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Quarterly News Letter of Don Bosco School, Guwahati

From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents, Teachers, well-wishers and Bosconians,

The scholastic year that began on 4th April, 2022 has almost come to an end. We always remain indebted to the Almighty for all His blessings and to the people who have made the days happy and fruitful. Whatever we have achieved and received should enable us to move forward with greater enthusiasm and determination to excel higher. This issue of the 'Bosco Times' gives you a glimpse of the days and events in our school from October 2022 to March 2023. Several events had taken place and we have made them memorable for all those who have been part of those events. I thank everyone – staff and students, for the successful execution of those events. When we work together, the outcome is great and admirable.

Regards

Fr. Sebastian Mathew, SDB
Principal

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS'

The Don Bosco Society of Salesian fathers and brothers celebrated its 100 years of service in Northeast India from 1922 to 2022. To mark the centenary the Salesian society organized a three day celebration at Don Bosco School Guwahati, where Salesian fathers, brothers and sisters from all around the world were



present. The celebrations commenced when the Rector Major Father Angel Fernandez Arttime inaugurated the centenary monument on 24th October 2022. He was welcomed with the rhythmic beats of the dhol and the vibrant bihu dance steps performed by the bosconians. Students dressed up in beautiful folk costumes of the different regions of the Northeast gave a warm welcome to the Rector Major. The celebrations were concluded on 26th October 2022, where a cultural program was organized and the various centenary awards were distributed. Among the many wonderful performances, a beautiful Sattriya dance was also performed by the middle and high school students of Don Bosco School Guwahati. This was orchestrated by Ma'am Reema Sharma, Ma'am Bijalakshmi Baruah and Ma'am Sharmi Chakraborty. This celebration stood as a testament to the innumerable acts of service of the Salesian society over the years and a promise to continue this motion and improve in the future.

Garyashi Kashyap, 10A



THE ANNUAL DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

“Life is a canvas”. It is we who choose the colours to paint this canvas and create a beautiful masterpiece. The Annual day acts as a platform to the students to showcase their talents and explore their maximum potential. Our school encourages the creative mindset of the children and gives them the opportunity to explore what they truly love and discover what they want to do. The preparations for this “big day” started a month back and the whole school was bustling with activities like beating of the drums, the strumming of the guitars, tapping of the feet, the rhythmic tinkling of the anklets.

The long awaited annual day function for the scholastic year 2022-23 was finally held on 24th and 25th of November 2022. It was a two day cultural event held after a gap of nearly 3 years due to the lockdown and the widespread of COVID- 19 pandemic. The programme was quite an engrossing and intriguing experience for all the students. There were energetic yet graceful dances, mesmerizing and soul soothing songs and fantastic acts.

On the first day, the chief guest was Most Rev. John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati and the guest of honour for the programme was Kimnei Changsan, ACS, additional security of the Government Of Assam.

While on the second day, the Chief Guest was Fr. Januarius S. Sangma, SDB, Provincial, Selesians of Guwahati Province and the guest of honour was Anurag Agarwal, IPS, Assam Police.

The audience was fascinated and thrilled by the performances of the students. With the able guidance of the teachers and the cooperation of the students, the Annual Day was a great success.

Rishika K. Konwar, 8A, Shakeel Ahmed and Manavraj Chaudhry, 7A



THE PRE- CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

22nd December, 2022, was the day when Don Bosco school, Guwahati, got together to celebrate the Pre- Christmas celebration. The celebration began with invoking God's blessings. Our Principal, Rev Fr Sebastian Mathew SDB shared his words of wisdom about the essence of Christmas. We enjoyed the tableau displayed by the students of the four houses- Bezbaruah, Bordoloi, Lachit and Phukan, depicting the birth of Lord Jesus, this was followed by the lovely Carols sung by the students and distribution of chocolates by our own Santa Claus. The celebration ended with our dear Principal declaring the winners of the Classroom decorations and the tableau competition.

- Swarnali

Winners of Class room decoration:



Class- **KG B**



Class- **2 B**



Class- **4 C**



Class- **5 A**



Class- **6 C**



Class- **7 D**

Tableau Competition result:



Winner: **Lachit house**



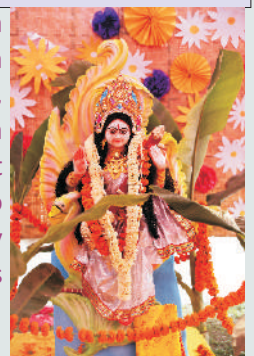
Runner up: **Phukan House**



SARASWATI PUJA

The Hindu Goddess Saraswati symbolizes knowledge and learning. Naturally, for a place of learning, the Puja of Goddess Saraswati is important. Our school celebrates this festival every year. This year, Saraswati Puja incidentally took place on the same day as the one on which our country became a Republic. In the morning, we had a celebration for the Republic Day. From 11 am the School was open to all who had visited the Puja site decorated by many talented students of our school and wanted to have the prasad. Numerous student volunteers served the prasad to everyone. Till the evening, our teachers and volunteers worked tirelessly to serve prasad to all the devotees. Finally, by 5 O' clock in the evening, everyone had been served and the day ended after cleaning the School grounds. Bosconians want to extend our gratitude to the school authorities for hosting this celebration with warmth and dedication.

Agrima Singh, 9D



CHILDREN'S DAY



November 14th is celebrated as Children's day in remembrance of India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Lal Nehru. Celebrating children's day after such a long gap due to Covid felt exhilarating. The program was full of fun and enjoyment. All the performances were marvellous. The play enacted by our dear Father Joseph Mung and the teachers of upper primary was very entertaining and



delightful. The songs and dance performances by the teachers were quite entertaining. The program ended with high spirits and jubilation. The hard work and efforts of all our dear teachers were commendable which made the day memorable. Aarhi Rajkhowa (7 A)

CLASS- X PICNIC

We, the students of class- X were taken for a picnic on 10th December, 2022 to Don Bosco University, Tapesia. All the students assembled in the school basketball court at 7:00am. We prayed and boarded the bus at 7:30am. Our Principal, Vice- Principal, teachers and support staff accompanied us. After having breakfast there we spent quality time playing games, clicking pictures, dancing and singing. We were then served lunch, and then we went to explore the beautiful landscape of the campus of Don Bosco University. After having a wonderful time amidst nature with fun and frolic, good food, friends and teachers, we returned back to school at around 5:00pm. We all had a wonderful time together. Suhasini Singh, 10 A



ANNUAL SPORTS DAY



On 19th and the 20th of January, 2023, Don Bosco School, Guwahati organised its Annual Sports Day. The event first started with the inauguration ceremony which took place in the school's spacious playground. The Chief Guests were Dr. Ashwini Sharma, Mr. Kamini Sharma a school football coach, Father Sebastian Mathew, Father Pau Lian M Joseph and retired teacher of our school, Mr. Samuel Vijay Kumar. The inauguration ceremony started with the hoisting of the sports flag by Dr. Ashwini Sharma. It was followed with our Principal Father Sebastian Mathew and Dr. Ashwini Sharma's speech. A special event that was the lighting of the torch was also carried out. The torch was carried out by students competed at the national and international level. The very first event was the Inter-House Parade competition which was judged by Father Joseph, Sir Kamini and Sir Samuel. After this event students of classes 8,9,11 accompanied by their teachers, were taken to the SAI field. Events classes KG to 4 were held in the schools auditorium and basketball ground. For classes 5,6,7 events were held in the football ground.

On 19th January 2023 students of classes 8,9,11 took part in the various activities such as the 100m dash, 200m dash, 400m dash etc students of each house competed with their best energy and spirit.

On 20th January 2023 the finals of the various events were held. The finals were a breathtaking event. Students competed with the best of the best to win for their respective houses. At around 1:00 pm the finals were over which was followed by the prize distribution ceremony. The closing ceremony was held at around 1:45 pm, thereby announcing the Annual Sports Day for the year 2022-2023 closed.

Rashika Agarwal, 9A

Celebrating REPUBLIC DAY DON BOSCO SCHOOL, GUWAHATI



Republic Day India became a true democracy on the 26th January, 1950 as the constitution of free India came into force with effect from this day. Republic Day is a red-letter day for our country and therefore it is celebrated with a lot of zeal and spirit in every nook and corner of our country. Our school, Don Bosco Senior Secondary School, Panbazar also celebrated this special day with great éclat. All the students gathered in the galleries of the football field. The day started with the ritualistic prayers after which our Principal Rev, Fr, Sebastian Mathew addressed the gathering. The Chief Guest for the celebrations was Mr. Rahul Das,

ACS, Managing Director of the ASTC. The address was followed by felicitation of the dignitaries. Then there was the formal hoisting of our National flag which was accompanied by a mighty roar of our National Anthem. The Bosconians of our School, following an age-old tradition, performed a March Past instilling a sense of patriotism in all those watching. The March Past was followed by a melodious performance of a patriotic number by a group of Bosconions trained by the Sir Papu Gohain and an enlivening dance performance by young Bosconions trained by Ma'am Reema Sharma. The Chief Guest then addressed the gathering, imparting valuable lessons for our Bosconions. The address was

followed by the declaration of the Best House and the Best Athletes. The program eventually concluded with the school Anthem and the delivery of the Vote of thanks by Rev Fr. P.L.M. Joseph.

Rudhwan Hussain, 8D

DON BOSCO FEAST

"It's not enough to have the children, it is necessary that they are aware that they are loved".

This quote by Saint John Bosco represents the true spirit of our Don Bosco finally.

John Bosco, also known as Giovanni Melchiorre Bosco, was born in Becchi, Italy, on August 16, 1815. At the age of two, John lost his father, leaving him and his two older brothers to be raised by his mother, Margherita. His "Mama Margherita Occhiena" would herself be declared venerable by the Church in 2006. Raised primarily by his mother, John attended Church and also helped his family grow food and raise sheep. Despite of their poverty, his mother found enough to share with the homeless who sometimes came to the door seeking food, shelter, or clothing.

At the age of nine, when John got into a brawl with his friends, a man appeared who looked like Jesus. He said "you will have to win these friends of yours not with blows, but with gentleness and kindness. So, begin right to show them that sin is ugly and virtue beautiful. At that moment, a Lady of majestic appearance also beckoned him to her. All the children vanished and, in their place, he saw many animals like goats, cats, and variety of others. Taking his hand with great kindness, she said, "look, this is the field where you must work. Make yourself humble, steadfast, and strong. And what you will see happen to these animals you will have to do for my children." He looked again, the wild animals had turned into many lambs- gentle, playful lambs, bleating a welcome for them. At that point, little John Bosco started to cry and begged the lady to explain what it all meant. She then placed her hand on his head and said "In due time everything will be clear to you. "After she had spoken those words, John woke up only to realize that it was a dream. Everyone needs a dream, a vision that challenges oneself. This is the dream that shaped the entire life of Saint John Bosco. To be a priest, John required an education, something he lacked because of poverty. However, he found a priest, willing to provide him with some education but John's older brother became angry at this apparent disloyalty, and he reportedly whipped John saying he's "a farmer like us!".



ANNUAL STAFF PICNIC

On 7th January, 2023, the Staff of Don Bosco School, Guwahati took a road trip to "Lake Paradise Campground" at Lumdynri. Zero Point, Meghalaya, for the Annual picnic.. The journey to the picnic spot was quite a memorable one. After reaching, we had a filling breakfast and then went to explore the fascinating landscapes around the Campground. The mind and soul felt at peace after spending time there. A delicious lunch was well laid out and it became more enjoyable with the musical performances by the Staff members. These wonderful moments were captured and preserved for a lifetime. Though the Picnic was for a day, the memories will linger on forever.



Deepsikha Baruah

EXTRAORDINARY VISITATION



On the 6th of February, 2023, the entire school gathered in the auditorium to give a warm welcome to Rev. Father Chalissery George SDB who had come from Zambia to visit our institution on behalf of the Rector Major as part of extraordinary visitation.

The programme commenced with singing of hymns by the students of primary section guided by Sir Papu Gohain. After felicitation, respected Principal Rev. Father Sebastian Mathew delivered the welcome speech for the honoured guest. Thereafter, the students of Secondary and Senior Secondary section mesmerized the audience with a musical performance guided by Dr Manash Pratim Sir followed by a Sattriya dance rendition guided by Ma'am Sharmi Chakraborty and Ma'am Bijaylaxmi Baruah. After the entertaining performances, our chief guest Rev. Father Chalissery George SDB gave a short speech and encouraged the students with his words of wisdom. The programme ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Rev. Father PLM Joseph, Vice-Principal. Later, Rev. Father Chalissery George SDB had an interactive session with the faculties of Don Bosco School.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FATHER



The birthday of our Reverend principal Father Sebastian Mathew was celebrated on 1st March, 2023 during the morning assembly. He was offered phulaam gamuchas and bouquets by the students of all sections from classes KG to 12. Led by Sir Papu Gohain, students sang the birthday song to wish him and parish priest Father Vincent Xalxo recited a lovely shayari in honour of the principal. One student representative gave a short speech eulogizing him and his service to the school. Sir Suman Dutta wished father on behalf of the teaching staff and thanked him for his dedicated service to the institution. Later sweets were distributed among the students in the classrooms. When exams got over the staff members gathered in Mama Margaret auditorium for the cake cutting ceremony

along with Jolly ma'am and Ellora ma'am who also share their birthdays with father. A birthday gift from the staff was presented to Fr. Sebastian by Phulkan sir and Suman sir. In the end Father Sebastian spoke briefly and thanked everyone for their help and support towards him over the years.

Ahaan L Gautam, 5D

FAREWELL

"EVERY NEW BEGINNING COMES FROM SOME OTHER BEGINNINGS END" A farewell get together was organised by the class 11 students on 11th January 2023 for the outgoing class 12 students. Our seniors were welcomed to the programme with handmade cards. The farewell function commenced with an address by our principal, who imparted his wisdom to the students and guided them towards the right part so that they may make the institution proud. The function kick started with a melodious song by the students of science stream. Thereafter, there was a spate of dance and laughter. The students of commerce section presented a Western dance adding a fast beat to the whole show. The Humanities section students performed a Bhangra that enthralled the gathering with their rhythmic dance steps. Our seniors enjoyed every performance. One of our seniors came on the stage and spoke about her



sweet memories of school days conveyed her gratitude towards the teachers and love towards her juniors. The Vice Principal inspired the students with his inspiring speech and ended the programme with the vote of thanks. At last, refreshments were served to all the seniors. The ceremony ended with wishes of good luck shared by all.

Harshita Jain, 11E

14th NATIONAL BOSCOREE: SAVE OUR PLANET HOME



The 14th National Boscoree was held at the Assam Don Bosco University campus in Tapesia, Sonapur, on the outskirts of Guwahati, from December 29th, 2022, to January 3rd, 2023, **BOSCOREE** is a gathering of Scouts and Guides from Salesian Institutions from all over India with Don Bosco, the patron saint and Baden Powell, the founder of Scout Movement, as the mentor and inspirational icons. It was five day campaign provided all the Scouts and Guides an opportunity to experience and learn various activities of adventure, skills and discipline. Approximately 3000 boy scouts and girl guides attended this mega event. We the students started our journey to

Don Bosco University, Tapesia on 29th Dec at 12.00 pm and reached there around 2.00 pm. It was a very fun experience of showcasing our talents, our tradition and what we learnt from scouting and guiding. One thing I liked the most was the Pageant-O-Rama cum Boscoree March in which all the scouts and guides had a rally in our traditional dress and explored the whole Don Bosco University while singing and dancing. There were various competitions and we won 4 awards. We got 1st prizes in Skill-O-Rama (Painting), Boscoree Anthem Dance, Poem Recitation Competition and 2nd prize in Cultural Dance Competition. We would like to thank Fr. Sebastian and Fr. Joseph for providing us an opportunity and Lazar Sir for his great effort.

Didriksha Bhuyan, 7B

AN ELECTION SCENE

Electrol Literacy Club (ELC) Body members' election

The Election Commission of India took a very righteous initiative of establishing Electoral Literacy Clubs (EELCs) across all secondary and Senior Secondary Schools in India, to create awareness about voting as well as electrol participation amongst young and future voters Don Bosco School, Panbazar has ben fortunate enough to be included under such a prestigious schedule.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Shibani Dutta Choudhury and Mrs. Sangita Chakraborty, who were allotted as Nodal Officers of the ELC, 11 candidates from Secondary & Senior Secondary section contested the executive-board elections held on the 15th of February, 2023.

Prior to the election day, electrol campaigns were conducted by the contesting candidates along with their union supporters in the High School and Higher Secondary sections during break time.

The school auditorium was set up as the polling station / booth. Students of 8, 9 and 11, cast their votes to their preferable candidates on the ballot paper.alongwith Teachers of Secondary and Senior Secondary, and Principal Fr. Sebastian Mathew The School followed the FPTP (First Past the Post system) for conducting the election . The election results were announced on 17th February, 2023 . Noreen Rahman Barooah of class 11E was declared as the winner with a majority of 129 votes. The subsequent winners are enlisted below in descending order.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Noreen Rahman Barooah | 2. Arihana Deka | 3. Harshita Jain | 4. Tanisha Ghosh |
| 5. Meghali Jalan | 6. Yeshvir Alam Islam | | |

Rashmita Kalita, 11E



PRAYER SERVICE

The solemn all-faith prayer service for the outgoing students of classes XII and X was held at the Mama Margaret auditorium on the evening of February 10th and 17th respectively. As the students assembled in the auditorium along with their parents. Vice Principal Fr. Joseph Mung welcomed everyone followed by a very brief meditation session, A prayer song, "Welcome Holy Spirit" was sung by the students, after which the lighting of the ceremonial lamp led by school Principal Fr. Sebastian Mathew along with a guardian, a student and the senior most teacher of the respective sections took place. This was followed by reading of the Holy Scriptures from various faiths, after which Fr. Sebastian Mathew addressed the gathering. Finally all the teachers got on to the stage and blessed the students by singing the hymn "Showers of Blessings". The evening ended with the issue of Board Admit Cards and refreshments being served at the school basketball court.



Saikh Md. Sabah Al-Ahmed

LAURELS & ACCOLADES

EVO Tech was held in Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti school on 21st and 22nd October, 2022. Many schools participated and our school performed well in various competitions held. The winners in different categories are-

IT Quiz [Winners]



**Tirus Barbaruah &
Krishnav Kakati (Class-**

Website Designing [Winners]



**Nabarun Dutta Talukdar &
Nilabh Sarmah (Class- 12)**

Photography [Runner Up]



**Anchit Baruah
(Class- 10)**

Event Videography [Runner Up]



**Subhradeep Paul &
Anurag Bhattacharya**

Programming [Runner Up]



**Unmilan Das
(Class- 12)**

International Day of Persons with Disability is celebrated on 3rd December. A painting competition was organized in Regional Science Centre on this day this year. Don Bosco School was one of the many schools that participated, and it managed to bag many awards-

Group A

1st – Shrija Dey (Class- 6)

2nd – Shreya Sarma (Class -7) &
Sujash Basumatary (Class- 6)

3rd – Himav Jyoti Kashyap (Class- 6) &
Deeptangshu Chatterjee (Class- 6)



From L to R:

**Himav Jyoti Kashyap, Deeptangshu Chatterjee,
Shrija Dey, Shreya Sarma, Sujash Basumatary**

CORRIGENDUM

In the last issue of Bosco Times, the name of the honourable Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup (Metro), Dr. Pallav Gopal Jha was wrongly printed as Dr. Pallb Kumar Jha. The inadvertent error is regretted.

Group B:

2nd – Bharvi Sarma & Shreyasi Paul (Class- 8)

3rd – Toshani Tonaya Devi & Shrishti Sarma (Class-



ACHIEVEMENTS

**Rahul Sen
Class : 2C**

Title of the award : 1st
International open full contact
karate championship2023
Position : Second
Held on Guwahati on 7th and 8th
January 2023



CONDOLENCES

- Mrs Bharati Kakati, mother of Mrs Prashanti K. Dutta, left for her heavenly abode on 9th October, 2022.
- Mrs Halima Khatoon, mother of Mrs Farida Rashad, passed away on 18th November, 2022.
- Mr Kumud Chandra Das, father of Mrs Pranami Das left for his heavenly abode on 5th November, 2022.
- Mr S.K.Chakma, father of Jattan Chakma (Class- 7A), passed away on 2nd January, 2023.

We, the staff and the students of Don Bosco School, Guwahati extend our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families and pray for eternal peace to the departed soul.

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