



# IGNITED MINDS

**LOYOLA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

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**LOYOLA**  
International School  
Listen. Learn. Lead.

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# Welcome!

Education isn't just about  
school, classes and grades  
It is about knowledge  
that with time, doesn't fade  
The true essence of studying  
Lies in being passionate  
It's about a zealous urge to be  
In charge of one's own fate

## NOTICE BOARD

Exams are commencing from 28th of February 2022 and will go on till 17 March 2022. Graded subject exams will be conducted between 28 Feb 2022 and 03 March 2022. Core subject examinations will be conducted between 06 March 2022 and 17 March 2022.

Graded subject exams will be conducted during the school hours.  
No classes will be conducted during core subject examinations. All non exam days will be preparatory holidays.  
Loyola International School wishes each and every student the very best of luck!



Welcome!!  
To Our New Principal!



Mr Pramod Kumar Ranwaka

We, at Loyola International school, heartily welcome our new principal, **Mr. Pramod Kumar Ranwaka**. A true visionary and an eminent personality in the education realm, Mr. Pramod holds a proven track record in improving students performance by building and maintaining an atmosphere where proficiency and excellence thrives. His career has been shaped through his vast experiences of being associated with some of the most renowned educational institutions of India.

Mr Pramod Kumar Ranwaka, a Post Graduate in Mathematics & PGDCA, started his career in the year 1989 as an educator in the Department of Mathematics at the prestigious Mayo College Ajmer (a fully residential Boys' heritage school established in 1875). Mr. Pramod has served in various leadership positions across his career of over 30 years. He first became the Principal of Alwar Public School, Alwar in the year 2009. He was also the Founder Principal of Birla International School, Kishangarh. He later on went to serve as the Headmaster of Mayo College, Ajmer.

He is a reputed name among the academic fraternity as a Member of NCERT Committee to review Class XI text books of Mathematics at the Regional Institute of Education, Ajmer in September 2002, in addition to being appointed as Head Examiner by CBSE for Class X & XII Mathematics Examinations from 2003-2009. His passion for teaching has won him Outstanding teacher Award by Society for Private Unaided Schools of Rajasthan.

As a highly focused, skilled and dynamic educational leader, Mr. Pramod Kumar Ranwaka aims to offer a safe, stimulating, and motivating learning environment for developing and nurturing the young leaders of tomorrow. We, at Loyola International school, have always believed in offering the best environment and opportunities to our students. We are certain that the young intellects at our school will surely blossom under his inspiring leadership !







# Message from the Principal's Desk

It gives me immense happiness to be part of this esteemed institution of Loyola International School founded by Mr. R. Venkat Rao – a gifted educationist and visionary from Hyderabad, India. It is a matter of great pride and honour for me to be with him in his vision and mission for this school.

Development of human values is the ultimate goal of education. The essence of education is character building, teaching young pupil to be sensitive, confident and morally ethical.

We are indeed blessed with this new generation of excited, enthusiastic and eager students who are ready to learn from the past, experiment with the vast resources available and design their future. The last two years have taught us that the world is one and has to be one in order to fight fit for survival. As educators, we look forward to instil and inspire an all-round development with a healthy balance amongst the three areas of academics, co-curriculars and sports. We also emphasise on inculcating the skills of: Critical thinking, Collaboration, Creativity and Communication. Respect and ethics can never be out of vogue and we reiterate our determination to never let our young ones lose base with these and other human values of compassion, empathy and love. The need of the hour thus is to empower our students to discover the very best version of themselves and yet be fine human beings with sensitivity towards others.

We at Loyola International School believe in providing lot of opportunities to students through various activities to nurture them and encouraging them to think independently. Students should be able to use their own wisdom to address various issues and problems concerning to society and the environment. We foster a positive spirit and believe in partnership between students, parents and teachers for overall growth & development of our students. We dedicate ourselves to nurturing and empowering the students to be the future global leaders.

With best wishes,  
Principal  
Loyola International School



# Student Extraordinaire

Vasuki Anuroop (born on April 8, 2016) of Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, studying in KG2 of Loyola International School, Oasis has been recognised and appreciated by one of the most prestigious record holding institutions of India. This 5 years and 9 months old student will be featured in India Book of Records publications for reciting from 100 to 1 backwards (reverse counting) in 54.67 seconds. The title was awarded to Vasuki after an extensive investigation and meticulous verification of the evidence. Loyola International School congratulates Vasuki Anuroop and is proud to have such a child prodigy in the school!



## Awards and Rewards!



Indian Sports Center under the aegis of Embassy of India - Qatar organised ISC Open Skating Competition on 25th February 2022 in Aspire Zone. 4.3 years old Aradhana Pandiyarajan of KG 1B participated in this skating competition under 6 years category and finished 100 meters racing in 5th position. Kudos to the young spirit who keep alive and carry the torch of spirit of sportsmanship at such young ages.

LIS participated in the inter-school competition 'Scintilla-2022' conducted by Rajagiri Public School. Aroosh Fatima of KG-2J took part in "I Can Read" Contest and secured Third position! LIS Congratulates Arushi for her achievement!



# How to have undivided focus while studying?

How familiar does this sound to you? You have been looking at all the tips to study and then create a perfect environment to study. You have the perfect lighting, perfect seating and the ambience set. You are all set to start studying. 5 minutes into the study time, your mind is somewhere else and you are probably working an entirely different topic or activity!! Sounds familiar?? So, how can we make sure that when we sit down to work, we actually do that work?

$$\text{High Quality Work Produced} = (\text{Time Spent}) \times (\text{Intensity of Focus})$$

- **Have a single target of Focus.** When you start to study, even if you make a list of all the topics to study, we don't really choose which topic to work on! We get confused about which one to start with and we get distracted and start working on something else. Hence, before entering a study session, decide the one topic that you are going to practice/study. One particular single focus creates limitation that narrows and strengthens your level of focus.
- **Keep the session sacred.** Once you have chosen that one topic, study only that topic. Don't do anything before. Even if it is as small as checking for a reply or checking a video on youtube or even if it is eating. Doing this would get you into a distracted rut and would make it hard to transit yourself out of it and get into the study mode for which you actually sat down.
- **Organize your files and notes.** Having all the files and notes unorganised is only going to help you procrastinate. Mind gets tired when it sees all the clutter and tries to avoid it. One of the best ways to retain the focus is to organise your file structure and resources.



- **Practice.** If you want to work with that blistering level of intensity, you need to practice. An intense work ethic is something that is built over time. When you start out, you may be able to focus only for few minutes. But day after day after you keep practicing, that ability is going to strengthen. If your initial attempts to study with that intense level of focus seems difficult, just remember that over time, it is going to get easier and your ability to do it is going to improve.
- **Use a Timer but know when to ignore.** Set a timer to start off your topics. While the timer is running, do not divert your attention to anything else other than that one topic. This helps you get your focus on to the subject. But do not feel obligated to take a break once the timer goes off. The timer only helps you to get into the mode of being focussed. Hence, continue with your study session even after the timer goes off as you would have already been in your focussed zone.
- **Work Alone!** Pablo Picasso said: *Without great solitude, no serious work is possible.* If you want to focus intensely, you need to do it alone. Lot of times combined studies would mean you are studying with friends and the topics of conversation would not be limited only to studies. To have that undivided attention and intense focus, it is best to work alone.
- **Make time for Recovery.** No one can work intensely continuously. If they do, they will eventually burn out. Take some time out to relax, play some game, pursue a hobby or meet with friends. This will leave you refreshed and you will be able to focus with all important blistering intensity.

# SPORTS is LIFE !!!

We all know sports is essential in every human life in keeping them fit and fine. Physical wellbeing to keeping one mentally fit, Sports plays a vital role! It also improves the personality of a person! It builds character, teaches and develops strategic thinking, analytical thinking, leadership skills, goal setting and risk taking, just to name a few.

Qatar Sports day is celebrated to mark the decree that was signed by H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the deputy Emir, and Heir Apparent, in December 2011. The idea behind this decree was to dedicate the second tuesday of every February to Sports. The day was then decided to be celebrated as Sports Day. The first National Sport Day was held in 2012 and was designated for sporting endeavours by the citizens of Qatar. The day's main purpose is to promote sports and to educate the local population on ways to reduce health risks associated with an inactive lifestyle.

Many government ministries and private sector companies organize hundreds of activities and sports day events.

Loyola International school stood no behind. An entire week was celebrated as 'Sports Week' and innumerable activities and competitions were conducted in the school. Students displayed their strengths and talents. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to be out in the field and compete and win was all evident on their faces and in pictures! Sports was all that had the attention during the sports week. Students spoke about how sports play an important role in our lives. What it is that we learn from sports. Students came dressed as their favourite sportsmen and spoke about them. The younger tots made their own versions of the stadiums by colouring them with their choicest colours. Collaging of the different stadiums activities, 'Minute to Win it' game, Athletics, Football, Strength gauging individual competitions etc. . School was thriving with life because Sports is Life Indeed!!







# Glimpse of Activities

## Spell Bee Activity

The valuable learning outcome of spelling bee results in the children gaining competency over vocabulary and this allows them to excel at reading and writing. The ability to understand more words will allow your children to become literate and enjoy reading an extensive range of material.



## Story Telling

Storytelling is an art and one of the most effective ways to communicate. Children when develop this skill, foster their imaginative and creative skills. They help them connect with others and and empowers them with the tool of conviction and persuasion. Loyola International school conducted storytelling activity for grades 1 - 4 and saw the creative and expressive sides of these children come to life!

## Handwriting Competition

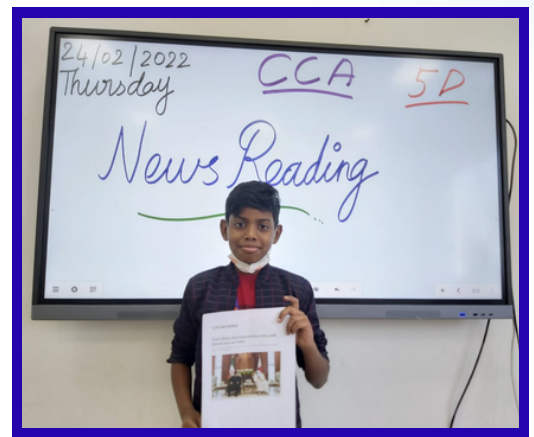
Visual-motor skills, such as hand-eye coordination are associated with academic achievement. Developing fine motor skills can predict not only writing success, but better performance in reading and math in elementary school. Children who write quickly and legibly are more likely to demonstrate skills in expressing their thoughts through the written word. Competitions like handwriting pushes kids to excel and improve their handwriting and as a byproduct improve their motor skills.



## News Reading Activity

Whether it's a local or national publication, newspaper reading will help children stay in touch with the world around them. National events and local events, sports stories, and current news will keep kids enthralled. Reading news helps you to learn something new every day, and slow down aging. Reading news helps you to distinguish truth from falsehoods. Reading news can enhance your creativity. Reading news gives you leads to connect with remarkable people and events. Many papers have a kids' section with even more timely and kid-friendly pieces.

Getting Newspaper in education, Loyola International School conducted an activity where students came prepared with news and read out in front of the class. These activities also made them ponder about the ways any news article is written and make their own news pieces.



## Hindi Flash Card Activity

To understand the spellings, formations and sounds of different syllables in Hindi, flash card activity was conducted where the students had to pick up the flash cards pertaining to syllables that made up the words called out by the teacher. These activities make learning fun and improve their listening and cognitive skills.



# Kindergarten

## International Mother Language Day



International Mother Language Day was celebrated by Kindergarteners of LOYOLA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL on 21st of February 2022 with great pride and dignity. For the celebration, students dressed in their traditional attire and recited songs and poems in their mother language. International Mother Language Day is a worldwide annual observance held on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism. Mother Language Day is part of a broader initiative "to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by people all over the world". The theme of the 2022 International Mother Language Day is "Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities".

## Certificate Distribution

Rhyme recitation competition was conducted last month for which certificates were distributed in February! Congratulations to all the winners!







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