

Onam Celebration

Onam was celebrated in the CNIS campus with great pomp and fair on 9 September 2016 in the august presence of Ms. Rajasree Warriar. The elephant and the boat cut outs used for decorating the premises created a traditional ambience and the flavours of each district of Kerala were brought in the form of a skit and dances, to the audience, which consisted of students, parents and grandparents. Apart from the cultural programmes, Inter House competitions such as Kerala Raja and Kerala Rani and Pookkalam designing were also conducted bringing the Kerala culture alive. Games like Uriadi, Tug of War etc. were a time of merriment for the energetic kids and teachers. The teachers' programme also added a tinge of fun to the function along with bringing the awareness of broken family ties in the modern world. The typical Kerala dessert semia payasam was distributed to all present in the campus putting a sweet and memorable end to the Onam celebration.

Star Day

The new members of the Prefect Council were sworn in and the Stars for academic proficiency were given away in a solemn ceremony held on 26 September 2016. Ruby, Gold, Silver and Blue stars were awarded to the CNltes, with a view to acknowledge their meritorious work and also to encourage the students to excel in both curricular and co-curricular activities.

IRIDESCENT 2016: Theme Presentation

On 5 October 2016 CNltes presented the themes of our Educational Fair **Iridescent 2016** - a display of seven different areas of studies as a rainbow of knowledge. The theme, The World of Entertainment undertook a journey through the world of Theatre, Cinema and Dance, the three pillars of entertainment wherein the audience got the chance of transcending into an extravagant level of existence. Towards a Revolutionized Future presented the path makers, the inventors who changed the way of our existence. The topic, Quest for the Hidden Past aimed at unveiling the wonders of the world as one made a journey into exploring the ancient civilizations of India, Egypt, Japan and China. Better Environment for Better Tomorrow symbolized our beautiful planet, Earth, of which we all are an intrinsic part. Blowing with the Wind focused on the impact of global warming on climate related disasters. Building Blocks of Knowledge was a unique effort to peep into the world of letters that form meaningful words when taken in from other languages into English. A Sail through the Ocean promised a mesmerizing journey into the wonderful world of oceans where one got to explore the wonders of the oceans and also to see the beautiful creations thriving deep beneath.

International Teachers' Day

On 5 October 2016, CNIS celebrated the International Teachers' Day with great pomp and gaiety in the presence of the Chief Guest Dr.C.P Sreekantan Nair, Former Principal, Farooq College. CNltes paid homage to the revered and renowned educationists and social reformers like Chanakya, Aryabhata, Savitribai Phule, Helen Keller, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and St. Chavara; through an assembly presentation named The Great Teachers through Ages.



IRIDESCENT 2016

Christ Nagar International School conducted the Annual Educational Fair **Iridescent 2016** on 25 October in the school premises. **Iridescent 2016** showcased a beautiful culmination of seven vibrant colours reflecting seven different areas of study into a collage of knowledge, providing a visual treat to the onlookers as they got to see the unique presentations of students through the seven themes. The fair was inaugurated by the honourable Chief Guest Dr. Syed Ibrahim, Honorary German Consul to Kerala. The fair started with a beautiful amalgamation of seven groups of students clad in seven dynamic colours depicting seven areas of studies.

Iridescent 2016 was well appreciated by the Chief Guest who expressed his concern in his inaugural speech on the growing need to conserve nature and the oceans, the victims of human exploitation. He also appreciated the work of the students and their efforts in contributing towards a revolutionized future. The major highlights of the fair were an earthquake and cyclone zone where the visitors had a memorable chilling experience of these natural disasters and a Jewellery Making competition followed by the Food without Fire competition where the students got to explore their culinary talents. There were also power packed dance performances by the students representing countries like Japan, Egypt, Singapore and Greece to mention a few. The fair ended with an exhilarating show by the school band "Mindless District" followed by a Hula-Hoop performance by the students. Finally, everybody enjoyed the beauty of these seven dynamic colours as they took home an ocean of knowledge and entertainment.

Sports Day

Lt. Col. R.K.Bahuguna SM, Additional Director, NCC Directorate (K&L), inaugurated the 12th Annual Sports Meet of CNIS, at the University Stadium on 11 November 2016. The event was flagged off by the release of balloons which was followed by a spectacular march past by the four Houses. CNlites showcased their mental strength and flexibility by performing three stunning yoga performances. With perfect sync 175 CNlites put forth an enchanting show, making formations and energizing the crowd. Unflinched by the hot sun, the four Houses, clad in different colours competed against one another for grabbing the coveted overall Champions' Trophy.

Model United Nations

The CNIMUN (Christ Nagar International Model United Nations) Club was in picture again in the Second Term by sending seven delegates to Christ Junior College Model United Nations, Bangalore, held on 24, 25 & 26 October 2016. CNlites Rejath R, Rahul Rajan Babu, Sarang Rakesh, Anand Sankar, Aarya Vijay, Serah Mathew and Pallavi Radhakrishnan made their presence felt at the Conference by way of their oratorical and negotiation skills.

The Kerala Model United Nations Conference held in Trivandrum on 11, 12 and 13 November 2016 found our CNlites scaling further heights in MUNing with CNlites Rohith R bagging a special mention with a cash prize and certificate, and CNlites Aarya Vijay getting a verbal mention.

Children's Day

The day started with the mention of the privileges the CNlites enjoy in comparison to the underprivileged children of the society. They dedicated the day's prayer to those unfortunate children. Our Principal and the little ones of the school paid tribute to Jawaharlal Nehru, whose birthday is celebrated as Children's Day, by offering flowers on the picture of Chacha Nehru. Nehru's life was then narrated which was made more attractive by young children depicting the various stages of his life; baby Nehru with parents, young Nehru, Barrister Nehru, Nehru with his wife, Nehru with Gandhi, Nehru with his daughter, Nehru as a writer and finally Nehru as the First Prime Minister of Independent India giving the speech 'Tryst with Destiny'. There was also a musical delight where the children presented a symphony of guitar, keyboard, violin and drums. The kids went on with a dance performance with the message 'Say No to Child Labour'. In short, the students celebrated childhood spreading the message of giving a better childhood to each and every child in this world.



Past Breakers are Path Makers

A motivational workshop was organized to create a drive in CNltes to achieve success. Major Raghvender, a person from a field where many couldn't dare to be and many couldn't reach, definitely made an ever lasting impact on the teenagers. A pattern of Aim, Plan, Preparation and

Execution was taught to enable the students to have a clear idea about how to work for achievement. At all junctures, the students were inquisitive and open to spill out their confusions which Maj. Raghvender handled tactfully leaving the students bolder, smarter and confident.

CNltes were exposed to a talk on path makers of the century which enlightened them on various achievers who started off with a small idea that brought a major change in the world. Ms. Brinda, Product Head, TCS, Technopark, spoke about the path makers, their dreams, work, inventions and their impact, and also mentioned the trivia in each. The talk also touched upon the effect of their inventions which changed the world's behaviour towards shopping, chatting, travelling etc.; which in fact brought everything at the click of our finger tips.

To encourage the students to probe further, a debate on Paid or Free Encyclopaedias was organized. Ms. Brinda was the moderator of the debate. The debate made the students aware of the pros and cons of the internet information that they use in their daily assignments.

Role of ENGOS in the Development of the Society

The ISA project, *Role of ENGOS* conducted a brainstorming session for Grade IV students. It was a very informative session for them as it gave a deep insight on Environmental Non-governmental organizations. CNltes were able to gain knowledge on different ENGOS such as WWF, Greenpeace and other nature conservation programs. Students of Grade V also prepared projects on the functioning of different ENGOS and the different fundraising programs.

A Walk through the Ancient World

CNltes of Grades IV, V and VI in particular adorned themselves in varied ethnic dress from different parts of India as well as from different parts of the world, covering Europe, Middle East and Far East, as part of the Ethnic Day celebration. It seemed as if the kids were spreading the hue of happy childhood all over. The traditional dances of a few states and countries added a tinge of resplendence too. Over all, the function helped the students to enhance their knowledge on different cultures and civilizations and also enabled them to create a global perspective.



International School Award (ISA)

Weather Matters

✧ The ISA Project *Weather Matters*, was formally inaugurated by Dr. Mani, Associate Professor in Geography, University College, on 19 October 2016. As part of the project CNltes Neha Shibil, Sapna Harilal, Adithyan S Neelamana, Eliah Steve Thadayus, Madhav Sreedhar and Annapoorna prepared a PowerPoint Presentation on Cyclones which covered areas like cyclones and their formation, types of cyclones etc.

Loan Words in English

✧ On 7 October 2016, students of Grade V, CNltes Kuhu Bhatt, Ananya, Angelina and Krishna prepared a PowerPoint presentation on loan words in English. Each one of them selected a viz. French, German and Arabic and did research on the words that are borrowed from these base languages to English.

All the World's A Stage : Contemporary World Theatre

✧ The ISA project, *All the World's a Stage: Contemporary World Theatre*, was officially inaugurated on 14 October 2016 by Mr. Prasanth Narayanan, renowned playwright, director and writer in the field of Indian Drama. The inauguration was

followed by a talk on the scenario of contemporary world theatre, wherein he enlightened the students on the techniques used by dramatists and also introduced them to *Natyasastra* of Bharatha, the most authoritative Indian book on theatre.

✧ The students got the opportunity to talk to Ms. Elisa Herrmann, a Cultural Science student from Germany who was on a visit to India. She spoke to the students on the developments in Germany in the field of drama and also about how the new generation keeps away from theatre due to overindulgence in technology.

✧ An exhibition was conducted on a few chosen periods in world drama, as part of *Iridescent 2016*, the Annual Educational Fair of the school. Students came up with models, posters and charts depicting the various aspects of world drama.

✧ Students, in groups, prepared PowerPoint Presentations on different periods of drama. The groups led by CNltes Rejath R, Rahul R.B., Kevin Moses Biju, Fathimath Shaza and Ahmed Faruhaan brought the different aspects of drama such as costumes, setting etc. beautifully into the restricted space of a few slides. Two groups were chosen to present the same to the others.

✧ A brainstorming session was conducted on 8 December, for the students to get familiarized more with the diverse aspects of contemporary drama, and world drama as a whole, based on the information they gathered out of the various activities conducted as part of the project. A discussion followed the brainstorming wherein the students shared information on contemporary theatre with reference to countries of their choice; India, Germany, France, Australia, Japan and South Korea to name just a few.

Humanité

With a view to enhance the social awareness of the CNlites, the Higher Secondary Section started a new venture, Humanité, a Community Service Initiative and a student centred program that focuses on giving first-hand experience of working for and helping the needy of the society. The program was kicked off on 19 November by distributing brochures to drivers at Wayanad, creating awareness on traffic rules and educating them to reduce honking in particular, during the School Trip of Grades X, XI & XII to Wayanad and Coorg. The traffic awareness campaign continued with the CNlites distributing brochures to the city dwellers of Trivandrum on 30 November.

A visit to Santa Maria Old Age Home at Plamood, was organized on 24 November when the students of Grade XI and XII served lunch and engaged in activities with the inmates there. They celebrated Christmas with the grandmothers of the old age home on 20 December, which offered a unique experience to the CNlites. They also donated blankets to all the inmates. Other activities such as a Beach clean-up, a toy collection drive and an animal shelter visit have also been mooted as part of the Initiative which would be carried out in the Third Term.

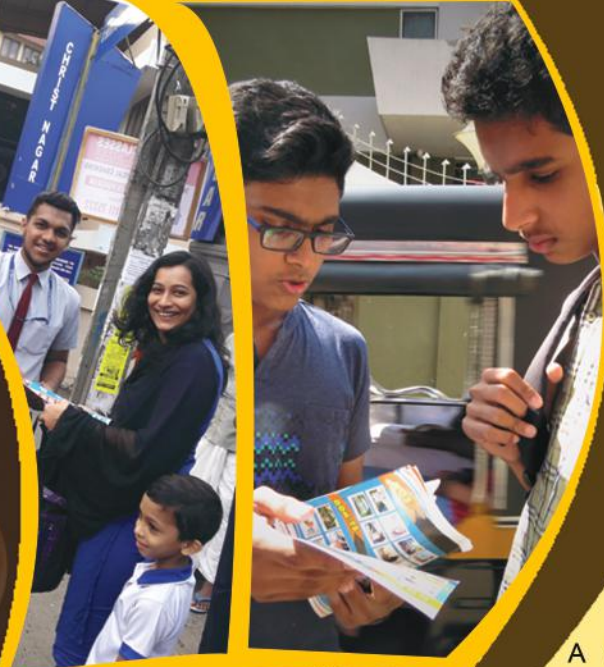
Kids-Support - Kids

Various charitable activities were undertaken under the aegis of our charity organ. A sum of Rs. 1,00,000 was donated to Akshay of Christ Nagar English Higher Secondary School for his medical treatment. The non-teaching staff of CNIS paid a visit to an old age home in Vilapilshala, upon which an amount of Rs. 30,000 was further donated.

CNlites of grade V had a rare opportunity to visit an orphanage, St. Maria, run by the sisters of Missionaries of Charity, accommodating 24 children within the age group of 3 to 5 years. Christmas being a season of gifts, our students became role models by distributing used toys to these children who were delighted to receive the same along with a check of Rs 10,000/-. The students spent nearly two hours playing and enjoying with the inmates. It was a much cherished experience for our students as they realized how lucky and privileged they themselves were. A few of our students also promised to visit the orphanage personally with their family.

Fun Trips

On 23 September 2016, students of Grades I to V were taken for a leisure trip to Happy Land Water Theme Park. CNlites of Grades VI, VII, VIII and IX visited the Thenmala Eco Tourism on 7 October 2016. The students of Grades X, XI & XII had a fun-filled three-day trip to Coorg and Wayanad on 19, 20 and 21 November, wherein they got revitalized to face their forthcoming Board Examinations with added vitality.

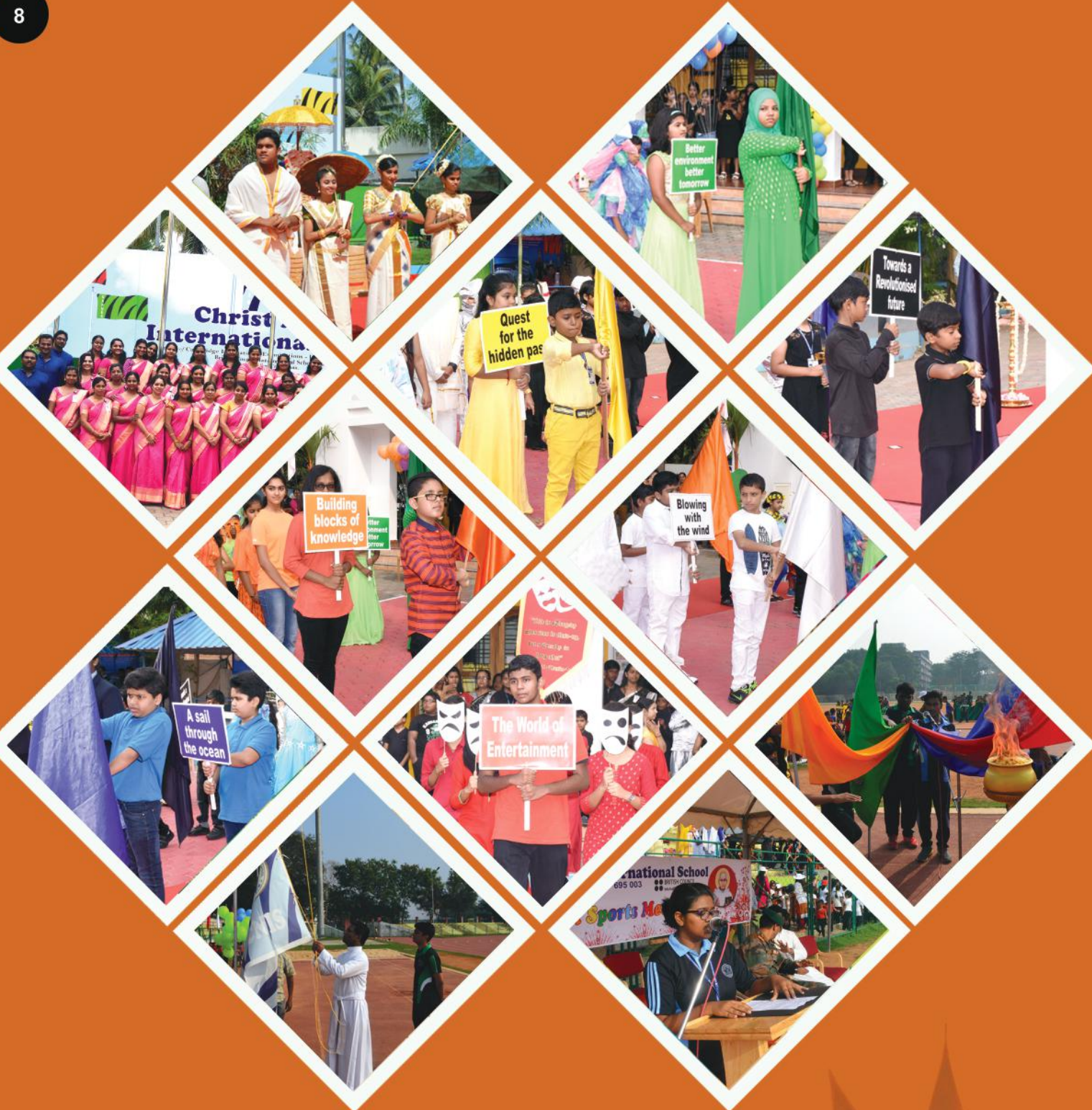




A Short Film on Netaji

CNlTe Adithya Narayan P.K of Grade VI essayed the lead role along with Actor/ Producer Sri. Vijay Babu, in **NETAJI**, a Malayalam Musical Short Film that revolves around a 7 year old boy and his adoration for Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, the renowned freedom fighter. The musical is Written and Directed by Rahul Riji Nair and produced by Premkishore P under the banner of First Print Studios. A major portion of the film was shot in Christ Nagar School and a few other CNlites - Gopi Chand V Menon, Josh Thomas, Krishna Anand, Jeevan Kirthic, Ephinoah Oommen Richie, Suzanna Kodiattu Jacob, Gopika A, Anagha H Nair, Shreya Sreedhar and Medha Gautam also played different roles in this musical short film.





Upcoming Events at CNIS in 2017 and Reminders

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| Jan 4 | Re-opening |
| Jan 5 | Class Photo & Installation of the Office Bearers of Rotary Interactors |
| Jan 7 | Admission Test for 2017 – 2018 |
| Jan 11 | Farewell Assembly |
| Jan 20 | Principal's Day |
| Jan 31 | Payment of Third Term Fee (without fine) |
| Feb 4 | School Day |

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