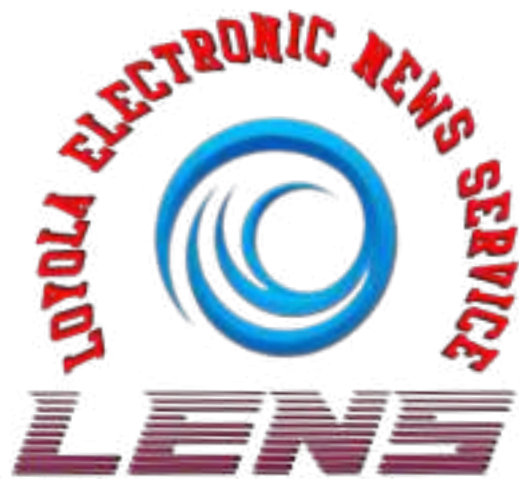


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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Reader

October was packed with activities for the integral formation which Loyola school is proud of. The Explore team supported by Terrific Minds in Ernakulam and Inapp at Trivandrum piloted Externship for students of Grade XI & XII. The meticulously planned experiential exposure has challenged the 10 participants to dream bigger. I am thankful to Dr Suresh K. Aravind for taking the leadership for it. It was amazing how much of time and energy was spent by Abhilash and Vijay to make it a success. I am sure, more Loyola students will take wings from this initiative.

Many of our students participated in the cultural fests and sports competitions organized by the Association of Schools for Indian School Certificate zone-wise and then state-wise and finally at the National level. Congratulations to all who won prizes.

Mr. Aravindan K. N., Commandant, State Industrial Security Force, addressed the students on the impending dangers of drug abuse.

With restrictions from the Transport department, excursions were arranged safely. While the senior students enjoyed night stays at Wagamon, Kodai, Kambam, Bengaluru, Mysore and Ooty, the younger ones of LKG, UKG, I & II explored the Veli tourist village, Classes III, IV & V were tricked in the Magic Planet. Those in VI, VII & VIII visited Neyyar Dam, Wonderla and Lulu Mall at Kochi.

LOBA had the 'Back to school' programme on the 1 & 2 October, enthusiastically attended by many.

Many young scientists and artists tinkered at the recently organized Loyola Science & Art Exhibition held on October 28.

Loyola is now constructing a swimming pool too.

Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J.

Diwali

Delights



Akshat Agarwal, VI C explaining the importance of Deepawali

Fascinating festivals perpetuate our country's glorious and multicultural heritage the essence of which is unity in diversity. Deepawali is one of the most significant Hindu festivals celebrated across India. When a person removes the darkness of his ignorance and ignites the light of knowledge on him, he experiences unlimited supernatural bliss. Deepawali is exactly that bliss.

Lankapati Ravan was an Asur who kidnapped Sita Mata. The day Shri Ram reclaimed Sita Mata by killing the abductor is celebrated as Vijayadashmi which comes 21 days before Deepawali. After this, on the day of Deepawali, Lord Shri Ram, Sita Mata and brother Lakshman returned to Ayodhya after spending fourteen years of exile and people welcomed them by lighting ghee lamps. They decorated the entire Ayodhya city very well with flowers, lamps and colours. Due to this way of celebration it was named Deepawali and is celebrated every year.

Preparations for Deepawali celebrations started early enough in our school. The programme started with the school anthem sung by the school choir and the welcome speech by the school leader, followed by the song presented by the music club. Then came the speech by Akshat Agarwal of Class VI C who explained the importance of Deepawali. The keynote address was delivered by Ms Nupur Choudhary.

One of the most colourful segments of the celebrations was the musical drama put on the boards by students from Class 5 to 10. It was a dramatization of the story from the abduction of Mother Sita to the slaughter of Ravan.

The concluding part of the special assembly consisted of Fr Roy Alex's exhortation to students to keep away from evils like drug addiction, the vote of thanks by the assistant school leader, and the national anthem at the end.

While Deepawali is considered a festival of happiness and enthusiasm, it is also a symbol of beauty and conscience as well. All the lights of the world are eclipsed by the beauty of the enlightened inner soul and cleanliness of character.

On this Deepawali, let us remember the vastness and eternal nature of our life and feel a deep sense of gratitude for all that we have received in life. Let us remember that we are bound to light lamps and spread the light of joy and knowledge everywhere and every day.

Ms Nupur Choudhary



Deepawali Song by the Music Club



Deepawali Dance



Scenes from the Music Drama







Keynote address by Ms Nupur Choudhary

Capacity Building Programme on **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

The Central Board of Secondary Education emphasizes the empowerment of teachers and principals of its affiliated schools through its Capacity Building Programme on Experiential Learning (CBPEL). In order to facilitate the CBPEL, a workshop was organized at Loyola School Trivandrum on October 21 and 22, 2022. It was attended by 58 teachers from all CBSE schools in and around the city. Fr Roy Alex, SJ and Mrs Soni B. George, Principal and Vice Principal of Loyola CBSE, respectively, were in-charge of the programme. The resource persons were Mrs M. R. Rakhy Prince and Mrs Sree Rekha Prasad.



Mrs M. R. Rakhy Prince is the Principal of Sree Narayana Vidyapeetam Public School, Tripunithura. She has a teaching experience of 25 years and administrative experience of 21 years. A postgraduate in Botany & Aquaculture, Mrs Prince is also a trainer certified by CBSE Centre of Excellence and a JCI certified national trainer.

Mrs Sree Rekha Prasad, the Principal of Siddhartha Central School, Pallimon, Kollam, is the recipient of *Principal of the Year Award 2022* instituted by Universal Mentors Association, Delhi, and the *Award of Excellence* instituted by

Lifology, a Guinness World Record-winning organization for exemplary contribution to education and positive intervention to keep learning seamless during the pandemic. She is a member of CBSE in the module preparation related to NEP 2020 named *Initiative to School Education* and is also a CBSE resource person in experiential learning, 21st century skills, career guidance, value education, NEP 2020, gamification in learning, school as anger-free zone, vocational education, and art integration. She has conducted webinars on competency and skill-based education, early childhood and education, and been a panellist for *24 News* channel, *ScooNews*, *EDUtalk* and various other platforms.





Experiential Learning is a nontraditional process through which students develop knowledge, skills and values from direct experiences outside a traditional academic setting. It is a well-known model in education, training, facilitation and organizational development. The basic model of experiential learning cycle is: *Do Reflect Decide*.

The two-day workshop began with a hymn rendered by the Loyola teachers' choir. Fr Roy Alex, SJ welcomed the gathering. Fr P.T. Joseph, SJ, Principal Loyola ICSE and Director Loyola CBSE felicitated the gathering. Teachers were oriented on the Kolb's cycle, three learning domains in Bloom's taxonomy, the SMART check on learning outcome, the LAAR strategy and multiple intelligences. Various group activities were organized amongst the participants in order to incorporate the above aspects in the sample lesson plan. Certificates were distributed to the teachers at the end of the 2nd day. It was indeed a very educative and useful session for the CBSE teachers.

Sarah Koshy





Principal Fr P. T. Joseph, SJ inaugurates the ASISC Sub-Zone Category 5 Cultural Fest 2022 at Loyola Indoor Stadium

ASISC ZONE A CULTURAL FEST 2022

Association of Schools for Indian School Certificate, Kerala Region Zone A, which comprises Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam Districts, organised the *Cultural and Literary Fest 2022* in October.

At the Sub-zone level (Thiruvananthapuram) Category 1& 2 (LKG to Class II) events were hosted by Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Category 2 (Classes III to V) by Holy Angels ISC School, Category 4 (VI to VIII) by St. Thomas Residential School, and Category 5 (IX, X, XI & XII) by Loyola School. The competitions in Category 1 & 2 are restricted up to the sub-zonal level.

At the Zonal Level (Kollam & Thiruvananthapuram) Cultural items of Music, Dance and One-Act Play in Category 3 to 5 were hosted by Loyola School on 22 October 2022. The campus echoed the melodious renditions in Light Music Malayalam, English, Group song Malayalam, English, and the mesmerising presentations in Classical, Folk, Contemporary Fusion, Theme Dance and One-Act Play by the young artists. Events were held

for both boys and girls separately in the Indoor Stadium and Multimedia Hall. 19 schools from these districts participated. Trinity Lyceum emerged the overall Winner. The first Runner up was Infant Jesus Anglo Indian School, Kollam and the Second Runner up was St. Thomas Residential School.

Competitions in the literary items were hosted by Infant Jesus Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School on Oct 25.

Category 3 competitions are restricted to Zonal level.

The First and Second position holders from Category 4 & 5 will compete against the winners from 3 other zones at the Regional Level Competition which will be hosted by K. E. School, Mannanam.

Congratulations to all who participated in the Cultural Fest.

Joy M. Varghese



Sreya Mahesh of Holy Angels' ISC School, winner in Bharathanatyam at the sub-zone competition.



Singers waiting in the wings for their turn



Malayalam group song team from Sarvodaya Vidyalaya



English group song team from Sarvodaya Vidyalaya

ASISC ZONE A WINNERS



Devanarayanan J. R., X A
1st in Mal. Light Music
(Category 5)
(2nd in Sub-zone)



Abhiram S. Nithin, VIII B
1st in Eng. Light Music
(Category 4)
(2nd in Sub-zone)



Abhinand M. Nair, VIII D
1st in Mal. Light Music
(Category 4)
(2nd in Sub-zone)



Jonith Jijo, V A
1st in Eng. Elocution
(Category 3)
(1st in Sub-zone too)



Jonathan Edwards N., VII D
2nd in Eng. Elocution
(Category 4)
(2nd in Sub-zone too)



Aagney S. S., V D
3rd in Mal. Elocution
(Category 3)
(2nd in Sub-zone)



Abhiram Anup, X A
3rd in Mal. Recitation
(Category 5)
(1st in Sub-zone)

ASISC SUBZONE A WINNERS



Shreyan M. Nair, V E
1st in English Light Music
(Category 3)



Bhagavant Krishna, II B
1st in English Rhyme
(Category 2)



N. P. Adidev, II B
1st in Malayalam Rhyme
(Category 2)



Varad Vinayak, X B
3rd in Mal. Ext. Speech
(Category 5)



Abhinav Ganesh, II B
3rd in Pick and Talk
(Category 2)



Kashinath V. S., I D
3rd in Storytelling
(Category 2)



Aarush S. S., UKG C
3rd in Storytelling
(Category 1)



3rd in Malayalam Group Song (Category 4)

Rishikesh R, Darshan R. Nair, Arjun Krishna, Abhiram S. Nithin, Abhinand M. Nair, Ishaan Sajay, Pranav P. Nair, Devnandan S. Nair

ASISC Kerala Region Cultural Fest at Chinmaya School Loyolites of LKG waiting in the wings for their **INTRAMURAL DEBUT**



Action Song: Ethan Percival Angelo, Avyukth A. D., Yohaida Cherian Jacob, Anirudh Uday, Ethan Joseph Sujith, Vihaan Vinel, Abhimanyu Achyuth Lal, Abram Arun



Western Dance: Rithvik V. Nair, Afnan Mohammad D. T., Rayan Joe, Rex George Nibin, Gautham A., Neal Mathew, Harshith Nikhil, Shivnand Karthikeyan

KIDS' FESTIVAL

WINNERS OF THE FIRST PRIZE (LKG)



Anirudh Uday, LKG C
1st in Singing
1st in Speech
1st in Fancy Dress



Johan Renoy, LKG F
1st in Singing
1st in Speech
1st in Storytelling



Thrilok S., LKG B
1st in Singing
1st in Storytelling
1st in Fancy Dress



Shivnand Karthikeyan, LKG D
1st in Storytelling
1st in Speech
2nd in Fancy Dress



Abhinav Binoy, LKG F
1st in Singing
1st in Fancy Dress
2nd in Speech
2nd in Storytelling



Hritwik Shailesh Prasad, LKG E
1st in Singing
1st in Speech
2nd in Fancy Dress



Ethan Joseph Sujith, LKG D
1st in Storytelling
1st in Fancy Dress
3rd in Singing



Aadidev Vijay, LKG C
1st in Colouring
2nd in Fancy Dress
2nd in Storytelling
3rd in Singing



Parth G. Thakur, LKG F
1st in Singing
2nd in Colouring
3rd in Storytelling
3rd in Speech



Afnan Muhammad D. T., LKG E
1st in Fancy Dress
2nd in Singing
3rd in Colouring

KIDS' FESTIVAL

WINNERS OF THE FIRST PRIZE (LKG)

(Continued)



Advay Jith, LKG B
1st in Speech
2nd in Singing
2nd in Storytelling
2nd in Fancy Dress



Ayyukth A. P., LKG C
1st in Storytelling
2nd in Speech
2nd in Fancy Dress



Kavin Prabu, LKG A
1st in Storytelling
2nd in Speech
2nd in Fancy Dress
3rd in Singing



Arnav Sagar, LKG A
1st in Speech
3rd in Singing
3rd in Fancy Dress



Ayaan Balu Punnackal, LKG A
1st in Singing
2nd in Fancy Dress



John Noby, LKG A
1st in Storytelling
3rd in Singing
3rd in Fancy Dress



Paul Varghese, LKG A
1st in Speech
2nd in Storytelling



Abel Sam Manuel, LKG C
1st in Fancy Dress
2nd in Singing



Abhiram P., LKG E
1st in Colouring
2nd in Storytelling



Dhruv P. Nair, LKG A
1st in Fancy Dress
3rd in Storytelling



Reuben Dan, LKG E
1st in Storytelling
3rd in Fancy Dress



Abhimanyu Achyuth Lal, LKG D
1st in Singing



Devaamsh A. Ganapath, LKG F
1st in Fancy Dress
3rd in Colouring



Reyansh B., LKG E
1st in Fancy Dress



Aarnav Pradeep, LKG A
1st in Colouring



Alex Philip Eranackal, LKG D
1st in Fancy Dress



Chinmayu A., LKG A
1st in Fancy Dress



Ritvik Nair, LKG D
1st in Fancy Dress



Devaduttan V. Nair, LKG D
1st in Colouring



Dhyan Bharat, LKG B
1st in Fancy Dress



Pranoy S. Krishnan, LKG F
1st in Colouring



Jonathan D. S., LKG B
1st in Colouring
3rd in Fancy Dress

KIDS' FESTIVAL

WINNERS OF THE SECOND PRIZE (LKG)



Aarav Manoj, LKG A
2nd in Singing



Nirajan J. Nair, LKG A
2nd in Singing
3rd in Colouring



Antony Chacko Thommen,
LKG D
2nd in Singing
2nd in Fancy Dress



Juan A. Anup, LKG D
2nd in Singing
3rd in Storytelling



Rex George Nibin, LKG F
2nd in Singing



Louie Mondly Dany, LKG F
2nd in Singing



Reyansh Nair, LKG D
2nd in Storytelling



Madhav A. D., LKG D
2nd in Storytelling
2nd in Speech



Joshua Jisson, LKG B
2nd in Speech



Nathal S. Alex, LKG D
2nd in Speech



Shaun Sam Jose, LKG A
2nd in Colouring



Jacob Johny Zacharia,
LKG E
2nd in Speech



Kiran Parambi Arun,
LKG A
2nd in Fancy Dress



Ayan Abhishek, LKG B
2nd in Fancy Dress
3rd in Colouring



Angad U Nair, LKG F
2nd in Fancy Dress



Raahil Ahmed M., LKG B
2nd in Colouring



Aiden Mathew Joel, LKG C
2nd in Colouring



Shreyas Narayanan R. R.,
LKG D
2nd in Colouring



Rishaan Rohith Daniel,
LKG E
2nd in Colouring

KIDS' FESTIVAL

WINNERS OF THE THIRD PRIZE (LKG)



Abel Alphonse, LKG B
3rd in Singing
3rd in Speech



Saaketh S. Sajith, LKG D
3rd in Singing
3rd in Colouring



Dhruv A. Subramony,
LKG E
3rd in Singing
3rd in Speech



Fabian Danny Pereira,
LKG A
3rd in Storytelling
3rd in Fancy Dress



Sreenandhan S., LKG D
3rd in Storytelling
3rd in Fancy Dress



Vivan Hariprasad, LKG C
3rd in Storytelling



Adikesh A. R., LKG B
3rd in Storytelling



Advay Aravind, LKG F
3rd in Singing



Vihaan Vinel, LKG B
3rd in Singing



Sarang S., LKG B
3rd in Storytelling



Gautham A., LKG A
3rd in Speech



Aadvik Chaudhary, LKG F
3rd in Storytelling



Aditya A. M., LKG A
3rd in Speech



Isaac Don, LKG A
3rd in Speech



Karthik S. P., LKG D
3rd in Speech



Johan Benjamin Ricky,
LKG B
3rd in Fancy Dress



Muhammed Reizan A.,
LKG B
3rd in Fancy Dress



Advik, LKG C
3rd in Fancy Dress



Anagh Nithin, LKG D
3rd in Fancy Dress



Parthiv Pradeep, LKG E
3rd in Fancy Dress



Zachary Philip, LKG C
3rd in Colouring



Yohaida Cherian Jacob,
LKG E
3rd in Storytelling



Michael Robinson, LKG F
3rd in Fancy Dress



Ehaan Mohammed Anvar,
LKG E
3rd in Storytelling

KIDS' FESTIVAL

WINNERS OF THE FIRST PRIZE (UKG)



Aarush S.S., UKG C
1st in Speech
1st in Recitation
1st in Storytelling



Matthew Christopher, UKG D
1st in Storytelling
1st in Recitation
2nd in Speech



Mikhail Zach Abhi, UKG B
1st in Recitation
2nd in Speech



Krishna Kiran, UKG D
1st in Singing
2nd in Storytelling
3rd in Speech



Rex Lopez, UKG B
1st in Speech
2nd in Storytelling



Nivin R. V., UKG D
1st in Speech



Joaquin Jo Emmanuel, UKG
1st in Storytelling



Taran M. Nair, UKG A
1st in Storytelling

KIDS' FESTIVAL

WINNERS OF THE SECOND PRIZE (UKG)



Mahadev Jnaneswar, UKG D
2nd in Storytelling



Akhilesh R. R., UKG D
2nd in Recitation



Adikesh S., UKG C
2nd in Speech
2nd in Recitation
2nd in Storytelling



Advait Sreekesh, UKG C
2nd in Speech



Kaushik Shankar, UKG B
2nd in Recitation



Vihaan Chethan, UKG B
2nd in Storytelling
3rd in Speech



Hrithik Chandra R., UKG B
2nd in Storytelling



Aaron Jacob, UKG A
2nd in Storytelling



Aadinath S. Nair, UKG A
2nd in Recitation



Ethan Justin, UKG A
2nd in Speech
3rd in Recitation

KIDS' FESTIVAL

WINNERS OF THE THIRD PRIZE (UKG)



Ryan Joseph Prince, UKG D
3rd in Storytelling
3rd in Recitation



Madhav V. Nair, UKG D
3rd in Storytelling



Adwaith Ranjith, UKG C
3rd in Recitation
3rd in Storytelling



Gautham Krishna P., UKG C
3rd in Storytelling



Aarav Sandeep, UKG C
3rd in Speech



Govind P. S., UKG B
3rd in Speech



Ryan Rejoy, UKG B
3rd in Speech
3rd in Storytelling



Reyansh Bhuvanesh, UKG B
3rd in Storytelling



Vinayak D. Akhil, UKG B
3rd in Recitation



David Mathew, UKG A
3rd in Storytelling



Chris Varghese, UKG A
3rd in Speech

Selection for & Achievement at CISCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Manav A. Rejith, VIII A
Member of the Kerala Region Under 14 Chess Team
that won the Second Prize in CISCE National Chess Tournament



Sree Prithvingraj A., X B & Nikhil Ramakrishnan, IX B
Selected for Kerala Region Under 17 Chess Team
Seen on the right is **Jithin Asok, X B**, the Kerala Region
A Zone Winner in Chess (Under 17)

Selection for CISCE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (on the basis of zonal level achievements)

TABLE TENNIS



Alen Saji, XII A
(Zone A U-19 Winner)



Sidh Manu, XII A
(Zone A U-19 Runner-up)



Joash Jobby Jacob, VI B
Zone A 4th Position (U-14)

CHESS



Thomas Joseph Binoy, IX A
A Zone 4th Position (U-17)
Also selected for CISCE U-17
state level football
championship



Madhav Praveen, Jonathan Edwards, Gaurav Unnikrishnan and Advait Manjush Kurup (all of Std VII), members of the team that won the Trivandrum District Roll Ball Championship (Sub-Juniors) held at Central Stadium, Trivandrum.

They won the Bronze medal at the Kerala State Rollball Championship held on 22 October 2022



Amrit Ramesh (VIII D), Jonathan Edwards N. (VII D), Kesav Muralikrishnan (IV C) selected to Trivandrum District Basketball Team. **Amrit Ramesh also got selected to ASISC State Basketball Team**

Shabad Kaila (VIII A) got selected to ASISC Kerala State Basketball Team



Amith Shibu, XI B
Bronze medal in 100m race and Silver medal in 4x100m relay(U-19 category) at CISCE State Athletic Meet

Winners in TRIVANDRUM DISTRICT ROLLER SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP



Jovan Renato Jeskleen, III B
Gold in Rink1 (200 mtrs)
Silver in Rink 2 (500mtrs)
Silver in Rink 3 (1000mtrs)
Qualified for
State Roller Skating Championship



Alfie Leo Jomon, I B
Gold in Rink 3
Silver in Rink 1



Shivnand Karthikeyan, LKG D
Gold in U-5 Category

CBSE SAHODAYA FEST



Bhagath Sunand, XI D
2nd in Violin Eastern
2nd in Mridangam

Winners in Dr. A. V. Varughese Memorial Oratorical Contest hosted by St. Thomas Residential School



Matthew K. Mathen (XI B)
2nd Prize (English)



Abhiraj A. (IX C)
3rd Prize (Malayalam)
Also, 2nd in Mal. Extempore
Speech at CBSE Sahodaya Fest

CBSE SAHODAYA BADMINTON COMPETITION



Daksh Mendiratta (XI C)
2nd in U-19 Singles

QUIZ WIZARDS



Jem Gurudas (XI B)



Navaneeth V. Sankar (XI B)

Winners in the All Kerala Samasya Quiz organized by NIT Calicut

Navaneeth V. Sankar above teamed up with Adithya Kishor below to become the second runners-up in Manorama Big Q Challenge 2022.



Abel T. Rinosh (X A)



Manav R. (X B)

& the winners in Joy Memorial Interschool Quiz Competition conducted by Trivandrum Bengalee Association



Adithya Kishor (XII B)



Jithin Rajesh, XII B

& Second in Chinmaya Quiz, hosted by Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Kunnumpuram



Ananthkrishnan L. (VIII A) & Ashwin Raj Pradeep (VIII D) were placed fourth in the Samasya Quiz of NIT, Calicut



Winners in ASISC Kerala Region Zone A Basketball Championship (Under 14)



3rd in CBSE South Zone Sahodaya Cricket Championship



Winners in ASISC Kerala Region Zone A Basketball Championship (Under 17)



2nd Runner-up in CBSE South Zone Sahodaya Basketball Championship

OUR TRIP TO MAGIC PLANET



It was a normal school day when our class teacher made the announcement about an outing planned for the following week. The whole class was excited and we all started dreaming about the fun we were going to have. For the last two years, due to the pandemic, we were had online classes and could not go on any trip. We badly missed all the fun with our friends and teachers. So, we decided to make this a memorable day in our school life.

The trip was to a magical place called Magic Planet. We went there on our school bus. There were so many interesting things to see

there. There was a magician named Mohammed Shanu who performed illusion magic. It was an entertaining show. Next, we went to the Circus Castle. There, a funny magician called our teachers to the stage and did tricks with them. We really enjoyed the act. There was also an artist who showed balancing tricks with a ladder. We saw differently abled people singing and dancing. We were spellbound to see them performing. We felt that our loud claps and actions made them very happy. Then there was a magician from Delhi who showed us street magic. He turned a child into a snake. It was an unbelievable act!

We had lunch and chocolates from there. After spending a whole day in the world of magic, we returned to school by evening.

We all enjoyed the day so much that we felt sad coming back from there. When I got home, my mind was full of happy memories that I could not fall asleep!

Kesav Muralikrishnan, IV C





A school picnic is an event in which students go out with teachers and enjoy the day together. All the students were very excited about the picnic. We all boarded our bus by 9 am. After the pandemic we were going on picnic for the first time.

The staff of Magic Planet welcomed us. It was an amazing place to visit. I saw some exciting and at the same time crazy statues and images all around me. There were so many magic shows all of which were amazing.

Teachers, uncles and the staff of Magic Planet guided us and also gave us tasty food. We played basketball too. Our class teachers gave us candies. It was a memorable day. By 3 pm we were back at school.

Sanjai Govind, IV A





The visit to Magic Planet was exciting. We watched six shows there. The first one was a play based on *The Tempest*. It was followed by a magic show and street magic. Then the autistic boys there entertained us with their song, and we had yet another magic show by the autistic girls. After all these shows, we played basketball for some time. In short, it was the best day of my life. For the first time in my life I realized that several people in this world are differently abled.

Dev Santhosh, IV D





Non-teaching Staff Day



Non-teaching staff day was celebrated on 31st October 2022. We held a special assembly to honour them. It began with a floral welcome to the uncles and aunties at the entrance of the auditorium. Following the school song, the school leader formally welcomed everyone to the assembly. Students of Class XI made the programme more colourful with their video presentation of the uncles and aunties in action on the campus. Mini Aravindakshan Ma'am who spoke next began with the explanation of why the Non-teaching Staff Day falls on the Feast Day of St Alphonsus Rodriguez. She then dwelt at length on all the uncles and aunties with whom she came into contact since her first day at school. Her speech was followed by a group dance performed by the students of Class IX who brimmed with energy. Then we had a group song by the Music Club and another one by the teachers. Abhiraj A. of IX C brought in variety to the programme with his mimicry. The highlight of the programme was the response of Ms Binol who spoke on behalf of the non-teaching staff. Fr Roy Alex, SJ who spoke next gave a glowing tribute to the dedicated service of each member of the non-teaching staff. The entire audience instantly responded to his invitation to offer the uncles and aunties a standing ovation. It was the most memorable moment of the unforgettable assembly.

Keshav Balachandran, VI B





UPCOMING PROJECT



Fr Reji SJ laying the foundation stone of the swimming pool