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from Christ Cultural Department

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From the Head Table

August is an appropriate month for us, Indians, to thank the nation for being a real mother to her citizens, and it is also a time to think about our loyalty towards our motherland. The freedom and dignity that we enjoy today are the results of the martyrdom and sacrifice of our forefathers, who led this great nation from the dark ages of slavery to a new era of hope and self-governance. Every citizen who is loyal to his or her country has to 'ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country' (John F. Kennedy, 1961 Presidential Inauguration Address). The right attitude of a citizen is, according to the Book of Samuel, as follows: "But Ittai answered the king, 'As the Lord lives, and as my lord, the king lives, wherever my lord the king may be, whether for death or life, there also your servant will be'" (2 Samuel 15: 21).

'Being loyal' to a nation is to cherish the values enshrined in the constitution of the country. The Preamble of the Indian Constitution posits its main values: liberty, equality, fraternity, justice, sovereignty, socialism, secularism, democracy, human dignity, unity and integrity of the Nation. Every citizen of this great nation has to defend and safeguard these values. It is all the more important these days when the voice of dissent is seen as 'treason against the country' or 'threat to national security, and those citizens are put behind the bar. Stanislaus Lourduswamy aka Stan Swamy, an octogenarian tribal rights activist, lost his life while in custody, and it is widely condemned as an injustice done to him in denying his basic rights as he was suffering from Parkinson's disease.

"Loyalty can never be imposed by force, fear, insecurity or intimidation" (Paulo Coelho). We should ensure that the 'loyalty' of a citizen is not misunderstood as slavery or as merely saying 'amen' to the diktats of politicians. Instead, we need to conscientize our fellow citizens that being loyal means the freedom to express one's opinions. It is in this context we have to recall the words of the great soul, Rabindranath Tagore, in his magnum opus, Gitanjali:

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;

Where knowledge is free...

*Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action;
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.*

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THEME
Loyalty

Principal's Press



It happened at Manamadurai, Tamil Nadu. A cow was accidentally electrocuted and killed when it stepped on a live cable that got cut and lay on the ground. As the shepherd woman rushed to save the cow, she was electrocuted and died instantly. Her dog, which saw the incident, barked and chased the other cows, to prevent them from reaching the same place to save them. Following the relatives' tears at the corpse of the woman, the dog also expressed its grief with them. It is one of the most inspiring and heart-warming instances of loyalty I have ever read. The term "Loyalty" is defined as *"being faithful or loyal to someone, a cause, or a nation."* However, how does loyalty appear in public? Possibly, it can be a person's loyalty to their employer or company, children's loyalty to their parents, or love between a couple, or patriotic loyalty towards one's country. Depending on the application, the word 'loyalty' could have multifarious meanings ascribed to it.

The month of August is, of course, for the people of India, a time to manifest their loyalty and devotion to the nation as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of our independence. As we approach that momentous day, my mind recalls Subhash Chandra Bose's inspiring words: *"Give me blood, and I'll give you independence."* How devoted to his country was he! The freedom warriors who valiantly battled and gave their lives for the sake of our country's independence inspire in us a deep desire to remain loyal to the country till our last breath.

To cap it all, Mark Twain's words tug at my heartstrings: *"Loyalty to the nation all the time, loyalty to the government when it deserves it."* Although we must stay loyal to our country till death do us apart, we must raise our voices against injustice, corruption, and the government's self-serving acts. This year marks the 75th anniversary of our freedom. The question is: Are we truly free?

Fr. Mathew Thomas CMI
Principal

Message of the STAFF SECRETARY

"Nothing is more noble, nothing more venerable than loyalty"- Cicero

Dear Christites, Loyalty is one of the most crucial characteristics that everyone should have to improve their personality. Loyalty propels you to greater heights in all aspects of life, whether personal or professional. Loyalty entails respect for oneself and others. We can create trustworthy connections if we show respect. It also assists you in maintaining a good and healthy connection in your life. People are far more inclined to treat you with devotion and respect if you treat them the same way. Loyalty to your job is essential for success!

Never forget that intelligence and loyalty rule the world, and ignorance carries the burden. Therefore, free yourself from ignorance and revive yourself with LOYALTY, which is the best possibility to be intelligent. All the best!

Mm. Sharmila G.



EDITORIAL

*"Loyalty is what makes us trust,
Trust is what makes us stay,
Staying is what makes us love,
and love is what gives us hope."*

Love grows from stable relationships and shared experiences. Loyalty is the foundation of love. It is the glue that holds a relationship together for a lifetime. So I ask you to stay loyal to what you know is right. Never yield to weakness or a false crown. Stay Faithful and Stay Loyal. Make this world a place where we are Royally Loyal.

Mm. Mahalakshmi



CO-ORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Loyalty is an important lesson to learn. *"Loyalty is the feeling of faithfulness we have toward our family, friends."*

A father once bought a kite and a roll of thread for his son. His son started flying kites. The kite took off swiftly into the sky. "Father, it looks that this thread is preventing the kite from flying higher," the son said after a while.

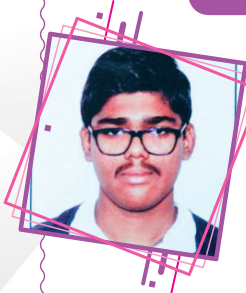
"Can we break it?" he wondered. The father snipped the thread from the roller. The kite began to rise in altitude. Then it started to fall steadily. Finally, it all came crumbling down.

It appears that if we are not bound by our families and houses, we will be free to advance more swiftly and achieve greater heights in life. However, we often overlook the fact that it is our family and loved ones who assist us in coping with difficult situations. With their help and encouragement, we can achieve much success in our lives. They don't hold us back; rather, they act as a springboard. Never let them go!

Mily Samuel
Coordinator, HSS



ALUMNI TALK



A heartfelt hello to everybody! My name is Dhaiush K, and I'm a CHRIST alumnus. It's a privilege to reflect on my wonderful moments with CHRIST and Christites. I'd want to highlight one very beautiful moment with you all. On 19 September 2019, *Varnajaalam 2k19*, a talent show, was held. In addition, I participated in the oration category on a topic that came to me on the spur of the moment (on stage). I realized I was a good speaker at that time and learned how to take on responsibilities. On stage, I was introduced as "Talking Tom." I could also hear claps and my friends cheering me on from backstage. Christ has left me with such a priceless remembrance. I'm leaving with a sorrowful heart, but Christ will always be with me. Thank you everyone!

A PARENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Students, We live in a society that is changing all the time. Old is replaced by new, and what was "in" one day is "out" the next. With all these constant changes, it can be difficult for our kids to develop a strong character and high morals. For them, it may be hard to stick to something, stay true to themselves and others. In times like these, teaching your child to be loyal is more important than ever.

Loyalty has a positive impact on everyone's life and is crucial for a healthy life, good character, and a unique identity. Being loyal has many benefits in different areas of life, both personal and professional. So, students, stay loyal, especially to your Parents.

Thank You

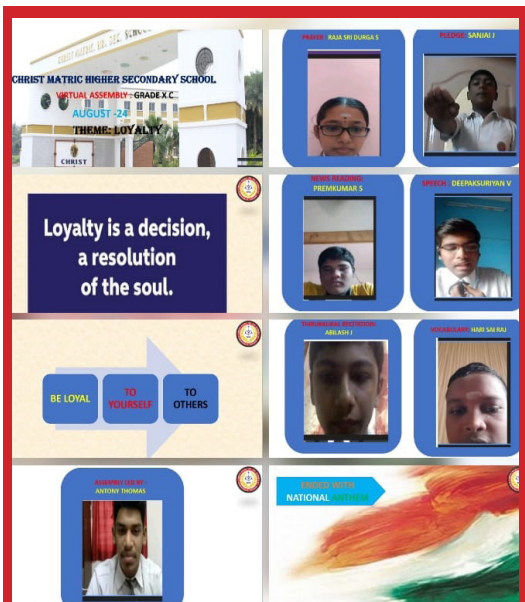
Joicy Jaison,

(Parent of Jebin Jaison of G12)

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

School assemblies are a good way to bring out the innate freshness of children. Right from KG to G12, Christites are guided to organize a virtual assembly so that they would feel one and remain united. A special online assembly was presented exclusively by the students of G7-B and G7-C (girls) on the subject of loyalty on 6 August 2021, which made the gathering even more memorable and special. *"Nothing is more attractive than loyalty"* was the theme.

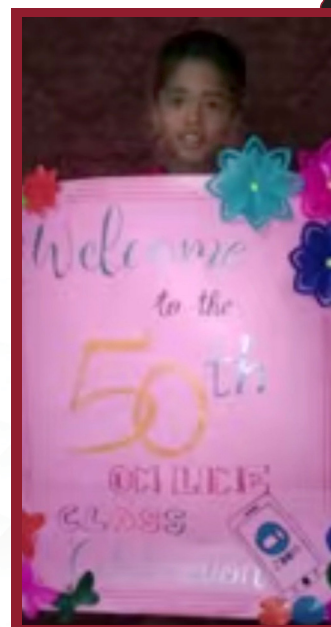
Anita Andreena began the assembly with a beautiful prayer song accompanied by background music. An introductory speech was given by Jack Thomas, followed by the thought for the day, the pledge, and the scripture reading. G7-C's Shivani performed a special talent show called Karatawas. Finally, Mm. Mary Vismalet, the class teacher, concluded the assembly with a speech and applauded the children for a terrific performance. The virtual assembly ended with the National Anthem and gave the students and teachers a sense of loyalty.



THE 50TH DAY OF SCHOOL

"No one can go back in time to change what has happened, so work on your present to make yourself a wonderful future."

The 50th day of school was celebrated with joy and fun on 10 August 2021. A video was prepared by the KG kids with the help of their teachers, illustrating their growth after 50 days of schooling. There was an overview of the virtual classes, creative activities, and feedback from parents in the video. On the same day, the children also took part in an online celebration, which included the class assembly, fun games, fancy dress show, funny dance show, and identification of colours, shapes, and things.



INDEPENDENCE DAY



"Let there be freedom in your mind and body, faith in your words and pride in your soul. Let's salute our nation."

The nation's 75th Independence Day was magnificently commemorated on Christ campus. Merin Boban, the School Sports Captain, led the dignitaries to the flagpole. Mm. Sangeetha E greeted the guests. Rev. Fr. Joy Arackal CMI and Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas CMI presented a shawl and a flower to the chief guest respectively. Mr. Thomas David S., the chief guest, raised the national flag and led the community in singing the national anthem, which was followed by the chief guest's message. The group dispersed after Merin Boban's vote of thanks and the sweet distribution.

Under the direction of Mm. Sangeetha E and Mm. Santhi, G11-AB and G1-D students also developed a short video that comprised a solo dance, Independence Day speech, patriotic dance, and the national leader's speech. Mm. Prabhavathy, the programme's supportive instructor, presented a brief address about the history of independence.

INDEPENDENCE DAY - FANCY DRESS CONTEST

On the 07 August 2021, our school held an Independence Day contest for KG children. It was a fancy dress competition between classes. The Tiny Tots displayed their abilities by focusing on Indian freedom fighters. More than 25 pupils competed online in this competition. Two students adjudged first, two students came in second, and three students came in third. Students dressed as Bharathiyar, Subash Chandra Bose, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sarojini Naidu, Jhansi Rani-Lakshmbai, and other historical figures. Mm. Usharani, Mm. Rani Remya, and Mm. Agalya, the in-charge teachers, successfully conducted the contest with the aid of class teachers and the overwhelming support of parents. The competition planted the seeds of achievement in the hearts of small children.

INDEPENDENCE DAY - QUIZ CONTEST

On 7 August 2021, a quiz contest was organized on the occasion of Independence Day to promote newspaper reading, awareness of current events, and value-based learning habits among the students. Overall, there were 30 participants for each category, comprising of four houses. Under sub-juniors and juniors, the Royal Raiders (Green House) won first place, followed by Winning Warriors (Yellow House) in second place, and Thriving Toppers (Blue House) in third place. As for the seniors' category, the Blue House took first place, the Green House placed second, and the Yellow House finished third. In the super seniors' category, the Yellow House took first place, the Red House took second place, and the Blue House took third place.

They participated eagerly and enthusiastically in the competition. The August Inter-House Competition points for four houses are:

<i>Fearless Fighters (Red)</i>	<i>7 Points</i>
<i>Thriving Troopers (Blue)</i>	<i>20 Points</i>
<i>Royal Raiders (Green)</i>	<i>17 Points</i>
<i>Winners Warriors (Yellow)</i>	<i>22 Points</i>

We look forward to conducting more such competitions that will augment the competitive spirit and team spirit in children and boost student morale.

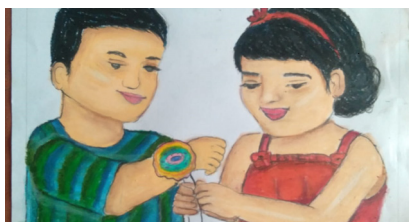
KG RED DAY

*"Red is not just a colour
It is enthusiasm
It is happiness
It is energy
It is anger
It is Love"*



The KG department of our school celebrated 'Red Day' on August 21, 2021, to disseminate the aforementioned values. The children had a fantastic red day minute filled with excitement and activity. There were speeches, dances, recitation and displays of red colour objects. It was a wonderful learning activity that reinforced children's cognitive skills by helping them to sort and classify objects based on colours. The day was scintillating with innocent faces shining and reflecting joy, love, and happiness. As a result of the red day, children gained a better understanding of the red colour, which in turn made the educators more enthusiastic about the concept.

RAKSHA BANDHAN - 2021



"Love between a brother and a sister is one of the deepest and noblest of all human emotions."

RAKHI, a unique day to commemorate sisterly and brotherly connection, was observed on 22 August 2021, in CHRIST via the virtual platform. The ceremony was conducted by G10-C and G2-A students, and a video tribute was played to highlight the festival's significance.

Following the invocation of God's presence through a small prayer, Evangeline Jennifer (G10-C) welcomed everyone with words of joy. Christeena Ann (G2-A) gave an informative introductory speech. Little butterfly Jasline not only sang a beautiful Raksha Bandhan Song but also danced with the lines. Twin brothers Monish and Mothish recited a heart-touching Tamil poem. The brothers and sisters from both classes narrated and performed the customs and rituals of Raksha Bandhan with great aplomb. The vote of thanks was delivered by Sree Kamala (G10-C). The programme ended with the Pledge, hoping that this festival ensures dignity, respect and protection among Indians. The host Asifa (G10-C) systematically organized the programme with the support of in-charge teachers Mm. Happy Poulouse, Mm. Jensi L and Mm. Devi A.

INTER-HOUSE CULTURAL COMPETITIONS

"A Nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people."

Cultural programmes play an important role in a school student's life. Children develop their interpersonal skills and learn the values imparted. Amidst the pandemic, CHRIST Virtual Cultural Competitions for the academic year 2021-2022 were held in August to showcase the talents of our children. Several interesting events were included in the programme.

The students were separated into four groups, with different events planned for each. The Inter-House Cultural Competitions drew a total of 250 students. Out of 250 pupils, 25 received first place, 22 received second place, and 22 received third place. Because the school has Inter-House Competitions every month, the cumulative total will be released monthly. For July and August, the inter-house competition points for four houses are as follows:

<i>Fearless fighters (Red)</i>	<i>95 Points</i>
<i>Thriving Troopers (Blue)</i>	<i>174 Points</i>
<i>Royal Raiders (Green)</i>	<i>157 Points</i>
<i>Winners Warriors (Yellow)</i>	<i>154 Points</i>

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you for your participation.

INTER-HOUSE QUIZ CONTEST

*"Questions are the engines of intellect,
The cerebral machines which convert energy to motion, and curiosity to controlled inquiry."*

On 06 August 2021, a Virtual Inter-House Quiz Competition for the super senior category on the theme of Indian Independence was organized to boost intellectual vigour among Christites. The competition was administered by Mm. Happy Poulouse, the Quiz Master, and the judging panel, which included Mm. Rexlin Joe and Mm. Mily Samuel. There were 14 teams in all, with two individuals from G10 to G12 in each. Three phases made up the quiz competition. The kids were fully engaged and enthusiastically filled the seconds with the quiz sessions. The winners were honoured and applauded.

PLACE	NAMES	CLASS	HOUSE
I	Sai Shakthi V K	G10-A	YELLOW
	Susithra D S	G11-D	
II	Evangeline Jennifer R	G10-C	RED
	Joyce Priscilla R	G11-B	
III	Milan P Sabu	G10-A	BLUE
	Anssa Maria Sabu	G12-D	

AWARENESS PROGRAMME- RAISED ON PLASTIC USAGE

*"To make Earth like a diamond
Precious and rare
Avoid plastic everyday and everywhere"*

Students from G3 raised awareness about the issue of the removal of plastics (Negizhiyai Ozhippom) by carrying placards and speaking out. They explored the negative health impacts of plastics during their conversation. Trees should not be felled. The kids produced cloth bags, paper bags with their own hands, and committed to stop using plastic. Overall, it was an outstanding plastic-reduction campaign. A big thanks to the instructors of Tamil department who supported the children's initiative. Ms. Janani is commended by the school for her initiative.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY - 12 AUGUST 2021

"A few heart-whole, sincere, and energetic men and women can do more in a year than a mob in a century." - Swami Vivekananda

Our young Christites of G11 and G12 joined the international youth day virtually to express their sincere and energetic efforts. We are proud to see their passion, responsibility, and dedication. Congratulations to the bright and active brains of the future! You are the backbone of our country; you are its beating heart. Arise! Awake! And don't stop till you've achieved your goal. Best wishes!!

ONAM CELEBRATION- 2021



"From the decade of evolution, to the decade of revolution amidst, a good relaxation, celebration spiritual or non-spiritual; everything now virtual; Virtual, though looks special, now it is casual."

Our school celebrated Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala, virtually on 21 August 2021. Students from G11-CD and G1-C showcased their talents in a video with dance, song, speech, and other activities. As a gesture of appreciation, the class teacher thanked everyone.

STAFF BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

*"Count not the candles...see the lights they give.
Count not the years, but the life you live."*

When ordinary efforts are done successfully or thoughtfully, amazing things happen. The same thing happens when we make an effort to make birthdays special for our loved ones.

On the final day of every month, our Christ family celebrates the birthdays of its staff. Birthday greetings, cake cutting, and the sharing of love and presents are accompanied by expressions of appreciation to foster a sense of oneness and togetherness. During this pandemic era, the virtual birthday celebration of August brought extraordinary beauty and fostered oneness among Christites. Fr. Principal sent birthday greetings and blessings to all teaching and non-teaching staff members who celebrated their birthdays this month.

WORD POWER

*Prepared by
CS Vijayalakshmi, G9*

- **Adhesion** - steady or firm attachment

Ram hoped, by presenting facts as they were, to win the adhesion of all parties.

- **Allegiance** - Loyalty or Faithfulness

Everyday the school children pledge an oath of allegiance to their country.

- **Fortitude** - courage

Thank you all for the intestinal fortitude to stand for what's right, like static pages fit for the purpose.

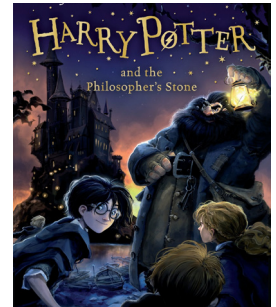


SOUL READERS

BOOK: HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE

- JK Rowling's Harry Potter book series is one of her most well-known works. This series revealed the renowned British author's enthusiasm and brilliance.
- The Harry Potter series has nine novels [from "Philosopher's Stone" to "The Cursed Child"]. Philosopher's Stone remains my favourite as it is the first book in the series.
- The plot revolves around the actions and research of three friends [Harry Potter, Ron Weasley, and Hermione Granger]. Hermione is my favourite of them all.
- The most essential element of the narrative is that there was a very precious object called the Philosopher's Stone in Hogwarts School. Harry Potter and his close friends discover that some professor wanted to steal it. The three buddies start looking for ways to prevent him from stealing it.
- The initial encounter of Ron, Harry, and Hermione on the train is my favourite portion of this novel.
- In every Harry Potter novel, the three best friends are always together and support each other till the very end. In this way, I learnt about 'the value of friendship'.

Review by
P. Gautham Karthik,
G11-D



BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST 2021

Sep 2 : Mm. Uma Maheswari

Sep 3 : Mm. Jayashree, Mrs. Valliamma (CT)

Sep 4 : Mm. Prabhavathi

Sep 8 : Mrs. Mala (CT)

Sep 18 : Mm. Mily Samuel

Sep 24 : Mm. Ananthi

Sep 27 : Mm. Selvi T.

FEAST DAY

Sep 21

Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas
(Principal)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HIROSHIMA

Poem by Jabez Joe, G10-A

I come and stand at every door
But none can hear my silent tread
I knock and yet remain unseen
For I am dead, for I am dead

I'm only seven though I died
In Hiroshima long ago
I'm seven now as I was then

All that I need is that for peace
You fight today, you fight today
So that the children of this world
Can live and grow and laugh and play.



EVENT BUZZ

SEPTEMBER 2021

September 5 - Teachers' Day

September 8 - International Literacy Day

September 14 - National Hindi Day

September 16 - World Ozone Day

September 21 - International Day of Peace

CHRIST CREATIVE HUB

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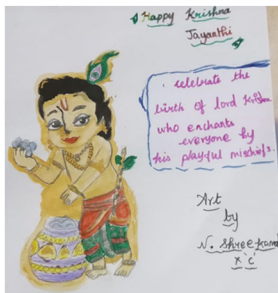
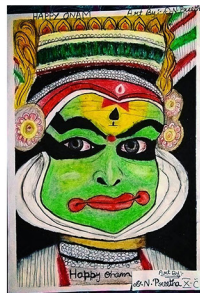
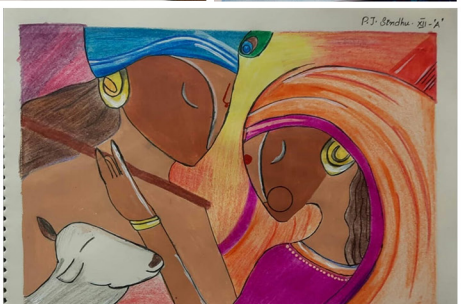
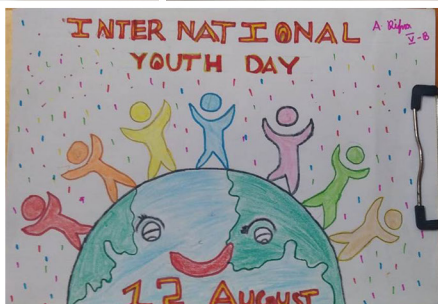
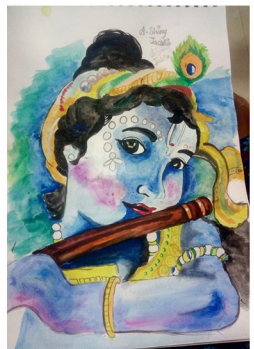
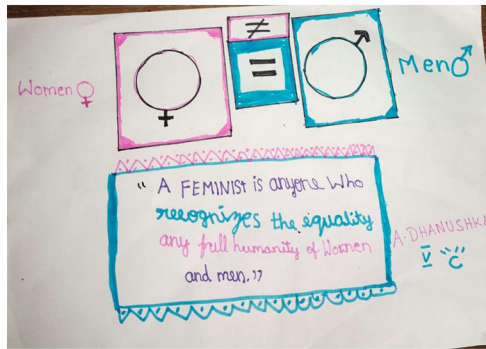
Poem by Priyadarshini K, G10-A

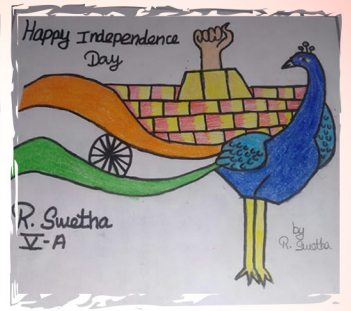
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दुनिया जिस पर गर्व करे
ऐसा सितारा मेरा देश
चांदी सोना मेरा देश
सफल सलोना मेरा देश
गंगा जमुना की माला का
फूलों वाला मेरा देश
आगे जाए मेरा देश
नित नए मुस्काएं मेरा देश
इतिहासों में बढ़ चढ़ कर
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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

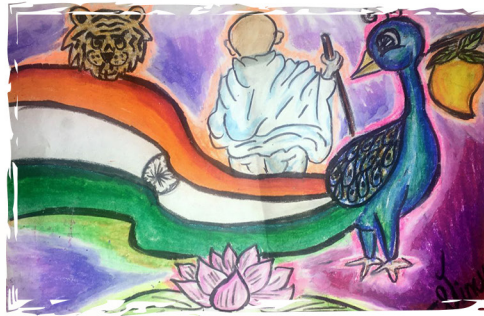
Poem by M. Armina, G10-A

Ours is a land of sages
Known for bravery for ages
None can with it complete
Its culture none can beat.
Whatever caste or religion
All live here in unison
With rivers, sweet fountains,
It's a land of high mountains.
Its green forests are pretty,
And are source of prosperity
Let's for it work hard
For its safety, be on guard.

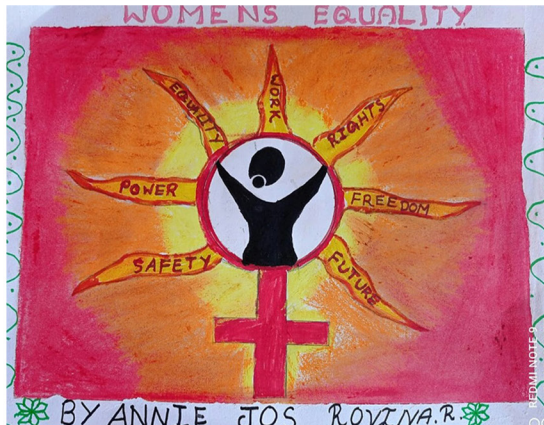
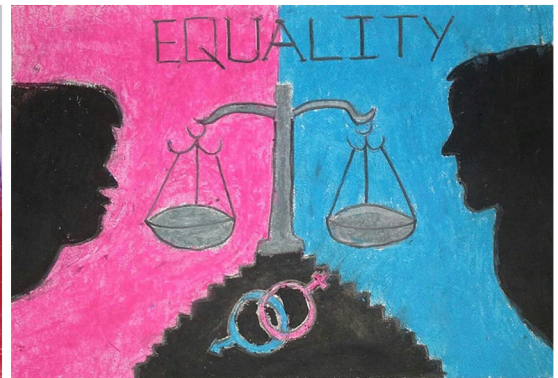




CHRIST Creative Hub



Women's Equality Day



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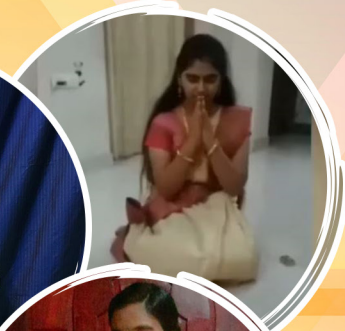
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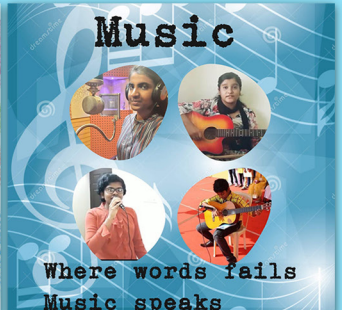
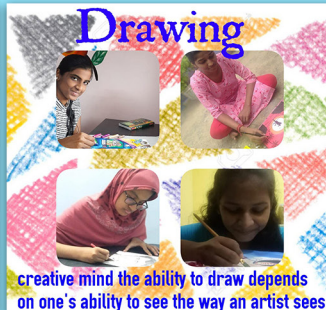
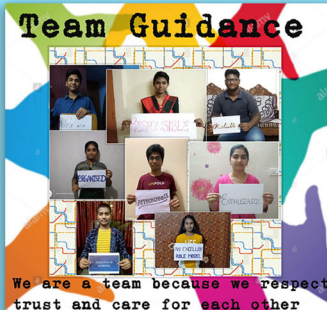
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PLASTIC AWARENESS

