



# Joseph's Journal

Newsletter Academic Year (2024 - 2025)

## Principal's Message

I am pleased to share with you the first edition of our school newsletter, a celebration of the spirit of learning and growth at St. Joseph's English Medium School, Hassan. This year, we have continued to offer a wide range of activities that promote both academic and personal development. Our students have actively participated in various competitions, sports events, and excursions, gaining valuable experiences that contribute to their overall growth.

These events not only help build skills but also foster teamwork, resilience, and leadership. In addition, we have introduced several initiatives aimed at enhancing the learning environment, ensuring that our children receive the best possible education. We have also focused on providing our teachers with regular training to keep them updated with the latest teaching methods. Together, let us continue to inspire and encourage our students to become 'men and women for others'.



Warm regards,  
Fr Cyril Castelino SJ

*Goals of*  
**JESUIT EDUCATION**



**Academic Excellence**



**Character Formation**



**Social Concern**

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## Inauguration of academic year

The school inaugurated the academic year with Rev. Fr. Henry Saldhana SJ as the chief guest and Fr Cyril Castelino SJ presiding over the ceremony. A prayer service and a skit by teachers highlighted school rules and expectations.



## Environment Day

The Environment Day was celebrated on June 5, 2024. Varsha Bhardwaj from Class 7 highlighted the significance of the day. Each class, accompanied by their teachers and the Principal, proceeded to the playground and planted saplings.



## Leadership training for class 7

A leadership training session for Class 7 students was held on June 12, 2024, where Br. Princen SJ highlighted the joy of helping others. Students learned leadership and teamwork skills through an engaging and enjoyable session.



## Investiture ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony on June 29, 2024, was led by chief guest Fr Melwin Mendonca SJ, where newly appointed leaders took an oath and Fr Melwin Mendonca SJ highlighted leadership qualities.



## Yoga day

On June 21, 2024, Yoga Day was celebrated at Loyola Hall. Class 7 had a session led by Principal Fr Cyril Castelino SJ and Mr Esha, while the nursery section participated in a 40-minute session guided by their teachers promoting well-being.



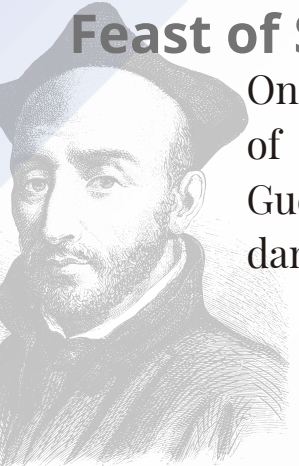
## Inauguration of Clubs

The inauguration of various clubs was held on June 24, 2024, at Loyola Hall, graced by chief guest Mr. Rudrappaji Rao, a retired Tahsildar. Each club, including Eco, Science, Quiz, Harmony, Social awareness Choir clubs art and craft showcased its activities.



## Feast of ST Ignatius of Loyola

On July 31, 2024, St Joseph's School celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola with prayers, performances, and prize distributions. Chief Guest Br Princen SJ shared insights, and the event featured a video, dances, and a soulful choir performance.



## Independence Day

On August 15, 2024, our school celebrated Independence Day with St Joseph's High School and PU College, featuring flag hoisting by Chief Guest Mr K. S. Phaniraj, an alumnus, cultural performances, and inspiring speeches. Nursery students enjoyed a tricolor flower-making activity, creatively representing the Indian flag.



## Gandhi Jayanthi and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanthi

On October 1, 2024, Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti were celebrated in the morning assembly with a bhajan, speeches by Mrs Roopakala and Mrs. Mahalakshmi, a peace-themed dance, and an inspiring story by Principal Fr Cyril Castelino SJ. The event concluded with a cleanliness drive.



## Quiz Competition

On July 27, 2024, a quiz on St Ignatius of Loyola's life was conducted by Mrs Suma where St Francis House won first place and St Xavier House secured second.



## Food Day Celebration

Food Day was celebrated in the nursery section on October 26, 2024, where students showcased diverse cuisines and healthy eating habits. Coordinator Mrs. Sulochana Nayak judged the event, highlighting the importance of good nutrition in a fun way.



## Kannada Rajyotsava Celebration

Kannada Rajyotsava celebrated on November 5, 2024, with Mr. Appaji Gowda as the chief guest. The event featured cultural performances, prize distribution for Kannada competitions.



## Children's Day Celebration

On November 14, we celebrated Children's Day with energetic performances by teachers, bringing joy to all. The event ended with a lively dance session, filling the day with smiles.



## Constitution day

On November 26th, Constitution Day was celebrated with performances, recitation of preamble of constitution, and an inspiring speech by our principal, making it a memorable event.



## Christmas Celebration

Christmas was celebrated with vibrant decorations, cultural performances, and inspiring messages from Sr Beena, Fr Santhosh Dsouza SJ, and Fr Cyril Castelino SJ, highlighting the spirit of love and kindness.



## Makara sankranthi celebration and kite day

On January 15, 2025, our school celebrated Makar Sankranti and Kite Day with cultural performances, a student speech and kite flying.



## Community Helpers Day Celebration

On January 25th, our nursery students participated in a Fancy Dress Competition as community helpers, delivering speeches, with Mrs Nagashree and Mrs Kamaruanisa as judges, and winners awarded by Mrs. Sulochana Naik.



## Colouring and Drawing Competition

On 24th July 2024, a Colouring and Drawing Competition was held for Grades 1 to 7, where students participated enthusiastically and the best entries were awarded prizes.



## Pictionary competition

On October 25th and 26th, Mrs. Anita conducted a Pictionary competition for Classes 1 to 7, improving students' vocabulary and confidence in English.



## Eye and Dental Check-up

As every year, our school organized a free eye and dental check-up for all students, ensuring their health and well-being with expert medical care.



## Excursions

Our school organized multiple educational tours and picnics for different grades, providing students with enriching experiences in nature, history, and culture while fostering learning and enjoyment.



## Visit to the Exhibition (Keeta vismaya)

Students of Classes 5-7 visited an entomology exhibition at Government College, gaining valuable insights into the world of insects.



## Annual Sports day

On November 23, 2024, the Annual Sports Day featured vibrant performances, exciting competitions, and the crowning of Red House as Overall Champion, celebrating sportsmanship and achievement.



## Cluster level sports meet

On August 22, 2024, our students excelled at the cluster level sports day, winning several prizes, with the boys' team securing the overall championship.



Boys Category

S.No	Event	Name	Place
01	Kho-Kho;	School Team	I Place
02	200 mts	Jeevan H M	II Place
03	Discus throw	Christopher	III Place
04	Relay	Team	I Place
05	Discus throw	Sandeep	II Place
06	400 mts	Akshay Swaroop	III Place
07	100 mts	Jeevan H M	III Place

Girls Category

S.No	Event	Name	Place
01	Kho-Kho;	School Team	I Place
02	Long Jump	Pranati	I Place
03	High Jump	Pranati	I Place
04	400 mts	Alpha Bhamu	II Place
05	600 mts	Hansika	II Place
06	Relay	Team	II Place
07	Kabaddi	Team	II Place
08	Long Jump	Nikshita	III Place
09	200 mts		I Place

## Parents Sports Meet

On January 18, 2025, the Parent's Sports Meet brought lively competitions, a joyful atmosphere, ending with a delightful lunch.



## Cluster level Prathibha karanji

The cluster level Prathibha Karanji was organized at Government Higher Primary School, N E Mishra Chippinakatta. Our students won prizes in different categories.



## FACULTY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

### Arunya training program

From May 18th to 25th, Mrs. Nethra S H and Mrs. Divya attended a "Phonic Sounds" training at Ashirwad Centre, Bangalore, conducted by Arunya English Classes Academy.



## Staff training on Understanding textbook framing and implementation

On June 26, 2024, Mr Sameer from MBD Group conducted a staff training on NEP and textbook framing.



## Staff training program on Integrating AI in education

On October 31, 2024, six teachers attended a workshop on AI tools for teaching at St. Joseph's College, Hassan, led by Mr. Royal Praveen D'Souza



## South Zone Triennial 2024 – Jesuit Educators' Meet

From September 14 to 16, 2025, Principal Fr Cyril Castelino SJ and Mrs Sulochana Naik attended the South Zone Triennial 2024 on Jesuit education innovation.



## Faculty development program

On January 10, 2025, Mrs Rashmi Maria and Mrs. Divya attended a Faculty Development Program on "Basic Counselling Skills" at St. Joseph's College, led by Fr Joyson Vas SJ.



## AURUM 2024-25

Students from Grades 6 and 7 participated in AURUM 2024-25 at St Joseph's Boy's High School, Bengaluru, enjoying science exhibitions, competitions, and a visit to the planetarium.



## Summer camp

Every year we organize a summer camp filled with exciting activities for students. In this academic year they enjoyed games, art and craft, science experiments, music, paper queen activity and a fun day out.



## Talent's Day

St Joseph School hosted Talent Day on September 12, 2024, with enthusiastic student participation in various competitions. The event was graced by esteemed guests and inspiring speeches.



## Mathematics Day

Mathematics Day was celebrated on February 14, 2025. Dr Sudhakar K.B, Associate Professor, Government Science College, Hassan, was the Chief Guest. The event included a math dance, a skit, and a Vedic math demonstration. A competition was held and winners received prizes.



## Distribution of Badges for English Speaking

On September 24th, students from grades 1 -7 received smiley badges for cultivating a culture of speaking English on the school campus. Principal Rev Fr Cyril Castelino distributed the badges to all the students.



## Nursery Graduation Day

Nursery Graduation Day was celebrated on 22nd February 2025 for UKG students with great enthusiasm. The little graduates received their certificates, marking a proud and memorable milestone in their early learning journey.

