



# IGNITED MINDS

**LOYOLA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

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International School  
Listen. Learn. Lead.

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of Ignited Minds. It has been an exciting start for us as gradually the pandemic restrictions lifted; the school was able to organize some significant events. After the challenges and the periods of isolation that many of us including our students experienced, the value of these events were significant leading up to a stronger alliance building between the parents and the school community as a whole. There is no doubt that students have enjoyed participating in these fun activities while socializing with their friends.

It has been another busy term for LIS as students and teachers from across the school have taken part in a range of activities ranging from academic to co-curricular.

## NOTICE BOARD

We at LIS are continuously striving towards making every effort to enhance our teaching and learning processes. As part of our motto of Listen, Learn and Lead, we have recently put in place staff development and appraisal mechanisms. Through such processes the school will be able to continuously acknowledge the efforts made by the staff members and provide necessary support in areas for improvement

Discipline has always been the mainstay of LIS and to further this agenda the school board has also established mechanisms for regular monitoring of students' behaviour leading to productive teacher-child engagement. For further details, please refer to the circular sent to the registered email ids.



# Investiture Ceremony

19 May 2022

***A leader is the one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way!***

The student Council is truly a representative body who bridge the communication between the student body and the faculty. A fully laid-out election process gave the school its torch bearers. Recognizing and honoring them in the Investiture ceremony signifies the reliance and confidence that the school consigns in the newly invested office bearers. The aim of institution for a Student Council is to enable our students to understand their rights, duties and responsibilities and to empower and train them to become leaders of tomorrow!

To motivate these young leaders, Mr. Vinod Nair (President – Indian Community Benevolent Forum, Qatar) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and guided them to be the best leaders they can be. Operations Director Mr Sarath Koduru and Principal Mr. Pramod Kumar Ranwaka also enthused the council with their moving speeches. The student leaders were conferred with badges and sashes. Along with donning the mantle of accountability, they also pledged to uphold the values and traditions of this great institution and bestow their duties to the best of their abilities. Spectacular display of the Council's March-Past evidently showed the pride they carry as the office bearers of Loyola International School. Presence of the parents was very motivating for the young leaders who vowed to fulfill their promises through positive actions to take LIS to new heights.





# Mother's Day Celebrations

12 May 2022

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माँ कैसे बताऊँ तुम मेरे लिए क्या हो।  
तुम हर दुख की मेरी दवा हो।  
तुम खुशी हो, दया की निधि हो।  
मेरे तकलीफ को सुलझाने की विधि हो।

तुम मेरी धरती हो आकाश हो।  
मेरी थकान के लिए तुम ही विश्राम हो।  
माँ मेरे लिए ज्ञान का भंडार हो।  
मेरा प्रथम गुरु और सम्मान हो।  
अंधकार में छिपा हुआ मेरे लिए प्रकाश हो।

माँ कैसे कहूँ तुम कितनी प्यारी हो।  
माँ, मैं तेरे दिए गए एक-एक लम्हें की आभारी हूँ।  
शब्द नहीं है मेरे पास अपने दिल के भाव मैं तुम्हें कैसे समझाऊँ।  
और मुझे ये भी पता है मुझे कुछ कहने की जरूरत नहीं,  
तुम मेरे बिना कुछ कहे सब समझ जाती हो।

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हिन्दी विभाग



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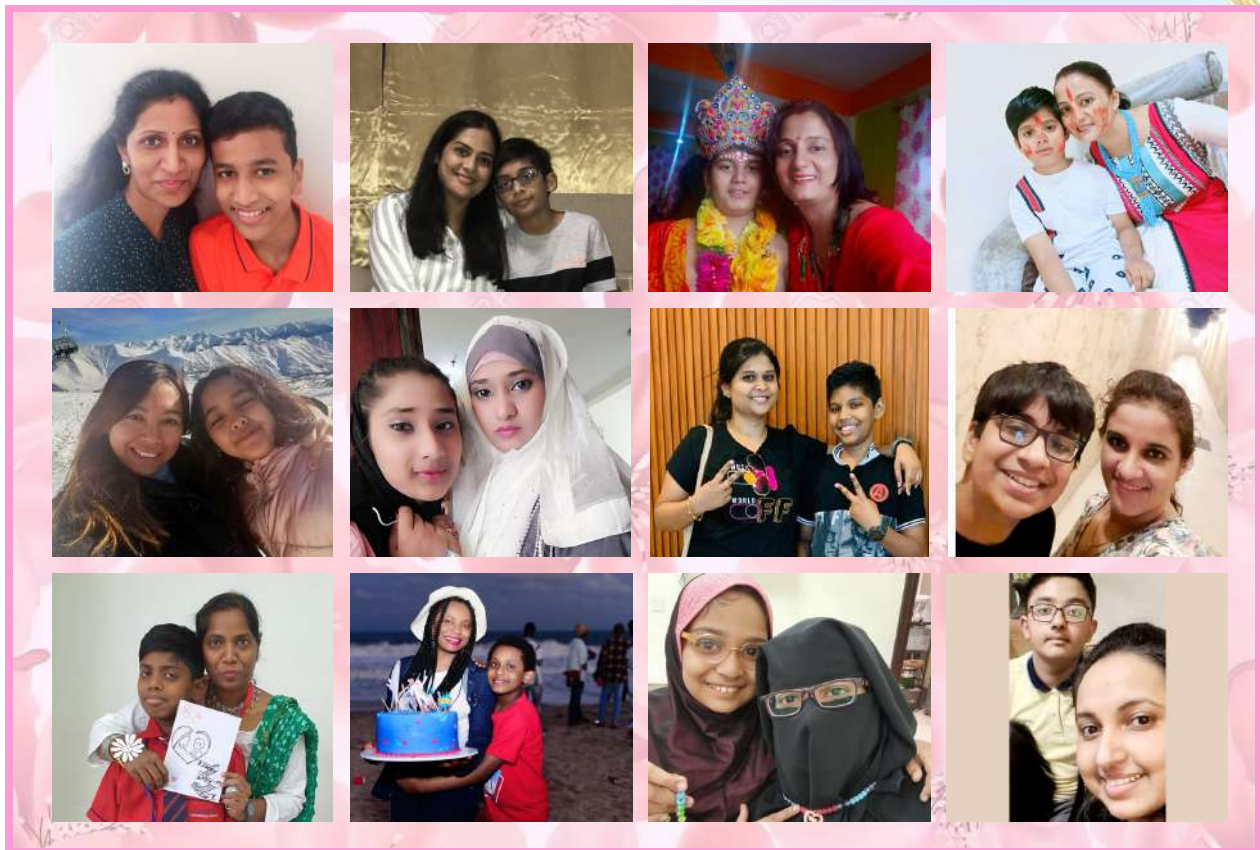
We have had a fantastic start to this term with celebrating 'Mothers' with kindergarteners and their mothers! To honour this special person and her unparalleled spirit in everyday life, LIS organized myriad of fun-filled activities. The festive cheer was set in with the entrance gates of the school and classroom doors that were beautifully decorated. The programme began with a welcome note followed by an action song. Various games were conducted that added joy and cheer among the little ones and the proud mothers who were adorned with a welcome badge and gifts that were handmade by the teachers. The highlight of the celebration was palm-printing of the mother and her child on a T-Shirt. The activity reinforced the loving bond between a child and a mother and the critical role the latter plays in our lives. The principal of the school, Mr. Pramod Kumar Ranwaka, also greeted the mothers on this beautiful occasion and thanked them for playing the most important role in their child's life and reiterated that a Mother's love for her children is the purest form of unconditional love. For many mothers, it was a first-time for them to witness such an occasion and they were extremely happy to be given such opportunities of parent's engagement. The day concluded with a vote of thanks and many fond memories to cherish on.





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The Mother's day Celebration in the upper primary sections was equally interesting and significant. To seize this opportunity to celebrate the immense contribution of every mother in creating a home that abounds with love, generosity and a strong sense of security through all those every day gestures that are truly magical, LIS organized interesting activities like making jewellery out of pasta and Letter Writing. The students wrote a letter to their mother expressing their respect, honor and love and also gifted them by making the "mothers' day special" jewellery.





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## Diary Entry Competition - to celebrate Mothers Day

Keeping a diary is a fantastic way to get younger pupils into a regular writing habit, which helps them become fluent and confident writers. The school organized a diary writing competition for students from grade 7 and 8 in line with the theme of Mothers Day. The topics ranged from - the hardest part about being a mother would be, on mother's day I will, when I am older my mom and I will, etc. The students opted to write across any of the five different topics provided to them and were marked for the presence of typical features of a diary or journal entry like: clarity of topic, completeness of sentences, basic grammar structures and overall presentation. The school chose the following winners from the entries received;

*Congratulations!*

**7A**

**Shreejoyee Bhadra  
Ayden Alen George  
Durga Prasad**

**8A**

**Umme Kulsum  
Sri Induvadan  
Naaila Fathima**

**7B**

**Srijani Indumarthi  
Zinia Sharma  
Afreen A**

**8B**

**Ayesha Khan  
Zunairah  
Aamina**

**7C**

**Joshitha  
Ibrahim  
Jana**

**8C**

**Deborah Festus  
Ifeoluwa Aderemi  
Hasini Vijayakumar**

**7D**

**Lemuel Kuao  
Calvin Deon  
Varun Karthik**

**8D**

**Tomas Samir  
Gurucharan Rajavlu  
Manha Mahmood**

**7E**

**Yasmin Khalil  
Abbas Thakura  
Muhammed Shamil**

**8E**

**Jana Javadat  
Samiksha  
Nousheen Najma**

# Introduction of Clubs

School Clubs are a great way to help develop one's character and skills in school and later in our career and in lives. Skills like commitment, leadership, effective communication, and being able to work successfully in a group all come from participating in various events. Joining a club or organization can give us access to new networking opportunities that one should definitely take advantage of when needed. In LIS, there are a wide variety of clubs and activities available for students to join and diverse opportunities to participate in initiatives that are local and regional. Thus, students were encouraged to join and pursue a mix of activities that they are familiar with and ones that may be out of their comfort zones. Participation is encouraged and membership is open to all students for the following clubs;

**Literary Club**- To promote enthusiastic and creative literati through literary activities like debating, storytelling, extempore speech, vocabulary enrichment etc

**STEM Club**- STEM Clubs are out-of-timetable sessions that enrich and broaden the curriculum, giving young people the chance to explore subjects like science, technology, maths in less formal settings. This Club would be an important outlet to ignite new interest and to raise attainment in STEM subjects through more imaginative and inventive teaching methods and activities.

**Zest Club** - Zestians will be engaged in activities like yoga, gardening, puzzles etc., which will help the students develop their social and emotional skills and promote their well-being.

**Fine Arts** - Students can explore and develop their talents through music, singing during assemblies, participation in inter-school activities, street plays, dramas etc. and develop their overall personality.

Yearlong participation in these club activities will hone children's communication skills, foster creative thinking, and teach them how to work effectively with other people.



# LIS in External Forums

## Meet with the Hon'ble Minister

(10 May 2022)



All principals of the CBSE schools from Qatar had a meeting with Shri. V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, India in Sheraton Grand. The event was organised by the Indian Embassy as an initiative to bring together all the schools under one roof and aid for any necessities. LIS appreciates this gesture of Indian embassy for providing such platforms.

## A Win in Tug of War (13 May 2022)

Mirudula Vijay Anand of Grade 8B from LIS won Second place in Tug of War Championship (girls category). She represented Qatar Tamizhar Sangam (QTS) and the event was conducted by Qatar Indian Association (QIA). Congratulations!! More strength to you Mirudula!



To observe the World Athletics Day, Ms. Vairanjini Pandiyan and Ms Mohanapriya (Teachers of the primary grades) also took part in the Tug of War (Women's category). They represented Qatar Tamizhar Sangam (QTS) as well.



## **World Athletics Day - Doha Diamond League Visit** (13 May 2022)

88 students from grades 6 to 10 of LIS visited Doha Diamond League and witnessed athletes from multiple countries take part in different individual sport events and track races. Witnessing events like these encouraged students to gauge the efforts that go behind and analyse the standards of the world athletes and get inspired to be one!

## **A win in Swimming Competition** (20 May 2022)

Gurucharan Rajavelu of Grade 8D won Silver Medal in 100m Butterfly Stroke at the ISC Swimming competition which was organised by Indian Sports Center. Congratulations Gurucharan! Wishing you many more Wins and Laurels!



## **Debate Competition** (26 May 2022)



Anirudra Dahal of Grade 10A and Srinidhi of grade 9C represented Loyola International School in the Inter-School Polemic Challenge -2022 held in Shantiniketan Indian School. They spoke for and against the motion (Influence of Social Media on Holistic Development of Students). They did justice to the topics provided and took active part in the rebuttals. They were trained by Ms Sadaf Faiyaz.

## **A Win in Inter-School Drawing Competition** (20 Apr 2022)

Sandra Rose of Grade 9A from Loyola International School took part in an Inter-School Ramadan Art competition organised by TNG School and won Third Prize in the category 3 (ages 12-14). Loyola International School congratulates her and wishes her more success.





# Glimpse of Activities

## **International Day of the Nurses** (11 May 2022)

International Day of the Nurses was observed in the Kindergarten as well as the Primary sections in LIS. The aim was to prompt children to think about the work nurses do and how important they are in keeping us all healthy. Children were introduced to Florence Nightingale and her legacy, as well as reflecting on the work nurses do and have done throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst the little ones in the kindergarten got together to honour the school nurse by presenting her with cards and flower bouquet, the older children from the primary made beautiful cards and wrote down messages for the nurses which they proudly read out in class.



## **World Athletics Day** (11 May 2022)

World Athletics Day is observed every year with the objective to raise awareness on the importance of fitness and encourage people to get more involved in sports and athletics. Schools are the best place to promote physical activity and no other environment can compete with schools in terms of their ability to nurture and coach youngsters. Physical activity not only has an immense impact on a child's physical health and development, but also on their psychological health and well-being. In line with this, LIS observed the World Athletics Day and conducted sports activities for Grade 4 students to promote their interest in sports under the theme of ONE TEAM ONE DREAM. Students of each class were divided into teams and given huddles and ladder. The team had to complete the task within a given time to be declared winners. Students enthusiastically participated in the activity as a team and they learned that their best chance at success will be through teamwork or cooperation among the teammates.





## International Day of the Families (11 May 2022)

Held on 15th May every year, the International Day of Families was established by the United Nations as a way to raise awareness on issues faced by families throughout the world. The day is a way to recognize that family structures have undergone many changes due to social, economical and demographic factors. In order to observe this day, all students across grades engaged themselves in a family photo frame making activity. Children brought the photos of their beloved family and pasted them in Popsicle and/or paper made frames and decorated these with their favourite stickers, glitters and colour design in the most creative manner. KG1 students cut out papers tracing their family members' hands and framed them all in a card. The students were also encouraged to write a few lines about their favourite family members.



## Handwriting Competition (25 May 2022)

Despite the increased use of computers for writing, the skill of handwriting remains important in education, employment and in everyday life. We are all aware that handwriting is the neglected one of the 3 Rs (reading, writing, arithmetic) but it is a predictor of success because good handwriting has a positive impact on grades. With practice, handwriting yields more confidence, better dexterity, improved recall and memory. With this in mind LIS organized a Handwriting competition for students from grade 1 until grade 4 as part of the co-curricular activities. All children across these grades participated with a lot of excitement.



## Class Activity - Rang Birange Jahaj

To kick start the chapter with an activity is a great way for students to get interested and involved into the lesson. Students of Grade 3 Hindi department made colourful planes as a part of their subject activity and engaged in discussions about planes and their flights.



## Unity in Diversity - Class Activity

Unity in Diversity is an expression of harmony between heterogenous groups of people. It is a concept of "unity without uniformity and diversity without fragmentation" that shifts focus from unity based on a mere tolerance of physical, cultural, linguistic, social, religious, or psychological differences, towards a more complex unity based on an understanding that differences enriches human interactions.

Emphasising the importance of acceptance and growth of all together, students of Grade 4 came dressed in their respective traditional attires and exchanged ideas about what their culture represents and how all the cultures together amalgamate forming the beautiful diverse society. Students of grade 8 prepared a collage of all the information about different countries of the world and learnt how different all aspects of countries are yet we are all one!





## Class Activity - Forgiveness

To err is human, to forgive is divine! In attempt to understand the importance of forgiveness, grade 4 students wrote incidents from their lives where they were hurt but forgave, and put it in the anonymous box that they read out later. Forgiveness liberates the victim. It is a gift that one can give to oneself!



## Naming Fruits and Vegetables in hindi - Class Activity

Learning a language becomes a lot easier when we are able to visualise them. Easing the process of memorising, teachers of hindi department taught the names of fruits and vegetables through an activity that involves art. Students were asked to draw and paint the fruits and vegetables and then asked to name them in Hindi. Students thoroughly enjoyed the activity and the class where learning is always fun!



## Wool from Animals - Class Activity

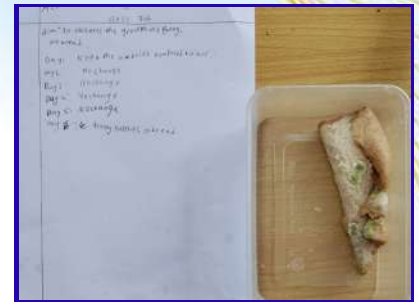
We all enjoy the cozy sweaters when the chilling wind blows in the winters. But understanding the source of the wool is equally important for us to develop the respect for nature and all that it has to offer. Students of grade 7A researched on various animals that produce wool and prepared a chart about their findings!





## Saprophytic Nutrition - Class Activity

Understanding different types of nutrition through activity: Grade 7A, did research on saprophytic mode of nutrition and noted down their observation on day to day basis. Visualising the whole process creates a permanent memory that helps with the recall at a later time.



## Learning Computer Devices - Class Activity

Peer to peer teaching has been proved to be an extremely effective strategy for understanding and learning. Concepts of input, output and storage devices became a lot clearer as the students of grades 3 and 4 taught their fellow classmates with the help of models, printout etc.



## Natural Disasters -Volcanoes - Class Activity

Understanding the topic of Natural Disasters, students of grade 5 prepared charts and models of volcanic eruptions and explained its components and their effects in the class.





# Kindergarten

## Class Activity - Numbers my Friend

Understanding numbers is an important skill that kindergartners need to master. Children encounter and observe various concepts of mathematics since infancy, such as quantity comparison and pattern recognition. Learning these numbers in a fun and interactive way is the best way to get these tiny ones open up to math and the logics behind them! KG1 students learnt their "First Five Numbers" in a playful, creative and an interactive way.



## Class Activity - Learning Shapes

Learning shapes not only helps children identify and organize visual information, it helps them learn skills in other curriculum areas including reading, math, and science. Kindergarteners made popsicles and decorated with cutouts of different shapes that they learnt in their classes.





# Students' Corner

Best entries of the contests that are a part of the CCA would be published in the student's corner of the newsletters.

## 6 Word Stories

**"He dreamt, he strived, he conquered!"**

Ayden Alen George, 7 A

## 6 Word One Liners

**"Even a fool can be cool"**

**"My looks can never define me"**

**"Let me play my own game."**

Charan Nagasai V, 8 D

**"My life is just another story"**

Joel Antony, 8 B

**"Save Water, Save Trees, Save Lives"**

Mirudula and Sona, Grade 8 B





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