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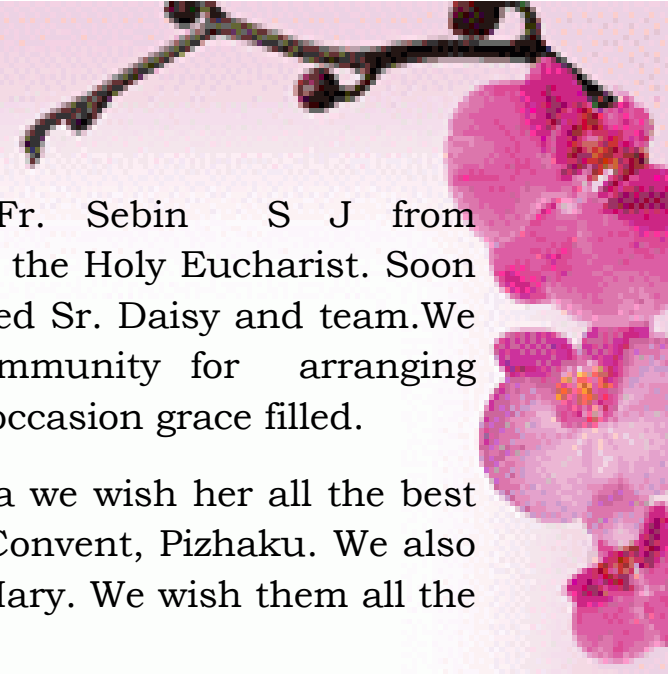
HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS DEAR SR. DAISY

The Maria Sadan community welcomed Sr. Daisy on 6th April. It was a joyful occasion for Bangalore Region as most of the sisters gathered at Maria Sadan on 9th April for the installation. She was installed as Regional



Superior by Sr. Alma. After the installation Sr. Daisy expressed her gratitude to the outgoing Regional Superior Sr. Alma and her team. She announced the name of the consultants as

Sr. DeeptiThyparambil, Sr. Christine Pullolickal and Sr. ShradhaQuadros. Regional secretary Sr. Vidyathekkumthadathil



and bursar Sr. Mahima Mangara. Fr. Sebin S J from Xaviour Nilaya, Bangalore presided over the Holy Eucharist. Soon after the Holy Mass sisters congratulated Sr. Daisy and team. We are grateful to Sr. Mahima and community for arranging everything very beautifully making the occasion grace filled.

The community bid farewell to Sr. Alma we wish her all the best as she is on sabbatical at Mary Ward Convent, Pizhaku. We also bid farewell to Srs. Mahima and Rose Mary. We wish them all the best for their further studies.

We welcomed Sr. Suchita the new superior to our community. She was installed by Sr. Daisy on 2nd May 2018. We wish her all the blessings.

We are blessed with four candidates. They are doing P. U in Bangalore. Sr. Alphonsa is hale and hearty and still taking reading practices and spoken English for the candidates.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, ALAKODE

The month of January was a time of spiritual renewal for all of us at Alakode. Five days of "Abishegakhathi Convention" was held in our Parish Church. A great number of believers gathered at Mary Matha College ground and experienced the Divine touch of the Lord. Srs. Alma and Celine too joined us and had tangible experiences. We were very happy to accommodate three of the team members in our house during the convention. Fr. Xavier Khan prayed over us and prayed for our Congregation on the last day of the Retreat.

27th January was a red letter day for SMC Alakode as we congratulated and honored our former student who was newly ordained, Rev. Fr. Jithin Pulpel, the first priest from our school. Congratulations dear father and we wish you God's abundant blessings to become a zealous missionary in the service of His Vineyard!!

On 3rd April, the community bade good bye to Sr. Elsa. We wish Sr. Elsa God's choicest blessings to continue the mission of



leadership at Mary Ward school, Puthenvelikara. Sr. Thomasina joined the community on 31st May after her trip to Holy Land. Now she is fully engaged with the little ones of SMC family. All the best Sr. Thomasina!!

During summer holidays Srs. Janet, Teresina, Agnella, Basilia, Reshma and Josephine gave us surprise visit and we were indeed delighted to spend some time with them.

A long awaited desire was fulfilled as we completed the renovation of the yard and road in the campus.

Summer Camp

A summer camp was conducted for the students of class VII to X from 16th to 18th May 2018 in the school auditorium. It was a unique learning experience for the students as experts took very effective classes on various subjects such as wonders of Science, Personality development,



Yoga, folklore, Culture studies etc. On the third day the students had a field trip to "SAHAJEEVANASHRAM" which is an Eco Tourism Centre at Pariyaram. It is specially designed and arranged for the students in such a way that they learn values from nature through trekking, group activities, games etc.



Orientation Programme

The staff had the orientation programme from 1st to 7th June by Sr. Jane CJ from Allahabad province. On 1st and 2nd June Sr. Jane enlightened the teachers on Mary Ward Education and emphasized the importance of instilling "5Cs" of Effective Education (Character, Competence, Conscience, Compassion and Commitment) in the students. From 4th to 7th June she

conducted classes on English Grammar and Mathematics for the teachers of Primary and UP sections. They were highly appreciative of the classes taken by Sister. We are very grateful to Sr. Jane for sharing her vast experiential knowledge in the field of education with our staff.

School Re-opens

The school re-opened on 4th June 2018. On the first day of the new academic year, we were indeed fortunate to have the school blessed by our parish priest Rev. Fr. Antony Anakallil and his Assistant Vicar Rev. Fr. Jis Kalapurackal. They gave a short message and wished the students and staff a grace filled school year. .



On 6th June we **welcomed 110 tiny buds to our LKG classes.** A

“Praveshanotsavam” was organized by our Primary staff and



students to welcome them in a grand style. The tiny tots were led to the auditorium accompanied by the school band. As they entered the auditorium Jesus was seen standing on the stage with wide open arms to receive them.

After imploring God's blessings up on these students, the Manager, Principal and the staff welcomed them with balloons and sweets. The fear and anxiety with which they entered the school compound soon turned into joy and great fun as they were entertained by dancers and singers.

On 7th June, we gave a **warm welcome to 51 of our class 11 students.** A short prayer service was conducted seeking God's blessings up on the students after which they were symbolically

welcomed by the students of class 12 by offering to each one a flower.

Award Ceremony



An Award Function was organized on 8th June to honour and congratulate our students of class X and XII who brought laurels to SMC by scoring above 90% marks in AISSCE & AISSE 2018. Their parents were also honoured. Mr. K. Joseph Thomas, principal of Mary

Matha College, was the Chief Guest. Adv.TC Sibi, the PTA president presided over the function. The presence of Srs. Teresina CJ and Jane CJ from Allahabad province on the occasion doubled our joy. Among the 86 students who appeared for class X Board Examination, 22 students scored above 90%. The toppers are VrindaTerese and ShreyaJiji with 97.2%. In Class 12 among 54 students, 12 of them scored above 90%. Kajal P. George with 96.6 was the top scorer.



Environment Day



The day was observed very meaningfully through prayer service, video show and Essay Writing competition. A competition was also held for making useful things out of plastic waste. These activities were helpful to conscientize the students about the need to “Beat Plastic Pollution” which is the theme chosen by the UN for Environment day 2018.

MARY WARD SADAN ,PUTHENVELIKARA

The puthenvelikara and Thuruthipuram community appreciated the gift of vocation of our dear sisters Imma, Esther and Borgia



by celebrating their Diamond and Golden jubilee with Sr. Alma and both the communities . Rev. Fr. DevasiaMangalath C. M. I. was the main celebrant for the Mass and Rev. Fr. Sunil OSJO S J and Rev. Fr. Johnson Rocha concelebrated the Holy Eucharist. Jubileearians were happy to celebrate their joy sharing the meal



with the inmates of the home for the aged in AssissiBhavan, Puthenvelikara. They were hundred and ten members for the jubilee party.

JPIC activities encouraged healthy and social relationship through positive interactions with the mentally challenged students of our neighboring School.

Our students had three days **retreat** conducted by CST fathers at Little Flower Retreat Centre, Malayatoor. Before the final exam all our students had one day retreat by Mr. Joshy Joseph from Divine Centre, Muringoor.



Sr. Rose Mary and Ann Maria from Maria Sadan, Regional House visited Our school to **foster vocation** and they explained vision and mission of Mother Mary Ward and Just Soul Vision.



Congratulations to Class X for the ICSE good result and all the best for the higher studies.

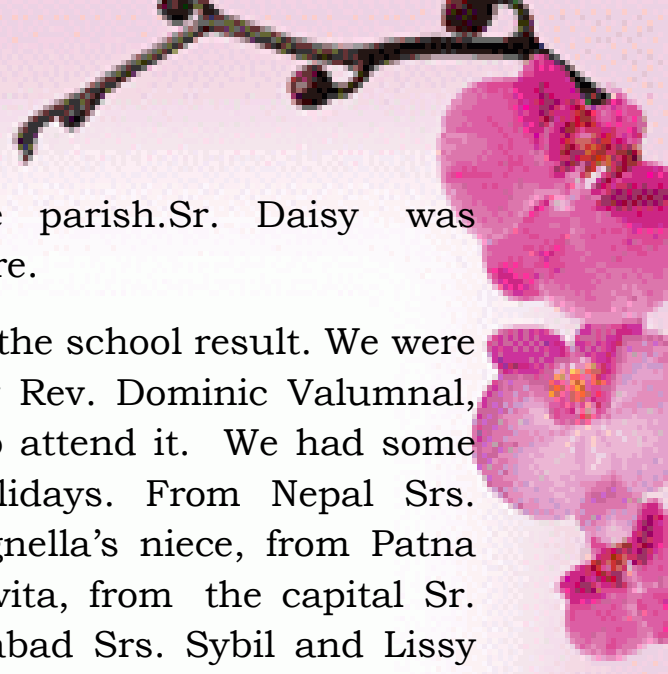
Empowering students to become aware of their treasures and use them for the development of EQ, PQ, IQ & SQ



Eco – Friendly The Past Cannot be Changed but you can change the future by keeping the earth green.

The staff and students of Mary Ward School Puthenvelikara bid **farewell** to Srs. Daisy and Vidya during their prayer assembly. Soon after Easter we welcomed new members Srs. Elsa and Susan to our community. Even though the school was closed for summer vacation, with the arrival of the new team the office kept on functioning. Since both were new to the school, they had to get acquainted with the school and its functions from Sr. Daisy and Sr. Vidya. Sr. Daisy had to go to Bangalore to take up the responsibility as Regional Superior, and Sr. Vidya as Regional Secretary. So we had farewell Mass for both of them, and also for Sr. Suma, who had completed her Biblical course at Divine Retreat Centre at Chalakudy and was going to Pizhaku.

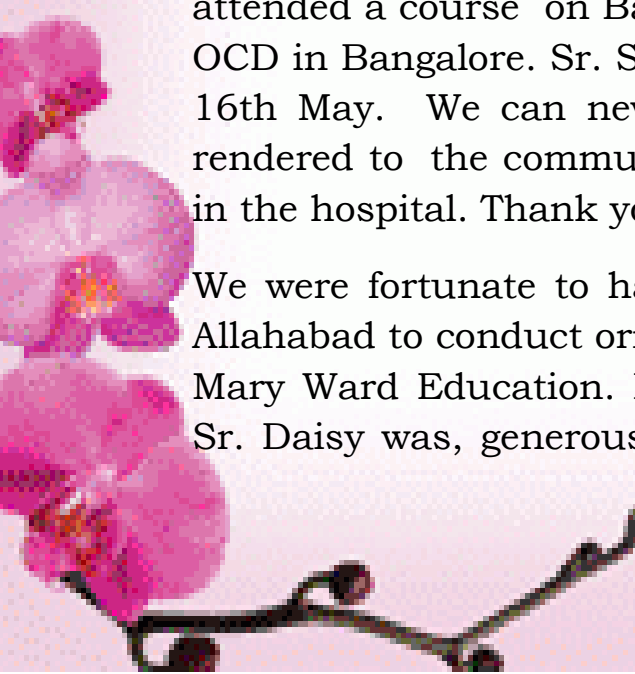
We are indeed grateful to Sr. Daisy who had tirelessly worked for the development of our students and the school. We are also indebted to Sr. Vidya for her hard work in the office as the main



accountant and the service in the parish. Sr. Daisy was accompanied by Sr. Georgia to Bangalore.

On 10th April we had the declaration of the school result. We were blessed to have a Bible convention by Rev. Dominic Valumnal, Anakara. Some of us were fortunate to attend it. We had some surprise visitors during Summer holidays. From Nepal Srs. Marlyn and Agnella along with Sr. Agnella's niece, from Patna Srs. Vimla, Justina, Marcella, and Savita, from the capital Sr. Adelaide and her nephew, from Allahabad Srs. Sybil and Lissy along with her nun sister, Sr. Suchita and her little nephew and niece, Sr. Linda, Sr. Georgia's sister Sr. Silvia and Sr. Berny's sister Ammini were a few to mention. Sr. Immas' priest brother and her dear ones visited her as she was recuperating.

As Sr. Imma was admitted in the hospital for angioplasty Sr. Vidya who came from Bangalore on home leave stayed with her in the hospital so that Sr. Borgia could be relieved. After coming back from the hospital Sr. Imma was well taken care of at Puthenvelikara. Sr. Daisy was kind enough to send Sr. Amala to take special care of at Sr. Imma in the absence of Sr. Georgia who was on Holy Land trip. Sr. Francisca was admitted in Assissi Hospital for chest congestion and Sr. Amala looked after her also. We are extremely happy that the long cherished dream of Sr. Georgia came true that she got an opportunity to visit the Holy land. The much awaited Class X result came in the 2nd week of May. Hearty congratulations to Sr. Daisy and Sr. Vidya for the wonderful result. Sr. Susan attended a course on Basic accountancy conducted by Fr. Trever OCD in Bangalore. Sr. Suma bade goodbye to our community on 16th May. We can never forget the selfless service which she rendered to the community as well as taking care of Sr. Imma in the hospital. Thank you Sr. Suma. God bless you.



We were fortunate to have a dynamic leader like Sr. Jane from Allahabad to conduct orientation for our teachers. The theme was Mary Ward Education. It was really enriching for our teachers. Sr. Daisy was, generous enough to visit us as she came for the

installation of Sr. Amala. Sr. Susan attended the diocesan inauguration programme of the catechism classes for the year at Kottapuram.

The monsoon came with all her fury on the day we reopened the school on 4th June.

Sr. Georgia our Manager welcomed the new principal Sr. Elsa, Srs. Amala and Susan and the teachers. We had a meaningful Holy Eucharistic celebration for the whole school.

SHANTI SADAN, BEGUR

We, the community in Begur was privileged to be with **Sr. Aloysia** when she was admitted in St. John's Hospital and when left us for her eternal reward. A number of CJs and her family members had the opportunity to attend her funeral service. May she rest in Peace. All of us participated in the Holy Mass offered for her on the seventh day.

COMMUNITY OUTING: An enjoyable trip to Chennai was planned for a community outing, the Salesian priests of Chennai Province made all the arrangements so that we could have a lovely picnic.

WONDERLA ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONSERVATION AWARD, 2017



In September 2017 Wonderla had conducted an Eco Audit of our school on the following parameters: measures taken towards water collection and usage, energy and water saving measures, measures taken for reuse and recycling of resources, methods adopted for disposal of plastic, initiatives taken and support offered by school management for a safe environment. Several schools in Karnataka and in Tamil Nadu had also been audited. In February 2018, we were surprised to receive an invitation to attend the Wonderla Environment and Energy Conservation awards

ceremony which was attended by three sisters, three teachers and four students. 25 schools were selected for the award. The citation read, 'St. Mary's Convent ICSE School has been honoured with Special Recognition Award in Wonderla Environment and Energy Conservation'.

LIFE SKILLS TRAINING SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS



Since September we had a number of sessions on Life Skills for students by a team of ten- all professionals and executives from the corporate world, now training themselves to be counsellors. A few students had the opportunity for personal counselling as well. The last two sessions conducted in March by Mr. Shridhar, a Jesuit alumni were: Communication Skills and Conflict Management and Bad Habits, Bad Friends and the Risks.


RESPONSE OF THE CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS

Some of us attended an important meeting organised by the Bangalore CRI. Brother Jerome Ellens, the former General of the Patrician Brothers presented a radical paper on 'the Response of the Consecrated Religious to the Changing Indian Scenario'.

In the month of March, in **preparation for the celebration of Easter**, the Jesus Youth Group conducted a Night Vigil for all the religious of the zone. It ended with a meaningful celebration of the Eucharist. This programme was arranged by the Zonal CRI president, Sr. Mercy HS and the secretary, Sr. Lima CJ.

In **Chikkakamanahalli Parish**, a mega Holy Week gathering was organised wherein **the Life Christ** was enacted by the parishioners – old and young; youth and children.

A SMALL GROTTTO, erected in front of the school office was blessed on 8th March in the presence of Sr. Alma, a number of teachers and students.



THE TEACHERS AND ALL THE SUPPORTIVE STAFF AND SISTERS enjoyed a day of picnic in the Film City. All came back happy and refreshed.

On April 9, the Bangalore Region celebrated **the Installation of Sr. Daisy**, in Maria Sadan, as the Regional Superior and bidding farewell to Sr. Alma who served the region for the last four years, during a Thanksgiving Eucharist. Begur being the closest community, all of us were privileged to attend the function.

OUR VISITORS: We were happy to meet our sisters Teresina and Evelyn from Allahabad province. They had come to attend courses at Prerana, one of the Jesuit spirituality centres.

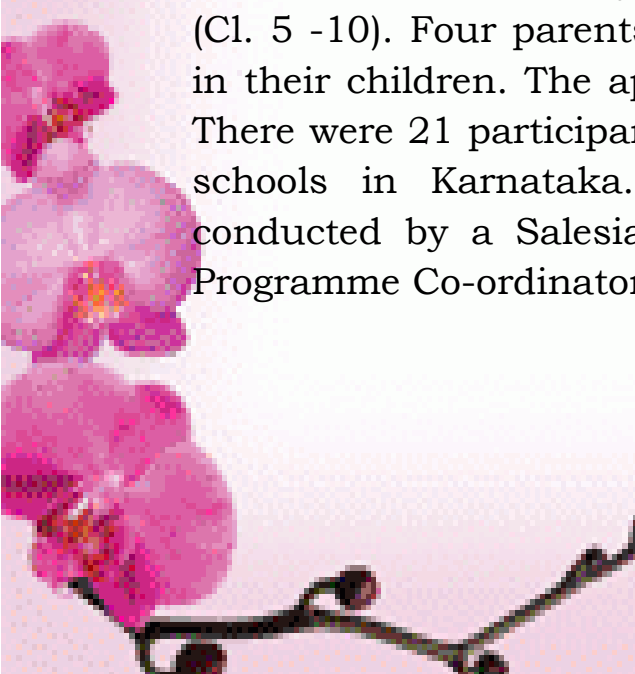
Results:ICSE - 21 students appeared and all passed.

State Board :32 students appeared and 31 passed and 1 failed in one subject for want of 1 mark.

A FACELIFT FOR THE SCHOOL AND THE CONVENT

By mid March we began the painting of the School and Convent buildings. They have been given a facelift. The terrace being covered with tin sheet has become a huge hall for student activities. We have also erected a separate toilet block for boys.

BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE



Sr. Mariella took 13 students and a teacher for the Leadership Programme to Indore. They had a good exposure and gained much. On 8th June they shared their experiences with the school (Cl. 5 -10). Four parents shared about the changes they noticed in their children. The appreciated the impact of the programme. There were 21 participants from one of the St. Charles Borromeo schools in Karnataka. Most of the training sessions were conducted by a Salesian sister, the USM Leadership Training Programme Co-ordinator, for their seven Indian Provinces.

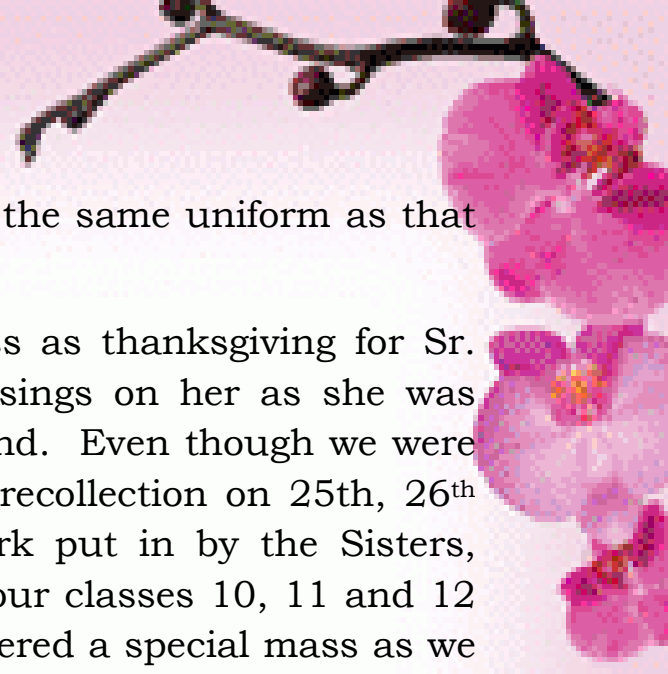


The programme instilled much confidence in the participants. They learnt many tips for developing their character and competence.

Two of the participants who could not afford to pay the fees for the programme were supported by school children and two parents. And one of these from the financially challenged background received the Honesty Award for the Best participant.

MARY WARD ILLAMMITTAPALLI

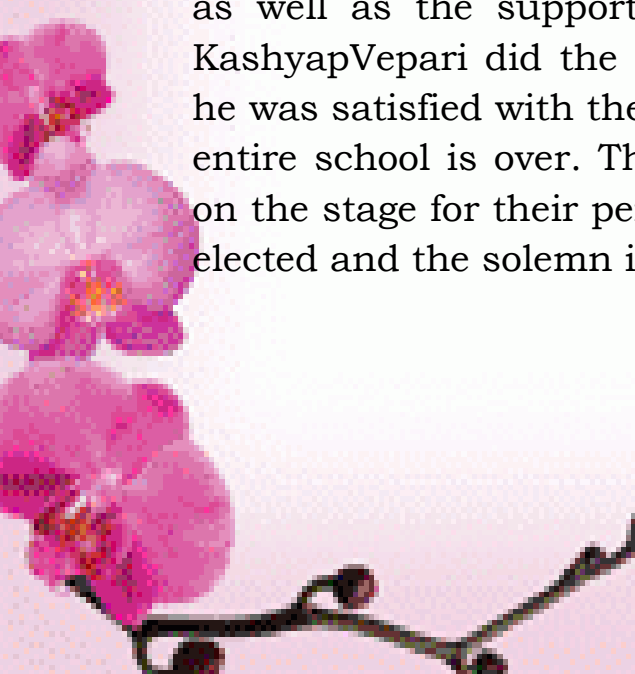
Thanks dear Sisters for your concern and prayers, so far we have water and also small occasional showers. We could cultivate a good number of food crops and vegetables for our kitchen. Before we got busy with final exams we made a mini trip to Sathanoor Dam and aMela on our way back. We constructed a number of toilets for boys so that we could also increase the number of toilets for girls. A recollection organized by the Dharmapuri unit of CRI was worth attending. The resource person- a Cluny Sister- presented very well the theme- authenticity of Religious Life Today. On Easter Sunday our parish priest, his niece and three of his priest friends paid us a surprise visit. Srs. Deepti, Smitha and Sanjana represented the community on the occasion of Sr. Daisy's installation as Regional Superior. The school gave farewell to Sr. Divya after the last day of exams. The Board Exams for various classes went on till the end of April. We came to know that our parish priest would be moving to another parish on transfer, we arranged for a thanksgiving Mass, breakfast and lunch to express our gratitude to him. Our teachers did canvassing to get more students to take admission in our school. Our sisters also joined them on some



days. This year classes 5,6,7 also took the same uniform as that of classes 8,9,10.

On 24th May we offered a special Mass as thanksgiving for Sr. Divya as well as imploring God's blessings on her as she was going to her new mission field in Mulund. Even though we were busy we managed to keep three days recollection on 25th, 26th and 27th May. Thanks to the hard work put in by the Sisters, Teachers, and above all the students, our classes 10, 11 and 12 brought good results. On 31st May we offered a special mass as we would begin the new academic year the next day. After Mass the priest blessed the convent and school. The same day the teachers gathered and welcomed Sr. Smitha as the principal of the school. After an hour of input session by Sr. Deepti, Sr. Smitha took staff meeting.

The school re-opened on 1st June. On 4th June the school welcomed Sr. Smitha during a specially prepared school assembly and prayer service. On 9th June Saturday we decorated the altar of the parish church for the next day, the day of first holy communion and confirmation. Sr. Sanjana had prepared the children during holidays. The flag hoisting for the parish feast was also on the same day. The VG of Dharmapuri Diocese was the main celebrant. The parish feast was celebrated on 13th June, the feast of St. Antony. The Bishop of Dharmapuri was the main celebrant. From 18th to 22nd June Sr. Daisy was with us for visitation. The school welcomed her during morning assembly. With the help of Sr. Daisy we could fix the salary of the teaching as well as the supportive staff. From 23rd to 26th June Mr. Kashyap Vepari did the auditing. As Sr. Usha had prepared well he was satisfied with the work. The recitation competition for the entire school is over. The LKG students were very keen to come on the stage for their performance. The school office bearers were elected and the solemn investiture ceremony was on 27th June.



ST. MARY'S CONVENT, MULUND

From the first week of May, we took turns to go on our home leave. Each of us came back refreshed and rejuvenated, after having spent some days with our family.

We were happy to extend a warm welcome to Sr. Divya who joined our community in Sr. Suchita's place. On 28th May, 2018, the community bade farewell to Sr. Suchita. Our Parish Priest, Fr. Cleophas Fernandes offered the Eucharistic Mass for Sr. Suchita's intentions and implored God's blessings on her, as she would move to Maria Sadan, Bangalore, as the animator of the community there.

S.S.C. Result of 2017-18 :- This year too our school secured good results in the State Board Exams. Miss. Sanika Rajeev Patil topped the school with 96.40%, We are indeed proud of you, Sanika.

No. of students appeared for S.S.C. Exam – 243

Distinctions - 172

First Class - 56

Second Class - 13

Pass Grade - 1

A.T.K.T. - 1

About 61 students got 90% and above 90%. Congratulations to all S.S.C. students and my heartfelt gratitude to the staff for your tireless efforts in coaching our students. God bless you.

On 10th June we had our Triduum by Fr. Cajetan Pereira O.F.M. CAP from the Bonaventure Province of Maharashtra. Srs. Linda, Jyotsna and Japa joined for the recollection.

ORIENTATION FOR STAFF:- Fr. Cajetan Pereira conducted an orientation programme for our staff, challenging them with the reflective question- 'Is teaching a vocation or a business in today's time?' He also stressed on the ten points on how to be an effective teacher. The teachers were rejuvenated and refreshed to begin the new academic year with renewed enthusiasm.



The school reopened for this new academic year on 15th June. We welcomed the new comers with bouquets. Distribution of Government text-books for students of std. 5-8 was carried out, as per SarvShikshaAbhiyaan.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY :-On 21st June we celebrated



International Yoga Day. Students participated with enthusiasm in the rally, asanas and various competitions.

We had a

surprise visit by our Education Ward Officer, Mr. Bhole Sir. He was impressed by our activities that were being conducted to mark this special occasion.





We conducted workshops on 'Effective Parenting' for parents of the Pre-Primary and Primary on the 18th and 22nd June, by Nriityanjali

Academy. It was well appreciated by our parents and they participated in large numbers.



On 27th June we had elections for the captains and vice-captains of the four houses. The student council members will be sworn in on 7th July.

On 30th June, we were happy to welcome back our animator Sr. Christine, on her return from Manila, after a six months course in pastoral training.

We celebrated Sr. Mercy's birthday on 3rd July. Fr. Gavin celebrated the thanksgiving Eucharist. Our joy was doubled as Sr. Daisy, our newly elected Regional Superior came on her visitation. That evening we had organized




recreation. The next day, Sr. Daisy was welcomed by the staff and students in a prayer service.



MARY WARD CONVENT , PIZHAKU

On 3rd may Sr. Alma joined our community . On 9th of May Srs. Alma and Thomasina went for a pilgrimage to Holy land. They returned with full of enthusiasm and wonder. In the month of April , May and June a good number of our sisters from different provinces and Region visited us. We were indeed very happy to meet them.



24th to 26 of May we had the recollection days. We spend our time reflecting on the aspect of “Trinity ” connected to our day to day life.

On 30th of May Sr. Thomasina left for Alakode and on 8th July we bid farewell to Sr. Rosalia . We thank them for their loving service to the school, the community and the parish.

An Orientation programme was organised for the teachers from 28th May to 30th of May to horn their communicative skills and update their teaching skills by different resource persons. In the month of June Sr. Jane CJ from Allahabad province spent three days giving our staff an insight into Mary ward education and how to teach creatively the different subjects. We are grateful to Sr. Jane for her vibrant and enthusiastic Classes.

We began the new academic year with the blessing of the school and imploring God’s blessings through the Holy Eucharist.

Environment awareness programme and a Short movie screening was organised for classes 5 to 9. The session was conducted by Mr.AnishUrumbil, director of the movie. The main Objectives of the programmewas to create an environmental awareness and to promote bio farming. Students actively participated in the programme, took part in the open discussion and took a pledge for plastic free campus.

On 30th of June PTA general body meeting was organised for all the parents. Mr. Praveen Kumar was the resource person who took a session on parenting and gave them some tips on being a 21st century parents and Mass media. The parents appreciated it very much.

