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## Bangalore Region

" Be convinced that God will always give you what is best for you " - Ven. Mary Ward



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### Maria Sadan Regional House

Sr. Shradha attended a course on Leadership for Mission in Ishvani Kendra, Pune from 16<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of July along with five sisters from Patna province.

Sr. Daisy had the Sabbatical Programme in Pune and Dindigul and is now back to the Region.

We were happy to have Sr. Prisca and Sr. Nirmala Arul IBVM with us for a few days.

All of us participated wholeheartedly in the webinar for all the members of COIN on Interculturality from 22-24 July 2023.



On the 8<sup>th</sup> of

August Sr. Sabrina, the provincial of Loreto and Sr. Shradha met Rev. Bishop Savarimuthu Arokiaraj, the Bishop of Trichy to inform him about the collaborative mission of IBVM/CJ in his diocese.

Animators meeting was held in Maria Sadan on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of August. The resource person for the first day was Fr. Anand Raj CMF. Sr. Shradha and Sr. Mahima conducted the second day sessions.

Sr. Elsy and Sr. Shweta along with one member each of their council, reached Maria Sadan to proceed for the Leadership program next day in Perna Spirituality Centre, Bangalore.



workshop consisted of thorough practical training for the formators through various interventions and methods.

Sr. Nelcy attended a two-month distance learning course with a two-week residential workshop on formation in the ICL Sanyasa, Carmelaram, Bangalore.

15 days of residential



A meeting of the COIN provincial/Regional Superiors along with Sr. Josita took place in Maria Sadan on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September.

Regional Assembly 2023 took place in Prerna, Bangalore. Thirty members from the nine communities took active participation in the 3-day gathering. It dwelt on 'Co creating Our Future' with a specific focus on the theme "**Incarnation – Charism – Mission**". Fr. George Cordeiro S.J. was the resource person for the assembly. Mr. Kashyap our auditor, enlightened us with matters concerning the finance and accounts through a half-day session. It was a time of grace and togetherness. The three days were spent in reflecting collectively, deliberating and planning for the coming three years.



### **Shanthi Sadan Convent, Begur**

**Solidarity with the people of Manipur:** - On 15<sup>th</sup> July, Srs. Edwina and Biyona participated in the Peace Rally at Freedom Park, organized by All Karnataka Christians Forum seeking justice, and praying for Manipur. Pastors of different Christian Denominations were present. Archbishop of Bangalore, Peter Machado gave the keynote. Mrs. Margaret Alva gave a fiery speech. The Peace Rally was attended by priests, nuns, and laity in large numbers.

On 5<sup>th</sup> August, Srs. Edwina, Alma, and Mahima went to Vidyavanam Ashram (CMI) for the Adoration to pray for Manipur, organized by the Zonal CRI. It was a beautiful spiritual experience.

**Interculturality and Religious life:** Community sisters attended the Zoom meeting on interculturality and religious life on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of July. The resource persons were Srs. Mariette, Prasanna, and Remya. It was very enriching.

**Spiritual Enrichment:** - Sr. Biyona attended the one-day programme 'Retelling the Story of Jesus with a Passionate Heart' for Junior sisters and brothers in Seva Sadan Institute, Koramangala, Bangalore, organized by the Zonal CRI.

All of us, except Sr. Alma who stayed back to take care of the house, attended the Regional Assembly at Prerana from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September. These were the days of grace and strengthening our bonding with each other.

Sr. Edwina attended the Zoom Meeting of the Extended Leadership Council on 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September. It was a beautiful experience of journeying together as a discerning body despite our diversity.



**In-Service Training for Staff\Orientation for Parents:** - On 5<sup>th</sup> of August, Drishti School Counseling Services conducted a half day orientation in two groups for parents on the topics- 1.

“Supporting children through Exam Season- Do’s and Don’ts for Parents during exam season and 2. Parenting Skills – Developing an understanding of healthy parenting approaches and practices. Parents responded to the Orientation in large numbers.



**Orientation for Staff** on NEP, along with School curriculum was conducted by Mr. Som Shubra Karmarkar, Alumni of Jadavpur University, Kolkata, (Department of English), arranged by Orient Black swan Publications on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Teachers were rejuvenated with these lively sessions.



On 16<sup>th</sup> September, there was one more **orientation for the Staff on Teaching Skills** and Classroom Management, the resource person was Miss. Anurima Roy, an award-

winning educator, editor, teacher trainer and marketing professional. It was organized by Saraswati Publications. The orientation commenced with planting a sapling in the presence of Sr. Alma and the entire staff.

**Students ‘Outreach Program:** - Kripta Full dome Solutions creatively conducted a mobile Planetarium for classes LKG to 10<sup>th</sup> to give a new experience of Space trip in our school campus. Students explored Planetarium to study planets, solar system- back to moon, Jurassic Park, and other exciting themes. They thoroughly enjoyed it along with the learning that they experienced.



On 15<sup>th</sup> September, we celebrated the **International Day of Democracy** by reading of the Preamble of the Constitution of India by students of Classes 1 to 10 and the staff. The school registered for this activity on the Government of Karnataka website.

**Inter-school and School Competitions:** - In KISA Kho-Kho Tournament, both Junior and Sub-Junior boys and girls participated at Anantha Vidyaniketana, Avathi Village, Devanahalli Taluk. Our



Sub-Junior girls also exhibited their talent in dancing by participating in KISA Dance Tournament at Dr. D Oremachandra Sagar Auditorium, Shavige Malleshwara Hills.

Our students of classes 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> enthusiastically participated in the Essay competition on the theme 'Environmental Consciousness' conducted by Tata Building India School.



**Talent Fest:** The Talent Fest was inaugurated by our well-wisher and parent, Mr. Manjunath. 800 students from Classes 1 to 10 very enthusiastically participated in various competitions and exhibited their God-given talents. Some of the competitions were – **One minute cooking without fire, hair style, Paper Quilling Art, Fashion Show, Cloth bag, Yoga, Pick and speak, Bottle Money Bank, Natural Friendly House making, Science Talk, Magic Show, Anchoring etc.**



**Sports Day:** - A three-day Sports event was held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August with the theme – 'Sports as an enabler for an inclusive and fit society' for classes 1 to 10, class-wise and house-wise sports events.

**Time to celebrate:** Independence Day was celebrated with a prayer-service, cultural program followed by house-wise Tableau and Patriotic Singing Competition for High School students. Primary students had their celebration on 29<sup>th</sup> August.



Students expressed their love, appreciation, and respect for their teachers with a grand celebration on **Teachers' Day** with a meaningful prayer service.

Teachers were given a rose plant each as a token of gratitude for their tireless efforts in shaping young minds through this noble vocation of teaching. The Program ended with an Agape lunch for the staff.

**St. Mary's Day** was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> September with a prayer service and various house-wise competitions like Debate and Vegetable carving for High School students and Handwriting Competition was conducted for Primary students.



**Sad Moment:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> August, we were saddened by the demise of Stephy Binu, student of class 2B. She had Brain Tumor. Sisters and the staff reached out to the family in their moments of great sorrow and grief.

**K.G. Corner:** - On 28<sup>th</sup> July our tiny tots had the One Minute Game Competition. Colors Day was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> August. A variety of Creative craft articles were made by each class.

Tiny tots exhibited their talent in Fashion Show and Fancy-Dress competition on the theme- 'Brave kings and queens of India and Freedom Fighters on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



### JPIC ACTIVITIES:

At the outset of the new academic year students were educated about the importance of proper waste disposal and were encouraged community participation in cleanup activities towards a cleaner and healthier environment. The maintenance of three dustbins in each class was initiated through the JPIC club. The students of SMCS through their work and actions sought to contribute positively to the building of a world that is more just, peaceful, and respectful of creation in all its dimensions. To illustrate the concept well and to promote the theme of the year **Ecological Economics** the students have undertaken various activities along with class assembly namely, Ethical investment, Ethical consumption, Consumerism and Divestment from fossil fuel.



A definitive checklist of tasks and resources needed to achieve the goal was done through various action plans to save energy, to keep the surroundings clean and tidy, to save water, using and supporting more fair-trade products.

Talent fest was also based on these themes to provide fitting platform to stimulate, enhance, reciprocate, and refrain skill sets of our students and to take up a global challenge.

A classroom garden activity was done by the high school students to care for another living thing growing a garden in the classroom taught our students about nutrition, health, and wellness in an experimental way.

## Mary Ward Illam, Mittapalli

Sr. Shradha our Regional superior came here on visitation. She met the sisters, staff, and the co-workers. After meeting the sisters personally, she met us together as a community. In the meeting she stressed the need to have unity within to accomplish the mission effectively.

The school welcomed Sr. Shradha on 2<sup>nd</sup> August with a short program. After the program she met the staff and thanked each one of them for their dedicated service to the school. She also reiterated the importance of our mission over here and improving the standard and strength of the school.



On 4<sup>th</sup> August community took initiative to organize along with our parishioners to celebrate Rev. Fr. Mariadass on the feast of Sr. John Maria Vianney. Sr Japa gave a brief introduction about why we celebrate the feast of parish priests on St. John Vianney. After the mass representatives of different groups, honoured the Parish priest with ponnadai.

Independence Day celebration began with hoisting of the National flag by the Panchayat President Mrs. Chinnathai followed by March past and Mass PT by classes 5 to 10. The President spoke of the importance of becoming a good citizen to serve the nation for a better tomorrow. Ruby house presented a meaningful prayer service where homage was paid to our country. This was followed by house wise competitions in speech, dance, and patriotic song.



Srs. Anjali and Mercy went to Irudayampattu to visit Sr. Auxilia's mother on 2<sup>nd</sup>, she recognized us and also talked a bit. Same day we visited Sr. Flora the sister of Rev.Fr. Bosco. S. J belonging to Patna Jesuit. She is completely paralyzed after her spinal surgery.



On 5<sup>th</sup> September the Teacher's Day, the students expressed their gratitude and appreciated their teachers. Class X students under the guidance of Mrs. Suvitha conducted a meaningful prayer service and class XII students' co-ordinated a very good variety entertainment program.

On 13<sup>th</sup> Sep from the Fire department Uthangarai visited our school and gave a practical demo class to the students, the staff, and the supportive staff on "Fire and Safety".

On 18<sup>th</sup> September the community along with our co-workers went to Irudhayapattu to attend the funeral service of the mother of Sr. Auxilia.

Apart from the variety of learning strategies, we also help the students benefit from exposure to the language outside the classrooms. So, on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep. we celebrated linguistic fest. It communicated to the students the value of learning literature and how it enriches their lives, provides a platform to showcase the linguistic abilities and talents.



The teachers strive for the perfection of the students and work hard throughout the year. In recognition for the dedicated service to the school we gave an opportunity to go on a picnic to unwind and get rejuvenated. The staff picnic, which is a beloved tradition here, is a very important annual ritual that is well organized with planned activities. This helped the teachers to interact and bond with each other in an informal setting which is an important part of a well-rounded staff appreciation program.



A farewell is an excellent opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation of our co-workers' contribution to the school. We thanked Mr.Thozhan for his commitment and hardwork from the inception of MaryWard Matric.Hr.Sec.School to the thriving and vibrant campus today. We ensure Mr.Thozhan a tremendous debt of gratitude. The school bid farewell to him on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.



Cultural activities provide the students to express themselves, build confidence and develop social skills that are essential for their development and its important to consider them as a crucial part of the education. On 30<sup>th</sup> September we witnessed a tough competition among the participant as each victory would add to their house points.

On 30<sup>th</sup> September Class 7 under the guidance Miss Nivedha and Sr. Mercy conducted a meaningful prayer service with the theme 'Gratitude' wherein they thanked GOD for all the blessings God has bestowed on the school, staff, and students.

## Mary Ward Sadan, Puthenvelikara

We are committed to making a positive impact on the lives of those around us. In recent times, we have been engaged in various activities and events that reflect our dedication to service, education, and fostering a sense of community.

**Visit to Snehatheeram, A Home for Mentally Challenged Children:** Sr. Susan, accompanied by our parishioners, recently visited the Snehatheeram, a home for mentally challenged people. During their visit, they served lunch to them and spent quality time engaging in heartfelt conversations with them, spreading love and compassion.



She also visited an old-age home Snehalya in Vadakkumpuram and an orphanage in Malavana, continuing her mission of extending care and support to those in need. Srs. Georgia and Amala, in the company of three of our parishioners, visited Anugraha Sadan an institution for the victims of cerebral palsy and multiple handicaps and provided lunch for them.



**Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross:** Leading up to the celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, we observed a series of Novena Masses on Fridays, preparing our hearts and spirits for this significant occasion. On 12<sup>th</sup> Holy Cross flag was hoisted and the procession in honour of the Holy Cross proceeded the next day. Solemn Eucharistic celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> September followed by a dinner.

**Reading Day** was recently celebrated at our school with a special assembly dedicated to promoting the significance of reading among our students. The event aimed to foster a culture of literacy within our school community.

**Christeen Retreat:** A retreat was organized for students of grades 5-10, led by Bro. Joshy Joseph, Karukuty, and team. The retreat was highly beneficial for the students, providing them with valuable insights and experiences.

**Anti-Drug Day and Pre-KG Classroom and LED panel Inauguration:** On July 10th, our school observed Anti-Drug Day, coinciding with the grand inauguration of our Pre-KG classrooms and LED Interactive Panel



Boards. The event was graced by the presence of our Member of Parliament, Adv. Hibi Eden, who presided over the inauguration and delivered an inspiring message to the students. He emphasized the importance of the ICSE school syllabus, and the knowledge students receive here.

**Teachers' day celebration:** We celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm. We had the privilege of inviting Mrs. Rosy, our retired teacher, to join us for the program. Students expressed their heartfelt appreciation

for the teachers' dedicated and selfless service. Thereafter we had a delicious meal.

**Inter School Competitions:** Some of our enthusiastic students participated in a competition at St. Thomas School, Ayroor as part of their Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Aqina from Class IX secured the first place in the painting competition, while Nashitha and Tiya from Class VII won second place in the quiz competition.

**Independence Day Celebrations:** On Independence Day, Sr. Vidya, the principal hoisted the national Flag and delivered an inspiring message. The Mary Ward House organized a captivating assembly centered around the theme of Independence. The day featured a variety of competitions, including fancy dress, patriotic song, the National Anthem, and speeches on "Nation First, Always First."

**Success at ICSE Zonal Level :** A team of students participated in the basketball and cultural fest at the ICSE zonal level. The basketball team secured third place, and Noel from Class VII has been selected to compete at the state level.



**Onam Celebrations:** The school celebrated Onam. Our Panchayat president Mrs. Rosy Joshy was the chief guest. The Onam assembly was skilfully organized by Gandhi House. We had competitions including Malayali Manka, Athapoo (flower rangoli), Kodam Thallal (breaking the pot), tug-of-war, and a portrayal of King Mahabali (Maveli). A delicious Onam Sadya was enjoyed by all. PTA members helped to serve the food.

**Picnic at Silver Storm Athirapalli:** Students from Kindergarten to Class IV had a picnic at Silver Storm Athirapalli. Everyone had a good and enjoyable time and returned with happy memories.





## Mary Ward Convent and Nirmala Public School, Pizhaku.

Month of July began with the celebration of St. Thomas day with a meaningful and inspiring prayer service by our students depicting the life of the saint through dance, songs, and video presentation, after which we had the prize distribution of this academic year. Our students were excited to receive the prizes. We also put up a score board to evaluate the daily improvements of our students by giving them award for their houses for any special achievements.

Srs. Lucia, Carina and Deepti visited Sr. Damian's bedridden father and spent some time with the family.

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** A mega event of month July was the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Sr. Carina. The school had a grand celebration with a prayer service, felicitation and high tea for the teachers. It was a colourful day with singing and dancing. In the evening we had Holy Mass offered by Rev. Fr. Sobin, the grandnephew of Sr. Carina. The sisters from CMC and SH convents, priests



from CSSR and OCD communities and parish priests of our parish and Manathur parish joined us for Holy Mass and supper.



Our parish was allotted Holy Mass, novena prayers and Rosary procession of 29<sup>th</sup> July at St. Alphonsa' Church, Bharanagam. All of us joined our parishioners who came in large numbers. We also celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius in a meaningful manner.



Choral recitation was

conducted for the entire school with the theme of the year '**save water, save life**'. Children used a lot of creativity to convey the message to save water for future. The outstanding performance was awarded with a trophy.

Mr. Kurian, our dear bus school driver was given a farewell on 24<sup>th</sup> July. He retired from his service after 13 long years of dedicated service. The school arranged a programme and students sang a beautiful and inspiring song to say goodbye to their dear driver uncle. He was surprised and happy.



All of us joined Sr. Margret Mary in her golden jubilee celebrations at Mary Land Church. The school had a day of competitions for story and poem writing in English and Malayalam with a topic given on the spot. Children wrote excellent stories and poems.



We had 3 days of celebrations for the Independence Day beginning with competitions for KG section followed by primary and the high school the next day and then the culmination of it on 15<sup>th</sup> August with flag hoisting by the eldest member of the campus, Sr. Carina. Students used a lot of creativity to show reverence to our national flag and to instil patriotism in one another.

**Onam:**

Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala was celebrated with lots of enjoyment in our school on 25<sup>th</sup> August. House wise floral decoration was the masterpiece of the day. After an enjoyable programme, spirit filled group wise competitions were conducted, the outstanding competition was the tug of war and the celebration came to an end with a sumptuous onam lunch for the entire school with our parish priest. Then we began the Onam holidays for 10 days.



We had the Onam celebration in our convent on 29<sup>th</sup> August. Our cook was on leave. So, all of us and Srs. Prisca and Tina who were with us, had good time of fun in cutting the vegetables, cooking the



various Onam Sadhya items.

We took part in all the Ward prayers and visited some families on other days. All of us attended the housewarming ceremony of Mrs. Valsa, our supportive staff. She was overjoyed at the fulfilment of her long-cherished dream.



Teachers' day was the high light of the month of September. Our student council members took initiative to prepare a special day for our teachers. All the teachers lit the floating candles to inaugurate the day.



Master Jake Shanty took part in the CISCE national chess tournament and won the championship for our school.

Our cultural fest **NPS SYMPHONY 2023** was inaugurated by our national chess champion from class 6. An opening ceremony was conducted by JPIC club depicting the culture of our country while the principal Sr. Suchita announced the cultural fest open and students of all the classes participated actively in all the competitions from 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> September. Competitions were held on 8 stages. Stage managers, event managers, judges, cultural committee members, student volunteers and teachers all

managed everything systematically. The planning and arrangements of the cultural committee was appreciated by all in the campus.

On 25<sup>th</sup> September our little ones of Pre KG and KG sections had a day of outing in a close by farm at Needoor. Students enjoyed to the maximum. Classes 1 to 6 enjoyed a tour to Ernakulam, Marine drive, Mattancherry and Kochi.



### St. Mary's Convent, Alakode

Sr. Thomasina was awarded with a merit certificate for advanced self-study program for catechism teachers (ASPCT). She stood first in Alakode Forane Church. For the spiritual enrichment of our sisters' monthly recollections are arranged and on the same day we have the whole day of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament specially for vocations to our Region.

To inculcate creative thinking, and to improve communication skills in students school conducted literary competitions such as Essay writing, short stories and versification in English, Malayalam, and Hindi. Competitions were held to bring out their innate qualities and talents. A good number of students participated in the cultural fest which was conducted in the school. Items like mimicry, mono-act, recitation, folk dance, mime, Bharatanatyam etc were part of the competitions. We could see a good competition spirit among the children.



Hiroshima day was observed in the school on 7<sup>th</sup> August to spread awareness of the horrific effects of the atom bomb blasts and to promote peace and non- violence. As part of the Hiroshima Day program Social Science club organized a quiz competition.

This year being the International Year of Millets Science Club students put up millets show. Class 12 students also exhibited cooked food which was out of millets.

We had the Independence Day celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> August. As part of the celebration, we had a small prayer service where we remembered our martyrs who sacrificed their life for the freedom of our country. Theme based fancy dress competitions for K G; for others house-wise patriotic song and tableau were conducted. On 15<sup>th</sup> August we had the flag hoisting ceremony. Students and teachers close to our school participated in the celebration.



Children participated in Kannur Sahodya competitions this year too, in the competitions like badminton, various quiz



competitions, literary competitions, drawing competitions etc. and won many prizes for the school. Our teachers attended many trainings program arranged by C B S E Board as well as Kannur Sahodya. Topics like Happy Classroom, Effective way of teaching, Preparation of Teaching Learning Material etc. enabled our teachers to be effective in their teaching method.

**Onam :** This year we made our Onam celebration more colourful by giving Onasadya to every student. Students came to school in Kerala Traditional dress. As part of the celebration, we had competitions like tug of war, Uri adi (breaking the pot), musical chair, appam kadi, Bombing the city. The highlight of the celebration was Onasadya and the Mega Thiruvathira.

This celebration has brought a lot of bonding and togetherness among students as well as teachers. The Onasadya was prepared in the school with a joint effort from the parents, P T A, and teachers. It was great joy to see the beaming faces of our children as they enjoyed the day. It was an unforgettable event for the



students. On 31<sup>st</sup> August our community had a one-day outing to Kannur. It was a time for relaxation and bonding.



The 5<sup>th</sup> of September being the **Teacher's Day** we honoured our teachers and appreciated their hard work and commitment. Our class 11 and captains took initiative in coordinating the program. Many children were on the stage to show their love and respect to their teachers. We had a variety entertainment including games and cultural program. Teachers were provided with gifts and sumptuous lunch.

Science fair organized in the school, engaged the students in learning new facts. It helped them to explore the creative talents and to think outside of the box. It helped to develop a scientific attitude and to promote interest in science and technology. We also organized an Art Craft & Science Exhibition in our school. Classes K G to 6 put up Art and Craft items made by them, and classes 7 to 12 had a Science Fair. This exhibition was a platform for them to put into practice all the theories that they had learned in their classrooms. Students put up items like Natural Aquarium, Robotic Machine, Model of a Chandryan-3 and many more experiments. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. Manoj M.D. a Scientist working in CUSAT (Cochin University of Science and Technology). An Orientation program was given to class X students. The Resource person for the day was Mr. Tijo Mathew. He highlighted the points like peer pressure, exam fear, importance of respecting parents, elders, and teachers etc.

## Jyothir Bhavan Convent, Thuruthipuram

On 2nd July we had a small rally arranged by our parish priest to condole the Manipur tragedy. We all took part in it.

Sr. Theresa along with the students visited the sick persons of the parish to conscientize them to be aware of the needs to help the poor and needy. We also visit the families of the parish especially the sick and old and pray with them on a regular basis. Faith formation students had the classes on the



topic of drug abuse and its destructive effect on the individuals, family and the society. Police personals from the excise department were called to instruct them. They helped them understand the need to be cautious about their friends and such circles, also the need to remain open to teachers and parents in case they get into any troubles with a lot of examples from their day today experience of working in the excise department especially the teenagers.

## St. Mary's Convent High School, Mulund

This year Heal the world being the theme of the year, all the activities of the school are directed towards it.

Fancy dress, elocution, recitation, drawing, art and craft competitions were conducted based on the themes heal the environment, heal the society from social evils like gender discrimination, child labour, religious intolerance Human trafficking etc.



Investiture ceremony of both primary and secondary sections was held to instil a sense of responsibility and commitment among the entire student body.

'Nirbhaya Pathak', a unit of Mumbai police visited the school and gave a seminar to our students on Cybercrime and good touch - bad touch. Girls were made aware of the safety measures they need to take.



Along with curricular and extracurricular activities, counselling sessions are also being



conducted for students as well as for the parents of secondary section by 'Prarfulta'. Sr. Shradha our Regional Superior was welcomed by the students and the staff on her first official visit, with a meaningful prayer service and an entertainment programme.

Independence Day was celebrated with many activities for the whole week. Under ‘Meri Mitti – Mera Desh’ Abhiyan, we took oath with mud to be faithful with the mother earth and to protect the country and planted trees. ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ was marked by hoisting the flag in school. A day was observed as ‘Viron Ka Vandan’ where students paid their tribute to the National Heroes for the contribution made by them for the freedom of our country. Prayer service and other patriotic programmes were conducted along with different competitions.



On the open day secondary students had their tree plantation drive in which students, teachers and parents participated.

Our Primary as well as secondary students won many prizes in various Interschool competitions organised by T ward and other organizations.

Teacher’s day was celebrated in Full Swing by both primary and secondary sections. St. Mary’s Day was celebrated with Prayer service and Cultural programme. Contemporary dance competition was organised for secondary students to mark the same where themes like: Child trafficking - Child Labour, empowerment of women, religious intolerance were dealt with. It was indeed a spectacular performance.



One of our Secondary teachers Mrs. Anita Prakash retired after 25 years of committed service.



The month ended with much awaited picnic of primary section to KidZania and of Secondary to Imagica amusement park which the students enjoyed to the maximum.

### **St. Mary’s ICSE School, Mumbai**

St. Mary’s ICSE school gave a warm welcome to our new Regional Superior Sr. Shradha.



Students were given Dental hygiene workshop by Dr. Sejal Samson who is one of our ex-students from St. Mary’s state board.

These months were coloured with various activities, competitions, various skill training programmes like sports, music, abacus, and dance along with the academics.

