



**News Bulletin**  
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**Christ Nagar International School**  
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# **Christ Nagar International School**

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**WINNER OF BRITISH COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD**



## *Principal's Message*

I should begin with a quotation from the Bible:

"We know that God causes all things to work together for the good of those who love God."

The same thing is also said in other words in the Bhagawat Geetha:

"Whatever happened, happened for the good; whatever is happening, is happening for the good; whatever will happen, will also happen for the good only. You need not have any regrets for the past. You need not worry for the future. The present is happening..."

A lot of things happened here in this school during the current academic year; and I believe: whatever happened is good, good for the school, good for the students, good for the teachers, good for the parents, good for the management, good for everybody gathered here.

I do believe since several years that whatever happens to you is the best for you. Or rather, you make the best of whatever situation you are thrown into. We have plans and schemes, but much of it may not materialize; the dictum "man proposes, God disposes" is not without merit. In my life I have learnt that whatever happened to me and whatever happens to me, is the best for me; it can make your life worth-while.

I have tried my best to make this a place a paradise, where only love and concern for each other reigns. For me that is the highest value that we should inculcate in our children, if you wish to have a bright future for them and for the society. Inculcating these values is the most sublime aim of all education and the culmination of all upbringing. What Eisha of II-G wrote was the most touching thing for me this year: "Happy Birthday, father. You are the best Principal ever ... I didn't see a Principal like this."

During the last academic year wonderful things have happened to this school. The coming pages will shed some light on the events that took place after Onam Celebrations.

I wish all the students happy holidays. Celebrate it well, and come back with added vigour for the next academic year on 2nd June 2014.

Fr. Cyriac Thundiyl  
Principal

# Annual Science Fair

Annual Science Fair 22/11/2013  
Chief Guest Dr. P. Harinarayanan,  
Scientific Officer in Kerala State  
Council for Science, Technology  
and Environment, delivered the  
keynote address and inaugurated  
the Science Fair of this year.





During the science fair our students organized Food Fest for collecting money for our charity drive "Kids-Support-Kids".



We were extremely happy to welcome the Students from the other schools of Christ Nagar Campus, who came to visit our Science Fair.



There were also exhibits on Biomass gasification, Floating cities of the future, future solar trains, etc. Photos 397, 401, 411.

# British Council International School award

Cambridge International School Award was given away this year on 18th November at Kolkata in the special convention. The Award for our school was handed over by the Director of British Council in India, Mr. Rob Lynes to our Principal Rev. Fr. Cyriac Thundiyl, C.M.I.



# Visit of German Pastors

Rev. Pastor Dechant spoke on the occasion and invited us to Dormagen

On 25th November a group of German pastors and associates from Dormagen under the leadership of Rev. Fr. John Kallarackal visited our School. They were given a warm welcome and they appreciated the school and its surroundings.

## International Seminar

On 28th November an International Seminar on “Developing Global Citizens through International Education” was conducted by Dr. Sunny Luke (Director International Institute, New Jersey, USA)



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# Christy Bags



First set of Christy Bags (paper bags made by students of CNIS) was distributed on 14th November 2013 in connection with the Children's Day.

## Educational Tour



On 30th November students of Gr.I-IV went to the Magic Academy, Students of VI-VII to the Priyadarsini Planetarium, and Gr.VIII to Meteorological department, as part of their study tour of this year.

## Christmas Celebration



Christmas was celebrated on 19th December with all pomp and the magic of lighting before the beginning of the Christmas Holidays. The Chief Guest of our Christmas Celebration was Rev. Fr. Mathew Arekalam, Councillor for Education, Province of St. Joseph, Thiruvananthapuram.





# Christmas Celebration





The Cambridge Checkpoint Examinations were conducted in November/ December and its result was published on 13th January 2014.

Cambridge programmes and qualifications have a proven reputation for being an excellent preparation for university, employment and life. These tests are used to monitor learners' readiness for the next stage of education and helps schools make strategic decisions.

The seventh batch of CNIS wrote this diagnostic checkpoint test in the month of October 2013 and came out with flying colors, making the school proud of its teaching approach and faith in Cambridge. Scores on the Cambridge Checkpoint scale are from 0.0 (the lowest level of ability) to 6.0 (the highest level of ability).

## Time Table

With effect from 1st of January 2014 the time table was changed from 8 periods a day to 7 periods, so that each period gets 45 minutes. This was the long term requests of teachers; there would be only 35 periods a week instead of 40.

## CCTV Cameras

From the 1st of January in all the class rooms and open areas CCTV cameras were installed to closely monitor the activities within the school.

## RESULTS OF CAMBRIDGE CHECKPOINT EXAMINATIONS

This year 38% of the CNites appearing in the exam, scored above the average score of 3.2 for the total entry for Cambridge Checkpoint English. The highest scorers in our school are: Aparna Nair (4.2), Meenakshi Anil (4.5), M Arham Ibrahim Rasheed (4.4), Swetha Arun (4.4) and Soorya Narayan Prem Kishore (4.2).

The average score for Cambridge Checkpoint Mathematics exam is 5.0 and 68% of the CNites appearing in the exam scored above this value; and 10 of our students scored the full 6.0 marks: They are Adheip M Nair, Aparna Nair, Arya S Vijay, Ganapathy K, Haider Abdul Jaleel, Meenakshi Anil, Sarang Rakesh, Shiva AnilKumar, Abel Mathew Vinod Panicker and Soorya Narayan Prem Kishore.

In Science 4 of our students scored the maximum mark of 6.0; they are Aparna Nair, Sarang Rakesh, Arham Rasheed, and Soorya Narayan Prem Kishore. And 11 of our students scored above 5.5 score. The international average of Checkpoint exams for science is 4.8; 68% of our students scored above this value.

## SMS Alert System

In order to keep in touch with parents and to give them timely information regarding activities in the school the SMS Alert System was introduced on 10th of January 2014.

## Cambridge Examinations

Checkpoint Exams for Grade VIII started on 21st October 2013, it went on till the end of November 2013. 37 students of our school appeared for this exam.

From 23.10.2013 the IGCSE exams conducted by Cambridge also started. 22 Students of our school, and one private students were appearing for the exam for O Level exam, and 11 Students for AS level, and 7 students for A level exams.

## Educational Tour

Students of IX and XI (32 students) as part of the annual educational tour went to Kanthari International Institute in Vellayani, to study the trends in modern technology systems.

## ● Solar Energy

Solar electricity generation system students of Gr.IX and XI visited on 1.11.2013 the home of Dr. RVG Menon. He explained in detail the non-conventional energy systems, and demonstrated to the students how the solar system works in his house, and how he saves money and energy through that.

8/11/2013 Assembly was held and during the assembly Award to Hindu Young Talent Quiz was announced.



## Visit of Prince Charles and Princess Kamilla Parker

Our students Nandana Syam and Anjana Nair under the leadership of Mrs. Pallavi Singh visited Rajagiri College of Engineering on 12.11.2013 and presented our project "Connecting Classrooms" with exhibits. Princess Kamilla Parker visited the exhibition and spent quite some time talking to our students.



# International Partnership with Germany



As part of the partnership with Hohenstaufen School, Kaiserslautern, in Germany our students visited Germany in June 2013. The delegation from the German school came arrived here on 12th January 2014 for the return visit. They were here till the 25th of January. They were accorded a warm reception in the school on the 13th morning at a special Reception Assembly, which was followed by a Reception Lunch at Windsor Rajadhani Hotel, Kaudiar. On the first day itself the German delegation presented their studies on the impact of IT in their society.

During their stay here they visited all the important places at Trivandrum, including VSSC, Technopark, Rajiv Gandhi Biotechnology Centre, Indian Institute of Space Science at Valiamala, Goethe Centre, etc. We took a day out to visit Cochin; the travel was in train and bus, which gave them an insight into the railway system and transportation. Next day we visited Alleppey and had a ride in the houseboat along the Vembanad Lake.

On 19th January we visited the Chief Minister Oommen Chandy at Cliff House and had a discussion about various issues of our State. We visited also the Water Resource Minister P.J. Joseph. Mayor of Trivandrum City came to our school on 23rd January and had an hour long discussion with the visiting German Students.





# International Partnership with France

We had a student exchange programme with College Jean Renoir, Bourges in France. On our request 18 students and 5 teachers arrived on 8th Feb.2014 at Trivandrum. They were received at the airport, and taken home by our partner students. On the 10th February they were given a rousing welcome in our school.

During their stay they visited the Rajiv Gandhi Bio-technology centre, VSSC, Technopark, Toonz Animation studio, Kottoor Elephant park, Alliance Francaise, Munnar Tea Plantations, Alleppey backwaters...

The team visited the **Chief Minister Oommen Chandy** at Cliff house, his residence.



At the final assessment session the French students were literally emotional, many of them cried, and had said that they want to stay on here in India.

A farewell party was given to the French team on 17th February, and a farewell dinner was hosted by the parents of partner students of our school. On 18th morning we gave the French delegation a very emotional farewell at the airport – a lot of tears were shed and handshakes lasted for minutes.



# FAREWELL ASSEMBLY FOR GERMANS

Vegetarian Sadya to the German students and their partners at noon, sponsored by ...  
Farewell Dinner to German and Indian partners was hosted by the parents of the Indian partner students



## Student Tours

31/1/2014 Trip to I-IV to Happy Land;  
Gr.V-IX to Kochi, and ship



# Annual Day 2014



Annual Day of our school was celebrated on the 11th February. The Chief Guest was Dr. Tessy Thomas, the project director of Agni Missile project of DRDO, Hyderabad.

After the formal meeting there was a splash of colour and light and rhythmic dances to highlight the festivals of the world. The performances were of high standards and everyone enjoyed the wonderful and spectacular performances.







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