and develop their interests through a wide array of clubs and activities.
- **Integrated Learning:** Our Seamless Curriculum Integration ensures a smooth progression from the PYP to the Cambridge Program, creating a holistic and connected learning experience.
- **Career Pathways:** Our Internship Programs provide students with valuable real-world exposure, fostering community engagement in Grades 5-8 and facilitating shadow learning and career exploration in Grades 9 and above.





## NEST Advocacy Hours Beyond the Classroom

At NEST School, we believe in connecting learning to the real world. Our NEST Advocacy Hours bring field experts and community members into the classroom to deepen students' understanding of important concepts. These dynamic sessions make learning vibrant and relevant by exploring real-world applications and current societal issues.





## Deep Dives

Our Deep Dives are an innovative twist on traditional field trips, designed to extend classroom learning into real-world applications. Organized once or twice every semester, these experiences allow students to explore how concepts learned in class are applied in practical settings.



# Sustainability Curriculum

## Eco-Champions



NEST School's Sustainability Curriculum cultivates environmentally aware and responsible students. Through theme-based, age-appropriate learning, students engage in hands-on activities and projects, showcasing their passion at our annual Sustainability Showcase. We empower students to become true Eco-Champions.



### OUR COMMITMENT

To develop environmental awareness and responsibility through engaging, age-appropriate learning and activities.



## Social Skills Curriculum

### Heart and Mind

At NEST School, we believe in nurturing both the mind and heart. Our Social Skills Curriculum focuses on developing strong values and emotional balance in every student. Each semester, we emphasize a specific positive trait, weaving it into all lessons to help children internalize these values naturally.



### OUR COMMITMENT

To help children learn traits that inculcate good values and principles while ensuring they are emotionally well-balanced.





# Tech Curriculum

## Digital Creators

NEST School is committed to developing digital creators, not just users.



### OUR GOAL

Tech Curriculum dedicates four periods each week to building essential skills in ICT, Coding, Robotics, and Aerobay. This immersive experience prepares students to confidently tackle the technological challenges of tomorrow.



### OUR PROMISE

A comprehensive technology curriculum designed to equip students for a tech-driven future.



# Finance Curriculum

## Financial Independence



We believe in fostering independence in all aspects of life.



### OUR GOAL

Finance Curriculum provides students with the knowledge and skills to manage their finances effectively. Through hands-on activities and semester-end projects, students gain practical experience in understanding money and developing sound financial habits.



### OUR PROMISE

To nurture financially responsible individuals who can handle their finances with confidence.



# Extracurricular Activities

## Expanding Horizons



NEST School is committed to nurturing well-rounded individuals. Our diverse extracurricular activities provide students with opportunities to explore their passions and develop essential life skills:

**Co-Curricular Excellence:** Art, Music, Drama, Yoga, and Sports are seamlessly integrated into our curriculum, fostering creativity and physical well-being.

**Clubs and Societies:** From the English Literary Club to the Science Club, we offer a wide array of clubs and societies to ignite curiosity and nurture diverse interests.

**Sports Team:** Congo Elephant, Tongass Bears, Sundarban Tigers, Daintree Pythons and Amazon Caimans.



## Community Engagement

### Building Connections

We believe in the power of community. NEST School fosters strong connections through engaging events and activities:

**IMICE Celebrations:** Our IMICE events celebrate international cultures and traditions, fostering global awareness and appreciation for diversity.

**Sustainability Showcase:** Our annual Sustainability Showcase highlights students' innovative projects and commitment to environmental stewardship.

**Coffee Meets:** We host monthly Coffee Meets with experts to support parents in their journey, covering topics from parenting to child development.



# A Foundation for Success

## Our Commitment to Care



### Thriving Campus: Sustainable and State-of-the-Art

- **Sustainable Practices:** We are committed to environmental responsibility, featuring solar plants, composting yards, and other eco-friendly initiatives.
- **State-of-the-Art Facilities:** Our modern facilities are designed to enhance learning and provide a comfortable and stimulating environment.

### Safety and Security

- Entire campus covered by CCTV
- Live monitoring of CCTV feeds across the day
- Scanning for every child both at entry and exit
  - barcode matching with parents
- Multiple security points



# Partnering with Parents

## Your Child's Journey, Together

**A DAY @ THE NEST**



**Our NEST PILLAR in focus : 'Identifying individual strengths and talents'**



**Ball Aiming**  
Activity: Aiming the ball to given target



**Sand Play**

Springing Spruce - a visual monthly report to give parents an understanding of the learning progress in the classroom with live images from the classroom.



Subject Logs - Highlights and details in each subject area to ensure parents are in sync with the learning

Flight Feathers - End Of Semester Report

Monthly Newsletters - this is a generic from the desk of the HoS to highlight the activities of the month that has gone by and specific activities/events planned for the upcoming month



**GRADE 5**  
Week No : 19      Dates : 2/12/2024 - 6/12/2024

Weekly Class log with Sessions and Learnings	
Circle time and Assembly	Session 1-4 : Bonding Time and Setting the tone for the day
Unit of Inquiry	<p><b>Theme : How we express ourselves</b>  <b>Line of inquiry 1 : People use technology to express their opinions in different mediums</b>  <b>Line of inquiry 2 : Technology is used to learn and share knowledge</b></p> <p>Session 1 and 2 : Introduction to podcasts and vlogs            Session 3 and 4 : Steps in recording podcasts and vlogs            Session 5 and 6 : Introduction to blogs and websites            Session 7 and 8 : Media and its types            Session 9 and 10 : Exploring the tool - Sketchpad</p>
Inquiry through Numeracy	Session 1, 2 & 3: Introduction to circles; Radius and diameter calculation; Area calculation
Inquiry through Literacy	Session 1 : Types of 3rd person point of view Session 2 : Free reading Session 3 : Listening comprehension - Podcasts
Inquiry through Science	Session 1 & 2 : Types of forces Session 3 : Introduction to Newton's Laws of motion & concept of Inertia
Inquiry through 2nd language - Tamil	Session 1 : Reflecting on sollukul sol Session 2 : Importance of soil & Introduction to organic farming on account of World Soil day Session 3 : Thirukkural ( kural 616)
Inquiry through 2nd language - French	Session 1: Short film and reflection - Une vie de chat Session 2 : Book reading - Short French stories
Inquiry through Art	Session 1 & 2: Ancient Roman Mosaic art.
Inquiry through PSPE	Session 1: Dynamic Warm up exercises , Soccer practice game . Session 2: Dynamic Warm up exercises, Theory class about Soccer basic laws , Practice game. Session 3 : Dynamic Warm up exercises ,Soccer



### APPROACHES TO LEARNING

Approaches to Learning (ATL) are a set of five skills that the International Baccalaureate (IB) expects every learner to develop over the course of their learning journey.

### PARAMETERS

The skills are gauged using the following parameters:



EXEMPLARY



PROFICIENT



DEVELOPING



EMERGING

### SKILLS IDENTIFIED FOR THE LEARNER

**Communication Skills**

Nigazhini excels in expressing herself through verbal communication, demonstrating a strong command of vocabulary. Her self-introduction during the school assembly was a standout moment in her inquiry journey, showcasing her confidence and ability to engage the audience effectively. Encouraging her to continue sharing her thoughts and ideas will further enhance her confidence and refine her skills, helping her grow as an even more impactful communicator.

**Thinking Skills**

Nigazhini is an intuitive learner with a strong grasp of letter and phonetic sounds. She easily matches letters to pictures. Her creativity and critical thinking help her connect ideas and solve problems effectively. Her passion for learning inspires her peers, making her a positive role model in the classroom.

**Self-Management Skills**

Nigazhini excels in self-management by taking great care of her belongings and consistently following essential agreements. Her organization and responsibility, such as packing her bag after snack and folding her napkin, are commendable. However, her nutrition may be limited due to occasional hesitancy in trying new foods.

**Social Skills**

Nigazhini's ability to express herself and engage in conversation makes her a delightful presence in the classroom. She has the potential to develop meaningful friendships with her peers. She would benefit from focusing on sharing toys and cooperating with others during both free play and structured activities. By improving these skills, she will build stronger relationships, enjoy more positive interactions, and contribute to a more enjoyable playtime experience for everyone.

The NEST School  
Progress Report: 2024-25

# Real-World Learning Through Internships

Internships are a key part of your child's education at The Nest School, starting from Grade 5.

## **GRADES 5 - 8:**

- Short semester (4-5 days) or summer (2 weeks) program.
- Focus on community-based activities and volunteering.
- Exposure to different organizations and their work.
- Develops understanding of working styles and self-reliance.

## **GRADES 9 AND ABOVE:**

- Minimum 2-week placements in various organizations.
- "Shadow learning" to experience different professions firsthand.
- Gain insight into career realities and personal passion.
- Supports informed subject and career choices.

Our Internship Program offers invaluable practical experience to help students explore their interests and prepare for their future.



## Empowering Our Educators for Student Success

Professional Development (PD) is a vital part of The Nest School's commitment to excellence.

- **Effective Teaching:** PD focuses on the latest, impactful teaching methods.
- **Deep Subject Knowledge:** Teachers continuously expand their expertise.
- **Technology Integration:** Learning to use tech for engaging lessons.
- **Leadership Growth:** Nurturing leadership skills within our team.
- **Collaboration:** Encouraging shared learning and best practices.
- **Transdisciplinary Training:** Intensive month-long in-house training for interconnected learning.
- **Safety & Awareness:** Comprehensive POSH and POCSO training for a secure environment.
- **Educator Well-being:** Supporting self-care and reflective practices.



# After School

## Explore & Grow!

Extend your child's day with enriching, professionally run after-school activities at The Nest School.

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

- Basketball: Teamwork & skills on the court.
- Soccer: Fundamental skills & active fun.
- Skating: Balance, agility & confidence.
- Gymnastics: Flexibility, strength & coordination.
- Theatre: Creativity & confidence through drama.
- Storytelling: Imagination & language development.



Coming Soon: Look out for new programs next academic year!

Give your child the opportunity to discover new passions after school!



# Special Touches

## That Make Us Unique

Discover what sets The Nest School apart:

- **Connect with Leadership:** "Chirping Time" offers students direct interaction with the Head of School.
- **Rich History, Rooted in India:** Specially designed history curriculum with a focus on Indic Studies.
- **Celebrate Together:** Joyful birthday celebrations for every child.
- **Health & Safety First:** On-site health facility maintained by **Medway Hospitals** with a qualified nurse for immediate care.

At The Nest School, we nurture your child's growth in a caring and comprehensive way.



# PSPE: Nurturing the Whole Child

## at The Nest School

Personal, Social, and Physical Education (PSPE) is integral to a balanced education, fostering your child's physical health, emotional well-being, and social skills.

- **Physical Development:** Enhancing motor skills, fitness, and health through active play and sports.
- **Social Skills:** Building teamwork, communication, empathy, and respect for others.
- **Emotional Well-being:** Understanding and expressing feelings, developing resilience and confidence.
- **Health & Nutrition:** Learning about healthy eating, hygiene, and lifestyle choices.
- **Reflective Learning:** Encouraging self-assessment and goal setting for personal growth.



Through PSPE, we empower your child to grow in a healthy, confident, and well-rounded way.



## MS-IIC: Empowering Innovation through EDI

Our EDI curriculum, in collaboration with MS-IIC (**Meenakshi Sundararajan Innovation & Incubation Centre**), cultivates innovation and entrepreneurial thinking:

- **Creative Clubs:** Explore passions and develop innovative projects.
- **Hackathons (Internal & External):** Fun competitions to build problem-solving and teamwork skills (2 internal, 2 external).
- **Mentorship Program:** Top innovators receive guidance from MSIIC experts.
- **Incubation Access:** Opportunity to develop ideas at the MSIIC incubation centre.
- **Entrepreneurial Support:** Funding and lab access for promising ventures.
- **External Competition Funding:** Support for showcasing talent in external events.



# NEST PILLARS



## Diversity & Differences – Without Hierarchy

We encourage diversity among our faculty and community by:

- Cherishing and respecting differences
- Not propagating hierarchy
- Appreciating and looking for different perspectives

## What We Learn

- We “retain what we look for and acquire” as against being “taught”

## Real World Applications of “What We Learn”

- How what we learn is applied in “Real World Context”

## Identify Individual Strengths & Talents

- In an uncertain environment, fear makes us walk half stride; we need confidence to overcome that fear
- When we know our strengths and build on them – we have the confidence to overcome

## Community & Societal Consciousness

- Strong sense of attachment to society and contributing to sustainable living

## Working Together

- Understand & accommodate differences in people
- Understand that no human is an island
- In collaboration or group work, the final total is greater than the sum of individual parts
- Collaborate, don’t compete.

## Self Management

- If we manage each other, we manage the world – if everyone is at peace, the world is at peace
- Manage our body, mind, emotions & life
- Understand that we are responsible for our

## Collecting Data & Analysing Information

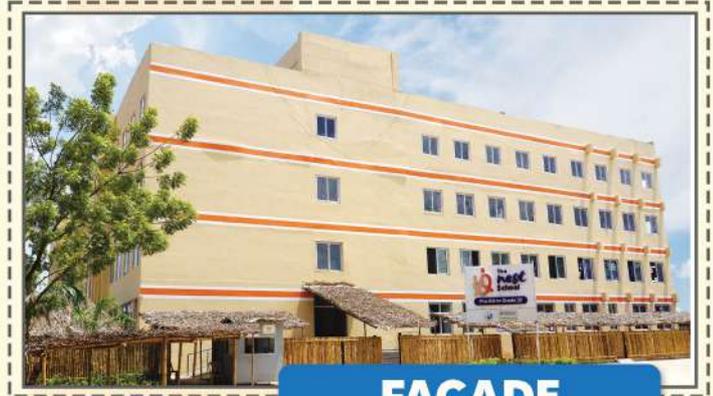
- When faced with a new task – understand the process of collecting data, converting it into information and analysing the information to arrive at a conclusion



# OUR NEW LEARNING SPACE



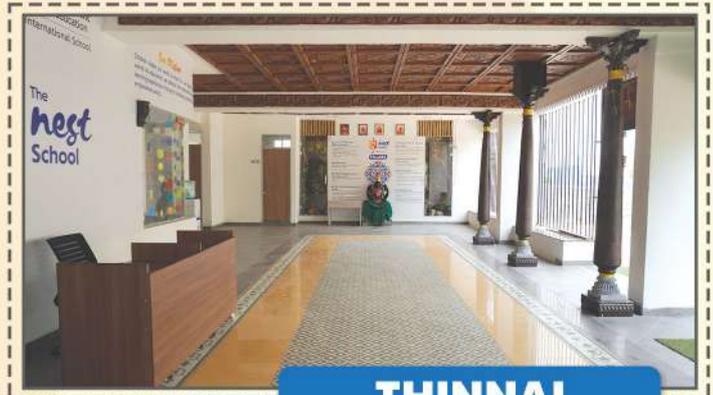
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**FACADE**



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