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From the Principal's Desk

Reflecting on Excellence in Action: A Year of Growth and Achievement at Loyola School

As the academic year draws to a close, it is a time for reflection and celebration at Loyola School. This year has been marked by a commitment to excellence in action, a theme that has guided our endeavours and brought forth remarkable achievements. Rooted in the tradition of Jesuit education, our school community has embraced this ethos wholeheartedly, fostering an environment where students flourish intellectually, spiritually, and socially.

Jesuit education is more than just academics; it is about nurturing the whole person, instilling values of service, compassion, and discernment. At Loyola, this holistic approach to education is evident in every aspect of our curricular and extracurricular activities. From the morning meditation to the Loyola radio programme and charity fund collections, students are encouraged to reflect, engage, and make a difference in the world around them.

This year, our school welcomed a significant change as we admitted girls into grade XI for the first time. Their presence has enriched our school community, bringing new perspectives and diversity to our classrooms. Inclusive education is a cornerstone of our mission, and we are proud to provide a supportive and welcoming environment for all students.

In both academic and extracurricular pursuits, our students have excelled beyond expectations. Numerous accolades, including international recognition, bear testament to their hard work and dedication. Whether in academics, sports, or the arts, Loyola students have demonstrated a commitment to excellence that is truly inspiring.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and the tireless efforts of the Loyola Old Boys Association (LOBA). Their mentorship, guidance, and contributions have played a pivotal role in shaping the success of our students and school community.

As we look ahead to the upcoming externship programme organized by LOBA, we are reminded of the strength of our school and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Loyola School is not just a place of learning; it is a family, a community where each member is valued, supported, and encouraged to reach their fullest potential.

It is truly heartening to witness the dedicated efforts and preparations of the students who face the board examinations this year. Under the guidance of our diligent teachers, they are well-equipped to face the challenges ahead. The commitment and perseverance demonstrated by both teachers and students alike have been exemplary. Countless hours have been invested in studying, practising, and refining their skills and knowledge across various subjects. It is evident that their hard work and dedication will surely bear fruit as they sit for their examinations.

As they step into this crucial phase of their academic life, I extend my sincerest wishes to all the students. May your determination and resilience shine through, enabling you to perform to the best of your abilities.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making this academic year a resounding success. Together, we have embodied the spirit of excellence in action, and I am confident that the future holds even greater promise for Loyola School.

As Saint Ignatius of Loyola once said, "Go forth and set the world on fire." With the foundation of Jesuit education and the spirit of excellence guiding us, there is no limit to what we can achieve. Thank you everyone for making this year one of growth, achievement, and transformation at Loyola School.

Fr Salvin Augustine, SJ

Sacerdos ad aeternum

(A Priest Forever)



Fr Johnikutty Tharakunnel, S. J.



Fr Johnikutty Tharakunnel was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Changanassery by Bishop Thomas Tharayil on 2 Feb 2024 at Lourde church, Trivandrum. Apart from his classmates at Loyola, Fr Salvin Augustine S.J., Fr Roy Alex S.J., Fr. John Manipadom S. J., and Fr Joseph Edassery S.J. attended this solemn function. Two of the senior Loyola alumni, Mr. Jimmy Antony (Ernakulum) and Mr. Roy Lean (Trivandrum) also graced this occasion.

Fr Johnikutty attended Loyola School from Class 1 to 4 and then left the school. He re-joined the school in 2010 as a Plus One student and completed his higher secondary studies in 2012. Then, realising his vocation to priesthood, he joined the seminary of Changanassery in 2012 and completed his ecclesiastical studies in 2023.

Loyola is proud that one of our alumni has opted for priesthood. Let us offer our sincere appreciation and congratulations to Fr. Johnikutty as he has taken up the noble profession of following the footsteps of Jesus Christ. May the Lord of the harvest bless him with His choicest blessings so that he is able to take up the challenges and opportunities for service set before him by his model, Jesus Christ. May his tribe increase!

Fr Joseph Edassery, S.J.



REMEMBERING BLAISY AUNTIE

(Aug 1948- Feb 2024)

A soul I deeply bonded with. She never wanted attention; she didn't want any fuss either. I always respected her who taught me the dignity of labour.

Her eyes spoke volumes when she looked at me. Her smile was so endearing that I never missed a chance to hug her for the same. In the midst of absolute despair she could wear a smile and brighten someone else's day.

Never did she say no to anything that was expected of her. Her soft voice and pleasant demeanour were her signature at Loyola. Over 30 years of service shows her sincerity to our school and dedication to her vocation. The kindergarten premises will miss her presence.

May your soul rest in peace.

*God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this Earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you and
Lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
The day God called you home.*

Sandhya George

MEET OUR ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH



Tino Thomas

Tino Thomas joined Loyola School as a kindergartener in 1981 and completed SSLC in 1993. He did his B. Sc. in Forestry in Kerala Agricultural University Thrissur and MBA in the National Institute of Agricultural Business Management, Hyderabad. He is currently with Al Mana Group in Dubai as the Head of Projects for the Middle East Region. Al Mana is a retail conglomerate with over 1000 stores in the GCC with sports, lifestyle, luxury, fashion, jewelry, fragrance, and flower divisions.

Tino is an outstanding badminton player. He represented the United Arab Emirates at the World Senior Badminton Championship in 2023 held in Jeonju, Korea. His stellar performance has earned him a place among the Top 16 players worldwide in the Men's Doubles 45 Category. In ISC Abu Dhabi UAE 2023 Open, Tino emerged as



P. C. Thomas

the Men's Doubles 45 Winner. Additionally, at the India Club UAE Open 2023, he secured the 3rd place in the Men's Doubles 45 Plus category. At the GCC Bahrain Badminton Tournament, he clinched victory in the Men's Doubles A Category. Tino's success story also includes the Shuttle Time Dubai Club Championship in 2020, where he stood out as the Men's Doubles winner.

In India, he represented two universities over three years at both State and University levels. During his Loyola days, he was the national roller skating champion in 1982, 1983, and 1986, excelling in figure and pair skating. His dominance continued at the State level, where he held the championship in roller skating for an impressive eight years.

Tino belongs to a sporting family. His brother Zeno, who graduated from Loyola in 1997, was a State level athlete and a ranked table tennis player. Their father, P.C. Thomas, who was the former national coach of the Indian basketball team and the international referee officiating at the Asian Games in 1982, did yeoman service to

Loyola School during the 1980s and 90s as a coach and mentor. Tino's mother is also an accomplished badminton player in her own right. The Thomas family's connection to Loyola School is not just a testament to individual achievements but also to shared commitment to sports development at the grassroots level.

Tino's wife, Teena, is an excellent badminton player. She represented India in 2017 in Women Doubles 35, donned the national colours of the UAE in 2019 and 2023 in Women Doubles at the World Senior Badminton Championship. Their sons, Nevin and Noel, are also accomplished badminton players.



A Day of Fun and Learning

Evan Philip Mathew, IV C



We had a field trip to the Karyavattom campus of University of Kerala on 1 February 2024. It was a great day of fun and learning. Our first destination was the Department of Zoology where we had the chance to see and learn about different animals and the exciting research happening there.

We entered a room which had an impressive collection of insects and marine creatures showing us how amazing and vast the animal world can be. We saw stingrays, starfish, pufferfish, seahorses, octopuses, crabs, saltfish, corals, sole fish, jellyfish, squids, sea shells, many insects, millipedes, lizards and a lot more. The room was alive with the wonders of nature. Also, we learned something interesting about zebrafish! They can actually grow back their tails if they get cut.



We saw some microscopes kept in the Zoology Department, where scientists study about small creatures. We also got a chance to look through the microscopes to see a hydra. These powerful instruments, with adjustable magnification like 10X, 40X and 100X at the top and bottom, allowed us to see the minute details of a hydra. The department was really busy with all sorts of research activities, and we were so lucky to see some of the ongoing projects, including the study of preserved butterflies.

After leaving the Zoology department, we walked through a dense mini-forest that felt endless. This type of forest is known as the Miyawaki model, named after Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki. After that, we saw many greenhouses where we saw many kinds of plants, all different and unique. There were even ponds with plants growing in the water, making it feel like a mini jungle inside!

Then, we proceeded through a narrow walkway through which we re-entered the campus and proceeded to the Archaeology Department.

At the Archaeology Department, we saw so many things from a long time ago. Most of them were excavated from the Kachchh district, Gujarat. We saw some antiques from the Harappan civilization such as old pots, stones, bangles, sculptures, iron sickles, and seals. A replica of a Harappan house, complete with a well, allowed us to visualize the living conditions of ancient civilizations. The stone artefacts displayed there helped us learn more about the tools and things people used in their daily lives a long time ago.

The Zooarchaeology laboratory, a unique feature of University of Kerala, showcased complete skeletons of various mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and some shells. Our exploration extended to a museum with dinosaur bones, heads, and teeth.



In a dedicated lab, we learned about different methods used for the preparation of bones and skeletons. The person in charge told us how they separate flesh from bones. There are two ways they do it. First, by boiling it and second by burying it for a long time. If they use the first method, the bone becomes white, and with the second method, it becomes brownish. It was cool to learn how they take care of bones!

The Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries was next, showcasing a collection of fish from rivers, lakes, and oceans. Some of them are shaped weirdly and are really interesting. We saw the ways to conserve and protect them, from the tiny baby fishes to the big ones.

We are grateful for the thoughtful planning done by our friend Hari Govind's parents, Dr. Sreejith P. and Dr. Sreeranjini. They organized the entire visit, and their presence made



the trip even more special. Student volunteers also helped and guided us, making the educational experience feel personalized. The hospitality they showed us was truly amazing and made the day extraordinary.

It was an awesome day of learning and exploring. We are so grateful for the chance to go on this trip, and we are excited about an opportunity like this in the coming academic years.



A Trip to the **FIRE STATION**

Johna Rose



As a part of their field trip, students of grade 1 visited the fire station at Thampanoor on 7 February 2024. They were accompanied by their respective class teachers. The school arranged two buses for the journey and the ride took half an hour.

The firefighters made the occasion quite informative for the students by explaining how to contact them in an emergency and



how they respond to various challenging situations and demonstrating how they use their equipment for different purposes.

The outbound trip gave the students an overall idea of what to do in such situations. It also increased their general awareness of emergency situations as well as their appreciation of the great service the firefighters render.

The field trip was indeed an immense learning and fun experience for the students.





Throughout the day, the students' curiosity and enthusiasm were palpable. They asked insightful questions, eager to learn more about the dairy industry. The trip not only provided a deeper understanding of milk processing but also instilled a sense of appreciation for the care that goes into every packet of milk we consume. Overall, the trip to Milma was both educational and enjoyable.

Dhanya Rajan



On January 24, we organized for the fifth graders a fun-filled educational trip to Milma Dairy at Ambalathara. It was an exciting day filled with learning and exploration for the 162 students as well as the five escorting teachers.

The day started with a visit to the process unit where we had the opportunity to observe the entire production process firsthand. It was fascinating to see how the milk goes through various stages, ensuring that it meets the highest quality standards. From pasteurization, which kills harmful bacteria, to homogenization, which creates a consistent texture, we learned about the meticulous care that goes into the processing of milk.

One of the highlights of the trip was the visit to the packing section. It was amazing to see how the machines efficiently filled and sealed the milk cartons, ready to be distributed to stores and consumers. Seeing the whole process come together was truly eye-opening.





On the vibrant morning of Monday, 19 February 2024, our indoor stadium was adorned with the promise of ingenuity and creativity as the 'Release of Loyola Students' Personal Magazine' unfolded its splendour.

In the esteemed presence of the Chief Guest Dr V.P. Joy IAS, Rector and Manager Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ and the Principals Fr Salvin Augustine SJ and Fr Roy Alex SJ, the function commenced with a burst of enthusiasm.

After dwelling at length on the importance of the initiative and urging the students to imagine a better world and create the same, Dr V.P. Joy released the personal magazines of the students as well as the teachers' magazine *INSIGHT* and the printed editions of the four volumes of the digital newsletter *LENS* from 2021 to date.

The school has provided the students a fertile ground to manifest their creativity, innovation and artistic prowess. Each magazine was a testament to the students' creativity and dedication to explore the realms of the mysterious mind. Fr Sunny Kunnappallil honoured the personal magazine awardees from each class by presenting them with mementos.

Fr Salvin Augustine SJ and Fr Roy Alex SJ congratulated the students on creating a personal magazine each. Their unwavering encouragement and support had paved the way for such stupendous outputs.

As the programme drew to a close, the echoes of inspiration lingered in the air, a reminder of the power of logical, rational and imaginative level of thinking that resides within each student.

Every student will realize the potential he has in creative writing or artwork with every new opportunity he gets. With these personal magazines created by each student every year, a large compilation can be added to his home library and he can feel as contented as illustrious Indian writers like Nissim Ezekiel and R.K. Narayan.

Marina Antony



Chief Guest Dr V. P. Joy IAS



Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ



Release of four volumes of *LENS*



Fr Salvin Augustine SJ



Release of teachers' magazine *INSIGHT*



Fr Roy Alex SJ



Released magazines held up in pride

Winners of the Personal Magazine Award













Tentative Judgement Criteria for **Students' Personal Magazine 2024-2025**

Students' Personal Magazine has been a landmark initiative at Loyola School. And the response to it has been absolutely stupendous. The best part of it has been that most students put their heart and soul into preparing their magazines; it has never been a half-hearted ritualistic approach of the sort that some lazy students have towards assignments. The result is that they could concretize their amorphous ideas and largely unexplored artistry into a little volume which they are sure to keep closest to their heart forever. Considering the overwhelming response to the idea of a personal magazine, we are glad to publish the tentative judgement criteria for next year.

Personal Magazine: Award Criteria

Total Marks: 100 (Maximum 40 marks for the form and 60 marks for the content)

Form:

- ◇ Magazines of fewer than 10 pages (excluding the cover) need not be considered for award. (To be reckoned a page, it must have a minimum of five lines of text, or 15 words, or at least one picture/drawing/graphic element on it.)
- ◇ Cover design: Maximum 10 marks
- ◇ Maximum 2 marks for the *Title* page. (It must have the title/name of the magazine as well as the name and class of the student). No marks if the magazine does not have a title page.
- ◇ Maximum 2 marks for the *Contents* page. No marks if there is no such page.
- ◇ Maximum 2 marks for the *Acknowledgement*, if any.
- ◇ Maximum 5 marks for the *Introduction/Editorial*

- ◇ Maximum 1 mark for correct *Pagination*. No marks if the pages are not numbered.
- ◇ Maximum 5 marks for design consistency (page margins/ borders/other design elements)
- ◇ Other things being equal, maximum 5 bonus marks for elegant manuscript magazine (Word-processed magazines do not qualify for the bonus mark.)
- ◇ Hand-drawn/digitally generated images have an edge over images downloaded from the Internet.

Content

- ◇ General Principle: We appreciate originality and variety. Aarticles with a personal touch (like the writer's experience on the campus or during an excursion, or some function at school, or some incidents at home or in life etc.) are better than highly derivative articles like 'The Bermuda Triangle'.
- ◇ Maximum 10 marks for an article/poem/artwork
- ◇ Since most articles are in English, 5 bonus marks will be awarded for each additional language if the content in that language runs to at least one page. Acceptable additional languages Malayalam and Hindi.
- ◇ 5 bonus marks for each additional genre of writing explored in the magazine. (Clarification: If all articles are travelogues, only one genre is used, so no bonus mark is given. If there is a short story also (or a poem, or a critical essay etc. for that matter) more genres are used and each one of them qualifies for bonus marks.)
- ◇ 5 bonus marks for illustrations appropriate to the content of the article. As regards the illustrations, hand-drawn or digitally generated graphics are preferable to images downloaded from the Internet.
- ◇ 5 bonus marks for a travelogue if it uses two-thirds of the space for giving a feel of the place visited or the experience during the journey. The pictures included in it must have some human element in it. (Clarification: The photo of the excursion party against the backdrop of Mysore Palace is preferable to a photo of the majestically illuminated Mysore Palace available on the Internet.)
- ◇ No merit for plagiarized riddles and jokes
- ◇ No merit for strings of quotations strung together under whatever heads because they are all available on the Internet.

As for the content, weightage is given to original stuff, even if it has a few mistakes in it, not to derivative material in immaculate language. After all, a personal magazine is not an exercise in copying and pasting.

(The above criteria will be discussed and finalised by the scrutiny committee.)

In Memoriam



Arun John

Arun John of the 2002 SSLC batch passed away at Hyderabad on 6 Feb 2024. He was a Professor at Annapurna School of Film and Media, and a research scholar at Hyderabad Central University.

Arun is survived by his wife Ms Payal, father Mr John (ex-Resident Editor Deccan Chronicle), and mother Mrs Prema (former Principal, Women's College Trivandrum). His younger brother Kishan John is a Loyolite of the 2008 batch.

May his soul rest in peace.



Joseph Eapen

It is with deep regret that we report the demise of Joseph Eapen of the 1975 ISC batch in a road accident near Pandalam on 4 February 2024. He had been a businessman in South Africa. He is survived by his wife Susan Joseph who served in the Ministry of External Affairs, and two sons, Rupen and Alex.

Our heartfelt condolences to the family and prayers for the departed.



LOYOLITES *in the* LIMELIGHT



Loyola Team, Winners in Trivandrum District Basketball Championship (U 11)



Jai Harish P., V D
First in Kumite and Second in Katta at
13th State Karate Championship organized by
Koinchi Academy of Martial Arts



Sidharth S. Nair, VII A
Third in Scifari 2K24 Interschool Quiz
Competition organised by Loyola school,
Mukundara

My Experience at STOGO FEST

Gautam Renjith, IV C



I went to Sarabhai Institute of Science and Technology (SIST) to participate in the STOGO Fest held on 12 and 13 February, 2024. My exhibit was a Solar Drone. My friend Evan and I participated in the fest as a team. My idea was a drone and my friend's idea was a solar panel. So we combined our ideas and made a solar drone and named it *Solar Supremo Toy Drone*.

On the first day, we went to SIST accompanied by Gauri Ma'am and Lakshmi Ma'am. Many other students from our school also came with us. When we reached the Institute, we entered a big hall where we were allotted a table to keep our exhibit. There was also a stage in that hall. There were many guests for the inauguration of the exhibition.

After the inauguration, we started setting up the chart and the solar drone. I was quite excited to explain to the Judges the parts and the working of the drone. After eagerly waiting for a long time, two judges came to our table to see the solar drone. We explained all the details about the solar drone. After that they asked us many questions about the drone which we were able to answer. I felt very happy and relaxed when they told us that our work was excellent. Many students from many other schools came to see our exhibit. Some students of the Institute and other schools also came to see our exhibit.

Before leaving the venue, we found some time for a quick look at the exhibits of other participants. Some of them were quite interesting.

On our way back to school, we could see Aruvikkara dam.

The next day, we went to SIST with our parents and Roshi Ma'am to collect our prizes. Former chairman of ISRO Shri G. Madhavan Nair was the special guest for the award ceremony. For category I of still model, we got the first prize. I was very happy to receive the certificate and badge from him. Our school received the Child Online Protection award as well.

Two other Loyolites who won prizes are Vasudevan Mahesh, VII B1 (First in Working Model) and Arjun K., VI C (Second in Working Model).

The award ceremony was followed by a session on mentalism which we enjoyed very much.

When we reached the school, our Father Principal congratulated us.

I felt very happy and thankful for the opportunity given to us.

Now I look forward to my next exhibition.



Receiving the Child Online Protection Award



Vasudevan Mahesh,
VII B1 First in
Working Model



Arjun K., VI C
Second in
Working Model



A MEMORABLE FIELD TRIP

Prema Titus



On the bright morning of 7 February 2024, the eager and excited students of Class 2 took a field trip to two prominent locations in the city: the Post Office and Greenfield Stadium. The purpose of the trip was to provide the young boys with real-world experiences and insights into their functioning.

The first leg of the journey took them to the Post Office on the campus of College of Engineering, Sreekaryam. Upon arrival, the staff warmly welcomed the children and set a positive tone for the visit. The staff members graciously explained the various procedures involved in handling mails and the different kinds of inland letters, postcards, stamps, etc. Dividing the students into smaller groups, they patiently introduced to each group how the post office functions and explained to them the different kinds of envelopes, and stamps and their denominations etc. The boys were thrilled at the opportunity to participate in the work, and eagerly stamped envelopes.

Following an engaging and informative visit to the Post Office, we proceeded to Greenfield Stadium, Kazhakootam, which is a hub of sporting excellence in Trivandrum. Welcomed by the stadium staff, the children's excitement soared as they were granted



access to the ground, allowing them to experience the grandeur of the arena first-hand. The staff guided the students through the galleries and narrated tales of memorable sporting events held at the venue. The children were thrilled at the opportunity to explore the entire stadium and capture cherished moments through photographs, and immersing themselves in the spirit of sportsmanship. Our enriching field trip drew to a close by noon. With hearts full of newfound knowledge and unforgettable memories, the children returned to school by 12.30 p. m.

The field trip proved to be a resounding success, offering the students a holistic learning experience beyond the confines of the classroom.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the staff of the Post Office and Greenfield Stadium for their warm hospitality and invaluable contributions to our field trip experience. Additionally, we express our appreciation to the school administration for organizing and facilitating this memorable outing, enriching the educational journey of our students.





Visit to VSSC SPACE MUSEUM

Sneha Joe Edwin



We took our third graders to VSSC on 11 February 2024. We started from school at 9.40 a.m. and reached our destination by 10.20 a.m. After the security check, we delved into the rich history of this establishment.

The VSSC Space Museum captivated the young minds with its impressive exhibits like artefacts of full-scale models of PSLV, PSLV heat shield, and scaled-down versions of GSLV, GSLV Mk-III and ATV. The boys were thrilled to see the models of all the Indian space shuttles in the chronological order. Each exhibit had details of its creation, purpose, launch status and the individuals associated with it.

It was exciting to see the space suit and we also watched a video of ISRO which added to our learning experience. This amalgamation of history and futuristic aspirations made our visit to VSSC an unforgettable and educational adventure. After the visit we reached back school by noon.



UKG BOYS AT KOCHUVELI RAILWAY STATION



An outing with friends is always something special, no matter what the age. The experience of our UKG boys at Kochuveli Railway Station was no different. The excitement in their eyes while boarding the bus at school said it all. We were there by 10 a. m., all lined up to explore the railway station. The station manager came and had a word with the boys, and we had their staff to guide us to the different areas of the railway station. The boys saw the ticket counter, the station manager's office, the parcel office, the guard's coach, yard, etc., and carefully listened to what was explained. The railway officials were kind enough to open a compartment of a stationed train for us so that our boys could enter and sit inside. Next, we headed to the overbridge. The aerial view of so many trains in the yard was altogether different. While on the overbridge, we heard a train far away, and in a few minutes, it came speeding, blowing its horn with all its might. It was an experience, watching the train go by right under the place where we were standing. As we came down the overbridge to another platform, the much-talked-about Vande Bharat train was parked there. The boys were well aware of this train, and many of them said that they had travelled in it. We then went to Platform No. 1, which was the entrance to the old

Kochuveli Railway Station. Platform No. 6 is the entrance to the New Kochuveli Railway Station. Our boys had numerous queries and comments. As they saw the train pass by, "Ma'am, why is there a big X at the back of the train?" "The train looks like a snake." At the parcel office, on seeing the motorbikes packed, "Ma'am, can we send a car by train?" It was amazing to see how keen and curious our little ones were, observing everything around them.

Siji Abraham



Grandparents Day



"A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend."

On 29 February 2024, Loyola Campus witnessed the most beautiful smiles, proud faces and eager eyes filled with warmth, love and care for everyone around. The day was filled with oodles of blessings. Grandparents were welcomed in a special way by giving cards made by the children. It doesn't matter how good the card is; what matters for them is the effort and love of their grandchild. Yes, they were the spotlight for that day...Every family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, and the keepers of tradition, Grandparents. They are the family's strongest foundation. Through their special love and care, they keep a family close to heart.

The celebration started with a soulful prayer song by the teachers, followed by the welcome address by Adam Aslam of UKG A. Then the grandparents joined the dignitaries in lighting the lamp, signifying their role as torchbearers of wisdom and guidance. Fr Salvin Augustine SJ addressed the gathering and reiterated the role of grandparents in all our lives.

The cultural extravaganza began with a graceful welcome dance by the tiny tots of UKG. All the items that followed were a treat for the senses; they included a speech by Neeraj R. Pillai of LKG E, group song by the kids of LKG, action song by UKG and group dances by LKG and UKG. Grandparents too whole heartedly participated in the programme.



Ms Sreedevi





Ms Sreelatha Panicker, grandma of Advik of UKG C, Ms Salimol Thomas, grandmother of Antony Chacko Thomman of UKG D, Ms Esther Gladiz, grandma of Abel Alen and Abram Alen of UKG E delivered speeches on the effort to make a connection between the generations through these events. Songs by Ms Reeta Varghese, grandma of Zane John Jackson of LKG D, Ms Geetha Kumari, grandma of Manav A. V. of LKG D, Ms Padmini Thomas, grandma of Louie Mondly Dany of UKG F, recitation by Ms Sujatha, grandma of Ritvik Anand of LKG B and a group songs by the grandparents of Aarav Arun of UKG C, Ms Shobha K. P. and Ms Meena Padmavathy, left the spectators spellbound. The festivities concluded with a short yet touching address by Fr Roy Alex SJ who expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the grandparents for their unwavering love and support. The event culminated with a vote of thanks proposed by Anirudh Uday of LKG C followed by the School anthem by the kids of UKG.

It was a delightful celebration that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present, a memorable experience that will be cherished for a long time to come. The motive behind this celebration is to honour grandparents for all the sacrifices they make for their families and also to create awareness among the children of the moral support and guidance they offer.

Veena Vikraman



Fare thee well, Friends

Megha R., XI B



One of the most difficult things to say in life is “Goodbye”, holding back tears and muffling cries. However, at Loyola goodbyes are not forever. On the eventful day of 2 Feb 2024, we bid farewell to our charming seniors clad in shirt and dhoti.

The plus one batch set the tone of the day by introducing each one of the seniors by his nickname and some patent misadventure which made everyone crack up in hysterics amidst the pain of parting. Following that, Baijayantee ma’am provided them with a wonderful life lesson—to punctuate life to find meaning in it. It wasn’t just a speech but a heartfelt advice from her side. Then it was the turn of the seniors to speak for themselves. Joel said, “I am leaving Loyola now, but one day I might return as the chief guest.” To be sure, Loyolites leave the campus with great pride stating out loud to the world, their oyster, “Bring it on!” Rahul, with much emotion, delivered a soul-stirring speech about his memorable time here at Loyola. Our school leader, Dennis, in his speech expressed his unfeigned gratitude to the efforts of many loving mothers at Loyola who shaped him into the person he is. Matthew’s speech showed his transition from a six-year-old gawking at the twelve years of suffering to a seventeen-year-old looking back to realise that it was a bitter-sweet, beloved, deranged, and unique experience. Leaving as a true Loyolite, he unravelled to us what made one a Loyolite; the driving force in a Loyolite is fuelled by the beautiful two-syllabled word *Magis*. Navaneeth’s speech took a more jocular turn, starting off by recreating his very first time on stage. He shared his fond memories of teachers and friends, stating “I am standing before you on a podium that feels like nothing less than home to talk about Loyola, but more importantly those people who made a difference”.



K.A. Adithyan's evocative speech left the audience teary-eyed. Adithyan P. G. recounted the 4262 transformative days on the campus. Viswas briefly narrated his overwhelming feelings when waving goodbye to his second home. The pang of parting was evident in the words of Niranjana, Vaishnav and Adved. In fond memories of time we the plus one students had spent with our seniors, Ram Mohan and Joshua created a video which also implored them to fly high and turn their dreams into reality.

Following this, we had a couple of plus one students grace the occasion with sweet melodies which had a sad note to them; as Shelley put it, "Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought." Our LXR seniors sang for one last time. Our batchmates and seniors danced onstage making the best of the very little time we had together. The seniors too had created a video of their memories in Loyola which was indeed heart-warming. Shortly after addressing the crowd, I suppose Fr Salvin's attention was drawn to the teary eyes of the seniors because he got back on the podium and volunteered to sing a funny song out of the blue. It lightened the atmosphere and elicited a roar of laughter as we all sang along.

Our seniors are now about to go to a larger world. The highest peak will be within their reach because their yearning is to be a better version of themselves upholding *Magis*, the golden letters engraved on to their hearts over the course of years at Loyola.

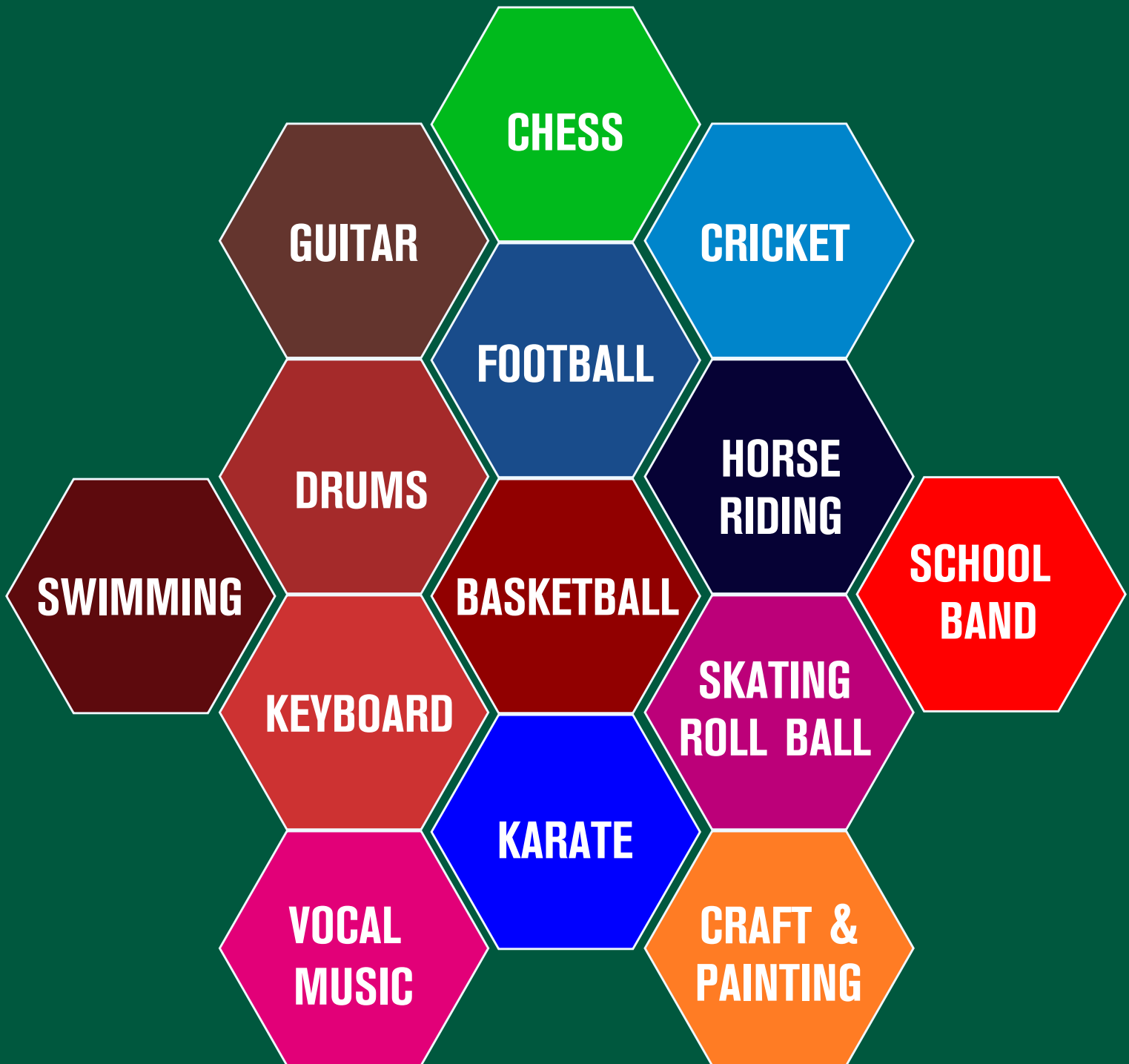




Solemn beginning to the Candlelight ceremony



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Date: 8 April to 8 May 2024

Time: 7.30 a. m. to 10 a. m. (Monday to Friday)

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Principal