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Principal's Message



Principal's Visit

Principal Rev Fr Thomas Chennattusserry CMI and Academic Coordinator Mr Thomas Mani attended the Cambridge Schools Zonal Meet held at Bangalore on 30 & 31 August 2018.

To Cambridge, UK

The Principal Rev Fr Thomas Chennattusserry CMI attended the Cambridge Schools Conference held on 18 & 19 September 2018 at Churchill College, Cambridge, UK. The theme of the conference was 'Creating the Conditions for Success'. Cambridge Schools Conference is an opportunity for school heads from different countries and contexts to share knowledge and discuss common challenges in education. The School Principal also visited Springwood Heath Primary School, Liverpool, with which CNIS has regular exchange programmes through Skype and videos.

It's Christmas time! The time of the year when the season of love, joy, kindness and giving is upon us; this is also a time when the year draws to a close and wants us to ponder over the achievements and success in the past days.

The second term was bustling with various activities and programmes keeping the CNites on their toes. The diligence and the enthusiasm of each CNite were at its peak.

The senior students managing the school on the Talents Day and array of games that they displayed for their teachers on Teachers' Day, the junior students' presentation on Children's Day, their learning displays during ANUBHAV - The Educational Fair, the students' yearning to receive an academic star, smartness and high energy level on the sports field, their sense of rhythm at the Christmas Fete, the various achievements in external competitions and events and the students' zeal for conducting carnivals for charity make me proudly say that CNIS is rightly heading towards the path of holistic development through acquiring academic excellence, professional competence and personal, interpersonal and societal skills which is the mission of our school.

Let me extend my sincere gratitude to my staff who always walk hand in hand with me in bringing the best out of the students.

Words aren't enough to appreciate the effort and support of the parents in the activities of the school. The parents' programmes during ANUBHAV have left me dumbstruck and the parent volunteers' work for the Food Fest is highly honoured. Such a beautiful community of students, parents and staff can only be seen here at CNIS.

Christmas also makes us look forward to new beginnings. Let us be stars of good deeds and be willing to write new chapters with more zeal and strength.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Thomas Chennattusserry CMI
Principal



Commencement of Pre KG

Christ Nagar International School spreads a garden for the tiny ones of the city to bloom. The school starts Kindergarten in the next academic year 2019-'20. As a start up and as a facility for the parents, the school started the Pre KG class on 21 November 2018. At present, five students are in the Pre KG class with a new faculty Ms Roshny Sumesh as their class teacher and Ms Sreekala as their helping hand.



Achievements

Grade V CNltes Diya V S and Marwa Sajjad emerged winners in State Level Wild Wisdom Quiz conducted by World Wide Fund for Nature India on 16 September 2018 at St. Mary's School, Pattom. They won with a very wide margin in the quiz which had 30 participating schools.

Grade IX CNlfe Rithika Sreekanth bagged the First Prize in French solo song competition and CNltes Sanya Mary Dennies and Niveditha Sanal received the Second and the Third Prize respectively in French Recitation in the Interschool and College Competition for French held at Alliance Française, Trivandrum on 2 November 2018.

Selected students of Grades IX and XI participated in the prestigious Christ Junior College Model United Nations Conference held on 25 to 27 October 2018 at Bangalore. CNlfe Adithyan Sreekumar Neelamana got a special mention at the Conference.

Four students of Grade IX participated in the Sarvodaya Central Model United Nations Conference held on 30 November and 1 December 2018. CNlfe Adithyan Sreekumar Neelamana was adjudged the Best Delegate in the United Nations General Assembly.

CNltes Steven Thomas (Grade VII), Numa Seyyid Riyaz (Grade VII) and Anjanaa Muthukumaraswamy (Grade VI) bagged the First, Second and Third Prize respectively in the Peace Poster Contest conducted by Lions Club International. CNltes Anna Thomas (Grade VI), Tania Rasheed Khan (Grade VII) and Alan John (Grade VI) received consolation prizes in the same.



Participation

CNIS Junior Football Team (under 16) participated in the football tournament conducted by the Reliance Foundation at Central Stadium in the month of October.



Starday

Awarding stars is to set a benchmark for the students to look upon. It shows them a path to tread higher.

Star Day, observed on 12 September, was to appreciate the students who came up with commendable results in the First Term Review. The students were awarded The Ruby Star, The Gold Star, The Silver Star and The Blue Star as per the level of their academic performances.

As the names were announced the students proudly came forward to receive the stars, which they had earned, from the School Principal. The School Principal in his speech congratulated all the star awardees and motivated the students to earn higher stars in the next term.



Teachers' Day & Talents Day

Cards and flowers were found in bounty in the school on 5 September 2018 as the students of the school made all efforts to show their respect towards their beloved teachers in a special assembly conducted.

The event 'Talents Day' was also observed on the same day where the students of Grades X, XI and XII were given an opportunity to manage the school. The School Principal officially announced the student designates to their respective administrative and teaching roles. The symbolic representation of the school administration 'The Chakra' was handed over by the School Principal to the Student Principal. All the students played their roles fantastically during the day.

Towards the end of the day, the students extended a surprise package for their beloved teachers in the form of well coordinated games.

At the end of the day, the Symbolic 'Chakra' was handed back to the School Principal which was followed by awarding the student designates as a token of appreciation.



A Book Fair was conducted in the school premises on 17 & 18 September 2018. The books were displayed for the students to see, select and buy. A good number of students, teachers and parents took advantage of the fair.

Field Trips



On 19 September 2018, Vizhinjam Marine Aquarium, Puthenmalika, Priyadarshini Planetarium and Kerala Biodiversity Museum turned into classrooms for our students of Grades I & II, Grades III & IV, Grades V & VI and Grades VII, VIII & IX respectively. The field trips added to the students' knowledge bank.



The students of Grades I to V had a day of fun and enjoyment at Happy Land Water Theme Park on 5 November 2018 and on 9 & 10 November 2018, the students of Grades VI to X ventured out of the city towards Kochi and Wonderla for two days of joy and delight.

Leisure Trip



Christ Nagar group of institutions had organized a trip to USA. The highlight of the trip was the visit to NASA's Kennedy Space Centre, Orlando. CNltes Gautham Ravindran, Shivrinarayan G K and Madhav D of Grade X and CNlfe Rohan S Kumar of Grade IX were part of the trip.

Children's Day was celebrated on 14 November 2018 with Grade I CNlfe Harshil Bhatt dressed up as Chacha Nehru. Students of Grades I, II & III presented the assembly with great confidence. Apart from the disciplined formal function, the children showcased a grand cultural fiesta that included a walk on the theme 'Nature' presented by Grade I which called out the need for saving Nature. The musical presentation by Grade III and the dance performance of Grade II were delightful. The teachers also sang songs that praised the children and cheered them up. The School Principal wished all the children and gave a meaningful message.



Children's Day



ANUBHAV



ANUBHAV-The Annual Educational Fair was held on 14 November 2018. The fair brought together the students, teachers and the parents. The effort was to project the students' work. The ambience was embellished with the students' creations. They were given the experience of honouring the non teaching staff of the school who lighted the lamp and gave a start to the fair. Students set up the fair with their learning experiences in the form of models, displays and exhibits. They explained their topics which were chosen by them from their textbooks. Their presentations were observed and graded for which the students were awarded certificates.

Parents had taken up the responsibility of presenting programmes for the opening and the closing ceremony which was colourful and relevant to the day. Christ Nagar International School honours the parents' effort.



The Annual Sports Meet was held on 23 November 2018 with great zeal at the University Stadium. The Chief Guest Dr Jayaraj David, Director, Department of Physical Education, University of Kerala took the salute from the march past presented by the students of the four different houses. The logo for the Sports Meet was unveiled and the prizes were awarded to students for the Best Logo creation. The School Principal administered the official oath. The fantastically synchronised flag display and the superbly balanced human pyramid showcased by the students set the tone for the rest of events of the day. The students of Grades I to XII brought life to the tracks and field with their active participation. Staff walking race added to the enjoyment of the day.



Principal's Day

The staff and the students were all in praise for the School Principal's simplicity on 30 November 2018 for avoiding all the pomposity of his birthday celebration. The students still amused Rev Fr Thomas Chennattusserry CMI by presenting birthday cards that they themselves had crafted for him. He spent a good time to read all the words that were carefully chosen by the students to appreciate and congratulate him. A million dollar worth smile flashed on the Principal's face when the little ones of Pre KG offered him a bite of the birthday cake.



Class Assemblies

Grade VIII

The students of Grade VIII, in a simple assembly, on 12 September 2018, presented the importance of World Ozone Day and International Day for Peace and Non Violence. The school swayed to the melody of the instrumental music programme by the students.



Grade VII

The students of Grade VII organised an assembly on 5 October 2018 based on the theme 'International Girl Child Day'. A speech marking the importance of the day and a skit titled 'Beyond Letters' scripted by CNlthe Numa Seyyid Riyaz were amongst the other energetic performances of the day.



Grade VI

The students of Grade VI, in the assembly conducted by them on 24 October 2018, informed about the six principal organs of United Nations. UN Day falls on 24 October every year. The students guided by their class teachers took up the theme and showcased various programmes highlighting the importance of the day. The colourful assembly also had dance programmes by the students and a song presented by the class teachers.



Thrill CNIS

The winners of the Annual Cultural Fest Thrill CNIS were awarded with certificates and trophies on 12 September 2018. The School Principal took time to go to each class and congratulate the winners personally. This gesture of the School Principal was to bring out the pride in each student and help the students value their achievements.

The awards of the house wise group events were given on 24 September by the Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Tinto Pulinchuvallil CMI amidst the cheers and yip-yip of the House Wardens and the House Members. The team spirit soared high as the winners were announced.

Open Space

Open Space continues to witness the students speaking their heart out in the break time. The topics like Importance of English Language, Robotics, Good Manners, Space Etc were touched by the students. It was a delight to see the tiniest tots of the Pre KG also holding the mike to recite rhymes. Open Space is now happening in the second break time.



Co-curricular Activities (CCA)

All the co-curricular activities are in progress. The students of Grades I to VII look forward to their CCA classes which happen every Friday.



Christmas Fête



The festive month of December came out in vibrant colour and spirit on 7 December 2018 at Christ Nagar International School as the school celebrated the Christmas Fete. Introductory speech on the significance of Christmas by the School Principal Rev Fr Thomas Chennattusserry CMI, Christmas Message by the Chief Guest His Excellency Christudas Rajappan (Auxiliary Bishop of the Trivandrum Archdiocese), Biblical verse by Rev Fr Joseph Vattaparambil CMI (Manager, Christ Nagar Group of Schools), Christmas greetings by the Former Principal Rev Fr Dr Sony Palathra CMI, and the presence of other dignitaries made the occasion meaningful and graceful.

Gift vouchers sponsored by the parents were given away to lucky ones of the school through a lucky draw.

The cultural fiesta 'In Search of God' presented by the lovely and talented CNlites gave out a wonderful message and the arrival of Santa Claus brought in the merriment of the festival. The CNIS family and friends took home the boundless joy that Christmas brings in.

Kids- Support- Kids

CNlites were continuously engaged in various activities to raise funds for charity.

- ♥ **Food Fest** – The students with the help of the staff of the school organized a Food Fest on 14 November 2018 along with 'ANUBHAV'- The Educational Fair. A few parents of the school consented to be the volunteers and were involved in the sale of the food contributed by the students. An amount of Rs 47,901/- was collected from the sales. The school appreciates the effort of the parent volunteers.
- ♥ **Carnival** – The month of November saw various carnivals consisting of exciting games and food. The carnivals were organized by students of different grades on different days. An amount of Rs 29,040/- was collected from the carnival. The school is all praise for the students involved in conducting the carnival.
- ♥ **Lucky Draw** – An amount of Rs 12,780/- was collected from the sale of Christmas Lucky Draw coupons.
- ♥ An amount of Rs 4735/- was collected from the fundraising canteen put up during the Christmas Fete.
- ♥ An amount of Rs 25,000/- was donated from the charity wing of the school, during the Christmas Fete, to the Social work Department of the Trivandrum Archdiocese through His Excellency Christudas Rajappan, the Chief Guest of the day.



Civil Service Coaching

Civil Service Coaching by Sargakshetra Right Track for Grades V to VII that started on 15 September 2018 is in progress. The sessions lay emphasis on the importance of General Knowledge, daily newspaper reading and maintaining a news book, time management, leadership qualities etc. The session has also activities to cultivate the confidence in public speaking with monitoring of body language.

Eye Camp

An Eye Camp was conducted for the staff and the students of the school by Variety Opticals on 16 November 2018.

Show for Students –Artistic Cycling

On 11 October 2018, CNIS was privileged to have Mr David Schnabel from Germany. Mr Schnabel has been the World Champion for eight years in artistic cycling. He performed incredible tricks on his bicycle in the school for the staff and students. CNites were left in awe after watching the artistic cycling.

German Students' Visit

The German students of Grades X, XI & XII from Auguste-Viktoria Gymnasium, Treir, Germany, visited our school on 5 October 2018. They interacted with our students of Grades IX, X, XI & XII.

Sessions for Students

The students of Grade IX were taken to the Arms and Ammunition Exhibition conducted in the city on 28 September 2018.

The students of Grade VIII were taken to attend a workshop organized by the Forest Department on 5 October 2018.

On 8 October, 2018, Dr. Aravind Thampl, a leading psychologist and academician, had an interactive session with the Grade X students. The topic of discussion was, "Calming the Storms".

On 12 October, 2018, the students of Grades VIII and IX were given a great opportunity to hear and interact with, The Courageous Daughter of India, Ms Tiffany Brar, the founder of Jyoti Gamaya Foundation which serves to empower and reintegrate the blind into mainstream society.

Selected students of Grades V to IX attended a music workshop on 19 November 2018 conducted by Mr. Nicola L Hein, a guitarist, composer and sound artist from Düsseldorf, Germany.

The students of the English Club (Grades IV to VII) were exposed to a session conducted by Ms Lakshmi Arun, APAC Lead for Learning and Development (Technopark) on 30 November 2018. The session was a blend of basics of creative thinking and verbal and non verbal communication.

Five students of Grade V – CNites Bhamini S Neelamana, Sanjana Esther Jacob, Sonya Elizabeth Jacob, Marwa Sajjad and Advita Singh - participated in a youth camp with the theme "Umdenken" meaning 'Rethink' organized by Goethe-Zentrum, Trivandrum. The camp was conducted at Raviz, Kollam, from 30 November to 2 December. CNite Rajshree of Grade V and CNite Shiho Kinebuchi of Grade VII were selected from Goethe-Zentrum to participate in the same camp.

Sessions for Teachers

The teachers of the school attended a session on Cambridge Invigilation conducted by Ms Manisha Bhandari, Cambridge Exams Officer on 9 October 2018.

Ms Aparna Singh, our Art faculty attended the National Workshop, Creative Psychologist, on 27 November 2018 at Government College for Women, Trivandrum. She attended the session on Integrative Art Therapy.

Ms. Margaret Tojo, our Student Counsellor attended a talk on 'The Art of Parenting' held at Hope Academy, Thycaud, on 20 November 2018 & The National Conference on 'Transactional Analysis', with the theme 'Rhythm of Relationship' held in Kochi from 23 - 25 November 2018.

Ms Soni Singh, our Staff Secretary attended a workshop on Ed-Tech on 24 November 2018 organised by Next Education at Apollo Dimora.

Ms Sonia Orwil, our Computer Faculty attended a workshop on 'Transforming teaching & learning with innovative teaching methodologies' at Taj Vivanta, Trivandrum on 13 December 2018.

Session for Parents

On 13 September 2018, Ms. Uma Devi Radhakrishnan, Section Head and Ms Roshni Raj, Faculty in English, conducted a session on Cambridge Checkpoint for the parents of Grade VII students.

Reviews and Open Days

The Open Day for the First Term Review was conducted on 12 and 13 September 2018.

Mid Term Review II was conducted from 29 October to 2 November 2018 and the Open Day for the same was conducted on 15 and 16 November 2018.

IGCSE & AS/A Level Examinations (November session) was held from 15 October to 16 November 2018.



Reminders



The Christmas Break starts from 22 December 2018 and the school will reopen on 3 January 2019.



Third Term Fees to be paid (without fine) before end of January.



Articles for the school magazine are being called for. This year, it is decided that each grade will work on a pre decided theme. Please refer the circular sent and create something new for the Magazine. Mail your entries to "cnismagazine2017@gmail.com" before 10 January 2019.

- Star Day
- Annual Day
- Mid Review III
- Annual Examination
- IGCSE & AS/A Level Examination (February/ March 2019, May/June 2019 Session)

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