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Dear Students,

This month we celebrated the life of a great man — **the Father of our Nation**, whose message still challenges and inspires the modern world. When small children come for interviews in my office, I often point to a portrait of **Mahatma Gandhi** and ask, “Who is he?” With a bright smile, they answer, “*Mahatma Gandhi!*” — and in that moment, I am reminded that his spirit still lives in the hearts of the young.

It is our duty to **pass on the legacy of his life** — a legacy of truth, simplicity, non-violence, and courage — to the generations that follow. As part of the Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations, we organized a **Khadi Exhibition** by the *Khadi Board of the Government of India*. It was an opportunity for you to learn about khadi — not just as a fabric, but as a **symbol of freedom and self-reliance**, deeply woven into the story of our independence.

This month also witnessed your **scientific curiosity** and creativity through the **Arts and Science Exhibition**, inaugurated by *Dr. E. K. Kutty*, former ISRO Director. I was genuinely impressed by the number of innovative projects you presented — each one a spark of imagination and inquiry. Remember, **science begins with curiosity** — the courage to ask “why” and “how.” The father of Artificial Intelligence, Alan Turing, spoke about machines that could think — as early as 1940. Many at that time dismissed his idea as mere imagination. Yet today, that very imagination has become the foundation of the world we live in. So, never stop imagining, never stop questioning, for today's curiosity becomes tomorrow's discovery.

You also got a chance to explore new places, cultures, and cuisines during your **class tours**. Learning does not end within the four walls of a classroom — it expands with every experience and encounter. I was delighted to see the joy on the faces of our little ones at the **Pet Park**, watching animals with wonder and affection. These moments remind us that we are not separate from nature — we are **a part of it**. When we admire nature's beauty, we also accept the sacred duty to protect and nurture it.

Our **Sports Day** was yet another celebration of your energy, enthusiasm, and spirit. You ran with passion, leapt with purpose, and shone with pride. Yet, I also wish to remind you — true sportsmanship lies not only in victory, but in **team spirit**, discipline, and the joy of belonging to your house and school. Let this sense of unity and pride reflect in everything you do — especially in your march past, your competitions, and your daily interactions.

Now, as you prepare for the **Annual Day**, remember to give your very best — not for applause, not for recognition, but because **excellence is the reward of sincere effort**.

Whatever you do, **do it with all your heart**, for greatness is born not from talent alone, but from **dedication, humility, and perseverance**.

“Work hard in silence; let your success make the noise.”

— Frank Ocean

Principal
Fr Roy Alex SJ



LOYNOVA-2025

A Celebration of Creativity and Curiosity



Sheeja Praveen



The Arts and Science Exhibition held at our school this month was a wonderful celebration of innovation, curiosity, and scientific spirit. The event provided students with a valuable opportunity to explore, create, and present their ideas through models, experiments, and visual displays. It was indeed a joyful and enriching learning experience for everyone involved.



The exhibition, LoyNova, was inaugurated by our respected Chief Guest, Dr. E. K. Kutty, former Director of ISRO, whose inspiring words motivated all young minds to think creatively and pursue science with passion and purpose. We are truly grateful to our Chief Guest for taking time to encourage our students and appreciate their efforts. It was also a proud moment for our student, Abhiram Allapurath, who had the privilege of interacting with Dr. Akira Yoshino at NIT Calicut.



Students from Grades 1 to 10 actively participated and displayed a wide range of working and still models, along with beautifully prepared charts and exhibits. The themes included renewable energy, pollution control, water conservation, space exploration, agriculture, the importance of language, and innovations for a sustainable future. The working models drew special attention as they demonstrated real-life applications of scientific principles in simple yet effective ways.



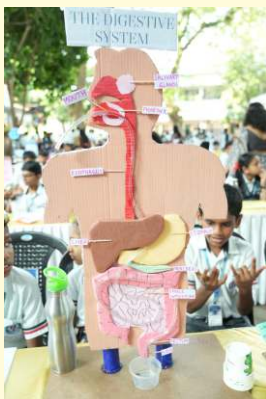
The arrangement and organization of the event were excellent. Each class had a designated space to display their projects, ensuring that visitors could easily walk through and interact with the young scientists. Teachers guided the students with great dedication, while the children confidently explained their models and answered questions with enthusiasm and clarity.



The exhibition truly reflected the teamwork, creativity, and collaborative spirit of our students and teachers. It was heartwarming to witness the imagination and originality that each participant brought to their project. Parents and visitors appreciated the sincere efforts put in by the students and commended the school for providing such a meaningful platform for experiential learning.

We extend our sincere thanks to our beloved Principal, who constantly encourages and supports such initiatives that promote hands-on learning and innovation. The exhibition not only enhanced students' scientific knowledge but also strengthened their confidence, communication skills, and sense of responsibility toward the environment and society.

In short, the Arts and Science Exhibition – LoyNova 2025 was a grand success — a perfect blend of learning, creativity, and teamwork. It reminded everyone that science is not just about experiments in a lab but a way of understanding and improving the world around us.





Stride for Glory: Sports Day 2025

The Annual Sports Day 2025 was a resounding success, celebrated with unparalleled zeal and excitement on October 31st and November 1st, 2025. The event began with a dazzling March Past, led by the School Council, followed by the four houses - Arrupe, Arnos, Britto and Faber marching in perfect synchrony and discipline. The synchronized steps, vibrant flags and palpable house spirit created a breathtaking spectacle on the school ground.

A proud moment ensued as national players from our school lit the athletic torch, symbolizing the eternal flame of sportsmanship, determination, and unity. The School Leader, Kum. Arundathi V. Kishore accompanied by the four House Captains, Master

Devaj.V, Master Aidit Biswas, Master Ahamed Zimrin and Master Aniketh K.K formally handed over the School Flag to the General Captain, Master Dion Denny Mathew who administered the oath, further emphasizing the spirit of sportsmanship and commitment among the participants. The lighting of the torch marked the official commencement of the grand event.

The ceremony was inaugurated by the esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. Biby Thomas M, a renowned football coach and former national player, who inspired the gathering with his motivational words on dedication, teamwork, and perseverance. Over the two-day extravaganza, young athletes participated with unbridled enthusiasm in various track and field events, including thrilling sprints, jumps, and relays. The electric energy and sportsmanship on display

reflected the students' tireless efforts and commitment to excellence. Arrupe House emerged as the overall champions, while Faber House proudly secured the runners-up position. The event concluded with thunderous applause, beaming smiles, and a renewed sense of unity, marking yet another unforgettable Sports Day.



Individual champions



Overall champions - Arrupe House



Runners Up - Faber House....

A Beautiful Mind is Better Than a Fair Complexion



Anik Hadi VP
VI A



Someone has rightly said, “Beauty isn’t about having a pretty face; it’s about having a pretty mind, a kind heart, and a beautiful soul.”

Yet, even today, many people focus more on outer appearance than on inner qualities. In India, it is disheartening to see that some still reject a girl for marriage simply because of her dark complexion. When we read matrimonial advertisements, it’s sad to notice how often “fair complexion” is listed as a preference. The same bias is sometimes seen even in job selections, where fair-skinned candidates are favored.

The booming market for fairness creams also reflects this obsession with fair skin. Ironically, in many Western countries, people spend money trying to get a tanned look

The Festival of Lights and Joy *Diwali*



Devdarsh D
Class VI B

Diwali is the festival of light, joy, and happiness. It is celebrated on the new moon day of the Kartika month, usually in October or November. Across India, Diwali is observed with great excitement, splendour, and devotion.

This festival marks the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after fourteen years of exile and his victory over the demon king Ravana. To welcome him, the people of Ayodhya lit rows of clay lamps — diyas — that illuminated the entire kingdom. Since then, Diwali has been celebrated every year to signify the victory of light over darkness, and good over evil.

People begin their preparations well in advance. Homes are cleaned and decorated with flowers, diyas, and colourful rangolis. On Diwali night, the glow of countless lamps fills the streets with warmth and beauty. Children burst crackers, families wear new clothes, and neighbours exchange sweets and greetings.

On this day, Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi are worshipped for wisdom and prosperity. Markets are filled with festive cheer, and Dhanteras brings joy as people shop for gifts and gold. Schools remain closed, giving everyone time to celebrate with their families.

Diwali truly brings happiness, love, unity, and brotherhood to everyone. It reminds us that even a single light can chase away the darkness — and that love and goodness will always triumph in the end.



Audwin Eugene
Class VI B



Mahatma Gandhi

The Father of Our Nation

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born on 2nd October 1869 in Porbandar, Gujarat.

His parents, Karamchand and Putlibai Gandhi, had four children — three sons and a daughter — of whom Mohandas was the youngest. His family called him Mohania, a shortened version of his name. Later, he was given the name Mahatma, which means “Great Soul.”

His wife’s name was Kasturba Makanji, and they had four children — Harilal, Manilal, Ramdas, and Devdas. Mohandas enrolled at the Inner Temple, one of the four law colleges in London. He studied French, Latin, Physics, and Law. In June 1891, he passed his final exam and became a lawyer. Then, he got a job as a lawyer in South Africa, where he spent 21 years. Many Indians had gone to South Africa to work as laborers. They were treated and paid very badly and had very few basic rights. So, he formed the National Indian Congress in 1894 for the equal rights of Indians.

From his early days in South Africa, Mohandas championed the cause of people who were poor and downtrodden. These included the Indian workers in South Africa and the untouchables back home in India. He himself thought of everyone as equal, regardless of the color of their skin or their religion.

One of his greatest qualities was to inspire others by his example. He always practiced what he preached, even if this meant regular trips to jail. His curious mind picked up ideas from many different traditions. Together, these were shaped into his belief in Satyagraha, or non-violent protest. It became a very powerful weapon in the fight for Indian independence.

In 1947, India got freedom. Then, on January 30th, 1948, Gandhiji died — but still, he continues to inspire people all over the world.

Living Gandhi's Way: A Tribute to Truth and Non-Violence



Aambal K. T.
Class VI A

Every year, on October 2nd, India celebrates the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our Nation. However, Gandhi Jayanthi is not merely a birthday celebration — it is a day of reflection, gratitude, and renewal of our commitment to the principles of truth, peace, simplicity, and non-violence that he lived by.

Gandhi Jayanthi was officially declared a national holiday soon after India gained independence. It is also celebrated worldwide as the International Day of Non-Violence, as declared by the United Nations in 2007, acknowledging Gandhiji's universal influence on movements for civil rights and freedom across continents.

On this day, citizens of India unite beyond religion, region, and class to honour a man who led the nation to independence through the path of Ahimsa (non-violence) and Satyagraha (truth-force). Gandhiji dedicated his life to truth and humanity. Trained as a lawyer, he discovered his moral calling in South Africa, where he fought racial discrimination through peaceful means.

Back in India, Gandhiji led transformative movements such as the Non-Cooperation Movement (1920), the Civil Disobedience Movement (1930), and the Quit India Movement (1942). Through these, he proved that courage and moral conviction can be stronger than violence and power.

Mahatma Gandhi also taught us that "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Though decades have passed since India gained its independence, Gandhiji's message remains profoundly relevant even today. In an age marked by conflict, environmental crisis, and inequality, his emphasis on truth, tolerance, and sustainability offers timeless guidance for all humanity.



Eira Aleen
VI A

Time is one of the most precious gifts we have — once lost, it can never be regained. Every second offers us a new opportunity to learn, play, or lend a helping hand to others. But when we waste time, we lose chances that may never return.

For example, finishing our homework on time allows us to enjoy other moments of joy — reading a good book, playing with friends, or spending time with family. When we plan our day well, we stay organized, achieve our goals, and make our lives more meaningful.

By valuing time, we make every moment count and move closer to a brighter, happier future.

MY NATURE



ALAINA S
VI C

The wind is talking to the trees,
It whispers secrets in the breeze
The river sings a splashy song,
It likes to dance and move along

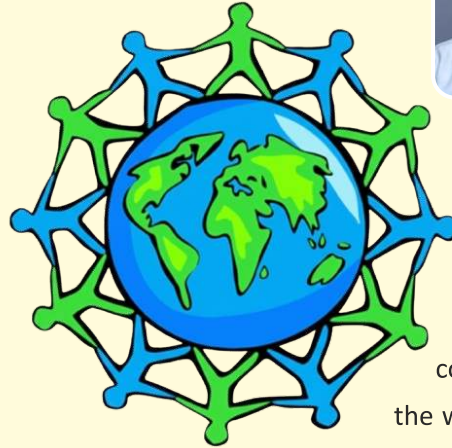
The mountain stand up big and tall
They watch the cloud go beyond all,
The flowers open to say hi,
Their colors bright beneath the sky.

I love the world, it feels like home
With grass and bugs and fields to roam
Nature is my friend each day,
It smiles at me in its own way....

THE LAST MESSAGE ON EARTH



Abdullah Shoukath
VI A



Elio was sitting in a corner wondering when will the world end. suddenly a letter slid through the door. It told him to type

a code on his computer. After he typed the code, he saw somebody wearing a mask. He told Elio that the world will end on January 1st 2026. Elio was confused for a second and then realized it was the next year and he freaked out. The person told there was a way to change it. He had to find the sun drop disk which is an ancient relic. Elio had to point it towards the moon. In the end it told if he needed help, he needs to look under the cupboard when Elio looked under, he saw a slip. When he opened it, a key fell out and he noticed that it fit into the slot in the door under his wardrobe. After he opened the door, he saw the relic but a piece was missing. There was a note. It said that if he wanted to find it, he would have to look outside. It also said that there will be a concrete slab. when he moves it, he will find a keyhole. He must open it to find the other place.

He ran outside and pushed the concrete slab and opened it and found the piece. when Elio put it together nothing happened. At night he pointed it towards the moon. A dragon came out of the relic. It asked him why was he summoned Elio said that he wanted the dragon to postponed the end of the world. The dragon saw the shimmer in his eyes. The dragon agreed and said he would postpone it. then suddenly Elio fell asleep. When he woke up, he thanked the dragon. nobody still knows when the world will end.

Whispers of the Hills

Our Unforgettable Ooty Trip



Arjunan Anodiyo
VI C

Our school excursion to Ooty was one of the most memorable experiences of my life. We, the 6th std students began our journey by bus on 6th October at around 8:30 p.m., filled with excitement, laughter, and songs. The cool night breeze and the winding mountain roads added to the thrill of our adventure.

We reached Ooty by 3:00 a.m., checked into our rooms, and rested for a while. The next morning, our first visit was to the Tea and Chocolate Factory. There, we saw how tea leaves were processed and chocolates were made. The aroma that filled the air was simply delightful! We also bought packets of fresh tea powder and handmade chocolates to take home as souvenirs.

Later, we visited the famous Ooty Lake, where we enjoyed a joyful ride on the toy train and took part in some fun adventure activities. Our guide told us that several movie scenes had been filmed on that very train route — and that made the ride even more exciting!

Next, we went to the Karnataka Garden, which was a paradise of colourful flowers and lush greenery. For safety, our teachers divided us into groups, and we moved around exploring the beauty of nature.

As the sun set, we gathered around a warm, glowing campfire. We sang, danced, and shared stories under the starlit sky — it was the most magical moment of the trip!

After dinner, we boarded the bus for our return journey. We reached back at 2:15 a.m. on 8th October, tired yet happy, with hearts full of joy and memories that will last a lifetime.



Congratulations

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Ishaan J. VI A
3rd prize in Malayalam Elocution
(Category 3)



Samara Pierre Michael Class 4B
1st prize in English Recitation
(Category 3)



Emmanuel Paul Jobby Class 4C
1st prize in Western Music (Boys),
Category 3



Vedhika Vivid E Class V A
A+ grade in Folk Dance,
Category 3



Aadi Nandan T. M. Class VIII
1st prize in Classical Vocal (Carnatic)
Boys, Category 4



Anusha Praveen Class V A
A grade in English Recitation
(Category 3)



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Silver Medal
Kyorugi category kiddles under 30 kg
Bronze medal
in poomsae held at kottayam



Insha Ziya P Class VII B
A grade in Malayalam Recitation
(Category 4)



Rishikesh M. S. Class X B
Malayalam Extempore
(Category 5)



Anvi Krishna Class 10 A
A Grade in English Recitation
(Category 5)



Category 3 Group Song
A Grade State Zonal