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CHILDREN'S DAY EDITION

Middle, Senior and ISC 157th Inter-House Annual Athletics Meet

Bishop Cotton Boys' School hosted the highly anticipated 157th Inter-House Annual Athletics Meet for the Middle, Senior, and ISC sections on the 13th of November 2024. This event marked a historic milestone as Cottons celebrated its 157th Annual Sports Day under the floodlights for the first time, adding a spectacular new dimension to the school's rich legacy.



The evening began with the march past, a display of discipline and unity, followed by an exciting lineup of athletic events. Cottons emerged victorious in the ISC and 8th standard races, while St. John's High School clinched the 10th and 7th standard races.A highlight of the event was the Old Cottonians vs Present Cottonians race, which carried forward the cherished tradition of current students triumphing over their alumni—a tradition upheld since the school's inception.



The 'Mashal Drill', accompanied by a stunning laser show, was the trailblazer of the evening, leaving spectators in awe. This spectacle etched lasting memories in the hearts of young Cottonians. The most exhilarating event was the X to H Division Relay, which embodied the spirit of sportsmanship. Participants from all ten divisions competed, proving that age is just a number.



The meet concluded with the closing ceremony, led by the marching platoon arranged in the order of house points. Special awards were distributed, with Angu Vijay of Pettigrew House winning the Best Athlete Award across all divisions. Pettigrew House also secured the Tug-of-War Trophy. The evening ended with an inspiring speech by the Chief Guest, Mr. Harsha Vardhan Umre, an Old Cottonian, who spoke passionately about his love for the school.





Overall Results were Pakenham Walsh House in first position, Pettigrew House in second, Pope House in third, followed by Thomas House and Elphick House. Under the able leadership of Principal Mr. Alistair R. A. Freese and Vice Principal Mr. Anil Dutt, the 157th Athletics Meet was a resounding success and a vibrant celebration of Cottonian spirit!



157TH ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2024 - JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School Annual Sports Meet 2024 was a vibrant celebration of unity and competition. On November 12, 2024, the junior school students and parents gathered at the Bishop Cotton Boys' School First Eleven Field for the most eagerly anticipated event of the year – Sports Day! This year's Sports Day was particularly special as our Principal, Mr. Alistair R.A. Freese, warmly welcomed the Chief Guest, Mr. Manoj Kumar Chopra Asia's Strongest Man, along with other distinguished dignitaries. Our Chief Guest's inspiring words and presence motivated our students to pursue excellence in all their endeavors.The torchbearers from each house carried the Olympic flame, igniting the cauldron to symbolize the commencement of the event. The ceremony continued with the much-awaited march past. This stunning display of discipline was led by the Junior School Sports Captain, Aydin Mohammed Shariff.









The ceremony continued with a spectacular welcome drill performed by the talented students of Standard 1, who danced with dazzling moves and colourful costumes to the song "We Are the World." Following this, the students of Standards 2 and 3 delivered a vibrant and captivating performance to the tunes of "Magic in the Air" with passion that brings us together. Next, the students of Standards 4 and 5 took the stage, performing to the electrifying beats of Sean Paul & Kes – "Out of This World." Their drill was a perfect blend of flair, rhythm, and team spirit, leaving the audience thoroughly impressed. The athletic events kicked off with great energy as our students took to the track and field, showcasing their incredible talent and determination. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the epic tug-of-war battle between Thomas House and Pettigrew House. After a thrilling contest, Thomas House emerged victorious.

This year, Sports Day also featured the debut of our World Peace Mascots. The children of the junior school dressed as world leaders and sports icons, creatively showcasing the values and history of their respective teams.
The event concluded with the ceremonial lowering of the flag, which was respectfully handed over for safekeeping. Parents and students departed with a sense of pride, having witnessed an incredible display of teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship at our Junior School Sports Day.

T.I.M.E AQUA REGIA QUIZ

On November 20, 2024, ISC students from grades 11 and 12, who qualified through the preliminary school round, represented Bishop Cotton Boys' School at the City Finals of the T.I.M.E Aqua Regia General Quiz at Christ University, Bangalore. Nine teams, each with two participants, competed in a challenging 25-question written round covering diverse topics such as cinema, history, medicine, and sports.

Among the top three teams in Bangalore was the duo of Debanksh Chatterjee and Namehdonhi W. Lyngdon N. from 11E, who advanced to the Regional Finals. Competing against teams from Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, and Mangalore, they secured 6th place, narrowly missing the National Finals. Their performance in the ice-breaker round earned them appreciation as well.

The event was a valuable experience in learning, teamwork, and thinking creatively. Special thanks to Mr. Ajay Kumar and Mrs. Neelika Joel for coordinating with the T.I.M.E Quiz team.



SENIOR AND ISC INTER-HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

On November 6th, Cottonians gathered eagerly in the school auditorium to witness the much-anticipated Inter-House Music Competition. Students from the five houses had dedicated themselves tirelessly to perfect their performances for the event, and excitement filled the air. The event was graced by an esteemed panel of judges—accomplished musicians in Bangalore's vibrant music scene—Mr. Ignatius, Mr. John, and Mr. Humbert. With extensive experience in bands and across genres like jazz and rock, their presence added immense prestige to the competition.





Each house's performance was composed of three parts: an instrumental solo, a vocal solo, and, finally, a dynamic Battle of the Bands where each house showcased its musical prowess in full. The selection of pieces was as diverse as it was ambitious, featuring timeless classics such as "Can't Help Falling in Love," beloved classical compositions like "Für Elise," and modern anthems like "Skyfall" and "Shut Up and Dance." The auditorium resonated with spirited and captivating performances, leaving the audience spellbound. These were undoubtedly brilliant and displayed Cottons' musical talents.

> Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies.
>
> — EDWARD BULWER LYTTON

Before the results were announced, the judges treated the audience to a special performance, featuring renditions of "Feeling Good" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." The latter song was given a special touch with our very own Ms. Gabriella joining in, adding a beautiful synergy to the piece. After an intensely close competition, the results were revealed. Thomas House emerged victorious in both the Western Vocal category and the Battle of the Bands, while Elphick House claimed first place in the Western Instrumental Solo. In the final standings, Thomas House took the overall first place, with Pakenham Walsh in second and Elphick in third, followed by Pettigrew and Pope.









The Inter-House Music Competition was an outstanding success, highlighting not only the immense talent and passion of our students but also their unmatched musical mastery and enthusiasm.

ON STRAIGHT ON !



JUNIOR SCHOOL INTER-HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

In its inaugural edition, the Inter-House Music Competition for the Junior Section was held on the 7th of November, 2024, in a search for young, budding musicians. Students from grades I to V participated, delivering a range of invigorating renditions. The event was judged by Mr. Prabhakaran Wilson, Mrs. Raechel Joyce, and Mr. Ashwin Immanuel.







In the Western Vocals rounds, students from grades I to V performed songs from a variety of genres, including biblical themes, romance, rap, and pop. The audience was captivated by renditions of popular numbers such as 'Country Roads', 'Believer', 'Bye Bye Bye', 'Man in the Mirror', 'Change the World', and many others.

Following this, the Western Instrumental round featured grade IV students in a "battle of the bands," showcasing their musical skills with songs like 'Night Changes', 'Reckless Love', and 'A Million Dreams'.

For grade V, the Western Vocals round presented even more compelling performances with songs like 'Dance Monkey', ' On My Way', and other dynamic selections.
The competition concluded with a Western Instrumental round for both grades IV and V, featuring some of the most memorable performances of the day, including pieces like 'River Flows in You', 'My Heart Will Go On', 'You Raise Me Up', and more. The Music Department's tireless efforts to ensure the success of this event were indeed commendable.



> Music is your own experience, your thoughts, your wisdom. If you don't live it, it won't come out of your horn. – CHARLIE PARKER

BALDWIN SHIELD UNDER-14 DIVISION







Bishop Cotton Boys' School emerged victorious in the Under-14 division at the Baldwin Shield Inter-School Football Tournament, securing a narrow but decisive 1-0 win against St. Joseph's. The team showcased remarkable skill and determination, with each player contributing to this hard-earned victory. The winning goal was scored by Dhan Mohammed. He also lifted the golden boot award.

We were in the presence of Mr. Terrence Phelan, a renowned football coach and former professional footballer who represented Ireland in the 84' World Cup and who has also played for Manchester City and Chelsea, as the Chief Guest. He is currently the technical director of Indian I-League 2nd Division side South United FC and a pundit for Sony Sports Network and Sports18, Mr. Phelan's presence added immense value to the event. His inspiring words and encouragement motivated our young players to reach for excellence and push their limits on the field.

Special congratulations to Coach Noah for his dedicated leadership and to the entire team for their relentless efforts, which led to this memorable achievement.

COTTONS FRENCH ELOCUTION COMPETITION

The much-awaited annual French Elocution Competition was held on 20th November 2024, featuring the talents of 72 students from Std III to Std X. Organized by the French language students of Std X, this event celebrated the richness of the French language and culture.The occasion was graced by a distinguished panel of judges: Mrs. Suchita Sripathi, founder of Abhyasa, a French institute,Mrs. Neha N. Bellare, French teacher at Sophia High School and Mrs. Karyn Felsinger, French teacher at St. Joseph's High School.

The students captivated the audience and judges alike with their confidence, eloquence, and love for the French language. They delivered stirring renditions of renowned poems from French literature and iconic speeches by historical figures, demonstrating their deep appreciation for French culture.



The event was a resounding success, not only as a celebration of language but also as a platform for students to hone their public speaking skills and build self-confidence. It truly reflected the spirit of learning and cultural exchange at Bishop Cotton Boys' School .The French Elocution Competition 2024 was a true testament to Bishop Cotton Boys' School's dedication to fostering linguistic excellence and cultural appreciation among its students.

> Our language is the reflection of ourselves.
> A language is an exact reflection of the character and growth of its speakers
>
> – CESAR CHAVEZ

JUNIOR SCHOOL INTER-HOUSE ELOCUTION

The Junior School Inter-House Elocution Competition was held on 25th November 2024 in the school auditorium, showcasing the exceptional oratory talents of our young students. Organized to promote confidence, eloquence, and a love for public speaking, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of Grades I, II, and III. The program commenced with melodious singing sessions, creating a warm and uplifting atmosphere. This was followed by a Bible reading and prayer, which set a tone of inspiration and gratitude. Our Principal, Mr. Alistair R.A. Freese, addressed the participants with encouraging words, motivating them to perform their best.







The participants impressed the audience with their remarkable confidence, clarity, and expressive delivery. The event successfully fostered speaking skills, boosted self-confidence, and nurtured a passion for the English language among the students.

The announcement of Pettigrew House as the overall winners marked the highlight of the event, celebrating their exceptional performances. It was a proud moment for the school, as the budding orators inspired the audience and motivated their peers to aim higher.

The Junior School Inter-House Elocution Competition was truly a celebration of talent, passion, and the joy of learning.

On Straight On!

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Students of Standard 11 (PCB) from Bishop Cotton Boys' School had the opportunity to attend a stimulating Science Conference at St. Francis School, Bangalore. Organized to encourage scientific inquiry, interdisciplinary thinking, and the development of problem-solving skills, the conference aimed to enhance scientific literacy and awareness among students. The event featured distinguished scientists from the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research as keynote speakers.



The conference included three thought-provoking lectures on significant scientific topics: The Descent of Man in Biology, Quantum Physics in Physics, and Colloidal Nanomaterials and Their Applications in Chemistry. Each lecture was carefully curated to deepen students' understanding of complex concepts and to highlight their real-world applications and implications.



Following the lectures, the conference hosted an engaging segment titled "Learning Science through Experiments." This interactive session included fascinating demonstrations and hands-on experiments, with the assistance of student volunteers, which illustrated important scientific principles in an accessible and visually engaging manner. The session emphasized the value of experiential learning in mastering scientific concepts.

The conference concluded with an energetic Q&A session, allowing students to engage directly with the scientists and further enrich their understanding. The students were accompanied by Mrs. Neelika Joel and Mrs. Indu Shinto from the ISC Science Department, who provided invaluable guidance and support throughout the event. The Department of Science (ISC) extends its sincere appreciation to the Principal for his support and kind approval, which enabled students to participate in this enriching educational experience.

Our virtues and our failures are inseparable, like force and matter.
When they separate, man is no more.

– NIKOLA TESLA

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL





On November 10, 2024, St. Mark's Cathedral in Bangalore hosted a solemn Remembrance Day service to honour the memory of those who sacrificed their lives in service. The bands from Bishop Cotton Boys' and Girls' Schools performed stirring renditions, adding a poignant and reflective tone to the ceremony.

Dignitaries in attendance included Mr. Chandru Iyee, the British Deputy High Commissioner to Bangalore, and Group Captain Jones of the Royal Air Force. Their presence underscored the international significance of this day of remembrance.

This annual observance brought together members of the community in a shared moment of reflection, gratitude, and respect, keeping alive the memory of those who gave their lives for freedom and peace.

2ND EDITION OF GOSPEL FEST – WAYMAKER

The 2nd Edition of the Gospel Fest, organized by the Department of Scripture at Bishop Cotton Boys' School, was held on November 16, 2024. This much-anticipated event brought together students from various institutions to celebrate faith, fellowship, and talent.The fest commenced with a solemn inaugural program, graced by the esteemed Chief Guest, Rev. Johnson Verghese. The gathering began with a vibrant session of praise and worship, followed by an uplifting prayer led by Rev. Christopher Samuel, Assistant Secretary of the Karnataka Central Diocese and Member of the Board of Management.









The ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries marked the official opening of the event. Mr. Alistair R.A. Freese, Principal of Bishop Cotton Boys' School, extended a warm welcome and introduced the Chief Guest, Rev. Johnson Verghese. In his inspiring address, Rev. Johnson emphasized that true peace and harmony can only come from the Almighty, who fills the void in human hearts.

A highlight of the event was the special presentation titled "God the Deliverer." During the inaugural session, the Student Head of Operations, Pratham R., introduced the event heads. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem, setting the tone for an eventful day. The Gospel Fest featured 14 dynamic competitions across multiple venues, drawing over 400 participants from 10 institutions. The atmosphere was alive with energy as students showcased their talents with passion and dedication.

The day culminated in a grand closing ceremony, where Bishop Cotton Girls' School was crowned Overall Champions, and St. John's High School emerged as Runners-Up.The success of the Gospel Fest was a testament to the meticulous planning and seamless execution led by Mrs. Phoebe Charlotte, Head of Operations, and her dedicated team of teachers. Their efforts, coupled with the students' enthusiasm, made the event a memorable and spiritually enriching experience. To God be the glory for the success of this event.

> Creativity is seeing what others see and thinking what no one else ever thought
>
> – ALBERT EINSTEIN

SPLISH SPLASH WITH COLOURS

"Colours make our world bright and fun,
Like a sailboat shining under the sun!
Let us celebrate with a rainbow cheer,
Colour Day is finally here!"

On November 15, 2024, Bishop Cotton Boys' School hosted "Splish Splash with Colours", a joyful celebration of creativity for kindergarteners. LKG children crafted vibrant sailboats using dabbing techniques, while UKG students created radiant rainbow handprints, each reflecting innocence and joy. The event brimmed with laughter and boundless energy, leaving every child with cherished memories and colourful masterpieces—a true celebration of art and happiness.







KHALEEL MEKHRI FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The much-anticipated Khaleel Mekhri Football Tournament 2024 took place on a bright sunny Saturday, November 9. This tournament attracted a total of eight alumni teams from prominent schools across the city, all competing for the prestigious title and a chance to honor the legacy of Khaleel Mekhri, a beloved Old Cottonian. The riveting league matches created quite a stir : many close games resulting in penalty shootouts. Teams displayed a high level of competitiveness, pushing themselves to perform in a bid to qualify for the finals. The tournament was graced by notable alumni, sports personalities, and local dignitaries, adding to the significance of the occasion. Bishop Cotton Boys' School and St. Germain High School respectively, qualified for the finals. The final, just like the matches before, had also been forced to a penalty shootout. Bishop Cotton Boys' School won with a final score of 2-1. The Khaleel Mekhri Football Tournament 2024 successfully reinforced the tradition of fostering sportsmanship to unite people. Bishop Cotton Boys' School once again proved itself as a premier destination for football excellence in Bangalore.





Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.

– PLATO

NXS 2024 - INTER-SCHOOL MUSIC COMPETITION

The much-anticipated Inter-School Music Competition, NXS 2024, was held on the 20th of November 2024, and witnessed the enthusiastic participation of six talented bands from across schools.The event was graced by our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Thomas Chandy, founder of Hosmat Hospitals, whose presence added to the occasion's grandeur. The competition's judging panel comprised eminent personalities from the music industry: Mr. Joe Louis, a renowned jazz and rock and roll performer; Mr. Sobek Chakraborty, a member of the celebrated MTV rock band Oxygen on to the Rocks; and Mr. Allan Rohith, Head of the Department at Raj Music School.

NXS 2024 was a vibrant showcase of musical talent, collaboration, and competition. Participants demonstrated exceptional skill and creativity across various categories, including Battle of Bands, Western Vocal Solo, and Western Instrumental Solo. The event not only fostered camaraderie among the schools but also celebrated the universal language of music in a dynamic and inspiring atmosphere.



Our school's budding musicians emerged as champions, clinching the first place in all three categories. Cotton Girls' School secured second place, and Gopalan International School achieved third place, showcasing stellar performances across the board.



This resounding success would not have been possible without the dedication and efforts of Mr. Faustin, Head of the Music Department, and his team of talented music teachers, who worked tirelessly to mentor and guide our students.

NXS 2024 will be remembered as a landmark event, one that truly celebrated the spirit of music and left an indelible mark on everyone present.

SEMINAR ON MENTAL HEALTH







This seminar was attended by coordinators, associate coordinators, and several subject teachers from kindergarten to Grade VIII. Dr. Helen, the presenter, highlighted the importance of psychology and its crucial role in promoting mental health and well-being in today's world. She discussed topics such as social cognition, evolutionary psychology, teaching, and learning.

A significant part of her session was focused on enhancing students' attention span, improving tolerance while sitting for long durations, and managing distractions during class. Methods to optimize study habits were also shared by her. In addition, she emphasized the importance of maintaining consistent sleep patterns, particularly during exams. The seminar concluded with her introducing the Australian Catholic University and its diverse range of study programs available in Australia.

Dance is a language beyond words, expressing that for which we have no words.

– JENNIFER DE LEON

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELOCUTION COMPETITION

On the 22nd of November, the Middle School auditorium resonated with anticipation and excitement as students gathered to witness the much-awaited Inter-House Elocution Competition. Esteemed judges for the event included Mrs. Irene, Mrs. Anthonith, and Mrs. Elizabeth, distinguished English educators from some of Bangalore's most renowned schools. The sixth-grade participants delivered their poems with remarkable expressiveness, masterfully capturing the essence of each line. The recitation of "Sick" by Shel Silverstein had the audience roaring with laughter, while the emotive delivery of "O Captain! My Captain!" left everyone in awe. The diversity in the selection of poems this year was commendable, showcasing both classics and contemporary pieces. A standout moment was the recitation of "Pollution's Dark Stain", an original composition that demonstrated the incredible writing prowess of the participants.





The seventh graders impressed the audience with their eloquent delivery of iconic speeches. Memorable performances included "The Gettysburg Address", "Hamlet's Soliloquy", and "The Final Speech". Each participant embodied the emotions and depth of their chosen pieces, leaving the audience captivated.

As the results were tabulated, the Middle School Band delighted the audience with spirited renditions of popular songs, adding to the lively atmosphere.The competition was fiercely contested, with several ties making the judging particularly challenging. Ultimately, Parinay of Pope House emerged as the winner for Grade 6, while Supratim Niyogi of Pettigrew House secured the top spot for Grade 7. Pope House claimed victory in both grades, followed by Thomas House, Pettigrew House, Pakenham Walsh House, and Elphick House.

The event's success was made possible by the unwavering support of our Principal, Coordinators, teachers, and student leaders, who provided exceptional guidance in helping participants perfect their articulation, diction, and intonation.

ISME SEMINAR ON STRESS MANAGEMENT

The International School of Management Excellence (ISME) conducted an engaging and insightful seminar on stress management on November 22, 2024, at Bishop Cotton Boys' School. The session was led by the esteemed speaker, Mrs. Ummai N from ISME, who addressed the critical issue of exam stress and shared practical strategies to help students manage it effectively.



Mrs. Ummai emphasized the importance of preparing both mentally and physically for exams. She introduced techniques to "warm up" the brain, including light exercises, meditation, and deep breathing, which can enhance focus and reduce anxiety.



The seminar featured interactive sessions where students were encouraged to share their concerns and receive personalized advice. Mrs. Ummai underscored the importance of maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, staying hydrated, and consuming a balanced diet to support cognitive performance. She also advised students to create a dedicated, distraction-free study environment and avoid overthinking, which can lead to self-doubt.

In addition, Mrs. Ummai highlighted the impact of social relationships and social media on students' mental health, urging them to minimize distractions and stay focused on their goals. She concluded the session by encouraging students to believe in themselves, let go of self-doubt, and approach their exams with confidence, reminding them that self-assurance is key to success. The seminar was well-received by students, who left with practical tools to approach their exams with greater composure and resilience.

> There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than how it treats its children.
>
> – Nelson Mandela

CHILDREN'S DAY ACTIVITY - JUNIOR 1

As part of the Children's Day celebrations on November 15, 2024, a vibrant and engaging colouring activity was organised for the Junior School students. The event served as a joyful platform for children to unleash their creativity and celebrate the spirit of childhood.



Each student received a printed colouring sheet and participated with boundless enthusiasm, showcasing their unique artistic flair.





The activity not only encouraged the children to explore their imagination but also fostered teamwork and healthy competition. Teachers actively participated by motivating the students and appreciating their efforts.

This delightful colouring activity was a highlight of the Children's Day festivities, leaving the young learners brimming with pride and joy.

BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES FOUNDATION DAY

Scouting was officially founded in British India in 1909, with its roots established at Bishop Cotton Boys' School, Bangalore, in the historic Old Gymnasium Building. Founded by Mr. Robert Smith Baden-Powell, a commemorative foundation stone still marks this significant event at the school.The Bangalore Scouts and Guides (BSG) was later established in Karnataka in 1950. This year, 2024, marks its Diamond Jubilee, celebrating 75 years of service. To honour this milestone, the Scout Foundation Day was celebrated at Bishop Cotton Boys' School on the 7th of November 2024. The event saw the participation of around 300 students from various schools across Bangalore, accompanied by 20 distinguished guests.

A special assembly was organized by the school, during which dignitaries such as Mr. P.G.R. Sindhya (State Chief Commissioner, Karnataka), Mr. Gangappa Gowda, Mr. M.A. Khalid, Mr. Radha Venkatesh, Mr. Mohan Kodajji (SOC, ASC), and Mr. M.S. Satish (District Secretary, Bangalore South) were honoured.





In the assembly, Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Rovers, and Bulbuls came together, with 150 students from Bishop Cotton Boys' School actively participating. The day was marked by the core values of scouting—duty to God and country, honesty, integrity, and patriotism. These ideals were celebrated through scout songs and the singing of the National Anthem.



The success of the Scout Foundation Day was made possible with the steadfast support of our Principal, Mr. Alistair R.A. Freese, and Vice-Principal, Mr. Anil Dutt.This memorable day offered a vision of good governance and social responsibility, fostering a sense of citizenship among the young Cottonians and students from across the city. It reflected the commitment of Bishop Cotton Boys' School to scouting values, which continue to inspire the next generation of responsible citizens.

> The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.
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> - CORETTA SCOTT

A MOMENT OF GRATITUDE AND REFLECTION:

We are proud to announce that Bishop Cotton Boys' School, Bengaluru, has once again emerged as a beacon of excellence in education. For the second consecutive year, our institution has been ranked No. 1 in India, No. 1 in Karnataka, and No. 1 in Bengaluru under the category of Top 3 Boys' Day-Cum-Boarding Schools in the prestigious India School Merit Awards by Education Today (India School Rankings 2024-25).

This remarkable achievement reflects the unwavering dedication, passion, and commitment of our students, faculty, staff, parents, and the broader Cottonian community. It stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of our school, which has consistently set benchmarks in academic excellence, co-curricular accomplishments, and holistic development.

As we celebrate this honour, we remain committed to nurturing young minds, inspiring leadership, and empowering future generations to reach greater heights. Together, let us continue to uphold the traditions and values that make Bishop Cotton Boys' School an institution par excellence.

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GSIS MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Our delegation participated in the Good Shepherd Model United Nations (GSMUN 24) held at Good Shepherd International School, Ooty, from the 21st to the 23rd of November.



The team consisted of 5 delegates from grade 10 and grade 11. They were accompanied by the MUN Co-ordinator, Mrs. Mercy Stanley. The team received awards in all five of the committees they participated in.



A special committee was held for the predicted best delegates from all committees. All the five students were nominated and elected for the Special committees. The delegation performed with great competence and dedication: Four Best Delegates - Pranav Jain (WHO), Anirudh Ram (UNGA), Abhishek Jonathan (HCC), Aadish Dudeja (UNODC). One High Commendation - Adish Jain (UNEP). Best ICJ delegate from defendant - Pranav Jain, Best ICJ delegate from applicant Best Resolution paper - Anirudh Ram.

CONSTITUTION DAY ASSEMBLY







Bishop Cotton Boys' School celebrated Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas) on November 26th. The History department organized a special assembly, starting with a prayer and a speech by Daksh of standard 11, highlighting the significance of the Indian Constitution.

The assembly's highlight was a skit on the Constitution, showcasing its inception, historical figures, and their visions. The skit helped students grasp the meticulous preparation and broad perspective that went into writing the constitution.

The celebration concluded with a rendition of "Ae Watan," a dance performance by middle schoolers, and an oath-taking ceremony led by the Principal. The assembly ended with a speech emphasizing the importance of responsibility and respect for the nation.

RAJYOTSAVA ASSEMBLY

On November 8th, our school celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with a special assembly that honoured the rich heritage, culture, and history of Karnataka. The assembly began with a soulful worship song led by the Kannada Department teachers. A series of inspiring speeches followed, delivered first in Kannada and then translated to English. The speeches traced Karnataka's journey from the Mysore Kingdom era to its official formation on November 1, 1956. Adding to the day's charm, middle and senior students gave an enchanting traditional dance performance. Subsequently, our Principal, Mr. Alistair R.A. Freese addressed the assembly with an inspiring speech on the beauty and value of the Kannada language. The special assembly concluded with the state anthem, followed by the national anthem, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of pride and respect for Karnataka and the Kannada language.







ACHIEVEMENTS



EQUESTRIAN :

BISHOP COTTON BOYS' STUDENT JONATHAN AND HIS HORSE PIKACHU WIN JOINT GOLD AT EQUESTRIAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2024.



LUMIERE-2024:

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM FOR CLINCHING TOP HONOURS IN THE FASHION SHOW AT LUMIERE II, HOSTED BY BISHOP COTTON GIRLS' SCHOOL.



BALDWIN BOYS' BASKETBALL

COTTONS DEFEATED RASHTRIYA MILITARY SCHOOL. AADWEEK CASABAH WAS AWARDED BEST PLAYER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES.



SPORTS TOP-2024:

THE BASKETBALL TEAM EMERGED VICTORIOUS WHILE OUR FOOTBALL TEAM FINISHED AS RUNNERS-UP IN THE SPORTS EVENT HOSTED BY CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL

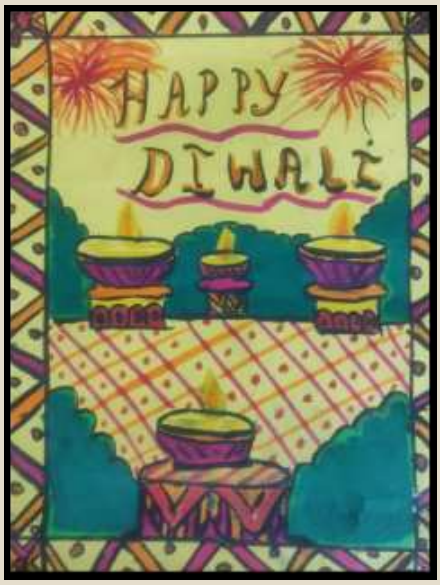


RUBEN JOHN KUMAR OF CLASS 4 EARNED THE TITLE OF STATE CHAMPION OF KARNATAKA IN THE BLINDFOLDED 3X3 RUBIK'S CUBE EVENT.



BISHOP COTTON BOYS' SCHOOL SECURED THE RUNNERS-UP POSITION AT THE BALDWIN GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION, SHOWCASING EXCEPTIONAL TALENT AND TEAMWORK.







CREATIVITY CORNER

Children's day edition





THE TEAM

ARJUN GUJJARI	11-A
HARSH MAGESH KUMAR	11-A
BEN GARY LEO	11-A
DEBANKSH CHATTERJEE	11-E
DIKSHIT B	11-A

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SHOWCASE: ARTWORK BY SHAHUL [12 'D'] OF ISC











WORD SEARCH

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WORDS:

1. ATBALRAJ
2. POPE
3. THOMAS
4. SCORPION
5. TOWERBLOCK
6. ABDULKALAM
7. AINLEY
8. SINISTER
9. THIMAYYA
10. NCC
11. LATIN
12. DEXTER
13. PETTIGREW
14. ALISTAIR
15. CHAPEL

WINNERS



Ekansh S Raheja
11B
First prize

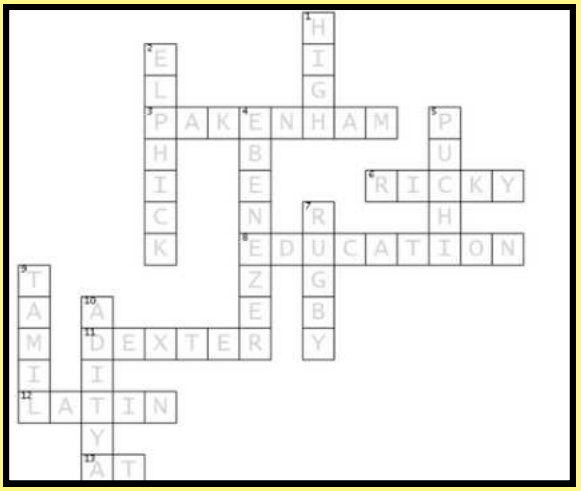


Joel Nathaniel
9E
Second prize



Mohammed Abdullah
3B
Third prize

SOLUTION



The first student to submit a handwritten solved copy of the word search at the reception will receive a prize from the Principal. Please write your name, class and section neatly on top of the page.