

Principal's Message

Dear Parents , Teachers and My Dear Loving CNites,

As the season of joy and giving embraces us, I would like to take a moment to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

During this festive season, we find ourselves surrounded by the warmth and joy that Christmas and New Year bring. It is a time to celebrate, reflect and look ahead with hope and determination. This is a time to reflect on the blessings in our lives, spread kindness, and cherish the moments spent with family and friends. You've worked so hard throughout the year, and now it's time to relax, recharge and create beautiful memories during your Christmas vacation. Whether it's enjoying the warmth of home, celebrating traditions or simply taking time for yourself, I hope this holiday fills your heart with happiness and peace. May this Christmas bring you love, laughter and hope for a bright and successful new year ahead.

Dear CNites, thank you for your hard work, curiosity and resilience throughout the year. May this season remind you of the joy in giving, the beauty of kindness and the strength in unity. Use this break to recharge and step into the new year with renewed energy and dreams.

As we celebrate Christmas and prepare to welcome the new year, let us carry forward the spirit of love, gratitude and hope. Together, we can make 2025 a year of growth, learning and positivity. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy, health and success!

I look forward to seeing you return refreshed and ready to achieve great things!

Wishing you a joyous Christmas and a wonderful vacation,

God Bless you
God Bless CNIS



Fr. Thomas Chennattusserry CMI
Principal

World Toppers: Not Just a Title, a Trendsetter

**"One part at a time, one day at a time,
we can accomplish any goal we set for ourselves."**

Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award

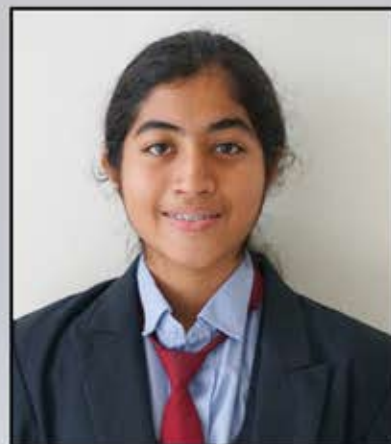


CNite Sonya Elizabeth Jacob

World Topper (2023 - 24)

IGCSE (Foreign Language German)

High Achievement Award



CNite Mili Anne Jacob

3rd Place in the World Ranking (2023 - 24)

IGCSE (Sociology)

CNIS is proud of you!

Artwise

The 3rd chapter of the Inter-School Art Contest, 'Artwise' that provided a platform for showcasing the creativity of students from many schools, was held at Christ Nagar International School on 4 November 2024.

The event saw the enthusiastic participation of 349 students from 23 different schools. The results were declared and the prizes were distributed for all categories. Christ Nagar Higher Secondary School (ICSE), Kowdiar, bagged the title of the Overall Winner. The 1st Runner Up was L'ecole Chempaka Silver Rocks. The wholehearted efforts of everyone involved made this day an eventful one. The Valedictory was made memorable by the violin and flute recital by CNlTe Riya Renjith and Mr Anish J S.



Mini Marathon

As part of the Annual Sports Meet, a kilometre-long mini marathon was held for CNlites of Grades VIII-XII. This new and innovative event emphasized the importance of participation over competition, fostering a sense of unity and health awareness. Medals and certificates were awarded to the fastest runners. Mini Marathon was indeed a resounding success, promoting the importance of physical activity and community bonding.



Inter - House Handball Finals

The senior boys and girls of the Handball teams of the four Houses displayed exceptional skill and teamwork in the Handball finals held on 8 November. The games were indeed nail-biters with the teams fiercely competing for every point. Amazon & Nile Houses emerged winners in the Boys' & Girls' matches respectively, closely followed by the Ganges and Amazon teams as the runners-up. In the Junior & Middle School category, Ganges House emerged winners in both the Girls' Handball & Boys' Football matches held on 26 & 27 September. The runners-up were Volga House in both categories.



Chavara Fest

The sporty CNlites participated in the Basketball, Badminton, Chess and Football competitions held as part of the Chavara Fest on 21 & 22 October. The basketball team reached the quarter finals. CNlites Anagha H Nair & Anna Thomas of Grade XII made CNIS proud by winning the First Position in the Chavara Fest Sports Quiz.



Talents Day

CNIS celebrated Talents Day 2024 with great enthusiasm on 4 October 2024, fostering a stronger bond between students and teachers and giving students a unique opportunity to experience the roles of their educators. CNlites Mohammed Allam and Anagha H Nair of Grade XII were declared the Student Principal and the Student Vice Principal respectively.

Students-turned-teachers delivered lessons in various subjects, from Mathematics to Organic Chemistry. They used innovative teaching techniques, including interactive discussions, quizzes and group activities, to engage their peers. CNlites Mehreen A Latheef bagged the Best Overall Student Teacher award and Grade 3 I received the Best Class award in the event.

Robotics Workshop

On 5 December, Bonifon School of Robotics and AI, a renowned organization in the field of robotics and technology conducted an engaging robotics training session. The event aimed to expose students to cutting-edge advancements in robotics and provide them with practical learning experiences. It was an inspiring day filled with excitement, curiosity, and hands-on activities.

Among the highlights were two fully functional robots that captivated the students. Students from Kindergarten to Grade XII had the opportunity to interact with the robots. This interactive experience sparked curiosity and inspired many students to delve deeper into the field of robotics. The robotics training session specifically catered for students from Grades VI to IX.

Another engaging activity was the rocket science session, where students learned to design and construct water rockets. The session culminated in the launch of the water rockets; an event witnessed by the entire school. The event was both educational and enjoyable, leaving students and faculty looking forward to similar initiatives in the future.

Staff Enrichment Programme (\$EED)

The Cambridge South India Community Meet 2024 held on 2 August at Vidyashilp Academy, Bengaluru, was attended by Ms. Pallavi Singh, Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint Coordinator. The workshop focused on leading the Primary and Lower Secondary Programmes at Cambridge affiliated schools.

Ms. Anna Roshin Mathew attended the workshop on Nurturing Early Learners organized by Collins on 20 November 2024. Ms. Ritu Malhotra, Early Years Educational Advisor and Teacher Trainer, was the Resource Person.

The Educators' Conclave at SRM University, Vijayawada, held on 9 November aimed to bring together educators from across India to explore modern educational strategies, was attended by Ms. Rashmi Paniker, our Student Counsellor.

On 4 December, a Leadership Training Programme was conducted for teachers, focusing on innovative classroom techniques to enhance student engagement. The session was led by Dr. Parameswaran S, Head of the Department of BBA at Christ (Deemed to be University), Lavasa.

Online conferences and webinars arranged by Cambridge are regularly attended by the faculty members.



Mentoring & Career Guidance Cell

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Students of Grades XI and XII attended a session on New Age Career Orientation. The session was led by Dr. Parameswaran S, Head of the BBA Department at Christ (Deemed to be University), Lavasa, who shared valuable insights on emerging career paths.

Regular updates were given on the admission processes for various international universities, ensuring students were informed about application deadlines. Additionally, details about a workshop on portfolio designing and essay writing for international universities were communicated to the students, supporting their preparation for global opportunities.



A Bridge across Continents: The Indo-German Cultural Exchange

The vibrant corridors of our school were transformed into a cultural melting pot when a group of 20 enthusiastic German students and their dedicated teachers and Principal arrived as part of the ongoing Cultural Exchange Programme between Christ Nagar International School, Trivandrum, and St.-Thomas-Gymnasium Wettenhausen, Germany. They were with us from 28 October to 8 November. This enriching experience fostered cross-cultural understanding, strengthened international bonds and left an indelible mark on our school community.

Welcome Assembly

The group was received at the airport by the Principal, teachers and students of CNIS with much eagerness and amity. A befitting welcome was offered to the group in the welcome assembly conducted on 29 October in the school premises wherein the Principal, teachers and students were honoured with traditional flower garlands and tilak. The group was led to the gallery by the accompanying girls and boys clad in traditional attire. An array of cultural programmes was presented by the CNites in their honour. The music & dance performances by the German students added an extra tinge of culture to the event.



Kerala Piravi

Kerala Piravi was celebrated with great fervour on 1 November in the presence of the visiting German team with a view to present a slice of the Kerala culture. The prayer song and the group songs sung in the vernacular by the school choir and the teachers' choir, set the tone for a day filled with cultural richness. The Principal and the teachers of the German group were offered a ponnada which they received with great delight and enthusiasm. The traditional Thriruvathira by the Grade VII CNites was a feast to the eyes.



A Taste of the Vibrant Culture of Kerala

CNIS organised a series of pleasure trips to provide our German friends with a deeper understanding of our rich cultural heritage and diverse landscapes to complement the academic exchange. The students and teachers were awestruck by the intricate architecture and the historical significance of the monuments they visited. They were also thrilled to experience the lush greenery and the tranquil waters of the lakes. They engaged in various activities like boating, trekking and kayaking, immersing themselves in the tranquillity of the surroundings. They also got a taste of the luxurious Kerala cuisine where they savoured the flavours of our diverse culinary heritage. These pleasure trips have truly created lasting memories, and we believe that these experiences will not only deepen their understanding of Indian culture but also foster lasting friendships and cultural exchange.



Diwali Celebration

On 31 October, on the occasion of Diwali, the festival of lights, CNIS was honoured by the visit of the Most Honourable First Auxiliary Bishop, Episcopal Vicar for Schools, Diocese of Augsburg, Mr. Peter Kosak, Director of the school organisation of the Diocese of Augsburg, Dr. Juliana Gloeckler-Fuchs, Consultant, and Mr. Syed Ibrahim, the Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany in Trivandrum. A special gathering of the entire German team was organised in their honour. All the students in the Indo-German Exchange group, inclusive of the German students, were clad in the Indian traditional attires. The highlight of the evening was the lighting of the traditional diyas and the making of the rangoli. It created a magical ambiance, captivating the hearts of our German guests.



Visit to Goethe Zentrum, Trivandrum

The visiting German team and the CNltes of the Exchange group visited Goethe Zentrum, Trivandrum, on 6 November. A welcome meeting was arranged in which Mr. Syed Ibrahim, the Director, formally welcomed the gathering and the visiting German faculty spoke of their experiences. The students and teachers of Goethe Zentrum interacted with the German students and teachers.



Grandparents' Day

CNltes of Grade VIII organised an emotional tribute to their beloved grandparents on 7 November. Dr. Gladys Jeevy, grandmother of CNltes Sanjana Jacob and Sonya Jacob, and Shri Sasidharan M K, grandfather of CNltes Aadidev and Aadvika were the honorees of the event. With the presentation of mementos and draping of the ponnadas, the CNIS school fraternity showed respect and gratitude to the revered generation. The grandparents were entertained with an array of cultural performances.



Farewell to the German Friends

On the occasion of the Grandparents' Day celebration, the visiting students and teachers of the Cultural Exchange Programme were formally acknowledged for their active interest and participation in the Indian culture and traditions. CNlte Adithya Rajeeve of Grade IX-I expressed gratitude in German, earning commendation for the gesture. Certificates were presented to the visitors as a token of appreciation.



Annual Educational Fair

CNIS Annual Educational Fair 2024, held on 19 November, showcased the theme “Parivartan: Unfolding the Layers of Change,” through vibrant models, engaging displays and creative presentations by students from Pre-KG to Grade XII. The fair was graced by Mr. Joji J Chaman, Outstanding Scientist and Deputy Director ISE, ISRO, as the Chief Guest. His inspiring address emphasized the importance of innovation and curiosity in shaping the future, leaving students and visitors motivated.

Highlights included class-wise exhibits on topics like Changing Seasons and Weather, Geological Eras, Architectural Marvels, Space Missions and Evolving Medical Science. Inter-School competitions like quiz and poster making added excitement while the Best Class Awards across three categories, recognized exceptional efforts of students and teachers who showcased outstanding alignment with the theme, enthusiastic participation and a remarkable display of creativity and neatness. The other highlights of the show were the Bake Sale organised by CNites of Grade XII and the Plant Sale, the proceeds of which will go to the CNIS Charity Fund.



Children's Day

Balloons & chocolates marked the Children's Day at CNIS this year. The assembly presented by KG & Grade I CNites on 14 November brought smiles to each one in the audience. The tiny ones' music & dance performances topped by a hilarious show 'Made for Each Other' spread the good vibes of childhood.

Speeches by CNite Ivana Rohit Nair & CNite Madhav Arun who portrayed Chacha Nehru, gave a message to enjoy childhood and also to grow up as responsible citizens of India. Fr. Principal in his speech expressed his delight in having talented children as CNites.



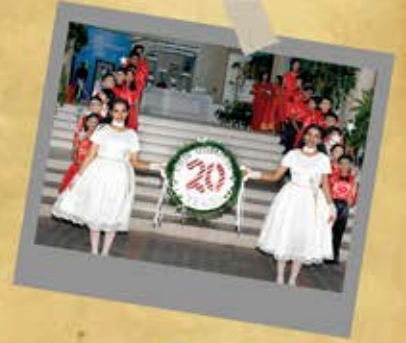
Reading Programme

The CNIS Reading Programme has been instrumental in nurturing a culture of literacy and lifelong learning among students. With the theme ‘Read, Rejuvenate and Repeat’, this year's Programme kick-started on 14 November. The eight weeks long Reading Challenge for Pre-Kg to Grade VII is packed with an array of activities for the promising CNites. Best performers from each class will be awarded with achievement certificates at the end of the programme.



CNIS Vicennial

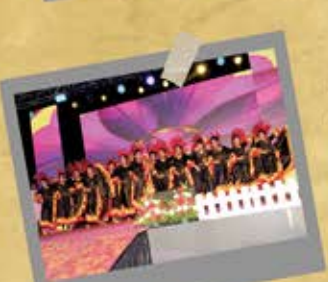
Annual Day with the Joy of Christmas



Christ Nagar International School celebrated its 20th Annual Day on 2 December 2024. The event was a grand occasion, attracting invitees from various schools. The stage was beautifully set and illuminated, creating the perfect ambience for the celebration.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Guydyek Yeon, a distinguished professor from Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, captivated the audience with his inspiring inaugural speech, in which he emphasized the importance of kindness and the value of judging others not by their appearance or attire, but by their behaviour towards others, quite in keeping with the theme of our cultural programme. Rev. Fr. Paul Mangad, CMJ, our Manager, led a heartfelt Christmas prayer. Adding a touch of nostalgia, Rev. Fr. Mathews Chakkalakkal CMJ, the Founder Principal of CNIS, shared a few words about the school's inception, recounting its humble beginnings and growth over the years.

The cultural extravaganza titled, 'The Comeback', was nothing short of spectacular. Each act was thoughtfully designed around a central theme, conveying the message of discovering one's true strength even in the face of adversity, while embracing the spirit of Christmas which is sharing and caring. Students from Pre-KG to Grade XI enthusiastically participated in a variety of events including skits, choir performances, nativity scenes, and dynamic dance sequences. The celebrations came to a delightful close with the arrival of Santa Claus, spreading cheer and festive joy among the audience. The 20th Annual Day of Christ Nagar International School was truly a memorable event, leaving an indelible mark on all present.



Principal's Day

On Principal's Day, 29 November, the CNIS staff and students honoured Fr. Principal with handmade cards, worded with soulful messages and appreciated all his efforts to make the school a bright and efficacious place for learning and growth. Fr. Principal personally thanked all for the love and appreciation showered upon him. The celebration included a cake ceremony for the staff members and sweets were distributed among the students. The day was a heartfelt tribute to Fr. Principal's unwavering commitment, leaving everyone inspired and grateful for his leadership and guidance.



Jingle Bells!

The little bundles of joy of KG spread the Christmas vibes in the entire school when they moved around as one Carol group on 20 December. The stars that decorated the premises sparkled even more as the tiny ones, dressed up vibrantly in white, red & green, sang and danced. They parted for Christmas break after the class gift exchange and Christmas party. Father Principal and teachers blessed the kids.

The Christmas celebration at CNIS on 23 December was a merry and memorable event filled with festive cheer. The celebration began with the carol singing competition followed by a delightful snack party. The celebration became even more exciting with the Christmas gift exchange. The day was filled with joy, friendship and unforgettable memories, reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * School reopens after Christmas holidays on 3 January 2025.
- * The deadline for submitting articles for Mélange 2025 is 6 January.
- * Third instalment of the fees is to be paid before the end of January (without fine).