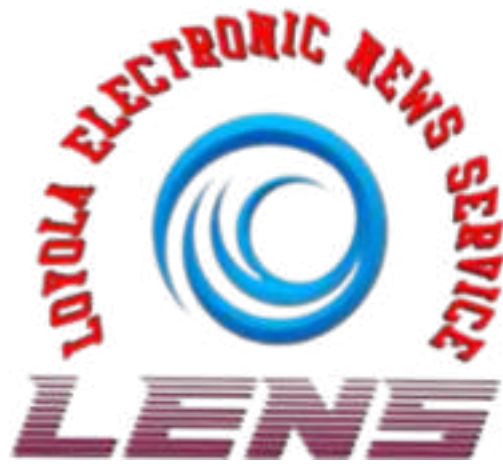


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*From the Principal's Desk*

## **Loyola School's December Delight: A Celebration of Love, Talent and Growth**

The dawn of December saw Loyola School enveloping itself in the spirit of the season with a distinctive Christmas celebration – a jubilation of love that set the stage for a month brimming with significant events and accomplishments. As the Principal, I am thrilled to present the highlights of our festive and enriching December in this edition of *LENS*. This year's Christmas celebrations transcended the bounds of traditional festivities. It surpassed mere carols and decorations; it became a celebration of love that resonated throughout the school, cultivating a sense of unity and warmth among students, teachers, and parents.

The month unfolded with our students showcasing their artistic prowess on Theatre Day, a platform where creativity took centre stage. The performances, especially *Kavyarchana*, the dramatisation of five Malayalam poems, the Hindi skit, and the English drama *The Comedy of Errors*, were not only moving but also fascinating. These captivating displays reflected the dedication and talent that our students possess, leaving an indelible mark on everyone present.

Both the junior and senior school Annual Day celebrations were grand successes, with a substantial number of students actively participating. What made these events truly special was the fact that our dedicated teachers crafted the entire programme without seeking professional help from outside, showcasing their commitment and skill. Our students are truly talented.

The success of these celebrations wouldn't have been possible without the cooperation of our parents. Their active involvement and support played a pivotal role in making each event a memorable experience.

Our Annual Day events were graced by distinguished chief guests, including Mr Pramod Payyannur, a renowned film director, Mr K. Jayakumar IAS, former Chief Secretary to the Govt of Kerala, and Dr K. Vasuki IAS, Labour Commissioner. Their presence and insights emphasized the importance of the student-centred approach that Loyola School follows, setting it apart and making it unique.

Loyola School was further enriched by the presence of our old boys, who not only attended but also contributed to the celebrations with a special programme. Their support reflects the enduring bond that Loyola alumni share with their alma mater.

The latest example of the old boys' attachment to Loyola is the silver jubilee reunion of the 1998 batch on 23 December 2023. The formal function at Sutter Hall was unforgettable not only because it was attended by the former students, but their teachers and Fr Joseph Edassery SJ as well.

As the year draws to a close, I reflect on the multitude of academic and co-curricular activities that have filled our calendar. Our students find joy and fulfilment within these walls, recognizing Loyola School as a place of freedom and growth.

As we usher in the New Year, let us carry forward the spirit of meaningful growth and success that define Loyola School. May the coming year be a witness to our collective efforts, fostering an environment where every student flourishes and achieves new heights.

**Fr Salvin Augustine, SJ**



## *Jingle All the Way:* **YULETIDE FESTIVITIES AT LOYOLA**



Every year, as the calendar turns to December, the anticipation for Christmas begins at Loyola and preparations unfold with excitement and festive zeal. This year was no exception, as Loyola, once again, embraced the mood of the season. The efforts of the students and staff turned every corner of the school into a canvas for creativity and shared joy as classrooms, hallways, and even school buses were adorned with tinsel and sparkling decorations. The magnificent Star of Bethlehem, the nativity crib representing the timeless story of the birth of Jesus, and the beautifully decorated Xmas tree, created a charming atmosphere, reminding everyone that the spirit of Christmas had truly found a home at Loyola.

On 19th December 2023, as the bright sun enveloped us in its warmth, whispering tales of holiday cheer, Loyola radiated with the brilliance of yuletide. The day opened with a Xmas rally, led by two majestic horses, accompanied by the lively tunes of the school brass band. The merry parade included a whimsical display by our students, wearing Santa hats and outfits; some riding bicycles, others gracefully gliding on roller skates, and a few showcasing their basketball skills with playful dribbling. As the jolly figures made their way through the campus,



a procession featuring a large number of students, from kindergarten to class XII, all transformed into adorable Santas, marched in four cheerful lines, moving in harmony with the band playing Christmas songs. The procession gracefully advanced towards the open ground adjacent to the auditorium. With the horses and the band converging at the centre, the Santas formed a huge circle, symbolizing the essence of inclusivity, unity, and togetherness that defines this festival. The parade culminated with the students proceeding into the auditorium, coming together for the Xmas special assembly. The assembly commenced with an invocation to the divine, led by Tessa Jaison Kizhakkumthala of Class XI A, followed by the welcoming speech delivered by the General Captain, Johannes Joby John of XI C1. Following the presidential address by our Principal (CBSE section), Fr Roy Alex SJ, our very talented teachers enchanted us with their melodious rendition of "Come On Ring Those Bells". This splendid performance set the stage for a special message from Rev. Fr Sunny Kunnapallil SJ, the Rector of our institution whose heartfelt reflections inspired us to contemplate the true meaning of the festival: service and charity.

Christmas being a time for merry melodies, the students at Loyola showcased their musical talents by presenting a captivating medley of soulful carols. Their harmonious voices filled the air with the magic of Christmastide. Following this

carnival of music, Ms Judy K. Punnoose shared her special message, reminding us that this was a period for spiritual contemplation and renewal of faith. The celebration is an opportunity to focus on fundamental human values – kindness, generosity, unwavering faith, and love – which are not only relevant during the holiday season but can enrich our lives throughout the year.

The assembly reached its pinnacle with a delightful Christmas skit, performed by the students of class XI, that opened like a fascinating storybook, weaving the traditional narrative with stirring music and choreography, leaving a lasting glimmer of festive bliss in our hearts. The assembly concluded with Rishi Gogoi of IX B1 acknowledging the efforts that went into making the assembly a success, followed by the entire school standing together for the school anthem.

Soon after the assembly, students joyfully made their way back to their respective classrooms, where the celebratory spirit continued through a myriad of fun-filled activities. Laughter echoed through the corridors, creating an ambience of shared merriment and camaraderie. The lunchtime transformed into a communal feast, as scrumptious







biryani and delicious cakes were served to everyone. Students and staff savoured these moments of togetherness and festivity, creating lasting memories of a Christmas at Loyola that would linger in the hearts of all.

A heartening scene could be witnessed at the administrative office as the tiny tots of the kindergarten section, eagerly made their way to the Principal's room, carrying with them a melange of handmade greeting cards and gifts. The little ones, with their cherubic smiles, handed over their carefully crafted treasures to Father Principal and other staff members, as a gesture of their deep admiration and affection.

As the day drew to a close, a palpable sense of enthusiasm became evident among the teachers, as they could hardly wait to unveil their "Christmas Friend" at the special staff meeting scheduled for the end of the day. Each teacher had selected a colleague in secret, to whom they would play the role of a 'Secret Santa' which meant that each had diligently chosen a thoughtful gift for their respective Christmas Friend. The exchange of gifts brought in much mirth and amusement, reinforcing the bonds that make the Loyola community special.

Christmas festivities at Loyola, thus, encompassed the enduring legacy of the season, commemorating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, fostering connections with each other, and a generous sharing of love and understanding among all.

**Catherine Thomas**

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# L' Efflorescence



WEDNESDAY  
20 DECEMBER 2023

**THEATRE DAY**  
9.30 am onwards

Chief Guest  
**Shri Pramod Payyannur**  
(Film Director)



THURSDAY  
21 DECEMBER 2023

**Jr SCHOOL DAY**  
4.30 pm onwards

Chief Guest  
**Shri K. Jayakumar IAS**  
(Former Chief Secretary)



FRIDAY  
22 DECEMBER 2023

**Sr SCHOOL DAY**  
4 pm onwards

Chief Guest  
**Dr K. Vasuki IAS**  
(Labour Commissioner)



# Theatre Day



Change is certainly fascinating to observe. The 2023-'24 academic year brought with it many interesting deviations from the set paradigm at Loyola, giving, in many ways, new life to age-old traditions, such as elevating drama from an experiment tossed at the end of the School Day to a brand new, all-day event – Theatre Day.

Featuring three performances, one each in English, Malayalam, and Hindi, the event provided both food for thought and art to enjoy, starting with a grand inauguration graced by film director Mr Pramod Payyannur. His inspiring Malayalam speech set the stage for the first event of the day, Kavyarchana, a poignant picturization of five poems in Malayalam. Covering social themes ranging from drug addiction among the youth to empowering women, the well-executed presentation sent a much-needed message, all the while entralling an enraptured audience.

The Hindi street play, *Antharnath*, followed a similar theme, using the stage to inspire young minds to take up the language, all the while touching issues from cleanliness, to human greed and gender discrimination. Dotted with the occasional dance number and pop-culture reference, the programme was quite enjoyable, and it set a good precedent for what is expected of a drama at Loyola.

Finally, at around midday came the English drama, this time a glorious retelling of a Shakespearean classic as opposed to a hastily cobbled-together murder mystery.



Set in post-independence India, Loyola's adaptation of *The Comedy of Errors* certainly did something remarkable: depicting the pain of the Partition, all the while tossing in some classy humour to keep the audience on their feet. Filled with elaborate costumes and an interesting soundtrack, it showcased the talent of the students, inspiring the initially bored juniors through its vibrancy. Even though it was plagued by the occasional rebellious mic, the overall presentation achieved its end – showing us what a high school drama can be when executed with some style and grace.

As the event came to a close, it was clear that the **Theatre Day 2023** left us with nothing but anticipation for what might come next.

**Matthew K. Mathen, XII B**







# नुक्कड़ नाटक अंतर्नाद



# THE còmedy òf ERROORS



## Second Segment

# JUNIOR SCHOOL DAY



Master Jagan Warriar welcoming the gathering. Seen on the dais are PTA President Mr Rakhesh Kumar, Principal Fr Salvin Augustine SJ, Chief Guest Mr K. Jayakumar IAS, Provincial Rev. Fr E. P. Mathew SJ, Rector Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, CBSE Principal Fr Roy Alex SJ and Asst Staff Secretary MsThulasy Kumary



The second segment of *L'Efflorescence*, the Junior School Day on 21 December, was absolutely delightful for the dazzling performance of the junior boys.

The evening commenced with a formal opening ceremony as the Junior School Leader, Master Jagan Warriar extended a heart-warming welcome to everyone. The ceremony was graced by the former Chief Secretary Mr K. Jayakumar IAS who shared his early memories of Loyola school and his own school life. He also talked about the need to give equal importance to academic as well as non-academic activities during student life.



The opening ceremony was also graced by the presence of Fr E. P. Mathew SJ, Provincial of Kerala Jesuit Province, Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, Rector and Manager of Loyola Institutions and the PTA President Mr Rakhesh Kumar.



The Annual Report for the academic year 2023-'24 was presented by the Principal, Fr Salvin Augustine SJ. It highlighted the initiatives that the school took this year and students who excelled in various sports and cultural events. During the opening ceremony, the Proficiency Prize winners and All-rounders of each class were awarded certificates and medals. This acknowledgment was not only a celebration of individual accomplishments but also a motivation for the student body to strive for excellence. The formal inaugural ceremony came to an end with Master Johan Paul George, Asst. Junior School Leader, thanking the dignitaries, guests, teachers and students for being a part of the function.



The cultural extravaganza that followed showcased the diverse talents of the students through energetic dance performances, melodious musical renditions and captivating theatrical presentations.



The cultural programmes started off with a soothing prayer song by the Music Club followed by a welcome dance by the students of LKG. The young dancers of LKG and UKG presented a charming display of dances like the Tarzan, the jungle man, minion dance, fusion dance and dance about the different seasons. The kindergarteners also performed skits (*Elephant and Friends*, *Wet Pants*) and the young actors captivated the audience with their endearing expressions and genuine enthusiasm for storytelling. The execution of the theme of friendship and helping each other reflected the blending of entertainment and valuable learning



experience. Musical interludes, featuring solo songs and action songs by the KG section evoked smiles and applause from the audience.

Superheroes and cartoon characters have become an integral part of childhood, and they can be excellent role models for children because they teach them qualities like bravery, honesty, modesty, battling spirit, a sense of duty, and leadership. Students of grade I presented their favourite characters and superheroes through a dance series, *Mystical Personae*. This was followed by students of grade II who charmed the audience with a Malayalam action song and an energetic musical drama, *Picnic Zeal*, which reminds us all of our blissful time with friends and the minor mishaps we faced during childhood.

Mary Anne Radmacher said: *Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes it is the quiet voice at the end of the day that says 'I will try again tomorrow.'* The third graders highlighted the theme of child empowerment by reminding the kids never to give up even while they face difficulties. *Never Give Up*, comprising a skit, a dance and a group singing, reminded the children that each one of them is a superhero.



Singers of grades II, III and IV came together for group singing which added a melodious touch to the evening. The coordinated effort of the participants, their theme-based attire and the earnestness with which they sang their hearts out endeared themselves to the crowd.



It is said that adversity is one of life's greatest teachers. Students of grade IV explored this theme beautifully in their dance drama, *From Adversity to Applause*, which took us through the experience of a young boy and how he overcomes the biggest adversity of his life. It also illustrated how love and acceptance help in healing deep wounds.



The day came to an end with an impressive musical by the fifth graders, *Silent Symphony*, which was based on the theme of gender inequality, female infanticide and woman empowerment. The choreography, though tailored to their age group, conveyed the powerful message of the need to be the agents of change in our society.



Keeping up with the vibrant performances, the MC team for the day too exhibited quite commendable skill in steering the proceedings with energy and charisma. They brought in many interesting gap fillers like riddles, quiz, and questions based on optical illusions which engaged the audience and created a great atmosphere of excitement throughout the event.



That the little ones expressed themselves confidently through songs, dances, poetry, skits and musicals reveals the positive impact of fostering cultural activities at a young age.



That the Junior School Day turned out to be unforgettable bears testimony to the bubbling enthusiasm of the students, the Indefatigable commitment of the teachers and the unswerving support of the parents. The day not only celebrated the enviable accomplishments of the past year but also set the stage for future endeavours.

**Chithira Alin Kurien**











## Third Segment

# SENIOR SCHOOL DAY



Keynote address by Dr K. Vasuki IAS



As the sun settled down the horizon on 22 December, the ambience at Loyola rejuvenated with blissful coloured lights twinkling and inviting our esteemed guest Dr K. Vasuki IAS, along with the guiding lights Fr Salvin Augustine SJ and Fr Roy Alex SJ all the way from the entrance to the majestic auditorium. The stage was set as the multi-coloured lights added glitter and exuberance to the overall atmosphere of the campus.

The final day celebrations started with the School anthem which is the heartbeat of every Loyolite as it reminds them of the values and aspirations shared by each student. Master Dennis K. Robin, the School Leader, welcomed the distinguished guests and the gathering. The inauguration was marked by the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and other dignitaries who included the PTA president Mr Rakesh Kumar and the Staff Secretary Ms Sonia Rajendran.

In his presidential address Fr Roy Alex SJ highlighted the values and culture instilled in every Loyolite because the focus of Jesuit education is

on mentoring generations of students and transforming them into better citizens and above all good human beings.

Fr Salvin Augustin's presentation of the annual report brought out all the activities and major achievements of the academic year, and the salutary role of the PTA and LOBA in helping Loyola achieve greater heights.

In her keynote address, Dr K. Vasuki reiterated the need to be ambitious in life for achieving success.

An important part of the inaugural ceremony was the presentation of the Proficiency Prizes and All-rounder awards in recognition of the merit of those who excelled in academics and extracurricular activities. The prestigious Best Loyolite award was bagged by Master Aswin Madhav S. of XII A. The Best Cadet award went to Cdt/Sgt Adithya R.

Following the formal function, the celebrations started with a prayer to God Almighty for giving another day to our lives. It was followed by a series of scintillating performances by the boys and girls who set the stage on fire.

The evening kicked off with *Triumph and Thrive*, a thought-provoking presentation on industrialization and its contributions, by the students of the sixth grade.

Deva Narayan J.R. and Abhinand M. Nair presented a musical feast which had been a prize-winning performance at the ASISC Cultural Fest. This was followed by the mind-blowing *A muthal am vare* by the seventh graders that brought out the demerits of deforestation.

The Music Club presented Micheal Jackson's *Earth Song* which was captivating.



*Samanwayam* presented by the eighth graders was a mesmerising blend of the farmers' dance of Mizoram, the high voltage *bhangra* of Punjab, the exotic *garba* of Gujarat, and a few western fast numbers.

The medley, which the boys of class X came up with, was a soulful performance appreciated by everyone in the hall. *Pennies and Pills* by Class IX boys addressed the sensitive issue of drug abuse and peddling.

The twelfth graders, who are about to bid farewell to school life, presented a video reminiscing very touching moments in their life on the campus. It brought out their bittersweet moments and unshakeable bonding with the institution.

The eleventh graders electrified the auditorium with their breath-taking moves in *Dance Express* that telescoped Indian cinema from the 1980s to the 2020s.

This was followed by a dynamic musical feast by LXR with a medley of foot-tapping numbers.

*Kavyarchana*, presented again by the Malayalam department on special request, was outstanding for its visual effects, choreography, and flawless presentation of burning problems of contemporary relevance.

The musical presentation by the promising alumni stood out for its unforgettable charm.

The three-day *L' Efflorescence* came to an end with the Assistant School Leader Master Abhiraj A. extending thanks to all concerned.

True to the name, *L' Efflorescence* was a glorious blooming of the talents of a large number of students. It was spectacular in every sense and it exemplified the oft-quoted words: "...it is not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years."

**Anjana R. Nair**



**Best Loyolite: Aswin Madhav S.**



**Best Cadet: Cdt/Sgt Adithya R.**











The Old Boys back on Loyola stage

# MEET OUR ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH



**Dr Najeeb Mohideen, MD, FRCR, FASTRO, FACR**

Dr Najeeb Mohideen studied at Loyola School from 1968 to 1974. He did his MBBS at the Armed Forces Medical College in Pune.

A family history of cancers diverted his interest to the field, and he did his Postgraduate Residency in Radiotherapy and Oncology at the Regional Cancer Centre, Government Medical College, Trivandrum, and then went to the UK for further studies in oncology in Leeds and Cardiff, acquiring his fellowship in Clinical Oncology (FRCR) from the Royal College of Radiologists in London in 1992.

He then moved to the United States where he completed a Residency in Radiation Oncology at Loyola University in Maywood, Illinois, and was then part of the faculty there for eight years and became Associate Professor before joining Northwest Community Hospital, Northshore University Health System, in Arlington Heights, Illinois, as radiation oncologist in 2005. His influence on the field is monumental. As one of his peers put it, "Never was so much owed by so many (our entire specialty) to an individual".

He has recently been awarded the Gold Medal of the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO), the premier radiation oncology society in the world. It is the highest honour bestowed on members who have made outstanding contributions to radiation oncology and recognizes the winner's research, clinical care, teaching and service—areas in which Dr Mohideen has had significant impact over the past few decades. He is the second Indian and the first Keralite to be awarded the Gold Medal in the 65-year-history of the society.

Dr Mohideen is a world renowned authority on Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT) and his special focus is on Gastrointestinal and Genitourinary malignancies. He has held many leadership positions. He was chair of the ASTRO Health Policy Council, serving on the ASTRO Board of Directors from 2009 to 2013.

Dr. Mohideen served in leadership positions on the Commission on Radiation Oncology for the American College of Radiology and is the current Chairman of the Board of Directors at The Radiosurgery Society. He is also an active member of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and, since 2016, the Senior Editor of ASTROnews.

Dr. Mohideen's unique perspective as someone who had spent time in both academic and community practice enabled him to understand the challenges in keeping up-to-date with the latest advances for busy clinicians. This prompted him to start pioneering educational programmes for practising oncologists. He has also been recognized for leading the charge for equity and inclusiveness long before high-profile tragedies raised awareness of racial inequalities.

Dr. Mohideen has received many other accolades too: ARRO's Teacher of the Year award two times, ASTRO Fellow in 2014, and Fellow of the American College of Radiology in 2015, among others. He has mentored countless students and made a lasting impact on colleagues.

"I love working with the next generation. I am excited about the future of our field and the amazing talent that we have," Dr. Mohideen remarked when discussing what's next. "Both technology and biology will advance to help us treat patients more effectively and safely and there will be increasing use of AI and big data. We need to underscore the need for radiation oncologists to be central to multidisciplinary care." He is concerned that cancer will pose an enormous and growing challenge to healthcare systems worldwide. Disparities need to be addressed and diversity needs to be promoted.

Leaders like Dr Mohideen influence the next generation, especially through the humble and visionary perspective by which he helps shape the future.



**Kids Fest 2023** marked the crescendo of excitement for the kindergarteners and turned out to be a blend of fun and learning. It witnessed an array of events like singing, speech, storytelling, colouring and fancy dress. The first stage performance would have given most of the participants butterflies in their gut. But to the surprise of the judges, teachers and audience, most of the little ones performed admirably well while a few stood out for their spellbinding performance.

The singing competition was an outstanding feast for the ears. All the boys who took part in the competition sang with gusto.

The boys delivered power-packed speeches within the specified time with lots of energy and the right attitude. Their selection of topic was very good and their use of props to support their story was visually appealing.

The colouring competition was compulsory for all the students. The children had an enjoyable time colouring and were enthusiastic to exhibit their creativity.

Children came forward displaying their vibrant costumes in the fancy dress competition. It was a feast watching them dressed up as different characters or creatures.

The efforts taken by the parents of the participants are highly commendable.

The Kids Fest was not only an occasion that showcased the boys' hard work and talents, but also a true testimony to the good guidance, support, and constant encouragement they received at school as well as at home. Such focus on extracurricular activities is sure to boost their self-esteem and confidence.

Neetu Deepak

# UKG KIDS IN THEIR FANCY DRESS WAITING IN THE WINGS TO GO ONSTAGE



# WINNERS IN UKG KIDS FEST



**Antony Chacko Thommen, UKG D**  
1st in Fancy Dress  
1st in Storytelling  
1st in Singing  
3rd in Speech



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



**Anirudh Uday, UKG C**  
1st in Fancy Dress  
1st in Storytelling  
2nd in Colouring  
3rd in Speech



**Parth G. Thakur, UKG F**  
1st in Speech  
1st in Colouring  
2nd in Fancy Dress



**Reuben Dan, UKG E**  
1st in Fancy Dress  
1st in Storytelling  
2nd in Speech



**Vihaan Aravind, UKG F**  
1st in Storytelling  
1st in Singing



**Aditya A. M., UKG A**  
1st in Speech  
1st in Fancy Dress



**Thrilok S., UKG B**  
1st in Storytelling  
2nd in Fancy Dress  
2nd in Singing



**Avyukth A. P., UKG C**  
1st in Speech  
2nd in Fancy Dress  
3rd in Storytelling



**Aarnav Pradeep, UKG A**  
1st in Speech  
2nd in Storytelling



**Kavin Prabu, UKG A**  
1st in Storytelling  
2nd in Speech



**Sujith S. Bijoy, UKG E**  
1st in Speech  
2nd in storytelling



**Dhruv A. Subramony, UKG E**  
1st in Singing  
3rd in Speech



**Shaun Sam Jose, UKG A**  
1st in Colouring  
3rd in Storytelling



**Sreenandhan S., UKG D**  
1st in Speech



**Devaamsh A. Ganapath, UKG F**  
1st in Fancy Dress



**Derick Savio, UKG B**  
1st in Colouring



**Advik, UKG C**  
1st in Colouring



**Rishaan Rohith Daniel, UKG E**  
1st in Colouring



**Dhruv P. Nair, UKG A**  
1st in Singing



**Vivan Hariprasad, UKG C**  
1st in Singing



**Neil Sam Jacob, UKG D**  
1st in Colouring



**Johan Renoy, UKG F**  
2nd in Speech  
2nd in Storytelling  
2nd in Singing



**Ethan Anish, UKG D**  
2nd in Speech  
2nd in Fancy Dress  
3rd in Singing



**Shehzad Izyan, UKG C**  
2nd in Speech  
2nd in Storytelling



**Vihaan D. Shinu, UKG A**  
2nd in Fancy Dress  
2nd in Singing



**Johan Benjamin, UKG B**  
2nd in Speech  
3rd in Storytelling



**Rithvik V. Nair, UKG D**  
2nd in Fancy Dress  
3rd in Storytelling



Abel Sam Manuel, UKG C  
2nd in Singing  
3rd in Fancy Dress



Adhvik Krishnan,  
UKG C  
2nd in Speech



Ayan Abhishek,  
UKG B  
2nd in Fancy Dress



Hritwik Shailesh  
Prasad, UKG E  
2nd in Fancy Dress



Abhimanyu Achyuth  
Lal, UKG D  
2nd in Storytelling



Chinmayu A., UKG A  
2nd in Colouring



Nihal K. Nair, UKG B  
2nd in Colouring



Adithya H., UKG D  
2nd in Colouring



Jacob Johny  
Zacharia, UKG E  
2nd in Colouring



Adithya R., UKG F  
2nd in Colouring  
3rd in Singing



Nehemiah Kenneth  
Nayagam, UKG A  
2nd in Singing



Evan Sijo Simon,  
UKG C  
2nd in Singing



Abhiram P., UKG E  
2nd in Singing



Saaketh S. Sajith,  
UKG D  
2nd in Singing



John Noby, UKG A  
3rd in Speech  
3rd in Storytelling  
3rd in Singing



Dev Padmanabh R.,  
UKG C  
3rd in Fancy Dress  
3rd in Colouring



Arnab Sagar, UKG A  
3rd in Speech  
3rd in Colouring



Jonathan D. S.,  
UKG B  
3rd in Speech



Pranoy S. Krishnan,  
UKG F  
3rd in Speech



Ayan Thomas  
Vimal, UKG D  
3rd in Fancy Dress



Brahmananth S. A.,  
UKG C  
3rd in Speech



Reyansh Nair, UKG D  
3rd in Fancy Dress



Afnan Muhammad  
D. T., UKG E  
3rd in Fancy Dress



Prabhav Libith,  
UKG C  
3rd in Singing



Shivnand  
Karthikeyan, UKG D  
3rd in Fancy Dress



Joachim John  
Jojo, UKG F  
3rd in Fancy Dress



Adrian Immanuel  
Fernandez, UKG E  
3rd in Storytelling



Alex Philip, UKG D  
3rd in Singing



Vasudev A., UKG E  
3rd in Singing



Juan A. Anup, UKG D  
3rd in Colouring



Sarang S., UKG B  
3rd in Colouring



Dhyan Rikhil, UKG B  
3rd in Singing



Nahush P., UKG B  
3rd in Singing



Kiran Arun  
Parambi, UKG A  
3rd in Fancy Dress



Dhruv S. Nair, UKG E  
3rd in Colouring



Reyansh B., UKG E  
3rd in Storytelling



Neal Mathew, UKG B  
3rd in Fancy Dress



Ryan Biju Asok, UKG F  
3rd in Colouring

# KG SPORTS DAY



The KG Sports Day at our school was a grand success, filled with excitement, joy, and a sense of unity among the young participants. The event was graced by the presence of our esteemed guests, Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, Fr Salvin Augustine SJ, and Fr Roy Alex SJ. It was heartwarming to witness the little ones, accompanied by their teachers, personally escorting the guests to the ground to watch the spectacular performances.

The event commenced with a soulful prayer song by Mohammed Rameez of LKG D, setting the tone for the day. A warm welcome speech by Yohaida Cherian Jacob of UKG E expressed the collective excitement and anticipation of the entire KG section. The Fathers delivered inspiring speeches to motivate the young minds.

Following that, Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil hoisted the flag. Vihaan Aravind of UKG F then proposed the vote of thanks and brought the opening ceremony to a close.

The programme kicked off with an amazing drill performed by the UKG students, showcasing their



discipline and coordination. The LKG students impressed everyone with their vibrant and dynamic aerobics display. The kids looked adorable as they adorned themselves in colours corresponding to their divisions. This not only added vibrancy to the event but also made the students feel like they belonged together. Various athletic competitions were held under the guidance of our physical education instructor, Mr. Anu. They included running

races, cone picking, frog jump, and ball throwing. Another surprising element was the inclusion of a running race for the teachers and the aunties which added an element of fun, excitement, and laughter at the end.

As we look back on this memorable day, we are reminded of the importance of physical exercises in a child's overall development. The KG Sports Day served as a reminder that sports and games are not just about physical fitness but also about building character, discipline, and resilience.

In conclusion, the KG Sports Day was a resounding success, thanks to the collective efforts of the students, teachers, and school authorities. It was a day filled with joy, laughter, and a sense of accomplishment. The event truly embodied the spirit of our school, where every child is encouraged to shine and reach for the stars.

**R. Rajitha**









# MEDALLISTS WITH THE MENTORS



# LKG SPORTS WINNERS

## RUNNING RACE

	LKG A	LKG B	LKG C	LKG D	LKG E
<b>FIRST</b>	Edwin Paul Samson	Jason Hadriel	Tanishq L. S.	Nivaan S Madhav	David Adonis Kurian
<b>SECOND</b>	Ahaan Sidhu S.	Abraham Chris Nazarethil	Ishaan Anand and	Aadvik Abhilash	Muhammad Haroon Bin Firoz
<b>THIRD</b>	Nirmay R.	Niam Manoj	Gaudham R. A. Harinandan A. K.	Ivaan T. Ajesh & Paul Geo Elavathil	Raeez Zafar Vivek

## PICKING THE CONES

	LKG A	LKG B	LKG C	LKG D	LKG E
<b>FIRST</b>	Jacob T. George	Rishi Jishnu	Edrin Joby	Ihaan Subin Ebrahim	David Adonis Kurian
<b>SECOND</b>	Mohammed Nabeel S.	Devarsh Anand	Ishaan Anand	Akash V. Nair	Niyaan Gautham
<b>THIRD</b>	Josiah Abraham Emil	Vedik M.	Joseph Jose Kurumkulam	Vihaan Mawari & Paul Geo Elavathil	Luke Philip Mathew

## FROG JUMP

	LKG A	LKG B	LKG C	LKG D	LKG E
<b>FIRST</b>	Ahaan Sidhu S.	Devarsh Anand	Ishaan Anand	Zane John Jackson	David Adonis Kurian
<b>SECOND</b>	Eshan Vishnu	Rishi Jishnu	Aadav A. S.	Aadvik Abhilash	Eshaan Sandeep
<b>THIRD</b>	Ishaan Sidhu S.	Abraham Chris Nazarethil	Harinandan A. K.	Ivaan T. Ajesh	Raeez Zafar Vivek

## BALL THROW

	LKG A	LKG B	LKG C	LKG D	LKG E
<b>FIRST</b>	Dhyan S. Nath	Devarsh Anand	Gaudham R. A.	Ihaan Subin Ebrahim	Eshaan Sandeep
<b>SECOND</b>	Vaibhav Vijay V. A.	Parthiv S.	Salih Shan	Ahmed Qazi Ibn Jissam	David Adonis Kurian
<b>THIRD</b>	Jacob T. George	Jason Hadriel	Emin Mehrnaz K.T.	Ahaan Ram	Joseph Antony

# UKG SPORTS WINNERS

## RUNNING RACE

	UKG A	UKG B	UKG C	UKG D	UKG E	UKG F
<b>FIRST</b>	Niranjan J. Nair	Advaith P.	Tanmay R. Vinod	Shivnand Karthikeyan	Ewan Rojan	Thomas Chris Jobin
<b>SECOND</b>	Shaun Sam Jose	Nahush P.	Peter Sheen	Shreyas Narayanan R.R.	Yohaida Cherian Jacob	Johan Renoy
<b>THIRD</b>	Gautham A.	Mark Brayn Christy	Abel Sam Manuel	Vivaan Ahlawat	Jacob Johny Zacharia	Adrian Immanuel Fernandez

## CONE RACE

	UKG A	UKG B	UKG C	UKG D	UKG E	UKG F
<b>FIRST</b>	Shaun Sam Jose	Advaith P.	Tanmay R. Vinod	Achyuth H.	Afnan Muhammad D.T.	Advik L.M.
<b>SECOND</b>	Gautham A.	Neal Mathew	Dev Padmanabh R.	Shreyas Narayanan R.R.	Yohaida Cherian Jacob	Navneet Anoop
<b>THIRD</b>	Abram Arun	Mark Brayn Christy	Dev Krishna	Shivnand Karthikeyan	Ehaan Mohammed Anvar D.C.	Justus

## FROG JUMP

	UKG A	UKG B	UKG C	UKG D	UKG E	UKG F
<b>FIRST</b>	Abram Arun	Neal Mathew	Tanmay R. Vinod	Madhav A.D.	Afnan Muhammad D.T.	Advik L.M.
<b>SECOND</b>	Ayaan Balu Punnackal	Thrilok S.	Peter Sheen	Shivnand Karthikeyan	Jacob Johny Zacharia	Thomas Chris Jobin
<b>THIRD</b>	Aarnav Pradeep	Nahush P.	Jeremy Philip	Alex Philip Eranackal	Yohaida Cherian Jacob	Madhav S.



# ADMISSION NOTICE

Admission to Class XI is open to boys and girls for the academic year 2024-'25. Application form is available online at [www.loyolatvm.com](http://www.loyolatvm.com) and at the Accounts Office.

**The Optional Subjects offered at Loyola School are:**

**1. ISC SCIENCE:**

Computer Science, Biology,  
Maths, Environmental Science

**2. CBSE SCIENCE:**

Maths, Physical Education, Artificial Intelligence,  
Biology, Psychology, Biotechnology

**3. CBSE COMMERCE:**

Entrepreneurship, Computer Science,  
Artificial Intelligence

**4. CBSE HUMANITIES:**

Psychology/ Entrepreneurship/ Maths/ Economics  
Note: The Elective Subjects for CBSE Humanities are:  
History, Economics, and Geography.

**Note: Admission to LKG to Class IX is open to boys only.**

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## ADVENTURE AT VELI TOURIST VILLAGE



Recently, we went on a picnic to Veli Tourist Village, a charming destination in the heart of nature. It turned out for our tiny tots to be an unforgettable adventure filled with excitement, exploration, and pure joy. It was sheer joy to accompany these young explorers on their journey.

Our journey began as we boarded the bus with eager faces and hearts full of anticipation. As the kids peered out of the windows, their eyes sparkled with excitement as they caught a glimpse of Lulu Mall and Kochuveli railway station.

After a short drive, we reached Veli Tourist Village. The sprawling park beckoned us with lush greenery and inviting playgrounds. The children could not wait to run and jump to their hearts' content. They raced to the swings, slides, and seesaws, their laughter filling the air. Watching them play with their friends was heart-warming.

A highlight of the picnic was the ride on a toy train that took us through a tunnel and across a small bridge. The kids couldn't contain their excitement as the train entered the tunnel. Their giggles echoed in the darkness. When we emerged from the tunnel, the view of the sparkling beach and floating restaurant left everyone in awe.

As the day came to a close, the kids left Veli in high spirits. Our outing was a perfect blend of adventure, play, and appreciation of nature that our young ones will remember for the lifetime.

**Tvarita Tripathi**





# LITTLE FEET AT MOT



The UKG kids had their first outing of the year when they were taken to Playaza at Mall of Travancore. Excitement was writ large on their faces as they started their trip after receiving the blessings and prayers from the Principals.

The children had a blast there and enjoyed everything on offer, like pamparam, dragon ride, flying see-saw, jump up, rash dash, merry-go-round etc. The rides ranged from safe to thrilling. The 9D theatre was a visual treat for the little ones who screamed their hearts out. It was a stimulating and exciting experience. The sudden splash of water in between the show took the children by surprise.

The boys were exhausted after their explorations and adventures. A sumptuous and aromatic lunch helped them regain their lost energy and enthusiasm.

We appreciate and thank the courteous staff at Playaza who stood by us from the time we stepped into the mall till we got back to the bus.

Our cameras captured a few fleeting moments of joy and adventure, but the colourful memories we carried back in our hearts will linger longer.

**Rajasree P.**



UKG kids all set to board the bus for a day of fun and adventure





The 47<sup>th</sup> Loyola Cup Basketball Tournament commenced on 27 November 2023. It was inaugurated by the national basketball player, Shri Umesh Krishna. Our Manager and Rector Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, and the Principals Frs Salvin Augustine SJ and Roy Alex SJ also graced the event with their presence and motivating speeches.

Seven teams participated in the tournament. Loyola team amazed the spectators with their speed and skill. After all the intense matches between the teams, Loyola School and L'école Chempaka qualified for the finals.

The final match was a thrilling experience for the crowd. Loyola boys enjoyed mass support from the other Loyolites, teachers, and non-teaching staff which helped them play with the extra zeal they needed. By halftime, the score was 29-31. It had been many years since Loyola team came so close to winning. However, towards the end of the game, L'école Chempaka Silver Rocks managed to take a lead of 3 points. Sanjay Krishnakumar of Lecole Chempaka was adjudged the best player, and the Loyola boy Rithivik Nambiar of XII D1, the promising player. Shri Joshua Sunil Oommen, national basketball player, distributed the prizes and declared the tournament closed.

We hope to have a better tournament next year, with the Loyolites as the winners.

**Aswin Madhav S., XII A**



Inaugural shot by the chief guest of the opening day, Shri Umesh Krishna



The runners-up with the chief guest of the concluding day, Shri Joshua Sunil Oommen



The finalists with their spoils

Promising Player, Rithivik Nambiar, XII D1

# OUR VISIT TO NIIST



We, the ninth graders, went to NIIST (National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology), Trivandrum, on 6 December 2023. Our purpose was to attend the curtain raiser programme of the Ninth India International Science Festival (IISF) followed by a session on the contributions of the Council for Science and Industrial Research (CSIR).

The IISF will be held at Faridabad, Haryana, from 17 to 20 January, 2024. It aims at exhibiting the innovations and technological development in India.

The session we attended at NIIST consisted of an introduction to IISF which provided us valuable insights on the different programmes conducted as a part of IISF. IISF is a forum for different scientists and budding scientists from across the country to exchange their ideas. This will help the holistic development of all branches of science. The meet is put up by the meticulous efforts of various departments under the Government of India, like the Department of Science and Technology, Department of Atomic Energy, and Vigyan Bharati. Apart from showcasing the developments in each branch of science, it also provides an atmosphere conducive to the development of new technologies and highlights the areas which require efficient and more sophisticated equipment. The meet also aims at promoting the growth of new institutions in the field of science.

Further, we were enlightened on the different inventions of the various laboratories of CSIR spread across India. The lecturer provided useful insights into the development of materials from indelible ink to the infrared sensors used in Nag anti-tank missiles. The lecturer brushed up our basic school science and went on to explore the higher realms of science.

We also attended an informative session on Nano technology. Nanoparticles are of size ranging from 1nm(10-9m) to 100nm. The resource person compared the size of a nanoparticle to everyday articles like football and a strand of hair, making it easier for us to understand the importance of minuscule particles. The session was interactive, quite informative and ingenious. We understood how the fundamental properties of all day-to-day elements change drastically when their size is decreased and why there is a lot of scope for research in this field.

We also visited the different plants working within the laboratory. The application of titanium phosphate in creating anti-corrosive materials was something new to us. We also saw waste treatment plants in which the household waste is used to produce biogas. It was fascinating to learn about the production of ethanol from mere wood grindings.

The visit gave us a first-hand insight into the eclectic applications of science in human life. It helped us realise the practical importance of high school science that we study at Loyola.

**Ananthkrishnan L., IX A**



# Fun at Fantastic *Funtura*



*We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.*  
George Bernard Shaw

Yes, the play way method is obviously the best way of teaching junior school kids.

On 27 October 2023 we took our first graders to Funtura, the indoor entertainment zone at Lulu Mall.

Picnics are welcome diversions from an otherwise monotonous life; they are escapades that children relish. In fact, not just kids, the staff members also had a rollicking time there. There were 156 students and 13 members of staff. Elizabeth Madam wished us goodluck, Fr Salvin and Fr Roy addressed our kids on general discipline and blessed the picnic party. Students were hyper-animated and improvised their own Lulu, Lulu, Laalaa songs.

We reached our venue fast. Without wasting time, scrumptious snack packets were provided to all.

Moving further, the Funtura team leaders Kavya and Aravind arranged all students to experience all the adventure rides. To ensure better supervision, the kids were divided into four assisted groups and they were systematically ushered to the play area.

The plethora of activities available there made even the adults return to innocence. Trampoline, crawling wall, bowling, VR games, drop and twist tower, car bumper, spinning dragon coaster, XD theatre, and arcade games made it a complete entertainment package for all age groups.

The lunch combo was appetising. In the photo session, everyone showed up displaying their Funtura tag and posed like models.

Funtura made the day for the kids, and their happiness made the day for the staff. Everyone felt rejuvenated and they seemed whispering Yeh Dil Maange More!

**Anjaly V. Das**







## A Parental Flash Mob Spectacle for Zest'23 Launch



In the Loyola family, where bonds among the children, parents and the school management are much cherished, the excitement for the upcoming Parents Carnival, **Zest'23**, was reaching a fever pitch. Little did everyone know that this year's launch event would be an unforgettable spectacle

orchestrated by the organizing team who had decided to infuse the launch of Zest'23 with an unexpected burst of energy – a flash mob.

The idea was born during a late-night brainstorming session of the members of the organizing team. Eager to kick off the festivities in a unique way, the concept of a flash mob took root. The plan was to surprise everyone with a choreographed dance performance that would showcase the spirit of unity among the parents.

Assembling a diverse group of parents with varying degrees of dance experience or even none, except for their enthusiasm and passion, proved to be a delightful challenge. What started as a small, hesitant gathering soon transformed into a spirited ensemble of individuals, all bound by the common goal of creating a moment of joy and an unforgettable launch for the much-awaited Zest '23.

Rehearsals became a regular part of our lives, transforming mundane locations into

impromptu dance studios. The bond among the participants grew stronger as we navigated through the challenges of personal emergencies, unwell children, work challenges, trying to focus on synchronizing the moves, perfecting timing, all the while maintaining secrecy. These rehearsals also became a heartwarming journey, as parents traded stories of their own dance experiences and shared laughs over missed steps and forgotten counts, while not forgetting the PTA members who showed up at every rehearsal to support the group with water and snacks, and the biggest of all, the moral boost!

The choice of songs was critical, and after much deliberation, lively upbeat tunes that resonated with Zest 23's festive atmosphere was selected. Choreographers amongst us were enlisted to create a routine that would be both entertaining and manageable for the diverse group of parents.

Secrecy was paramount to preserve the surprise, and the parents became adept at covertly practising their routine in living rooms, local parks, and even quiet corners of the school canteen, pavilion, and grounds. WhatsApp groups and discreet meetings ensured that the surprise factor would be retained until the grand unveiling. No one except the participants, a couple of spouses, a few PTA members, and the pillar of our support Fr Principal was counted in.

The D-Day was finalized as the Loyola Sports Day, 11 Nov 2023. The plan was to perform in front of the chief guest, school management and the entire Loyola fraternity including parents, children, teaching and non-teaching staff, and old boys.

On the day of the launch, the excitement was palpable. As families gathered in anticipation of the sports events, the parents participating in the flash mob discreetly blended into the crowd, all the while secretly praying that the smart dress code of whites, blues, and red caps would cover up their nervousness and exhilaration. As the sports events were in progress, a sudden shift in the atmosphere signalled the commencement of the flash mob.

The joy on the faces of both participants and spectators alike was infectious. Strangers became temporary dance partners, and the sports ground witnessed a spontaneous celebration of unity and happiness. The power of the moment was evident in the smiles, laughter, and applause that echoed through the ground.

The sports ground erupted in cheers as parents, who were typically seen in more traditional roles, broke into a choreographed dance that seemed to defy expectations. The surprise and delight on the faces of children, spouses, and the Loyola community members were priceless. As the final notes faded away, and the last dance move was executed, announcing the launch of ZEST '23 with the beautifully crafted banner, a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie filled the air.

The flash mob had not only entertained but had also forged long-lasting memories for everyone involved. In that fleeting moment, we had created a shared experience that transcended the routine of everyday life, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of both organizers and spectators alike.

As the Sports Day drew to a close, the memory of the parents' flash mob lingered, creating a sense of camaraderie that extended far beyond the dance routine. The laughter, the shared glances, and the celebration became an enduring memory etched into the collective consciousness of the community, reminding everyone that sometimes, the most memorable moments are the ones least expected. The parents' flash mob became the talk of the day, a heartwarming testament to the spirit of unity and fun that defined the close-knit community, announcing the launch of the much-awaited Zest'23, declaring that tons of hard work is in progress to make Zest'23 a grander success.

**Gayathri J.**

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We have received twenty other write-ups on the Prents' Carnival, Zest '23. For space constraints, they will be published in the 'Parents' Corner' in the forthcoming issues of LENS.



## In Memoriam



**Mr RKS Manikandan** (55) of the 1984 batch passed away on 9 December 2023. His two sons Arun S. M. and Ajay S.M. are also Loyolites of the 2015 and 2016 batches, respectively.



**Mr Binu Vimalan** (55) of the 1983 batch passed away on 8 November 2023. He was working as Assistant Director of Income Tax, Kannur. He is survived by his wife Smt. Manju (Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Kollam), and daughters Nayana and Neeraja.



**Mr Pramod Mony** (48) of the 1991 batch passed away on 18 Dec 2023. He is survived by his wife Smt M. P. Saraswathi and daughters Abhirami and Janaki. His elder brother Vinod M. is a Loyolite of the 1989 batch.



**Mr Anil Sreenivasan** (65) of the 1975 batch passed away on 28 December 2023. He is survived by his wife Shiney and two sons Hemant and Hrishikesh. His younger brothers Manu and Giri are also Loyolites of the 1976 and 1977 batches, respectively.



# FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

## LET THE SUN NOT SET EARLY

A health checkup initiative by LOBA  
at empanelled labs/hospitals for the  
Loyola community

- LOBA members, their parents and spouses.
- Current students at Loyola and their parents.
- Teaching and non teaching staff. (Present and Past)

Launching Shortly

Await more details.



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