

Choice in Ink

The Choice School
Tripunithura

Greetings to all of you as we come to the end of a very eventful year. Future hides behind a plethora of opportunities waiting to be seized. Let's put our hearts into what we do, and achieve peaks in our lives. No matter what we do, let's be righteous and honest with ourselves. The past is your lesson, the present is your gift and the future - your motivation. The start is what stops most people. So never be reluctant to start. At a time when this media is a source of grave concern, let us remember that we have the power to influence and it is in our hands to use this wisely. Let us be influenced and influence others positively to create a healthier society. I hope the summer break will give you the chance to rethink your priorities, rejuvenate and start afresh. Wishing you all a very happy holiday and the best of all the festivities.

Sunitha Satheesh
Principal



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Exceed Expectations

Choice Editorial Team

As the curtain falls on the 2018-2019 academic year, first of all I want to congratulate my entire team who stood behind me in fulfilling the promises I made to my dear parents and children. Collectively, we did a marvellous job and my team deserve a great appreciation!

Challenges continue to mount, dynamics change, demands alter. We are now getting ready for next academic year, waiting to make changes to convert the past to a better future. I see a silver lining, our plans are fully crystallized, at this time keeping your children as our ultimate goal. We are gearing up to implement new plans and initiative that is going to embrace the better tomorrow! I want to reassure all of you, parents, children and teachers, me and my family and the entire Choice Group stands fully committed in fulfilling your expectations.

Have a great summer holidays, travel safe and please share wealth of knowledge to your children during the forth coming holidays.

God bless Choice School and everyone associated with it!

Best Regards,

Jose Thomas
President, Choice Foundation



I usually refrain from writing a director's note, which is often indulging and self-serving. I think good academic practices need not be explained, it will be felt and revered by both the students and the parents. As we wind up another Academic year, we are proud of our achievements and accolades. Choice education goes beyond a linear, monotonous, content delivery and augments it with rich hands-on and out-of-the-box activities. We are preparing for the challenges ahead of us in creating and delivering a cutting-edge, fluid curriculum that will propel Choice to the forefront of innovations in global education. Yes, we all have a dream in educating and moulding a vibrant, model citizen. With this in mind, we are introducing research seminars by students and faculty members alike on a multitude of topics not encountered in a K-12 setting. This summer I request all parents to spend quality time with your child that is educational, entertaining and fulfilling. Summer reading should be a routine activity and encourage them to summarize their interpretations and share it when they return after summer vacation.

Dr. P. Asokakumar, PhD, Director Academics



Star Players - Manav Raj and Ravikrishna represented India at the Badminton Asia Junior Championship 2018 in Myanmar. They were also hand picked by current Indian National Badminton team coach, Gopichand Pullela for Operation Olympiad

Kinderland

Farm To Table

To show our children the journey of food before it finally reaches our table, Choice Kinderland organised a "Farm To Table" activity planned and executed by the Preppers. For this activity, children brought fruits, vegetables, milk products, grains and bread from their home. The assembly area was divided into a farm, flour mill, supermarket and dining area. Children came dressed as farmers, vendors, supermarket workers and a few as part of a family. Through the play, the children showed how food comes to the table from farms and travels to the super markets and homes. The children were enthralled to play the role of a farmer, chef and supermarket managers! The activity was enjoyed by one and all!



Celebrating Kerala

Kerala Piravi marks the birth of the state of Kerala in India. The state of Kerala was created on November 1st 1956. Kinderland commemorated the day with a theme based assembly. The event started off with a brief introduction by students followed by foot tapping nostalgic numbers rendered by teachers. The pinnacle of the cultural bonanza was a fusion thiruvathira choreographed by our dance teacher Mr. Rajesh. The piece was an intricately woven assemblage of the different dance forms of Kerala like Ottanthullal, Kathakali, Mohiniattom, Kerala Nadanam and Kurathyattam. The ace choreography highlighted the nuances of each dance form which finally culminated in the traditional Thiruvathirakali.



The Breakfast of Champs

Power breakfast, a brain child of The Choice Kinderland, was initiated to create awareness of the benefits of a healthy breakfast. Emphasis on the importance of eating breakfast and the impact it had on children was discussed. Chef Rajeev Menon, the corporate Chef of The Choice Group, stressed the pros of having a healthy breakfast, hinting at the fact that breakfast is the most important meal of our day. He shared some tips and showed how a normal breakfast can be made more visually appealing for children to have before they come to school. It was a visual treat to see how creatively dishes as mundane as Idli and egg can be plated to look attractive to the children. Parents also joined in for a breakfast session along with the children. It proved to be an interactive session with many mothers raising a lot of queries. The interactive session proved to be fruitful and informative.

Fit Kids Campaign

The Fit Kids campaign is a new initiative by the sports department of Kinderland. It was initiated to create a cognisant mindset in the children regarding the importance of personal hygiene. The hourly sessions begin with basic warm up and stretching exercises, followed by full body movement exercise with an energising song. This gambit is already showing positive results, and the children have incorporated exercise into their daily routine. The session is full of fun, enthusiastic Kindergartners.



Pet Show and Tell Day

Show & Tell proved to be an indelible day for the children, where they were allowed to bring their pets to school. The children of Kindergarten were eager to bring their favourite pet and show it to their friends and talk about them. The children were ecstatic when they met 'Thangu', the black and white cat, 'Nemo', the fighter fish and two little lovebirds names Peter and Paul. Their fingers were tingling with excitement as they touched and fed the pets. Their excitement was visible in their twinkling eyes and their happiness reflected in their beaming smiles. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and it prompted them to talk and learn more about their pets and other animals.



The "Old McDonald" Farm Tour

Farms are magical places for little eyes and hands. The anticipation was evident on the faces of our Kindergarteners when they were told they were going to a farm. From horse rides to petting calves, it was a cornucopia of fun activities that the children thoroughly enjoyed. Introducing children to such experiences not only augments their comprehension of the world that surrounds them but also helps to refine sensory and motor skills. This hands-on experience helps them to relate to stories on animals they read and provides a variety of tactile experiences. With million dollar smiles on their faces and farm tales to tell, the children returned to school happy and excited.



Primary



A Star In The Making

Diya Qurban T.S of Grade 3E, is already making waves at the tender age of 8. She is acting in a movie called 'Mera Naam Shaji' directed by Nadirsha. Asha Arvind acts as her mother, MLA Ganesh Kumar as her father and she also shares the screen with Asif Ali, Nikhila and Dharmajan.

Children's Day

Rakhee Ramakrishna, Co-curricular coordinator

The Primary School wore a festive look on Children's Day, with decorations and blue balloons dotting the hallway. Children came dressed in Blue to support UNICEF's cause #GoBlue to put back the focus on children. Teachers



became students for the day and conducted a fun filled assembly for the students. It was a treat galore for the children with a caricature artist, magicians, tattoo, face painting – all ready to entertain them. The day ended with a jamming session for the children. It was a fun filled and exciting day for them.



My Abacus Achievement

Aagney Krishna, 3 G

I have been an abacus aficionado for the last two years. Presently, I have completed the second level and I've progressed to the third. Through abacus, I have developed my concentration, accuracy and patience. More importantly, I learnt the importance of regular practice. I won the Gold medals at the regional, national, and the international exams. Although the exam was for 3 minutes, we were given 10 – this was to give us time to calm down. With every passing exam, my confidence increased. In order to prepare for the exams, I practised 12 papers a day for a month. In Dubai, on the previous day of the exam, I practised 20 papers! This systematic schedule helped me to perform better in my class reviews too. I plan to increase the intensity of my practice as I feel that it will help me to reach greater heights.



Kerala Day

Mayukh Manoj, 4C

November the 1st is celebrated as Kerala Day. All members of the school, staff and students alike, came dressed in traditional Kerala attire. We began our day by invoking the blessings of the Almighty. I was part of a short play that was directed by the teachers of the Department of Malayalam and Pradeep Sir. Our program was attended by our Principal, Ma'am Sunitha, our vice-principal, Ma'am Nalini, and the parents of the children who were presenting the skit. While preparing for this skit, I learnt many things about our prestigious state.



Middle School

Green Hands

To love nature is to love our fellow beings that inhabit this earth. The Choice School Eco Club lays emphasis on mutual cooperation, thereby bringing to the society a group of socially committed, nature loving citizens. The Eco Club cleaned around 40 meters of weeded area in the Tripunitura railway station and planted around 15 trees there. The children took care of the trees that are now as big as them right from the planting stage.

The Club played a part in helping the students of St. Sebastian Higher Secondary school, Gothuruth which was impacted by the devastating flood of kerala in August 2018 by providing 260 school bags with study materials to the needy children. Club Member empathised with the despaired and shared their sorrow. The children, citizens of tomorrow, who have witnessed the extremity of this deluge, have already started assembling the building blocks required to rebuild the better future that Kerala was working so hard towards.

We contacted the agricultural department of Thripunithura and bought grow bags and grew vegetables in them. Furthermore, they raised awareness in the importance of cultivating green and healthy plants without using any harmful chemicals, and its impact on one's health and on the environment.

The Eco Club participated in the 'Bin it to Win it' program conducted by Malayala Manorama along with Radio Mango. Two seats with 4 chairs were painted with eco-friendly graffiti and messages were installed in the railway station as part of this program. The Eco club, through the activities taken up this session, was successful in its endeavour to create socially responsible and well minded citizens of the future.



Onam Celebrations

A Special Assembly – 'Ormakk Peranithonam' was held on September 1 2018 by the students of Grade 7 as a part of Onam celebration. The play was a narration as seen through the eyes of the famous characters Ramanan and Chandrika from the poems of Shri Changampuzha Krishna Pillai. The dance drama peeped into the way Onam was celebrated in the past as compared to the commercialized form of celebration that we usually see around these days. The spirit of compassion, humanity and the true essence of Onam was well conveyed through the assembly and is a much needed message in these times of disaster.



Independence Day

O n 14th of August 2018 Independence day at The Choice School was celebrated with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm. Grade 7 students of C, D & G sections presented a musical 'The Emergence' highlighting India's fight for freedom. The musical showcased glimpses of the milestones in the struggle for independence and paid homage to the worthy sacrifices of the freedom fighters of India.



Vaiga, an exuberant dancer from the middle school studies in Grade 5. She is an accomplished dancer being the runner up at D4Dance and has won first prize for G Tech state level competition.

Presently she is shooting for Asianet's reality show – Sakalakalavallabhan

Travel - Soup for the Soul

Rohit David Paul, 7F

The field trips organised by our school, though ephemeral, have always proved to be indelible parts of our school year. There is a loud cheer that emanates from our classes every time a circular regarding field trips reaches our class. The day before our trip, we would have drained our wallet and stuffed our bags with snacks. We travel to places that hold a historical or geographical significance. Since the field trip extends only to a few hours, the places we generally visit are only a few miles in and around the school. It's surprising that the places we visit haven't been previously visited by us with our family. The bus rides are an integral part of our excursions. They help us interact with our peers, get us closer to our friends, or introduce us to people whom we've never conversed with previously. A few teachers from our batch join us and act as our guides, and they occasionally share trivia. The driver makes sure to take scenic routes so that we can feast our eyes upon fascinating and breathtaking views. These field trips have embedded positivity and discipline into our demeanour. They have enlightened us about our rich cultural heritage and have shown us how it is up to us, the next generation, to lift them our nation to greater heights. A strong feeling of nostalgia is always associated with these excursions. Our excursions hold a dear place in our hearts as it contains some of our most dear memories and fun filled moments.



Spread A Smile

Life Skills sessions were being held at Jtpac, for Middle School students on a weekly basis, with a mission to create learners equipped with accurate, objective and scientific knowledge. These sessions are aptly designed to help young learners solve problems, think creatively and critically, communicate effectively, build healthy relationships, empathise with others, cope with challenges and manage their lives in a healthy and productive manner. In these sessions, in addition to enhancing knowledge, the focus of the content and activities is on the development of Life Skills in students, which would help them in resisting peer pressure, making informed decisions and healthy choices to effectively cope with risky situations they encounter in their daily lives. All ten core Life Skills as listed by WHO are being addressed through these sessions.



Senior School

Fringes 2018

George Paul, 12A

The stage- a platform for all to express their emotions and indeed themselves. The budding actors, directors, musicians, dancers, costume and prop designers all expressed the creative aspect of their psyches on the day of Fringes 2018. We, here at The Choice School, believe in theatre's ability to foster and develop a child's character and build teamwork. Thus was born Fringes, an inter-school drama and stagecraft competition that tested the students' ability to put up a good show and all the while conveying a thought provoking moral or message using the medium of drama. With schools from all over Kochi attending and two different stages to quench their thirst for the performing arts, it was a theatre-lover's dream. Proceedings were beautifully organized by the senior students of The Choice School with every student putting in their best to make sure everyone was comfortable and always had something to see. Dance, music and fashion shows in between the attending schools' performances ensured an entertained crowd. The opening ceremony marked the start to a day of fun-filled performances with a breathtaking performance by our students in the form of a dance drama portraying the Garden of Eden. Then followed all the events which included a street play competition, each schools broadway-musical-esque twisted rendition of a classic fairy tale and also a screening of short films produced by, directed by and featuring students of the attending schools. The results of the competitions were decided by a panel of judges all of whom are well distinguished in the field of theatre. The day came to an end with the closing ceremony during which, once again, Choice School students wowed us with powerful dance and music performances. Asif Ali, acclaimed malayalam actor, made an appearance as Chief Guest of the event and gave a speech which resonated with everyone in the audience. Although Global Public School won the Overall Trophy and returned home victorious, it can be said that no one departed untouched by the indelible performances they had witnessed that day.



Choice FIFA Cup

Rohan Cyriac Paul, 12A

The referee places the ball on the penalty spot. All eyes are on the short, dark skinned England player, as he positions for the shot. There is a palpable tension in the air, and it seems as if the crowd is holding its breath. Could this be it ? The referee blows the whistle, and the England forward coolly strikes the ball into the top right corner and the team erupts into exultant approbation. England had won the Choice Fifa Cup !

Initiated to emulate the FIFA world cup, the Choice Fifa Cup was the brainchild of the sports department of our school. The idea was simple : 8 countries (Brazil, Portugal, Argentina, England, Spain, Belgium, France and Germany) were to battle it out for the prestigious Choice Cup. Each team, captained by a student of grade 12, would consist of 15 players. As the days went by, the matches progressed with England, France, Argentina and Portugal claiming early victories. At the end of the week, it was down to the much awaited final: England vs France. Our chief guest for the day, Mr. Thomas Jose earned a roar of approval from the crowd as he turned up in an England jersey, showing his support for the team.

The two evenly matched teams faced each other as the referee blew the starting whistle. Filled with shots that emanated finesse and skill, unbelievable saves, and countless other thumb racking moments, the match came to a close at an even 0:0, with either team unable to penetrate the other's defence. The match would go on to penalties. With the tally at 4 : 3 to England, it was down to England's Samuel Joseph, and he did not disappoint.

Graduation 2019

Rohan Cyriac Paul, 12A

As we climbed the carpeted steps inside JTPac, time seemed to slow down, as though it was urging to eternize that moment. Once seated, the day's proceedings began. Ram Narendran's mom, through her short emotional anecdotes, reminisced about her son's growth through the years. The melodious voices of Milan Joy and Anya Antony left us enthralled. Speeches by the representatives of each class took us down memory lane leaving us feeling melancholy and nostalgic. As our nervous, excited batch of 183 students climbed onto the stage to receive our mementos, our parents beamed with pride.

This was followed by the candle lighting ceremony which stood analogous to us lighting our inner light. It was on a hopeful note that we song the Graduation song, written by JT Sir himself, as we prepared to leave the safety of our school - the portal that slowly, over the course of time, we had come to call home.



So Long, Farewell...

Anoushka Dominic, Periyar House Captain 2018-19

As the song goes - "Don't you forget about me", Farewell 2019 truly was an unforgettable affair. Themed "The Electric Eighties", the venue was outfitted attractively with the decor reflecting the period. Black and white chequered floors, posters of famous movies and even a photo booth which screamed eighties. The evening began with the traditional 'walk - in' of the graduating batch of 2018 - 19. The girls all looked glamorous in their pretty sarees and the boys dapper in their formal wear. Once they were seated, the entertainment began. The eleventh grade, the hosts for the evening, were a perfect blend of comedy, music and dance, putting up a spectacular performance leaving their seniors both enthralled and nostalgic. The Choice Pageant which would decide Mr. and Ms. Choice 2018 - 19 followed. Speeches by representatives from every class left the graduating batch teary eyed as they reminisced their unforgettable days in school. The evening drew to a close with a lively dance presented by the hosts as followed by the awarding of Mr. & Ms. Choice to Zubin Navas and Esha Paul. Life brings tears, smiles and memories; the tears dry, the smiles fade but the memories, they last forever. And Farewell 2k19 was a plethora of memories.



Editor's Choice



Deepshikha

The Diwali programme staged by the enthusiastic students of Grade VI on 2nd November 2018 at the J T PAC, earned a roar of approval from the crowd. The programme titled 'DEEKSHIKA' depicted the celebration of Diwali among Hindus, Buddhists and Sikhs. It underscored the message Diwali advocated : Peace and Love. It was orchestrated by Ms. Geetha Nair, Teacher, The Department of Hindi in collaboration with the teachers of Grade 6. The programme was attended by all staff and parents, and it received a standing ovation.

JT's culinary repertoire



A session on "Special Skills in Culinary" conducted for the Grade 11 students by JT Sir

Elan 2018



Annual sports accolades ceremony, Elan was graced by ISL Striker Iain Hume as the special guest

Embracing Japan



Students donning the traditional kimono of the Japanese while on the international trip to Japan.

Sports Achievements

Athletics

→ Adrian Mathews secured second position in 100m at All Kerala CBSE Athletic meet championship and qualified to the Nationals

Badminton

→ The exceptionally talented Choice school badminton team consisting of Athulya Rajesh, Aparna Suresh Nair and Aditi Gupta won individual prizes in the ASSISI Badminton championship
→ Overall champions at the River Bourne Badminton Tournament

Basketball

→ The Choice school u/17 girls team were second runners up at the CBSE Basketball Tournament
→ U/14 girls team were first runners up in the Junior NBA championship at Rajagiri Public School, Kalamasherry.
→ U/17 first runners up in the Choice Cup Tournament hosted by the choice school

Swimming

→ Sanaskrita Banddyopadhyay of grade 9 has set 3 meet record in Junior and Sub-Junior State Aquatic Championship held at Trivandrum and Kritika Bandyopadhyay of grade 5 qualified to the nationals. Irene M Sarah of grade 12 , Arjun Aneesh of grade 9 and Sanaskrita Banddyopadhyay of grade 9 qualified the State Aquatic Championship.

→ CBSE South Zone swimming Championship
Arjun Aneesh – 2 gold
Jez – 3 Silver , 1 Bronze
Rohin Roy -3 Bronze
Kritika Bandyopadhyay – 1 bronze
Ruth Rosemary -1 gold
Elisheeba Naveen – 3 Gold , 3 silver
Sanaskrita Bandyopadhyay – 2 Gold
Maria Joseph – 1 Gold
Elena Thomas – 1 Gold
Arjun Aneesh , Jez, Maria Joseph , Elena Thomas qualified to the Nationals and Sara Jacob , Ruth Rosemary , Elisheeba Naveen , Sanaskrita Bandyopadhyay won silver at the Nationals.
→ Rohit David Paul, Rebecca, Kritika Bandyopadhyay were individual champions in the Don Bosco Swimming Championship

→ The Choice school swimming team were runners up at the Rajagiri Christu Jayanthi swimming championship and Overall Runners Up in the Don Bosco Trophy Swimming Championship

Table Tennis

→ U/14 girls team Annanya Kurup of grade 7 , Elena Renzo Olickal of grade 5 , Sriyukta Arun of grade 4 won first position in the All Kerala CBSE Table Tennis championship and qualified to the nationals

Kabaddi

→ U/19 Boys were the first runners up in the CBSE Kabaddi championship
→ U/17 Girls team were second runners up in the CBSE Kabaddi championship

IIMUN Kochi 2019

Maria Charles, 11D

The IIMUN, India international Movement to Unite Nations, Kochi chapter was held at the Choice School on the 18th, 19th and 20th of January 2019. A platform where delegations worked towards harnessing global initiatives through young aspirants, it was attended by around 300 students from all over Kerala. This was the fourth consecutive year that our school has been hosting this event. The conference was addressed and attended by eminent Diplomats including Mr. Rajiva Misra, Former Indian Ambassador and Ms. Tanuja Kapur, a criminal psychologist. The organizing committee, who were entrusted with the most responsible task of coordinating the event, was guided by Ms. Archana and Ms. Preetha, and they performed their tasks with unparalleled diligence and dexterity.

The conference ended with The Choice School being crowned as the best delegation.



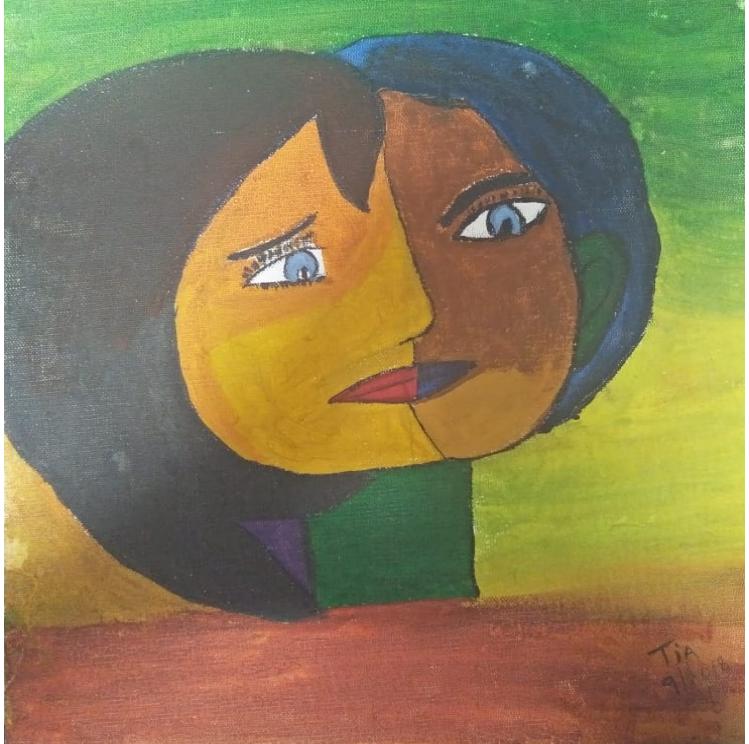
Expanding Horizons

Joel Korah, 11A

The Seminar 2018 was the brainchild of Mr. Jose Thomas, intended for his students to acquire knowledge beyond textbooks, and to learn the art of research. This took the form of an interclass competition among the 3 senior batches, 10th, 11th and 12th with a high incentive reward to encourage the students further. The preliminary rounds were conducted and judged by our own teachers, Ms. Reshma, Ms. Edna and Ms. Preetha. The topic given to each batch was different one class from each batch was selected after a preliminary round. After an intense competition and some extremely close results, the 6 finalists that squeezed through delivered their presentation on 27th of July in JTPac with the senior school eagerly waiting to see which class would reign victorious. The nerve-wracking finale was a test to see if the students could perform under immense pressure with very little time to prepare. Their topic was World War II, which is a very vast, sensitive and difficult subject to talk about in just 10 minutes and it was judged by Mr. Jose Thomas and Mr. Ish Anand, CEO, Choice Foundations, whilst being mediated by Ms. Reshma Mather. After nearly an hour and a half of high quality presentations, the teams which held their nerve under the spotlight edged ahead of the others and 12D emerged victorious with 12F coming in second.



An illustrative expression
by Tia (4E)



Yuva Mastermind

Kevin Johnson, 11A

We started this journey at the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year. We met up with our physics teacher for the year, Jose sir, and made a group of four science enthusiasts which consisted of Joel Geemon Korah, Sam Abraham Joshy, Hasan Sheraz and I. We started to work on our project, The Low Cost Steamer and Dryer or LCSD for short. It is a system which combines the functions of a steamer, fryer and dryer using solar energy, all for a cost effective price of 500 Rupees. We were one of the 1200 entries from across Kerala who enrolled for the 9th edition of Yuva Mastermind organized by Malayala Manorama. I am proud to say that our school had two teams who qualified for the grand finale, where we were up against 23 other teams from other schools who were adjudged as the best entries of this year's edition. With the constant support of Jose Sir we continued to experiment with and modify our product until the date of the grand finale rolled around. The grand finale was held at the Rajiv Gandhi Indoor stadium on the 18, 19 and 20 of January 2019. We had to present our project to the judges and public alike and we received a great deal of support and appreciation from both the judges and the public. The closing ceremony took place on the 20 of January and the chief guest of the ceremony was Dr K Sivan, the chairman of ISRO. After he rendered a short memorable speech and an interactive session with the students, the results were announced. We were awarded the 2nd prize in the school level and Dr K Sivan handed us our trophy and a cheque worth 75000 Rupees. He also promised to sponsor a trip for all winners to visit ISRO and watch a live rocket launch. We are all super excited for the opportunity to see a live rocket launch and to see what the future holds but for the time being we are continuing to improve our product and we are striving to implement the LCSD in households across India.



Cultural Fest 2018

Mehnaaz Raffi Mather, Cultural Secretary

The cultural day started out as most things do: an idea. During student council meetings, we discussed it as an initiative for a fundraiser. The idea was to tie together different aspects of artistic expression, and to create a conglomeration of cultural events. Music, dance and fashion were portrayed in the best expression. The theme of the costume fiesta made a great epitaph as students came dressed in their favourite characters from their favourite movies and shows. The flea markets provided amazing food, fashion and much more to those who attended, and the money raised was distributed among various charitable organisations. There was a team of 24 heads with their departments who worked very hard to pull it all together and this would not have been possible without them. This was one of the most exhilarating events I've planned hitherto, and I hope that this is the genesis of something new at The Choice School.



Arrivederci

Rohan Cyriac Paul, 12A

Dear Reader

This is going to be the last newsletter of the current editorial team. But don't worry, this is not the end but merely a juncture that precedes a new beginning of self-discovery. Johann von Goethe said, "Letters are among the most significant memorial a person can leave behind them." So, on behalf of the editorial team, this is me saying arrivederci.

The last two years have flown by in the blink of an eye, and I have undoubtedly savoured every moment of it. Of the numerous clubs and activities I have partaken in, The Literature Club occupies a special place in my heart. Being part of the oldest and perhaps, the most esteemed club of our school was an unforgettable experience.

Working on our bi-annual newsletter not only gave me voice, but also opened me up to a myriad perspectives. From unscheduled meetings in the cafeteria to brainstorming sessions in the elective rooms, I enjoyed the camaraderie of my peers. Under the tutelage of our loved mentors, Reshma Ma'am and Sridevi Ma'am, we grew, not just cognitively, but emotionally. With our subeditors George Paul and Shilpa Mariam Joseph spearheading the team, we were an eclectic group, often engaging in impromptu debates about multifarious topics. Through this process of perpetual learning, we uncovered multiple facets of the same truth. As Diya Isha eloquently put it, "As self-motivated as we are, we love a challenge, and the knowledge we acquire, we paint invaluable, and our thirst for more, unquenchable". And it would be amiss to leave my seniors out of this letter who worked tirelessly on the first edition of Choice In Ink with a special mention going out to former subeditor Ruth Susan Joseph. Even though I've not had the pleasure of working with them, having been their friends, I am certain the editorial team would not be the same without them.

Perhaps the sine qua non of my experiences as a part of the Literature Club was attending the Jaipur Literature Festival. Meeting eminent luminaries like Rupi Kaur, Shashi Tharoor and Zakir Hussain was a surreal experience.

As my senior year draws to a close, I find it harder to come to terms with the fact this is coming an end. No matter where I go, a part of me will always yearn to return to that cafeteria table and engage in a spirited semantic colloquy.

All the love
Rohan Cyriac Paul



Hues

Dhwani Kannan, 11F

Art is the imaginative and indescribable expression of the mind portrayed through a mélange of various elements. The senior school painting students recently hosted an art exhibition with an array of their various kinds of works, ranging from acrylic paintings to dry pastels. We have splashed various colours with different tones and shades, in lieu of expressing our emotions and thereby giving meaning to our very colourful title - HUES.

The exhibition was inaugurated on 25 March by our dear Principal, Sunitha Ma'am, in the presence of Ashoka sir, Annie ma'am, Ranjit sir and all our very supportive batch mates. With the help of our very talented teacher, Rashmi ma'am, we set up the meeting room in the senior school and displayed our works. Being the first of its kind, the wholehearted support we received from the staff and students were instrumental in making this exhibition a success.

