

101st Annual Thanksgiving Day

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CLASS VIII

On the 31st of January, St. Joseph's High School, Wadala, celebrated its 101st annual thanksgiving day. The culmination of hard work and dedication put together by the staff and students gave rise to this joyful and beautiful event.

The programme began at 5.45 pm with the students escorting the chief guest, Sameer Wankhede (school alumnus) and Jubilarians Chitra Sharma, Seema D'Souza, Sheela Solanki and Vimla Solanki to their seats and felicitating them with a memento of appreciation and love.

The "superstars" of the school choir (our very own students) rendered a beautiful song in different voices. The annual school report was read out and enhanced by a power point presentation by the headmistress, Sangita Bhat-tacharya.



Sameer Wankhede, joint commissioner of DRI, guest and school alumnus

The cultural programme that followed was one of its kind. Cultures and history of different countries around the world were presented through a musical bonanza, 'Bringing The World To You'. It was an evening that filled the air with touching speeches and variety entertainment. The chief guest addressed the gathering unfurling memorable incidents

from his school life going down the memory lane right from junior KJ to class X not forgetting to thank all his teachers who were with him throughout his school days. An unforgettable evening, to express gratitude to all those who had helped the school grow and develop. The highlight of the cultural programme was the presentation titled 'Incredible

India' showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the country. The cultural programme culminated with the grand finale — a colourful fiesta for the eyes with almost 910 participants gathering on the stage depicting a world filled with colour and vibrance. "Let us all come together to make the world a better place to live in with our thoughts, words and deeds,"

said Rev Fr Godfrey the school principal in his address to the gathering at the conclusion of the programme. What a memorable day it was, a day to remember all the landmarks and golden moments on the campus — moments of joy, of happiness, of love — a tribute of gratitude to all who helped the school grow and develop for 100 years and more...

True caring means sharing

LIDWINA MASCARENHAS, TEACHER

Blessed are the poor for their's is the kingdom of God states the holy Bible. It means that God loves the poor and welcomes them in his kingdom. What does the word 'poor' mean? It is invariably understood that a person who lacks material possession is termed poor but let me tell you that in spite of having material possession all of us are rich beggars when it comes to God's love. The Gospel parable tells us that we have received talents from God according to our individual ability. No one should think he is so poor as to be incapable of giving something to others. The poor shepherds were the first to get the news of the birth of Christ. This shows that God loved the poor. Very often we commit the sin of Omission where the poor are concerned. That does not regard me. It's not my business. It's society's problem. So often we turn away from a brother or sister in need of help. In such case we seem to be rich sinful beggars cause we do not share God's love. We all know the story of the poor cobbler who sat at the entrance of his hut all day waiting for his Lord to visit his poor dwelling. He had a humble meal kept aside for his Lord but ended up giving it to an old woman, and a pauper who came to his doorstep that day. "Where were you my Lord, and why did you keep me waiting all day long?" asked the poor cobbler in his prayer before going to bed. And the Lord answered, "Child, I visited you twice and you did satisfy my hunger."

Let us then serve the poor, the abandoned and the marginalised. The International day of the poor (November 19) decreed by the Holy Father Pope Francis reminds us that we need to have a special heart for the poor.

The Universal prayer 'The Our Father'



Pic: Mukesh Shah

TEACHER'S PEN

entails true caring and sharing when said in the plural as, 'Give us today our daily bread'. Let us not love in word or speech but in thoughts and deeds. Let us do this unconditionally, keeping a humble heart and avoid looking upon money and luxury as our goal. Let us prepare ourselves to shoulder social responsibilities despite our limitation with trust in God and his Divine grace.

"Do we need to live in order to gain things on Earth or give things away to gain heaven?" The choice is ours. So, let us not seek for ourselves more than what we need. May we have compassion for the poor. In the words of the Holy Father, Pope Francis: "Invest in love because what we invest in love remains, the rest vanishes."

May we do our very best in helping the underprivileged irrespective of whatever religion they belong to as a concrete sign of fraternity and universal brotherhood.

FIELD TRIP: Educating and inspiring young minds

UMANG ACHALIA, CLASS VII

Over 118 boys from the class VII were taken to the TOI (The Times of India) printing press on February 14. The students were welcomed warmly by the ever cheerful TOI team, and then taken to the conference room for the presentation. We were shown how the paper reels are unwrapped and all the basic things about the newspaper on the projector. It was

really thoughtful of the NIE organization to serve tea and biscuits to all the children. A big thank you to all of them.

The students were taken in a batch of 40 to the godown. The godown of TOI is about 200,000 sq/ft and 45,000 reels of paper are kept in the godown. One reel can be used to make 25,000-30,000 papers. TOI Airol prints 1, 50,000 copies a day. Students were told that Times of India has the best machines (Robot technology)

and everything is handled by the machines there. They have the best technology in India. Later, the student were shown the ink room where the secondary colours and mainly the black colours are kept. There are huge machines in the plant. A single paper is printed in less than 36.4 nano seconds. Next they were shown the room where the news is reported and where the editorial work is done. First the copy of the paper which is going to be printed for the next day

are first printed on dummy plates and then the ink which is needed in the proper proportion is decided by the super computer and then it fires up the ink and finally a complete paper is printed.

The students enjoyed their educational trip and it was time to head back to the school. The students expressed their gratitude to the school for giving them this wonderful opportunity. The children are eagerly waiting for their next trip.

PHOTO FEATURE

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR STAFF MEMBERS OF ST JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL, WADALA



WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES



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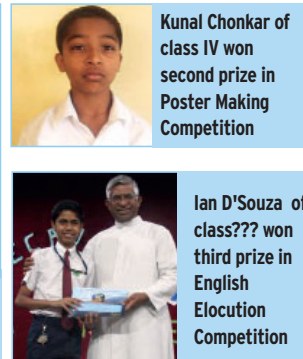
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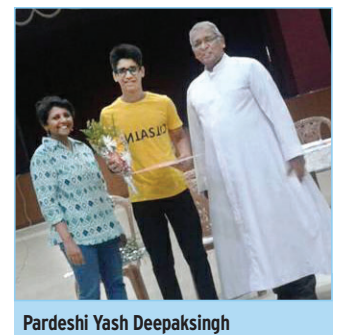
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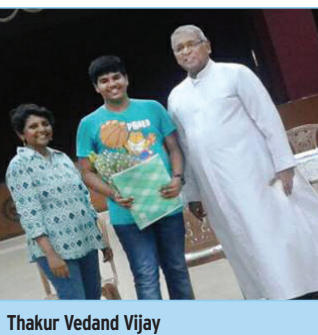
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