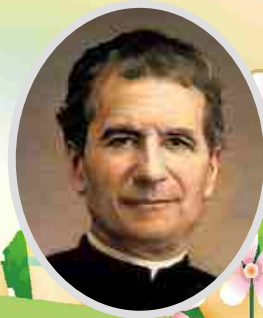


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FR. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Teachers and Students,

We have come to the end of another calendar year. End of the year also announces the great festival of Christmas. It's a feast celebrated by all, irrespective of caste, creed or colour. However, it's important that we go to the core of this festival. Christmas announces the birth of a child, the birth of Jesus Christ who brings peace and harmony to people.

Celebration of Christmas is preceded by 25 days of preparation which is called Advent, indicating the forthcoming feast of Christmas. This is the period during which people eagerly wait for Christmas. At Christmas the angels sang "peace to people of good will". Two categories of people were present at Christmas, the shepherds - the innocent and modest people, who lived very close to each other and were humble and simple; and the Wise men who came from the East

- learned and yet simple and humble, wisdom transforming them into better human beings.

The message of Christmas is "God loves the man and man reciprocates the love of God". To achieve this man has to become simple and humble, people of good will. Let this celebration of Christmas enable us become simple and humble and live in peace and harmony.

I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and may the New Year bring Hope, Joy and Love in the life of all. May the Lord let his light shine upon us and on all our near and dear ones.

Yours truly,

Fr. Siby Joseph Vadakel sdb
Principal
Don Bosco School, Bandel

From the Editors' Desk

Greetings to all!

Welcome to the December edition of our school newsletter, DBB BEAMS.

With small and steady steps, we have almost come to the end of the year 2021. Like a baby who, while learning to walk- trips and falls and again begins with a new hope and enthusiasm, we, too, are slowly and steadily returning to normalcy. Let's pray that our steps remain steady and strong.

This is a month of giving and sharing as Christmas is knocking at our doors.

Christmas is the season of joy, peace, and happiness. It is the special season set aside to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ who was sent to spread his message of love, tolerance and brotherhood. Though this was its original purpose, the celebration of Christmas has now grown to be a symbolic time for living in peace and love.

Christmas is essentially a reminder of why we should stick to the deepest parts of our humanity. That is, through celebration, we are reminded that we should share, give to the less privileged, spend time with loved ones and have a positive outlook about life in general.

So, while you get gifts and goodies for yourself, bring some for the ones who are not as privileged as you are. A smile and a sincere wish are more valuable than many other expensive things which money can buy.

Joy to the World! The Lord is come! Let Earth receive her king! Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing...

Wishing all of you Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

The Editorial Team
Ma'am Pronomita, Ma'am Nandini and Ma'am Reshmi.

THE TELEGRAPH SCHOOL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence is one of the most prestigious school awards since the day it was initiated. Like every year, this year too, Don Bosco School, Bandel received an invitation letter from The Telegraph Foundation to participate in this prestigious award event and the school accepted it gladly. Preparing the presentation for the different categories was a huge task and involved a lot of research work and dedication which was done with utmost honesty and sincere commitment. Finally, on 26th October 2021, The Telegraph Foundation organised the Award Ceremony on the Online mode and the results were announced.

We are extremely happy to inform all that **Don Bosco School, Bandel has received Certificate of Merit in the categories: Excellence in Academics and Excellence in Extra-Curricular Activities.** In the category, **Excellence in Maintenance and Eco-Friendly Initiatives, Don Bosco School, Bandel has received Certificate of Excellence.**

This has added new feathers in the hat of accolades that DBB has worn for years. We are extremely thankful to the School Management, the Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, the Students and Parents and all our well-wishers for their constant support and cooperation.



NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SURVEY IN DBB

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SURVEY was the largest, nationwide, sample-based education survey conducted on November 12, 2021 across India to provide structured feedback on students' learning levels.

This system-level assessment programme was also conducted in Don Bosco School, Bandel. Grades 5, 8 and 10 participated in it. A team of four members sampled thirty students from each grade. The students were given seats according to NAS IDs. General instructions relating to AT and PQ and filling of OMRs were given from 9.30 AM to 10.20 a.m. AT Booklets were distributed to the students, as per Control Sheet at 10.20 a.m. PQ was distributed to students of Grades 8 & 10 for attempting and Grade 5 be filled up in interactive mode. SQ and TQ were filled by the Head of the institution and twelve subject teachers.

While it was important to be a part of this survey conducted by the Ministry of Education, COVID safety protocols were maintained with utmost care.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION A DAY TO CELEBRATE CHILDHOOD

Children's Day in India is celebrated on 14th November every year. It speaks of children's rights, care and education apart from the tribute it offers to our first Prime Minister- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Typically, on this day, schools from all over India celebrate it through various programs.

Much like 2020, this year 2021 may also have breezed past amid the COVID-19 pandemic, but it didn't manage to ruin all of our celebrations. From virtual online classes to celebrating events virtually, these trying times have helped us evolve with technology. An online Children's Day Celebration was arranged for the students of the Senior Section to mark the event.

An official programme was held in our school to mark this day. It began with Ma'am Leena Shome giving a short speech followed by the lighting of the lamp by Father Rector, Teachers and the School Prefects. Following this, Father Principal Fr. Siby Vadakel delivered a very beautiful speech on the theme of Children's Day, its significance and the lessons to be learnt from the life of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. A short prayer service was also organized by our teachers to pray for the betterment of the children of our nation. It was followed by a fusion collage, "The Ray of the Rays" performed by our teachers as a means to pay tribute to the three great contributors of children's literature Upendra Kishore Ray Chowdhury, Sukumar Ray and Satyajit Ray. With this the official function came to an end.

We also received an online presentation from our class teachers. Several activities were held in this 30 minute of short celebration. Our class teacher started with some brain puzzling games where we got to learn several facts.

We were given the opportunity to showcase our skills in various activities like singing, recitation etc.

It was a great initiative taken by our school and to be honest, it was a much-needed refreshment in these times. These are really tumultuous times and sitting alone at home, we are bound to get depressed easily. So, we should learn to distract our minds and focus on the good things of life through these short celebrations enjoying every bit of our days as children.

Life is short and we should learn to get the maximum out of it. The best part of our life is the present time as this is the time we spend as a child with almost no stress on us except for studying. Cherishing these short joys is the key to a happy life and childhood is the best time to learn this.

I would like to thank Father Rector, Father Principal, all our teachers and all others who played an active part and helped to carry out this event successfully. Thank you for helping us to temporarily forget our hardships and giving us a chance to celebrate childhood.

Thanking you,

Yours obediently,

Rwitobroto Dey
School Vice Prefect.





BACK TO SCHOOL IN 2021: BEGINNING OF HYBRID - OFFLINE CLASSES

It has been a long time since, we, as students, have felt the rush to head for school. Nearly one and a half years in online mode has made us almost forget the glorious days. As we make our way to the school gate, memories rush in at a rate faster than a forest fire spreads and soon enough we are flooded with glimpses from a never-ending abyss of memories.....

But the COVID has left its permanent mark on the school. It made its presence known when our temperatures were checked and our hands were sanitized, signifying of an unknown future ahead. Nevertheless, it did not dampen our excitement and imminent happiness at being back to the school. We reached our classroom and kept our bags.... a pause.... all those days came back to us.... when we would rush to keep our bags and come down the stairs in a hurry to play. The green field beside is left untouched.... but sure, it has many stories to tell and many moments to replay.... the memories seem like a distant star...as if we can only see them but cannot go near them.

Then as we chat and try to make up for all the time lost, a sound rings in our ears.... the first assembly bell.... we are now in a loss as if not knowing where to stand or where to go.... soon enough our teachers direct us to stand in our lines.... and we stand in the line now taking in all the details.... the lesser number of students, the distance to be maintained, and our masks do remind us of the risk we are at now.... Our Respected Principal arrived at the podium and we took a prayerful posture.... but now the sync of the students seems broken in this one and a half years. The prayer and the school anthem rejuvenated our spirits. Fr. Principal gave us a hearty welcome-back message to school and advised us to maintain COVID protocols.

We headed back to our classrooms.... we were asked to sit on opposite sides of benches and of course, one student at one desk. All these and the computer at our teacher's desk gave a foreign feeling as we were not accustomed to this type of offline and hybrid classes. It's as if all our classroom vibes were lost....

At the end of the day, we headed back home wishing for our offline school time to be extended and hoping for the situation to improve so that we could go back to the good old days of mischief, fun, frolic and play.

- Susnata Maiti
Class-11C

DEBATE EVENT AT DBL : AGREE TO DISAGREE



Don Bosco School, Liluah organized an Inter-School Debate Competition, "Agree to Disagree", on the 20th of November, 2021. Our school participated in the event and I, Shaunak Saha was selected to represent the school in the same.

Deliberations, and fruitful exchange of perspectives mark the fundamental learning quality of every debate competition. Even in this competition, every debater participating deliberated in opposition or proposition to the motion of the house: "Professional Journalism is dying in India today." Issues pertinent to the world media fraternity in particular and the entire world population in general, such as yellow journalism, media sensationalization and media trials were brought up in the course of the debate. The house finally arrived at the conclusion that professional journalism is losing its sanctity and credibility owing to several factors as mentioned above, but several independent, freelancing journalists are on the rise too, who bear full commitment to the job and the sector.

Since this was a competition, there were merit awards too. We were elated to know that we bagged the **SECOND PRIZE** in the competition. It was indeed a learning experience which widened my perspective and made me understand the nuances of media functioning better.

- Shaunak Saha
Class -11 A
Cultural Prefect



LA CONCURRENCE : AN ONLINE INTER-SCHOOL FEST AT LA MARTINIÈRE FOR BOYS SCHOOL

On 30th September and 1st October 2021, La Martiniere for Boys School had organised an online Inter-School fest “La Concurrence” which involved the participation of 15 schools in 12 thrilling events. We witnessed neck-to-neck competition in this enthralling fest. It was really the finest stage to showcase our talents to the Judges in the presence of students of top schools of India and Dubai.

There were 15 students from Don Bosco School, Bandel who actively participated and gave their best to perform well in the fest. The students who were involved in the fest from DBB were- Sk Saheen Islam, Parthiv Mukherjee, Ankush Sanyal, Soumyaswapna Chakraborty, Priyansu Tripathi, Raghav Chaturvedi, Mayank Jhunjunwala, Soumya Dey, Richik Mukherjee, Abhipsa Das, Swapnomoy Ghosh, Debanjan Ghosh, Sayantan Sen, Shirsadip Das and Shaunak Saha.

The schools that participated in the fest were St. Xavier's Collegiate School, Don Bosco School, Liluah, La Martiniere for Girls School, St. James' School, Lilavatibai Poddar High School, Pratt Memorial School, Vasant Valley School, The Shri Ram School, Delhi Private School, Dubai, South City International School, Calcutta Boys International School, St. Lawrence High School, St. Joseph's Boys' High School and La Martiniere for Boys School. The Fest was very well organised by the Managing Committee of the La Martiniere for Boys School. Every aspect of the event was marshalled deftly by the organisers. An environment of healthy and enthusiastic competition with cordial atmosphere was maintained throughout the event.

Our school won the **FIRST PRIZE** in **La Dramatico (Nature-based Skit)** and **THIRD PRIZE** in **Nova (Hackathon)**. **MAYANK JHUNJUNWALA, SOUMYA DEY, RICHIK MUKHERJEE, ABHIPSA DAS** and **SWAPNOMOY GHOSH** were involved in La Dramatico's team from DBB. **SAYANTAN SEN** and **SHIRSADIP DAS** were involved in Nova's team from DBB. We also want to thank all the teachers in charge of the fest- Ma'am Twinkle Jain and Ma'am Devika Das Shaw, with special guidance from Sir Suryadip Mukherjee, Ma'am Deepannita Mondal, Ma'am Sreejita Sarkar and Sir Tamojit Chatterjee, who industriously supported and guided us throughout the fest so that we could gain an understanding of our respective events.

“La Concurrence” was an enriching fest which was really a great learning experience. It rejuvenated us to perform and compete to the best of our abilities. La Concurrence was a never a competition, but a Gala Day for all of us.

Raghav Chaturvedi
Class-11 B



ICSE & ISCE EXAM IN THE NEW FORMAT

As per the new rules of the Council and according to the need of the situation, the school has prepared the students for the ICSE and ISCE Examination in the new format. The Council had decided to hold the examinations in the MCQ Format and it is being done accordingly. Following all covid protocols, the students are appearing for the examination in the offline mode. In the academic session 2021-22, the number of students appearing for ISCE is 172 and the number of students appearing for ICSE is 180.

We pray so that our students may deliver their best in the exams. We wish them God's blessings.

BEING VACCINATED WITH THE SECOND DOSE AT DBB

A vaccination camp was organised by Don Bosco School Bandel in collaboration with AMRI hospital. The Siddhartha Sankar Roy foundation under the auspices of Mr. Rajesh Chirimar helped in the entire process. Rev. Fr. Siby, Principal of Don Bosco School Bandel, took the initiative and this time, the second dose of the vaccine was administered. 239 people were administered with the dose, out of which 182 were free of cost. The school as always, never fails to serve in times of need.

