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A LEGACY OF LOVE

75 YEARS OF SUCCESS



On 24th October, 2017 the MSMHC family completed the glorious 75 years of its legacy and the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee set on! It started with the meaningful celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the chapel of MSMHC, Hatigaon. Later the curtain of the program was raised in the school premises with the releasing of the balloons to symbolize our prayer for love, peace and harmony. Rev. Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General of MSMHC welcomed the honored guests, cherishing the





glorious moments of 75 years of journey of the congregation. In her speech she said, "Every family, every institution, every organization has a beginning, remembered with joy and gratitude and the present is enlightened by the past". After the introductory speech the programme continued, invoking God's blessings through a prayer dance. An encapturing opera, depicting the life of Venerable Bishop Stephen Ferrando, was beautifully enacted by the students of LFS. Rev. Fr. V.M. Thomas, the Chief Guest of the programme recalled his association with the congregation and appreciated the great achievement of MSMHC, as a legacy of love. In thanksgiving, Rev. Sr. Lincy John, the Principal, LFS, Hatigaon, expressed her cordial gratitude to each and everyone for being the part of this celebration. The programme was winded up by singing the Platinum Anthem.

Rohan Bhattacharjee | Class X – C



LET'S DEBATE



On 23rd of October, the two representatives of Little Flower School participated in the R.R. Das memorial inter school debate competition organized by NPS School. Among them were 18 prominent schools from Assam. Our school was proud to receive the 'Best speaker runners-up award' won by Fardeen Khan.

Fardeen Khan & Kumar Bhargab Kalita | Class X

LF'S IN PANEL AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION



The 9th National Conference on Education held in Don Bosco Institute was conducted to get the perspective of the students and Principals of various schools on how education system should be. The conference was based upon the theme 'Re-defining Education in 21st Century- Leading change through Management Skills and Innovative Practices' and started from 19th October and lasted till 21st October 2017.

Little Flower Senior Secondary School along with Sarla Birla Gyan Jyoti School, Don Bosco Panbazar, St. Francis De Sales participated in the panel discussions during the 9th National Conference on Education on 19th October. The event was started at 2:15pm and lasted for about two and half hours.

The main topic of the session was 'Principal as

a Team Builder' and the topic was well spoken by our able student Master Aman Rahman. He also was able to answer all the questions thrown to him on the topic.

Mrs. Tinat Atifa Masood, an accredited journalist, a poet, producer-directed, awarded with the Youth Icon of India in 2013 was the moderator of the students' panel. Her speech encouraged us to say 'I am the BEST' to boost our self-confidence. After the discussions, the principals put their queries to the students which they answered in best way. Fr. Johnson Parackal, the Director of DBI gave all the participants vote of thanks and encouraged everyone to share one's ideas and opinions for a better society.

Aman Rahman | Class- X – A

AN X – 'QUIZ IT' EXPERIENCE

The Indian National Trust of Archacoloag Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) conducted an Indian Heritage quiz competition at Royal Global School, Guwahati on Monday, 30th October 2017. Himangshu Saikia of class 9 and Ekansha Yadava of class 8 represented Little Flower School, Hatigaon and bagged the 3rd position in the second round of the competition. The quiz was conducted by Ma'am Seema Chary of INTACH. All the qualified participants received certificates, books and lots of chocolates. The Flowerian team had a big learning experience, with the hope of better performance for the next time.

Ekansha Yadava | Class VIII – A



!HURRAH! WE HAVE WON

Talents must be awakened at the moment it is demanded to be presented and shown to the world. On 7th November, 2017 the students of LFS are always encouraged to participate in the events and competitions held outside. This time National Public School conducted an Inter School Competition for Solo Singing. Shraddha Singha and Angshuman Adhikary of Class V bagged the second prize and the best promising singer awards respectively.

On 25th and 26th November, an Inter School Drama

Competition was held in Srimanta Sankar Kalashetra where a drama team representing LFS participated. Charchita Shakalya of Class VIII received the best jury award.

The Robotic Competition was held in the Regional Science Centre on the 19th and 20th Jan, 2018. Mehjabin Siddique of Class VI and Mehdi Hasan Choudury of Class V bagged the second prize.

Mr. Praveen Topno | Teacher

VISIT OF THE 10TH RECTOR MAJOR



On 9th November 2017, Little Flower School was graced by the holy presence of Rector Major Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime S.D.B, the 10th successor of Don Bosco. A colourful welcome accorded by the Sisters, teachers and students filled the atmosphere with joy and delight. Addressing the gathering, he spoke of the necessity of imbibing love and empathy

in our hearts for our fellow human beings. Only upon doing so, can universal brotherhood and peace be achieved. The cultural event by the students added an extra beauty and grace to the entire programme.

Mr. Joy Roy | Teacher

MAY YOU SHINE LIKE A STAR!

Deeptanshu Ojah of class 3 C has won the 3rd round of SIP ARITHMATIC GENIUS ALL INDIA INTER-SCHOOL CONTEST 2017 held on 26th November 2017. He has been selected to participate in the NATIONAL LEVEL FINAL ROUND .This little flowerian has been able to shine nationally and is a proud moment for the school to receive him as a winner. We wish him good luck and god's blessings for the next stages of the competition.

Mayurima Gautam | Teacher



A DAY TO CHERISH



One of the most awaited days for all the children is 14th of November, the birthday of the first Prime Minister of Independent India PT. Jawaharlal Nehru. It is celebrated as Children's Day. The LFS started the day as usual but there was yet something to cherish. The words of Sr. Lincy John, the Principal, "We are the future of our nation and we should frame our life with the essence of discipline" filled the atmosphere with purity. The charismatic performances of the teachers brought smile to our faces. It was a really amazing experience. Great thanks to all our teachers and sisters who made our day a very beautiful one.

Arisha Imtiaz | Class VIII – B



SEARCH FOR THE TALENT BEGINS...



On 14th and 15th of December 2017, the students mesmerized all the judges and the audience with their staggering performances conducted on the premises of LFS. Every one of us was spellbound at such astonishing talents. Discovering talents in ourselves, and using them in the best way possible, is the secret to happiness and success. Based

on the theme of the year i.e. Choices, Chances and Changes, the participants showcased their talents by singing and dancing. Competitions like Essay Writing, Handwriting and Fancy Dress etc, all stimulated the hidden talents of the Flowerians.

Hansa Maheshwari | Class VIII – A

LFS BIDS GOODBYE TO ITS FOUNDRRESS, MOTHER ELIZABETH PACKUMALA



The sudden passing away of Mother Elizabeth Packumala, the Foundress of LFS was a shocking news for the entire LFS Family. She was indeed one of God's precious gifts to all of us. What remains vivid in the minds of those present during her last moment is the expression of serene joy and contentment which was seen in her face. Swiftly she passed away to her eternal home on 27th November morning, leaving behind many beautiful memories to last forever.

In Guwahati, the LFS Family along with many friends and well-wishers awaited for the arrival of the body of Mother Packumala from Kolkata on 28th November evening. From the International Airport at Guwahati, the body was taken to Hatigaon where a large number of Fathers, Sisters, teachers, students, friends and well-wishers were waiting at Little Flower School gate in Hatigaon.

After the moving reception from the School gate to Convent at 7.30 p.m., there was a Holy Eucharist presided over by Archbishop John Moolachira of Guwahati, accompanied by Bishop Andrew Marak of Tura, Bishop Paul Mattekatt of Diphu and Bishop Emeritus, Robert Kerketta of Tezpur, Fr. V.M. Thomas, Salesian Provincial of Guwahati and

many priests from various parishes and institutions in Guwahati. A large number of sisters, friends and well-wishers attended the Holy Mass and paid respect to Mother. The mortal remains was taken to Peachlands, Shillong at 3 a.m. on the following morning. At Peachlands, Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 6. a. m. presided over by Fr. George Maliekal, Salesian Provincial of Shillong along with other priests. Later, the mortal remains was taken to the MSMHC cemetery at Mawroh at 12.00 noon in solemn procession. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 2 p. m. by Most Rev Dominic Jala, Archbishop of Shillong along with Rt. Rev Michael Akasius Toppo, Bishop of Tezpur and many other priests from the Northeast. Sr. Philomena Mathew, Superior General during the introduction at the start of the Holy Mass briefed the gathering about the last moments of Mother's life. Condolence messages were delivered by Sr. Mary Thadavanal, the former Superior General and a few other representatives of various groups. Michael Akasius Toppo, Bishop of Tezpur took lead for the final rites and prayers and everyone present paid their last respect.

Sr. Shiji James

CLEANLINESS DRIVE



On 12th December, 2017, a cleanliness drive was organized by 1st Assam Bn NCC, Little Flower School, Hatigaon under the theme 'Swachhta Pakhawada'. The members cleaned the surroundings of the school as a contribution to maintain the cleanliness of our environment. This 'cleanliness drive' helped them realize their duty as a responsible citizen of our country. Finally, it was an amazing experience to make our locality clean and green.

Diganta Chutia | Teacher

PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



On 13th December 2017 the teachers of LFS were privileged to attend a Pre-Christmas celebration at Monfort School, Jorabat. It was a get together of all the teachers of seven reputed Catholic schools of Guwahati for the first time. It was a fun filled day where the teachers and sisters of these esteemed schools presented cultural dances, Christmas carols and skits before the august gathering. The teachers were addressed by the chief guest of the day Most Rev. John Moolachira, the Archbishop of Guwahati, where he explained the true essence of Christmas- the Love of God.

Papori Das | Teacher

ANNUAL SPORTS WEEK



The long awaited event i.e Annual sports week 2017-18 was held in our school premises from 18th -22nd December. This function was inaugurated by Miss Tailb

Un Messa, the internationally acclaimed Discus-thrower and Sir Richard, a prominent footballer from Ghana.

The 'sports fire' was lit by the honourable chief guest. She enlightened us with her powerful and inspiring speech. Her speech highlighted the hidden meaning of 'SPORTS' i.e. :

- S – Sincerity
- P – Politeness
- O – Obedient
- R – Respect
- T – Truthfulness
- S – Society

Sir Richard declared the Annual sports week open by kicking a football. Various inter-house sports competitions kept the Flowerians cheered and enthusiastic for their respective houses. The programme ended on 22nd December, with prize distribution ceremony and pre Christmas celebrations. Sr. Jane Francis, the General Councilor for Education expressed her joy of t being with the energetic sports youngsters and inspired them to value team spirit and develop a positive attitude towards defeats.

Anushka Deka | Class IX – C



VISIT OF FORMER RECTOR MAJOR FR. PASCUAL CHAVEZ VILLANUEVA



On 10th January, 2018 we were indeed blessed to receive the Former Rector Major from Mexico in the midst of us. He enlivened our minds and hearts with the most inspirational words which kept everyone spellbound. In his address to the students, he said that good behavior and positive outlook is the key to win over all the hurdles of our lives. He also mentioned about the ideals of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi. Besides, he shared a good time with the students.

Abdul Razzaq | Class IX – B



69TH REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



The family of Little Flower School celebrated 69th Republic Day with great patriotism and enthusiasm. Dr. Fr. Jose Karipadam MSFS was invited as the chief guest of the occasion. He hoisted the national flag of India. The national anthem sung together raised the spirits high with the feeling of nationality. The chief guest highlighted the importance of the Constitution and requested everybody to abide by it and take an effort to understand its value.

Anchita Gogoi | Class VI – A

A DAY OF FUN & FROLIC

The month of January, 2018 was indeed a month full of excitement, as the Flowerians had the opportunity to spend some relaxing moments, while they went for outings and picnics. Students along with the teachers, sisters and other staff visited different places like Nehru Park, Science Museum, Guwahati Planetarium, Balaji Mandir and Panacea. They had the ample opportunity not only to enjoy but also to upgrade their knowledge. Everyone enjoyed those days by sharing tiffin, playing different games, sight-seeing etc. The week ended peacefully cherishing the happy moments, with the hope of experiencing such occasions in the days to come.

Antarah Priyam Bora | Class IV – A



ADIEU TO REV. SR. JANE FRANCIS



13th February, 2018 was a very heart-touching day for all the Flowerians. Yes, it was the Farewell Day of our most beloved Rev. Sr. Jane Francis, the Councilor for Education. Her noble and dedicated service towards the upliftment of the institution for the last 12 years deserves great appreciation. Her ever radiant smile, her positive outlook towards life always enhances our spirit to move ahead. Educational programs conducted by her not only make her a person par excellence but also a great icon for each one of us. Above all how can one ever forget her humble and prayerful way of living which always drew us a step closer to the Divine. It was really painful for us to bid adieu to someone so close to our



hearts, but as the saying goes, "Life is a journey, not a destination", we the Flowerians finally rendered a very tearful, yet a happy farewell to our dear Sr. Jane Francis, with the evergreen soulful song 'Chalte chalte.....kabhi alvida na kahna' by the teachers.

Bidisha Talukdar | Class VII – A

FAREWELL TO CLASS X



Saying a good bye to the ones who have shared a part of our life is really painful. But life has to move on. With lots of hope of being together again at some point of the life time and whole hearted good wishes, Tenians were given a warm farewell on 24th February 2018. Rev. Sr. Lincy John, the Principal, LFS, gave a motivational speech as they would enter into a new territory of their lives. In her message, she narrated a story of a young girl who accomplished her ultimate aims inspite of all adversities that came her way. She also said that poverty is not a barrier to success if the determination is strong. Besides, she advised the students to imbibe the virtue of gratefulness and make it as one of the basic keys to unlock the door of prosperity.

Lhai Nunnem | Class VII – B



AN AWARENESS PROGRAMME - POCSO ACT



On the 7th of March, 2018 an awareness programme on POCSO (Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences) Act was conducted under the banner name of MATRI, founded in 2010. The programme was undertaken by Mrs. Rita Borbora- honourable advocate of Gauhati High Court and Mrs. Pallavi Borthakur- a reputed clinical psychologist. The programme stressed on the protection of children from offences of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and to provide a child-friendly system for the trial of these offences. Basically, it made us aware of the

psychological and the legal needs of a child. A child-line number (1098) was also provided, through which we can report of such sexual offences taking place in our society. We, the Flowerian teachers were highly grateful for being enlightened by such important issues related to the safety and security of a child, and thereby upgrading our noble profession of teaching- where we believe that children are the future of the nation..

Jenifer A. Lyngdoh | Teacher

KEEP IT UP!



Winning and losing in sports or any other competitions have been a natural phenomenon. But it always gives pleasure when one owns a winner trophy in one's hands. Manish Nath of LFS always lifts our pride by bringing laurels as a winner from different places of the world. An international Taekwondo player, Manish bagged two bronze medals in the Taekwondo Training Programme held in Muju, South Korea, in September 2017. He won a gold medal in CBSE Far East Taekwondo held in Uttar Pradesh. Besides, he received a bronze medal in CBSE Taekwondo held in Odisha. We wish Manish a bright future and God's blessings.

Manish Nath | Class IX – C

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Students,

"Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success," says Napoleon Hill. Indeed, success is the result of hard work coupled with strong determination. As we bring out the second issue of this year's newsletter, I take this opportunity to invite you to look at the joyful events of the past. We had an extremely busy, yet a successful year, filled with God's abundant blessings. Our motto of the year 2017-18 was on three Cs of life: 'Choices, Chances and Changes'. We have been reflecting much on the importance of making the right choices for succeeding in life. The opportunities we had in the school have equipped, enriched and transformed us. As we move ahead in life, we will always find many choices and chances. It is up to each of us to set goals and make the right decisions to gain success in life.

Let us be reminded of the thought of Napoleon Hill as we prepare ourselves to welcome another new year. The situation around us may not be always according to the way we wish. It is then we are called to be patient and look forward with hope. Much more than looking for success, we need to learn to persevere. In order to persevere we need to keep going despite the hard times we encounter. No tough times can



break us down if we persist on till the end. In fact, the tough times will only make us stronger and teach us great lessons. Bruce Lee once said, "Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one." Dear Students, let us not be afraid to face the challenges of life. Let us trust in God's help and welcome life's challenges with optimism and hope.

May the good God assist and guide you in the right path!

**Sr. Lincy John
Principal**