

Notre Dame School

Vasai

Academic Report

April 2022-March 2023

Number of Sisters in the Community

Sr. Mary Sandhya	Local Superior
Sr. Mary Shylaja	Principal
Sr. Mary Aruna	Prayer Ministry at Kalyan
Sr. Mary Asanta	

Staff Information of Notre Dame School, Vasai

Sisters Staff

Sr. Mary Sandhya
Sr. Mary Shylaja
Sr. Mary Asanta

Primary and Middle School Staff

Mrs. Shalini RajkumarManbhat
Mrs. LivintaAllwyn Carvalho
Mrs. Sheetal William D'silva
Mrs. Monalisa Francis Lopes
Mrs. Cynthia Grammy Britto
Mrs. Sarena Joel Gonsalves
Mrs. Lydia Anil Loones
Mrs. Riona Sneden D'silva
Mr. Terrance Marshal Rebello
Mrs. Leela Walter Gonsalves
Mrs. Sweedal Brian Carvalho
Ms. Olivia Alfred Dias
Mrs. Sharon Dias
Mrs. Sheetal D'souza
Mrs. Candace Sequiera

Mrs. Salome Falcon

Mrs. Princely Cusher

High School Staff

Mrs. Ashalla Patrick Bobo

Mrs. Ensweeta Eldrage Dabre

Mrs. Sweedal Ajit D'abreo

Mrs. Shelley Vinay Nunes

Mrs. Lorna Sanjay Pereira

Mrs. Minal Churchil Baptista

Mrs. Khushbu Rahul Jaiswal

Mrs. Preeti Colaco

Mr. Dixson Sanjiv Marti

Mrs. Vijaya Rumao

Mrs. Lourdes D'silva

Mrs. Deepa Dias

Mrs. Rovina Gracias

Pre-Primary Staff

Mrs. JeneviaFloyedSequeira

Mrs. Smita Sandeep Colaco

Mrs. Sharon Osden Pereira

Office Staff

Mrs. Neelam Suhas Alphonso

Mrs. Swidal Rodrigues

Mr. Santosh Pardhi

Non-teaching staff

Mrs. Cecilia Stany Ferreira

Mr. Dominic Simon Dabre

Mrs. Philomena Louis Dabre

Mr. Vinit ArunUmtal

Mrs. Leena Kalath

Security

Mr. Subhash R Barat

Mr. Harold George Almeida

New Staff

Mrs. Aparna Angel Adaikalam (Pre-Primary staff)

Mrs. Shamin Rostan Pereira (Primary staff)

Mrs. Valerie Alfio D'silva (Primary staff)

Mrs. Sae Sameer Churmure (Primary staff)

Mr. Arvind (Part-time French Teacher)

Mr. Ajay Prakash Lakhat (Maintenance staff)

April 1st and 2nd: Books Distribution

The students were given the books and the stationary for the academic year 2022-23. Three days were set aside to distribute the books for different classes as allotted.

April 8th: New Academic Year

New Academic year 2022-23 began with full enthusiasm and zeal. The students were excited about their new class teacher and new classmates.

April 9th: Class X- 2021-22 Batch Farewell

The Farewell for the class X, batch of 2021-2022 was held on Saturday 9th April 2022. The students and the class teachers of class IX were involved in the organization of the program. The venue for the event was the school hall. The hall was decorated with a beautiful backdrop with a message for the students of std X 'Bloom where you are planted'. The day began with a special mass for the students at 8:30 am followed by an entertaining program at 10:30 am. The students of class X had prepared a wonderful program for them with skit, dance and lots of games with spot prizes. The class X students were given a memento too by class IX students. The students and teachers were served with snacks during the program. Master Troy Nunes gave vote of thanks and extended his gratitude towards all the teachers and the management on behalf of all the students of std X. On behalf of all the teachers Khushboo teacher gave a message to all the students and wished them good luck. The program ended with the inspiring words by the principal Sr. Shylaja. The day was a memorable one both for the outgoing batch and the teachers. There was a lot of emotion and nostalgia as students took photographs around the majestic school building where they had spent their childhood.

April 20th: Awarding the Toppers 2021-22 (Class I – IV)

A student is in the phase of learning and educating oneself. It is the phase of preparation for the future. It is not an easy task to top the class. The person who tops a class deserves an award. Thus he/she should be praised for ever little achievement.

Notre Dame School understands the importance of encouragement and hence organized 'Toppers' Awards Ceremony for classes I to IV. On 20th April 2022 the awarding ceremony started at 8:30am. The toppers were felicitated by the sisters of Notre Dame and the staff members of the school. The principal Sr. Shylaja concluded the event by congratulating all the toppers for their splendid performance and also encouraged the students to showcase their talents in future in various scholastic and co-scholastic activities conducted in the school.

April 21st: Awarding the Toppers 2021-22 (Class V-X)

As Notre Dame went offline at the start of this academic year 2022-23 the school decided to appreciate the students for taking part in the competitions held in the previous year, online. There were a number of students who took part in the competitions held online, like the elocution, book talk, spelling bee, craft, drawing and even handwriting. They worked enthusiastically to show case their skills. The winners were awarded a certificate and a medal as an appreciation, on the 21st of April, 2022. The following teachers did the honours of distributing the awards:

Class 5- Mrs Lourdes Dsilva

Class 6- Mrs Oliviya Colaco

Class 7- Mrs Khusbhu Jaiswal

and the High school students received their awards from the Principal Sr Shylaja. May God bless each one of our students at Notre Dame as they discover their inner talents as they move ahead in life.

April 29th: Student Council Installation

‘Leadership is the quality to translate vision into reality’. The investiture ceremony of Notre Dame School for the academic year 2022-23 was held with great dignity in a special ceremony in the school hall on 29th April, 2022. The event began with a candle March by the former and newly elected student council members along with the school principal, Sr Shylaja, and the teachers. They lit the lamp of knowledge as the school choir sang a hymn. The newly elected leaders pledged to work earnestly and uphold the honour and glory of the institution. Badges were pinned and flags were handed over to the leaders by the house representative teachers. The members of the newly elected student council are as follows

Head boy- Bron Coutinho

Head girl- Kate Almeida

Assistant head boy- Keith Rodrigues

Assistant head girl- Jill Dabreo

Sports captain- Shifra D’cunha

Assistant sports captain- Ethan Bake

Yellow house captain - Asher Dabre

Assistant yellow house captain - Carolina Martin

Red house captain - Precia Menezes

Assistant red house captain - Prince

Green house captain- Ryan D’silva

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Assistant green house captain - Nysa Dsouza

Blue house captain - Preet Patil

Assistant blue house captain- Aden Correia

Sr Shylaja congratulated the newly elected student council members. With flags held high and heads standing tall, the ceremony concluded with the school song.

May 1st – June 9th: Summer Vacation

The teachers and students had relaxing summer holidays.

May 9th : Blessing of the Foundation Stone

Today is a red lettered day Notre Dame School, Vasai as we laid the foundation stone for the plus two building. Fr. Thomas Lopes the parish priest was invited to bless the site and offer prayers for the smooth and successful completion of the construction. Sr. Chetana, the Provincial Superior laid the foundation stone. Along with Sr. Chetana, Sr. Shylaja, Sr. Rosilin and Sr. Sangeeta were present. Many of our teachers, students and workers and the contractor Mr. Libio D'souza witnessed this occasion.

June 7th and 8th: Seminar for Teachers

The teachers of Notre Dame had a seminar on the 7th of June 2022 conducted by Fr Prashant Saldhana on the topic 'Commitment of a teacher'. He began with spelling out the word TEACHER to bring out the duties and what the life of a teacher consists of. He also brought out the environment the teacher is placed in. Her dedication to the family and home. And finally how the teacher is looked upon as a Guru. It was indeed an informative seminar for every teacher as she could actually visualize herself being of service to others. The seminar ended with a vote of thanks.

Ms Mandrita Mitra and Ms Rachana Das were invited as resource persons to conduct a seminar at Notre Dame School for the staff members on the 8th of June, 2022. The topic that was dealt with was 'Bridging the generation gap'. It was indeed a very apt topic especially after two years of lockdown. Teachers were given information about the various skills that they needed to sharpen as students came offline. They explained about the different gaps in the present generation. It was indeed very informative and meaningful too. The seminar ended with filling of a Google questionnaire and the vote of thanks.

June 9th : Re-Opening of the School

The school re-opened on 9th June 2022, Thursday after a long and blissful summer vacation. The assembly was conducted through the P.A system, after the assembly the ambience had become peaceful and pious. All the children were excited and happy to come to school after the vacation. On the first day of school all the teachers taught the golden words, also encouraged the children to continue with the good habits of washing hands and regular sanitization. The pre-

primary children were all excited as it was their first day entering the school premises after the pandemic. All the students were looking smart in their new uniform. The dismissal was at 10:30 am on the first day.

June 9th : Mrs. Aparna Appointed as a New Pre primary teacher

Mrs.Aparna has been appointed as a Pre-primary teacher from 9th June 2022.We wish her all the best for her services at Notre Dame School.

June 11th:Parents Teacher Meeting – Jr.KG and Sr.KG

The meeting for pre-primary section was held on 11th June 2022 in the school hall. The meeting for Sr.KG parents was at 8:30 am while for Jr.KG was at 10:00 am. Sr. Sandhya initiated both the meetings by invoking God's blessings through prayer and later gave a brief information about Notre Dame Sisters and their work. The Teachers introduced themselves and acquainted the parents about the syllabus, books to used, activities that will be conducted during the year and also certain important points to be noted.

The meeting ended with both the section parents asking queries and raising their concern about children coping with the school. The teachers assured the parents that their concerns would be taken care of.

June 13th:Welcome to Jr.KG

“A Great Education Begins with A Great Kindergarten Experience.”

A cheerful welcome helps kindergarten children for a positive start to their school journey. Notre Dame School, Vasai had organized “Welcome Day” on Monday 13th June 2022, to create a positive impact, comfort and eagerness after the pandemic for the children to come to school happily. Classrooms were decked up with some cartoon characters drawn on the blackboard and colorful balloons to make more attractive.

Teachers introduced themselves to the class Mrs. Sharon Pereira Jr.KGA, class teacher Mrs.Aparna Adaikalam Jr.KG B class teacher. On the first day we collected their books. We played music for kids they enjoyed a lot. The student's excitement was seen on their cheerful faces. At the end of the day school presented “Kit Kat” chocolates and sticker star for our dear new upcoming stars. It was an amazing experience to see the lovely smiling faces.

June 18th: Parent Teacher Meeting Class I

The Orientation Programme for class I was held on 18th June 2022. The meeting started by a prayer by Sr.Sandhya. Sr. Sandhya then gave a short brief about the history of Notre Dame Schools. Its inception places in India and eventually to Vasai. Teacher Riona explained the assessment pattern to the parents and explained to them that, all the activities conducted in the classroom are important as they will be marked for the formative assessment as the school

follows the CCE pattern of evolution. Teacher Sheetal spoke about the different things the parents need to remember and follow during the academic year. The floor was then opened for a question cleared their doubts about different issues in case the child is absent, requesting to upload notes on whatsapp etc. All the queries were answered by the teachers.

It was a great interaction between the teacher and the parents for the development of their children where they discussed both the strengths and areas of improvements. The orientation came to an end with the conclusion that joint effort, mutual understanding and co-operation of parents and teachers is very important for the proper nourishment and progress of students.

June 18th: Parent Teacher Meeting Class II and III

The Parents Teacher Meeting of Notre Dame School of classes II and III for the year 2022-23 was held on 18th June 2022, in the school hall at 10 am. The meeting began with a prayer by the manager Sr. Sandhya. Sister briefed the gathering about the congregation and the pioneering of Notre Dame School. Teacher Livinta did the comparing of the programme. All the class teachers and the subject teachers introduced themselves and the subject's teacher too. Teacher Monalisa explained the evaluation pattern and the number of class activities which will be conducted for the academic year, teacher Lydia took over highlight few important reminders and certain class rules.

Later the floor was open to the parents for question-and-answer session where different queries regarding the uniform, school timings, class work notes etc were answered. The main purpose of the meet was to create a common platform, where teachers and parents come together to enrich the students educational regarding all round development of students, was fulfilled.

June 24th: The Advertisement Competition

Notre Dame School Vasai got back on its feet for its offline competitions. On the 24th of June, 2022 it had its first Advertisement Competition which was a competition between the Houses. Soon after the announcement of this competition was made the students and teacher steamed up and worked with great enthusiasm. Sr. Sandhya and Mrs. Lourdes D'silva were invited to judge this talent. There were 3 groups formed:

Classes V and VI were Group I

Classes VII and VIII were Group II

Classes IX and X were Group III

The students were excited to showcase their products. There were sounds of music and laughter that filled the air. Each house came up with innovative and interesting ideas. This competition showcased the many hidden talents in our young Notredamites. As the results were announced

there were roars of applause. The Blue House was triumphant in all the 3 groups. It was a well organised and creative competition indeed.

June 24th: Report on Mass

On June 24th, 2022 the Holy Mass was celebrated in the school hall for catholic students for classes VII, VIII, IX and X at 8.15 am. Rev. Fr. Thomas Lopes was the celebrant for the mass. Fr. Thomas delivered a sermon on the different types of intelligence students have and to work on their talents. Father also explained how diversity is important to society. The liturgy was done in students by of class IX A and IX B.

June 25th: Parent Teacher Meeting Class IX

Parents Teachers Meeting was held for class IX on 25th June 2022 at Notre Dame School in the school hall. The meeting began at 8:30 am. Sr. Shylaja said a prayer followed by a prayer song. The class teachers Mrs. Sophia and Mrs. Ensweeta introduced themselves. The subject teachers also introduced themselves. Mrs. Ensweeta explain the curricular and co-curricular areas of assessment and the internal assessment calculation. Mrs. Sophia gave the general instructions to the parents and instructions to the parents and some reminders for the academic year. The floor was then open for questions from parents. The parents congratulated the principal and teachers for the online classes. Some queries were answered by the teachers. Sr. Shylaja the principal addressed the parents regarding discipline and wise use of social media and gadgets. The principal also thanked the parents for their support during the pandemic. The meeting ended with a prayer.

June 25th: Parent Teacher Meeting Class X

The PTA meeting for Class X 2022-23 was held on 25th June 2022 at 10.00 am. in Notre Dame School Hall. The meeting started with a prayer by Sr. Mary Shylaja. The subject teachers for the class X introduced themselves. The assessment pattern was explained. The students were given few reminders regarding their uniform, class work submission and discipline.

June 29th: Formative Assessment – I (Class I to X)

The formative assessment for classes I to X was held from the 29th of June 2022 to the 13th of July, 2022. The tests were of 20 marks for each subject. Each day one subject was scheduled. The syllabus, timetable and portion were displayed on the IVRM as well as a hard copy was given to every child. The test was conducted in the first period and students were given an hour to complete their paper. The full process moved on smoothly.

July 1st : Report of the Plantation Drive

The Vasai SBI had donated 175 plants to the school which we planted in the school campus and the remaining plants were taken by students to plant at their home. Some of the plants were taken

by teachers as well. Various types of plants that were donated by SBI. A great initiative and interest was taken by the students and teachers for the environment day.

July 2nd: Parent Teacher Meeting Class IV and V

“Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high Expectations.”

Parent-Teacher meeting was held on 2nd July 2022 at 8:30 am. Meeting was held in Notre Dame School. Mrs. Princely Cusher welcomed the parents. Sr.Mary Sandhya lead us in prayer and reflection. A prayer song was played. Class teachers and subject teachers introduced themselves. Mrs.Cynthia Britto explained about the assessment pattern for the exam. General reminders and rules were explained by Mrs. Rovina Gracious and Mrs. Deepa Dias. Floor was opened for questions and suggestions. Parents appreciated the efforts of management and teachers. The meeting ended at 9:45 am. The PTA meeting of class IV and V came to an end with the conclusion that, joint efforts of parents and teachers is very important for the overall development of the students.

July 2nd:Parent Teacher Meeting Class VIII

The Class VIII PTA Meeting of the year 2022-23 was held on the 2nd of July, 2022 at Notre Dame School Vasai. The students along with their parents attended this meeting. It began at 10 am with an opening prayer by Sr. Sandhya followed by a prayer song. The class teachers as well as the subject teachers introduced themselves. Mrs Salome Falcon explained the assessment pattern for the year. Mrs Lourdes D’silva spoke about the rules and regulations to be followed at school. Certain reminder of how to behave in the school campus was also put forth. The floor was then left open for queries and suggestions. A parent appreciated the initiative the school took for conducting online classes during the pandemic. They appreciated the staff for all their efforts put in to carry on the education during this period. An issue about the weight of the school bag was put forth. Mrs Lourdes D’silva and Mrs Salome Falcon said that they would try their best to make some changes in the timetable with permission of the Principal. The next point that was put forth was the concern of the parents for the absence of the Science and Maths teacher of class VIII B due to illness. The class teacher said that this matter was already under consideration by the management. The third issue was about the new school uniform. They said that the material was not so student friendly as it was cheap as well as not suitable to wear during the summer months. Rashes too appeared on the skin of some of the students. The teacher asked the parents to give the school some space to look into this matter. The meeting ended on this note. Parents were then free to meet the teachers to discuss their children’s progress.

July 2nd:Principal Meeting all the Palghar District

Principals’ meeting was held on 2nd July at Dahanu. The main agenda of gathering was to appreciate the handwork of each principal during the pandemic. During the meeting the new

openings of challenges of NEP was discussed. There was a panel discussion on various topics. The entire meeting was organized by Mr. Anil Kumar the principal of Chrimay Vidhya Niketan , Boisar and also the CBSE coordinator of the Palghar District. Every principal was awarded with a memento for their contribution towards various categories.

July 9th:Parent Teacher Meeting Class VI and VII

“Together we can do great things.”

The Parent Teacher Meeting for classes VI and VII was conducted on 9th July, 2022 at Notre Dame School in the hall. Teacher Sarah Sequeira addressed the parents and invited Sr.Shylaja to invoke God’s blessings at the beginning of the meeting. Sr.Shylaja started with a short prayer and extended a warm welcome to the parents. Tr. Sarah asked the teachers to introduce themselves. Tr. Sheetal D’souza then took over and explained the assessment pattern for both scholastic and co-scholastic areas for classes VI and VII. Later teachers Oliviya Colaco and Sweedal Carvalho gave some general reminders regarding punctuality, neatness, handwriting, personal hygiene,activities, leave note etc. and certain class rules. The floor was open to the parents for queries. One of the parents appreciated the teachers for their efforts taken during the online classes. A parent requested for printed copies of the assessment structure to be given to the parents and also for reducing the weight of the nags carried by students. Sr.Shylaja assured the parents that she would look into that matter and get the problem resolved. The meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks by Sr. Shylaja.

July 9th : Staff Meeting

Staff meeting began with a prayer by Sr.Shylaja. Sister Shylaja welcomed Sr. Asunta and Tr. Aparna. Teachers were asked to share their experiences with students whom they have touched in any way. New assessment pattern was explained for class III to IX. Sister thanked Tachna Sagar for sponsoring the projector and even thanked Mr. Ajay Correia for sponsoring 4 Ac’s. House points to be given in the format of 20, 15 , 10 , 5. House bulletin points to be displayed on the board on last Wednesday of every month. Other points which were discussed in the meeting were : choosing new PTA members , Bulletin Board , Bag Weight , Sr.Chetana's to visit Notre Dame, Vasai on 18th July 2022. Salary of teachers to be increased by 6% , DA – 60%. Casual leaves – 10 , Sick leaves – 10 and one month sick leave. Meeting ended with a short prayer.

July 12th: St. Julie's Day

“Courageous souls are needed for service of good God’ – St. Julie Billiard.

On 12th July 2022, Notre Dame School celebrated the feast of St. Julie the patron of the sisters of Notre Dame. The teachers and students of class IX were in-charge of the special assembly. The assembly started with prayer service. The students erected the skit on the life of St. Julie, which

was conducted in three sections due to the space and weather constraints. At the end of each section, respective sisters, Sr. Sandhya , Sr. Aruna and Sr. Shylaja addressed the students. The students were given a cupcake as a treat and the programme was brought to a close.

July 22nd:Report on Class 10 Results 2021-22

“Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.” Class 10 results for the academic year 2021 -2022 were announced on 22nd July 2022. Notre Dame School is blessed with another set of outstanding CBSE exam results of our 7th batch of 2021-2122. Overcoming all odds during this pandemic period, our students have earned a comprehensive range of excellent individual scores and a 100% pass percentage. The toppers of this academic year are, Kiana Nunes with 99.2% and Harsh Patil with 99%. This year’s results saw some outstanding success with 16 students achieving 90% and above, 32 students 80% and above, 21 students 70% and above, 15 students first class and 4 students second class. This result is a fruit of the coordinated effort of the students, teachers, parents and the management.

July 25th: Report of the Celebration of the Holy Mass in the month of July

The class VIII students along with their class teachers, Mrs Salome Falcao and Mrs Lourdes Dsilva, organised a Holy Mass on the occasion of ‘Parents Day’ on the 25th of July, 2022. They had prepared the backdrop for the same. The choir too was organised. The beautiful singing made the Eucharistic celebration more meaningful. The mass was celebrated by Fr. John a priest from the SVD. The students of class 8 did the introduction, readings and prayers of the faithful. The mass was also offered as a ‘Thanksgiving mass’ for the good results of the Board Exams 2022. The priest gave a meaningful message through his Homily. The Mass ended with special blessings on the children and teachers.

Praying together keeps Notre Dame family together.

July 29th:Report of the Marathi Poem Recitation Classes I to IV

The Marathi poem recitation competition for classes I to IV was held on the 29th July, 2022 at Notre Dame School. Many students were eager to participate in it. There was an elimination round and the respective Marathi teachers selected the participants for each year group. The participants were well prepared for the competition. They expressed themselves well with voice modulation and clarity. To judge this competition, we had our very own teachers Mrs. Sweedal Dabre and Mrs. Swati Satvi. They enjoyed the competition as mentioned in the feedback given by Mrs. Sweedal Dabre. She also appreciated and motivated them to do better. Judging was a tough task as every student battled to be a winner. The results were announced and the principal congratulated the winners as well as the participants. The results did not disappoint the participants but motivated them to do better.

July 30th : Report Card Class VI to X – Formative Assessment I

The open day of class VI to X was held after their 1st unit test. Students parents' came to see the performance and progress of their children. Students also could understand their mistakes and learn from their mistakes. 1st unit test open day was helpful for teachers as well as parents. Parents interacted with teachers and could understand the academic performance of their children.

July 31st : Mrs. Sophia Teacher Resigned

Mrs. Sophia D'cunha class teacher of 9A resigned on 31st July 2022. Her teaching subjects were Social science and English .She has served Notre Dame School for 11 years. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

August 1st : Mrs. Shamin Teacher Appointed

Mrs. Shamin Pereira has been appointed as a secondary school teacher from 1st August 2022. She is specialised in English and Social science. She is a very dynamic teacher with good command over English. She is the class teacher of Class IXA and teaches social science and English for class VIII , IX and X. We wish her all the best for her services at Notre Dame School.

August 5th : Report of the Marathi story Recitation Classes V to X

Mrs Vijaya Ruma and Mrs Shamin Pereira were invited to judge the story tellers of classes V to VII at Notre Dame School on the 5th of August, 2022. All the participants expressed themselves so well that the judges were lost in the world of story and found it difficult to judge. The students were very enthusiastic. May this talent of every participant blossom as they grow.

Classes 8 to 10 students put their pen to paper to write down their creative ideas in words for the creative writing competition. They were given an hour and it was compulsory for all the Marathi students and was open to the students who took French and Hindi as well. The judging of this competition was done by Mrs. Sweedal Dabre. She appreciated the skill of writing of every participant. She encouraged students to read to enrich their vocabulary. These competitions gave an opening to budding speakers and writers. It was indeed a well organised competition.

August 10th : Report on Prayer Service for Shreya

A short prayer service was organized on the bereavement of our little angel Shreya who went to her heavenly abode on 29th July 2022. To express our grief a prayer service was organized on 10th August 2022 in the presence of her parents, school management, staff and students of class V and VI.

The prayer service was as follows

Introduction - Mrs. Aparna Lopes

Reading	-	Mrs.JeneviaSequeira
Reflection	-	Mrs. Deepa
Prayers for intercession	-	Mrs. Princely Cusher
Closing Prayer	-	Mrs. SmitaColaco
Songs	-	“Lord I offer my life” and chintanakar – Sir Terrence

A moment of silence was given to mourn for our little angel Shreya. At the end of the prayer service Sr. Shylaja said a short prayer for Shreya’s family to comfort and sustain them through these difficult days.

August 13th : Inter School Football Tournament

Pyramid Global School has organised Inter School Football Tournament for U12 & U14 on 13th August 2022. There were 16 teams participating in the tournament all over from Vasai to Virar. Notre Dame U14 team secured 2nd place and U12 secured 1st place. Mast. Trevi Nunes won highest goal scorer in football.

August 15th: Report on Independence Day

Notre Dame School, Vasai celebrated 76th Independence Day, 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav with great enthusiasm on 15th August 2022. The school campus was beautifully decorated with flags and balloons to commemorate the day. The students from class VIII, IX and X, teachers, non-teaching staff gathered in the school premises at 8.15 a.m. Sr.Mary Sandhya hoisted the Tricolor Flag as the students sang flag song and National Anthem.

A cultural programme was presented by the students of class X. The programme started with a prayer. The student presented the freedom struggle for Indian Independence in a form of a musical mime. Sr. Sandhya the chief guest for the day urged students to realize, understand and cherish our coveted freedom and work towards a progressive nation. The programme ended with the school song.

August 15th: Report on Inter School Group Singing Competition Organized by Jagruti, Vasai

Notre Dame School students were invited to participate in the inter school group singing competition held at Chulna, Vasai on the 15th of August, 2022. The middle school group singers were sent for this event. They sang a patriotic song under the guidance of their music Sir, Mr Terrance Rebello. The participants were from classes V to VII. They sang very melodiously. The nightingales of Notre Dame bagged the First Prize in this patriotic group singing. This win keeps Notre Dame's banner fluttering high!

August 16th And 17th: Report of The Musical Instrumental Competition

The school hall was set up for a Musical Instrumental Competition on the 13th and 17th of August, 2022. The students of the Middle School and the High School tuned their instruments to

gear up for a musical battle on their respective days. Every participant played their part so well. The students played on the keyboard, violin, flute, tabla and the drums. The students who were the audience, enjoyed the performances. The Principal, Sr Shylaja and Mrs Salome Falcao, a teacher from Notre Dame, were the judges for the Middle School which was held on the 13th of August, 2022. The judges for the High School were Mrs. Salome Falcao and Mrs. Princely Cusher, teachers from Notre Dame. This competition was held on the 17th August, 2022. They appreciated and encouraged the students to sharpen their skills in this field. They also motivated the students from the audience to learn to play one of the musical instruments. It was indeed a magical moment created by the musician.

August 22nd: Mrs. Sarah Teacher Resigned

Mrs Sarah, the class teacher of VIA resigned on 22nd August 2022. Her teaching subjects were French and English. She has served Notre Dame School for 4 years. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

August 26th: English Story Competition for Class I to IV

English Story Telling competition was conducted on 26th August, 2022 Friday at Notre Dame School for classes I to IV. The competition started in the first period. Mrs. Aparna Lopes and Mrs. Mariam Agarwal were invited to judge the story tellers of class I and II. Mrs. Oliviya Colaco and Mrs. Mariam Agarwal were invited to judge class IV participants. The participants were excited to perform their stories. Eight students were short listed from each division to present their stories. The students in audience were interestingly listening to the stories. Judges appreciated the efforts and talents of all the participants. Mrs. Mariam also encouraged the students in audience to participate in the competitions. It was a well-organized competition.

August 30th: Report of the Celebration of the Holy Mass in the Month of August

A Holy mass was organized by the students of class VII along with their class teachers, Mrs. Sweedal Carvalho and Mrs. Oliviya Colaco for the special intentions of the school and on account of the commencement of the Novena of the Nativity of our Lady, on the 30th of August. The mass was celebrated by Fr. John, a priest from the SVD. The students of class VII did the introduction, readings and prayers of the faithful. The choir was organized and their beautiful singing made the Eucharistic celebration more meaningful. The Homily given by the priest was a beautiful and meaningful message to the students and teachers. The mass ended with special blessings on the children and teachers.

September 6th: Mrs. Valerie & Mrs. Sae Teachers Appointed

Mrs. Valerie and Mrs. Sae have been appointed as secondary school teachers from 6th September 2022. Mrs. Valerie is specialized in English and Social science and Mrs. Sae is in Integrative Counseling. We wish them all the best for their services at Notre Dame School.

September 7th : Report on Teachers' Day Mass

The Teachers' Day mass was celebrated by Fr. Florence (SVD Priest) on 7th September 2022 at 8.30am in the school hall. Teacher Shalini and Teacher Ashalla read the readings. The intentions read by few other teachers offering was done during the story of a old postman and new postman.

The students of high school participated in the Mass. At the end of the mass before the recessional hymn the priest blessed everyone with the holy water.

September 9th: Teachers Day Celebration 2022

A teacher presents the past, Reveals the present and Creates the Future. We celebrate Teachers Day on 5th September all over the country, on the occasion of birth of Doctor Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan who was known as an amazing teacher of his time. On this occasion a small function was organized in Notre Dame School for our beloved teachers. It was conducted by a group of teachers and students on 9th September 2022 in Notre Dame School, Vasai, at around 8:30 a.m. It started with pinning of the batches followed with crowning of the teachers.

The celebration began with invoking God's blessings and a small celebration by the students with lots of entertaining programmes. All the teachers appreciated the efforts put by each and every child in the programme. Towards the end Sr. Shylaja the Principal of our school congratulated the teachers and acknowledged the sincere efforts they put in everyday to mould the students, and thanked all the students who organised the wonderful programme.

The PTA members also organised a programme there after for the Teachers , which was full of fun field games. PTA president spoke a few words to appreciate all the teachers for their hard work they do to build the society. At the end of the programme Sr. Shylaja gave a token of love and appreciation to all the staff members.

September 10th:Report of the Inter School Competition

Notre Dame School opened its gates to welcome the students from 5 schools for their very first inter school competition where EXPRESSIONS MATTER, on the 10th of September, 2022. Notre Dame school was bubbling with excitement on the 10th of September, 2022 as they waited anxiously for their guest participants to arrive for the inter school ELOCUTION and CRAFTY ART COMPETITIONS. They had sent out invites to 7 schools of which 5 of them responded promptly. The schools that participated were:

1. St. Augustine's High School
2. Canossa Convent CBSE
3. Canossa Convent SSC

4. Nazareth Convent School
5. Notre Dame School.

The competition began on the dot 8.30 am. The Principal, Sr Mary Shylaja led the audience into prayer and then the students participating in the craft competition moved to the area assigned for them. Every participant showcased their best expressions and talents. It was a tough battle for the participants and tougher still for the judges.

The judges for the elocution competition were Mrs Marriamal Aggarwal, an avid reader and an excellent leader. She had judged many such competitions at various schools, too. Mrs Seriat John was the second judge, a teacher who served in different schools and who has a passion for dramatics and elocution. Every participant portrayed their skills of speaking and expressions which touched the hearts of the judges.

The judges for the art competition were Mrs Mrinalini Vartak and Mrs Sujata Nigde both holding a degree in animation and art with added experiences to their status. They were highly impressed by the centre pieces made out of sustainable materials.

The winners were presented with a certificate and a medal. The results were:

ELOCUTION

- FIRST** : Ananya Parvati..... Notre Dame School
- SECOND** : Om Mahtre.....Notre Dame School
Sarah GeorgeNazareth Convent
- THIRD** : Riddhima Kapoor.....Canossa Convent CBSE

CRAFTY ART

- FIRST** : Minal Almeida..... Canossa Convent SSC
- SECOND** : Jinelle Correia.....Notre Dame School
Alice D'silva..... Notre Dame School
- THIRD** : Nathaniel Fernandes.....Nazareth Convent
Mrudul Dandekar.....Nazareth Convent

Notre Dame School won their first test run of holding an inter school competition and is now looking ahead to setting up many more competitions like this in the near future.

Competitions among schools is always a great motivator.

September 13th : Mr. Arvind Teacher Appointed

Mr.Arvind has been appointed as a part time French teacher from 13th September 2022. Mr. Arvind is specialised in French. We wish him all the best for his services at Notre Dame School.

September 13th : Handwriting Competition

“Poor Handwriting should be regarded as a sign of an imperfect education.”

Handwriting is a part of our identify and an essential tool for communication. Beautiful and neat handwriting is a skill. An English handwriting competition was held among the students for class I to IV on September 12th, 2022 and class V to X on September 30th, 2022. All the students participated in it with a lot of zeal and excitement. The competition was organized in the respective classrooms. Students were encouraged to present their best handwriting. It provided students with an opportunity to display their competency of writing legibly and neatly. The students put their best foot forward to enhance their writing skills. The closely contested competition resented a challenging task for the teachers to judge the winners. The handwriting was judged by the judges on the basis of cursive format, neatness, space and clarity. The best three handwritings were selected from each class. Students were appreciated for their work and certificated for their work and certificates of appreciation and medals were given to the winners.

September 14th : Hindi Diwas

Today we celebrate Hindi Diwas in our school. Hindi is our national language. English as a language gets a lot of importance globally. However, Hindi should also be given its due importance. For that we organized ‘Creative Writing Competition’ for our students on various topics. Teachers selected the best presentations and reward the students. Class 5th students presented cultural dance and song on this day.

September 17th to 27th: I-Term Exam(Class I to X)

The First Term Exam for classes I to X was held from the 17th of September 2022 to the 27th of September, 2022. The tests were of 60 marks of Classes I to IX and Class X tests were 80 marks for each subject. Each year group had one subject per day. The syllabus, timetable and portion were displayed on the IVRM as well as a hard copy was given to every child. The test was conducted at 8.00am to 11.15am. The full process moved on smoothly.

September 19th : Staff Meeting

Sr.Shylaja began with prayer. Sample of PT uniform were bought to finalise the design. Sister announced the names of teachers in Sports Day committee. Dates of sports days was finalized on 9th and 10th December. Theme was dept pending for teachers to think. Practice for sports day to begin from 25th November 2022. Retreat for students on 1st October 2022 8.30 am to 3.30 pm. A movie to be shown to all students by Sarva Shiksha Abhujan on 27th September 2022 and students will pay B20/-. Responsibilities of various co-curricular activities conducted by Sahodaya were given to the teachers. Tuck shop and children's day to be conducted on the same day. Sr. Manisha's visit to Notre Dame, Vasai will be on 10-15 October. 10, 11 and 12 October observation of lessons, 13, 14 and 15 record checking. 13th October extempore competition will be conducted. 14th October Elocution will be conducted. A helping hand was requested for Mrs. Sophia bus cleaner, as she suffers from breast cancer. Meeting was conducted by a short prayer.

September 27th : Report on Family Movie

‘All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy’.

Yes, children do need some recreational activities during the school time too. So, on 27th September, Tuesday being the last day of our First Term Examination. The management of Notre Dame School, along with the staff had organized a ‘Movie Time’ for classes I to X. The students were super excited for this.

The movie ‘Pass or Fail’ had a message for all of us. Class I and II saw the movie in the hall with the help of a projector. For classes III and IV in the library and classes V upwards the movie was shown in their respective classrooms. After the movie the class teachers of the respective classes also gave some valuable inputs to the children. The entire day was well spent.

September 30th : Cleanliness Drive And Rally

“Cleanliness next to Godliness”

A cleanliness drive was organized at Notre Dame School on 30th September, 2022 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The students of Class VIII and IX organized a beach cleanup at Suruchi beach. After returning to school, students wrote a paragraph on their observations, experiences and duties towards the environment. Students cleaned the beach with great enthusiasm. The cleanliness rally was organized by the students of class V, VI and VII. A rally started from the school via Tarkhad, Acton, Devtalav, Vaslai and then back to school. Banners were made by children on clean Vasai, Green Vasai and cleanliness slogans were chanted and written to bring awareness. Students from class I to IV cleaned their classrooms, playground and school premises. Students from class I to IV had a session conducted by renowned doctors Mr and Mrs Shukla to make children aware about the personal hygiene and cleanliness.

Emphasis was placed on the qualities of cleanliness, labor dignity, discipline, environment safety etc. among the students.

September 30th : Wealth Out of Waste

Little hands and imaginative minds came together to bring a creative burst of energy for the Wealth Out of Waste Competition held in Notre Dame School on Friday, 30th September. Students imbibed the idea that recycling and reusing the waste materials can result in development of fantastic and usable products. Students from class III to X were given time to create crafts from the waste items that they had carried to school on the day. The students of class I and II made use of onion peels to make a collage of a hen.

The main idea of the competition was to bring out the innovative and creative skills among the students. Students enthusiastically made beautiful and useful things from waste items like newspaper, cardboard, coconut shells etc. The R's of Recycle, Reuse and Reduce were highlighted during the competition to understand the importance of preserving the environment and learn more about sustainability. In all the competition was a huge success and it showcased the hidden talents of the students. The values like preservation, conservation, etc. were imbibed on the young minds and hearts by demonstrating the noble act of caring our environment.

September 30th : Report of the Inter School Elocution Competition at St. Augustine's High School , Vasai

Notre Dame School students were invited to participate in the inter school elocution competition held at Augustine's High School, Vasai on the 30th of September, 2022. Two participants were sent for this event. The students were from class IX. Lynn Dabre spoke on the topic 'Are Books Better than their Movies'. Kiara Vartak delivered a speech on ' What did I learn from the Lockdown'. Both of them spoke very expressively and their content too caught the ears of the judges and audience.

Kiara Vartak walked away with the First prize. She was awarded a certificate and a trophy.

This event added a feather to Notre Dame's cap.

October 2nd : Gandhi Jayanti

“Be the change you wish to see in the world ”

October 2nd, every year is observed as Gandhi Jayanti to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in honour of our father of the nation, an assembly celebrating Gandhian values was held at Notre Dame school. The assembly began with a prayer song followed by a small prayer service for the peace and harmony in our country.

Later two short skits portraying the values of Mahatma Gandhi were enacted by the students this was followed by dances in honour of our dear Bappu. Towards the end Sr.Shylaya congratulated the teachers and students for the hardwork they had put in. All in all the message of truth and non-violence was well conveyed through the assembly conducted by Std VI.

October 8th : Open Day – I-Term Exam (Class I to X)

The First semester Exams got over in the month of September, 2022. The teachers were at their corrections and were ready for the open day which was held on the 8th of October, 2022. The parents from classes I to X were all anxious to view the papers of their children. The students were given a time slot so that the flow of the parents and children would not lead into a traffic jam. It was a blessing that the sun too showed up and so we had a smooth flow of the entry and exit. The parents were satisfied to get the positive feedback from the teachers and tips on how the children could improve. Interacting with parents, teachers and students help in the growth of the children.

October 13th : Report Of The Extempore And Debate Inter House Competition

The High School students were all excited on the morning of the 13th of October, 2022 as the competitors were prepared for an extempore and a debate competition. It was not only a battle of words but also a battle of scoring the highest points for their houses. Our Education Coordinator, Sr. Mary Manisha of the Visitation Province was the judge for this competition along with our loving manager Sr Mary Sandhya. We had Kiara Vartak from the Blue House, Samarth Mhatre from the green house, Ozen Fernandes from the red House and Risa Almeida from the yellow House for the extempore competition. They all expressed themselves very freely and eloquently. They tried their very best to keep the banner of their house fluttering high. Coming out triumphantly was the Blue House in the first place followed by the Red and the Green House in the second place. The debate session was indeed an awesome one. It was for the first time a debate competition was held at Notre Dame. The audience was all ears and eyes. The participants for Team 1 were Grace Fernandes and Sharon Pereira representing the Blue House and they spoke for the motion on the topic ‘Every student should have to participate in athletics’ while Adrian Dias and Lynn Dabre representing the Green House spoke against the motion. Team 2 participants were Ananya Parvathi and Prince Red House who were for the motion on the topic ‘Should humour be incorporated in academics’ while the representatives of the yellow house Nimit and Nausheen Shaikh were against the motion. It was indeed a brilliant display of the battle of words, ideas and questions. The students as well as the judges did enjoy this session. In Team 1 the Blue House emerged victorious and in Team 2 the Red house added a feather to their cap. The session ended with Sr.Manisha’s words of appreciation and encouragement. Notredamites never give up in any situation. They work hard to reach their goal.

October 18th : Report of the Instrumental Competition for classes I to IV

The young Music Artist were all excited to showcase their instrumental skills in a competition held at Notre Dame on the 18th of October, 2022. The participants were from classes I to IV. The students played the instruments like the keyboard and the flute. To judge this musical competition we had our very own instrumentalist Mrs. Salome Falcao and Mr.Dixon Martin. The students played with such enthusiasm and skill which made judging a difficult task. On the whole it was an enjoyable event. The results were later declared by the Principal. Good music speaks to you and changes you.

October 25th to 1st November : Report of the Staff Picnic to Bengaluru

On the 25th of October, 2022 out of Pandora's box rolled out the luggage on wheels pulled by twenty-one Notre Dame staff members who set out to follow their dreams. The Manager, Sr. Sandhya and the Principal Sr. Shylaja had chalked out a tour to Bengaluru and Mysore by train. There was excitement as the staff met on the 25th of October, 2022 at Vasai station to board the Humsafar train at 2.15 pm.

As the train chugged down the track there was chatter and laughter that filled the compartment. It was a 24 hour journey and as night swung in the sound of silence lulled everyone to sleep. Action resumed at the sound of the chaiwalla. Finally, they reached their destination and were picked up by a special bus arranged by the Sisters at Sophia. They were given a warm welcome on their arrival.

Soon the group got themselves ready to begin with their tour the same evening on the 26th of October. It was a visit to the musical fountain in Bengaluru. It was followed by a sumptuous dinner and off to the dormitory well set for the visitors.

27th morning after breakfast they were taken on a tour around Sophia campus. It was indeed amazing to see the infrastructure of this prestigious institution. Later the tourists rolled out to Lalbaugh. The stretch of land was covered by foot and they experienced the beauty of nature. After a stop for lunch they moved ahead to visit the Summer Palace of Tipu Sultan. Memories were captured at various spots. Faces brightened up when they alighted at Shivaji Nagar to shop till they dropped. The day ended with a Mass at St. Joseph's Church and piping hot dinner.

No alarm was needed to wake up the team on the 28th of October, as the thought of visiting Vidhana Soudha got them ready in a jiffy. It was indeed a privilege to visit this place arranged by the Principal of Sophia. It was a very informative visit. After this visit the hungry stomachs were satisfied and then the team entered the Science museum where discovery and experiments were hands on. The day ended with a ride in the metro. After the ride the shoppers returned to Shivaji Nagar while some shopped in the campus. The tired feet were stretched and relaxed after dinner was served.

Bags were packed and the team was off to Mysore on the 29th of October. Stop overs were made at the Banyan Tree area which covered 2 acres of land and was indeed a spectacular site. The next stop was at Madhur to tickle the taste buds with Madhurwadi. The team moved ahead to Srirangapatnamjama masjid, Tipu Sultan's Museum, Sangam and the summer palace before they could enter Mysore. A stopover for lunch and a visit to the exciting museum brought the day to the end where they reached their destination Notre Dame School Mysore for dinner and a goodnight sleep

30th October began with the Holy Mass and delicious breakfast and then the tourist rolled out to visit Chamundi Hills, the sand museum and the zoo. It was indeed an exciting tour at the zoo

where the animal spirits from within brought peals of laughter among the tourist. They were invited by the Principal of De Paul School, the nephew of Sr Sandhya, for lunch. After lunch they toured the campus which housed boarders too. The vast play fields, swimming pool and gym were spots of attraction. Off they rolled to the aqua world and then stepped into St Philomena Church. An attraction that could not be missed was the Palace that was lighted up. The tourist spent some time there and then visited the family of their Principal, Sr.Shylaja. Together they had dinner and merriment. This brought the day to a close.

As 31st dawned, blessings poured down at St. Anthony's Basilica shrine at Dornahalli. They attended Holy Mass and continued their journey to Balmuri Falls. After lunch a quick visit to the Palace and then the most exciting part for any tourist, shopping at Sumsngali till they dropped. The night saw the team packing their bags to get ready for the departure the next day.

1st of November, the team was off for breakfast and a tour around Notre Dame School. They attended a function in the school campus as it was Karnataka. It was put up by the students of the school. After the function the group visited the other houses of the sisters of Notre Dame that were nearby. They enjoyed the hospitality at those houses. Then they were back to drag their luggage to head to Bangalore station. Lunch was provided by the sisters in the bus. There was a quick stopover at Chanpatna and then they rolled on to the station. They boarded the train and back they were on their return journey.

Tired but satisfied they settled in only to alight on the 2nd of November, at Kalyan. From Kalyan a bus took them to their home sweet home, Notre Dame School, Vasai.

It was indeed a fulfilled trip filled with suitcases of love, kindness, sharing, caring and understanding. The team thanked the Sisters for this awesome tour.

November 11th : Report of the Book Talk Competition

Notre Dame School had a book talk competition for classes IV to X, on the 11th of November, 2022. There were 4 participants from every class of the Middle School while the High School had 3 participants from every class. The students were well prepared to face the audience and convince them to lay their hands on the book that they spoke on. It was indeed a challenging and tough competition as each student spoke fluently using flowery language to grab the attention of the audience. Some of them were very innovative too. To judge this competition we had our very own teachers who are avid readers themselves. Mrs Aparna Lopes and Mrs Oliviya were the judges for grade IV and V. I guess they enjoyed the competition as smileys were seen on the parameter sheet. Mrs Shamin Pereira and Mrs Riona D'silva judged the competitors of classes VI and VII. They too were happy to grab this opportunity to judge this competition.

And it was very tough for Mrs Valerie D'silva and Mrs Sweedal Carvalho to judge the High School participants as each one was better than the other. It was indeed an exciting competition which brought out the value of reading. Today's reader is tomorrow's leader.

December 9th and 10th : Annual Sports Meet

“All kids need a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them.” The Annual Sports Meet was organized by Notre Dame School for pre-primary and primary section on 9th December 2022 and for the high school on 10th December 2022. The event started with escorting of the chief guest and the dignitaries to the field by the school captains and band. The day kicked off with march past and flag planting ceremony. After the torch relay, the chief guest declared the sports meet open for the day. The chief guest for the first day was Ms. Sucharitha Shetty . She enjoyed the colourful display of all the classes. The different array of novelty events organized were a feast to the eyes of all the spectators. Each child gave their best to stand out on the field. Parents were also included in the event through races organized specially for them. Mr. Brijesh Sujan was the chief guest for the second day. The house-wise displays set up by the students was a visual treat. All the students gave an outstanding performance and tried to score points for their house. The event culminated with speech by the chief guest and awarding the winners. The best house trophy was bagged by the Ignatia House (Red House). Shifra Dcunha , Bron Coutinho and Keith Rodrigues got the best athlete trophy. The event ended with thanks giving speech by Shifra Dcunha, followed by the school song.

“You don’t have to be the best player on the field,
Just try to do your best when you’re on the field.”

December 14th : Report of the Diocesan Education day

On the 14th of December, 2022, Notre Dame School was invited to St. Thomas School, Dev Talao, to be a part of the Diocesan Education Day. They had to prepare a poster on the theme Joyous Enlightenment through Inclusive Education. Eight students along with a teacher and a PTA member were invited to attend it. Each school was given a responsibility. Notre School’s Band welcomed His Grace Archbishop Felix Machado and the Principal, Sister Mary Shylaja was asked to propose the vote of thanks. There was a row of entertainment put up by the invitee schools. The programme was brought to a close by a questionnaire hour with the Bishop and 6 students, one student from 6 different schools. It was indeed an informative programme which highlighted the importance of joy in learning through hands on experience. Every child has a right to education without making any discrimination.

December 19th : Report of the Outreach Event

Notre Dame students from grade VIII B along with three teachers had gone to visit Jeevan Sahara Charitable Trust a home for the aged, on the 19th of December, 2022. The students had contributed toiletries and towels, while the school sent a snack pack for each of the inmates. The Principal, Sr. Shylaja joined the children on this visit, too. On reaching the place, the students sang Carols and distributed Christmas caps to the inmates. A student was dressed up as Santa. The students spoke to the inmates which brought a smile on their faces. They had also organised a game and it was a thrill to see the happiness on the faces of the inmates when they won prizes. They enjoyed receiving the chocolates and snacks and thanked the children for entertaining them. The students felt happy to experience the joy of giving to the less fortunate and lonely. It

was indeed a beautiful gesture on the part of the students, especially during this season of Christmas. The students are looking forward to more visits like this one.

December 22nd : Report of the Christmas Assembly

The air was filled with Christmas carols on the 22nd of December, 2022 at Notre Dame School, Tarkhad. The students and staff were all in the Christmas spirit. The colour of the day was green and red. Class VIII along with their class teachers organised the Christmas Assembly. It began with a prayer service followed by the Nativity tableau. The meaning of Christmas was brought out through the letters of the word and symbols of Christmas was shown and explained. They highlighted the theme on the joy of giving. On the lighter side there was a dance and Carol singing. All the classes from Jr.KG to class X enjoyed the programme. It was indeed an entertaining as well as an informative assembly. May the spirit of Christmas stay in our hearts always.

December 23rd to Jan 3rd : Christmas Holidays

The school remained closed for Christmas holidays for ten days.

January 6th : Jr.KG Story Telling Competition

A story telling competition was held on at Notre Dame School for Jr.KG section kids on. An English story telling competition is an art of narrating or unfolding the narratives of a story. The tiny tots participated in the completion actively and enthusiastically and performed spectacularly narrating their favorite stories with awesome enthusiasm, props , actions, voice modulation and impressive expression which impressed the judges very much. The competition was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. It was a fun filled competition.

January 7th : Open Day Second Unit Test

The Second unit test exam got over in the month of November 2022. The teachers' were at their corrections and were ready for the open day which was decided on 3rd December 2022 due to sports day practice it was postponed on 7th January 2023. The students were given a time slot so that the flow of the parents and children would not lead into a traffic jam. It was a blessing that the sun too showed up and so we had a smooth flow of the entry and exit. The parents were satisfied to get the positive feedback from the teachers and tips on how the children could improve. Interacting with parents, teachers and students help in the growth of the children.

January 7th : Science exhibition

Science exhibition was held at Notre Dame school on the 7th of January 2023, showcasing the scientific projects and experiments done by the students of grade 5th to 10th. The exhibition was opened by the principal of the school and attended by students, teachers, and parents. The exhibition was divided into various sections such as physics, chemistry, biology and each section had multiple projects and experiments on display. The physics section had an interesting project on the working of a solar car, gravitation, aerodynamics, Newton's disc, conductors and

insulators . The chemistry section had experiments on structure of atoms and the biology section had models of the water cycle , lava lamp, volcanoes, waste management.

In addition to the projects, there were also interactive activities for the visitors such as a quiz on science facts, and a virtual reality experience of a space journey. The exhibition was judged by Mrs. Sharon Dias. Overall the exhibition was a great success, the students had put in a lot of hard work and effort into their projects and it was reflected in their work. The exhibition helped in creating a deeper understanding of the subjects and encouraged the students to think out of the box. Teachers, parents and students all were impressed by the work that was on display and it was a great opportunity for the students to showcase their learning and creativity.

January 9th : Report on Pre-boards Exam of class X 2022-23

The pre-boards for class X 2022-23 were conducted in school from 9th January to January 2023. The exam timing was from 8 to 10:30 a. m. Twenty minutes reading time was given was every paper.

January 11th : Principal Day

Principals' Day was celebrated on 11th January 2023 in out Notre Dame School with pomp and grandeur. The event was held at the school's hall where every teacher and students assembled to celebrate the gift of our dear principal Sr.Shylaja. The programme began by invoking God's blessings specially on our dear sister. Sister was welcomed by the skating champs of Notre Dame and by the girls who meticulously performed lazim. Each section had prepared a special dance, action song and musical skit. It was indeed a treat to the eyes. Children were so excited. Many children expressed their love and gratitude towards sister by bringing bouquets and small presents. The school dismissal was at 11.00 am.

Sister in her words of wisdom expressed her love and appreciation towards each one of them and being a part of Notre Dame institution and also appreciated the efforts of teachers for making her day truly memorable one.

January 13th : Sr.KG Story Telling Competition

The story telling completion for Sr.KG was held on 13th January 2023. The student participated with enthusiasm. Each division had 13 finalists. The stories narrated were moral based and these young story tellers used a variety a props to make their stories interesting and expressive. From each division we had winners. The judges for the competition were Ms. Riona D'silva and Mrs.Valerie D'silva. The competition was organized in the school hall. The stories were adjudged on the basis a content , fluency and expression. The participants won everyone heart.

January 14th : Report of the Outreach Event

Notre Dame students from grade VIII A along with four teachers, had gone to visit Nirmala Institute Sakhya Women's Guidance cell a home for orphans. On the 14th of January 2023. The students had contributed biscuits ,while the school sent a snack pack of ladoos and chocolates

for each of the inmates. Sr.Asunta joined the children on this visit too. On reaching the place the students played games , distributed prizes to the winners and danced with the inmates. The students spoke to the inmates which brought smile on their faces. The games that students had organized brought happiness on the faces of inmates, when they won prizes. They enjoyed receiving snacks and thanked the children for entertaining them. The students felt happy to experience the joy of giving. The students are looking forward to more such visits.

January 18th : Hindi Poem Recitation

Hindi Poem Recitation competition was conducted on Wednesday, 18th January 2023 at Notre Dame School. Beauty is the realm of poetry, the students of Notre Dame School enthusiastically participated in the competition as they got an opportunity to exhibit their talent and confidence. The competition started in the first period. Mrs Aparna Lopes and Mrs Khushboo Jaiswal were invited to judge the young poets of class I and II . This Competition inspired the young poets to come forward and recite on stage. The students came up with different poems. Students were judged on the parameters like confidence, voice modulation, memorization and overall presentation. The judges appreciated and applauded the performances of the participants. It was a well organised competition.

January 20th : Jr.KG Singing Competition

The competition was held on 20th January 2023. 12 children from each class participated in it and they were excited to perform in front of the Judge's. The Judge's were Mrs. Salome and Mrs. Ensweta Teacher. They appreciated the kids for their lovely enthusiasm and confidence.

January 20th : Visit to Kidzania

“Do not keep children to their studies by compulsion but by play” said Plato over 2400 years ago and his words still ring true. This philosophy found expression in visit of our students to “Kidzania” which is a unique and interactive indoor theme park. It gave a real life experience to kids through role-play activities. Accompanied by 21 teachers , 377 students of classes III to VII visited Kidzania at R City Mall in Ghatkoper , Thane on 20th January 2023. All the kids assembled in the school by 7:00 am. They were excited on the day of annual class picnic and carried refreshments for the journey. They were served breakfast on the way and we reached Kidzania at around 9:30am to 9:45am. It was a perfect combination of fun and learning. The various activities in Kidzania were designed to aid in physical and intellectual growth , stimulate creative thinking , boost self-esteem and self –confidence on the third floor of the mall was a Kidzania activity , where kids when entered they were given some kidzos (kidzania currency) and using these kidzos they were allowed to play games in the establishment. If they were bankrupt , they had a chance to work and earn kidzos again and continue playing games. Also , if they were tired , the kids could spend their kidzos on actual food stuff. These activities taught the kids the values of hardwork , disciplines etc. The students served lunch (noodles , pav-bhaji and juice) at around 1:15 pm.

It was a fun and educational experience to the kids. We started back home at around 4:00 pm and reached school safely 6:30 pm. At the end of the day though all were tired everyone had a lot of happy stories to tell and many wonderful memories to keep.

January 21st : Report of the Outreach Event

Students of class IX from Notre Dame School had been for a visit to the ‘Sneha Sagar Orphanage’ on 21st January, 2023. The orphanage currently shelters 35 girls. There are five sisters to take care of the girls. The preparation for the visit had begun two weeks prior. The students had arranged games and gifts for the girls as well as a musical treat for the inmates to lift their spirits up. The students of class IX donated toiletries, sanitary pads, detergents, pulses, food grains and biscuits. The school also served patties and cold drinks to the inmates towards the end of the visit. The students felt happy to experience the joy of giving to the less fortunate and lonely. It was indeed a beautiful gesture on the part of the students.

January 28th : Report on Graduation Ceremony

“If you really want to fly, just harness your power to your passion. Honour your calling. Everybody has one. Trust your heart and success will come to you.” —Oprah Winfrey

A solemn graduation ceremony was organised on 28th January 2023 at Notre Dame school grounds, Vasai, for class 10 students of the academic year 2022-23. It was indeed a moment of pride as the young graduates led by the sisters and teachers marched up the aisle to position themselves on the stage. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp and invoking God’s blessings through songs, prayers and petitions. This was followed by speeches delivered by our chief guest, Fr Raymond Rumao, the Principal, Sr Mary Shylaja and parent representative, Mr Vivian Rodrigues, inspiring students to strive for inner peace and true happiness to lead a successful life. Miss Vera Raut expressed her gratitude and feelings through her valedictory speech on behalf of her fellow graduates. The graduates received a memento and a candle as a token of appreciation. It was so servicing to watch the graduates in their white ensemble, with their candles lit, as they sang the song ‘Shine Jesus Shine’. The event culminated with a walk of the graduating students with their candles lit, symbolizing spark of wisdom and a thunderous applause by the audience. Wishing all our graduates a successful and bright future.

January 30th : Farewell Report

The farewell ceremony for the standard X students was held on 30th January 2023 in the Notre Dame School hall. The programme commenced with a march of all the students. There after they were given badges and welcomed. Next, the students were led into prayer with a prayer song.

After the prayer song the standard IX students performed a mash up dance. Later on the students were entertained with a musical skit. During the skit students were served refreshments by the IX

graders. Some interesting games also performed. Towards the end the std IX students band were thrilled to perform on orchestra. While the orchestra was on, mementos (in form of diaries) were allotted and presented to the students by the principal Sr.Shylaja. Teachers Ashalla addressed the tethers with a message. Thus, the valedictory ceremony was ended with a vote of thanks.

January 31st : Report on Picnic cum Indoor Outreach Program

The Sr.KG class had indoor outreach program conducted by adventure team on being a farmer for a day on 31st January 2023 between 9am to 11 am.The students were given burger and frooti as breakfast. The program began with dividing the students into three groups.There were there zones

1. Skill Centre
2. Nursery Zone
3. Farm Stand

The students were taught how to plant saplings (chilly plant). Then they were showed how to plant seeds(mustard) in Nursery Zone. Each and every child was given an opportunity to perform the activity. In farm stand students were explained about different types of vegetables. How to wash them and keep them clean. Later the students were given coupons (money) to buy vegetables from the traders aroma. The students were served noodles for lunch. Each child went home happily with chilly sapling and mustard seeds container which they had planted. It was a fruitful experience.

January 31st : Report of the Indoor Outreach Program for Jr.KG

This program Junior master chef was organized by Adventure Team. On 31st January 2023 in our school campus for Junior KG session. Team Adventure gave children the opportunity to do just that. We get the great outdoors right into our school. Students get a chance to experience the activity. Students has learn about cooking with sun making Maggie and fireless cooking making cake-pop. During programme students had to explore their creativity and skill in cooking using several techniques. These techniques has been environmentally friendly and has also helped in developing their culinary skills and sense of eating the right tings skills and sense of eating the right things. Junior KG children was happy to have master chef cap and had fun.

February 4th : Report on Fancy Dress Competition

The fancy dress competition for Sr.KG was held on 4th February 2023 in the school hall. The theme for the competition was 'Best out of Waste'. There were 44 participants from both the sections. The judges for the competition were Mrs. Rupal D'cunha and Mrs. Sharon Dias.

The participants were dressed according to the given theme and spoke about the costume they were wearing. There was a lot of creativity and enthusiasm among the participants as they came upon the stage. Later the judge Mrs. Rupali D'cunha appreciated the parents and the participants for their hardwork and creativity and conveyed the message that everyone here on the stage is the winner. At the end all the participants came over the stage to click a group photo with the principal and judges.

February 11th : Report on Visit to an old age home

Now a days the alarming increase of old age homes is a matter of serious concern. On 11th of February, 2023 the students of Notre Dame School (grade VII), as a part of their outreach programme, visited the Kinjal old age home at Umeleman, in Vasai. It had about 40 elderly residents. After reaching the venue the students went around interacting with the elderly people. The elderly were overwhelmed and there was happiness in their eyes.

The students carried some snacks for the elderly people and served them happily. The students spent time with the elderly people, clicked pictures with them and had an amazing time singing and dancing for them. The people looked blissful in the company of the students. It was an insightful experience for the students as they went back home with memories and also some valuable essence that will definitely hold tight throughout their life.

February 20th to 28th : Final Exam Class IX

The final exam for class IX 2022-23 were conducted in school from 20th to 28th February 2023. The exam timing was from 8 to 10:30 am. Twenty minutes reading time was given on every paper.

February 27th : Marathi Diwas Report

Today 27th Feb was celebrated as Marathi Diwas. On this occasion class VIII children spoke on the importance of Marathi language. There was also Marathi prayer song which was sang by the full assembly. The thought for the day was given at the end of the assembly. A student from class VII dressed up as Shivaji and spoke about the importance of Marathi language. A feedback of the assembly was given by principle Sr. Shylaja also encouraged the student to find out more importance about Marathi language. She appreciated the hard work put in by Marathi teachers to put up this beautiful meaningful assembly.

February 27th : Report for Field Trip

The school conducted a day field trip to 'Vasai Fort' on 27th February. The trip was joined by the Jr.KG and Sr.KG students along with the staff. The children enjoyed as it was the first time that some of them had a ride in the bus. The main objective of this trip was to allow students to explore a new place.

March 6th to 15th: Second Term Exam

The Annual Second term Examinations of Notre Dame School, for the students of class Jr.KG to VIII were conducted from 6thMarch 2023 to 15thMarch 2023.The examination began with a small prayer by our Principal Sr. Shylaja, blessing the students. Question papers and answer sheets were distributed to the students in orderly manner. They were given 15 minutes to read and understand the Questions. The examination duration is of 3 hours. Strict invigilation and discipline was maintained throughout. At the end of the exam all the answer papers were segregated and given to the respective subject teacher, who checked and graded the marks.

March 29th: Report Card Jr.KG to Class IX Final Exam

The Academic was closed on March 29th with the release of the Report Cards to the Students of Class Jr.KG to Class IX .

March 31st : Mrs. Cynthia & Mrs. Salome Teachers Resigned

Mrs. Cynthia & Mrs. Salome class teachers of IV B & VIII A resigned on 31st March 2023. Mrs. Cynthia has served Notre Dame School for 11 years & Mrs. Salome served 1 years. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours.