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VISIONARY LEADERSHIP CELEBRATED: DR ALISTAIR R. A. FREESE NAMED SCHOOL LEADER OF THE YEAR 2026

We are proud to announce that our Principal, Dr Alistair R. A. Freese, has been conferred the prestigious National School Leader of the Year 2026 Award by the Association of Indian Principals (AIP), in partnership with Macmillan Education India. The award was presented at a national summit held at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi on 10 October 2026. This summit included the country's most inspiring educational leaders and was graced by Chief Guest Shri Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir.



Dr Freese was selected from among leading educators nationwide for his visionary leadership, commitment to academic excellence, and transformative contributions to holistic school education, as well as his commitment to continuously improving the quality of education.

BISHOP COTTON BOYS' SCHOOL NAMED AMONG 'THE DYNAMIC SCHOOLS'

Bishop Cotton Boys' School has been recognised as one of 'The Dynamic Schools' at the South India Educators' Summit & Dynamic Schools Awards 2026, held on 7 October 2026 at The Trident Hotel, Hyderabad.

The award was presented by Education News Network (ENN), a vertical of EducationToday, following a rigorous evaluation by an eminent jury comprising members of the education fraternity. The recognition acknowledges the School's sustained commitment to excellence, progressive educational practices and holistic education.

Mr Dhiviyanathan J, Vice Principal, accepted the award on behalf of Bishop Cotton Boys' School. The achievement reflects the collective efforts of the Board of Management, Principal, faculty, staff and students.



Their dedication continues to drive excellence across academics, sports, co-curricular activities, culture and character development. The honour adds another proud chapter to the School's distinguished legacy.

COTTONS SHINE AT CLIFFORD HICKS INTERNATIONAL DEBATE 2026

The 10th Clifford Hicks International Debate 2026 unfolded at Calcutta Boys' School (CBS) from 5th October to 9th October. The competition was divided into two categories. Category I: Classes XI & XII; Category II: Classes IX & X. Our school finished as runners-up in Category II, and Chayank Kausik received the Best Speaker Award in the finals.

The school representatives participated with great discipline and diligence, making our school proud with their hard work and best efforts. The school is grateful for the guidance of Mrs Evelyn Sumana, who accompanied the school teams.



SECOND INVITATIONAL COTTONIAN SHIELD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT KICKS OFF



The Second Invitational Cottonian Shield Football Tournament, hosted by Bishop Cotton Boys' School, Bengaluru, was inaugurated at the School's Second Eleven Field, marking the beginning of another exciting celebration of football, sportsmanship and school spirit.

The inaugural ceremony commenced with the arrival of the Chief Guest, followed by a ceremonial Guard of Honour by the School Band, the parade and introduction of the participating teams, an overture, and the rendition of the School Song. The opening prayer was led by Rev. Christy Gnanadasan.

Rev. J. Christopher Samuel, Diocesan Secretary, CSI KCD, and Member of the Board of Management, was the Chief Guest.

Rev. Christy Gnanadasan, Civil Area Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Management, was the Guest of Honour, while Mrs Agnes Caroline, Member of the Board of Management, also graced the occasion.

A particularly encouraging feature this year is the Staff Category, which has grown from two teams last year to four teams this year. The participating staff teams are Bethany High, St. Germain Academy, Cathedral School and Bishop Cotton Boys' School.

The school witnessed several days of spirited competition, memorable performances and, above all, a celebration of the true spirit of football during the many days of the tournament.

"The more difficult the victory, the greater the happiness in winning."

- PELÉ

SECOND COTTONIAN SHIELD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2026 FINALS

The **Under-14** final saw Bishop Cotton Boys' School defeat St. Joseph's Boys' High School 3–0, with goals from Adnan Baig (2) and Vihaan Mathew. Cottons were crowned Champions, while Adnan Baig was named Best Player and Player of the Finals, and Marek John received the Best Goalkeeper award.

In the **Under-17** final, St. Joseph's Boys' High School emerged victorious over Bishop Cotton Boys' School in a penalty shoot-out (5–3). Cottons finished as Runners-up, with Jayaditya winning Best Player and P. Suhas receiving the Best Fair Play Award.



In the **Staff Final**, Bishop Cotton Boys' School and The Cathedral High School drew 2–2 in regulation time before Cathedral High School won the penalty shoot-out 6–4. Cottons finished as Runners-up, while Mr Wilson Sampath Kumar was named Best Player. The closing ceremony was graced by Rev. Christy Gnanadasan, Chief Guest, with Rev. Emmanuel Nehemiah also in attendance. Their presence added significance and encouragement to the culmination of the tournament.



The **Under-19** final produced a thrilling contest, with Bishop Cotton Boys' School overcoming St. Joseph's Boys' High School 5–3 in a penalty shoot-out. Cottons were crowned Champions, with Derek Shawn adjudged Best Player, Sameer Godhi Best Goal Keeper and Styrus Jorryn Player of the Finals.

The successful completion of the 2nd Cottonian Shield is a reflection of the dedication and teamwork of the Sports Department, with special appreciation to Mr Devaraj, HOD – Sports Department, Mr Daryl, Football In-charge, and the entire P.Ed Faculty for their meticulous planning, commitment and efforts in making the tournament a resounding success.



"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."

- MICHAEL JORDAN

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AT THE CISCE NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Bishop Cotton Boys' School, Bengaluru, is proud to announce an outstanding performance by its young swimmers at the CISCE National Swimming Championships 2026, held from 2nd to 4th September 2026 at the Basavanagudi Swimming Centre, Bengaluru. The championship was organised by KV English School, Bengaluru.

Our swimmers showcased skill, determination and competitive spirit, securing an impressive haul of medals across the Under-19, Under- 17 and Under-14 categories.



UNDER-19 CATEGORY

Sai Ravindra V. V. – Class 12-E
Gold – 4x100m Medley Relay • Silver – 50m Butterfly • Silver – 100m Butterfly

UNDER-17 CATEGORY

Darshvir Singh Jabbi – Class 10-F
Gold – 100m Freestyle • Gold – 50m Freestyle • Gold – 200m Individual Medley • Gold – 4x100m Medley Relay • Gold – 4x100m Freestyle Relay

S. Krish – Class 9-F
Gold – 100m Backstroke • Gold – 50m Backstroke • Gold – 4x100m Medley Relay • Gold – 4x100m Freestyle Relay • Silver – 100m Freestyle

Sarvesh Raj K. – Class 8-C
Gold – 200m Butterfly • Silver – 100m Butterfly • Bronze – 200m Backstroke

UNDER-14 CATEGORY

Siddanth Honnappa – Class 8-C
Gold – 100m Butterfly • Gold – 4x100m Medley Relay • Silver – 50m Butterfly

Alvin Ananth – Class 8-D
Gold – 50m Breaststroke • Bronze – 200m Breaststroke

Shashwath P. – Class 8-I
Silver – 400m Freestyle • Bronze – 200m Freestyle

Gautham Nagaraj – Class 8-C
Gold – 4x100m Medley Relay • Silver – 200m Backstroke • Bronze – 100m Backstroke

SELECTED FOR SGFI COMPETITION 2026

Adding further distinction to this remarkable achievement, all eight swimmers have been selected to represent their respective teams at the SGFI Competition 2026.

Their performance at the national level is a testament to their dedication, discipline and relentless pursuit of excellence. Their achievements bring immense pride to Bishop Cotton Boys' School and reaffirm the School's commitment to nurturing sporting talent alongside academic excellence.

The School places on record its appreciation for the guidance and dedicated coaching provided by Mr Unnikrishnan P. V. and Mr Louis Praveen C., whose expertise and commitment have played an important role in the swimmers' success.



Heartiest congratulations to our champions and their coaches! May they continue to make the School proud at the SGFI Competition and on the national sporting stage.

BLAZING AWAY TO GLORY

St. Joseph's Boys' School Sports Meet | 4–5 September 2026

Bishop Cotton Boys' School is proud to announce the excellent performance of our young athletes at the St. Joseph's Boys' School Sports Meet held on 4 and 5 September 2026.

Our teams secured two Gold Medals and two Silver Medals:

Std. IV & Below – Gold Medal
Mohammed Zain (4C), Hriday S. Abhijitt (4I), Sheyas Ponnappa C. S. (4F), Sanav Sanjay (4E), Venkat Reedy (4A), M. D. Yousuf (4C), Milan Louis (4E) and Shivansh (4B).

Std. XII & Below – Gold Medal
Rohan Krishna Mamadapalli (12A), Tapan Tarun Punar (11C), Rishil Atmakuri (11A) and Colin Nicholas Kavithran (11B).

Std. X & Below – Silver Medal
Dheeraj Lionel D (10A), Daniel A. Joel (10A), Akarsh Samuel (10C) and S. Sanjay (10E).

Std. I Team – Silver Medal
Gideon Emmanuel (1B), Tushanth M (1C), Keshvin R (1C), Yuvansh M (1B), Bhevin Krishna (1F),Jenil Jain (1B), Adyan M (1A) and M.Raph Maceo (1B).



These achievements testify to the boys' dedication, teamwork, and sporting spirit.

Coaches: Mr. Devaraj D and Mr. Shivakumar K.

Heartfelt congratulations to all the boys and their coaches for bringing laurels to Bishop Cotton Boys' School.

On Straight On!

CISCE REGIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

Bishop Cotton Boys' School is proud to announce its Boxing achievements at the CISCE Regional Championship, held at De Paul School, Mysuru, on 3rd and 4th September 2026.

Our young boxers delivered an impressive performance:

- **Under-19:** Anthus Bernard (Class 10 J) – Gold Medal and selected for the Nationals.
- **Under-19:** Denzil Terance (Class 10 J) – Silver Medal.
- **Under-17:** Gibson Hyden (Class 9 J) – Silver Medal.
- **Under-17:** Aathish Gowda (Class 10 A) – Bronze Medal.

The students were accompanied by Mr. Dhanush.

We congratulate our boxers and their mentor on this commendable achievement and wish Anthus Bernard every success at the CISCE Nationals.



"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee."

- MUHAMMAD ALI

BALDWIN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS MEET – 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

Bishop Cotton Boys' School is pleased to report an outstanding performance by its young athletes at the Baldwin Boys' High School Sports Meet, held on 10 September 2026.

Our students demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sporting spirit, securing Gold Medals in all three categories:



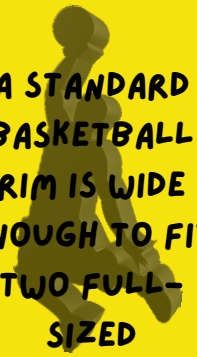
Std. IV Category – Gold Medal

- Dhruvanth – 4I
- Hriday S. Abhijit – 4I
- Mohammed Zain K – 4C
- Sheyas Pornappa CS – 4F
- Snav Sanjay – 4F
- D. Yusuf – 4C
- Shivansh – 4B
- Milan Louis – 4E

Std. III and Below – Gold Medal

- Keith Reyyansh Dsouza – 3D
- Ashrith Daiwik – 3B
- Ruansh – 3C
- Ashvatth – 3D
- Tyrus Nathan – 3H
- Kabir Joseph – 2F
- Daksh Yadav R – 2I
- Mohammed Jeelani – 3G

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A STANDARD BASKETBALL RIM IS WIDE ENOUGH TO FIT TWO FULL-SIZED BASKETBALLS SIDE BY SIDE.

Std. V and Below – Gold Medal

- Priyav Jain – 5E
- Vian Dario Francis – 5C
- Richard Samual P – 5G
- Nathan Santhosh – 5B
- Uwais – 5C
- Jairo V – 5F
- Vyvian – 5F
- Advik M – 5G
- Rayhaan Pasha – 5D

The remarkable achievement of our young athletes is a reflection of their dedication, discipline and team spirit. Heartfelt appreciation and gratitude are extended to our coaches, Mr. Devaraj and Mr. Shivakumar K, for their committed training, guidance and encouragement. Congratulations to all our young Cottonian athletes on this commendable achievement.

On Straight On!

"Champions keep playing until they get it right."

- BILLIE JEAN KING

NEW HORIZON PUBLIC SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Senior Basketball Team of Bishop Cotton Boys' School put up an impressive performance at the New Horizon Public School Basketball Tournament, securing the position of Runners-Up. The team displayed commendable skill, determination and teamwork throughout the tournament.

- **Match 1:** Bishop Cotton Boys' School 25 – 10 NHPS C — Won
- **Match 2:** Bishop Cotton Boys' School 24 – 25 NPS RR — Won
- **Final:** Bishop Cotton Boys' School 24 – 36 NHPS — Lost

Despite a hard-fought final, the team demonstrated excellent sporting spirit and consistency to finish as Runners-Up. Each team showed excellent sportsmanship

Congratulations to our Senior Basketball Team and their coach, Mr. James Manuel, on this commendable achievement!



CISCE REGIONAL LEVEL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

The CISCE Regional Level Basketball Championship 2026 was held at De Paul School, Mysuru, on 7 and 8 September 2026.

We are pleased to share that the Zone-A Under-14 Boys' Basketball Team emerged as runners-up in the Championship.

The achievement is particularly commendable as six talented boys from Bishop Cotton Boys' School represented the Zone-A Regional Team in the Under-14 Boys' category.

Our Cottonian Representatives:

1. Nikhil Puthenangady Raman – Std. 8E
2. Param Neeraj Chabbria – Std. 8E
3. Vivankini – Std. 8E
4. Mithun S – Std. 7G
5. Titus Nathanial – Std. 7F
6. Ronald Samuel P – Std. 7B



Their selection to the Regional Team and contribution to the team's Runners-up finish is a matter of great pride for the school.

The boys were accompanied and guided by Coach Mr. Nagendra, with Mr. Jacob Robertson Thilak serving as the Teacher-in-Charge.

We congratulate our young Cottonians, the coach and the teacher-in-charge on this excellent achievement and wish them continued success in their sporting journey.

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

- TIM NOTKE

BISHOP COTTON BOYS' SCHOOL, BENGALURU, INDIA VS ALLENDALE CRICKET ACADEMY, ENGLAND

The Allendale cricket academy visited Bishop Cotton Boys' School on 26th October for a friendly with Cottons.

Bishop Cotton Boys' School, Bengaluru, won the toss and elected to bat first, posting an impressive 222/4 in 20 overs. Reyes Raj led the innings with a magnificent unstoppable 102, while Neev Jain contributed an unbeaten 56. Luke Bloomer was Allendale's standout bowler, taking 3 wickets for 24 runs.

In reply, Allendale Cricket Academy managed 113/5 in their 20 overs, with Kanish Reddy scoring an unbeaten 42 and Aryan Nagoji contributing an unbeaten 13. Neev Jain starred with the ball for Bishop Cotton, claiming 3 wickets for just 14 runs. Nabeel and Reyes Raj also picked up a wicket each.





Final Result: Bishop Cotton Boys' School Bengaluru, India, won by 109 runs.

Highlights: Reyes Raj's unbeaten century and Neev Jain's all-round performance were the key factors behind Bishop Cotton's commanding victory.

REPORT ON CISCE U-14 NATIONAL CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

The Karnataka CISCE U-14 Cricket Team put up an impressive performance at the CISCE U-14 National Championship in Punjab, winning five consecutive matches against teams from five different states to qualify for the National Final.

In the final, Karnataka faced North India (Punjab). Despite a determined effort, Karnataka lost the final National and finished as Runners-Up in the Championship

The team displayed excellent discipline, teamwork, commitment and fighting spirit throughout the tournament, making the campaign a valuable learning experience.



Three Cottonians proudly represented Karnataka State Team: **Dhruv Sisodia**, **Risheek K,** and **Shaan N**.

Adding to the achievement, Dhruv Sisodia has been selected for the SGFI level.

ACHIEVEMENT IN TENNIS



We are proud to share that Vian Vinocha Narayan of Class 10 'G' secured Second Place in the Under-17 Boys' Category at the CISCE National Tennis Tournament 2026, held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, from 4–6 September 2026.

Heartiest congratulations to Vian on this outstanding achievement!

Coach: Mr. Sunil Dass

Teacher-in-Charge: Mr. Manohar W

Our sincere appreciation to the coach and Teacher-in-Charge for their dedicated efforts, and thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

CISCE NATIONAL ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

Venue: The Heritage School, Kolkata, West Bengal
Dates: 22–24 September 2026

Bishop Cotton Boys' School is pleased to report a notable achievement at the CISCE National Level Archery Championship 2026.

Niketh of ISC secured 1 Gold Medal and 1 Bronze Medal in the Recurve Round – Boys Under-19 Category.

This outstanding performance is a matter of great pride for the school and reflects the student's dedication, perseverance and sporting excellence.

ADVENTURE, TEAMWORK & LEADERSHIP: A TRIP TO RAMANAGARA – SAFE, SARS & GREEN BRIGADE



An adventure trip to Ramanagara was organised on 12 September 2026 for 106 students of SAFE, SARS and the Green Brigade, with the aim of fostering courage, confidence, teamwork, discipline and resilience.

The students participated in Zip Line, Slackline, Rappelling and Trekking activities under the supervision of trained instructors. They also undertook a trek to Ramadevara Betta, demonstrating enthusiasm, perseverance and team spirit throughout the programme.

The trip offered the students a valuable opportunity for their exponential learning while strengthening their confidence and developing essential life skills, The group returned safely to school at approximately 7:30pm

The students were accompanied by Mr Chandrashekar G, Mr Ganesh Babu, Mr Arokyaraj, Mr Senthil Nathan, Mr Albert Manoraj and Mr Julian.

"It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves."

- SIR EDMUND HILLARY

1ST INTRA-STAFF CARROM BOARD TOURNAMENT 2026

The 1st Intra-Staff Carrom Board Tournament 2026 concluded successfully, with enthusiastic and excellent sportsmanship among the staff of Bishop Cotton Boys' School.

Women's Section

The Women's Section of the Staff Carrom Tournament saw enthusiastic participation by teachers from all departments of the school.

Women's Singles

Winner: Mrs. Kalpana Shah – Middle School
Runner-up: Mrs. Margreta – Junior Computer Lab

Women's Doubles

Winners: Mrs. Kalpana Shah & Mrs.Rathna Kiran – Middle School
Runners-up: Mrs. Sarah & Mrs. Shireen – KG Section

Heartiest congratulations to all the winners and participants for their commendable performance and sportsmanship.

We looked forward to the Women's Singles and Doubles finals and wished all the participants the very best!





Men's Section

Men's Section concluded successfully, witnessing a great deal of excitement and camaraderie among the staff of Bishop Cotton Boys' School.

Men's Singles

Winner: Mr. Velu – Transport
Runner-up: Mr. Anil Dutt S – Sports, ISC

Men's Doubles

Winners: Mr. Velu & Mr. Ruben – Transport
Runners-up: Mr. Anil Dutt S – Sports, ISC & Mr. Ajay Kumar B – Middle School

Mr. Velu deserves special mention for his outstanding performance in securing both the Men's Singles and Doubles titles.

The tournament fostered camaraderie, teamwork and healthy competition, adding to the spirit of fellowship among the staff fraternity.

Special appreciation to Mr. Devaraj, HOD – Sports Department, for initiating and organising this engaging healthy tournament, promoting camaraderie and competition among the staff.

On Straight On!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

- HELEN KELLER

MAGNACHRISTA 2026 – INTER-COLLEGIATE CULTURAL FEST



A delegation from Bishop Cotton Boys' School participated in MAGNACHRISTA 2026, an Inter- Collegiate Cultural Fest held at Christ Junior College, Bengaluru. The students showcased their talent and versatility across various events, securing prizes in eight categories.

Event-wise Achievements:

- **Arcane** – 1st Place: Chetan P. and Asad Ulla
- **Sherlocked** – 1st Place: Sai Ravindra, Mohammed Ali and Nishant
- **Project X** – 2nd Place: Aryan S., Harsh Vardhan and M. S. Raj
- E**scapero** – 3rd Place: Nischal Joy, Jordan Zacharias and Mandaar Sanjay Roy
- **Cooking Without Fire** – 2nd Place: Mustafa Gaihlot, Rohan B. and Moses Kennith
- **Cipher** – 2nd Place: Zahhan Ameen and Swapneel Choudhary
- **Chemistique** – 3rd Place: Srijan, Balraj and Rishikesh
- **Jewellery Making** – 3rd Place: Mohammed Faizan Asif, Jebin Samuel and Jabez S.

The impressive performance of the students reflects their creativity, teamwork and commitment. The School places on record its appreciation to the ISC Cultural Department for their guidance and support, with special thanks to Mrs. Sheeba Nancy and Miss Malvika for their dedicated mentoring and encouragement.

On Straight On!

COTTONS SHINE AT FRANK ANTHONY SEMI-FINALS, BOOK THEIR PLACE IN THE NATIONAL FINALS



Bishop Cotton Boys' School participated in Category I of the Semi-Finals Stage (Stage III) of the Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Inter-School Debate, held at Dayanand Sagar International School on 25 September 2026. The motion for the debate was "The developed nations of the world owe a climate debt to the developing nations."

Representing the school, Ayush Prem of XII B and Sukrit Sivaprasad of XII D presented their arguments with logic, clarity and conviction, securing the Best Team Award. Sukrit Sivaprasad was also adjudged Best Speaker for his exemplary performance.

The team has secured a place in the National Finals of the Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Inter-School Debate, scheduled to be held on 20 November 2026.

The students were mentored by Mrs. Madhuri Nair Sanjeev, whose guidance and support significantly contributed to their success.

Bishop Cotton Boys' School congratulates Ayush Prem and Sukrit Sivaprasad on this outstanding achievement and wishes them every success at the National Finals.

SCIENCE SPARK 2026 – CELEBRATION OF SCIENTIFIC INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE



Bishop Cotton Boys' School participated in SCIENCE SPARK 2026, an inter-school science exhibition organised by Goodwill Girls High School and Composite PU College on 30th and 31st October 2026. The event provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their scientific knowledge, creativity and innovative ideas.

Our students participated enthusiastically in various categories, presenting projects on Power Generation and Energy Transformation (Category A) and Electrochemical Technology Cells, Electromagnetism and Wireless (Category C)

The school achieved remarkable success, securing the following prizes:

- **Category A – First Prize:** Manit Gupta (8F), Parinay A (8F) and Aaviral Sethia (8I).
- **Category C – Second Prize:** Nischal K V (11B), Joel Nathaniel (11B) and Zahaan Ameen T (11B).
- **Category C – Third Prize:** Rakhshaan Shaik (11B), Arna V Nair (11B) and Kushal S (11B).

The winning teams received trophies and cash awards of ₹5,000, ₹3,000 and ₹2,000, respectively.

The following students from Categories A and B were also recognised with mementos and certificates of participation:

- Arya T Sai – 8I
- Neil Abraham George – 8F
- Neil Ramdas – 9E
- Ritwik R Gowda – 8I
- Nikhail Jonathan John – 9D
- Neil Vargis Lokwani – 9F

The school congratulates all the participating students on their commendable performance and places on record its appreciation for the guidance and dedicated efforts of the teachers-in-charge, Miss Mary Avis, Mrs. Mruthul Thomas and Mrs. Sheeba Nancy. Special appreciation is also extended to Mr. Prakash M, Mrs. Kavitha J M and Mrs. Shaheen Taj for accompanying and encouraging the students throughout the event.

AMAZING FACTS

Hotter than the Sun

A single bolt of lightning can heat the air around it to about 50,000°F (27,760°C), roughly five times hotter than the surface of the Sun. That sudden heating makes the air expand explosively, and the shock wave is the thunder we hear.

Source: NOAA National Weather Service.

MIND MATTERS 2026: A SCINTILLATING STAFF QUIZZ

The inaugural edition of "Mind Matters" – the Intra-Staff Quiz Competition- was held on Thursday, 3rd September 2026, at the Bishop Edward Lynch Cotton Auditorium as part of the Teachers' Day celebrations.

Seven teams, comprising two members each from the Kindergarten, Junior-1, Junior-2, Middle School, Senior School, ISC and Administrative sections, participated with great enthusiasm. The quiz was expertly conducted by Mrs Mruthul Thomas and featured five engaging rounds covering sports, music, cinema, literature and current affairs, including multiple-choice, visual identification and lateral-thinking challenges. The audience also participated enthusiastically through interactive questions.



The programme was efficiently supported by Mrs Evelyn Sumana as Compere, Mrs Manjari and Mrs Ranjana as Tabulators, and Mrs Elizabeth Angiras and Mrs. Bandana Singh as Timekeepers.



After an hour of spirited quizzing, Mrs Mercy Stanley and Mrs Neelika Joel emerged as Winners and received a cash prize of ₹6,000/-.Mrs Reena Subhashini and Mr Darshan R. secured the Runners-Up position and received ₹5,000/-.

The event was graced by Dr Alistair R. A. Freese, Principal, Mr Dhiviyanathan J., Vice-Principal, and members of the teaching and administrative staff. The successful inaugural edition concluded on a joyous note, celebrating knowledge, camaraderie and the enduring joy of learning.

Nec Dextrorsum, Nec Sinistrorsum

"The more that you read, the more things you will know."

- DR. SEUSS

HINDI DIWAS CELEBRATION 2026

The Hindi Department of Bishop Cotton Boys' School organised a Hindi Diwas Celebration on Wednesday, 16th September 2026, in the Mini Auditorium to celebrate the richness and cultural significance of the Hindi language.

The program was compered by Daksh Singhvi, School Captain, and commenced with the School Song. The Bible Reading by Mr Ganesh Babu, and prayer by Mrs Jayalakshmi preceded the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Students of Junior I presented a vibrant dance performance, adding colour and cultural spirit to the occasion.



Mr Chandrashekar, HOD Hindi, delivered the Welcome Address and introduced the Chief Guest, Dr Supriya Singh. The Debate Winners subsequently presented their speeches with confidence and eloquence. Dr Supriya Singh addressed the gathering on the importance of Hindi as a language of communication, culture, literature, and national expression, inspiring students to appreciate and take greater interest in the language.

The programme continued with the Prize Distribution Ceremony, honouring students who excelled in various Hindi competitions. Vice Principal Mr.Dhivyanahan J addressed the gathering, emphasising the importance of preserving and celebrating Hindi and congratulating the winners and the Hindi Department for their efforts.

Atharv of Standard 10 proposed the Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to all those who contributed to the successful conduct of the programme. The celebration concluded with the National Anthem.

Nec Dextrorsum, Nec Sinistrorsum

"To have another language is to possess a second soul."

- CHARLEMAGNE

HERITAGE EXHIBITION 2026 – EVENT REPORT

Bishop Cotton Boys' School Bengaluru proudly hosted Heritage Exhibition 2026, presented by the students of Standard III, on 3 September 2026 at the Tower Block.

The exhibition was a vibrant celebration of India's rich cultural heritage, diversity, traditions and legacy, featuring the distinctive culture of Punjab, Goa, Kerala, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Assam.

Through colourful displays, creative presentations and enthusiastic participation, our young learners brought alive the art, traditions and cultural richness of our incredible nation. The exhibition provided them with a meaningful opportunity to explore, appreciate and celebrate the diversity that makes India truly unique.

A special word of appreciation goes out to our Coordinators, Mrs Lorraine Chan and Mrs Joyce Hebick, and all the teachers of Class III, whose meticulous planning, dedication and enthusiastic guidance was instrumental in making the exhibition a vibrant and memorable experience.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our parents for their unwavering support, cooperation and tireless efforts. Their encouragement and partnership played a vital role in making the exhibition a grand success.

Our sincere thanks to our Principal, Vice Principal and Rev. Immanuel Nehemiah for gracing the occasion with their presence and encouraging our young learners. Heritage Exhibition 2026 was a wonderful celebration of learning, creativity and national pride—a reminder that while India is rich in diverse cultures and traditions, we remain united as one nation.



INTER-HOUSE SPELLING BEE COMPETITION – 2026

The Middle School Inter-House Spelling Bee Competition, held on 29 October 2026, showcased linguistic talent and sporting spirit among students of Standards VI, VII and VIII. Led by pronouncer Dr Sonia Soans, the competition featured engaging rounds that tested the participants' spelling skills, vocabulary and knowledge across diverse themes.



The closely contested event saw *Thomas House* win, while Pakenham Walsh House and Pope House shared second place. Elphick House secured fourth place, followed by Pettigrew House in fifth place.

The competition provided a stimulating platform for budding linguists to showcase their abilities, fostering a love for language, healthy competition and intellectual excellence.

"In diversity there is beauty and there is strength."

- MAYA ANGELOU

CISCE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE ISC ENGLISH FACULTY

The two-day CISCE training program on Literature in English at the ISC Level was conducted in a systematic, engaging, and intellectually enriching manner.

The sessions, facilitated by Mrs Sandra Britto, offered valuable insights into the Council's examination and pedagogical expectations, with particular emphasis on strengthening the teaching and learning of literature at the ISC level. Ms Suchismita Chaudhuri, Mr Dhiviyanathan J and Mrs Madhuri Nair Sanjeev attended the programme, representing the ISC Department of English.

The ISC Dept. of English places on record its sincere gratitude to the Principal, Dr Alistair R. A. Freese, for facilitating this valuable professional development opportunity.

The training proved to be an enriching academic engagement, reinforcing the department's commitment to pedagogical excellence and the effective implementation of the Council's curricular and assessment framework.



POTTERS' DAY

"Where imagination takes shape, even the simplest touch of clay becomes a masterpiece in the making."



Our little potters of Kindergarten embarked on a delightful journey into the fascinating world of pottery, where creativity flowed as freely as their imagination. Dressed in vibrant attire and charming aprons, the children enthusiastically embraced the age-old art of transforming humble clay into beautiful creations of their own.

Under the guidance of skilled potters, the children explored the pottery wheel and learnt the art of shaping soft clay into little diyas. They thoroughly enjoyed moulding and shaping the clay, experiencing the joy and satisfaction of creating something with their own hands.

The kindergarten came alive with laughter, excitement, and creative energy as the children immersed themselves in this hands-on experience. Along the way, they developed patience, concentration, and creativity while discovering the magic of turning simple clay into something special.

As the session drew to a close, the little potters proudly admired their creations, each one a unique reflection of their individuality, imagination, and effort.

Little hands, boundless imagination, and creations crafted with love—our little potters transformed clay into cherished memories that will last a lifetime!

"The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery."

- MARK VAN DOREN

RHYTHM & RHYME TIME: "THE GRAND KINDERGARTEN MUSICAL"

A vibrant celebration of music, movement and childhood creativity, Rhythm & RhymeTime, "The Grand Kindergarten Musical", was presented by the Upper Kindergarten of Bishop Cotton Boys' School on 23rd September 2026, in the presence of Ms Moonmee D. C., Founder, E3 Global Learning.

The programme commenced with a prayer led by Rev. Rachel Sudarshan, followed by the welcome address and introduction of the Chief Guest by Dr Alistair R. A. Freese, Principal.



The young Cottonians from all nine Upper Kindergarten sections enthralled the audience with colourful and energetic performances based on themes such as Star Light Adventures, Coral Cuddles, Little Robot Champs, Vacation Vibes, Toy Land, Funtopia, Frosty Fiesta, Heads Up for Tails, and Candy Crew. Their confident performances reflected their enthusiasm, creativity, and the dedicated guidance of their teachers.

The address by Ms Moonmee D. C. added warmth and significance to the occasion. Rhythm & Rhyme Time was a delightful celebration of childhood, imagination, creativity and budding talent left the audience with cherished memories of a truly magical morning.

The successful conduct of the programme was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Kindergarten Coordinators Mrs Beaula Thavamani and Mrs Mary Longkumar, along with the entire Kindergarten faculty; meticulous preparation ensured a memorable and enriching experience for the young Cottonians.

NURSERY ROCK - LITTLE VOICES, BIG DREAMS

The Kindergarten of Bishop Cotton Boys' School presented the inaugural edition of "Nursery Rock – Little Voices, Big Dreams" on the morning of 25th September 2026. An imaginative initiative of the Principal, Dr. Alistair R. A. Freese. The programme was a vibrant celebration of music, movement, colour and creativity.

Rev. E. Immanuel Nehemiah opened the programme with a prayer, seeking God's blessings on the celebration. The occasion was graced by Chief Guest Rotarian Prof. Elizabeth Cherian, Governor of Rotary Club South, and Mrs. Vinisha Nero, a member of the Board of Management.

The young performers enthralled the audience through lively presentations, including Bubble Pop Party, Jungle Jamboree, Rainbow Radiance, Super Squad and The Rockstars, supported by talented musicians, and an array of colourful and creative props.



The successful conduct of the programme was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Kindergarten Coordinators Mrs. Beaula Thavamani and Mrs. Mary Longkumer, along with the entire Kindergarten faculty, whose commitment, teamwork and meticulous preparation ensured a joyful and enriching experience for the young Cottonians.

"Where words fail, music speaks."

- HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

CUBS OVERNIGHT CAMP – CLASSES 4 & 5

"A Good Turn will educate the cub out of the groove of selfishness," encouraging every Cub to move from "What can I get?" to "What can I give?"

The overnight camp for the Cubs of Classes 4 and 5 was held at the Dr Annie Besant Scouts and Guides State Training and Camping Centre, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural. The camp provided an opportunity for the Cubs to learn essential scouting skills and develop teamwork, discipline and self-reliance.

Day 1: The Cubs settled into their tents and participated in various activities, followed by a flag ceremony and campsite inspection. A session on the history of Cubs and basic first aid was conducted by Master Prem, Senior Scout, and Dr Vinu, where the children learned and demonstrated basic first-aid techniques. The day ended with a lively campfire, fun activities and games, leaving the Cubs with wonderful memories.



Day 2: The morning began with BP-6 exercises, followed by a nature walk through the forest. The Cubs also learnt knot-tying techniques, and they worked together enthusiastically. Before dispersal, they cleaned the campsite and packed their belongings.

The camp reinforced the values of discipline, cooperation and self-reliance while creating lasting memories for all the participants.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mrs Sadhana Rajesh, Ms Eveline C., Ms Deborah Dorcas S., Ms Poonam and Mr Vikas Paul for their guidance, supervision and support.



"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all."

- HELEN KELLER

BEYOND BORDERS, BEYOND MEMORIES – A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER

The seven-day staff trip to Vietnam was an unforgettable blend of scenic beauty, cultural discovery, adventure, and fellowship. Exploring Da Nang, Hoi An, Hanoi, and Ha Long Bay offered wonderful insights into Vietnam's rich heritage and breathtaking landscapes. From the magnificent Golden Bridge at Ba Na Hills and the serene Linh Ung Pagoda to the charming lantern-lit streets of Hoi An, every destination offered a unique experience. Hanoi captivated us with its historic landmarks and vibrant Old Quarter, while the overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay, with its majestic limestone karsts and emerald-green waters, was truly spectacular. Exploring Dark and Bright Cave by bamboo boat added to the magic of this memorable journey.



Beyond the beautiful destinations, the trip strengthened our bonds through shared meals, laughter, conversations, and countless cherished moments. It was a refreshing experience that rejuvenated spirits and celebrated the joy of togetherness.

The staff expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Principal, Vice Principal and the Board of Management for providing them with this wonderful opportunity. Vietnam will forever remain a beautiful chapter in their collective story, a journey beyond borders, filled with friendship, gratitude, and memories to treasure.

On Straight On!



"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness."

- MARK TWAIN

CLASS XII EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO VIETNAM

The students of Class XII of Bishop Cotton Boys' School, accompanied by four teachers, embarked on an educational excursion to Vietnam from 24 to 28 October 2026. The journey offered a rich blend of historical learning, cultural exploration, sightseeing, and recreation.



The group explored Hanoi's iconic landmarks, including Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the One Pillar Pagoda, St. Joseph's Cathedral, and Tran Quoc Pagoda. A memorable cruise through the breathtaking landscapes of Ha Long Bay included kayaking or a bamboo boat ride, a visit to Surprise Cave, and an excursion to Titov Island.

The students also visited Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of Vietnam, and Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where a traditional sampan boat ride through scenic waterways and caves offered a glimpse of the country's natural splendour. At Quang Phu Cau Village, they witnessed the traditional art of incense-making, gaining valuable insights into Vietnam's craftsmanship and cultural heritage. Visits to local markets further enriched their experience.

The excursion concluded with the group's return to Bengaluru in the early hours of 29 October 2025. The journey broadened the students' horizons, fostered cultural appreciation, and strengthened bonds, friendship, and fellowship

We express our sincere gratitude to the accompanying teachers—Mrs. Mercy Stanley, ISC Coordinator; Mrs Neelika Joel, Assistant Coordinator; Mrs Sumathi; and Mrs Madhavi—for their guidance and care. We also thank The Travel Triangle, particularly Mr Nelson and Mr Rabbi, along with Mr Mrim and Mr Ryan, for their excellent coordination and support. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to our respected Principal, Dr Alistair R. A. Freese, and Vice Principal, Mr Divyanathan J., for making this enriching opportunity possible for students to witness.

The Vietnam excursion was a memorable educational experience that combined learning, discovery, and camaraderie, leaving the students with cherished memories and a deeper appreciation of the world beyond the classroom, and they took away a core memory which they will cherish in life.

AMAZING FACT

A bay of some 1,600 islands

Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994, is dotted with some 1,600 limestone islands and islets, most of them uninhabited. Shaped by water and weather over millions of years, many hide spectacular caves and grottoes, like the Surprise Cave our Cottonians explored.

Source: UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

MAGICAL MALAYSIA – A JOURNEY BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A group of 198 students of Standard X, accompanied by 19 teachers from Bishop Cotton Boys' School, embarked on an exciting international educational excursion to Malaysia. The trip offered a memorable blend of sightseeing, adventure, cultural exploration and fellowship.

The students explored Kuala Lumpur's iconic landmarks, including the magnificent Petronas Twin Towers, KL Tower, the King's Palace (Istana Negara) and the famous Batu Caves. The visit to Genting Highlands, with its scenic surroundings, and an action-packed day at Sunway Lagoon Theme Park added to the excitement. The city tour of Kuala Lumpur and the visit to Putrajaya, Malaysia's administrative capital, provided insights into the urban country's architecture, heritage and development.





Beyond sightseeing and recreation, the excursion offered valuable opportunities for experiential learning, independence and cultural awareness. It strengthened friendships, encouraged teamwork and fostered a spirit of camaraderie among the students. The students returned with cherished memories and enriching experiences that extended learning beyond the classroom. The school places on record its sincere gratitude to the Principal and Vice Principal for providing the students with this wonderful opportunity.

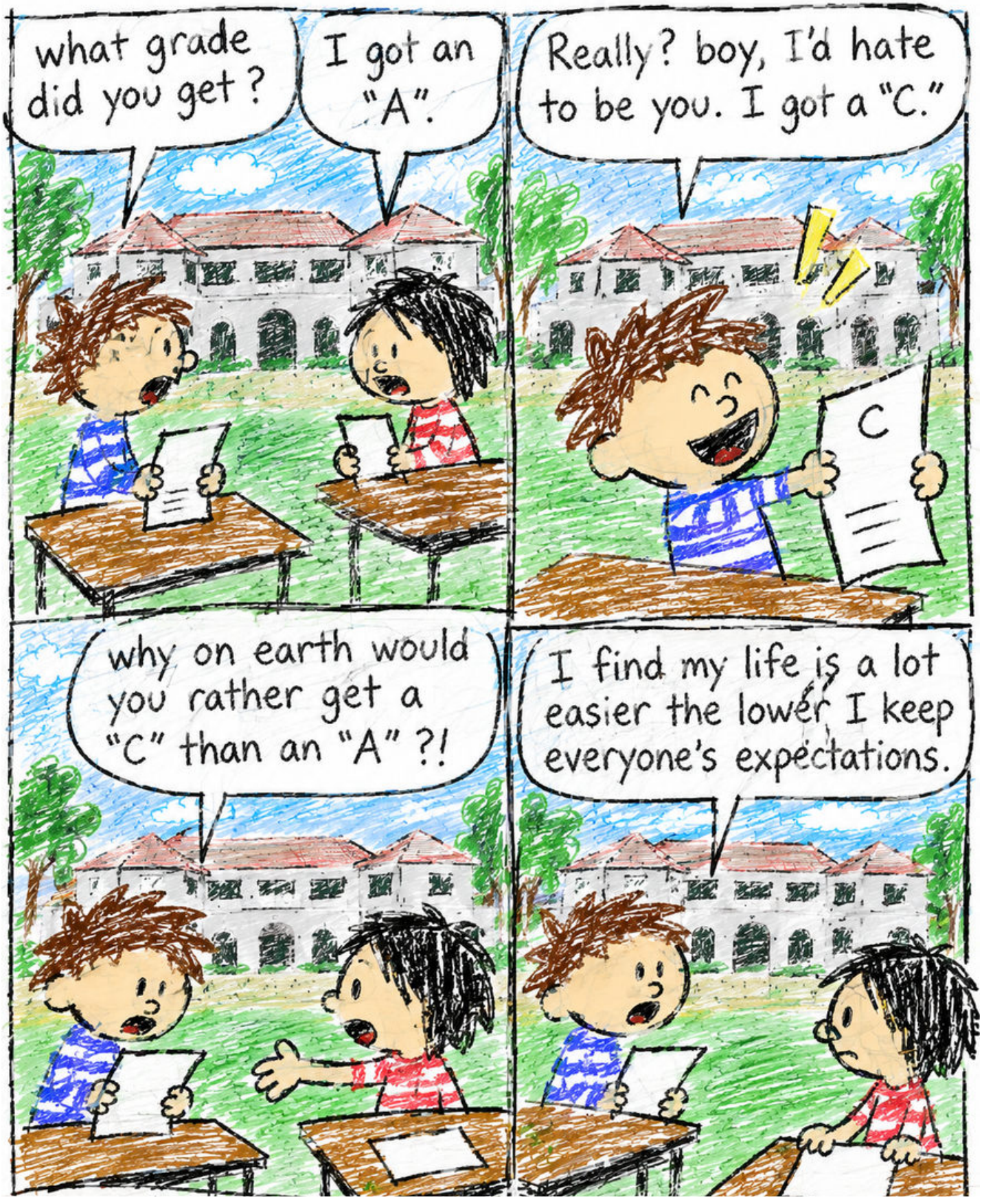
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AMAZING FACT

Rising 452 meters above Kuala Lumpur, the Petronas Twin Towers were the tallest buildings in the worldfrom 1998 to 2004. The two 88-storey towers are joined by a sky bridge on the 41st and 42nd floors, the highest two-storey bridge of its kind in the world.

Source: Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, Petronas.

Monthly Funnies

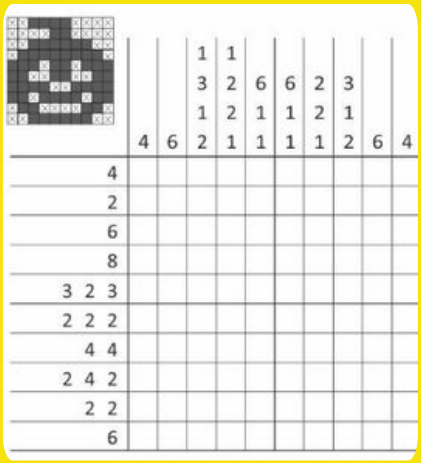


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CAPTION WRITING

Unleash your imagination and write the best and most the creative caption for adjacent picture!

thought-be provoking, or anything you like.

There's no single right answer so let your creativity flow and make your caption stand out!



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The student to submit the MOST CREATIVE caption and solve the SUDOKU at the reception will receive a prize from the Principal. Please write your name, class and section neatly on top of the page.

We the Cottonians,
We are all here,
We want to do yes,
Always our best.

Our motto is,
Nec Dextrorsum,
Nec Sinistrorsum,
Hip Hip Hurrah!!

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