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A Monthly Newsletter
from Christ Cultural Department

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From the Head Table

Every anniversary is a reminder that the person or institute has to be grateful to the Lord Almighty for all the blessings that it received during the year. In Kural 108, Thiruvalluvar says - 'நன்றி மறப்பது நன்றன்று நன்றல்லது

அன்றே மறப்பது நன்று' (nandri marappadhu nandrandru nandalladhu andrae marappadhu nandru). The literal translation of this kural goes as following: It is not good to forget a benefit; it is good to forget an injury even in the very moment (in which it is inflicted).

Hence, it is a time for stock taking of all the events and memories from the annals of the person or institute. Most of the time, the one who celebrates anniversary realizes that the year was a *Solasta* - a luminous, bright and shining one. Therefore, along with the Psalmist, one rejoices over the achievements and success: 'The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.' (Psalm 126:3).

It is also a time to be grateful to the fellow human beings for being part of the success story. 'No man can live as an island, entirely of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main': these are verses from the famous Devotions upon Emergent Occasions by English metaphorical poet John Donne (1624). The poet speaks about the connection between all human beings. According to him, people need each other and better together than they are in isolation, because every individual is one piece of the greater whole that is humanity itself. Therefore, any success story, is not of the one as usually the story portrays but it is a collective effort. This realisation keeps one humble as anniversaries are celebrated. Therefore, we cannot but acknowledge and appreciate the positive role of fellow human beings in our life.

It is always important to remember the staff of any institute as it celebrates its anniversary. Thiruvalluvar in his Kural (106) says,

(மாவாக்கா மாசாத்தா கைமாநா துறவாக்கா துன்புநாதிப் பாயாநாதி) (maavarka masathra kaimana thuvarka thunpanathip payanaadi). It means that forsake not the friendship of those who have been your staff in adversity. Forget not the benevolence of the blameless. Therefore, one is duty bound to acknowledge and recognise the services of staffs who are pillars of any institution.

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



We, the Christites, celebrated our institution's 27th Annual Day (SOLASTA 2022) a few weeks ago. As I was preparing a short message for the event, the thought that really excited me and fanned my imagination was to be different as the motto of our school goes, 'School with a difference where dreams dare'. With that daring difference, we celebrated our annual day on 17 & 18 March 2022. Although the 27th Annual Day Celebration happened during this Covid pandemic, it will remain etched in our memories for years to come, though there will be more splendid and grandiose annual days in the future. Christites wanted to make the event a great success by putting their best foot forward. At that point, I was struck by how strong is a family that is unified by a strong cord of respect and love. For all teachers, staff and management, it was nothing but a celebration of togetherness, the completion of 27 glorious years of excellence. The spark, excitement, and feeling of fulfillment were evident in the sprightly gaits and the glow on the faces despite a hectic schedule. Although there were numerous people whom I watched and observed closely during this period

of preparations, the students were the ones who moved and touched me and taught me some valuable lessons.

This made me rethink the general remark that teachers make these days - *"Gone are the days when students were obedient and respectful"*. How wrong we were! They were equally motivated and determined to make their school's annual day very bright (Solasta) as well as one of the best in the world. In this pleasant environment, they learned discipline, obedience to teachers, and a willingness to listen to commands and follow instructions. There was no compulsion, no force, no punishments required at all. As a result, the programme was successful.

My gratitude goes to my teaching and non-teaching staff, cabinet members, class leaders, all participants, volunteers, and the entire Christites who displayed the qualities that make them globally competent and shining stars in the world. Their dynamic approach, presence of mind, smart look, mature and sensible thinking, and speech made me proud. The pride that they are all Christites and ready to take on the world, still reigns supreme in my mind.

Events like the annual day come and go, but they make the school stronger, the teachers more committed, the students more learned and attached, the parents more supportive and cooperative, the management more fulfilled and satisfied, and the Principal all the more confident that his school deserves much more. So, the dreams begin once again with new aspirations and new milestones earmarked for the coming academic year at our 'School with a difference where dreams dare'.

Fr. Mathew Thomas CMI
Principal

Message of the STAFF SECRETARY

We, the Christites, had a great time in organizing the Annual Day (SOLASTA 2022) in a grand and remarkable manner. Rev. Fr. Dr. (Adv) Joy Arackal CMI, the Correspondent, Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas CMI, the Principal, the cultural department, and all other members of Christ Family had a well-structured plan to bring out the appealing programmes on the stage. The students had an opportunity to showcase their hidden talents like anchoring, different forms of dance, singing, artwork, karate, silambam etc. Not only that, the students were recognized for their curricular and co-curricular excellence by getting awards during the occasion. In spite of COVID challenges, Christ school conducted various online and offline programs throughout the academic year 2021-22 to bring out the inner talents of the students. Honouring our former Staff Secretary, Mm. Asha Devi, shows our love and gratitude for her marvellous journey in Christ. The programme ended with ecstasy and excitement.

Mm. Sharmila. G



EDITORIAL



"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate".

The Christites celebrated SOLASTA in an interesting and enthusiastic way. All the tiny and mightier hands joined together for the marvellous celebration. The true leadership, great team spirit, and perfect guidance sparked the show into a greater and a glossier one.

Mm. Mahalakshmi S

TEACHER'S MESSAGE

"What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of looking at the world and learning". The 27th Annual Day "Solasta" – the luminous celebration – was on 17 and 18 March 2022 that brought the Management, teachers, students, and parents on the same platform to have a good time together. The event exhibited students' talent, removed their stage fear, boosted their confidence, and taught them the value of teamwork.



Each activity was organized with proper planning and right execution by the management through the cultural department. SOLASTA brought out the enthusiasm in children and made it an extraordinary affair. All were assigned responsibilities to bring up the event successfully. On both days, the Chief guests were welcomed with zeal, and the winners were appreciated for their achievements. Attractive costumes, Shakespearean drama, rocking dance performances, action songs, martial arts, glue art and other events made the spectators stay glued to the seats till the end of the programme. The children practiced hard to bring out their very best. A photo session was organized before the curtains were down.

Mm. Mily Samuel, High School Coordinator

PARENT'S MESSAGE



I am thrilled and proud to see my ward performing with her group of kids on the annual day stage at Christ. I could see their hard work put into it and found them very confident before a large audience. I was speechless after witnessing the flawless performance of our little kids, who have now grown into young 'professionals'. The focus on the presentation was truly remarkable. It showed the rigor of their preparation and practice. I was mesmerized by the skit, painting, song, martial arts, speech, and dance performance. I would like to sincerely appreciate the teachers and mentors for their immense support, guidance and endless hours of training for our children. I am so proud to see those sparkling eyes, who are now ready to take on bigger challenges and grow even more knowledgeable and smarter. I wish all of them a great and wonderful future!

Mrs. Nalini, M/o A. Seema, G9-C

SOLASTA 2022 – THE 27TH ANNUAL DAY OF CHRIST, CHENNAI

One of the most anxiously awaited occasions in any school is the annual day. It encapsulates a plethora of activities and a gamut of emotions. Christ Matriculation Higher Secondary School celebrated its 27th Annual day (SOLASTA 2022) on 17 & 18 March 2022, with a lot of enthusiasm and zeal. Our annual day was a celebration of culture, art, creativity and talent. On both days the event started at 5 pm in our school auditorium. The ambience of our auditorium was complimented by the mind-blowing lights, sound and decorative flowers.



Mr. R. Selvam, Tehsildar of Poonamallee, was the Chief guest on 17 March.



Miss. Anamika Ramesh IAS, Assistant Collector of Tiruvallur district, was the Chief guest on 18 March.



Other Dignitaries: Other dignitaries that graced the occasion were Rev. Dr. John Peter CMI and Mr. James Bosco, the PTA President.



The School Band: The chief guests were received by our school band students, led by Mr. Nithin and Mm. Devi. The show began with Thamizh Thai Vazhthu.



Master of the Ceremony: Master of Ceremony for the event were Master Abhishek, Miss. Perlin, Miss. Sana and Master Benjamin.



Prayer Song: A Day without prayer is a day without blessing, and a life without prayer is a life without power. The school choir started the program by thanking and praising our Supreme power with an enlivening prayer song, trained by Mm. Dhanalakshmi and Mm. Rani Ramya.



Welcome Speech: There is little in life so reassuring as a genuine welcome. Miss. Vincy J, School Pupil Leader, gave a cordial welcome address with warm words.



Lighting the Lamp: The event unfolded with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Correspondent, Principal, Staff Secretary, PTA President, School Pupil Leader, School Captain, School Secretary and Mm. Asha Devi, former Staff Secretary.



Presidential Address: Rev. Fr. Dr. Adv. Joy Arackal CMI, Correspondent, who inspires us to dream more, learn more, and become more, delivered the Presidential message.



Honouring the Chief Guest: The chief guest was honoured with a shawl and presented with a memento as a token of our love and respect by our Correspondent and Principal.



Chief Guest's Message: Mr. R. Selvam, the Chief Guest, gave a speech on how parents should be strict in bringing up their kids with consistent discipline.



Annual Report: Mm. Sharmila, our Staff Secretary, read the annual report highlighting the achievements of the academic year 2021-2022.



Classical Dance: The cultural event began with a classical dance performance by our high school girls, trained by Mm. Alphonsa and Mm. Jothimani. Their dance movements were so graceful that made us to experience a heavenly bliss with the perfect blend of nritya, nritya and natya.



Varnajalam: Our tiny tots of Kindergarten came on stage to perform a beautiful group dance called Varnajalam, coordinated by Mm. Agalya, Mm. Rajeshwari and Mm. Jasmine Stella. The stage took on various hues, enhancing the mood of every emotion. There was a festive atmosphere, and parents were visibly excited to watch the performance of their little ones.



Honouring the Supporters: Rev. Fr. Correspondent honoured the supporters Mr. Jaision, Miss. Varsha and Master Arun for helping and guiding the students in the preparation for this grand event.



Action Song: Our primary students came to perform a wonderful action song "We are the world", trained by Mm. Sangeetha Vittal, Mm. Prema and Mm. Rajam. The true beauty of this song was that it connected people, and it carried the message "love can be expressed more through actions than words." The gleaming faces of students brought symphony and melody into our new normal life.



Twinkle Toes: Our Twinkle toes of primary classes unleashed a fascinating dance performance choreographed by Mm. Selesteena, Mm. Janani, Mm. Cinela and Mm. Safina. The audience was enthralled and spellbound by the colourful and very well-directed dance.



Bon Voyage: Mm. Jaya gave a bon voyage message to Mm. Asha Devi, our former Staff Secretary, on behalf of Christ family. After 24 years of service to this educational institution, our dear teacher, Mm. Asha Devi, has retired from her official life. Mm. Sharmila, Mm. Malarvizhi and Mm. Priya handed over a gift as token of gratitude and love.



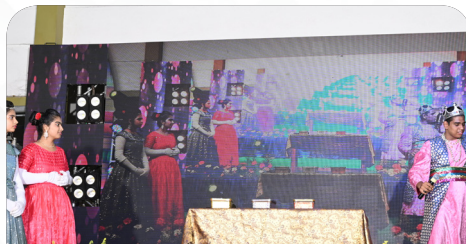
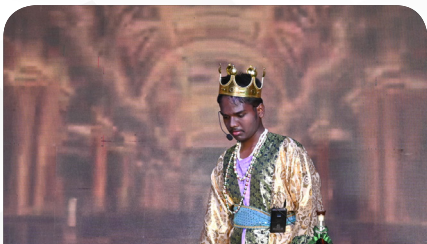
Glitter Art: Art experiences are essential to the fullest development of children at all levels of growth because they promote the self-realization of the whole individual by integrating the imaginative, creative, intellectual and physical capacities. Miss. Shiny of G11 exhibited her inherent skills in glue glitter art. It was indeed a spectacular display of talent and fervor.



Principal's Message: Our Principal came on stage to thank everyone, especially the Chief guest, for gracing our annual day function.



The Traditional Martial Arts: Martial arts are moving forms of meditation. It is a codified system of tradition in combat, practiced for physical, mental, and spiritual development. Miss. Shivani of G7 along with Miss. Shainavi and Miss. Kanishka of G4 gave a thunderbolt martial arts performance. In the exuberant atmosphere, one could see the skills and talents of the young students being showcased with aplomb.



The Merchant of Venice: A drama is a literary composition involving conflict, action, crisis, and an atmosphere designed to be enacted by artists on a stage before the audience. Our high school students gave an awesome performance with the Shakespearean drama The Merchant of Venice, directed by Mm. Regina, Mm. Mahalakshmi and Miss. Varsha. It was a journey into thriving compassion among characters and heart-touching scenes interwoven into a dramatically overwhelming play by the students.



Rhythmic Thunders: Our high school students named “Rhythmic thunders” rocked the stage with a continental fusion dance choreographed by Master Arun, Mm. Jennifer, Mm. Jasmine Minu, Mm. Mary Vismalet and Mm. Devi. The venue reverberated with thunderous applause as the audience witnessed the perfection and extravaganza of the show.

Prize Distribution: Prize distribution ceremony was conducted to felicitate and recognize the talent of students in various fields like arts, cultural and sports.

Vote of Thanks: Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. Miss. Yazhene, School Cultural Secretary, delivered the vote of thanks and appreciated everyone for making this exhilarating show an unforgettable experience.

National Anthem: The annual day celebration came to an end with the singing of the National Anthem.

The entire school participated wholeheartedly towards the success of this grand event. The show left a lasting impression on the minds of everyone present.

GALLERY





AWARD WINNERS 2022



BEST TEACHER
Mm. Valarmathi.V



BEST STUDENT
Lakshannya A



STAR STUDENT OF THE YEAR
Dharshini R



INDIVIDUAL TROPHY
Divya Lakshmi S – G11-B (HSS)



INDIVIDUAL TROPHY
Caldina Jolin C – G1-C (Primary)

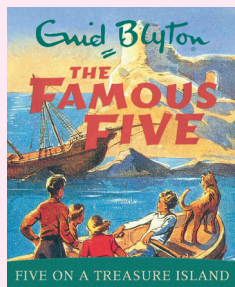


OVERALL CHAMPION
Blue House (Thriving Troopers)
Harini G – G11-B, Arputharaj. S – G11-A

SOUL READERS

- The short novel *Five on a Treasure Island* was written by the renowned British author Enid Blyton.
- Guinness Books of Records has listed him as one of the world's best-selling authors.
- This is a captivating story about the adventures of four children and a dog.
- The story describes how the kids Julian, Dick, and Anne are spending the holidays with their cousin George and her dog Timmy. They explore Kirrin Island. They make a thrilling discovery, which leads them deep into the dungeons of Kirrin castle. Later, after a long struggle, they return home. They also discover an island with gold. This novel shows their courage and determination to face the hurdles in life.
- The story seems to tell us that adventure, mystery and friendship should be developed among kids.

by C. S. Vijayalakshmi, G9-C
Book: *Five on a Treasure Island*



WORD POWER



1. **Dangling** – hanging or swinging loosely
There was a rope dangling down into a dark, bottomless hole.
2. **Ennobles** – dignify, honour
He was ennobled by the queen.
3. **Crampon** – a hooked clutch
It was constructed of narrow boards and chewed by the cutting crampons of hundreds of climbers.
4. **Hordes** – a large group of people
Two bodyguards helped the celebrity walk through a horde of fans.
5. **Tantalize** – torment
We offer excellent cuisine with a great selection of authentic dishes to tantalize the taste buds.

by Dhanushiya S, G12-C

EVENT BUZZ

April 7	World Health Day
April 12	Space Day
April 21	World Creativity Day

HAPPY Birthday

BIRTHDAYS - APRIL 2022

Apr-2 Mm. Jensi L	Apr-20 Mr. Haridas
Apr-3 Mm. Divya	Apr-25 Mm. Chitra Devi
Apr-11 Mm. Devapriya (off)	Apr-26 Mrs. Komala (CT)
Apr-16 Mm. Shyamaladevi	Apr-30 Bro. Jaison
Apr-17 Mm. Usha Rani	

PRIZE WINNERS 2021-22

KIDS (KG1-KG2)				
S.No.	Competition	First	Second	Third
1.	Fancy Dress	Navisha M. (UKG)	Lavindev J.J (UKG-C)	Yashvanth V. (UKG -D) Deshana A. (UKG -B)
2.	Fancy Dress	Shakthi Priya S.S (LKG-C)	M. Flavin Jerith (LKG-A)	Celine Juvana Nestin (LKG-A)
3.	Lucky Student	Hevarnikha Sree R		
KIDS (G1-G2)				
S.No.	Competition	First	Second	Third
1.	Clay Models	Jerlin Fiona. J (G2-C) (Green House)	Inene Sarah S (G2-D) (Yellow House)	Caldina Jolin C (G1-C) (Green House)
2.	Thirukural	G.U.Piranitha (G2-B) (Blue House)	M.Madhumitha (G2-C) (Green House)	Caldina Jolin C (G1-C) (Green House)
3.	Solo Dance (Western)	S. Rineesh Rodney (G1-B) (Blue House)	M.Madhumitha (G2-C) (Green House)	G.R.Sadhvi (G1-A) (Red House)
4.	Classical Dance	G.U.Piranitha (G2-B) (Blue House)		
5.	Storytelling	Caldina Jolin C (G1-C) (Green House)	Celine Mercy R (G1-B) (Blue House)	V. Immanuel (G2-B) (Blue House)
6.	Memorizing the Poem	Dharshan P (G2-C) (Green House)	Caldina Jolin C (G1-C) (Green House)	Selina R (G2-A) (Red House)
SUB-JUNIORS (G3-G4)				
S.No.	Competition	First	Second	Third
1.	Clay Models	Austin A (G3-A) (Red House)	Mohish A (G4-B) (Blue House)	Nivesh Prabhu P (G4-D) (Yellow House)
2.	Solo Song	R. Lakshya (G3-B) (Blue House)	R. Jofina Reine (G4-B) (Blue House)	Heba Samuel (G4-B) (Blue House)
3.	Solo Dance	Castielle Gwenfair Flora Castro F (G3-D) (Yellow House)	V.Thanvi Thilak (G3-A) (Red House)	S.S. Harithra (G3-D) (Yellow House)
4.	English Speech	Castielle Gwenfair Flora Castro F (G3-D) (Yellow House)	Paul Joseph (G4-B) (Blue House)	Mohish A (G4-B) (Blue House)
5.	Quiz	Ajay Ram M (G4-C) Blessy Jonisha J (G3-C) Royal raiders	Sai Pranith Y (G4-D) Divesh Prabhu P (G4-D) Winning Warriors	Mohish A (G4-B) Kaviyamudhan V (G4-B) Thriving Troopers
6.	Slogan Writing	K. Syed Ali Fathima (G4-D) (Yellow House)	Paul Joseph (G4-B) (Blue House)	S. Angelin Jerisa (G3-B) (Blue House)
7.	Thirukural	J. Ruth Grace Emelda (G5-C) (Green House)	Barath (G4-D) (Yellow House)	Jasper Anderson (G3-C) (Green House)

JUNIORS (G5-G6)				
S.No.	Competition	First	Second	Third
1.	Bouquet Making	Manaswini S (G6-D) (Yellow House)	Ruth Grace Emelda J (G5-C) (Green House)	Else Beulla G (G6-D) (Yellow House)
2.	Paper Craft	Diya S (G6-A) (Red House)	E. Dhansheka (G5-D) (Yellow House)	S. Chandhana (G6-A) (Red House)
3.	Solo Dance	Uthraamathi D (G6-C) (Green House)	Roshan Reinhard S (G6-B) (Blue House)	S.Chandhana (G6-A) (Red House)
4.	Hindi Speech	K.Tanisha (G5-C) (Green House)	Kelveena Gladys K G6-D) (Yellow House)	J. Ruth Grace Emelda (G5C) (Green House)
5.	Quiz	Ruth Grace Emelda J (G5-C)	Harrish Suryaa M (G5-D)	Rifna Veronica A G5-B)
6.	Slogan Writing	Divesh prabhu P (G5-D) (Yellow House)	Thanushya G (G6-B) (Blue House)	Asmitha. B (G5-C) (Green House)
SENIORS (G7-G9)				
S.No.	Competition	First	Second	Third
1.	Carving	Jenita Roslyn W (G7-B) (Green House)	Nanda Bala A (G7-B) (Red House)	Jeevan Sujon S.J (G8-C) (Green House)
2.	Solo Song	Sam Alfred M (G9-A) (Blue House)	Shawn Alister A (G8-A) (Yellow House)	Mebin Boban (G7-C) (Blue House)
3.	Solo Dance Western	Jayesh S (G7-C) (Yellow House)	Varshini S (G9-B) (Yellow House)	Anne Veronica S (G8-A) (Red House)
4.	Classical	Nandika S (G8-C) (Green House)		
5.	English Speech	Swarnalatha S (G7-C) (Blue House)	Prajan M (G8-A) (Green House)	Smriti J.L (G7-B) (Green House)
6.	Poem Writing	Shahithya S (G7-C) (Yellow House)	Isha Whitney J (G9-A) (Red House)	Nikkil (G7-A) (Red House)
7.	Solo Song	Samuel V (G7-C) (Green House)	Jenita Roshlyn W (G7-B) (Green House)	Roshaun R (G8-C) (Blue House)
SUPER SENIORS (G10-G12)				
S.No.	Competition	First	Second	Third
1.	Carving	Evangeline Jennifer R (G10-C) (Red House)	Anssa Maria Sabu (G12-C) (Blue House)	Yazhene L (G12-A) (Green House)
2.	Solo Song	V. Raviena (G10-B) (Green House)	Ambreen Bobby (G10-C) (Green House)	Dhanushiya S (G12-CD) (Green House)
3.	Classical	Abinaya E (G11) (Yellow House)	Harini G (G11-B) (Blue House)	Sharumathi D (G10-B) (Yellow House)
4.	Solo Dance Western	Divya Lakshmi S (G11-B) (Yellow House)	Tanishka (G12-B) (Red House)	Anssa Maria Sabu (G12-C) (Blue House)
5.	Versification Tamil	Vincy J (G12-B) (Blue House)	D. Sharumathi (G10-B) (Yellow House)	Shreekamala N (G10-C) (Red House)
6.	Versification English	Divya Lakshmi S (G11-B) (Yellow House)	Neha (G10-A) (Red House)	Sindhu PJ (G12-A) (Red House)
7.	Quiz	Sai Shakthi VK (G10-A) Susithra DS. (G11-D) Winning Warriors	Evangeline Jennifer R (G10-C) Joyce Priscilla R (G11-B) Fearless Fighters	Milan P Sabu (G10-A) Anssa Maria Suba (G12-D) Thriving Troopers