



THE LITTLE JOSEPHITE

NEWS LETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven" said Social Activist, Henry Beecher.

There is no doubt that it is through our children that we get a glimpse of heaven. The Primary section in our school is a source of unending joy. Behind the scenes -- the learning, the discipline and the building of values is constant work by our committed teachers. November is easily the most anticipated month as Children's Day is celebrated. This year too, the LKG to Std 4 students had a fun-filled week of competitions -- 'Chilgala'. Coming after a Covid gap of two years, it was wonderful to see the school campus filled with little boys dressed for fancy dress and other competitions. During the month of December, the Pre-Primary held their Annual Day. The air was filled with excitement as Christmas was near. The Pre-Primary Annual Day was a grand success with the theme 'Rhythm of India', carried out by the little ones who excelled in the dances. Both children and the parents in the audience enjoyed the day. The school also conducted 'SJBHS Cares', a fun fest to support under privileged children. While academic excellence is stressed upon in our school, equal importance is given to holistic development of the child. All our activities are aimed at bringing to life the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs): Mentoring students who may lag behind, caring for the environment, learning to use discernment in all that we do, are just some of the ways in which we try to make the UAP a reality. We congratulate the hardworking Teachers, Admin and Support Staff, and wish the Pre-Primary and Primary Sections all success.



Fr Sunil Fernandes, SJ
Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Pre-Primary Unit of St Joseph's Boys' High School is proud to present the second issue of our newsletter, 'The Little Josephite'. Throughout the year, we have organised a variety of events and activities such as fun days, regular assemblies, an Annual Day Celebration, an Annual Athletic Meet, and many competitions to provide opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and participate in ways that align with our school's motto 'Faith and Toil' and our Jesuit education. These events and activities not only impart knowledge, but they also help to ignite a passion for learning and personal growth in our students.

As W.B. Yeats said, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." This quote emphasises the importance of not just acquiring information, but also igniting a passion for learning and personal growth. I would like to extend my warm congratulations to all the teachers and students of SJBHS for their outstanding achievements thus far. I wish them all continued success in the coming year 2023, which will propel the school and each individual student to even greater heights of glory in the days to come.



Fr Vishal D'Souza, SJ
Administrator

OUR VICE PRINCIPAL REMINISCING HIS CHILDHOOD

As a little child, I loved going to school. I would bring the roof down if anyone at home told me not to go to school. I would get ready with lots of time to spare, have my breakfast and wait for my rickshaw man. I enjoyed the company of the little monkey he always brought along. The ride to school brought immense joy to me as a little boy. I was one happy child, waiting to meet my friends in school: the happiest people in the happiest place on Earth - School. Every word uttered by a teacher was law and was taken with utmost seriousness. Teachers and parents poured in passionately their time and concerted effort to see that children were safe, happy and well-balanced. They had a common belief: 'happy children pave the way for great performance at school'. This noble thought needs to be reinstated in our schools, today. Concentrate on the child and on the things that bring him or her real joy. Be a listener, be a friend, be a true companion. Treat a child like a little plant and be the dutiful and committed gardener. Let the plant bear its own fruit. Don't try to force your desired fruits on it. Everything else will automatically fall into place. Nourish and nurture your child and see nature work its magic.



Mr Brian Mckertish
Vice Principal



CAMPUS NEWS : FESTIVE FUNDAY



Festivals help us to celebrate special moments with our loved ones and keep us rooted to our heritage, tradition and culture. To recreate the festivities, all the Pre-Primary Classes adorned the corridors with beautifully and creatively decorated cut-outs symbolising different festivals celebrated around the world on 18th October 2022. Students came dressed in different festive costumes and enjoyed walking around the corridors. Little Josephites learnt the significance of different festivals through the videos played in their classes.



KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA



Our young Josephites celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with a lot of pride, enthusiasm and joy. The school adorned a grand festive look with red and yellow flags to celebrate this festival. Colouring and fancy-dress competitions were conducted to encourage the Pre-Primary Students to learn about the history of the state of Karnataka. It was an enlightening event as it sparked a sense of pride in each one for being a part of a culture so rich and vibrant.





GRAMEENA UTSAVA

Variety is the spice of life!

A village fair (Grameena Utsava) was an occasion of great gaiety, joy and pleasure for our little Josephites, who were all dressed in ethnic clothes. They were exposed to folk dances of different states, artifacts hand crafted by the rural artisans and craftsmen. It goes without saying that our little ones learnt many things about rural life and Indian Culture. The memory of the same shall remain ever fresh in the minds of our little ones.



CHILGALA



This year, we celebrated this tradition with a lot of pomp and show. The celebrations continued for a whole week and not just on 14th of November. Our boys had an exciting week of activities especially curated for them. From shadow play to magic show and ventriloquism, we had it all. Competitions like 'Claytopia' and 'Show us your Talent' gave ample opportunities to our Junior Josephites to shine. On Children's Day, our boys were let off early and took home a 'Minion' pencil, a smiley badge, a hand written card and a yummy doughnut each.



PHENOMENON

After two years of online learning, 'Phenomenon 2022', a cultural extravaganza was conducted offline by the ISC Department of SJBHS. This was held on the 18th and 19th of November. Games and food stalls were put up and the children had a great time with family and friends on both days. It was a memorable first-time experience for our little boys.



ANNUAL DAY

The most important event of the year, Annual Day was celebrated on 17th December 2022. This special event gives our little Josephites an opportunity to showcase their talents. They presented a splendid blend of dances which included all the different dance forms of India. It was wonderful to watch our boys rock the stage in their lovely, colourful costumes. The little champs outdid themselves and held the attention of the audience from start to finish.





CAROL SINGING COMPETITION

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing out loud for all to hear. What better way to bring in the Christmas spirit than carol singing! A carol-singing competition was held on 19th December. The students participated wholeheartedly, spreading the message of faith, happiness and peace.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas brings love, cheer and brotherhood of a special kind.

A special assembly was organised on 20th December for our tiny tots as a part of the Christmas celebration. The school wore a festive, joyous look with bells, lights and streamers adorning the walls of corridors and classrooms, a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and the nativity scene greeted everyone at the entrance. Children came dressed beautifully in Christmas colours. The sound of carols could be heard reverberating all around, spreading festive cheer. The highlight of the day was the 'Nativity Play' explaining the importance of the festival. Santa's surprise appearance was the icing on the cake and made the celebration truly memorable.



SCAFFOLDING YOUR PRE-SCHOOLER'S WRITING

Writing was perhaps one of the most essential skills needed for education in the past, but is it still relevant in the age of technology when you can just type out everything you need?

Research in cognitive neuroscience says it does, as writing strengthens the neurological circuits which are otherwise not activated while typing. Learning to write requires the mastery of a special set of pre-writing skills like pencil control, postural control, visual-motor integration, visual perceptual skills, attention span and focus, crossing the mid-line, bilateral coordination, object manipulation, motor planning and most importantly motivation and cognitive awareness of the task.

Sand writing, cutting activities, threading, buttoning and lacing, drawing, scribbling and doodling, colouring, tracing, stencilling, playdough, sensory play activities (e.g. rice play, finger painting), blocks and constructive play are some of the activities which aid in development of these skills. So, enjoy doing these fun activities with your little ones and boost their pre-writing skills in the process.



Ms Priya Srikanth Rao
Special Educator

CHILDREN ARE BEAUTIFUL GIFTS: RARE AND PRICELESS!

As we begin this New Year, what decisions have we made?

Do our decisions include: spending more time with our children? Well, if that's on the agenda, we are heading towards a year of great progress and contentment, I promise. Here are a few recommendations that will help us connect better with our children and create memories to last a lifetime. Hug your children a little longer and with greater warmth. Smile at them with your eyes lit up. When you talk or listen to your little ones, ensure you put away every distraction. Look at them with gratitude because they are indeed invaluable treasures! Have fun-filled family meals together. Watch a weekend movie as a family. Take a jog, together, around the park in the neighborhood. Pray or have quiet, meaningful reflections as a family. Be present to share your children's triumphs and help them cope with their little struggles, every day. Then, you will bask in the glory of seeing your precious children evolve into beautiful individuals who will adorn our world with grace and goodness. I'd like the essence of this beautiful quote by O A Battista to linger on..."The best inheritance a parent can give his or her children is a few, precious moments of his/ her time every day". May the magic of this brand, new year dwell in our hearts and homes all year round.



Ms Odella John
High School Teacher

PARENTS CONNECT

POSITIVE
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Children who have a good foundation in education and a happy childhood are likely to grow into happy and successful adults. Choosing the right school is the first step and we are glad we chose SJBHS for our son, Aaron, as it provides the right foundation, generates interest in learning and encourages him to learn beyond the text book. Extra-curricular activities, competitions and fun fests like 'Chilgala' enable the boys to communicate better, build self-confidence and develop problem-solving skills. The curriculum designed at SJBHS ensures that students develop competence in literacy and numeracy while building an awareness of and respect for the environment around them. On a rotation basis, boys are selected as class prefects which teaches them to shoulder responsibilities early in life. At SJBHS, teachers teach with love and patience and take pride in their students' achievements. It is definitely a second home for our boys.



Ms Sandhya Wilfred
UKG Parent



Mr Mark Chiu
UKG Parent

SJBHS is the epitome of inspiration for all. I am honoured to have been a Josephite myself and am filled with pride to see my son, living it. The teachers continue to be the best we could hope for: inspiring and shaping every child. The curriculum is inclusive and progressive; thereby, nurturing the children in the best possible manner. I can say with certainty that our children will succeed in whatever they do, by inculcating 'Fide et Labore' in their lives.

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