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Principal's Message

Season's greetings to you all.

We move into the season of festivals and it is time for us to have a retrospection on the last three months with gratitude. We have almost completed the first quarter of the year. A lamp lighted in front of us marked the beginning of the year. We had a handful of events during the last three months – from the Teachers' Orientation Programme to the Curtain Raiser of *Iridescent 2016*. To list them here takes unproportionate space, but I must say that the most beautiful day in the first quarter of the year was the day on which we celebrated the Grandparents' day in our school. The smile on the wrinkled faces, the folded hands and the words of wisdom from them keep the school beautiful.

This message and Newsletter come to your hands just near the Canonization celebration of Saint Teresa of Kolkata. CNites reverentially bow before this Saint of the poor and the destitute. We look forward to put together the seven colours in an IRIDESCENT manner in the school as the Annual Educational Fair. Let the prosperity of Onam remain forever and the warmth of coming together take us to our family. Wish you the goodness of Onam and a pleasant vacation too.

Fr Sebastian Attichira CMI
Principal



Integrity Excellence Empathy

Orientation Programme for Teachers

It is said that teachers mould the new generation. For carrying out this unique responsibility, they have to be equipped in every way. The CNIS team of teachers attended a three-day refresher programme on 18, 19 and 20 May 2016. Dr. Shiju Joseph and Ms. Maya Menon, Professors and Consultant Psychologists, Govt. Women's College, Trivandrum, handled a session on the psychological development and mental health of students on 18 May. Adv. Gopakumar took an enlightening session on The Right to Education Act on 19 June. Dr. M M Sulphey, Dean (Academics, Research and Consultancy) at TKM Institute of Management, Thiruvananthapuram, took an interactive session on Neuro Linguistic Programming for Teaching Effectiveness. The refresher programme was a real eye opener for the teachers.

School Reopening

Every year begins with new hopes, new teachers, new students, new leadership and everything new. Christ Nagar International School also witnessed the blossoming of yet another academic year on 1 June 2016 which kindled an ever-refreshing spirit in all the CNites to continue on the journey towards excellence. The first of anything gives excitement and the first day at school every year is revitalizing. Mr. Radhakrishnan S, Multi Media Director, Prasar Bharathi Academy, officially inaugurated the reopening function. He emphasized the fact that knowledge gives the power to rule the world and the elements. Rev. Fr. Joseph Vattaparampil, Manager, Christ Nagar Group of Schools, led the school in the dedication prayer. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Attichira, our Principal, hoisted the school flag thereby officially setting the new academic year to a befitting start. Mr. Gopakumar and Prof. Victor Fernandez of the Kanakanagar Residents' Association were also present.

ISA Curtain Raiser

CNIS is preparing for the International School Award instituted by the British Council for a third consecutive time. The reopening assembly witnessed a colourful Curtain Raiser ceremony of the ISA, wherein the seven topics were introduced to the school by the respective teachers in charge. The seven topics are :

- Mapping the Blue
- Loan Words in English
- Weather Matters
- Role of ENGOs in the Development of Society
- Past Breakers are Path Makers
- Walk through the Ancient World
- All the World's a Stage

Inauguration Of Interact Club

Leadership is an essential aspect in the holistic development of an individual, and organisations like the Rotary Club offer both clubs and programs to help emerging leaders develop their skills. To inculcate such skills in CNites, an Interact Club was formulated and inaugurated on 14 July 2016 by Dr. K.N.R.U Kartha. Our Principal, Rev. Sebastian Attichira, Rtn. S.L.Raj, Rtn.Roynold Gomez and Rtn. Sheela Devi graced the occasion. CNites Mohamed Rayyan, Aminath Yumn Adam, Reshma Suresh, Sidharth Vijay Nambiar, and Reece Gomez were elected as office bearers.

Inaugural Function

The new academic year was officially inaugurated in a common assembly involving the three Christ Nagar Schools (Christ Nagar English Higher Secondary School & Central School, Christ Nagar International School and Christ Nagar Higher Secondary - ICSE - School) on 7 June. His Grace, Mar Antony Kariyil, the Honourable Bishop of Mandya, Karnataka, flagged off the new year in an extravagant function marked by a few exhilarating performances by students from the three schools. Rev. Fr. Abraham Perikilakkatt CMI and Rev. Fr. Cyriac Madathil CMI the Provincial graced the occasion with their encouraging presence. Rev. Fathers Sebastian Attichira CMI, Kurian Chalangadi CMI and Bino Pattarkalam CMI, the respected Principals of the Christ Nagar Schools, Rev. Fr. Joseph Eenthumkuzhy CMI, the Bursar and Mr. Thomas Mani, the Academic Coordinator, were also present. CNite Aysha Joyce took the audience on the wings of music and CNite Adithyan S Neelamana proposed the Vote of Thanks. The school magazines also were released.



Talents Day

On 13 June, Rev. Fr. Mathew Areikkalam, Principal, Christ Nagar Senior Secondary School, Thiruvallam, inaugurated Talents Day 2016. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Attichira, our Principal, handed over the symbolic Chakra to the Student Principal, CNite Fathimath Shaza Sham, indicating the transfer of administration. CNites Rahul Rajan Babu of Grade XII, Govind S of Grade X and Ann Rose of Grade XI took office as the Student Vice Principal and Administrative Officers respectively. CNite Rohith R of grade X was adjudged the Best Student Teacher.



Cultural Fest

The gala opening of CNIS Cultural Fest – *Thrill CNIS 2016* was held on 11 August. Ms. Rajalekshmi Abhiram, the playback singer, inaugurated the cultural events. The CNites showcased their multifarious talents by participating in an array of art and cultural competitions.



Investiture Ceremony

The new office bearers of the year 2016-'17 were invested with their duties in an extravagant function on 20 June. CNites Rejath R, Meenakshi Anil, Aarya Vijay, Bobby Varghese Vinu and Mathew Xavi were sworn in as the School Leader, Deputy School Leader, Girls' Representative, Arts Club Secretary and Sports Captain respectively. The Captains and Vice Captains of the four Houses and the Class Prefects also took charge.



International Day of Yoga

"This year's observance of the International Day of Yoga highlights the important role healthy living plays in the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted last year by all 193 United Nations Member States." (Ban Ki-Moon, United Nations Secretary-General) Needless to say, the proclamation of 21 June as the International Day of Yoga has reiterated the importance of yoga in our daily life and underlines the benefits of practising yoga. CNIS celebrated the Day in a colourful manner wherein the CNites came up with some invigorating performances which inspired everyone to start practising yoga for healthy living. The solo performance by CNite Diya Simi Raj of Grade III was exceptional.



Grandparents' Day



CNites took the opportunity to express their gratitude to the senior members, the heritage and the most essential part of all families and community, by celebrating Grandparents' Day on 11 August. Mrs. Daisy Jacob, wife of late Shri T.M Jacob and grandparent of one of the young CNites, delivered the Grandparents' Day message which was an eye opener for all. Mrs. Ponnamma, grandmother of CNites Mydhili S John and Ann Mary S, and Mr. Damodaran Nair, grandfather of CNite Sanjana Nair of Grade I, were offered a Ponnada as a mark of honour and a love from the entire CNIS family.

Vivacité (The CNIS Annual)

The beginning of the new academic year was noted for the release of the school magazine, Vivacité, the first of its kind in the eleven years long history of CNIS. As the title suggests, the magazine celebrated the dynamism and high-spiritedness of our younger generation. It is this vivaciousness or exuberance of our young ones that instils in us the hope for a better world for generations to come. The magazine was formally released by His Grace, Mar Antony Kariyil, the Honourable Bishop of Mandya, Karnataka, in the common inaugural assembly of the Christ Nagar Schools.



Rings to RIO 2016

CNites enthusiastically celebrated the opening of Olympic Games on 5 August 2016. Students presented a flash mob displaying the Olympic rings and also exhibiting the various sporting events held in Olympics. They were exposed to the energetic world of sports through this event.

Orientation for CNites

Students of Grades XI and XII were given an orientation on the various courses offered at the prestigious Northern Arizona University. Ms. Shalun Beadi, Director, Admissions and Marketing, visited the school on 10 August 2016 and introduced the students to the procedures of admission into the academic programmes including research opportunities and career-building internships.

Pot Making Competition

The lifeless clay pots turned into objects of visual treat when the magical hands of the students threw paint on them. Students of Grades V - X captured all the colours and beauty of Nature to be spilt on the pots they got for the Pot Painting Competition held on 29 July 2016.

Educational Trips

CNites were taken on field trips to bolster their educational activities. On 4 August, students of Grades I and II visited Vizhinjam Marine Aquarium. On 20 August, Grades VI and VII visited the Elephant Rehabilitation Centre at Kottur.

Letter to the Principal

In this hi-tech world where messages are sent in lightning speed, the students of Grade II were given the unique experience of writing a letter. Students even wrote a letter to the Principal describing the trip to the Marine Museum. They wrote the address themselves by referring their identity cards and were taken to the post office to post the letters. This was an activity conducted in keeping with their academic curriculum.

Orientation Programme for Girl Students

As part of the Girls' Cell activities, orientation sessions are organized for the girls in order to support them in their process of growing up. Ms. Manisha Bhandari and Ms. Mathangi S, Members of Faculty, handled a session on adolescent psychology and problems related to puberty on 8 and 9 June.

Inter School Competitions RMUN

The CNIMUN Club brought laurels to the school by participating in the prestigious Rajagiri Model United Nations Conference, held at Kochi on 18 & 19 July 2016. CNites Rejath R, Bobby Varghese Vinu, Nicole Hardy, Fathimath Shaza, Rahul Rajan Babu, Aiswarya Hari, Anand Sankar, Rohith R and Sajana Nair represented different countries in two committees. CNite Bobby Varghese Vinu was adjudged one of the Best Diplomats.

La fest

Aman S Dominic of Grade X bagged the third position in the photography competition in La Fest, organized by Loyola School, Trivandrum.

CNIMUN 2016

The first edition of Christ Nagar International Model United Nations, christened CNIMUN 2016, was inaugurated by Shri. Rahul Easwar on 23 August in a simple function. Nicole Jemimah Hardy adorned the Chair of the Honourable Secretary General who was supported by Rejath R as the Chair, Fathimath Shaza as the Vice Chair and Rahul R B as the Secretary.

The young delegates representing 26 countries discussed and argued upon the topic 'Tackling the Problems of Globalisation'. They came up with a resolution towards the end of the Conference. Dr. Shaijumon P S, Head of the Dept of Economics, was the guest speaker of the day. CNIMUN 2016 presented a unique experience to the participants wherein they learned to address global issues with a mind to find solutions to some of them.

CNite Rohith R was declared the Best Delegate. CNite Sarang Rakesh received an Honourable Mention and CNite Joshua Vijay got the prize for the Best Position Paper.



Girls' Cell & Charity Drive Inauguration

CNIS has initiated a Girls' Cell, through which girls could share their woes and worries, on 21 June. Ms. Annie Ignatius, Principal, Christ Nagar Public School, Maranalloor, officially inaugurated the Club and

CNite Aarya Vijay of Grade XI, the Girls' Representative, gave an enlightening speech on the issues that girls face in the society who also proposed an action plan of activities to be organized in the year 2016. Kids-Support-Kids, the charity organ of CNIS, was also inaugurated on the same day. The Charity Coordinator, Ms. Lekshmisree presented the action plan of activities for the academic year 2016 - '17.



Environment Day

To promote awareness on the importance of preserving our biodiversity, the World Environment Day was observed on 5 June 2016. In connection with this, a Poster Making Competition was organized for the students of Grade VII in the school premises.

IRIDESCENT 2016

CNIS witnessed the amazing curtain raiser ceremony of the Annual Educational Fair, Iridescent 2016. The entire community put up a beautiful display of seven vibrant colours reflecting the seven different areas of study, as part of the International School Award in which the school is currently engaged: Role of ENGOs in the development of society, Past Breakers are Path Makers, Walk through the Ancient World, All the World's a Stage, Loan Words in English, Weather Matters and Mapping the Blue. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Attichira unveiled the banner which was followed by a small presentation by the students on the seven themes. The programme came to a close with a mesmerising dance performance.



Merit Day

The toppers of the Cambridge IGCSE & A Level Examinations were acknowledged during the Merit Day on 22 June 2016, for their meritorious achievement. CNites Sooryanarayan Premkishore, Abel Mathew and Ganapathy S were the toppers for IGCSE and CNites Elena Elizebeth Thomas, Athmika R Bath, Sharwani Nagarajan and Nikitha Xavi for A Level. Sri. K Suresh Kumar, The National Award Winner for the Best Teacher, 2012-'13 awarded the toppers with trophies and certificates.

International School Award

Mapping the Blue

A brainstorming session on Underwater Tourism was conducted for Grades VII and VIII students by Ms. Mathangi. This was followed by a Talk given by an expert on Marine Pollution and job opportunities in Oceanography, Dr. K.V Thomas, Academic Consultant, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean studies, Kochi. As part of World Ocean Day celebrations, students attended a workshop and a brochure making competition related to Marine resources. Through these activities students were able to explore the world of oceans.

A competition on brochure making was held on 22 June 2016, for the students of Grades VII and VIII. Students collected information and pictures on marine resources of India, Australia, Maldives, Japan and a few of other countries prior to the competition. The event helped students to gain more knowledge on marine resources.

On 4 July 2016, the students of Grade VII were given an activity to create charts on different kinds of oceans in the world, fish harvesting etc. They were allowed to use information and pictures collected from books, internet etc. The topics included were a comparative study of the three main oceans, differences in the harvesting of fish, the quality of water in oceans and how it varies from one ocean to another, usage of marine resources in different parts of the world etc.

A Display of Charts on a comparative study of Physiochemical features of different oceans, prepared by the students of Grade VII was organized on 08 July 2016. Salinity and fish harvesting were the focus points of comparison. Students were able to understand the role of physiochemical properties in the behaviour of oceans.

Students of Grade VIII submitted PowerPoint presentations on the physical properties of oceans, on 11 July 2016. The topics included were salinity, temperature, density of oceans etc.

On 3 August 2016, students from Grade VIII were taken on a field trip to Vizhinjam International Seaport, Trivandrum, Kerala. The focus of the activity was to study the lifestyle and issues of the fishermen community. The students gave a questionnaire and collected information on myths about the sea, the roughness of the sea, kinds of fish available in the sea etc. This activity made the students understand the life of the fishermen community and also the issues they face in their life.

A team of academicians from St. Michel's College, Switzerland, visited CNIS to interact with CNites, in connection with the Indo Swiss Classroom Project. Students who were a part of the project "Mapping the Blue" formally welcomed them to our alma mater. Mr. Matthias Wider, Principal, St. Michel's College inaugurated the assembly on the "Cultural aspects of Maldives", on 21 July 2016



International School Award

Loan words in English

A brainstorming session on the origin and uses of loan words in English language was conducted by Ms. Roshni Raj on 30 June 2016 for the students of Grade V. CNite Sanjana Nair of Grade X introduced a few German loan words in English to Grade III as part of Talents Day 2016.



Past Breakers are Path Makers

A Brainstorming session was conducted on 24 June 2016 and the students of Grade IX were introduced to the topic and were briefed on the activities planned.

The brochure for "Past Breakers are Path Makers" was unveiled by Mr. Adrin Schmid, Coordinator, St. Michael's College, in connection with the Indo Swiss Classroom Project. The team later met students from various classes.

As part of the Media Day celebration, CNIS organized a painting competition on 28 July 2016.





St. Teresa of Kolkata
Pray for Us

Upcoming events at CNIS & Reminders

Sept 19	School reopens after Onam Holidays
Sept 22	Star Day & Teachers' Day
Sept 27 – 30	Open House
Sept 30	Last day to pay Term II Fee without Fine
Oct 4	ISKO Olympiad
Oct 13	Cyber Olympiad
Oct 20 -21	Iridescent 2016 – Educational Fair
Nov 11	CNIS Annual Sports Meet
Nov 15	Science Olympiad
Dec 1	Maths Olympiad

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