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The Indo-German Classroom Project

Christ Nagar International School has entered into an 'Indo-German Classroom Project' supported jointly by Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Goethe institute, Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi. In the exchange programme, CNIS is collaborating with Hohenstaufen Gymnasium, Kaiserslautern, Germany. For two weeks (from 16 to 30 June 2013) twenty of our students from Grades 10, 11 & 12, chaperoned by our faculty Ms. K. Preeti, Ms. Geeta Nayar and Mr. Vipin Das, visited the partner school as part of the first phase of the project, and stayed with the German counterparts.

The project intends to promote intercultural competencies of the participating students/schools. The partner groups would work together for an entire year on the jointly selected project, 'Made in Germany, Made in India' that deals with IT revolution and its effects in the society.



Dear Students, Parents, Well-wishers,
The last 45 days had been a fore-taste of heavenly bliss for me. The students are marvelously loving, the teachers are absolutely conscious of their godly mission and utmost attentive to the needs and wishes of the students like guardian angels, and the parents are affectionate and co-operative beyond all expectations. I can frankly state that it is absolutely gratifying to work in such a lovely environment.

At this juncture I gratefully remember the excellent foundations Fr. Josey Kollammalil has laid for the future of this institution. But for his pioneering spirit this institution would not have reached the heights it has. I thank him for the time he has spent and the midnight oil he has burnt for this institution.

Exams are over, students are relieved of the tensions, and holidays are at the door-steps. It is Onam holidays! Days of celebration and boundless happiness! Enjoy every minute of the holidays, cool off your brains, and come back fresh for the next session of academic enterprise and co-curricular adventures. Always remember, we have miles to go and miles to go before we sleep.

I request your prayers and blessings, without which I cannot carry on the job I have undertaken.

Fr. Cyriac Thundiyl, C.M.I.
Principal



Clockwise from top : Hearty Welcome, Indo-Germans Working Together, CNITes visiting a Steel Factory, At Opel Car Factory

The students were exposed to workshops on communication and culture. They visited various technical institutes to enhance their knowledge on IT. They also had a chance to visit Verdun, France.



The 21st Century Cinderella

The play that won the coveted title of the Best Play in the All India Annual Inter School Drama Competition organized by the British Council was once again staged on 1 May at the Vivekananda Institute (Hassan Marikkar Hall), as part of the bimonthly programme of Theatron Today, a forum for amateur theatre. The play was widely appreciated and the CNIS drama team was humbled by the accolades they received from all corners.

The New Academic Year Dawned

The new academic year 2013-'14 was inaugurated in a very colourful function on 5 June 2013. Christ Nagar International School (CNIS) can proudly say that it was the first of its kind in the city of Trivandrum with seven eminent personalities from seven different walks of life enriching the dais. It was rather an unusual privilege for our school to start another fruitful academic year by listening to the gems of thought emanating from such versatile figures. Dr. Moinak Banerjee, a scientist at the Rajiv Gandhi Centre

for Biotechnology, Dr. Neena Prasad, the famous classical dancer, Sri Murukan Kattakkada, the popular Malayalam poet, Dr. Kurian Thomas, a Doctor by profession, Sri. Gopakumar, a retired officer of the Dept of Audit & Accounts, Govt. of India and the President of the Kananagar Residents' Association, Ms. Rajalakshmi, the famous playback singer and Sri Madan Mohan, an upcoming cricketer, inspired the CNites by their spectacular and stimulating presence.

Investiture Ceremony

The new office bearers of the year 2013-'14 were sworn in on 28 June 2013 in a very sober ceremony. CNites Steve John Daniel of Grade 8 and Sowbhagya Varma of Grade 9 took charge as the Head Boy and Head Girl respectively. The various House Captains, Vice Captains, Sports Captains and Class Prefects were also sworn in.

Class Assemblies

The potential of a school assembly to nurture a positive ethos cannot be underestimated. As part of our efforts towards enhancing the interpersonal intelligence of our children, class assemblies are conducted on Thursdays. The students are given a stage to showcase their multifaceted personality, and their confidence and self esteem are boosted which would definitely bolster their future efforts.

Grade 9 welcomed the CNites back to school and their assembly on 14 June presented a round-up of the activities conducted in the course of an academic year.

On Doctor's Day (6 July), Grade 7 projected the importance of the oath taken by the doctors and reiterated the qualities that make up a good doctor.

Grade 6I, in a very interesting presentation, brought out the disadvantages of the increasing population and offered suggestions as to how the increasing population could be transformed into a boon for any country.

'Kids-Support-Kids' Our Charity Programme

The charity activities of CNIS have always been widely acclaimed. They are always a part of the activities designed to develop the social consciousness of our students. Apart from the other activities, this year CNIS intends to lend its helping hands to children/students in need.

New Principal for CNIS

Rev Fr Cyriac Thundiyl CMI was announced the new Principal of CNIS in a formal assembly conducted on 29 July. An academician and a visionary, Fr Cyriac is sure to lead CNIS to greater heights.

A Training Programme for the Indo-German Project Coordinators

From 7 to 9 August Ms. K. Preeti and Ms. Geeta Nayar attended the training programme for the project managers of the Indo-German Classroom Project conducted at New Delhi. They were enlightened on the intercultural differences, variant behavioural patterns in different countries/continents, identification of various conflict styles etc. The teachers gave a presentation on the project in which the students are involved and the work done by the participating students of the Indo-German Classroom Project.

Student of the Month



CNIS is introducing the Student of the Month Award for the best academic performer in each class. The award will be given on the basis of the results of the monthly reviews/terminal exams.

“Thrill CNIS 2013”

Rev Fr Cyriac Thundiyl inaugurated the Inter House Cultural Fest in the special assembly for welcoming our new Principal. The major events of the Fest will be conducted on the 7th and 8th of October 2013.

House wise Painting Competition

On 2 August, a painting competition was conducted as part of the Cultural Fest which is scheduled to be held on the 2nd week of October. The students ardently participated in the same and produced some unique works of art.

House wise Notice Board Competition

‘Independence Day’ was the theme given to the four Houses for the Notice Board Competition held as a part of the Independence Day celebrations. Amazon House bagged the first position tightly followed by Nile House in the second. Volga and Ganges shared the third prize. More than the competition, the spirit of patriotism and the vision to bring India to the forefront were writ large on the notice boards.

Checkpoint Examination

Our students did a commendable job in the Checkpoint Examination conducted in April 2013. Results of the exam came out on 20 June. Neha Joe secured the first position with 6 points in Mathematics and Science and 5.2 in English.



Individual Feats

In the TATA School level Essay Competition, Arya S. Vijay, Swetha Arun and Gopika G. Nair bagged the first, second and third prizes in the Junior Category while Kasif M. Khan, Elena Thomas and Nikita Xavi got the first three positions in the Senior Category.

In the NSTSE examinations conducted by the Unified Council, Hyderabad, Agnivesh Jyotiraditya (Gr.V-I) secured the first rank in State. He also stood first in State in NCO and second in NSO and IMO conducted by School Olympiad Foundation examinations, Gurgaon. He has recently secured Black Belt Nidan (confirmed) by Japan Karate Shotokai.



26 July witnessed the emergence of a bunch of future teachers. In a very solemn ceremony, the student Principal, CNITE Anoop Nair and the student Vice Principal, CNITE Nandana R Syam accepted the symbolic Chakra from the Principal-in-charge, Rev Fr Chacko Manakkal. The student teachers belonging to Grades 9 and 11 took classes according to the time table specially set for the day. Their sincerity and enthusiasm reiterated the adage, ‘To teach is to learn twice.’ CNITE Tanya Vinu Thomas of Grade 11 was adjudged the best teacher (overall) very closely followed by CNITE Sowbhagya Varma of Grade 9.



The Student Teachers handling classes for their juniors.



An 'Open Space' for Students

With a view to improve the communication skill of the students, CNIS in collaboration with Open Space, Trivandrum, is conducting activities like group discussions, seminars etc. Ms. Archana Rath, a research scholar and Programme Associate at *Open Space* conducted classes for the students on 22 July and 23 August on current issues. Open Space is a civil society and a youth outreach initiative, based in several cities across India, with its most recent launch in Trivandrum. They use various forms of communication – literature, cinema, theatre, music, publications and the Internet, to reach out to citizens and encourage them to engage in social justice/development issues. They also use different outreach strategies and processes such as workshops, public lectures, seminars, trainings, games and festivals.

Both the session offered an invigorating experience for the students. The first dealt with student activities in schools and colleges, and the students engaged themselves in interactive conversations on how OS can provide them with a platform. Several of them came up with ideas on social justice, issues like Right to Food, Education, Health, Child Rights etc. In the second session, Archana Rath and Brenda Rose moderated a discussion on Child Rights. The sessions will continue in the second and third terms also and the students will also get a chance to participate in group discussions about to be conducted in other venues outside the school.

Teachers' Day



The teachers of CNIS were humbled by the display of reverence and love by the students on Teachers' Day, 5th of September 2013. In a spectacular function organized by students of Grades 11 and 12 each teacher was honoured and offered 'Guru Dakshina'. The cultural extravaganza arranged by the students was fabulous, and it was followed by a sumptuous feast for the teachers.

Commonwealth School Enterprise Challenge 2013

The CNITes got registered for the Commonwealth School Enterprise Challenge, a unique competition conducted by the British Council in order to encourage entrepreneurship among school students. It is a fantastic opportunity for schools and young people across the globe to set up and run their very own business enterprise. Though this they will gain hands-on experience in business and management. Manufacturing paper bags is the enterprise the CNITes have chosen for themselves. The brand name of the paper bags is "CHRISTY BAGS". The environmental significance of such a step by the student community is expected to give them an edge as far as the competition is concerned.

Padmasree K J Yesudas visits CNIS

Adding glory to Christ Nagar International School, the Music Maestro Dr. K. J. Yesudas visited us and spent time with the CNITes on 7



September 2013. He inaugurated the 'CHRISTY BAGS' project of the students' business enterprise. He spoke of the need of everyone of the students to do personally something to improve the environment and he said that "Christy Bags" is a great enterprise offering an alternative to the excessive use of plastics.

