



*Happy Holidays!*



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*From the Principal's Desk*

## *Celebrating Achievements and New Beginnings*

March was a month of milestones, farewells, and fresh beginnings at Loyola School. From honouring the youngest talents to bidding farewell to two stalwarts and preparing for academic transitions, the school was abuzz with activity and emotions.

The little stars of our Kindergarten shone brightly on L-Gloria Day (the KG Award Day) as they were recognized for their achievements in sports and cultural events, both intramural and extramural. These young talents, full of enthusiasm and energy, were awarded for their hard work and creativity. It was heartwarming to witness their joy as they received trophies and certificates, a moment of pride for their parents and teachers. Encouraging children at such a tender age fosters confidence and a spirit of participation, thereby setting the foundation for lifelong learning and excellence.

The Loyola family came together for a special Farewell Assembly to honour Fr Roy Alex S.J., a distinguished educator and leader who has left an indelible mark on the school. Having served as a teacher, vice principal, and principal of the CBSE section, Fr Roy was more than an administrator—he was a mentor, a guide, and an inspiration to students and teachers alike. His kindness, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to education earned him the love and respect of all. Teachers, parents, and students bid him farewell with gratitude, cherishing the lessons he imparted. His legacy of dedication and excellence will continue to inspire generations at Loyola School.

Ms Mary Titus Mathew, a teacher of English par excellence for a quarter century, was given a hearty send-off in which the students, staff and the parents vied with one another in expressing their love and admiration for her for being the embodiment of elegance and the quintessence of nobility. Loyola School will miss such a good soul who walks the talk and is worthy of emulation.

For the first time in the school's history, we hosted a UKG Graduation Day, marking an important milestone in the journey of our youngest learners. Parents joined us on this joyful occasion, celebrating the first step of their children's academic journey. The event was not just a ceremony but a meaningful message to young minds about the importance of education. A strong beginning paves the way for a bright future, and this celebration served as a motivation for children to embrace learning with enthusiasm and curiosity.

As the academic year drew to a close, students immersed themselves in preparations for the annual exams. With the conclusion of exams, the school closed for the summer break, but learning continues. This year, we are offering a dynamic summer training programme with 15 activities designed to enhance skills, creativity, and physical fitness. These camps provide students with the opportunities to explore new interests, develop their talents, and stay engaged even during the vacation.

One of Loyola School's unique and enriching programmes, the externship for the twelfth graders, has been meticulously planned, offering students an invaluable opportunity to gain real-world exposure. This year, more than 50 organizations will be providing them with firsthand experience of workplace culture, business operations, and professional environments. Through this initiative, students will develop basic skills such as teamwork, group coordination, and adaptability while gaining insights into various career paths. This externship not only broadens their understanding of different professions but also serves as an orientation for their future studies and career choices. By engaging in practical learning beyond the classroom, our students will be better prepared to make informed decisions about their futures.

March was a month of transitions, emotions, and celebrations, reflecting the essence of Loyola School's commitment to excellence in education, holistic growth, and lifelong learning. As we step into the summer break, we carry forward the lessons learned, the memories cherished, and the inspiration to aim higher.

God bless you all.

**Fr Salvin Augustine, SJ**



# *Fare Thee Well, Fr Roy Alex SJ*



Life becomes more meaningful when we recognize that we are not here solely for ourselves but to positively impact the lives of others. It involves going beyond self-interest to contribute to the well-being and happiness of others, creating a ripple effect of goodness in the world. This is exactly what the life of Fr Roy has been and so it is a bittersweet occasion as we gather here to bid farewell to him whose life has been a blessing to many.

It is not easy to find the right words to express the deep gratitude and admiration we all feel for him. Fr Roy has been a guiding light to all of us, embodying simplicity, calmness, passion, and unwavering dedication to whatever is entrusted to him. He has led our school with grace and compassion, touching many lives with his words and actions.





Welcome Address  
Ms Roshini Joseph



A Musical Tribute to Fr Roy Alex SJ  
Mr Deepu M.



Vote of Thanks  
Mr Joy M. Varghese

Fr Roy has been more than just a principal; he has been a true shepherd, one with kindness, discipline, and a deep sense of purpose. His vision for education was not just about imparting knowledge but about shaping young minds into responsible, compassionate and God- fearing individuals.

One of the most admirable qualities of Fr Roy is his calm and composed nature. No matter how challenging the situation, he always handled it with patience and wisdom. Whether it was academic challenges, student concerns, or administrative hurdles, he tackled every situation with a steady hand and a warm heart. His ability to listen, understand and guide both students and staff made him a beloved figure in our school.



Felicitation Address by Fr Salvin Augustine, SJ.

His efficiency in managing the school buses, finance, and other school related matters was remarkable. He ensured that everything functioned smoothly. Beyond his administrative skills, it was his care and great concern for everyone that set him apart. Fr Roy always had time for students—whether it was to offer guidance, listen to their problems, or simply share a word of encouragement. His presence was a source of comfort to many, and his belief in the potential of every student inspired them to strive for excellence.

Fr Roy is also endowed with immense talent. His ability to connect with students, deliver insightful speeches and





occasional songs made him a hero among all of us. His speeches were not just words; they were lessons that shaped our thoughts and actions.

As we say goodbye to Fr Roy, we do so with deep gratitude for all that he had been to each one of us, students and staff.

Dear Father, as you move on to the next station in your journey, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the guidance, wisdom and support you have given me especially during the time I worked with you closely. I have learned from you more than I could ever put into words, and I will carry those lessons with me always. You have shown what it truly means to lead with a servant's heart, and for that, I will forever be thankful. While it is difficult to say goodbye, I am filled with hope and joy, knowing the impact you



**A choreographic tribute to Fr Roy Alex**

will continue to make wherever you go. May your new endeavours bring you happiness, fulfilment and continued blessings. May the good Lord keep you in the hollow of His hands and guide you in all that you do.

Once again thank you, dear Fr Roy, for everything. You will be greatly missed, but your legacy will remain in our hearts.

**Sr Jiji Thomas**





The staff's token of love to Fr Roy



*"As I bid farewell to Loyola School after six and a half years of service in various capacities, waves of beautiful memories engulf me, bringing to mind the faces of countless people. This green campus, with its towering trees, bustling corridors, and echoes of laughter, has been more than just a workplace—it has been my home. I carry with me not just memories, but the very spirit of Loyola—the spirit of commitment and excellence.*

*Thank you all for what you have been to me."*



# *A Legacy Woven in Quiet Grace*



In the quiet halls of a school where the quest for knowledge fills the air, there stands a nurturing presence whose influence extends far beyond the classroom. Mary Mathew, an educator on the cusp of retirement, has spent countless years shaping not only the intellect but also the hearts and souls of her students. Her journey as a teacher epitomizes the biblical verse from Deuteronomy 32:2: *"Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distil as the dew, like the gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb."* This verse perfectly captures the essence of a dedicated teacher like Mary ma'am.

Mary's classroom has never been merely a place of study; it has always been a garden where ideas grow, values take root, and curiosity flourishes. Just as rain nourishes the earth, her wisdom, insight, and care have enriched the lives of her students, helping them bloom into confident, well-rounded individuals. Her teaching transcends textbooks, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and a sense of purpose that will guide her students long after they leave her classroom. Through her care, she instils not only knowledge but a memorial of character, ensuring that her influence continues to bloom for years to come.

A teacher in both words and actions, Mary leads by example. She is not just an educator but also a mentor, guide, and friend to her students. Her connection with each student is personal, rooted in a quite deep understanding of their unique needs. This creates an environment of respect and encouragement. Her ability to inspire and engage her students in a lively, joyful learning process is unparalleled. Her classes are never mundane; they are enriched with humour, music, and even acting, turning every lesson into a vibrant and memorable experience.

One former student recalls, *"Mary ma'am, the gentle soul with her reassuring smile, brightens even the dullest of days. Her presence brings us comfort. In her class, learning becomes a journey, not a task, making every lesson an engaging and rewarding experience."* Her dignified demeanour, shaped by her childhood in South Africa, sets her apart. Growing up in a multicultural environment with her father, a teacher who greatly influenced her, Mary embraced diversity and learned the values that shaped her into the remarkable educator we know today.

Mary firmly believes that teaching is not confined to textbooks. She strives to change her students' outlook on life by instilling values and cultivating a love for learning. Each batch of students has a special memory of her classes. Some recall how she would take them to the library, allow them to choose books, and devote class time to reading,



followed by essay-writing exercises. Others remember summer reading assignments where students summarized books for their classmates.

Another group fondly recollects her idea of keeping a pocket log of new words, sparking friendly competitions to expand their vocabulary. These practices have left an indelible mark on her students, making her a teacher they hold in high esteem. Her exceptional skill in teaching English has inspired many young learners to speak the language fluently and with confidence. Thanks to her guidance, students have gained the courage to express themselves freely. Every batch holds lasting memories of Mary, even if she taught them for just one year. At a recent get-together, former students unanimously agreed that Mary ma'am had the most lasting impact on their lives.

One of Mary's most defining qualities is her steadfast faith in Christ, which forms the foundation of everything she does. Her values shine through her words and actions, offering students and colleagues alike a beacon of hope and strength. She exemplifies Colossians 3:23: *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."* Her dedication to her students and unwavering commitment to excellence reflect this biblical call.

My relationship with Mary goes beyond that of colleagues. We used to travel on the same bus, engaging in meaningful conversations that always encouraged and supported each other. Our friendship grew stronger over time, and I have come to admire her sincerity, wisdom, and decision-making skills. She is a constant source of support and collaboration among her colleagues. Her honesty and clarity make her a trusted adviser, and her soft-spoken yet bold nature, combined with her ever-pleasant smile, distinguishes her from others.

Mary is a multifaceted talent—an excellent orator who delivers strong messages with humour and spontaneity, all in her sweet signature style. Her beautiful singing voice and mastery of the keyboard have earned her the title of "Nightingale of the School." Teaching new songs or singing prayer hymns with her has always created an atmosphere of sanctity and joy.

As an artist, Mary quickly recognizes and nurtures the extracurricular talents of her students. Her guidance has helped countless students discover their passions, whether during school youth festivals, 'LA Fest,' 'LOUD,' or simple assembly programmes. Her exceptional organizational skills and enthusiasm have left a lasting impact on every event she has touched.

Mary, as you prepare to retire, the imprint you leave behind is profound. We, your colleagues, will continue to be inspired



by your dedication and commitment to empowering young minds. As you step into this new chapter of your life, your influence will echo through the halls of our school, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of learning from you. The heart of a teacher like you is a rare gift, and your legacy will undoubtedly live on for years to come.

Loyola will truly miss a gem like you, Mary. Farewell, and may your next journey be as fulfilling and impactful as the one you have shared with us.

**Padmam A.**



The PTA President Dr Anju Deepak draping Ms Mary Mary with the golden shawl





# Blessing of the two houses built with the charity fund





# Kindergarten Graduation



28 March 2025 was a special day for Loyola School as we celebrated the first ever Graduation Day of our dear kindergarteners. With broad smiles and sparkles in their eyes, our young stars looked excited to embrace a world of new adventures.

The ceremony was filled with warmth, joy and a sense of accomplishment as each child proudly walked across the stage in his academic outfit. This milestone was not just a reflection of their academic progress but a celebration of their mental, physical and emotional skills.





Parents beamed with pride as they listened to their wards' presentations. It was for the first time that the KG boys proudly sang the School Anthem for a high-profile function at school.

Ms Rajitha R., the MC, made sure that the event went smoothly. Ms Tvarita Tripathi welcomed the gathering. Sr Jiji Thomas, Principal CBSE School, delivered the presidential address. The keynote address by Fr Sunny Kunnumpally SJ, Rector and Manager and the felicitation address by our dear Principal and Director, Fr Salvin Augustine SJ, were quite thought provoking. It was a privilege to have Ms Elizabeth Mathew, our former coordinator, to grace the occasion and listen to her advice for the parents, teachers and children. Our Registrar and coordinator Mr Joy Varghese sang soulfully, accompanied by the music teacher Mr Suresh Daniel on the guitar.

Representing the faculty, Ms Sandhya George and Ms Neetu Deepak shared their memorable experiences. Ms Arti Rawat proposed the vote of thanks, acknowledging and appreciating everyone who put in an effort to make the event a grand success.

The school management stood united in the request to parents to spend quality time with their children.

As these young graduates step into the next phase of their academic journey, we teachers and the management are proud and excited to see their confidence and progress.

**Ms Siji Abraham**











Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ



Fr Salvin Augustine SJ



Sr Jiji Thomas



Ms Elizabeth Mathew



Ms Tvaritha Tripathi  
Welcome Address



Ms Sandhya George



Ms Neetu Deepak



Ms Rajitha R.  
Compere



Ms Arti Rawat  
Vote of Thanks



Mr Joy Varghese





Ahaan Ram, UKG A



Ahmed Qazi Ibn Jissam, UKG B



Parthiv S., UKG C



Niranjan Ullanatt, UKG D



Neeraj R. Pillai, UKG E



Joseph Antony, UKG F



Mohammed Rameez, UKG A  
Golden Memories







Graduates of UKG A



Graduates of UKG B



Graduates of UKG C



Graduates of UKG D



Graduates of UKG E



Graduates of UKG F





# LOYOLITES IN THE LIMELIGHT



Our very own music teacher Mr Deepu M. has become one of top 18 contestants in Asianet's **Star Singer Season 10**. Considering his vast repertoire, it is no wonder that he has entered the elite group after battling it out with over 6500 contestants at different auditions. The extended Loyola family wishes you, Sir, the very best in the ongoing battle royal. Sing Sir, sing with full-throated ease!





Our very own dance teacher Ms Swathisree Malavika had the honour of representing Kerala at Amrita Mahotsav, the South Indian Cultural Fest, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. She presented a Keralanatanam dance based on the poem *Ente Keralam* on 8 March, followed by a Theyyam Bhagavathi Kolam performance on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Great, Malavika Ma'am. You did us proud!





FROM **LOYOLA** TO

# HOLLYWOOD

*For everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labour in freedom.*

Albert Einstein

Those who were born in the 1960s or before are most likely to be familiar with the movie **Kummatty**, a masterpiece from the acclaimed Malayali moviemaker, G. Aravindan. However, hardly anybody is likely to know the connection between the movie and Loyola school. That's for a bit later.

The movie, released in 1979, won the Kerala State Film Award for the Best Children's Film. In 2022 the movie was restored by The Film Foundation, the US-based non-profit organization founded by Martin Scorsese and several other leading filmmakers in 1990 for the preservation and exhibition of restored and classic cinema. Here is what Martin Scorsese said about **Kummatty**: "I'm thrilled to be working...to preserve and restore director Aravindan Govindan's extraordinary film, '**Kummatty**'. Aravindan was a visionary director and '**Kummatty**' is considered among his greatest works. The Film Foundation's World Cinema Project will share this film with the wider audience it deserves, making it a true cinematic discovery."

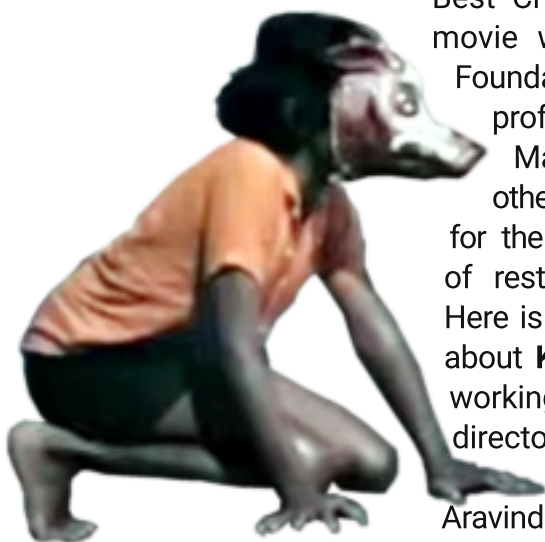
Recently, the movie soared to new heights when it was screened at the

Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles on March 14, 2025. The Academy is the body which hands out the Oscars every year and boasts a membership including eminent film personalities from around the world.

Now back to the Loyola connection. The lead child role of Chindan in the movie is played by a Loyolite of the 1984 batch, Ashok Unnikrishnan. The shooting kept him away from school for one month. He was in the Class 7 at that time.

Kummatty or the bogeyman, who is a sorcerer and oracle, lives a nomadic life and encounters a group of children in a village in Kerala and captivates them with his magic. The movie has minimal dialogue but is peppered with folk songs like the famous rain song *karukarakarmukil*.

As the time comes for him to leave, Kummatty decides to give the children a magical experience as a parting gift. He transforms them into various animal forms. Chindan takes the form of a dog. He is chased away by another dog, so he is not around when the other children are given their human form back by Kummatty. So he has to wait for a year till Kummatty returns and over that period Chindan feels the real pain of bondage.





#### Then and now



Chindan 1979



Ashok Unnikrishnan 2025



This is also so typical of the education at Loyola, where although academics are always important, students are given every opportunity to showcase their talents and identify and pursue their passion.

#### The Class of 1984

Photo courtesy

1. Late Mr N. L. Balakrishnan (Photographer)
2. Aravindan Govindan Archive at Film Heritage Foundation

Having understood the value of freedom or the debilitating effect of bondage of any kind, Chindan sets his caged parrot free in the climactic scene of this classic film.

All credit to Loyola and his parents for allowing him to act in a movie at that tender age despite missing classes. It was a very brave call in the late 1970s.





## ***Echoes of Expression***



Visiting my colleague Bindhulekha madam's art exhibition at Lulu Mall on 22 March was a surprise and a great experience for me, as I had not had any idea that she was participating in it. The moment I stepped into the gallery, I was captivated by the vibrant colours and dynamic brushstrokes that brought each painting to life. Every piece radiated energy, emotion, and a unique storytelling aspect that reflected the artist's passion and creativity.

As I walked through the exhibits, I could see how each painting had its own personality, some bursting with a riot of colours, others evoking deep contemplation. Watching her work in a professional setting filled me with admiration and pride. The exhibition was truly inspiring, and my appreciation for her artistic journey and the power of creative expression knew no bounds.

**Ms Resmi L. Ravi**

## Ms Roshy Thomas Named Among TOP 50 AI EDUCATORS IN INDIA



Ms Roshy Thomas, teacher of Computer Science at Loyola School, Trivandrum, has been honoured as one of the Top 50 AI Educators in India by the 1 Million for 1 Billion (1M1B) foundation, in collaboration with IBM SkillsBuild.

This prestigious recognition was conferred on her by Mr R. P. Singh, Joint Secretary, CBSE Skill Education, in acknowledgement of her invaluable contributions to the advancement of Artificial Intelligence in the field of education.

She played a pivotal role as a core member of the team that designed and curated the CBSE AI curriculum and

Class 12 textbook. Her dedication and expertise have been instrumental in shaping AI education for students nationwide. The handbook for students developed under this initiative has been published on the CBSE website, marking a significant milestone in the integration of AI into school education.

Her recognition stands as a testament to her commitment to empowering future generations with cutting-edge technological knowledge.

Ms Roshy Thomas has also been selected as an ISTM-Certified CBSE Resource Person

## Ms Sarah Koshy becomes an ISTM-Certified CBSE Resource Person



Ms Sarah Koshy of the Department of Commerce at Loyola School, Trivandrum, has been selected as a CBSE Resource Persons certified by the Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM). Her selection comes after her successful completion of a rigorous training and evaluation process conducted by the Centre of Excellence (CoE) and ISTM, held at Kollam. This certification qualifies her to serve as a national-level resource person for CBSE, supporting teacher training and curriculum implementation across India.





The first Annual Day of Loyola School, Thumba, marked a historic and joyous milestone in the life of this budding institution. Celebrated with grace and grandeur, the event was a witness to the spirit of excellence, unity, and promise that defines the Jesuit tradition in education.

The celebration was presided over by Fr Sunny Jose, Rector of St Xavier's Institutions, whose presence added solemnity and encouragement to the occasion. Fr Sunny Kunnappallil, Manager of Loyola School, Sreekariyam, officially inaugurated the event, setting the tone for a memorable evening.

A highlight of the day was the release of the school's very first magazine—a beautiful compilation that captured the journey of the school so far. This unique magazine included a family photo of each student and chronicled all major events and moments of the year. It was released by Fr Baby Chalil SJ, handing it over to Fr Rabin C., SJ and warmly received by all in attendance.

The Annual Day witnessed enthusiastic participation from parents, many staff members of Loyola School, Sreekariyam, and nearly all the Jesuits of the zone, making it a truly family-like celebration. The presence of the parents was a source of immense joy and encouragement. Adding a special touch to the evening, two parent volunteers took up the role of anchors and did a commendable job, bringing energy and elegance to the event.



Fr Salvin Augustine SJ, Principal of Loyola School, Thumba, presented a detailed and inspiring report on the academic year. He expressed deep gratitude to the dedicated staff for their tireless efforts and to the supportive parents for their constant cooperation and trust. His words reflected hope and confidence in the future of this young institution.

Though the school currently has just 43 students, every single child participated in the cultural programme, leaving a lasting impression on the audience. Their performances, filled with enthusiasm and creativity, spoke volumes about the nurturing environment they are provided with.

The first Annual Day of Loyola School, Thumba, was not just an event—it was the beginning of a beautiful journey. A Jesuit school is taking root, and the seeds of character, competence, and compassion are being sown. Indeed, a great Jesuit school is in the making.



Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ lighting the lamp



Presidential Address: Fr Sunny Jose, Rector of St Xavier's Institutions



Inaugural Address: Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ,  
Rector and Manager of Loyola Institutions, Sreekariyam





Welcome Address: Devi P. Kumar

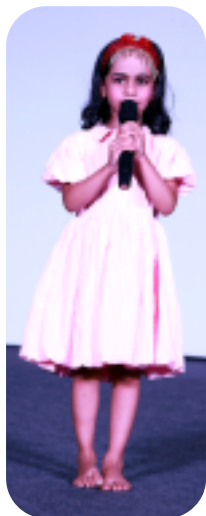
Vote of Thanks: Leelu S. Kumar



Annual Report Presentation:  
Principal Fr Salvin Augustine SJ



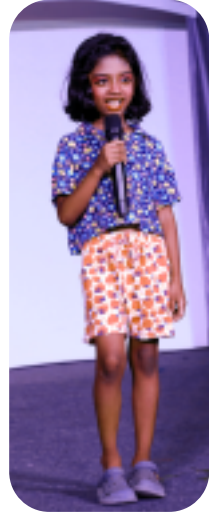
Release of Photo Magazine: Fr Baby Chalil SJ



Recitation by  
Nandana Krishnaswamy



From the Colour Dance by Pre-KG students



Song by  
Agnitya Narayan



Song by Rihaan N



Parent Anchors: Zeggie & Krishnapriya



# ECO-CONSCIOUS FASHION SHOW BY PRE-KG AND LKG STUDENTS ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS







Grace in Motion: Yoga Fusion Dance by LKG Students



Burst of Colours: Pre-KG Dance Delight





Tiny Champions in Action (Sports Dance by LKG & Pre-KG Students)



Loyola School Thumba Staff with Parent Anchors on the left



Loyola School Sreekariyam Teachers





## *Year-end Unwinding in Ashtamudi*

This year, the entire staff at Loyola School set off to Ashtamudi in Kollam for the much-needed unwinding after a hectic year of activities of all sorts. One day at Club Mahindra Resort and on the lake was unforgettable for the fun and the bonding.

A special stage programme arranged in a spacious hall at the resort witnessed the free flow of spontaneous creativity. While some colleagues were enjoying the boating on the lake and some others were chilling out in the swimming pool, the more tech-savvy ones went on capturing evanescent moments and preserving them in short movies. Adding to the fun was the traditional games which brought out the child in every participant. The journey itself was lively, filled with spontaneous singing and dancing. It was truly heartwarming to see everyone, young at heart, enjoying the outing like little boys and girls.

The day was not just about relaxation but also about reconnecting, celebrating each other's presence, and strengthening the bond that unites us as one big Loyola family. It was, without a doubt, a great day that will be remembered fondly for a long time.