CORNERSTONE Times

'JOURNEY BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES'



Parliament House



The Hidden Castle



India Gate



Jaipur



Taj Mahal



Aurangabad

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2024

Milestones Met, Memories Made

Reflecting on the Achievements of Term 1 and Looking Forward to an Enriching Term 2

As Term 1 comes to a close, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared as a school community. From the first day of classes to the final bell of the term, our students and teachers have shown tremendous dedication, creativity, and growth in both their academic pursuits and extracurricular activities.

Highlights of Term 1

Throughout the term, we saw students embrace new learning opportunities and excel in various subjects. Our classrooms were filled with vibrant discussions, collaborative projects, and innovative approaches to problem-solving. The spirit of curiosity and resilience was palpable as students adapted to challenges and pushed their boundaries.

Investiture Ceremony:

A ceremony rooted in traditions and values.
The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2024-25 was a resounding success. This event not only marked the beginning of a new leadership chapter but also reinforced the values of commitment, integrity, and responsibility that our institution stands for.





Special Assemblies:

Beyond academics, our school community came together for a variety of activities and events that enriched the learning experience. From the successful hosting of our TED Talks-inspired assemblies, where students showcased their public speaking skills, to the engaging sports and cultural events, there was no shortage of moments that highlighted the diverse talents of our students.



Independence Day:

The Independence Day celebration at Cornerstone was not just a reflection of national pride; it was a reminder of the potential within each student to make a positive impact.

As we celebrate our past, we also look to the future with hope, determination, and a collective commitment to uphold the values of freedom and unity.

MUN 2.0:

Our school proudly hosted the Model United Nations on 30 and 31st Aug 2024, for the second time building on the success of our inaugural event conducted on 21st and 22nd Dec, 2022.

The committees for this year were:

- Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)
- United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
- United Nations Security Council (UNSC)
- Lok Sabha
- International Press (IP)

Over 130 delegates across Grades 7-11, created an entirely different ambience at school in a pursuit to dwell deeper, discuss and debate on significant problems faced by the world.
The vigor of discussions sky-rocketed over the two days.



Swachhata Hi Seva:



Cornerstone School actively participated in the Swachhata Hi Seva initiative, a nationwide campaign aimed at promoting cleanliness and hygiene.

The school organised various activities like:

Human Chain Formation, Swachhta Shapath, Selfie Booth for Parents and Cleanliness Drive to instill a sense of responsibility towards environmental cleanliness among its students, staff, and parents.

Veer Gatha:

'Veer Gatha' is a program initiated by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence to inspire students through stories of bravery.

The initiative is part of the larger celebration of India's gallantry award winners. Students from CBSE schools across India participated in activities that highlight the valor, sacrifice, and courage of armed forces personnel and other heroes.

Cstians across Grades 3-11 actively took part in the above competition showcasing their patriotism where they visually depicted their understanding of bravery and their love for the nation.

Their art reflects a deep sense of pride and admiration for the country's heroes.









Inter School Competitions

Sadhan Ikyam 2024 (2nd August)

Cornerstone School students made their mark at the prestigious Sadhana Ikyam 2024, hosted by Sadhana Infinity International School. The school's choir, composed of students from Grades 4 and 5,captured the hearts of the audience and judges alike, securing the first prize in the Choral Crescendo category.

The Chirec Fiesta (8th and 9th August, 2024)

Cornerstone School students showcased their talents at The Chirec Fiesta 2024, a vibrant inter-school competition. Students enthusiastically participated in a variety of events, including Poetry recitation, in a gist story writing, extempore, declamation, Garnish it non-stove cooking, Painting Picasso, and Euphonious Contemporary Singing.

Shanmukha Sailesh of Grade 8 secured the second position in the "In a Gist Story Writing"

The school's singers showcased their vocal prowess, earning the third position in the "Euphonious Contemporary Singing" competition.

Sports: SGFIA

We are incredibly proud to announce that our Girls Volleyball team has brought laurels to the school with their outstanding performance in a recent competition.

- Under 16 - Silver Medal
- Under 14 - Gold Medal

Their hard work, teamwork, and dedication on the court have paid off, and they have emerged victorious, making our school shine brighter.

A special shoutout to the entire team and coaching staff for their relentless effort and determination.

This achievement not only highlights their skills but also showcases the spirit of excellence and perseverance that SGFIA stands for.

Gymnastics:

Excellent Performance by Diana and Daniel in CBSE Gymnastics National 2024.

Ch. Diana Grace	Grade 9	Under 17yrs	Table Vault Bronze medal
Ch. Daniel	Grade 6	Under 14yrs	Vault Bronze Medal

Karate:

Vedansh - G9 - grabbed the Bronze Medal in Kumite (free style fighting)

From the Classroom to the Global Stage – AIESEC MUN Achievers!

We are immensely proud to announce that our students have not only participated but excelled at AIESEC MUN, bringing home prestigious awards that reflect their dedication, talent, and leadership skills.

This achievement is a testament to their hard work, critical thinking, and ability to engage in meaningful global dialogue.

Sai Hara Kata - G8 - Best Delegate Award (USA)
Kriti K - G11 - Best Parliamentarian Award (Narendra Modi)
Swanand - G8 - High Commendation Award (North Korea)

The school congratulates these outstanding students for their remarkable achievements. They have made us proud, and we are confident that they will continue to make a significant impact in the world!



Celebrating Our Partnership with IIT Madras School Connect Programme

We are thrilled to announce that our school has the esteemed honor of being part of the IIT Madras School Connect Programme. This collaboration is not just a milestone for our institution but a significant opportunity for our students to engage with cutting-edge educational practices and innovative learning experiences.

We believe that this collaboration will enrich our curriculum and inspire our students to reach new heights in their educational journey.

Compassion Knows No Age:

During the recent Andhra Pradesh floods, many schools and student communities have actively engaged in philanthropy, demonstrating empathy and solidarity by organizing fundraisers and relief efforts. Cstains stepped up to provide crucial support to flood-affected people by raising funds.

Cstians encouraged their peers, families, and communities to contribute monetarily, to promote the cause.

The contributions have directly helped flood victims by providing relief and support, while also fostering a culture of giving and community service within the schools.

Clubs:

We also celebrated the achievements of our clubs:

Literary Club:

The Literary Club served as the perfect place for students who love to read, write, and express their ideas through the art of language. The club encouraged members to think critically, articulate their ideas clearly, and develop a lifelong appreciation for literature.

Stem Club:

The STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) is a hub for young innovators and problem-solvers. Members of the STEM Club got the chance to collaborate on exciting projects.

Eco Club:

Club members actively engaged in projects focused on environmental sustainability, such as planting trees, conducting waste management campaigns, and organizing clean-up drives.

Clubs indeed helped ignite the passion within Cstians!

Journey Beyond the School Gates

Exploring Jaipur, Agra, and Delhi: A Journey of Fun, Learning, and Independence

Students of Grades 9, 10 and 11 were taken on a school trip to the historic cities of Jaipur, Agra, and Delhi was nothing short of extraordinary.

Over the course of several days, students embarked on an adventure that combined fun, education, and invaluable life lessons.

This excursion not only exposed them to the rich cultural heritage of India but also provided an opportunity for personal growth, independence, and bonding.

Unveiling History in Jaipur

The journey began in Jaipur, the Pink City, where students were transported back in time as they explored magnificent forts, palaces, and vibrant markets.

The architectural wonders of the Amber Fort, City Palace, and Hawa Mahal served as open-air classrooms, offering insights into the region's royal history, intricate design, and cultural significance.

Capturing the Majesty of Agra

Next, students traveled to Agra, where the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal stood as a reminder of timeless beauty and devotion.

Standing before this iconic symbol of love, students learned about Mughal history and the intricate artistry involved in its construction.

The visit was more than a history lesson-it was a moment of reflection on the power of perseverance, vision, and dedication.

Discovering Diversity in Delhi

The final stop was Delhi, where the contrast between ancient monuments and modern vibrancy provided students with a unique perspective on the evolution of Indian society.

Visits to landmarks such as India Gate, Parliament House, highlighted the diversity and unity that define our country.

Students also had the opportunity to navigate the lively streets of Palika Bazar, where they practiced essential life skills such as budgeting, bargaining, and making independent decisions.

A Journey to Remember

The trip to Jaipur, Agra, and Delhi was more than just an excursion; it was an opportunity for students to grow, explore, and learn in ways that extend far beyond the classroom.

The journey gave them a deeper appreciation for India's heritage, while also teaching essential life skills that will serve them in their future endeavors.

As they returned home, each student carried with them newfound knowledge, friendships, and a sense of independence that will continue to inspire them in the years to come.

Aurangabad:

School organized a much-anticipated excursion for Grades 7 and 8 to the historic city of Aurangabad, a treasure trove of culture, history, and architectural marvels.

From the moment the students set out, it was clear that this trip would be more than just a break from school, it was an opportunity to immerse themselves in centuries of Indian history and art.

The magnificent Ajanta Ellora Caves, The MIni Taj gave them insight into the architectural styles of the Mughal era.

The excursion to Aurangabad was more than just a day away from school. It was a journey through time, a chance to connect with the past, and an adventure that opened their eyes to the beauty of our country's heritage.

They returned home not only with great memories but also with a newfound appreciation for the art, culture, and history that make Aurangabad such a special place.

A Day of Adventure: Our School Trip to the Hidden Castle

School organized an unforgettable trip for the students of Grade 6, to a hidden castle nestled in the hills just outside our town.

It was a day filled with fun, laughter, and lots of learning, as we explored ancient stone walls, towering battlements, and secret passageways that seemed to carry stories from centuries past.

The day was filled with laughter and fun filled activities, as stories from our treasure hunt, magic show, trekking and dj night turned into playful banter.

Our trips were filled with fun, laughter, and learning.

They brought us closer together as a group and left us with memories that will last a lifetime.

It's not every day we get to step into a real-life storybook – but for a course of several days, we did just that.



Half-Yearly Exams

A Successful Conclusion to a Productive Term - 1

As we approach the halfway mark of the academic year, the completion of Term1 exams serves as a testimony of the hard work, dedication, and learning that has taken place since the beginning of the school year.

We want to take a moment to congratulate each and everyone of you for their tremendous effort and commitment.

They have worked tirelessly, burning the midnight oil, revising diligently, and striving to give their best in every subject.

PTM (Sharing Insights, Shaping Success)

Term 1 PTM was structured to allow for thoughtful, in-depth conversations, ensuring that all concerns were addressed in a supportive and constructive manner.

By dedicating ample time to each parent, these interactions provided valuable insights, helping us better understand how to support our students both academically and personally.

We thank the parent community for their active participation!

Looking Ahead to Term 2

As we transition into Term 2, we are excited to continue building on the momentum we have gained. With new projects, deeper learning, and more opportunities for student-led initiatives, the coming term promises to be an enriching period for all.

We are also looking forward to holding various inter-school competitions that will spark students' interests and passions.

Additionally, the upcoming term will feature workshops by our School Counselor Dr. Sunita aimed for emotional well-being and resilience, ensuring that students are equipped to handle both academic and personal challenges with confidence.

As we gear up for the upcoming Sports Day in Term 2, scheduled for Nov 13th 2024, the excitement is palpable!

The Sports Day in Term 2 is set to leave everyone excited, with activities that promote teamwork, inclusivity, and a healthy competitive spirit. Whether you're a participant or a supporter, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Mark your calendars, gather your house spirit, and get ready for a fantastic day filled with sports, fun, and camaraderie.

Let's make this Sports Day one for the books!

CS Sports GUSTO 2024-25



Join the Journey to Excellence

We are pleased to inform you that the admission process for the upcoming academic year 2025-26 will commence in the month of November 2024.

However, we would like to bring to your attention that seats are limited and subject to availability, as we strive to maintain our commitment to providing personalized, one-on-one attention to each student, a cornerstone of our educational philosophy.

Key Information:

Admission Process	:	Open for the academic year 2025-26
Admission Availability	:	PP1, Grade 1 and Grade 11
Seats Available for other Grades	:	Limited, Based on Availability.

Priority Consideration Hierarchy :

- As a gesture of gratitude and support for the dedicated efforts of our staff, we are pleased to announce that priority will be given to the children of our staff members during the upcoming school admissions process.
- Next we have Siblings of Cstians
- Upnext is the students from Lily the School for Toddlers
- Admissions for others will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis

We encourage interested parents to submit the admission applications at the earliest to secure a place for their child.

For any further details or to schedule an appointment,
please feel free to contact our admissions office at

Email: mail@cornerstoneschool.edu.in

Contact Number: 9100443571

Thank you for your continued trust in Cornerstone School. We are excited to have you join our vibrant community, where learning, growth, and development are at the heart of everything we do.

As we close this special edition, we are filled with excitement and optimism for the future.
With numerous events on the horizon, we look forward to creating memorable experiences together as a community.