

# CNIS Chronicle

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff,

*Utopia. You may have heard of the word utopian; things that are beautiful to hear, but can never be realized are utopian. It comes from the noun "Utopia". It is the Greek word coined by Sir Thomas More for his 1516 book, "Utopia"; it is a novel which describes a fictional island society in the Atlantic Ocean. A utopia is a community or society possessing highly desirable or perfect qualities. When we celebrate Onam we think of "Maveli Nadu", an utopian society, in which everybody is equal, is a good neighbor to each other and helps each other generously and willingly. It is an ideal for which all the prophets exhorted mankind; Jesus Christ was the greatest proponent of brotherly love. May I hope that the festivities and happiness of Onam season will drive us to be kind and considerate to our fellow human beings, both at home, in the school and elsewhere.*

*One of the three students from U.S.A. who visited our school wrote a letter to his uncle, in which he praised our teachers; he wrote: "I found that the teachers were extremely dedicated to the students. They taught the material thoroughly and effectively always ensuring that the class understood the lesson. At the same time they maintained a good sense of humour, which helped them to relate to the class and to promote a lighter atmosphere in the class room. These type of individuals are not only teachers to the students, but also role models of behavior." I thank him for the nice words about our teachers.*

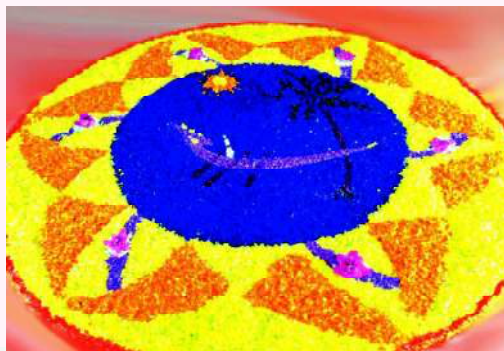
Sincerely,

Fr. Cyriac Thundiyl, C.M.I.

Principal

## Onam Celebration

ONAM was celebrated in a befitting manner in the school on the 13th of September with dances and skits representing the "utopian" idea of Onam. The programme was witnessed by a number of parents. After the programmes students and teachers were served sumptuous "ONA SADYA" on greeny banana leaves.





## Visit of Basketball team

The basket ball team of Carmel International School (Punnapra) visited our school. They had come to Trivandrum to participate in the school basketball match at Sarvodaya School, Nalanchira.

## Class Assembly



We have regular class assembly conducted by each class in turn. This time it was the turn of Grade V-G under the leadership of its class teacher Mrs. Deepa Nair. Students conducted the assembly. At the end of the assembly Badges of the Class Prefects for the second term was handed over by the respective Class teachers.



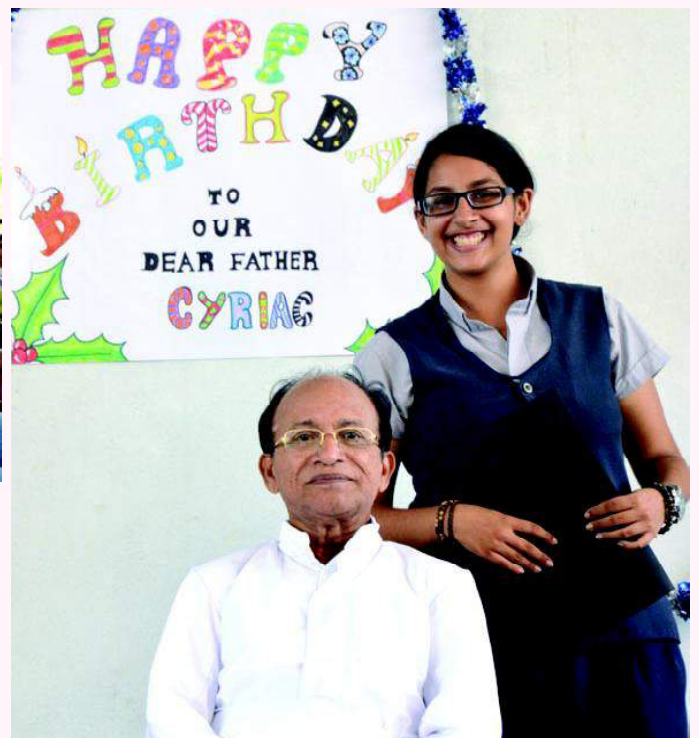
Visitors from Japan : Mr. Ryo Haishima & wife

## Abacus International Competition at Singapore

SIP Academy of Abacus conducted its international competition on 29th September at Singapore. **Michelle Teddy Fernandez** of Gr.III was selected for that competition. She was awarded a Medal and a certificate of participation.



# Birthday of our Principal



From the  
1<sup>st</sup> of August  
till date we had a  
total of 16 new  
admissions  
like Azmi Yara  
(in photo)

Birthday of our Principal, Rev. Fr. Cyriac Thundiylil, C.M.I. was celebrated in the school on the 4th of October 2013. A large cake was cut on the occasion; Vice-Principal Rev. Fr. Chacko Manackal, Ms. Tina and Mrs. Gleena made short speeches. Students were served cakes, and teachers were served lunch on the occasion.

## Additions to staff:



Mrs. Rasmi Joy, B.E.  
our new P.R.O.



Dr. Annamma Mathew, Ph.D.  
new Mathematics teacher



Mrs. Arunima Ashok, M.Sc.  
the new Librarian

# Thrill CNIS 2013



Cultural Competitions of this year was conducted under the name "Thrill CNIS 2013" on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of October. Students whole heartedly participated in the various items. Participation was important for them, winning prizes came next.

## Saraswathi Pooja & Bakrid

Towards the middle of October we have celebrated two festivals - The Saraswati Pooja and Bakrid. The Saraswati pooja is held in celebration of the Hindu goddess Saraswati, the goddess of learning and knowledge from which all blessings flow. During this time, young children are initiated into the world of learning by writing their first letters in rice while older children pay homage to the goddess and pray for success in their studies. Then we have the festival of Bakrid - or Eid-UI-Adah. (the festival of sacrifice) held to celebrate the faith of the man Ibrahim in God a faith that was so great that he was willing to give up his only son to God.

But why differentiate? Why divide along the lines of Hindu and Islamic? The true strength of an Indian celebration is its ability to get everyone to celebrate regardless of caste, faith or social standing. The values being celebrated by these festivals - knowledge and faith in God-are precious principles which we should all strive to follow and keep in our hearts, regardless of our creed. Festivals are about joy-both enjoying and spreading happiness.

Sanjana Nair



## Cambridge Examinations 2013

### November 2013 Session

**French examinations (IGCSE)** were conducted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2013.

**Checkpoint Examinations (Gr. VIII):** On 21, 22 and 23 October exam of English, Mathematics and Science subjects were conducted.

**O level (Gr. X), AS level (Gr. XI) and A level (Gr. XII)** examinations are conducted from the 23<sup>rd</sup> October till the 29<sup>th</sup> of November.

## Cambridge Exams in March from 2015

From 2015 onwards Cambridge is going to conduct board exams in March for the sake of Indian students, so that they can have the results in time and take part in the admission process of Indian professional colleges. This means that those who are in Gr. IX now, will write the IGCSE exam in March 2015. (Formerly we had only the choice to write the exams either in Oct/Nov or May/June.). So from now on we can plan our academic year in consonance with the general Indian academic calendar.

## Become Share-holders of "Christy Bags"



As part of the Commonwealth Enterprise Challenge 2013 in which schools all over the world are participating, our school has started a business enterprise under the name "Christy Bags".

The schools should start, plan and execute an enterprise make profit and use the profit for some good cause. Our school under the leadership of students of Grade

XI has submitted a project to produce paper bags, and is working on it. Paper bags are an alternative to the excessive use of plastic bags in our city. There are prizes for winning schools ranging from US\$500 to US\$5000/-. This project was inaugurated by our beloved singer K. J. Yesudas.

The proposed capital of the venture is fixed at Rs.1 lakh, divided into 1000 shares of Rs.100 each. Some students have subscribed upto 50 shares (Rs. 5000); I personally have put in Rs.5000 into the project. Now I request all the students to participate in this enterprise by taking at least a few shares each. Those who are willing to do so may entrust the amount to Ms. Taniya Thomas of Gr. XI, the Treasurer of the enterprise; share certificate will be issued.



## Outstanding Cambridge Learners Award 2013

Cambridge International Examinations has announced the Outstanding Cambridge Learners Award – India (2013) on the basis of achievements in the last academic examinations of the AS and 109 students got this award this year; 20 of them have achieved highest mark in the world, some are toppers in India, and others have high achievements. Anupama Manilal and Madhumita Varma are among them. Congratulations to both of them.



Anupama Manilal  
(high achievement in Sociology)



Madhumita Varma  
(highest mark in India) for Psychology

## CNIS Football Team

Football team of Christ Nagar International School took part in the CMI Schools' Mini World Football Tournament 2013, which took place at C.M.I. Public School, Chalakudy, from 3rd to 5th of October 2013. Though our team did not win, it gave them a good exposure to the football scene in the schools.

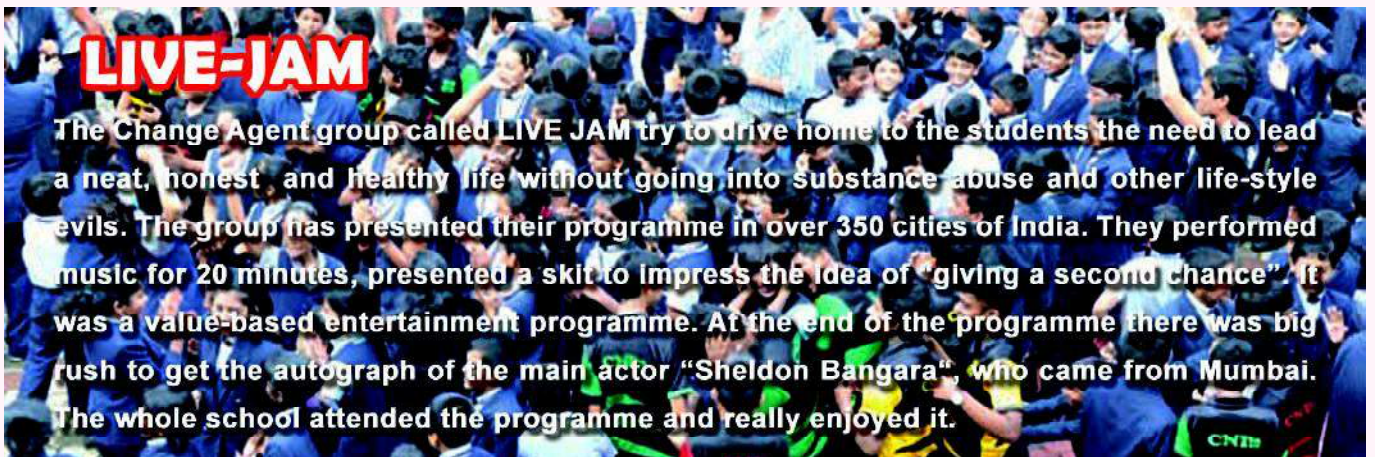


## German Students' visit in January 2014

From the 12th to 25th of January 2014 German Students from Kaiserslautern are visiting our school. All the students and teachers should be aware of this and do whatever they can to make their stay in our country comfortable and enjoyable. Those who visited Germany this year will have to play hosts to them.

## French Students' visit in February 2014

From the 8th to the 18th of February 2014 students from C.J.R. School in Bourges (France) will be visiting our school as part of our exchange programme. Correspondingly a group of our students will be visiting that school from the 14th to the 28th of May 2014.



# Class Assembly of Gr.VI-G

On the theme of friendship the students of Gr.VI-G presented the Class Assembly on 25th October under the leadership of the Class teacher Mrs. Maya Nair and Mrs. Lekshmi Rajan. Christine gave a short speech of friendship, which was followed by skit and dances to express the idea.



## Greening with Goethe



This is a project to educate school children for sustainable development, enable them to take decisions for the future and to estimate the impact of one's action on the future generations. Two of our students Krishna Narayan and Rahul Rajan Babu, have taken up an environmental issue ("non-conventional energy") and are preparing a documentation about it which will be presented at the Environmental Conclave taking place in the Bremen University, Germany. They travel to Germany as guests of the German Government, which meets all the expenses of their travel and stay. The two students will go to Germany on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November and will be back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2013.

## British Council Training Session

British council officer Mr Ramesh Veluchamy, the Senior Project Manager of Schools – Partnerships program, conducted a training session for 15 schools (including Carmel International School, Alleppey) which aspire for the International School Award of the British Council. The session started at 9.00 a.m. with an introduction of Principal, Fr. Cyriac Thndiyil, and it went on till 4.00 p.m.



## Wedding of Arunima Ashok

Wedding of our teacher Arunima Ashok took place on 27<sup>th</sup> October at Guruvaryoor, and there was a reception at Trivandrum on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. , in which most of our staff participated.



## SPORTS DAY 2013



The Sports day was celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of October. Inauguration of the sports day took place in a simple ceremony followed by hoisting the flags and lighting the lamp. Part of the programme was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> and the rest on the 26<sup>th</sup> October in the State School ground. The band set of State School gave us a demonstration of their band performance. All the students enthusiastically took part in the competitions. The medals will be distributed during the Children's day celebrations on 13<sup>th</sup> of November.

