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Wish you A Merry Christmas!

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*May the Spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
the gladness of Christmas give you hope,
the warmth of Christmas grant you love.*



SMC, MULUND:-

Bishop Ferdinand Fonseca, the retired Auxiliary Bishop of Mumbai, after spending fruitful years in our Parish, was ready to move out to make his next residence at Clergy Home, Bandra. Before



bidding us good-bye, he spent a day with us by giving us talks, listening to our confession, and concluding the day with the Eucharistic

celebration. We are indeed very grateful to you, Bishop Ferddie.

Ms. Amruta Kulkarni (Nutritionist) conducted a health camp for the staff, the focus of which was on Body Composition Analysis (which measures the weight, fat percentage, BMR, visceral fat) which would determine a person's health status and a general health survey.

Samrudhi Sanjay Yadav of Class V, a national level golf player, is chosen to play golf at the International level. Among 300 participants in Mulund Marathon, Ms. Valladares Diandra Dudely of Class IX stood first and won a trophy and a cash award of Rs.10,000 and Ms. Anisha shetty of Class VIII stood third and won a trophy and Rs. 5000 cash award. Congratulations! We are proud of you.

The month of November began with celebrations. Our students of Primary section anticipated their Diwali celebration with a beautiful and meaningful prayer-service conducted by Std. IV students.



The teachers of both Primary and Secondary section celebrated Childrens' Day with a lot of enthusiasm and joy. Our office staff came up with a comedy skit. It was a memorable day for our



students who thoroughly enjoyed watching their teachers' performances.

Sisters from other communities of ours joined us for the annual retreat directed by Fr. M.J. Thomas S.J. It was a time of silence and communion with God, our Abba, in prayer and contemplation. Thank you Fr. Thomas.

November was also a month of operations and surgeries. Sr. Georgia from Mittappally had a big hole in her ear drum which was repaired successfully. Sr. Lima's sister, Mini too underwent an ear operation. Sr. Prasanna had her spleenectomy. She is recuperating now. We felt blessed that we had an opportunity to serve our sick.

Many and varied potted plants were presented to Sr. Lima on her birthday.

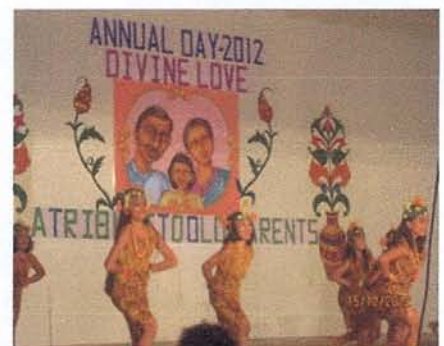


Srs. Lucia and Smitha attended the ABE meeting at Colaba to discuss matters regarding K.G. admissions and the appointment of new teachers.

S M A A R T (Ex-students' Association), MULUND has chosen January 30 as the Alumnae Day. Now they are excitedly preparing to make the first celebration of it a benchmark event.

15 December 2012, the Pre-Primary and Primary section had their Annual Day Programme.

Skits, dances and songs based on the Year's theme-DIVINE



LOVE – A TRIBUTE TO OLD PARENTS was performed by our talented blooming buds. Our parents and invitees enjoyed this lively and entertaining programme. One of the Grandparents, Dr. N. Krishnaswamy was our Chief Guest.

Secondary P.T. Display was on 21 December, 2012. The students put up a colorful display with



variety of Class-wise items which included Ring P.T., Fan P.T., Aerobics, Lezim, etc. They were judged for their performance. Besides we had the March Past, Pyramids and the outstanding Karate and Band performance. Mr. Damodar, the P.T.A. Vice-President was the Chief Guest on this Occasion.

To put the Parishioners in the mood of Christmas, we had the carol singing in the Church after the Mass at 7 p.m. 18 Dec. Along with the other choir groups, this year the Carmelites and we too formed a choir and sang

Hindi carols.

On the 22 December, we had Our Christmas prayer service, gift-exchange and funfair for the students, followed by a small prayer-service, gift-exchange and snacks for the staff.



We, the sisters at SMC, Mulund wish all our readers 'MERRY CHRISTMAS and a prosperous and bright NEW YEAR 2013.'



MARY WARD SADAN ,PUTHENVELIKKARA:-

October has been a special month dedicated to Mother Mary, having daily very meaningfully prepared Rosary in our parish church. Feast of St. Francis, and 75th Birthday of our dear sister Francisca were celebrated with great love and enthusiasm. Jyothir Bhavan Community joined us.

Sr. Francisca looks forward to the Golden Jubilee celebrations and so in preparation for the same, joined her group in Patna for a retreat. Our community will celebrate it on 2 February 2013, starting with the Holy mass at 11.00 a.m. You are cordially invited for the function.

All Saints' Day was a thanksgiving day, being grateful to the Lord for the saints who intercede for us daily.

In the evening the all the parishioners of our parish gathered together to remember the souls of those who went ahead of us. After the solemn High Mass, all proceeded to the beautifully decorated cemetery while reciting the Rosary, at the end of which the priest blessed all the graves. The finale of the day was a delicious dinner for all in conclusion of the special month of the rosary and rejoicing with all the saints.

We were privileged to have our Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Karikkasseri as the Chief Guest for our Annual Day function. All present enjoyed the programme. Congratulations to Sr. Sherly and all the staff.

Mary Ward Sadan wish you a very happy and grace- filled Christmas and a bright, promising New Year and assure you of our prayers.



Mary Ward School, Mittappalli

The students of our school belong to very poor families, yet our teachers were able to motivate them to extend a helping hand to some leprosy patients, collecting a meagre amount Rs. 41,666/- which was handed over to the organisation in Chennai. Thanks to our teachers and the students for your great sacrifice, to help these down trodden of the society. The children who contributed Rs. 300/- and above received a memento and a certificate.

The Childrens' Day was celebrated with a meaningful prayer service followed by various games for the children. Sr. Mercy related stories from Swami



Vivekananda's autobiography to the children. This was very inspiring and loaded with meaning for one's life.

Our Annual Day celebration was graced by our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius Durai Raj. He appealed to the students to be honest, hardworking and also to cooperate with the teachers to develop their hidden potentials.



SMC ALAKODE

The month of October was full of activities. Our Volleyball team came second among 13 teams. Our students displayed at city bus stand, charts and posters depicting the evils of drug abuse.

On World Food Day, our students were encouraged to bring rice or money for rice, in



order to distribute to the poor. The response was good, they collected 11 quintals of rice and Rs. 7,000/-

On the following days, teachers, sisters and students were seen busy going to various charitable institutions to distribute what they had collected.

Our Panchayat President inaugurated a free eye camp in the school, organised by the Parent Teacher



Association (PTA). Nearly 50% of our students were found needing further eye care.

The community made a pilgrimage to the miraculous shrine of St. Theresa of Avila at

Mahe. Srs. Amala and Mahima visited the home of our late Sr. Tarsilla and met the families of three of her brothers, which they really appreciated.

An Orientation programme for parents was arranged by P.T.A. Our parish priest Fr. Antony inaugurated it and Mr. Venugopal from Kasargod was the resource person. The parents much appreciated it.

The school celebrated Kerala Day on Nov. 1. Our students went on a "tree plantation" march to various places in the neighbourhood.

Our Teachers put up a very meaningful prayer service and a very entertaining cultural programme for our students on Children's Day.



A "munch" added to the students' happiness.



Srs. Gladys and Amala joined the retreat in Mulund. Balajanasakhyam organized a "value awareness" camp in our school in which many schools participated.



Mary Ward Convent, Pizhaku

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated by planting trees and cleaning the courtyard. We celebrated the Feast and Birth day of our sisters (Sr. Ursula, Sr. Daisy and Sr. Vidya). An Orientation programme for our high school students and for their parents were conducted by YMCA from Kottayam. Whole school took active part in a ten day Rosary devotion in the month of October. On the last day, we had Holy Mass and the students with lighted candles went in procession to the grotto and sang hymns to our Blessed Mother.



Class X students and teachers along with Srs. Suma and Vidya visited the cancer patients of Navajeevan at Kottayam on 23 October, shared a fellowship meal, distributed sweets and cakes and donated Rs. 10,000/- to their trust.



An Interschool 'talent fest' was conducted at Thodupuzha, out of the 26 schools participated,



the NPS won the overall championship trophy. Our students secured individual championship and trophies.

Pala Diocesan Alcohol and Drug Addicts Research Centre had prepared model of a helicopter with defence army and students protesting against the Alcohol Mafia. The students marched to Chief Minister's residence at Kottayam and proceeded to different schools and made the students to take an oath against alcoholism.



On 14 November, Children's day was celebrated as Sports Day. A number of our students proved their sportsmanship spirit. The teachers conducted a prayer service with a prayer dance. The PTA distributed sweets to them.

The accomplishment of the Annual P.T Display on December 5 is one of our greatest achievements in the year 2012. Staff and



students proudly declared that NPS is the best with their performance. Auxiliary Bishop of Pala Mar. Jacob Murickan and Chief Whip of Kerala

Legislative Assembly Sri. P.C. George inaugurated the function.

On December 8, the community and the school celebrated the feast of Srs. Anisha and Suma. The students wished them with flowers and prayers and entertained them.

All of us except Sr. Ursula attended the Pala Diocesan Bible Convention at Bharananganam St. Alphonsa Nagar from 19-23 December, conducted by Fr. Xavier Khan Vattayil. Two of our school buses took our parishioners to attend the convention.

After the Christmas celebrations, the school closed on 22 Dec. to open on 2 January, 2013

Mary Ward community at Pizhaku wishes you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, 2013.



*Nava Spurthi wishes
all its readers
peace and joy in the New Year.*

