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NEWS LETTER

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*“Thirty days has September,
April, June, and November,
All the rest have thirty-one,
Save February at twenty-eight,
But leap year, coming once in four,
February then has one day more.”*

Greetings Parents and Students,

November, the eleventh and penultimate month of the year, is the last of the four months, which have 30 days. In India, it is a shoulder season with the passing of the monsoon and the beginning of the pleasant winter months. However, things at Dawn were not so sedate. There were activities in galore to keep us on our toes. We invite you to follow us on our journey through the month via the sixth issue of our newsletter.

KERALA PIRAVI

Kerala Day, also referred to as Kerala Piravi, marks the formation of the state of Kerala with the merger of the three Malayalam-speaking regions: Malabar, Cochin and Travancore on November 1st, 1956.



To promote the culture and linguistic identity of the state among the Dawnites, a special assembly in Malayalam was organised by the Malayalam department on **November 1st, 2022**. A recitation of Vyloppilli's famous poem "*Mambazham*,"



enactment of popular fictitious characters from Malayalam literature, such as *Indulekha*, *Madhavan* and *Pareedkunju*, and a folk-style "*Karshaka dance*" by the small kids formed part of this event.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

"Travel, in the younger sort, is a part of education; in the elder a part of experience," - Francis Bacon (generally regarded as the first major English essayist) in his essay 'Of Travel.'

LKG & UKG and Grades 1 to 4 students went to Sparky's theme park located in Lulu Mall, Kochi on **October 27th, 2022**. The kids were taken on the rides and provided food and water by the Sparky's team. Dawn kiddies enjoyed the day-long trip immensely and returned in



the afternoon tired but a happy lot.

Grades 5 to 8 students, on the other hand, dashed off for a tour of **Wonderla Amusement Park** located in the suburbs of Kochi on **November 3rd, 2022**. Two scores of children accompanied by half a

dozen teachers reached the venue in the morning and were warmly greeted by the Wonderla staff, who briefed them about the precautions to be taken. The morning wore off with land rides, while the afternoon was spent on water rides. Gathering

many memories and with their energy spent, the group returned in the evening completely exhausted yet contended.

Grades 9 to 12, however, went for their annual tour to **Coorg in Karnataka**. Starting from the school in the early hours of **November 3rd**, the group reached their



destination in the evening. Live location was shared in the tour group for the parents to track their wards' journey. After a night's rest, the travelers visited some tourist spots on the next day. The seniors also enjoyed the Musical Fountain Show and a live DJ performance in the evening. The company started on their return trip on **November 5th** and reached school late into the night.

EXTRAMURAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

“When there is a World Cup the world stops, the country stops, everyone is hugging each other, whether old or young, everyone stops just to enjoy the football”- Hulk



With the FIFA World Cup 2022 fever dominating everybody's psyche, our peers, The Choice School, too, jumped into the bandwagon to organise a football tournament. Thirteen of our students participated in the **U-17 Choice Cup Football Match** held on

Choice's home turf on **November 8th, 2022**, and played in the seven-a-side game. With this event, Dawn students got a startup for extramural activities.

IFSE EXAM (MATHS OLYMPIAD)

“What is mathematics? It is only a systematic effort of solving puzzles posed by nature.” — Shakuntala Devi

Dawn students, interested in Mathematics, had a wonderful opportunity to showcase their math skills when the Maths department conducted the **IFSE exam** on **October 18th, 2022**. In a small ceremony on **November 18th, 2022**, the exam results were announced and the certificates distributed to the participants. Teachers also informed the gathering that two Dawnites had received certificates for commendable performance and three had received certificates for appreciation.

WORLD SCIENCE DAY

Celebrated every November 10th, World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives.



Dawn's Science department organised a **2-day World Science Day programme**. On **November 10th, 2022**, a 'Science riddle' competition and a 'Picture Puzzle' competition were conducted across different categories. On **November 11th, 2022**, students of the Science Club presented new terms and thoughts related to Science Day. A skit based on the history of the periodic table was performed. Science teachers also regaled the students with their various fun experiments.

EXAM STRESS MANAGEMENT



“Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.” – John Wooden

From childhood, we keep hearing that education is the only key that can make your life better and can give you a good standard of living. This fear of pursuing and

completing your education with good marks can sometimes end up having lots of fear. Some students get nervous because of their past failures. They always have the fear of exam in their mind. To help Dawn students start with their exam preparation, an **interactive session and a meditation session** was conducted at school by **Counsellor Mr. Arun Sasi on November 11th, 2022** in the afternoon.

RAJAGIRI KID'S FEST 2022

“The best way to make children good is to make them happy.” – Oscar Wilde

Selected tiny tots of Dawn participated in the **Annual Inter-Kindergarten Cultural Fiesta** organized by **Rajagiri Public School, Kalamassery on November 12th, 2022**. The kiddies happily took part in various competitive events and returned with **Certificates of Participation** and bags full of goodies.



UNIT TESTS/EDEXCEL EXAMS

“Examinations are the only way to know something at least for a few days.”

Dawn conducted its **second Unit Test for Grades 1 to 12** between **November 7th and 15th, 2022** and its **Edexcel Pre-Board Exams** between **November 14th and 28th, 2022** for the students. Both set of exams were conducted uneventfully.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR EDEXCEL STUDENTS

*"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."
- St. John Damascene*



Keeping this in view, the **teachers of Grades 10A, 11A and 12A** conducted a short prayer service for their students, who will be appearing for their **IGCSE and IAL Board Exams in January, 2023**. Titled ***Oremus* (Latin for Let us pray)**, it commenced with a hymn, reading from the scriptures, lighting of the candle and a prayer recitation by students. This was followed by an addresses by **Smitha Ma'am (Principal CBSE)** and **Rani Ranjitha Ma'am (Principal Edexcel International)**. The prayer concluded with students' seeking blessings from their principals and teachers.

CHILDREN'S DAY

November 14th is celebrated as Children's Day (aka Bal Diwas) in India to remember the birth anniversary of its first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (fondly known as Chachaji by children). The day stands for the rights of children and raises awareness on the need to get them educated, as they form the future of the country.



So, the **Kindergarten department** of Dawn came together to give a surprising display of their talents on **November 14th, 2022**. The programme started with a floral tribute to Chachaji by the kids. A student dressed up in Nehru's favourite attire came forward and gave a wonderful speech. This was followed by scintillating individual performances and mesmerizing group events that gave a glimpse of the talents to bloom in the future of our country.

WORLD KINDESS DAY

"How do we change the world? ONE RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS AT A TIME." — Morgan Freeman. Fantasy is a big, beautiful world. To activate our children's imagination, we take them

to this wonderful world right from the beginning. It is our prerogative to expose our children to the difference between fantasy and reality.

On **November 15th, 2022**, Grades 7, 8 and the Literary Club students walked into such a reality under the aegis of our Language Department. As part of World Kindness Day, Dawn paid a **visit to the residents of Karunalayam in Kakkanad**. Meeting and interacting with the 120 elderly and destitute was an eye-opener for our kids, who



met the aged that were not so physically and mentally stable. Dawn kids and teachers concluded the visit by distributing the items that were collected for them at school. It was a sombre group that returned to school.

Commemoration of World Kindness Day continued on **November 16th, 2022** at school with a Special Assembly in the morning and a few competitions in the afternoon. To hit home the message of *la gentillesse* (kindness in French) to the students, they were



introduced to **Mother Teresa**, who is the very epitome of kindness to the poor and the needy. Placards conveying different acts of kindness were displayed and explained for further enlightenment. A dance performance by the students also explained the need for kindness. The highlight of the morning was, undoubtedly, **the felicitation of the 'Aunties'**, the supporting staff of the school for their untiring efforts in maintaining a clean and green school and surrounding. The afternoon resonated as the children went about busy as a bee to compete in colouring and card making competitions for Juniors and **'String of Kindness' display** competition for seniors.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

“All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, all play and no work makes Jack a mere toy.” Children require both mental and physical stimulants for their holistic development and growth.

On the bright sunny morning of **November 25th, 2022**, the Dawnites converged on to



the school turf to conduct the Annual Sports Meet. **Mr. Asia 2022 Silver Medalist Mr. Ambareesh Kochukarippal** graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest**. He hoisted the Olympic flag and declared the meet open. The Olympic torch relay by the three house captains was followed by the colourful Marchpast. An ensemble of skillful displays, like aerobics, hula hoops, yoga, karate and free hand exercises, followed thereafter.

The ensuing track events rewarded the spectators with agonizing as well as joyful moments. The meet came to an end with the Prize Distribution ceremony, lowering of the flag and the rendition of the National Anthem. It was a tired but a happy crowd that turned homewards.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION DAY

National Constitution Day (aka National Law Day) was observed all over India on November 26, 2022 to mark the 73rd anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly.



Our Social Science Department, too, commemorated the same in Dawn on **November 30th, 2022**. A special assembly was conducted, which included the **recital of the National pledge, the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution and the rendition of the National Anthem**. This was followed by a melodious song on the preamble and a scintillating dance on patriotism. In the afternoon, a paper collage competition for Grades 6-12 was also held.

