# School with Difference where Dreams Dare



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#### **REMINISCE**

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# From the Head Table

'Be creative' is a common advice given by all elders. Science is always creative and scientists creatively invent new things that are useful for day today life of human being. One can be creatively productive; at the same time, that creativity may also lead to destruction. Atom bomb explodes due to nuclear fission: The same fission has several positive benefits too: it helps cure cancer; it assists space exploration; it



is used as fuel in nuclear reactor, electric grid etc., But, at the same time, human race is under the threat of mass destruction; its negative effects were experienced in Hiroshima and Nagasaki (1945).

We should acknowledge the fact that the capacity to 'be creative' is the gift of the divine Creator, the Almighty. The book of Exodus says, "He has filled them with skill to do every kind of work done by an artisan or by a designer or by an embroiderer... or by a weaver—by any sort of artisan or skilled designer" (Exodus 35:35). Therefore, we cannot but be positively creative as we all draw the power to be creative from the almighty God who is eternally 'good.' This is the reason St. Paul says, "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8).

We have heard, 'Busy hands achieve more than idle tongues' (Matshona Dhliwayo) and 'An idle brain is the workshop of the devil' (English Proverb). Therefore, as students, you are expected to be creatively active in your studies. This creative involvement should not be restricted to academic matters alone; it should be more so in the common concerns of the humanity as a whole. Here, it is quite opportune to remember Greta Thunberg, a Swedish student, who inspired an international movement to fight climate change.

May the almighty Lord bless you all so that you will be growing academically and get creatively involved in matters of social concern as well!

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# Principal's Press



Dear Christites.

Creative thinking can mean many different things to different people, depending on their perspective. Creative abilities include inventiveness, imagination, innovation, originality, individuality, artistic ability, expressiveness, inspiration, vision, creative power, creative talent, creative gift, creative skill, resourcefulness, ingenuity, and enterprise. According to some researchers, there are different stages of creativity. A common concept in popular culture is "Big-C" creativity: extraordinary ideas of remarkable people, such as Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa or Albert Einstein's paradigm-shifting theories. Moreover, there are everyday forms of creativity: a person's "Mini-c" creativity, when they learn something new and their perspectives change, and a person's "Little-c" creativity, when their lives become embedded with everyday creative thoughts and actions.

Creativity is one of the superpowers that can help us become the best version of ourselves and make the world a better place. The great thing is that everyone has the power to be creative in their own way. But it can also take some work. As Mary Lou Cook said, "Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun."

Every one of us is born with a creative mind, but it slowly becomes obsolete if we don't use it. Therefore, creativity is of paramount importance to every individual. It makes us live a life that is full of exciting experiences and is fulfilling. Dear Students, you have to be creative in your life because it makes learning fun, allows you to discover yourself, express yourself, aids your emotional development, and lowers your stress levels. In the book Wired to Create, we read "Creativity isn't just about innovating something or making art, it's about living creatively. Then we can approach any situation in life with a creative spirit." You'll be able to overcome all obstacles and reach the heights of success if you use your creativity in the right way. Therefore, fan the flames of your creativity and use it in your learning process.

Fr. Mathew Thomas CMI Principal

# Message of the STAFF SECRETARY

Creativity is a unique talent which every student should inculcate by oneself to develop the intellectual abilities. Creativity is a process for which you have to work hard constantly. Now, in recent days, all are having time to think about ourselves and develop the creative



talents. Take some time to think about yourself, list out a few things which you struggle to do. Focus on the hard things with some simple and creative techniques and try to break out of the fear. It's your time to focus on yourself and develop your creativity. Creativity makes the world go round!

Mm. Sharmila

## **EDITORIAL**

"Creativity is more than just being different

Making the awesomely simple that's Creativity."

Dear Christites, Creativity is the ability to generate innovative ideas and manifest them from thought



into reality. I want you, my dear readers to bring all your thoughts into reality and empower this world with your creativity and uniqueness. All the very best!

Mm. Mahalakshmi **Editor** 

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Creativity is exploring thoughts or ideas that are new or different in some way from previous thoughts and ideas. Exploring thoughts and ideas can be expressed by people in many ways. Creativity is different to different people but everyone is creative in their own way. Artistry



is important because it gets people to think and enrich innovations. Being innovative opens the door for new and different things. It is not just important for the individual person; it is also good for society as a whole. "Life doesn't happen to you, it happens for you". All the

Mm. Shyamala Devi (Primary Co-ordinator)

# **ALUMNI TALK**

I am Radhiya, former student of Christ Matriculation Higher Secondary School. I am a classical dancer and choreographer, veena instrumentalist and vocalist. I had been studying in our school for 7 years. Our school is not only focusing on studies but also on



other co-curricular activities. Our school is one of the main reasons for my successful travel in fine arts. Our teachers are the best! I don't know whether they are only teachers or the combination of god, parents, teachers and friends. Our school helped me to get several opportunities to express my talents. In 2015 our school gave me an opportunity to participate in the CMI Inter-school competition held at Shoranur, Kerala. This gave me great confidence in my artistic talents. Every artist needs to be respected in the way our school gave respect to me and towards my art. As a choreographer and dancer, they gave me many opportunities to express my talents. Our school greatly respects arts and sports equally as education. As a dancer I received many prizes only because of our school's support. For the first time I have choreographed a classical dance with fire pot for the cultural fest in 2018. With much practice and effort, I was able to balance the fire pot. I thank our school for giving me a fabulous opportunity to express my talents and also for recognizing my effort in the cultural fiesta 2018. Thank you!

# A PARENT'S MESSAGE

Dear students, as parents, all of us have many dreams and ambitions about you all. Many of you are very much aware of what we, as parents, really want from you. More than that, we would really wish you all to follow these:



- Love God and fear God; make sure God is first in your life.
- Be kind and generous to everyone; help others whenever possible and don't be selfish in life. The more you give, more the blessings you will receive from God.
- Be nice to the nature; plant at least one sapling each wherever you go.
- Dream big, achieve great heights; don't restrict your desire to become rich, popular and powerful; but at the same time, be humble and don't become proud when you get there.
- Last but not the least, don't ignore your health, eat well, exercise regularly and spread a healthy vibe to all around us.

Thank you all!

**Elcy Antony** 

(Parent of Bryan Daniel, G12-AB)

#### CHRIST ACADEMY INAUGURATION

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare it for today."

As a way of preparing the Christites innovatively to face the future, the inauguration of the Academic year 2021-22 held on 9 June 2021 with great pride and excitement. In this new academic year, we have a new Principal. The dignitaries were the Correspondent Rev. Fr. Joy Arackal CMI, Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas CMI, our new Principal, Staff Secretary Mm. Sharmila G, Higher Secondary Coordinator Mm. Milly, Cultural Secretary Mm. Valarmathi and, on behalf of parents, Mrs. Aarthi Mohan and Miss. Kamala, the student representative. Miss. Vincy (G12) donned the MC role monitoring the agenda to ensure that the event runs smoothly.

The inauguration started with a prayer song by the student Anitha Bosco (G5), which added a melodious touch to the event and enhanced the prayerful ambience. A cordial Welcome speech by Yazhene (G12) followed. The inauguration commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries at Christ. Rev. Fr. Correspondent's address was a wonderful and inspirational message to students for the academic year 2021-2022. Staff Secretary, Mm.Sharmila G, welcomed the 'new Principal' and also



addressed the children. Nandhika (G8) performed a welcome dance for the inauguration of the academic year 2021-22; primary students greeted the new Principal Fr. Mathew virtually by holding the bouquet. Coordinators of Christ: KG Coordinator Mm. Usha Rani, Primary Coordinator Mm. Shyamala, High School Coordinator Mm. Dhanalakshmi and Higher Secondary Coordinator Mm. Milly welcomed and conveyed their wishes to the students for the new academic year 2021-2022. Our Principal Fr. Mathew offered his wishes to the Correspondent, teaching and non-teaching staff, students and parents. He also conveyed the message about a book which speaks about the five pillars of success and motivated all by the words of the Brazilian footballer Pele. Vote of thanks was delivered by Sneha (G12). The inaugural ceremony was concluded with the National Anthem.

## **ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

"Art is more to do with observation than with invention."

As we all know, Christ is a school where dreams dare, to make the dreams dare, frequent guidance and monitoring is needed. Rev. Fr. Principal plays a major role in sculpting the moments of teaching and learning. Separate meetings under each category are carried out by Rev. Fr. Principal. Feedback and suggestions are taken and given simultaneously from the teachers through monthly virtual meetings.

### CHRIST VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY



"Get your team in order, Assembly is a key"

The assembly is a great way to bring the school and students together. So, Christ planned for the virtual assembly even amidst the pandemic situation by following the protocols. The theme for the assembly was based on creativity. Thirukkural, thought of the day, Scripture Reading, Principal's message and birthday wishes accompanied it. The virtual assembly ended with the national anthem and brought the feeling of unity among students and teachers.

#### TEACHING MADE EASY WITH EZEESCORE

On 5 June 2021 (Saturday), a virtual training program was conducted by Ezeescore for our teachers from G9 till G12. On behalf of Christ School, Mm. Sharmila delivered welcome address. Mr. Paari Elangovan gave an electronic presentation signifying the importance of the application and Mm. Vidhya assisted him. The new technique implemented in the application is beneficial for easy success. The workshop was meeting the contemporary needs and supporting overall school online process.

#### **BIRTHDAY GLITZ**

"A Birthday is just the first day of another 365- day's journey around the Sun, enjoy the trip."

To spread one's wings and to experience the happiness of celebrating their journey, birthdays of staff are celebrated on the last day of every month. Birthday wishes, cake cutting, sharing of love and gifts are accompanied as a gratitude to promote the feeling of unity and togetherness. The virtual birthday celebration of June and July also added an extreme sparkle to the celebration and created oneness among Christites. Monthly staff birthday celebration was held virtually to cherish our staff on their special occasion during this pandemic period. Every teaching and non-teaching staff who celebrated their birthdays during the month was greeted with special wishes and blessings from Fr. Principal.

#### **CHRIST CABINET ELECTION 2021**

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

Christ Virtual Cabinet Election was held on 12 July 2021 for the academic year 2021-2022. The first vote was cast by Rev. Fr. Correspondent, followed by Rev. Fr. Principal, teachers and students from G6 to G12. An overwhelming co-operation was given with a polling of nearly 500 votes. The students, teachers and the whole Christ garden waited with excitement for the results of the Christ virtual cabinet election. A salute of honour was given to the management and to the Cultural Committee for completing the cabinet election successfully, amidst the pandemic situation.

# KAMARAJAR DAY

With great respect and enthusiasm, our celebrated school the 118th birth anniversary of Shri. K. Kamarajar, the late former chief minister of Tamil Nadu, as Kamarajar day on 15 July 2021. He was a great leader of Indian



National Congress. This day was also celebrated as 'Educational Development Day' in recognition of his contributions to the development of Education. A virtual programme was organized by the students of G12-CD and G1-A. The programme consisted of speeches, poems and presentation about life and works of the kingmaker Kamarajar, which recollected the qualities and reformations of our great leader Kamarajar for our Nation. The celebration came to an end with National anthem. An honorable thanks to the in-charge teachers: Mm. Sharmila, Mm. Selvi and Mm. Ananthi.

## CHRIST KG EMOJI DAY

"Today the world seems incomplete without emojis. They are our power to experience"

World Emoji day is celebrated on 17 July every year. We the Christites celebrated KG Emoji Day on the same date through online mode. With happy greetings, the introduction and welcome speech was given by the incharge teacher Mm. Dhanalakshmi V. A warm welcome was given to the management, teaching and nonteaching staff, parents and children. Followed by the welcome speech, our KG tiny tots showcased their talents one by one. A total of 17 children

participated in the programme. They were not only showing the emojis but also explaining and imitating the same. To create awareness about the current situation, mask emoji was also shown with a message to wear



mask, frequently wash hands, keep social distancing and take vaccination. The programme went on well, and concluded with a thanks emoji. An honorable thanks to the in-charge teachers: Mm. Dhanalakshmi and KG Teachers.

#### CELEBRATION OF YOUNG LEADERSHIP

#### "To be inspired is great, but to be an inspiration is an honour"

Christ School is always inspired by the vision that every child coming here must be filled with Knowledge, Fear of God, Respect to the elders, Follow rules and regulations of the school, and, at the same time, make them good citizens. To inculcate the leadership qualities in students, even in this pandemic situation, our school organized the Investiture Ceremony on 19 July 2021, virtually. The elected school cabinet members are: J. Vincy (School Pupil Leader), V. Kriba (Asst. School Pupil Leader), L. Yazhene (School Cultural Secretary), M. Sam Alfred (Asst. Cultural Secretary), Merin Boban (School Captain) and T.A. Leo Santhan (Vice Captain).

The event began with a Prayer song by the School Choir. The function presided over by our Honorable Correspondent Rev. Fr. Joy Arackal CMI and beloved Principal Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas CMI. Our student Sivani (G8) welcomed the dignitaries in a graceful manner. The event continued with the introduction of the New Cabinet Leaders by Mm. Sharmila, School Election Commission. Next, we had our Chief Guest message virtually. The distinguished Chief Guest, Mr. Pradeep John (Second in command at the CRPF, Chennai),

delivered his thought-provoking motivational message on leadership to the newly elected leaders. He narrated the incidents from the life of Mahatma Gandhiji with the best leading qualities like appreciation, politeness, and maturity to avoid partiality among colleagues. He even narrated other examples as to how Beethoven being deaf and Milton being blind, still achieved their goals. Finally, the chief guest ended his speech with warm and delightful wishes.

Our honorable Correspondent, Rev. Fr. Joy Arackal CMI, lead the Oath-taking ceremony for our young and energetic leaders with his blessings and congratulated the newly appointed cabinet members for their preparedness to take up responsibility entrusted to them virtually. Our former Cabinet Leaders handed over their responsibility to the new Cabinet Leaders with their motivational words and wishes virtually. Our beloved Principal, Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas CMI, congratulated the new leaders, by distributing certificates and motivated them with his wonderful message. Next, our students Nandika (G8), Varshini (G9) and Jayesh (G7) made the day more beautiful, by presenting a fusion dance. Ninarika (G8) proposed the vote of thanks and the programme concluded with the National Anthem.

# NATIONAL PARENTS' DAY

"Nobody on Earth can ever love you more than your parents."

As a way of teaching the real and pure love of parents towards their children, the school thought of a different beat and to gift the Parents during this Pandemic by celebrating National Parents Day on 26 July 2021. All the children of G12-AB and G1-B along with their class teachers, Mm. Mily Samuel and Mm. Anuja respectively, did a virtual celebration for expressing their love towards their parents. Pleasing words of G1-B children were a real blessing. G12-ABstudents made an effort to thank their parents with a gracious dance by Akshaya S & Yazhene L, animation video by Anton Joshwa and Bryan Daniel, placard video by Harish V and boys. Valuable thoughts were shared by Mm. Appalonia. The words of love were expressed by Mr. Jayavel Parthasarthy and Mrs. Subha Jayavel parent of Miss. Sindhu P.J. (G12-AB). Welcome speech by Agnes and words of Gratitude by Boomika T., added sweet and savory to the celebration. The host, Vincy J., along with her co-host Swarnalatha D., made efforts to accomplish the goal of this programme. The theme Patience and Perseverance was portrayed in the entire program. An honorable thanks to the incharge teachers: Mm. Mily Samuel, Mm. Anuja and Mm. Appalonia.



"It is nice to have valid competitions, it pushes you to do better."

CHRIST, as a way of pushing the students to competitive zone, has planned several competitions. In this pandemic situation, to showcases the talents of the children, many interesting events are included in the plan. And new house captains were elected for the same. They are:

Fearless Fighters (Red) : Gautham Karthick

(Captain)

& Mahashree (Asst.

Captain)

Thriving Troopers (Blue) : Arputharaj (Captain)

& Harini (Asst.Captain)

Royal Raiders (Green) : Mudassir Basha (Captain)

& Kamala (Asst.Captain)

Winning Warriors (Yellow): RavantVignesh (Captain)

& Divvalakshmi (Asst. Captain)





# **APPRECIATION 2021**

"Work more, learn more and score more."

Hard work of the students, dedication of the teachers, support of the parents and inspiration of Rev. Fr. Principal & Rev. Fr. Correspondent resulted in better results in G12 for the academic year 2020 -2021.

Plus Two Toppers:

1. Monica B. (Commerce) - 575.85

2. Jeeva J.V. (Science) - 569.34

3. Charulatha B. (Commerce) - 567.59

Congratulations to the Toppers!

#### **EVALUATION**

"Evaluation is the first step towards the vision for the future."

As the evaluation part plays a major role in a learner's life and also as a way of lifting the Christites a step ahead towards the future, Christ takes flawless efforts in monitoring the students through continuous comprehensive evaluation (CCE). The planning and scheduling of the exam dates is done in advance, and effectively managed by the exam committee. The next monthly test (FA2) falls on 7 August 2021.

# **GRATITUDE OF WISHES**

"Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness."

As Gratitude is the memory from the heart, our new Staff secretary Mm. G. Sharmila shared loving words to the former Secretary Mm. Ashadevi.

Dear Asha Ma'am, your dedication, patience and kindness will never

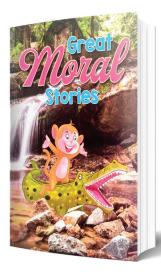


be forgotten. You are such a great inspiration for us. As a teacher, you are awesome and as a leader you are a stalwart. Your service in Christ is greatly appreciable. Thanks for being so passionate and caring. We are really going to miss those sweet memories. We wish you the best of health, happiness and success in your new journey of life.

#### SOUL READERS

"A writer only begins a book A reader finishes it."

Our Higher Secondary student Ms. Susithra D (G11) shared about the book she was inspired with - the story, moral and the reasons for her inspiration. The story goes like this: Once upon a time, a wise Brahmin went to the king and asked for alms. The king gave him few gold coins. But the Brahmin refused and said that he will take alms that have been earned by hard work only. The king, who



was living with the taxes paid by the people, disguised himself, worked as a labourer, earned a silver coin, and gave it to the Brahmin. The Brahmin buried the coin and it grew into a tree which had gold coins as fruits. The news reached the king and he visited the Brahmin, and he uprooted the tree and gave it to the king saying, "It's the fruit of your hard work." The king realized the importance of hard work.

My inspiration: -I was inspired a lot by the Brahmin, because he taught a lesson to the king and the king learned the importance of hard work.

Moral of the story: - Hard work always pays and good decision never fails.

## **WORD POWER**

"Few activities are delightful as learning as new vocabulary"

Christ took an initiative in building new words and create an interest in vocabulary among students. The new words along with their meaning and construction in a sentence is also given below.

- · Buoyantly- Cheerfully The life streams were flowing with buoyancy.
- · Deftly skillfully He caught the ball deftly and grinned.
- · Munificence Generosity His munificence with regard to the Beethoven statue at Bonn made a great stir.
  - Prepared by Anssa Maria Sabu (G12)

# BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST 2021

August 5, 2021

Mm. Mary Vismalet

August 8, 2021

Bro. Cristo

August 15, 2021

Bro. Stio

August 19, 2021

Mr. Vinoth (D)

August 22, 2021

Mm. Anuja & Mm. Suganthi Cecillia



# **EVENT BUZZ**

# **August**

August 7, 2021 – FA2 Exam begins

August 12, 2021 - Onam Celebration

August 15, 2021 - Independence Day

August 22, 2021 – Rakshabandhan

# **INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**







# **INVESTITURE CEREMONY**













# **CHRIST CREATIVE HUB**

# காமராசர்

கொடும்பசியை எட்டாக்கல்வியை குடந்தெடுத்து குலக்கல்வியை உடைத்தெறிந்த கருங்கல் சிற்பி இவர் விருதுநகர்தனில் உதித்த சூரியன் ஆயிரம் தடைகள் தாண்டி தமிழ்நாடு வார்த்தெடுத்த ஒப்பற்ற தலைவர் ஊழிகடந்து சாதனைகள் நிலைக்கச் செய்த சிவகாமி ஈன்றெடுத்த செயல்வீரர் தன்னலம் துறந்து பிற்ர் நலம் நாடி அணைகள் கட்டி தொழிற்பேட்டைக்கு உருக்கொடுத்து தமிழன்னைக்கு புகழ் சூட்டிய இந்தியத்தாயின் மதிப்புக்கூட்டிய பெருந்தலைவர் பெருங்கடலை கல்விக்குள் புகுத்தி உவமையும் உருவகமும் புகுத்தப்படா தெள்ளத்தெளிந்த பால்நிலா தமிழ்நாட்டின் விடிவெள்ளி முக்காலமும் முப்பொழுதும் உம் புகழ் பாடும் த. பிரேமா (தமிழாசிரியர்)

# Kamarajar Day

Kudos to the man behind the education today, For making us a mouldable clay. He's the man to be thanked everyday, For giving us a thornless pathway. He lived a life of easy-peasy, For he believed in democracy. His memories never fade away, Anchored like a positive portray. He was an immaculate individual, Who lived in a vision of inter-individual Let's celebrate his day, With no further delay

- Isha Whitney, G9-A



# People's Leader Kamaraj

You only came to power once! But you did as good as many regimes speak!

You are an example of simplicity! Our Tamil Nadu people are the breath of your life!

He forgot himself, thought of others, Forgot his home and lived for the country!

He built many dams and stored water! The one who protects agriculture with that water!

The time he lived was epic! The years he lived were golden!

This is the great leader who has served to see the upliftment In the lives of the poor simple people!

He is the one who did without the uneducated Because the country will prosper if education is better!

One who renounces his well-being to live for the good of others The one who has duty as the eye!

He was born before independence and worked for our country!

He is the one who lived the ideal life! This is the leader who does not like millions!

Honesty is his identity and simplicity his incarnation.

- V. Hayanthika, G6-D

# **National Parent's Day**

The real spine-breaker of my life are my parents Being with them, I could smell the positive fragrance! My parents are always special in every way, Encouraging me more and more each passing day You've never said no to any of my stuff I know you've worked really hard for me

You've both helped me through many trials and tribulations

You've made things better in every situation

You both are the reason why I'm so strong

With you two at the helm not a thing could go wrong

You've made feel confident, when I felt unconfident

Your pretty smiles make me forget about my negative thought

Thank you both for always being there,

And showing me that you truly care

As you do everything for me,

I'm never gonna stop fulfilling my dream

One day, I'm sure that proud moment will happen in our life

You are gonna be my proud Mama, Appa

Words could never explain how I feel about you

But I hope you know that I truly love you two!!

I truly love you two.

- Divyalakshmi S, G11

# Kamarajar Pay



# NATIONAL PARENTS' DAY



# CHRIST CREATIVE HUB























































