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From the Head Table

The *Chandgoya Upanishad* (4.3) speaks about a *brahmachari* (student) and two sages who worshipped *Vayu Bhagavan* (Wind God). One day while these sages had their meal a starving *brahmachari* knocked at their door. But they did not share the food and dismissed him at the doorstep. The starving *brahmachari* reminded the sages that the *Vayu*, whom they worship also pervades the hungry human being.

There are three different paths namely *Jnana Marga*, *Bhakti Marga* and *Karma Marga* to attain *moksha* (liberation of soul) according to Indian philosophy. But the learned say that we need a combination of all the three to achieve the goal of human life.

There should be a balancing act between our 'faith' and 'action'. This is what saint James says 'for just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead' (James 2: 26). We are ever ready to donate money for *Annadhanam* (providing food free of cost) at the shrines even if it is very far from our place, but, at the same time, we refuse to provide food to the starving person next door. We seldom realise the fact that human beings are 'created in God's image and likeness' (Refer Genesis 1:26-27). This is why 7000 years ago *Thirumoolar* said in his *Thirumanthiram* அன்பு சிவம் (God is love). The very same thing was said by Saint John in his writings that 'God is love' (1 John 4: 8). Therefore, as devotees, 'do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God' (Hebrew 13:16). In Indian culture 'being generous' is commonly said as *dhaana*, a Sanskrit word meaning 'generous giving that expects nothing in return', which can be understood as the true form of love.

In our society, however, generosity could sometimes create *harum scarum* persons. The story of the prodigal son (refer Luke 15: 11 - 32) is a good example of this kind of generosity. The younger son asked for his share of the property from his father, to which the father obliged. In time, the *harum scarum* youth squandered his property in dissolute living. In these modern days, where the number of children is quite minimal, the parents compete with each other to pamper their only child. The parents feel that they cannot but 'be generous,' which, in most cases, goes detrimental to the character development of the child. This may be the reason why the book of Proverbs says that 'Do not withhold discipline from your children... you will save their lives from Sheol' (Proverbs 23: 13 - 14).

Let us be generous to the needy and may our generosity to others be tempered with wisdom!

Fr. Dr. (Adv) Joy Arackal CMI
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Principal's Press



We celebrated the feast of Christmas a couple of weeks ago. As we deeply enter into the characters of the Christmas event, we know that true generosity is demonstrated here perfectly. The birth of Jesus itself represents the generosity of Heavenly Father as God gave His only Son to save the world and humanity from sinfulness and evil. The Magis who followed the star reached the manger and generously offered the best of their possessions (gold, frankincense and myrrh); shepherds, who were on the other end of the social scale, did not have any wealth, but they gave what they had - their time; Joseph, a respectable, hardworking carpenter, was asked to sacrifice not only his time and money but also his reputation; Mary, a teenage girl, dreaming of her future with her groom, sacrificed her reputation and future. Each of the characters in the Christmas story was asked to give something of great value on Christmas Eve.

Likewise, the parable of the Good Samaritan in the Bible is one of the best examples of generosity. Despite being

attacked by the robbers, many people ignored the man. However, a Samaritan stopped his journey and saved him. He had compassion for the injured man. This compassion is the heart of giving and where it all begins. According to some, the Samaritan had to take three days off of his trip to help the man. Though it was not convenient for the Samaritan to help him, he did so anyway. As the Samaritan demonstrated, sometimes all we need to do is give a little of our time. The man was also helped financially by the Samaritan. God gives us wealth so that we can help people. It is interesting how this man put the other in an inn and paid for extra expenses.

There is a kind of vegetable in Vietnam called hey. It belongs to the onion family. The more you cut the plants at their base, the more they grow. If you don't cut them, they won't grow much. Cutting them often, right at the base of the stalk, will make them grow larger. The same is true for generosity. When you give and keep giving, you become richer and richer in terms of happiness and well-being.

Dear Christites, giving abundantly and generously invites us to draw deeply upon knowing that our lives are plentiful. Each of us has an unlimited supply of love and compassion. It is from this abundant source of love and compassion that generosity flows. By thinking of, listening to, sharing, valuing, and giving abundantly to others, we can also have generous attitudes towards others.

Fr. Mathew Thomas CMI

Principal

Message of the STAFF SECRETARY

**"The law of prosperity is generosity.
If you want more, give more."**

Generosity is helping and caring for others without any expectations. It also means respecting each other, which improves healthy relationships. Generosity brings balance in the lives of the individuals, resulting in which they are bound to achieve unimaginable success in their lives. We should understand that though it is less difficult to be generous in all the situations in life, generosity bears the fruits of peace, success, and happiness in the lives of individuals.

Mm. Sharmila G.



EDITORIAL

**"Generosity is the most
natural outward expres-
sion of an inner atti-
tude of compassion
and loving-kindness."**

- Dalai Lama

Generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find it out. It is not just being kind or nice once in a lifetime. It is being good and just all the time, which is a twenty-four-hour thing. Be generous, and your life will become much brighter.

Mm. Mahalakshmi



TEACHER'S MESSAGE

"A generous heart, kind speech and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity." - Lord Buddha

Dear Christites, it is often said that "God" resides in the hearts of generous-minded people. Generosity implies the act of giving something to someone, which could be either money or in-kind to benefit that person to whomsoever it is given. Not everybody inclines to give; along with giving, there is the element of sacrifice attached to it. For example, it is said that "LORD JESUS" sacrificed his life to give humanity his teachings and messages so that the human fraternity would lead a better life.

Dear children, do not forget that you will get happiness, satisfaction, and self-respect by being generous. Always try to help others.

Mm. C S Jayashree



PARENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Leaders of Future, Greetings of the Day!

Being generous is innate to us, but the platform to exercise generosity is our choice. Hence, let us make this choice wisely. At this stage, we can opt to be extra kind in areas such as;

- * Being generous in sharing our knowledge with our fellow students who need help.
- * Being generous in spending time with our books.
- * By extending our thoughts of appreciation when our friends top the ranks.
- * By consoling our friends when they feel lost or experience failure.
- * By extending our concern to our teachers and the school.
- * By generously respecting our parents and elders.

As human beings, we need not understand generosity in the quantum of money but in terms of values like time, knowledge, love, and care. Let us join hands in this mega venture and showcase our uniqueness of being Christites.

With love,

Mr. Joseph, F/o Isha Whitney (G9-A)



ALUMNI TALK

Warm greetings, everyone! I hope you all are doing great!

Generosity is the virtue that very few possess; it's all about being "rich by heart." I believe that I learned to be generous while studying at Christ. As our school's dictum goes, "We will not only make them manly but godly too." I firmly assure you'll all possess the godly virtues we are supposed to have during your schooling at Christ.

At last, I would like to thank you all for the unforgettable experience that I had gained at Christ.

Wishing you all the very best and have a great year ahead!!!!

Ashish John Bosco (2021 Batch)



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights." - Eleanor Roosevelt

A virtual Human Rights Day was celebrated by G12-AB and G1-C students on 10 December 2021. The respective grade teachers encouraged the children to participate enthusiastically. The video ensured the value of every individual right in society. The importance of education was portrayed with an animation video and by speech. The theme of "Equality- Article 1" was highlighted in the virtual video. The entire class of G12-AB foregrounded the rights of every human being irrespective of their caste and creed.



NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL DAY

"Be a part of the solution, not part of the pollution."

We Christites celebrated National Pollution Control Day on 02 December 2021 with a video tribute. The students of G1-B and G12-CD have taken many initiatives to create awareness on pollution control among students and parents. The national pollution control day presentation gave us the importance of celebrating and keeping ourselves educated to be eco-friendly, which help us protect our ecosystem and environment. The little champs of G1-B created awareness of various pollutions and preventive measures. Mm. Devi from the PET department taught many yoga exercises to improve the lungs' vital capacity and keep themselves safe and healthy from pollution.



NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY

"Mathematics gives us hope that every problem has a solution."

National Mathematics Day celebration was held on 22 December. Under the guidance of Mathematics teachers, a video tribute was made to motivate the students towards Maths and spread the vibes of Mathematics in and around Christ School campus.

The highlights of the video tribute were a mathematical welcome, an informative speech about Srinivasa Ramanujan- the legendary Indian mathematician whose birth anniversary falls on 22 December, a mathematics song, a beautiful explanation about H C F using a working model, an interesting quiz programme and a motivational skit about the number zero. This event has made our children achieve our motto.



KISAN DIWAS



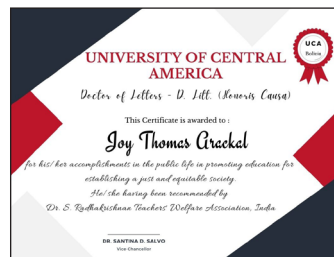
"It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn."

Farmers' day was celebrated in Christ School on 23 December 2021. Christ School students and teachers expressed the value of farmers through speeches, drawings, dance and poems. The video presented by G11-CD and G1-D students highlighted that farmers are our Nation's spine.

CHRIST ROYAL CROWN OF LEADERSHIP

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of presentation, hardworking and learning from opportunities."

The Christites had a proud moment in joining hands to greet the prominent leader, our Correspondent, Rev. Fr (Adv) Joy Arackal CMI, who has won the title "DOCTOR OF LETTERS" from the University of Central America, for his accomplishments in the public life in promoting



education for establishing a just and equitable society. He was recommended by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Teachers' Welfare Association of India. Christ shared a big round of applause as a tribute to the award winner.

Hearty Congratulations to Rev. Fr. Dr. (Adv) Joy Arackal CMI...

MISTLETOE 2021

"Christmas is the day that holds all time together."

The Christmas Celebration at Christ took place on 22 December. The occasion was graced by the chief guest, Rev. Fr. Jijo Joseph Thundathil, Principal of St. Thomas Mat. Hr. Sec. School and Vicar of Holy Cross Forane Church, Mugappair. The campus was decorated beautifully with glittering stars and sparkling lights. A lovely crib to denote the birth of Jesus Christ was arranged. Many entertainment programs like dance, carols and skits attracted the gathering. The arrival of Santa added the icing to the cake. The tiny tots from KG also joined the celebration dedicating many entertainment programs. Finally, the day came to an end by sharing gifts as the highlight of the celebration.



CONGRATS TO THE AWARD WINNERS!

- **Chavara Exemplar Award:** Sneha Girish (G12-D)
- **State Level Science Talent Quiz:** Milan P Sabu (G10-A) -3rd Prize
- **School Level Science Talent Quiz:** Milan P Sabu (G10-A)- First Prize; Mohammed Mudassir Basha (G11-A)-Second Prize
- **English Spelling Contest:** W. Jenita Roslyn (G7-B)-3rd Prize
- **Certificate of Participation in Spell Bee:** Anssa Maria Sabu (G12-D), Mohammed Mudassir Basha (G11-A), Milan P Sabu (G10-A), L Hariharan (G10-C), P Nethra (G8-B), G Rubeena Sudha (G8-B), SJ Jeevan Sujon (G8-C), S Johaan (G7-A), W Jenita Roslyn (G8-B), P Divesh Prabhu (G5-D), J Joab Sahai Belton (G5-D), J Joan Savio Auston (G4-D), K Moneeshika (G3-A), S Angeline Jerisa (G3-B), M Pugazhini (G3-C), R Krithik (1-A)
- **Students who completed Level-4 in Spell Bee for the Academic Year 2019-20:** Saicharanraj (G7-B), Jenita Roslyn (G7-B), Joel Samson Jeyakumar J (G6-C)



SOUL READERS



About Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel

1. Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel was a senior leader of the Indian National Congress. After independence, he became India's first deputy Prime Minister.
2. On the first anniversary of independence, Patel was appointed as the home minister of India.
3. Patel practised law at Godhra, Borsad and Anand in Gujarat. After passing the bar examination, he borrowed books from a senior lawyer.
4. At 36, Patel travelled to England and enrolled in the middle temple inn, a school for Barristers.
5. In the initial stage of the freedom movement, Patel was not interested in the politics of the principles of Mahatma Gandhi. However, after meeting Gandhi in Godhra, Patel joined the Congress and became the secretary of the Gujarat Sabha that became a Congress stronghold later.
6. On Gandhi's call, Patel quit his job and joined the movement in Kheda at the time of plague and famine.
7. Patel joined Gandhi's non-cooperation movement and travelled around west India to recruit 3,00,000 members. He also collected more than Rs.1.5 million for the party fund.
8. He worked extensively against alcohol consumption, untouchability, caste discrimination, and women's emancipation in Gujarat and outside.
9. When Mahatma Gandhi was imprisoned, Patel was asked to lead the satyagraha movement at Nagpur in 1923 against the British law of banning the hoisting of the Indian flag.
10. As India's first deputy Prime Minister and home minister, Sardar Patel played a key role in integrating the princely states.

by Geetha V of G11-CD

WORD POWER

1. Repertoire - list of works

In addition to the usual church **repertoire**, Neil has accompanied many large-scale choral works to great acclaim.

2. Siphoning - squeezing

A teenage hacker stumbles across a file, which proved a hacker within a large corporation is **siphoning** money into a secret bank account.

3. Brawl - violent fight

They got caught up in a street **brawl**.

4. Cloisters - covered passages

The **cloister** and monastic buildings lie to the south side of the church.

5. Melee - rushing crowd

Players on both sides quickly joined in, creating a **melee**.



Subasree R of G12-D

EVENT BUZZ

JANUARY 2022

Jan 3	– Founder's Day	Jan 22	– KG's Orange Day
Jan 12	– National Youth Day	Jan 19-28	– First Revision Test
Jan 14-16	– Pongal Holidays	Jan 26	– Republic Day
Jan 15	– Thiruvalluvar Day	Jan 30	– Martyr's Day

BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY 2022

Jan 1	: Mrs. Arockiyam(CT)	Jan 24	: Mm. Gayathri R
Jan 8	: Bro. Anjo	Jan 25	: Mm. Dhanalakshmi
Jan 15	: Mm. Sharmila.M(off)	Jan 30	: Mm. Rekha.P
Jan 22	: Mm. Shanthi.P		

National Farmers' Day, Poem by Mm. Prema

கதிரவன் ஒளி தர
வானம் மழை தர
பூமி மண் தர
உழைப்பு வியர்வை தர
உயிர் தந்தான் விவசாயி.

காயும் வயிற்றுக்கு ஒரு சான் உலைபோட
அவனன்றி வேறுண்டோ மானிடா!
சிந்திப்பாம்.

பரட்டை தலையையும்
கருத்த மேனியையும்
ஒட்டிய வயிறையும் கண்டு
குறைத்து விலைபோடாதே!
அவர்தான் அமுதசுரபி என்பதை
மறந்துவிடாதே!

சுடுதியில் எழுவோம்! விரைவோம்!
விவசாயம் காத்திட
போற்றிடுவோம்! காத்திடுவோம்! பேசிடுவோம்!
பார்தனில் அவர் பெருமை.

விவசாயிகள் தின நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்!



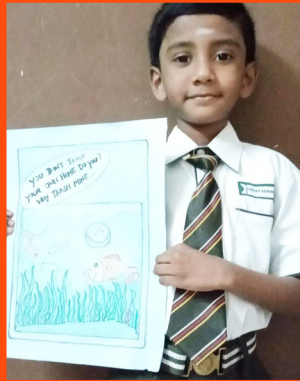
STAFF BIRTHDAY



CHRIST CREATIVE HUB

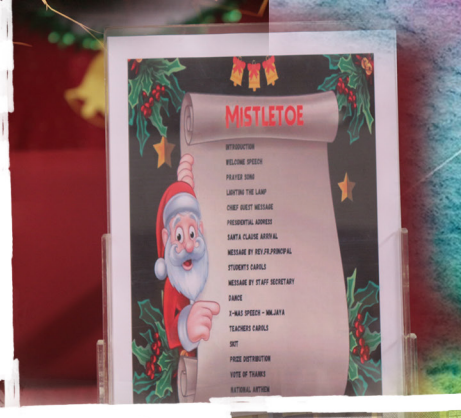


National Pollution Control Day

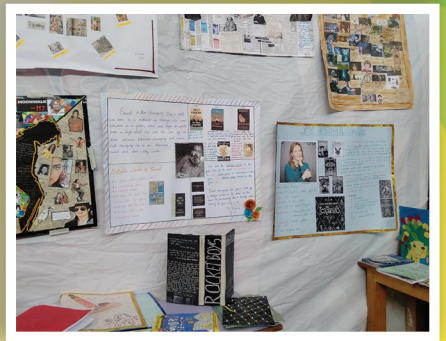


NATIONAL FARMERS DAY





BOOK EXPO 2021



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Christmas Celebrations



SOFT BOARD Presentations

Human Rights Day

Vijay Diwas

Christmas



National Pollution
Control Day



World AIDS Day

