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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students,

What makes us truly happy?

If you ask this simple question to a parent or a teacher, the answer comes with a warm smile: "We are happiest when our children do well—both in academics and in every activity that shapes their character and confidence." This joy was alive and vibrant throughout the month of November at Loyola.

November unfolded like a colourful tapestry of learning, celebration, and collaboration. The month began with the JEA School Teachers' Gathering, a momentous occasion where educators from various Jesuit institutions came together to share insights, exchange ideas, and strengthen bonds. It was a reminder that teachers are lifelong learners, constantly renewing their spirit so they can inspire their students with greater depth and dedication.

Then came the Children's Day celebrations—a day when the entire campus echoed with laughter, innocence, and pure joy. Our students lit up the school with their bright smiles and vibrant performances, while our teachers made the day truly unforgettable. From the morning prayer to the national anthem in the evening, they led every activity with love and creativity. A spectacular special assembly, delightful programmes, energetic flash mobs, cheerful cartoon characters, and even the teachers' own school band filled the day with magic and wonder.

As the month progressed, every corner of the school buzzed with preparations for the Annual Day. From early morning rehearsals to late-afternoon fine-tuning, students and teachers poured their hearts into giving their best. And on the 28th of November, the school campus came alive as a cheerful, enthusiastic, joy-filled audience witnessed the grand celebration. Each performance—whether dance, drama, music, or speech—reflected the dedication, teamwork, and talent of our Loyola family. The successful culmination of the programme was not just an event; it was a celebration of our collective spirit.

Now, as we stand at the threshold of December, another important responsibility awaits our students—the Second Terminal Examinations. Celebrations enrich us, but discipline, focus, and hard work elevate us. Let us now channel the same enthusiasm, the same commitment, and the same joyful energy into our studies. Every child has the potential to shine brilliantly—both on stage and in the classroom.

As you prepare, remember this simple truth:

"Success is not the result of one loud celebration, but of many quiet hours of preparation."

May this wisdom guide you in the days ahead. Study well, stay focused, and keep moving confidently toward your dreams.

Principal
Fr Roy Alex SJ

Kerala Piravi: Celebrating God's Own Country



Niyati
V-A

Kerala Piravi is celebrated on November 1st to honour the historic moment in 1956 when the Malayalam-speaking regions came together to form the culturally rich and breathtakingly beautiful state of Kerala. Kerala is lovingly known as "God's Own Country."

On this special day, people across Kerala proudly celebrate their unique traditions, vibrant festivals, classical art forms, and the deep sense of unity that binds the state together. Kerala Piravi reminds us of the state's remarkable journey—from its formation to becoming a land known for literacy, harmony, natural beauty, and progressive values.

The day inspires every Malayali to cherish their mother tongue, protect their cultural roots, and contribute to the continued growth and prosperity of Kerala.

A Silver Medal and a Golden Lesson

I am Fathima Mariyam from Class V, Loyola School. The day I competed in the District-level Roller Skating Championship at the Calicut Sports Complex was truly a wonderful experience in my life. I felt a mix of nervousness and excitement as I stepped onto the rink, but the cheers from my friends sparked a fire inside me. Skating with all my heart, I could hear the rhythm of my wheels and the beat of my determination.

When I earned 2nd place and received a shining silver medal, I felt proud and grateful. Holding it up, I realized that every early-morning practice had led me to this moment. My coach's words, "Hard work always wins," still echo in my mind.

This unforgettable moment taught me that sport is about spirit—being humble in victory, gracious in defeat, and always giving your best. It also reminded me of the importance of balancing



Fathima Mariyam
V B



studies with extracurricular activities. Skating keeps me fit, boosts my confidence, and helps me manage my time better. Through practice, I learn discipline, teamwork, and perseverance—qualities that help me in my classroom performance too.

I encourage every student to try a sport or hobby. Whether it is skating, drawing, music, or dance, it adds joy to your life, helps you stay focused, and inspires others along the way.



November 14th was a very special day for all of us, as it is both Children's Day and the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. We celebrated it with great joy and excitement. The programme began with a power-packed mimicry performance by our former student, and even our supporting staff and office staff surprised us by dancing wonderfully.



Anusha Praveen
V-A

One of the most exciting things about the day was seeing everyone in colourful clothes. A delicious piece of cake was given to all of us, and our teachers performed many fun and unique activities for our enjoyment. The whole school was beautifully decorated, and colourful balloons—pink, green, yellow, and many more—floated around the campus, making everything look festive and bright.

Every moment felt magical. We enjoyed the day so much that I felt it was the happiest day of my life. It was truly ethereal.

In conclusion, this Children's Day was filled with joy, colours, and beautiful memories. From the decorations to the performances, every moment felt special, and it became a day I will never forget. I hope that next year's celebration will be just as joyful, exciting, and unforgettable.



FOSTERING FELLOWSHIP: JEA NORTH ZONE MEETING UNITES JESUIT SCHOOLS



Ms Nisha Sujesh



Loyola School, Kozhikode proudly hosted the JEA Northzone Meeting on Saturday, November 8th, bringing together staff members from four distinguished Jesuit institutions. The gathering strengthened camaraderie and collaboration among the teams of Loyola School Kozhikode, St. Joseph's Boys' HSS Kozhikode, St. Michael's HSS Kannur, and Sarvodaya School Wayanad. A total of 270 dedicated staff members participated enthusiastically in the event.

The host school extended a warm and traditional welcome to all visiting delegates, complete with formal bouquets and a spirited performance by the school band, setting a tone of hospitality and joy for the day.

The official function began promptly at 10:00 a.m. with an invocation, followed by the formal proceedings. Fr. Roy Alex, JEA Secretary and Principal of Loyola School, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of shared Jesuit educational values. The School Manager, Fr. Pious Vachaparambil, delivered the inaugural address, inspiring the staff to continue their vital mission of shaping the next generation. The Heads of the visiting schools also offered their felicitations, reinforcing the unity of the Jesuit educational family.

A motivating session on adolescence, led by renowned resource person Mr. Moncy Varghese, focused on "Discovering Practical Insights into Understanding Today's Adolescents." The session equipped staff with valuable tools and strategies to better navigate the complexities of modern student life.

A delicious and elaborate lunch followed, offering ample opportunity for informal networking and meaningful conversations among the staff. The afternoon transitioned into a vibrant cultural exchange, with staff from the participating schools showcasing their talents through diverse performances that added color and joy to the occasion.

The JEA Northzone Meeting concluded on a high note, leaving participants with cherished memories and strengthened professional bonds. The collaboration reaffirmed the shared mission and commitment to educational excellence across the Northzone.





A Forest in the City: The Miyawaki Wonder



Haya Fathima
V-C

A Miyawaki forest is a method of creating dense, multi-layered, and biodiverse mini-forests in a short period of time, even in urban areas. This method was developed by the Japanese botanist Dr. Akira Miyawaki.

Do you know that there is a Miyawaki forest near us? It is located at Kozhikode Beach. This method is very effective because it follows natural reforestation processes. The trees planted using this technique grow much faster than those in conventional forests.

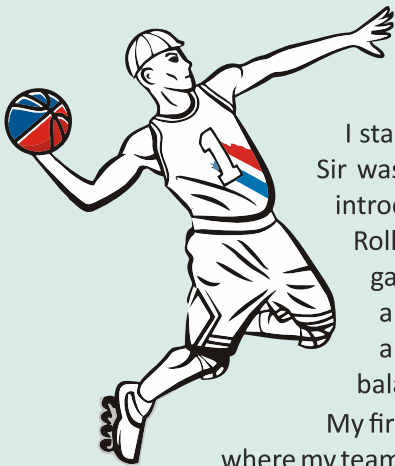
The key principle of the Miyawaki method is to use native tree species—plants that naturally grow in that region. These species support each other and form a rich, multi-layered forest community. By planting three to five saplings per square meter and selecting at least 20 to 50 different native species, strong competition for sunlight is created, encouraging the trees to grow upward quickly.

ADVANTAGES

1. Helps restore ecological balance and prevents soil erosion.
2. Enables carbon sequestration even in small urban spaces.
3. Improves air quality.
4. Increases soil organic matter over time and enriches the soil ecosystem.
5. Grows nearly ten times faster than a conventional forest.
6. Requires low maintenance after the initial years.

DISADVANTAGES

1. High initial cost.
2. Requires significant watering, weeding, and pruning during the first 1–2 years.
3. High planting density may increase the risk of pests and diseases, requiring careful monitoring.



Rolling Towards My Dreams

I started skating when I was in Class II, and Divesh Sir was my coach. Seeing my interest and skills, he introduced me to Roll Ball and began training me.

Roll Ball is not easy—it is a fast and challenging game that combines speed skating, handball, and basketball. I have fallen countless times, and it took me more than a year to learn how to balance and control my speed in skate shoes.

My first state-level match was in Trivandrum in 2023, where my team secured third place. In 2024, we improved and won second place. This motivated me to work even harder. I attended regular coaching sessions, and my coaches, Divesh Sir and Deekshith Sir, supported me and taught me a lot.

In 2025, at the district-level Roll Ball Championship held in Kozhikode, our team won the gold medal. The state-level championship was held at SMD Public School, Kollam, where I was appointed the captain of the team. The final match was tough, and although we fought hard, we secured second place.

I was also selected for the South India Mini Roll Ball Championship held at Namakkal on 7th September. Before the tournament, we had a



Muhammed Nabeel K. P.
V-C

two-day camp in Kollam. Players from different districts trained together and learned new techniques. With teamwork and strong guidance from our coach, we won the match.

This year, I also got selected for the National-level Roll Ball Championship. Throughout this journey, my family and coaches have always supported and motivated me.

I feel proud to have represented Kerala. My dream is to represent India in the Olympics one day and make my country proud.

The Magical World of Our School Library



Kesav Nath
V C



My favourite place in our school is the library. I like it very much because it is silent and calm inside. The books arranged in neat stacks look very pleasing to us. There are many types of books in our library, such as comics, horror stories, novels, encyclopaedias, and more.

We can learn something new from every book, but my favourite books are the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. When I read those books in the library, I feel as if I am living in that magical world.

I love my school library because it is a wonderful place where we can grow and learn.

My Sky

I wonder
how the rain is
falling from the sky.
It's just like a crystal
given by the Lord.
It gives happiness.
When I wake up in the morning,
the sun is smiling at me
like all the good things coming to us.



R. Rithuparna
V-A



Ms. Sangeetha Bijoy

Embracing Peace Education: A Transformative Training Experience.

Nowadays, every teacher faces a multitude of challenges and questions from the world. The growing need for technology is not just a matter of personal preference but also a demand that requires teachers to understand the rapid changes in society. However, amidst these overwhelming shifts created by technological advancements in the education system, we are slowly losing the ability to nurture inner peace and harmony in our students.

As a teacher with fifteen years of experience, I have come across many instances through which I feel that Peace is embedded in a student's mind, but it often gets lost in the constant struggle to navigate their robotic, game-driven digital environments. And I have always felt suffocated in such situations. A peace-oriented approach is essential—and I am grateful to be part of a Jesuit School where it has already begun to develop and promote.

On Saturday, the 29th of November, we, the teachers of Loyola School, Kozhikode, attended a special training session organised by the Loyola Institute of Peace and International Relations (LIPI) at Christ Hall, Calicut.

This training programme offers a powerful sense of hope and opportunity, making the vision of peace education in schools truly inspiring.

It was a wonderful experience meeting Ms. Lida Jacob, IAS, whom Fr. Binoy fondly described as "a lady Jesuit." She offered several insightful perspectives on peace education and helped us understand how we can actively practice peace in our schools. She shared practical tips and meaningful ideas on promoting peace within the school community, drawing from real-life situations and her own professional experiences.

I even had the opportunity to speak with her personally, which was truly a thrilling and memorable moment for me.

During the morning session, we had a vibrant discussion on the draft lesson plans for peace education, which was presented by Fr. Binoy in an enthusiastic and engaging manner. His explanations were so clear and inspiring that I immediately felt motivated to try these ideas in my classroom. Although he mentioned that it was

only a preliminary draft, it left me eagerly waiting for the final book.

One of the most admirable aspects of working in a Jesuit institution is the continuous opportunities provided for professional growth through various training programmes and courses. I was especially impressed by the opportunity we received this time to pursue an online course offered by the renowned XLRI. Experiences like these reaffirm that Jesuit education is truly committed to excellence, constantly striving for MAGIS.

The afternoon session was indeed memorable for me, as it focused on various activities that helped us analyse the different challenges teachers face in schools. The discussions were thought-provoking, and the solutions shared touched upon multiple dimensions of school life. Through this session, it became even more evident that peace education is not optional—it is essential for the holistic well-being of both teachers and students.

The programme concluded with an inspiring message from Fr. Binoy, who reminded us that peace begins with every individual. He encouraged us to carry forward the mission by taking the initiative to establish Peace Clubs in our schools. His words served as a powerful reminder that Jesuit education is not just about academic excellence, but about forming compassionate, reflective, and responsible individuals.

Loy Lumina 2025: Illuminating Excellence



Insha Ziya

The Annual Day celebration of our school was conducted with great splendour and excitement, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and concluding at 10:00 p.m. The event started with a warm welcome and a well-presented welcome speech, setting the perfect tone for an evening filled with joy and celebration. As the lights dimmed and the first note of music filled the air, one could sense that it was going to be a night to remember.

Our chief guest, Mr. Subhash Chandran, a highly respected and accomplished literary figure, graced the occasion with his presence. He has received several notable awards and currently serves as the editor of Mathrubhumi Weekly. His inspiring words encouraged students to aim high and pursue excellence. "Dreams begin at the edge of courage," he remarked—a line that stayed with every listener.

Our guest of honour, Master Adwaith M. Sree, a former student of our school, delighted the audience with a captivating guitar performance. His music echoed beautifully across the auditorium and was warmly appreciated by all. It was a proud moment for the school to witness an alumnus shining on our stage again.

The celebration continued with a vibrant showcase of cultural programmes. Students performed energetic dances, engaging dramas, melodious musical pieces, and a variety of creative acts. Each performance reflected dedication, discipline, and creativity. The stage came alive with colours, beats, and emotions—every act telling its own story.

A unique highlight of this year's programme was the remarkable stage management. There were no curtains at all, and not a single moment of gap between one programme and the next. Each item

transitioned seamlessly, keeping the audience completely engaged. This flawless flow not only enhanced the viewing experience but also boosted the self-confidence of every performer, giving a powerful lift to their personality.

Another thoughtful surprise arranged by our Principal was the provision of a live streaming link in every classroom. Each class had access to watch the programme on the Smart Board, ensuring that no student wandered around the campus. Instead, all were joyfully engaged, watching the performances with excitement. We are truly grateful to our Principal for this outstanding creativity and for the genuine love shown towards the children.

All segments of the event were anchored by our students, who managed the stage with great enthusiasm and confidence. Their cheerful presence added charm and continuity to the evening.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, several food stalls were arranged on the school premises, offering delicious snacks that students, parents, and teachers enjoyed throughout the event. The aroma of food, the laughter of children, and the cheerful conversations created a warm and lively ambience.

Overall, the Annual Day 2025 was a grand success. Filled with enthusiasm, talent, and joyful moments, it created lasting memories for everyone. "Some nights sparkle brighter than the stars"—and this was truly one of them. The event beautifully reflected the unity, spirit, and vibrant culture of our school.

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