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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Children,

Life is full of lessons. Some lessons are learned in an instant-like when you touch a hot object. Others take time to fully understand. But regardless of the size of the lesson, there are 8 important points that everyone should follow in their life.

accomplishments of others. We rarely look into the pains and sufferings they have undergone to reach the present. Moreover, two lives can never be compared as individual battles are different. Be happy with our journey, look up and appreciate the more fortunate, look down and feel privileged of our blessings. Always remember that there are many less fortunate people than us.

### Make peace with past

Make peace with your past. Whatever that has happened in the past cannot be undone. It is over so we should accept the present with flourish, getting energized from the lessons of past. Learn from your mistakes instead of lamenting over them. Look out to the future, prepare well but at the mean time enjoy your present without any room for regret.

### Create a special effect each day

A small act of kindness or a small deed of love can make this world a better place. Instead of waiting for the world to reward you with so many things, try giving the world small gifts ; a smile, a kind word or a simple word of appreciation can brighten up many lives - contribute and give away as much as you can.

### Listen to your own voice -

Don't worry about what others think of you .what matters is what you feel is right. Listen to your conscience and do what is right according to it. Other people may be critical about many of your actions, you cannot make everyone happy but try to be happy yourself.

### Life is not fair always

We cannot expect to have a smooth ride over life. Along with happy moments there will be hardships, troubles, traumas and great disappointments but we should temper our mind to accept it all with nonchalance. Accept the challenges of life, face it bravely and befriend it. Change the problems in your path into opportunities; derive strength from problems. When we conquer ourselves we conquer the whole world.

"In a day, when you don't come across any problems, you can be sure that you are traveling in the wrong path"

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### Develop Healthy Habits

Good food, sound sleep and adequate exercise are the basic building blocks in a Healthy life style. Fresh, healthy food with plenty of vegetables, protein and other essential nutrients can nourish your body. A good sleep routine can revitalise your body and mind, so create a fixed sleep routine and get enough rest. Regular exercise is an essential factor contributing to the overall well being. Taking part in physical activity releases chemicals like endorphin which helps in increasing attention span enhancing memory and reducing stress. Even thirty minutes walk daily can do great benefit to your body.

### Live with three 'E'

Fill your life with Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy. Energy flows throughout the universe, we have to channelize positive energy to flow within us by keeping up good thoughts and noble deeds. Enthusiasm is an essential virtue by which we can change the whole atmosphere around us. We should be enthusiastic in our tasks and radiate the enthusiasm to our surroundings there by creating a positive vibe around us. To be Empathetic is the ability to feel the pain of a fellow being. This empathy will prompt us to help and support those less privileged. Feeling of being useful releases feel good hormones and will make us happy.

### Prayer and Reflection

Prayer is an introspection where we realize ourselves and look out for the support from the Divine. It should help us to concentrate and to reach peacefulness. Practice prayers, follow faithfully and lead a meaningful life.

### Comparison with others

It is human nature to constantly compare ourselves with others, some feel jealous, some hatred and some get depressed looking at the

## ICSK clinches Winners trophy at 4<sup>th</sup> Jimmy George Volleyball Tournament



The Under 19 Volleyball team of the Indian Community School Kuwait emerged victorious at the recently conducted fourth Jimmy George Volleyball Tournament. The team comprised of

David Thomas, Kevin Tom, Mohammed Juzer, Ashmen Rumaldo, Favin Francis, Gladson Crasto, Anu Raj, Mohammed Shamil, Benson Daniel, Trevor Braganza, Cristy Sajan and Siddharth Dileep. He tournament is a yearly organizational effort of the Indian Volleyball Association Kuwait, and was held in 2017. The event saw the participation of many schools which vied for the trophy, however, leaving the ICSKians as the unmatched cup holders this year. The team was guided by their Physical Education teacher Dr.Nins Peter. The Principal Dr.V. Binumon lauded the efforts of the team for endeavoring to bring honors to ICSK and maintain its brand in the field of sports.The school congratulates the entire team of the Physical education department whose efforts have made this victory possible for the team.

# EDITORS' NOTE

## THE POWER OF DETERMINATION

A true story about athlete Glenn Cunningham who was horribly burned in a schoolhouse fire at the age of 8. Doctors predicted he would never walk again. Determined to walk, Glenn would throw himself off his wheelchair and pull his body across the yard and along a fence. Twenty-two months later, he took his first steps and through sheer determination, learned to run despite the pain...

The little country schoolhouse was heated by an old-fashioned, pot-bellied coal stove. A little boy had the job of coming to school early each day to start the fire and warm the room before his teacher and his classmates arrived.

One morning they arrived to find the schoolhouse engulfed in flames. They dragged the unconscious little boy out of the flaming building more dead than alive. He had major burns over the lower half of his body and was taken to a nearby county hospital.

From his bed the dreadfully burned, semi-conscious little boy faintly heard the doctor talking to his mother. The doctor told his mother that her son would surely die – which was for the best, really – for the terrible fire had devastated the lower half of his body.

But the brave boy didn't want to die. He made up his mind that he would survive. Somehow, to the amazement of the physician, he did survive. When the mortal danger was past, he again heard the doctor and his mother speaking quietly. The mother was told that since the fire had destroyed so much flesh in the lower part of his body, it would almost be better if he had died, since he was doomed to be a lifetime cripple with no use at all of his lower limbs.

Once more the brave boy made up his mind. He would not be a cripple. He would walk. But unfortunately from the waist down, he had no motor ability. His thin legs just dangled there, all but lifeless.

Ultimately he was released from the hospital. Every day his mother would massage his little legs, but there was no feeling, no control, nothing. Yet his determination that he would walk was as strong as ever.

When he wasn't in bed, he was confined to a wheelchair. One sunny day his mother wheeled him out into the yard to get some fresh air. This day, instead of sitting there, he threw himself from the chair. He pulled himself across the grass, dragging his legs behind him.

He worked his way to the white picket fence bordering their lot. With great effort, he raised himself up on the fence. Then, stake by stake, he began dragging himself along the fence, resolved that he would walk. He started to do this every day until he wore a smooth path all around the yard beside the fence. There was nothing he wanted more than to develop life in those legs.

Ultimately through his daily massages, his iron persistence and his resolute determination, he did develop the ability to stand up, then to walk haltingly, then to walk by himself – and then – to run.

He began to walk to school, then to run to school, to run for the sheer joy of running. Later in college he made the track team.

Still later in Madison Square Garden this young man who was not expected to survive, who would surely never walk, who could never hope to run – this determined young man, Dr. Glenn Cunningham, ran the world's fastest mile\*\*!, set records for the mile, by sophomore year, ran the 1,500-meter race at the 1932 Olympics and finished fourth, by senior year, set a world record for the mile of 4:06.8 and held seven of the top 13 fastest recorded times for the mile, earned a master's degree from University of Iowa and a doctorate from New York University, during World War II, he served two years in the Navy and raised around 9,000 kids at the Glenn Cunningham Youth Ranch for troubled kids, Kansas, USA.



Mrs. Susan Rajesh Mrs. Tintu Wilson

So, friends, what's the potential of your determination?

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# STUDENT EDITORIAL

New beginnings, New ideas, and New energy: Exciting and Surprising.



SUHAANEE SINGH  
11J

Hello friends.....

Greetings to all!

Finally it's 2018! Every day is a new beginning. The mistakes of yesterday are the lessons learnt now. Absorb the energy and possibility of today, acknowledge the simple beauty that can so easily be taken for granted and look forward to another new beginning tomorrow.

As you all know it's a fresh beginning, believe in yourself. Always try to find a positive side on whatever happens. Never think you can't do a particular thing. Always have a high self-esteem. "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible and finally you yourself will observe, you'll be able to do what you thought was impossible."

There are infinite possibilities and opportunities you can dream for. Try setting, as well as aiming for goals. Believe in your dreams. The real value of setting goals is not the recognition or reward; it's the person we become by finding the discipline, courage and commitment to achieve them. For reaching your goals, you need to set a schedule. "You will never reach your goals without a timeline. Until then, they are just a thought or dream."

I would also like to tell you all, please be you. Do not change yourself for someone else. Don't change thinking that people will like you. There might be some cases where they might, but trust me they won't be permanent in your lives. Take the courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are; the right people will come to you at the right time in your lives.

Lastly, I would say be happy, be bright and be you. There are wondrous miracles that can happen if you believe in yourself and let not any negative thoughts interfere in you.

## COME BACK



MUSKAAN RANJAN  
12 E

You were there with me yesterday,  
But today I am looking for you, looking for you everywhere  
But just can't find you  
I asked mom. I asked dad. They all told me you will come back.  
I waited. And waited.  
Minutes ticked to hours and passed on to days.  
But you did not come.  
I asked people around me and all they said was dear  
You take care  
Reality struck me.  
I didn't know what was happening. I ran home, Ran mad.  
Hid myself in my room and cried all day.  
Here I am, standing before your grave,  
Not knowing what to do.  
Please come back to me. I will do whatever it takes,  
But just come back to me.  
Your disease should have been mine, I could have fought it.  
It should have been me.  
Just come back,  
My little brother.



# “Inspire” Student Editors engage in cordial visit to the Ambassador of Germany



The student members of the Editorial Board of the school annual magazine ‘INSPIRE’ were privileged with a golden opportunity to interact with H.E. Mr. Karlfried Bergner, Ambassador of Germany to Kuwait on 11th

December 2017. The Principal Dr. V. Binumon & the Editor of the school Magazine Mrs. Susan Geoge, accompanied the seven students, in their maiden visit to the German Embassy. The visitors were received warmly by Mr. Horst

Blasinger, Head of Cultural Section.

The Interactive session with H.E. Mr. Karlfried Bergner, Ambassador of Germany to Kuwait, that followed, was a very inspiring experience for the students. His Excellency divulged into the cordial state of affairs between Germany and India. In his interaction with the students, His Excellency explained in detail about the various higher educational opportunities available for the students in Germany. He also enlightened them about his experiences in the diplomatic service.

The students were delighted to have such a wonderful opportunity and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency for this enriching and absorbing experience.

## History of India: Why do we celebrate Republic Day on January 26?



January 26 is celebrated as the Republic Day of India. It was the day the Constitution of India, prepared by drafting committee headed by BR Ambedkar, came into force and replaced the existing Government of India Act, 1935. The Constitution was formed taking into consideration the ethnic communities, multiple religions and regional tribes. Thus, completing the journey of becoming a sovereign democratic republic.

### Why 26th January?

Ever wondered, if India got freedom on August 15, 1947 why it took 2 years 11 months and 18 days to declare India as republic? On the occasion of 68th Republic Day. 1949: Indian Constitution was formed by November 26. Those part of the first Independence Day celebration (January 26, 1930) came to a decision to celebrate the

Republic Day on January 26. Hence, waited for two months for the same. And this is how the Republic Day is celebrated on January 26.

### How to celebrate?

Republic Day is celebrated in honour of the efforts of several constitution makers who made sure the smooth transformation of India into a constitutional democracy. To celebrate the day when the largest democracy in the world was created, a series of events are organised in Delhi, the national capital. The events includes lighting of government buildings in the National Capital Region for a week, a grand parade from Rashtrapati Bhawan to India Gate involving all the three wings of the armed forces, performances by tribal and folk groups representing the state they belong to, among others.

## BIRTH FLOWERS OF THE YEAR





# CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - JANUARY 18

<b>CLASS 12J</b>  S. WARRIM AHMED	 MOHAMMED A.	<b>CLASS 12K</b>  AMAR SUNIL PRABHU	 SAKINA ABBAS	<b>CLASS 12L</b>  KOTAM AYESHA	 SOHAIL MOHAMMED	<b>CLASS 11A</b>  TANYA CHRISTINE	 ANNA BRIDGET BIJU	<b>CLASS 11B</b>  DEEPTI RAVIKUMAR	 SHAUN JOSHUA
<b>CLASS 11C</b>  MANUUR VASANT REDDY	 ABEL GEORGE	<b>CLASS 11D</b>  GAYATHRI SURESH	 ALEENA ROSE ANTONY	<b>CLASS 11E</b>  REBECA	 ANGELA SUNDER SWAMY	<b>CLASS 11F</b>  SAMAH ZOYA	 KIAN ANTONY	<b>CLASS 11G</b>  FARZANA SULTANA	 RAVLEEN KAUR
<b>CLASS 11H</b>  ABITAMIM	 VIC MELLO	<b>CLASS 11I</b>  SIDRA HUSAIN	 AMATULLA	<b>CLASS 11J</b>  SHAHAMA KUNJI MOHD	 U.D STEPHEN	<b>CLASS 11M</b>  FIDHA HARIS	 AMSHA ZAHID	<b>CLASS 10A</b>  ALVIN MANOJ ALEX	 MRINTA RACHEL
<b>CLASS 10B</b>  NIKHIL MENEZES	 CLEONA NATASHA	<b>CLASS 10C</b>  SANIA KAUR	 SIDHARTH SUDHEER	<b>CLASS 10E</b>  SHIFAD HAZRAT	 NIDHA	<b>CLASS 10F</b>  KAGITHA PRIYANKA	 JOEL ALEX GOGI	<b>CLASS 9A</b>  JUVERIA MOHD	 REEM TARIQ ABDUL
<b>CLASS 9B</b>  SNEHA SUSAIN	 JOSH THOMAS	<b>CLASS 9C</b>  TEPHY CHANDRA KUMAR	 ARWA MOHAMMEDI	<b>CLASS 9D</b>  JANET JOHNSON	 JERIN ANIL K.	<b>CLASS 8A</b>  VALENTEENA LOBO	 HABEEB SAGLAIN	<b>CLASS 8B</b>  MOHAMMAD EZZY	 PULAK SINGH
<b>CLASS 8C</b>  REUBEN RENJI	 ASHLY PHILIPOSE	<b>CLASS 8D</b>  GAYATHRI PREM	 MOHAMMED ZAKARIYA	<b>CLASS 7A</b>  JANICE AVENA	 PRONOY SIMON	<b>CLASS 7B</b>  SARRAH MOHAMMADI	 JEFFIN RUBAN	<b>CLASS 7C</b>  LINO GEORGE	 NUHA ZAYNAB
<b>CLASS 7D</b>  NAVAMI NAIR	<b>CLASS 7E</b>  GOKUL SREENIVASAN	<b>CLASS 7F</b>  JEFFIN VARGHESE	<b>CLASS 7G</b>  AFHAM	<b>CLASS 7H</b>  MOHAMED R.	<b>CLASS 7I</b>  BHUMI ALPESH KUMAR	<b>CLASS 6A</b>  SANIYA SARFARAZ	 MOHAMMED BURHAN		

## The Man Who Made Reggae Music Famous Around The World



MATHUSHAN MOHAN - 12K

Bob Marley is the most famous reggae artist of all time. He is responsible for bringing reggae to the people around the world. Bob Marley is known around the world for not only his music, but also his message of peace, love and freedom. "Get up stand up, stand up for your right". Marley become a cultural icon as he encouraged people to rebel against racism and violence. Bob Marley has won many awards for his music. Rolling Stone

Magazine awarded Bob Marley and The Wailers for band of the year in 1976. He is the first musician to arise from the third world and became a global musical icon. Even to this day Bob Marley's message of peace and love is spread around the world Through his music. Some of Marley's most famous songs are: "Buffalo Soldier", "Three Little Birds", "No Woman, No Cry", "One Love", "Stir It Up" and "Redemption Song".....

# LABOUR CAMP VISIT: an EXEMPLARY SOCIAL SERVICE TO THE LESS PRIVILEGED BY ICSK STUDENTS



“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands: One for helping yourself, the other for helping others.” As a step forward in social responsibility, the Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait, organized a visit to labour camps in Mahboula, Kuwait, on Friday, 24 November 2017.

The trip was an eye-opener to the teenagers who witnessed the tragic living situations of people who, separated from home and family & labour for their daily wage in disparate environments. In pursuit of survival, these workers are often ignored by society and are ostracized from societal concepts of family, love and community. The working conditions of these migrants are not very favourable, given the extremities of weather and manual labour involved. The workers are resultantly thrust into a world of darkness, exhaustion and seclusion. The students of ICSK Senior were welcomed into their solitary lives, to observe the other side of a wealthy coin and empathize with the lives of these fighters who



daily brave against the most harrowing.

Under the guidance and leadership of the class teachers various items like sugar, pulses, tea bags and blankets were collected class wise and kept in separate rooms. The students took initiative for collecting these and they were given five days for the same. 300 packets were made by the students which included 1kg of sugar, 5kgs of rice, 1 packet of dal, 1 packet of loose tea/tea bag & 1 blanket per packet. The neediest one among all the camps in Mahboula, Kuwait, is identified and students loaded the packets in to the buses and set forth to the labour camp



to distribute them accompanied by their teachers. The packets were handed over by the students individually to the needy.

The students delivered food, clothing, toiletries and other urgent inevitable needs, in an attempt to display solidarity with these workers and lighten their load in some ways. The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention. Dr. Binumon, Principal, ICSK (Senior), commended the industrious effort of the students in packing and distributing food items, under the guidance of teachers. The students expressed their readiness in continuing this benevolent act of kindness. As per the request from the people of the camp the school has decided to increase the frequency of these visits. Charity is always another manifestation of love and it benefits the giver more than the receiver. Providing service and extending charity towards others helps us overcome our own difficulties and makes them seem less challenging. Initiatives like this from ICSK Senior has definitely helped the students evolve into better human beings with a mind set to “give rather than to receive” and will show the way to others to emulate their path towards compassion and empathy.

## ICSK SENIOR PARTAKES IN NATURE’S BOUNTY



Blaise Pascal said, “Nature is an infinite sphere whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere.” ICSK Senior’s very own Nature Club contemplates environmental conservation and ventures toward widespread awareness, with its industrious team of spirited students led by the dedicated Mrs. Mariam Sam. The club has plunged into cultivating and fostering the campus garden on the school terrace. This has helped inculcate students with knowledge on gardening methodologies, the



life cycles and survival of plants, and producing and harvesting fruit. Plants of different varieties are grown - including tomatoes, sweet potatoes and lady’s fingers, and medicinal plants.

The advent of winter impelled the crops in the garden of ICSK to bloom with promise. On the 21st of December, the Nature Club manifested its flourishing yield at the school assembly which accompanied the onset of Christmas. The Harvest was seen as a seasonal gift from Mother Nature.

The harvest was auctioned off energetically by Mr. Joel D’Souza, assisted by Mrs. Mariam Sam, Mrs. Jayabala Jayaram and Mr. Atiq Dhanse. The students and staff of ICSK participated in the auction enthusiastically. The stars of the event were what Mr. Joel crowned, “the three kings of vegetables – Fresh tomatoes, aubergines and bell-peppers.” In a very short time, three basketfuls of produce were sold out.

The Nature Club continues to instill students with a sense of civic responsibility toward nature, and emboldens students to be part of the solution in the ever-growing environmental problem. Students witness the painstaking rewards from Nature and joyously revitalize the ecosystem. When we invest our efforts on Mother Nature, the fruits of our labour will always be paid back in full.



# Birthday Arcade - January



ATIYAH  
7E - JAN 1



ASMA JAWED QADRI  
8A - JAN 1



MANSHI BHAGAT  
8C - JAN 1



AKSHAY GOPAL  
12H - JAN 1



ALMA TRISA SUNIL  
9B - JAN 2



JANIA PEREIRA  
10F - JAN 2



ALITA JANICE QUARDES  
11G - JAN 2



TARANJIT SINGH  
12E - JAN 2



TAHA ABDULAZIZ  
12H - JAN 2



VIC MELROY D'SOUZA  
11H - JAN 3



ABDUL MOHSIN  
12G - JAN 3



FANTAN LANY  
12J - JAN 3



AFTAAB KALLAN  
11I - JAN 4



M. SANOSH MOHAMMED  
12L - JAN 4



RUQAIYA ABDUL HUSAIN  
7B - JAN 5



KHUSHI DEEPAK P.  
11M - JAN 5



AHMED KADAVIL  
12D - JAN 5



ASHISH ASHOK  
12I - JAN 5



HUSSAIN BANDOORKWALA  
11H - JAN 6



ANIKAH A. ABRAHAM  
12A - JAN 6



MUNIRA BHAILA  
8B - JAN 7



ALEENA P. MARTIN  
8D - JAN 7



HARNAM SINGH  
10C - JAN 7



RONAK KISHORE  
10F - JAN 7



SAIFUDDIN ZAKIR  
12F - JAN 7



MARIYAM  
12G - JAN 7



MIR ALAMDAR HYDER  
10A - JAN 8



HANEEN ABDUL RASHEED  
11D - JAN 8



KALYANI RAJESH  
11H - JAN 8



SHREYA ANN ABRAHAM  
7B - JAN 9



ALBIN BENNY  
9A - JAN 9



CLEONA NATASHA F.  
10B - JAN 9



DHYANI MITESH  
7F - JAN 10



JEREMIAH MATHEW  
8A - JAN 10



SIDHARTH SURESH  
11B - JAN 10



SWIZEL FERNANDES  
11G - JAN 10



VALUSHKA FERNANDES  
11G - JAN 10



NADEENA SANSIKA  
11I - JAN 10



SHAHNAZ DASTAGEER  
11J - JAN 10



LOREN C. CRASTO  
10F - JAN 11



JEWELLA D'SILVA  
9A - JAN 12



TINA TONY  
10A - JAN 12



DEEPAK KUMAR  
10C - JAN 12



GEORGE LEONAL  
10F - JAN 12



NANDA KRISHNAN  
11E - JAN 12



ASTREL REBECCA  
12G - JAN 12



HYDER IZHAR  
7C - JAN 13



ASWATH  
11C - JAN 13



VEAVY CLEO BARRETO  
11J - JAN 13



KARTHIKEYAN SURESH  
12D - JAN 13



ZOHRA ASIF  
12G - JAN 13



GREGARIOUS A. VARGHESE  
9A - JAN 14



EMAN HASHIM  
10A - JAN 14



HIBA KHALID  
11G - JAN 14



JANEESA FERNANDES  
12A - JAN 14



HOWRA ABDUL  
7A - JAN 15



BENJAMIN BOBBY T.  
7E - JAN 15



JESSICA ANNAMALAI  
10B - JAN 15



IMAD FAISSAL KASIM  
11B - JAN 15



ASHLY MARIAM SATHEESH  
12C - JAN 15



ASHLY PHILOPOSE  
8C - JAN 16



CHAITANYA VARMA  
11I - JAN 16



YUSRA AFZAL  
12H - JAN 16



DEVA PRIYA NANDANAN  
9C - JAN 17



PARM VIR SINGH  
10C - JAN 17



FATHIMA FAWAZ  
10F - JAN 17



DAVID THOMAS  
12C - JAN 17



ADIL P. ASIF  
7D - JAN 18



HAKIMUDDIN S. HUSSAIN  
11E - JAN 18



HUSAIN KOSER  
11G - JAN 18



ZAIYAAN MUFFASIR  
12C - JAN 18



VALERIA ANN  
12K - JAN 19



JESLIN ANN JACOB  
10C - JAN 19



VIKRAM RAVI  
10E - JAN 19



ADITYA RAVI  
10E - JAN 19



MERRIN JOE  
11F - JAN 19



MARIS JOSHUA  
8B - JAN 20



MOIZ HANAN MAMU  
8B - JAN 20



ABDUL KADER H.  
12L - JAN 20



ALLEN JACOB A.  
8B - JAN 21



HUSAIN MOH'D SAEED  
11I - JAN 21



AHMED HAMDAN  
12H - JAN 21



KAAVYA VAIDYANATHAN  
9A - JAN 21



FATEMA BUSHAN  
10C - JAN 22



KOSAY YUSUF  
11F - JAN 22



FLYWAN AVLON  
12L - JAN 22



RASHIDA  
10A - JAN 23



AISWARIYA SATHEESH  
10C - JAN 23



CRISTINA E. SHIBU  
10C - JAN 23

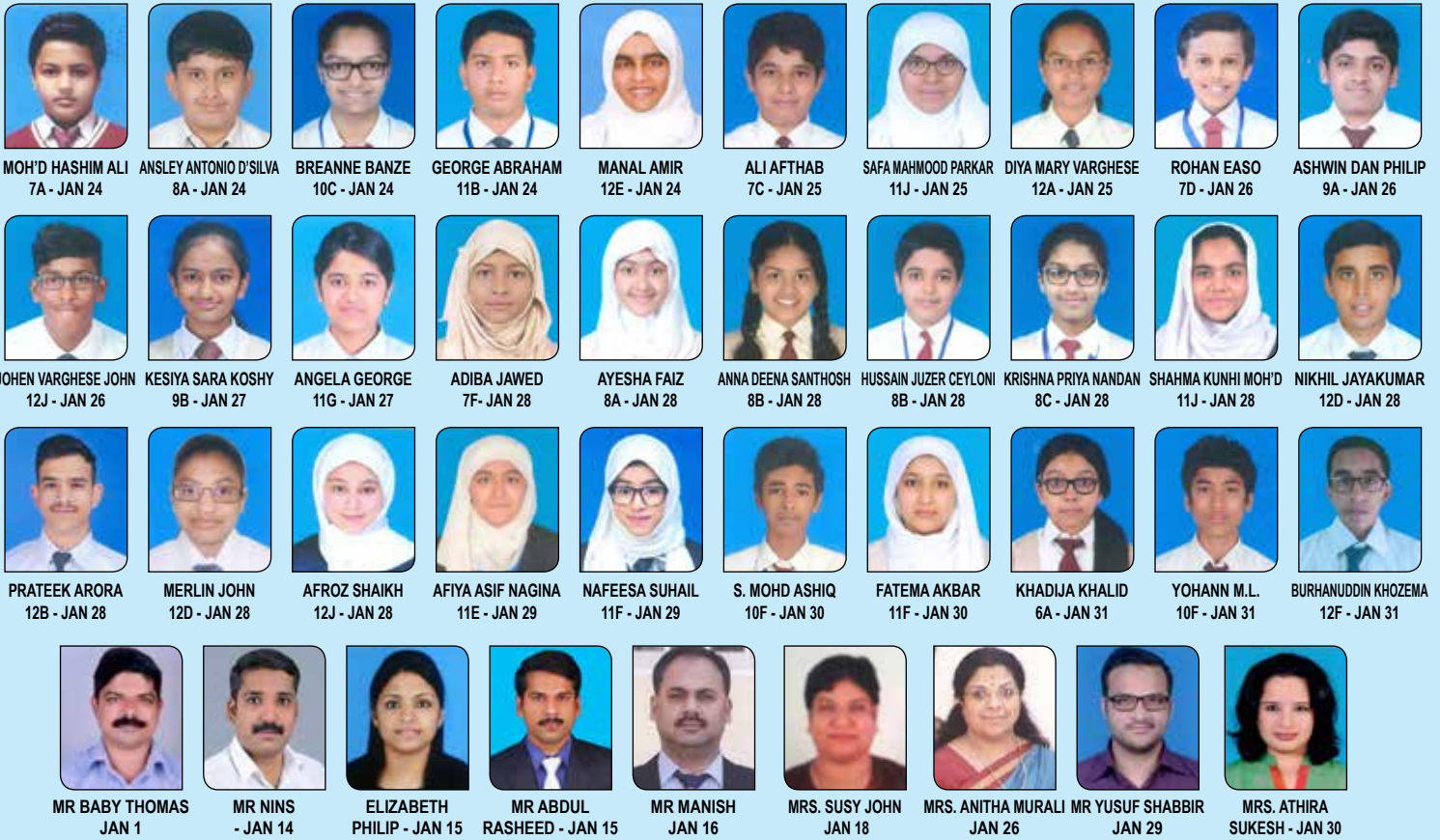


MOH'D IZHAN  
12B - JAN 23



VIVEK PRASAD  
12B - JAN 23





## YULETIDE FESTIVITIES AND HOLIDAY CAROUSING AT ICSK SENIOR



Christmas was celebrated at The Indian Community School, Senior on the 21st of December 2017 with splendour. The spirit of festivity was flagrant among the staff and students of ICSK and the message that 'Christmas gives Hope' was elevated through the posters and artwork that embellished the walls. Costumed students took the audience on a delightful journey to the past, in their

blissful enactment of the Nativity scene. The holiday spirit can never be complete without the cheery bells and Christmas ditties, and so the audience was captivated in a rapturous session of Christmas caroling. A resplendent Christmas tree jazzed up the holiday energy.

The lively efforts of the students and the teachers of class VIII B was complimented

by the Vice Principal, Dr. Sam T. Kuruvila, who further expressed the significance of hope, peace, love, Salvation and eternity in Christmas. He reminded the audience that Christmas was the season of joy and encouraged the radiation of this happiness among all.

Right on cue, the much awaited guest of the day was welcomed on the dais, and the audience was dazzled with a gust of bright red and white – the one and only Santa Claus. Santa distributed candies and sweets to his admirers from the big bag of goodies he carried. As he took the stage, Santa reiterated the message that Christmas was a season when Miracles could happen. The Vice Principal then invited Master Aneez Mohammed, President of the School Senate to address the gathering. Master Aneez Mohammed spoke about his early beginnings as a quiet, shy child who built up his confidence at ICSK, Senior when he realized that it was not just the infrastructure that made the school special, but the ICSKians.

Santa wished the audience a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



# A GRANDEUR & SPECTACULAR 43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SPORTS MEET



amalgamation of all the dance forms of India enthralled the audience and was successful in invoking the patriotic fervor in each and every one present.

quest for triumph and prowess in sports.

The much awaited event commenced with the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran followed by the National Anthems of both Kuwait and India. Mr. Rajesh Nair, Principal, ICSK Amman and Sports Coordinator welcomed the august gathering. This was followed by the march past of the four Houses - Shanti, Seva, Sahyog and Santhosh. The Chief Guest accepted the salute of the dazzling march past. As the Senate led with the school flag flying high, the contingents comprising of the students in the four houses marched in unison brilliantly. The stars of the day were the athletes of ICSK who won the CBSE Kuwait Clusters Athletic Championship for a record sixteenth time. There was a roar of applause as they marched past the dais. The school band came in for a special round of applause as the bandleader threw the mace into the air and saluted the Chief Guest. After the school flag was hoisted, the best athletes of the ICSK took turns to carry the torch to light the sports flame. All students were sworn in with an oath which was conducted by the sports captain.

Dr. V. Binumon, Principal & Senior Administrator in his felicitation address congratulated the CBSE Kuwait Cluster winners and urged the students to give more importance to participating in an event than winning it. He also laid emphasis that the students must give equal importance



"The moment of victory is much too short to live for that and nothing else," said Martina Navratilova, tennis player. Apart from commemorating victories, sports meets also aim at imparting lessons on sportsman spirit and camaraderie to children. The Indian Community School, Kuwait, organised its 43rd Annual Sports Meet on 08th December 2017 at QADSIYA SPORTS CLUB, HAWALLY, upholding these aspects of sporting events.

Sports Day at ICSK was a special occasion this year as the oldest school in Kuwait celebrated its record sixteenth CBSE Kuwait Clusters Annual Athletic Championship, proving beyond doubt that ICSK, is a force to reckon with not only in academics, but also on the sports ground.

Mr. Raj Gopal Singh, DCM, Embassy of India to Kuwait was the Chief Guest of the event. The presence of Mr. Shaikh Abdul Rahman ,Hon.Chairman, Mr. Vinukumar Nair, Hon. V. Chairman, Mr. Amar Mohammed, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Agnello Fernandes, Hon. Jt. Secretary, all the branch Principals, Vice Principals and the other invited distinguished personalities of the Indian diaspora in Kuwait added to the grandeur of the event. The sports day is the culmination of the athletic events which are conducted house-wise throughout the year in the four branches of the school.

to academics and sports to develop an all-round personality.

Other than the usual track and field events, the function also witnessed a pompous pageantry of drill display by all the four branches – an amalgamation of exactitude, politeness, aerobics and dexterity enwrapped in decorum. Spectators watched with bated breath as the students flooded the stadium in rainbow colours. Their rhythmic and synchronized movements appeared like a celestial feat and indubitably it was a feast for eyes. The stadium reverberated and rumbled with relentless rounds of applause from the astonished spectators. The Chief Guest, the Members of the Board of Trustees and the Principals gave away trophies to the CBSE Kuwait Cluster champions and other sports event winners of all the branch schools.

The Chief Guest in his inaugural address exhorted the students to acknowledge and appreciate their competitors. He then declared the annual sports meet open, amidst thunderous applause by releasing balloons in the air. An enchanting band display by the famous ICSK Band that followed, captivated all the hearts present at the event. The power of human will to compete and the drive to excel beyond the body's normal capabilities was most beautifully demonstrated by the young athletes of ICSK who displayed their insatiable

The event culminated as the School flag was lowered and the meet was declared closed by Mr. Shaikh Abdul Rahman, Hon. Chairman, which brought an end to a memorable day. The 43rd Sports day of ICSK Senior was brought to a close with the words of gratitude by Mr. Ganghadhar Shirsath, Principal, ICSK Khaitan, to all present, for the efforts rendered in making this event a grand success. The amazing finesse and arduousness of the young athletes of The Indian Community School, Kuwait, will remain timeless in the minds of all those who attended the meet.

A spectacular welcome dance which was an



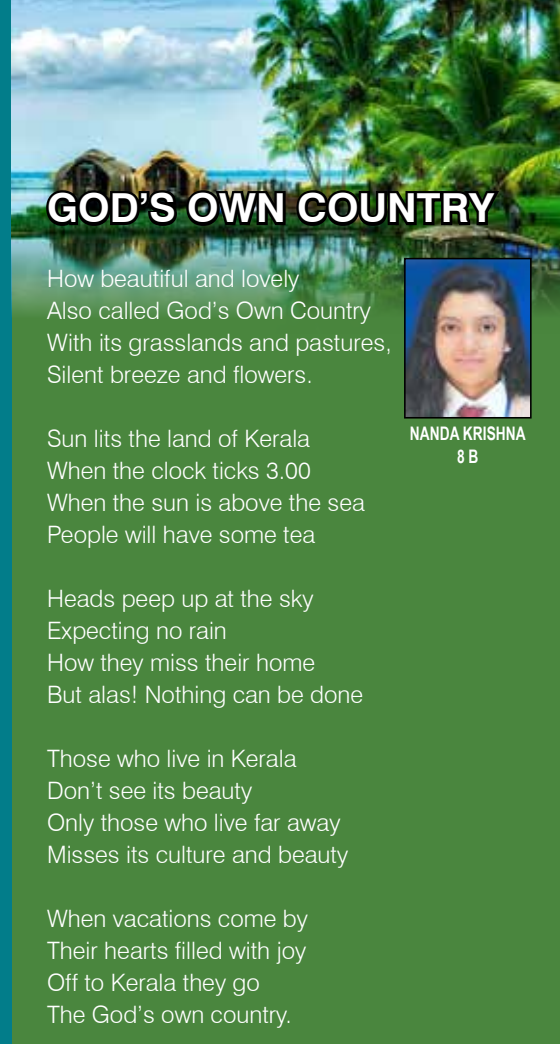


# NEW OPPORTUNITY “2018” IS USHERED AT ICSK



The New Year 2018, a new page of ‘possibilities’ was opened by students of the ICSK on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2018. The new day began with heartfelt prayers by students in the Islamic prayer and its translation which was followed by the school prayer. The ICSkian family involving the Principal Dr. V. Binumon, Vice Principal Dr. Sam T. Kuruvilla, the teachers, students, and non-teaching staff welcomed the new year in a vibrant and foot tapping number presented by students of Class 8 – A. The class also presented a colourful New Year card filled with best wishes of prosperity for the year. The students rendered a thoughtful speech on how the new year resolutions are to be taken and followed, which was enlightening to the assembly gathered at the campus. The Vice Principal

Dr. Sam T. Kuruvilla admonished the students to make use of opportunities available at the campus and to bring in a perfect balance between academics and curricular activities. The day was marked with roll-honors as high score achievers at the Accountancy Olympiad received their merit certificates from the Vice principal. The class of 8 A, with the able guidance of their class teacher Mrs. K. Lamba and joint class teacher Dr. Ezhil Vizhian put up an energetic start to the activities of the campus, by their inspirational quotes, song and dance at the first assembly of the year. The much anticipated assembly concluded with the pledge and the rendering of the Indian National Anthem, thereby reminding students of their responsibility as active citizens of their nation.



## GOD'S OWN COUNTRY

How beautiful and lovely  
Also called God's Own Country  
With its grasslands and pastures,  
Silent breeze and flowers.



NANDA KRISHNA  
8 B

Sun lits the land of Kerala  
When the clock ticks 3.00  
When the sun is above the sea  
People will have some tea

Heads peep up at the sky  
Expecting no rain  
How they miss their home  
But alas! Nothing can be done

Those who live in Kerala  
Don't see its beauty  
Only those who live far away  
Misses its culture and beauty

When vacations come by  
Their hearts filled with joy  
Off to Kerala they go  
The God's own country.

## MAST. JOE MAMMEN AND MISS AYAT AKHTAR TITLE-HOLDERS @ TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION



It is great pride that the Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait experiences when two students have come through with flying colours in the Talent Search Examination conducted for the students of GCC countries, by PM Foundation.

The Talent Search Examination was held for the students who have completed Class X examinations with an A+ grade in all subjects. In addition to the examination, successful candidates are to participate in group discussions and interviews. Candidates are then selected based on the performance in the exam, group discussions and interviews. This year, the students who made ICSK Senior proud are JOE MAMMEN JOHN and AYAT AKHTAR RIZVI.

The Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait congratulates the winners and wishes them a bright future ahead.

## Mohammed Mishal of the Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait, Wins 'Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Pearl of Kuwait 2017' Award



Mohammed Mishal of class XII of The Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait, has won the most prodigious and most coveted 'Dr. APJ ABDUL KALAM PEARL OF KUWAIT 2017' award. Thanima in collaboration with Asianet hosted this prestigious competition which is an arduous quest to find the academic celebrity in Kuwait.

This contest was to find and honour the most outstanding student who can be a role-model to the +70,000 strong Indian School students in Kuwait. Twenty one students, one each from every Indian School in Kuwait were nominated as the 'Pearl of the School' for this fierce competition. Pearls of different Indian schools competed against each other to bag the most prestigious 'Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Pearl of Kuwait 2017' title.

Dr. APJ ABDUL KALAM PEARL OF KUWAIT' contest mainly comprised of five sections with 100 points.

1. Online voting-20 points,
2. Extempore Speech-20 points,
3. Quiz-30 point,
4. Team work- 15 points
5. Leadership & Organization skills-15 points

Since the criteria for selection was not limited to academics only, as in most other cases, this served as a motivation for all the students who competed to come out of the shell they were confined to and expand their horizon for a real change in their perspective towards education and life. We hope that this amazing success will motivate the students of ICSK Senior, to perform and excel by showcasing their skills thereby uncovering and unleashing their aptitude & creative flair.

The Management, Staff and Students of ICSK Senior congratulate Mohammed Mishal for his astounding achievement and wish this child prodigy success in all his future endeavours.

# BIRTHDAY CUM CHARITY FUND

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017

INCOME (NOVEMBER)	KD	EXPENDITURE (DECEMBER)	KD
Balance c/f from (November)	3247.905	Mrs. Ishrat Begum	150.000
		Mrs. Fathima Lal Miah	150.000
		Mrs. Rashida Begum	150.000
		Mrs. Evelyn Bulos Field	150.000
		Mrs. Maria Theresa	150.000
			<b>750.000</b>
Balance from (November)	<b>2497.905</b>		
Contribution from students (December)	<b>446.445</b>		
Contribution from Staff and Well Wisher (December)	66.250		
Miscellaneous	40.500		
<b>Balance in hand</b>	<b>3051.100</b>		

## BIRTHDAY FUND AND CHARITY FUND COLLECTION - DECEMBER 2017

CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total	CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total	CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total
XII A	10.000	20.960	30.960	XI I	-	1.745	1.745	<b>AFTERNOON</b>			
XII B	-	5.000	5.000	XI J	-	12.290	12.290	VI A	-	6.220	6.220
XII D	-	0.700	0.700	X A	3.000	17.095	20.095	VII F	-	7.045	7.045
XII E	-	1.515	1.515	X B	2.000	7.270	9.270	VIII D	-	9.225	9.225
XII F	-	4.500	4.500	X C	-	1.755	1.755	IX D	-	24.280	24.280
XII G	-	7.500	7.500	IX A	2.000	13.250	15.250	X E (NIOS)	-	10.690	10.690
XII H	-	28.000	28.000	IX B	2.000	6.935	8.935	X F (NIOS)	-	8.895	8.895
XII I	-	1.545	1.545	IX C	-	2.285	2.285	XI M	-	1.500	1.500
XI A	-	14.000	14.000	VIII A	-	33.710	33.710	XII J (S)	-	5.440	5.440
XI B	11.000	11.840	22.840	VIII B	2.250	8.410	10.660	XII K (COM)	-	12.895	12.895
XI C	-	16.415	16.415	VIII C	3.000	3.455	6.455	XII L (COM)	-	7.450	7.450
XI D	-	7.690	7.690	VII A	-	26.340	26.340		-	93.640	93.640
XI E	-	11.935	11.935	VII B	-	7.025	7.025				
XI F	-	5.805	5.805	VII C	-	8.420	8.420				
XI G	-	5.000	5.000	VII D	2.000	6.630	8.630				
XI H	-	4.765	4.765	VII E	-	11.770	11.770				
					<b>37.250</b>	<b>315.555</b>	<b>352.805</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>37.250</b>	<b>409.195</b>	<b>446.445</b>





# CHARITY CONVENORS - JANUARY



FANDAN LARY  
JAYASEELAN - 12J



PATURI VENKATESH  
- 12K



CHINMAY R. SHINDE  
- 12L



BURHANUDDIN  
SALIM DADU - 11A



SHAIK SHAYOBA  
NAZ - 11B



AARON NIJU JOHN  
- 11C



FATEMA - 11D



JENNY GEORGE  
- 11E



SHEREEN  
- 11F



MUSTAFA ASGAR  
- 11G



ALAN KALUUVT-  
TAMZHIL - 11H



MUHAMMED NAEEM  
- 11I



HANEEM NADEEM  
- 11M



CHRIS THOMAS - 11J



SAKEENA YUSUFI  
- 10A



OSRAA YUNUSKHAN  
PATHAN - 10B



PARAMVIR SINGH  
- 10C



ABDULA SHAJI  
- 10E



MOHAMMED ZAHIR  
- 10F



KHALDOUN MUAZZAM S.  
- 9A



KHALID JAVED  
RAWOOT - 9B



ZAHRA MUFASSIR  
KARDAME - 9C



MOHAMMED JASIM  
MUBARAK - 9D



AKSHAYA  
BALAMURUGAN - 8A



SUYASH KUMAR  
- 8B



JOHANN THOMAS  
- 8C



AHMED FARZEEN  
- 8D



ENOCH POSNETT T.  
- 7A



SAKINA ARJAAN  
- 7B



HYDER IZHAR  
- 7C



HIBBA KHAN  
- 7D



FALAK HYDER ALI  
- 7E



IMTIAZ MOHAMMED S.  
- 7F



MUAZ JAFAR  
- 6A

## AMAZING FACTS ABOUT THE HUMAN BRAIN

The human brain is one of the most important organs in a human body. It helps us think, reason, remember, and learn new things. In fact, our brain and its superior functioning differentiate from animals and other creations of the Almighty.

Here are 10 interesting facts about the Human brain:

- The human brain weighs 3 pounds
- It comprises 60% of fat and is one of the fattest organs in the human body
- Human brain has the capacity to generate approximately 23 watts of power when awake.
- Of the total blood and oxygen that is produced in our body, the brain gets 20% of it.

- When the blood supply to the brain stops, it is almost after 8-10 seconds that the brain starts losing the consciousness.
- The brain is capable of surviving for 5 to 6 minutes only if it doesn't get oxygen after which it dies.
- The blood vessels that are present in the brain are almost 100,000 miles in length.
- There are 100 billion neurons present in the brain.
- In early pregnancy, the neurons develop at an alarming rate of 250,000 per minute.
- As we grow older, we are unable to remember new things.

According to the researchers in the US it is because the brain is unable to filter and remove old memories which prevent it from absorbing new ideas.

## Quote Garden

- "The ones who can see the vision when no one else can, and work on it like there is no tomorrow, will succeed. The rest will follow." - *Ajay Naik*
- "Believe in your ability to make your dreams come true." - *Pamela Malhotra*
- "A continued faith that every problem is solvable is the key to making this world a better place." - *TN Hari*
- "There is never a right time, you have to create the right time." - *Sheelika Ravishankar*
- "So don't let anyone tell you that change is not possible. Don't let them tell you that standing out and speaking up about injustice is too risky. What's too risky is keeping quiet. What's too risky is looking the other way." - *Barack Obama*
- "As long as we don't back away from a problem with the fear of losing, and fight back with the knowledge of what went wrong, we will definitely win." - *Ashok Kannan*

# BEST STUDENTS - DECEMBER



YADHU KRISHNA  
- 12J



AMAR  
- 12K



FARSANA  
- 12L



AHMED HUSSAIN  
SHAIKH - 11A



NEVIN MATHEWS  
- 11B



AISHWARYA MATHEW  
- 11C



ALINA ANN DANIEL  
- 11D



ANN LIZ VARGHESE  
- 11E



SHABNAM HARRIS  
- 11F



FARZANA SULTANA  
- 11G



MOHAMMED SHAMIL  
- 11H



AMATULLA  
- 11I



CHRIS THOMAS  
- 11J



SANTHOSH KUMAR  
- 11M



BASSAM ADNAN  
- 10A



ELWIN GEORGE  
JOECHIM - 10B



AKSHITHA SATHYAN  
- 10C



HUSSAIN IMTIYAZ  
- 10E



PRESTON SHANNON  
- 10F



MERIL ANN  
VARGHESE - 9A



BLESSEN REJI  
- 9B



MAHILLYAA MOHAN  
- 9C



SONA - 9D



SABIHA - 8A



ZOYA KELKAR - 8B



DARSHAN - 8C



JUZER ALI - 8D



MILEENA VARGHESE  
- 7A



ALONA ANN  
- 7B



YUKTA MENON  
- 7C



SARATH  
- 7D



GAUTHAM BIJU  
- 7E



ZAINAB ABDUL  
KHADER - 7F



KHADIJA KHALID  
- 6A

## THE ELEGANCE OF WOMENHOOD SHOWCASED BY SOCIAL SCIENCE CLUB



Social Science is a subject which offers a systematic study of man in relation to his society. This subject gives functional knowledge of history, geography, economics, civics etc. in an integrated manner and inculcates abilities, skills, attitudes and values that would help children to become useful citizens of the society.

ICSK Senior's Social Science Club aims at making children capable of becoming responsible, productive and valuable emissary of humanity. The activities of the club focus on promoting patriotism, discipline and an understanding of our historical culture. It helps increase the awareness

about social and environmental issues and students understand and uphold the values of social harmony, brotherhood and compassion.

On 23rd May, 2017 the Social Science Club Day was celebrated with a lot of pomp and splendour at ICSK Senior. Principal Dr. V. Binumon and Vice Principal Dr. Sam T. Kuruvillea graced the occasion.

The programme commenced with the invocation of blessings from the Almighty, which was followed by prayer song by school choir- Swaranjali. An inspirational speech was delivered by Mr. Joel D'Souza in which he emphasized the importance of shouldering the responsibility of being a member of the world. Through her speech on 'Women Empowerment' Miss Gayathri Nair of XII-I elaborated on the valuable role of the girl child in the society and profoundly touched the hearts of the audience. A power point presentation on the above said theme added grandeur to the occasion.

A mesmerizing dance performance was presented by the children of different classes based on the theme 'Women Empowerment'. Dr. Sam T. Kuruvillea moved the audience with his words of humour and wisdom. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Chandrika Ravikumar, coordinator of the club. The programme struck an emotional and inspirational chord with the audience to 'Be the Change and Change the World'.



# KUWAIT CHILDREN'S SCIENCE CONGRESS acknowledges BUDDING SCIENTISTS OF THE ICSK



Vipul Pateel, Gautam Prakash, Vyshnav Anoopkumar, Dheeraj Ramesh, Yusra Asad Khan, John Harshith and Alisha Mary Alex.

Junior Category winners: Vaishnav Anil Kumar, Joven C. Jose, Anjana Raviprasad, Vishnu Narayanan, Ben Ajith Kumar, Jeremiah Mathew, Vaishnav Rajeev, Abhishek Sreekumar and Fuad Merchant. The Science International Forum Kuwait and National Science Movement India had jointly conducted "Ignite 2017" where Master Gokul Sreenivasan of class 7 D of the Indian Community School, Senior branch was awarded the third place in the sub-junior category.

Science International Forum – Kuwait (SIF) is a platform that aims to 'ignite the minds of tomorrow' by encouraging scientific temperament among the young budding scientists. The 3rd edition of Kuwait Children's Science Congress was organized by SIF at Oxford Pakistan School, Abbassiya. The annual science exhibition provides children of 10 to 17 years of age a unique opportunity to showcase their scientific knowledge and aptitude. The program has students forming five-member teams to undertake a project based on an assigned theme.

Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development". Four teams from ICSK- two junior teams and two senior teams actively took part in this event. Two of the senior teams were declared as outstanding performers and a junior team was declared as the winner and also selected to represent Kuwait at NCSC-2017.

"Young Budding Scientist" certificates were awarded to a fleet of ICSKians in both of the categories, thereby recognizing their innate potentials.

The focal theme for KCSC this year was "

**Senior Category winners:** Elwin George Jochim, Aaditya Krishna, B.Anand, Rudra

The school lauds the efforts of the teams led by the guide teacher, Mrs. Annief, on the project wherein different Indian schools participated on the same. ICSK'S senior teams emerged winning A grade and the junior team emerged winning A+grade. The accomplishment is the outcome of the dexterity of ICSK aiming to infuse the spirit of innovation and development of scientific temper among the student fraternity. The ardent support of the Principal Dr.V.Binumon in this venture has enabled the realization of a distant dream.

## OUTSTANDING STUDENT TEACHER OF THE MONTH (DECEMBER) MORNING BATCH

**CATEGORY 1**

JOE MAMMEN - 11J  
RASHA BISHARA - 11J  
RITHIKA RAGHUPATHY-11A

**CATEGORY 2**

CHRISTINE SUSAN SHINE - 9A  
SAMREEN FATHIMA - 9B  
SIDHARTH DILEEP KUMAR - 9B

**CATEGORY 3**

DON THOMAS - 7B  
LINO GEORGE - 7C  
VIGNESH NITHYANANDAM - 7C

### AFTERNOON BATCH

**CATEGORY 1**

CHUNG FUKH KI - M-12J  
SANTOSH KUMAR - 11M  
YADHU KRISHNA - 12J

**CATEGORY 2**

ARIB I SAYYED - 10F  
HATIM K BASIYA - 10F  
MISHALL - 10E

**CATEGORY 3**

KHADIJA KHALID - 6A  
SAYED YUSHA NADEEM - 7F  
SANIYA SARFARAZ - 6A

## GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

ARWA AZIZ HUSSAIN - 7A

JERIN STANLY - 11B

FAHAD HAZRAT ALI - 12K

HUZEFA AYUB MIYAJI - 9D



**Nobel peace laureate ICAN urges nuclear powers to adopt ban-the-bomb treaty:**

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize by a Nobel committee that cited the spread of

nuclear weapons and the growing risk of an atomic war. The leader of the group that won this year's Nobel Peace Prize urged nuclear nations to adopt a United Nations treaty banning atomic weapons in order to prevent "the end of us".



**Work to integrate Brahmos on 40 Sukhoi aircraft begins:**

Work has begun to integrate the Brahmos supersonic cruise missile on 40 Sukhoi combat aircraft which is expected to fulfil critical needs of the Indian Air Force in the wake of evolving

security dynamics in the region.



**World's largest amphibious aircraft makes maiden flight in China:**

China's domestically developed AG600, the world's largest amphibious aircraft, performed its maiden flight from an airport on the shores of the South China Sea, the latest step in a

military modernisation programme.



**Kashmir beckons adventure tourists:**

resh snowfall and the prospect of several weeks of sub-zero temperature have prompted the Jammu and Kashmir government to promote adventure tourism in the State. It has decided to introduce the

high adrenaline sport of ice climbing in Pahalgam, 100 km from Srinagar.



**More channels to train teachers:**

With 13.6-lakh untrained teachers registering with the National Institute of Open Schooling to get trained by 2019 to retain their jobs, the Union government has chalked out a programme to roll out televised lectures in

regional languages and enable them to interact with experts in the studios during the lecture. The decision was taken at a review of the programme held by Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar.



**Heritage spin for Naples' pizza:**

Naples' art of pizza twirling is a candidate to join UNESCO's list of "intangible heritage" next week along with a wealth of other cultural treasures such as Saudi Arabian wall painting and Bangladeshi cane weaving.



**Kumi Naidoo is next Secretary General of Amnesty International:**

South African human rights activist Kumi Naidoo has been appointed as the next Secretary General of Amnesty International. He will take over from Indian activist Salil Shetty

in August 2018. Amnesty International is the largest human rights movement.



**Facebook unveils chat app for children, with parental controls:**

Facebook is coming for your children. The social media giant is launching a messaging app for children to chat with their parents and with

friends approved by their parents. The free app is aimed at children under 13, who can't yet have their own accounts under Facebook's rules, though they often do.



**Record-breaking nine-hour rainbow appears in Taiwan:**

A record-breaking nine-hour rainbow appeared in the Taiwanese capital of Taipei. professors at the Chinese Culture University efforts to document the

rainbow with the help of the department's students and the campus community. Their observations, pictures and video recordings showed the rainbow lasted for eight hours and 58 minutes.



**Jammu and Kashmir govt. launches 'Saubhagya' scheme:**

The Jammu and Kashmir government has launched "Saubhagya" (Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojna) with an aim to provide free electricity

connections to poor people in the State. Saubhagya, an initiative taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeks to provide electricity to 4 crore families across the country by December 2018.



**Indian-American woman Aruna Miller to run for U.S. Congress:**

Indian-American politician Aruna Miller has filed nomination papers to run for the U.S. Congress from a Congressional seat in Maryland. Ms. Miller, 53, is currently a member of the Maryland

House of Delegates for which she first elected in 2010.



**U.S. resumes DACA applications after judge blocks end to program :**

U.S. immigration authorities said that they will resume accepting requests under a program that shields young people brought to the United States illegally from deportation after

a court order blocked a government decision to end the program.



**Om Prakash Rawat appointed new Chief Election Commissioner :**

The Union Law Ministry on appointed seniormost Election Commissioner Om Prakash Rawat as the next Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) . Mr Rawat will have a tenure of almost a year

till his retirement in December 2018.



**Saudi okays India's plan to ferry Haj pilgrims via sea route :**

Saudi Arabia has given its nod to India's plan to revive the option of ferrying Haj pilgrims via sea route to Jeddah, Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said in a statement. Mr. Naqvi made

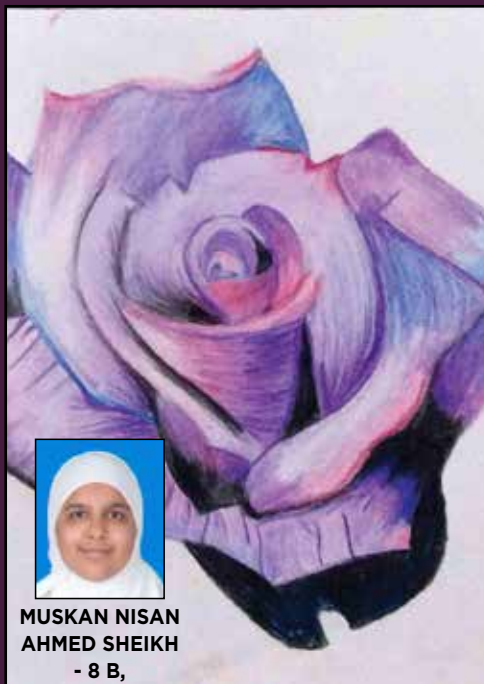
the comment after the signing of annual Haj agreement between India and Saudi Arabia in Mecca.



# Art Gallery



AARATHY  
JNANAPRAKASHAN  
- 9D



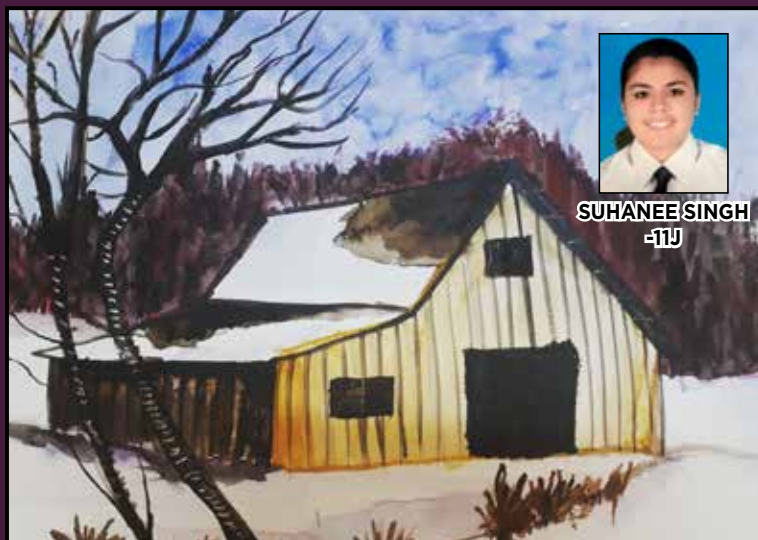
MUSKAN NISAN  
AHMED SHEIKH  
- 8 B,



RUHI FAISAL  
MUNDE - 8C



HARSHANTH  
RAJA - 8B



SUHANE SINGH  
- 11J

Student Name: .....

Class : ..... Section: ..... Roll No.: .....

Serial No.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, the parent of ..... studying in class ..... section ..... hereby, acknowledge the receipt of the January, 2018 edition of the ICSK Senior Monthly Magazine, EPICS.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Name: .....

# EPICTIONARY

1. SQUARE ONE: the initial stage or starting point  
*The failure set us back to square one.*
2. CRADLE: the place where something important began  
*Greece, the cradle of Western civilization*
3. ROLL OUT: to launch (a new film, product, etc) in a series of stages over an area, each stage involving an increased number of outlets  
*On Thursday Microsoft rolls out its new operating system.*
4. Et Al :an abbreviation meaning "and others."  
*If Lewis, Gilbert, and Lamar wrote something about teamwork, the reference could be: "Lewis et al. (2006) demonstrated teamwork environment is critical to success."*
5. FORCE : mental or moral strength or power.  
*"the force of popular opinion"*



## Forthcoming Events

- Aashirwad : Graduation Day
- Second Model Examination Class 12
- Annual Examination Class 9 & 11
- Award of Excellence ( 10 & 12)
- PRAYAAN 2018
- Informative Session on Girls' Health
- Exam Fear Management Programme
- CBSE Board Practical Examination Class XII

## BEST CLASSES - DECEMBER

### Senior Secondary



FIRST - 11E

### Secondary



FIRST - 8A



SECOND - 11J



SECOND - 9A



THIRD - 11C



THIRD - 8B

### AFTERNOON



FIRST - 12J



FIRST - 8D

## DID U KNOW...???

- January (in Latin, Ianuarius) is named after the Latin word for door (ianua)
- March was originally the first month in the old Roman calendar
- January's birthstone is the garnet, which represents constancy.
- January's birth flower is the cottage pink; *Dianthus caryophyllus* or *galanthus*.
- The zodiac signs for the month of January are Capricorn (until January 19) and Aquarius (January 20 onwards).



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COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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