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CELEBRATING A LEGACY: SJBHS TURNS 160

*It is our privilege to bring to you this edition of **The Josephite** which has much to celebrate: SJBHS turns 160 and its alumni association, the illustrious Old Boys Association is 100 years old. On the occasion of the institution's 160th birthday, **Shashank M** and **Shagun Bopaiah** of 12 C interviewed **Principal Rev Fr Clifford Sequeira SJ** about the school's long history and the way forward.*

JESUIT INSTITUTIONS ARE SOME OF THE OLDEST IN THE WORLD AND CONTINUE TO BE POPULAR EVEN TODAY. ST JOSEPH'S BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, CELEBRATING ITS 160TH YEAR, IS PROOF OF THIS FAITH IN JESUIT EDUCATION.

St Ignatius, founder of the Jesuit order realised that education had a far reaching influence in bringing about social and moral change. Today, 400 years later, education continues to be one of the important ministries of the Jesuits. From its very inception, this school has engaged in the mission of educating students from every social background; providing opportunities for their holistic development. The singular objective of this institution is to impart integral education to form men and women for others, for the transformation of society.

THE LANDMARK EVENTS IN THE PAST TEN YEARS.

Ten years ago, the school celebrated 150 years of its glorious existence. With the decision to introduce classes right from Kindergarten and the reintroduction of the ISC, St. Joseph's has become a complete school once again. In 2007, SJBHS became a co-educational school, and opened admission to girls in standard 11. Five years ago, an additional section was added to meet the huge demand for admissions. In order to ensure that the glorious sporting tradition of St. Joseph's remains intact, a new state-of-the-art sports complex was inaugurated in the year 2015.

The past few years have seen several changes in the school in keeping with rapid changes in society. We have prioritised innovative practices and technology, infrastructural developments, introduction of new clubs, sporting facilities and so on. Outreach programmes, where our staff and students have worked together with sister institutions in north Karnataka have also been a big success. SJBHS marked its 160th year of existence by staging a Broadway musical, 'Billy Elliot'.

MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND WELL-WISHERS.

The school takes immense pride in celebrating 160 glorious years of its existence. The holistic education provided by the school has borne fruit over the years and today we have distinguished alumni in diverse fields contributing across the world. The vision and mission of the school continues to emphasize the care of the individual and the development of idealistic and humanistic qualities. We take into account all aspects: intellectual, psychological, moral, social and ensure that the foundation that we provide is integral. I want to assure you that we will do our best to uphold and further the high standard of education for which our school is famous.

VISION FOR THE SCHOOL.

It is widely believed that the traditional 'chalk and talk' model of content-oriented teaching cannot adequately prepare young people for the future. Therefore, I strongly believe that we need a shift of focus and we need to emphasize more on experiential teaching, helping the students develop critical and analytical thinking. It is my desire that we make use of technology and other innovative practices, techniques to provide extra aid to students and prepare them for the future. Given the situation today, we also want to promote inter-religious harmony, sensitivity towards the environment and genuine love for the poor. We want to stress upon the triple dimension of 'Competence, Compassion and Character' and the qualities that make a true Josephite.



SPORTS

A RIOT OF RHYTHM AND COLOUR

Sports Day is an important calendar event for every Josephite and is a celebration of true camaraderie, companionship and teamwork.

St. Joseph's Boys' High School has produced an array of extraordinary sportsmen. SJBHS takes great pride in the likes of Walter D'Souza, Patrick Jansen and Rehan Poncha among others. As a result, our school celebrates the annual Sports Day with enormous pomp and show.

The Annual Senior School Sports Meet was held on the 31st of August 2018. Months of hard work and vigorous training paid off and it culminated in stunning drill displays which included the traditional club swinging display by the graduating class.

A contingent from the Old Boys Association (batch of 1993) marched with the students in the grand opening ceremony. The Chief Guest, Mr. Nandan Kamath, an Old Boy, reminisced his school days and discussed the vital role of team spirit and sportsmanship in the growth of an individual. Students participated in a number of athletic events and emerged victorious after months of dedication and perseverance.



In the afternoon, the Chief Guest for the closing ceremony, Dr Albert Shaw, shared the dias with the Provincial of the Karnataka Jesuit Province, Rev Dr Stanislaus D'Souza SJ for a moving and colourful end to a historic day.

Junior Sports Day was a day of colour and excitement. It was held on 30th August, 2018, and the Chief Guest for this occasion was Mr. Anup Sridhar, badminton player, Olympian and Old Boy. The day began with the march past by the children from grade 4 and below. Various sporting activities were held for the little ones. They also performed truly remarkable drill displays.

IT'S COMING HOME: SJBHS WINS ERIC VAZ MEMORIAL TROPHY AND CENTENARY SHIELD



The Centenary Shield is a hockey tournament that aims to promote hockey among students at the high school level and is one of the most prestigious hockey tournaments in the city.

The final match of the Centenary Shield saw St Joseph's BHS face off against Baldwins BHS. The final score was a thrilling 3:2, in our favour.



June and 6th July, 2018. Since its inception in 1973, this tournament has been widely regarded as one of Bangalore's most prestigious inter-school tournaments in the under-14 category.

This year, the SJBHS junior hockey team took on seven teams from other schools around the city and emerged triumphant. In the finals, our team faced their arch rivals from Vidyashilp Academy. Although the match finished in a 1:1 draw, our team proved their mettle in a nerve-racking penalty shootout. Danush Shane from SJBHS was crowned Player of the Tournament.

PROUD MOMENTS

Athletics

The ISC girls relay team participated in the inter-collegiate relay conducted by St Joseph's Composite PU College and were placed first. The team consisted of Miriam David, Vira V S, Simone Roy Thomas and Nischitha K R. SJBHS' ISC and ICSE relay teams participated in the Frank Anthony Public School relay competition and placed third. The ISC team consisted of Prateek Reddy, Naman Bafna, Amruth Bala and Prajwal Sancheti. The ICSE team consisted of Carlin Joseph, Joyson C J, Samarth Dinesh and Keane Paul Sandhu. The SJBHS relay team participated in the Inter Jesuit Interschool relay conducted by SJBHS and placed third. The team consisted of Sam Varghese, Aayush Birju, Jonathan Francis, Adrian D'Silva and Karthik M D.

Football

The Gothia Cup International Youth Soccer Tournament (Under-11 category) in Sweden, saw a total of 101 teams participate from 26 different countries. The SJBHS team was placed runners-up in their pool. We congratulate our coach Mr Anthony and the team, which consisted of Sujith Nagaraj, Bhavish Karthik Munichoodappa, Aden Mario Benedict, LiyanThanveer, Pranav Bhooshith and Ajay Kumar. Neil Joseph, Keane Paul Sandhu and Karl Jude Sandhu have been selected as a part of the football team that will represent Karnataka in the under-14 category. Neil Joseph, Keane Paul Sandhu, Karl Jude Sandhu and Venkatesh P have been scouted to play in the I-League this (2018-2019) season. In the Interschool Football Tournament conducted by DPS North in August, three of our teams emerged champions. Our under-12 team (class 5 and 6), under-14 team (class 7 and 8) and our under-16 team (class 9 and 10) were all winners in their respective categories. Daffodils English School held an Interschool Football Tournament in August. The SJBHS sub-junior team (under-13) emerged winners.

OBA CELEBRATES CENTENARY!



Interview With Mr George Ollapally, President Of The Oba By Reishna Mukherjee And Nikita Verghese.

THE FORMATION OF THE OBA.

Although the school is 160 years, it was only after the first world war when Josephites served in the armed forces that galvanised a sense of belonging in Old Boys and helped to constitute an enduring Old Boys Association in its aftermath.

WHAT BRINGS AN OLD BOY BACK?

There are different motivations for different old boys. Let's take my own experience. When I left the school in 1968, there were other priorities which were important to me, like completing college, getting a job and so on. At that time I was not drawn as much to the school as I am drawn today when I want to give back. I find this common in many of the Old Boys. People have a strong connect later. The desire to return can vary. In my case, I have two children – both are boys and both of them eventually came to school and therefore I reconnected with the school. In the case of many of my friends, their connection is not as concrete with the school. Their connection is with their batchmates. Looking now at what makes people come back to school, in the last say three to four years we've had multiple events. All these strengthen the camaraderie and build bonds.

FOND MEMORIES OF SCHOOL.

In our time we had the Cottonion Shield. And in those days the Cottonion Shield tournament was not limited by the number of overs. It just went on and on, for over three days. Similarly, we had an excellent hockey team that won the Centenary shield. Sporting events bring back memories. It also was the time when the moon landing happened. That was big deal in school. I think the OBA members today have learnt that all round development is crucial and some of our best memories have been outside the classroom.



The front cover of the book 'A Hundred Years; A Million Memories'



Rahul Dravid, Former Captain of the Indian Cricket Team and Old Boy releases the OBA book

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE OBA OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS.

We have started using technology in a way that leaves us in awe. For example, in the old days everyone had to come to the OBA office to pay, buy tickets so on. Now we have online payments and credit card machine in the office. We have started using social media: We have a Facebook page, an Instagram account and Whatsapp. All of these things make sending messages a lot easier. We also have started reaching out to many more Old Boys. We have a database that allows us to reach out to more people. We use SMS to communicate.

MESSAGE FOR A NEW GENERATION OF JOSEPHITES.

We are basically torchbearers. We run a leg of a long race. It is a marathon. Hundred years are over. We look forward to the next hundred years. We hope that all the values and camaraderie only get stronger over time. We hope that we can get younger talent to join us – stronger legs to run the race.



Inside the book

NEWS IN BRIEF

JUNE

LKG Parents' Orientation was held for our tiniest tots and their anxious parents. The guest speaker for the day, Dr. Debmita Dutta, a parenting consultant and wellness expert discussed child rearing techniques, food and sleep. Dr. Dutta also reiterated the importance of the emotional wellbeing of the child and inculcating sound values in children. In the 'Playnomics' Workshop for Std 12, a few representatives of the Indian School of Business and Finance came to talk to the students about investments and offered advice on how money should be managed.

At the Std 11 Orientation guest speakers, Dr. Shailaja Shastri and Mrs. Nisha Menzies Rao discussed with our students the importance of boundaries and personal space. They also addressed peer pressure and tips and tricks to handle it. Mr Robin Colaco, coordinator for the ISC, briefed students on the syllabus, the examination pattern and the facilities in the school. On the following day, Dr. Shailaja Shastri addressed the parents about challenges teenagers face today and the role of parents in the lives of their children.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) held their general body meeting at the beginning of the year. Our Principal said he was delighted to see so many parents attending and he hoped that their involvement in the school would continue for many years to come. The PTA was thanked for their generous support and involvement. The guest speaker was teacher and experienced counselor, Mr Daniel Sundaram.



On World Environment Day, a special assembly was organized to create awareness on global warming, greenhouse gases and poaching. Mr. Apoorva, a naturalist and professional beekeeper, was the distinguished invitee. Colourful posters highlighting simple and creative ways to reduce plastic use were put up in school.

JULY



SJBHS' held the second edition of its annual science and technology fest called TRANSCENDENCE. The fest saw a whopping 471 participants from over 18 schools, more than double the turnout from last year! Many city schools shared their love and passion for science and technology. What attracted massive participation this year, besides dozens of unique and thought-provoking events, was the panel discussion on the second day. It featured eminent scientists and tech entrepreneurs who inspired the younger, tech driven generation to pursue their quest for knowledge.

The Christian Life Community Outreach Programme began this academic year with a visit to Snehadaan, home for HIV-infected children on Sarjapur Road. 30 students and 9 staff members had the opportunity to interact with the children and spend quality time with them.

The first Fun Day (Sense Organs) was held for the little Josephites' to help them learn about their sense organs.

We held a Seminar on GST for the ISC Commerce Students to help and keep them abreast with the trends in taxation, basics of GST and VAT. The resource persons were Mr. Vishal Mruthanjaya, Old Boy and Mr. CA Prasanna Kumar.



The OBA Buzz's sixth successive edition saw students from Stds 5 to 12 participate with great enthusiasm in an array of competitions spanning an entire week, testing their literary and creative abilities.

WE WELCOME...



Our new Rector, Rev Fr Brian Pereira SJ, who is also the Vice President of the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society. He completed his post graduation in Chemistry with a Gold Medal from St Joseph's Trichy. He has a Masters degree in Pastoral Care and Counselling from Loyola College in Maryland, USA.

Rev Fr Alwyn D'Souza SJ, our new Primary Administrator. He has an MSc in Chemistry from St Aloysius College, Mangalore. He was in France for his Philosophy studies and is fluent in French.

Mr. Uday Kumar our new Vice Principal. He is no stranger to the school and has served as a member of staff for three decades. He brings his warm and affectionate personality to the post and we wish him well.



At the **Annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution (Juniors)**, eager little Josephites entered the auditorium accompanied by their parents and well-wishers. Mrs. Dipali, the MC, welcomed the Chief Guest for the occasion, Prof (Dr) Sudhir Krishnaswamy (Doctor of Philosophy in Law and an Old Boy) and the Guest of Honour, Rev. Fr. Hedwig Da Costa SJ (Former Principal of SJBHS). The dignitaries gave away the prizes to the students of classes 1 to 5.

During the Annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution for (Seniors), Father Principal presented the annual report of all the achievements through the academic year 2017-18.

Following an entertainment programme by the High School and the ISC, Chief Guest Dr. CS Rajan gave out prizes to students of Stds 6 to 12, as a reward for their academic performance during the academic year 2017-18.



An **Inter-Religious Prayer Service** was held to create awareness among students and foster harmony and understanding between India's many diverse religions.

There is no better way to promote healthy, holistic lifestyles than to educate gen-next on healthy food habits. As a part of the Fun Day held in the month of July, the students of LKG and UKG initiated a programme on the importance of healthy food and the adverse effect of eating junk food. The students creatively presented the topic 'Healthy and Junk food' by bringing various types of food and created awareness in their respective classes.

An initiative by the PTA of SJBHS, the **Outreach Programmes** organized for the students of class 8 were life-altering. Students were taken on a tour to Shishu Bhavan and Morning Star, both homes for people with physical and mental disabilities.



AUGUST



Held at the end of July every year, **Ignatian Week** celebrates the life and teachings of the founder of the Jesuit order – St Ignatius with many activities. The younger students had colouring, elocution and crossword competitions, while senior Josephites had a quiz, essay writing, poster designing and dumb charades competitions. Teachers answered a written quiz on the life and works of St. Ignatius. Our Principal, Fr Clifford Sequeira SJ, reminded students to be less self-centered and instead take a keen interest in active service towards humanity.

The retreat for the Catholic students of Stds 10 and 12 (first session) was conducted by Ms. Vanessa. This was followed by a brief talk by Mr. Brian Mckertish who discussed themes within the Bible, followed by a talk by Mr Suvish, our counselor and Mr. Kevin who discussed purposeful living.

The non-Catholic students of Stds 10 and 12 were given a day of training in life skills to refine their personalities, deal with peer pressure, parental expectations and contradictory social mores. The resource people were Mrs. Nisha Menzies Rao, Mr. Kevin as well as the school counsellors, Mr. Suvish and Miss Lydia.

SJBHS held a seminar on how to address problems of mental illness and depression for the students of ISC. Ms. Sangeetha Param, resource person for the seminar, presented the students with her experiences of struggling with bipolar disorder, borderline mental depression and the associated trauma. She spoke about the importance of family support as well as acceptance.

NEWS IN BRIEF

An Exchange Programme was organized with the students from Bedford Modern School, London. This was an opportunity for students to interact and narrate experiences of what it meant to be a student in two different parts of the world. Friendly matches were played and a short cultural performance was organised. Everyone enjoyed this unexpected visit and we look forward to more such programmes that give us an insight into the life, schooling and opportunities in different parts of the globe.

A Drone Workshop was conducted and 30 students from the 7th to 10th standard had the opportunity to learn to assemble and fly their own drones. Mr. Saurabh from Nairvoyance in collaboration with Drona Aviation, Mumbai, conducted the workshop, organised by our teachers Mrs. Jayabharathi and Mrs. Reshmi from the Physics department.



The senior school celebrated our country's 72nd **Independence Day** with great fervor and patriotism. The atmosphere in the school was festive and teachers, students and parents were clad in at least one of the three colours of the flag to show their solidarity. The Chief Guest for the day was Major General B. Thambiah, an Old Boy of the school, accompanied by his wife, Dr. Mrs. Thambiah.

As a part of the Independence Day celebrations, the little boys of LKG and UKG had a lesson in patriotism during the Fun Day for the month of August.

This Independence Day was extra special at SJBHS as we welcomed another famous personality, Mr. Dean Jones, former Australian Cricketer. The students were thrilled to see him and hear him speak. The students of Std 9 did a skit to portray the need to place our Indian nationality above any religious differences that divide us. The students of Stds 5 and 6 danced elegantly to a number of patriotic Hindi songs chosen by their teachers.

A talk on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering was organized for the students of the ISC. Dr. Anik Luke Dhanraj, who has 14 years of experience at Monsanto (now called Bayer) Labs, addressed the gathering.

SEPTEMBER

We hosted the second edition of its Commerce Fest, Bifrost, inaugurated by Mr. Prinston Adel Pereira, Old Boy and an accomplished entrepreneur with over 200 unique products in his design studio 'PALASA'. Over 15 schools from all across the city participated. The fest aims to connect the various aspects of commerce, such as, Marketing, Finance, Human Resources and Public Relations. Advertising and branding professional Prof. (Dr) Smitha Sarma Ranganathan, awarded Christ Junior College the trophy for being Overall Winners.

Josephites honoured their teachers with a special assembly on **Teacher's Day**. Father Principal's address reminded the students of the roles teachers play in their lives. He urged them to acknowledge the sacrifices made by the teachers. Speeches, songs, dances and poems dedicated to teachers, as well as a comedy show by the captains and vice-captains were a huge hit.



A Teachers' Training Programme was conducted by Jesuit speaker Rev Fr Joe Arun SJ, Director of St. Joseph's Institute of Management Studies, Trichy. Emphasis was given to 'Disruptive Learning' as a pedagogical tool.

The second-ever Staff Sports was full of light-hearted fun and healthy competition. As competitive and sporting as their students, the staff undertook frantic practices after school hours and vowed to be the best!

PROUD MOMENTS

Aquatics

In the Council's National Sports and Games Interschool Swimming Competition, Kalp S Bohra (under-17) won a gold medal in the 50m Butterfly and two silvers in the 50m Breaststroke and 100m Breaststroke respectively at the regional level. Kalp went on to represent Karnataka at the National Level in Valsad and won a silver medal in the 50m Breaststroke and another in the 4x50m Freestyle relay. In the same competition, Yohaana Nathan (under-19) won a silver medal in the 100m Breaststroke and a bronze in the 50m Breaststroke.

DPS North conducted Sigma Impressions, an interschool swimming competition. SJBHS returned with a commendable haul: 13 gold, 4 silver and 6 bronze medals.

Daniel Paul J: Gold in 25m Breaststroke and 4x25m Freestyle relay, Bronze in 25m Freestyle and 25m Butterfly.

Yuvan Adithya: Gold in 25m Freestyle and 4x25m Freestyle relay

Adrian Neil Serrao: Gold in 4x25m Freestyle relay, Silver in 25m Backstroke and Bronze in 25m Breaststroke

Shawn Dominic Noronha: Gold in 4x25m Freestyle relay

M Dheeraj: Gold in 4x50m Freestyle relay, Silver in 50m Freestyle and Bronze in 50m Backstroke

Ryan Noble: Gold in 4x50m Freestyle relay

Ryan George Joseph: Gold in 4x50m Freestyle relay

Sri Ram T S: Bronze in 50m Breaststroke

Rylan Shawn Noronha: Gold in 4x50m Freestyle relay

Calvin Anthony Joseph: Gold in 4x50m Freestyle relay and Silver in 50m Breaststroke

K Nikhil James: Gold in 4x50m Freestyle relay

Jrenoth Misquith: Gold in 4x50m Freestyle relay and Bronze in 50m Butterfly

Gaurav Kumar: Silver in 4x50m Freestyle relay

SPORTS

Badminton

In the Council's National Sports and Games interschool Badminton competition, Shubhank Shah and Rishab Justin were placed second in the junior boys (under-17) doubles category at the Regional level.

NCC

At the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) in Hoskote, our National Cadet Corps (NCC) boys were awarded medals and certificates. Cyril Wilson, Meet Kumar, Arjun P Menon, Abhinav S, Tejeswar Rao, Akshaya Kannan and Immanuel Shennal received certificates. Simeon P, Lohith Prasad, Roshan Herbert and R Sriram received Best Cadet Awards.

Tennis

Kevin Titus has done SJBHS proud. He participated in three AITA Ranking Tournaments in May and July and was the winner in the Boys' Singles competition in the Under-12 category in all three. Kevin's current all-India rank (in the under-12 category) is 96 and will move to 84 once the points are added.

Hockey

In the Chinmay Cup Hockey Tournament, SJBHS' under-14 team beat the Sarla Birla School team 8-3 in the finals. Dhanush Shane was adjudged the Best Player and Robin Anto Lourd, the Best Defender.

Golf

Nakul Pampangowda was adjudged second runner up in the 'E' category of the IGU-WGC South Zone Junior Golfing Championship, 2018, held in JWDC in Mysuru.

Skating

Arjun S Kumar of UKG E secured first place in the 300 and 600m open District Skating Championship in the under-6 category, held in July this year.

Basketball

SJBHS' sub junior (under-10) team emerged winners in the St John's Inter School Basketball Tournament. They beat Mallya Aditi 22-1 in the finals. The team consisted of Harshith Raju, Ronson Serrao, Nakul Pampangowda, Jacob Thomas Maliekal, Thomas S, Hayth Nagori, Zacharias Mathew Z, Mathew C Niavally, Henry Chiu Yee Min and Anthony Yakob Martin.

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

School Fests

In the Interschool Literary Fest conducted by Innisfree House School, SJBHS' teams were a force to contend with. Rishab R Asrani won first place in the Hindi Debate for seniors, Mohammed Arhaan placed third in the Hindi Elocution for juniors, Abyuday Kiran Hadal placed third in the Kannada Debate for seniors and Deepesh Ohri placed third in English Elocution for juniors. The Senior Quiz team, which consisted of Siddharth Kothari, Nikhel Rasquinha and Shishir Hande Handattu placed second.

At Iris, the Interschool Fest hosted by NPS Koramangala, SJBHS placed first in the robotics competition. The team comprised Vishnu K, Amit Braganza, Aayush Birju and Ranjan Naidu. Aaditya Abraham and Kalamanda C Kaverappa placed second in the poetry competition.

At the Jain College Fest, Shagun C was awarded second place in Rep-Tech, Zaid Abid won first place in the Best Manager competition and Gunjan K was awarded second place in the Media Relations Manager Event.

At Genesis, the SJPUC fest, The SJBHS street play team secured first place. The team consisted of Surya P, Harun K, Krish Parmar, Kunal Gadiya, Gunjan K, Chandana Thimmaya and Lisha Maria. SJBHS' Gospel Band, which comprised Sanju Khoshy John, Calvin Soares, Kshitij Arya, Ashwin Pradeep, Shesha Joshi and Niya Shameer, placed third. Shaun Paul won second place in the Noah's Ark event.

Quiz

The Vivekananda Educational Centre, Jayanagar held a science quiz and our team, comprising Thomas John and Dhruv Ravi Krishnan, placed first.

In the Income Tax Quiz conducted by the Income Tax Office Bangalore, Shashank M, M N Abhay and Shankar placed second.

International Spell Bee

SJBHS was well-represented at this year's spell bee. Nilesh Mukunth received the state and national rank 3 Akarsh Anoop Amaranth received state rank 10 Adam Aftab Tamboli received state rank 9 Adyoth Channakeshav received state rank 1 and national rank 2 Abish Nanjappa received state rank 9 Siddh Nagori received state rank 3

Computer Science

Aldrin Victor Rodrigues participated in the 2018 Microsoft Office Specialist India Championship at Reva University in Bangalore and was an India Finalist.

Model United Nations

At the Cathedral High School MUN, Vedant, Niya Shameer and Denzel Joyson received Honourable Delegate awards for their participation in the IES, ECOFIN and Historic Security Council committees respectively. Alden D'Souza and Rohan S Prasad received Best Delegate awards for their contribution to the United Nations Environmental Programme. Ritwik Sai Narayan and Luke Polackal received Commendable Delegate awards for their participation in the IMF and ECOFIN committees respectively.

At the CMR MUN, Luke Polackal was adjudged Best Delegate in the United Nations Special Convention on Women. Rohan S was awarded First Honourable Delegate of the United Nations DISEC.

At Harvard MUN, Andrea Hsiao, Vedant and Chanakya Mahadev received Honourable Mentions for their participation in the SPECPOL, DISEC and SOCHUM committees respectively.

At Sophia MUN, Rohan Prasad and Chanakya Mahadev received Best Delegate awards for their participation in the DISEC and UNHRC committees respectively.

At Bangalore MUN, Ritvik Sai was adjudged Honourable Delegate for his participation in the ECOFIN committee.

A PERFORMANCE TO REMEMBER: BILLY ELLIOT, THE MUSICAL

The staging of the musical, the first professional production by St. Joseph's Boys High School, commemorated 160 years of excellence. The tireless efforts of the Director Rishi Das, Choreographer Shona D'Sa, Music Director Robin Colaco and Producer Zubair Altaf Pradhan culminated in an unforgettable onstage performance. The combined efforts of a dynamic student organizing committee, the staff, over a hundred members of both casts, the band Nureyev and Baryshnikov, the melodious Everington choir and the constant support and guidance of our Principal, ensured a performance for the history books.

With auditions and practices starting as early as four months prior to the first show, Josephites were set to enthrall audiences with the story of a boy from county Durham, England, who chances upon a ballet lesson only to find himself face to face with his passion for dancing. With the determined guidance of Mrs. Wilkinson, he aspires to become a professional ballet dancer, ignoring the displeasure of his father and brother who are both miners on strike protesting Margaret Thatcher's policies. With the encouragement of Mrs Wilkinson and eventually, his family, he auditions for the Royal Ballet School and is given a chance to pursue his dreams.



In our 160th year, The Josephite is charting new waters – this is the very first edition produced and written by a team of students who have worked outside school hours to put it together. We hope you have enjoyed reading about our eventful first term; we are already at work planning out our next edition. We would like to thank our Principal Fr Clifford Sequeira SJ for this opportunity and our teachers who have helped us see this through.

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