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ST. MARY'S CONVENT, MULUND

An act of charity:

"God loves a cheerful giver". Our students contributed generously to the victims of fire at the Children's Home in Zimbabwe. The amount collected was approximately Rs.1, 30,000/- Through this little contribution we express our solidarity with the victims.



In September our Class X students, along with a few teachers and Sr. Smitha visited the Homes for the Aged at Byculla, Bandra and Mahakali, Andheri, with stationery and toilet



articles, along with the cash amount generously contributed by our teachers and students towards this noble cause.

The Lion's Club declared St. Mary's School, Mulund as the Best School. It has bagged this award for the 10th consecutive year.



Celebrations

Independence Day:- Sr. Lima, the Headmistress hoisted the National Flag, while the school band played the National Anthem. Thereafter there was a meaningful prayer service, with special reflections and prayers for our country. We also wished Sr. Smitha, the Vice-Principal on her feast.



God, the Almighty has endowed each one of us with different talents and potentials. This was very well displayed in the Cultural Fest – a week of various competitions, of almost 49 competitions conducted for secondary students in August. Competitions like poster making, T-shirt painting, glass painting, handkerchief painting, flower arrangement, calligraphy, rangoli,

drawing, elocution, essay-writing, fancy dress, solo and folk dance, singing, salad-dressing, street plays, etc.



St. Pius X Church Feast

In preparation for the feast, the sisters had organized meaningful Eucharistic celebrations and Novena by the various associations of our parish. The priests and sisters took the theme **'parts of the body along with parts of the church building'** leading to the renewal of the parish.



5th September: - The Teachers' Day celebration with a touching and meaningful prayer service, followed by a lively and creative cultural programme by the students, concluded with a sumptuous meal for the staff.

Mother Mary's Birthday, St. Mary's Day, was celebrated with a meaningful prayer service. As the theme **"Divine Love"**. **'A tribute to old parents'**, was the theme taken for the year, and we celebrated Grandparents' Day. A short cultural programme was organised along with felicitation of 340 grandparents. The grandparents were deeply touched and expressed their gratitude with tears in their eyes. They contributed some money to the school.



“My soul magnifies the Lord”. These were the words of our dear Diamond Jubilarian, Sr. Carina. We celebrated 60 years of her dedicated and committed life in our Congregation with a solemn Eucharistic celebration on 23 September. A few of

her friends and dear ones joined us in our joy. We were very happy to have the presence of Sr. Ida of the Patna Province, her cousin and her priest cousin, Fr. Remesh SDB from West Bengal. The climax of the Jubilee celebrations was an organized recreation the next day. The Queen of the Green Valley came to visit us. She was none other than our dear **Sr. Carina**.



Dr. Aruna and her team conducted some practical exercises on memory building and study techniques to our Class X students. This programme was sponsored by the Lion's Club.

Congrats to Sr. Mary Jude who completed her preparatory meetings with the alumnae of S.M.C. (32 batches in all) and on 30 September, the Executive Council of **SMAART - MULUND** (*ST. MARY'S ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION TO RELUMINE TALENTS, MULUND*) was formed. They are all ready and eager to get into action.



WE WISH THEM THE VERY BEST!

ADIEU TO OUR DEAR SISTERS

Sr. Celestine CJ, the first Headmistress of St. Mary's Convent, Mulund, passed away on 29 August 2012. The ex-students flashed this sad news on the Facebook. Sister was missioned at Ghazipur.

Sr. Tarcilla who expired on 7 September 2012, she was the former Manager and Superior of S.M.C., Mulund for 6 years.

May they rest in peace.

Sr. Edwina

MARY WARD SADAN – PUTHENVELIKARA

As part of Onam celebrations, the school conducted a beautiful assembly showing the significance of Onam and why it is being celebrated on a grand style in Kerala. Many competitions like floral decorations, vegetable carvings, arrangement of flowers, etc. were conducted. Congratulations to our students who displayed their talents and team work very effectively.

The most significant event of the month here was the retreat. It took place after the visitation of Sr. Feby in our community, Jyothir Bhavan and Pizhaku. 19 of us were guided by Fr. Thomas Madathyparambil SJ, a retreat very different from the earlier ones.

On 5 September our students honoured and appreciated their teachers in a fitting manner by organising cultural entertainments and thus expressing their love and gratitude.

Sr. Seema underwent a thyroidectomy in West Fort Hospital, Thrissur. Thank God everything went off well. We are grateful to our Jyothir Bhavan community for their support, help and valuable services to Sr. Seema.

Four of us from our community and two from Jyothir Bhavan were privileged to be present for the Diamond Jubilee celebration of Sr. Ursula. It was indeed a joyful day for all those who were present there. Sr. Ursula was beaming with joy. The Bishop of Palai, Rt. Rev. Joseph Kallarangatt expressed his appreciation for the services of Ursula, making us aware of the key role she played in making the CJ presence felt in the diocese of Palai. On our way back we

visited the tomb of Fr. Kunjachan at Ramapuram and the place where the exhibits and holy articles of Sr. Rani Maria at Pulluvazhi are preserved. Sr. Rani Maria was martyred in Madhya Pradesh.

Sr. Alma

MITTAPPALLI – TAMIL NADU



August 15 was a day of excitement for our little ones as they took part in various competitions. Parents were the most anxious lot to witness their little ones' performance.



Rev. Fr. Joseph, our parish priest hoisted the flag. He made an appeal to the students that

without sacrifice one cannot achieve success in life and it is this self-sacrificing spirit, that made the leaders of our country to transcend their selves. An inter house dance drama competition was held to inculcate patriotic spirit in the children.

All our new teachers had an in-service training at Nalanda Matriculation School, Krishnagiri. They came back with a renewed fervor and an awareness of teaching the students according to their aptitudes.

Teachers' Day saw colourful programmes and meaningful prayer service, by the students to express their gratitude and love for their teachers. and to honour them..

Our community along with the sisters from Begur made a pilgrimage tour to Velankanni, to the Church of Our lady of Good Health. We felt spiritually strengthened and blessed by our Mother. We returned home happy and relaxed.

Sr. Mercy

MARY WARD CONVENT, PIZHAKU



The month of August was full of very exciting activities for the students, having inter house Patriotic Group Song competitions, DCL students taking Oath to work for peace in the world on Hiroshima day, 6 August. During the assembly students formed a pyramid of peace on the playground. On August 15, our students won the trophy for the literary and cultural inter school competitions at Ramapuram

A skit competition on "Corruption free India" was depicted to mark the Independence Day. A Prayer Service on the theme "National Integration". The Chief Guest for the occasion was the Panchayat President Mrs. Jiji Thampy.

Sr. Feby had visitation at Mary Ward Convent, Pizhaku and her presence in the community gave an encouragement to the sisters thinking together with the community for the collaboration of men and women in our local church and to fulfill our duties more meaningfully. On August 24 the school celebrated Kerala Cultural Festival Onam with fancy dress and many other competition, depicting the culture of Kerala. The PTA president and executive members awarded the winners of different competitions. The Onam festivity came to an end with serving delicious Payasam for all in the school.



Our Students collected Rs.25,000/-

and visited the inmates of Cancer Centre 'Navajeevan Trust' run by Mr. P.U. Thomas at Kottayam to express our solidarity with suffering humanity. He exhorted our students to be grateful to God for his divine providence over us and to share our goodness and resources with the sick and suffering.

During the Onam holidays three of our community, made the retreat at Mary Ward, Puthenvelikara . They came back enriched by the spirit of prayer and the awareness of the importance of walking with the friend and the enemy in our daily life.

On 5 September, the students wished the teachers with a bunch of red roses. They prepared a very meaningful prayer service and various cultural items for their beloved teachers. Sr. Anisha CJ welcomed the teachers for a delicious lunch and presented a gift to appreciate their service to our Institution.

On 22 September Sr. Ursula's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated with a solemn liturgy in our parish, officiated by the Bishop of Palai, Mar Joseph Kallarangatt and four priests. During the homily the bishop highlighted Sr. Ursula's joyful service, care and concern for the people which made the C.J presence in Palai diocese visible. The celebration was followed by felicitation in our school hall. Sr. Anisha CJ, Superior of Pizhaku community welcomed the invitees for a fellowship meal.



Sr. Ursula was showered with garlands, good wishes and gifts by those within and without. Our parish priest addressed the gathering praising Sr. Ursula's 23 years of service at Pizhaku. She was beaming with joy and gratitude to all, especially our sisters from other communities and her dear ones.

Sr. Ursula speaks "I express my sincere gratitude to my dear sisters who were present for my jubilee and those who send greetings, prayers, gifts and made phone calls on this happy

occasion. In return I will think of you with affection and pray for all your intentions in my daily prayers”.

Sr. Daisy

Feby expresses her gratitude to all our dear sisters who have prayed for Sr. Prasanna. She has been suffering from an autoimmune condition, a blood disorder, a rare disease called ITP (Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura). There was no option but a Splenectomy which is now done and she is feeling better. Thank you and God bless you.

“The eye through which I see God is the same eye through which God sees me; my eye and God’s eye are one eye, one seeing, one knowing, one love.”

Meister Eckhart

