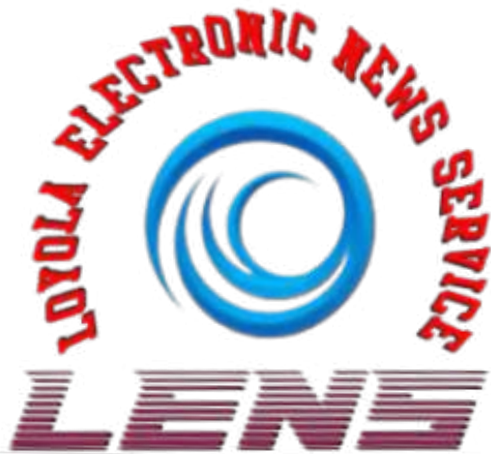


*Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year*



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## From the Principal's Desk...

Our charity drives have been a great success due to the generosity of PTA members. We bought 4 cents of land for Rs. 6 lakhs and gave it to one of our ayahs who has no house of her own. Hopefully, she will get support from the civil authorities for constructing a house. Parents contributed Rs. 70000 and the management contributed Rs. 530000 for buying the land. For the 'Loaf of Love' programme PTA contributed Rs. 292702 and the school management gave Rs.200000. We donated Rs. 3 lakhs to Regional Cancer Centre for helping the



poor patients. We donated study materials worth Rs. 31165 to Jayamatha orphanage. We bought and supplied 40 foam mattresses, pillows and bedsheets for the patients of Karunya Vishranti Bhavan. We donated Rs. 15000 for meeting the food expenses for one day at Assisi Nikethan. Several parents contributed materials like food items, bed sheets, and materials for keeping the Covid protocols. We have given those items also to the above institutions. I am glad that students, teachers and parents were part of the teams that went to each of the above institutions. Thank you parents, students and teachers for your generosity. What impressed me most was the contagious effect of these charity drives because some of those who participated decided to help the poor on their own.

On 6th December, the foundation stone for the Diamond Jubilee building was laid. The PTA and LOBA members were present for the function. I am hoping that we can have a state-of-the-art Junior School at Loyola.

The NCC contingent at Loyola School organised a special programme on 13 December to pay homage to the armed forces personnel who lost their lives in the IAF helicopter crash in Coonoor on 8 December.

The inauguration of the cricket pitches is being planned for 19th February, 2022. The 1982 batch of alumni has contributed Rs.250000 towards constructing a pitch in honour of the late B. Sreenivas of 1982 batch. 1982 batch is planning 40th reunion after passing out of Loyola on 19th Feb. I hope more and more alumni will come back to the school in the near future.

Holiday season is approaching. Board exams and 2nd terminal exams are going on now. I wish all the best to our students.

**Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J**

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE UPCOMING

# CAREER GUIDANCE SESSION 11: INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF FINANCE



MEET OUR PANEL

EXPLORE

Career Guidance Session 11: Introduction to the World of Finance



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The session is on January 15, 2022 at 6:45 PM IST on MS Teams

MS Teams Link: <http://tiny.cc/15JanLOBA>

You may send in questions for the panelists to [exploreloba@gmail.com](mailto:exploreloba@gmail.com)



# FOUNDATION STONE LAYING FOR THE

# Diamond Jubilee Building



6 December 2021 marked another important day in the history of Loyola School where the next generation is trained to be competent, conscientious, compassionate and committed. The foundation stone laying ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee Building was held at 4:00 pm. The function was graced by the presence of Fr E. P. Mathew SJ, Provincial

Superior of the Kerala Jesuit Society; Fr Sunny Kunnampallil SJ, Manager and Rector of Loyola Institutions; Fr P. T. Joseph SJ, Principal; Fr. Roy Alex SJ, Principal CBSE; Fr John Manipadam SJ,



the Jesuits from Loyola College and the nearby communities, Dr Ram Mohan, LOBA President, Mr Rakesh Kumar, PTA President, and the members of the teaching and non-teaching staff of Loyola School.

Fr Sunny Kunnampallil welcomed the gathering. Fr E. P. Mathew held a short prayer and blessed the foundation stone. He, along with Fr P. T. Joseph, handed over the stone to the mason. In his address, Fr E.P. Mathew compared the growth of the school to





the famous words of the US astronaut Neil Armstrong: *“One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”* He laid stress on making a difference to

the society and not just being an ordinary school. Dr Ram Mohan felicitated the management on behalf of LOBA and Mr Rakhesh Kumar represented the PTA in felicitating the management. In her felicitation address Mrs Aswathy Philip spoke on behalf of the staff and students .

Mrs Elizabeth Mathew did the compering. Fr Roy Alex proposed the vote of thanks. The ceremony was well organised.

**Aswathy Philip**



Fr E.P. Mathew, SJ



Fr Sunny Kunnappallil, SJ



Elizabeth Mathew



Dr Ram Mohan



Rakhesh Kumar



Aswathy Philip



Fr Roy Alex, SJ







## *Homage to the* **BRAVEHEARTS**

Troop No. 17, Loyola School, 1(K) Air Sqn. NCC paid homage to the 13 armed forces personnel who lost their lives in the IAF Mi-17V5 helicopter crash in Coonoor. Principal Fr P.T. Joseph SJ and CBSE School Principal Fr Roy Alex SJ were among those who paid their tribute to India's first Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat and the 12 other dear departed, including the Keralite JWO Pradeep A.

**ANO Chief Officer Anilkumar R.**









Besides CDS Gen Bipin Rawat and his wife Madhulika, those killed in the crash included Brig LS Lidder, the defence assistant to the Chief of Defence Staff, and staff officer Lt Col Harjinder Singh. The other personnel killed in the crash are Wing Commander PS Chauhan, Squadron Leader K Singh, JWO Das, JWO Pradeep A, Havildar Satpal, Naik Gursewak Singh, Naik Jitender Kumar, Lance Naik Vivek Kumar and Lance Naik Sai Teja.



# LOYOLITES IN THE LIMELIGHT



Adithya Kishor, XI B

1. South East Asian Mathematics Olympiad (SEAMO):  
Gold Medallist and selected for SEAMO X Champions Division
2. International Alphas Science Bowl (Quiz): First Runner Up
3. Advanced Mathematical Ability Test (AMAT) conducted by Calcutta Mathematical Society: All India Rank 1
4. Indian Olympiad Qualifier for Mathematics: Qualified and invited to attend Indian National Mathematical Olympiad Training Camp by TIFR and HBCSE and to attend the Indian National Mathematics Olympiad.
5. Unison World School 10th All India Shri Naveen Agarwal Ji Memorial Online Inter-School English Debate: First Runner Up
6. MEDHA Quiz by St Mary's HSS School: First Prize





**Jonathan Edwards N., VI D**

1. Participated in the International Level Wild Wisdom Challenge and secured the 121st position.
2. Silver Certificate in the Eco-Achievers Olympiad conducted by Saevus Wildlife India.
3. 2nd place in English Elocution Competition (UP Section) conducted by Kerala State Soil Survey & Soil Conservation Dept.
4. 1st place in the Interschool English Elocution Competition (UP Section) conducted by United Christian Movement.



**Ananthakrishnan L., VII A**

Silver Certificate in the Eco-Achievers Olympiad conducted by Saevus Wildlife India, and won the 33rd position in the International Wild Wisdom Challenge.



**Nevin Gilroy, VII D**

Third Prize in ASISC Regional Declamation in English hosted by Infant Jesus Anglo-Indian HSS, Kollam.



**Anant Aravind Pillai, IX A and Manav R., IX B** teamed up to win the State-level Second Prize of Rs. 4000 and certificate in *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Quiz* conducted by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of India.

**Loyolites won five of the six prizes in the English Elocution Competition for UP and HS Sections conducted by Kerala State Soil Survey & Soil Conservation Department.**



**Vasudevan Mahesh, V B  
First Prize**



**Aryan A., VII A  
First Prize**



**Joel Mathew Rinosh, VI B  
Third Prize**



**Abel T. Rinosh, IX A  
Third Prize**



**Padmatheerth P. B., V C  
First Prize in Malayalam Elocution (Sub-Junior) in Inter Jesuit School  
competition hosted by St Joseph's School, Kozhikode**





Evan Philip Mathew, II A

# TAKING THE LOAF OF LOVE TO JAYAMATHA

*“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”*

**Mother Teresa**



On 4 December, I got a chance to visit Jayamatha Boys Home. It is an orphanage at Nalanchira, run by Franciscan Christian Missionaries. Our trip was part of the Loaf of Love drive to help the needy. We were accompanied by our Fr. Principal, teachers, and parents. My parents had already told me about the struggles the orphans face. I thought there would be only a few boys. But there were almost 50 boys. They sat in a common hall without making any noise. They were very disciplined.

They had planned a variety of

programmes for us. It started in a formal way. One boy did the compering and another boy welcomed us. Our PTA President, Rakesh uncle, talked to them about why we visited them. He also spoke about the importance of love to our fellow beings.



Br. Dominic, the Manager, told us about their difficulties and how others are helping them by offering clothes and food. He said they were very much in need of notebooks. They cannot afford to buy notebooks for all. Children used to go to school without new notebooks.

This reality bought tears to my eyes. I thought

about how many notebooks we wasted by careless drawing and colouring.

After all speeches, the entertainment programme started. One boy told us a short story about a thirsty crow. There were also solo songs, group songs, and group dances. Their performances were indeed outstanding.

On our part, we sang Jingle Bells. My friends Johan Joseph Koshy, Advik Sharma, and Hariharan S. P. sang songs. They all liked our songs very much.

We gave money for one day's special food and a few study materials like notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, etc., to support the boys at Jayamatha.

The function ended with the vote of thanks by another boy. After that, I had a chat with two boys who were sitting near me during the function. I also interacted with the boys who performed, and I congratulated them.

After taking some pictures and spending time with them, we returned to school. On the way back, I felt







fortunate that I had my parents with me. I have made a decision that I will always obey and respect them.

My visit to this orphanage was really an eye-opening experience. I now have a much greater appreciation for things I take for granted every day.

I thank my school for giving me an opportunity to be part of this visit.





# Lessons from the **LOAF OF LOVE** charity drive



Advait B. Vinu, IV A

*Every charitable act is a stepping stone towards heaven.*  
(Henry Ward Beecher)

I am proud to be a part of the *Loaf of Love* charity drive of my school. It was my good fortunate to be chosen to represent my class and go to Karunya Vishranthi Bhavan near Monvila. It is a place where men, women and children who cannot care for themselves are treated with love and respect.

We met Fr Thomas John who told us about the inmates—kids

affected with cancer and elderly people abandoned by their near and dear ones. It was so heart-breaking listening to each story that the next moment I prayed to God and thanked Him for my blessed life.

Fr. Thomas also told us how they take care of children down with cancer by scheduling chemo and radiation treatments. We were also informed about

the free accommodation and food given to the homeless people out in the streets. I was happy to listen to such good deeds and understood that God's healing hands will always protect the needy through people who believe in God.

Our school provided 40 mattresses, pillows and bedsheets for the inmates. I felt proud that I could be a part of such a noble initiative pioneered by my school. I am extremely grateful to the school and the management for teaching me that we can make a difference to those people who are deprived of a comfortable life by caring, sharing and loving them.





# TAKEAWAY FROM *Assisi Nikethan*



Affaan S., IX C

On 4 December 4, A group of students of classes 1,2,3, and 9 went along with the teachers and other volunteers from our school to Assisi Nikethan in Gandhipuram. It is an Old Age Home run by Catholic nuns. It accommodates nearly 40 women aged between sixty and seventy.

The purpose of this visit was to hand over our Loaf of Love to them and see for



All set for the trip to Assisi Nikethan



ourselves how these hapless people lived. We reached Assisi Nikethan around 10:30 am. It was an unforgettable experience for all of us. Initially, it was quite difficult to believe the reality that the elderly parents were not taken care of and were eliminated from their own families. Some of them were also thrown out for the only reason that they were sick.

We tried to make them happy by singing songs and narrating jokes. They enjoyed what we did there. Most of them are from different parts of India. Some of them spoke Hindi or Bihari and rest of them spoke Malyalam. They are kept involved in many activities like making plastic clips for hanging clothes. Even though they are old, their enthusiasm made it difficult for us to believe that we were talking to the inmates of an oldage home.

It was a life-changing experience for me because it was my first visit to such a place. Fo most of us, it was a trip filled with many emotions and life lessons. We have learned that it is inhuman to neglect our parents or grandparents or to leave them in oldage homes no matter how old they get.





# Loyola's LOAF OF LOVE to RCC

Chance has never yet satisfied the hope of a suffering people.

-Marcus Garvey

Getting an opportunity to visit the Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) opened a door for me into the world of suffering. I could clearly understand how fortunate I was. The visiting team comprising the Principal, teachers, students and parents were welcomed to the conference room where a former student at Loyola and a surgeon were present. The Loyolite gave us a complete picture of how the darkness of disease ruins the patients' lives and how empathy and sympathy are different. Ability to understand one's feelings is a better help for a sufferer than showing pity. Later, with more words from the surgeon, the students could find the deeper meaning for their visit to the RCC.

Loyola School donated Rs. 3 lakhs to the RCC. That sum was not just money; it was the love and care that our school has for the suffering world.

Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it.  
-Helen Keller

I returned home with a heavy heart, resolved to work for alleviating as much suffering as possible.

Abin S. Manoj, XI B



*Loaf of Love* distribution team at Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram



# *In Memoriam*



ROSHAN J. ROLLANDS (2015 ISC BATCH)



SOMAN JACOB (1975 BATCH)



RAHUL RAMESH (2015 HSE BATCH)





*Merry Christmas*  
&  
*Happy New Year*

