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October – A Month of Learning, Joy, and Togetherness

October was indeed a vibrant and memorable month at Loyola—a time when our campus came alive with colour, creativity, and celebration. The spirit of learning and togetherness echoed in every event, big and small, as our students and teachers joined hands to create moments of joy and inspiration.

The month began on an exciting note with Kids Fest, which was conducted in a grand and successful manner. The campus was filled with laughter, energy, and enthusiasm as our young Loyolites showcased their talents in various cultural and creative events. Their bright smiles and innocent joy truly made it a festival to remember.

Adding to the festive spirit, M M Thomas Funworld was inaugurated by Ms. Merin Joseph IPS, marking a joyful new space for recreation and creativity. Her gracious presence and encouraging words inspired the students to dream big and enjoy the process of learning with fun and imagination.

A remarkable highlight of the month was the NASA Educational Tour. A group of fifty students embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience to the United States of America, visiting NASA from 8th to 18th October. The tour broadened their horizons and deepened their curiosity about science, technology, and the infinite possibilities of human exploration. It was not merely a trip but an inspiring journey of discovery and global exposure.

Loyola also had the privilege of hosting the JEA Kerala Teachers' Gathering for the Central and Southern regions. Teachers from AKJM Kanjirappally, Loyola School Thumba, and Loyola School, Mukundhara participated in this enriching gathering. It was a meaningful occasion that strengthened the bonds among Jesuit educators and provided an opportunity to share insights and experiences that nurture the Ignatian spirit of education.

The joyous festival of Diwali illuminated our campus with colours of happiness and hope. Class-wise celebrations and a special assembly brought students together in the spirit of unity, sharing, and light. The beautiful lamps that adorned the classrooms reminded everyone of the triumph of goodness and truth over darkness and ignorance.

In the academic sphere, Loyola was privileged to host an inspiring workshop on "Commonsense Mathematics" conducted by Dr. Maura B. Mast, Professor of Mathematics from Fordham University, USA. Her session helped students and teachers alike see the beauty and simplicity of mathematics in everyday life, making complex ideas accessible and enjoyable.

The Peace Club continued its meaningful initiatives by organising a Mental Health Awareness Programme. The session created a safe and thoughtful space for students to reflect on emotional well-being, resilience, and empathy—values that are deeply woven into Loyola’s educational mission.

Adding colour and creativity to the month, Painting Day was celebrated for Classes I to VIII, giving young artists an opportunity to express their thoughts and emotions through art. The school walls and classrooms came alive with imagination, hues, and heartfelt expression.

The month concluded on a reflective note as the Loyola community observed the Feast of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, the patron saint of Jesuit brothers. The day was celebrated as Non-Teaching Staff Day, marked by a special assembly dedicated to expressing our gratitude and appreciation for the tireless and selfless service of our non-teaching staff, whose commitment keeps Loyola’s spirit alive every day.

Indeed, October was a month that celebrated learning, joy, and community. Each event—whether festive, academic, or spiritual—wove together the values that make Loyola not just a school, but a home where hearts are formed, minds are ignited, and spirits are inspired.

Principal

Thank you



Kids Fest 2025

Our Kindergarten Kids Fest 2025 was a joyful celebration of our little ones' talent and creativity. The event featured five fun activities — speech, singing, storytelling, colouring, and fancy dress.

Each child participated with confidence and enthusiasm, making the days lively and memorable. The speech event showcased their growing confidence, while the storytelling session took everyone into a world of imagination. The colouring activity brought out their artistic side as children filled their sheets with bright and beautiful hues. The singing performances filled the air with cheerful tunes, and the fancy dress parade added colour and excitement as kids came dressed as their favourite characters.

It was truly five wonderful days filled with laughter, energy, and creativity. As the celebration came to an end, the children were already excited for the next Kids Fest!



Ms Arti Rawat













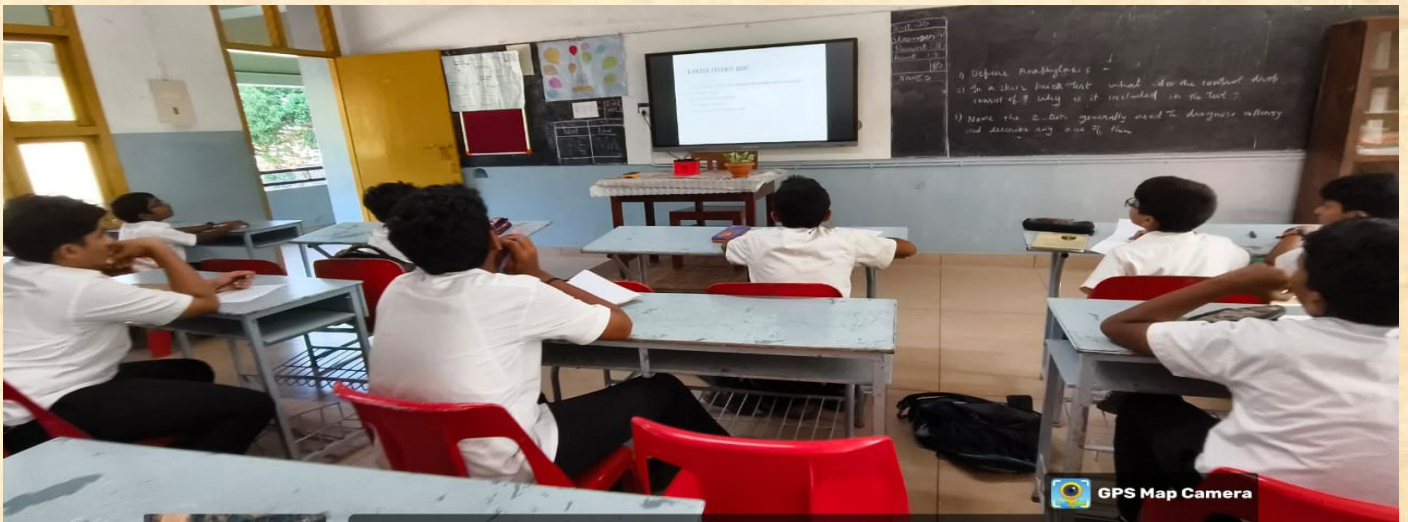






GANDHI JAYANTHI QUIZ COMPETITION

Peace Club



The Peace Club of our school organised a Quiz Competition on 3rd October 2025 as part of the Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations. The event was conducted exclusively for the members of the Quiz Club to honour the values and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi through an engaging and educational activity.

The quiz comprised 30 questions based on the life and principles of Mahatma Gandhi, with a total duration of 30 minutes. Participants actively took part, showcasing their knowledge and enthusiasm throughout the session.

Among the contestants, Madesh M of Class 6 A1 performed exceptionally well by answering 19 questions correctly, securing the first position in the competition. As a token of appreciation, he was awarded a chocolate by the Peace Club. The event was a great success, promoting awareness about Gandhiji's contributions to India's freedom struggle and his ideals of truth, nonviolence, and simplicity. It also encouraged students to learn more about the life of the Father of the Nation.



Mr Paul Eugin

INAUGURATION OF FUNWORLD INDOOR PARK

A day filled with joy and laughter marked the inauguration of the Fr. M M Thomas SJ Funworld Indoor Park for the kindergarten students on 6th October 2025.

The newly established play area, thoughtfully designed with a variety of play equipment and colorful spaces, offers a perfect blend of fun, creativity, and learning for our little ones. It stands as a dream come true for the kindergarten boys and their teachers, who had been eagerly looking forward to this wonderful addition to their school life. Ensuring safety and security as top priorities, the indoor park provides a well-supervised environment where children can play, explore, and enjoy carefree moments.

The inaugural ceremony began with a blessing by Rev. Fr. Sunny Thomas SJ, Rector and Manager, invoking God's grace on this joyful occasion. Ms. Merin Joseph IPS officially inaugurated the park, inspiring everyone with her gracious presence. The event was graced by the Principals Rev. Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ, Rev. Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ and Sr. Jiji Thomas; Vice Principal Ms. Roshini Joseph; Registrar Mr. Joy M. Varghese.

Rev. Fr. Jose Thaiparambil SJ, the Bursar, along with Jesuit priests, Kindergarten PTA members, teachers, and two student representatives from each kindergarten class, were present. Their presence added warmth and significance to the occasion, making it truly memorable. Funworld Indoor Park stands as a shining symbol of the school's commitment to holistic education, nurturing not just the mind, but also the joy and spirit of every child.



Ms Neetu Deepak









NCC OBSERVES WILDLIFE WEEK



School NCC celebrated Wildlife Week on 7th October 2025 with great enthusiasm. Our NCC cadets took a pledge on wildlife and forest conservation, reaffirming their responsibility to protect nature and preserve the environment. A total of 95 cadets attended the function, making it a meaningful and inspiring gathering.



Mr Anilkumar R

CENTRAL AND SOUTH KERALA Jesuit Teachers' Gathering



The Central and South Kerala Jesuit Teachers' Gathering was held on Saturday, 11th October 2025, at Loyola School, Sreekaryam, which had the privilege of hosting the event. The teachers of Loyola, Sreekaryam assembled at 8:45 a.m. and began the day with a short prayer, preparing to welcome the guest schools — AKJM Kanjirapally, Loyola School Mukundara, and Loyola School Thumba.

The inaugural function commenced at 10:45 a.m. with Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ welcoming all the managers, principals, and teachers. Fr. Sunny Kunnapallil SJ, Rector and Manager of Loyola Institutions, delivered the presidential address, while Fr. Roy Thomas SJ, JEA Coordinator, spoke about the purpose and spirit of such a gathering.

Fr. Sabu P. Thomas SJ, Principal of Loyola College, felicitated the gathering, and Sr. Jiji Thomas, Principal HSE proposed the vote of thanks. Following the inauguration, the participants attended an enlightening session by Dr. Philip Abraham, psychologist and mind coach. He spoke on the differences, merits, and demerits of Generations X, Y, and Z, and emphasised the importance of cultivating a growth mindset among teachers.

Dr. Philip helped the teachers understand how each generation can support and complement the other for mutual growth and betterment. Next, the coordinators of each school introduced their respective institutions and teaching staff. An engaging ice-breaking session conducted by Ms. Keerthy V. S. and Mr. Binu N B helped the teachers from different schools interact and get to know each other better.

After a sumptuous lunch, the participants gathered again for the informal session, during which each school presented a variety of cultural performances. The programmes — including songs, dances, and a dance drama — showcased the diverse talents of the teachers and added a vibrant touch to the day's proceedings. Loyola School presented a dance drama, *The Book of Job*, showcased remarkable professionalism and artistic finesse. AKJM school's presentation, on the other hand, took the audience on a nostalgic journey through the different eras of Malayalam cinema, blending creativity and cultural richness.

The gathering concluded with a feedback session led by Fr. K. J. Thomas, during which representatives from each school shared their thoughts and expressed gratitude to the host school for the excellent arrangements. After a group photograph, tea and snacks were served, marking the close of a day filled with learning, laughter, and camaraderie. The teachers returned home with hearts full of joy and lasting memories of a day that truly celebrated togetherness and the Jesuit spirit of collaboration.

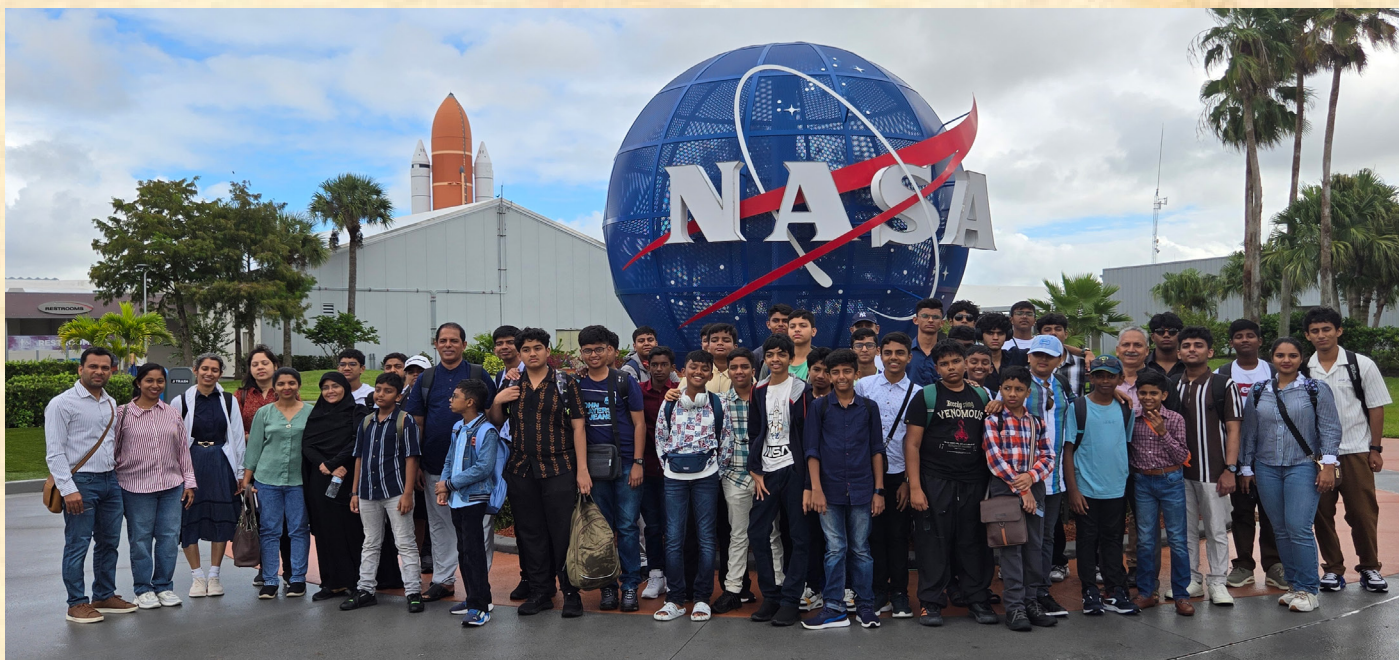


Ms Aswathy R Philip









LOYOLITES REACH FOR THE STARS: A Transformative Educational Tour to the USA

A delegation of 50 students, teachers, and parents from Loyola School successfully completed a ten-day, (8 to 18 October) meticulously planned educational tour of the USA, coordinated by Go4Guru under the leadership of Mr. Kayamboo Ramalingam. The journey, deeply encouraged by the school management, delivered a rich blend of profound educational sessions and cultural immersion across New York and Orlando.

The ambitious tour began with a transatlantic journey from Trivandrum to New York via Dubai, with the team settling in at Baymont by Wyndham, New Jersey, for the first and second night. The first full day in the USA offered a powerful cultural immersion in New York City, featuring visits to two of America's most iconic landmarks, the Statue of Liberty, symbolising freedom and hope, and the dazzling, vibrant energy of Times Square.

The transition to Orlando on the third day involved an early morning flight. Upon arrival and check-in at the Holiday Inn, the students received a warm welcome from Mr. Kayamboo, CEO of Go4Guru, before enjoying a light shopping experience and a delightful buffet dinner.

The centrepiece of the tour was the visit to the Kennedy Space Centre (KSC) in Orlando, an experience that plunged the delegation into the heart of scientific discovery and human achievement.

The day was anchored by an extraordinary interactive session with astronaut Dr. Norman Thagard, a pioneer renowned as the first American to travel to space aboard a Russian spacecraft. Dr. Thagard shared profound insights into the rigours and rewards of space travel, emphasising the courage, perseverance, and boundless spirit of exploration. His words, encouraging students to “think beyond boundaries and believe that with courage and perseverance, even the sky is not the limit,” resonated deeply. As a lasting, personal memento, each student received a certificate personally signed by Dr. Thagard.

The team was also treated to a thrilling Simulated Launch Experience, where they realistically felt the vibrations, sounds, and G-forces of a Space Shuttle launch. This immersive experience offered a direct, visceral lesson in the incredible forces and precision involved in rocketry.

The educational immersion continued as the team explored the following extensive Kennedy Space Centre exhibits, witnessing the scale and history of the American space program: the Apollo/Saturn V Centre, where students walked beneath a massive, real Saturn V rocket, illustrating the monumental effort of the moon-shot era; the Space Shuttle Atlantis Exhibit, allowing up-close viewing of the orbiter; a captivating IMAX movie on the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), which provided a spectacular visual journey across galaxies, distant stars, and nebulae, deepening their astronomical understanding.

Every exhibit powerfully underscored the immense teamwork, creativity, and dedication that drive NASA's missions.

The day was unequivocally declared much more than an educational trip. It was a journey of imagination, inspiration, and discovery. The following days broadened the tour's scope, integrating lessons in media, engineering, commerce, and higher education.

The Loyolites spent an unforgettable fourth day at the Universal Studios, Orlando, exploring how advanced robotics, sound engineering, 3D animation, and set design converge to create movie magic. Attractions inspired by Hollywood blockbusters served as a live classroom, illustrating the seamless integration of storytelling and technology.

The fifth day was dedicated to adventure and bonding at Disney's Water Theme Park. Beyond the thrills, the students observed how art, engineering, safety, and organization merge to create an extraordinary large-scale recreational experience. Leisure time, including visit to Walmart in the evening, provided first-hand exposure to American retail culture.

Day six was marked by an inspiring visit to the prestigious University of Central Florida (UCF). The campus tour offered an insightful glimpse into academic excellence, research culture, and the dynamic learning environment of a leading US university, awakening many dreams and aspirations among the young students. The group also had an exceptional experience of shopping at the Premium mall and a buffet at CICI Pizza.

The seventh day saw the team, check out from Holiday Inn as early as 1.00 a.m. and return to New York City for a poignant conclusion. The day's exploration included the Twin Tower Memorial, a silent and moving tribute emphasising the values of peace, courage, and resilience, Wall Street, where the towering skyscrapers and the iconic Charging Bull offered a glimpse into global commerce.

Despite the challenges of heavy evening traffic, we reached the JFK airport on time for check in. Throughout the return journey the students remained cheerful sharing with one another personal experiences that truly inspired their minds, strengthened bonds, and created memories for a lifetime. The successful and enriching educational tour stands as a testament to Loyola School's commitment to nurturing students, grounded in learning, creativity, and global exposure.

The tour's success was made possible by the guidance of Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ, the Principal of CBSE section, the accompanying parents, including Mr. Nizamudheen, Dr. Arun, Mr. Rony, Dr. Ambika, Mrs. Chickoo, Mrs. Lakshmi, Dr. Zainab, and Mrs. Atulya, alongside several supportive parents.

Special appreciation goes to the Director and Principal, Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ, whose vision championed the global exposure. The administrative coordination by Mr. Joy Varghese, the Registrar, ably supported by Mr. Josy Joy was instrumental in overcoming all challenges during the tour. The smooth logistics were expertly managed by the Go4Guru team, especially the dedicated tour coordinator, Mr. Raja Mani Gopal.



Mr Joy Varghese

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME JOURNEY

When I close my eyes and revisit our thrilling educational tour to the USA, the memories come alive with a special resonance. For me, as the only girl among boys and ever supportive Joy Sir and Fr. Ramlat, every moment glows with a distinct vibe, a blend of strength, courage, curiosity, and gentle pride in standing out.

Our adventure kicked off at Trivandrum International Airport with parents' proud goodbyes. The first inkling that my experience would be different came when my mom, squeezing my hand, whispered that I represented all the dreams of girls traveling far and wide. At every checkpoint, from security to luggage checks, I felt both watched over and quietly cheered on by our whole group.

During our stopovers at Dubai International Airport and then the long Emirates flight, being the only girl brought its own set of small challenges and silent triumphs. Sometimes I was lovingly fussed over by kind air hostesses, making sure I felt comfortable. My friends in 11th grade supported me a lot and made me comfortable. Their friendship is something I will cherish forever in my life. These moments, though subtle, reminded me that my voice and comfort mattered, and I was often the quiet balance amidst the group's energetic bustle.

Landing at JFK and Baymont by Wyndham, NJ, jet-lagged and wide-eyed, I encountered the joyful chaos of room allotments, group meetings. Here, I often noticed how being the only girl meant representing more than myself; I stood, in small ways, for every girl who dreamed of adventure, resilience, and new cultures. The boys looked to me as a sister, sometimes protective, sometimes just respectfully giving me space. I felt like a living reminder that travel, learning, and laughter are not limited by gender.

Whether riding the Statue of Liberty ferry or running through the crowds of Times Square, I experienced a whole lot of adventure and fun. The Statue of Liberty used to be a masterpiece I always wanted to see in real life.

It was with awe that I gazed at the statue. I really enjoyed visiting Universal Studios, where we experienced 3–4 different mysterious and exciting rides. They thrilled us so much that we wanted to explore the rest of the park as well, but unfortunately we couldn't because of time constraints.

We visited the Kennedy Space Centre, Orlando for 2 days. It was truly an inspiring visit since we met an astronaut and got to interact with him. We also got to witness several 3D shows on space shuttles, moon exploration, Mars exploration, etc. There were 3D simulators where we all had a pretty exciting time having real life exploration into deep space. It instilled a spirit of interest in all of us to have a thirst towards knowing deep into what 'space' is all about.

At places like NASA or Universal Studios, I sometimes noticed people's surprise at seeing a girl in a large group of boys, but my participation subtly challenged any unspoken stereotypes, showing that girls belong everywhere, in museums, thrill rides, waterparks, and even debates about which snacks to buy for the bus.

Throughout the journey, I reflected on what it meant to travel, speak up, and be independent as a girl. At times, I felt the responsibility to set an example, reminding myself and others that gender should never limit one's dreams or experiences. My male peers became close friends and thoughtful travel companions; our differences enriched our experience and helped everyone, myself included, grow in respect and understanding for each other. At times, I learned to assert my space, needs, and boundaries with kindness but confidence.

Standing in the drizzle at the University of Central Florida, taking in the campus with all its diversity and hope, I realised that my journey had also transformed my own views on leadership, courage, and gender roles.

As we landed back in Trivandrum, I held tightly to the lesson that inclusion is a two-way street; my group cheered for me, respected me, and learned from me, just as I did from them.

I hope every girl reading this feels empowered to travel, explore, and represent her dreams without hesitation. This journey wasn't just mine; it was everyone's, and I am forever grateful for the love, laughter, and newfound confidence it gave me.



Gowri Parvathy J
XI A

EXPLORING SPACE: OUR NASA EDUCATIONAL TOUR

I had the privilege to travel to the United States of America accompanied by a group of thirty eight students and twelve elders including parents and coordinators.

The experience that inspired me the most was the Kennedy Space Centre Visitors' Complex of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration. The campus was not just a space centre but an area that reminds us of the country's past programmes. If America was able to send humans to the Moon in 1969 using Apollo 11 and Saturn V, the world's most powerful rocket at the time, it truly deserves the title of a global superpower. This was not a success on the first go. There were many missions before the final success emerged. It even led to the death of four astronauts.

The Apollo Centre in KSC is a reminder and a lesson to each and every one of us that failure is not the end, and the truth that Science keeps on growing and will continue to prosper with the young aspirants. The Artemis Centre was yet another groundbreaking evolution of Apollo.

According to Greek Mythology the god Apollo had a twin sister named Artemis, so the rationale behind the name is quite evident.

The Artemis Program is an ongoing mission. The goals and aims of this is quite clear to us by the theatrical, I-MAX, 4DX shows presented at the centre. It is quite fascinating to see how brilliantly people can realign ideas from the past in more advanced ways.

The inspirational figure behind the scenes may not be widely known to us, but for Americans, he was a revolutionary. President John F. Kennedy delivered the iconic speech declaring, 'We choose to go to the Moon, not because it is easy, but because it is hard.' This speech stirred up most of the youth and the scientists to discover more and make America one of the superpowers in the twenty-first century. The snippet of this was displayed in the main gallery of the KSC - VC

The Space Shuttle stood as yet another marvel of human ingenuity. No one would ever have thought a rocket would go up to space and land like an airplane. I was stunned by the way they demonstrated the construction, in-flight simulation, and landing. These memories are etched in the hearts of each of us.

KSC's simulations are yet another breath-taking experience. The way they add to the perfection is commendable. We would feel like we are literally in the rocket. Each communication, lightings, visual effects, and even the minute thing were done to its perfection that we will be engrossed into the environment. KSC makes us feel how the astronauts felt when they were in the rocket. Kennedy Space Centre gifted me not just models and theories, but a history of past and experiences.



Nivedh R J
XI B

OUR UNFORGETTABLE TRIP TO THE USA

They say school trips are meant for learning, but whoever said that clearly hasn't seen 38 students run wild in a water park in Florida. Our much-awaited school trip to the United States was a perfect mix of knowledge, adventure, and fun.

I really enjoyed visiting Disney World Water Park. The slides and the laughter made it a really fun day. It felt like being in a dream world where there were no worries. At the University of Florida, I got to learn a lot. It was really inspiring to see how advanced their research is and how passionate the students were. I even got to talk to a few students, and they told us about life on campus which made me curious about studying abroad someday.

Visiting the Statue of Liberty was another special moment. Standing next to such a well-known symbol made me realise how vast and diverse the world truly is. Our visit to the NASA Kennedy Space Centre in Orlando was fascinating. Standing in front of real rockets and learning about space missions made me realise how far human curiosity can go. Watching the exhibits and simulations gave us a glimpse into the life of astronauts.

Times Square in New York City was another highlight of our trip. The bright lights, enormous screens, and lively crowds made it feel like the heart of the world.

Lastly, Universal Studios was an experience of its own. The rides were thrilling, and the technology and creativity there were amazing. But more than all the places we saw, it was the friends I made and the time we spent together that made the trip unforgettable. We laughed, we learned, and created memories that I know will last a lifetime. This was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity.



Armaan Ahlawat
IX B

INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE

The Loyola school NASA tour took place from the 8th to the 18th of October. During this tour, we visited many places, tasted new food, and experienced unfamiliar climatic conditions. But what I liked the most was the visit to the Kennedy Space Centre in Orlando, Florida, which lasted for two days.

We arrived at KSC on the 11th of October 2025, where we were greeted by a fleet of enormous rockets used for NASA's previous space missions. We first visited a memorial hall at KSC where we watched a presentation on astronauts' inspirations and explored a Hall of Fame, called 'Heroes and Legends', dedicated to all the astronauts who played a crucial role in the progress of NASA's space program. We had an interactive session with Norman Thagard, the first American cosmonaut, followed by lunch and an IMAX movie on the James Webb Space Telescope, which apparently took NASA 30 years to build! We then toured a Mars exploration museum before returning to the hotel.

The second day at KSC was what made it the most memorable part of the trip. We began with a bus tour of NASA's Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB), used for assembling rockets before take-off. We were then taken to a room where we were briefed about the Apollo missions through a presentation. The next room showcased the original control room used for the Apollo 8 mission. We experienced the emotions going through the minds of the astronauts and the people behind the mission.

We also saw the rocket which was used for the mission, and the suits used by the astronauts. The next bus took us to the memorial of the Atlantis Space Shuttle. The Atlantis Space Shuttle was a result of a decade of hard work from NASA's scientists. We were shown the original space shuttle and the amount of effort NASA's scientists put into making it. We also experienced a simulator replicating a mission inside Atlantis.

Our visit to the Kennedy Space Centre was nothing short of an incredible experience, leaving us with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for space exploration.



Vaishnav Sunita Renjith
IX C

A MEMORY FOR A LIFETIME

Our unforgettable journey began at Trivandrum International Airport, where emotional parents waved goodbye to their children. Josy Sir, ever watchful, made sure everyone had arrived, while Joy Sir asked us to tie pink ribbons to our bags for easy identification.

After the usual rounds of check-in and security checks, we gathered at the gate, buzzing with excitement for the adventure ahead. A few hours later, we landed at Dubai International Airport, where a bit of confusion while connecting to our New York flight taught us the importance of staying calm and improving our travel coordination. The 14-hour Emirates flight from Dubai to JFK was an experience in itself, a massive two-storey plane, endless meals, friendly air hostesses snapping instant photos, and in-flight screens tracking our journey over countries and oceans.

At JFK Airport, we collected our luggage and braved the cold while waiting for our bus to Baymont by Wyndham, New Jersey. Jet lag hit hard, but the excitement of being in the USA kept everyone smiling. Rooms were allocated, roll numbers distributed, and dinner packets handed out. The next morning, after breakfast and a few vending machine visits, we took photos in the chilly lawn before heading out for the Statue of Liberty.

The ferry rides, museum visit, and even a hilarious mix-up where we got off at the wrong shore made the day memorable. A football game at Battery Park, a walk through the bright chaos of Times Square, and KFC dinner wrapped up our New York stay.

Our Delta flight to Orlando brought new energy. We were welcomed by a tall, cheerful driver and his family at Holiday Inn, Kissimmee. Evenings were filled with laughter, videos by Raja Mani Sir, and morning walks led by Fr. Ramlat. At the Kennedy Space Centre, meeting astronaut Norman Thagard, exploring the Atlantis exhibits, and trying out the simulators felt truly inspiring. Then came pure fun at Universal Studios and Disney's Typhoon Lagoon, where laughter and water splashes ruled the day.

The visit to the University of Central Florida gave us a glimpse of campus life in America. And as we finally returned home through Dubai, landing back in Trivandrum amid early morning rain, one thought echoed in everyone's heart: this was truly a once-in-a-lifetime journey.



Abhinav Anil
VIII D

TOUCHING THE STARS: NASA

When I first saw the airport lights shining bright, I was filled with excitement and curiosity about what was waiting for me on the other side of the world. It was my first ever Emirates flight, and I wouldn't stop smiling. The cabin crew were very nice towards me. The plane was huge and beautiful, and I loved watching movies on board. After a long journey, we landed in Dubai, but something went very wrong - we lost track of our team. Thankfully, we somehow managed to find our way to the correct gate, and soon we were boarding our plane to the USA. I could hardly believe it. I was actually going to America.

Our first stop was New York. The moment I stepped onto American soil, the cold air hit me; it was about 12 degrees, much colder than I expected. I stayed in a hotel called "Baymont by Wyndham" at New Jersey, and I couldn't wait to explore the next day. We visited the Statue of Liberty and the Statue of Liberty museum. We also visited Times Square which is the brightest city in the world. It was amazing.

Then we headed to Orlando, which is the land of fun. I was thrilled to visit NASA, my dream place since childhood. Seeing real space rockets, astronaut suits, and the launch pad of moon missions made me feel like I was touching the stars. I even met a real astronaut, Norman Thagard, and got a signed certificate from him. That was the best moment ever in my life.

After visiting NASA, we went to the famous Universal Studios and tried many exciting rides. My favourite was the Hyper Speed Rollercoaster. I screamed so loud but loved every second of it. It was my first ever high-speed rollercoaster ride.

After that, we visited my second favourite place after NASA and it was Walt Disney World - The happiest and most magical place on earth. The rides, shows, and water were magical. I especially loved the water ride "Crush and Gusher" and the giant wave pool. Disney world was many

acres long and it was great. We also visited the Typhoon Lagoon water park at Disney World. The theme of Typhoon Lagoon is about a ship that crashed into a large island. I felt like living in a dream.

We also visited the University of Central Florida, where I imagined myself studying. The UCF is filled with beautiful shops and restaurants. We took off from Orlando airport in a Delta plane, and we reached New York City. Later, we went to the 9/11 memorial in New York, which taught me about bravery and history.

Leaving Orlando was a very sad moment but the adventure associated with it keeps me happy. Finally, we took our Emirates flight back home. Thank you to dear Joy Sir who did everything for us. He helped me stay safe, independent and helped me in hard situations. Thank you to our beloved CBSE Principal Fr Ramlat Thomas for his kindness and for guiding me onto a new and correct path.

I am grateful to dear Chickoo Aunty and Ronnie Uncle for their generosity and for guiding me at many moments throughout the trip. I also appreciate dear Zainab Aunty and Nizamudheen Uncle for being kind and for helping me through challenging situations. I appreciate dear Ambika Aunty and Arun Uncle for making sure everyone stayed healthy. A special thanks to the Go4Guru team for organising such a wonderful trip and for working hard for our enjoyment. Thank you to everyone.

This trip was the best experience of my life, full of learning, laughter, and dreams. I'll never forget the feeling of standing where astronauts once stood. I felt like I had touched the stars.



Ritvik A Roy
VI B1

MY EXPERIENCE DURING THE EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO NASA

The preparation for the educational tour involved a trip to USA Consulate in Chennai for biometrics and another one to Hyderabad for Visa interview. My mother arranged the travel and stay for our group.

We stayed in an Airbnb which was a first for me. We, in school uniform, assembled at the Chennai Consulate around 8.00 a.m. As soon as the security personnel saw us in the uniform, they invited us inside, though we were an hour and a half earlier than the schedule.

The biometrics had a simple process though it took some time. The visa interview was held in the Consulate in Hyderabad. Once again, we went in a group. The visa officer asked simple questions, such as who was sponsoring me and what his income was. After that, she kept my passport and informed me that my visa had been granted. We had been informed that the visa stamped passport would be delivered at home through courier on the 3rd or 4th day after the interview. And it was true.

Then we had a meeting at the school to brief about the necessary things to be packed and precautions to be taken. By 7 October my parents had helped me pack my bag and other essentials for my trip. We reached the Trivandrum International Airport at 1.00 a.m. on 8 October and checked in without much delay.

We were all ready to embark on a nice, life-changing journey. The journey from Trivandrum by Emirates Airplanes began as per the schedule. The transit in Dubai was challenging as we had to go to another terminal on a metro train. The flight from Dubai took about fourteen and a half hours to New York. We checked into the Hotel in New Jersey around 10.00 p.m. We had a briefing in the hotel about room allotment, room leaders, time of breakfast and next day's places of visit. After that, we had dinner and received the key to our room. I was also appointed as the room leader. However, the jet lag hit me quite hard, and I found it difficult to sleep.

We woke to a refreshing cool air of New Jersey the next morning, had a bit of a stroll, enjoyed the American breakfast and were ready to explore more. Our first stop was the Statue of Liberty. We took a boat to reach the monument and the museum. Before boarding, we were given lunch packets. I personally think that this was one of the best days of the trip. The next day we took an early flight to Orlando.

Once we arrived at NASA, I found the place amazing. I was given 30 dollars for lunch on the first and second days of our visit. We had lunch at the NASA café, watched an IMAX movie, went on a few simulators, etc. In the evening, we spent some time shopping at Walmart and Dollar Tree. On Day 2, we also visited Times Square, which was a wonderful experience. On another day, we went to a Subway restaurant and an outlet mall as part of our sightseeing and shopping time.

Day 5 was full of fun and, in my opinion, the best day, as we spent it at Universal Studios. We split into several groups, and there were so many rides and shops that we weren't able to cover everything. We had to buy our own lunch, and dinner was provided at the hotel by the company. Day 6 was similar in that it was spent at a Disneyland water park, with lots of fun and amazing food. The rides were really fast slides with big drops, and there was even a ride with a massive wave.

Day 7 was more on the educational side, as we visited the University of Central Florida. It was interesting to see how different Indian universities are compared to American ones. The two guides who showed us around were very kind and friendly. Days 8–9 were mostly travel. We took a flight from Orlando to New York, and we spent the day visiting the 9/11 Memorial and Wall Street. After that, we went to the airport for our flights to Dubai and then to Kerala. On Day 10, we landed in Trivandrum at 3:00 a.m., extremely tired.

Overall, I feel this trip was very well planned, and without all the staff coordinators, it wouldn't have been possible. The airports we passed through were also very neat and beautiful.

I had a great time on this trip and am happy to come back with many new experiences and lots of knowledge. I am grateful for my family, teachers, tour coordinator, and friends who helped me during this tour.



Jacob Mathen Philip
VIII B1

FIFTY HEARTS, ONE DREAM: OUR JOURNEY FROM KERALA TO THE STARS

Our unforgettable journey began at Trivandrum International Airport, where parents waved tearful goodbyes and hearts overflowed with pride.

Josy Sir ensured everyone had arrived, while Joy Sir tied pink ribbons to our bags. Our flights from Trivandrum to Dubai and onward to New York felt like stepping into a dream. The Emirates double-decker plane was a world of comfort with movies, games, laughter, and endless meals in the clouds.

When we finally landed at JFK Airport, the cool New York breeze greeted fifty wide-eyed travellers ready to explore the world. At Baymont by Wyndham, jet lag couldn't stop our excitement. Roll numbers, room keys, and our first team meeting marked the beginning of countless shared memories.

The next day, the Statue of Liberty stood before us in all her glory. We took ferries, captured smiles, and even ended up on the wrong shore, which turned into a small football match in The Battery Stadium. The evening lights of Times Square dazzled us, and for the first time, we truly felt like we were in the city that never sleeps.

Our journey continued to Orlando, where we stayed at the Holiday Inn surrounded by lakes and palm trees. NASA's Kennedy Space Center left us speechless - meeting an astronaut, touching space relics, and realising that our dreams could truly reach the stars. The thrill continued at Universal Studios and Disney's Typhoon Lagoon, where screams of joy, waves, and laughter filled the air. At the University of Central Florida, we glimpsed the spirit of learning that powers the future, walking proudly among students at the university.

Finally, we returned to New York, visiting the Twin Tower Memorial and Wall Street, before flying home through Dubai. As we landed back in Kerala, under a gentle drizzle, fifty hearts knew that this was more than a trip. It was a journey of wonder, laughter, friendship, and dreams that reached stars.



Christon Shibu
VIII B

THE LADY WHO ENLIGHTENED MY JOURNEY

My recent visit to New York became truly memorable because of one majestic monument, the Statue of Liberty. Standing tall and radiant on Liberty Island, is not just a statue, but a living symbol of freedom, hope, and friendship that continues to inspire millions around the world.

As the ferry sailed through the glistening waters of New York Harbour, the chilly wind brushed my face. The Manhattan skyline slowly faded behind, and there she stood ahead, tall, graceful, and glowing in the golden sunlight. My heart skipped a beat. The closer we moved, the larger she grew, her green figure rising proudly from the island, her torch held high as if lighting the way for every dreamer who arrives on these shores. In that moment, I knew my entire visit to New York was worth it, just to witness this lady of light.

She holds a torch of enlightenment in her right hand and a tablet in her left, inscribed with 4 July 1776, the date of America's independence. The broken chains at her feet speak of liberation from oppression. Even her seven-pointed crown symbolises the spread of freedom across the seven continents. Truly, the Statue of Liberty is not just made of copper and iron; she is crafted from courage, unity, and the human spirit.

Centuries ago, America was under British rule. Thirteen colonies stretched along the Atlantic coast, taxed heavily and ruled without representation. By 1775, the colonies rose in rebellion, and after a long, bitter struggle, led by men like George Washington, the United States won its independence in 1783. Across the ocean, in France, thinkers and reformers watched closely. Among them was Édouard René de Laboulaye, a professor and historian who deeply admired America's ideals of liberty.

In 1865, when America abolished slavery and proved that freedom was not just a word but a living principle, Laboulaye was moved to the core. To him, this moment showed that the nation that had once fought for independence was now ready to extend liberty to all its people.

This strengthened his belief that America deserved a monument honouring such progress. That very year, during a warm gathering with friends, he voiced an idea that would echo through history: “If a monument should rise in America as a memorial to her independence, it would be only natural if it were built by the united efforts of both nations.”

Among the guests was a young sculptor, Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, whose imagination caught fire. He envisioned a woman holding a torch high, a symbol of hope to guide humanity toward freedom. Yet at that time, France was under Emperor Napoleon III, and the word liberty was dangerous. Laboulaye and Bartholdi kept their dream alive quietly, disguising it as a gesture of friendship toward America.

When the emperor fell in 1870 and France became a republic again, their secret dream finally found its wings. Bartholdi sailed to America in 1871, seeking the perfect home for this grand lady. As his ship entered New York Harbour, he spotted a small island called Bedloe’s Island, now known as Liberty Island, right at the gateway to the nation. “This is it,” he exclaimed. “She must rise here to greet all who enter.”

France took on the task of building the statue, while America agreed to construct its pedestal. In France, Gustave Eiffel, who would later design the Eiffel Tower, built a strong iron framework to hold the statue’s form. Skilled artisans hammered copper sheets by hand to create the flowing robes and serene face of the Lady. Across the ocean, Americans struggled to raise funds for the pedestal. Money was scarce, but hearts were generous. Newspapers urged citizens to help, and publisher Joseph Pulitzer promised to print the name of every donor, no matter how small. Children sent pennies; workers sent their day’s wages.

The money that flowed from ordinary people, from the children of France and America alike, showed how deeply this dream had touched their souls. It was not just a monument being built; it was humanity itself, joining hands across oceans to honour the spirit of liberty.

By 1884, the statue stood complete in France, over 150 feet tall. She was carefully taken apart into 350 pieces, packed into 214 crates, and shipped to America aboard the French vessel *Isère*. When she arrived in 1885, the people of New York erupted in joy. A year later, on October 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty was unveiled before thousands of cheering citizens. Cannons thundered, bands played, and hearts swelled with pride. Though Laboulaye had passed away before seeing his dream fulfilled, his vision now stood alive, glowing through Bartholdi's masterpiece.

Over the years, the statue's copper surface turned a gentle green, a patina gifted by time itself. Today, she continues to stand proudly, her torch shining like an eternal promise to the world.

As I stood before her, gazing up at her calm face and radiant flame, I felt humbled. She seemed alive, whispering that freedom is not a gift to be received once, but a flame that must be protected forever. When the ferry sailed back toward Manhattan, she slowly grew smaller against the sky, yet the feeling she left in me grew larger. I realised that New York's greatest treasure wasn't its skyscrapers or lights, it was this timeless lady, reminding humanity that liberty, once lit, must never be allowed to fade.



Dr Zainab Sherif
Parent

A JOURNEY BEYOND BORDERS: MY EXPERIENCE DURING THE EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO NASA

The excitement began at Trivandrum International Airport, where anxious parents waved goodbye, their faces lit with pride and tinged with emotion. As pink ribbons found their way onto every bag on Joy Sir's cue and Josy Sir checked off names with trademark precision, the realization dawned, our long-awaited journey to the United States had truly begun. Between check-in queues and group selfies at the gate, the children in crisp travel jackets and wide smiles were a picture of anticipation.

The Dubai International Airport brought its own share of comedy and confusion as we navigated terminals and time zones, fine-tuning our "travel efficiency" playbook in real time. Soon enough, we boarded the mighty Emirates double-decker bound for New York, our flying megastructure for the next 14 hours. Meals seemed never-ending, the air hostesses turned photographers at our request, and the flight screens showed us silently tracing oceans and continents. Between catnaps, games, and peeks outside the window, came that universal question, "How many hours more to reach?"

At JFK Airport, winter greeted us with a chilly embrace. The first lesson of travel, patience, was taught by baggage carousels that turned slower than our hearts could wait. Wrapped in scarves and curiosity, we boarded the bus toward Baymont by Wyndham, New Jersey, our first U.S. home. Jet lag was a silent spectator as we explored rooms, received roll numbers, and shared our dinner packets before collapsing into deep sleep.

Morning in Baymont brought crisp cold air, steaming waffles, and steaming excitement. Children wandered the lawn for early photographs before boarding the bus for the Statue of Liberty ferry. As the skyline of Manhattan rose in the distance and the green figure of Liberty came closer, conversations turned quiet. This was the moment when dreams took shape.

From the ferry deck to the museum and the Liberty Park lawns, every frame clicked carried stories of freedom and friendship. A brief detour to Battery Park gave our budding footballers a chance to show off their skills before the day ended amidst glowing lights and crowds at Times Square; a burst of colour, culture, and chaos.

After another airport morning and a cheerful Delta flight to Orlando, the tone shifted, from New York's seriousness to Florida's sunshine. The drive to Kissimmee was a visual poem of lakes, palm trees, and mirrored clouds. Holiday Inn, our next base, welcomed us with smiles, veg biriyani from Tabla, and the sight of curious alligators gliding silently in the pond outside the rooms. Laughter filled the evenings with reflection circles, snacks from vending machines, and Raja Mani Sir's daily video vlogs capturing our journey perfectly in pixels.

Then came the day that made every science dream sparkle, NASA's Kennedy Space Centre. The exhibits of the Atlantis and Apollo Missions, encounters with astronaut Norman Thagard, and rides through history left everyone starry-eyed. The bold letters "NASA" stood for more than science here; they stood for inspiration. Even lost bags and hungry rushes to Cici Pizza became anecdotes of teamwork and cheer.

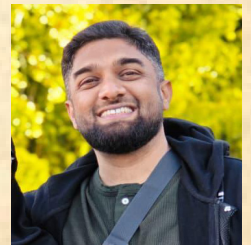
The thrill only grew at Universal Studios, where roller coasters looped, transformers roared, and laughter drowned out fear. For most, it was a test of courage; for some, a triumph of spirit. Disney's Typhoon Lagoon followed with waves, slides, and timeless fun. Children refused to leave the water, as if time itself had paused between the slides and sunshine. Days ended with dinners from Tabla, satisfied smiles, and quiet gratitude.

An educational highlight awaited at the University of Central Florida (UCF). Students led us through sprawling campuses, skateboard routines, and futuristic labs. Our group photo by the fountain captured not just faces but ambitions taking flight. The skies opened up in a light drizzle as we walked back, perhaps a gentle applause from nature itself for our journey.

All too soon, it was time to return. The New York finale had us at the Twin Tower Memorial, Wall Street's bull, and finally JFK once again. Luggage rearranged, snacks shared, and spirits still high, we boarded the familiar Emirates aircraft. A small hiccup before take-off was gracefully handled by Joy Sir; his calm yet firm conversation with the Captain ensured the group stayed united.

As dawn broke over Trivandrum with a steady downpour, we gathered one last time at the airport for a group photo, rain-speckled, sleep-deprived, and overflowing with joy. The pink-ribboned bags were now symbols of stories untold, experiences unforgettable.

Yes, it was a journey across continents, but more than that, it was a journey into friendship, courage, curiosity, and the simple joy of discovery. For parents and teachers, it was pride; for the children, it was magic. For all of us, a once-in-a-lifetime journey that will forever sparkle in memory like a constellation of shared moments.



Mr Nizamudheen
Pazhayaparambil
Parent









OXFORD BIG READ COMPETITION

The Oxford Big Read Competition for Grades 1 to 3 (Primary Level) was conducted on Thursday, 9th October, during the 4th and 5th periods in the Xavier building. The competition aimed to encourage reading and creativity among young learners, with the task of designing and preparing a book jacket based on one of the books they had read.

Oxford had suggested a few classic titles such as *The Jungle Book*, *The Happy Prince*, *Hercules*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *Tales from Arabian Nights*, *Around the World in Eighty Days*, etc. About 25 students participated enthusiastically, bringing their creativity and imagination to life through colours, drawings, and thoughtful designs. Each book jacket beautifully reflected the students' understanding of the story and their artistic flair.

The event was conducted smoothly with the dedicated support of Ms. Anjali V Das and Ms. Bindulekha Cijo, who guided the students throughout the activity. At the end of the session, five best entries were selected for their creativity, effort, and presentation.

This competition helped the children improve their reading habits and encouraged them to think beyond the pages of a book. It strengthened their ability to express ideas visually and enhanced their confidence in presenting their work. Activities like this also foster a sense of imagination and originality among young learners. Students learned the importance of reading for pleasure and the joy of exploring new stories and characters. Overall, the Oxford Big Read Competition was not just an event—it was a meaningful step towards nurturing lifelong readers and creative thinkers.



Ms Dhanya Rajan

SOMEWHERE ON A HILL, THROUGH THE COLD OCTOBER WINDS...

Our school excursion to Ooty was one of the most memorable experiences of the year. The trip began in the evening on 28th September 2025 with excited faces saying goodbye to their parents before stepping onto the bus. Most of our time was spent travelling by bus. The journey was long, but the changing panorama kept me engaged — the tall murky buildings hidden by the towering trees which lined the winding roads, and every turn seemed to open up a new view of misty hills and valleys deep.

I spent much of the ride listening to music through my earphones and watching the world pass by; it made the journey feel calm and introspective. On the occasion that I did feel like stretching my limbs, I joined the girls in dancing to the most random songs they were playing on the speakers. It was reckless and something that I would not have done six months ago, but I must say it is a fond memory to look back on and I am glad to have experienced it. The rest of the journey was peaceful, in its own way. A quiet time to think and take in everything around me.

On arriving in Ooty, the cool winds and the mountain air- we felt refreshed after the long hours on the bus. After we got to our hotel (having crossed many challenges along the way to reach there and having been blinking in and out of lucidity for the past few hours) I was ready to pass out pretty much anywhere, but we weren't allowed much time to rest. After a hasty breakfast we were off again to the first spot on our sight-seeing agenda; the Tea Factory.

At the Tea Factory, we learned how tea leaves are processed, dried, and packed. The aroma of fresh unadulterated tea filled the air, and it was interesting to see the different stages of preparation that go into something we usually take for granted in a simple cup. After that, we visited the chocolate factory and I was able to buy some hazelnut chocolates to bring back home — they were delicious. Later, we were taken to see the radio telescope, which was fascinating to look through. The huge metal structure looked almost surreal against the backdrop of rolling hills.

It was incredible to learn how it helps scientists study outer space and receive signals from faraway regions of the universe. Standing there made me realise how vast and mysterious the world we live in — and the universe we know so little about — really is.

We also visited the Botanical Garden and Sim's Park, both of which were full of colour and life. The variety of plants and flowers was amazing — from tall trees that seemed to touch the clouds to tiny, delicate blossoms in every imaginable shade. The air was cool and scented with earth and petals. Walking through those gardens felt almost like I had stepped into a different world. Everyone was busy taking pictures, while I wandered quietly on my own. I enjoyed watching the way light filtered through the leaves and how the mist curled between the branches.

By the time we boarded the bus for the return journey, I felt both tired and content. The trip was not just about sightseeing— it was about slowing down, observing, and appreciating the small details we usually miss in our busy everyday routines.

Overall, this Ooty trip was a wonderful experience. It taught me the value of reflection. Maybe sometimes, just what you need to understand are things about yourself, and that's what truly matters.



Anne Maria Kurian
XI A

A DAY OF FUN FOR GRADE I

The students of Class I of Loyola School, Sreekaryam, were taken for an excursion to Lulu Mall, Trivandrum, on 24 October 2025 (Friday). The trip aimed to provide students with a joyful learning experience outside the classroom and to strengthen their social interaction and observation skills through recreational exposure. A total of 198 students participated in the excursion, from each section as follows:

Class 1A – 32 students
Class 1C – 31 students
Class 1A1 – 39 students

Class 1B – 28 students
Class 1D – 31 students
Class 1B1 – 38 students

We collected 600 rupees from each student in advance towards tour expenses. The students were accompanied by 6 teaching staff members and 4 non-teaching staff members, ensuring proper supervision and safety throughout the journey.

The group departed from the school at around 9:15 a.m. in three school buses and reached Lulu Mall by 9:40 a.m. Upon arrival, the staff members of Funtura extended a warm welcome and guided the students to the venue. The children were divided class-wise and escorted by both their respective class teachers and Funtura staff to various fun rides and activity zones.

The students enthusiastically participated in the rides and activities, enjoying every moment of the visit. Teachers captured several memorable moments through photographs, which reflected the joy and excitement on every child's face.

Lunch was arranged in the Food Court at Lulu Mall. The children relished their meal with much delight. Post lunch, the students once again explored various rides and recreational activities. The children's cheerful laughter and energy filled the atmosphere with enthusiasm. At around 2:20 p.m., the group assembled for departure. Before leaving, each student

and staff member received a snack and a booklet from the Funtura team as a token of appreciation. The return journey was pleasant, and the group reached back at school safely by 2:45 p.m.

Overall, the excursion was a memorable and enriching experience for both students and staff. It provided the young learners with a day of fun, learning, and togetherness outside the classroom environment.



Ms Linsha A





A TRIP TO MAGIC PLANET

Students of Grade 3 visited Magic Planet in Thiruvananthapuram on 10th October 2025 as part of their educational and recreational exposure program. A total of 181 students, accompanied by five teachers and support staff, travelled in three buses, which departed from the school at 9:15 a.m. The group reached Magic Planet by 10:00 a.m., where the itinerary began with a circus-style performance featuring feats such as shooting and ladder balancing.

This was followed by a performance by differently-abled children, who skilfully combined art and magic, leaving the students deeply inspired. Students also witnessed street magic and other charming scenes, each offering unique and engaging performances.

Before lunch, the students watched a skit based on Aithihyamala by Kottarathil Sankunni, which provided cultural enrichment alongside entertainment. After enjoying a delicious lunch, students attended musical performances in various venues.

The day concluded with the grand magic show, which captivated everyone with its creativity, originality, and visual brilliance. The students departed from Magic Planet at 5:00 p.m. and reached the school safely by 5:30 p.m.

Taken together, the trip was highly engaging, offering students a perfect blend of fun, learning, and inspiration. It was a fruitful and memorable day for all.



Ms Sneha Joe Edwin



A DAY IN NATURE'S LAP

Where laughter mingled with the breeze and memories bloomed under the sun.

Our excursion to Varkala Greentsavorite Farm on 30th October 2025 was more than just a trip. It was a gentle return to the heart of nature, where joy, friendship, and discovery grew together in the warmth of togetherness.

Excursions are the most awaited part of every student's school life, a time to step out of classrooms, breathe in the freshness of nature, and create memories with friends and teachers. The students of Classes VI - A, B, C, D, A1, and B1 had such a wonderful opportunity when we went on an exciting trip to Varkala Greentsavorite Farm. A total of 147 students and seven teachers joined the trip, eager and full of energy.

The morning of the excursion was filled with excitement. Students assembled at school with bright smiles and packed bags, ready for adventure. At 8:45 a.m., our AC tourist buses rolled out of the campus. The air was filled with laughter, songs, and chatter. The rhythmic beats of music and the joyful voices of students made the journey a lively one. Snacks were shared, jokes were cracked, and the road seemed shorter than ever.

We reached Varkala Greentsavorite Farm by 10:00 a.m., where a team of friendly staff greeted us with warm smiles. The beautiful green surroundings instantly lifted everyone's spirits. The students were divided into smaller groups and guided by team leaders who had planned a variety of engaging activities.

The day began on a refreshing note with healthy, farm-fresh treats—salted papaya slices and chilled passion fruit juice, both freshly prepared from the farm's fresh harvest. The students relished the unique flavours

and appreciated the idea of healthy eating. Soon after, a series of fun games and group activities began. Laughter echoed across the farm as students ran, jumped, and played enthusiastically, displaying their team spirit and joy.

By 1:00 p.m., the aroma of delicious food led everyone to the dining area, where a scrumptious buffet lunch awaited. The neatly arranged tables and the variety of dishes made lunchtime truly special. After the hearty meal, students were free to explore and enjoy more games. Some cycled through the green pathways of the farm, while others played cricket, rope games, and adventure challenges. The farm was alive with energy and laughter.

As the sun began to soften, it was time for evening snacks at around 4:30 p.m. The students then gathered for a group photo, capturing smiling faces and joyful hearts—a perfect reminder of a perfect day.

The return journey was equally delightful. The buses once again came alive with music, dance, and laughter. Students sang their favourite songs, danced in the aisles, and shared their experiences from the day. It was truly the grand finale to an unforgettable outing.

We reached school by 6:30 p.m., tired but filled with happiness. The trip to Varkala Greensavorite Farm was not just a picnic; it was a day of bonding, learning, and appreciating the beauty of nature. The smiles on every face said it all—it was indeed a day to remember forever.



Ms Abhirami J S





ROLLING TOWARDS MEMORIES

The educational tour to Ernakulam on 08th October 2025 became a day etched in golden letters in the memories of Class 8. From the very beginning, the air was filled with laughter, music, and the boundless excitement of young hearts ready to explore and learn beyond the classroom walls. Guiding them with warmth and care were teachers Ms Dayana Suresh, Ms Manjula A, Mr Sibin Manohar, Ms Raji V, Ms Rajitha P and Dr Aswathy Raj, whose cheerful presence made every moment brighter and every challenge lighter.

The journey first led to Mattancherry, a place where history breathes through every wall and courtyard. The students were fascinated by the Mattancherry Palace, also known as the Dutch Palace, a timeless monument that holds Kerala's royal heritage within its murals and artefacts. Walking through its ancient corridors they could almost feel the stories of kings, queens, and artists who once graced its halls.

From there, the group moved to the enchanting streets of Fort Kochi, a place where time seems to stand still. The blend of Portuguese, Dutch, and British influences gave every corner a unique charm. The students visited the old CSI Church, a serene reminder of Kochi's colonial past, its walls still whispering prayers of centuries gone by. The Water Metro ride added a spark of adventure. The calm waters reflected cheerful faces and endless laughter. The experience of gliding through the backwaters felt like sailing through a dream painted with sunlight and smiles.

Later, at Marine Drive, the group found peace in the simple joys of togetherness. The soft breeze carried laughter as students walked along the promenade, gazing at the skyline mirrored on the tranquil waters. Moments spent at Subash Park were filled with play, friendship, and the kind of joy that only comes when hearts are light and the world feels endless. The final stop was the grand Lulu Mall, a wonderland of colours, lights and excitement. The students wandered through its glittering halls, their eyes wide with amazement.

They shopped, shared food, clicked countless pictures, and enjoyed every bit of the evening with their friends and teachers. It was a celebration full of laughter, fun, and the simple happiness of being together.

As the day drew to a close, every student carried home not just souvenirs but memories that would last a lifetime. The trip was more than an excursion. It was a journey of learning, laughter and love. It taught the students that the best lessons are sometimes found not in books but in the moments we live, the places we explore, and the bonds we cherish.

The tour to Ernakulam will forever remain a beautiful chapter in the story of Class 8; a day when hearts connected, smiles bloomed, and memories rolled on like waves that never fade.



Ms Dayana Suresh



A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, A GARDEN OF SMILES **Diwali Celebration – Kindergarten**

Our tiny tots celebrated the festival of lights, Deepavali, with sparkling smiles and endless excitement on 17th October 2025. The entire Kindergarten block looked bright and beautiful with colourful decorations, shining diyas, and festive vibes everywhere!

The celebration began with children watching the interesting Diwali videos and animated stories on the smart board. They eagerly listened and learned about the significance and meaning of Diwali, the victory of good over evil and the light over darkness. Next came the Diwali Card Colouring activity, where our little artists filled their cards with bright colours and creativity. The classrooms turned into mini art galleries displaying their beautiful work.

Children also came dressed in their lovely festive attire, adding more colour and charm to the celebration. The joy and frolick reached its climax with the exchange of sweets, where the little ones happily shared sweets and treats with their friends, spreading love and bright smiles all around. The teachers and students together decorated the classroom with diyas, making it a perfect festive corner.

It was a day filled with fun, friendship, and festivity, leaving behind glowing memories in every little heart. Our KG kids truly lit up the day with their innocent laughter and bright spirit of Diwali.



Ms Mullu Das J



DIWALI CELEBRATION



The Diwali Celebration of our school was held on 17th October 2025 with great enthusiasm and festive spirit. A colourful Rangoli was designed in front of the office. The whole event was compered by Omansh of 6B1, Jagan Warrior of 7B, Ridhan Muhammed of 8A and Siddharth Nair of 6C trained by Ms. Marina Antony and Ms. Abhirami J. S. The show featured three delightful puppet characters — Chota Bheem, Dora, and Peppa Pig — who added an element of fun and engagement throughout the event. The puppets were made and operated by Archit Ajith of 8A, Adwaith. Y. Anil of 7A and Rhyan Philip of 7A.

The celebration commenced with a prayer song by the school choir, invoking divine blessings for the occasion. After the prayer, welcome speech was delivered by Vibhav Singh of Class 8A1, who warmly welcomed the gathering.

Next, the Presidential Address was delivered by Rev. Fr. Sunny Thomas Kunnappallil S. J., who extended his Diwali greetings and shared inspiring thoughts on the festival's significance. Subsequently, the Teacher's Message was given by Ms. Madhulika Singh Rathore, who highlighted the values of light, knowledge, and harmony associated with the festival.

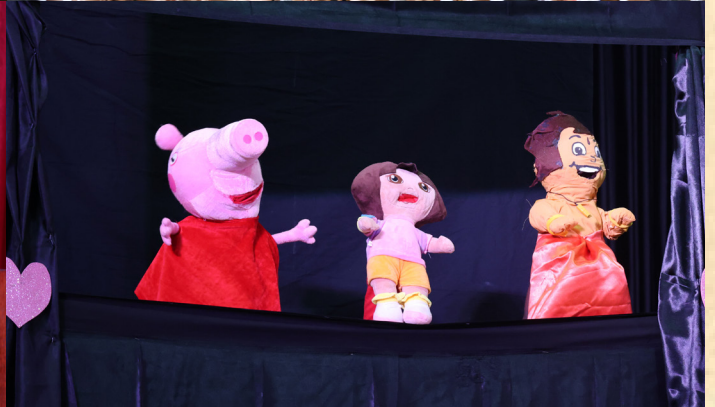
The cultural programme that followed was vibrant and colourful, showcasing the immense talent of students from different classes. It began with a tableau on “Narakasura Vadham” presented by the students of Classes 6 to 8, depicting the triumph of good over evil. Then came a group song by students of Classes 4 to 8 that beautifully captured the festive spirit. Later, another tableau on “The Birth of Goddess Lakshmi” was presented by students of Classes 6 to 8, symbolising prosperity and purity. A lively Dandiya dance then filled the stage with rhythm and energy. Following this, the third tableau, “Victory of Rama over Ravana”, once again performed by students of Classes 6 to 8, vividly portrayed the essence of Diwali. The grand finale was a spectacular dance drama based on the Ramayana, performed by the Loyola Junior Dance Team, which mesmerised the audience.

After the cultural events, trophies for the Deepika Colouring Competition were distributed to the winners, appreciating their creativity and artistic skills. The celebration concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by the Junior School Leader, Muhammed Yousaf, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the programme. The event came to a close with the School Anthem, led by the school choir.

The Diwali Celebration 2025 was truly a memorable and joyous event that brought together students, teachers, and staff in a spirit of unity, happiness, and festivity.



Ms Gouri Priya B J







PEACE CLUB ORIENTATION

Purpose & Importance of the Peace Club

The Peace Club Orientation was conducted on 17th October 2025 at the ICSE Multimedia Room during the 4th period. The session was attended by more than 50 enthusiastic participants. The programme was coordinated and led by Mr. Paul Eugin, the Peace Club Coordinator and a faculty member from the History Department.

Mr. Paul Eugin guided the session with an insightful discussion on the purpose and importance of the Peace Club, emphasising the need for such a platform within the school. He elaborated on how the club should function effectively to promote peace, empathy, and cooperation among students.

The session included interactive communication games that highlighted the importance of thoughts, words, and actions in building resilience and peace. Students actively participated and reflected on how positive communication can contribute to a harmonious environment.

A significant part of the orientation focused on micro-social and macro-social issues, where Mr. Paul explained how students can initiate change by addressing smaller issues within their immediate surroundings, eventually contributing to a broader social impact.

The session also featured real-life examples and a video presentation that illustrated how small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference in society.

Towards the end of the programme, students discussed the next Peace Club initiative scheduled for October, titled “Talk to a Stranger”.

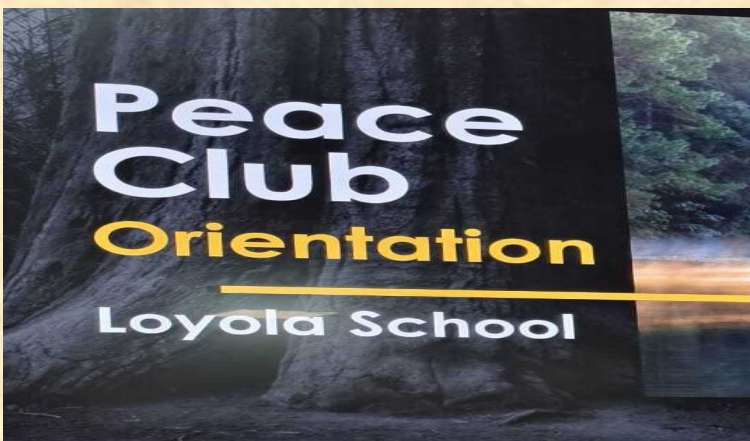
This upcoming event aims to provide an opportunity for students to openly share their concerns with a counsellor, thereby promoting mental health awareness among youth. Around 20 students volunteered to participate in this initiative.

The orientation concluded successfully with the valuable presence and support of Ms. Anila Elza Thomas and Ms. Vijaya B S, whose encouragement added to the spirit of the event.

Overall, the Peace Club Orientation was an inspiring and thought-provoking session, fostering a sense of responsibility and compassion among the students towards creating a more peaceful and understanding community.



Mr Paul Eugin



COMMON SENSE MATHEMATICS

Workshop conducted by Dr Maura B Mast

The Common Sense Mathematics workshop conducted on 24th October 2025, by Dr. Maura B Mast was a truly interesting and interactive session. Through the simple examples she provided and the thought-provoking questions she asked, we were able to understand the significance of mathematics in our everyday lives.

We gained valuable insights into the field of mathematics—its opportunities, applications, and immense scope in the present decade. Through the experiences and examples she shared, we also came to understand the struggles that women have faced in gaining recognition and significance in the field of mathematics.

When Dr. Mast discussed her research and studies, we realised that mathematics is not merely about numbers—it encompasses a vast world of geometry, dimensions, and abstract ideas within the branch known as pure mathematics. She beautifully proved that what is often considered a boring subject can actually be fascinating and deeply engaging.

In a generation where engineering and medicine are among the most sought-after fields, she inspired us to consider an alternative and equally rewarding path—mathematics.

In conclusion, the workshop by Dr. Maura B Mast was not just educational but truly eye-opening. It helped us appreciate the beauty, logic, and creativity behind mathematics while motivating us to explore its endless possibilities. Her session encouraged us to view mathematics not as a subject of fear, but as a field full of curiosity, innovation, and inspiration.



Gautham C S
XI C1

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Peace Club

The Peace Club of Loyola School, in association with the Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS) of Loyola Institutions, conducted a Mental Health Awareness Programme on 28th October 2025 at Loyola Extension Services (LES). The programme was organised for 20 students from Class 11 with the objective of creating awareness and understanding about mental health among students.

The event was held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It began with an engaging icebreaker activity, which helped participants relax and interact comfortably. This was followed by an art therapy session, where students expressed their thoughts and ideas on mental health through creative artworks and posters. They also explained their creations to the group, making the session lively and interactive. The session was led by Mrs. Esther Stephen, a member of CAPS.

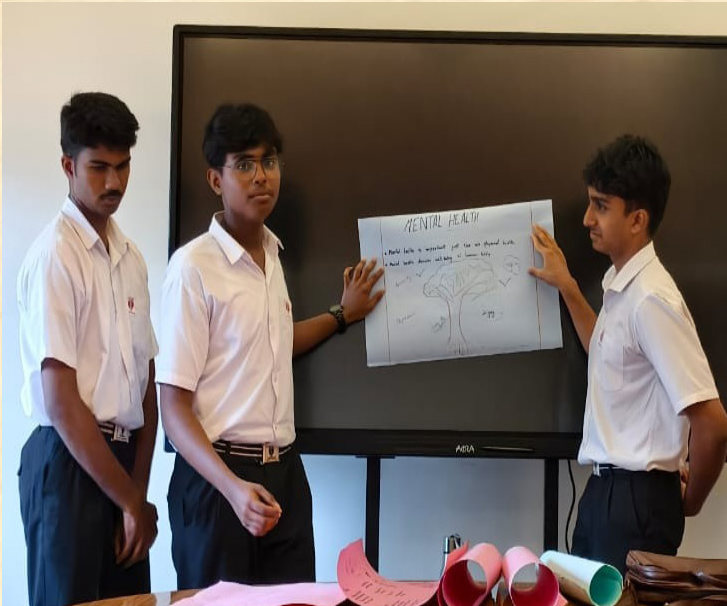
Next, a talk therapy session was conducted by ten interns from CAPS, which provided a safe and supportive space for students to share their experiences and emotions. The counselling session was deeply insightful and helped students understand the importance of mental well-being.

The participants responded enthusiastically and shared positive feedback about the programme. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Paul Eugin, the teacher in charge of the Peace Club.

Overall, the programme was highly beneficial and successful in promoting mental health awareness and fostering a sense of emotional support and understanding among students.



Mr Paul Eugin



NON-TEACHING STAFF DAY

St Rodriguez Day

The St. Rodriguez Day assembly on 31st October 2025, commenced with a warm welcome to the non-teaching staff, who were presented with greeting cards as a token of appreciation for their dedicated service. The programme began with a soulful prayer song led by Mr. Suresh Daniel, setting a serene tone for the event. This was followed by the presidential address delivered by Rev. Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, Rector and Manager, and a heartfelt speech by Ms Sindhu V S., highlighting the significance of the day.

The cultural segment began with a melodious solo performance by Mr. Deepu M, followed by a group song presented by the students under the guidance of Ms. Priya B. The highlight of the day was a delightful group dance performed by students of Classes I and XI, choreographed by Ms. Malavika and Mr. Anand Zachariah. A touching response speech by Suma aunty added warmth and gratitude to the occasion, reflecting the spirit of togetherness and appreciation.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Anaida Sanoj, Assistant School Leader, expressing gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the event. Special thanks were extended to Ms. Archana Sharika, Ms. Sasikala, and their compering team for their excellent coordination, as well as to Ms. Renu for supervising the welcome speech and vote of thanks. Overall, the assembly was a fitting tribute to the spirit of St. Rodriguez, marked by enthusiasm, teamwork, and reverence.



Ms Sreeja T I



Non-teaching Staff Day

31 Oct 2025

Feast of
St. Alphonsus Rodriguez















OUR COLLECTIVE TRIUMPHS



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TRIVANDRUM NORTH SUB DISTRICT



RITHIKA NAIR D R
FIRST PRIZE
 A GRADE WITH 10POINTS
 IN PAPER PRESENTATION
 XI A2



ALZA ANN JACOB
SECOND PRIZE
 A GRADE WITH 8 POINTS
 IN STILL MODEL
 XI A2



IJ AMRITHA CHANDRAN
THIRD PRIZE
 A GRADE WITH 6 POINTS
 IN OTHER CHARTS
 XI A2



PRAGATHI M PRINCE
THIRD PRIZE
 A GRADE WITH 6 POINTS
 IN WORKING MODEL
 XI A2



SANDRA JOSE
FIRST PRIZE
 A GRADE WITH 10 POINTS
 IN STUFFED TOYS
 XI A2



FEROLUS FRANCIS
SECOND PRIZE
 A GRADE WITH 8POINTS
 IN POSTER DESIGNING
 XI A2



MITHRA GOPAKUMAR S
 B GRADE IN RACHANAYUM
 AVATHARANAVUM (PRESENTATION)
 XI A2

Congratulations



A M AARON (XI A2)
FIRST PRIZE IN LONG JUMP
SECOND PRIZE IN 200 METER RACE
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TARUN KRISHNA K (II E)
FIRST PLACE
KUMITE (7 YEARS)
KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2025



GAUTHAM ABHILASH (IX B)
FIRST PLACE
DISTRICT LEVEL
OISCA MILMA
TOP TEENS TRIVANDRUM



JOASH JOBBY JACOB (IX C)
THIRD PLACE
DISTRICT LEVEL
OISCA MILMA
TOP TEENS TRIVANDRUM



A DHRUVA MADHAVDAS (VA)
THIRD PLACE
67TH DISTRICT KALARI CHAMPIONSHIP



AADIVINAYAK SHIBU (VIII B1)
WINNERS
U- 14 7'S NAVAMI CUP
FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



AAGNEY S S (VIII C)
THIRD PLACE
MALAYALAM ELOCUTION
ASISC KERALA REGION
CULTURAL FEST



AARAV AJITH (IX A1)
THIRD RUNNER-UP
UNDER-14 CATEGORY
CAK-CIS STATE-LEVEL CHESS



ABHIRAJ A (XII D1)
AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING CULTURAL
PERFORMANCE
ON INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY



ANANTHAKRISHNAN L (XI C)
FIRST PLACE
 EXTEMPORE (MALAYALAM)
 CATEGORY V ASISC KERALA
 REGION CULTURAL FEST



GLENN TOM (11C1)
BRONZE - 100M FREESTYLE
BRONZE - 100M BUTTERFLY
 INTER SCHOOL
 AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIP



HRISHIKESH S NAIR (II A1)
SILVER MEDAL IN RINK II (400 M)
GOLD MEDAL IN RINK III (800M)
 VI - VIII QUAD CATEGORY
 TRIVANDRUM DISTRICT ROLLER
 SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP 2025



ISHAN S (VIII A)
STATE CHAMPION
 UNDER 19 CATEGOR)
 KERALA STATE
 CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025-2026



JAMES ALEX MEDAYIL (V D)
SECOND PRIZE
 WESTERN MUSIC - CAT.III
 ASISC KERALA
 REGION CULTURAL FEST



JOHAN THOMAS (VII B1)
THIRD PRIZE
 100M RACE
 SOUTH ZONE SAHODAYA
 ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP



JONATHAN EDWARDS N (X A)
SELECTED AS VICE-CAPTAIN
 CISCE KERALA U-17 BASKETBALL TEAM
 CISCE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT 2025



KAVIN PRABHU (II C)
BRONZE MEDAL
 DISTRICT LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP
 KERALA KARATE ASSOCIATION



LEONN TOM (VII B)
BRONZE - 100M FREESTYLE
BRONZE - 50M BUTTERFLY
 INTER SCHOOL
 AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIP



MANEESH SHAKTHIVEL (XII C1)
THIRD PRIZE
 SHOT PUT
 SOUTH ZONE SAHODAYA
 ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP



MARTIN JOHNY ZACHARIA (IX B)
A GRADE
 OISCA MILMA
 TOP TEENS 2025



NAVNEETH POTHUVAL (X A)
 M. NARUN (IX C)
SECOND PRIZE
 CISCE NATIONAL UNDER-17
 CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP



NEELLESH MANUB (VIII A)
SECOND PRIZE
 CARNATIC VOCALS - CAT. IV
 ASISC KERALA
 REGION CULTURAL FEST



NEERAD R (VI D)
SECOND PRIZE
 LIGHT MUSIC CAT. IV
 ASISC KERALA
 REGION CULTURAL FEST



ROSHAN SURESH (VII B)
FIRST PRIZE
 BU13
 8TH KERALA STATE SQUASH
 CHAMPIONSHIP 2025



SIDHARTH S NAIR (VI A1)
SILVER MEDAL
 RINK I QUAD 200M
 UNDER 14
 CBSE SOUTH ZONE SAHODAYA
 INTER SCHOOL ROLLER SKATING
 COMPETITIONS 2025



SIDHARTH S NAIR (VI A1)
BRONZE MEDAL
 RINK I 200 M
 TRIVANDRUM DISTRICT
 ROLLER SKATING
 CHAMPIONSHIP 2025



SRIHARI P R (V D)
SECOND PRIZE
 MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC CAT. III
 ASISC KERALA REGION
 CULTURAL FEST



TARUN KRISHNA K (II E)
GOLD MEDAL
KARATE- KUMITE
KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2025



DEVESH PRADEEP (UKG D)
FIRST PRIZE
INTER-SCHOOL
COLOURING COMPETITION



ADVAITH VIVEK (X B)
SECOND PRIZE
PAPER PRESENTATION
SCIENCE FEST
LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA



AARON RENJI MATHEW (X A)
SECOND PRIZE
PAPER PRESENTATION
SCIENCE FEST
LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA



S EBBA ADILA (XI A2)
GOLD MEDAL
50 Butterfly - Gold
100 Butterfly - Gold
50 Backstroke - Gold
4×100 Medley Relay - Gold
Junior girls Individual Champion
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AKSHATH AGRAWAL (IX A1)
FIRST PRIZE
PAPER PRESENTATION
SCIENCE FEST
LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA



JOEL JOSE (IX A1)
FIRST PRIZE
PAPER PRESENTATION
SCIENCE FEST
LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA

Congratulations



KPCC General Secretary Mr. K S Sabarinath honoured Carnatic Vocalist Master. Madhav Krishna K. S(XII D1) at the function organised by Kavi. A Ayyappan Memorial Foundation.



Champions

Team Loyola, Sahodaya complex CBSE Basketball Tournament



CISCE NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

OCT 8-10, 2025

U- 17 VICE CAPTAIN JONATHAN EDWARDS N(X A)

&

U-14 TEAM MEMBERS

AAGNEY SS (VIII C)

HRISHIKESH S R (VII D)

UPCOMING EVENTS



ZEST' 25
THE PARENTS' CARNIVAL
08TH NOVEMBER 2025

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION
28TH & 29TH NOVEMBER 2025



THANK You!