CORNERSTONE TIMES

June-July 2023



IN THIS ISSUE

NEW BEGINNING...
WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS
EVENT OF THE MONTH
INVESTITURE CEREMONY
CORNERSTONE DAY
ASSEMBLIES
FIELD TRIPS
CSTIANS CORNER



FROM MOMENTS TO MEMORIES...

Let's transform our lives, brick by brick!

Dear Parents,



Humanity as a whole is going through some difficult times.

Our entire way of life and living has been irreversibly altered.

Our ways of working, studying, traveling and interacting have all seen a massive change.

I would like to use this month's column as a source to express my anguish, anger and pain over the recent horrifying incidents which shamed the whole country.

These incidents are an eye opener to one and all to develop a strong sense of empathy, sympathy, kindness, compassion as our paladin.

In this stressful planet we inhabit, we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

We are living in a world where happiness is overshadowed by negativity and insecurity and the need for something that could bring positivity and light has been felt time and again.

I feel it is our responsibility to help our children develop a strong sense of sympathy with people around them. It would help them to build a sense of security and stronger relationships with others.

It encourages tolerance and acceptance of others, most importantly it promotes good mental health which is the need of the hour.

Unexpected kindness and sympathy is the most powerful, least costly and most underrated agent of human change.

I agree wholeheartedly with Josh Randor when he says that it is not our job to play judge and jury, to determine who is worthy of kindness and who is not.

We just need to be kind, unconditionally and without ulterior motives, even- rather, especially- when we'd prefer not to be.

The recent gruesome incidents happening around the world are indeed painful and disturbing. We hope and pray the people of our country achieve peace and justice.

Regards
Sharmila Solomon

New Beginning...

The school is abuzz with excitement as the air is filled with anticipation, cheerful smiles of the students and the corridors all decked with colorful balloons and beautiful welcome boards.

To make the experience of coming to school a pleasant one, bright colorful classes and warm smiles of the teachers kick-started the first day of Cstians with much aplomb.

The first few days saw the children settling in their classes slowly and steadily engaging themselves with interesting sessions planned by the teachers.

As we see the young Cstians getting acquainted with their daily routine, we wish each one of them a productive year.

While the teachers and students are giving out their best we request the parents to kindly look into the child's daily routine and participate in the child's educational process at home.



Workshop for Teachers:

Every teacher needs to improve, not because they are not good enough, but because they can be even better.

Educating teachers for the challenges of modern classrooms is a complex and multifaceted endeavor, to support the same the school organised various workshops for teachers that would enable them to sail through the year 2023-24 with a fresher outlook.

A training session was conducted for the teachers on Capacity Building by Ms. Anjali Razdan.

To make learning more productive and meaningful a session was conducted by Mr. Venkat.

A training session was conducted for the teachers on Capacity Building (Life Skills) by Ms. K Bhavani teacher, educator, principal who has an overall experience of 27+ years and Ms. Anuradha Murthy, MA MED PGCTE (EFLU) has been an educator, teacher and a principal over the past 26 years.

We appreciate and thank all the teachers and the resource person who took an active part in the workshops and made the most of it.



Event of the Month:

UMBRELLA THEME: CONSERVATION OF THE MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM

Cat1: PP1 and PP2

The students of Pre Primary were asked to dress up as a fruit or vegetable of their choice and talk a few words on the same.





Cat2: Grades 1 and 2

A fruit a day will keep the doctor away. Students were asked to bring cut fruits from home and decorate the platter in the most beautiful way in the classroom.

Cat3: Grades 3,4 and 5

Students were asked to prepare a mono act of one of the body parts as to how if given a voice to speak that particular body part would react to a healthy food/unhealthy food.

The act was indeed a hilarious one.





Cat4: Grades 6,7,8

Students were asked to work in pairs to present solutions for sustainable management in the form of charts, placards, models, ppts, posters.The exhibits were later displayed on the stage for the school to witness the same.

Cat5: Grades 9 and 10

Students were asked to prepare a short film on conservation of mangrove.

The duration of the movie was 90 secs.

Students were very innovative and creative in making the film.

Investiture Ceremony:

THIS RITUAL AT SCHOOL IS ALL ABOUT ALLOWING OUR YOUNG LEADERS TO IMAGINE WITH ALL THEIR MIND, BELIEVE WITH ALL THEIR HEART AND ACHIEVE WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT.



The first mega event of the school calendar investiture ceremony was conducted on 23rd June, with great pomp and grandeur.

A spirit of unity and dynamism filled the air as the day commenced with school song, and hoisting of the flag.



Our Chief Guest Mr. Peter F Samuel, Director and Founder Peak Point Leadership inspired our students with his speech and a new acronym for SAM (See the needs of others, Adjust our efforts to meet the needs, Measure our efforts to fulfill the needs)

As it is rightly said to handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

The new studco team took up their responsibility of handling Cstians with heart and soul.

As the newly elected prefectorial board were conferred upon with their posts, they stood proud, prepared to shoulder their responsibilities with new found enthusiasm.

The chairman of our school, Mr. Solomon Raju administered the oath and the school prefect Rishabh Mishra, took the oath on behalf of the newly elected student council with the promise that they would carry out their duties with integrity, faith and excellence.



The speech delivered by the school prefect Rishabh Mishra was indeed a promising one, ensuring that with teamwork they will keep the school flag flying high and be true to the ethos of the school.

All good things must come to a close eventually, the ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks by Ms. Ancy Thomas (Head of Social Studies Dept.)

The leaders for the academic year 2023-24 are:

Prefect	- Rishabh Mishra	- Grade 9
Deputy Prefect	- Srivanth Akella	- Grade 9
Sports Captain	- Nitya Abhay Joshi	- Grade 9
Deputy Sports Captain	- P. Gayathri	- Grade 8
Hygiene Monitor	- Sunetra Mukherjee	- Grade 8
Discipline Monitor	- Hridasyam Sri Sai Pradyumn	- Grade 9
Cultural Secratary	- Suditi Ganguly	- Grade 8
Literary Secretary	- N Spandana Rachel	- Grade 9

Cornerstone Day! More than a Ritual

Cornerstone was born in 2006, as Lily (The School for Toddlers).

Out of such simple beginnings, great and wonderful things.

We are well aware of all the toil, blood and treasure that went into building this vibrant and diverse institution.

Yet, through all the gloom we see the rays of ravishing light and glory.

Proud Cstians participated in a myriad of engaging activities that showcased their love for the school.

This event was an opportunity to reflect upon our school's glorious past, feel privileged to be a part of this institution and honor the contribution of Solomon Sir (Chairman) without whose foresight, our school would not have achieved great heights.

On this special day the school focused on taking a little step towards fighting climate change by initiating mass plantations on the campus having teachers and students contributing towards the same.



Assemblies:

Students of Grade 6 Zeta, performed a skit relatable to all the students 'Deal with Exam Stress.



'Through an amazing skit students sent a strong message that almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes..... including you.
A special mention about the class teacher Ms. Srividhya who helped students ease out their stress.

Students of Grade 5 Warriors, presented an skit on Anger Management.



The skit was an eye opener to one and all.
A special mention about the class teacher Ms. Pratima who took up this theme and sent a message that if you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

Students of Grade 5 Scholars, performed a skit on measures to be taken during a fire accident.



Various electrical appliances were used as props that made the assembly an informative one. Class teacher Ms. Reshmi deserves an applause for spreading awareness through the skit.

Students of Grade 4 presented a reflective skit on learning from mistakes.



The role play conveyed a strong message that mistakes have the power to turn you into something better than you were before. A special mention about the class teacher Ms. Manawho took up this amazing theme.

Grade 3 Tweeters came up with an amazing skit on playground safety.



The skit and dance portrayed by the little ones was a feast to the eyes. An informative skit that conveyed a strong message: think safety, play safely.

Students of Grade 7 Emeralds presented an enlightening skit on fear is the biggest enemy.



The skit conveyed a strong message to the audience asking them to make their hearts steadfast and face the situation with grit and determination.

Kudos to the class teacher Ms. Manju who picked up this amazing theme and shared a few tips to overcome fear.

Puppet Show:

Children learn as they play, most importantly in play children learn how to learn. An amazing Puppet Show was put up by the teachers of pre-primary on the theme **'The Three Little Pigs.'**

Through various inanimate objects and voice modulations teachers left the little ones spell bound.



Field Trips:

Field trips are a wonderful way for children to connect what they are learning in class, to the outside world.

Visit to Pet Store:

Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened. Students of Grade 3 were taken to a pet store. The visit enhanced their knowledge about different kinds of pets and also inculcated a sense of responsibility and empathy amongst the students.





Visit to Bank:

The banking sector is an integral part of an economic system. In order to enable the students to understand how banks function, the school organized an informative educational trip for the students of Grade 9.

Orientation:

Keeping in mind that Education is a joint venture between the school and parents, an orientation was organized for the parents of pre-primary and Grade 3 providing them an opportunity to peep into the functioning of scholastic year 2023-24. Parents were briefed on the rules and regulations of the school by their respective coordinators.

This was followed by a few words of encouragement by the Principal Ms. Shilpa Sethi.

Classes for pre-primary and primary have begun and the school ensures to guide and support the little ones at every step as they embark on this new journey.



A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow.

The school provided a platform for students across grades to pour in love for their fathers by encouraging them to write short poems, create greeting cards and much more.

The schoolgrabbed the opportunity to have some fun time with fathers of Grade 3 students who were a part of the Orientation Programme.







Creative Corner:

We use a glass mirror to see our face. We use works of art to see our soul.

This edition will focus on reflecting the souls of the Cstians through Cstians Corner.

Writing is the Painting of the Voice. The school takes pride in announcing the budding authors of the school whose books were published and garnered laurels to the school.



K Lasya, G8 Einsteins
Authored a book titled
'Katie and her Best Friend'



Showrya Reddy, G6 Delta
authored a book titled
'The Little Super Heroes'





Aditi Nayapati, G5 Scholars
authored two books titled
'The Chronicles of Zoya'
'Dresses Are Amazing to Choose'

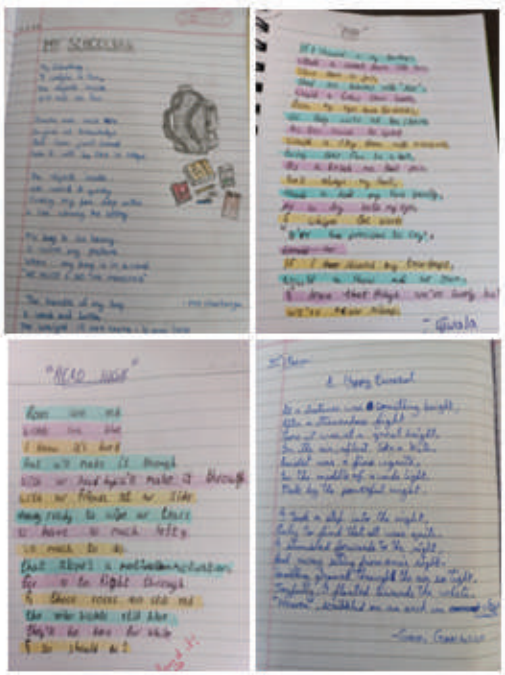
From our Budding Writers:

In the land of dreams, hope walks tall,
Fire lifts us big and small.
Clearing paths, despite the haze,
Success gets closer through dedicated days.

In the early morning's embrace of goal,
We show efforts that shape stories to extol.
Moving forward, our dreams we hold tight,
With bold steps and hearts shining bright.

Facing obstacles, we find strength's embrace,
Reaching heights with passion, taking each pace.
Through hard work, sweat, dreams take flight,
Fire shines, illuminating life's delight.

Srijan Palleveni
Class 9c



To create a work of art is to create the world. Sonakshi 7C Corals poured her hearts into these amazing paintings.



From the sports field:

Nishanth Challa (Grade 4 Carnations) grabbed 2nd place in under 9 category in Brilliant Trophy online chess tournament held on 10th and 11th June 2023.



R. Namasvi Lakshmi (G4 Daisies) won 1st place in a chess tournament under 9 girls category held on Sunday at L.B stadium.

Sai Rishee of G6 won the Bronze Medal in Swimming.

Editor's Note:

Dear Readers,

Happiness is a journey, not a destination...

It is all about enjoying the little things in life.

For every minute we're angry, we lose sixty seconds of happiness.

This reminds me of a short story...

There was a king, and the king was walking with his minister one day, and in the farm, he saw a farmer along with his family, they were buzzing, so much of life in them; their faces were radiant, they were very happy, they were beaming with joy.

The king said to his minister," I have a massive palace, a luxurious life anyone would dream for, and these guys are happier than me. Why?"

The minister said, "Sir, because this family is not a member of the 99 Club."

The king said, "What is 99 Club?"

Minister said, "Give me 99 Gold Coins, I will tell you."

The king gave him a bag of 99 Gold Coins

The minister said, "After six months I will tell you what 99 Club is, not today."

The minister took the bag of 99 Gold Coins and put it at the door steps of the farmer.

In the morning when the farmer got up, he saw a bag right at his doorstep.

He took the bag and went inside, excited as he was he opened the bag and gosh! glittering gold.

He emptied the contents on the floor and started counting. They were 99 coins.

He counted again assuming he made a mistake, they were 99.

He said, "Who is that idiot who forgot to put one more?" He should have made it a round figure by putting 100 coins.

He thought to himself, we cannot live like this. I will have to make this 100.

So, he started working hard to get that one Gold Coin, and it would take him months and years to get that one Gold Coin.

The farmer's wife and son were annoyed that they have 99 Gold Coins but the farmer is not willing to spend any.

The wife took two gold coins and went shopping.

Everyday, the farmer would return from work and count the coins before going to bed.
To his astonishment, two coins were missing!
He yelled at his wife, "I am working so hard to ge t that one gold coin, and you spent two coins away?"

They were hues and cries, both yelled at each other and blamed each other.

Six months passed by and the king and the minister were walking by, he saw the same farmer's family working in the field but this time the buzz had gone, life had gone, happiness had gone.

King said," What happened? How did they change so much in six months?"

The minister said, "Now, they are official members of 99 club."

The king said,"What is this 99 club?"

The minister said, "99 club, is a club of those who have 99 gold coins, but they run after one gold coin, and don't use their 99 gold coins.

This story teaches us an important lesson:

Living in the moment is a big part of being happy.

Here and now is where happiness lies and not in yesterday or tomorrow.

Choose now.

Upcoming Events for the month of August:

- Monthly Event
- Assemblies
- Independence Day
- Class Photo
- CS Spellist

All good things must come to a close.

With this we come to the close of this month's edition with a promise of meeting you all next month with many more events to share…