

# IGNITED MINDS

### LOYOLA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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### WELCOME

Welcome to the new academic year 2023-24!

Loyola International School is committed to fostering a love of learning and encouraging our students to explore their passions and interests.

In this edition of newsletter, you will find all the updates of events at LIS – academics, sports and arts. You will also get a glimpse into the various initiatives undertaken by our faculty and staff to make learning more engaging and enjoyable for our students. LIS provides an opportunity for all to have a holistic development and create future leaders!

We thank you for your ceaseless faith in us and continuing/starting your journey of growth with us!

#### सुस्वागत

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### Eid Mubarak

Eid is a time of celebration! The feast of breaking the fast!

The month of Ramadan is meant to remind Muslims of the less fortunate and to reinforce the need to be thankful. Eid-al-Fitr is celebrated worldwide to mark the end of a month long dawn-to-sunset fasting, as well as spiritual reflection and prayers of Ramadan! Festive lanterns and lights come alive everywhere and everyone wears new clothes, visits friends and family, enjoys special Eid food and sweets, and exchange gifts as part of the Eid tradition!

Loyola International School celebrated this festival by decorating the school and classrooms which induced the ambience of Eid in school. Students wore their festive clothes and walked around like tiny little stars on earth! They coloured and painted and created beautiful Eid decorations, made Eid greeting cards and hand crafted beautiful wall decorations! Students participated in these activities with lot of zeal and fervour!

May the divine blessings of Almighty bring us all hope, happiness, peace and good harmony on the occasion of Eid and forever! Eid Mubarak!



LIS celebrated the holy month of Ramadan through various activities. Celebrating multiple aspects of what the month signifies.

#### Garangao (9 April 2023)

Garangao is a colourful and youthful festival that celebrates the halfway of Ramadan. Students of Kindergarten and primary came dressed in their festive attires and brought goodie bags to share sweets with everyone and celebrated the spirit.









Ramadan Charity: Zakat (17 April 2023)

Upholding the true spirit of donation, a charity drive was conducted in the school premises. Students came together to donated essentials and we are proud to share that all our collection was donated to the Indian Community Benevolent Forum (ICBF). The donation will go a long way in supporting ICBF's mission to provide essentials to underprivileged communities. We believe in making a positive impact in the world and are honored to have been able to contribute towards such a worthy cause.









Iftar Party (23 April 2023)

Iftar is one of the religious observances of Ramadan, and is often done as a community, with people gathering to break their fast together. The meal is taken just after the call to the Maghrib prayer, which is around sunset. Loyola International School organised Iftar dinner in this holy month of Ramadan where all the staff came together to spend a blessed evening!

### Revamping of Loyola

We are excited to share with you the latest updates from Loyola International School. Our mission has always been to provide a conducive learning environment for our students while also building their character through various activities and programs.

To achieve this goal, we have introduced the Loyola Authentic Magical Program (LAMP) this year. LAMP aims to equip our students with life skills and build their personalities through activities and various sessions. We believe that our students will be better prepared to handle the challenges that the world may throw at them with these skills and experiences.

We are elated to share that we have welcomed our first batch of Grade 11 students. The Science and Commerce streams are now available at LIS, offering students a range of options to explore their passions and career paths.

We also believe in the importance of school uniform and have made it mandatory for students to wear our school blazers. This will not only instill a sense of pride and belonging among our students but also help to maintain a sense of uniformity and discipline.

At Loyola International School, we are committed to providing our students with an enjoyable and enriching educational experience. We are constantly striving to improve and adapt to the changing needs of our students and the world around us.

## Glimpse of Activities

#### **Parent Orientation**

Parents and School coming together to make the best things possible for their children is essential, and Parent Orientation is the first step that gives a good understanding to new parents about the journey that the child is going to make in the school. Online Parent Orientation program was conducted where the parents were given an idea of the functioning of our school, the policies, curriculum and activities.

#### Welcoming students on the First Day

Excitement of having the students back to school and welcoming them into a new academic year, teachers made sure that the students felt welcomed and elevated to start a fresh chapter of their lives. They decorated the classrooms and corridors for their favourite chief guests of the day – students, and had their warm hearts wide open to ease them into their new step of their life.









World Health Day Activities (5 & 6 April 2023)

Health is an important outfit that looks amazing on everybody. World Health Day marks the anniversary of the founding of WHO (World Health Organisation) in 1948. This year, LIS chose to emphasize on Mental health and having a healthy lifestyle. Students were spoken to by the School Nurse about healthy lifestyles, best practices of hand washing, personal hygiene, food pyramid and a lot more. Students expressed about what health was to them and pledged for each other's wellbeing.









#### Art Competition (12 - 18 April 2023)

Art is a visual experience consciously created through an expression of skill or imagination. Celebrating World Art Day, an art competition was organised in the school testing and pushing students towards equipping different techniques in the world of art. Students showcased their talents in colouring, doodling, water color painting, pencil sketching etc. . and wowed us.



Dance Competition (10 April 2023)

Dance is the joy of movement, hidden language of the soul, and a conversation between body and soul. Celebrating World Dance Day, Dance Competition was conducted for Grade 3 and 4. Students put their best foot forward to shake their legs, swayed to the music and danced their hearts off.



#### **Earth Day** (18 April 2023)

Earth Day is an annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations. LIS observed the day meant to support for a variety of environmental concerns through various activities. Students engaged in making posters and spoke about ways to keep Earth clean and healthy!



## Subject Enrichment Activities

#### **Grade 1 English Activity**

Clay modelling of letters and words facilitates important life-skills like problem-solving skills, planning, exploring, evaluating and execution. Clay Modelling in small groups allows fun, communication, sharing and also improve their thinking skills. This outstanding sensory activity enhanced dexterity, gross and fine motor skills and helped to boost the self-confidence of formation of word skills of the students









#### Get Well Soon Card - English Grade 2 Activity (18 April 2023)

A personal get well soon card is a kind gesture that lets someone know you're thinking of them while they recover. Grade 2 Students made a get well soon card for a Penguin who lost its way to the home and fall sick by eating sand instead of snow. Sending a get well soon message is a small gesture that can go a long way in providing support to the person recovering.









#### **Grade 2 EVS Activity: Internal and External Organs**

Learning through activities are a way of imprinting learnings into the memory. To make learning more fun and activity based, students of grade 2 drew/stuck the pictures of various internal and external organs in their notebooks. This activity enabled students to distinguish between different types of organs while learning their functions.









#### Grade 3 English Activity: Abstract and Collective Nouns (13 April 2023)

Nouns are incredibly important in spoken and written language. Though an abstract noun doesn't convey things we can experience with our senses – we can't feel, touch, see, hear, or taste them. Through teaching and learning material nouns is to make lessons interesting, learning easy and enable to easily express concepts. In this activity, students had to pick any two chits each and after reading them aloud, had to put them in the respective baskets of abstract or collective nouns.









#### Grade 3 Science Activity: Living and Non-Living Things

As a part of the living and Non-living things lesson, students of Grade 3 were asked to make a Chart/Poster to show Characteristics of Living and Non-living Things. This activity aimed at reinforcing the learnings about the features, differences and needs of living beings and non-living things.



**Grade 4 Math Activity: Roman Numerals** 

Craft sticks would have to one of the most favourite materials to use for learning through activities. As one of the most cross-curricular topics in math, Roman numerals is grounded in real-life contexts and students at Loyola stimulated their minds through the activity and were prepared to grasp the form and meaning of these ancient numbers.



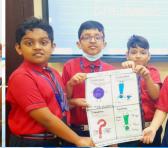
**Grade 4 English Activity: Types of Sentences** 

As a group, one learns quicker. Peer-effect! Students of grade 4 learnt different types of sentences such as Declarative, Interrogative, Imperative and Exclamatory and made charts with different sentences for each type. They came up with different sentences and paired them with appropriate punctuations making the activity a successful one.









#### **Grade 5 SST Activity: Celebrating Ambedkar Jayanti**

Dr Ambedkar's contribution to the drafting of the Indian Constitution cannot be overstated. He served as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and played a key role in framing the Constitution, which is widely considered one of the most comprehensive and progressive constitutions in the world. Honouring him on his birthday, students of grades 5 and 6 made presentations and spoke about his life and his contributions to the society.









#### **Grade 5 English Activity: Dream Jar**

Dreams are a prerequisite to succeed; they give enough motivation to keep us going and provide us with the strength to face the challenges while we put in our persistent efforts. As a summative task after reading the Big Fat Giant, students painted and wrote down their dreams in their very own dream jar what will motivate them to do all that helps them manifest it.









#### **Grade 4 Science Activity: Photosynthesis**

Grade 4 students had an activity where they learnt about the fascinating process of photosynthesis. Through their colourful and vibrant projects, they explored how plants harness the power of sun to produce food and oxygen.









#### **Grade 5 Science Activity: Seed Germination**

Watching seeds grow is an amazing science activity for kids. Our seed germination experiment allowed kids to see up close how a seed grows and what would happen under the ground! While doing the activity, they saw the different phases of germination and the conditions that are necessary for its growth.



## Kindergarten

#### My First Day in KG (29 March 2023)

First day of Kindergarten is a momentous milestone for both students and parents alike. It's the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of these young learners as they embark on their educational journey. It's a day filled with promise and anticipation, as we celebrate the unique gifts and potential each student brings to our school. As the school year begins, we look forward to the wonderful experiences and opportunities ahead for our Kindergarteners.



#### World Health Day (6 April 2023)

Health is the greatest asset one can have. To make the children aware of healthy living, Kindergarten section conducted activities where the students were made aware of the importance of washing hands to stay fit and healthy. To mark the day, the school nurse spoke to the kids about healthy practices, healthy food and healthy lifestyle.



## Things to Look Forward to

- REFLECTIONS Science and Arts Education Fair
- First time in Qatar's Indian Schools Inter-School Carrom Competition organised by Loyola International School
- Mothers Day celebration
- Competitions in the school







