



Greetings and welcome to the latest newsletter covering the events and daily life at The Lawrence School, Lovedale, a place filled with wonder and excitement where time seems to stand still. Every day here at Lawrence School is full of memorable experiences and encounters.

We would like to start this editorial by honouring the memory of a teacher who impacted the lives of his colleagues and countless generations of Laurencians. Sadly, Mr. Nitya Cherian Matthai passed away on 30 June 2023. People familiar with him will never forget the valuable wisdom and life philosophy he imparted.

So, let us explore the captivating life of the Laurencians! The School celebrated its 165th Founders Day on 18th May 2023. Sunshine and laughter were good omens for a successful Founder's celebration. Amongst the events that marked the three-day celebrations were the Sunset Sensation, Equestrian Display, Kaleidoscope and the School Play, 'The Sound of Music'. The Parade, Trooping of the Colour and the Beating Retreat concluded the celebrations. The excitement and the euphoria that enveloped the Laurencians, young and old, was palpable and evident in the infectious smiles and reminiscent joys.

The arrival of the summer heralded a refreshing change as we welcomed our new Headmaster, Mr DVS Rao. Sometimes, life brings you full circle to a place you have been before just to show you how much you have grown. Donning many hats as a Math teacher, Housemaster, MIC-JS and Bursar, Mr Rao has returned to his roots as the Headmaster.

The Department of English actively organised competitions within the School, ranging from debates and poem recitations. The Department also trained students to represent the School in The Claude Martin Debate and the Boulone Lise Memorial Quiz.

Upholding the tradition of excellence, we achieved yet another milestone by organising our first edition of the LSL MUN, an Intra School MUN to develop leadership skills among students.

The most anticipated event, the Annual Athletics Meet, saw many records being shattered while the new ones were being made. Cheery and jubilant students thronged the stadium, waving their house flags, chanting and cheering their athletes to victory. In the midst of escalating wins and crushing losses, the Nilgiri House clinched the championship trophy.

Perhaps the rivalry between Laurencian and Josephites predates even the legendary FIFA World Cup! Laurencians defeated St. Joseph School in the semi-finals and won the Inter-School Football Championship Finals after eight years.

As we approach autumn, many things are being revived in School, like the cultural evenings and the School outings, which are entertaining ways to foster camaraderie and strong bonds among students.

Enterprising, strong, passionate and generous, the Laurencians have punched above their weight in everything. We hope this newsletter offers a glimpse into the authentic Laurencian experience, where friendships thrive, hardships are overcome, challenges are faced, and homesickness is conquered while upholding the School motto of 'Never Give In.'

Lovedale Once More...

I count myself among the most fortunate educators who have served Lovedale. Returning to Lovedale as Headmaster is a privilege and an honour. As I take on the responsibilities of my esteemed predecessors, I am intensely aware of the immense accountability that falls upon me. I understand how important my position is, and I take it seriously. I am aware of the significant impact my decisions and actions can have, and I am committed to upholding the high standards expected of me.

I would like to take this opportunity to recount some of the most memorable moments from my early days as a Mathematics Teacher in Lovedale, commencing in the year 2000.

Throughout my 12-year tenure at Lovedale, I had the opportunity to assume diverse roles in addition to my primary responsibility of teaching Mathematics. As a sports enthusiast, I also coached the School's Football Team in 2001. Our team achieved a significant milestone that year by winning the prestigious Nilgiri Football Championship in the Under-19 category. History repeated itself upon my return to Lovedale. The Under-19 team is once again the Nilgiri Football Champions!

Before embarking on my career in education, I was privileged to serve as a paramilitary officer, an achievement that I attribute, in part, to my experience playing competitive sports such as football and cricket. I am confident that my varied and extensive experience qualifies me to make valuable contributions to Lovedale.

I had the privilege of serving as the Officiating Bursar for a year. I recall when, on a stroll to the cemetery, I noticed the area needed better maintenance. I was fortunate to be permitted to renovate the cemetery as well. The bushes were cleared, the graveyard was whitewashed, and it looked good. I believe the souls in the cemetery also played their part in my return to Lovedale as Headmaster.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the students, colleagues, parents, and support staff for their continued cooperation and encouragement. As a Principal with extensive experience in CBSE schools overseas and in India and my tenure in Lovedale, I am confident that the knowledge and skills I have gained will be invaluable in leading Lovedale towards even greater glory.



Independence Day Celebrations

Lt. Gen. Virendra Vats, YSM, SM, VSM, Commandant, DSSC Wellington was the chief guest for the Independence Day celebrations.



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In Memoriam



Nitya Cherian Matthai
23.07.1958 – 30.06.2023

On 30th June 2023, Lawrenca lost one of its greatest educators and former pupils. The passing of this exceptional son of Lovedale is an irreplaceable loss to the community.

Words fail to express...

So, we thought it best to let Nitya speak through the powerful words of 'Desiderata'...

Here's to a life well-lived, devoted to uplifting others.

"Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy."

Inauguration of New Support Staff Quarters - Alumni Class of 1982



Our School is immensely grateful to our Alumni for their invaluable contributions, and we express our deep appreciation. We are proud to share that the Alumni Class of 1982 inaugurated new quarters for our support staff at the old Post Office Line on Saturday, 16th September, 2023. Their act of giving back to those who played a pivotal role in shaping their lives is truly inspiring.

This project is a demonstration of the Alumni's unwavering commitment to our School and their recognition of the invaluable contributions made by our support staff. The Support Staff often work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth functioning of the School, and their efforts are now acknowledged.

The objective of this project was to provide the Support Staff and their families with comfortable living spaces that reflect the Alumni's appreciation for the unsung heroes of our School. Their selflessness and gratitude have left an indelible mark on our School's history and reinforced the notion that a strong community never forgets its roots.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Class of 1982 for honouring the lives of those members of staff who dedicated themselves to the service of others. Their kindness is a testament to the power of gratitude and the impact of selfless acts. It is a heartwarming reminder that we are all part of a community that cares for one another.



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The Lawrence School Social Organisation (LSO)

Visit to Indhiranagar - 6th September 2023



More often than not, through self-reflection or encountering diverse circumstances, we acknowledge and appreciate the advantages and benefits we enjoy daily.

Our trip to Indhiranagar village was eye-opening. The residents live harmoniously with their environment, utilising available resources sustainably and simply. It is a humbling reminder of how much we overlook in our bustling urban lifestyles. Seeing how much joy can be found in humble surroundings is impressive.

During our trip, we experienced a touching moment when an older woman held our hand and expressed her gratitude. She shared that outsiders rarely come to offer help or show compassion. This reminded us of the importance of being present and showing up, as sometimes the most profound impact we can make is just being there for someone.

The youngsters at the rehabilitation centre were filled with contagious enthusiasm. Their bright eyes and innocent smiles conveyed a message far more profound than any spoken words - they expressed gratitude, hope, and sheer joy. Despite their daily challenges, their spirit remained unbroken, which was deeply inspiring. The children showcased remarkable abilities, from singing and dancing to crafting exquisite handmade items. Their enthusiasm for life demonstrated the resilience of the human spirit. Engaging with them, playing games, and joining in their daily activities gave us a new outlook on life.

The Lawrence Social Organisation's initiative was not just about providing material needs. It was an exchange of cultures, emotions, and lessons between two worlds. We were fortunate to receive many valuable experiences, unforgettable memories, and immense gratitude in return for all we gave.

As we made our way back, the echoing laughter, the heart-warming embraces, and the gratitude-filled eyes of the villagers and children remained imprinted in our minds. It reinforced our belief that 'giving' does help those in need and 'enriches' the giver's soul.

We returned not just with memories but with a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to continue our efforts to make a difference, no matter how small. The first mission of the LSO was more than a mere outreach program; it was a journey of the heart, teaching us the true essence of humanity.



News Bits

- Junior School Art Competition.
- The "Splash" Junior School Art Competition for students of classes VI, VII, and VIII was held on 10th August 2023, at the school's Art Department. The competition aimed to provide a platform for young artists to showcase their creativity, imagination, and artistic skills.
- The Intra-School Model United Nations Conference was held on 12th and 13th August 2023. Nearly 50 students across the school participated.
- On 14th August 2023, LT GEN (Dr) SK Gadeock, AVSM (RETD), visited our School to address our pupils about the *horrors of partition*.
- The Independence Day was celebrated on Tuesday, 15th August 2023.
- Lt. Gen. Virendra Vats, YSM, SM, VSM, Commandant, DSSC Wellington was the chief guest for the Independence Day celebrations.
- Godwin Vasanth Bosco visited the school on 13th August 2023 and interacted with the senior students regarding the shola-grassland restoration project at Lawrence School, Lovedale.
- Ms Sangeetha Jairam and five students attended the Nilgiri Scapes Conference held at Ooty. They were part of the poster-making competition and presented a Reel on Shola Grassland and Ecosystem.
- OL Nation Masterclass @ Lovedale was conducted by Shradha Sidhwani (Ara '99) on 20th August 2023. She emphasized the importance of mental health and knowledge in academic success, sports, and extracurriculars.
- The students and the staff members watched the live broadcast of the landing of Chandrayan-3 on 23rd August 2023 at 05.25 pm in their respective schools.
- A special assembly was conducted to bid farewell to Ms Chandra Joshi, HOD-Science, on Monday, 28th August 2023 in the Senior School, Large Hall.
- All schools host a monthly In-House Cultural Programme where students have the opportunity to showcase their musical talents, dance moves, comedy chops, and instrumental skills.

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Child Sexual Abuse and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences An "Eye-Opener" for Students (Awareness Seminars for Senior School Students)

Every second child in India experiences sexual abuse. Unfortunately, most of them do not have even the slightest idea of what to do afterwards. Even the most educated remain silent, thinking it is their fault.

Before 2012, no law protected boys from child sexual abuse. Surveys show that 53% of boys are sexually abused in India. However, most fear seeking help, believing it would make them look weak.

Any sexual act against a minor (child under 18 years of age) is considered a criminal offence, whether consensual or non-consensual.

The offender can be of any gender and age and, in most cases, is known to the victim. This is where the POCSO Act comes in. The POCSO Act helps all victims to get justice. The punishment for sexual crimes against children is severe and even results in the death penalty.

There are two types of sexual abuse - Physical and Non-physical. Physical sexual abuse is further divided into penetrative and non-penetrative sexual abuse. Penetration of a penis, finger(s), hand, or objects into a child's vagina, anus, urethra or mouth is penetrative sexual assault. Fondling, kissing, touching the genitals of a child or making the child touch another's genitals accounts for non-penetrative sexual assault.

Non-physical sexual abuse includes taking inappropriate pictures or videos of a child, showing pornography to a child, voyeurism, exhibitionism, making lewd gestures/comments, playing sexualised games and stalking.

Instigating, conspiring to commit an offence, and intentionally aiding or trafficking a child is also considered a crime under the POCSO Act.

People wrongly believe it is not a crime if the above is consensual. It is a crime whether it is consensual or non-consensual. Even eloping before the age of 18 is considered kidnapping; mostly, the male is the accused.

Another sensitive topic we come across nowadays is cyber grooming. The victims of cyber grooming are usually lonely, emotionally sensitive, impulsive or rebellious teenagers or people with family issues. It takes only 8 minutes for the offender to groom a victim or to befriend the victim and their trust online. The International Centre of Missing & Exploited Children reported that 8 million children go missing yearly, and many are victims of cyber grooming.

If you or someone you know is going through the above, report the matter to a trusted adult.

Remember, it is not your fault.

Cyber grooming and any form of cybercrime can be reported at cybercrime.gov.in

You can also call 1098, the Childline number.

I want to conclude by emphasising six things:

Live and let live.

Keep your hands and legs to yourself.

Watch your words - online and offline.

Practise self-control.

Maintain healthy boundaries.

Respect others' boundaries.

Tansi Prakash - IXC

The Seminar was informative and helpful. Besides becoming aware of CSA and our rights, we also learned how this problem has affected our society and what we can do to prevent it. I thank the Counsellor for raising awareness and discussing such a controversial topic. It was indeed supportive.

Rehan Abbas - XI A

'It's never your fault' - How often do we discuss pressing issues not openly spoken about? For instance, child sexual abuse. In this seminar, we were informed of our rights and how to protect ourselves and fight back using the law.

The POCSO, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, was implemented in 2012. This act defines sexual crimes against those who are under 18 as well as the punishment for the same. Before the POCSO Act, no law protected underage boys who were equally at risk of sexual abuse.

The Act describes the types of sexual offences against children - penetrative sexual assault, sexual assault, aggravated offence, child pornography and sexual harassment. The punishment for each crime varies from 3 years to life imprisonment to the death penalty.

We were made aware of the situation we might face and how to resolve it. Sexual offenders are, more often, people we know or trust. Instead of blaming ourselves, we must report the incident to a trusted adult or authority figure in such a situation.

This session gave us the knowledge to protect our rights and help others. Children can use helplines (1098) to report sexual offences or seek help when unsafe. We have progressed to speak about such issues openly while encouraging victims to feel heard.

Ipshita Chanda - XI B

The seminar on POCSO and CSA was an eye-opener. I was not aware of my rights. I did not know what legal action could be taken against groping. Such behaviour, unfortunately, is a prevalent problem, especially in public transportation. Every child must know that they are not alone and all they have to do is talk to a trusted adult or friend. More awareness needs to be created to empower vulnerable children.

Nihar Roy - XII A



Staff News

We warmly welcome Ms Anju Baghel and Ms Divyanka Shekhawat, who have joined the Department of Humanities. Ms Anju Baghel teaches Social Studies, while Ms Shekhawat teaches Political Science.

A hearty welcome to Mr Neeraj Pratap Singh, our new Physics teacher, who joined us in late August 2023.

We extend our best wishes to our new staff members for a long, fulfilling and happy association with Lovedale.



Anti-Bullying



The issue of bullying was addressed in Classes 5 - 8 for four weeks during the Life Skills classes in the form of skits, videos, self-awareness activities, class discussions and case studies. Students were encouraged to be empathic and assertive. The following

write-up on bullying has been shared with all academic staff members and is displayed in the dorms of Prep School and Junior School.

Recognise the type of bullying:

1. Physical Bullying (More common among boys)

- Hitting, punching, pinching, kicking, tripping
- Damaging the property of the target.

2. Verbal Bullying

- Insulting
- Name-calling
- Using foul language
- Taunting

3. Social Bullying (A covert form of bullying which is not easily noticeable. More common among girls)

- Intimidation
- Spreading rumours about the target.
- Making false accusations against the target.
- Ganging up against the target.
- Intentionally excluding the target or making them feel excluded.
- Contemptuous facial expressions, remarks, tone or laugh.
- Reminding the target of their past failures, mistakes etc repeatedly.
- Making hurtful jokes and then justifying them by saying, "I was just kidding".
- Mimicking to mock the target.

4. Cyberbullying

- Using the internet or technology to harass, intimidate, insult or ruin the reputation of another. Online bullying or harassment can be reported at www.cybercrime.gov.in

Bullying is prohibited in the classroom, dormitory, sports field, dining hall and anywhere within the school premises.

Causes of bullying - Why the bully bullies?

1. Insecurity
2. Envy
3. Power struggle
4. Prejudice
5. Negative peer pressure
6. Lack of purpose in life
7. Lack of empathy

Bullies do not Operate Alone

- **Flying Monkeys** - 'Flying monkeys' is a term to describe people whom a narcissist uses to harass their target. In the school environment, you will notice that bullies use gullible people to gang up against their target. That's why it's essential to become an independent thinker.

Increase your Self-Awareness

- Do you roll your eyes or make mean faces behind others' backs?
- Do you enjoy dominating others?
- Do you purposely exclude someone from group work or conversation?
- Do you enjoy pushing, kicking, hitting, or slapping others?
- Have you made false allegations against any other person?
- Have you spread rumours about another person?
- Have you made fun of someone (student or staff member) for cheap thrills?
- Do you enjoy passing back-handed comments to feel superior?
- Have you damaged the property of others?
- Do you show kindness only when someone, especially someone in authority, is watching?
- Have you threatened someone not to report your wrongful behaviour towards them?
- Have you harassed someone because your friends don't like them?
- Have you given in to negative peer pressure?

Develop the right attitude and skills

- Some students don't realise when they are bullying others. They are working on the instructions of another. Strive to become an independent thinker.
- Students acting out of envy must direct their energy to work on themselves rather than against others.
- Students who are power-hungry need to learn and develop 21st-century leadership skills.

Dealing with bullies

- Report. Inform a trusted adult.
- Call out the bullying.
- Be assertive, not passive nor aggressive.
- Have solid psychological boundaries. Do not overshare.
- Socialise. Do not isolate yourself.
- Build your confidence.
- Never give in.

Students who lack remorse, act out of spite or are repeat offenders will face strict consequences.

Raksha Bandhan Special

The Indian festival Raksha Bandhan celebrates the bond between siblings. Our students gifted handmade 'Raakhis' to soldiers at DSSC, Wellington.

Objectives:

The students wished to express their deep respect and gratitude for the soldiers' unwavering commitment by presenting them with handmade Raakhis.

Awareness Campaign:

Students were educated about the meaning of Raksha Bandhan beyond tradition.

Handmade Rakhi Workshops:

Our Arts and Crafts teacher, Ms. Swayamprabha organized workshops for students to learn how to make handmade Raakhis. It boosted their creativity and empathy towards soldiers.

Handmade Rakhi Workshops:

Each student wrote a personalised message of appreciation and gratitude to accompany their handmade Rakhi.

Coordination With DSSC:

The School collaborated with Defense Service Staff College, Wellington, to facilitate the distribution of the handmade Raakhis.



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Inter- House Prepared Speech Competition -Junior School

Unlocking Imagination Through Words

The Inter-House English Prepared Speech competition for Classes VI, VII, and VIII was held on 11th August 2023 in the Senior School Large Hall at 3.30 pm. Each House was represented by three students- one from each class. A total of 12 students from Four Houses of the Junior School were selected to participate in this competition. They were required to present a speech no longer than three minutes.

The Competition presented four topics that addressed crucial issues:

1. **Uncontrolled Pollution: finding solutions.**
2. **Nurturing Nature to Ensure a Bright Future.**
3. **The Youth's Role in Shaping the Future.**
4. **The Vital Role of Mothers in Shaping Society.**

The judges for the competition were:

1. Ms Anita Prabhu (MIC PS)
2. Ms Divyanka
3. Master Arjun Dev, Class XII

The speeches were evaluated based on content, delivery, clarity, originality, and effectiveness. All the participants performed exceptionally well, which gave a lot of encouragement and confidence to the performers and students. Following the last speaker's address's conclusion, the judges expressed their appreciation and offered constructive feedback for future improvement. Their feedback was quite insightful, and they also provided words of encouragement to the participants. Finally, the winners were announced amidst thunderous applause. The event clearly demonstrated the young speakers' talent and confidence.

The winners:

S.No.	Name	Class	House	Position
1	Aashna	VIII	Vin	I
2	Devansh Mutha	VIII	Ara	II
3	Irene M Joseph	VI	Vin	III

House Points:

S. No	Name of the House	Position
1	Vindhya	I
2	Aravalli	II
3	Nilgiri	III

Hearty congratulations to all participants and winners for making this event memorable.

Inter-House Humanities Quiz Competition

Prep School

On 15th September 2023 at 2.00 PM, the Inter-House Humanities Quiz was held in the Large Hall at Prep School. The quiz was hosted by Ms Sonali Ghosh, Ms Preslin David, Ms Christy Alphonsa (HOD), Mr Edwin Manoharan, and Ms Konsam Aruna Julie. Ms Christina Suganthi, Ms Divyanka Shekhawat, and Mr Edwin Manoharan served as time and scorekeepers.

The quiz had four representatives from each House, seven rounds with eight questions each, covering topics like famous personalities, Indian cuisine, dances, and general knowledge. The Rules were explained before the commencement of the Quiz. The Event was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and participants alike, with well-prepared and tough competitors.

Here are the competition results:

Aravalli stood 1st with 130 points

- ⇒ S C V Mokshit Krishna
- ⇒ A R B Mithran Sai Madhavaa
- ⇒ Keerthika K P
- ⇒ N Siva Aarathiya

Sumeru 3rd with 120 points

- ⇒ Olivia Chacko
- ⇒ Ira Thomas
- ⇒ Varish Sundarka
- ⇒ R Kavin Manickavasagam

Nilgiri 2nd with 125 points

- ⇒ Singapur Sathya Shreyas
- ⇒ Shivanshi Pratibha Poddar
- ⇒ R Jai Praneetha
- ⇒ Devvrat Mahalawat

Vindhya 4th with 100 points

- ⇒ Bhavya Agarwal
- ⇒ Atharv Yadav
- ⇒ Rudhvika Nimalan
- ⇒ Krisha Prasad

“Words have incredible power.
They can make people’s hearts soar,
Or they can make people’s hearts sore.”

-Dr. Mardy Grothe



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Inter-House Humanities Quiz Competition Senior School



The much-anticipated Inter-House Humanities Quiz Competition for Senior School was held on 30th August 2023. The Quiz comprised several rounds covering History, Geography, Psychology, Economics, Business Studies, Current Affairs, and Political Science. Additionally, it included a Visual Round.

The Quiz provided an excellent opportunity for the students to satisfy their intellectual curiosity. Filled to the brim with enthusiasm and excitement, the event was a platform for the students to showcase their knowledge.

Round Square Conference, Sunbeam School, Varanasi



The Round Square Conference held at Sunbeam School, Varanasi, was an inspiring and enriching event that left an indelible mark on the six participating Class 9 students. Themed "Dream, Believe, and Achieve" under the Leadership Pillar of Round Square, the conference provided a unique platform for students to learn, grow, and connect.

During an exciting four-day period, the students had the privilege of attending informative sessions led by renowned speakers. Pratish Nair and Pranav P. delivered an insightful talk on leadership, inspiring students to pursue their goals. Dr Kannan Girish conducted a compelling session on gratitude and the seven habits of successful individuals, providing valuable life lessons that will undoubtedly assist these students on their future paths.

The cultural aspect of the conference was captivating. Mr Tarafdar's Kathakali performance and Padmashree Dadi Padumjee's rendition of "Satya ki Khoj" transported students to the world of Indian classical art, encouraging deep introspection.

The event broadened the students' knowledge horizons and allowed them to interact with peers from diverse backgrounds, fostering cultural exchange and a sense of global unity.

As these students resume their daily schedules, they bring along a wealth of experiences and insights acquired from the Round Square Conference. Their involvement is evidence of Sunbeam School's dedication to fostering all-around growth and producing future leaders who can achieve their aspirations.

In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." The Round Square Conference at Sunbeam School, Varanasi, has undoubtedly sown the seeds of such belief in the hearts and minds of these young attendees, propelling them towards a future of endless possibilities.

Participants:

1. Namith P
2. Malhar B
3. Krishiv A
4. Aviral S
5. Manasseh
6. Adway K

Teacher Escort: Rachit Goswami

The Claude Martin Debate and The Boulone Lise Memorial Quiz, Lucknow

The La Martiniere College in Lucknow hosted the Claude Martin Debate from 16th to 19th August 2023. Four participants, Gopika S, P.A. Nanjappa, Priya Sundaram, and Krishna Agrawal, showcased outstanding oratory skills and knowledge on various topics. During the preliminary round, Gopika S was awarded the best speaker title.

The Boulone Lise Memorial Quiz

Agnidipto Nanda and E. Sanjay Roshan of Class X participated in 'The Boulone Lise Memorial Quiz' held at La Martiniere College in Lucknow from 16th to 19th August 2023. They demonstrated their knowledge of various subjects, current affairs, and general knowledge.

Our Quiz team was placed 3rd out of 16 schools from across India. The quiz tested various categories, such as space exploration, Indian mythology, urban language, and sarees of India.



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Recycling and Distribution Initiative Under the Aegis of Round Square



We are excited to share that we have launched an eco-friendly and socially impactful initiative under the aegis of the Round Square to support underprivileged students in the Nilgiris district. We understand the importance of providing resources to nearby educational communities, so we have started a recycling project that repurposes old notebooks and unused papers. As a result of our efforts, we have successfully restored 250 notebooks to look and feel like new again.

I am delighted to share that, as of this update, we have successfully distributed 200 of these refurbished notebooks to needy students within the Nilgiris district. This initiative not only supports sustainability by recycling unused resources but also underscores our commitment to uplifting every child's academic potential, irrespective of their socio-economic background.

We thank all involved in making this initiative successful, including our diligent students, supportive staff, and the wider community. As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those around us.

Kuldeep Singh
RS Representative



Shola Grasslands

Raghav Oylan
X B

On 19th August 2023, a group consisting of Nethra Varna, S Dhriti, Hiranya Bedi, Ipshitha Chanda, Nirupama Sudhir, Meher Bagri, Yuvraj Tandun, Head Boy Arjun Dev, Head Girl Diya Jaiswal, and myself embarked on a mission to protect the Biosphere of Nilgiri, starting with the sholas.

To provide context, sholas are plants that absorb mist and convert it into water droplets, replenishing the soil.

After attending our classes, we left at around 2.00 PM and headed to Vasanth Bosco's house, where he showed us the various plants, shrubs, and trees he had been growing for the past year. We gained a lot of knowledge about the different types of plants.

We presented a talk on the sholas, conservation, threats, and our School's plans for the next twenty years. We were the only School to make a presentation, and our Headmaster congratulated us on our efforts. We even took pictures with him. We ended the day with the satisfaction of knowing that our efforts were productive and that The Lawrence School, Lovedale, would continue to have the Shola Project for many years.



August and September 2023 Months of Excitement

Aahan Lahoti
XI D

August and September were busy at Senior School with various Inter-House competitions that raised House spirit. The senior school was in full swing. A fantastic show was put up in the Large Hall for the 'Teacher's Day Evening Spectacle' where students of classes 9, 10, 11, and 12 thanked their beloved teachers for their generous hard work. It was surprising to see Senior School students putting up a fantastic show for their teachers!

Our Athletics Team participated in the Inter-School Athletics competition and secured various positions. We are now eagerly waiting for the exams to get over and for OBL!

Additionally, senior school students and girls went for outings on Sundays and had a great time. KFC and Dominos were filled with Lawrencians only. It felt good to leave the school after weeks, and the outing taught us how to spend money wisely as we were given only a limited amount. At the end of the day, it was a very fun day.

So far, the term is going excellent, and we hope that "All's well that ends well."

MUN '23

Shrivarshan
X A



The Model United Nations held at The Lawrence School on 12th and 13th August 2023 was a memorable experience for all participants. Taking part in the various debates, discussions, crisis management, and passing of resolutions in all the committees was enthusiastic. From toppling governments in India and Pakistan to spying on North Korea, forging alliances in the last moments were all part of an exhilarating scenario. Putting aside the fun, there were individuals who were dedicated and determined to give their best in everything they did. They made sure to actively participate in all committees and work towards overcoming the challenges of today's world. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Ms. Divyanka, Mrs. Nidhi Mishra, Secretary General Swastika, the committee heads, and the logistics team for making this event happen.

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Vindhya House Evening, Girls School



The girls belonging to the Vindhya House (GS) organized an impressive cultural evening, that was held on 6th August 2023. The event commenced at 6:00 PM, in Jessy Joseph Hall. The Headmaster was invited to attend, adding to the significance and excitement of the occasion. The talented girls of Vindhya House (GS) displayed their remarkable skills, delighting the audience with a captivating skit, soulful singing performances, and enchanting dances. It was an unforgettable event, filled with warmth and joy.

An Outing to Remember

Dev Menon - VIII A
and Aditya Dev - VIII C

On 10th September 2023, the boys of the Class of 2028 went on an outing for a lifetime along with Mr N Dilip Kumar, Ms Bindu Kumar, Ms T Lata, Mr Purnna Behra, Mr Swetank, Mr Sanjay and Mr Saravanan. After breakfast, we boarded our buses, bags full of snacks and a volatile excitement in the air.

We headed to Sim's Park in Coonoor, which was about 20km away from our School. Our thirty-minute journey was filled with lively singing. We were enchanted by the park's abundant greenery and trees upon arrival. It was indeed a mesmerising sight. We saw various flowers, shrubs, and trees planted centuries ago; some trees had lovers' names written on them. A little while later, we spent the rest of the morning playing games on the green, lush field.

At 12.45 PM, we started moving towards our restaurant, where our lunch was arranged. We left Sim's Park with a heavy heart. After a short walk, we reached the restaurant 'Bagicha' where we had a delicious meal - 'Chicken Biryani' followed by ice cream for dessert.

After lunch, we started walking towards the Coonoor railway station, seeing lush greenery and low-rise buildings across the hillside. We reached the railway station much earlier than expected and realised the scientific fact that going down is faster than climbing up!

Finally, the highly anticipated highlight of the trip began: the scenic 'toy train' ride from Coonoor to Lovedale. The train departed from the station precisely at 4.00 PM with the children singing their favourite School Assembly Songs. The train chugged past the hillside, giving us a marvellous view of the flowers, river, and waterfalls. It also went through a tunnel, making us shout in sheer excitement.

We arrived at Lovedale station at 5.00 PM and entered our school through the archery ground, prompting the security personnel to perform a headcount.

JS - Class VII Weekend Outing

Destination - Tea Park and the Highland Hotel, Ooty

Rajeev Tarade
VII



We were excited and ready for our outing as we boarded the buses at the designated time. Divided into three different buses, we set off at 9.45 AM. Some of us listened to music while others sang along. We chatted, played and danced until we reached our first destination, the Tea Park, around 10.30 AM. Upon entering the park through the gate, we were transported to a different atmosphere, with a change in climate, weather and scenery. The view from the top of the hill was breathtaking. We spent two memorable hours playing with our friends and teachers, taking photos and enjoying the changing weather.

Feeling hungry and tired, we headed to the Highland Hotel for lunch at 12.25 PM. We were welcomed with apple and orange juice by the hotel staff, and as we arrived early, we had the chance to play games such as X Box, PS 5, Carrom, Ludo and Chess in a big room. We played for half an hour until lunchtime and enjoyed the variety of food and sweets.

As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. We then boarded our buses and headed back to school, feeling happy and overjoyed with the wonderful opportunity given us by Mr Purnna, Mr Sanjay, Mr Swetank, Ms. Bindu Kumar, Ms Judith, Ms Jancy and all our anas.

Inter House Debate Competition

Classes XI and XII

The Inter-House Debate competition for Classes XI and XII was held on 31st August 2023. This event was a testament to our students' talent, passion, and intellectual prowess.

PA Nanjappa from Nilgiri House secured first prize, followed by Arjun S. Rajora and Priya Sundaram from Sumeru House in second and third positions among the eight speakers.

During the debate, each team delivered well-articulated and compelling arguments regarding the proposition 'This House believes that Boarding Schools provide a Distinctive and Intense Educational Experience compared to Day Schools'.

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Hindi Diwas – Inter School Debate Motion - 'Privatization is Beneficial for the Country'



The Lawrence School, Lovedale, organised the 43rd Inter School Debate Competition on 14th September 2023, to celebrate Hindi Diwas. Eighteen students from nine different schools in the Nilgiris region participated in the event.

The panel of judges included Mr Atul Jain, a Senior Scientist at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Government of India, Mrs Shweta V, the Branch Manager of SBI, Lovedale, and Mrs Yogita Tehlaan, a Linguist at DSSC in Wellington.

Mr. D. V. S. Rao, Headmaster of The Lawrence School, Lovedale, was the Chief Guest, and Mr. Rajan N, Deputy Headmaster, served as the President for the debate.

The students argued for and against the motion, 'Privatization is Beneficial for the Country'.

Here are the competition results:

Devanshi J from The Woodside School in Ooty won first place. Ashmit Bharti from The Lawrence School, Lovedale came in second, and Dhruv Parekh from JSS Public School, Ooty placed third.

Suhasini Srivatsa from Holy Innocents School & Junior College received the consolation prize.

The School Positions are:

The winner was JSS Public School in Ooty, with the highest score. The Lawrence School, Lovedale, and the Holy Innocent School & Junior College in Wellington tied for second. The Woodside School, Ooty, came in third.



A Day Well Spent!

Rananjay Pawar
V B

On 16th September 2023 at 3.00 PM, Mr Murali, Mr Sahoo, Ms Malini, Ms Karpagam, and we, the boys of Class V, visited the Karnataka Siri Horticulture Garden in Ooty.

Filled with extreme joy, we boarded our school bus and headed towards the Karnataka Garden. We were welcomed by an attractive entrance as soon as we got there. It had neatly trimmed hedges and lots of colourful, lively flowers. We walked through a passage leading to the 'Glass House', mesmerised by the various types of cactus and indoor plants on display. With Ms. Malini's guidance, we found the maze, designed to confuse people, quite interesting. We successfully found our way out. Although tired, we were excited for more fun and headed towards the hanging bridge above the lake. The experience of crossing the bridge was both thrilling and scary.

After leaving the Garden, we headed to a restaurant nearby. We had sandwiches, cutlets, and watermelon juice. We enjoyed a satisfying meal and returned to School.

We sincerely thank the School Administration for arranging a hands-on experience to emphasise what we learned in our Science class.

Thank You!



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A Memorable Outing



On 16th September at 3.00 PM, the girls of Class VII, accompanied by Ms Sashikala R, Ms. Manmeet, Ms Anju Gijo, and Ms Anita Prabhu, went on a visit to the Homedale Tea Factory in Coonoor. As we boarded the bus, excitement stirred within us.

Upon arrival, Mrs and Mr Menon, who owned the tea factory, warmly welcomed us and offered us some tasty snacks. We were divided into two groups, with one group of girls taking a stroll to the tea factory and the other exploring the lawns, vegetable garden, and fruit trees. The picturesque landscape of undulating hills and verdant tea plantations contributed to the viewer's sense of contentment.

We visited the tea factory and relished the aroma of newly processed tea leaves. We watched the transformation of leaves through various processes and savoured different tea flavours. We expressed our gratitude to Mrs and Mr Menon for their warm hospitality after we toured the factory.

Our next destination was 'Cherrie Berry'. We enjoyed their delicious snacks, including avocado juice, fresh vegetable sandwiches made with farm-fresh produce, Irani Samosas, and strawberry ice cream.

The pupils expressed their sincere gratitude to the School Administration for arranging an educational and entertaining trip that provided valuable knowledge and a memorable experience.



Exploring Nature: Class 8 Girls' Outing : Red Hills Nature Resort, 10th September, 2023

Introduction:

A group of girls from Class 8 embarked on an outdoor adventure to gain knowledge through hands-on experience and connect with nature. They relished trekking and other outdoor activities while taking in the breathtaking beauty of the natural world.

Trekking Amidst Nature:

The students had an enjoyable morning hike with knowledgeable guides who educated them on the importance of preserving local biodiversity. The activity was an excellent opportunity to stay active and appreciate the beauty of nature.

Outdoor Learning and Nature's Classroom:

The trek led us to a serene clearing nestled beside the Emerald Lake. This served as our "nature's classroom" for the day. Here, the girls engaged in various activities that allowed them to explore biology, geology, and environmental science concepts in a real-world context.

Connecting with Nature:

The students developed a strong connection with nature by utilising their senses to observe and appreciate their surroundings. As a result, they gained a deeper appreciation and respect for the natural world.

This unstructured time allowed the pupils to experience nature's restorative and calming effects, fostering mental and emotional well-being.

With the help of local guides, the girls could climb a slippery hill, improving their physical abilities and confidence.

Conclusion:

The Class 8 girls' excursion was a great success, with a well-planned program that included outdoor exploration and practical skill development. The experience enriched their perspectives and appreciation for nature, showing that even small activities can provide joy and lasting impact.



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Trekking Club at The Lawrence School: Connecting with Nature

Introduction:

At The Lawrence School, Lovedale, there is a great emphasis on providing a holistic education that focuses on developing academic excellence and character-building skills. To accomplish this goal, the School offers weekly club activities, such as the Trekking Club. The Club helps pupils connect with nature and build teamwork while appreciating the natural world.

Engaging with Nature:

The Trekking Club at Lawrence School offers students an immersive experience in nature. Regular treks allow children to explore and appreciate the beauty of the wilderness.

Learning to Help Each Other:

Trekking teaches teamwork and cooperation, as students support each other through challenges like navigating tricky terrain or crossing streams. These experiences foster empathy, trust, and collaboration.

Being Still and Observing Senses:

The Trekking Club encourages students to disconnect from technology and cultivate mindfulness by observing their surroundings using all their senses. This promotes inner peace and a greater appreciation for the world around them.

Connecting with nature through hiking can bring a sense of stillness. Take the time to listen to the sounds of leaves rustling, birds singing, and water flowing for a renewed experience of excitement and spiritual rejuvenation.

Learning about Local Flora and Fauna:

Being a part of the Trekking Club can help you learn about the flora and fauna in your local area. This can lead to a greater appreciation for the biodiversity present and a sense of responsibility towards preserving it.

Conclusion:

The Trekking Club at The Lawrence School connects students with nature, develops life skills, and fosters environmental appreciation. This creates more resilient and empathetic individuals capable of tackling global challenges.



Assembly Report, Vindhya, Girls School

On 12th September 2023, the Girls School Vindhya House presented the morning assembly in the SS Large Hall. The theme of the assembly was "Space & Women in ISRO". The girls of Class 11 along with a few girls of Classes 9 and 10, performed at the Assembly. They reviewed a non-fiction book called "The Universe in bite-sized chunks" by Colin Stuart, followed by two talks on 'Aditya L1' and 'N. Valarmathi'. After this they put up a skit on some female scientists in ISRO.



Sumeru House Cultural

On 27th August 2023, the girls from Sumeru House (GS) hosted a cultural program at the Jessy Joseph Hall from 6.00 to 6.30 PM. The program included an entertaining skit where the girls of Class 10 portrayed expectations versus reality. The audience enjoyed guessing which Class XII student they were imitating!

For the finale, the entire House collaborated and transported us back to the 2000s with performances by popular artists from that era. They even dressed in retro costumes, sang, and danced to the most famous songs. It was certainly a memorable experience.



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Nilgiri Scapes – A Report



The Nilgiris, or Blue Mountains, in southern India are a global bio-cultural hotspot. They contain rare endemic flora and fauna and are home to indigenous communities. The Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve became India's first Nature Reserve in 1986. Many have documented this unique region since the 1600s.

The Nilgiri Scapes Conference seeks to preserve the diversity of the Blue Mountains through collaboration and annual conferences on societal and cultural impacts.

Nilgiris, a Land in Flux

The 2023 Nilgiri Scapes event focuses on the history and current state of the Nilgiris from four perspectives: ecology, economy, society, and policy. It aims to create a knowledge repository of the changing landscapes.

The Impact:

Human actions have changed Nilgiris, but we must understand how it has impacted the environment. Our goal is to examine this from an ecological impact perspective.

The Lawrence School, Lovedale, presented the solution to the factors affecting the impact of the Nilgiris at the Nilgiri Scapes Conference. The Shola Grasslands Project is to act as a Centre of Excellence for learning, not only for our school students but for the schools of the District.

The Group comprised the following members:

- ◇ Arjun Dev, Headboy
- ◇ Diya Jaiswal, Headgirl
- ◇ Hiranya
- ◇ Nethra
- ◇ Dhrithi S
- ◇ Nirupama
- ◇ Meher
- ◇ Ipshita Chanda
- ◇ Yuvraj Tandon
- ◇ Aryan Dylan

Proposed action for 2023-2028: We plan to restore five acres per year for five years, covering 25 acres of land. We will plant native grasses, shrubs, and trees and regenerate streams. Students will learn through interactive lectures.

TEDx AT GSIS, Ooty



On 23rd September 2023, a group of Class XI students from the TEDx Lawrence School, Lovedale team, along with Ms Sangeetha Jairam, Alumni Coordinator, attended the TEDx Good Shepherd International School program. The primary purpose of this visit was to provide our students with the opportunity to witness a real-life TEDx event, observe, understand, and learn from it. TEDx events are known for their inspiring talks and thought-provoking discussions, making it an invaluable learning experience for our students. Throughout the day, the students had the opportunity to hear from many different speakers who shared their thoughts on various topics. Each speaker brought a unique perspective and their talks were informative and thought-provoking. Our students found the ideas presented interesting and gained valuable knowledge from this experience.

Recitation Competition Prep School

Ms Nidhi Mishra
Department of English

The young enthusiasts from PS presented an array of poems thematically varied but brilliant – at the Prep School Recitation Competition on 11th September 2023. They were trained for the recitation by Ms. Anita Prabhu and, in part, by the students of the LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY, who also judged the event.

The evening was filled with outstanding performances, one after the other. The judges were awed by the flawless delivery of long verses, recited with impressive expression and memorisation skills. The performances were truly astonishing.

Such events are the bedrock of a public school education.

Results:

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| Aadya Rao Pothuraju | - I |
| N. Siva Aarathiya | - II |
| Vainavi H S | - III |

Jiya Mann, Class XII, and a member of the Lawrence School Literary and Debating Society shared her thoughts on the Event:

“The program was vibrant, and each participant showed impeccable talent and dedication. The poems were well-chosen and were recited beautifully with elaborate hand gestures, making them more animated and engaging. It was an overall success, and we are immensely proud of our little friends. We hope to have more such events in the future.”

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Inter House Mathematics Quiz 2023 (Junior School)

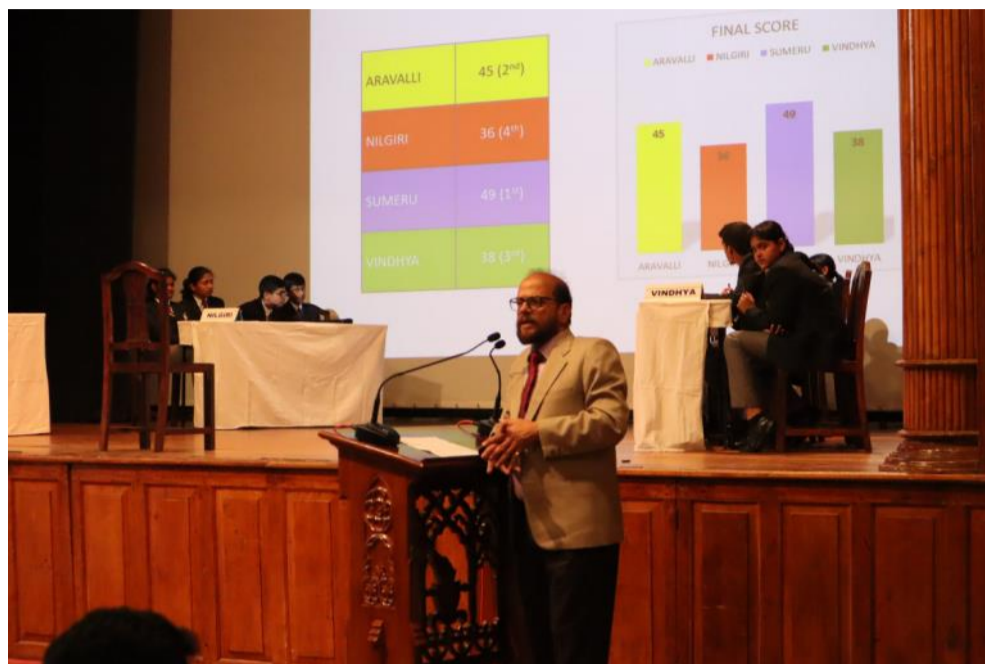
On 13th September 2023, the Junior School Inter House Mathematics Quiz was held in the Senior School Large Hall. Each team comprised four members. The quiz commenced with a clear and concise explanation of the regulations.

The hour-long event had five rounds: Warm-up, General, Logic, Higher-Order Thinking Skills, and Rapid Fire.

The students demonstrated their brilliance by quickly answering the questions. It was an insightful and knowledge-enriching competition for all participants. The audience and participants thoroughly enjoyed the quiz, which was considered a great success. Although every House actively participated, the Sumeru and Aravalli Houses took the first and second positions, respectively.

Here are the final results:

POSITION	HOUSE	PARTICIPANTS
I	Sumeru 49 points	1. Aryaveer A (Class 8) 2. Aadya Agrawal (Class 8) 3. Samarth (Class 7) 4. Aahana Agarwal (Class 6)
II	Aravalli 45 points	1. Rheya Duggal (Class 8) 2. Devansh Mutha (Class 8) 3. Sanvethaa R (Class 7) 4. Rajveer Agarwal (Class 6)
III	Vindhya 38 points	1. Rishit Mishra (Class 8) 2. Ajay Rowan (Class 8) 3. Veera Chauhan (Class 7) 4. Budda Reddy Janisha (Class 6)
IV	Nilgiri 36 points	1. Rishiet Kumar (Class 8) 2. Udit Agrawal (Class 8) 3. Prasunnambika (Class 7) 4. Stuti Singhal (Class 6)



'Mind Bogglers' Inter House Science Quiz 2023

On 7th September 2023, the Junior School held the 'Mind Bogglers' Inter House Science Quiz in the Large Hall (SS). The competition was thrilling and informative as the young participants vied for the Quiz Trophy. The following pupils represented the four Houses:

Vindhya House

Priyanshu H.S - 8A
Dharun Adithya R.M - 8C
Astitwa Goswami - 6A
Divya Agarwal - 7D

Nilgiri House

Dev Menon - 8A
Vishva A - 7C
Adhyuta Y J - 7D
Lahiri Tella - 6D

Aravalli House

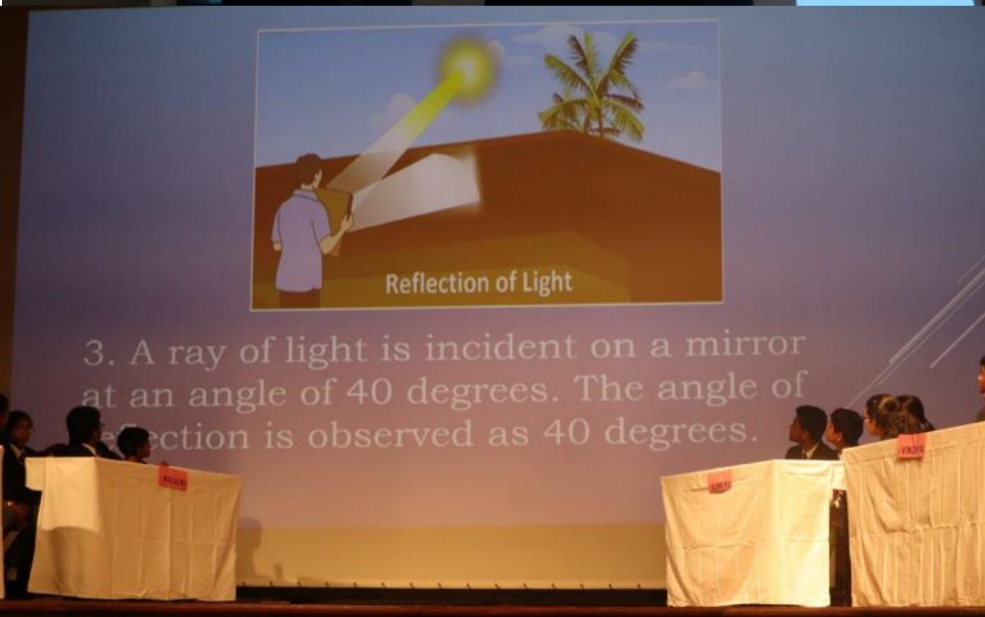
Rheya Duggal - 8B
Nara Samhitha - 6B
Avichal Singh - 7A
Devansh Mutha - 8C

Sumeru House

Aahana Agarwal - 6D
Wania Ansari - 7B
Aryaveer Agarwal - 8B

The RESULTS are as follows:

Vindhya-1st position
Aravalli- 2nd position
Nilgiri - 3rd position
Sumeru 4th position



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Social Service Report

Date: 14th September 2023

Organised By: LSO (The Lawrence School Social Service Organisation) and Round Square

As part of our ongoing commitment to community service and educational support, 15 of our boys and girls students undertook a significant outreach activity spanning two days. The primary aim was to assist the local government and underprivileged schools by providing essential educational supplies and interactive sessions.

Day 1: 11th September 2023

Venue: Government Middle School, Nanjanad Village, Avalanche

Recycled Notebooks Distribution:

Our students successfully distributed recycled notebooks to all primary students in the school, effectively promoting recycling while supporting their academic needs.

Infrastructure Support:

The school received a donation of 25 tables and chairs, enhancing the existing classroom infrastructure. Additionally, two green boards were donated to aid in the teaching process.

Interactive Sessions:

Our students interacted with local students and conducted classes covering Math and English subjects, forging bonds and understanding diverse backgrounds.

Day 2: 12th September 2023

First Visit:

Venue: Lawrence Primary School

Donations:

Our team donated 40 tables and chairs to improve student seating and enhance the learning environment.

Second Visit:

Venue: CSI School, Santhur

Donations:

The school was gifted with 40 tables and chairs, ensuring students have a comfortable learning environment. In addition, two green boards were donated, which would greatly improve the quality of teaching and learning.

This two-day service activity exemplifies the spirit of giving back to the community and the commitment of our students towards fostering positive change. The interaction with local students provided invaluable experience, insights, and mutual growth. We remain steadfast in our commitment to support educational development and will continue to seek opportunities for such outreach programs in the future.

Kuldeep Singh
Teacher-in-Charge
Lawrence Service Organisation & Round Square



OL Biker Visits School



Captain Arun Varma, an enthusiastic biker and an Old Lawrencian from Aravalli House, Class of 1974, visited the School on 11th August 2023 while on his adventurous expedition from Kanyakumari to Leh.

Arun has a deep passion for motorcycles and has decided to embark on a solo journey on his Harley Davidson, even at his age. He plans to complete the trip in around 25 days but is taking it easy, avoiding any unusual pace. Along the way, Arun has arranged to meet and stay with old classmates, including OLs, whom he has not seen in over 40 years since leaving Lovedale. The young students were excited to interact with him as well. Interestingly, when he is not on his motorcycle adventure, Arun works for the Dredging Corporation.

We wish him all the best on his journey!

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SPLASH – Inter-House Art Competition

The Senior School Inter-House Art Competition, known as "Splash," was held in the Art Department on 26th August 2023. Participants were grouped by class and could choose from three topics: 'One Earth, One Family & One Future', 'Jai Ho ISRO' or 'Vision Beyond Reality'. The results of the competition are as follows:

GROUP A CLASS IX & X

1st Position: - Nithivarshika S. A. - (IX B)
2nd Position: - Siya Surana - (IX A)
3rd Position: - Sana Zaki - (X D)

GROUP B CLASS XI & XII

1st Position: - Arjun Singh Rajora - (XII B)
2nd Position: - Swastika Kangabam - (XII B)
3rd Position: - Janatt Duggal - (XII B)

HOUSE POSITIONS

1st Position: - Nilgiri House (122.5 points)
2nd Position: - Sumeru House (120 points)
3rd Position: - Vindhya House (111.5 points)



ARAVALLI HOUSE

SL	NAME	CLASS	POINTS (160)
1	Advika Vikesh Kumar	IX-C	14
2	Sana Zaki	X-D	19
3	K. Arjunan	X-B	18
4	Nethra Varna A. S.	XI-A	17
5	Swastika Kangabam	XII-B	19.5
6	Amogh Kala	XII-B	16.5
		TOTAL	104

NILGIRI HOUSE

SL	NAME	CLASS	POINTS(160)
1	Nithivarshika S. A.	IX-B	20
2	Aahan Lahoti	IX-D	14
3	Samrita B.	X-B	15
4	Sukirthan J.	X-B	14
5	Ackshara Shri	XI-A	14
6	Khushan Mantri	XI-A	12
7	Sarayu M.	XII-B	18.5
8	Kaashish Varma	XII-C	15
		TOTAL	122.5

SUMERU HOUSE

SL	NAME	CLASS	POINTS(160)
1	Anoushka Deepak	IX-C	13
2	Haricharan G.	IX-A	14
3	Aanya Ray	X-C	16
4	Arnav Channaraj	X-B	15
5	Anna Annex	XI-B	13
6	Vansh Agarwal	XI-A	10
7	Janatt Duggal	XII-B	19
8	Arjun Singh Rajora	XII-B	20
		TOTAL	120

VINDHYA HOUSE

SL	NAME	CLASS	POINTS(160)
1	Siya Surana	IX-A	19.5
2	Dhanvanth K. S.	IX-A	15
3	Yoganjana K.	X-C	16
4	Keshav Agarwal	X-A	15
5	Dhriti S.	XI-A	15
6	Aniket Reddy	XII-C	16
7	Aarushi Harnathka	XII-B	15
		TOTAL	111.5

Teacher's Day - 5th September 2023

On 5th September 2023, Lawrence School, Lovedale, had more outdoor classes in a single day than they do in an entire year!



The Class 12 students took the kids outside and provided them with 58 fun lessons full of excitement and energy! Although we had fun, it made us realise how annoying we can be in class and how thankful we are towards the teachers for putting up with us daily. Later that afternoon, the Headmaster felicitated the Staff.

Finally, the main show, hosted by Adhija Roy and Krishna Agarwal, began in the evening. The one-and-a-half-hour program was put together in just two days, featuring performances by each class from 9 to 12.

Our talented boys and girls produced videos, dances, skits, songs and performances to show appreciation for our teachers. The atmosphere was electric as the renowned St. Elmo's Fire band took to the stage and delivered a spectacular performance that mesmerised the audience. This was followed by a group of talented individuals who were determined to emulate the style and grace of Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan. However, the night's highlight was the dance performance by the students of Class 12. Their skill, passion, and enthusiasm left the teachers in awe.

To end the evening, we motivated our teachers to tap into their inner child and concluded the day with a celebratory dance on the stage!

Creative Outpourings

Don't Destroy Nature

Avishka Sharma
VI B



Once upon a time, there was a man named Ram. Ram liked to live in the forest. He liked to spend time in the forest rather than in the city. One day some people came and threw garbage. The next day when he came to the forest, he saw the garbage near the tree. So, he started cleaning.

A few years ago, Ram got married and he got a child but still he goes to the forest. He prevents littering and cutting of trees. He lives close to Nature and preserves it. He believes in-

Save nature save the environment.

A Dream

Treya Rao P
VIII D

I had a dream
That I was standing near a stream

I sat down to see
There was no sign of any city or town?

I could see 4 leafed clovers
And pretty flowers

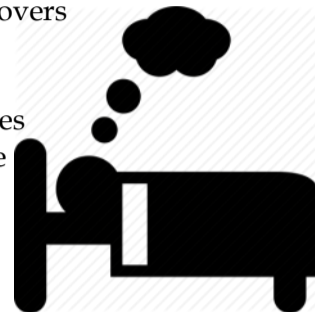
I could see the tall trees
Giving off cool breeze

It was very peaceful
And calm

I could see splashes of mud
When I hear a loud thud!

I could feel someone's hand on me
When I wake up to see

It was my Mom
Screaming you're late for school



Founder's

Aadhira
VI C



Founder's is the most enjoyable moment in Lawrence. We are also proud that it is our 165th Founder's celebration. There will be many parents and old Lawrencians who will watch us. My mother is an old Lawrencian.

We practised very hard for our events, namely yoga, choir, classical dance, Equestrian and many more. We were given pocket money to buy food from the shops.

I LOVE LAWRENCE SCHOOL

School

A. Kalyana Kousalya
VI D



My School is where I enjoy and live. My School is where I stay. I like my home but, I like my school better. It has sports and studies better than any other school. My school is a place filled with friends and new things. I like my friends and teachers. I like to learn new things. It is full of fun memories. A school is a place for learning new things with your friends as your family.

Social Media

Aliyaa S
VII D



Social media is an addiction,
Once you start.. you'll never stop.. its addictive.

It attracts you so much, you can't resist,
If its too much you won't be able to see there 'll only be mist!
Literally! Some people are grateful.
It exists!

Our parents scold us for staying on social Media the whole day,
They don't want us to spoil ourselves
That's all they can say!

There are so many platforms,
Youtube, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook & Instagram

I agree even I do it... and all of you! I bet,
C'mon lets not waste time.. later on
We'll regret!

Maybe

Rabhya Jha
VII A



Maybe I am very sad
Or I am just going mad
Maybe I am under stress
Or I just want this dress
But maybe I am just feeling sad

Maybe I am feeling bad
Or I am feeling glad
Maybe I want the sun
But maybe I am just feeling bad

Maybe I will conclude by saying hi
But it's fine I will say goodbye

MUSIC

My Comfort Language

Nandini Rana
VIII D



Isn't music a wonderful thing? I mean I sure do love it! Whenever I get the time I love to slowly strum my guitar and I close my eyes and softly hum a song. It honestly feels like the whole world just stops or that I'm in a completely different dimension. All my worries and thoughts just disappear and it indeed feels like heaven. I might not be the best at singing but whenever I play the guitar it feels like nothing in the whole world can bring me down. Another thing that I love about music is that it's so diverse it can be played in various instruments, can be sung in so many languages, and can have different tunes, beats and genres. It is really something that makes me feel alive. It has the power to make people release their emotions, make us laugh and cry, let go of our worries and make us feel genuinely happy. It is such a heart-warming thing and has to be one of my favourite things in the world!!!!

Creative Outpourings

My Sister

Anshu Chundri
VIII B



She is my sister
And she is my partner in crime
Whatever we own
We always share
She cares when I cry
And always a part of my happiness
We can't keep a secret
Without telling each other

When she is lonely
I will be the one to be there with her
Time flies very fast when I am with her
We fight a lot
But get back together soon
Because she is my sister

Hope

Aahana Rajput
IX C



The end of our life is like the weather, it marks the end of the soul.
Is it the passage, a pathway to the angels?
OR will we end up
With the demons
Oh! Well, guess what we'll be all alone.
Even though the existence of the afterlife is my story untold
Some believe there might be a test
And the others with the hope to live again
A chance to fulfil their dream
To finally have an opportunity
Some believe our good deeds will be counted.
Some believing in having only one chance,
One life, to live to the fullest
To do dream and to achieve
In the end, what we all live is living on our lifeline - Hope
HOPE TO LIVE
HOPE TO DREAM
HOPE TO TRY
HOPE TO SUCCEED
And never to truly die
Keep the HOPE Alive
And maybe you will never want to think to die
Also always wish to achieve
And wish to succeed
Stay calm and focused, don't let the situation overpower you.

Poem Recitation

Aadya Rao P
V B

Eating proper food - 1st Poem

I know your mind is on junk
But I hope you know your appetite
Just sunk

Why don't you try some carrot?
So that your vision is like a parrot

The time you fall sick
You will never want to lick that
Lollipop again.
Why don't you try proper food?
It will keep you well and good

Getting good sleep - 2nd Poem

I know you don't want to sleep
You always have some tricks up your sleeve
The way you always want to peep
Slowly you hear quiet
You start losing your sight
Your body starts getting rest
Now it is an end to your quest

Trooping The Color

Aahan Lahoti
IX D

6:00 am
Dormitories
The hustle and bustle everywhere. Everyone struggling to put on 'pattis, kamar-bands...
One can see a glamorous excitement in everyone's eyes.

7:00 am
Left - Right - Left, with the coordination of the band all the guards march along then behind the fort.
The last sips of ORS and Fanta...

7:30 am
Top Flats
All guards are marching smartly along the band on various Band Marches. The Guard commander, Markers, Flag Bearers and everyone else with marching, the pride of being a 'Lawrencian' sparkling in to their eyes.

Trooping the Colour is the most solemn event during the Founder's. The competition to become the top guard is a highly anticipated event that involves the entire school's coordination. The Lawrence School parade has remained unchanged for generations, making it a beautiful occasion that brings together the past, present, and future. The OL march is a memorable part of this event that is spectacular.

...And lingers the memory of dear old Lawrence School.

My Dad Is My Superhero

Bliss Agarwal
VIII A

My dad and I are the definition of best friends. We have had countless adventures together. He is the most enthusiastic person in my family and is always finding ways to give me as much exposure to the world as possible. I can say with belief that we have an amazing father-daughter bond.

We have many fun memories together. One of our favourite common interests is going for motorcycle rides. We visited the world's highest railway bridge, 125km away from our home, on a motorcycle. My first ride with him was to the NAGI WAR MEMORIAL in Rajasthan when I was just 9 years old. We have been for a 10km uphill trek as well. Another one of my experiences with him is going for a 15km cycling ride. He is an Army officer. He shows himself to be very strong but everyone has emotions and feelings. When he came to drop me at LSL, that was one of the first times I saw him cry.

Even at the age of 43, he is so energetic that he plays hockey, badminton, and squash, and runs marathons too. Recently, he went on a 15-day visit to the Everest Base Camp and has a personal record of riding his cycle for 63km in one go. He is Indeed a superhero

Love you, dad!

Founder's

Manasseh Prithviraj
IX C

A day in Founder's
Makes many wonder's
A day when OL's stay
After coming from far away
At the end, we say "IT was a good day".

One more day
It's better to say
Founder's is the best
But at last
We say "It was a good day".

The last day
Is a memorable day
We should all be the same
With all fame
We proudly say
"We are Lawrencians"



Creative Outpourings

My Housemaster and his Rhyming Scheme

Ashmit
X C

Mr Sheral Singh is the sweetest, most caring and best Housemaster in Lawrence School. He is known for his amazing rhymes, variety of beanies and ties. My experience with Sheral sir was amazing. I was nervous on my first day of Senior School, but then I met my Housemaster, who positively transformed my experience. He has positively impacted Senior School with his amazing ways. After 2 years with him, I feel so happy to have him as an HSM. Every day, we are bullied (in a friendly way) by Mr Sheral who comes to our table at the dining hall to sit with us, eat, and of course, recite rhymes. I particularly enjoy the one that goes "If you talk, you shall walk". We appreciate your cheerful handling of us and thank you for your guidance.

Never Give In Is The Motto Of Our School

Rishikraksan
IX B

Lawrencians, Lawrencians
We do our best,
When our skills are put to the test

Lawrencians, Lawrencians
We have the best Founder's
Unlike other schools.

Lawrencians, Lawrencians
We give our best when it is a matter
of our School -

Never Give In Is The Motto Of Our School

At the home whose haunting chorus,
still rings out it Never Give In

The Sunset Sensation

Samriddh Shah
IX B

The Sunset Sensation was actually too great
We loved the content, but it was the practice we used to hate
But, then we released it was after all, all for ever school
Then we pulled it off and it looked pretty cool!
We would never forget the fun we had
Then it was all over in 5 minutes
That was kind of sad
Doing all that upgraded us to a greater tier
And we hope as Lawrencians we do it better year by year.



A Cup of Tea

Yashvardhan Sharma
X D

A Major led this group of 15 soldiers, and they were on their way to their post in the Himalayas, where they would be deployed for the next three months. The batch of men who would be relieved was waiting anxiously for them to reach there. It was a very cold winter with intermittent snow, which made things difficult for them. All 15 had just one wish: if someone could offer them 'a cup of tea'. Though the major knew it was a futile wish, they continued moving ahead and had the same desire. After an hour, they came across a dilapidated structure that looked like a tea shop but was locked. "Bad luck," said the major to the boys. "There is no tea, boys. Let's rest; we have been walking for 3-4 hours now," they said.

One of the soldiers suggested breaking the lock to make tea since nobody was around. This presented a moral dilemma for the officer, as their duty was to protect. However, the idea of providing a warm cup of tea for the tired soldiers in the cold winter weather outweighed the officer's concerns, so he allowed the soldiers to proceed. Fortunately, the location had all the necessary supplies to make tea, including a packet of biscuits. The soldiers each enjoyed two cups of tea and biscuits and were now prepared for the rest of their journey.

The Major thought they had broken open the lock and used the milk without the owner's permission. They were not a band of thieves but disciplined soldiers. So, he took out a few thousand rupees from his wallet and placed it on the counter, hidden under a sugar container so that the owner could see it whenever he came back. He was relieved of his guilt, ordered his people to put the shutter down, and proceeded further.

After three to four months of dedicated work, the soldiers persevered through the intense insurgency situation without losing anyone. As their deployment was coming to an end, another company was being sent over. On their way back, the soldiers passed by the same tea shop they had visited before, only to find the owner selling tea this time. They stopped by for a cup of tea and the shop owner approached the Major.

The Major asked him, "Saahaab, aapki company mein koi mara toh nahi?" The major told him, "Nahi, bhagwaan ki kripa se; everything went well." The owner said, "Saahaab, bhagwaan hamesha hota hai," and the owner cried while telling this. Then, the Major asked him what happened. The owner told him, "Saahaab, my son's health was very bad 3-4 months back. I closed my shop and went; I didn't know what to do. One fine day, I went to my shop for some money, but I saw my lock was broken. I thought my son, I won't be able to save him. Then I went inside my shop and saw money beneath the sugar container. At that moment, I thought, 'Yes, God is there.'"

Upon hearing everything, the Major became emotional and his eyes silently instructed the soldiers to keep their contribution of the money a secret. They all enjoyed a nice cup of tea before going their separate ways.

My aim throughout this story is to emphasize the importance of being a messenger of God whenever possible.



Exhibitions

Samriddh Shah
IX B

The Lawrence School Founder's Exhibition was a fantastic event that showcased a wide range of talents from the students. From incredible paintings to a fully functional war machine, the exhibition had everything.

In the morning, we had a parade and a band to kick off the day's events. After that, we were able to focus on our passions and display our work for the Founder's Exhibitions. The amount of hard work and dedication put in by the students was truly impressive. There were exhibitions for arts and crafts, weaving, pottery, sculpture, and even robotics.

The atmosphere during the exhibition was full of excitement as everyone eagerly anticipated seeing what the students had achieved after a month of hard work, stress, and exams. However, we Lawrencians never give up and always strive for success. Thanks to all the teachers who supported us along the way. Until next time, fellow Lawrencians, and remember to never give in.

PVP Matches

Samriddh Shah
IX B

Who is better?
The part or the present?
It'll always be a mystery...
But not in our school
As PVP always creates history

The level of our excitement has literally no measure
The things we feel, all the sweat, all the tension
Tee good, that's what I call pressure.

The matches start easily
Like lighting a torch
But as the march progresses
Believe me It's worth the watch.

The memories, the team spout are something
Nought can sever
It you ever come to founders
Don't forget to watch it like EVER!

Sports Roundup



Basketball Tournament – Trichy



The Under-13 Basketball Tournament was held at Trichy from 15th to 21st July 2023.

The fact six girls and one boy from our School **represented the Nilgiris District** speaks volumes about the quality of talent and training provided by our Institution. Their participation and significant contributions were critical to the team's success. It is an honour for our School.

This achievement not only showcases the potential and skill of the students but also emphasises the importance of teamwork, dedication, and hard work. The exposure and experience they gained from such a large-scale competition will benefit them in future endeavours.

It is also worth noting that securing a spot among the best 12 teams out of 39 is a testament to the potential of the players, the support from the School, and the district. It was an exciting and learning journey for everyone involved.

Lawrence Girls' Badminton Team Achieves Podium Finish



Our U-17 girls' badminton team excelled at the Pinegrove School IPSC Girls' Badminton Tournament in Dharampur, Himachal Pradesh, from 26th to 29th September 2023.

Our U-17 girls won the second runner-up position in the tournament, competing against over 20 schools and defeating them by a significant margin.

Some of the schools we defeated include The Assam Valley School, Raj Kumar College, Raipur, Army Public School. Dakshai, Daly College, Indore, and Punjab Public School in Nabha.

The members of the Lovedale team are listed below:

1. Errabelli Nikita Rao - Class 10
2. Riya Vaibhav - Class 11
3. Kamalini Ramesh - Class 11
4. Mehak Singh - Class 10
5. Jahnvi Sai Bonthu - Class 10

Staff: Mr. Prakash & Sophy Benny

DSI Open Squash National Tournament, Bangalore

A group of 11 boys from Lawrence School, Lovedale, had the opportunity to represent Tamil Nadu in the Under 13 and Under 15 categories at the DSI Open Squash National tournament. The tournament was organized by SRFI and held at the DSI campus from 9th to 12th September 2023.

The team was escorted by the Squash Coach, Mr. Nagarajan and the manager, Mr. Mohammad Irfan. It was a valuable opportunity for the budding squash players to experience a higher level of the game.

Tamil Nadu State Athletics Championship-2023

Two students from our School, Nanjappa and Shivanth, competed in the State Athletic Championship conducted by the Tamil Nadu State Athletic Association. The event was held in Namakal from 13th to 17th September 2023. Nanjappa, Class XII, participated in the U-18 boys' 100m and 400m races, while Shivanth, also in Class 12, competed in the U-18 boys' high jump.

Nanjappa advanced to the semifinals among 92 competitors, while Shivanth placed 7th out of 40 competitors. The boys were accompanied by their Coach, Dr. Jaswant Sisodia.

IPSC Hockey Tournament - Under 14 Girls Daly College, Indore

Date: 14th September 2023 : From 9th to 11th September 2023, the Daly College in Indore held the Under-14 IPSC Hockey Tournament for girls. In this report, we will discuss the performance of our School's team, the conditions provided for the players, and the areas of improvement the coach identified.

Our School's hockey team secured the 4th position.

Third-Position Match: The team faced Vidya Devi Jindal School and, unfortunately, lost by a slim margin of 1-0.

It's a matter of great pride that two talented girls from our School have been selected to represent at the SGFI nationals.

The hospitality extended by Daly College in terms of accommodation and meals was commendable and highly appreciated by our team.

The girls were accompanied by their Coach, Ms Kamaljeet Kaur.



Sports Roundup



Lawrence Wins Inter-School Football



The Lawrence School U-19 boys' football team demonstrated their skill and dedication, emerging as the champions in the Inter-School Football Tournament conducted by St. Joseph Coonor on 26th August 2023. Their journey to victory was not an easy one, as they faced tough competition from ICS, Laidlaw School, Holy Innocent School, Hebron School, and Kodai International School in league stages, and later triumphed over St. Joseph's School Coonor in the semi-final and St. Jude's, Kotagiri in the final. Thyagi Viswanath of Class 12 was recognised for outstanding performance as the Best Striker of the Tournament.

In 2001, Mr DVS Rao coached the U-19 football team to victory. In 2023, as the Headmaster, Mr Rao led them to another championship, thus creating a memorable parallel in their journey to success.

Our U-17 boys' team also showcased great skill and determination, securing the runner-up position. Lawrencians defeated the Rex School, then Hebron School, and the Good Shepherd International School in their league stages. In the quarter-finals, JSS International School was dominated by our team. We won 4-2 in the semi-finals against River Side Public School. Although we lost in the final with St. Joseph's, Coonor, with a 0-1 score, both teams' achievements brought immense pride to our School, highlighting the commitment and sportsmanship of our students and the hours of hard work put in by our Football Coach, Mr Mohan Murali.

Congratulations to the entire team for their hard work and success!

The Lawrence School, Sanawar, Lady Honoria Cup 2023 (30th April 2023 to 2nd May 2023)

Participation in a prestigious tournament such as the Lady Honoria Cup is as much about the competition on the field as it is about the camaraderie and connections formed off it. This year, the Under-19 girls from The Lawrence School, Lovedale, displayed exemplary sportsmanship and skill, marking a memorable presence at the 18th edition of the Cup at The Lawrence School, Sanawar.

Competing among eight talented teams, Lovedale's journey to securing the Runners-Up position was no less than an exhilarating roller coaster. Every match was a testament to the team's hard work, determination, and the spirit of sportsmanship they imbibed.

Anaaya Dhar, a student in Class 12, was recognised as the tournament's stellar player. Her exceptional abilities, determination, and leadership earned her the titles of 'Man of the Match' and 'Highest Scorer of the Tournament'. Her accomplishments were a bright spot in the Lovedale team's impressive performance.

Staying within the beautiful premises of The Lawrence School, Sanawar, was an experience in itself. The shared meals and interactions with participating teams forged bonds beyond the game's realms. These moments, filled with laughter, shared stories, and mutual respect, are the intangible rewards of such tournaments.

The players were impressively and elegantly attired for the formal dinner, where they engaged in meaningful conversations, shared their experiences, learned from each other, and celebrated the spirit of the game.

The hospitality The Lawrence School, Sanawar, extended was warm and commendable. From comfortable accommodation to ensuring all necessities were available, they left no stone unturned in making the participants feel at home.

The girls were accompanied by their Coach, Mr Kuldeep Singh.



Sports Roundup



Inter-School Athletics Championship 2023 Madras Regimental Centre

The Athletics team of The Lawrence School, Lovedale actively took part in the 71st Inter-School Annual Athletics Meet held with much enthusiasm at the Madras Regimental Centre Wellington, from 5th to 9th September 2023.

The following are the results:

In the boys' category, a total of 28 teams participated, and our School's performance was noteworthy. Our team secured the 4th position in the under-19 boys' category, while the overall position for the boys' team was 6th.

Moreover, two of our boys managed to set new meet records in three different events.

Here are the individual results.

New meet record was set by the following students

Sr	Name	Class	Category	Event	Position
1	Suriya Dev	5	Under-11	100 & 200 Mts	Bronze medal
2	Aashrith. K	8	Under-14	100 & 200 Mts	Gold medal
3	Aashrith. K	8	Under-14	400 Mts	Bronze medal
4	Yashwardhan Sharma	10	Under-17	400 Mts	Silver medal
5	PA Nanjappa	12	Under-19	400 Mts	Gold medal
6	PA Nanjappa	12	Under-19	200 Mts	Silver medal
7	Preetam S	12	Under-19	1500 Mts	Silver medal
8	Preetam S	12	Under-19	800 Mts	Bronze medal
9	PA Nanjappa	12	Under-19	4X100 Mts Relay	Bronze medal
10	Nitin Suriya	12	Under-19	4X100 Mts Relay	Bronze medal
11	Joyal Sam	12	Under-19	4X100 Mts Relay	Bronze medal
12	Agastaya	11	Under-19	4X100 Mts Relay	Bronze medal
13	Shivanth Kumar	12	Under-19	High Jump	Silver medal



Sr	Name	Class	Category	New meet record in
1	PA Nanjappa	12	Under-19	400 Mts
2	Aashrith. K	8	Under-14	100 & 200 Mts

In girls category the individual result are as follows

U-14 Girls Division:

80 Mts Hurdles	Adhyuta	Second Position
100 Mts	Yaara Firdous	Second Position
Shot Put	Achala Nithin	Third Position

U-17 Girls Division:

800 Mts	Adhya Aran	Third Position
1500 Mts	Adhya Aran	Third Position

U-19 Girls Division:

400 Mts	Gauri Ganapathy C	Third Position
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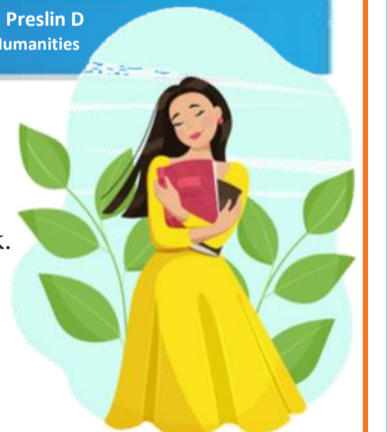
You are a magnificent soul
Born to prove sincerity and dedication
Trying to touch the twinkle stars is your key
Running pole to pole with enthusiasm you never fail
I am sure you'll pursue greatness till the end.



In the Breeze

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In the breeze, there came a lady.
Time paused and my heart stilled.
Every step she took, my heart shook.
Her look, my heart hook.
In the breeze, I was lost and found.



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