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A REMARKABLE TERM DRAWS TO A CLOSE

– SETTING THE STAGE FOR GREATER HEIGHTS AHEAD

As we draw the curtains on a remarkable Term I at Cornerstone, we take pride in reflecting upon a term that truly embodied our vision - to create knowledge, wisdom and skill powered individuals with a humane heart .

The months gone by have been a testament to our collective pursuit of excellence, where every classroom echoed with curiosity, creativity, and commitment.

From academic achievements to co-curricular milestones, Term I has been nothing short of inspiring - setting benchmarks that reflect the dedication of our teachers and the tireless enthusiasm of our students. Each success story has strengthened our belief that learning is not just about reaching goals but about continuously raising the standards we set for ourselves.

With a promising academic calendar and meticulous planning, Term II stands on the horizon as another chapter of opportunity and growth. We look forward to an equally engaging and productive journey - one that continues to nurture intellect, character, and innovation in every learner.

At Cornerstone, we remain steadfast in our mission to inspire excellence and uphold our motto in every endeavour - learning, leading, and lighting the path forward.

CELEBRATING THE PILLARS OF OUR INSTITUTION

– TEACHERS' DAY 2025

Teachers at Cornerstone may not build monuments or paint masterpieces, yet they sculpt the soul of every child they teach.

This edition of our newsletter is dedicated to the real torchbearers of our institution - our teachers. Teachers' Day is more than a date on the calendar; it is a heartfelt reminder of the strength, compassion, and dedication that define the teaching fraternity. Yet, one single day is never enough to celebrate the team that stands strong and selfless in their noble profession every single day.

The role of a teacher extends far beyond the classroom walls. It's not just about imparting lessons from the curriculum, but about shaping minds, nurturing dreams, and building character. On this special day, we took a moment to express our gratitude to our teaching and non-teaching staff - the backbone of our school. No amount of appreciation can ever truly compensate for the selfless service they render, but every gesture was meant to show how deeply they are valued.

The day was thoughtfully planned to make every member of our team feel special. Each teacher received a unique award, curated to reflect their individual strengths, traits, and teaching excellence. Adding to the joy, teachers who have served the institution for over 15 years were honored with heartfelt recognition for their unwavering dedication.

A highlight of the day was the area-wise cake-cutting ceremony, a simple yet meaningful gesture that filled the air with laughter and togetherness. The celebrations concluded with a sumptuous lunch at The Westin, a well-deserved treat to mark the day.

Indeed, it was a day to celebrate the true pillars of our institution - our teachers - who continue to inspire, enlighten, and empower generations with their tireless efforts and infinite patience.

OCTOBER 7 – A DAY ETCHED IN OUR HEARTS

October 7 holds a very special place in the hearts of all CStians and the Lily family.

Nineteen years ago, a humble brick was laid - a symbol of hope, vision, and faith.

What began as a small beginning has now blossomed into a proud terrain of 3 acres, echoing with laughter, learning, and countless memories.

It is not just a date on the calendar but a day etched forever in the minds and hearts of thousands of students who once walked these corridors. Today, they stand tall across the world, pursuing diverse professional paths, carrying forward the values an spirit that were nurtured within these walls.

From its modest beginnings with just a handful of Pre-Primary learners, the school has evolved into a thriving Senior Secondary institution, nurturing students across grades and preparing them to embrace the world with confidence and compassion.

Each passing year has added a new chapter - of growth, resilience, and achievement - shaping not just a school, but a close-knit community bound by shared values and pride.

Today, as we look back, we celebrate every milestone, every teacher, every student, and every parent who believed in this journey. October 7 is more than an anniversary - it's a reminder of how far we've come and how brightly our dream continues to shine.

"From a single brick to a legacy – built with love, grown with faith, and standing tall with pride."

Founder's Day reminds us that every dream, when built with love and purpose, grows into something timeless - a legacy of learning, belonging, and pride.



A DAY TO CONNECT, REFLECT, AND GROW PTM

The Parent – Teacher Meeting for Term I served as an important milestone in strengthening the partnership between home and school. Parents engaged in thoughtful discussions with teachers, reviewing students' academic achievements, classroom engagement, and areas for growth. Beyond academics, the sessions fostered meaningful conversations on well-being and learning habits.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents for their time, openness, and continued support. Their collaboration and shared reflections highlighted a simple truth - when parents and teachers walk together with understanding and purpose, every child's path becomes brighter.

BEYOND BOOKS - THE SPIRIT OF LEARNING LIVES ON

The academic competition season began with the first two Olympiads of the year - IGKO and ICSO - inspiring students to explore, reason, and excel beyond the classroom. Adding to the spirit of learning, Sakshi Spell Bee (Round 1) and Sakshi Math Bee (Round 1) also tookplace, allowing young minds to showcase their linguistic flair and numerical brilliance.

HERITAGE AND INNOVATION - EXPLORING ROOTS TO SHAPING THE FUTURE

The Indian Heritage Quiz prelims were held for students in Grades 3 to 12, providing them with an exciting opportunity to test their knowledge of India's diverse culture, history, and traditions. Conducted as an individual written assessment, the quiz encouraged students to explore the nation's rich heritage, inspiring curiosity and a deeper appreciation for India's timeless legacy.

The spirit of innovation took centre stage with the CS Inventure Final Round, held on 10th October 2025. Young innovators from across grades showcased their creativity and problem - solving skills through remarkable projects that combined imagination with real - world purpose.

AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS:

Best Idea Award	Amberline Pod	Y Hasini C Kanishka	Grade 9
Best Pitch	Swasthya Sewak	T Harshith Mokshagna Siddharth Sai Meena Sathvik	Grade 10
Most Feasible Solution	Clip-on Elderly Alarm Sensor MycoJot	Riyansh Mallick Surya Rao Riya N	Grade 8 Grade 10
Young Visionary Award	Saans ki Suraksha Braille E-Book	Shanmukha Sailesh Rishanth T Ameya Joshi	Grade 9 Grade 11

Congratulations to all the participants and winners for their exceptional creativity, collaboration, and forward - thinking ideas - each project standing as a proud reflection of Cornerstone's innovative spirit.

ART BEYOND LIMITS - PAINTING STRENGTH THROUGH ADVERSITY

Students of Grades 6 and 7 attended an inspiring interactive session with Ms Srilekha Mandalapalli, an accomplished mouth painter and member of the Indian Mouth and Foot Painting Artists Association (IMFPA). Born with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita, Ms Srilekha's journey is a testament to courage, creativity, and perseverance. Through her story and art, she encouraged students to believe in their potential and embrace challenges with strength and optimism. Her session left a lasting impression, reminding everyone that determination can turn obstacles into opportunities. We extend heartfelt thanks to Mona ma'am for thoughtfully planning and organising this enriching experience.

TREASURES OF TIME - DISCOVERING THE WONDERS OF THE PAST

The Grade 3 students embarked on an exciting learning journey to the Telangana State Archaeology Museum, where history came alive through fascinating exhibits and ancient artefacts. The highlight of the visit was the Egyptian mummy, a rare treasure gifted to the Nizam of Hyderabad, which sparked awe and curiosity among the students. They explored intricate sculptures, stone carvings, and paintings from various dynasties, gaining a glimpse into India's rich cultural past. The trip blended fun with learning, leaving students inspired, inquisitive, and eager to uncover more about the wonders of history.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES - LEARNING THROUGH VALUES AND EXPRESSION

With Ms Swathi Telkar's guidance, Grade 5C presented "Swachhata Superheroes – The Guardians of Cleanliness." The students celebrated cleanliness and responsibility, showing how small actions can make a big difference in creating a cleaner world.

Students of Grade 4E, guided by Ms Sandhya Jyothi, showcased "The Magic of Sleep – Where Strong Minds Grow." Through narration, skits, and facts, they highlighted the importance of rest, teamwork, and mindfulness for a healthy, balanced life.

Grade 8C students were led by Ms Rashmi Mishra as they performed an inspiring assembly on "Unity." Their presentation beautifully conveyed how cooperation and togetherness strengthen communities and create harmony in diversity.

EMPOWERING EDUCATORS - WORKSHOPS FOR CONTINUOUS GROWTH

The Competency-Based Assessment Workshop, conducted under the guidance of CBSE, served as an enriching professional development session for teachers. It focused on shifting classroom practices from rote memorisation to experiential, inquiry-based learning. Teachers explored strategies for framing assessments that measure critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and real - world application. Through case studies and interdisciplinary examples, the session highlighted how well - designed assessments can promote deeper understanding and holistic student growth. A subject - focused workshop by Bharathi Bhavan Publishers for Hindi, Mathematics, and Computer Science teachers emphasised integrating fun, activity-based learning into daily lessons. The session introduced creative ways to combine SEA (Subject Enrichment Activities) with art integration, helping teachers make complex concepts engaging and accessible. The workshop inspired educators to foster curiosity, interaction, and joy in the learning process.

FIELDS OF GLORY - CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG CHAMPIONS

Cornerstone students shone brilliantly at Tattva Global School, Gajularamaram, showcasing talent across academics, arts, and sports. Koushik Kota (Grades 3–5) secured Gold in Chess, while Divith Ashwin (Grades 3–5) earned Silver in Badminton. Aditi Nyapati (Grades 6–8) won Bronze for her creative flair in Limerick Writing, and Katpally Aadhya brought home Gold in the Science Fair. The U17 Boys Basketball Team also made their mark with a Bronze Medal, demonstrating teamwork and determination.

At the Students Premier League held at Gachibowli Stadium, Cornerstone's sporting spirit was at its peak. The U16 Girls Volleyball Team emerged as champions after a thrilling final, while the U16 Boys Football Team fought valiantly to finish as runners - up. The U19 Girls Volleyball Team also showcased great skill, securing a bronze medal for their commendable performance.

In the Glendale International School Meet at Tellapur, our athletes displayed speed, strength, and focus. Jaideep Pudi (Grade 8) won 1st place in the 400m, while Riddhiman (Grade 4) claimed 1st place in the 100m. Dhanvi (Grade 3) secured 2nd place in the 60m, and Garvith Singh (Grade 4) took 3rd place in the same event. Adding to the tally, Vagmi Parashar (Grade 6) won Silver in the 200m, and Navi S (Grade 8) clinched Gold in the 200m race.

These remarkable achievements across disciplines reflect not only skill and dedication but also the true Cornerstone spirit - where passion meets perseverance and effort turns into excellence.

DISCOVERING TOMORROW'S SCIENTISTS



Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) is India's largest digital-based science talent search examination for students of Grades 6 to 11. It aims to spark curiosity, foster excellence, and nurture a deep connection with pure science among young learners. Conceptualised as a national program, VVM identifies and mentors students with strong scientific aptitude and a passion for discovery.

The Level I examination was conducted for Grades 6 to 10 between 28th and 30th October 2025, providing a valuable platform for budding scientists to showcase their knowledge and enthusiasm for scientific exploration.

WHERE KINDNESS SPEAKS AND MINDS FIND CALM



The Student Council members - Shanmukha Sailesh, Abhipsa Panda, Sree Deetya, and Varsha Kanna - led an engaging Anti-Bullying Awareness Session for Grades 7 and 8. Through interactive role plays, meaningful discussions, and real - life examples, they helped their peers understand the many forms of bullying and the importance of empathy and respect. The session encouraged students to speak up, stand together, and promote kindness, ensuring that Cornerstone remains a safe, inclusive, and supportive community where every voice matters and every student feels valued.



As part of World Mental Health Week, the school organised an insightful session conducted by Ms Sunita, the School Counsellor, to raise awareness about emotional well-being. Students discussed to pics like stress, anxiety, and self-awareness while learning practical coping strategies. Interactive activities such as Box Breathing, Gratitude Jar, and The Invisible Backpack helped students reflect on their emotions and appreciate the value of self-care. The session reminded everyone that taking care of one's mental health is just as important as physical fitness - a vital step toward balance, resilience, and happiness.

A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER: THE SCHOOL TRIP TO BANGALORE, CHIKMAGALUR, AND MYSORE

The much-awaited school trip for the students of Grades 9 to 12 turned out to be an unforgettable chapter in their school journey. A perfect blend of learning, adventure, and togetherness, the excursion to Bangalore, Chikmagalur, and Mysore offered every student memories that will be cherished for a lifetime.

The trip began with great excitement as students, along with their teachers, set off on their journey to Bangalore - the Silicon Valley of India. The vibrant city welcomed them with its urban charm, and bustling streets. The journey meandered into the lush green hills of Chikmagalur, a paradise for nature lovers. The cool breeze, the rolling coffee plantations, and the mesmerizing view from Mullayanagiri Peak gave everyone a much-needed pause from routine life. Trekking, laughter, and late-night campfire chats turned those hills into a haven of memories.

The final leg of the journey took the students to the royal city of Mysore, where history came alive. The majestic Mysore Palace, the illuminated streets, and the peaceful Brindavan Gardens added a royal touch to their experience. Every moment spent there deepened their bond with their peers and teachers, strengthening the spirit of friendship and teamwork. As the bus journeyed back, hearts were full and eyes gleamed with stories to tell. The trip was more than just a getaway - it was a celebration of youth, friendship, learning, and laughter. It was a reminder that sometimes the best classrooms are outside four walls, amidst nature, history, and shared smiles.

Indeed, this school trip will forever remain a golden memory - a time when students lived, learned, and laughed together, creating moments that will stay etched in their hearts forever. A Memorable Trip to Udaipur

Our school trip to Udaipur, the City of Lakes, was an unforgettable experience. The moment we arrived, we were amazed by the beautiful palaces, sparkling lakes, and colourful streets. Our first stop was the City Palace, which stood tall and grand, telling stories of the royal past. We explored the museum, admired the beautiful paintings, and took pictures overlooking Lake Pichola. The boat ride on Lake Pichola was magical - the water reflected the golden rays of the setting sun, and the sight of the Lake Palace looked like a dream.

We also visited Saheliyon-ki-Bari, a peaceful garden with fountains and marble pavilions, and learned about how it was built for royal maidens. A visit to Fateh Sagar Lake and Vintage Car Museum added to the excitement.

Apart from sightseeing, we enjoyed delicious Rajasthani food and shopped for handicrafts, jewellery, and colourful souvenirs. The trip was not only fun but also educational - we learned a lot about history, culture, and art.

It was truly a journey to remember - filled with laughter, learning, and memories that will last a lifetime.

WHERE BRIGHT FUTURES BEGIN - ADMISSIONS OPEN

Cornerstone School has opened admissions for the academic year 2026–2027. Parents are requested to confirm their ward's continuation for the coming year. We look forward to welcoming both returning and new students as we continue our journey of learning, creativity, and joyful discovery.