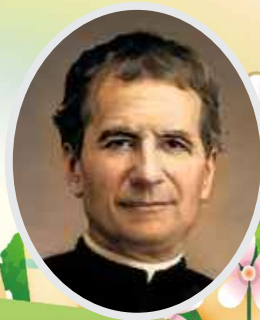


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FR. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Students and Well-wishers,
Happy New Year 2025.

As we stand at the dawn of a new year, we all look forward with hope, positivity, eagerness and resourcefulness to welcome it. This is the right attitude with which we ought to welcome yet another chapter of our life.

Yet, as people who introspect, we find that our mindset is always in this mode whenever we are faced with new situations and events. As days pass by, we get back into the same routine of lethargy, negativity, passivity and pessimism to mention a few. Why does it happen this way? Is there a way

we can get out of this vicious circle and walk on the road to progress and prosperity?

I dare to propose that we become more pragmatists, and set goals that are more achievable. Students need to set a study routine for their weekdays and holidays, set time for hobbies, specified periods for reading and personal time for reflection and prayer, set time apart for physical activities, getting rid of negative influences and forging new constructive and positive influences, thus paving a new pathway to progress and personal development.

New Year is like a pruning time in our personal lives. It's the time to cut away the extra growth, clean up the parasites that are growing on us, trim the useless twigs and nurture the fruit bearing branches. As you embark in this new phase, I wish you all success in your endeavours to make 2025 fruitful and productive.

Yours truly,

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

From the Editors' Desk

Greetings to all!

As we step into the new year, it is a time for fresh beginnings, renewed goals, and boundless opportunities. Each day presents a new chance to learn, grow, and create meaningful memories. While reflecting on past achievements and lessons learned, let us aim to set higher aspirations for the days ahead.

Every new beginning comes with the promise of endless possibilities. As John Keats once said, "Nothing ever becomes real till it is experienced", so let us step forward with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a desire to excel in all we do.

Wishing all students and staff a year filled with success, knowledge, and joy. Let's make this year truly remarkable together!

The Editorial Team

Ms. Ipshita Banerjee, Ms. Sharmistha Chatterjee (Das), Ms. Soma Chakraborti

Echoes of Freedom

Independence Day Celebration, 2024

On the 15th of August, 2024, in an expression of solidarity, patriotism and overflowing jubilation, pride and joy, a gathering comprising the students of Classes XI and XII, the Monitors and Vice-monitors of Classes IX and X, the Teaching and Non-Teaching staff, the Salesians, the Scouts & Cubs group and all the multitudes of desirous individuals- parents, guardians, students from throughout the ranks of our institution, took place to commemorate the spirit of freedom and nationality in a truly memorable observance of our motherland India's 78th Independence Day.

Continuing with the already irrepressible patriotic fervour from the previous day, August 14th, wherein a Patriotic Singing competition was instituted for the Senior Section, the celebratory mood began with the disciplined and ceremonial fanfare of the hoisting of our national flag, the Tiranga, by Revd. Father Principal assisted by the Senior Scout Members and followed by a reflective oration on the nature and identity that comes with the responsibility of being truly free.

Following it was an auditory display of a medley of songs and tunes which stirred the spirit of nationalism and succeeded in bringing back to life the memories of glorious pasts and affirmed the promises of the future. The School Captain's speech acted as a zealous reminder towards the evils which continue plaguing our emerging nation's societal structure. He reminded us how we, the youth must seek to supersede these challenges if we are to transform our nation from 'developing' to 'developed'.

The final presentation, a riveting street play by the students of Class XII was incomparably evocative of the emotions of our past, highlighting the blood, sweat and tears that had to be shed by the noble few to achieve the dream of 'Aazadi' for their motherland's teeming millions. It brilliantly portrayed the scenes of colonial inhumanity opposed by the indomitable spirit of those torchbearers who fought for the common spirit of our nation's Independence.

At the epilogue, the Vote of Thanks delivered by the School Vice-Captain left us all in a rather poignant yet anticipative mood. He urged us all to be eternally proud of this great nation of ours; it was up to us, the people, to carry our nation and Her people forward into the valleys of modernity.

Shreyaj Halder, XI-C



Scouts - Investiture Ceremony

A Celebration of Commitment and Values

The scout investiture ceremony on 15th August began promptly after the flag hoisting, as is customary every year, marking an important event in the scouting community. Seventeen new scouts were formally invested into the troop during this special occasion. The ceremony was held with great enthusiasm and included the distribution of essential scout items like the scarf, cap, badges, and uniforms to the new members. These symbols represent their commitment to the values of scouting and their readiness to embark on this journey.

The event was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Principal (GLS of Scout) and Rev. Fr. Rector, who offered their support and encouragement to the scouts. Their participation lent an air of significance and inspiration to the proceedings. Senior scouts, with their wealth of experience, were also present, playing an essential role in mentoring and guiding the new recruits.

One of the most significant moments of the ceremony was the oath-taking, where the new scouts pledged their allegiance to the scout principles. This took place in front of the Scout Masters, who guided the ceremony and ensured the integrity of the oath. The event not only marked the beginning of a new chapter for the young scouts but also reinforced the values of discipline, teamwork, and service.

- Scout Master(s)



Honouring the Mentors

Teachers' Day, 2024

On the 5th of September, a grand celebration was conducted by the Student Council of our institution to honour and commemorate the everlasting and indelible contributions of those godlike individuals in our midst, who toil for a lifetime in sheer selflessness, driven by only one object: their students.

This Teachers' Day sought to embody just that, with gratitude and respect curated and packaged together with humour and pompous overtones.

The event began with a prayer service comprising hymns and melodies chosen by Revd. Father Principal, followed by a graceful exhortation by Revd. Father Rector. His words upheld the values of honour and respect for teachers, who make every day special. The Lighting of the Lamp added a profound sense of reflection among the audience.

Continuing the celebratory mood was an energetic and adorable dance by the Junior Section students, followed by an earnestly poignant oration by Ma'am Surashree Chatterjee, in which she graciously outlined the multicoloured aspects of being a teacher — from joy and contentment to nostalgia and pleasure — as she wished for blessings upon all the budding minds and hearts. After this came a musical extravaganza that enraptured us all in awe.

In an outstanding display of unabated comedic expression, a parodical play was performed, highlighting the downright laughability and buoyant revulsion in the present-day affairs of governance, leaving us laughing harder than humanly possible. Afterward came Mr. Nirmal Gomes' oration, followed by the final brushstroke in the form of a dance by the students of the Senior Section.

At the epilogue came a brief vote of thanks by Revd. Father Principal, highlighting and amplifying the success of the event attributed to the Student Council's masterful conduction and planning, for it was indeed an outstanding display not to be forgotten soon but rather carried in the chasms of memory for as long as possible.

Shreyaj Halder, 11 C



Bagless Day (Juniors)

A Canvas of Young Talents!

The Junior Section celebrated Bagless Day 2024 on 23rd August with great enthusiasm. Boys from Classes 1 to 5 showcased their talents in a variety of engaging events, including declamation, singing, recitation (in English, Hindi, and Bengali), instrumental music, chess, and carrom. Class 3 students participated in a card-making competition, while Class 4 showcased their creativity through a mask-making competition, and Class 5 impressed with their poster-making skills.

The youngest stars of DBB, the KG students, captivated everyone as they dressed up in imaginative fancy costumes, bringing their talents to life. The day was brimming with excitement, joy, and creativity, leaving everyone with cherished memories of a truly delightful event.

Ms. Soma Chakraborti



Bagless Day (Seniors)

Bosco Olympics, 2024

In an expository one-of-its-kind event, the 21st and 22nd of August saw a truly exhilarating event grace the campus of Don Bosco School, Bandel – Bosco Olympics; a grand intra-school sporting event carried out class-wise and section-wise, which encompassed a plethora of games and events, for Classes VI to VIII on the 21st and for Classes IX to XII on the 22nd.

The greatly enjoyed event was incredibly well-instituted on the part of the Teaching and Non-Teaching staff, whose tireless dedications and preparations ensured a great deal of rejuvenating sportsmanship for the students as well as an opportunity to showcase their skill in outdoor games, of which there were multiple – basketball, football, cricket, tennis, slow cycling and many more.

This greatly anticipated and equally enjoyable event for every single person involved was an unyielding testament towards the sportsmanship, teamwork, dedication and above all, skill in the scheme of events which left the whole school, both audience and participants with a contentment unlike any other as we await anticipatively for such instances in the future.

Shreyaj Halder, XI-C



Reading Festival



Colours of Creativity

Art and Craft Exhibition, 2024

The Art and Craft Exhibition of the Academic session 2024-2025 was inaugurated by Reverend Father Rector and Reverend Father Principal on 29th October, 2024 and it was open for the parents and the children for two days. Our school got transformed into a vibrant hub of creativity and imagination as students from classes KG to V showcased their artistic talents at the Annual Art Exhibition. The event featured an impressive array of wall hangings, wonderful kites, kettle paintings, lanterns, bird houses, rockets, ships, table decorations, things made out of jute, clay, etc. Participants of the above mentioned classes poured their hearts and souls out into their creations presenting a kaleidoscope of themes and styles. The teachers-in-charge and other staff members (both teaching and non teaching) worked hard in putting up the exhibits in the junior section hall. The exhibition served not only as a platform for artistic expression but also as a celebration of our school's vibrant creative community.

Core Committee: Ma'am Surashree Chatterjee, Ma'am Sucharita Pal Chowdhuri and Ma'am Jayati Maitra.

Ms. Soma Chakraborti



Bosco Eureka, 2024

A magnificent Science and Arts Exhibition, BOSCO EUREKA, was held at Don Bosco School Bandel on November 6, 2024. It was a beguiling fusion of creativity and knowledge that attracted a lot of interest from both pupils and visitors. The event witnessed interactive displays and hands-on art exhibits. The students demonstrated their creativity through tattoo making, face painting, etc. Students showed their thorough comprehension of current scientific challenges by presenting projects covering various scientific topics, including robotics, renewable energy, and environmental sustainability. The event had interactive game counters that allowed the participants to test their knowledge in a fun and educational environment, in addition to the exhibitions. The interest of the students was further elevated by an exciting quiz contest featuring topics from various subjects, including science and technology. A live magic display that incorporated scientific concepts and left the audience in awe of the wonders of science was the day's high point. The purpose of the event was to demonstrate the processes of underlying illusions, providing an enjoyable and instructive experience for everyone. Students took part in presentations that explained scientific ideas in an interesting and approachable way throughout the event. The exhibition showcased the students' creativity and intellectual prowess at Don Bosco School Bandel, and it was a true celebration of the union of science and art. The event witnessed the inception of curiosity and the felicity of discovery and knowledge amongst the participants and guests.

Ms. Ilika Banerjee



Bosco Quirous, 2024

On the 22nd of November, 2024, our Don Bosco School, Bandel organized its annual Quiz Competition, Bosco Quirous, which brought together participants from 6 other schools in both Junior and Senior divisions to engage in a fast-paced and intellectually stimulating tussle of knowledge, wit and far-reaching awareness, in a truly immaculate spectacle true to the spirits of quizzing.

The event was doubtlessly a treat to the mind, with the countless arrays of well-structured questions met with the sharpness of the participants' intelligence making it not just something to behold but also learn from.

In the epilogue of it all, it is pleasing to say that out of a total of 26 participants from 7 schools, the Senior team of Don Bosco School, Bandel, our institution, secured the 2nd Position in the Senior Category, bringing about an implement of glory to the event in its entirety, which inspired us to renew said glory next year as well, as we anxiously await the next edition of Bosco Quirous.

Shreyaj Halder, XI-C



Celebrating Innocence and Joy

Children's Day, 2024

On the 14th of November 2024, Don Bosco School, Bandel paid a heartfelt tribute to one of India's most revered freedom fighters, the late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The inauguration of the fest by Reverend Father Rector set an air of exuberance across the school premises.

The exquisitely adorned entrance, radiating vibrant hues and youthful charm, effortlessly awakened the inner child in every visitor. This jubilant occasion embraced students from both the junior and senior sections, leading to a celebration resonating through every corner of the campus.

The “play-and-win” games stalls emerged as a crowd favourite because of their simplicity and joy-inducing spontaneity. The delightful games, while entertaining, also carried an underlying message, encouraging the tiny tots to keep their academic endeavours energized and thriving. The food stalls dotted the fest, tempting taste buds with an array of delectable treats.

The music department added its own magic by introducing an “open floor” concept. The pulsating beats gave rise to impromptu freestyle dances, revealing hidden talents of the students and unbridled expressions of joy. The students from the Photography Club captured candid moments, ensuring the event's essence was captured through snapshots of shared laughter and merriment.

The dedicated efforts of the enthusiastic participants and organizers, who breathed life into the fest, were met with resounding applause from our Reverend Fathers, which further elevated the festive spirit.

The Children's Day celebration at Don Bosco School, Bandel was not merely an event but a vibrant tapestry woven with the threads of joy, creativity, and cultural harmony. It honoured the legacy of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru while showcasing the boundless energy and potential of the young minds, he so dearly cherished. By igniting smiles, fostering creativity, and celebrating the innocence of childhood, the event stood as a testament to the school's commitment to holistic education and cultural unity. It was a day where memories were made, talents blossomed, and the spirit of celebration united everyone in its warm embrace.

Core Committee: Mr. Vinay Prakash Dwivedi, Mr. Ranvijay Singh, Mr. Subhojit Sarkar, Ms. Namrata Singh, Ms. Srijia Chowdhury, Ms. Sharmistha Chatterjee, Ms. Gloria Daniel, Ms. Priyanka Ghosh, Ms. Monalisa Basu, Ms. Sumana Roy.

Ms. Sharmistha Chatterjee (Das)



Sports Day, 2024 (Juniors)

Bosco Sportiva: A Celebration of Young Talent and Team Spirit

The annual sports event, Bosco Sportiva: Little Champs in Action, was a vibrant celebration of energy and enthusiasm. Shivaji Ghosh (IPS) and his wife, Dr. Joyati Ghosh, were the chief guests for the sports day.

The day began with a march-past, showcasing discipline and teamwork, followed by impressive drills performed by students from KG, Classes 1 and 2, and Classes 3, 4, and 5. The participants displayed exceptional coordination and spirit. Various sports events were organized, providing students with the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities and competitive spirit.

The day was filled with excitement, cheering, and a sense of achievement, making it a memorable occasion for everyone.

Core committee :

Ma'am Monalisa Basu, Ma'am Antara Roy, Ma'am Martha Naskar





Bells, Stars and Blessings



Christmas Festivities at Don Bosco School

The Christmas programme, held on 20th December at Don Bosco School, was a heartwarming and joyous occasion to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. The one-hour programme featured a variety of performances that encapsulated the true essence of the festive season.

The venue was beautifully decorated with twinkling lights and stars adorned with ornaments, creating an atmosphere filled with warmth and cheer. The soothing melodies of Christmas carols by the seminarians further enhanced the festive spirit. The programme began with a speech highlighting the significance of Christmas, followed by a prayer and a reading from the scripture.

Father Rector delivered a meaningful message, helping students understand the true meaning of Christmas. A nativity play was enacted by the students, narrating the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. An inter-house carol singing competition captivated the audience with a blend of traditional and contemporary Christmas songs. Dance performances by the students showcased vibrant energy and added to the festive charm.

The event concluded with a speech by Father Principal, who emphasized the importance of sacrifice in our lives. The Christmas programme was a resounding success, fostering a sense of unity, joy, and generosity. It served as a reminder of the values of love, kindness, and togetherness during the holiday season.

Ms. Deepannita Mandal

