



## Editorial

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."  
- William Butler Yeats

Welcome to the vibrant pages of 'The Lawrencian', your exclusive window into the heart of The Lawrence School, Lovedale, where the echoes of tradition and the pulse of legacy converge to illuminate the narrative of our dear School. As we embrace the golden hues of October and November, join us on a journey through the pages in this newsletter that encapsulate the vibrancy, achievements, and community spirit that define our beloved School.

Welcome to our legacy of academic brilliance, artistic expression and student and faculty spirit. Our students are the torchbearers of this heritage, weaving tales of triumph in sports, culture and academics. Explore our prestigious educational institution through the eyes of 'The Lawrencian'. Our students excel in sports such as Badminton, Basketball, Hockey, Tennis, Cricket, Equestrian, Squash, Swimming and Archery, as well as the arts, including singing and band performances.

As you turn the pages of this edition, you'll discover a vivid tapestry woven with cherished events that unfolded within our School's embrace. The students embarked on an enthralling outbound learning trip, exploring various parts of South India, where they immersed themselves in the region's culture.

The enchanting Junior School evening was a vibrant showcase of talents and unbridled passion. Additionally, the students attended a captivating play, 'Casablanca' at Hebron School, further enriching their theatrical experience. Lawrencians returned from the drama festival fuelled by newfound inspiration and a deeper appreciation for the performing arts. Each turn of the page will bring to life the exuberant festivities of the Dandiya night, the luminous celebrations of Diwali, and the profound reverence for Vijayadasami Pooja.

The camaraderie reached its pinnacle during the Inter-House One-Act Play competition, where creativity and talent blended seamlessly. The prowess displayed by each House was commendable, showcasing the dedication and diligence of the students. Various stories were brought to life on the stage, leaving the audience in awe of the theatrical brilliance displayed by the budding actors.

Celebrating Children's Day took a unique turn this year as a galaxy of teachers took to the stage to entertain and celebrate with the students. It was a heartwarming sight to witness the teachers and staff step out of their usual roles, showcasing their talents and bringing joy to the faces of the young Lawrencians.

As we weave these stories together, 'The Lawrencian' captures the essence of a community that thrives on accomplishments, celebrations, and the bonds that make our School a second home.

So, dear readers, immerse yourself in the rich narrative of October and November—stories that transcend time and resonate with the essence of the School. With a medley of events and celebrations, our School continues to epitomise excellence and enthusiasm, continually sculpting destinies and nurturing dreams.

## THE INTER-HOUSE ONE-ACT PLAY – A JUBILANT REVIVAL

On 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023, after over a decade, the School revived the Inter-House One Act Play competition for Senior School, marking a red-letter day in the School's history.

This year's One Act Play Competition theme was based on O. Henry's 'After Twenty Years'. Students, Prefects, Housemasters and Housemistresses from all Four Houses collaborated to create a 20-minute script, which the English Teachers then edited.

The entire event was House-Driven. Houses turned into play production units where students wrote, directed and produced plays with the guidance of their Housemasters, Housemistresses and teachers.

The Aravalli House performed a musical play titled, 'At the Crossroads', which told the story of Manav. Manav, a wealthy business tycoon, is wrongly accused of sexual assault by his employee Radha, and his lawyer friend Tenzing helps him. The production of 'At the Crossroads' presented a significant challenge due to the unique nature of the performance, in which all the dialogues and the monologues were delivered through song.

The play, 'First August,' was staged by the Nilgiri House. Childhood friends Mark and John meet only on Friendship Day. In 1945, their lives changed unexpectedly. One of them enjoys the best that life has to offer, while the other faces a difficult decision. This play explores emotional conflict, friendship, love, and sacrifice.

'The Pages of Harmony' was performed by the Sumeru House. Dhvani finds her late mother's diary and seeks to uncover what happened on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2003, leading to her mother's silence. As she delves into her mother's past, she finds painful truths. It is a story of love and hate, broken friendships and hopeful hearts, all intertwined in the seamless tapestry of theatre.

Vindhya House's 'Showstopper' was a play about Bobby and Jim's tale of trust and betrayal in the entertainment industry. The play was a gripping experience that seamlessly blended film techniques to create a breathtaking performance.

Reviving a tradition is not an easy task, for it requires dedication and commitment. The successful revival of the One Act Play tradition by the Department of English was made possible only due to the unwavering support of the Deputy Headmaster and, most certainly, the Headmaster, Mr DVS Rao. It was indeed an impressive accomplishment!





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## OUTWARD BOUND LEARNING TRIP TO MYSORE - CLASS VIII “One must travel to learn.” - Mark Twain

The girls of Class VIII embarked on an Outbound Learning trip to Mysore from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. The teachers who accompanied us were Ms Latha, Ms Anita, Ms Josephine, Ms Malini and Ms Shylaja. We were arranged into 11 groups of 4, each with a room-in-charge, group leader, and a teacher-in-charge.

We had an eventful trip, singing, dancing, and seeing wildlife. We checked into luxurious rooms and visited the Brindavan Garden. We returned to the hotel, exhausted but happy.

On the second day, we visited India's first Sand Museum, which had intricate sand carvings and 150 sculptures with 16 themes. We explored the Aqua World and saw 118 fish species, followed by shopping at the Nexus Mall. We visited the Mysore Palace as well.

On our last day, we visited the St. Philomena's Cathedral Church, admired its Gothic architecture and enriched our spiritual experience. Next, we explored the Bonsai Garden and observed a variety of flora. We had an amazing experience observing the many bird species at Shuka Vana, a bird rehabilitation centre.

We had a fantastic time and enjoyed every moment of the trip. With heavy hearts, we boarded our bus for the last time and returned to School. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our Headmaster, Dean of Activities and all of our teachers for putting together such a memorable and enjoyable trip.



## OUTWARD BOUND LEARNING TRIP TO MYSORE - CLASSES V & VI GIRLS AN ENRICHING EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY “Travel, in the younger sort, is a part of education; in the elder, a part of experience.” - Francis Bacon

On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, as part of the OBL program, the girls from Classes V and VI, accompanied by their teachers Ms Rekha, Ms Shashikala Radhakrishnan, Ms Nidhi Mishra, Ms Anju Gijo and Ms Petricia, departed for Mysore at 6.30 AM.

The first day was filled with excitement as we checked into the Palace Inn hotel. After lunch, we explored St. Philomena's Cathedral Church and the beautiful Brindavan Gardens.

The second day began with a visit to Chamundi Hills, offering a stunning city view. We could not enter the temple as it was heavily crowded. However, we enjoyed the shopping that followed the brief temple visit. A trip to the Fish Aquarium allowed us to appreciate the underwater world, and a visit to the Mysore Zoo thrilled us with various animal sightings. The day concluded with a toy train ride at the Rail Museum, more shopping at Nexus Mall, and a lively DJ party with a special cake-cutting for those born in October!

On the final day, we marvelled at the grandeur of the Mysore Palace and visited the Sand Museum, where creatively sculpted sand structures impressed us. After tea, we began our return journey, reminiscing about this beautiful experience.





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## OUTWARD BOUND TRIP TO MYSORE – CLASS IX GIRLS

From the 30<sup>th</sup> of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2023, an enriching and unforgettable Outward bound Learning (OBL) trip unfolded for our enthusiastic girls of Class IX of the Lawrence School, Lovedale. With the guidance of six teachers, our adventure commenced at 7.10 AM on the first day. After a scenic journey, we arrived at the Mysore Rio Meridian Hotel at 2.30 PM. Following lunch, we explored the breathtaking *Brindavan Gardens*, renowned for its mesmerising fountains and lush greenery. We had dinner upon returning to the hotel, followed by an enchanting magic show, which left us spellbound.

On the second day, we started with an enthusiastic Zumba session that filled us with energy. After a hearty breakfast, our itinerary led us to the *Mysore Zoo*, where we marvelled at a diverse range of wildlife species. Next, we explored *Lokaranjan Aqua World*, immersing ourselves in aquatic wonders. After a sumptuous lunch, we enjoyed shopping and cuisine at the Mysore Mall. Our cultural exploration continued with a visit to the awe-inspiring *St. Philomena Cathedral*, and the day culminated with a captivating light show at the iconic *Mysore Palace*.

On our last day, we visited *Shuka Vana*, where we saw parrots of many kinds and explored a historic Bonsai garden. We returned to School at 9.30 PM, concluding a successful trip that gave our students rich cultural experiences and lasting memories.



## OUTWARD BOUND LEARNING TRIP TO BANGALORE – CLASS XII B

The Class XII Science students, accompanied by Ms Sujata Ganesan and Mr Rachit Goswami, visited Bangalore on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 as part of the OBL. En route, we observed wildlife in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

We visited HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) and ASTE (Aircraft Systems Testing Establishment) in Bangalore, where we saw aircraft testing, examined attack helicopters and learned about aircraft handling, training, and rescue operations. We also saw supersonic aircraft performing flybys and drills.

During our Bangalore exploration, Mr Shankar Narayan, a member of our School's Board of Governors, kindly hosted our lunch at The Royal Orchid. Later in the evening, we visited the Vishveswaraya Science and Industrial Museum, a perfect combination of education and entertainment. The exhibits covered multiple topics, from Faraday's cage and the Ooty Radio Telescope to the fascinating world of dinosaurs.

We visited the Curiosity Science Centre the following day. Founded by Ms Sonali Chandy, a distinguished alumna from the Class of 1987, the Centre sparks scientific curiosity among young students. The students explored various exhibits, and practical applications of scientific principles were demonstrated. The day's activities included an escape room challenge, interactions with tortoises, and a push-up contest with the centre's staff.

On our last night in Bangalore, we went to a local mall. Surprisingly, our visit was not for shopping as expected but rather to enjoy a variety of tasty foods at the mall's food court. This unique learning experience was incredibly educational and enjoyable, leaving us with lasting memories.





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## OUTWARD BOUND LEARNING CAMP TO ANAIKATTI – CLASS VII BOYS

The Class VII Boys from our School went on an exhilarating journey of learning and adventure at Sky High Academy, Anaikatti, from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. The objective of this camp was to provide students with a unique opportunity to engage in outdoor activities, foster teamwork, and promote physical fitness.

### Activities:

The camp itinerary was meticulously planned to offer a diverse range of activities that challenged the students both mentally and physically. Some of the key activities included:

1. **Trekking:** Students explored the picturesque surroundings of Anaikatti through guided treks. This allowed them to appreciate nature's beauty while learning about the local ecosystem.
2. **Rock Climbing:** Adventure enthusiasts scaled rock faces, conquering their fears and developing physical strength and agility.
3. **Health Run:** A health run was organised to promote physical fitness among the students. This activity encouraged them to stay active and maintain a healthy lifestyle.
4. **Icebreaker Activities:** Icebreaker activities were conducted to promote social bonding, allowing students to interact with peers from different backgrounds.
5. **High Rope Courses:** The high rope courses challenged students' balance, coordination and courage, pushing them to their limits in a safe and controlled environment.

### Learning Outcomes:

The outward bound learning camp at Sky High Academy yielded numerous educational and personal development benefits for the participating students:

1. **Physical Fitness:** Engaging in outdoor activities like trekking, rock climbing and the health run improved the students' physical fitness levels.
2. **Teamwork:** Collaborative activities such as high rope courses and ice breakers enhanced teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.
3. **Confidence Building:** Overcoming challenges during adventure sports boosted the students' self-confidence and resilience.
4. **Nature Appreciation:** Trekking and environmental activities fostered a deeper connection to nature and ecological awareness.
5. **Social Interaction:** Students had the opportunity to make new friends, strengthening their social bonds.

The Class VII Boys Outward bound Learning Camp at Sky High Academy, Anaikatti, was a resounding educational and personal development success. The students returned with renewed self-confidence, improved physical fitness, and a greater appreciation for teamwork and nature.

We sincerely appreciate Sky High Academy for the exceptional organisation and facilitation of this camp. We believe that experiences like these are integral to holistic student development, and we eagerly anticipate more such enriching opportunities in the future. We express our gratitude to the Headmaster, Bursar, Dean of Activities, the teachers and the matrons (Mr Purnna B, Mr Swetank P, Mr Abhishikth G, Ms Vidhya and Ms Jeyalakshmi) for organising this educational program.





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## OUTWARD BOUND LEARNING TRIP TO THANJAVUR-CLASS XII C

On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the Humanities students of Class XII C embarked on a trip to Thanjavur, also known as *The City of Temples*. Despite the long and tiring journey, our excitement soared when we caught sight of the stunning Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Trichy. We could not help but pause and admire the temple's beauty, receive blessings from the priests, and even see elephants! After our visit, we resumed our journey towards Thanjavur.

### Day 1:

We were amazed when we visited the Brihadeeshwara Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The temple was massive, and the carvings on the temple were intricate and beautiful. The Gopurams at the entrance were no less. We had an excellent tour guide to help us navigate the temple better. We visited a workshop where the lost wax technique was used to create structures, idols, and statues. It was a wonderful experience, and we got to see some fantastic works of art and even got to help them in the process! Finally, we visited the Gangakondai Cholapuram temple, a replica of the Brihadeeshwara Temple. This was a fulfilling and enlightening way to end the day.

### Day 2:

We visited the Thanjavur Palace and the Saraswati Mahal Library. We also watched a video explaining the various sites of Thanjavur to understand better the places we were visiting. We also visited the Raja Serfoji Memorial Hall, where we saw a wide array of items used by the Maharaja. We even met the youngest tour guide, a small boy named Sanjay, in the museum. Then, we visited a Thanjavur painting workshop to learn about beautiful paintings in the traditional Thanjavur art style. We could even purchase them! We visited a bird sanctuary park, fed and interacted with various birds, saw bunnies, Guinea pigs and dogs. Afterwards, we returned to our accommodation for some rest before our journey home the next day.

Our trip was amazing and incredibly educational. We learned a lot and had fun throughout the journey. The breathtaking sights left us in awe; even the heat could not dampen our spirits. It was an enlightening experience that we will always cherish.



## OUTWARD BOUND LEARNING TRIP TO ANAIKATTI- CLASS X BOYS

Boarding schools offer a glimpse of real-world challenges. To provide a more hands-on experience, our School offers Outward Bound Learning (OBL) programs. OBLs aim to prepare us for future challenges and develop life skills.

On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, fifty-six Class X Boys and four staff members, including Mr Arnab, Mr R Gothandaraman, Mr Prakash and Ms Farida, set out on a journey from the Nilgiris to Kerala.

We arrived at Anaikatti at 4.00 PM and had a heavy meal in the dining hall. The outdoor activities were moved indoors due to heavy rain. We enjoyed a mini fashion show, table tennis, football, board games, and other team-building exercises. Overall, we had a great time despite the weather.

During the two-day event, we enjoyed ourselves, indulged in delicious food, and discovered the true meaning of brotherhood. Overall, the OBLs created unforgettable memories that will stay with us forever.





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## OUTWARD BOUND LEARNING TRIP TO HYDERABAD - CLASS XII A

The 2023 Outward bound Learning trip to Hyderabad was one of the most memorable experiences for the students of Class of XII A as it provided us with an excellent learning opportunity.

Upon our arrival at the Hyderabad airport, we checked into our hotel, had dinner, and rested for the night.

After breakfast, we visited *Linga Furniture* for a factory tour, where we saw furniture assembling and powder painting. We were introduced to the new 'Tanya' collection featuring toys. Next, we visited a pharmaceutical factory to witness the storage of medicine granules. After lunch at *Kayempee* confectionery, we toured the facility to see the process of making chocolates and candies. Finally, we visited the LSSO wood factory to learn about crafting wooden items.

The next day started with breakfast at the hotel and a tour of the *Manam* Chocolate factory. We learned about the chocolate-making process, created our sundaes, and received water bottles and hot chocolate mugs as gifts. Next, we visited *Ikea*, a furniture shop where we also had lunch, and returned to the hotel to rest before dinner and dancing at the Royal Reve Hotel.

On our last day in Hyderabad, we visited the *Almond House* factory to learn about sweets and 'Namkeen' manufacturing. We then went to the *Inorbit Mall* before catching our flight back to Coimbatore. This trip strengthened our bonds and showed that curriculum-related subjects can be fun and educational.



## OUTWARD BOUND TRIP TO MYSTICAL MYSORE - CLASS X GIRLS

Our outward bound learning adventure took us to Mysore, India - a city known for its rich history, vibrant culture and splendid architecture, promising an unforgettable destination for our journey.

### Day 1: Arrival

We began our OBL trip on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30 AM. We checked into Hotel Rio Meridian at 2.30 PM. After lunch, we went to Brindavan Gardens.

We enjoyed the magical aura of the musical fountain as it danced to enchanting melodies while we strolled through serene walkways and vibrant blooms. In the evening, we visited the Nexus shopping mall.

### Day 2:

We climbed Chamundi Hill after breakfast and saw the Nandi Statue and stunning views of Mysore. Later, we visited Arcade, where the students played car racing and Go-Karting.

After lunch, we visited St. Philomena's Cathedral Church, a majestic Gothic masterpiece. The intricate stained-glass windows and the solemn ambience made it a unique and spiritual stop on our mystical adventure.

We visited Mysore Palace in the evening and were impressed by its intricate design and grandeur. The detailed ceilings and well-lit corridors left a lasting impression. Nearby, the vibrant local market was full of colourful spices, traditional garments and delicious street food.

### Day 3: Departure

As our OBL trip ended, we returned, grateful for the magical moments in mystical Mysore.

### Conclusion:

We had a fantastic OBL trip to Mysore, exploring its grand palace, serene hill, and enchanting gardens. Mysore's rich history and culture made it the perfect destination for exploration and adventure.



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## OUTWARD BOUND LEARNING TRIP TO ANAIKATTI – CLASS VII

The trip to Anaikatti commenced on a sleepless night after a difficult PA-II Test. We were able to locate Sky High Academy, our campsite, with the help of Google Maps. The camp manager briefed us on security.

The place covered 1480 acres, five mountains, and a river. The manager was the Head of Nat Geo Tamil Nadu. It was home to many animals and 800 butterfly species and was a bird watcher's paradise. We had team-building activities, including a water and shampoo war and tent pitching that we did after tea.

The next day, we had milk and biscuits for breakfast at 7.00 AM and got ready for high-rope activities, including rock climbing and zip lining 40m above the ground. Later, we participated in team-building activities and Mr Swetank, our Geography Teacher, joined us unexpectedly.

The following day, we went on a one-and-a-half-hour adventurous trek, played water volleyball, had lunch, and left for School by 6.00 PM. However, a surprise stop for snacks delayed us until 9.00 PM.

We learned that life is not easy. We thank all the teachers for giving us the experience of a lifetime!

## OUTWARD BOUND LEARNING TRIP TO MYSORE - CLASS VI

Our OBL experience began with a 6-hour bus ride to Mysore. We enjoyed music and had a packed breakfast on the bus. We checked in at Sepoy Hotel at 1.00 PM.

We visited St. Philomena's Cathedral Church and Brindavan Garden, where we saw the fountains.

We visited a bird sanctuary and an aquarium, where we saw various animals and learned about them. After lunch at the hotel, we returned to celebrate our batch mate's birthday with a party, dancing and singing.

On the last day of our trip, we visited a Zoo and the Mysore Palace. We saw different animals at the Zoo and the armoury of Tipu Sultan at the palace. We left for our hotel to collect our luggage and started our return journey towards Ooty.

We are grateful to the Teachers and Staff who accompanied us on the lovely trip to Mysore.

## OUTWARD BOUND LEARNING TRIP TO MYSORE – CLASS VIII

The boys in the Junior School were brimming with enthusiasm on the eve of their departure for the Outward Bound Learning excursion to Mysore. We were so excited that we could not get a good night's sleep! The following day, we boarded the buses at 6:30 AM and made a breakfast stop before finally arriving at the hotel in Mysore.

We were exhausted after our long journey but were still eager to explore. We freshened up and left for Brindavan Garden at 4:30 PM. The garden was packed with people and shops. Later, we returned to our hotel and were supposed to have a campfire, but it was drizzling, so we retired to our hotel rooms.

We slept for several hours and missed our yoga practice, but our teacher promptly woke us up for Zumba. After the exercise, we prepared to visit the Zoo and had breakfast before leaving. The Zoo was enormous, and the walk was tiring, but the experience was worth it. In the afternoon, we visited the mall and returned by 7.45 PM. We then returned to our hotel and enjoyed a DJ party and a campfire before finally going to bed at midnight.

We woke up at 7.00 AM the next day and realised it was our last day. After having breakfast at 8.30 AM, we left the hotel at 9.15 AM and headed to a bird sanctuary where we saw 543 different species of birds. We wished the trip could have been extended as we were leaving Mysore!

We thank all the teachers who accompanied us throughout the journey.





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## NAVRATRI IN SCHOOL

*Dandiya* is believed to have originated from the story of Goddess Durga's victory over the demon Mahishasura. It is a dance form that emerged from the battle between them. This dance is usually performed during the celebration of Navratri.

The Dandiya dance was held in our School on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The students from Classes IX to XII participated in the Dandiya, creating lasting memories as the sun set and laughter filled the air.

Our students learnt the traditional dance moves of Dandiya under the guidance of our dance teacher, Ms. Sabitha Madhav. The *middle flats* resembled a kaleidoscope with bursts of colour and the unified sound of the Dandiya sticks.

The boys and the girls danced so gracefully. It was an event to cherish and remember!



## DEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS AT THE HEADMASTER'S RESIDENCE

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the boys and girls of Class XII had an early Deepavali celebration at the Headmaster's residence. The Headmaster's residence was radiantly illuminated with *diyas* and lamps.

We were all attired in traditional clothes, with the boys sporting kurtas and lungis while the girls adorned themselves in sarees of various hues.

The teachers and the student body commemorated the Deepavali celebration by partaking in an assortment of culinary delights, revelling in dance, and immortalising the moment by capturing photographic memories.





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CHILDREN'S DAY – 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

## Teachers Entertain Children

On 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the teachers of The Lawrence School, Lovedale, organised a special evening of song and dance for their beloved pupils. They showcased their talents and embraced the *children* within them.

At the commencement of the evening, Ms Sabitha and her team of teachers performed an invocation dance, followed by a splendid tabla performance by Mr Ravi. The various musical performances, including solo and band performances by Mr Kuldeep, Mr Murugan, Mr A. John Bosco and Ms Rekha kept us thoroughly entertained.

After several dance recitals, the students enjoyed a fashion show featuring their teachers. The performances were well-received, and we were so glad to see our talented and versatile teachers on stage.

Mr DVS Rao, our Headmaster, walking the ramp made the audience go wild. At the end of the program, the Headmaster dedicated a song to our late Quartermaster, Mr. B. Mathan, who had passed away a couple of days prior.

The Show was a resounding success and will undoubtedly become a treasured memory for all of us.





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## INTER-HOUSE TAMIL STORYTELLING COMPETITION – JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School Inter-House Tamil Storytelling Competition was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023, in the JS Prep Hall for pupils in Classes VI, VII and VIII.

The contestants regaled the audience with stories that left them spell-bound!

The judges were confronted with the challenging responsibility of selecting the winners.

Here are the results:

### Individual Position

S. No	Name of the Students	Class	House	Position
1.	Ananyaa.m	VI-B	Nilgiri	I
2.	Mohith.S	VI-C	Vindhya	II
3.	A. Kalyana Kausalya	VI-D	Vindhya	III
1.	S. Sree Nirupama	VII-D	Aravalli	I
2.	Sanvetha R	VII-D	Aravalli	II
3.	Dayanitha Sivalingam	VII-A	Sumeru	III
1.	Ilakkiya.K	VIII-D	Aravalli	I
2.	Ariyshmanram. S	VIII-A	Sumeru	II
3.	Theajesh. S	VIII-D	Vindhya	III

### Class VI - House Position

S. No	House	MM Points -150	Position
1.	Vindhya	133	I
2.	Nilgiri	131.5	II
3.	Sumeru	112.5	III
4.	Aravalli	99.5	IV



### Class VII - House Position

S. No	House	MM Points-150	Position
1	Aravalli	142	I
2	Sumeru	133.5	II
3	Vindhya	125	III
4	Nilgiri	107	IV

### Class VIII - House Position

S. No	House	Mm Points	Position
1	Sumeru	133	I
2	Aravalli	130	II
3	Vindhya	124	III
4	Nilgiri	112	IV

## INTER HOUSE COMPUTER DIGI QUIZ 2023 - SENIOR SCHOOL

The Inter - House Computer Digi Quiz 2023 for Senior School was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in the Senior School Large Hall.

The Quiz had six rounds: School Curriculum, Visual, General Awareness, Apps and Gadgets, Internet and Software, and Rapid Fire.

Before starting the quiz, the Rules were explained. There were four teams, each with four participants from Classes IX to XII.

The event included some audience rounds in which the viewers participated with great enthusiasm and zeal.

Here are the results:

Position	House	Name of the Participants
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aravalli House (165 Points)	1. L Akhil Boyapati -12 B 2. Aryan Singh Vashista - 11 A 3. V Paveena -12 A 4. Hiranya Bedi-11 B
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vindhya House (140 Points)	1. Armaan Singh – 9 B 2. Prajesh P Raja – 12 B 3. Lakshana R -12 B 4. Agnidipto Nabda -10 D
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nilgiri House (100 points)	1. Hiba S -9 D 2. Raghav Ohlyan -10 B 3. Deepak Raj R -11 A 4. Harshit Chirania -12 B
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sumeru House (90 Points)	1. Sonam Chand -11 B 2. Hariaksha B Reddy - 12 C 3. P Shrivarshan -10 A 4. Adway Koolwal -9 B





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## SCULPT 23 - SENIOR SCHOOL

'Sculpt 23', an Inter-House Sculpture and Pottery competition, was held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023. It was a remarkable display of creativity and talent exhibited by our Senior School students.

This competition had 16 students participating, with each house having two representatives in Sculpture and Pottery.

**Pottery :** In the pottery category, students were presented with two themes: 'Stories from your Dreams' and 'Space Exploration.' The challenge was to transform these themes into beautiful, handcrafted pottery pieces. The students delved deep into their imaginations, crafting pottery that reflected their unique interpretations of the themes. The ideas came alive through intricate designs and vivid colours of their work.

One remarkable aspect of this competition was the diversity of ideas explored. Their interpretations ranged from the perspective of dreams to the celebration of imperfections and even explored the incredible journey of ISRO. The students enjoyed the process of their creations.

**Sculpture :** In the Sculpture category, students worked in teams of two, representing each House. The themes provided were equally captivating: 'Memento to Celebrate the Journey of ISRO' and 'Create a Fantasy Superhero.'

The students explored ideas that spanned the incredible accomplishments of ISRO's Chandrayaan mission, honouring India's humble beginnings transitioning from bullock carts to space missions. Students also presented a superhero inspired by the role of a father as a protector and provider for his family.

The students' ability to bring their visions to life with precision and passion was awe-inspiring.

The Panel of Judges was composed of senior teachers interested in pottery and sculpture, along with the subject teacher. After careful deliberation, the Panel selected the winners based on their ability to interpret the theme, demonstrate skill, and showcase creativity.



### Pottery

S.No	Name	House	Position
1.	Shreeya Shah, Class 10	Aravalli	First
2.	Hanita, Class 10	Sumeru	Second
3.	Anshika B, Class 9	Nilgiri	Third

### Sculpture

S.No	Name	House	Position
1.	Krishnam K, Class 12 Arjunan.K, Class 10	Aravalli	First
2.	ShriyanS, Class 12 Keshav A, Class 10	Vindhya	Second
3.	Kartavyaa F, Class 10 Rannvijay S, Class 10	Sumeru	Third

### House Points

HOUSE	Points
Aravalli	229.5
Sumeru	221.5
Nilgiri	213.5
Vindhya	209

**Congratulations to all the participants and winners for their contributions to this competition.**



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## FRENCH STORYTELLING AND SPEECH COMPETITION - SENIOR SCHOOL

The Inter-House French Storytelling and Speech competition for Classes IX and X was held in the Senior School on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The competition aimed to foster a deep love and interest in the Language among the students, enhance their narrating skills, and provide them with a platform to showcase their speaking, reasoning, and oratory talents. The competition was quite challenging in both classes, especially in Class X, where the margin between the winners' results was relatively narrow.



## INTER-HOUSE FRENCH STORYTELLING COMPETITION - JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School Inter House French Storytelling Competition was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023, in the Prep Hall for students of Classes VI to VIII.

The competition proved a formidable challenge, as the participants captivated the audience with their mesmerising stories, leaving the panel of judges with the daunting task of selecting the winners.

The results are as follows:



Sr.	Name	Class	House	Position
1.	Laahiri Tella	6D	Nilgiri	I
2.	Dhruv Prashant Menon	6B	Vindhya	II
3.	Zaina Marieyam	6A	Aravalli	III

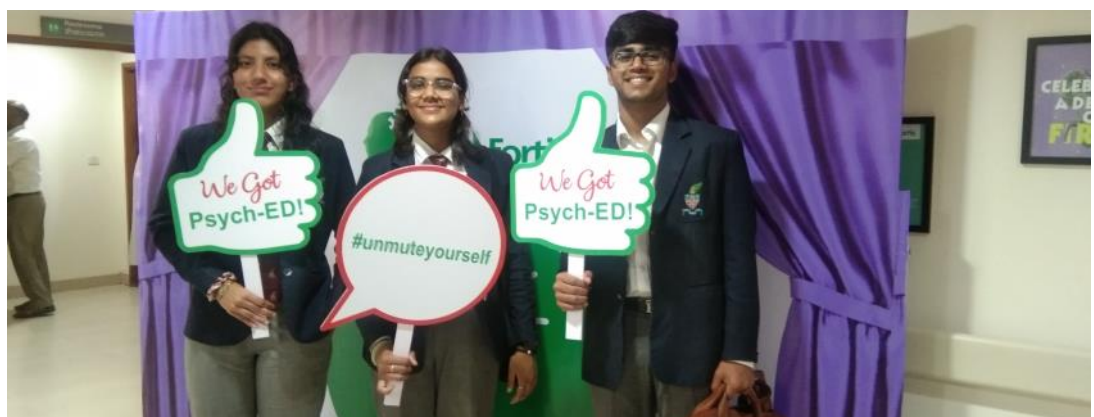
Sr.	Name	Class	House	Position
1.	Idraneel Roy	8D	Sumeru	I
2.	Aryaveer Agarwal	8B	Sumeru	II
3.	Rheya Duggal	8B	Aravalli	III

Sr.	Name	Class	House	Position
1.	Katasani Vivek Siddharth Reddy	7A	Sumeru	I
2.	Nandika Arun	7C	Aravalli	II
3.	Adithya Channaraj	7A	Nilgiri	III

## TEAM LAWRENCE AT PSYCHOLOGY QUIZ – FORTIS HOSPITAL, BENGALURU

Seven teams comprising students of Psychology from Class XII participated in an online Psychology quiz on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023, organised by the Fortis Hospital, Bengaluru. From the seven teams that participated, the trio of Aarushi Harnataka, Jiya Mann and Rishi S., all from Class XII, stood out with a remarkable score of 403/500, earning themselves a spot in the Semifinals.

The team secured 6<sup>th</sup> position in the Semi-Finals held at Fortis Hospital on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The quiz provided an enriching experience for our children to apply their knowledge of Psychology.



## CBSE HERITAGE INDIA QUIZ -23

On 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023, The CBSE Heritage India Online Quiz 23 was successfully conducted from 12.00 PM to 1.00 PM. The topic discussed was 'The Mother of Democracy' in the context of the G20 summit.

Three students participated as a team at the Event. The three students are: 1. Kamalini Ramesh, 2. Meher Bagri, 3. Krishiv Agarwal

The results are awaited.



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## HUMANITIES QUIZ - JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Humanities Quiz for Junior School was held in the Large Hall, Senior School, on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023, from 3.30 PM to 4.30 PM.

Mr David, MIC-JS, and Ms Christy Alphonsa, Head, Department of Humanities, were joined by other members of the Junior School's Humanities Department and staff members for the Quiz, which all Junior School students in attendance enjoyed.

The MIC-JS appreciated the selection of questions and particularly enjoyed the innovative audio round.

Here are the results of the quiz:

Position	House	Points	Name of the Student
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sumeru House	105 Points	Adhya Aran - 8 A Jia Toshniwal - 7 C Mithul Varsan - 6 A Ridhin Raj - 8 D
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nilgiri House	100 Points	Adit Srinivas - 6 C Sampada Singh - 8 D Anshumandeshmukh - 7D Rudra Joglekar - 8A
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vindhya House	90 Points	A Krishithashree - 6 B Aliyaa Sahu. - 7 D Theajesh S. - 8 D Priyanshu H S. - 8 A



## INTERNATIONAL ROUND SQUARE FRENCH LANGUAGE LAB A RENDEZVOUS

On 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, four of our French students of Class X and two French students of Class IX, namely Ananya Nirnanjan Bhargava (Class X), Ansh Singh (Class X), Sharanya Malhotra (Class X), Ranvijay Singh (Class X), Krishiv Agrawal (Class IX) and Shambhavi Nitin Kaushal (Class IX) attended two online *French Language Labs* offered by the *International Round Square Schools* with their teacher coordinator (Head, Department of Languages), Ms. Renu Pandey.

Our students attended the first online RS French Lab session hosted by the Lyford Cay International School (The Bahamas) on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023, with the theme, 'Food & Traditions'. One hundred thirty students from twenty-two schools across eleven countries participated in this event.

Ananya Nirnanjan Bhargava presented South Indian cuisine under '*la nourriture*' (Food), mentioning the sumptuous Dosa, Sambhar, Potato Masala, Coconut and Tomato chutney. Krishiv Agarwal played 'Vande Mataram' on the Harmonium. Our students created a PowerPoint presentation about the festival of Navratri.

The RS French Language Lab's second online session on the theme, 'Family and Friends,' was hosted by the Inter-Community School (Switzerland) on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The hour-long session included quizzes and discussions on family, friends, hobbies, and nationalities. Our students won some of the quiz rounds.

The students express their gratitude to the Headmaster, the Deputy Headmaster, the Bursar and the Dean of Activities for allowing them to demonstrate their language-based presentation skills on an international platform. They also thank Mr. Kuldeep Singh, our RS Representative, for giving them such a unique opportunity.





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## PREP SCHOOL MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA - A CELEBRATION OF MUSICAL DIVERSITY AND TALENT!

The musical evening held by the preppers on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023, showcased diverse musical talents and featured a range of instruments in the Prep School Large Hall. The Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster, Dean of Activities and the Prep School Staff were present.

### Programme Highlights:

- 1. Medley of Songs:** The pupils of Class V and VI opened the musical evening with a captivating medley of songs.
- 2. Flute Recital:** The serene and melodious notes of the flute by Vaishnavi Arasada filled the air. The audience was transported to a world of tranquillity through the enchanting music.
- 3. The ukulele performance** by Stanzin of Class VII was mesmerising.
- 4. Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu Songs:** The event's diversity was highlighted by including Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu songs performed by Class VII and VIII pupils.
- 5. Guitar Performance:** The boys of Class V showcased their amazing performance with guitars. The strings resonated with emotion, leaving the audience in awe of the instrument's capabilities.
- 6. Band Finale:** The grand finale of the evening featured a dynamic band performance by Class VIII girls. The synergy of electric guitar, vocals and drums resulted in an electrifying musical climax.

The students demonstrated their dedication to creating a captivating musical experience at the musical evening. Our special thanks to student coordinators- Emayaa P S, Nandini Rana, Shivaranjani Bharadwaj and Devyani Bharadwaj. The musical event impressed the Headmaster, who sang and captivated the audience as a gesture of appreciation.



## YOGA IN SCHOOL

Yoga is an ancient practice that originated in India, encompassing physical, mental, and spiritual disciplines. It combines physical postures (asanas), breath control (pranayama), meditation and ethical principles to achieve balance and harmony.

Mindfulness, often integrated into yoga, is being fully present and engaged in the current moment. It involves cultivating awareness of thoughts, feelings and sensations without judgment, allowing for a deeper connection with oneself and the surrounding environment.

Chanting is a practice that involves repeating specific sounds, words, or phrases, often in a rhythmic manner. In yoga, chanting enhances focus, deepens the meditative state and promotes unity and oneness.

Nature enhances yoga and mindfulness. Practising in natural surroundings creates a calming environment, fostering a connection with the elements.



## ROUND SQUARE ONLINE HISTORY LAB

On 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the Round Square Online History Lab was hosted by Chiho Nagaka of Japan. Participants from 200 countries attended the event from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

Representatives from 31 countries participated in breakout groups and delivered presentations outlining the effects of World War I on their respective nations. Each team had one member present the conclusion from their team.

The following students represented The Lawrence School, Lovedale: Kamalini Ramesh, Zaira Fathima, Gopika S, Meher Bagri, Yashash Chandra, Tanay Jhunjhunwala





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## Reading India 2023 Book Fair

On 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023, we hosted the *Reading India-2023 Book Fair* in the Junior School Prep Hall. This event, hosted by our School as proposed by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, brought together students, teachers and book enthusiasts to celebrate reading and improve children's reading habits.

The Headmaster, Mr D V S Rao, inaugurated the book fair along with the Deputy Headmaster, Mr Rajan Narayanan.

The book fair was a colourful sight, with a treasure trove of books on racks spanning various genres. Students and teachers explored the books, discovered new authors and recommended books. Opening a book and immersing oneself in its pages remains an invaluable pleasure. At our School, we are dedicated to nurturing the passion for reading among our students.



## A RENDEZVOUS WITH VIKRAM SRIDHAR

On 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the pupils of Class V had the privilege of attending a captivating storytelling session conducted by Vikram Sridhar, a professional storyteller. The session was a delightful blend of education and entertainment, leaving the young minds both informed and enthralled.

Vikram Sridhar is known for his ability to weave magic through words; this session was no exception. With his animated gestures and expressive voice, he transported the pupils to a world of imagination and wonder. The storytelling session featured diverse stories from different cultures and backgrounds, ensuring that the pupils were entertained and exposed to the rich tapestry of world literature.

Vikram Sridhar's storytelling session ignited the pupils' creativity and encouraged them to explore the fascinating world of literature. It was an event that left a lasting impact on their young minds, fostering a love for stories and a desire to learn more about different cultures and traditions.

In conclusion, the storytelling session by Vikram Sridhar was a memorable and educational experience for the pupils. The session highlighted the impact of storytelling on educating, inspiring, and entertaining young minds.



## 'EDU QUEST QUBIZ 2023'

'Edu Quest QuBiz 2023' is a quiz competition organised by Shiv Nadar University, Chennai. Forty teams participated in this year's Ooty edition of the Quiz held at Unique Public School. The Lawrence School, Lovedale team, comprising Gopika S and Siri Suresh, was accompanied by Mr Arnab Chakraborty, Department of Humanities. Renowned quiz master Prof. Rangarajan hosted the event.

In the preliminary rounds, twenty questions were asked, and the six highest-scoring teams advanced to the finals. The Lawrence School, Lovedale, was one of them.

The Finals consisted of six rounds, each with its unique content, including History, Geography, Business, Movies and Current Affairs, among other topics. After the intense competition, our team secured third place and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 3,000. We were also selected to advance to the next round, to be held in Chennai later.





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## ROTARY INTERSCHOOL BAND COMPETITION - OUR SCHOOL'S BAND WINS FIRST PLACE

Our School's Boys' Band participated in the Rotary Interschool Band Competition on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the Mani Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore.

The Band's exceptional performance showcased the School's dedication to excellence in the arts. The Lawrence School, Lovedale, was placed first in the Band competition, and Band Major Vishal Umesh received the Best Band Major Award.



## PREPPERS VISIT OOTY BOOK FAIR

Excitement was in the air when the announcement was made that around 71 students from Class V would be on a trip to Ooty on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023, to the Book Fair and to witness cultural programmes organised by the Nilgiri District Administration under the guidance of the Collector of the Nilgiris.

Eyes widened in wonder as the students explored rows of captivating books, meeting authors and illustrators. The scent of new pages filled the air, igniting their passion for reading. Students engaged in lively discussions with peers, choosing treasures to bring back to their dormitory.

Our preppers had a thrilling day filled with newfound knowledge and literary inspiration, reminding them that books are gateways to endless adventure and learning.

Several other schools from in and around Ooty also visited the Book Fair.

Watching the little ones choose books, handle money, and assist others was heartwarming. It was a great day!



## LAWRENCE WINS INTER-SCHOOL MUSIC SHIELD

The Inter-School Singing Competition was held at the Kotagiri Public School on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. Thirteen schools participated in the competition, and our choir performed exceptionally well. The music was of high quality.

Adrika Zara Arun sang 'The Hills Are Alive', exhibiting exceptional vocal control and emotive expression. The other soloists were also excellent, as they opted for contemporary songs.

Our choir delivered a harmonious rendition of Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' with clear vocals and melody.

The soloist Adrika Zara Arun won the first prize.

The Lawrence School Choir was placed third.

The Lawrence School, Lovedale, was declared the *winner* of the Inter School Music Shield for the year 2023-2024.

Our persistent efforts and the unwavering commitment of the children have yielded fruitful results.



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## POCSO SESSION BY DR GAURAV SHARMA

Dr Gaurav Sharma, an expert lawyer in the field of child protection and an Old Lawrencian, conducted a comprehensive session on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for the staff members of The Lawrence School, Lovedale, on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The session aimed to raise awareness, educate participants, and empower them in the crucial task of safeguarding children from sexual abuse.

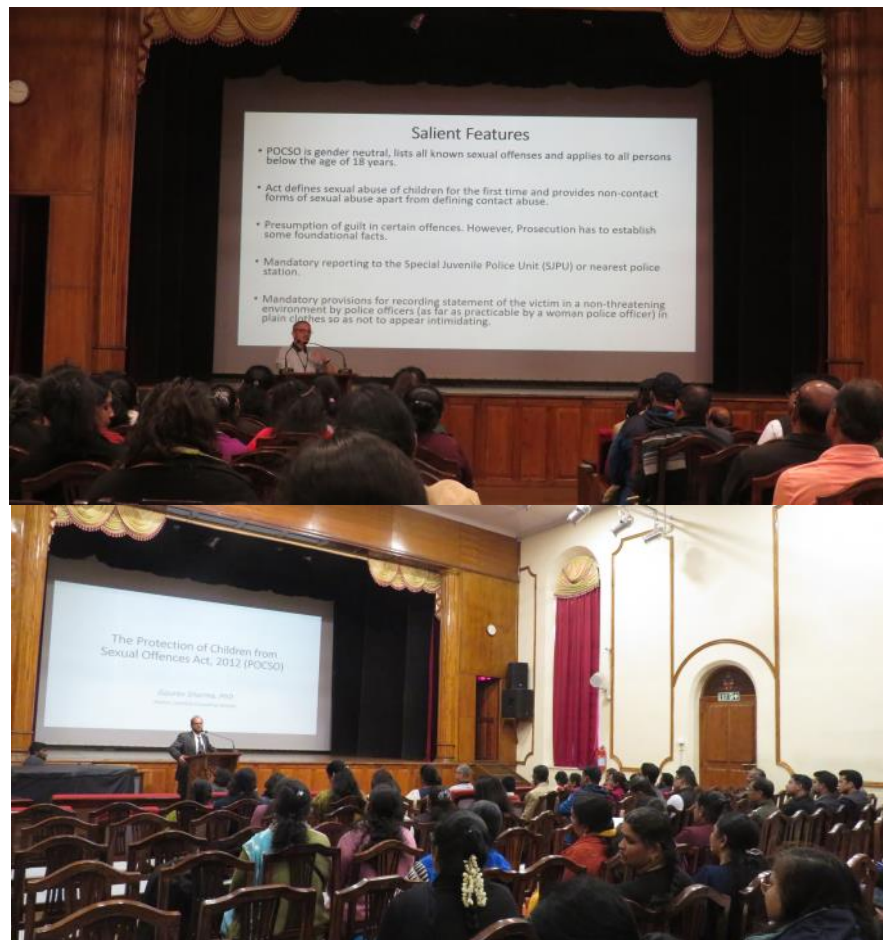
The POCSO session led by Dr. Gaurav Sharma covered a wide range of topics related to child sexual abuse, including the legal aspects and psychological impact on victims.

Dr. Sharma provided a detailed overview of the POCSO Act, explaining its key provisions and the legal procedures involved in cases related to child sexual abuse. Participants gained insights into reporting mechanisms, the role of law enforcement, and the importance of a sensitive and child-friendly legal process.

Understanding the profound psychological impact of sexual abuse on children is crucial for effective prevention and intervention. Dr. Gaurav Sharma emphasised the need for counselling services for survivors. He also described the key components of The Lawrence School Lovedale Child Protection Policy.

Dr. Gaurav Sharma incorporated interactive components such as case studies and Q&A to enhance engagement and understanding. This allowed participants to apply the knowledge gained and seek clarification on specific concerns.

We extend our gratitude to Dr. Gaurav Sharma for his expertise and commitment to raising awareness about child sexual abuse.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL EVENING 2023

The Junior School Evening 2023 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023. A dynamic group of six hosts – Rajeev, Theajesh, Nishka, Yaara, Treya, and Riya – took the stage to orchestrate the proceedings.

The pupils from Class VI performed a *Mangalacharan* to seek blessings, followed by an Invocation Dance by the girls to convey divine realisation to the audience.

Saumya, a talented pianist, and Emaya, our version of Taylor Swift, gave a memorable musical performance.

The pupils performed a folk dance from Tamil Nadu. A piano recital by Rigzor followed next.

A Hindi skit was presented on social media's drawbacks, which was thought-provoking.

To refresh our minds, the girls took the stage with a fantastic Folk Dance performance, delving into the rich tapestry of our dancing cultures. Shifting gears to a more Western vibe, the Girls Western Band rocked the house, bringing a touch of rock and roll to the proceedings.

"Dance is the hidden language of the soul," following the energetic Hindi Fusion Dance by the boys, a solo singer took centre stage, delivering a rhythmic song that resonated with the audience. The Girls Fusion Dance troupe offered a captivating and graceful dance following the high-energy performances.

Stuti played a unique piano piece, followed by the boys' lively Western Band performance. The highlight of the evening was the Boys' Western Dance Performance, stealing the audience's heart with cool moves and captivating choreography.

Blending classical dance with modern music, the Semi-Classical Girls Dance paid a heartfelt tribute to the legendary A.R. Rahman.

As we approached the end of this enchanting evening, the Grand Finale unfolded – a spectacular blend of different South Indian dance forms.

The end of a satisfying evening reminds us that all good things must come to an end. We feel proud and joyful after presenting seventeen remarkable shows culminating in this grand spectacle. It resulted from a month of hard work, practice, and dedication.





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## Counselling Initiatives

### ANTI-BULLYING

#### Reflections from Students

The School Counsellor, Ms Merlyn Fernandes, conducted the session on anti-bullying on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023. During the session, we learned about the various types of bullying, which include physical, social, verbal and cyber. We were presented with case studies to help us identify each type of bullying and understand the consequences of such actions.

Students were informed about the physical and mental effects of bullying. Ragging, a form of bullying, has been prohibited in India since 2001. Tamil Nadu was the first state in India to ban ragging in all educational institutions in 1997. The Counsellor informed us of the helplines available to report ragging and the applicable laws in case of bullying or ragging incidents. At the end of the session, the students had an opportunity to get their questions answered and clear any doubts.

Aikya Alla and Jelina Maria Joji - Class X



### CREATIVE THINKING

Three consecutive sessions were conducted by the Counsellor from Classes 5 to 8 to sharpen pupils' creative thinking skills.

The following is a write-up submitted by Olivia Chacko, Class V A

During our first class, as instructed by our teacher, we began with an activity where we drew 30 circles and were given a few minutes to use our creative thinking skills to create something amazing out of them.

In the second class, we were given riddles to answer using our imagination. We answered some riddles in class. One riddle was given as prep work.

In the third session, we had an outdoor activity. We were divided into four teams. We had to use things from nature to construct something. We all enjoyed making things using leaves and twigs. We had lots of fun.



### PEER PRESSURE AND SOCIAL CONFORMITY

Life Skills classes in School enable the pupils to gain control over their behaviour and make informed decisions. We often have life skills sessions in the School. During one such session, we learned about peer pressure and social conformity. I want to share what I have learned about the topic.

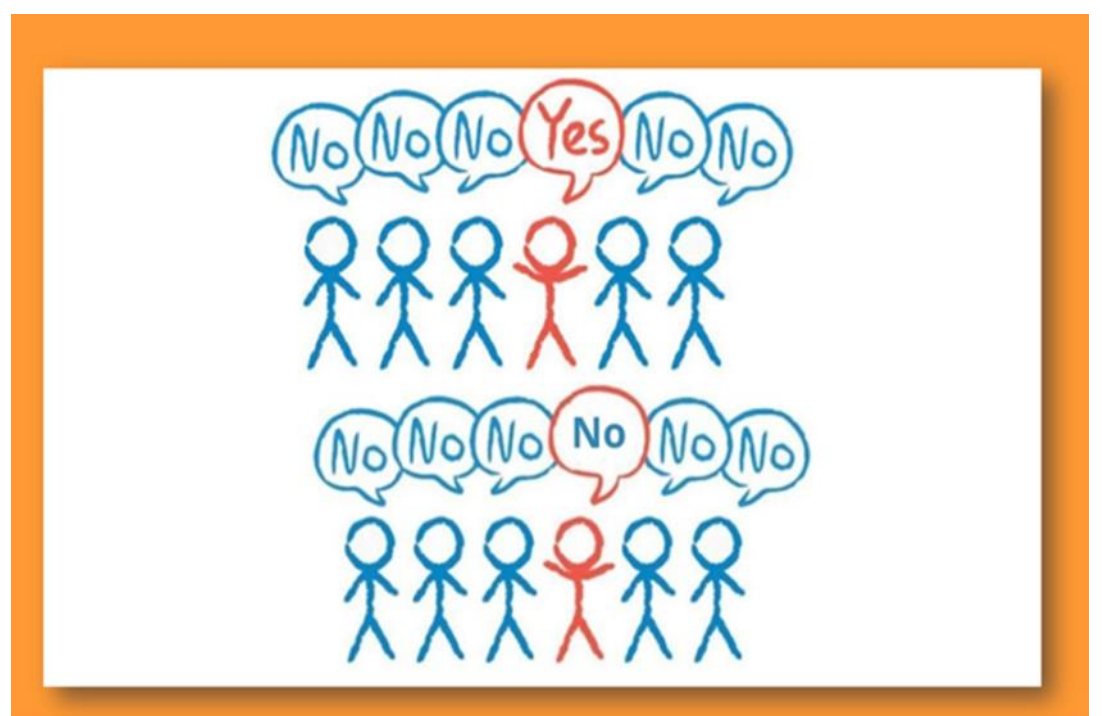
Peer pressure is the influence peers exert to conform to their behaviours, attitudes, and beliefs.

Conformity is adhering to established norms or standards without knowing the actual reason. Instead of trusting your instincts, you tend to follow the opinions of others blindly.

At times, people also follow the crowd to become popular. This lesson taught me to overcome such situations and trust my instincts rather than mindlessly follow the crowd.

These life skills sessions can help students face the challenges they face in the future.

T. Saanvi Rao- Class VIII D





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## DECISION - MAKING SESSION

On 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the pupils of Class IX assembled in the Large Hall, Senior School, for a session on decision-making. The Peer Educators and Well-being Ambassadors conducted the session. The team consisted of Neha Yuvaraj, Advika Kumar, and Krishiv Agrawal of Classes 11 and 9, respectively. They effectively highlighted the significance of making wise decisions and effectively managing oneself.

The session started with Neha guiding the students on how to make decisions carefully. The following steps were discussed:

1. Making choices
2. Identifying Decisions
3. Gathering information
4. Assessing alternatives

Neha briefed us on making choices and handling wrong decisions. A video was shown to support this.

Following Neha, we had Krishiv speak to us about the types of decision-makers.

1. The Charismatic
2. The Thinkers
3. The Skeptics
4. The Followers

We had a small activity/experiment to understand mob mentality. Seeing that Lawrencians did not follow the 'monkey see, monkey do' ideology was a pleasant surprise.

Krishiv further briefed us on how our actions influence our choices and decisions. You make the right choice when you think, but when you follow others, you may make the wrong one.

Lastly, Advika enlightened us on the significance of implementing and staying committed to a decision. We watched a video illustrating how our daily decisions impact our health habits. "Small choices become actions, actions become habits and habits become our way of life".

We had another activity which involved introspecting and listing our priorities. The Eisenhower Matrix was explained to us and we listed our important, urgent, unnecessary and not urgent activities.

Advika further touched upon the execution of a decision. The steps included the following:

Thinking is required to make a decision.

Accept that there will be self-doubt but go through the decision-making process.

Advika concluded by explaining the essence of commitment.

It was fascinating to witness students teaching their peers about the most important life skills - 'Decision Making'

**Shambhavi Kaushal - Class IX C**



## NILGIRI LIBRARY INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE

The prestigious Nilgiri Library Inter-School Debate was held on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023, on the premises of the Ooty Library. The debate was contested by all the major schools of Ooty and the adjoining areas like Connoor.

Avani Dangi and Gopika S of Class XI represented The Lawrence School, Lovedale. In a keenly contested event, they secured the position of 'Third Best Team', where St Joseph's from Connoor stood first, followed by JSS Public School, Ooty, in second place.

Every participant was given a complimentary one-year subscription to the library membership. Winners received a certificate and a gift voucher.



# Creative Corner !

## QUESTIONS...

Adam and Eve were the first two human beings on planet Earth. They gave birth to the entire world. So, if we are born from the same two personalities, why is there so much discrimination on people's caste, creed, religion, language and colour?

In many places, some people consider themselves superior to others. Students in schools often bully others based on their appearance or background. They do not understand the feelings of the person getting discriminated against. Discrimination can lead to young teenagers hating themselves and attempting to change their entire appearance or personality.

People who do menial jobs are considered untouchable in some communities. There are so many questions in the world and yet nobody is there to answer them. It is just the poor mindset of human beings. There are numerous suicide cases, yet nobody bothers. We need to be civilised enough to accept each other the way we are. Our generation is the only one who can improve the world. The world will only change when we change.

Vaibhavi Mishra - Class VII A

## NATURE

God created Nature  
As it's a very good thought  
We can't change Nature  
Because Nature is very different from other creatures.

Nature can change anything,  
By its wish.  
In the water bodies, there are many fishes  
And cats eat fish as a delicious dish!

We should keep our Nature Clean,  
It should be our daily routine,  
We should never dirty our Nature,  
Because God has created a magical creation.

We should learn many things from Nature  
And also, from the beautiful creation.

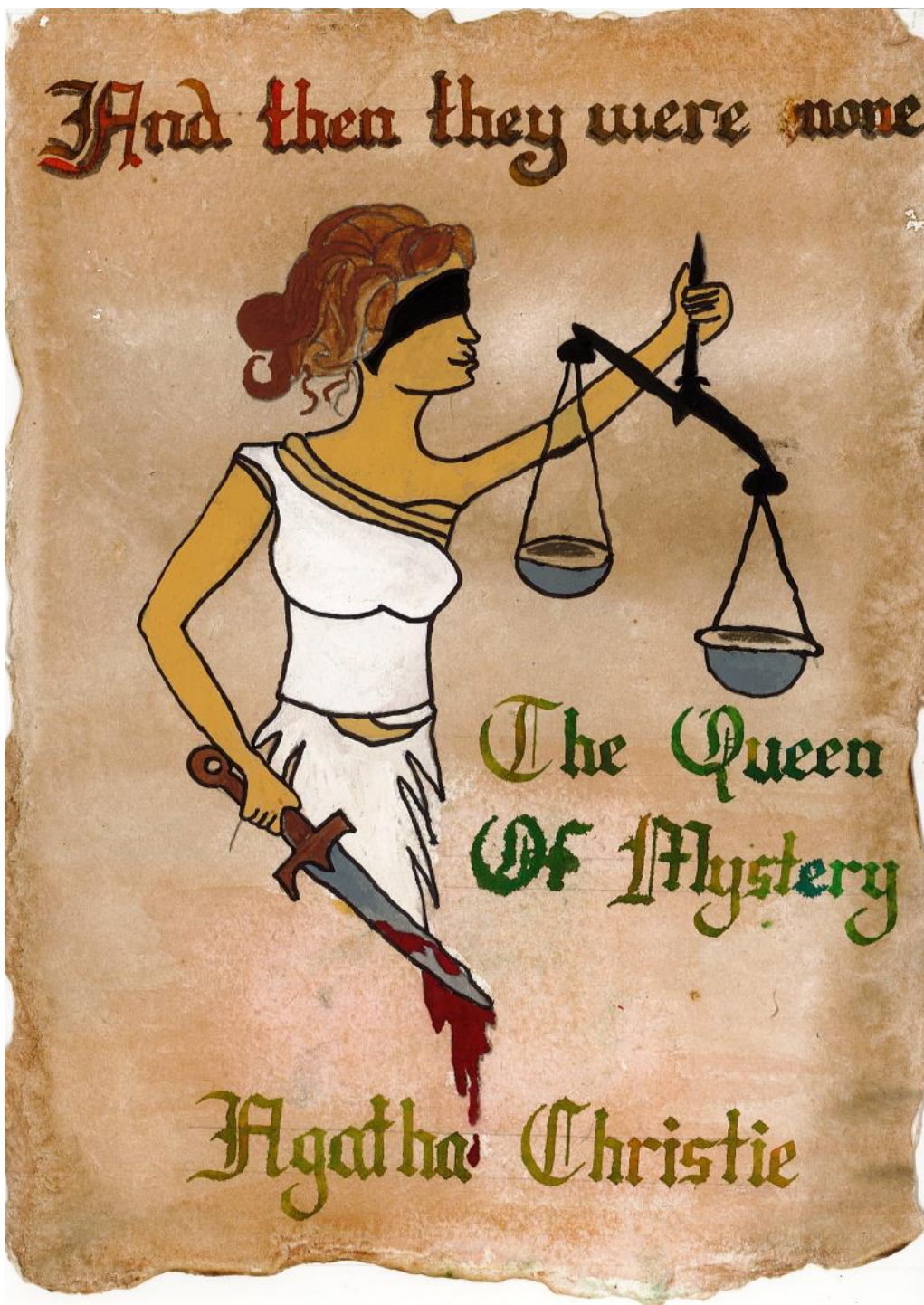
Ira Goyal - Class VB

## FRIENDS

Friends are the best,  
Better than the rest.  
Our friendship grows every single day  
We fight and get together in some way  
I love my friends a lot.

Why are friends made? I think  
They help me when I am in need,  
They are the best indeed!

Shivanshi Pratibha Poddar - Class V B







## IPSC NATIONAL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT - 2023

The Boys' and Girls' Archery Teams participated in the IPSC National Archery Tournament hosted by Mayo College Ajmer from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Our archers performed splendidly, winning over forty medals.

The team was accompanied by Coach Mr. Alex AT and Ms. Judith.

The Results:

### Under 14 - Indian Round Boys

No	Name	Distance	Medal
1	Ariyshmanram S	20 Meter	Gold
2	Ariyshmanram S	30 Meter	Silver
3	Kishan Reddy P	20 Meter	Bronze

### Under 14 - Indian Round Girls

No	Name	Distance	Medal
1	Vaibhavi Mishra	30 Meter	Gold
2	Vaibhavi Mishra	20 Meter	Gold
3	Rachabattuni Prasunnambika	20 Meter	Silver
4	Chunduri Sri Anvi	20 Meter	Bronze
5	Chunduri Sri Anvi	30 Meter	Bronze

### Under 17 - Indian Round Boys

No	Name	Distance	Medal
1	Raunaq	40 Meter	Gold
2	Raunaq	30 Meter	Silver
3	Rajeev Tarade	40 Meter	Bronze

### Under 17 - Indian Round Girls

No	Name	Distance	Medal
1	Durva Maheshwari	40 Meter	Silver
2	Aiyana Singh	30 Meter	Bronze

### Under 17 - Recurve Boys

No	Name	Distance	Medal
1	Narein R Nair	60 Meter (1 <sup>st</sup> SET)	Gold
2	Narein R Nair	60 Meter (2 <sup>nd</sup> SET)	Gold
3	Armaan Fazil	60 Meter (2 <sup>nd</sup> Set)	Bronze

### Under 19 Indian Round Girls

No	Name	Distance	Medal
1	Adhi M Nair	30 Meter	Gold
2	Adhi M Nair	50 Meter	Gold

### Under 19 Compound Girls

No	Name	Distance	Medal
1	Aisshmika Dinkar Kumar	50 Meter (1 <sup>st</sup> Set)	Gold
2	Aisshmika Dinkar Kumar	50 Meter (2 <sup>nd</sup> Set)	Gold

### Individual

No	NAME	AGE CATEGORY	MEDAL
1	Ariyshmanram S	Under 14 Indian Round Boys	Gold
2	Raunaq Laishram	Under 17 - Indian Round Boys	Gold
3	Narain R Nair	Under 17 Recurve Boys	Gold

### Team Championship

#### Under 14 Indian Round Boys - GOLD

No	Name	Medal
1	Ariyshmanram s	Gold
2	Kishan Reddy	Gold
3	Avyukth Machani	Gold

#### Under 14 Indian Round Girls - GOLD

No	Name	Medal
1	Vaibhavi Mishra	Gold
2	Chunduri Sri Anvi	Gold
3	Rachabattuni Prasunnambika	Gold
4	S. Khyati Jain	Gold



### Under 17 Indian Round Boys - SILVER

No	Name	Medal
1	Raunaq Laishram	Silver
2	Rajeev Tarade	Silver
3	Samit Patnaik	Silver

### Under 17 Indian Round Girls -SILVER

No	Name	Medal
1	Durva Maheshwari	Silver
2	Aiyana Singh	Silver
3	Vaani Atal	Silver

### Under 17 Recurve Boys - GOLD

No	Name	Medal
1	Narein R Nair	Gold
2	Armaan Fazil	Gold
3	Mohammed Mustafa Patanwala	Gold

### Team Championship

#### Under 17 - RUNNER-UP

No	Name
1	Raunaq Laisharam
2	Rajeev Tarade
3	Samit Patnaik
4	Narain R Nair
5	Pranay Dev Gurram
6	Armaan Fazil
7	Muhammed Mustafa
8	Durva Maheshwari
9	Aiyana Singh
10	Vaani Atal

### Team Championship

#### Under 14 - WINNER

No	Name
1	Ariyshmanram S
2	Avyukth Machani
3	Kishan Reddy p
4	Vaibhavi Mishra
5	Chunduri Sri Anvi
6	Rachabattuni Prasunnambika
7	S Khyati Jain





## INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT THE LAWRENCE SCHOOL, LOVEDALE

The Lawrence School, Lovedale hosted the Inter-School Basketball Tournament for Under-14 boys from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. The tournament showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship, leaving an indelible mark on all participants.

**Individual Excellence:** Kushagra Ola, a Class VII student at The Lawrence School, Lovedale, stood out as the most Promising Player in the Basketball Tournament, earning recognition for his exceptional performance and sportsmanship.

### Inter-School Basketball Tournament (Under 17 Boys) at Kotagiri Public School

The hills of the Nilgiris witnessed an intense display of skill and sportsmanship as the Inter-School Basketball Tournament for Under-17 boys unfolded at Kotagiri Public School from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Ten schools from the Nilgiri region participated in this highly competitive event, showcasing their Basketball prowess and team spirit.

The Lawrence School in Lovedale won the tournament after defeating Good Shepherd International School in the finals. They were undefeated throughout the tournament.

Aryan Singh Vashista, a standout player from The Lawrence School, was adjudged the Best Player of the Tournament. Aryan's exceptional skills, leadership on the court, and consistent performance were instrumental in guiding his team to victory.

### Inter-School Basketball Tournament (Under 14 and 19 Girls) at Laidlaw Memorial School Ketti

The court came alive with passion and skill as The Lawrence School's girls' Basketball teams showcased their prowess in the Inter-School Basketball Tournament held at Laidlaw Memorial School Ketti on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The tournament had fierce competition in the Under-14 and Under-19 categories, with outstanding performances and unforgettable moments.

The Lawrence School's Under-19 girls' team demonstrated exceptional talent and teamwork, clinching victory in the finals against Laidlaw Memorial School and securing the coveted first position.

The Under-14 girls' team continued their winning streak, emerging as champions after a thrilling final match against Nazareth Convent School. Anaya Dhar, a class XII student, won the Best Player of the Tournament award in the Under 19 category for her outstanding skills and leadership on the court. Tansi was named Best Player of the Tournament in the Under 14 category for her remarkable contribution to the team's success.



## NILGIRI DISTRICT OPEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT - 2023

### Lawrence Champions

Nikhita and Kamalini demonstrated remarkable skills and teamwork, dominating the women's doubles at the Nilgiris District Open Badminton Tournament held at Anna Stadium between 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they were awarded a well-deserved cash prize of Rupees 10000 and trophies.







INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION - 2023

The Inter-School Swimming competition was conducted by Good Shepherd International School, Ooty, on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Twenty-six students from our School participated in various categories.

Total Medal Tally

1. Gold- 2      2. Silver-10      3. Bronze-7

Relay (all categories)

1. Silver-6      2. Bronze-7

Under 11 Boys and Girls

S.No	Name	Event	Position
1	Yug	25m Freestyle	Bronze
2	Vihaan.S	25m Freestyle	Silver
3	Ireen	25m Freestyle	Silver
4	Vihaan	50m Freestyle	Silver
5	Yug	25m Breaststroke	Gold

Under 14 Boys and Girls

S.No	Name	Event	Position
1	Gaurav.R	25m Freestyle	Bronze
2	Praneeth	50m Freestyle	Bronze
3	Gaurav.R	25m Breaststroke	Silver
4	Gaurav.R	25m Backstroke	Silver

Under 17 Boys and Girls

S.No	Name	Event	Position
1	Sharanya	50m Freestyle	Bronze
2	Sharanya	25m Breaststroke	Bronze
3	Nikita	25m Butterfly	Bronze
4	Sharanya	25m Backstroke	Bronze
5	Aryan Kedia	50m Backstroke	Silver
6	K.Arjunan	50m Breaststroke	Silver
7	K.Arjunan	100m Individual Medley	Silver

Under 19 Boys and Girls

S.No	Name	Event	Position
1.	Arjun Rajora	50m Freestyle	Gold
2	Vrudhi	25m Breaststroke	Bronze
3	Arjun Rajora	100m Freestyle	Silver
4	Vrudhi	25m Backstroke	Silver



All Category Relay

S.No	Category	Event	Name	Position
1	Under 11 Boys & Girls	4 x 25m Mixed Free Relay	Vihaan.S Vikunth Stuti Ireen	Silver
2	Under 14 Boys & Girls	4x25 M Mixed Free Relay	Gaurav.R Praneeth Aishwarya Adhyuta	Bronze
3	Under 17 Boys & Girls	4x25m Mixed Free Relay	K. Arjunan Aryansh Patre Sharanya Prisha	Silver
5	Under 19 Boys & Girls	4x25m Mixed Free Relay	Arjun. R Aniketh Vrudhi Nakshatra	Bronze
6	Under14 Boys	4x25m Free Relay	Gaurav Ved. R Praneeth Shiv Karthik	Silver
7.	Under 17 Boys	4x50m Free Relay	Arjunan Devank Aryansh Aryan	Bronze
8.	Under 17 Girls	4x25m Free Relay	Prisha Sharanya Pramia Nikita	Silver
9.	Under 14 Boys	4x25m Medley Relay	Gaurav Praneeth Ved. R Shiv Karthik	Bronze
10.	Under 17 Boys	4x25m Medley Relay	Arjunan Aryan Aryansh Devank	Bronze
11.	Under 17 Girls	4x25m Medley Relay	Prisha Sharanya Nikita Pramia	Silver
12.	Under 17 Boys & Girls	4x25m Mixed Medley Relay	Arjunan Aryan Pamia Nikita	Bronze
13.	Under 19 Boys & Girls	4x25m Mixed Medley Relay	Arjun. R Aniketh Nakshatra Vrudhi	Bronze





# Sports Roundup



## IPSC BADMINTON TOURNAMENT, SAGAR SCHOOL, ALWAR, RAJASTHAN

Our U-14, U-17, and U-19 Badminton Boys' teams participated in the IPSC Badminton Tournament 2023 at Sagar School in Alwar, Rajasthan, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Our Under-17 boys' team secured the runners-up position in their tournament by defeating Emerald Heights, Doon School, Daly College and Sagar School. Similarly, our Under-19 boys' team achieved the 2<sup>nd</sup> runners-up by defeating Daly College, LK Singhania School, Rajkumar College, Vidya Niketan Pilani, and PPS Nabha.

Namith Putachi secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up position at the Individual Singles Championships. The U-14 team won against MGM Vallabh Ashram and Rajkumar College, but lost to DPS RK Puram, finishing second in the league matches.

### U-17 Team

S.No	Name	Class
1	Parth. A	10
2	Agnidipto	10
3	Namith D	9
4	Nirmal Dev	11
5	Ishaan K	10

### U-19 Team

S.No	Name	Class
1	John Jacob Philip	12
2	Ishanth Sethia	10
3	Yesnas Chandra	11
4	Bimal Dev	11
5	Tarun SB	12

The following students may represent the IPSC at the SGFI Badminton Tournament to be held later.

1. John Jacob Philip
2. Namith P
3. Bimal dev
4. Ishaan Karthik
5. Tarun SB



## IPSC ATHLETICS MEET FOR UNDER - 19 BOYS

The IPSC Athletics Meet for Under-19 boys was held at Punjab Public School in Nabha from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023, with 12 schools participating across India.

P.A. Najappa was the star of the championship, winning gold in the 400-meter race and silver in both the 200-meter and 100-meter races, earning him the title of 'Best Athlete of the Championship'.

Shivanth clinched a gold medal in the high jump event, showcasing his dedication and hard work that outclassed his competitors.

Agastya Ramamurthy of Class XI also made his mark in the Meet by winning a silver medal in the triple jump. His impeccable technique and agility were noteworthy.

Our School's 4x100m relay team, comprising P.A. Nanjappa, Agastya R, V Vidhusen, and Anshuman won the silver medal, contributing to our School's achievements.

The IPSC Athletics Meet was a resounding success for our School's athletes. Their dedication, training, and perseverance were evident in their outstanding performances. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and confident they will continue to reach new heights.







## INTER SCHOOL TENNIS TOURNAMENT FOR BOYS & GIRLS -2023

Our School was privileged to host the esteemed Inter-School Tennis Tournament for both boys and girls from the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2023.

Our students represented our Institution with pride. We are delighted to share that their skills and dedication shone through, making us proud of their performance.

The Results are as follows:

### BOYS-U-14 WINNERS

1. Aryan Bafna : Class 7
2. S. Arjun : Class 7
3. Pranav Poddar : Class 7
4. Arjun Hanumara : Class 7
5. Shiv Seyon : Class 7

Aryan Bafna was recognised as the **Best Player** in the U-14 Boys category.

### BOYS U-19 RUNNERS UP

1. Ashmit Bharti : Class 10
2. Rannvijay Singh : Class 10
3. Khush Jhanwar : Class 11
4. Riyo Keisham : Class 11
5. M.Ishaan : Class 9

Khush Jhanwar was recognised as the **Most Promising Player** in the U-19 Boys category.

### GIRLS-U-14 WINNERS

1. Sowmya K : Class 8
2. Nandini Rana : Class 8
3. Nithi Varshika : Class 9

Sowmya was awarded the title of **Best Player** in the U-14 Girls category.

### GIRLS-U-19 WINNERS

1. Janatt Duggal : Class 12
2. Mithunya M : Class 12
3. Yashika K. M : Class 10
4. Aashvi Banka : Class 10
5. Adaah Andrea : Class 9

Yashika received award for **Best Player** U-19 Girls category.



## MISS DEVADASON MEMORIAL GIRLS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The Miss Devadason Memorial Girls Hockey Tournament was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at St. Hilda's School in Ooty. Schools from the region gathered for a day of competition, skill, and sportsmanship.

Our School's girls showed exceptional teamwork, dedication, and skill by defeating every opponent. Their steadfast determination and excellent gameplay made them the tournament champions.

Each match saw our team outperforming their counterparts, playing defensively and offensively with finesse.

Our School team won the tournament, and we are proud of our Girls. Thanks to St. Hilda's School for hosting the Event. Our team is excited about future challenges.







DISTRICT BADMINTON TOURNAMENT – 2023

Lawrence Girls Emerge Victorious

Team Lawrence won multiple titles at the District Badminton Tournament held at Anna Stadium, Ooty, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, making the School proud. Our team of girls dominated the Championship.

Here are the Results:

S No	Category	Positions	Names
1.	Boys U-11yrs Singles	Runners Up	Astitwa Goswami
2.	Girls U-11yrs Singles	Winner	S Dhanvantika
3.	Girls U-13yrs Singles	Winner	Gathri Srinari
4.	Girls U-13yrs Doubles	Runners Up	Gathri & Heera.Y
5.	Girls U-17yrs Doubles	Winner	Nikita Rao & Kamalini Ramesh
6.	Girls U-19yrs Singles	Winner	Nikita Rao
7.	Girls U-19yrs Singles	Runners Up	Kamalini Ramesh
8.	Boys U-15yrs Doubles	Winner	Varnikh & Dhanvanth.Ks
9.	Boys U-15yrs Singles	Winner	Varnikh
10.	Girls U-19yrs Doubles	Runner Up	Kamalini Ramesh & Riya Vaibhav
11.	Girls U-19yrs Doubles	Winner	Nikitarao & Asmi Mital
12.	Girls U-17yrs Singles	Winner	Nikita Rao



NILGIRI DISTRICT INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The HADP Stadium hosted the Nilgiri District Inter-School Basketball Tournament for boys and girls from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The tournament witnessed participation from 16 teams, each vying for the coveted title.

The highlight of the tournament was the impeccable performance of our School teams.

Our School team remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, a testament to their prowess and commitment. In particular, the girls' team clinched the title by defeating The Laidlaw Memorial School in a riveting final match, bringing pride and joy to our institution.

Anaya Dhar from our School was outstanding. Her phenomenal performance on the court, her leadership and her ability to drive the team forward led her to be rightly **adjudged the Best Player of the Tournament**.



INTER-SCHOOL BOYS' HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Our School hosted the Inter-School Boys' Hockey Tournament from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023, showcasing remarkable sportsmanship and skill on the field. The competition brought together teams from various schools, creating an atmosphere of healthy competition and camaraderie.

In a thrilling culmination, our School's Hockey team emerged as the ultimate victors, claiming the Championship Title. The players displayed exemplary teamwork, determination, and strategic prowess throughout the tournament, earning them a well-deserved victory.

A standout performance was delivered by Sarthak Linga, who was rightfully adjudged the Best Player of the Tournament. Linga's skilful play, leadership qualities, and sportsmanship distinguished him as an outstanding hockey player.





# Sports Roundup



## UNDER-19 GIRLS IPSC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2023

### Our Team's Journey to Third Place

Our team's hard work and preparation paid off as they dominated the league stage, winning every match and establishing themselves as one of the top teams.

Our team advanced to the semi-finals with a spotless record, facing off against Mayo College, Ajmer. Anticipation was high, with both teams showcasing formidable skills in their previous matches. Despite our team's great run, Mayo College clinched the victory, advancing to the finals.

Bouncing back from a defeat, our team squared off against Vidya Devi Jindal School in the third-place match. This time, they showcased their true mettle, playing with renewed vigour and determination. Our team showed peak form, executing plays precisely and winning against Vidya Devi Jindal School. This secured us the third position in the tournament.

Our team's journey in the Under-19 Girls IPSC Basketball Tournament of 2023 will be remembered for their early victories and for their resilience. Anaya and Priya of Class XII showed outstanding performance in all the matches and as a result were selected for the School Nationals, which is a testament to their exceptional skills and significant contributions throughout the tournament.

With the *School Nationals* on the horizon, it is an opportunity for both Anaya and Priya to further cement their reputation as rising stars in the Basketball community. Their inclusion in the nationals is a personal achievement and brings pride to our School and the coaching staff.



## CBSE SOUTH ZONE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The CBSE South Zone Hockey Tournament was held at Satchidananda Jyothi Niketan, Kallar, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for the Under-19 Boys' category.

Abhimanyu Bhargava was awarded Best Attacker and Ritvic excelled as Best Midfielder. The team secured the Second Runner-Up position, reflecting their dedication and skill.

### Individual Awards:

Best Attacker: Abhimanyu Bhargava, Best Midfielder: Ritvic



## STATE-LEVEL SQUASH TOURNAMENT, CHENNAI

Twenty-five students from The Lawrence School, Lovedale, participated in the State Level Squash Sub-Junior and Junior Tournament organized by the *Flying Birds Academy* in Chennai on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The students competed in different age categories and had a great opportunity to showcase their skills.

The Squash coach, Mr. Nagarajan and the Manager, Ms. Sameena, accompanied the team, providing a valuable opportunity for budding squash players to experience a higher level of the game. The following are the results:

### Senior Boys

1. Nideesh, Under 19 Singles, Winner
2. Krishiv & Nideesh, Under 19 Doubles, Runner-Up
3. Vansh Agarwal, Under 17 Boys Singles, Third
4. Kesave Panpaliya, Under 17 Boys Doubles, Runner-Up
5. Vansh Agarwal & Kesave Under 17 Boys Doubles, Winner

### Junior Boys

1. Rithun, Under 12 Boys, Runner-Up
2. Dhruv Raj, Under 12 Boys, Third
3. Rohan Talwar, Under 14 Boys, Winner
4. Jeevan R, Under 14 Boys, Runner-Up
5. Rohan Talwar & Jeevan R Under 14 Boys Doubles, Runner-Up

### Girls

1. Sia Kaul Pandita, Under 14 Girls, Winner
2. Ira Goyal, Under 12 Girls, Winner
3. Dia Prathap & Nilani, Under 14 Girls Doubles, Runner-Up
4. Sia Kaul Pandita & Ira Goyal Under 17 Girls Doubles, Runner-up



Over all Championship won by The Lawrence School Lovedale





## INTER-SCHOOL GIRLS' HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



The Inter-School Girls' Hockey Tournament was held at St Hilda's School from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023, showcasing a dynamic display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship among participating teams.

In a commendable achievement, both our Under-19 and Under-14 girls' teams emerged Champions, illustrating their prowess on the hockey field. Additionally, our Under-17 girls' team exhibited remarkable performance and sportsmanship, finishing as the runners-up in their category.

Ananya Niranjana Bhargava, a talented player from Class X, stood out as the 'Best Player' of the Tournament. She earned this recognition due to her exceptional skills, unwavering dedication and outstanding abilities.

## In Memoriam



18 April 1968 - 12 November 2023

We regret to inform you that Mr M. Mathan, the Quartermaster of The Lawrence School, Lovedale, passed away on the morning of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023. We express our sincere condolences to his family during this difficult time.

Mr. Mathan joined the School's Accounts Department in August 1992 and was promoted to the post of Quartermaster in July 2001. Mr Mathan, who had been suffering from a prolonged illness, passed away with five years left to superannuation.

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