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From the Principal's Desk...

ZEST 22 was a huge success. First of its kind, bringing grandparents, parents, children and teachers together on one stage was a marvellous experience. Many parents and teachers worked hard to make it a success. We wanted to raise funds for the kidney transplant of one our uncles. Other major events during the month were, Loyola cup competitions, Sports day, AISCE sports and cultural activity competitions, etc. Our students performed well. Loyola teachers worked hard to make these events a great success,
Mid-term and Model exams are fast approaching. Once again, the focus is shifting to academics. I wish all success to our students.

Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J.

**IN GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
Diamond Jubilee Building Donations**
received from the following batches and individuals:

1. The batch of 1974
2. The batch of 1977
3. The batch of 1987
4. The batch of 1994
5. The batch of 2000
6. Deepu John of 1986
7. Thomas Vaidhyan of 1984 batch
8. Dr. Renjith Kumar & Rejnish Kumar of 1977 batch

Principal



The side view of the upcoming Diamond Jubilee Building as on 12 November 2022 is seen in the background of this Sports Day photograph.

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Chief guest Group Captain Mannarath Shylu, Southern Air Command, handing over the torch to Aswin Madhav S. of XI B, triple gold medallist in swimming at CISCE Kerala Regional Championship



The lighting of the cauldron







Karate boys with the trainer Mr Shaji Joseph









Precious souvenir that cannot be preserved: the Old Boys take home (do they, really?) the stalk of plantain, the prize for the winners in the tug of war with the present Loyolites.

WINNERS

ON THE VICTORY STAND





Best House in March Past: SS



Best Aerobics & Pyramid Display: SS



Best footballer (Sr)
Vismay S., XII D



Best footballer (Jr)
Abhiram Anup, X A



Best cricketer (Sr)
Kevin Leander, XII E



Best basketball player (Sr)
Kevin Leander, XII E



Best cricketer (Jr)
Rohan T. Fernandez, X C



Std 5 & 6 Champion
Giridhar S. Praveen, VI D



Std 7 & 8 Champion
Ron Kuriakose Rajesh,
VIII C



Std 9 & 10 Champion
Jessae Gejo, X A



Std 11 & 12 Champion
Abin S. Manoj, XII B



Sqn. Ldr Mathew Cyriac Memorial Cup for the house with maximum points in relay races: SS



Interhouse basketball tournament winner (Juniors): GG



Interhouse cricket tournament winner (Juniors): SS



Interhouse football tournament winner (Seniors): SS



Interhouse cricket tournament winner (Seniors): JJ



Interhouse basketball tournament winner (Seniors): JJ



Best House of Std 5 & 6: AP



Best House of Std. 9 & 10: SS



LOBA's Santhosh Solomon Memorial Trophy for the Best Outgoing Sportsman: Abin S. Manoj, XII B



Second highest points: AP



Maximum number of points: SS



Organizers & Officials

LOYOLITES IN THE LIMELIGHT



Advait Manjush Kurup, Gaurav Unnikrishnan and Jonathan Edwards N. of Std VII represented Kerala State and won the Gold Medal at the South Zone Rollball Championship held at Pondicherry and qualified to play at the National Championship.



Alfie Leo Jomon of Std 1 B won two Gold Medals at Kerala State Skating Championships, in Rink 1 & Rink 3



APPEAL TO THE WELL-WISHERS OF LOYOLA



Sajan Uncle (Loyola employee from 2003 and son of late Varghese Uncle) needs kidney transplant. Any financial help you can give him may please be sent to the
PTA Account of Loyola School
South Indian Bank, Sreekariyam
Account No. 0497053000010443
IFSC: SIBL0000497

Principal

Loyola School at the AALA CONFERENCE

Mary Titus Mathew

The AALA (Asian Association for Language Assessment) held its 8th International Conference at Chennai. It was hosted by the Department of English, Anna University, Chennai, from October 26 to 28, 2022. The theme of the conference was *Classroom-based Assessment in the New Normal and Beyond: Challenges and Possibilities*. The conference included workshops and plenary talks by eminent language experts: Dr Antony Kunnan, Principal Assessment Scientist at Duolingo and Senior Research Fellow with Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Dr James Enos Purpura, Professor of Linguistics and Education in the Applied Linguistics and TESOL Program at Teachers College, Columbia

University; Dr Jayakaran Mukundan, retired Professor from Universiti Putra Malaysia; Dr Rukmini Banerjee, CEO, Pratham and several others. There were 66 papers and 22 posters presented at the conference.

Loyola School presented a poster on *Innovating Assessment Practices for English Pronunciation in Elementary Classes in Loyola School*, based on the Language Lab Project entitled *Fun with Phonetics* initiated in June 2022. Mrs Deepa Pillai (Former teacher at Loyola School and Professor of English at All Saints College) who leads

the project, and Loyola School teachers, Mrs Roshni Francis and Mrs Mary Titus Mathew, presented the poster on behalf of the school.

This project is ongoing in a flipped or reverse approach method of language learning. One period per week is earmarked for pronunciation through selected and graded source material from the Internet—songs, poems, stories, and phonic drill with extended practice at home. A computer, strong internet connection and supervision by parents is harnessed as a substitute to language labs. The parents of students receive a recording or link of the particular activity (song/poem/story/phonic drill) the previous day and play it for the children before it is conducted at school the following day with the teacher. It is carried out by the English language teachers of Classes 1 to 5 for students of those classes.



Delegates from Loyola, from left to right: Mrs Roshni Francis, Mrs Deepa Pillai, Mrs Mary Titus Mathew

Pronunciation is the main focus of the project. Children also acquire new vocabulary items, learn how to avoid excessive pausing while narrating, use chunking accurately and use language intelligibly. The syllabus, which has been designed by the presenters, includes songs, poems, stories and phonic drill. It is facilitated in an interesting way by the English language teachers. Assessments are made in order to analyse progress of students. The syllabus is discussed and reviewed to find out if the level has to be stepped up or down, based on interest and performance of students.

It is desired that all students who leave Loyola School communicate in the world's lingua franca with confidence and ease with the training they are given. Loyola School has always been proud of the strong English language abilities of the students. May that legacy continue and may each and every student move to greater heights, not forgetting that it's all and only for God's glory.



The writer explaining the chart to a foreign delegate



The final huddle of the delegates

IN MEMORIAM



Former student Shilin Shakti (46) passed away on 23 October 2022. He was working as an IT professional at Philips Medicine Systems in Germany. May his soul rest in peace.

LOYOLA lights up the sixty-fifth ASISC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Joy M Varghese

Association of Schools for Indian School Certificate (ASISC) organised the 65th National Conference for Principals, at Girideepam Convention Centre, Nalanchira, from 9 to 11 November 2022, and it was hosted by ASISC Kerala Region.

Loyola School had a key role in coordinating the event as the Principal of Loyola School, Fr. Dr. P T Joseph SJ, is the Executive Member from Trivandrum for ASISC Kerala Region.

Fr. George Mathew Karoor, former Principal, Sarvodaya Vidyalaya and Mr. Joy M Varghese, Registrar, Loyola School, were the coordinators for the event.

The ASISC National Executive Committee met in August and after much deliberation *Revitalising School Education* as proposed by Fr. Dr. P T Joseph SJ, was finalised as the theme for the 65th National Conference. It was also decided that resource persons with national and international repute be invited to talk on the following sub-themes:

- Academic challenges in schools today
- Mental and emotional health of students and staff
- Health and Hygiene
- Use of technology in education
- Administrative challenges in managing schools

Frequent meetings of the Principals of Trivandrum district were convened and committees were formed to take care of transportation, accommodation, food, medical facility,

resource persons, registration, reception, media, and stage management. The committees were headed by the Principals of the CISCE schools in Trivandrum City.

Nine cultural stage presentations, by students from different schools in the city, kept the august gathering spellbound and evoked enviable admiration. Loyola boys rocked with a hip hop dance and their unmatched electrifying movements mesmerised about 2200 Principals from all over India.

The national anthem during the Governor's hour was sung with all precisions by the Loyola boys. The prayer on 10 November was



Fr. P T Joseph SJ honouring Dr. Shashi Tharoor



Mr. Joy Varghese honours the Chairman of CISCE, Dr. G Immanuel

also led by the Loyola boys with their melodious rendition, enlivening the spirit of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, as they sang *There are numerous strings in your lute, let me add my own among them.* Thanks to Mr. Deepu M for the selection and guidance.

Mrs. Mary Titus Mathew was the most senior compere who planned and guided the other comperes from different schools in managing the events like the Governor's hour during inauguration, the keynote address by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Annual General Body Meeting of the association, the Council time and the sessions by the resource persons.

The still of the Christmas theme of Santa with reindeers and drummer boys, displayed on the Girideepam campus during the conference, was crafted by Mr. Ajayakumar A K with suggestions from Mrs. Aswathy R Philip



Loyola School choir singing the national anthem during the Governor's Hour



Loyola's tableau vivant with a difference at the conference venue, featuring Santa (Edward Sheen of IX B) and two live drummers (Shaun Remany Saugar of VII D on the left and Adil D of V B on the right. Ajayakumar A K, the craftsman, is seen touching up the still

and was the centre of attraction for all delegates who stormed the tent to have their photographs taken with it.

Mr. Anilkumar R had the responsibility of managing ushers from various schools whereas Ms. Baijayantee Bhattacharya managed the VIP services gracefully.

Dr. G Immanuel, Chairman CISCE, Fr. S Joseph SVD, ASISC National Secretary, Fr. James Mullassery CMI, Secretary, Kerala Region and Fr. George Mathew Karoor were generous with their timely guidance. The Council officials, the Principals and teachers of CISCE schools in Trivandrum and the Bursar of Girideepam Convention Centre Fr. Koshy deserve a special mention for their unstinted support.



Loyola's dancers getting ready to burst into brilliance

FORTY-SIXTH LOYOLA CUP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The 46th Loyola Cup Basketball Tournament was held on 17 & 18 November 2022. The inaugural function was graced by the chief guest Mr Ashin Xavier Philip (Asst Executive Engineer, KSEBL) who is himself one of the most acclaimed basketballers India has ever produced. Followed by his inaugural address and shot, 11 teams battled it out for two days and St Joseph's emerged the winner, and Loyola, the runner-up.

Kevin Leander of XII C was adjudged the best player of the tournament. Trophies and certificates were given away by the chief guest of the closing ceremony, Ms P. S. Jeena, Indian professional basketball player and the first Indian to play in the Australian A Division Basketball League.





The finalists: Loyola & St Joseph's



The runner-up with the Chief Guest Ms P. S. Jeena

Commandant Aravindan K. N. on the **DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE**

Kerala, usually touted as *God's Own Country*, is in the clutches of the execrable evil of drug abuse. The clamour against it is rising to a crescendo because more adults as well as adolescents are falling victims to drugs every day. Alive to the dangers looming around, Loyola School held an awareness campaign to address the issue by means of a special assembly with Commandant Aravindan KN as the chief guest.

Having served as a distinguished officer in several organisations and currently serving as a Commandant, his vast experience made him the perfect resource person for the purpose. After expressing his gratitude for having been invited, he delved deep into the topic at hand. With the help of a PowerPoint Presentation, he made the audience aware of the seriousness of the problem and its consequences. He recounted several past investigations with each one having the common theme of drug influence and the resulting brutality. Each case was made notable by a level of violence mere mortals can barely think of. His recollections helped to impress upon the audience how drugs would strip a human being of his morality and humanity.



In order to further expand the audience's awareness, he also explained the method and madness of drug peddlers and the untraceable ways they operate. He capped off the session by mentioning how prevention is the best cure and by strongly advising to never, even for a second, contemplate abusing drugs as that would be a one-way ticket to doom. The presentation was so thorough and authentic that the listeners got enlightened on not just how to avoid drugs but how to become a good student and an even better human being.



Varad Vinayak, X B

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMME

Featuring Teachers

Martin Johny Zacharia, VI D



The special assembly conducted on Children's Day in our school, hosted by our teachers, was quite entertaining. The events started with the School anthem and a beautiful prayer song by the staff choir. In the welcome address Rev. Fr. Roy Alex, SJ emphasized the need to utilize all the opportunities offered in our school and showed us a short video pertaining to the topic. As usual he capped off his speech with a folk song in Malayalam. This was followed by melodious group songs in Hindi and Malayalam by the KG teachers and a dance performance by Mesdames Judy Joiy, Baijantee Bhattacharya, Sreeja T. I., Ruby A. John and Roshini Joseph. The medley of popular songs sung by Seena Madam & team was truly surprising and exciting. Two dance performances led by Keerthi Madam and Anjaly Madam and a solo song by the *ganagandharvan* of Loyola School, Deepu Sir, were really mesmerizing. A short message on Children's Day was delivered by Kala Madam who was eloquent on the unique relationship between the teachers and students at Loyola school. This was followed by another medley performance by our teachers. The video presentation by Mrs. Elizabeth George was thought-provoking and interesting to watch. I would like to thank our teachers and the non-teaching staff for their efforts in making this programme a great success. Sandhya Madam really deserves special thanks for her wonderful anchoring.

The programme was a truly memorable and colorful event.



Enthusiastic LKG kids getting ready for the Children's Day Programme





LOYOLA'S EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

An Immersion into Workspace and Experiential Learning

Babith Moses Wilby, CEO, Clinitek Healthcare



Externship or in simple terms experiential learning focuses on career exploration as one of the best ways students can assess their career interests and formulate a path for their future goals. The main aspect in this programme is job shadowing, which means experiencing the workplace up close and personal, learning how the academic learning is implemented in real work scenario and self-assessing one's fitness for that career.

In Indian education scenario, students decide their career while in school. This decision is taken after completing their 10th board exams. While a few students are really focused on their future, many are confused. Even after qualifying for their professional entrance exams many seek the help of career experts. This often puts the students in a fix since they do not get totally unbiased feedback.

Externship models focusing on career exploration are some of the best ways students can clarify their interests and determine future pursuits by shadowing and observing professionals in occupations and industries and assess if that field would be a good fit for them. Experiential learning, such as externship, offers students an outstanding opportunity to apply what they learn inside the classroom to the real world. From a career standpoint, experiential learning provides valuable employment and professional experience which prepares students to make their transition from college to work.

Loyola School, Trivandrum along with Loyola Old Boys Association, has successfully completed the pilot *Loyola Externship Programme* which happens to be a first in Indian school history. This pilot programme was conducted in association with **In-App Information Technology** and **Terrific Minds**.

InApp, founded in 2000, is a transformative digital solutions company with expertise in custom software development, mobile app development, cloud computing services, DevOps, big data services, AR/VR solutions and more. It is headquartered in Technopark, Trivandrum and its team of 450 are spread across Kochi, Bangalore, Yokohama, and Palo Alto.

Terrific Minds founded in 2016 is a digital commerce and design studio offering premium IT consulting services. It is headquartered in Technopark, Trivandrum and its 80-member team is spread across Kochi, Perth, and Orlando.

Both InApp and Terrific Minds ensured that the programme was well formulated and executed. They ensured that the students were given exposure to all major aspects of a company, namely administration, HR and software development. The students were given tasks based on their day-to-day activities. They were also challenged with group tasks and fun games. The foremost aspect of the whole programme was how the companies did personality analysis of the students and offered them feedback to develop themselves. This has helped the students to understand how to present themselves during an interview. The programming sessions gave them a real time exposure to bridge their academic skills into professional environment. The students have come out confident after this programme. We could see a positive impact on how they could foresee their career and studies. The evenings were filled with various games and outdoor activities. In short, the five-day externship has given the students a broad exposure to what is required of them in the IT industry.

In the coming days, Loyola is planning to stretch this programme to include more industry verticals as well as professions. Students who can manage their time well can actually pick and choose a mix of externships that are a good fit for them and receive the best from all the experience. It offers benefits that can help students make good career choices.



LOYOLA SCHOOL'S EXPLORE EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Abhilash Jayapal



Aim of the Externship:

The Externships are designed to provide high school students exposure to “real-world” career environment by “shadowing or buddying” professionals performing their job in the participating organization.

Externships are typical 3-5 days in duration. The participating organization has the flexibility to decide the agenda, activities, content, duration etc. For participating organizations, it is an opportunity to give back to our society and shape the careers of future generations.

Objectives of the programme:

The externship can include:

- Taking a tour of a company and facilities
- Observing and networking with professionals
- Understanding how each department/vertical works
- Informational sessions on industry, company, business environment, etc
- Case discussions of issues/problems/ solutions
- Sitting in on (non-confidential) team meetings
- Learning about the company’s products, operations, etc

The externship allows Loyola students to:

- Understand the career field and experience a typical week on the job
- Learn how to develop their academic skills related to a job
- Assess their interest in pursuing that career
- Make career connections, find mentors and opportunity for networking.

Pilot Projects

The Explore team consisting of the Principal, Senior Teachers and Members of LOBA was able to pilot an Externship program in Oct (3-8) during the Puja Holidays.

Host organisations:

InApp in Technopark, Trivandrum and Terrific Minds in Infopark, Kochi. The content and logistics were developed by the host organizations.

InApp in Technopark, Trivandrum hosted 6 Externs and Terrific Minds in Infopark, Kochi hosted 4.

Inapp

Founded in 2000, Inapp is a full lifecycle software development company focused on application development for mobile devices and the web. Headquartered in Technopark, Trivandrum, their team of 450 engineers are spread across Kochi, Bangalore, Yokohama and Palo Alto.

Terrific Minds

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Accommodation was provided by Terrific Minds at RECCA club for the students who stayed at Kochi for the externship.

Survey questions were circulated by Terrific Minds to assess “expectations” of the students. The host company took the responsibility of the students once they were in the campus.

Report from Mrs. Sarah Koshy (Coordinator for Externship)

The Externs attended sessions on coding and experienced the work environment in various departments and also participated actively in games during the evening sessions along with the employees of both the firms.

This externship programme gave them hands-on experience on the real work world and how they can make a true change in this new world that they have entered into.

The Externs were given an opportunity to prepare presentations and take sessions on their own. The Programme not only is an eye opener to the world of opportunities but also challenged the Externs in imagination, creativity, skills and communication.

Students who want to widen their scope of experience can definitely join the Explore programme and enhance their skills in the most desirable manner.

Experience of Devin Maheshwar (Extern)

The five days we spent at Kochi proved to be our finest hour. To be honest, we had no idea what we were going to face when we went for the externship. Day 1, after arriving at Kochi and freshening up, we went to the office. We were nervous. It was something really new to us but we were ready to give it our all.

Terrific Minds ignited our thoughts and enabled us to understand the true essence of a working environment. Growing up is fun. It has its difficulties, responsibilities and there are a lot of questionable decisions involved but in the end, success comes from the will not to give up. It is possible to enjoy your work. The only thing we have to accept is what we see ourselves doing right now won't be what destiny has in store for us.

We were taught about all the components a company needs to work smoothly and the balance Terrific Minds has is beautiful to look at. We could feel the passion they had for their job when they explained it to us. The experience we had at Terrific Minds could be summarized as fun but informative. We'd like to thank Abhilash, Ranjith, Daniel and the rest of the team for making this possible for us. We can say with assurance that we won't forget this experience ever and that we are better than we were before the externship.



Given above is one page from the photo gallery section of the detailed report on the externship programme. Click anywhere on this box to read the full report.

An Unforgettable Get-together

A get-together of the available members of LOBA EXPLORE team and the organizers of the Externship Programme was arranged at Hotel Horizon, Trivandrum, on 22 October 2022. The pivotal force behind such a reunion was Dr Suresh K. Aravind who did yeoman service to make a series of high-profile career guidance sessions happen and get the Externship Programme initiated. Among other invitees were Fr P. T. Joseph SJ, Fr Roy Alex SJ, Mr James Thomas and Mrs Sarah Koshy.

The get-together was primarily meant to be a platform for the members of the Externship Programme to share their views on the initiative and discuss future projects to be conducted during the summer vacation. Dr Suresh and the members of the two companies (**In App** and **Terrific Minds**) that piloted the project enlivened the gathering with their ideas and generous acknowledgement of the one another's contribution to the noble cause. Fr P. T. Joseph SJ thanked the visionaries for their pioneering efforts, indefatigable commitment, and contagious enthusiasm.



LOYOLITES AT THE ADVANCED MODEL ROCKETRY WORKSHOP AT IIST THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Rosmy Thomas



Twenty-eight students from Loyola School participated in the workshop organized at Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology.

On 5th November morning, after a lot of formal procedures of registration and security check, we entered the beautiful IIST Campus at 9.00 a.m.

The first session of the workshop on *Challenges and opportunities of Gaganyaan* by Dr. R Hutton, the Gaganyaan Project Director, was held at 10.00 a.m. Then the participants were led to an exhibition arranged by the IIST students on rocket models.





The second session by Dr. G. Ayyappan, former Associate Director and Programme Director of VSSC, dealt with Opportunities and Challenges in Space Technology. The real rocketry session started at 4.00 pm. The principle of making rockets were explained by Mr. Divyanshu Poddar, the CEO of Rocketeers, an official ISRO merchandise partner. The session lasted two hours.



On 6th morning, rocketry kits were given and the participants were instructed how to make a model rocket. In about four hours, every team that consisted of four members completed making their rockets and moved to the launching ground near the IIST vehicle. The trajectory and movement of the rockets were really a great experience for all who gathered there. Those who meticulously followed the instructions created perfect rockets that covered a long distance.

On November 7, all the participants assembled in a classroom in the IIST rocketry block and designed their own rockets and launched them.

The exposure to the engineering principles of rocketry and the experiential learning of designing, assembling, and launching their own rockets have sparked dreams in the young Loyolites to be a part of IIST.



CONSCIENTIA 2022: *A Fascinating Experience*

Evan Alex Abraham, VIII C



It is not every day that you get to build and launch a rocket. Conscientia 2022, the three-day rocketry workshop at Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, gave 28 of us a chance to do it. We were taken to the IIST by our Physics teacher Ms Rosmy Thomas.

The first day of the workshop began with an interactive session on ISRO's next mission and an introduction to various types of rockets. Then we visited the aerospace block and collected memorabilia such as T-shirt and hoodies. In the first post-lunch session, a team from Skyroot Aerospace, who organised the workshop, introduced to us various models of rockets and the engines used in them.

On the second day, each participating team was given the opportunity to make a rocket from the preparation kit provided by the organisers who offered further guidance and support. A few teams added a personal launch to the rocket by writing their names or school motto. All of them then took their rockets to the launch pad. It was an exhilarating feeling to see one's first rocket fly into the sky.

During the post-launch session back in the hall, we were introduced to an application called Open Rocket which is used to design rockets and verify their stability. We had to use this application to determine the dimensions of the fins of the rocket and to check the stability of the rocket we designed. More study material and information on the model rocket were given to us to help us build our own rocket the next day as one of the projects in the workshop.

On the third and final day, all the participating team built their own rockets using the application and basic materials provided by the guidance team. The most hardworking participants had burnt the midnight oil and come prepared with the rocket design using the Open rocket application that they were introduced to the previous day. This enabled them to assemble their rockets without hassles.

After assembling our rockets, we were permitted to add our personal touches to our rockets by spray painting on them.

It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to design a rocket from scratch and see it successfully soar into dizzy heights. I am sure there will be more eager and enthusiastic students to participate in the workshop next year and realize their dream to design and launch their own rockets. Magis!

