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# Editorial



**Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning, and creativity is the flame that lights the way.”**



**Ms. Lalitha Bisht**  
Editorial Board

The beauty of learning lies in curiosity and creativity. These are not just skills to master—they are the essence of what makes education meaningful. Curiosity is what makes learning exciting. It's the desire to know more, to understand how things work, and to dive deeper into new topics. Creativity, meanwhile, gives students the freedom to express themselves, to think beyond the confines of rules and traditional structures. When they are given space to create, they're not just learning—they're growing.

These qualities serve as the engines of learning and personal growth for children. Curiosity and creativity empower kids to think beyond the obvious, explore new ideas, and develop problem-solving skills that are essential in both academic and real-world situations. Curiosity drives them to ask “why” and “how,” fostering a deeper understanding of the world. Meanwhile, creativity allows them to express their ideas in unique ways, helping them build confidence and discover their own voices.

As individuals, it's our responsibility to create an environment where children feel safe to explore, ask questions, and think outside the box. Mistakes should be celebrated as stepping stones, and imagination should be welcomed with open arms. Nurturing curiosity and creativity isn't just about academic success—it's about shaping individuals who will continue to seek knowledge, innovate, and make meaningful contributions to the world around them.

As Albert Einstein once said, “The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.” By fostering these traits, we empower children to explore beyond the boundaries of what they know, lighting the way for a brighter and more imaginative future.

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## From the Principal's Desk

Fr. Nilson Davis CMI

### The Radiance of Well-being: Unleashing Creativity and Curiosity

Dear Christites,

In the vast tapestry of life, true well-being emerges not as a destination but as an ongoing symphony of balance-of-mind, body, and spirit. It is the harmony we seek, an art we craft through the nurturing of our deepest potentials. At the heart of this creation are two extraordinary forces: creativity and curiosity. Together, they elevate the human experience, guiding us toward a life not just lived, but fully embraced.

Creativity, often mistaken as the domain of the artist or inventor, is in fact the thread woven into the very fabric of our existence. It transcends brushstrokes or written words; it is the act of seeing the world not as it is, but as it could be. It is in the simple joy of connecting seemingly disparate ideas, finding solutions in unexpected places, and imagining possibilities beyond the ordinary. Creativity invites us to look at life with fresh eyes and to build bridges between the familiar and the unknown.

But what fuels this creative force? It is curiosity-our insatiable yearning to explore, to question, to wander down paths yet untrodden. Curiosity is the compass that leads us into the uncharted, unlocking doors to new realms of thought and understanding. When curiosity is alive within us, it sparks wonder in the mundane, transforming everyday experiences into opportunities for growth and discovery. It is this boundless spirit of inquiry that opens the mind and nourishes the soul.

Together, creativity and curiosity form an inseparable bond-one stirs the imagination, while the other seeks the adventure of discovery. In this interplay, we find the essence of well-being. For to be truly well is not merely to exist in health, but to live in a state of joyful engagement with the world around us. When we are both curious and creative, we rise above the limitations of routine, embracing a life rich with meaning, purpose, and growth.

At Christ School ICSE, we believe that education is not a passive acquisition of knowledge but an active, vibrant dance of exploration. We strive to kindle the spark of curiosity in our students, encouraging them to ask bold questions, to venture beyond the ordinary, and to dream without boundaries. In this process, their creativity flourishes-be it in the classroom, on the stage, or in the quiet moments of reflection. As educators, our role is to nurture these gifts, to create spaces where our students feel both supported and inspired to think beyond convention.



## *Vice Principal's Message* **Fr. Reji Koodapattu CMI**

### **Igniting Minds: The Divine Spark of Curiosity, Creativity, and Well-being**

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.” – Plutarch

In the journey of life, true well-being is found not only in physical health but in nurturing our inner spirit. As spiritual beings, our quest for meaning, truth, and connection with the divine is deeply intertwined with our curiosity and creativity. When we seek to understand the world around us, we are, in a sense, seeking to understand the greater purpose behind all things.

Curiosity is the flame that guides us toward this deeper understanding. It compels us to ask questions, to explore, and to grow. Through curiosity, we are reminded that life is a gift—each new question is an opportunity to discover the beauty of creation and the wisdom that lies beyond the visible.

Creativity, meanwhile, is our sacred ability to bring forth new ideas, to express the divine within us. Whether it's through art, innovation, or problem-solving, creativity is a reflection of the Creator's touch in our lives. It allows us to take part in the unfolding of the world, shaping it with our hands and our hearts.

At Christ School ICSE, we strive to nurture these gifts in our students, believing that curiosity and creativity are vital not only to academic success but to spiritual and emotional well-being. When students embrace these qualities, they develop resilience, find meaning in their challenges, and grow into individuals who can serve a higher purpose.

Let curiosity lead you toward the light of understanding, and let creativity help you express the divine spark within. In doing so, you will find both peace and purpose on your path.

## **August at Glance**

- ✦ HOLY MASS
- ✦ SPECIAL ASSEMBLY-CLASS 8
- ✦ NATURE CLUB-SEMINAR
- ✦ DCL COMPETITION 2024-25
- ✦ INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
- ✦ FR. GEORGE HESS LITERARY EVENTS 2024

# Holy Mass

On Friday, 2nd August 2024, Christ ICSE observed a solemn Day of Prayer with a Holy Mass dedicated to the victims of natural calamities. In recent times, several regions, particularly Wayanad, have been devastated by floods and landslides, leading to the loss of lives, destruction of homes, and shattered dreams. The Mass was held to offer spiritual support and prayers for the affected individuals.

The service began with a heartfelt introduction, acknowledging the immense suffering caused by these disasters. All gathered with heavy hearts but hopeful spirits, coming together in prayer. Special intentions were made for the strength and resilience of the survivors, the healing of the injured, and comfort for those grieving the loss of loved ones.

The Mass ended with a final blessing, sending the community forth with a message of hope and compassion, encouraging everyone to continue praying for the recovery and well-being of all those impacted by these calamities.

Anna Binu  
Class - 8A



# Special Assembly-Class 8

On 28th August 2024, Class 8 of Christ School ICSE held a special assembly titled "August's Journey: The Month of Self-Discovery." This creative and thought-provoking presentation highlighted the significance of August, a month filled with historical and cultural events. The assembly covered important days such as Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day, Quit India Day, Independence Day, and National Sports Day.

Students honored the nation's freedom fighters, emphasizing unity, diversity, and progress in modern India. The atmosphere was filled with pride as they saluted the national flag and sang a patriotic song, the lyrics of which echoed the sacrifices made for freedom and the beauty of the nation. This inspired everyone to reflect on their responsibility toward the country's development. The assembly concluded with a powerful conversation on well-being, where students engaged the audience in a discussion on mental, physical, and emotional health. They reminded everyone that well-being is vital to a happy and successful life.

This special assembly was not only a tribute to August's important events but also a reminder of the values of peace, freedom, and well-being that every Christite cherishes. It was a performance that blended education with inspiration, leaving a lasting impression on all.

Ms. Ravija  
Animator Class VIII



# Nature Club-Seminar

*"Climate Conversations : Empowering Tomorrow's Advocates"*

On August 7, 2024, Christies for Climate Action (CCA), a passionate student-led initiative of Christ Deemed-to-be University, hosted an impactful and well-received seminar focused on the pressing issue of climate change and its far-reaching effects. The event was organized by the Nature Club, a key partner in promoting environmental awareness and sustainability.

The session was conducted by Mr. Suhas L S, Head, Christies for Climate Action, along with Mr. Samaksh Sharma, Ms. Ahana Sujnani and Ms. Dakshaya, the core committee members of CCA. The seminar included a dynamic interaction with students through games such as Dumb Charades and discussions focused on sustainable living. Through engaging in dialogue and networking, the students of CCA successfully highlighted the importance of education and collective action in addressing climate challenges.



*Ms. Sreekala  
Nature Club*



# DCI Competition 2024-25

Champions know that success is inevitable; that there is no such thing as failure, only feedback. They know that the best way to forecast the failure is to create it.

In the vibrant world of academia, where every student's voice is a note in the symphony of learning, Christ School, ICSE stood out as a remarkable showcase of talents and creativity of our students. On 4th August The Little Blooms and on 18th August 2024 The Blooms Competition were organized by Christ University. Among many participating schools, Christ School, ICSE achieved 4th place.

Thank you Principal Rev. Fr. Nilson Davis CMI, for giving the opportunity to the students to showcase their talents once again.

This event not only celebrated their talents but also fostered a stronger sense of community and encouraged students to continue pursuing their passions.

Ms. Soumya Kuriakose





# Independence Day Celebration

On August 15th, 2024, our school celebrated India's 78th Independence Day with enthusiasm and patriotism. The day began with the hoisting of the national flag, symbolizing the resilience and strength of our country. The tricolour fluttered proudly, reminding us of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters.

The NCC cadets then participated in a march past, showcasing unity, discipline, and respect for tradition. Their coordinated movements earned applause and admiration from the audience.

The welcome speech set a warm tone for the celebrations, acknowledging the presence of guests, students, and teachers. The cultural highlight was a series of fusion dances performed by the 3rd and 4th graders, blending traditional and contemporary elements from various states of India. Their vibrant performances celebrated our nation's diversity and unity.

The kindergarten students enchanted the audience with their heartfelt performance, celebrating Independence Day with joy and enthusiasm.

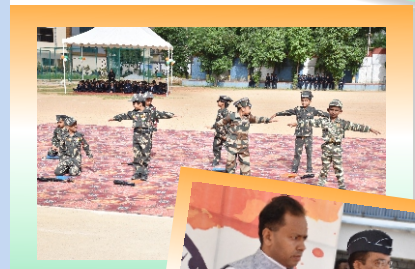
Inspirational speeches by Wing Commander P.N. Krishna Kumar and Principal Fr. Nilson Davis CMI emphasized the importance of remembering our history and working towards a better future.

As part of the Independence Day celebration on 14th August 2024, a Collage Competition was organized for students from classes I to XI. The event aimed to raise awareness about the recent natural calamities in India by encouraging students to creatively depict the impact and challenges faced during these disasters through art. One class from each section was awarded a prize in recognition of its exceptional creativity and efforts.

NCCA certificates were awarded to the NCC cadets, and certificates were given to the cadets who attended the camp.

The event concluded with a heartfelt thank-you speech, appreciating everyone's efforts and participation. The day reinforced our commitment to the values of freedom, unity, and diversity, promising a bright future for India.

Zaara  
Class - 8C





CELEBRATION



## Fr. George Hess Literary Events 2024

The Fr. George Hess Literary Events 2024, hosted by Christ School ICSE on 10th August, celebrated the power of words, creativity, and intellectual exchange. With participation from 107 schools and 1,174 students, the event reached new heights, solidifying its status as a premier literary competition in the region. The diverse range of events—Creative Writing, Declamation, Debate, Painting, and Quiz showcased the immense talent and creativity of the young participants.

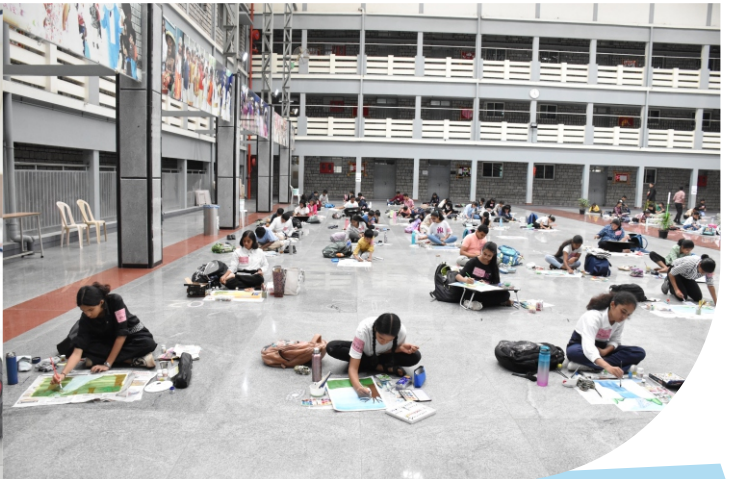
The grand inauguration ceremony set a vibrant tone for the day, with distinguished guests emphasizing the importance of literary pursuits in education and personal growth. Throughout the day, the competitive yet friendly atmosphere fostered camaraderie among participants, while encouraging the expression of diverse perspectives and talents.

The event concluded with a dignified valedictory function, where the winners were honored for their exceptional performances. The event's meticulous organization and high level of participation made it a resounding success.

The Fr. George Hess Literary Events 2024 not only provided a platform for students to hone their skills and engage with peers but also reinforced the importance of literary and artistic endeavors in shaping the next generation of thinkers, artists, and leaders. It was truly a memorable experience for all involved.

Ms. Bilgy





# ACHIEVEMENT

## Karnataka State School Chess Championship held in Kundapura



**Shreshtha Shetty**  
**Class 2 E**  
Awarded the Best Performer  
2nd Runner-up



**Yuvanesh A**  
**Class 7 B**  
Secured the 2nd  
Runner-up position



**Harshit Kiran Nayak**  
**Class 8 F**  
Achieved 5th place



**Maria Beslin**  
**Class 8C**  
Secured second place in the  
Elocution Competition held at  
Visvesvaraya Industrial and  
Technological Museum.

## Class Leaders For The Month Of August



# Smart Class Award for the Month of August



Class : I F  
Class Teacher : Ms. Sheryl Stephen  
Class Leaders : Mohammed Adam  
Eva Grace



Class : II F  
Class Teacher : Ms. Taniya Chacko  
Class Leaders : Jaden Zachariah M  
Amelia Aneesh



Class : III B  
Class Teacher : Sr. Jincy P L  
Class Leaders : Bhuvan Shetty  
Aaradhya



Class : IV G  
Class Teacher : Ms. Princy Chacko  
Class Leaders : Kizar Ahamad  
Rena Robin



Class : V B  
Class Teacher : Ms. Gismy T Paul  
Class Leaders : Mohammed Asim  
Viva Mary



Class : VI A  
Class Teacher : Ms. Deepa Dev  
Class Leaders : Bazalel Boby  
Rishitha



Class : VII F  
Class Teacher : Ms. Jayashree S  
Class Leaders : Chiranth  
Nishita



Class : VIII F  
Class Teacher : Ms. Pronita Kindo  
Class Leaders : Shushil  
Likitha



Class : IX D  
Class Teacher : Ms. Mini Manuel  
Class Leaders : Rishi S Kumar  
Arshiya Noorain



Class : X A  
Class Teacher : Ms. Ginu Jacob  
Class Leaders : Vishuvaradhan  
Preethi

CONGRATULATIONS

PALLAVI H D

*A little about myself:*

*Cheerful, hardworking and optimistic*

**My educational background:**

M.Sc Organic Chemistry B.Ed.,



**\*My birth date:** : 13<sup>th</sup> June

**\*Zodiac:** Pisces

**\*My hobbies :** Reading books, painting, dancing, mehendi and many more

**\*Favourite colour :** Blue

**\*Favourite movie :** Pursuit of happiness

**\*Quality I admire about myself:** Never give up and ready for challenges

**\*Favourite food :** Masala Dosa

**\*Ambition as a kid :** Doctor

**\*Favourite book :** Three Thousand Stitches

**\*Dream destination :** Paris

**\*Favourite subject as a student :** Science

**\*Favourite quote/Motto in life :** Never give up because life is full of twists and turns. Your happiness lies within you.

## AKSHAY P

*A little about myself:*

*Passionate about exploring new places and cherishing meaningful friendships.*

### **My educational background:**

MA and B.Ed. in English



**\*My birth date:** 8th April

**\*Zodiac:** Aries

**\*My hobbies:** Travelling

**\*Favourite colour:** Blue

**\*Favourite movie:** Premalu

**\*Quality I admire about myself:** Kindness

**\*Favourite food:** Chicken Biryani

**\*Ambition as a kid:** Teacher

**\*Favourite book:** Wings of Fire

**\*Dream destination:** London

**\*Favourite subject as a student:** English

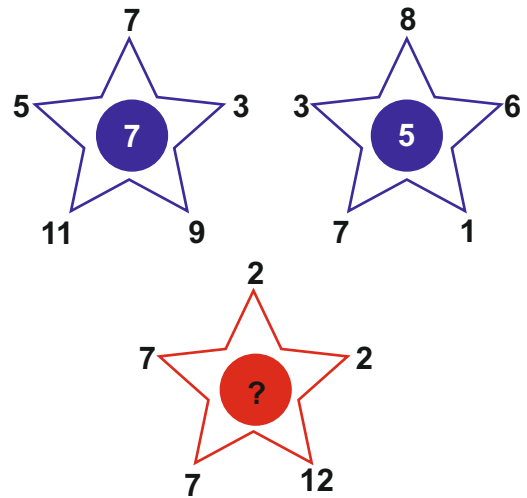
**\*Favourite quote/Motto in life:** Find joy in little things



# PUZZLE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Which number should replace the question mark?

Answer the Riddle within the next 24 hours and WIN an E-certificate from the Excelsior team!



## To enter for a chance to win:

- ✓ Answer the riddle correctly and send it at the earliest.
- ✓ You can send your answer by tomorrow - 29 September, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ The first 10 correct answer shall be awarded with the E-certificates.
- ✓ Your time starts from today (28.09.24) at 4:00 p.m. and ends by tomorrow (29.09.24) at 4:00 p.m. Late answers will not be entertained.
- ✓ Mail your answers to:

[christnewsletter2015@gmail.com](mailto:christnewsletter2015@gmail.com)

- ✓ Mention your NAME, CLASS, SECTION. Attach your photograph in school uniform.

