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THE COTTONIAN POST

SALUTING OUR MENTORS-TEACHERS DAY

The Teachers' Day programme at Cottons was a grand celebration. The programme commenced with the Bible reading and prayer. Felicitation of staff members who had completed 25 years of service by Mr. Md Ahsan (secretary),Mr. Arham Faheem(Treasurer) and Mr Rohit Gupta(committee member) of Old Cottonians Association (OCA) was the next highlight. Junior I students opened the entertainment segment with a special dance performance, followed by a harmonious musical number by Junior II students, who captured the hearts of the audience.





The middle school students then energized the crowd with their vibrant dance, and the Senior School band presented a symphonic performance. The much-anticipated teachers vs. students' football match kicked off with excitement, and by halftime, the students held a surprising 1-0 lead, sparking hope for an upset. However, the second half saw the teachers mount an incredible comeback displaying their tactical prowess, ending the game 5-2 in their favour.

The day emphasized on a powerful message, reminding us of the immense dedication our skilled teachers pour into every aspect of our growth. From resolving minor conflicts to guiding students through life's most perplexing challenges, teachers do it all with grace and expertise. They are the embodiment of wisdom and agents of transformation, shaping society by moulding their students into the future's pillars of success and exemplary citizens.





A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others.

-MUSTAFAL KEMAL





The celebrations continued into the evening . The KCD combined Teachers' Day Celebrations saw all the CSI schools come together to enjoy a joint fellowship in the School Auditorium. The Bishop-in-charge Rt.Rev. Martin C Borgai along with his gracious wife and other dignitaries of the diocese were welcomed by the Principal Mr. Alistair R A Freese. The event saw various schools put up commendable performances infused with creativity and pride. The diocese also recognized the services of the retiring staff for their commitment to the vocation. It was an evening etched into memory for a long time.

SWACHHATA PAKHWADA

Bishop Cotton Boys' School actively participated in Swachhata Pakhwada 2024 with a series of impactful events aimed at promoting cleanliness and hygiene. The Kindergarten section held an interactive session, "Clean and Bright, Feel Just Right!" where students learned handwashing techniques and personal hygiene through engaging activities. The children's participation was commendable, making it a fun and educational event.



Various competitions were also held, including a poster-making contest for Junior I, and Best Out of Waste competitions for Junior II and Middle School. The creative works were exhibited, judged by Principal Mr. Alistair Freese and the Vice Principal, Mr.Anil Dutt, with an emphasis on cleanliness and resourcefulness. A Clean Classroom Drive followed, fostering responsibility and teamwork among students. Throughout these initiatives, Cottons demonstrated its commitment to fostering cleanliness, environmental responsibility, and sustainable practices, making Swachhata Pakhwada a resounding success under the stewardship of Mrs. Elizabeth Angiras, Mrs. Neelika Joel and Mrs. Rita SK.





The school hosted a seminar by Eco-Watch, featuring Dr. Mythri Ramachandra, who spoke about harmful daily toxins and encouraged eco-friendly habits. This seminar, attended by students from grades 9 to 12, inspired many to embrace sustainable living. On 14th September 2024, a cleanliness drive took place, involving 45 students and 20 maintenance staff. They cleaned key areas, including the pavilion and storage spaces, ensuring the school remained organized and neat. This effort was led by the Swachhata Pakhwada Core Team, along with the uniformed services and teachers.





THE RHYTHMIC RHAPSODY

The Rhythmic Rhapsody, held on 14th September 2024, was a lively celebration featuring 284 Upper Kindergarten students, highlighting their creativity and enthusiasm. The children joyfully showcased themes like adventure parks, jungle safaris, cars, teddy bears, beaches, and pets through engaging performances filled with rhyme, rhythm, and movement. The event, graced by Chief Guest Mrs. Michelle Freese and Guest of Honour Mrs. Sujatha Suresh, was a grand success, reflecting the students' imaginations and the school's dedication to fostering holistic growth through art and play. Kudos to the entire KG team led by the coordinators: Mrs. Beula Thavamani and Mrs. Mary Longkumar.







JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZE DAY

One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can save the world.

-Malala Yousafzai







The Junior School Prize Day on August 30, 2024, featured remarkable performances and plays. The Chief guest Vinayaka Joshi, a revered actor and director, distributed Special Awards to students excelling in academics and extracurriculars. The Principal, in his welcome address emphasised on the pivotal role of discipline and perseverance in the lives of the students. He also presented the annual report showcasing the myriad achievements of the academic year 2023-24.

We sincerely thank Mr. T. Jayachandran, Treasurer of BCBS, Mrs. Keren Richards and Reverand Christopher Samuel, for their gracious presence in distributing prizes to our deserving students. Their involvement added great significance to the occasion. Heartfelt congratulations to all the prize winners for their exceptional achievements— your hard work is an inspiration to all of us!

The event included prize distribution, a choir medley, and band performances, including “You Raise Me Up” and “Hall of Fame.” Students also performed the musical “The Enchanted Fairyland,” celebrating childhood stories like Snow White and Pinocchio. With over 350 participants, the event left a lasting impact on parents and students alike. Congratulations to the entire Junior School team led by the coordinators of Junior I and Junior II.

CISCE NATIONAL FOOTBALL CAMPIONSHIP

The Bishop Cotton Boys' School football team participated in the CISCE National Football Championship held in Kottayam, Kerala, showcasing remarkable skill and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. In their first and second match, the team faced a tough challenge against the teams of Maharashtra & Goa.
Despite a valiant effort, they narrowly lost 2-1 in both matches. The team displayed resilience in their second and third matches, battling to a well-deserved 2-2 draw against West Bengal & North East.



Several players stood out for their performances, earning selections for the prestigious School Games Federation of India (SGFI):
1. Galvin Rufus– Selected for the SGFI
2. Thejas N– Selected for the SGFI
3. Philbert Christian – Selected as a standby for the SGFI
Their exceptional efforts have earned them the honor of representing Bishop Cotton Boys' School at the SGFI Football Championship, which will be held in Manipur in December.
A special mention goes to Coach Noah Rosario, whose dedication and guidance have been instrumental in the team's preparation and performance throughout the championship.We extend our best wishes to our boys as they prepare for the upcoming SGFI tournament, confident that they will continue to make us proud with their unwavering commitment and talent.

On Straight On!

SPOTLIGHT ' 24 : INTER-HOUSE DRAMATICS

Great theatre is about challenging how we think and encouraging us to fantasize about a world we aspire to.

WILLIAM DAFOE

After a five-year wait, Bishop Cotton Boys'School held the highly anticipated ISC Inter-House Dramatics Competition [ISC and Senior] on September 9th, 2024. The theme this year was ' A Spin On Any Nursery Rhyme'. The judges were esteemed theatre personalities : Mr.Divyesh Bhandari, Mrs. Pranati Sahni and Mrs. Sneha Chandreshekhar. The houses creatively twisted plots: Pettigrew House was assigned Humpty Dumpty; Pakenham Walsh, 'Old Macdonald'; Elphick , 'Wee Willie Winkie'; Thomas, 'Little Bo Peep'; and Pope, 'The Muffin Man'.



The audience was captivated by the actors' seamless delivery, emotive expressions, and theatrical finesse. Elphick House emerged victorious, praised for their exceptional use of audio-visual effects, while Adarsh Rajkumar of Thomas House won the Best Actor award for his outstanding portrayal, comic timing, and stage presence. It was indeed a delight to watch the students enjoy the process of theatre.

The event showcased the students' remarkable talents, many performing for the first time, celebrating the art of musical theatre, under the able guidance of the dramatics coordinator, Mrs. Madhuri Nair Sanjeev.







HINDI DIWAS

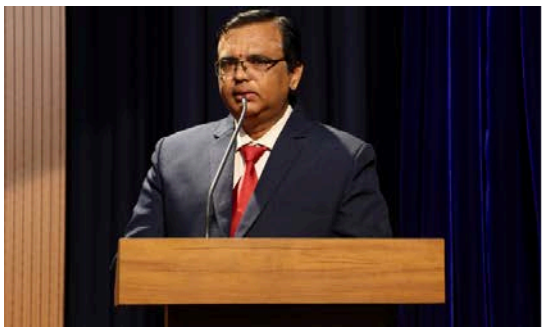
The Hindi Diwas celebration at Bishop Cotton Boys' School on 11th September 2024 was marked with enthusiasm and pride. The significance of Hindi in our nation's history and fabric was the focus of the event.

The Kindergarten students welcomed the dignitaries in an innovative alphabetical sequence, followed by the school song and a prayer. The Chief Guest, Mr. Narendra Kumar Sharma, Principal of Maharishi Centre for Excellence, delivered a thought-provoking speech on the importance of Hindi, while students showcased their talents through debates, dance, and song performances.

The event also featured a prize distribution ceremony and inspiring words from our Principal Mr. Alistair R.A. Freese, concluding with the national anthem and the conviction to make a difference.









LAW SEMINAR FOR SENIOR AND ISC

On 4th September 2024, a career guidance session was conducted for the students of classes X , XI and XII by the team from Paradygm Law Institute. Approximately 180 students from the Science and Commerce streams attended the programme, from both blocks in two separate sessions.

The session provided a comprehensive overview of various career paths in law, highlighting the essential skills, qualities, and educational requirements necessary for a successful legal career. The team emphasized the importance of analytical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and strong communication skills in the legal profession.

The session was highly interactive, with students participating enthusiastically and posing insightful questions. Overall, the event aimed to help students make informed decisions about their future, guiding them towards a clearer understanding of careers in law.

As the CLAT is one of the competitive examinations the Cottonians attempt every year, this session proved to be a blessing in clarifying all the questions and doubts students had regarding the examination



ACHIEVEMENTS



R. MOHITH KUMARAN CLAIMED A SILVER AT THE CISCE NATIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP



DAKSH A SINGHVI OF 10 - G SECURED GOLD AT THE KARNATAKA INTER-SCHOOL TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP



GUNIN- K.JAIN OF CLASS 6 WON BRONZE AT THE CISCE NATIONAL TAEKWONDO NATIONALS TOURNAMENT



OUR U-19 BASKETBALL TEAM EMERGED VICTORIOUS IN THE INTER-HOUSE TOURNAMENT ORGANISED BY NEEV ACADEMY



OUR MUSIC TEAM FINISHED 2ND IN THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION AIKYAM, NEEV ACADEMY



STUDENTS TRIUMPH AT THE META SCHOOLS 2024, WINNING THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP



JONATHAN THOMAS J OF CLASS X 'D' QUALIFIED FOR THE EQUESTRIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

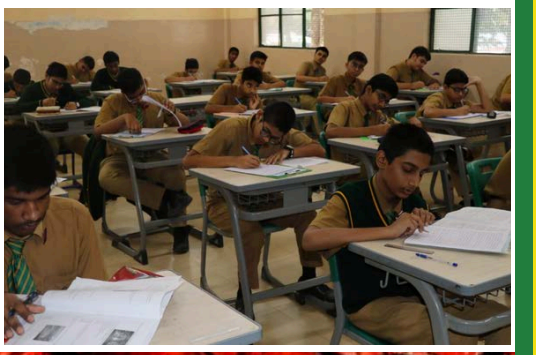


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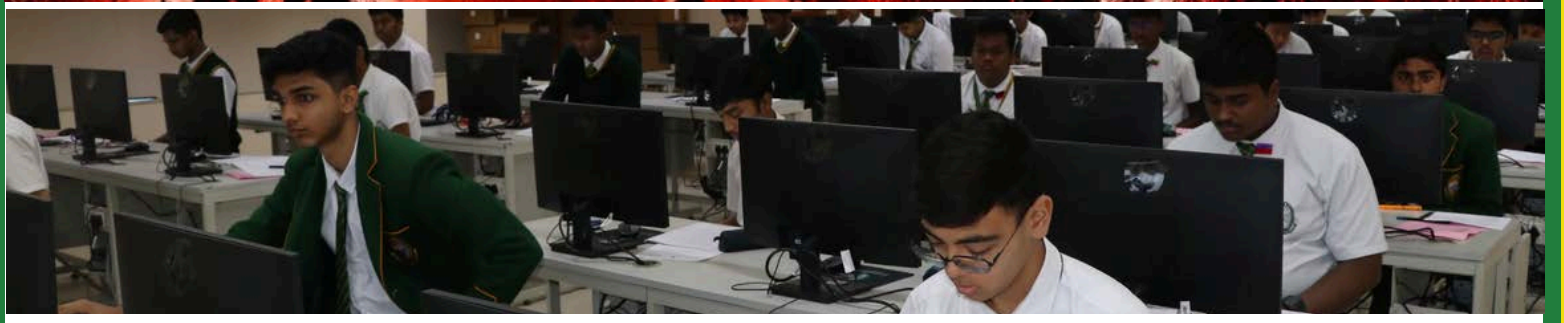
STUDENTS WHO START PREPARING EARLY FOR AN EXAMINATION AND REVIEW MATERIAL OVER DAYS AND WEEKS RETAIN UPTO 50% MORE INFORMATION IN THE LONG RUN COMPARED TO THOSE WHO CRAM AND STUDY ALL AT ONCE BEFORE THE EXAMINATION. HENCE THE SAYING : 'Perseverance and planning are keys to success.'







EXAM FEVER GRIPS COTTONS!



MAYO HALL FIRE SAFETY

On 31st August 2024, members of the Students' Association for Fire Education (S.A.F.E) visited the Mayo Hall Fire Station, guided by teachers Mr Chandrashekar G, Mr Ganesh Babu, and Mr Sam Henry. The purpose of the visit was to deepen the students' understanding of fire hazards and raise awareness about fire safety and prevention. The students were taken on an informative tour of the fire station, where they observed the various equipment and techniques employed by firefighters in their daily operations. The station's staff shared valuable insights into the different types of fire hazards that can arise in residential and industrial settings. The highlight of the visit was a series of demonstrations showcasing firefighting techniques and rapid response protocols. These practical sessions underscored the importance of emergency preparedness and the crucial role that individuals play in fire prevention. Overall, the visit was an eye-opening experience for the students.The knowledge gained will undoubtedly enhance the students' awareness and preparedness in dealing with fire hazards. We extend our sincere gratitude for the support, cooperation, and encouragement provided by the fire services during this enriching experience.



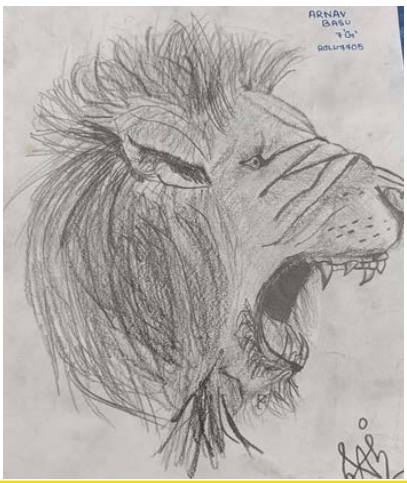
CREATIVITY IS ALL AROUND US













OUR GUIDES

To those who guide with wisdom's light, Through every challenge, wrong, and right, You shape our minds, our hearts, our way, We honour you on this Teacher's Day.
With patience deep and knowledge vast, You help us learn, from first to last.
In every lesson, big or small,
You catch us when we fear the fall.
With humorous classes, that makes us hustle,
To maintain pin drop silence, scaring us to not move a muscle.
Ever so strict, to your rules shall we abide,
For there is none greater, than "Our hope - Our Guides".
We call you our mentor, our friend, our guide, Like tall ladders, you help us climb with pride.
To the wonderous heights, you lift us in life, You stand selflessly, saying, "It's your spotlight".
Such humility is seldom seen,
We bow in gratitude, our hearts serene.
With deep respect, honour and grace, Acknowledging you in this sacred place.
We salute each one with heartfelt ease, Honouring our guides on bended knees.
We thank you, for teaching us the best, for many long years, Helping us in all things, making us overcome our fears.
Forever and always, you shall be in our hearts so dear,
No matter how fast, the future draws near.
-Joel Nathaniel IX 'E'

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