



# IGNITED MINDS

**LOYOLA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

FEBRUARY 2022



**LOYOLA**  
International School  
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# Welcome!

Education isn't just about  
school, classes and grades  
It is about knowledge  
that with time, doesn't fade  
The true essence of studying  
Lies in being passionate  
It's about a zealous urge to be  
In charge of one's own fate

## NOTICE BOARD

Exams are commencing from 28th of February 2022 and will go on till 17 March 2022. Graded subject exams will be conducted between 28 Feb 2022 and 03 March 2022. Core subject examinations will be conducted between 06 March 2022 and 17 March 2022.

Graded subject exams will be conducted during the school hours. No classes will be conducted during core subject examinations. All non exam days will be preparatory holidays.

Loyola International School wishes each and every student the very best of luck!

Welcome!!  
To Our New Principal!



Mr Pramod Kumar Ranwaka

We, at Loyola International school, heartily welcome our new principal, **Mr. Pramod Kumar Ranwaka**. A true visionary and an eminent personality in the education realm, Mr. Pramod holds a proven track record in improving students performance by building and maintaining an atmosphere where proficiency and excellence thrives. His career has been shaped through his vast experiences of being associated with some of the most renowned educational institutions of India.

Mr Pramod Kumar Ranwaka, a Post Graduate in Mathematics & PGDCA, started his career in the year 1989 as an educator in the Department of Mathematics at the prestigious Mayo College Ajmer (a fully residential Boys' heritage school established in 1875). Mr. Pramod has served in various leadership positions across his career of over 30 years. He first became the Principal of Alwar Public School, Alwar in the year 2009. He was also the Founder Principal of Birla International School, Kishangarh. He later on went to serve as the Headmaster of Mayo College, Ajmer.

He is a reputed name among the academic fraternity as a Member of NCERT Committee to review Class XI text books of Mathematics at the Regional Institute of Education, Ajmer in September 2002, in addition to being appointed as Head Examiner by CBSE for Class X & XII Mathematics Examinations from 2003-2009. His passion for teaching has won him Outstanding teacher Award by Society for Private Unaided Schools of Rajasthan.

As a highly focused, skilled and dynamic educational leader, Mr. Pramod Kumar Ranwaka aims to offer a safe, stimulating, and motivating learning environment for developing and nurturing the young leaders of tomorrow. We, at Loyola International school, have always believed in offering the best environment and opportunities to our students. We are certain that the young intellects at our school will surely blossom under his inspiring leadership !

# New Principal - The Media Buzz

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right message has to go to the public to get the right message from the right source. This is to deliver the right message at the right time," said Dr Samour. "It is to understand if we were in the right way, whether we are announcing the interventions right way or did we have a better system. We have a lot of

to protect Qatar, medical co-ordination is an important point for any mass gathering. Communication is another one. There should be more interconnection between communication, services and the medical arrangements. We need to continue to share information among all stakeholders to create a core content of knowledge. It is extremely important to make mass

very important that we have public health emergency department for the mass gathering programme. Systematic surveillance is very important to contain the spread of any pandemic, especially during any mega event. Economic data and the air data is also crucial to identify new or emerging top destinations and to know more about the specifics of the places," she added.

## Loyola International School appoints new Principal

Loyola International School (LIS), Qatar has announced the appointment of Mr. Pramod Kumar Ranwaka as its new Principal. Mr. R Venkat Rao, Chairman of Loyola Group of Institutions, has expressed his pleasure and honor in announcing this appointment. He also thanked the outgoing Principal, Mr. Prasad Pogara for his outstanding contribution to Loyola during the last 8 years.



Pramod Kumar Ranwaka

Mr. Pramod brings with him a rich experience of over 30 years in the education sector. Prior to this role, he has served as the Principal at the prestigious Mayo College (estd 1875), Ajmer, India, a historical institution established over 150 years ago.

Additionally, he has also served as the Founder-Principal of Birla Public School, Kishanganh, (Managed by the Birla Education Trust, Pilani). Mr. Pramod has served in various leadership positions across his career that started as a mathematics teacher in 1969.

Loyola is at the forefront of creating better learning environments for imparting all-inclusive education, and having the right educators who align with its values are instrumental to that. Mr. Pramod brings a history of building trust and developing positive relationships along with high ethics and strong leadership to the school. He has proven to be a dedicated and caring educator who works well with students and teachers.

"The systems that are in place here are very impactful, and I'm looking forward to come in and contribute to it. I am really impressed with LIS's educational philosophy and its holistic teaching curriculum, which makes me so excited to be here," said Pramod Ranwaka.

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Mr. Pramod Ranwaka's passion for futuristic education will contribute well to the growth of LIS' teaching practices. As someone who prioritizes inclusive education, he makes an ideal fit for LIS where nurturing well-rounded, emotionally intelligent global citizens is one of the main objectives. He is a technology enthusiast and strongly advocates

## Loyola International School chief patron welcomes new principal

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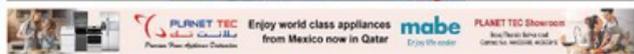
"The joining of our new principal who comes with such vast experience in the educational sector will only add to the school's journey towards excellence," he explained. Ranwaka has pioneered some of the most pioneering trainings in next generation learning, a statement from the school said. Prior to this role, he was the principal at the prestigious Mayo College, established in 1875, Ajmer, India. Sharing his thoughts about joining Loyola International School-Qatar, Ranwaka said: "I'm happy and delighted after having studied at Loyola. I'm going to be a vital part of such a reputable organisation."

### Training for NSA cadets



The Ministry of Municipality's Public Services Sector in co-operation with the National Service Academy (NSA) has launched a training programme for the latter's cadets to enhance their service.

## Two scientists from Qatar making a mark internationally in S&T



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Dr. Nara Adam Mohamed and Dr. Arif Vajpa are some of the Qatar's leading scientists in the field of science and technology. They are among the young scientists who were awarded under the 8th year of the National Research Fund (NRF) in Qatar.

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## Seminars held for administrators in preparation for PISA test

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# Message from the Principal's Desk

It gives me immense happiness to be part of this esteemed institution of Loyola International School founded by Mr. R. Venkat Rao - a gifted educationist and visionary from Hyderabad, India. It is a matter of great pride and honour for me to be with him in his vision and mission for this school.

Development of human values is the ultimate goal of education. The essence of education is character building, teaching young pupil to be sensitive, confident and morally ethical.

We are indeed blessed with this new generation of excited, enthusiastic and eager students who are ready to learn from the past, experiment with the vast resources available and design their future. The last two years have taught us that the world is one and has to be one in order to fight fit for survival. As educators, we look forward to instil and inspire an all-round development with a healthy balance amongst the three areas of academics, co-curriculars and sports. We also emphasise on inculcating the skills of: Critical thinking, Collaboration, Creativity and Communication. Respect and ethics can never be out of vogue and we reiterate our determination to never let our young ones lose base with these and other human values of compassion, empathy and love. The need of the hour thus is to empower our students to discover the very best version of themselves and yet be fine human beings with sensitivity towards others.

We at Loyola International School believe in providing lot of opportunities to students through various activities to nurture them and encouraging them to think independently. Students should be able to use their own wisdom to address various issues and problems concerning to society and the environment. We foster a positive spirit and believe in partnership between students, parents and teachers for overall growth & development of our students. We dedicate ourselves to nurturing and empowering the students to be the future global leaders.

With best wishes,

Principal

Loyola International School

# Student Extraordinaire

Vasuki Anuroop (born on April 8, 2016) of Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, studying in KG2 of Loyola International School, Oasis has been recognised and appreciated by one of the most prestigious record holding institutions of India. This 5 years and 9 months old student will be featured in India Book of Records publications for reciting from 100 to 1 backwards (reverse counting) in 54.67 seconds. The title was awarded to Vasuki after an extensive investigation and meticulous verification of the evidence. Loyola International School congratulates Vasuki Anuroop and is proud to have such a child prodigy in the school!



## Awards and Rewards!



LIS participated in the inter-school competition '**Scintilla-2022**' conducted by Rajagiri Public School. **Arham Aziz Patavegar** of KG2-C took part in "I Can Read" Contest and secured Third position! And **Keishara Libin** of KG1-B took part in Glam It Up contest and received consolation prize! LIS Congratulates both of them for their achievement!

Nammude Adukkalathottam Doha (NAD) (affiliated to ICC) conducted the NAD Young Farmer Contest. Loyola International School is proud to announce that **Anamika Devanand** took part in the contest and had secured Third position! LIS congratulates Anamika and wishes her best!



# How to have undevided focus while studying?

How familiar does this sound to you? You have been looking at all the tips to study and then create a perfect environment to study. You have the perfect lighting, perfect seating and the ambience set. You are all set to start studying. 5 minutes into the study time, your mind is somewhere else and you are probably working an entirely different topic or activity!! Sounds familiar?? So, how can we make sure that when we sit down to work, we actually do that work?

High Quality Work Produced = (Time Spent) x (Intensity of Focus)

- **Have a single target of Focus.** When you start to study, even if you make a list of all the topics to study, we don't really choose which topic to work on! We get confused about which one to start with and we get distracted and start working on something else. Hence, before entering a study session, decide the one topic that you are going to practice/study. One particular single focus creates limitation that narrows and strengthens your level of focus.
- **Keep the session sacred.** Once you have chosen that one topic, study only that topic. Don't do anything before. Even if it is as small as checking for a reply or checking a video on youtube or even if it is eating. Doing this would get you into a distracted rut and would make it hard to transit yourself out of it and get into the study mode for which you actually sat down.
- **Organize your files and notes.** Having all the files and notes unorganised is only going to help you procrastinate. Mind gets tired when it sees all the clutter and tries to avoid it. One of the best ways to retain the focus is to organise your file structure and resources.

- **Practice.** If you want to work with that blistering level of intensity, you need to practice. An intense work ethic is something that is built over time. When you start out, you may be able to focus only for few minutes. But day after day after you keep practicing, that ability is going to strengthen. If your initial attempts to study with that intense level of focus seems difficult, just remember that over time, it is going to get easier and your ability to do it is going to improve.
- **Use a Timer but know when to ignore.** Set a timer to start off your topics. While the timer is running, do not divert your attention to anything else other than that one topic. This helps you get your focus on to the subject. But do not feel obligated to take a break once the timer goes off. The timer only helps you to get into the mode of being focussed. Hence, continue with your study session even after the timer goes off as you would have already been in your focussed zone.
- **Work Alone!** Pablo Picasso said: *Without great solitude, no serious work is possible.* If you want to focus intensely, you need to do it alone. Lot of times combined studies would mean you are studying with friends and the topics of conversation would not be limited only to studies. To have that undivided attention and intense focus, it is best to work alone.
- **Make time for Recovery.** No one can work intensely continuously. If they do, they will eventually burn out. Take some time out to relax, play some game, pursue a hobby or meet with friends. This will leave you refreshed and you will be able to focus with all important blistering intensity.

# SPORTS is LIFE !!!

We all know sports is essential in every human life in keeping them fit and fine. Physical wellbeing to keeping one mentally fit, Sports plays a vital role! It also improves the personality of a person! It builds character, teaches and develops strategic thinking, analytical thinking, leadership skills, goal setting and risk taking, just to name a few.

Qatar Sports day is celebrated to mark the decree that was signed by H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the deputy Emir, and Heir Apparent, in December 2011. The idea behind this decree was to dedicate the second tuesday of every February to Sports. The day was then decided to be celebrated as Sports Day. The first National Sport Day was held in 2012 and was designated for sporting endeavours by the citizens of Qatar. The day's main purpose is to promote sports and to educate the local population on ways to reduce health risks associated with an inactive lifestyle.

Many government ministries and private sector companies organize hundreds of activities and sports day events.

Loyola International school stood no behind. On the event of Qatar National Sports day Loyola International school has conducted various games, and sports activities for children. They were also excited to participate in the indoor activities like making posters of FIFA World Cup stadiums in Qatar, drawing and painting the FIFA World Cup. They exhibited these activities through their creative thoughts and ideas. Students were encouraged to involve themselves in outdoor games like potato race, musical chair, lemon and spoon race, tug of war, balloon race, needle, and thread and many more. Here are a few glimpses of how Loyolites spent their Qatar National Sports day this year.



# Glimpse of Activities

## Spell Bee Activity

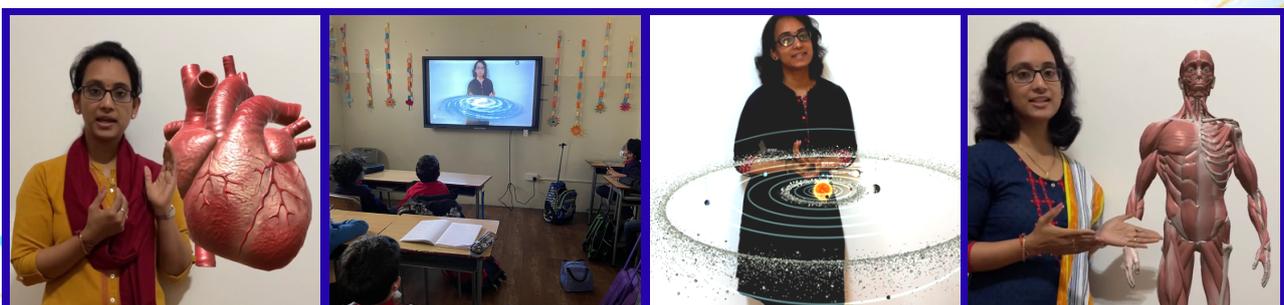
The valuable learning outcome of spelling bee results in the children gaining competency over vocabulary and this allows them to excel at reading and writing. The ability to understand more words will allow your children to become literate and enjoy reading an extensive range of material. Spell Bee competitions were conducted in the school to increase the enthusiasm for learning languages and improving the diction in a fun way!



## AR Brings Life to Science

Internet technologies have changed our daily lives and are considered up-and-coming tools for improving education. AUGMENTED REALITY (AR) is also a growing area of interest for promoting inclusive learning. Using Augmented Reality to Bring Science to life. AR is a powerful visualization tool that allows students to bring Solar system or space or Human body or any object or concept into a reality that is otherwise imagined, inaccessible or difficult to grasp, and can even help to make the invisible visible.

The results of this AR based teaching showed that augmented reality technology was effective in supporting the learning of students with a specific learning difficulty and these students were willing to use augmented reality technology, finding it attractive. Children enjoyed the new methodology of Augmented reality concept.



## Handwriting Competition

Visual-motor skills, such as hand-eye coordination are associated with academic achievement. Developing fine motor skills can predict not only writing success, but better performance in reading and math in elementary school. Children who write quickly and legibly are more likely to demonstrate skills in expressing their thoughts through the written word. Competitions like handwriting pushes kids to excel and improve their handwriting and as a byproduct improve their motor skills.



## SST Class Activity

Keeping the objectives of United Nations in mind and following the duties of various agencies of UN, students of class 5 came up with their own creative ways of forming agencies with a specific motto.

The activity was divided into two categories: Loyola Agencies and World Agencies. Adhering to the social issues in mind and thinking of the welfare of their own school, students presented the names of different Agencies/Committees/Clubs with a logo designed by themselves. They also presented in the class the motto or objective with which they formed these organizations.



# Kindergarten

## Story Telling competition:

Storytelling itself is a great way to improve children's oral fluency and help them understand concepts. By learning to tell stories and make verbal presentations, children develop great oral communication skills while mastering the language and ideas they require for subsequent writing and literature. Children performed story telling competition along with props.



## International Mother Language Day

International Mother Language Day is being observed globally on February 21 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. This activity was held to make the children to build their confidence level and motivate their speaking and singing ability and boost their excitement. Kids and teachers celebrated in School campus, where the students got dressed up as their traditional dress and they practiced rhymes, story etc.in their own mother language. It is especially beneficial to youngsters to promote self-confidence, encourages self-expression and develops problem solving skills.





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