



THE LORETO HOUSE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The Link

2023-2024

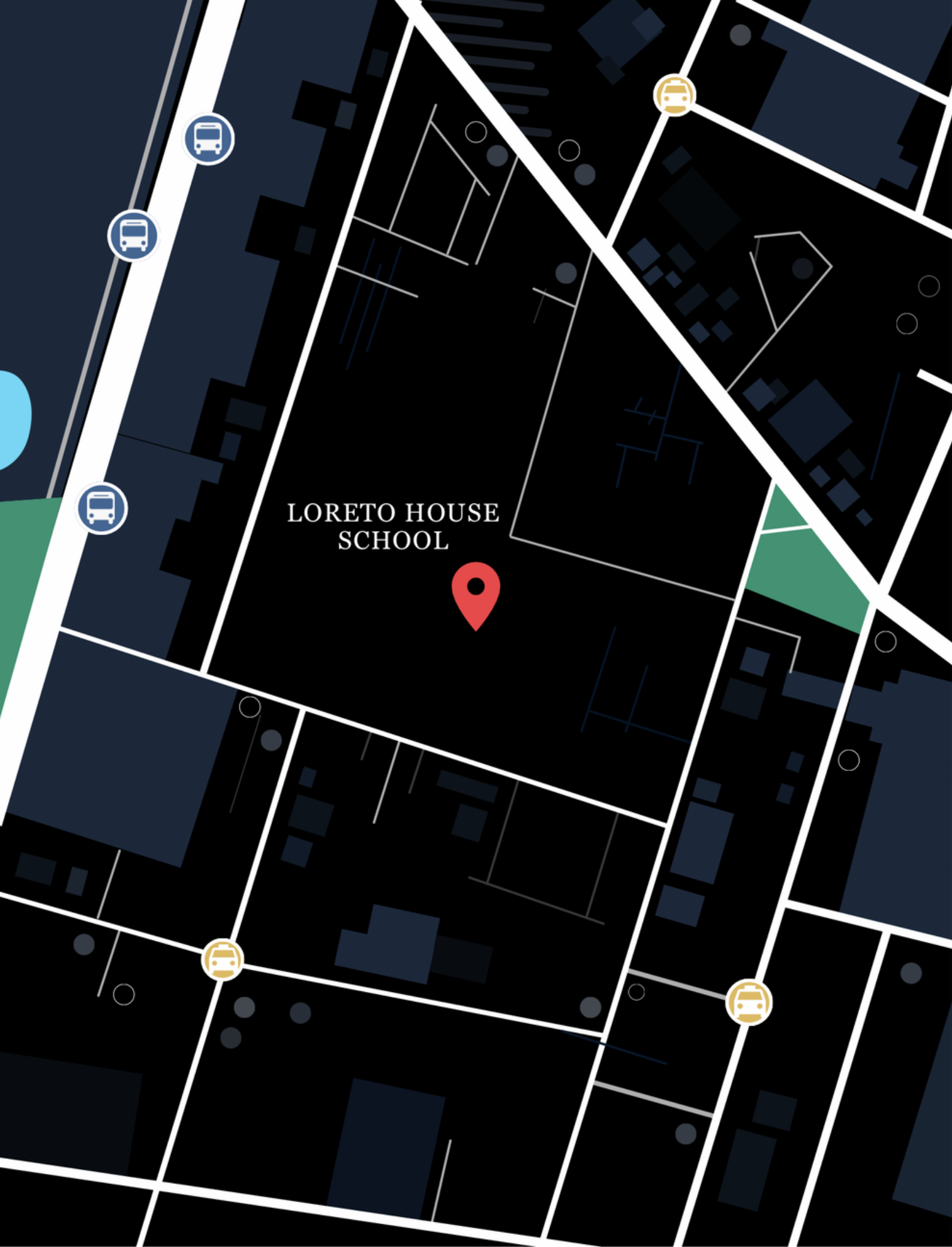




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FROM THE SUPERIOR'S DESK

SISTER A. POWLIN



The sky is not always blue for everyone in the world. Many people have become victims of invasion in Ukraine, violence in Gaza, religious conflicts in our country, poverty, human trafficking—the list can go on. In the midst of all these challenges, we, management, staff, students, and parents of Loreto House have been fortunate to be blessed with peace and harmony here at Loreto House. As it is said in the Book of Genesis, 'I will bless you so that you will be a blessing.' Our blessedness is not for us alone; rather, it is to be used to bless others. This year, let's continue to count our blessings and find ways, big or small, to be a blessing to others. Let every Loreto House member be a blessing to whoever we meet, upholding Mary Ward's values: Justice, Freedom, Sincerity, and Joy.

Let us clothe ourselves with justice, which flows from compassion.
Let us clothe ourselves with freedom, which flows from accountability.
Let us clothe ourselves with sincerity, which flows from serenity.
Let us clothe ourselves with joy, which flows from God the Creator.

Sr A Powlin IBVM
Superior



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MRS. A. GOMES



Looking back on a highly successful year, I am once again proud to share "The Link", our school magazine. The name itself lends a strong bond between every stakeholder—staff, parents and students. In every conceivable manner our magazine plays an important role in the Loreto House family as it is a link to our past and a bridge to our future. "The Link" highlights the various activities, events and of course the talents of our students. Human dignity and spirituality can be strengthened if we live and love other fellow beings more than ourselves. Amongst all the inter and intra curricular activities, our students enjoyed interacting with the different people encountered at our weekly Food ATM visits at the Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre and created magical moments with the inmates at the Old Age Homes every Saturday. Bringing joy to our friends at the Rainbow Home and Literacy Centre comes naturally to every student here at Loreto House. It is through 'Meraki' that our students are pleasantly engaged with their companions from Mentaidd and Manovikas Kendra. "We Care" brings unparalleled cheer to all of us as we celebrate each inmate from the Old Age Homes on our premises. Through "Angrezi Medium" many of our senior students have mentored little boys and girls in the villages teaching them via the virtual platform. The most beautiful reflection imbibed by every student is that they have now begun to understand and accept the concept of giving. Let us empathise, be selfless and generous in our journey of life. In the words, Abou Ben Adem, "Write me as one that loves his fellow beings".

Regards,
Mrs. A. Gomes
Principal

FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR SECTION COORDINATOR



Mrs. Sonia Dhir

The year 2023-24 has been a very productive and wonderful year for all at our beloved school Loreto House. Our students have worked diligently academically as well as have successfully showcased their diverse talents in co-curricular activities. The school is a vibrant place and our students are the very life of Loreto House. Smiling faces, the attitude to step forward and try new pursuits, team spirit and living up to the ideals of our illustrious institution have made the year eventful and memorable. The enthusiasm towards participation in all events within and Inter-School, simply put, is just overwhelming and beautiful. Our students always live up to our expectations. They are persevering and dignified in facing challenging situations and doing their utmost in dealing with them. We are proud of our girls and with the blessings of the Almighty, each one will leave a significant mark in her chosen field in the years ahead. Best Wishes to each one of you, dear girls to live your dreams.

2023-2024 has been a wonderful year for all of us at Loreto House during which students were encouraged to put their best foot forward to pursue academic, sporting and social excellence. I am privileged to be in a position that allows me to interact with, question, listen to and observe children in their formative years. The students today need to be equipped with knowledge, confidence and competence to attain a sense of fulfillment and understanding. We, at Loreto House, have been able to create a safe, stimulating and learning environment for our children. Our school is a warm, caring and happy one where self-esteem and confidence are developed and nurtured. I strongly believe in the importance of teachers, parents and administrators collaborating to accomplish our common goal to provide young girls a chance to achieve their full potential. May our students continue to shine in both academic and co-curricular activities and keep the "Loreto banner" flying high always. May God bless each one of our students.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MIDDLE SECTION COORDINATOR



Mrs. Ratna Banerjee

FROM THE DESK OF THE JUNIOR SECTION COORDINATOR



Miss Jessica James

Our Loreto House Family, Principal, Staff, Students and Parents, were busier than bees during the academic year 2023-2024. Our school website is testimony to the numerous events, which took place throughout the year. Each and every child had the opportunity to participate and display their knowledge and talents. Academics-wise, too, the students were busy with SIP Abacus, Olympiad, SpellBee and most importantly their own syllabus. Morning Assemblies became celebrations for the achievers in the various fields.

However, the formal school life missed between 2020 and 2022 has left an indelible mark on the little ones, especially in the Junior Section. Two precious years of foundational learning and daily interaction with their teachers and friends were lost. Among other things the joy of reading and the art of writing were replaced by an addiction to mobiles and social media.

It must be our combined endeavour to help our children overcome these shortcomings. With determination and commitment, we can surely ensure that these future, global citizens are well prepared for anything that comes their way. We are grateful for the graces we have received in the past year and greatly appreciate the cooperation and willing help given by all the members of the Loreto House Family. We look forward to a blessed 2024-2025. May the children have a fruitful year of physical and personal growth.

THE LINK TEAM

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STAFF ADVISORY EDITORIAL BOARD'S MESSAGE

On behalf of our Editorial Team, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to each one who has contributed towards the compilation of the magazine. Thank you for all your hardwork and dedication. This journey has been an emotional one in seeking to chronicle the plethora of activities packed into one school year. It not only links the activities involving teachers and students but also offers our parent body a glimpse of the activities beyond the classroom that are an integral part of our Loreto holistic education. Our magazine "The Link" is truly a link between parents, teachers and students. Every edition of "The Link" is an important medium of communication. It enables students to express themselves, showcase their talents, provide valuable information about school events and build a strong sense of community amidst students, faculty and parents. Students were able to effectively convey ideas and showcase their skills in writing, art, design and photography. We commend the Student Editorial Board for having worked relentlessly in compiling the seemingly endless articles, reports and events into a coherent whole.

We would like to thank Mrs. S. Dhir, Mrs S. Bhattacharjee, Ms. P Toppo, Mrs. S. Mallick and Mrs. L .Ward for the proof reading.

On behalf of the Editorial Board we would like to sincerely thank our Principal Mrs. A. Gomes for her constant guidance, support and encouragement.

Mrs.A.Lazarus
Mrs. S. Mallick
Mrs. S. Faiyaz
Mrs. K.Bose

HEAD GIRL'S MESSAGE



Umika Panda

“And when our school days ended and our varied paths divide, O may the ideals of our youth still ever be our guide..”

Loreto House has given each of us a ‘home’ and a little world of our own with our friendships, memories and opportunities. Its walls bear equally the anecdotes of humour and stories of success of the many women who have graduated from this school. As Head Girl, I was given the privilege of working on several extra-curricular events organised this year including our Symposium and Sports Day.

This role has taught me numerous significant lessons through trial and error. Perhaps the most important lesson out of them all was cultivating the ability to build consensus as a leader. I learnt that it was important not only to ‘lead’ my peers and juniors but to take them along with me, as we collectively shared the peaks and valleys of this journey.

The year 2023-24 was also a year replete with personal learnings for me; how to juggle multiple responsibilities, work with multiple individuals and most importantly, to take something back from each experience.

I am grateful to our Principal Mrs. A. Gomes for always supporting our ambitions and achievements and the teaching and non-teaching staff of Loreto House without whom this institution would be incomplete

Thank you Loreto House, truly, for the gift of 13 years!

Thank you,
Head Girl 2023-24
Umika Panda.

STUDENT EDITORIAL BOARD’S MESSAGE

“Fill your paper with the breathings of your heart.”– William Wordsworth

This year’s edition of ‘The Link’ magazine witnessed a flurry of activities, innumerable events and notable memories. Through the haze of working on countless reports and filtering submissions, the Student Editorial Board has managed to create a pot-pourri of the highlights of every student's journey here at Loreto House in this academic year of 2023-2024. As we worked on our magazine, with the sounds of the mischievous giggling of the Lower Nursery students and the general classroom chatter playing in the background, we came to the bittersweet realization that we have now curated a brainchild of our own. We hope that this year's ‘The Link’ brings you as much joy as it brought us while creating it.

Thank you!

SCHOOL REPORT 2023-2024

SPIRITUAL AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT

The academic year 2023-24 was filled with great learning and development. Every student was involved in innumerable activities besides academics. Loreto House always strives to inculcate the spirit of social service and deep commitment toward the upliftment of the underprivileged and weaker sections of the society.

Daily Assemblies

Hymns, Readings, Prayers, Motivational Stories, The Daily News and an inspiring "Thought for the Day" marked our regular assemblies.

Special Assemblies

Along with our regular assemblies we also had the special assemblies that we conduct every year at Loreto House. The Earth Day Assembly, Labour Day, Mother's Day Assembly, Independence Day Assembly, Diwali Assembly, Durga Puja Assembly, Christmas Assembly and many more were conducted once again this academic year as well.

Farewell Assemblies

Farewell Assembly for Mrs. Kohli : On 31st July, 2023 it was an emotion-filled morning as the staff and students of Loreto House bid farewell to one of their most loved teachers, Mrs. S. Kohli, as she retired after many long years of dedicated service.

Farewell Assembly for Mrs. Mogrelia : On 31st January, 2024, a farewell was organised to bid adieu to our beloved teacher, Mrs. F. Mogrelia.

The farewell was emceed in the form of a debate to honour Mrs. Mogrelia's contribution and dedication. Poignant speeches were given by her students and Mrs. Bhattacharjee. There was a video presentation on extremely heartfelt messages from Mrs. Mogrelia's present and retired colleagues and ex-students. Mrs. Gomes' address that was followed by Mrs. Mogrelia's speech made every single member of the audience emotional.

Farewell Assembly for Mrs. Bose : The Principal, Teachers and Students gathered to bid a warm farewell to Mrs. Keka Bose, who taught at Loreto House for over 34 years. She is legendary for her great leadership qualities, teaching skills and creative talents.

Farewell Assembly for Ms. Joseph : After dedicating years of tireless effort and commitment to educating and shaping young minds, the time had come for our beloved Ms. Joseph to embark on a new chapter in her life. In true Loreto tradition, the assembly began with a prayer service followed by the student speeches. Several students from the Hindi department and Guide Company at Loreto House gathered to express their emotions, filled with gratitude and a tinge of sadness.

Farewell Assembly for Mr. Panchanand Sharma : Mr. Panchanand Sharma, fondly known as Sharma Ji, has been a beloved member of our Support Staff for the past twenty five years. On his retirement, Mr. Sharma was bid 'farewell' at a Special Assembly attended by Sr. Powlin-our Superior, Mrs. A. Gomes-our Principal, Teachers, Support Staff and students of Classes 3-8.

Mary Ward Week

The assemblies highlighted the inspiring life of Mary Ward. Mary Ward's maxims were presented with great fervour by the students. The assemblies brought out the ideals placed before us by Mary Ward which we all should strive towards. Each class conducted a meaningful and unique activity to commemorate her life and teachings.

CHURCH SERVICES/ CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLIES

Dhyan Ashram Retreat : The Catholic students from classes 9 to 12 attended a solemn Retreat at Dhyan Ashram based on the theme "Blessed and Beautiful" that promotes and defends the culture of Life, leading young people to a life of Real Freedom, Total Happiness and True Love. The resource team came all the way from Goa and Bangalore in collaboration with the members of Missionary Families of Christ from Kolkata.

Corpus Christi : On 26th November, 2023 the feast of Christ the king was celebrated. This feast is celebrated every year on the last Sunday before advent. Like every year this year too the feast of Christ the king was celebrated by the solemn Corpus Christi Procession that starts from St. Xaviers' grounds. Before the procession the gospel of the day was read and the homily was given.

Advent Mass and Nativity Play : On 2nd December, 2023, the annual Advent Mass at Loreto House was conducted. The theme for this year was, 'The Miracle Child'.

The Advent Mass is a yearly tradition at Loreto House intended to herald the season of Advent. The mass was conducted by His Grace, The Archbishop of Kolkata, The Vicar General, Father Dominic Gomes and the Parish Priest of St. Thomas' Church, Father Michael Biswas. The mass was followed by a splendid reenactment of the Nativity Play put up by the Catholic students of the Junior School.

Special First Friday Mass for Teachers' Day : On 1st September, 2023, Class 12s organised a special First Friday Mass with the theme 'My Teacher, My Wisdom' to celebrate the occasion of Teachers' Day. To make the Mass even more special, the students organised it entirely by themselves under the guidance of our Principal.

CATECHISM & VALUE EDUCATION CLASSES

These classes held thrice a week have always been an integral part of our school curriculum.

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rainbow Christmas Party : On 9th December, 2023, Class IX organised a Christmas party for their friends at the Rainbow Home. Keeping in mind the essence of enchantment and magic, the theme selected was 'Disneyland'.

Meraki : On 17th November, 2023, the students of Class X organised an interactive programme, titled Meraki, 2023. The students of Mentaidd Institution and Manovikas Kendra were invited for the same. The theme for Meraki, 2023 was "Exploration of Space."

We Care : We Care, an annual social service initiative of Loreto House was held on the 13th and 14th of December. On Day 1, 103 guests from St. Joseph's Home, Lawrence D'Souza, Mary Cooper, St. Catherine and the Little Sisters of The Poor attended the programme. On Day 2, 100 guests from Navnir Chetla, Navnir Tollygunge and Tollygunge Home were present.

Food ATM : JPIC (Justice Peace Integrity of Creation) initiated an annual project for the year 2023-24, Food ATM in collaboration with Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre. Each month of the year four to eight girls from class eight visited the Mary Ward Help Centre at Loreto Entally accompanied by two teachers. Rice, Dal, Maggie, Sugar Biscuits, Dalia, Flour and Tea were collected from class IV to class X in different months. They were distributed to the socially marginalized people of the Entally area.

ElderCare : The Leadership Training Service club of Loreto House initiated an annual project for the year 2023-24 where students of Classes IV-VII were taken to the Lawrence De Souza old age home, located in Janbazar, Kolkata, every Saturday of each month starting from July 2023 to February 2024.

Pathanam : Pathanam is an ongoing social service project in which, the students of Loreto House have been teaching spoken English to students between the age group of 6 and 9 who live in remote rural areas of Bengal online, through the Pathanam website. It is a 6 month online course certified by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Abhyana.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Mrs. Bhattacharjee's Silver Jubilee Celebration : On 22nd November, 2023, a Special Assembly was held to celebrate Mrs. S. Bhattacharjee's 25 years of teaching service in Loreto House. It began with the lighting the Prayer lamp followed by a short Prayer service. Mrs. Dhir and Principal, Mrs. A. Gomes shared their memories and spoke about Mrs. Bhattacharjee. She was felicitated by the Principal with plaque, cards and a bouquet. The assembly ended with Mrs. Bhattacharjee sharing a few words and expressing her gratitude.

Silver Jubilee Celebration for Ranu Devi and Nathoo Paswan : On 30th September, 2023, Sr. Powlin and Mrs. A. Gomes celebrated 25 years of dedicated service to Loreto House for Nathoo Paswan and Ranu Devi. We at Loreto House greatly appreciate their hardwork towards our institution. We wish them good health and happiness.

INTER-SCHOOL EVENTS

In this academic year, we have participated in numerous inter-school events and performed phenomenally in every single one of them, a few such events have been highlighted below :

X-Uberance : On the 11th, 12th, and 13th of August, ninety-five students from our school participated in X-UBERANCE'23 hosted by St Xavier's Collegiate School, A total of 16 schools participated, and our school had participated in 34 events out of a total of 39 events

Claude Martin Debates : From the 16th to 20th August, four students namely Umika Panda (XII Humanities), Prapti Banerjee (XI Humanities), Advaita Rebecca Sengupta (XI Science) and Manya Parekh (X-i) participated in the 10th Edition of the Claude Martin Debates and Boulon Lise quiz organised by La Martinere College, Lucknow. In the final round against Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie, Loreto House emerged victorious thereby winning the Claude Martin Debates.

Youthopia : On 26th, 27th and 28th April, 2023, Loreto House participated in the Youthopia fest organised by The Heritage school. Nearly 16 schools participated in over 28 events including sports such as basketball, table tennis, chess, fashion show, ad spoofing, short film making and many more. Our school won in seven events and was adjudged Second Runner Up trophy.

PRIZE DAYS

Prize Distribution for Classes X and XII (ICSE AND ISC) : The Alumnae Trophy and Medal for Outstanding Performance in the ISC Examination was awarded to Anushka Dutta XII(S) and the Alumnae Trophy and Medal for Outstanding Performance in the ICSE Examination was awarded to Arundhati Dasgupta X(ii)

Prize Distribution for Classes VI, VII, VIII, IX and XI : On 22nd March, the annual prize distribution for Classes VI-IX and XI was held.

Prize Distribution for Classes X and XII: On 29th January, 2024, the Annual Prize Distribution ceremony was held for the students of Classes X and XII.

DAY EXCURSIONS

Atha Mahakavikatha : On 22nd November, 2023, the Bengali girls of class 11 were accompanied by Ms.M.Chatterjee to watch a play held at Rabindra Sadan hosted by Loreto Convent School Entally.

Excursion to the nursery : On 29th August, 2023, the home science students of class XI visited a neighboring nursery school "Little Wonders" for an educational excursion.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Investiture Ceremony : The Student Council for the academic year 2023-24 was sworn into office on 5th May 2023. The ceremony took place in the Big Hall in the presence of the students of the senior section along with the parents of the council members in attendance.

Student Council Orientation : An orientation session was held for the Student Council 2023-24 on 30th June from 2pm to 3pm. The workshop was conducted by the student council animators, Mrs. Dhir Mrs. Mogrelia and Mrs. Lazarus. The workshop began with a short prayer and hymn followed by an interactive session on various leadership models aided by a visual presentation.

Teachers' Day: On 5th September, the students of classes VI-XII celebrated Teacher's Day in a special way with the theme "Blast from the Past". Each class had their individual performances filled with games, music, dance and acting. From the paparazzi entry to the final exit, the programme was filled with nostalgia and joy.

Children's Day : On 20th November, 2023 the senior section of Loreto House celebrated Children's Day. The theme was "Barbie Reimagined" which the students most definitely loved. The program showcased some wonderful performances by our dear teachers.

Republic Day : India's 75th Republic Day was celebrated by the students of the middle and the senior section on 26th January, 2024. The theme for this year's celebration was 'India: A Land Of Abundance'. The Chief Guest for this year's celebration was Mr. Sovan Dev Chattopadhyay, Minister-in-charge, Department of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Government of West Bengal.

Senior School Sports Day : Under the radiant sun, on 10th of November, 2023, students of the senior section congregated at the splendid ground of Mohun Bagan, for a day filled with athleticism, camaraderie, and spirited competition. The Senior Section Sports Day- "EMPOWER EQUALIZE ELEVATE" was a resounding success, marked by a series of engaging events that showcased the diverse talents and sportsmanship of our students.

Junior School Sports Day : The long-awaited Junior Section Sports Day dawned clear and pleasant on 25th November, 2023, absolutely in keeping with the theme 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. The students and teachers arrived, filled with nervous energy, ready to take on the day they had been rigorously practising for.

Farewell Social : As is tradition at Loreto House, the Class XIs organised the Farewell Social for the outgoing batch, this year the theme was Prom '24, inclusive of memorabilia, dynamic emceeing, singing and multiple dances, the highlight being the Class XI flashmob, every aspect of the event was thoroughly enjoyed. The most important part of the event was The Miss Loreto Pageant, keeping with tradition, it was once again a wondrous part of the day.

INTRA-SCHOOL EVENTS

As is norm at Loreto House, several inter-house competitions were held throughout the academic year, such as the inter-house debate competition, inter-house art competition, inter-house dance competition and the inter-house singing competition.

THE LORETO HOUSE SCHOOL FESTS

Chhayanot 2024 : On 8th February, 2024, Loreto House hosted an Inter-Loreto Vernacular Workshop and creative presentation "Chhayanot 2024". Our very own Mrs. Madhumita Ghosh graced us as the programme's Chief Guest along with Mr. Trilok Nath Pandey and Mr. Tanmoy Chakraborty as the esteemed resource persons who conducted Hindi and Bengali Poetry Creation workshops for the benefit of the students in the subsequent creative presentation.

Symposium 2023 : On 4th and 5th August, 2023, Loreto House chose to organize an Inter School Event with a difference - a symposium of ideas and creativity on the theme " We the Youth of India @75".

CLUBS

Loreto House strives to induce an environment of dynamism and enthusiasm in their students, we have been involved in several extracurricular activities both out of school and in school. Several inter-school competitions have been organised by the various activity clubs and service clubs that we have here at Loreto House.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS

CISCE Basketball: This year the CISCE Regional Basketball Tournament for Girls' (West Bengal & North East Zone) was hosted by Loreto House from 6th July to 8th July. The inauguration ceremony for the event was held at Loreto House on 6th July which was followed by the inaugural match. Due to inclement weather, the matches were shifted to Assembly of God Church School (Park Street).





PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

ISC [2022 - 23]

The Alumnae Trophy and Medal
for Outstanding Performance



Anushka Dutta, XII-Science

The Bela Thakur Memorial Trophy
for Highest Achievement in the
Science Stream



Anushka Dutta, XII-Science

The Ms. Kumkum Chakravarty
Memorial Trophy for Highest
Aggregate in the Commerce Stream



Rochelle Walter, XII-Commerce

The K.B Mukherjee Memorial Trophy
for Highest Aggregate in the
Humanities Stream



Alifiya H Dodia, XII-Humanities

The Pratima Mukherjee
Memorial Trophy for Highest
Achievement in English



Asmita Mondal, XII-Science

The Mrs. Pratibha Bajpai
Memorial Trophy for Highest
Aggregate in Hindi



AAlifiya H Dodia, XII-Humanities

**The Biplab Chakraborty Memorial
Trophy for Highest Achievement
in Bengali**



Simran Nundy XII-Commerce

**The M.M Bhattacharjee Memorial
Trophy for Highest Achievement in
Mathematics**



**Anushka Dutta XII-Science
Ayushi Mitra XII-Science
Vidhishree Agarwal XII-Commerce**

**Trophy for Highest Achievement
in Physics**



Anushka Dutta XII-Science

**Trophy for Highest Achievement
in Chemistry**



Anushka Dutta XII-Science

**Trophy for Highest Achievement
in Biology**



**Chu Jia Min XII-Science
Pratiti Mukherjee XII-Science**

**Trophy for Highest Achievement
in Computer Applications**



**Shrutika Tiwari XII-Science
Sanjana Bhattacharjee XII-Science**



**Trophy for Highest
Achievement in Economics**



**Soumita Banerjee XII-Commerce
Vidhishree Agarwal XII-Commerce
Sanjana Bhattacharjee XII-Commerce**

**Trophy for Highest
Achievement in Commerce**



Simran Nundy XII-Commerce

**Trophy for Highest
Achievement in Accounts**



Akshita Mundra XII-Commerce

**Trophy for Highest Achievement in
Business Studies**



**Shreya Garg XII-Commerce
Rochelle Walter XII-Commerce**

**Trophy for Highest Achievement
in Political Science**



**Alifiya H Dodia XII-Humanities
Oishinee Majumdar XII-Humanities
Sadia Hussain XII-Humanities
Teesta Ray XII-Humanities
Tessa Sharma XII-Humanities
Insha Agwan XII-Humanities**

**Trophy for Highest
Achievement in Sociology**



**Sampurna Sarkar XII-Humanities
Aakansha Biswas XII-Humanities
Zeena Islam XII-Humanities**

**Trophy for Highest
Achievement in History**



**Teesta Ray XII-Humanities
Sampurna Sakar XII-Humanities
Alifiya H Dodia XII-Humanities**

**Trophy for Highest
Achievement in Geography**



Xara Maria Menezes XII-Humanities

**Trophy for Highest
Achievement in Home Science**



Trisha Dominica Barren XII-Humanities

**Trophy for Highest
Achievement in Psychology**



Aneesa Fatima XII-Humanities

**Trophy for Highest
Achievement in Art**



Jahnavi Chakravarti XII-Humanities



IGSE [2022 - 23]

The Alumnae Trophy and Medal for Outstanding Performance



Arundhati Dasgupta X-2

Trophy for Outstanding Effort



Pritha Bagh X-1

The Mrs. Anima Mukherjee Trophy for Highest Achievement in English



Sucharita Pathak X-1
Prapti Banerjee X-2
Arundhati Dasgupta X-2

The Mrs. Pratibha Bajpai Memorial Trophy for Highest Achievement in Hindi



Akanksha Banerjee X-1

The Binay Ranjan Paul Memorial Trophy for Highest Achievement in Bengali



Madhushruti Niyogi X-1

Trophy for Highest Achievement in Science



Madhushruti Niyogi X-1
Anushka Singh X-1



**Trophy for Highest Achievement in
Mathematics**



**Ayushhi Agarwal X-1
Arundhati Dasgupta X-2**

**The Radha Binode Paul Memorial Trophy for
Highest Achievement in History, Civics and
Geography**



**Advaita Rebecca Sengupta X-2
Jahnvi Birdika X-1
Madhushruti Niyogi X-1
Arundhati Dasgupta X-2**

**Trophy for Highest Achievement in
Computer Applications**



**Samriddhi Kasat X-1
Nimeraah Hossain X-2
Yuvika Tekriwala X-2**

**Trophy for Highest Achievement in
Economic Applications**



**Ayushhi Agarwal X-1
Advaita Rebecca Sengupta X-2**

**Trophy for Highest Achievement in
Home Science**



Hiranya Uppal X-1

Trophy for Highest Achievement in Art



Shania Alexander X-2

Student Council 2023-24



Head Girl - Umika Panda

Sports Captain - Naisha Agarwal

Social Service Captain - Tithi Mukherjee

Vice Head Girl - Pari Gupta

Vice Sports Captain - Yasna Nari Buchia

Vice Social Service Captain - Marion Gomes



Captain - Dhriti Manek
Vice Captain - Vriddhi Agarwal
Prefect - Aparajita Banerjee



Captain - Shreya Banka
Vice Captain - Sreepurna Maulik
Prefect - Jeshna Khan



Captain - Alysia Bindya Gomes
Vice Captain - Alesandra Anthony
Prefect - Aleeza Feroze



Captain - Mahi Vasa
Vice Captain - Saborni Paul
Prefect - Soumili Biswas



Captain - Olivia Ye Yun Chen
Vice Captain - Simran Bakshi
Prefect - Rumah Anthony



Captain - Anisha Goswami
Vice Captain - Adrija Dey
Prefect - Atika Sk



Floor Prefects - Pratiksha Sharma, Torshita Banerjee, Jasmine Binayak,
 Kavya Agarwal and Devanshi Udaypuria

CLUB REPORTS 2023-24

SERVICE CLUBS

GUIDES

"BE PREPARED"

Guided by the principles of honesty, kindness, and respect, Girl Guides participate in various activities that foster personal development and teamwork. The club conducts various workshops throughout the year for the Guides, including the First Aid Workshop where the Girl Guides are taught about administering first aid during heart attacks, hypoglycemia, nose bleeding, fractures, and burns.

Night camps are a thrilling and enriching experience that go beyond the ordinary, creating lasting memories and fostering camaraderie among the Girl Guides.

Guide exams are an integral part of the Girl Guides programme, providing girls with opportunities to demonstrate their skills, knowledge, and leadership abilities.

These exams are designed to assess proficiency in a range of areas, from practical outdoor skills to understanding the principles of guiding. The exams include Pravesh, Pratham Sopan, Dwitya Sopan, and Rajya Puraskar



KLIMA – NATURE CLUB

Klima, the Nature Club of Loreto House promotes sustainability and environmental conservation through a plethora of projects throughout the year. The first initiative undertaken this year was 'The Sapling Plantation Project'. On the occasion of World Environment Day, the students of Classes IV to XII were given saplings of a variety of plants and trees. The Nature Club planted saplings this year and looked after them on a regular basis.

The general meetings of the club consist of discussions and interactive activities promoting the conservation of nature.

The ultimate goal of this Club is to empower and educate students about the importance of environmental conservation and to create awareness about major environmental problems.



CLC – CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

This year has been an exciting and fulfilling one for the Christian Life Community at our school. The club members from Classes XI and XII have been actively involved in various activities, including participating in a two day away-retreat at Dhyanaashram, and participating in multiple Inter-School fests rejuvenating the pre-pandemic vigor of the Club. One of the major highlights of the year for the CLC Club was the successful orchestration of a retreat for its members. The retreat was well received by the participants who invigorated by the welcoming atmosphere held enthusiastic discussions and debates. Another significant achievement of the CLC Club was our participation and success in two significant Inter-School Fests, namely, Bosco Chriz 2023 and Xavo Christi 2023. The events provided the members of the Club the opportunity to showcase a plethora of their talents and diligence by actively participating in the various events, including singing, dancing, quizzing and public speaking. The hard work and commitment of the students paid off handsomely, and we placed in both fests, winning the Best School Award, bringing pride and recognition to our school.



As we look back on this year, it is evident that the Christian Life Community has made a difference in the lives of its members and the school as a whole. The club's achievements and successes serve as a testament to the power of faith, community, and teamwork. We are incredibly proud of all that has been accomplished and look forward to even greater things in the future for those we pass the CLC Legacy on to.

YCS – YOUNG CHRISTIAN SOCIETY



In the year 2023, the Young Christian Society (YCS) Club of Loreto House, consisting the Christian students of classes VIII to X, took part in various events that helped us grow spiritually. We started off the year with Don Bosco Park Circus's Christian Fest, 'Bosco Chriz 2023', where we won the Best School Award, followed by St. Xavier's Collegiate School's Fest, 'Xavo Christi', where we participated and placed in many events and also won the Best School Award. This year's annual retreat for the students of the senior section was held in Dhyana Ashram, Kolkata, as a two-day camp. The members of the resource team traveled all the way from Bangalore and Goa to worship with us and left us feeling spiritually enriched. Besides these events, masses were organised by the students of various classes, on the occasion of important days in the Christian Calendar.

As is our tradition, we ended the year with our celebration of the Advent Mass and Nativity Play on the first Saturday of December, preparing for the birth of our Messiah.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SERVICE



The LTS (Leadership Training Service) Club of Loreto House remains committed to cultivating future leaders with a strong sense of social responsibility.

The first meeting saw the orientation of the office bearers of LTS for the academic year, 2023-2024. Every LTS meeting at Loreto House focuses on conducting activities that assists students in personality development, leadership skills, and social development.

One significant endeavour that was initiated by LTS this year was to make an effort to connect with people from all age groups. To ensure this, students from classes VI to VIII visited local Old Age Homes. Emphasizing traits such as empathy, resilience, and collaboration, students bridged generational gaps and exchanged valuable insights.

Overall, the academic year 2023-2024 has been a very fruitful one for the students of LTS at Loreto House.



JPIC – JUSTICE, PEACE & INTEGRITY OF CREATION

“Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation” is a movement of the Loreto Education Society throughout the world to reach out to the underprivileged section of the society.



JPIC enjoys a position in the ECOSOC Council at the UN where one of the Loreto Sisters represents the Loreto Schools all over the world. It is a universal club at Loreto House which takes every student and faculty member under its umbrella. The goals for this year included a stationery distribution camp, food ATM and One Billion Rising. The food ATM was implemented in association with the Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre (KMWSC). Students of Classes VII and VIII were involved in this project. They were asked to get various food items which were packed in boxes and given to the KMWSC who distributed it among underprivileged children. Additionally, a few students participated in "One Billion Rising" which is a global campaign to end all forms of violence against women.

The JPIC unit of Loreto House has been actively taking part in this movement for several years. Four students of Class XI were also selected as Mary Ward UN Youth Advocates under the Working Group of Girls' Advocacy Programme.

ACTIVITY CLUBS



POLEMICS – DEBATE CLUB

The academic year 2023-24 has been a year of remarkable success for the Polemics (Debate) Club at Loreto House. The year began with the La Martiniere Calcutta Model United Nations Conference (LMCMUN) in May wherein 11 students from classes IX-XII participated. Two of our delegates, Aparajita Banerjee and Neelakshi Ghosh (XII Commerce) also won the 'Verbal Mention' award in their committee.

This was followed by the Don Bosco Park Circus MUN where Aalia Hussain (X-ii) and Gunjarie Dasgupta (IX-i) won the 'Special Mention' award in their committee. Advaita Rebecca Sengupta (XI Science) also won the 'Special Mention' in her committee.



In July, Aparajita Banerjee (XII Commerce), Umika Panda and Srijoni Nandi (XII Humanities) participated in the 24th edition of the prestigious L.N. Birla Memorial Invitational Debates successfully qualified to the final round out of 32 participating schools. It was the first in-person debate of the season and provided a wonderful learning opportunity to the participants.

On the same day, four students from Loreto House participated in two age categories of the preliminary round of the Frank Anthony debates. In the first category, Prapti Banerjee (XI Humanities) won Best Speaker and Advaita Rebecca Sengupta won Runner Up speaker. Aalia Hussain and Hayah Mariam Salim (IX-ii) participated in the second category of this debate.

On 20th and 22nd July, fifty-one students participated in the St. Agnes' Model United Nations conference which was held online. It was an excellent platform for several MUN-ers who were participating for the first time. Loreto House's delegation secured positions in each and every committee in the conference with a total of nineteen awards.

In the month of August, the Polemics club was instrumental in organising the "Pondering Policies" policymaking and debate event in Loreto House's interschool symposium 'We The Youth of India@75'. Aparajita Banerjee and Prapti Banerjee participated in this event representing the Loreto House team. In the same month, the Polemics club members participated in the public speaking events organised by the St. Xavier's Collegiate School during their inter school fest "Xuberance". Prapti Banerjee and Advaita Sengupta secured the third position in the Xuberance debate competition and Manya Parekh (X-i) secured the third position in the Xuberance extempore competition. On 11th August, Aalia Hussain and Samriddhi Jain (X-i) participated in the SLOBA debates.

From the 17th to 19th August, four students namely Umika Panda, Advaita Rebecca Sengupta, Prapti Banerjee and Manya Parekh participated in the 10th edition of the prestigious Claude Martin Debates hosted by La Martiniere College in Lucknow. The Loreto House team competed against 16 schools in four pools, ultimately emerging as the winners of this debate. Advaita, Umika and Prapti also received the 'Best Speaker' position in the preliminary, quarter finals and final rounds respectively.

The final event of the year was the Clifford Hicks Memorial Debate organised by Calcutta Boys School. Aparajita Banerjee and Prapti Banerjee as well as Aalia Hussain and Hayah Mariam Salim participated in two age categories of this competition which helped them hone their debating skills further.

This year has been extremely fruitful for all members of the Polemics Club. While the numerous accolades won by the students is a true testament of their talent, it is the learning opportunities, experiences and exposure that help each member to progress and develop their public speaking skills. We would like to sincerely thank Mrs. A. Gomes and each of our club animators, Mrs. F. Mogrelia, Mrs. S. Faiyaz, Ms. T. Samaddar and Mrs. L. Ward for their guidance, encouragement and support.

NRITYAM – DANCE CLUB

"Dance is the joy of movement and heart of life."

The Nrityam Club enables the students to display an understanding of expressions and rhythm. Through dance students learn teamwork, focus, and improvisational skills. The Dance Club also provides several opportunities for all the dance lovers so that they can prove their talents through various activities which help them to explore their choreography styles. The Dance club has two sections - Eastern and Western. During the club meetings, members portray their talents through different dance forms on whatever topic or theme assigned to them on-spot.

The Club also organised the Inter-House Eastern Dance Competition and many of its members placed. Students who participated in other school events as well as intra and inter-school events have also won laurels and prizes for the school.



SPECTRUM – ART CLUB



The Spectrum Club in Loreto House continues to be a thriving platform for students to showcase their artistic talents, providing a space where creativity knows no bounds. It had organized various activities and events to foster artistic growth. From painting sessions to pottery workshops, students have been exposed to a diverse range of artistic mediums. The dedicated team of animators played a pivotal role in nurturing students' confidence and skills and supporting the members in exploring new techniques and styles, ensuring that every participant feels empowered to express herself. The Club has fostered a positive and inclusive environment which encourages collaboration and mutual learning.

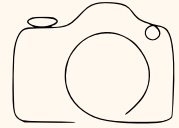
The Spectrum Club continues to be a dynamic and inspirational platform for students passionate about art and craft. With a supportive team of animators and enthusiastic participation from students, the club remains a stor of creativity within the school.

EUREKA – SCIENCE CLUB

"Experiment, Learn, Fail, Repeat," is the motto of the Science Club of Loreto House, Eureka. It not only aims to encourage a love for STEM but also inculcates a spirit of curiosity and teamwork. The club meetings covered a diverse area of interests ranging from Physics and Space to Chemistry and Biology. This year, the members of the club divided themselves into six groups and competed with each other in various club activities like quizzes, experiments and presentations. The Club aspires to equip the students with knowledge and curiosity to explore, innovate and develop a space where scientific curiosity thrives.



PICTURA – PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



The Pictura Club envisioned to enhance the creativity and flair of the members of the club. Photography literally implies 'drawing with art', and it is a means of expression of emotions one feels and memories one cherishes. In Pictura Club, students master the art of capturing the emotions and memories. Throughout the academic year, students were encouraged to explain their views on photographs they chose to present. Pictura Club hopes to cherish and uphold the authenticity of its purpose through the knowledge the students gain.



BUSINESS CLUB



The Loreto House Business Club, established in 2019, serves as a dynamic platform for students of Classes X to XII to explore their interests in entrepreneurship and business. The inaugural meeting set the tone, introducing the year's objectives and agenda. Subsequent sessions featured engaging activities like the "Shark Tank," challenging students to sell given products. A lively business quiz and insights shared from internship experiences enriched the learning environment.

Participation in the Business Club equips students with problem-solving, conflict-resolution, and time management skills. Collaborative activities foster teamwork and organizational proficiency, ensuring a well-rounded learning experience beyond conventional classroom education.

GAMES CLUB

The Games Club is an activity club in which students from Classes VI to XII join , in order to bring out their inner athlete . This club has always been the club which attracts many students ,they gain physical fitness as well as enjoy every game . This year unlike the other years, each class chose a game and played that game in every meeting. The club activities went on smoothly. The girls were cooperative and helpful .



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MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY

12.04.2023

The CLC unit of the senior school organised a special assembly to celebrate mothers and commemorate the women who play an indispensable role in shaping every child's life. A fitting conclusion to the final day of school before the summer vacation, the assembly began with an introduction to the meaning of motherhood with a note of gratitude towards mothers all over the world. It was followed by a hymn dedicated to the Mother of God, and a prayer service in asking God asking him to bestow His blessings on all mothers. The assembly concluded with a short video depicting the significance of the awe-inspiring women, along with an enthralling music performance by the junior school students that captivated the hearts of all present.



EARTH DAY ASSEMBLY

22.04.2023

The Earth Day Assembly organised by the Nature Club of Loreto House emphasized the importance of making the environment sustainable and greener. It was a presentation with delightful music, thought provoking messages and information about the environment. Overall the assembly was successful as it helped the students to realize the urgent need to work towards the betterment of the planet, our Mother Earth.

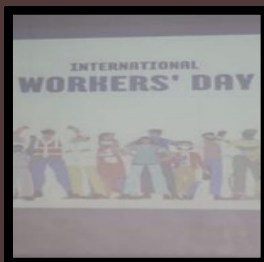


INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY

28.04.2023

Andre Gide once said, "No human masterpiece has been created without great labour". We were reminded of these words as the students of Class X put up a special assembly on the occasion of International Workers' Day. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp and a short prayer service. The programme was interspersed with a prayer song, 'Dekho Aloy Alo', vernacular recitation and a short video presentation to honour the spirit of service and dedication of all support staff towards our educational institution. Let us always celebrate the presence of workers in the country and abroad because without them, no country's growth and progress would be complete.

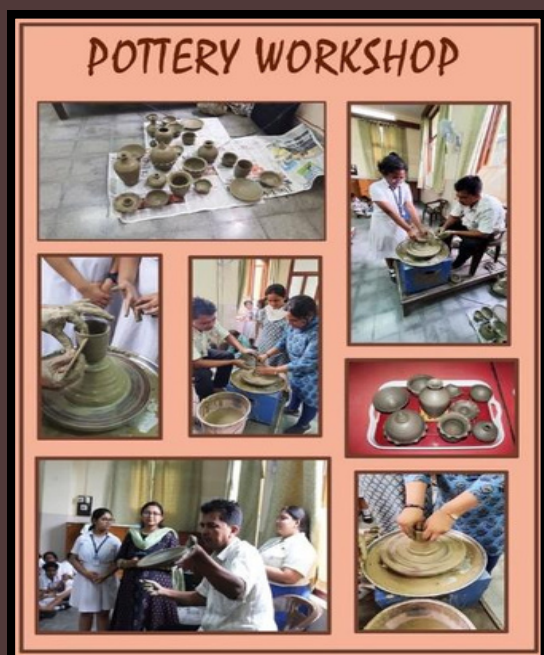
The students of the Junior Section celebrated "Work and Workers' Day" through an assembly presented by Class III, section (ii). The assembly began with a prayer dance followed by prayers for the families of all the support staff, conveying the message that no work is insignificant. Poems were recited by the students, appreciating the hard work and dedication of the support staff in school, affectionately referred to as 'Didis' and 'Bhaiyas'.



POTTERY WORKSHOP

19.06.2023

A Workshop on Pottery was organized for Classes VI to VII in the New Hall. The resource persons were representatives from Crafts Council of West Bengal. An interactive session was followed by a live demonstration using the potter's wheel with clay and creating beautiful products such as flower vases, fruit bowls, diyas, plates, tea cups, piggy banks and flower pots. The students enthusiastically participated in the Workshop. They also asked a lot of questions regarding ways to decorate and maintain the articles created. It was a very enriching learning experience for the Middle Section students.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

21.06.2023

International Yoga Day Theme 2023: "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth One Family One Future". International Yoga Day was celebrated by students from Classes VI to XII as the students began with a prayer service and thereafter a brief introduction on the origin and benefits of practising yoga was given followed by demonstrations of different yogasanas like Chakrasana, Vrikshana, Matsyasana, Halasana to the accompaniment of soothing flute music.



VAN MAHOTSAV ASSEMBLY

03.07.2023

The students of the Nature Club of Loreto House conducted an assembly on Van Mahotsav, educating the audience about the history, importance and objectives of Van Mahotsav. In addition to this, they also shared with the audience the initiatives taken by Loreto House to protect the environment. The assembly ended with a beautiful song sung by the students.

A Special Assembly on Van Mahotsav was also organised by Class V, section (ii). The theme for the Assembly was "Save Trees, Save Earth". The children, through their informative readings, song and dance performance brought out the significance of this festival and the importance of planting more trees.



SAPLING DISTRIBUTION 14.07.2023

A sapling distribution and plantation drive was organized by Loreto House, wherein 200 saplings were collected from the Urban Recreation Forestry Division, Directorate of Forests, Govt. Of West Bengal, by the representatives of Nature Club and JPIC, and distributed among the students of Classes IV to XII. Students showed enthusiastic response towards the programme as they wanted to join this noble cause of contributing towards a greener planet. Saplings were also planted in the school premises as a part of the 'Mission Plantation West Bengal'. The Nature Club students and animators wholeheartedly participated in this project, keeping to their pledge of working towards a better environment. Each student showed true 'Klima Spirit' in making the plantation drive successful.



SAPLING PLANTATION BY THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING SERVICE [LTS] 15.07.2023

Fifty LTSer students from Classes VII and IX went to Khardah on an environmental trip, where each of them planted a sapling; making a small, but significant difference. The students travelled from Khardah Municipal Corporation Office to Bharati Sangha Club, and Laha Bagan Club for the plantations.

They also participated in a friendly environmental debate on the topic "Conservation and Development do not go hand-in-hand" and had a lively Quiz Session followed by a Stand-Up comedy round, all of which found an audience with the current Agriculture Minister.



FOOD ATM 20.07.2023

The students of Class VII were a part of the Food ATM conducted by the Kolkata Mary Ward Social Center. While distributing food, the students felt contented and at the same time sad for the unfortunate poverty-stricken families. It once again reminded them to be thankful to God for everything they have.



VISITING OLD AGE HOMES 08.07.23, 15.07.23 AND 22.07.23

Twelve students of Class VII, section (i) visited Lawrence De'Souza Home, where they started each day with a short prayer service, and then proceeded to play a few board games such as chess, ludo and housie with the residents. Together, they sang songs and also danced to a few of their favourite ones. It was a joy to spend time with the residents, who often face many problems, especially dealing with loneliness. The students thereafter took turns to visit them every month throughout the year along with their teachers.

BAGLESS DAY

28.07.2023 AND 07.10.2023

The students of Classes VI, VII and VIII enjoyed every period of the 'Bagless Day' filled with fun activities, organised for them by the teachers. Students of Class VIII made models of the Central Mountains of Asia, conducted a Parliamentary style debate, and enacted Shakespeare's Classics and played Mathematical games. Students of Class VII indulged themselves in the stories of literature, historic paintings and science experiments. Students of Class VI also had lots of fun while playing and conducting the 'Show and Tell' activity. All rejoiced spending a bagless day, while simultaneously gaining invaluable knowledge outside the textbook.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

In the month of October, the students of Classes VI, VII and VIII participated in an Art Competition held in their respective classrooms. It featured a captivating blend of wildlife, anime scenes, and the beauty of nature, depicted using various artistic mediums. The talented students brought the wilderness to life with vibrant watercolors, showcasing majestic animals and lush forests. It was a wonderful experience for all of them, and they are looking forward to having such a competition again as "the aim of art is not to represent the outward appearance of things but their inward significance".



INDIAN MUSEUM VISIT

The students of Middle Section visited the Indian Museum, spending time visiting the Archeological Gallery, where they saw the spectacular archeological remains of the sculptures of various mythological Gods and Goddesses, explored the Numismatic Gallery where ancient coins used during the different time periods are displayed, and saw the specimens of invertebrates including those of starfish, butterflies, and many other insects.



SYMPOSIUM

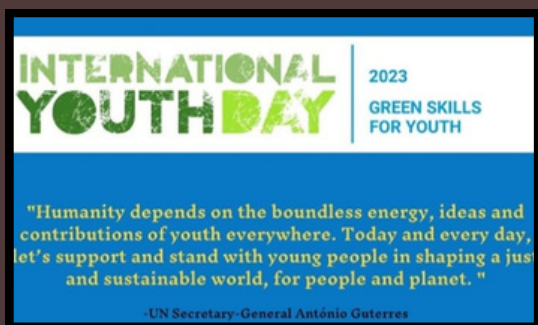
4.08.2023 AND 5.08.2023

On 4th and 5th August, 2023, Loreto House organized an Inter-School Event with a difference - a symposium of ideas and creativity on the theme "We the Youth of India @75". It began with a panel discussion moderated by our very own Ms. Oindrilla Dutt. Simultaneously, "Inkspire" was conducted, the Creative Writing event where the students were given a common topic: 'The Road Not Taken' to write on, and "Imagination Station", in which the competing schools had to make a Vision Board, followed by "PhotoWalk", the Photography Event. The theme of the competitive dance event, "Feet of Freedom", was 'ABUSE' and schools aimed to portray the struggles of the victims of abuse. The second day began with an energetic debate, "Pondering Policies" while on the field started the street play, "Street Light" themed 'Wheel Of Life'. The last competitive event of Symposium was the music event, "Unchained Melody" on the topic 'Challenges faced by the Youth'. Music can never be chained, the event aiding the participants in amplifying their voice as the Youth of India, who have the power to bring about a revolution through their music.



WEBINAR ON SDG ORGANIZED BY JPIC INTERNATIONAL OFFICE 11.08.2023

Seven girls from Class IX attended a webinar on SDG (Sustainable Development Goals). This was the first international webinar attended by the students. Various views on subjects such as Sex Education, SDG implementation, the environment, woman and child development were discussed in different languages. People from all over the world had joined the webinar, including representatives from Ghana, Ireland, Uganda, France, Iran, Palestine and Switzerland. The relevance of following the SDG goals was highlighted throughout, while the Mentors and Host ensured that everyone's voice was heard.



VIRANGANA 15.07.2023 AND 22.07.2023

102 students of Classes VIII to XII accompanied by a few teachers, attended 'Virangana', a self defence workshop organised by the Rotary Club of Calcutta, South City. The day started with some warm-up exercises, and the students were instructed on some basic and advanced self defence techniques. The workshop ended with a meditation session.



SENIOR SECTION SPORTS DAY 10.11.2023

Under the radiant sun of 10th November, Loreto House Senior Section congregated at the Mohun Bagan Athletic Grounds for a day filled with athleticism, camaraderie, and spirited competition. The Senior Section Sports Day, themed 'EMPOWER EQUALIZE ELEVATE' was a resounding success, marked by a series of engaging events that showcased the diverse talents and sportsmanship of the students. The Rainbow Home students took center stage presenting a mesmerising prayer dance, setting a harmonious tone for the day ahead. The highlight of the day was the well-coordinated march past, a testament to the discipline and unity within the student body. Each House showcased their precision and dedication, marching with pride and determination. The Yoga Formation showcased the physical prowess and mental focus of our students, adding a touch of mindfulness to the athletic endeavours. The Karate Display was a spectacle of agility and skill, demonstrating the awareness and dedication of our students to physical fitness and self-discipline. The Drill Displays by all six Houses were a visual feast, each house presenting a captivating performance that highlighted its unique strengths and coordination. It not only celebrated the physical abilities of the students but also emphasized the values of discipline, unity, and holistic development.



MERAKI 17.11.2023

The students of Class X organised an interactive programme, titled Meraki, wherein the students of Mentaidd Institution and Manovikas Kendra were invited. The theme for Meraki, 2023 was "Exploration of Space." The programme began with a short prayer service invoking the presence of the Almighty. Following the prayer service was a phenomenal magic show where the magicians showcased numerous fun tricks, engaging the audience. In the medley that followed, the students of Class X sang along to some of the most popular Indian film music. Friends in the audience being excited and thrilled, joined us, showcasing their remarkable talents. A few fun and interactive games were also organized, and dances which put smiles on all faces.



RAINBOW PARTY 09.12.2023

The students of Class IX organise a Christmas Party for the students of the Rainbow Home every year. This year, we welcomed the children Christmas caps and the zest to enjoy a fun filled day. The programme began with a prayer service followed by carol singing. The guests are treated to delicious delicacies for lunch. They played several exciting games such as Musical Chairs, London Statue and Four Corners. They also received special Christmas gift bags as a token of appreciation.



WE CARE

13.12.2023 AND 14.12.2023

'We Care' is an annual event hosted by the Plus Two students for the senior citizens residing in old-age homes across the city. This event, which is usually held in the second week of December, is eagerly awaited all through the year. It includes an entertainment programme and friendly interactions followed by a sumptuous lunch and take-home gifts and hampers for all senior citizens.



LITERACY CENTRE CHILDREN'S DAY 09.11.2023

The Loreto Literacy Centre celebrated Children's Day on Thursday, 9th November, wherein the teachers interacted with the students as they played games with a lot of fun, laughter and joy. The event ended with food boxes given to the students which were sponsored by the volunteers.



EXHIBITION BY LORETO LITERACY CENTRE 08.12.2023 AND 09.12.2023

The Loreto Literacy Centre organised a craft exhibition themed 'Nature's Wonders', which helped to unfold the creativity of the students. Simple Science experiments, showing that water is colourless and that it takes the shape of the container were performed by the students, with the highlight being the miniature volcanic eruption. The appreciation shown by the Principal, Mrs.A.Gomes, Junior and Senior Section teachers and students was very encouraging and a great boost to the confidence of the students of the Loreto Literacy Centre.



TELEGRAPH AWARDS



SCHOOL AWARDS



At the Telegraph School Awards, Loreto House received the Honour certificate for Excellence in Social Service, Honour certificate for Excellence in Extra Curricular Activities and Merit certificate for Excellence in Maintenance and Eco-Friendly Initiatives.



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



Honour Certificate for
Outstanding Talent [ART]

Honour Certificate for
All-Round Excellence

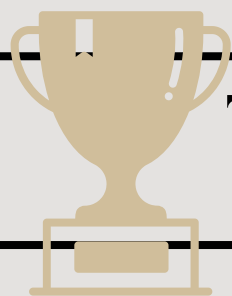
Honour Certificate for
All-Round Excellence



Merit Certificate for
All-Round Excellence

Merit Certificate for
Outstanding Talent
[PUBLIC SPEAKING]

Merit Certificate
for Outstanding
Talent [SPORTS]



TELEGRAPH AWARDS

Honour certificate for Outstanding Talent	Oishinee Majumdar [ISC 2023] (for Public Speaking) Kavya Agarwal [XII-Commerce] (for Art) Sresa Saha [XI-Humanities] (for Art)
Merit certificate for Outstanding Talent	Umika Panda [XII-Humanities] (for Public Speaking)
Honour Certificate for All-Round Excellence	Anushka Dutta [ISC 2023] Pari Gupta [XII-Commerce] Alysia Bindya Gomes [XII-Science] Advaita Rebecca Sengupta [XI-Science]
Merit Certificate for All-Round Excellence	Teesta Ray [ISC 2023] Arundhati Dasgupta [XI-Science]
Merit Certificate for Academic Excellence by a Student	Anushka Dutta [ISC 2023]
Honour Certificate for Outstanding Talent in Sports	Cynthia Hou (for Basketball) [ISC 2023] Tanushka Ghosh (for Karate) [XI-Humanities] Swastika Patra (for Swimming) [XI-Commerce]
Merit Certificate for Outstanding Talent in Sports	Rashi Menon (for Karate) [ISC 2023] Naisha Agarwal (for Tennis) [XII-Science] Aayushi (for Swimming) [X-ii]
Merit Certificate for Outstanding Talent in Music	Shrestha Pradhan [X-i]

A TRIBUTE TO SISTER CYRIL

1936-2023

The city bade its final farewell to Sister Cyril Mooney (Padma Shri awardee , India's fourth highest civilian honour) on 27th June , with all its love and affection, to a visionary whose work empowered thousands of girls and inspired hundreds of educationists around the country.

During the funeral procession that preceded the funeral mass at St.Thomas Church, Sister Cyril's bier was kept at Loreto Sealdah and Loreto House, two schools where she served as a Principal. Former pupils, Loreto sisters, educationists, and others visited in large numbers and honoured Sister Cyril for her work that transcended religious lines and brought education within the reach of those who lacked resources.

Sister Cyril worked all her life to educate underprivileged children and started the Rainbow project in 1983.

She had also launched the 'Barefoot Teachers Training Programme' under which teacher's training was provided to young men and women from slums and villages near Kolkata who lacked the basic requirements to be admitted to the recognized colleges.

In the words of Sister Cyril, "People said it couldn't be done. I have proved that it can be done by creating a school where all children are friends even though they belong to radically different backgrounds."

-Girls Are Our Future - Thoughts of a Practical Radical Nun -
Sister Cyril was a pioneer of inclusive education. Her life remains a legacy for us.



The Reservoir

Mrs. Kohli's Message



Dear Children,

Reminiscing the years flown by, the beauty of every child and the sharing of emotions.

My journey has been a memorable one. You have been the wonder of my life. Every morning as I entered the gates of Loreto House, your pleasant, warm smile made my day. I have my bag full of fond memories of innocence, group work, sharing of ideas, writing poems, class assemblies, your joy and happiness at every step.

May you treasure the values imbibed; being disciplined, honest, empathetic and loving. During this journey, I also had the privilege of learning from you children as well. I have grown as an individual through the exchange of various ideas by us. I wish each and everyone success and happiness always.

while treading on the path of truth, honesty and care for each other. As our foundress Mary Ward has said, Show yourself at all times glad and joyful, For Almighty God loves a cheerful giver.'

I end this note with immense gratitude for being warmly accepted as a member of the Loreto family. Loreto House- an abode which was, is and will always be close to my heart.

Love and blessings to each one of you.

-Mrs Sangeeta Kohli

Ms. Joseph's Message



"To be bright like the Sun, you have to beam like it." This common thought is prevalent among many. I tend to think slightly differently. It is not possible for each one of us to shine like the sun, but we can become a small but significant light emanating from a lamp. This light may not reach every corner of the world; nevertheless, it can become a sense of enlightenment for few.

I have followed this principle throughout life. In my teaching career, I have always strived to connect the lessons I taught in the classroom with the lessons of life. I came to an unknown place from a different city. The identity and respect this place provided me with in my journey is indescribable. It was God's wish, for me to become a teacher of Loreto House, the respect and happiness that I have received as a teacher has been monumental and has given me the peace and satisfaction to last a lifetime. I want to express

my heartfelt thanks to my colleagues for their support, to the administrators for providing a conducive environment for education. To my students, I would like to say that your enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience have inspired me every day. Witnessing your growth has been the most rewarding part of my career. Each one of you hold a special place in my heart, and I will forever cherish the memories we have created together. This may be farewell in the context of our daily interactions, but the impact you had on me and the lessons I have learned from you, will endure. Thank you for being such a valuable part of my teaching journey. Wishing you all success, happiness and a future filled with accomplishments.

-Ms. B. Joseph

Mrs. Mogrelia's Message



My dearest students (both past and present)

You have been the source of the spring in my step and the song in my heart every morning when I entered the portals of Loreto House.

Some of my happiest, most memorable times have been engaging with you in the classroom and beyond on varied topics which kept me young at heart and energised.

You are the reason my job never felt like work but a source of immense joy and fulfilment.

And for that I can never thank you enough

My umbilical cord has been tied to Loreto House since the age of four, when I was a very young and anxious student in nursery to a more confident young woman ready to take on the world at eighteen!

I wish you the same joy, fulfilment and attachment as I have felt for my alma mater. Remember even when umbilical cords are cut the DNA still remains with you...the DNA of a Loreto education

steeped in values of honesty and integrity which help shape you all into women of dignity and substance.

I hope you will all in your own way come and give back to your Alma mater - hopefully some as teachers and others in terms of your skill sets and knowledge that you acquire over the years. May you all remain inspiring ambassadors of the Loreto institution and thus help perpetuate the glorious Loreto legacy and keep the banner flying gaily high over lands both East and West.

The following verse from the Loreto Chorus has remained my moral compass through Life. I am sure it will remain so for each one of you too.

When our school days ended are
And our varied paths divide
May the ideals of our youth
Still ever be our guide
High ideals of purity, of duty and of Truth
Learnt while we bore Loreto's flag
In the sunny days of youth.

My love and blessings go out to each one of you.

Mrs. Frenaz Mogrelia
(Batch of 1980)

Mrs. Bose's Message



As the sun sets on a remarkable 35-year chapter of my life within these walls, I find myself reflecting on a journey that began with eager footsteps as a student and concluded with the humbling role of a teacher. This institution has been not only my alma mater but a canvas where I painted the tapestry of my life, threading together the roles of a lifelong learner and a dedicated educator.

In those early years, I absorbed the wisdom and camaraderie that laid the foundation for a lifetime of curiosity. From navigating the corridors as a student to standing at the front of the classroom, the metamorphosis was profound. The years spent as a teacher brought with them the joys guiding, inspiring, and witnessing the intellectual blossoming of countless young minds.

As I bid farewell to this cherished community, I extend my deepest gratitude to the colleagues who have been companions on this educational odyssey. Your dedication to shaping young minds has been an inspiration, and the collaborative spirit we shared made each day a new opportunity for growth.

To my students, both past and present, you have been the heartbeat of my journey. Your curiosity, resilience and unique perspectives have enriched my experience beyond measure. As you continue your own paths of discovery, know that your former teacher carries the indelible imprint of your aspirations and achievements.

To the parents who entrusted their children's education to this institution, I thank you for your unwavering support. Your partnership in nurturing a love for learning has been a vital force in the success stories that have unfolded within these walls.

As I step into the next chapter of life, I carry with me the memories laughter, challenges, and triumphs we shared. The school, with its vibrant legacy, remains a beacon of knowledge, and I am confident that it will continue to nurture generations of inquisitive minds.

In retirement, my wish is for this institution to thrive as a haven of learning, where the torch of knowledge is passed from one generation to the next. May each teacher find the same fulfillment and joy that teaching has brought me, and may every student continue to embrace the boundless possibilities education presents.

To my colleagues, students, and parents, thank you for being an integral part of this journey. As I bid farewell, my heart is full of gratitude, and I look forward to the continued success and growth of this beloved institution.

With sincere appreciation,
Keka Bose.

STAFF EVENTS

STAFF ORIENTATION

The Staff orientation was conducted by the Principal, Mrs. A. Gomes on 10.04.23 in the Big Hall. The meeting began with a solemn prayer service organised by the Coordinators, Mrs. S. Dhir, Mrs. R. Banerjee and Ms. J. James. This was followed by three activity sessions.



VALUE EDUCATION WORKSHOP

On 23rd June, 2023 the Teachers' Centre held a workshop on the importance of Value Education. It was conducted by Doctor Reverend Franklin Menezes who has worked tirelessly to uplift the society from the grassroot level. He held an interactive session with the teachers of various schools asking them about the legacy they would leave behind for society.



INTERNATIONAL STEAM RESEARCH WORKSHOP

On 10th July, Monday, thirty students from Class VI and two of our teachers Mrs. S. Sen and Mrs. T. Saha attended a workshop conducted by International 'STEAM' Research Organisation. The topic of the workshop was Experiential Learning with Futuristic Technology. The session was conducted by Mrs. Swarnali Adhikari and Ms. Farhat Jabeen.



ART INTEGRATION LEARNING

On 7th July, 2023 Mrs. V. D'Santos conducted a workshop for the teachers of the Junior Section. She spoke about various techniques related to art integrated learning. Mrs. D'Santos shared her own classroom experiences. Through presentations and hands-on activities, the session was made fruitful and engaging.





MODERN CLASSROOM TECHNIQUES

In La Martiniere for Girls', a workshop was organised by The Progressive Educational Techniques Society. It was conducted by the Principal of LMG, Mrs. Rupkatha Sarkar.

The workshop explained the significance of theme based teaching which aims at the all round development of children. It emphasised the importance of active participation by children in the teaching learning process. The teachers who attended the workshop were Mrs. T. Saha, Mrs. S. Mallick, Ms. P. Toppo and Ms. M. D'Costa.



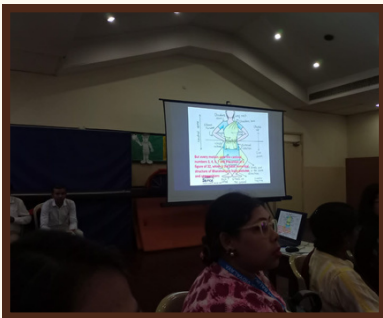
MINDFUL EATING WORKSHOP

The session was conducted by Ms. Marianne Johannes at Frank Anthony Public School. The workshop touched upon the usage of nutritive food items which are economically reasonable to buy. It was attended by Mrs. S. Dasgupta and Mrs. P. Baldewa.



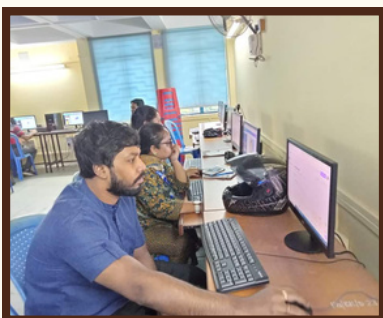
DANCE WORKSHOP

Mrs. S. B. Ghosh attended a Dance workshop on 7th July 2023, at Modern High School of Kolkata. It was based on healing. The workshop was conducted by Mrs. Mahua Chakravorty. Nearly 48 dance teachers from various schools of the city participated in this workshop. Mrs. Chakravorty taught free style dance movements based on different rhythms. Some group activities related to dance based on Physics and Mathematics were also performed which can be taught to the children.



THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Mr. Britto and Ms. Varghese attended a workshop, 'Thinking Outside The Box', organised by Teachers Centre on 22nd September, 2023 at Frank Anthony Public School. The workshop centered on the dynamics of the famous editing app 'Canva', and its potential in the world of editing.



TEACHING THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT THROUGH ART

On 19th August, 2023 The Progressive Educational Techniques Society (in collaboration with Indus Valley World School) organised the workshop. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Sumona Chakravarty and Ms. Shreeja Sen from the Delhi Art Gallery (DAG). The facilitators talked about how the DAG was established with the aim of incorporating art into classrooms. Through the workshop educators were shown tools and strategies for using works of art to teach the freedom movement.

ENGLISH LITERATURE WORKSHOP

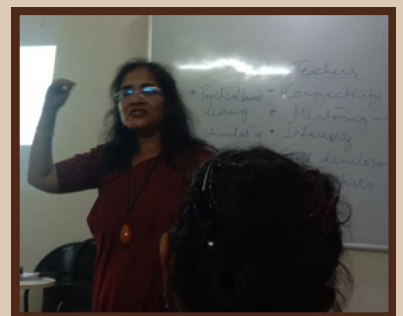
Mrs. V. Pandey and Mrs. N. Ramchandani attended an English Literature workshop on 11th September, 2023. The workshop focused on the 'New Trends in exploring English Literature' in the Primary School. The workshop was conducted by Mrs. Pamela Ryan. The workshop emphasized different methods of teaching English Literature to the children. It emphasised making children think out of the box.

MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

Mrs. V. Pandey and Ms. Varghese attended a workshop on the 12th of August, 2023 at The Progressive Educational Techniques Society. The topic of the workshop was Fun based activities in Junior School for Mathematics. It was conducted by Mrs. Neela Ghose. It was an informative workshop focusing on the creative ways of teaching Mathematics.

IIHM TEACHER'S AWARDS

IIHM Teachers' Day Awards is a unique Initiative by International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM). This year again in association with International Hospitality Council (IHC) London, teachers were celebrated on Saturday, 02.09.2023 at Hyatt Regency. Mrs. K. Bose and Mrs. F. Mogrelia are the proud recipients of the award this year from Loreto House.





ECONOMICS WORKSHOP

On 29th September 2023, Mrs. A. Lazarus attended an Economics workshop based on different methods of teaching such as Micro Teaching, Use of Bloom's Taxonomy etc. Teachers were asked to pick a topic from Economics and link it to other subjects and also apply Bloom's Taxonomy to it. Overall, it was a very informative and interactive session.



CATECHISM WORKSHOP

Catechism workshop for Loreto Schools SA, was organised by Sr. Phyllis Morris, Catechetics coordinator on 28th and 29th September, 2023. It was attended by Ms. P. Toppo and Mrs. L. Ward along with teachers from other Loreto schools. The resource person was Father Kumudu. There were sessions on Catechism, introduction to CCC, CCCC, YouCats conducted on the first day.



FORMULATING SYLLABUS FOR IX AND X

On 30th September, a Mathematics workshop was attended by Mrs. J. Ghosh and Mrs. S. Singh on 30th September. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Souvic Jati. The workshop focused on National Education Policy 2020 with respect to Mathematics in Classes IX and X. The entire workshop was interspersed with group discussions and constructive activities so that teachers could prepare Question Papers without the help of Model Test Papers and Textbooks.



INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY

On 5th October, 15 teachers attended a programme organised by The Progressive Education Society to celebrate International Teachers' Day at Indus Valley World School. The teachers from each school performed a variety of cultural activities like dance, song, recitation and drama.





HISTORY FOR PEACE PROJECT

On 29th November, Ms. M. Mushtaq and Ms. S. Paul attended a talk on the Anti-Apartheid Movement in South Africa and its relevance in our History Curriculum. The talk was given by Ms. Marjorie Brown.



THE SYLLABUS ARCHIVE

On 21st June and 28th June, 2023 Ms. M. Mushtaq and Ms. S. Paul attended two workshops:

1. AFSPA with reference to Fundamental Rights
2. Caste and the Indian Constitution organised by The Progressive Educational Techniques Society in collaboration with the Seagull Foundation.



ADVANCED GUIDES TRAINING

Ms. Mushtaq attended the Advance Guide Training organised by the Bharat Scouts and Guides Organization, at the Ganganagar State Training Centre from 23.01.24 to 29.01.24 . The training course extensively covered topics like mapping, compass, first aid, tent pitching, types of fire, B. P. Six exercises, knotting, estimation and cooking. Overall, the sessions were enriching and practically applicable.



YEAR LONG CAMPAIGNS



FOOD ATM

JPIC (Justice Peace Integrity of Creation) initiated an annual project for the year 2023-24. Food ATM in collaboration with Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre. During each month of the year, four to eight girls from class VIII visited the Maryward Help Centre at Loreto Entally accompanied by two teachers. Rice, dal, Maggie, sugar, biscuits, dalia, flour and tea were collected from class IV to class X in different months. They were distributed among the socially marginalized people of this area.



PATHANAM – ‘ANGREZI MEDIUM’

‘Angrezi Medium’ by Pathanam is the first virtual learning platform for students of remote rural areas of Bengal. It is an ongoing social service project in which the students of class XI of Loreto House have been teaching spoken English to students between the age group of 6 and 9 who live in remote rural areas of Bengal online, through the Pathanam website. It is a six month online course certified by the Rotary Club of Calcutta ‘Abhyana’, in association with the PC Chandra Group. It has been both enlightening and joyous for all the students involved.

VISITS TO LAWRENCE DE SOUZA OLD AGE HOME

The Leadership Training Service (LTS) club of Loreto House initiated an annual project for the year 2023-24 where students of Classes IV-VII were taken to the Lawrence De Souza old age home, located in Janbazar, Kolkata, every Saturday of each month starting from July 2023 to February 2024.

The weekly visits to the Eldercare home provided a profound experience to both the students and the residents. As the students engaged in conversations, played games and offered companionship, they made the elderly feel valued fostering a sense of belonging and joy. These visits bridged generations, made eternal connections, leaving lasting impressions of empathy and understanding.



SPECIAL VISITORS AT LORETO HOUSE



On 8th January, 2024, a special assembly was organised for our esteemed guests, Sister Natalie and Sister Kate (members of the Loreto Generalate Team Rome) who graced everyone with their presence.

The programme began with a welcome song and a prayer service, following which there was a retelling of the rich history of Loreto House accompanied with enactments by our very own students.

It was followed by a fusion dance presentation where the students showcased our culture and heritage. The children from junior school sang a heartwarming farewell song for the respected sisters. Towards the end of the assembly, Mrs. A. Gomes addressed the gathering and expressed her gratitude towards the sisters followed by Sister Natalie address' to the students as she shared her appreciation for the programme.



The students of Loreto House will fondly remember the time spent with Mr. J. Griffin and the lovely students from Loreto College, St. Stephen's Green, Ireland. In their brief 4 day visit, they interacted with children from every class of the Junior Section, played with them, taught them wonderful songs and energetic dances. Many interesting activities and games were also introduced to the children. They will be missed dearly by our students.



"The potential possibilities of any child are the most intriguing and stimulating in all creation."



JUNIOR SECTION



CROWNING OF OUR LADY

The assembly and Crowning of Our Lady for the Junior Section was organised by the children of Class II. The children highlighted the importance of Mother Mary in our lives and in the life of Jesus.



EID ASSEMBLY

On 21st April, 2023, the children of Class V(i) presented a Special Assembly on Eid in the form of a video during the online Zoom classes. The significance of Eid was explained by the girls through the video.



LOWER NURSERY ORIENTATION

An Orientation was held on 8th May, 2023 for the parents of Lower Nursery. Mrs. A. Gomes spoke about the Vision, Mission and Goals of our school, Loreto House. The important rules and regulations of the school and classroom were highlighted.



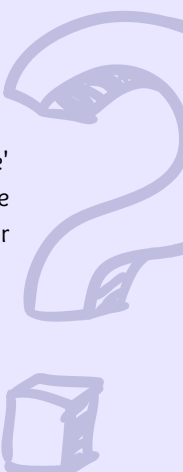
RABINDRA JAYANTI

On 9th May, 2023, the students of Class V presented an assembly on the birth anniversary of 'Kobiguru' Rabindranath Tagore. A prayer dance and a prayer song were performed to honour the great poet and teacher.



MUSICAL CHALLENGE

On 22nd June, 2023 a fun filled quiz called 'Musical Challenge' was conducted for the students of Classes III-V. The Quizmaster, Mr. Britto asked questions which tested their knowledge of music.





WORLD MUSIC DAY AND YOGA DAY

The Loreto House Junior Section celebrated International Yoga Day and World Music Day on the 21st of June, 2023 with a special assembly under the able guidance of Mrs. R.Ghosh and Mr. C. Britto.



VAN 'MAHOTXAV'

The students of the Junior Section of Loreto House participated in various activities like singing, group dance, one-act play, fancy dress, fruit and vegetable arrangement and poster making at the St. Xavier's Collegiate School, Primary Section fest - Van MahotXav on 28th and 30th June, 2023.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

The students of Class KG (i) presented a special assembly for their grandparents, on 26th July, 2023. The children conducted a prayer service for their beloved grandparents and put up a delightful performance of song and dance for them.



WORLD ANGLO INDIAN DAY

On 2nd August, 2023 the teachers of the Junior Section conducted an informative assembly to celebrate World Anglo Indian Day. The importance and role of the Anglo Indian Community in our country, was beautifully brought out through their presentation.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

On 14th August, 2023 an Independence Day Special Assembly was organised by the students of Class 4(ii). The students expressed their love towards their motherland. through their enactment, dance and medley of patriotic songs.



VIBRANT HUES

On 31st August, 2023 the students of Loreto House participated in 'Vibrant Hues' which showcased activities which had variety in creativity. It was held in Loreto Convent Entally. The students did their best and enjoyed the opportunity to display their talents.





TEACHERS' DAY

The Junior Section Teachers' Day celebration was held on the 1st and 4th September, 2023 with the tiny tots of Lower Nursery and Nursery, all dressed up in their colourful outfits, singing and dancing joyfully for their teachers. K.G. to Class V showered their love and appreciation on their teachers on 4th September, 2023. They presented a variety programme which began with a prayer dance followed by songs, recitation, instrumental interludes, jokes and a quiz for their beloved teachers.



VERNACULAR ELOCUTION

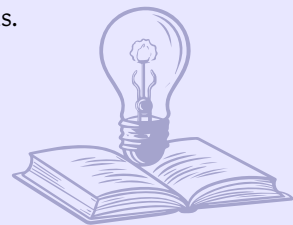
On 26th September 2023, Classes III, IV and V, presented a Vernacular Elocution Showcase. Each class recited beautiful poems, both in Hindi and Bengali.

BOOK READING

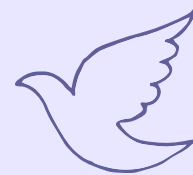
On 27th September, 2023 the students of Classes III-V were part of a Book Reading session.

Dr. Madhurima Vidyarthi, the author of 'Munni Monster' and 'My Grandmother's Masterpiece', read a few extracts from both her books to the students and then interacted with them answering various questions about writing and books.

GANDHI JAYANTI SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



Gandhi Jayanti celebration was conducted through a Class Assembly presented by Class III-I of Loreto House Junior Section on the 3rd October, 2023. The assembly showcased the life of Gandhiji through a video presentation.



DURGA PUJA SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The Durga Puja Special Assembly was prepared by the students of Class II-I. The children ushered in the festive season with their prayers, song and dance. Through the assembly, the children showed how the power of 'Shakti' triumphs over evil.

THE BIBLE QUIZ

The Bible Quiz organised by Don Bosco, Park Circus was held on 16th October, 2023. It was primarily based on the Gospel of St. Matthew. Three students from our school participated and placed first in the quiz.

RHYME TIME

A short, sweet and enjoyable nursery rhyme recitation activity was presented by the students of Lower Nursery, Nursery and KG.

STORY-TELLING

On 27th September 2023, a team of enthusiastic storytellers in collaboration with 'The Creative Caterpillar' visited the school for an enthralling story telling session for Classes KG to II.

DIWALI SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

On 9th November, the little twinkling stars of Class II (ii) presented a special assembly on Diwali. The children began by highlighting the cultural heritage of the festival followed by an enactment and a dance performance.





CHILDREN'S DAY

The much awaited occasion of Children's Day was celebrated on 16th November, 2023 for the students of Lower Nursery to Class V. The teachers spent the morning with the children in their classrooms as they enjoyed their 'breakfast get-together'. This was followed by a programme in the School Hall. It commenced with a meaningful prayer service with symbolic offerings, praying for God's blessings on our dear children. The events presented by the teachers entertained the students thoroughly. It included beautiful dances, melodious songs and a delightful quiz. The students enjoyed their special day as much as their teachers relished performing for them.



BULBUL OVERNIGHT CAMP



The most awaited "Bulbul Overnight Camp" from 15th-16th December, 2023 was a memorable experience for the fifty-nine Bulbuls who participated in it, the camp was led by Mrs. Bagchi Ghosh, Mrs. Ojha and Mrs. Baldeva. A Special Session was conducted at the camp by State Flock Leader Mrs. Nivedita Haldar.

NATIVITY PLAY

The Nativity Play, 'The Miracle Child' was performed on 2nd December, 2023. It showed how a little girl was troubled by the frequent quarrels between her parents. However, with advice from her teacher she decided to pray, and have faith and hope in 'The Miracle Child'.





ENGLISH ELOCUTION

The students of Classes I to V participated in an English Elocution programme on the 28th July, 2023. Even though the event was non-competitive, the students put in their best effort, reciting with correct pronunciation, intonation and expression. Their ability to memorise long poems was praiseworthy.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Class KG(ii) presented a Special Assembly on "Christmas" on 15th December, 2023. Each and every child had an important role to play. The message of Christmas was conveyed through an enactment of the story "The Surprise Christmas Gift".



EXCURSION TO THE INDIAN MUSEUM

On Friday, 12th January 2024, the children of class V went on an educational trip to the Indian Museum. They enjoyed exploring the various wings of the museum and were left enriched by the experience



EDUCATIONAL DAY TRIP

On 19th January, 2024, the students of Class IV visited the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum (BITM). It was a day filled with excitement and learning for the students.



REPUBLIC DAY

India ushered in its 75th Republic Day on 26th January, 2024. On this day every year the entire country feels a sense of patriotism when they see the tri-colour. This year too, the children of the Junior Section of Loreto House celebrated Republic Day with immense pride and joy with a special assembly was organised on 25th January. The children prayed to the Almighty requesting Him to instill the values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity in our students. Our principal, Mrs. A. Gomes and our Junior Section Co-ordinator, Miss James were escorted to their seats by students marching to the rhythmic drum beat. A street play highlighting our Fundamental Rights was also performed along with patriotic songs and dances dedicated to our Motherland.





MARY WARD WEEK

The Junior Section had also organized three Special Assemblies dedicated to our beloved foundress, Venerable Mary Ward. Each special assembly honoured our foundress Mary Ward.

The assemblies highlighted the inspiring life of Mary Ward. Mary Ward's maxims were presented with great fervour by the students. The assemblies brought out the ideals placed before us by Mary Ward which we all should strive towards.

The children of the Junior Section had engaged themselves in various activities like colouring, finger printing, painting mud pots etc. All these activities helped them to remember and become aware of their foundress. Other activities like making notebooks, calendars and paper bags helped them to remember the values taught by Mary Ward and showcase their talents and creativity at the same time.



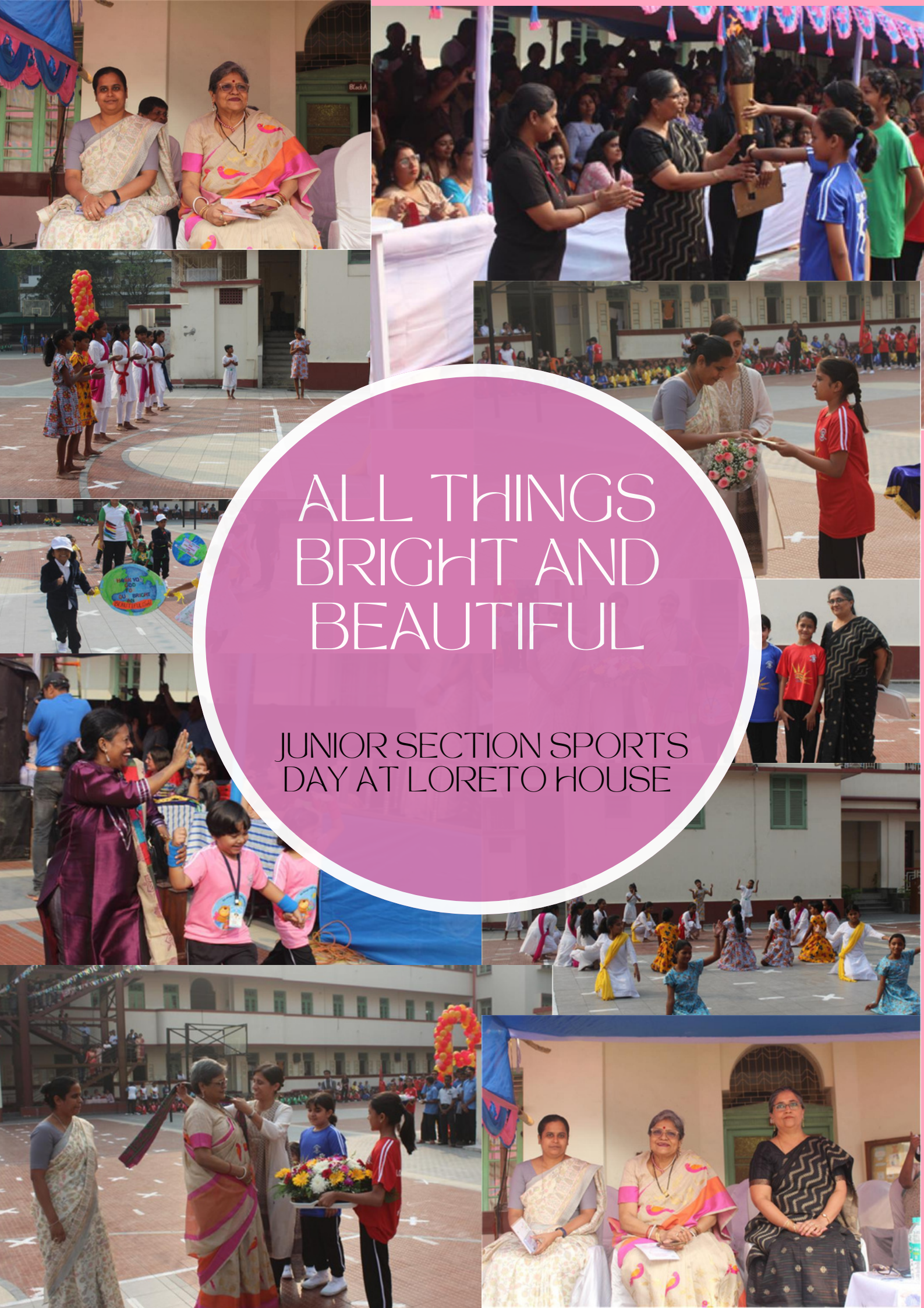
EXPRESSION OF WORDS

Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival, Oxford Bookstore offers booklovers access to the very best in publishing enhanced by a variety of events which salute books, visual and performing arts and celebrate the Word.

Loreto House was represented by Junior School students of (Class IV), Shanaya Bose, Aditri Haldar, Shambhori Dasgupta, Aashna Bhargava, Paridhi Nahata, Sinjini Banik, Zunairah Ali and Ananya Sikdar.

The students were glad to be given this wonderful opportunity to be a part of the Words in Action Workshop held at Oxford Book Store-OJLF 2024 from 11.15 a.m.-12.15p.m on 9th February, 2024 for the Junior school students.





ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

JUNIOR SECTION SPORTS
DAY AT LORETO HOUSE

HOUSES - JUNIOR SCHOOL

RED HOUSE



YELLOW HOUSE



GREEN HOUSE



BLUE HOUSE





JUNIOR SECTION SPORTS DAY - AT A GLANCE



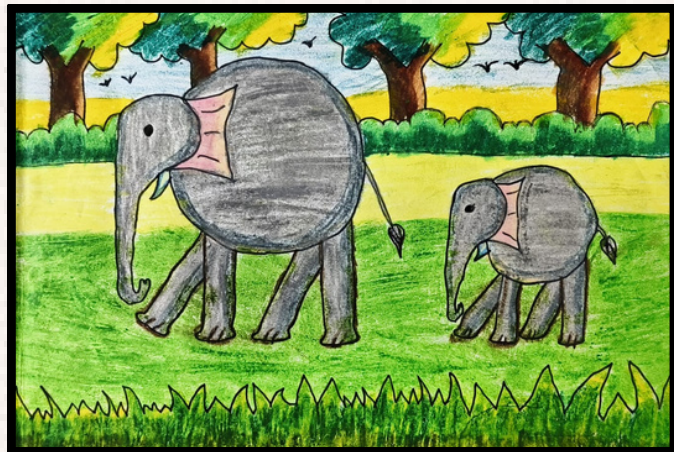
**"We don't make
mistakes, just
happy little
accidents."**

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JUNIOR SCHOOL SUBMISSIONS



Elaine Ying Lan Hsiao I(ii)



Arshika Roy KG(ii)



Girisha Sharma III(ii)



Ishneet Kaur Cheema I(i)



Aria Royan Paul IV(i)



Prisha Banerjee Nursery(i)



Myra Dutta I(i)



Arshika Roy KG(ii)



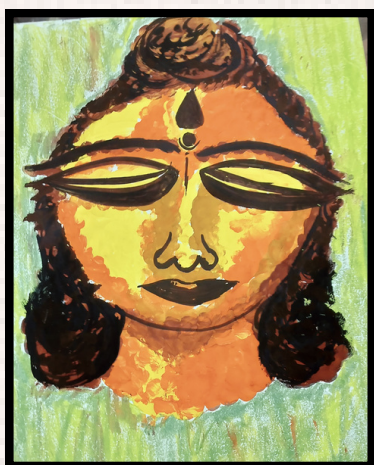
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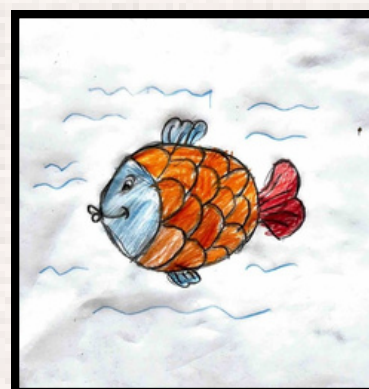
Vani Rampuria Nursery



Vidhi Rampuria V(ii)



Teerna Mohsat IV(ii)



**Sreenija Mondal
Lower Nursery(ii)**



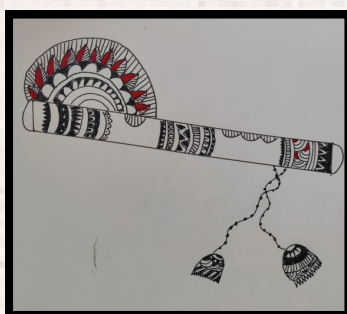
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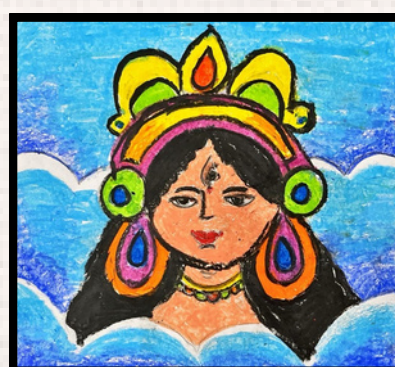
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Spriha Dhole V(i)



Paridhi Nahata IV(i)



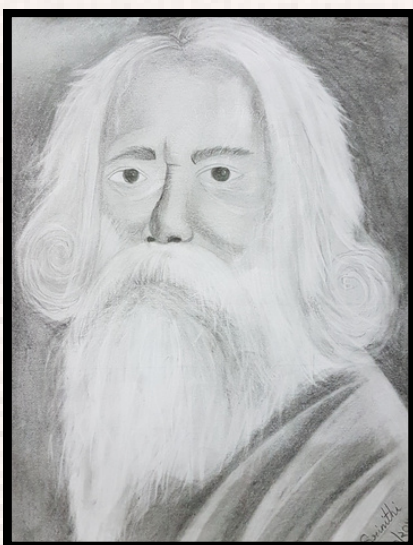
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Alja Adnan IV(ii)



Adrija Das II(ii)



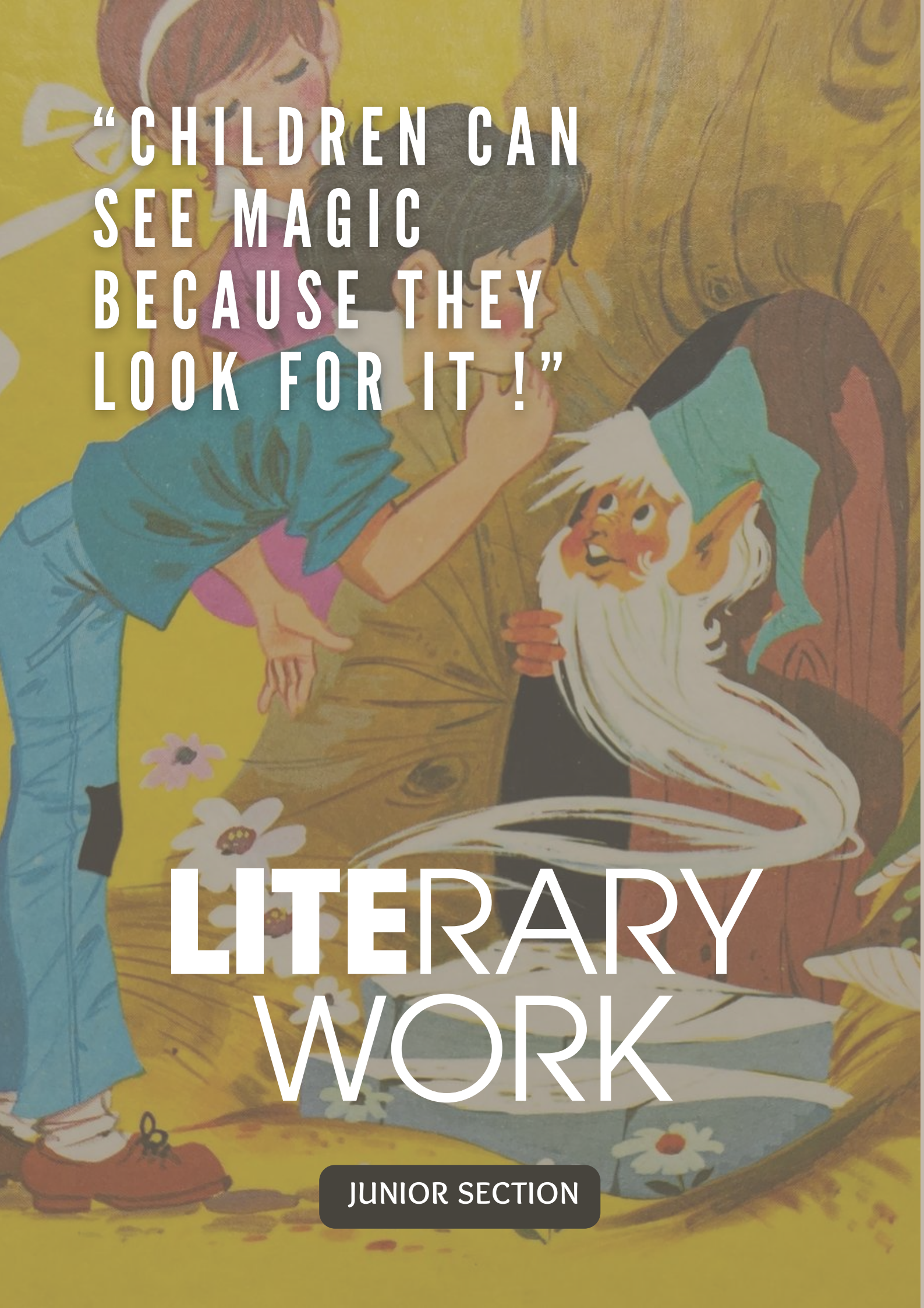
Srinithi Santra IV(i)



Navya Daga Nursery(i)



Aditri Haldar IV(ii)

An illustration of a young boy and girl looking into a hollow in a tree. The boy, in a blue shirt and jeans, is leaning forward. The girl, in a pink shirt, is behind him. Inside the hollow, a dwarf with a long white beard and a green hat is sitting. The scene is set in a forest with trees and flowers.

**“CHILDREN CAN
SEE MAGIC
BECAUSE THEY
LOOK FOR IT!”**

LITERARY WORK

JUNIOR SECTION

Colours of Childhood

Memories of Childhood never fades,
Even after many decades.

Childhood days are golden days,
Full of joy and naughtiness.

Childhood days are fun days with sisters and brothers,
Along with the Stories told by our grandmothers.

Childhood days are simply amazing,
Filled with games along with star-gazing.

Childhood days are not just about cakes and caps,
But, learning from ABC to pointing maps.

However, we grow up, we will still be a child in our parents' eyes.
Because Childhood is something that will always stay deep in our heart, even if Time flies.

-Anuprava Dasgupta IV (i)



Amyrah H. Pahan III (i)

Roots and Wings

Do you know what our teachers are like?
They are exactly like tree roots from nature's delight.
Teachers are our learning roots which help us to stand and sway,
They give us educational wings that support us to fly independently with happiness and gay.
Roots nourish us and help us to grow tall and beautiful,
And also give us good qualities which make us very graceful.
As we grow older our teachers have to detach us from their grand roots,
But they give us a pair of gracious wings that can't be touched with anything evil, like dust or soot.
Our precious wings help us to soar up high,
Over the great, big fields of education and the vast knowledge sky.
My love, gratitude, care and respect towards all my teachers,
And may the beautiful smile that you smile and giving good education

- Aarohi Bera Bhattacharjee IV (i)

My Pet Cat Snowy

I left my pet cat, and went to my grandma's house.
Not knowing it would be a lonely night.
I returned with laughter, ready to play,
But my cat, she had gone away.
I call her name, but she's not there,
My heart is filled with endless care.
Oh, where could my dear friend be?
Lost in the world, so vast and free.
I hope she hears my cries tonight,
And comes back soon, in morning's light.
Until then, I'll wait and pray,
For my lost cat to find her way.

-Farah Noor II (ii)



Aditri Mukherjee I (i)

The God's Love

When the Earth breaks down
And I am about to drown
In my sea of tears,
Along with my fears,
I need not worry,
Nor do I need to hurry,
For God will come to save the day,
And send me safely back to the bay.

When we slide down the schemes of evil dreams,
When we need to cross the raging rivers and streams,
Which are filled with evil to the brim,
We need not to hurry,
Nor do we need to worry.
As God will come to save us all,
For we are the children of the Almighty!

-Shruti Mukherjee III (i)



Adriti Halder IV (ii)

The Wind

I enjoy the Wind because he is joyful and lovely.
Oh, how cheerful he is!
He makes me concentrate
But doesn't know his fate.
He's the best friend of all.

Once I caught him in a box where he couldn't escape
He shouted, "Help! Help!"
Alas! I made a mistake
Then he flew
And over my head he blew.

--Shruti Chakraborty III (ii)



Abhisha Gupta Nursery ii

The Komodo Dragon

In the warm and wet islands of wild Indonesia,
Lives the world's greatest lizard with a mouthful of bacteria.
Gruesome and grey, this scaly knight of the island,
Is an apex predator that eats considerable carrion.

Go near its serrated teeth,
And you'll end up as dead meat.
As it poisons your blood,
And chomps on you with not too much love.

Lord Komodo as easily eats his beloved,
As his beloved eats him.
For Lady Komodo certainly doesn't need him.
Reproduce she can without his help,
She's the original Mother of Dragons,
No fairy tale has ever imagined.

But can she escape man's greed and wrath,
Only if you and me bother a lot.
Let's all get together and pledge our love,
For the wonderful Komodo Dragon
May it continue to thrive and evolve!

-Aria Royan Paul IV (i)



Aarna Bhutoria Lower Nursery ii

Fantastic Beasts

Everyone knows about the lions & tigers and other animals.
But did you know the fantastic beasts?
For example, a bundimun, a small animal underground?
But what is that burning on fire?
Oh it is a Salamander.
You may think these beasts are harmless.
Nuh-uh! Think about the runespore, a three-headed serpent.
The left head decides everything, the middle head, a dreamer, but the right head has a venomous bite.
What painful!!
Some are good for pets, like a mooncalf.
Every full moon they come out to perform impressive dances.
Wait.. What is that call i am hearing?
It's the call of the phoenix. A marvelous bird.
Some beasts eat us! What a surprise!
Like a manticore. It is known to purr before eating it's prey.
It is dangerous because it's sting causes instant death.
You are lucky that you never got bit by a lethifold, got scratched by a knarl.
Or got into a pond or a lake and drowned by a kappa.
That's why you are lucky.

-Aesha Khemka II (i)

JUNIOR SECTION

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LOWER NURSERY - (i)



LOWER NURSERY - (ii)



NURSERY - (i)



NURSERY - (ii)



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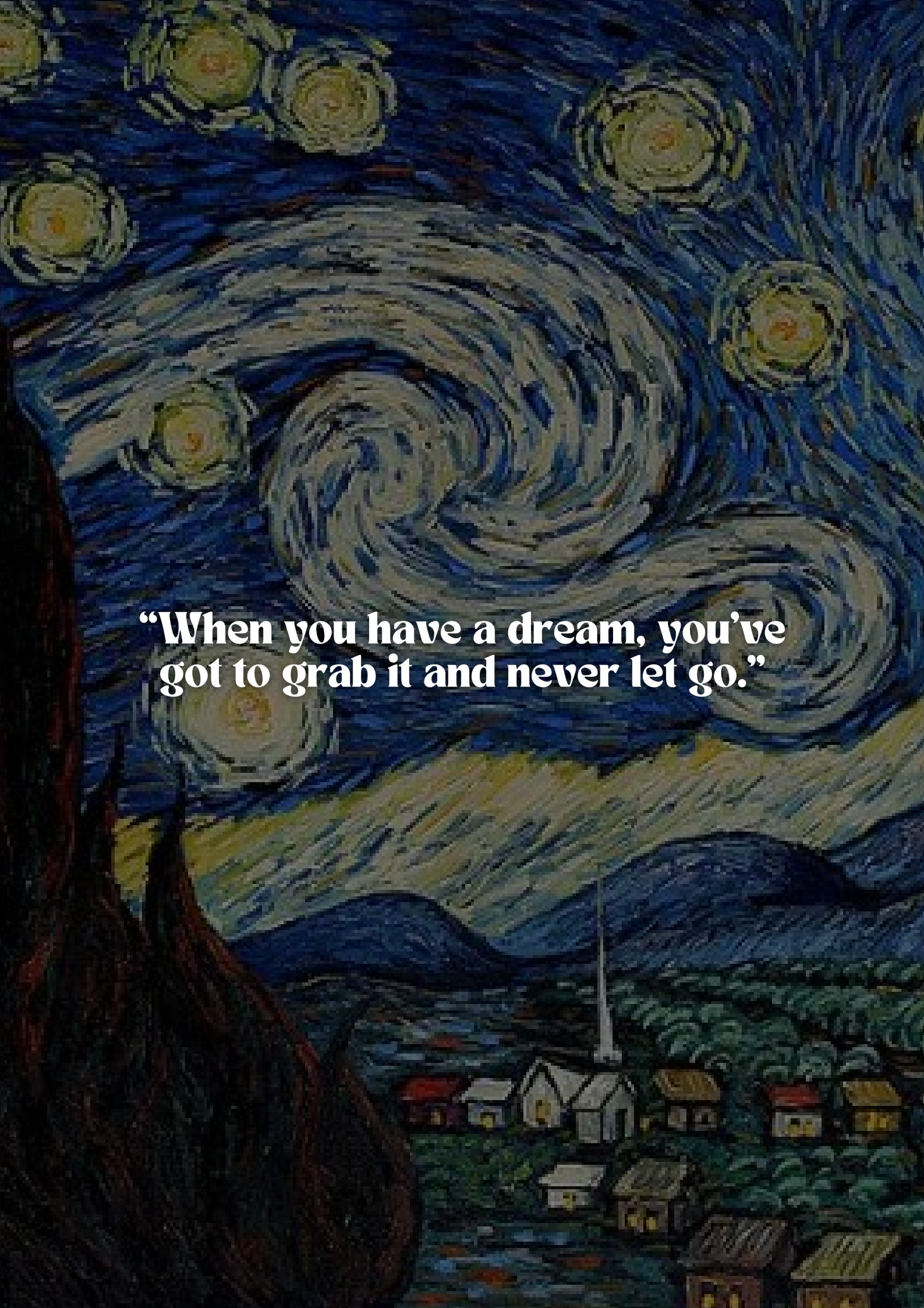
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**“When you have a dream, you’ve
got to grab it and never let go.”**

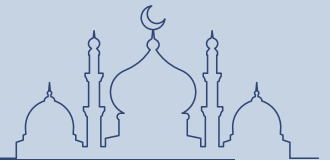
MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On 13th April, 2023, the annual Holy Spirit Mass was organized followed by the blessing of the school. The catholic students of Class X prepared the Holy Eucharist. The main celebrant was Fr. Michael Biswas. The Mass was centred around the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

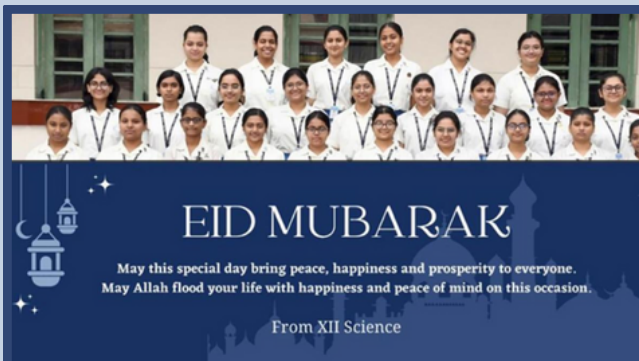


APRIL

EID ASSEMBLY - CLASS XII-SCIENCE



On 21st April, 2023, the students of Class XII-Science presented an assembly on Eid-ul-Fitr. Through an enactment and various songs, the students brought out the true essence of the festival which marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. The assembly was conducted online. Under the able guidance of the teachers, the students met the challenges with enthusiasm and with commendable teamwork to put up their last class assembly.



YOUTHOPIA (THE HERITAGE SCHOOL FEST)



On 26th, 27th and 28th April, 2023, Loreto House participated in the Youthopia Fest organised by The Heritage School. Nearly sixteen schools participated in over twenty-eight events including sports such as basketball, table tennis, chess, fashion show, ad spoof, short film making. Our school won in seven events and was adjudged Second Runner Up.

GUIDES INVESTITURE CEREMONY

On 28th April, 2023, Guides from classes VII to XII had an investiture ceremony, in which we elected the Company Leader, Assistant Company Leader, Treasurer, Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders from classes IX to XII.



GUIDES TRITIYA SOPAN EXAMINATION

On 29th April, 2023, nineteen guides from classes IX-XII went at South Calcutta Pavilion to appear for Tritiya Sopan Examination. Guides had to give a written test on 4 papers PRAVASH, PRATHAM SOPAN, DWITIYO SOPAN & TRITIYA SOPAN. All guides were divided into six groups, Guides were tested on First aid, Pioneering, Knots, Hitches, Lacings, Map reading, Wood craft Prayer and Flag songs.



INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



The students of Class X put up a special assembly on the occasion of International Workers' Day on 28th April, 2023. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp and a short prayer service. The programme was interspersed with a prayer song, 'Dekho Aloy Alo', vernacular recitation and a short video presentation to honour the spirit of service and dedication of all support staff towards our educational institution.



CLASS XI ORIENTATION

On 28th April, 2023, the Loreto House family augmented in size, as we warmly welcomed the students of Class XI, along with their parents, to an Open House Orientation.



STUDENT COUNCIL INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Student Council for the academic year 2023-24 was sworn into office on 5th May, 2023. The ceremony took place in the Big Hall in the presence of the students of the senior section along with the parents of the council members in attendance.



MAY



CLASS VI ORIENTATION

The orientation for the parents of class VI was held on 8th May, 2023, where the physical, mental and emotional changes faced by adolescent children were addressed by the Principal and the coordinators, and the parents were advised on how to deal with children of this age group.



RABINDRA JAYANTI CELEBRATION



The senior section of Loreto House celebrated the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, who was a Bengali polymath who worked as a poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer and painter, and changed Bengali literature all together, on 9th May 2023. Our senior section, Bengali girls, set up a beautiful morning assembly with prayers, dances, poetry, and hymns.



INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Women's Basketball Association of West Bengal organised an Inter School Basketball Tournament from 22nd April to 9th May 2023. Along with our school many renowned schools participated in this tournament. We participated in the U-17 & U-19 category. Our U-19 team qualified till the Semifinals giving a tough fight to each team. The U-17 team reached the finals.



MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY

The CLC unit of the senior school organised a special assembly to celebrate motherhood and commemorate the women who play an indispensable role in shaping every child's life, on 12th May 2023.



CROWNING OF OUR LADY

It is a Catholic tradition to honour Mother Mary, our heavenly mother during the month of May. The coronation of the blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated at Loreto House every year in the first week of May. Her statue is ceremonially crowned to honour her as the queen of heaven and the mother of God.



HIGHEST ACHIEVER OF LORETO HOUSE

Anushka Dutta, ISC 2023 (Science stream) was felicitated as the 'Highest Achiever' of Loreto House by the Reach Out Star Foundation at the ICCR on 15th May 2023.



LMCMUN'23



The LMCMUN'23 conference held on 13th, 14th and 15th May was organised by La Martiniere Calcutta. The conference was attended by several schools of Kolkata as well as a few outstation schools. Both Aparajita Bannerjee and Neelakshi Ghosh from XII-Commerce received the 'Verbal Mention Award' in their committee. A great exercise in critical thinking, research, debating and leadership skills, it was an incredible learning experience.



'THE LINK' RELEASE

'The Link', the Loreto House Annual school magazine was released on the 15th June, 2023 by our esteemed Principal, Mrs. A. Gomes during the senior section assembly and by Mrs. K. Bose and Mrs S. Kohli during the junior section assembly. The Link magazine is the culmination of many months of careful planning and hard work by the school's student editorial board under the able guidance of their teachers-in-charge.



INTRA-SCHOOL DEBATE

The Polemics Club hosted its annual Intra- School English Debate Competition on 19th June, 2023 for students from Classes IX to XII. Fourteen students were chosen for this competition. The motion "Artificial Intelligence will Dehumanize Society" was very well debated by both sides. Teesta Ray, a pass out from the batch of 2022-23 served as the moderator. As the competition progressed, each speaker brought something new to the table, raising the quality of the debate.

BEST SPEAKER	Hayah Salim (Mary Ward House)
FIRST RUNNER UP	Aparajita Banerjee (Gandhi House)
SECOND RUNNER UP	Samaira Jain (Kennedy House)



POTTERY WORKSHOP

On 19th June, a Workshop on Pottery was organized for Classes VI to VIII in the New Hall today. The resource persons were from Crafts Council of West Bengal. An interactive session was followed by live demonstration of using the potter's wheel with clay. Overall it was a very enriching learning experience for our Middle Section students.



WORLD MUSIC AND YOGA DAY

On 21st June, 2023, members of the Music Club from Class XII, conducted an assembly on the occasion of World Music Day.

International Yoga Day was also celebrated on 21st June, 2023 by students from Classes VI to XII. The theme highlighted this year was "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth One Family One Future".



STUDENT OUTREACH

On 22nd June, 2023, a Career Counselling Fair was hosted for the students of Classes XI and XII by Mr. Ajay Sharma of 'Student Outreach'. Representatives of several leading universities of India, such as Flame University, Ashoka University, GD Goenka University, and others provided assistance and guidance to the students in making wise decisions about their higher studies and college choices.



JUNE

INTER-HOUSE VERNACULAR ELOCUTION

On 28th June, students of the Middle section participated in the vernacular elocution. The Hindi and Bengali Departments were represented by one participant from each house. The girls performed very well under the guidance of their Vernacular Teachers.

FIRST POSITION (HINDI ELOCUTION)	TAGORE HOUSE
FIRST POSITION (BENGALI ELOCUTION)	KELLER HOUSE
FIRST POSITION OVERALL	NAIDU HOUSE

BOSCO CHRIZ

On 24th June, 2023, forty students from Loreto House participated in Bosco Chriz, a fest held for Christian students, to showcase their talents while celebrating their faith. Nine events took place over the course of the day, on stage and off stage, out of which our school placed in five of the events. The day started with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in honour of St. John the Baptist's birth anniversary, followed by the first big event of the day, CHRIZ STRINGZ, i.e. the singing event. Alongside this, CHRIZ CONTENTIONZ, CHRIZ CARDZ, CHRIZ RHYMEZ, CHRIZ GI60, CHRIZ TREASUREZ and, CHRIZ QUIZ (the debate, card-making, poetry-writing, one minute to fame, treasure hunt, and quiz events respectively) were also held off stage. CHRIZ SKITZ, i.e. the Street play event and CHRIZ GROOVEZ, i.e. the dance event completed the trio of the on stage events. The well-known Christian band, the Messengers, including our very own music teacher, Mr. Britto, invigorated the crowd with it's powerful performance of Worship songs with an encore performance on the request of the gathering. Concluding the day, the award ceremony was held where Loreto House was awarded the Best School award.



DBPC MUN '23

On 27th and 28th June 2023, a delegation of eight students from Loreto House participated in the Don Bosco Model United Nations. Aalia Hussain of Class X(ii) and Gunjarie Dasgupta of Class IX(i) won Second Special Mention as the joint delegation of Kuwait in UNSC and Advaita Rebecca Sengupta of Class XI(Science) won Second Special Mention as the delegate of Ethiopia in The Special Session on the Second Congo War. It was an exhilarating experience overall and each student learnt a lot from their committee.



STUDENT COUNCIL ORIENTATION

An orientation session was held for the Student Council 2023-24 on 30th June from 2pm to 3pm. The workshop was conducted by the Student Council Animators, Mrs. Dhir, Mrs. Mogrelia and Mrs. Lazarus. The workshop began with a short prayer and hymn followed by an interactive session on various leadership models aided by a visual presentation. It was an insightful and enlightening session for the Student Council members.



NEGOCIO INTER-HOUSE BUSINESS EVENT

On 28th June, the Business Club of Loreto House organised an Inter House Business event 'Negocio'. The event consisted of two segments, the first being The Ocean's Den (an auction) Shark Tank for which Keller House placed first followed by Tagore House and in the third position Kennedy House, after a vigorous round of bidding and pitching ideas to our sharks, Ms. Avantika Jalan and Ms. Madhura Chakravarty.

FIRST POSITION	KELLER HOUSE
FIRST RUNNER UP	TAGORE HOUSE
SECOND RUNNER UP	KENNEDY HOUSE

The second event was Brandovation (advertisement recreation) where the participants were given a failed advertisement of Dove's real beauty campaign and they had to recreate it and pitch their new ads to our judges.

FIRST POSITION	KENNEDY HOUSE
FIRST RUNNER UP	MARY WARD HOUSE
SECOND RUNNER UP	GANDHI HOUSE

NEGOCIO



VAN MAHOTSAV ASSEMBLY

On 3rd July, 2023 the students of the nature club of Loreto House conducted an assembly on Van Mahotsav. The students educated the audience about the history, importance and objectives of Van Mahotsav. In addition to this, the nature club also shared with the audience the initiatives taken by Loreto House to protect our environment. The assembly ended with a beautiful and meaningful song sung by the students.

FRANK ANTHONY MEMORIAL DEBATE

On 10th July, 2023, four students from Loreto House went for the preliminary round of the Frank Anthony Memorial Debate. Aalia Hussain won the award for the 'Best Speaker' and Loreto House won the award for 'First Runners-Up School'. Advaita Rebecca Sengupta won 'Best Speaker' while Prapti Banerjee won 'First Runner Up Speaker'. Loreto House placed as the 'Best School'.

FELICITATION CEREMONY AT ST. JAMES

On 11th July, 2023, the ICSE AND ISC achievers were awarded by AHAIS at St. James School. Anushka Dutta (ISC 2023) and Arundhati Dasgupta (ICSE 2023) of Loreto House were felicitated. Anglo-Indian and Christian students were awarded for their commendable performance.

“KWIZDOM”

All students of classes VIII, IX and X participated in a Quiz event 'KWIZDOM' organised by Taaza TV and GRSE (Ministry of Defence) on the 10th July, 2023. The top performing students of each of the classes, were selected. They formed a team and had the privilege of representing the school at the Inter School Quiz competition on India at the National Library Auditorium on 5th August.

PLANTING SAPPLINGS

On 15th July, fifty students from Classes VIII and IX went to Khardah on an environmental trip where each student planted a sapling; making a difference in a small way. We also found an audience with the current Agriculture Minister, Mr. Arjun Munda.

JULY

LTS TRIP

On the 15th July, fifty students from classes VIII and IX went to Khardah for an environmental trip where each of us planted a sapling; making a difference in a small way.



‘VIRANGANA’ WORKSHOP

On the 15th and 22nd July, 102 girls from Loreto House took part in a self defence workshop organised by the Rotary Club of Calcutta South City. It was a very empowering experience for the students.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

On 26th July, the students of Class IX (i) presented their assembly to honour Grandparents all over the world. 26th July is celebrated as Grandparents' day as it is the feast day of St. Anne and St. Joachim, the grandparents of Lord Jesus.





BAGLESS DAY

28th July, 2023, was a 'Bagless Day' for classes VI, VII and VIII. Class VIIIs made models of Central Mountains, enacted Shakespeare's Classics.

Class VII indulged themselves in the sparks of oral History and much more. Class VI also had lots of fun. playing and conducting the "Show and Tell" activity.



"COME AS YOU LIKE IT"

All the favourite characters starting from Barbie to Wednesday were seen speaking on stage. The girls dressed up as Sita, Matilda, K- drama characters and even regional characters.

The costumes and speeches very closely resembled the characters.



XAVO CHRISTI

On 31st July, 2023, 18 students of our school from classes 9-12 participated in Xavo Christi, a fest held by St Xavier's Collegiate School annually for Christian students only. The day began with a prayer service in honour of God followed by a speech by the Chief Guest and the host school's Principal, Rev. Dr. M. Arulappan S.J. Out of the seven events, four, namely the Quiz, Art I, Creative Writing and Art II, were held simultaneously offstage, and the remaining events, which was the Debate, Music, and Dance events took place onstage.



AUGUST

WORLD ANGLO INDIAN DAY

On 2nd August 2023, students of Class VIII presented a Special Assembly on World Anglo Indian Day by offering a special prayer for the students and staff of Loreto House followed by an informative presentation; highlighting their vibrant culture, cuisine, and contribution to various fields. The students performed on a few famous songs and concluded the assembly with a special song.

SLOBA ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE

Aalia Hussain and Samaira Jain of Class X(ii) attended the preliminary round of the SLOBA - Annual Inter-School Debate at St. Lawrence High School on 6th August 2023. On 11th August, they attended the finals at St. Lawrence High School.

XUBERANCE 2023

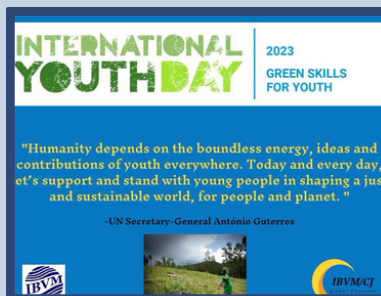
On the 11th, 12th and 13th August, an inter-school fest was hosted by St Xavier's Collegiate School, X-UBERANCE'23. There were thirty-nine events held in a span of three days, out of which Loreto House participated in thirty-five.

Loreto House placed in the following events:

- 1.X-Act : Third
- 2.X-30 : Second
- 3.X-Natak : Third
- 4.X-Calibre : Third

WEBINAR ON SDG GOALS

Seven girls from Class IX attended a Webinar on the SDG goals on 11th August. This was the first International webinar most of us had attended. The various views on subjects such as Sex Education, SDG implementation, the environment, woman and child development were discussed.

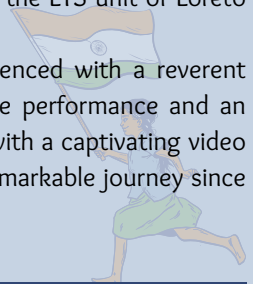


INDEPENDENCE DAY ASSEMBLY



On the occasion of the 76th Independence Day, the LTS unit of Loreto House organised a special assembly.

Following Loreto tradition, the assembly commenced with a reverent prayer, paving the way for a mesmerizing dance performance and an eloquent recitation. The event further unfolded with a captivating video presentation that eloquently portrayed India's remarkable journey since Independence.



CLAUDE MARTIN DEBATES 2023



From 16th to 20th August, four students namely Umika Panda (XII Humanities), Prapti Banerjee (XI Humanities), Advaita Rebecca Sengupta (XI Science) and Manya Parekh (X-i) participated in the 10th Edition of the Claude Martin Debates and Boulon Lise Quiz organised by La Martinere College, Lucknow. Loreto House emerged victorious by winning the Claude Martin Debates.

In the individual results, the following were awarded :

Advaita Sengupta - Best Speaker (Preliminary Debate)

Prapti Banerjee - Best Speaker (Finals Debate)

Umika Panda - Best Speaker (Quarter Finals as well as two Preliminary debates)

This competition was a wonderful learning experience for the team.



VIDYA MANDIR SCHOLARSHIP

Pinky Singh of Class XI was awarded The Vidya Mandir Society Scholarship at the Telegraph School Awards for Excellence, held on 26th August, 2023.

NATIONAL SPORTS DAY ASSEMBLY

A special assembly was held on 29th August, 2023, on the occasion of National Sports Day. We celebrated the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand. The assembly was put up by the sports team of Class XI, led by our sports teachers, Ms. T. Chatterjee and Mrs. R. Ghosh



INTER-HOUSE CARD MAKING COMPETITION



The Spectrum Club at Loreto House organized an Inter House Card-Making Competition on 11th August, 2023. The competition had two categories, Class 6-9 (Category 1) and Classes 9-12 (Category 2) and the theme was "Thank You."

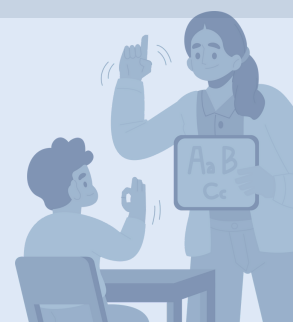
POSITION	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	NEUTRALS
FIRST	Ryka Dutta VII-i (Keller House)	Mahi Vasa XII-C (Maryward House)	Pari Gupta XII-C
SECOND	Aditi Jaiswal VIII-i (Tagore House)	Gurmehar K. Daswani X-ii (Naidu House)	Tithi Mukherjee XII-H
THIRD	Devanshi Jaiswal VIII-i (Gandhi House) Wania Ahmed Khan VI-ii (Naidu House)	Jessica Mondol XII-H (Tagore House)	-

MY TEACHER, MY WISDOM



On 1st September, 2023, Class Xlls organised a special First Friday Mass with the theme 'My Teacher, My Wisdom' to celebrate the occasion of Teachers' Day. To make the Mass even more special, the students organised it entirely by themselves under the guidance of our Principal, Mrs. A. Gomes. It started with the teachers entering in procession to the church, followed by the Mass. In a special gesture, instead of exchanging peace, the teachers exchanged roses. In a similar way, for the prayers of the faithful, the students in accompaniment with a teacher, presented several symbolical offerings, such as a heart for love, books for knowledge, a candle for enlightenment, and an umbrella for shelter etc. All teachers were bestowed with special blessings by Fr. Michael, who was celebrating the mass. It was a glorious morning of praise and worship as we called upon God to bless our beloved teachers and encourage them on their life's mission to enrich the youth, guide them to always remain on the right path and kindle in them the flame of justice, honour and sincerity.

SEPTEMBER



SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF NATHOO PASWAN AND RANU DEVI



On Saturday, 30th September, Sr. Powlin (Superior) and Mrs. A. Gomes (Principal) celebrated 25 years of dedicated service to Loreto House for Nathoo Paswan and Ranu Devi. We at Loreto House greatly appreciate their hardwork towards our institution. We wish them good health and happiness.



Teachers' Day

CLASS VI- A HARMONIOUS MELODY



CLASS VII - A RHYTHMIC DANCE PERFORMANCE



CLASS VIII - AD SPOOFS



CLASS IX - AD SPOOFS PART DEUX



CLASS X - A DANCE FOR THE BOOKS



CLASS XI - THE LEGENDARY QUIZ AND DANCE PRESENTATION



CLASS XII - THE MELODIOUS MEDLEY



THE STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE



OCTOBER

GANDHI JAYANTI

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated through a special assembly organised by Class XII Commerce on 3rd October.



BAGLESS DAY

The day began with an Art Competition held in the respective classrooms. It was a breathtaking show of creativity. It featured a captivating blend of wildlife, anime scenes, and the beauty of nature, depicted using various artistic mediums.



INTER-HOUSE QUIZ

The Inter-House Quiz 2023, organised by the Quiz Club of Loreto House, was held on Monday, 9th October, 2023. The Quiz was conducted in two segments, which was, a written segment of forty questions for the students of classes VI to VIII in the Middle Section, and an on-stage segment for the students of classes IX to XII of the Senior Section.



FIRST	GANDHI
SECOND	KENNEDY
THIRD	MARY WARD





CLIFFORD HICKS MEMORIAL DEBATES

The Clifford Hicks Memorial International Debate was held from 10th - 13th October 2023. Four students from our school namely, Hayah Salim, Aalia Hussain (Category II), Aparajita Banerjee and Prapti Banerjee (Category I) participated in the competition.

It was an enriching experience for each of the debaters.

IDG SUMMIT

International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated every year on 11th October. The theme of #IDG2023 is "Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being,"

DHYAN ASHRAM RETREAT

Catholic students of classes IX to XII attended a solemn Retreat at Dhyan Ashram based on the theme "Blessed and Beautiful" to promote and defend the culture of Life, leading young people to a life of Real Freedom, Total Happiness and True Love. The resource team came all the way from Goa and Bangalore in collaboration with the members of Missionary Families of Christ from Kolkata.

DURGA PUJA ASSEMBLY

On 18th October, 2023, the students of Class XII Humanities presented a special assembly that ushered in the festive spirit of Durga Puja.



NOVEMBER

DIWALI ASSEMBLY

On 9th November 2023, the students of Class VII celebrated the prosperous festival of Diwali in a grand way.

ARCHDIOCESEAN BIBLE QUIZ

On the 18th November, four students of Class XII Grace Dolby, Maria Gomes, Carmel Siby Perikilam and Helha Martin, took part in the Archdiocesan Bible Quiz conducted by the Archdiocese of Kolkata, held at Don Bosco school, Park Circus.



CORPUS CHRISTI

On 26th November, 2023 the feast of Christ the king was celebrated. This feast is celebrated every year on the last Sunday before advent. Like every year this year too the feast of Christ the king was celebrated by the solemn Corpus Christi Procession that starts from St. Xaveris grounds. Before the procession the gospel of the day was read and the homily was given. The theme for this year was "Justice, Love and Humility". During the procession we recited the rosary, and sang hymns in reverence to Christ which was followed by the solemn Benediction.

ATHA MAHAKAVIKATHA

On 22nd November, 2023, Bengali girls of Class XI, accompanied by Ms. M. Chatterjee went to watch a play held at Rabindra Sadan hosted by Loreto Convent School Entally. The play was named Atha Mahakavikatha based on the life of Mahakavi Kalidas.



RELATIVITY : SCIENCE FEST

Relativity is a science festival, for middle school students hosted by La Martiniere for Boys, Calcutta annually. The middle school students of our school, participated in Relativity 2023 on 24th November. They were accompanied by Ms. T. Samaddar, Mrs. S. Bhattacharya, and a student representative Yuvika Tekriwala of Class XI.



SILVER JUBILEE OF MRS. BHATTACHARJEE

On 22nd November, 2023, a Special Assembly was held to celebrate Mrs S. Bhattacharjee's 25 years of teaching service in Loreto House. She was felicitated by the Principal with a plaque, cards and a bouquet. The assembly ended with Mrs Bhattacharjee sharing a few words tracing her journey in Loreto House.

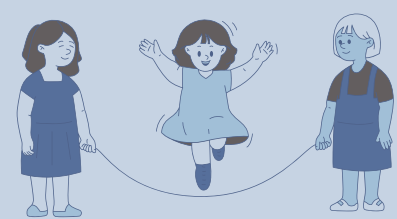


CHILDREN'S DAY



On 20th November, 2023 the senior section of Loreto House celebrated Children's Day. The theme was "Barbie Reimagined" which the students most definitely loved. The program showcased some wonderful performances by our dear teachers.

The fashion show performed by our teachers was the star of show, along with the dances and medleys, it was a joyous day. Every student was also given refreshments after the completion of the programme.





ADVENT MASS 2023

On 2nd of December, 2023, the annual Advent Mass at Loreto House was conducted. The theme for this year was, 'The Miracle Child'. The Advent Mass is a yearly tradition at Loreto House intended to herald the season of Advent. The mass was conducted by His Grace, The Archbishop of Kolkata, The Vicar General, Father Dominic Gomes and the Parish Priest of St. Thomas' Church, Father Michael Biswas.

ART EXHIBITION

On December 12, 2023, the Art Students of Class X, Sonakshi Bhattacharya, Vanshikaa Modi, Bedatreyree Guhathakurata, Palakshi Bhattacharya and Dhwani Shah showcased their artistic prowess in a captivating exhibition.

DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

On the 15th of December, 2023, the children of class VI presented a Christmas assembly. The assembly concluded with a meaningful hymn followed by traditional Christmas carols to brighten up the festive season.

GUIDES CAMP

On 15th, 16th and 17th December 2023, a Guides Camp was organised for the Guides of Classes VI to XII. The DOC (District Organising Commissioner) of Bharat Scouts and Guides Ms. Ratna De visited and conducted sessions.

On the last day, prizes were distributed for the best patrol and promising guides.



JANUARY



CLEANLINESS DRIVE

On 6th January, 2024, the nature club students of class VIII attended a cleanliness drive at Strand Road, organised by KultX in collaboration with the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. It was conducted to spread awareness and keep the environment clean.



ART DISPLAY BY CLASS XII

On 17th January 2024, the Art students of Class XII had put up an Art Display as a part of their Pre Board Examination. The students displayed not only traditional paintings and sketches but also mixed media art, quilling artworks, 3D clay models and canvas paintings.



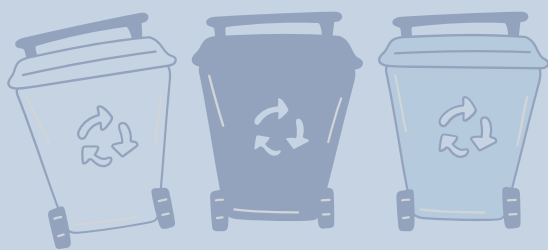
SESSION ON SUBJECT COMBINATION

A detailed and insightful session for Class XI subject combinations and stream selection was held for the outgoing batch of Class X on 19th January 2024.



SAVE LIFE, SAFE DRIVE MARATHON

On 21st January, 40 students from classes VI to IX and XI participated in the "Half Marathon", a 5km race, organised by the Kolkata Police. It was a part of the 'Safe drive, Save life' campaign. The students took part in the 5km race.



NETAJI JAYANTI SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

On 24th January, 2024, Class IX (ii) conducted a special assembly to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great Indian hero, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Meticulous planning, collaborative efforts, and shared passion echoed in every rehearsal, encapsulating Netaji's legacy.

REPUBLIC DAY 2024

India's 75th Republic Day was celebrated by the students of the middle and the senior section on 26th January, 2024. The theme for this year's celebration was 'India: A Land Of Abundance'. The Chief Guest for this year's celebration was Mr. Sovan Dev Chattopadhyay, Minister-in-charge, Department of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Government of West Bengal.

LEAVERS' PRAYER SERVICE

On 29th January, 2024, our Annual Prize Distribution ceremony was held for the students of Class X and XII.

The students were duly felicitated on their respective achievements in both academics and co-curricular activities. The student council members of 2023-2024 were also felicitated. Upon completion of the prize distribution, the Leavers Prayer Service was conducted for the outgoing batch of 2024. The student council members handed over their respective badges and flags to our Principal, signifying the end of their term. The Head Girl also addressed the gathering, invoking nostalgia and bittersweet memories.

FAREWELL ASSEMBLY FOR MRS. MOGRELIA

On 31st January, 2024, a Farewell Ceremony was organised to bid adieu to our beloved teacher, Mrs. F. Mogrelia.

The farewell was emceed in the form of a debate to honour Mrs. Mogrelia's contribution and dedication. Poignant speeches were given by her students and Mrs. Bhattacharjee. There was a video presentation with heartfelt messages from Mrs. Mogrelia's present and retired colleagues and ex-students. Mrs. Gomes' address followed by Mrs. Mogrelia's speech made every single member of the audience emotional. The Loreto Chorus was an apt conclusion for the farewell programme of such a remarkable teacher.



FAREWELL SOCIAL

Prom '24



As is tradition at Loreto House, the Class XIs organised the Farewell Social for the outgoing batch. This year the theme was Prom '24, inclusive of memorabilia, dynamic emceeing, singing and multiple dances, the highlight being the Class XI flashmob, every aspect of the event was thoroughly enjoyed. The most important part of the event was The Miss Loreto Pageant, keeping with tradition, it was once again a wondrous part of the day. The Class XIIs got a chance to click pictures at the photo booths that had been set up for them and also dance to their favourite numbers. To conclude, we had the much awaited cake cutting and finally, refreshments were offered to the Class XII batch. As we bid adieu to them, it was a day of both sadness and a lot of joy.



MARY WARD WEEK



CLASS IX(II)



CLASS XI-SCIENCE



CLASS XI-COMMERCE



CLASS XI-HUMANITIES



The main theme of the assemblies was to spread the message of self-love, appreciation and empowerment. The hymn, 'Lead us on Mary Ward' resonated with the values she championed. The assemblies reflected Mary Ward's values and inspired the students to emulate her virtues in their daily lives. This was followed by the Mary Ward activities organized for every class, where students very enthusiastically created various types of handwork revolving around Mary Ward's maxims.

"Women in time to come will do much."

FEBRUARY

LITERARY WORKSHOP AT LORETO COLLEGE

The students of Class IX and XI Humanities, along with students of a few other schools, had the privilege of attending a literary workshop at Loreto College on 8th February. The session was conducted by Dr.Jael Silliman, a distinguished scholar, women's rights activist, and consultant on gender and development issues. She attended Loreto House and is a Graduate of Wellesley College, Harvard University, and the University of Texas. The session was moderated by Ms. Anuradha Chatterjee, former Head of Department (History) , Loreto College.

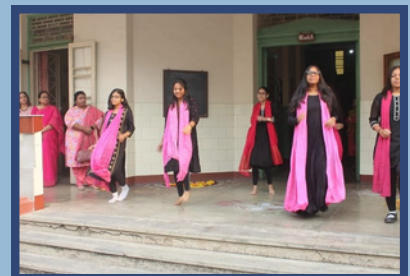
ONE BILLION RISING

On 13th February, 2024 the students of Class XI organised an assembly to celebrate One Billion Rising. One Billion Rising is a movement that intends to empower every one in three women who are victims of physical violence or rape. The assembly was also celebrated to honour St.Bhakita who is the patron saint against human trafficking. The students prayed for justice and peace for every woman who has been a victim of any kind of violence and asked for God's blessings in giving all women the strength to overcome their challenges.

SPELL-BEE INTERNATIONAL WINNERS

The names of the medal winners (Spell Bee Regional/State Level)

Srija Banerjee VI(II)
Luvena Singh VI(I)
Adwitiya Alope VII(I)
Khushi Mathur VIII(I)
Kathakali Ghosh VIII(II)
Roopkatha Paul VIII(I)
Faith Rocha IX(II)





EXTEMPORE COMPETITION



Extempore for Classes VI to VIII was held on 16th February, 2024. The programme began with a prayer followed by reiterating the rules. Students were given topics on the spot and they had to speak on the given topic for one minute. They were excited as well as a little nervous and for many of them, it was their first experience.

WORLD THINKING DAY

On 21st February 2024, the Girl Guides of Loreto House conducted an assembly on the World Thinking Day. They highlighted the significance of this day and why it is celebrated. With the help of a little skit which they showcased Lord Baden Powell convincing his sister, Agnes to take the girls as a part of Scouts.

FAREWELL ASSEMBLY FOR MR. PANCHANAND SHARMA

A farewell assembly was organised for Mr. Panchanand Sharma who has given years of dedicated service to Loreto House in the capacity of a carpenter. He will truly be missed by everyone.

MEET AND GREET- PATHANAM

On 28th February, 2024, the Rotary Club of Calcutta , Avhiyana, held a small Meet-and-Greet for Pathanam. A student representative from Class XI Commerce, Ayushhi Agarwal, was present to receive an award on behalf of Loreto House, it was our honour and privilege to have been able to attend this event and receive the award.



CHHAYANOT 2024



On 8th February, 2024, Loreto House hosted an Inter-Loreto Vernacular Workshop and creative presentation "ChhayanoT 2024"

Our very own ex-teacher Mrs. Madhumita Ghosh graced us as the programme's Chief Guest along with Mr. Trilok Nath Pandey and Mr. Tanmoy Chakraborty as the esteemed resource persons who conducted Hindi and Bengali Poetry Creation workshops for the benefit of the students in the subsequent creative presentation.

Both the Hindi and Bengali categories had their presentations separately with each participant being sorted into teams to work on impromptu poetry presentation and expression on stage, which they were marvellous at.

It was an extremely enriching programme full of learning and culture and every participant took away with them priceless lessons on their future literary pursuits and compositions.





FAREWELL ASSEMBLY FOR MS. JOSEPH

After dedicating years of tireless effort and commitment to educating and shaping young minds, the time had come for our beloved Ms. Joseph to embark on a new chapter in her life. In true Loreto tradition, the assembly began with a prayer service followed by the student speeches. Several students from the Hindi department and Guide Company at Loreto House gathered to express their emotions, filled with gratitude and a tinge of sadness. The entertainment section, which followed after, was sure to lift everyone's spirits as the best singers and dancers gathered to put forward a final performance for Ms. Joseph. Emotions ran high, when Ms. Joseph got up to address the gathering as we were all sure that this remarkable individual would forever be missed from our institution.



MARCH



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FOR CLASSES VI, VII, VIII, IX AND XI

On 22nd March, the annual prize distribution for Classes VI-XI and XI was held. Students from each class were awarded medals and certificates in the categories of General Proficiency, Application and Sustained Effort for their commendable performance throughout the academic session 2023-24. In addition to this, certificates for excellence in various subjects, full attendance and responsibility were also awarded to encourage the students.



SENIOR SECTION SPORTS DAY '23

“Empower Equalise Elevate”



SPORTS DAY '23



Under the radiant sun, on the 10th of November, students of the senior section congregated at the splendid ground of Mohun Bagan, for a day filled with athleticism, camaraderie, and spirited competition. The Senior Section Sports Day- "EMPOWER EQUALIZE ELEVATE" was a resounding success, marked by a series of engaging events that showcased the diverse talents and sportsmanship of our students.

The day commenced with the felicitation of our distinguished Chief Guest, adding an air of honour to the proceedings. Following this, the Rainbow students took centre stage with a captivating prayer dance, setting a harmonious tone for the day ahead.



YOGA DISPLAY



The flat race, featuring participants from grades 6 to 12, brought the field to life with electrifying speed and fervour. The activity relays, including the Baton Relay and Inter Loreto Relay, added an exciting team dynamic, emphasizing the importance of coordination and teamwork. The Yoga Formation showcased the physical prowess and mental focus of our students, adding a touch of mindfulness to the athletic endeavours.

KARATE DISPLAY

The Karate Display was a spectacle of agility and skill, demonstrating the dedication of our students to physical fitness and self-discipline.

MARCH PAST AND KOLKATA POLICE BAND DISPLAY

A highlight of the event was the well-coordinated march past, a testament to the discipline and unity within the body. Each house showcased its precision and dedication, marching with pride and determination. Keller House won the marching cup for Sports Day '23.



DRILL DISPLAY

The Drill Displays by all six houses were a visual feast, each house presenting a captivating performance that highlighted its unique strengths and coordination, with Gandhi house securing the top position.



INTER-LORETO BATON RELAY

Loreto House placed first in the relay, followed by Loreto Bowbazar and in the third place was Loreto Elliot Road.





FLAT RACE

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
VI-i	Trabisha Edlin Ekka	Navya Singh	Laxmi Kumari
VI-ii	Unnati Trivedi	Adrika Dey	Saanvi Agarwal
VII-i	Yuaine Chen	Tanishka Baid	Dhwani Fatechandeka
VII-ii	Sambriddi Ghosh	Veera Bose	Mishal Nua Faiyaz
VIII-i	Hannah Thampy	Laavanya Malpani	Drishti Neogi
VIII-ii	Aratrika Ganguly	Kasturi Ghosh	Sudiksha Kundu
IX-i	Shamsa Firdausi	Adwita Bubna	Shreya Sahoo
IX-ii	Hayah Maryam Salim	Bhavika Jain	Shanaya Alvares
X-i	Hazel Chen	Madhu Shah	Chantell Dickson
X-ii	Mrittika Biswas	Stacy Tete	Aayushi
XI-S	Arya Dutta	Astha Dutta	Arshi Ahmed
XI-C	Swastika Patra	Kasmitaa Roy	Tisha Dakalia
XI-H	Shannon Ireland	Shrishti De Rozario	Tanushka Ghosh
XII-S	Alysia Gomes	Naisha Agarwal	Rittika Biswas
XII-C	Suhani Kankaria	Alesandra Anthony	Kaylin D'Souza
XII-H	Raina Mallick	Yasna Nari Buchia	Srijoni Nandi

LONG JUMP

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Unnati Trivedi	Trabisha Ekka	Saanvi Agarwal
VII	Jeyna Surana	Prakriti Poddar	Tanishka Baid
VIII	Hannah Thampy	Sudiksha Kundu	Aratrika Ganguly
IX	Hayah Maryam Salim	Shiny Roy	Dhwani Chandak
X	Stacy Thea Tete	Mrittika Biswas	Ravya Agarwal
XI-S	Samar Fatima	Arshi Ahmed	Insharah Fatma
XI-C	Swastika Patra	Tisha Dakalia	Prativa Shaw
XI-H	Tanushka Ghosh	Jetree Naidu	Rhitocheta Mukherjee
XII-S	Naisha Agarwal	Priyadarshini Das	Alysia Bindya Gomes
XII-C	Suhani Kankaria	Alesandra Anthony	Mahi Vasa
XII-H	Raina Mallik	Yasna N. Buchia	Jemimah Kanga





SHOT PUT AND DISCUSS THROW

Students from Classes VI-XII participated in these challenging field events. Winners were determined class wise.

SHOT PUT

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
VIII	Ambika Agarwal	Drishti Neogi	Sonakshi Dhar
X	Aayushi	Raaya Agarwal	Kritika Tania
XI	Tanushka Ghosh	Samar Fatima	Tisha Dakalia
XII	Naisha Agarwal	Raina Mallik	Jemimah Kanga



DISCUSS THROW

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
IX	Hayah Maryam Salim	Tanishka Bhattacharjee	Faith Pereria
X	Aayushi	Kritika Tania	Hazel Chen
XI	Tanushka Ghosh	Samar Fatima	Pragati Kapoor
XII	Jemimah Kanga	Raina Mallick	Anam Shanzay



ACTIVITY RELAY

Students from Classes VI-VIII participated in the fun filled activity relays.

BATON RELAY



TUG OF WAR

Students from Classes VI-XII participated in the Tug of War and the winners were determined from Senior School and Middle School.

THE BEST ATHLETES

MIDDLE SCHOOL: HANNAH THAMPY VIII-ii
SENIOR SCHOOL: TANUSHKA GHOSH XI-H

HOUSE POSITIONS

HOUSE	POINTS
MARY WARD	1266
GANDHI	1067
NAIDU	839
TAGORE	832
KENNEDY	795
KELLER	776



SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS 2023-24

CISCE REGIONALS



Throwball Regionals



Throwball Regionals



Rifle Shooting Regionals



Throwball Regionals



Roller Skating
Regionals



Basketball U-17
Regionals



Basketball U-19 Regionals



Athletic Regionals

Badminton Regionals



Taekwondo Regionals



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Basketball U-17 National Team



On 6th January 2024, Ashna Raj from Class XI-S participated in the Goodwill Open International Taekwondo Championship. Ashna Raj secured Third position in Kyorugi.



Tanushka Ghosh - Selected for the upcoming Asian and South Asian karate championship, where she will be representing India, which is to be held in Afghanistan and Nepal respectively.



Table Tennis Nationals



Swimming Nationals



JUNIOR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



On the 6th of February, 2024, an Inter School Relay was held at Modern High School. Ayilin Maria Anish, Ryan Hassan, Victoria Amarachi Nwankho and Rachel Ivy Ecka participated at the event and secured the First Position. Each child received a Gold Medal and a Certificate. The children were congratulated and praised by the Principal Mrs. Gomes and the teachers for their achievements. The news of this achievement was shared next day during the assembly.



Shanaya Bose(4-2), age 10 and Ayra Farid (3-2), age 9 — of Loreto House participated in the 12th Inter-School Tennis Tournament held at Bengal Tennis Association. The tournament was held from 29th January-1st February 2024. More than 15 schools participated in this prestigious tournament held every year. This year, Loreto House won the bronze medal match and also the Fair Play Award! This was in U-14 girls category. We had the youngest participants pleasantly giving their best! Proud moment for all of us!

A photograph of three women sitting behind a desk. The woman in the center is an older woman with glasses and a white head covering, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt. She is flanked by two younger women, one on the left with reddish hair and one on the right with dark hair, both smiling. The desk is cluttered with various items: a large pink folder, a roll of yellow tape, a black power strip, a small black box, and several papers. In the background, there are stacks of papers and a blue wall.

Social Service

“To love the poor, persevere in the same,
Live, die and rise with them Was all the aim of Mary Ward.”



SERVICE WITH A SMILE

THE RAINBOW PARTY – CLASS IX

On 9th December, 2023, Class IX organised a Christmas party for their friends at the Rainbow Home. Keeping in mind the essence of enchantment and magic, the theme selected was 'Disneyland'.

The party started off in traditional Loreto style, with a prayer service followed by fun-filled games that added life to the party. The hall echoed with peals of laughter and melodious music. The events were followed by an ad-spoof and a soulful medley. The enactment "Yamlok Mein Party" inspired by Dr. Ram Kumar Singh's original play titled the same, made the children giggle with joy. The show was enhanced when Santa came to distribute treats to the children wherein each child was handed a bag full of pleasant surprises! The day ended cheerfully with the students singing the carols for the children. Finally, each friend from the Rainbow Home was given a lunchbox and a gift box full of goodies.



MERAKI – CLASS X



On 17th November, the students of Class X organised an interactive programme, titled Meraki, 2023. The students of Mentaidd Institution and Manovikas Kendra were invited for the same. The theme for Meraki, 2023 was "Exploration of Space."

The programme began with a short prayer service invoking the presence of the Almighty. Thereafter a phenomenal magic show was presented wherein the magicians showcased numerous fun tricks, engaging the audience. In the medley that followed, the students of Class X sang along to some of the most popular Indian film music. The audience became excited and thrilled and joined us, showcasing their remarkable talents. Apart from these events the students of Class X also organised a few fun and interactive games and dances which brought smiles to most faces. To conclude, it was a very touching and heartwarming experience, one that we will always cherish in our hearts.



WE CARE – CLASSES XI & XII

We Care, an annual social service initiative of Loreto House was held on the 13th and 14th of December. On Day 1, 103 guests from St. Joseph's Home, Lawrence D'Souza, Mary Cooper, St. Catherine and the Little Sisters of The Poor attended the programme. On Day 2, 100 guests from Navnir Chetla, Navnir Tollygunge and Tollygunge Home were present.

The students of Class 11 prepared an entertainment segment for the guests. The junior section of Loreto House performed the Nativity Play for the audience. The most anticipated part of the event was the announcement of the Winter King and Queen.

Lunch was served at the end of the programme on both days, and the students distributed hampers as a token of their love.



TEACHERS' DAY

Teachers' Day was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm at the Literacy Center. The students put up a delightful show to entertain the teachers. Food packets were given to the students which were sponsored by the volunteers at the center. It was an enjoyable event and both the students and the teachers went home with a smile on their faces...!



CHILDREN'S DAY

The Loreto Literacy Centre celebrated Children's Day on 9th November through an interactive programme. Interesting games and activities were organised for the children. At the end of the programme, each student of the Literacy Centre was given a food box sponsored by the Volunteers.



THE LORETO LITERACY CENTRE

NATURE'S WONDERS

The Loreto Literacy Centre organised a Craft exhibition on the 8th and 9th of December. "Nature's Wonders" unfolded the creativity of the students with beautiful exhibits. Teachers and students worked together and put together some amazing projects. Simple Science experiments showing that water is colourless and takes the shape of the container were done by the students. The highlight of the science experiments was the volcanic eruption shown much to the delight of all the visitors.

The appreciation shown by Mrs.A.Gomes, Junior and Senior Section teachers and students was very encouraging and a great boost to the confidence of the students of the Literacy Centre.



REPUBLIC DAY



UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION



ACT FOR LIFE: TALENT SHOW

On the 29th of July, Act For Life- a non-profit organisation co founded by Dishita Karnani, Jahnvi Birdika and Aditi Tewary hosted a "Talent Show" for the students of the Rainbow Home of Loreto House. The talent show was hosted in the loving memory of Sr. Cyril Mooney to pay tribute and respect towards her endless endeavours. The children beautifully showcased their talents and left all of us in awe of their perfection and dedication. They danced with grace, sang with melodious voices and recited poems with the best expressions.



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



REPUBLIC DAY



THE RAINBOW HOMES

CHRISTMAS FETE

On 16th December, 2023 a fete was held at Loreto Sealdah which was organised by the Loreto Rainbow Home. The students of Loreto House supported the cause with great enthusiasm and dedication.



RAKSHABANDHAN CELEBRATION

On 31st August, our Rainbow students celebrated Raksha Bandhan by tying handmade rakhis to our Principal Mrs.A.Gomes, Office Staff, and Support Staff. These rakhis made by our Rainbow students symbolize the bond of love, care, and respect that we have for each other at Loreto House.

Loreto House Symposium



WE THE YOUTH
OF INDIA @75

*"Somewhere inside all of us is
the power to change the world."*

- Roald Dahl

Loreto House Symposium Core Committee



EVENT HEADS

'Inkspire' - Soumili Biswas XII(H)

'Imagination Station' - Mantasha Subhani XII(H) & Pari Gupta XII(C)

'The Photowalk' - Alesandra Anthony XII(C)

'Feet of Freedom' - Dhriti D Manek XII(H) & Mahi Vasa XII(C)

'Hoops of Joy' - Naisha Agarwal XII(S) & Yasna Nari Buchia XII(H)

'Street Light' - Srijoni Nandi XII(H) & Umika Panda XII(H)

'Pondering Policies' - Aparajita Banerjee XII(C)

'Unchained Melodies' - Adrija Dey XII(H) & Melika Agarwal XII(C)

Design and Media - Simran Bakshi XII(S)

A GLIMPSE OF WHAT WAS
HAPPENING AT THE SYMPOSIUM:



DAY 1

OPENING CEREMONY

Our Principal, Mrs. A. Gomes, formally announced the opening of the fest thereafter celebrated with a fusion dance performance.



PANEL DISCUSSION

The panel discussion was moderated by our very own Ms. Oindrilla Dutt who drew attention to the possibilities and the challenges the youth of today would be likely to face tomorrow, that is in the future.



INKSPIRE

The Creative Writing Event: "The Road Not Taken"

"The act of WRITING is to share a part of your soul with the WORLD."



IMAGINATION STATION

"Aimed to highlight the beauty and richness of India's cultural mosaic while emphasizing the coexistence of diverse communities and their contributions to the nation."



THE PHOTOWALK

"Monochromatic India, a land of contrast, where beauty and chaos coexist and last"



FEET OF FREEDOM

The Dance Event: "Abuse; The Voices Of A Million Locked Doors"



HOOPS OF JOY

A Non-Competitive Basketball Event



DAY 2

STREETLIGHT

The Drama Event: "The Wheel Of Life"



PONDERING POLICIES

The Policy-Making Event: "Relooking At The Reservation Policy Of India"



FLASH MOB

A Surprise Dance Performance



UNCHAINED MELODIES

The Music Event: "Challenges faced by the Youth"



CLOSING CEREMONY

The grand finale of the Symposium came to a close with the Prize Distribution Ceremony, followed by Mrs. A. Gomes, our Principal's closing speech.



ACHIEVERS' LIST

INKSPIRE		
<i>CATEGORY 1:</i>	SECOND RUNNERS UP	LA MARTINIERE FOR BOYS
	FIRST RUNNERS UP	ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
	WINNERS	SOUTH CITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL , LORETO DAY SCHOOL DHARAMTALA
<i>CATEGORY 2:</i>	SECOND RUNNERS UP	LA MARTINIERE FOR BOYS
	FIRST RUNNERS UP	LORETO HOUSE
	WINNERS	LORETO BOWBAZAR

IMAGINATION STATION	
SECOND RUNNERS UP	LORETO ELLIOT ROAD
FIRST RUNNERS UP	LORETO HOUSE
WINNERS	LORETO BOWBAZAR

THE PHOTOWALK

SECOND RUNNERS UP

LORETO HOUSE

FIRST RUNNERS UP

LORETO DHARAMTALA

WINNERS

LA MARTINIERE FOR BOYS

FEET OF FREEDOM

SECOND RUNNERS UP

DON BOSCO PARK CIRCUS

FIRST RUNNERS UP

LORETO CONVENT ENTALLY

WINNERS

LORETO HOUSE

STREET LIGHT

SECOND RUNNERS UP

LORETO HOUSE

FIRST RUNNERS UP

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

WINNERS

LORETO DAY SCHOOL SEALDAH

PONDERING POLICIES

SECOND RUNNERS UP	ST. JAMES
FIRST RUNNERS UP	LORETO ELLIOT ROAD
WINNERS	DON BOSCO PARK CIRCUS

UNCHAINED MELODY

SECOND RUNNERS UP	DON BOSCO PARK CIRCUS
FIRST RUNNERS UP	ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
WINNERS	LORETO HOUSE

BEST SCHOOL

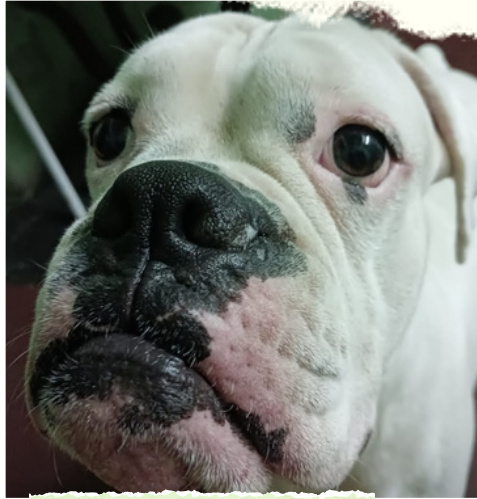
THIRD POSITION	DON BOSCO PARK CIRCUS
SECOND POSITION	FRANK ANTHONY PUBLIC SCHOOL
WINNERS	LORETO HOUSE passed onto LORETO ELLIOT ROAD



**HEY. YOU KNOW WE LOVE
YOU, HACHI.
WE WANT YOU TO STAY
HERE WITH US.
IF YOU HAVE TO GO...
THAT'S OKAY TOO.
GOOD-BYE, HACHI..**

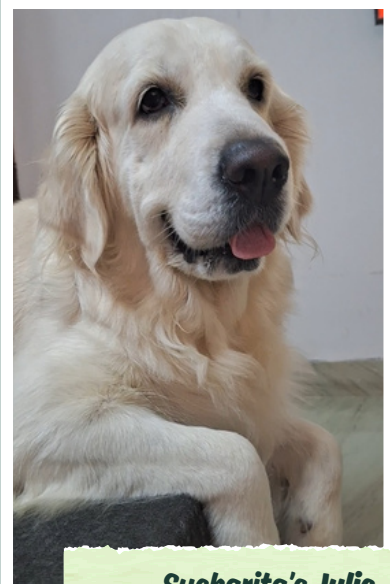
**FOR OUR MOST LOYAL FRIENDS,
HERE'S OUR PET CORNER**

“A MAN’S BEST FRIEND”



Prisha's Archie

Rosalind's Veer D'Cruze



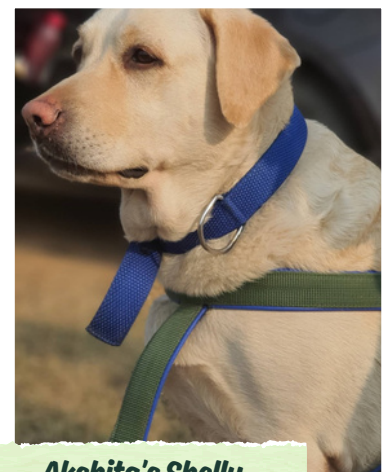
Sucharita's Julie



Faith's Momo



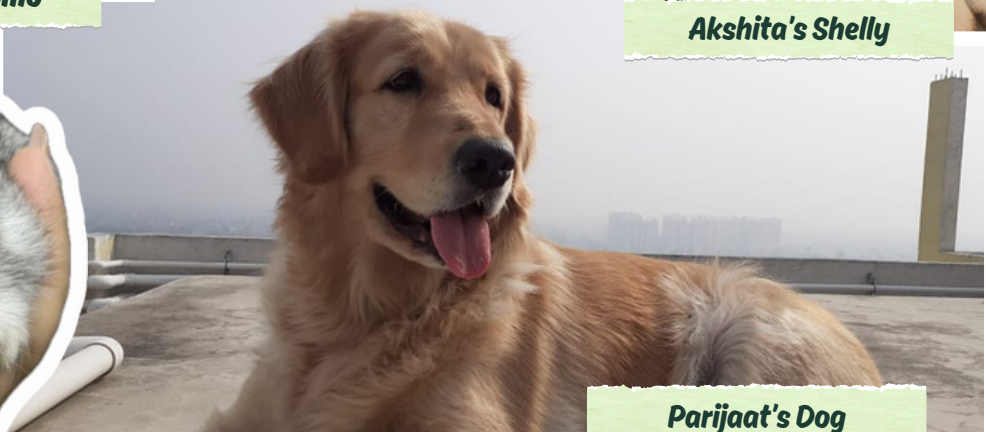
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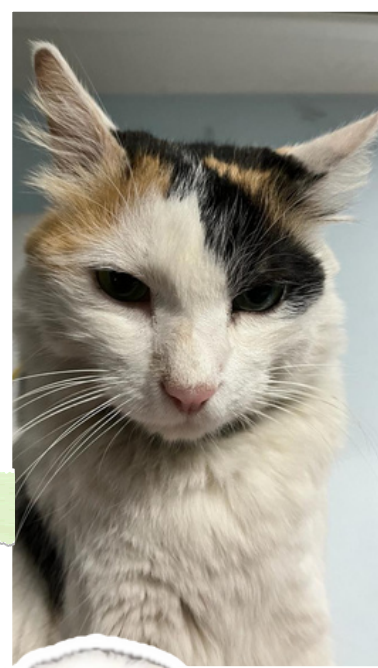
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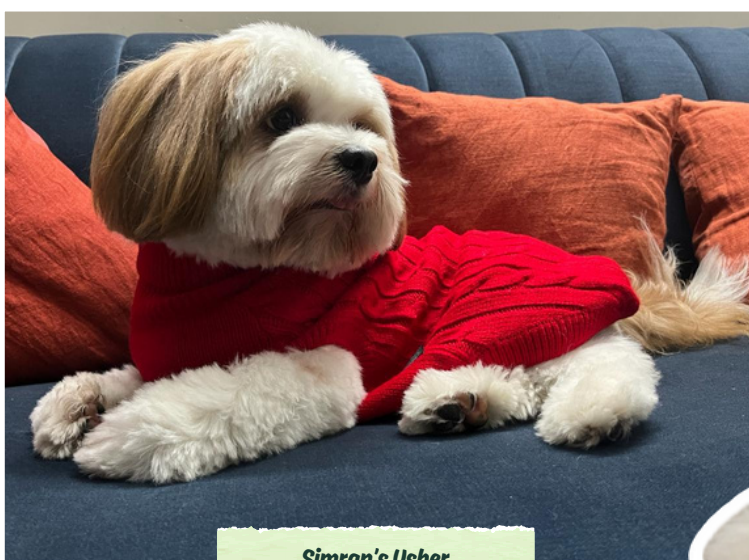
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Parijaat's Dog



Advaita's Caesar, Lalu and Mao



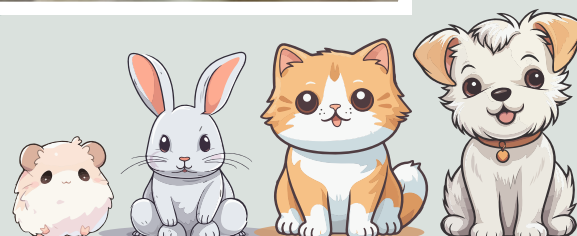
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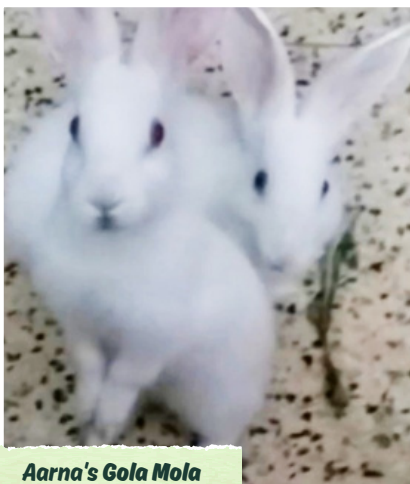
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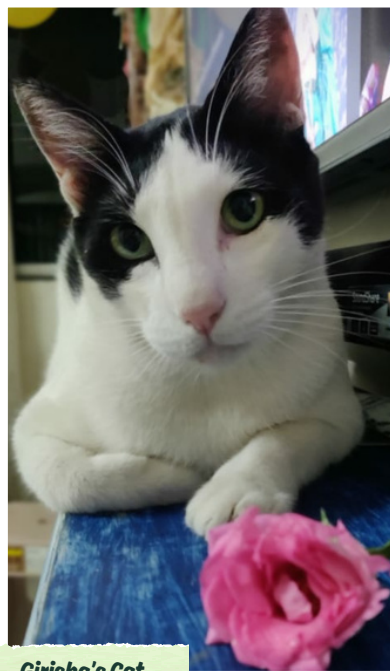
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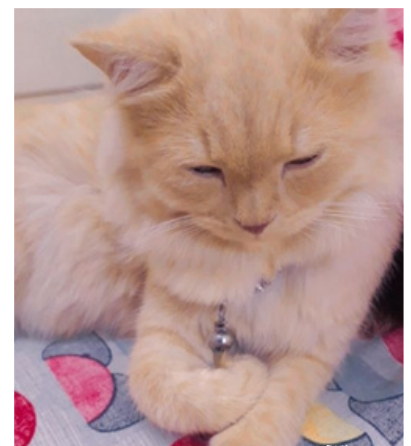
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Aarna's Gola Mola



Girisha's Cat



Afifah's Phoenix



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SUBMISSIONS

**“NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY, BUNNY, YOU WILL MISS OUT
ON SOMETHING IN LIFE, SO ENJOY WHERE YOU ARE.”**





AYUSHHI AGARWAL
XI-COMMERCE



PRAJNA AGARWAL
VIII(ii)



SHARANYA NANDY
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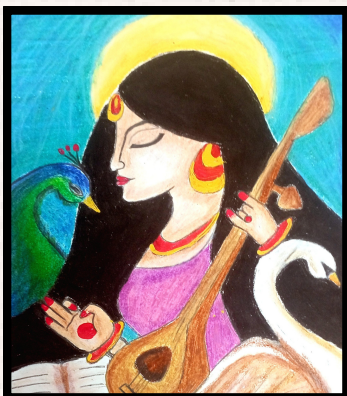
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What makes it
good or bad, and
who decides?”**

STROKES

SENIOR SCHOOL SUBMISSIONS



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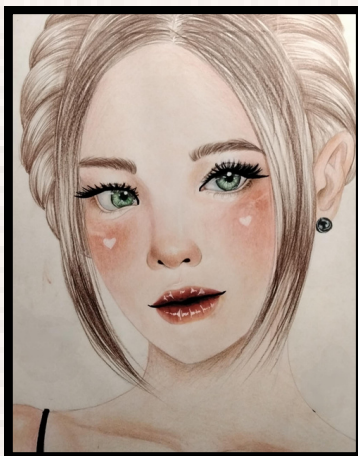
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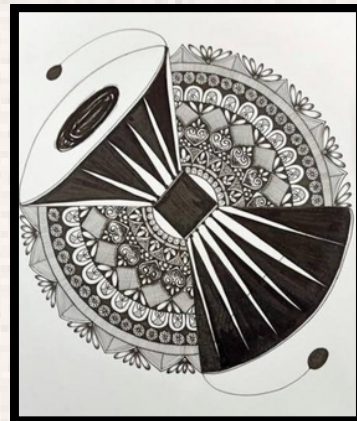
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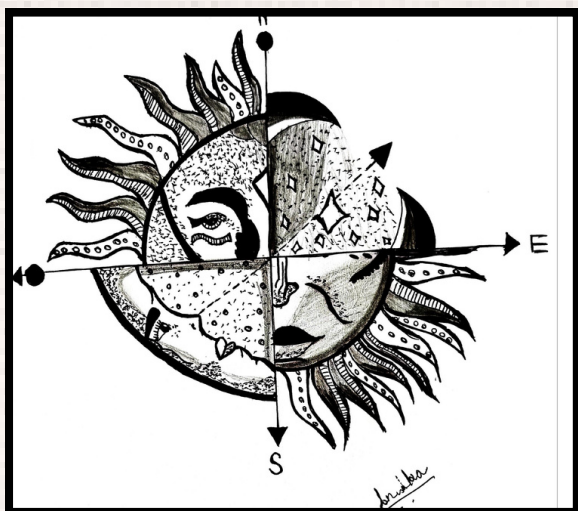
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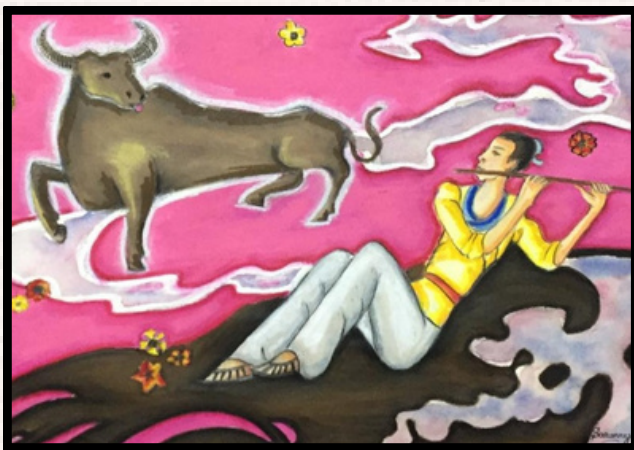
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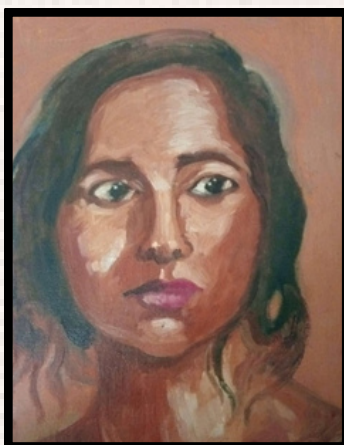
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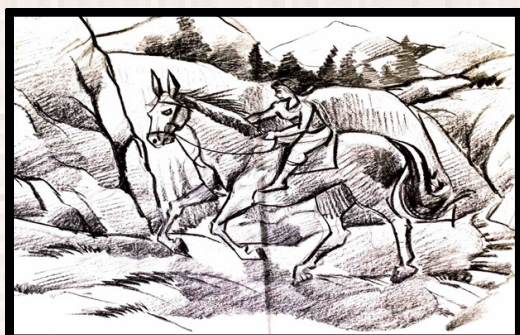
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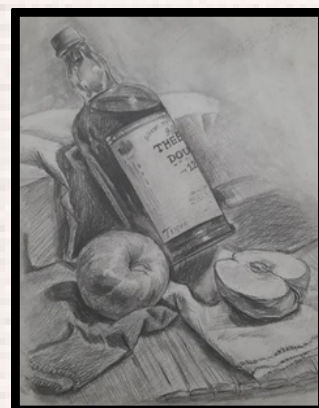
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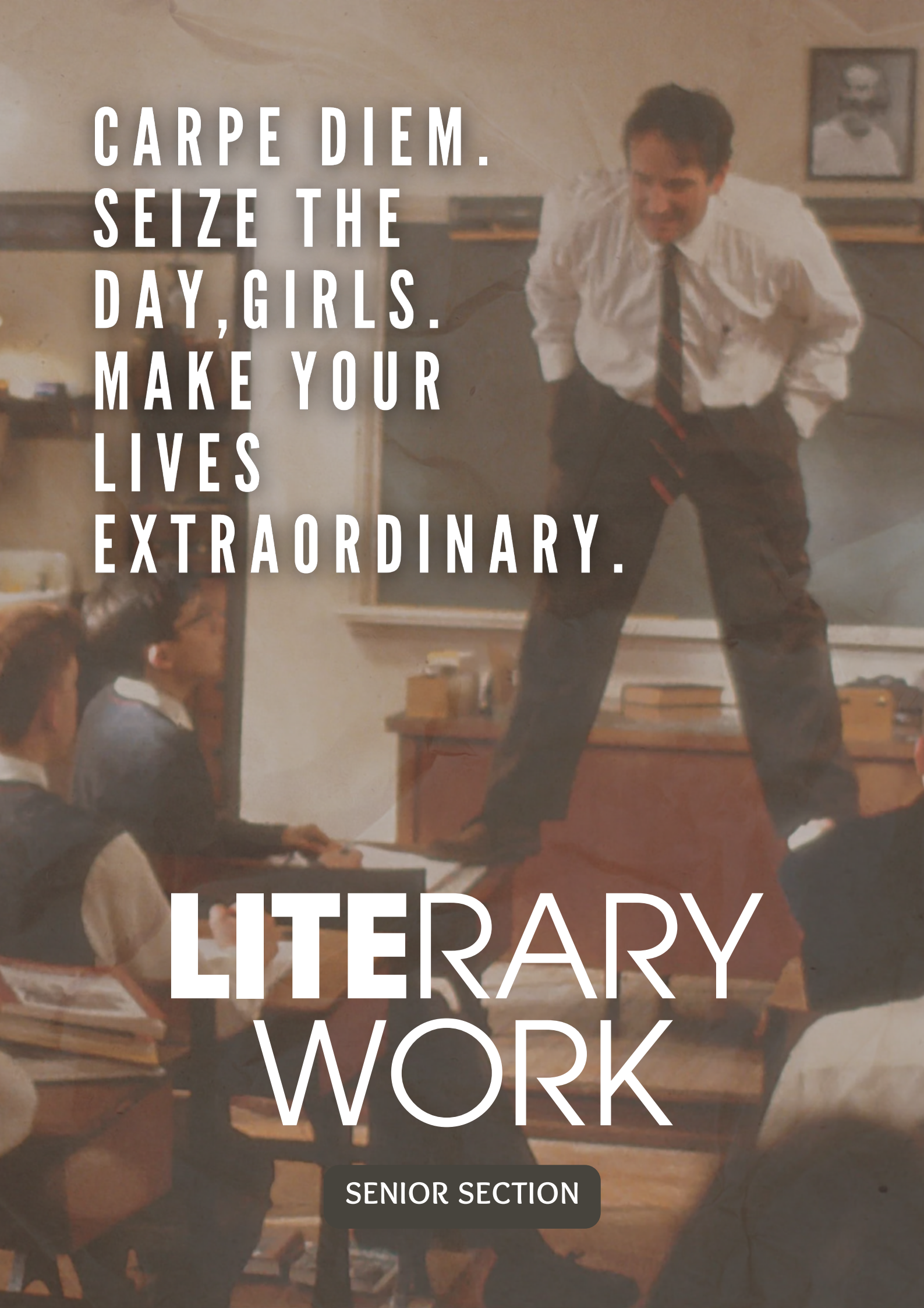
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CARPE DIEM.
SEIZE THE
DAY, GIRLS.
MAKE YOUR
LIVES
EXTRAORDINARY.

LITERARY WORK

SENIOR SECTION

Faith, Hope and Love

Faith is an angel in disguise,
Faith says, "Hope never dies."
Faith is the unattainable prize,
Faith is only for the wise.

Faith is a gift, but also a curse,
A little too trusting for better or worse,
Faith will connect the soul to the mind,
Closing the seeing eye, turning it blind.

Hope resides in an innocent heart,
A crafty betrayer, it plays its part,
Assures you of a beautiful paradise,
A hint of malice underlying its voice.

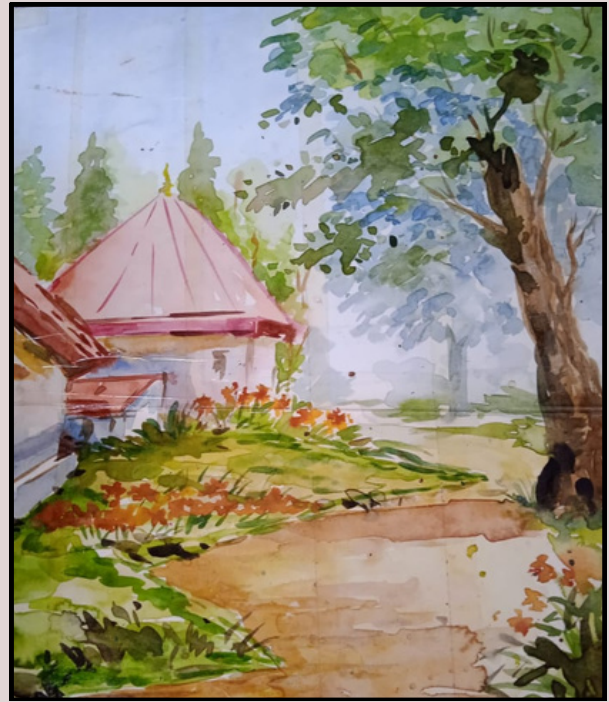
Love deceives all, even the learned,
A twisted emotion, difficult to discern,
Was it love or infatuation?
Masked concern or manipulation?

Faith, Hope and Love went hand in hand,
But little by little their effort waned,
The world warped them into weapons of abuse,
Purposes lost, 'modernity' their excuse.

-Faith Rocha, 9(ii)



Arundhati Dasgupta XI-Science



Adrija Manna VIII (i)

exhausted mentally,
the girl started again gently.
focusing for just a few more hours;
felt like a nightmare,
to the girl behind the bars;
although not a jail, she felt like a prisoner-
trusted to be academically smarter.
the eternal stress of how her future might unfold;
the thought of it made her shiver in cold.

but after a flash of her seemingly alarming future,
she let out a sigh of how she felt; a failure!
the voice within spoke to her-
is this a life she'd want to remember?
another sigh left her mouth,
with the tears that held a lot of doubt.
she didn't believe in crying her way through life
but then again who was she to decide?

her mind cluttered with disappointed faces
was this it, or was it only one of those
phases?
dreams so high but qualities so low,
no topper, no artist;
how far could she grow?

-Pranjal Surana XI-Commerce

The Search for a Perfect Nose

"What I loved most about her was her nose. Not because of its sharp curves that drew gentle shadows on the slopes of her cheeks, but because her nose was everything mine was not "

Her nose was not like mine, round and small with a nose-bridge that lacked contours, almost as if it were imitating its owner. An owner who lacks contours to her personality the way a man-made pond does- superficial with no signs of depth and maturity. An owner, who decides to gauge each and every conversation with the precision of a surgeon, dissecting every sentence to analyse a million hidden meanings, each meaning like a self inflicted incision straight into her soul. An owner who, on staring at the mirror for hours on end, fails to find her reflection. After all, the pair of eyes that stare back at her hold just one of the hundred odd personas that she has built for herself- each one tailor-made to meet the approval and expectations of every single person she's ever spoken to. A constant fear lurks at the back of her mind, that people may recognise her true self and realise that maybe she's just not worth their time.

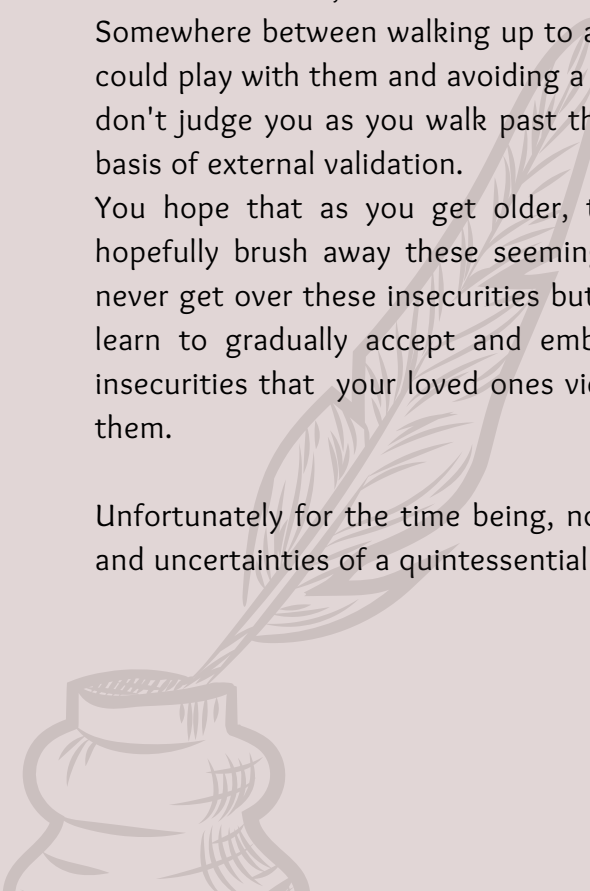
'Imposter Syndrome' , some call it. A persistent fear that one does not belong, no matter where one is. A fear that encompasses her whole life, each encounter being replayed in her mind, analysing where she could have worded her opinion differently, whether she should have smiled with a little more teeth to show her active interest or whether she should have added a point to show the others that she too knew as much as they did about the subject of conversation. After all, if those random individuals who had known her for all of five minutes did not 'like' her, then who was she to like herself?

Somewhere between walking up to a bunch of girls your age at the playground, asking if you could play with them and avoiding a group of similarly aged girls at the mall hoping that they don't judge you as you walk past them, you grew up by determining your self-worth on the basis of external validation.

You hope that as you get older, the new facets of maturity that each year brings will hopefully brush away these seemingly mammoth worries out of your mind. Perhaps you'll never get over these insecurities but you can only hope that you learn to live with them and learn to gradually accept and embrace them, for unbeknownst to you, it is these very insecurities that your loved ones view as the little idiosyncrasies that make you precious to them.

Unfortunately for the time being, none our age can escape the claws of the cliched worries and uncertainties of a quintessential teenager.

- Srijoni Nandi
XII-Humanities





Khushi Mohta VII (ii)

Vivid Stranger

Eyes talk? Heard they do
 Knew that it was a lie until I first saw you
 Or maybe the last time too.
 I still remember that dawn,
 It was right after Christmas was gone
 From a distant your eye did catch mine
 Beautiful they were in bright light
 Your pale white face made it more bright
 Never will I know how beautiful your face was
 No chance did I get to look away from your eyes
 And I don't regret cause yours were the prettiest eyes i
 had ever seen
 Damn those eyes! They smiled.
 There was a storm in my heart, but your eyes?
 They were the calmness after a storm
 A soft breeze after the thunderstorm gone
 Something too unreal to be real.
 That smile of yours, before our eyes bid goodbye
 A silent one again. The one that shouted "DON'T"
 The one in which our eyebrows frowned
 But now we smiled! And not only with our eyes this
 time
 I still hope we meet again Although I know we won't
 But hope is all that keeps us alive and kill us too isn't?
 So I hope the world makes enough revolution to circle
 us,
 vivid strangers back to that December evening again.

-Rupsha Ghosh XI-Commerce

Our Earth

It's just one piece of plastic

They said "It's just one piece of plastic,
 Trash, waste and some elastic.

It's just one banana peel,
 Not throwing it won't cause the Earth to heal."

They said "Oh but it's not 'just one dollar',
 It's value could be understood only by a scholar."
 It is only a few pieces of paper that has the power to
 turn the world against each other,
 Against their loved ones, their sisters and mother.

They said "Burn down this field, we are going to build
 a city here now",

But what will happen when there are no fields with
 no food to devour.

We can't eat gold or paper,
 Then of what use would be this sky scraper.

When will we realise that it's not sharks, spiders or
 ghosts that are lethal,
 "It's just one piece of plastic" said 8 billion people.

-Nandika Agarwal 9(i)



Arshia Shaw VIII (ii)



Fedora Kolentine VII (ii)

Hollow

Hollow like the people I wine and dine with
 Hollow like the people I speak to at night with
 Hollow like a vase waiting to be dropped
 Hollow like a bubble waiting to be popped
 Hollow like envy
 Beliefs contrary.
 Hollow like a soul seeking to be filled.
 Hollow like false hope waiting to be killed
 In the sinkhole of my soul, a hollowness
 resides,
 An empty vessel, where emotions often hide.
 Hollow like a house, yearning to be a home,
 Hollow like a cemetery, where the lost roam.
 Hollow like dark nights,
 where stars lose their light.
 Hollow like a selfish prayer, waiting to be
 heard.
 Hollow like a cage, waiting for a bird.

- Ruhika Sharma 9(ii)



Girl

She was born perfect and had everything she needed
 within her,
 But the world taught her she was incomplete. She
 never existed.
 Behind the curtains is where she belonged,
 Even though tearing through the curtains is all she
 longed. Worth?
 She was a worthless creature,
 Told her very own mother, 'Look at your feature.
 Success is something she wanted to gain, But all she
 got was pain.
 Alone she stood in the rain.
 Tears crawling down her eyes.
 She shouted 'I want freedom!' with all her might.
 God asked 'Are you ready to fight?'
 She said 'Anything for freedom'
 God replied "Then tell the people who hold you back,
 If you were born with weakness which made you fall,
 You have the strenght to rise strong and tall.
 Learn to think with wisdom and not emotion.
 Literate the illiterate who know nothing but mere
 illusion,
 Because a strong nation needs educated men and
 women in combination"

-Kaushiki Goswami 8(i)

Breathing in the Storm

Only when I was drowning, Was I able to breathe.
 My smiles blinded the room, Only when I could
 bleed.
 I have been asked,
 I have been fine, The depth of the water are my eyes
 With their brilliant shine. Spring never comes, So I
 hold onto monsoon as if it were a shrug, The flowers
 suffocate, But I seek warmth in the flood.
 It's as if the furnace was drowning, Oh the wonderful
 crystals of water- As if the clouds' thunder shrieked,
 "Don't trick yourself to be a fighter!" Sometimes
 being drenched in grey,
 Is more luminous than the golden sunlight,
 Sometimes drowning in an ocean,
 Is the bravest fight.

- Shinjini Bandyopadhyay 8(i)

Assault

She was dancing in the rain,
Pirouetting, twirling
Not having an ounce of premonition,
About her foreboding night of pain.

The rain drops clasped her with its clammy
hands,
The night sky singing it's melody,
Not knowing that after tonight,
Her dignity will be buried in the sands.

An unfamiliar hand clasped her hair
Another closed on her mouth.
She tried to break free and shout,
Indifferent to her frantic cries, the man did
not care.

Her eyes were bloodshot,
Body inextricably in pain,
She had hot tears running down her face,
Her conscience shook, distraught.

She saw the wicked pleasure in the man's
eyes,
Running away would be fraught with danger.
'No!' She screamed
Till her voice went silent from the cries.

After the cruel infinity,
She was spurned and kicked out
The gross touch still lingered
Like an incurable malady.

Nobody could pull her back from the brink
The brink of madness,
Into the destructive realm
She felt herself sink.

She became a rusty old picture,
Forgettable and stacked away in a corner,
For the vicious society
Gave her family a stamp of dishonour.

'Tis not the story of one but many,
Who bear the brunt of other's crimes.
Can proper justice not be served
To bring them out of this illusion of infamy?

- Sharanya De 8(ii)

Return To Dust

Yi Nian Bridge, an instant, who becomes
immortal again?
The remaining clouds are swept by the wind,
for how many years?

I write with longing, but my poem is
unfinished
I ask, on which end of the world are you?
The moments sealed off, the connection
broken
Grudges are buried in the coffin, rising to the
ninth heaven.

Yet I refuse to heed the warnings,
Still devoted to you, with nowhere to seek
signs
I've been waiting for thousands of years.

When the wind rises, feelings melancholic,
Raindrops add to the passage of time,
Who can judge who?
Facing my destiny, I don't resist,
The hatred of many lifetimes, should let go.
Earthly ties haunt like shadows, vows have
dried in the wind
How to explain eternal loyalty unto death?

Life, like falling leaves, is ours
Eventually, we all will return to dust, so don't
wait,
In dreams, I gaze at the old city, don't ask
anymore, don't follow,
Love and hate are all fate.

The feast of life and death, who owes whom,
Don't argue about gratitude and resentment.
Life, like falling leaves, is ours
Eventually, we all will return to dust without
a trace.

Not letting this story fade out, alone.
Walking the world against the current, for
the rest of my life.

-Arundhati Dasgupta XI-Science

Beauty

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and it's just something I can't see. I see the problems when I get up in the morning."

-Audrey Hepburn

She had never seen her face in the mirror. The doctors had declared her blind at birth. Her oldest memory is her mother asking her when hugging, "Do you think I've gotten too fat, baby?" She never learned how to answer that question quite right. To her, mom was always mom. How could she be too much or too little of anything? In high school, her mom did her makeup for the boys to think she was pretty. So that she'd make many friends. Being beautiful was survival. It was a part of her body that she couldn't ever understand, like a twin you never had. Too close and too alien.

Her friends told her it were such a shame she couldn't see her pretty face in front of the bathroom mirror, her leaning on a wall. They fixed their makeup after every gym class. I wish my eyes were bigger, skin was clearer, hips were smaller, I hope those jeans would fit me... Maybe she wouldn't be that beautiful if she saw herself.

When she was a little girl, she had this nightmare every day. One day she'd start seeing and nobody would be pretty anymore. To her people only came in the shape of love. Now that she was older, she had a new nightmare. One day, she'd start seeing and everybody would be beautiful while convincing themselves they weren't. Everyone would be beautiful except herself.

She was sitting on her mother's bed, mom looking at the mirror and talking.

"Don't you think you've gotten fat, baby?"

Then they just kept coming.

"Maybe you should let me do your makeup before you leave..."

"You'd be prettier with a smaller nose."

"I'm saying this for your own good, baby, but you're not taking care of yourself. Nobody will like you if you become ugly."

She heard it often. In whispers, in pity, in concern.

She didn't ask her mother if she doesn't love her anymore. She was scared of the answer. Once, she was happy. And then what happened? She could feel that twin's hands on her throat, slowly taking over her body like an obsession. An alien voice saying 'you'd never be me'.

But then she bought a new pair of headphones.

- Kojagori Bhattacharyya XI-Humanities



Simmar Kaur Batth VI (i)



Shania Alexander XI-Humanities

Wildflower Meadows

I wanted to buy her flowers, she told me that she liked wildflowers instead. It suited her though, among the numerous meadows I had chanced upon, she was like a meadow of wildflowers, the beauty in her own tangled, mismatched life. Some might want to throw her, who would want to have a bouquet of something so wild, unmanaged, unbred. Not me, I loved her like that, she was a beautiful mess.

I still asked her what she saw in those flowers. As the sun turned her brown eyes into caramel and filtered through her messy, curly hair, she smiled brightly and said, "I love how it stands out in the corner of some untouched place. How it grows and grows in its own most natural way. How despite them not being roses, lilies, tulips or daffodils, these untouched beings teach us more than these well bred flowers ever will. Our world is like a meadow of wildflowers don't you think? The beauty and creation of stars, moon, universe, you and me, all brought together by the chaos of one big bang."

- Ashna Raj XI-Science



Maria Rishona Gomes XII-Humanities

The Pandora's Box of Cinema

An often heated debate has been one between responsible cinema and freedom of creative enterprise. In the last year, having discovered myself to be a thorough and complete movie buff, I find myself often judging the current selection of films and their portrayals of men and women. Cinema is a powerful and immersive art form which could impact the way one thinks, feels and behaves within rational constraints. So one wonders if this opens up Pandora's box on the morality of cinematic characters and whether filmmakers and members of the film fraternity are accountable for the art they create. In fact, social media has rapidly become the judge, jury and executioner on such discourse and more often than not catapults one to stardom and equally quickly, reduces one to ground dust. In this world of intense consumerism and competitive marketing, I still find my solace in the nostalgia of a bygone (perhaps simpler) era of cinema whose songs, lines and words are entwined with one's conscience.

- Umika Panda XII-Humanities

Icarus fell.

In the desolation of human nature, you choose to love,
You choose to surrender to vulnerability and hope it doesn't
destroy you,
You become the sum of your goodness, fleeting and flimsy,
You learn to cherish and you learn to accept the loss of
solidarity.

In the desolation of human nature, you choose another,
You choose familiarity and strangulating monotony,
You become everything you can never be,
You become an illusion to your own self.

In the desolation of human nature, you choose to forgive,
You choose to lose the part of yourself that was
unabashedly yours,
You become a classic fable, of love that was lost and never
won,
You learn to live in death and finality.

In the desolation of human nature, you choose to fly,
Too close to the sun, because that is the luminous legacy of
your love,
You choose to submit to your stupidity and naivety,
Your wings melt, and you succumb.

You were the greatest of the people, you were the greatest
of the fables,
But even Icarus fell, the golden child of ambition,
You are merely human; your love was your glorious demise.
And so, you drowned.

- Prapti Banerjee XI-Humanities



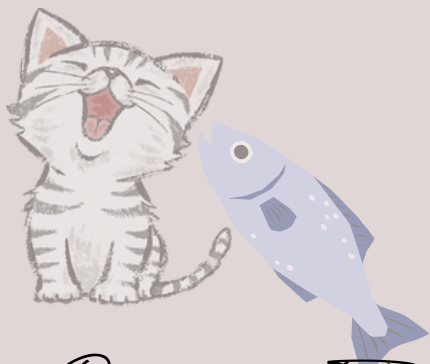
Akshita Keziah Brett VIII (i)



Home

It feels just like yesterday,
Like that monday when i entered that building for
the first time,
Twelve years went by,
Those chairs, desks, fans, lights, all remained the
same,
Ha ha! Twelve years went by but only I changed,
I have almost finished my school life,
With a mind full of knowledge and memories,
A new chapter beginning,
Another adventure to start,
I may not be back to that building again in that
same white uniform,
With all my friends I have started my journey with,
But that's where i really belong
My second home, Loreto House School

- Palakshi Bhattacharya X(ii)



Dictators and Fish

The Great Leap Forward (I)

The cats outside mew in hunger,
She has just eaten her food.

Mao sits atop the microwave,
The bowl of fish is in my hand,
She leaps forward to—
Splat! The bowl is broken.

Cat Prison (II)

Lalu needs to take a trip to the vet,
He has been vomiting all day.

He needs to travel in a cage,
I lure him in with the fish.
The bowl of fish is in my hand,
The cage is no match for Lalu.

Brutus the Betrayer (III)

Caesar's feeder is rimmed,
with laurel wreaths.

Thrice I present the bowl to Caesar
And thrice he refuses to eat the fish.
The bowl of fish is in my hand,
Lalu the Betrayer, he's eaten the fish.

I reign supreme (IV)

My bed invaded by the mighty Romans,
Potted plants broken by the CCP,
Lalu scams his way to find more treats,
They reign supreme in every battle.

But for as long as the bowl of fish is
in my hand, I lord over them again.

- Advaita Rebecca Sengupta XI-Science

An Ode to the Night

Oh sweet embrace of quiet smiles,
Of roaring silence and fallen whales.
Oh, my dear friend,
How lovely of you to come again.

The day's been tough, I'll admit.
Can't say its been idyllic.
I might have lost my way again,
But I found you instead.

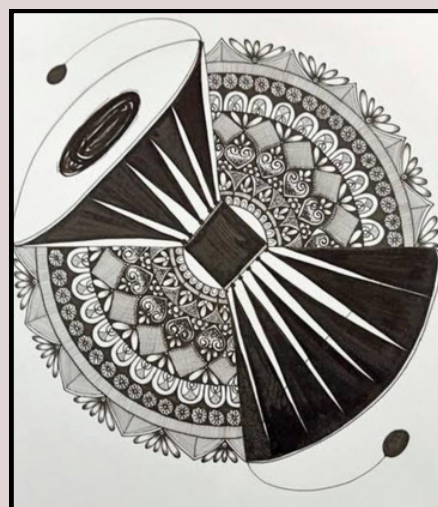
So, take me into your hands
Let me walk the calming sands.
Let me gaze on the broken face
Of your crowning jewel, my friend.

Tell me of your sorrows,
Tell me of your plights,
Oh beautiful holder,
Of the twinkling nights.

Your words paint a thousand pictures,
Your touch is like a broken mirror.
You pierce through my shell,
To my shadowed haunted self.

Your magic holds me captive,
Till the break of dawn.
And your comfort's gone.
Lost to the peals of the morning gong.

- Krittika Mukherjee 8(i)



Tanya Agarwal VI (ii)

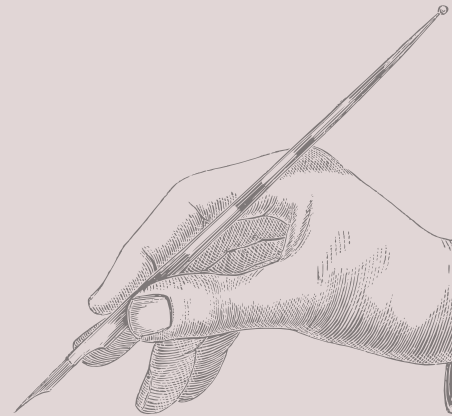
A Tale Of A Broken Marriage

Yet another night spent sitting by the window sill,
Fighting yet another battle of will.
The despair clogging up my throat so tight,
It makes speaking though my tears a fight.
The crickets cry a tune of dismay,
The moon sits by me, forlorn by the agonizing display,
Of my husband's eternal love for me,
Of the vows that he so sincerely whispered to me.
His absence keeps me company every night,
His lingering possessions- oh! What a sorry sight.
His smell envelopes me in a warm cocoon,
And yet, his side of the bed remains so cold and full of gloom.
Doubt creeps around my veins like a vice,
Insecurity? In defeat she cries.
I wonder if I couldn't keep him to me?
If my being refused to set him free?
Is that why he keeps running away?
To avoid facing me and my pathetic lover's display?

Desperation claws up my chest anew,
Treading through my nerves hastily, its disposition all askew.
It turns my heart so delightfully cold,
Into a stone that refuses to fold.
Indifference does not hurt too much,
At least, it prevents the stupid lurch
Of pain, of sadness, of agony,
From creeping into my heart in a renewed act of felony.
Is this how marriages fall apart?
Just two entwined souls yearning to part,
From the ties of loyalty and commitment,
From the cages of love and sentiment.

Oh, but where do I hide the pain simmering in the pools of my eyes?
How do I protect my heart from insincere promises and lies?
How do I protect my heart,
From falling down a bottomless pit of darkness and hurt?
How do I ensure, I do not need a hand to hold mine forever?

Because, new hope gradually blooms from the spite and pain,
Oh... what if I fall in love again?



Creative Writing Entries

Class 10 and 12

Umika Panda - XII Humanities

A prisoner's diary entry on 15.08.1946.

The morning has been rather slow as I feared it would be. The "sahab" was gracious enough to pass me a local edition of the "Tribune" along with some dry chapati and raw onion. Perhaps, even they know that their time has come to an end. The news of "Direct Action Day" was splashed across the pages and a rather provocative photograph of Jinnah had been published, challenging the "sahab" and the Congress alike. I didn't know whose side to take; whether to be called a Congress patriot or a true Muslim. Regardless of which side I choose, I am now a part of this tide of revolution and I will no longer sit by the sea as it comes. But I never thought I would be. After all, my life has been contained to 'Smith Sahab's white bungalow on the outskirts of Sonmarg. It's 8:30 am I wonder if Sahab has eaten his breakfast; Madam must have gone down to the garden to laze in the sun and read. What have I done ? I could have been there instead. So what if Sahab was calling us 'bloody dogs' in the midst of his own friends ? He wasn't calling me one. But then again he pointed in my direction in his drunken stupor. Sahab did love his drink. He even drank in front of his children, sometimes beat them. My back still aches from the whip belts I had to endure to protect the girls. But he still called me a 'bloody dog and regrettably Indian'. He didn't even spend a moment in contemplation or display the slightest sign of hesitation, before accusing me of making advances towards Madam and the girls. Sahab knows that this would coerce the 'hawaldar' into believing him, otherwise these days they are suspicious of the 'goras'. The hawaldar did not handcuff me or tie my hands with rope. Perhaps, he knew I was innocent; not a criminal or a pervert but a patriot. My crime had only been to object to being called a 'bloody dog'. Actually, maybe I'm better off suffering in dignity in the jail. My clothes have been giving off a peculiar stink and the window is shut all the time. I can't hear the clarion calls or the protests of sticks and stones. But in hindsight, I felt just as much as a warrior and a patriot as those who stand outside these walls. My revolution is small but my dream is big, the dream of every 'bloody dog'-freedom. I can hear the tides of freedom rapidly hitting against the shore and I am no longer sitting by the beach. Zahir sent a telegram the other day. I managed to open it secretly before the Smith's morning breakfast. They don't appreciate my telegrams arriving at the residence. Anyway, the telegram made it clear. She's moving to Pakistan if we are partitioned. Her parents are staying in Allahabad but she doesn't wish to stay with them. I think she has been swept up into this religious debate and now finds herself ideologically aligned with Jinnah. I don't want to judge her. She was always more devout than I was. I was consoled by the fact that our engagement did not break down due to any other reason but only because our hearts beat differently and our minds chose consciously. Her heart will lead her to Pakistan and mine will reside with me in Sonmarg forever. Perhaps this sacrifice of love is life's way of testing me and I accept this test. I accept this test because I know I will remember her while I wait by the beach after I swim in revolution's tide. In the meantime, let me finish reading this newspaper and eat that godforsaken chapati. The warden will come in a while to remind us of our 'miserable existence' but I know that the 'bloody dogs' won't be here for long. You see, I can hear the tide of revolution about to hit the beach.

Kamran Ahmed 15/08/1946

Srijoni Nandi - XII Humanities

Dear diary it is the 50th day that I have spend in my present cell. I've lived in this cell for more than months now, and yet, my mind lurches away from home calling it "home". My heart seems to be heavier than usual. After all which father is sentence to spending his daughter's birthday away from her, with not even the sliver of a chance to hold her in my arms.

My days in the cell have slowly transitioned from determined effort to staying optimistic to the persisting agony of being stuck in a mindless limbo. Everyday the guard standing in front of my cell tries to strike small conversations, mockingly asking if I regret committing the crime. I refuse to answer out loud but my heart aches as it tries to scream about the unfairness of it all. My body maybe functioning mechanically, completing the tasks that are given to me to do, but I know that inside me lies the rage and pain of a man who's family was wronged. A man who no matter the amount of casual mockery or court punishments that befalls him, would rather sell his soul than feel sorry for killing the Monster that change the trajectory of his daughter's life. I see other prison mates during lunch time, all shuffling into rooms in strict and harsh lines. They too have no remorse inside them but I know I am different. The distinction lies in the fact that some of these men are no better than the one I had killed, maybe even worse while I was just a man who had to bear with the undescrivable agony of watching his loved ones in pain.

Every night when I shut my eyes to go off to sleep my mind chooses between two memories swimming in front of my eyes, either lies the vision of my daughter the day had happened or the vision of the man lying in a pool of blood, dead the moment the hammer in my hand struck his head.

Every single time having to release seeing the broken expression that was cruelly pointed on her face is infinitely worse than any vision of the crime that I absolutely had to commit. At least 2 months have passed since the night my daughter return home with the light extinguished from her eyes and her favourite pink dress turn into pieces. My first reaction on seeing her look so broken was to feel panic. Pure panic, I knew that my vibrant, spitfire daughter would rather die than live without her unapologetic authenticity. Yet somehow, there seem to be no trace of this authenticity behind the dullness in her eyes and I instinctively knew that I would go to any length to take revenge the one who was the reason for it.

After finally getting her shaking little hands to hold up a cup of water for her to drink and coaxing her to tell my wife and I as to what had happened, she managed to crooked out in broken phrases the words that are very parents darkest fears. In a pain of whispers a voice I had never known my outgoing daughter would use, she spoke about the strange man at the mall who was staring at her friends and her while they were walking around. She spoke about how the man still seem to be present when she wished her friends goodbye to walk back home, 3 hours later. She spoke about the uneasy feeling that she felt when she was being followed. She tried to look around her and catch whoever it was trying to scare her so late at night. She spoke about the sudden hand that grabbed her hair and the brute force with which she was push into the narrow alley by the road. She spoke, spoke and spoke till at defeating silence. My eyes seemed to only be able to track the scratches on her face, each mark that was edge on to her skin every time she had screamed out in pain, every time she had said "No" till she could not anymore. She sat there curled up into a frightening ball in our living room couch while her mother and I tried to frantically to hold her, to comfort her. To tell her that it will be fine , when it seemed to be the furthest thing from the reality.

Two months have passed since then, and my wife and I are slowly relearning this version of our daughter. I think of my family as I complete the mundane task of the prison or stare at the blank walls. I think of how my daughter is slowly finding her new self. While I may not be physically present to see it first hand, I here her soft voice telling me about the new book that she bought or the rest on she wants to go to once I am released from the present. The darkest page in the chapter of our own family's book may have passed but the ink from then continues to bleed and stains the next pages. The rest of the books may ways carry the stain but I hold strong, hope that the burden of this memory will get lighter overtime. I catch traces of my daughter as the girl she was 2 months ago, fleeting seconds when she laughs out loudly or utters a giggle while telling me how her mother forgot to take her purse to the grocery store and had to walk back home to bring it again. These slight moments give me the hope that I desperately grab onto, but my mind can't help but notice that my daughter's eyes are still unbreakably dead.

I killed the man who killed the light out of my daughter's eyes.

My Lost Friends

The light glowing dimly in my dark room,
Perhaps the afternoon sun too.
That golden light that peeped through the window,
Where did it go? I really don't know.
The wind making my lips turn blue,
I was in love with winter.
The blue was all my heart knew.
The sky was grey and dull too
Something within me was buried, was lost
For my heart was the colour of the sky
The golden necklace my heart wore, broken
It hummed the melancholic tune of the wind
Happiness, my dear happiness,
You betrayed me, you left me numb
Showed me a piece of paradise.
I saw sunflowers hanging from the clouds,
And now, those sunflowers were ruined under Fate's evil feet.
I lost another friend too, her name was Hope.
She felt like sunshine on a cold winter's morning.
Burning my skin, making me smile.
For she stayed with me when my stars stopped shining,
And now, I don't even have a sky.
Happiness and hope, with their hands entwined, ran away
Pain took them I think, she was my enemy
But I think I should shake hands with pain
And have a cup of tea with her
While I cry tears that go unnoticed,
Only to bring Happiness and Hope back,
And when you are back, bring me a crown of flowers,
For my heart, that almost died,
And a golden necklace that you stole from her.



Samriddhi Jain - X (i)

She had given up, all the years she had somehow convinced herself that she could do this, she could survive but all the motivational quotes, all the crying and comforting herself in the bathroom, was all forgotten, as the voice kept calling her from the darkness, in soothing tones, calming her, reassuring her as a sales agent would do to a potential investor, convincing her to come to it, to cross the little line of life. "It is much beautiful here, no hunger, no sadness, no jealousy but freedom from all those naughty, bad, self discriminating thoughts" he whispered lowly, as if a secret was spilling from his mouth. It felt like gold in her ears. She had been depressed all these years, it was no secret, everyone could see the blocked out nervous look on her face, anytime ready to cry eyes, the quivering lip but somehow all these years she had put those thoughts to bed, shouting in her, screaming in the voice of her abusive mother, "You are pathetic, you cannot achieve anything and so on but today it felt like it was not one voice but thousands one on top of the other screaming at her to tell her how much of a disgrace she is, the scars on her body, some left by her mother, some by herself, glowed in pain as if one was speaking to the other, the pain in her body so much that she was writhing in her place. The only thing she could feel or hear among the chaotic mix of words and dashes of pain was that one voice still whispering to her calmly and pleasantly in contrast to the other screaming ones, "I can give you freedom". One thing she had always been good at no matter what was obeying instructions so that's what she did as she stood up from her bed to only fall back on the ground, the pain in her body searing up, somehow she crawled up to her bottle of antidepressants and gave into the voice in her head. It encouraged her, practically cheered her into it, chanting her names as she slowly chug down the entire bottle, one pill after another, each leaving a whitish powdery taste on her tongue, the last feeling she felt as she slipped into what felt like the voice wrapping itself around her, pulling her deep into its embrace as if trying to protect her from horrible past memories buried and burned in her head, as she was pulled away into darkness. As if from a dream, she woke up slowly. From the ground her skin had somehow become paler than before and her scars a bit faded, the screams and shoutings in her head were all but vanquished now, banished by that one voice which led her here, taking up its rightful throne in her head. So this is what it feels like to be dead, she wondered as she slowly flexed her muscles and fingers, her memories felt like hers no more but she felt as if she was viewing someone else's past experience. She no longer wanted to cry when she looked at them or pity herself, infact all she felt was an empty void of nothing. She felt free of all those burdens and thoughts society had imposed on her ready. For the first time in many, many years, she genuinely smiled as she thought how she no longer had to worry how she would pay the rent, or buy food or shelter herself from extreme cold. She was dead after all the world of the living meant nothing to her. She ran out of her room, to see people still going on with their work as usual as she skipped happily past all of them, poor, mere living people. "Why did I not do this before?" She questioned herself. The sky just looked a little more paler and the sun a shade darker, and she felt like she was the queen on the world as she happily went about picking up a flower from nearby and sticking it in someone else's hair. She was determined to make her time in this world of death, everything that her life as a mortal couldn't give her. Nobody noticed her as she went away as of course they couldn't see her and she would not have it any other way. She crossed the road without looking as she was already dead, who could kill her. She was ready to spend her time flocking about and reading books and what not but the voice that brought her to this beautiful land of joy, spoke again, "You need to avenge yourself" and she couldn't agree more. So she walked to the home of her "beloved" mother and all those nasty thoughts and scenes that she had created in her head, of how she would first sew her lips together, for all those things she said to her, cut her fingers off one by one for damaging her beautiful porcelain skin, gauge her eyes out for ever looking down on her and lastly rip her heart out for destroying hers. Her entry into this new world would be made pure by the blood of her evil abusive mother. She stomped the door down and barged right in, her bloodstain from not even few months ago glaring at her, as if challenging her. She rose up to that challenge, as she shattered one of those glasses of alcohol her 'mother' adored and went straight up to the monster and slit her throat, a light leaving her eyes slowly and surprise clouded her features. Having no repercussions she stabbed the bottle into her body repeatedly, not stopping to take a break, the squelching sound of flesh pleasant to her ears. She slowly rounded the broken shard of glass nicely twisting it in her dear mother's body. She wiped the blood falling of her drenching hands in it, the warm liquid, viscous as she stared at the deep, rich, red hush colour of flowing down her scars giving life to all, as all seemed to heal again.

She picked up that belt that her mother loved to adorn her face with and for a change bought it down on her mother's face as hard as possible, her eyes lit up as her mother tried to scream but the blood filling her mouth made the sound become nothing but gurgling. Faintly, she could hear another sound in the background but chose to ignore it as she was dead, why would she care and continued to bring her vivid nightmares to reality. Suddenly, she was shaken back as she felt someone holding her and putting handcuffs on her wrists, this time surprise clouding her features as she saw policemen holding her. Shouting, screaming "You can not take me to jail, I am dead" she tried to break free from their arms, wriggling with all her force, they could not do this to her. "You have cotards' syndrome", The man in the white coat in front of her stated. After many many times explaining her situation to the policemen they brought her here in front this man who told her this. "It's a mental condition in which you think you are dead but you are not" he explained. "That bottle of pills you claim to have swallowed only had 3 real pills and the rest were all sugar pills as your therapist feared you would do something like this. You were unconscious for two days after that. But you are alive right here, right now", he said as he put the stethoscope on her chest and made her listen to her faint but ongoing heartbeat. All the thoughts returned to her head, all her memories her again, her screams echoing in her head as she realised the situation. The voice in her head fading in its own darkness, the blanket of warmth it had wrapped around her, slowly falling off. The pain seared worse than ever as her scars seemed to pulse with hurt. The tears formed in her eyes and the residing throbbing pain in her body returned. The guilt of her past actions dawned upon her. Her stomach now grumbling empty since days, oh how beautiful it was to not know that any of this was real. How beautiful it was to live in the warm house of ignorance. "Ignorance is bliss", she wondered as she was thrown into the dark, black prison for the rest of her life, still in shock.

Abhishruti Ghosh - X (i).

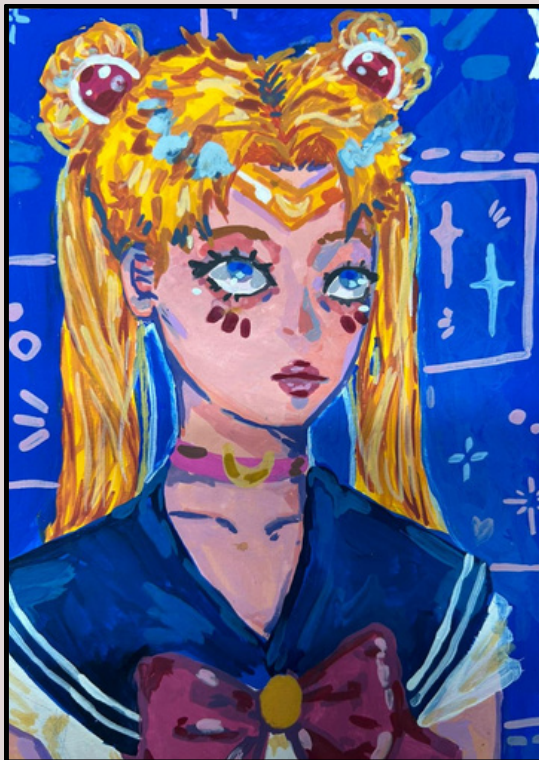
If Tomorrow Comes

If tomorrow comes I solemnly promise to myself to never ever disrespect William Shakespeare ever again...

Now, coming back to the present, let me explain the barbaric circumstances which led to this horrific oath as was mentioned earlier by me. Never did I imagine that my nightmares would perambulate around so trivial a fallacy that I would have to forgo my beloved mobile phone and take up the life of a digital ascetic! I was sitting on my bed this morning scrolling through the accounts and posts of my favourite influencers when suddenly my mother appeared like an apparition into the room and began snubbing, "Why did you stay hooked to your phone all the time?" "Well I was just looking through the posts of Miss Violet, she is such an admirable personality. Oh! You do not know how much I want to be like her." My mother grumbled, "I thought you admired Veronica and I am very sure that you said you admired Nastenka last Tuesday. Well, my dear you should stop wanting to be like someone else or you will end up like that suitor from the Merchant of Venice who is amalgamation of all different personalities but has no true identity of his own." After this wrathful scolding, she exited the room and asked me to get ready for school. I grudgingly asserted, got dressed and left for school. As soon as I got up on the school bus a score of children gasped and some gaped open-mouthed at me. I turned around to check myself in the driver's rear view mirror and lo and behold! I found myself staring at the image of Nastenka. Her chocolate brown hair curled so prettily about her neck. Just then I realised with a cold shiver that it was actually me! I screamed and ran down the bus. I was baffled, confused and scared. I ran as fast my legs could carry me and reached the park. I would have not stopped running had not my legs threatened to buckle under my weight and my knees shivered like the leaves of a tree when assaulted by gusts of wind. Slowly, my breathing grew normal and my mind cleared a little to think prudently. "Is this possible? Can I really lose my personality and become a no one if my individuality is wavered according to the whims of my mind which is always admiring the virtues, values and personality of another individual without trying to build up my own character?", I wondered. Then to check whether whatever was happening was real I peered into the puddle of water nearby formed by the heavy shower yesterday. I thought I had been scared before, oh! How wrong I was! The next scene sent my brain straight into emergency mode. Now, instead of wavy chocolate brown hair and cherry red lips, I encountered a beautiful dark haired, olive skinned young woman, no more than twenty three years of age.

"Veronica!", I thought with a mixture of sorrow and fear. I was petrified. I felt like I was hallucinating. Distraught, I thought of the only person who could help me out of my terrible misery. I felt out of place in the body of a Hebe who looked and talked nothing like me. That was the moment when I realised that had I been content in being who I am and not emulated other people with such mad adulation, perhaps my fate would have been happier. I headed homewards. Just then, I saw my newfound heroine, "Miss Violet?!", I exclaimed. She was walking down the street in designer clothes and shoes which by the very look of it I knew I could not afford. I thought of going to talk to her but an afterthought stopped me, I saw my reflection in the shop window and sure enough my visage was the exact same replica of Miss Violet. I knew better than to go and meet her as her own doppelganger and give her a wild scare. Just then, I saw a small hungry puppy trotting up to her and looking longingly at the sweet bread she carried. Horrified and disgusted I witnessed the scene as Miss Violet cruelly and thoughtless kicked the homeless pup aside and carried on, I had some food for thought. The people that we see and follow online or on social media, are they really such people in real life as they claim to be on screen? I felt bad for the puppy. I went to him, knelt and picked him up. I decided to adopt the poor fog and take care of him. As I neared home, my problem seemed tiny in front of the patient love and sweet gratitude that the little puppy exhibited towards me.

I rang the doorbell and noticed in its reflection that my original self was back along with my newfound sense of individuality. My mother opened the door and asked me why I was not at school. I promised her an explanation and entered the restroom to wash up myself and the dog and the dog's thousand watt bony smile lighted up my day and I was sure if, no, when tomorrow comes, it will be a better day with a new me...



Shania Alexander XI-Humanities



Annika Goswami VII (i)

Dreams – A Journey through the Night

Dreams – something so pure,
One cannot be sure.
The next day what they had seen,
The tales of fantasy, where they had been!

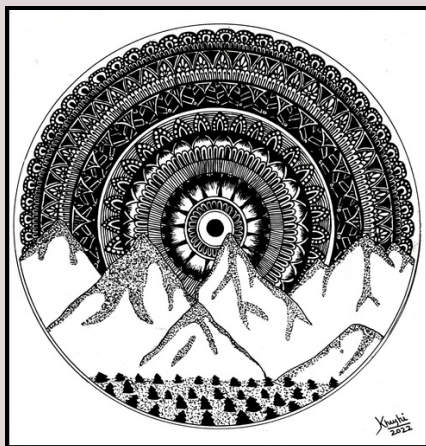
Both good and bad,
Some that people might consider mad.
They keep our body and mind at peace,
As long as you don't hear me screech.

Nightmares, bliss, solitude, adventure,
And any place you'd like to venture.
Witches vagabonds, knights, frogs,
You can be anything, even a dog.

Dreams, keep you alive at night,
The bulb of the mind shining so bright!
It sparkles and shines till morn,
Since the day you were born.

The moonlit night that showed its beauty,
While inside the house lay little Spritley.
She had a smile so big,
While the man outside stepped on a twig.

In such complete silence,
The sound echoed, which was no less than a crime.
Who was this man?
Why did he do so? Did he have a plan?



Khushi Mohta VII (ii)



Abigail Gomes VIII (i)

Little Spritley, unaware of his doing,
Since, in her mind something else was brewing.
Like snow in the Antipodes,
Like stars beyond the Milky Way!

Her mind at ease,
No one knew what she dreamt of!
Of faraway land,
Or a creature from the wizarding world.

A snowstorm is here!
Oh no! Spritley's dreams about to disappear.
The thing that gave her joy,
Now made her shiver!

What had happened so soon?
Where is the magic of the moon?
The sun has risen, it's time,
No time to make worlds rhyme!

From a big smile to now a shrill screech,
A nightmare appears in the reach!
With a loud gasp did, Spritley wake,
So dear dreams, it's time to hit the brakes.

SENIOR SECTION

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