

St. Patrick's Amor

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The kindergarten section came back to its usual flurry of activity on June 6, 2019 when the school reopened for LKG and UKG students. For the new bees of St. Patricks, the nursery tots, the school reopened on June 10, 2019. The reopening days were full of activity, fun, laughter, some longing, yearning and also tears. The days ended on a positive note with smiles that replaced the tears .

The month of June marked many days of celebration like Family day, Green day, lollipop day and happy feet day with each of them carrying a message, loads of fun and learning for the young kindergarteners.

The family day was celebrated on 17-06-19. The teachers made the students understand the importance of a family, parents, grand-parents, siblings and friends'. They also welcomed the students to the patrician family.

Green day celebrated on June 21st was a day to majorly talk about the importance of nature. Students were taken out for a nature walk. A small assembly to celebrate the day was also conducted.

Lollipop day was conducted on 24-06-19. The day was a lot of fun as the students got excited looking at the life size lollipops and spoke about them. A small object talk session was conducted for the same.



Happy feet day was celebrated on 27-06-19 and the students were made to enjoy a small dancing session with their classmates. A fun-filled activity, that swept both teachers and students off their feet.

The classroom routine included Warm up sessions, ice breaker sessions, life skill activities and many fun filled activities and games along with academics to help children acclimatize to the new environment.

Overall a fun filled and happy month!!!!

JULY

The month of July began with a lot of hustle and bustle. The LKG and UKG students were conferred with proficiency and attendance awards on July 3, 2019.

Speech and Drama classes started on July 5, 2019 for the students of UKG who opted for this extra-curricular activity.

An experiment week was conducted for the students of UKG. These experiments were based on daily life facts .Children were extremely excited to see the demonstrations and have a hands on experience of the same .

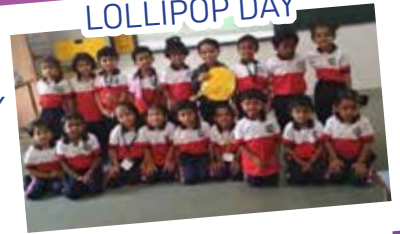
A simulation of road and traffic light was conducted for the students of Nursery .Students enjoyed and learnt the basic road rules through the play way method.



FAMILY DAY



LOLLIPOP DAY



ICE CREAM DAY



TRAFFIC LIGHT ACTIVITY



GREEN DAY



YELLOW DAY



ACTIVITY TIME



WORKOUT DAY



ACTIVITY TIME



A smile day was conducted on July 15, 2019 for the kindergarten section. Students learnt the value of smiling at each other at all times. They enjoyed the event and also learnt a social skill.

Yellow day was celebrated on July 19, 2019. Students dressed in yellow attire made the day bright and sunny with their charming smiles. They sang yellow colour songs and associated with all the yellow objects in nature.

A student progress meet was conducted on July 20, 2019 for all parents to meet the respective class teachers and understand the progress of their child.

A popsicle/ice-cream day was conducted on July 22, 2019. Students were happy to celebrate the Popsicle day with the life size popsicles and ice-creams. Adding a fun element to the way students learn the names of colours and flavours was the aim of this activity.

A yet another exciting event for the little learners was the workout day celebrated on 29-07-19. The day aimed at making the students understand the importance of exercising and keeping fit. Students enjoyed it as a workout session including Zumba and yoga was conducted for them. Both students and teachers enjoyed the power packed session.

UTI began for UKG on 30-7-19. Students were given enough revision and they were all set to write their first assessment.

The month of July proved to be very eventful. No stones were left unturned to ensure that each moment was enjoyable for the students.



Junior Section

June - July



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Parent Teacher Conferences were held from the 28th to 30th of May, 2019 in the auditorium. At the outset, our Principal Rev. Br. Paul P and Manager Rev. Br. Christopher Dawes welcomed the parents. The teachers introduced themselves to the parents. A detailed explanation of the year's plan and rules and regulations were explained.

Parents turned up in large numbers. They were invited to come up with their queries, concerns and suggestions. The conference was very interactive. Meeting concluded with the Vote of thanks.



DAY CARE

A well-equipped Day Care facility in the school campus was inaugurated on the 18th of June, 2019 by Rev. Fr. Byju, Claretians Fathers, Claret Bhavan, Carmelaram.

It is no doubt a benefit for working parents to avail the same. It aims at providing a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment for children. Children are kept busy with lots of materials and activities, such as blocks, puzzles, toys, etc. to explore all day.



JUNIOR INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony for The Junior Section of St Patrick's Academy, Bengaluru for the Academic Year 2019-20 was held on 3rd July, 2019 with great pomp and dignity in the school Auditorium. The event was presided over by the Chief Guest – Rev. Br. George Xavier, Deputy Congregation Leader, Guest of Honour – Rev. Br. Christu, our Principal – Rev. Br. Paul P. and Manager – Rev. Br. Christopher and Rev. Br. Felix.

It was conducted with a high degree of earnestness and passion. The ceremony began with a prayer song and the lighting of the lamp followed by the march of all the newly elected students council. It was indeed a spectacular event which set the mood for the event. After the Oath taking ceremony, the students council were conferred with sashes and badges by Honourable Chief Guest and the parents.

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| Head Boy | Joel Saji, |
| Head Girl | Merin Binoj |
| Azad House Captains | Caroline Maria Ranjit & Darshan Pradeep |
| Gandhi House Captains | Nevin Lijo & Meris Susan Philip |
| Prasad House Captains | Michelle Philo & Sidhartha Anoop |
| Tagore House Captains | Alphonsa Joseph & Charan K Reddy |
| Head Prefect | Agnes Kurian & Prefects from all the houses. |

The students who achieved excellence in academics were felicitated with Awards and Merit Certificates for their hard work and dedication. 100% Attendance Awards were also given to students and teachers.

The head boy and head girl proposed the vote of thanks & concluded with the National Anthem.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Education should go beyond the four classroom walls; it should be more than just books. The aim of education in our school is to develop an all-rounded student - in all aspects. This includes the student's intellectual, spiritual, social, physical and moral capabilities. There is need to strike a balance in all these aspects so as to benefit the child.

Students have a wide range of Extracurricular Activities to choose from – Dance, Abacus, Basketball, Football, Badminton, Skating, Karate, Cricket, Keyboard, Guitar, Drums, Speech & Drama & Robotics which are thoroughly enjoyed & looked forward too by all!!!



EXAMS

Exams help to measure how much our students have learned. We had our 1st Mid Term Exams for Class 1 to VIII & XI & Term Exams for IX, X & XII.



COMPETITIONS

Individual Competitions & Class competitions for the months on June & July were on is full swing for Class I-V. It was indeed a sight to see!!!



Senior Section

June - July

ADDING NEW FEATURES

The school administrative office and lobby saw a complete makeover during this summer. The result- a very large and comfortable lobby for parents and visitors to the school and a lean, beautiful and effective office to meet the needs of all stakeholders

COMPETITIONS

Competition in any form brings out the best in students and pushes them to excel. It enhances learning significantly.

A variety of competitions are planned for the academic year 2019-20.

PACEMAKER SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS



SPORTS EVENTS (28-6-19)

June was an action packed month regarding sports activities. While Saturdays were dedicated to selection rounds for field and track events for the Annual Athletic Meet, a couple of Friday afternoons saw the Houses in action for their team games of Volley ball and Throw ball



LAUNCHING THE PRODUCT (29-6-19)

Was an inter-House competition exclusively for competition VI and VII. In this competition, the students were asked to start from where they were, use what they had and do what they could. In short, the students were handed a kit of useful materials. They participated enthusiastically and created mind blowing products. They then launched their products through advertisements and dramatization.

SHARK TANK (29-6-19).

The objective of the competition- to create a culture of innovation, encourage creative thinking, to understand something about the process of starting, growing and selling a successful business. The competition



generated tremendous enthusiasm, a volley of creative ideas which brought forth innovative products and also showed great marketing skills of convincing the prospective entrepreneurs to invest in their products.

JULY

INVESTITURE CEREMONY- 2019 – VEST- ING STUDENTS WITH RESPONSIBILITY (4-7-19).

Nurturing leadership in young students is an important duty and privilege of every school. St.Patrick's Academy Bengaluru gives great importance to this responsibility . Investiture is a solemn ceremony during which



students are invested with leadership roles as School leaders and leaders of their respective Houses. Those who are privileged to be elected to such roles take a Solomon pledge of loyalty and allegiance to their school and to their House. This year we were privileged to have Group Captain P. SURESH from No. 2 Kar (T) Air Sqn NCC



PRIZE DAY (4-7-19).

Prize Day 2019 was the occasion to appreciate and acknowledge the exceptional hard work and dedication of our students. They were honoured with trophies and certificates and the loudest applause from their fellow students, teachers and parents.





CELEBRATIONS

Teachers' birthday celebrations are simple celebrations- a gathering of friends and colleagues as we rejoice with one another for the gift of life.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

The staff and students marked the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, the patron saint of our dear Principal Rev. Bro. Paul and also St. Christopher, the patron saint of Bro. Christopher. There were prayers, angelic singing by the school choir, graceful dance performance to the melodious music of a hymn, felicitation and good wishes galore from the tiniest to the senior most.



YOGA DAY(5-7-19).

Taking Charge of Body, Mind and Soul – enthusiastic participation in the Yoga Day Programme.



EXTEMPORE (6-7-19).

The Extempore competition was held for the IX – XII graders . The students participated with great zeal. The participants spoke brilliantly with great presence of mind, leaving the young audience highly inspired with their oratory skills.

DECLAMATION (20-7-19).

Declamation helps to improve one's diction and stage presentation skills. The participants were dressed in the attire of great personalities like Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi , Mother Theresa , APJ Abdul Kalam and many more . The participants declaimed their speeches in an impressive way . Their speeches turned out to be truly inspirational to the audience.





TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAM



FREEDOM – WHAT IS IT?

- *Melissa Ann J K - IX B*

As it was once said-'The secret of happiness is freedom and the secret to freedom is courage'. All of us have our own definition of freedom. To me freedom means having the right to express my views and feelings freely and also being able to learn from my own experiences. Freedom gives me the chance to work towards my dreams coming true. Freedom to some may mean being free from studies and having all the luxury, while to some it may mean 'DO WHATEVER I FEEL IS RIGHT'. Freedom is to get the equal opportunity to express our views on an issue. It is not necessary our parents give us all the freedom we would like to have, because as young children we may not be able to take all right decisions. We as individuals do have the right to tell our parents what we want or feel but they as parents certainly do know what is right and good for us. Therefore, when they get to know we are on the wrong path they correct us and lead us on the right way. This act may feel like a torture for us but when we think deeply we realize that these moments of correction may give us greater freedom in our life ahead.

It is indeed necessary to have freedom to live comfortably. If we don't have freedom, we remain under constant pressure which will affect us, the people around us and the work we do. As quoted by Moshe Dayan 'Freedom is the oxygen of the soul'. This saying is definitely true. As we cannot live without oxygen, we cannot live without freedom too. Freedom is complete when I get the chance to be what I am and not being forced to be someone else. None of us can achieve complete freedom but definitely we all should try to find it.





Freedom

- Renil Joseph - IX B
Student Editor

It's the "hey" which doesn't matter if I knock over my tea
It's the nobody's scowling or shouting at me
It's the feeling of peace and calm in the air
It's the sun shining through and the wind in my hair
It's the putting my feet up, It's the bag on the floor
It's my muscles relaxing, not tense like before
It's the smile on my face for no reason at all
It's the friends and family who can now visit and call
It's the walking through my home with no sense of dread
It's the happy to be alive, not wishing I was dead
It's the beautiful colours I have painted my home
It's the choices I now have, mine and mine alone
It's the looking at the world with new dreams and goals
It's the believing in me and all that life holds
It's the joy and peace that live here from now on
As the panic, dread and fear feelings have all but gone

THIS IS FREEDOM

- Nevin Mathew Thomas - IX A

And I know what freedom is as me.

MR. BULLY

This act, hated round the world,
If you ask me I think it's absurd;
This act, it can cause you strife,
It can make the victim take their own life.

For people of this kind,
I only have one name;
So, hey Mr. Bully,
Is this to you a game?

Hey Mr. Bully,
You hurl curses at my face;
For this "great" act of yours,
Do you deserve praise?

Why Mr. Bully?
Why do you this?
Is there something special,
That you accomplish?

You push me around,
Call me trash;
And after the torture is over,
You take my cash.

But Mr. Bully,
This is gonna stop;
Cause when I'm with my friends,
I AM ON TOP!!!

