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***BE BORN IN US
INCARNATE LOVE.
TAKE OUR EYES
AND GIVE US
YOUR VISION
TAKE OUR MINDS
AND GIVE US
YOUR PURE THOUGHT***

LORETO HOUSE

Loreto House Junior School presented their Annual Concert "Once Upon a Time" on the 19th and 20th of September 2014.

The programme began with a prayer dance by the Class V's. Classes Nursery to IV enthralled the audience with their singing, dancing and acting. Their acting depicted scenes from familiar and much loved fairy tales- Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, Cinderella and from stories about animals and God's creation.

Class III presented a Scandinavian folk dance with their eye catching costumes.

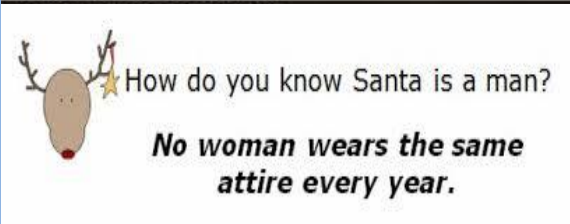
Our showstopper of the evening was the musical Jonah and the Whale directed by Sr. Celine and presented by Class V's. Our music teacher, Mr. C. Britto excelled with his music. The beautiful props, the boat, the whale and the period costumes added to the colour and performance of the children.

On the 8th of November 2014, the Senior section of Loreto House put up a grand display of Sporting activities.

The Chief Guest for the morning was Ms. Susmita Singha Roy, a star athlete from Kolkata who represented our country at the Olympics. The theme for this year's Sports Day was the 'Empowerment of the girl child'. Consequently, every drill display put up painstakingly by the 6 Houses of the school focused on highlighting this message through exercises, formations and acrobatics.

The highlights of the Sports Day this year were the awe-inspiring display of Karate moves by the students of our Rainbow School, and a scintillating display of yoga exercises by students from classes VI to VIII. The fun-filled event also saw enthusiastic participation from the parents. The teachers were taken by surprise when the Principal announced a special race for them called 'Shopping with Suzy'. The students cheered the Domestic Staff of the school as they raced on "Stepping Stones".

IF YOU
LAUGH
A LOT,
WHEN YOU GET OLDER
YOUR WRINKLES WILL BE
IN THE RIGHT PLACES.



MARY WARD LAY ASSOCIATES

Commitment day for Mary Ward Lay Associate members was held on 11th October, 2014 at Loreto Bowbazar. The theme for the day was "I am the vine, you are the branches".

The day began with a session on Faith Sharing, conducted by Sr.



Anita Braganza. The slides on the life of Mary Ward which portrayed her immense faith in the Almighty in her moments of trials and tribulations were an example, encouragement and strength.

The next session was conducted by Fr. Julian Fernandez, a Jesuit. He spoke about Mary Ward's fascination to be involved in the needs of the world. Her personal love for God found expression in her service. Similarly lay associate members too, being committed to their families have made a free choice to find meaning in their lives by serving others.

The members then shared their view on how being women of God and service has helped them to be better persons and better teachers. This was followed by Mass during which five members renewed their commitment.

The day ended with a fellowship meal. The presence of many sisters and principals from various schools was encouraging.

LORETO CONVENT LUCKNOW

On the auspicious day of St. Joseph's Feast on 19th March 2012, the foundation stone of the Delphine Hart Auditorium was laid and the building was completed in a period of 2 years and 8 months.



Christmas Quiz

1. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
2. How many Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus?
3. How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?
4. What was the name of John the Baptist's Mother?
5. Who brings presents to children in Holland on the 5th/6th December?
6. How many letters are in the angelic alphabet?
7. In what town was Jesus born?
8. How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?
9. In what decade was the first Christmas Card sent in the UK?
10. What country did the family escape to?
11. How many of Rudolph's eight companions names start with 'D'?
12. What country did Christmas Trees originate from?
13. Who was the 'King of the Jews' who ordered the babies to be killed?
14. What's the second line of "I'm dreaming of a white christmas"?
15. What was Joseph's job?
16. Where did the baby Jesus sleep?

The Inauguration of the auditorium on 17th November, 2014 was enriched by a joyous Eucharistic Celebration. The main celebrant of the Holy Eucharist was Rt. Rev. Dr. Gerald J. Mathais, Bishop of Lucknow who unveiled the Foundation Stone.

The Holy Mass was followed by a sumptuous brunch in the Hogan Hall (Basement).

About a thousand people (Priests, Sisters, Benefactors, Teachers, Parents and Students) were present on this special occasion.

GYANALAYA

As we entered into this Paradise of Trees, we were taken up by the beauty of God's creation. We had a beautiful experience for 10 days at Taru Mitra, Patna.

We were lucky to have the presence of 12 CJ novices, two teachers and two students from Pondicherry.

We had the experience of being one with Mother Earth.



The most fascinating time was the evening Eucharist because of God's Cathedral outside.

We were encouraged to find God in each and everything we did, the places we went to and also in the people we met. We strongly believe in the saying of POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II "Respect to the creation is an act of worship towards the Creator and an act of love towards ourselves and our fellow beings".

Answers:

1. Advent
2. More than one, the Bible doesn't say how many!
3. Deep pan, crisp and even!
4. Elizabeth
5. St. Nicholas
6. 25; 'no el'!!!
7. Bethlehem
8. 364
9. 1840s - 1843 by Sir Henry Cole
10. Egypt
11. Three - Dasher, Dancer and Donner
12. Germany - it was Latvia but it was part of German then!
13. King Herod
14. Just like the ones I used to know
15. Carpenter
16. The Anglo Saxons - it means 'good health'

NEWS FROM LOLAY.

On 31st of October we had the Annual Art and Craft exhibition. Sr. Philomena was the chief guest. We also invited children from other schools, parents and some V.I.P.s from Lolay. On the same day we also had a mini fete. Our parents came and helped with the cooking.

From the money that we got from the fete we took the class IV students(the school leavers) , teachers and non- teaching staff for a picnic to Kalimpong, Science city. We had a wonderful day.

On 13th November 10 children and a teacher from Loreto Convent Darjeeling came to spend a day with our children in Lolay. So we



celebrated children's day on that day. The teachers prepared a small prayer service and short programme. The children from Darjeeling sang some songs and conducted some games. All the children of Lolay got small gifts from the Darjeeling children. Sr. Geraldine also provided a good meal for our children.



**Christmas is
a time to
find Baby**



**Jesus among
the needy
and the
poor.... Let
us not look
for Him in**



**well
decorated
cribs ...**

**TO love the
poor, persevere
in the same,
live, die and
rise with them
was all the aim
of Mary Ward**



LORETO ENTALLY

To God be the Glory great things He has done

75 years in His Service

On Sunday 30th November 2014, the Entally Community celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of our dear Sister Therese Curran. Therese was baptized Olive Rose Curran and left home 75 years ago to enter the Loreto Novitiate in Ireland. She expressed a desire to serve on the missions and after Final Profession, in 1948, she was sent to India.

The day began with a meaningful Liturgy. The altar was decorated with exquisite flowers and Sister Therese's motto, ***IN GOD I HAVE HOPE***. Sister Marion Vase gave a beautiful introduction on the life of Therese. Father T.C. Joseph celebrated the Mass and said some lovely things about Therese. He knew her well from his days in Sonada and his homily was worth recording. He spoke about her fidelity to Jesus for 75 years, her deep respect for people, her gentleness and kindness to one and all, always a smile on her lips and her great generosity to people in need.

The Entally children sang beautiful, appropriate hymns under the guidance of Sr. Celine and Sr. Alice Mary. Our young sisters did the readings and the prayers of intercession.

After Mass we moved to the refectory where we sang the ***JUBILANTES*** with great gusto, followed by a special "high breakfast." Sister Therese was served her favourite dishes at lunch not forgetting fried brinjal which she relishes.

At 3:30 p.m. Sr. Anita Braganza and Council arrived and so did our Pre-candidates and Juniors who live on our campus. We were altogether 30 of us. Therese cut the delicious chocolate cake and the youngsters did justice to the aloo chola, dahi, papri chart etc.

Birthdays are a new start; fresh beginnings, a time to start new endeavors with new goals. Move forward with fresh confidence and courage. You are a special person, may you have an amazing today and year!

DECEMBER

FEAST DAY and B'DAY

Sr. Edelin Kujur	1st Dec
Sr. Edline Toppo	1st Dec
Sr. Phyllis Morris	8th Dec
Sr. Magdalene	9th Dec
Sr. Alma Toppo	10th Dec
Sr. Mary Irene	16th Dec
Sr. Rina Ekka	19th Dec
Sr. Anjuman Gidh	21th Dec
Sr. Stephanie M	26th Dec
Sr. Stephanie R	26th Dec
Sr. Benedicta	26th Dec
Sr. Tina Farias	29th Dec

After the high tea we had a beautiful Prayer Service and Power Point Presentation in the Community Room. A touching highlight was when various people shared about what Therese meant to them. It was also Amia's birthday, so some of us also said lovely things about Amia. Then came the fun and games. Sr. Cyril wrote a delightful, hilarious song about the life of Therese and we all sang it to the tune of O MY DARLING CLEMENTINE. The Juniors and Pre-Candidates entertained us with a number of delightful items and the evening ended with an enjoyable game which required tremendous mobility and the more sedate Housie. There was a prize for everyone.

Dear Sister Therese was overjoyed and overwhelmed. She found it difficult to accept so much praise, but she graciously kept saying THANK YOU.

We are indeed blest to have this woman of God among us here at Entally. May the Lord fill her with His deep peace and bless her abundantly all the days of her life.

OHANA 2014 a Sports and Drill display was organised by the teachers and students of **LORETO CONVENT ENTALLY** on the 29th of November, 2014. This was indeed a very amazing and emotional event for both the teachers as well as the students as all 1260 children stood on the school ground at some point of time during the day's event.

The children marched beautifully, various drill displays portrayed



their physical skill. It was indeed an enthralling experience to see the little ones keep to the timing. The show stopper for the programme was the torch drill performed by the Class Xs and XIIs of the school. The school by then was in darkness and it seemed as if twinkling stars has descended on our ground.

JANUARY

FEAST DAY and B'DAY

Sr. Jency. V	2nd Jan
Sr. Agnes Bhutia	5th Jan
Sr. Banisha	8th Jan
Sr. Molly Francis	9th Jan
Sr. Alma Toppo	11th Jan
Sr. Phyllis Morris	12th Jan
Sr. Yvonne Gomes	14th Jan
Sr. Rani Hembram	15th Jan
Sr. Maeve Hughes	15th Jan
Sr. Sunila Toppo	19th Jan
Sr. Agnes Bhutia	21st Jan/F
Sr. Mary Nithya	22nd Jan
Sr. Monica Suchiang	23rd Jan
Sr. Anita Nayak	23rd Jan
Sr. Sangeeta Surin	23rd Jan
Sr. Lynette Palmer	23rd Jan/F
Sr. Helen Borneo	25th Jan
Sr. Shalini Rozario	26th Jan
Sr. Priyanka Topno	27th Jan
Sr. Ganga Jyoti	28th Jan

REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES WORKSHOP

The all India Loreto school secretaries workshop was held on the 28th and 29th on November 2014. The venue was the Provincialate Conference Room. Twenty two secretaries and one Principal (Sr Alma from Panighatta) participated. The resource persons were Sr. Igora Pinto, Miss Lidya Das, and Mr. Faizal Hamid. The theme for the workshop was, "The secretary is the pivot of the institution". Sr. Anita formally welcomed all the participants and thanked them for all that they are doing for the school. She also thanked all the Principals for arranging to send them.

The programme began with a beautiful prayer each day prepared by Sr. A. Nirmala.

Sr. Igora highlighted the essence of Ignatius Spirituality. She related



spirituality with work and how to see God in everything and everyone.

Miss Lidya Das HR of HSBC Bank took the day forward with a number of activities based on tips for effective functioning of a secretary, communication skills, soft skills and capsule wardrobe.

Mr. Faizal Hamid Director of Saffees, Secretaries Training Centre, emphasised the Role of a Secretary and how to keep up with technology and change.

Mrs Gaspar made a presentation on the Life of Mary Ward.

It was a very enriching and energizing experience for all. Everyone participated whole heartedly. The vote of thanks was given by Ms. Philomina Arvind secretary of Loreto Elliot road. Sr. Marilla D'Souza conducted a very meaningful prayer service as a conclusion to the workshop.

FEBRUARY

FEAST DAY and B'DAY

Sr. M. J. Jude 6th Feb

Sr. Lourdes 11th Feb/F

Sr. Carmella 11th Feb

Sr. Maria B 19th Feb

Sr. Igora Pinto 22nd Feb

Sr. Sangeeta Jojo 24th Feb

Sr. Valeria 27th Feb

Sr. Josephine 28th Feb

Sr. Swati Lakra 28th Feb

CELEBRATIONS - GAYA

Nazareth Academy, Gaya celebrated their Platinum Jubilee and invited Loreto to the celebration since we had been there before them and had handed over the school to them. As Sr. Anita Braganza was not free to attend, Srs. Shakuntala and Ursula represented her there. At the Eucharist and again at the cultural programme a message written by Sr. Anita, which was greatly appreciated by the sisters, was read out by Sr. Ursula. They were thrilled to welcome Loreto back and recalled how generous Loreto had been when we handed over to them in 1950 our little convent and a growing Hindi medium school.

The school flourished and is now a well established English co-educational Higher Secondary School. A big board outside the office lists the names of Principals including Loreto sisters, from the time of its inception. On our second day there the sisters took us in their jeep to an old cemetery they had discovered and were maintaining. We prayed for our departed sisters to intercede for us.

SR. CELINE PINTO

Prayers are requested for Fr. Agnelo Pinto, Sr. Celine's brother. A small tumor has been detected in his brain. He was to have a Biopsy on the 4th or 5th December and the treatment will depend on the result of the biopsy. Thank you.



***Sing out, earth and skies.
Sing of the God
who loves you.
Raise your joyful cries.
Dance to the life around
you***