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# HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

ACADEMIC  
YEAR

2022-23

## FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU**  
**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2022-23**

During the academic year 2000-23 the following academic, co-curricular and cultural programmes were conducted:

**1. Research Methodology Workshop**


**Date: 23-08-2022**

**Objective:** To inculcate the skills needed for preparing the VI Semester Project in the MLA format in the Final Year Students

**Outcome:** 30 students were introduced to the basics of research in English and the methodology to be adopted

A workshop on Research Methodology was conducted on 23 August 2022 at the Seminar Hall for the Final Year B. A. English students to equip them with the mode of research and the format for writing the Project which is part of the syllabus. Dr. Eldhose C. Y., Assistant Professor, Department of English, Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam was the Resource Person. The Head of the Department of English welcomed the chief guest and the gathering. Sri Paul Mathews Assistant Professor, Dept of English introduced the Resource Person. The Principal, Dr. G. S. Gireeshkumar delivered the presidential address. Dr Eldhose C. Y. spoke on the various aspects of research in English that dealt with topics like what is Research? How to identify a research problem? How to formulate the research questions and objectives? What is the methodology that should be followed? And what are the allied fields of research that a literature student could direct her critical mind to roam on. It was a two-hour session that was immensely useful to the students. It was followed by an interactive session in which the students raised their doubts and sought clarifications regarding the topic. Dr. Ansa Andrews proposed the vote of thanks.


Teacher in Charge: Sri Paul Mathews


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## Research Methodology Workshop

**23 Aug 2022**  
**10.30 am**  
**Seminar Hall**

**Dr. Eldhose A. Y.**  
 Assistant Professor of English  
 Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam



**Department of English**



Research Methodology Workshop: Dr. Eldhose C. Y., Assistant Professor, Department of English, Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam




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Research Methodology Workshop - Department of English  
 Resource Person: Dr. Elathore A.Y., M.A. College, Kottayam  
 Date: 23.08.2022, Thursday 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

	Name	Signature	Class
1.	Sachin P.M.	Sachin P.M.	Coaching II B.A. Eng
2.	Aradhya R.A.	Aradhya R.A.	III B.A. Eng
3.	Shruti Shiju Andhoo	Shruti	"
4.	Geerage, C. Mathew	Geerage	"
5.	Tarun Prasad	Tarun	"
6.	Jitku Vijayan	Jitku	"
7.	Alisha mon. P. Z.	Alisha	"
8.	Felice James	Felice	"
9.	Isin Jony	Isin	"
10.	Sharaa Kheen	Sharaa	"
11.	Lya George	Lya	"
12.	Kavin Joseph	Kavin	"
13.	Tishnu Mohandas	Tishnu	"
14.	Shreyath Santhosh	Shreyath	"
15.	Sangeetha R. Suresh	Sangeetha	"
16.	Ashut Bose	Ashut	"
17.	Salma. A.S.	Salma	"
18.	Rehmanul Philipose	Rehmanul	"
19.	Abida Saji	Abida	"
20.	Manya Johnson	Manya	"
21.	Anju Santhosh	Anju	"
22.	Aranya Hari	Aranya	"
23.	Sadisha Jay	Sadisha	"
24.	Jayapriya	Jayapriya	"
25.	Sandhya Shaji	Sandhya	"
26.	Ashna K. Ahas	Ashna	"
27.	Fathima Hasrath	Fathima	"
28.	Suman Parvath	Suman	"
29.	Paul Mathew	Paul Mathew	Dept. of English
30.	Elizabeth Joseph	Elizabeth	"
31.	Anna Andrews	Anna	Dept. of English

## 2. Writing Competitions held as part of the Anti-Narcotic Drive

**Date:** 31-10-2022

**Objective:** To create awareness among the students about the potential dangers of drugs and to instill the commitment to a life avoiding narcotics

**Outcome:** Students were made aware of the dangers of drugs through their own introspection and analysis



The Department of English in association with The Cultural Club conducted writing competitions as part of the Anti-Narcotic Drive, on 31 October 2022 at 1.20p. m. at the Seminar Hall. The following topics were assigned for the competitions:

**Essay Writing:** The Role of Students in the Eradication of Drugs

**Short Story Writing:** And What I then Heard Gave Me a Chill

**Poetry Writing:** Trans

The following students won prizes in the competitions:

Essay Writing: I Prize – Annie Summer Andrews, II M. A. History

II Prize – Hiba Fathima, I B. A. English

Short Story Writing: I Prize – Thejus Somasunder, III B. Voc.

II Prize – Lejo George, III B. A. English

Poetry Writing: I Prize – Safna A. S. III B. A. English

II Prize – Sharafudhin P. U, III B. A. English

Teacher in Charge: Ms. Dona Sebastian





Essay Writing:

I Prize – Annie Summer Andrews    II Prize – Hiba Fathima, I B. A. English  
II M. A. History



### **3. Certificate Programme: Communication Skills in English**

**Objective:** To enhance the Communication Skills in English and to make students use English confidently in everyday situations

**Outcome:** Students of the First Year B. A. English could acquire the basic skills for communicating in English and the fundamentals of English phonetics

**Title of the programme: Communications Skills in English**

**Name of the teacher-in-charge: Prof. Dona Sebastian**

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#### Syllabus

❖ **Module 1 Phonetics** (15 hours)

The sounds of RP- the English vowels, consonants, diphthongs – Word stress – sentence stress – Intonation

❖ **Module 2 English in Everyday Life** (15 hours)

Greeting people – Asking questions – Making clarifications – Polite requests- Requesting and granting permission – expressing gratitude- Apologizing - Self introduction – Introducing people – Telephone conversations

#### **References:**

1. Peter Roach *English Phonetics and Phonology*
2. Daniel Jones *The English Pronouncing Dictionary*
3. T. Balasubrahmanian *A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students*
4. Grant Taylor *English Conversation Practice*
5. A. J. Hoge *Effortless English*

A certificate programme on Communication Skills in English, having the duration of 30 hours was conducted by the Department of English. It started on the third of January 2023. The programme was offered to the first year B.A.English students. All the thirteen students of the batch completed the programme successfully. An examination was conducted at the end of the programme and grades were awarded.

#### List of participants:

1. Adhlya Michael
2. Aleeta Antu
3. Ann Mariya Kurian
4. Bismi M.S
5. Dinse Joseph
6. Firoz Thaha
7. Gayathri Premkumar



8. Gouri Krishna
9. Hiba Fathima
10. Imran Amanulla
11. Jimmy Azhathinkal
12. Sneha Justin
13. Shiyas Ibrahim

#### 4. A Word A Day

**Objective:** To enhance the vocabulary and phonetic skills of B. A. English Students

**Outcome:** Students could learn a new word a day and understand how it is pronounced

A Word a Day is a programme organised by the Dept of English to enrich the vocabulary of students. The Second Year B. A. English students write a word and its phonetic transcription of a board kept on the outer wall of the III B. A. English class. A Register of the words displayed is kept in the department.

Teacher in Charge: Ms. Dona Sebastian



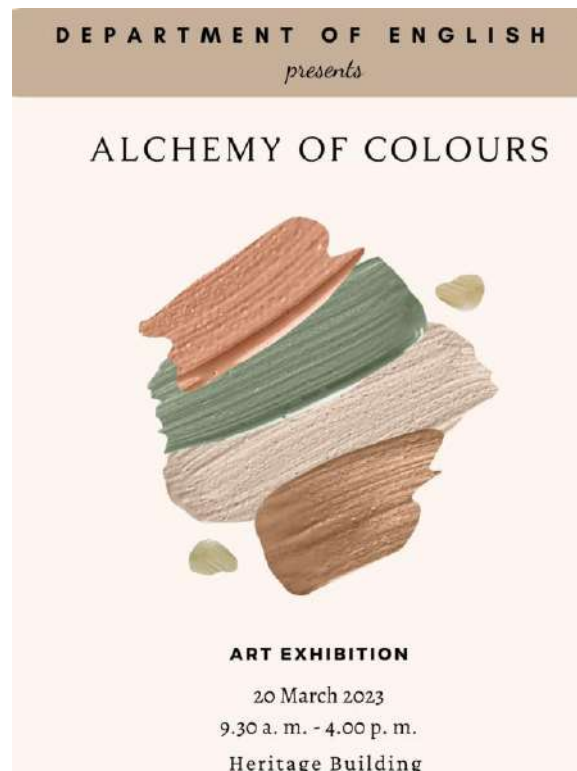
No.	Date	Word	Meaning
36	11.02.2023	socially / socially	The verbs will bring benefits, socially and politically.
37	12.02.2023	Indemnity / indemnify	protection against damage or loss.
38	14.02.2023	Eventual / eventually	happening at the end of a period of time or at a point.
39	15.02.2023	dome / deem	a title given to a woman as a spirit because of the word she has done.
40	16.02.2023	fumigate / fumigate	to use special chemical smoke or gas to destroy the harmful insects or bacteria.
41	17.02.2023	heathen / heathen	used by people who have a strong religious belief as a way of referring to a person who has no religion or who believes in a religion.

## 5. Art Exhibition: Alchemy of Colours

Date: 20-03-2023

**Objective:** To encourage and acclaim the artistic talents of students

**Outcome:** The students could display their artistic talents and the spectators could enjoy the aesthetic relish that art provides



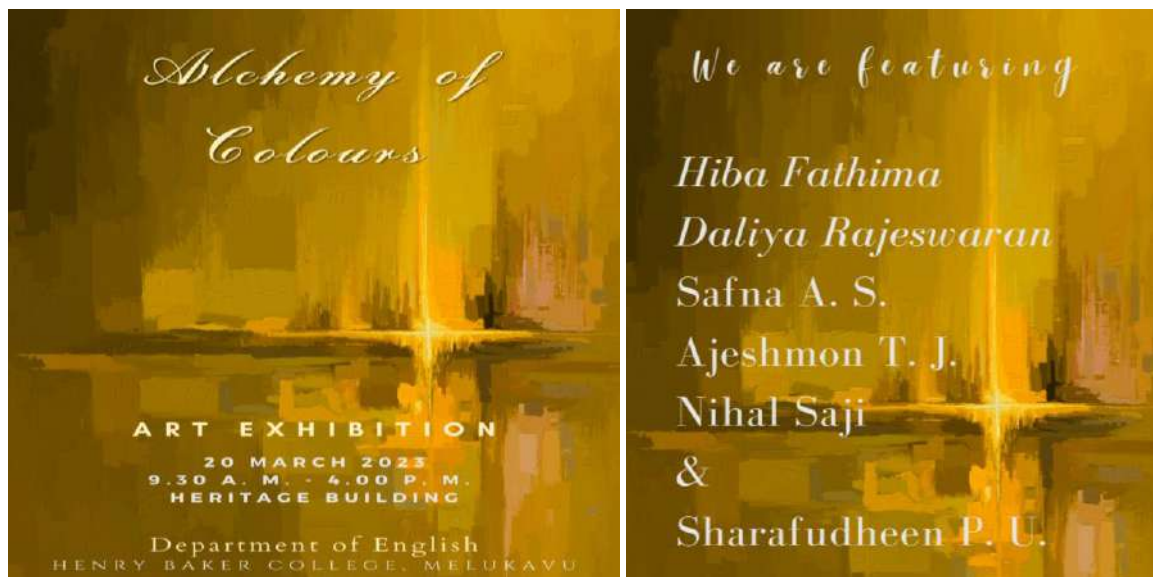
An exhibition of artifacts including paintings, pencil sketches, coins and stamps, entitled “Alchemy of Colours” was held in the Heritage Building on 20 March 2023. These were all contributions of the students of B. A. English programme. The Principal, Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S. inaugurated the programme. Paintings Pencil Sketches and other art objects made by the following students of the First, Second and Final Year students of B. A. English were displayed in the exhibition.

1. Hiba Fathima
2. Dalia Rajeswaran
3. Safna A. S.
4. Ajeshmon T. J.
5. Nihal Saji
6. Sharafudhin P. U.

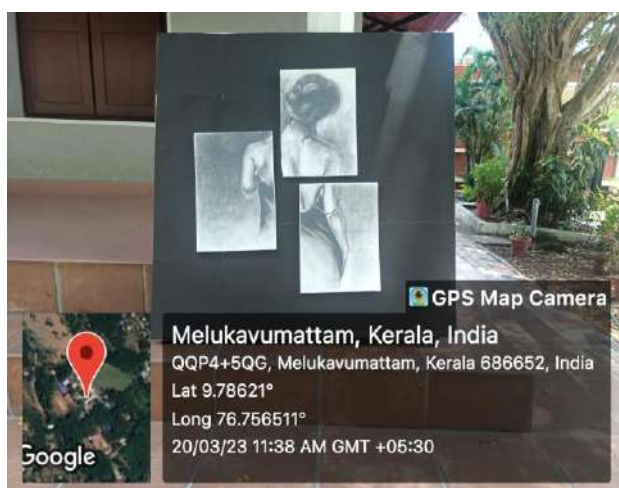
The collection of coins, stamps and currencies displayed belong to the following students

1. Deva Priya
2. Meenakshi V. M.

Teacher in Charge: Dr Ansa Andrews, Sri Paul Mathews

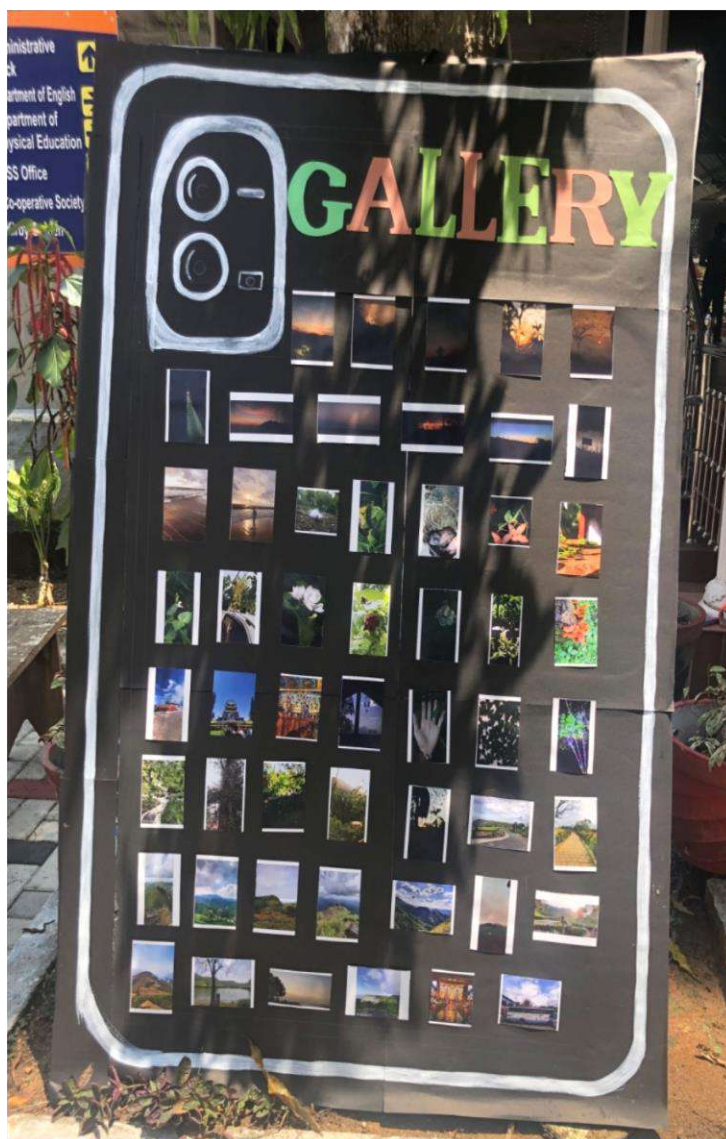






Specimens of mobile photography were also displayed as part of the art exhibition. The photos were contributed by the following students

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|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Bibin Tomy     | 6. Sharafudhin P U | 11. Shiyas Ibrahim     | 16. Sandra Joy |
| 2. Athul Binu     | 7. Lego George     | 12. Firoz Thaha        |                |
| 3. Ajeshmon T. J. | 8. Sandra Shaji    | 13. Hiba Fathima       |                |
| 4. Sachin P. M.   | 9. Safna A. S.     | 14. Gouri Krishna      |                |
| 5. Felix James    | 10. Imran Amanulla | 15. Gayathri Premkumar |                |



### **Philatelic Exhibition**

A collection of Stamps were also exhibited along with paintings. They were part of the collection by Deva Priya of Final Year B. A. English

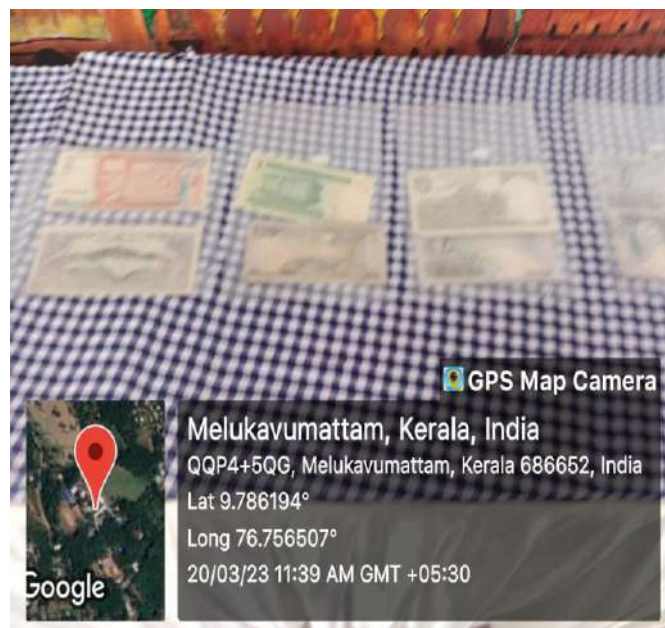
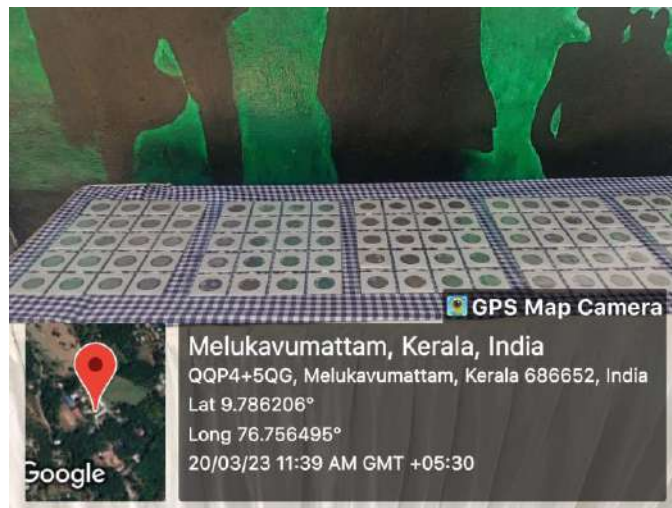




### Numismatic Exhibition

Along with the paintings coins and currency from 34 countries collected by Deva Priya, III B

A. English student, were also displayed



## 6. Extension Programme: English Language Skill Enhancement for High School Students

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BASIC GRAMMAR

9 STUDENT TRAINERS

FEBRUARY 2023

EXTENSION PROGRAMME '23

BASICS OF ENGLISH FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS  
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**Date:** 23-01-2023 to 08-02-2023

**Objective:** To improve the English language skills of the High School Students and to involve B. A. English students in community extension programmes

**Outcome:** Thirty-nine students of Std. VIII and IX of M. D. C. M. S High School, Erumapramattom could learn the basics of English grammar and usage.

As part of community extension, the Dept of English organised a programme, **English Language Skill Enhancement for High School Students** for the students of M. D. C. M. S High School, Erumapramattom. Thirty-nine students of Standard VIII and IX participated in the programme. The following students of B. A. English taught the students, under the supervision of Dr. Ansa Andrews and Sri Paul Mathews, Faculty of the Dept of English:

George C. Mathew III B. A. English

Febamol Philipose III B. A. English

Tomin Charley III B. A. English

Meenakshi V. M II B. A. English

Aksamol K. B. II B. A. English

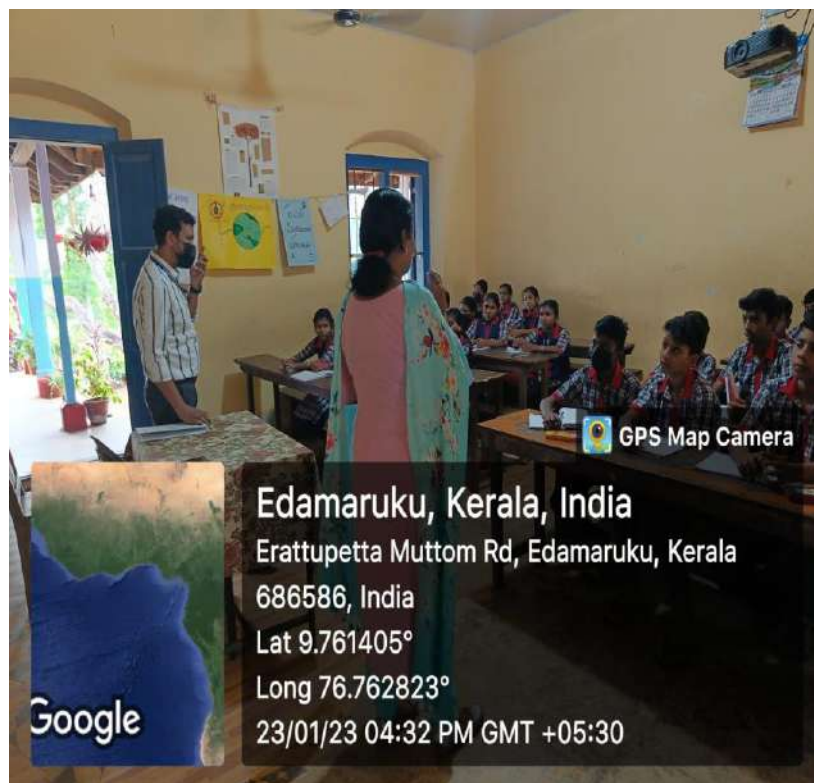
Anagha Sebastian II B. A. English

Gouri Krishna I B. A. English

Aleetta Antu I B. A. English

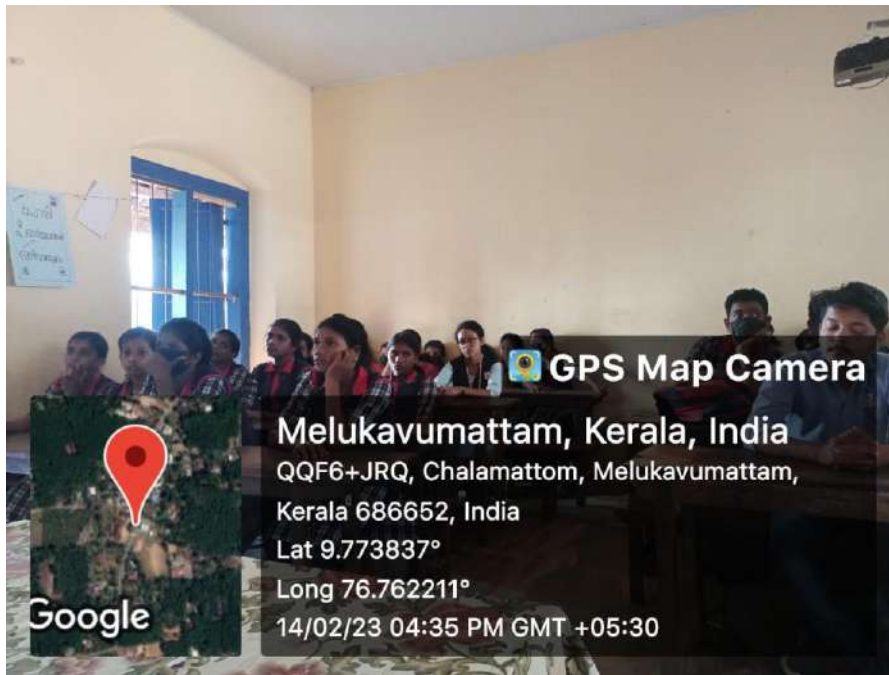
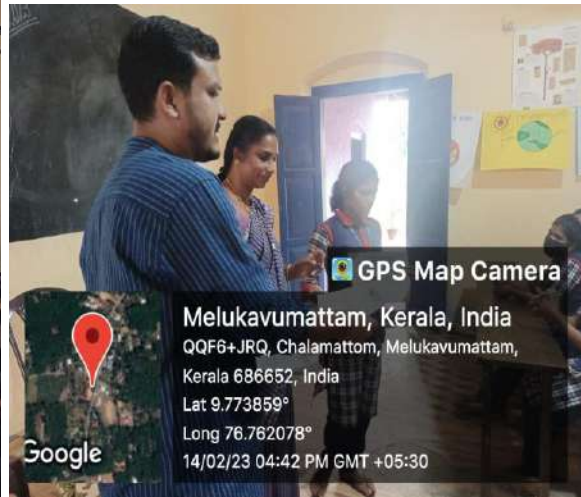
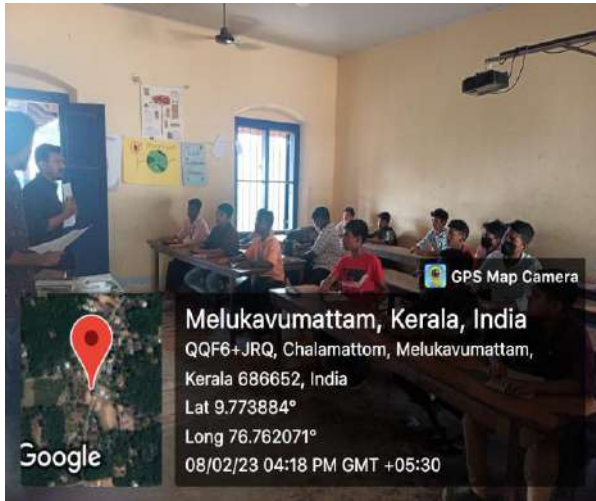
Among the students there was one with learning disability and he was given special care and personal assistance. Duly filled Bio-data forms were collected from the students of M. D. C. M. S High School, Erumapramattom. Register of Attendance is also maintained. At the close

of the programme an examination was conducted to evaluate the cognitive levels of the students. At the end of the course the participants as well as student-teachers were given certificates.















## 7. Book Talk

**Date:** 16-02-2023


**Objective:** To encourage the reading habit of B. A. English students by drawing attention to noted literary works

**Outcome:** An interest in literary works as well as the desire to enjoy reading them was created in the B. A. English students

Mis. Arya Krishna P, Assistant professor on Contract, Dept. of English made a PowerPoint presentation on R. K. Narayan's famous novel *The English Teacher*. She dealt at length with the vicissitudes in the life of Krishna, the English lecturer at Albert Mission college, as portrayed by Narayan's inimitable style. The presentation was followed by a discussion when the students raised their questions and shared their views on the novel.

Teacher in Charge: Sri Paul Mathews






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Department of English

# BOOK TALK

R. K. Narayan's *The English Teacher*



Speaker  
**Ms. Arya Krishna P.**  
Assistant Professor on contract

**2 P.M.**  
**16 FEB '23**  
**II B. A. ENGLISH CLASSROOM**





### **Screening of the Short Film *Oru Manushyan***

After the book talk the short film *Oru Manushyan* was screened. It is an adaptation of the famous short story of the same title by the doyen of modern Malayalam literature Vaikom Muhammed Basheer, directed by one of the foremost directors of Malayalam parallel cinema, T. V. Chandran. The screening was followed by a brief discussion of the film.

### **8. Merit Day**

**Date:** 22-03-2023

**Objective:** To recognize the academic achievements of students thereby enhancing their interest in studies

**Outcome:** The toppers in each semester could have the pleasure of being recognized for their achievements and the other students were encouraged to enhance their academic performance

The Department of English honoured the toppers of the first, second, third and fourth semester B. A. English classes as well as the students from various classes who secured the highest marks in the English common courses in semester examinations. The following students were presented mementos for their brilliant performance in the university examinations:

I Semester B. A. English Examination September, 2021: Febamol Philipose

II Semester B. A. English Examination December, 2021: Febamol Philipose

III Semester B. A. English Examination March, 2022: Febamol Philipose

IV Semester B. A. English Examination August 2022: Febamol Philipose

I Semester B. A. English Exam June, 2022: Anjalimol N. M

I Semester Common Course English: Fine-tune Your English (September, 2021): Adikiran Johny, B. Sc. Physics

I Semester Common Course English: Pearls from the Deep (2021): Adikiran Johny, B. Sc.

Physics

I Semester Common Course English: Fine-tune Your English (June, 2022): Nancy K

Michael, B. Com

I Semester Common Course English: Pearls from the Deep (June, 2022): Fasna K. Nasar, B.

A. History

II Semester Common Course English: Issues That Matter (December, 2021): Shahana V

Subair, B. Com

II Semester Common Course English: Savouring the Classics (December, 2021): Adikiran

Johny, B. Sc. Physics

IIISemester Common Course English: Literature and/as Identity (March, 2022): Febamol

Philipose B. A. English

III Semester Common Course English: Gems of Imagination (March,2022): Shahana V

Subair, B. Com

IV Semester Common Course English: Illuminations (August 2022): Febamol Philipose, B.

A. English

IV Semester Common Course English: Revisiting the Classics (August 2022): Shahana V

Subair, B. Com

Teacher in charge: Ms. Dona Sebastian







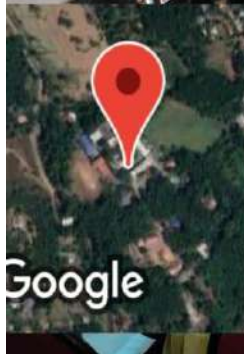
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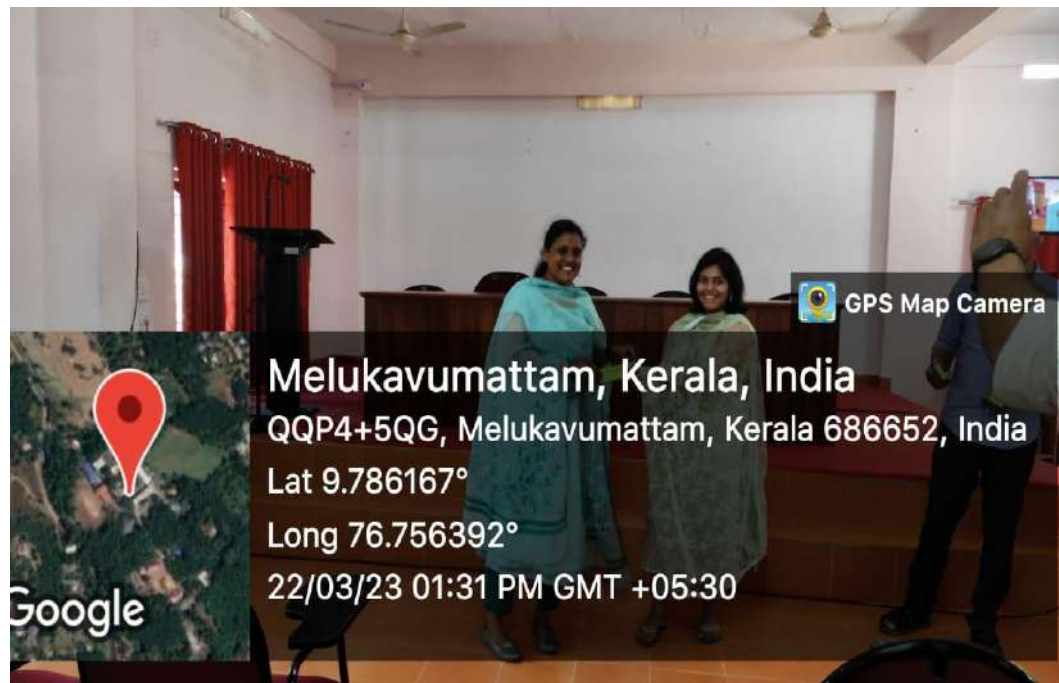
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## 9. Green Initiatives: Distribution of Paper Pens with Seeds

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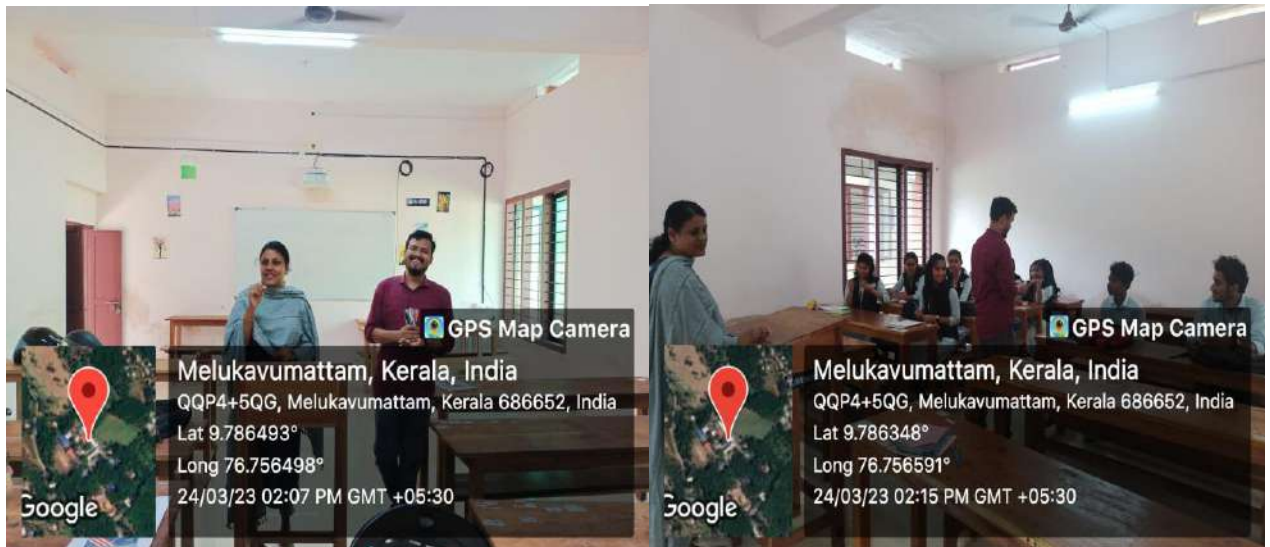
**Objective:** To make students aware of the need to avoid the use of plastic and foster an environment friendly attitude

**Outcome:** Students realised the threat of plastic and the need to plant trees to protect environment



As part of the Green Initiatives, the department of English distributed paper pens with seeds of plants to students of B. A. English and the students of MD C M S High School, Erumapramattom who were part of the extension programme organised by the department of English. The programme aimed at avoiding plastic waste which the use of ball point pens creates and make the students think of modes of avoiding plastic waste in everyday life. The paper pens after use becomes productive as the seed enclosed in the top portion of the pen would germinate once put in the soil. It would also make the students curious about which plant would sprout out of their pens and create a love nature in them.

Teacher in Charge: Dr Ansa Andrews





## 10. Literary Quiz

**Date:** 29-03-2023

**Objective:** To enhance the knowledge of literature among students and to inspire interest in literature

**Outcome:** The students were encouraged to seek information regarding literature and the need to focus on the vast world of knowledge that literature offers

A Quiz focusing on English Literature of the Anglo-Saxon, Medieval, Elizabethan, and Restoration periods was conducted on 29 March 2023. It was exclusively for the III Semester B. A. English students aiming at enhancing their understanding of English literary history

First Prize: Diya Benny

Second Prize: Aksamol K. B., Eugene Richard Edmond, Vishnu Vinod

Teacher in Charge: Dona Sebastian

## Department of English



- *Anglo-Saxon Literature*
- *Fourteenth Century Literature*
- *Elizabethan Literature*
- *Restoration Literature*

*exclusively for IV semester B.A. English students*

29/03/2023

### **11. Writers and Their Work**

Date: 21-02-2023, 23-02-2023

Objective: To enhance the presentation skills of the students and to invite attention to the life and career of acclaimed authors

Outcome: The students were made aware of the need to preserve the environment in everyday life and to look out for the modes of avoiding the threat of plastic waste

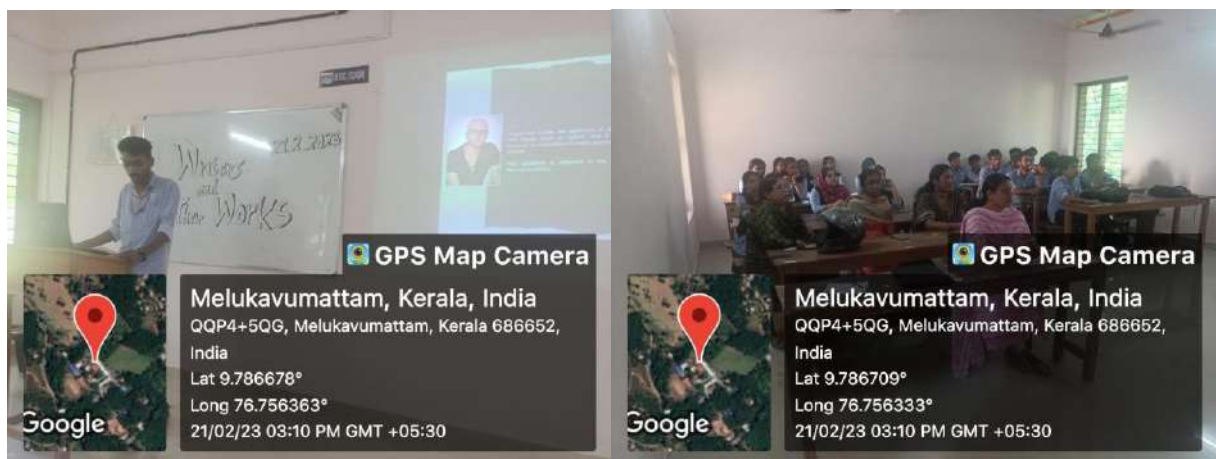
“Writers and Their Work’ is a programme devised for enhancing the presentation and analytical skills of the final year English students. It also aims to familiarize the students of literature with the luminaries of English literature. Selected students of Final Year B. A. English make presentations on a writer of their choice. Before the presentation they submit a written script to the department. A brief biographical sketch of the selected writer and a detailed account of his/her major works are discussed in the backdrop of the socio-cultural milieu of the writer, the specific literary movement of which they are part of and the stylistic and aesthetic aspects of his/her work that make them singularly significant are given focus in the presentation. The presentation is followed by a session in which the students and teachers raise questions and make comments. Based on the ideas evoked through this discussion the draft script is revised



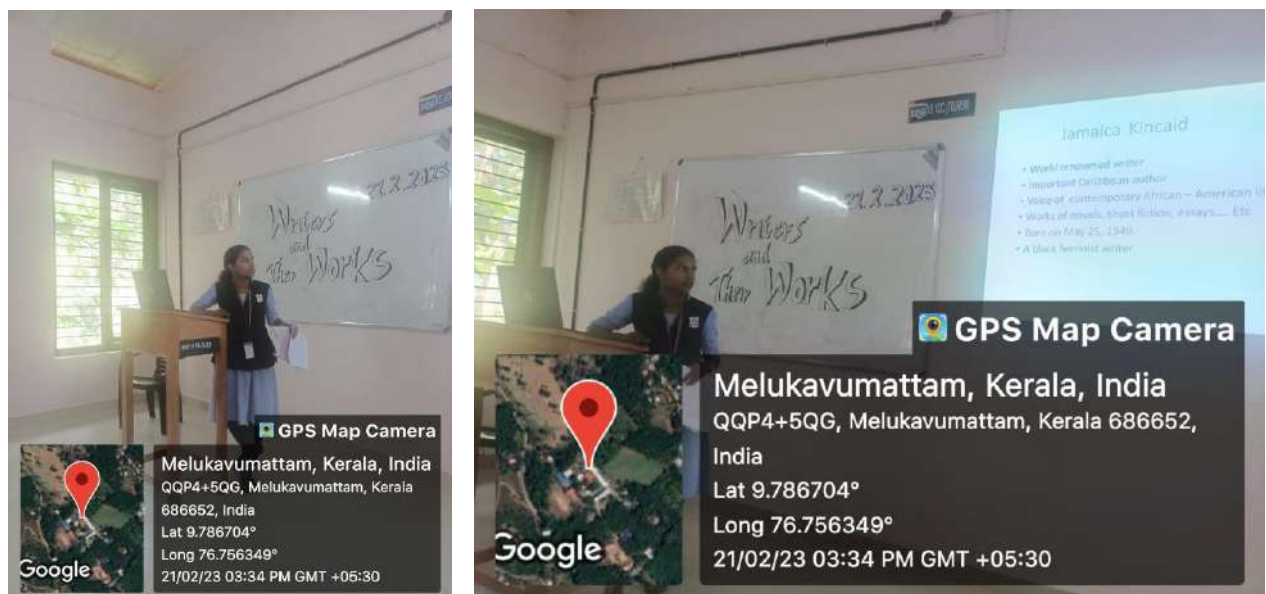
and resubmitted to the department. The finalized scripts are kept in a single bound volume in the department. The following is a list of writers and the students who made presentations of their life and work during the year 2022-23.

Sl. No	Name of the Writer	Name of the Student	Date of Presentation
1	Jeet Thayil	George C. Mathew	21-02-2023
2	Jamaica Kincaid	Febamol Philipose	21-02-2023
3	Kazuo Ishiguro	Tomin Charly	23-02-2023
4	Mahesh Dattani	Bibin Tomy	23-02-2023

Teacher in Charge: Paul Mathews



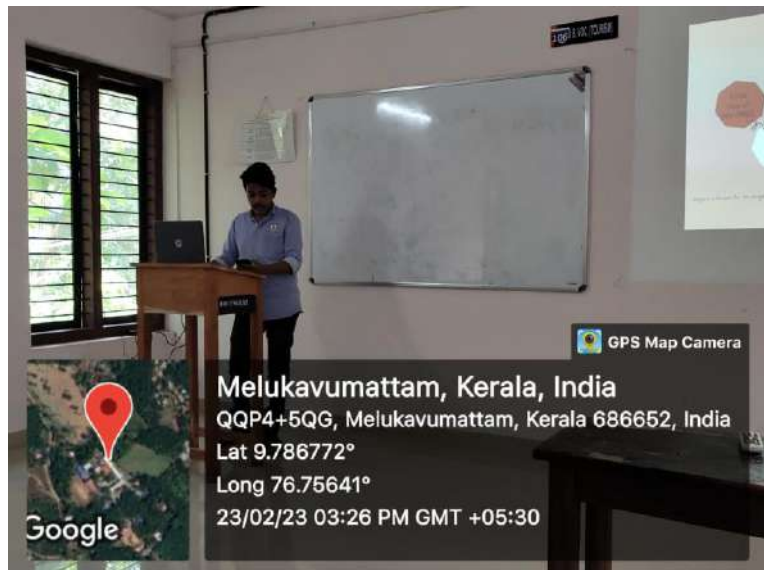
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## 12. World Poetry Day

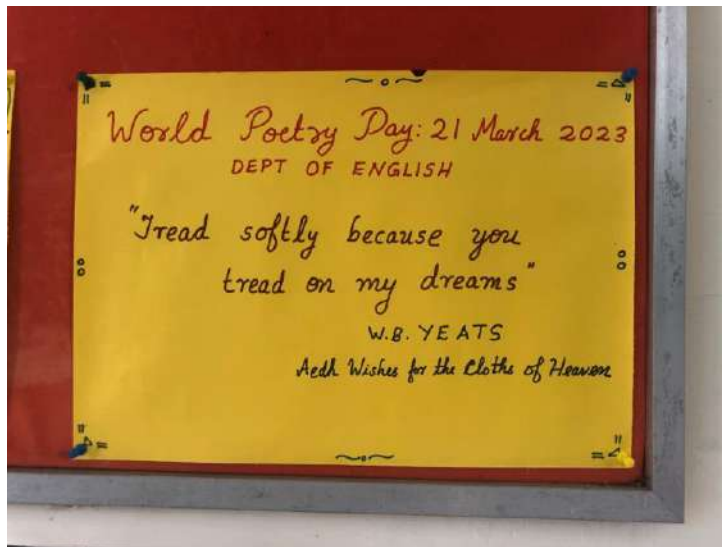
**Date:** 21-03-2023

**Objective:** To allure the students to the aesthetic charm of poetry and inspire them to read poetry

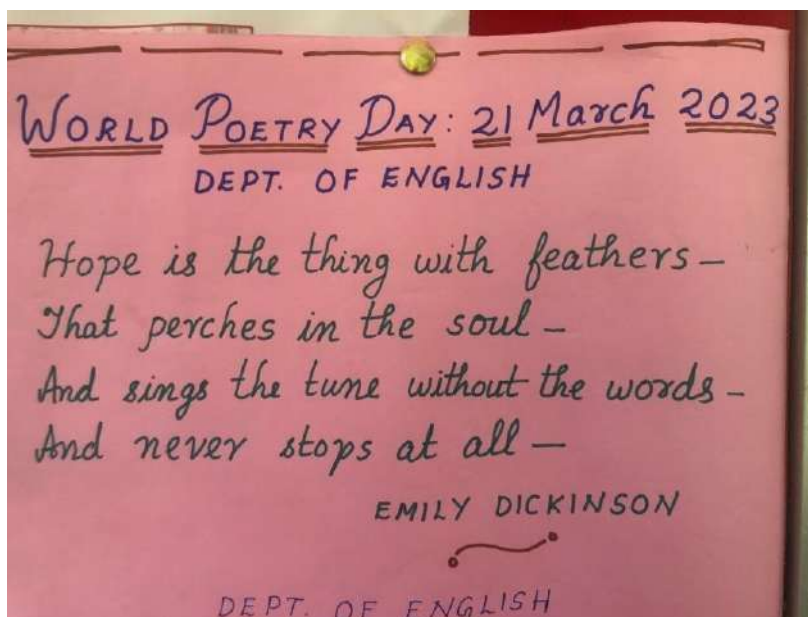
**Outcome:** Students were inspired to read the poets whose lines were displayed on the posters

World Poetry Day was celebrated on March 21, 2022. Posters displaying lines of exquisite poetic beauty were put up on the department Notice Board. These included quotes from the

poems of the Irish maestro and Nobel Laureate W. B. Yeats, Nineteenth Century American Poet Emily Dickinson, Twentieth Century Modernist poet Archibald MacLeish and Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska, recipient of the 1996 Nobel Prize for Literature.

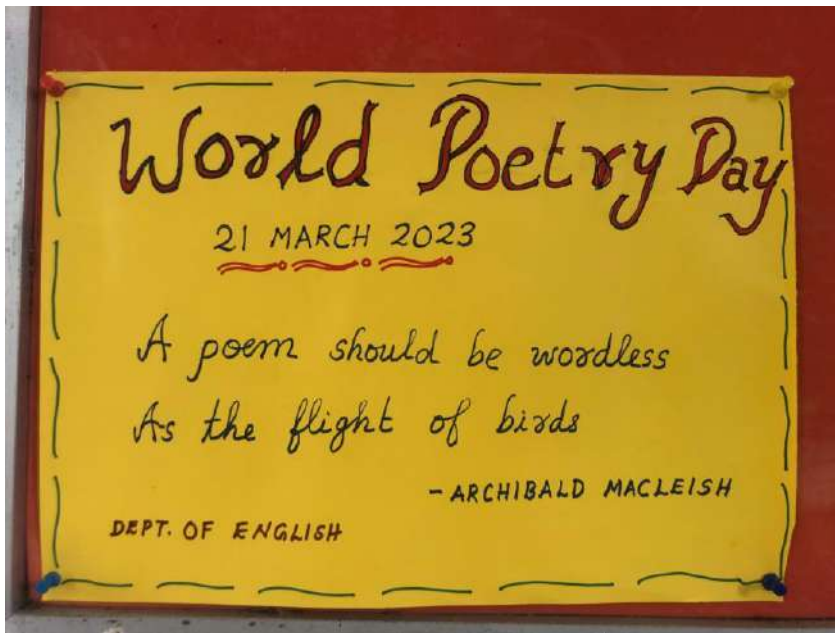


**W. B. Yeats**

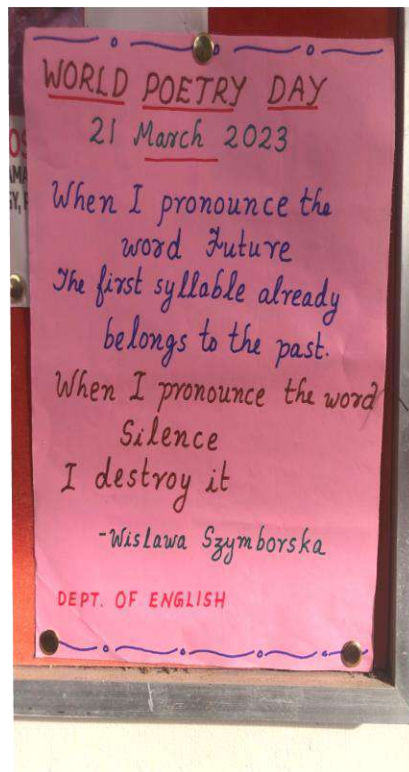


**Emily Dickinson**





**Archibald MacLeish**



**Wisława Szymborska**

### 13. Poster Designing

**Objective:** To create a general overview of the major literary luminaries and their works.

**Outcome:** This activity triggered the literary consciousness of the students. It developed the observational skills of the students and created an awareness of the major luminaries in literature.

According to the proposed Action Plan, Department of English organised poster making for the students. Students of B.A English prepared posters on the literary luminaries, displaying their works and achievements. Students who were interested in poster designing were selected by the teacher in charge, Mrs.Elizabeth Joseph. Students from the II and III B.A earnestly participated in this activity.

The first Poster on Annie Ernaux was designed by Hiba Fathima and Adhlya Michael of II semester B.A English. Gowri Krishna and Aleetta Antu of II Semester designed the second one on Temzula Ao. Yugin Richard Edmond of IV Semester made the third poster on Shehan Karunatilaka . Liya Johnson and Anagha Sebastian of IV semester designed the fourth poster on Joshua Kohen. The efforts and creativity of the students were appreciated by all by displaying these posters in front of the department notice board.

Teacher in Charge: Ms. Elizabeth Joseph





#### 14. Excursion

The final year B. A. English Students went on a three-day tour to Coorg and Chikmagalur under the supervision of Dr Ansa Andrews and Sri Paul Mathews, faculty of the Dept. of English.



Twenty three students and two members of the faculty left the campus on the evening of first March 2023. After visiting the tourist spots of the above mentioned place they returned late at night on 3-3-2023.

