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RAJAGIRI HIGH SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER.....

It is Xmas season again. Christmas is the celebration of God's reaching out to us, human persons. We know that one who reaches out to others cherishes involvement with others. He (she) does not take out his (her) woes on others, rather is willing to understand their hard times. During Xmas season we try to reach out to our friends and close ones through greeting cards and letters. But shall we not think about those who really need our help? It means, we will have to reach out to people beyond our immediate circles. A very Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

He has done us all proud

Master George Varghese of Standard VII A has won the Editor's Special Prize of Rs. 2500 and a medal in the Junior category of the "Hindu" Young World annual painting exhibition held at Thiruvananthapuram, as a grand finale to the series of on-the-spot competitions held at various centres throughout India. Having won the first prize of Rs. 1000/- at state level, his entry was adjudged the best in the Junior category which entitled him to this prestigious national level prize and recognition. Hearty congratulations, George Varghese!

ONAM FOR THE RAJAGIRIANS

On Saturday, 7th of September, we the Rajagirians had a grand function in connection with the celebration of Onam. Though late, it was celebrated in a befitting manner keeping in mind all the traditions. This function instilled in the hearts of the students a spirit of hard work and enthusiasm.

Competitions were held in tug of war and flower-mat arrangement for the High School and the UP classes respectively. There were 8 teams in tug of war and most of the teams were evenly balanced. Std. X D bagged the first prize and Std. X B stood second. In the competition for flower-mat arrangement, the students of each division made beautiful mats but Std. VII B took the first place while Std. VII A won the second prize.

After that we had a cultural programme in the auditorium. The Chief Guest of the day was Professor C. R. Omanakuttan of Maharaja's College. He was received along with the headmaster with great pomp and splendour. The traditionally dressed up Maveli also accompanied them. The programme began by invoking the blessings of God Almighty through a prayer song by Jagadesh Chandra Bose. Then Mr. M. P. Jayan welcomed the Chief Guest and all those who were present.

After the welcome speech, a very novel but interesting item was put up on the stage in which the participants compared the spirit of Onam in the past and modern times. The audience enjoyed this item very much. Master Dimond John then recited a melodious piece of poetry, which won the hearts of the audience. Then an enticing dance number was performed by Sujith and party. Their elegant styles and actions were thrilling to watch. A drama was performed in which the students imitated the poverty-stricken and helpless people of our beloved motherland. This item helped to increase our awareness of the needy. The Chief Guest then delivered the presidential address in which he stressed the needs of the poor and the handicapped people in our country. He also compared the relevant changes in our life style, language and the degradation of our rich culture and heritage. After his speech, he released the school magazine for the current year. Then prizes were given to the winners of the tug of war and flower-mat arrangement.

After that, the hearts of the Rajagirians danced to the tune of the school orchestra. The programme concluded formally with a vote of thanks by Sreethal Rajan. As a fitting climax students were given sweet packets containing traditional Onam delicacies. I think that this celebration will always nurture fond memories for each and every Rajagirian .....

Prince Paul
Std. X D.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"If you are comfortable with yourself, you will be comfortable with others"

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT RAJAGIRI

In this edition of the school bulletin, we shall give the readers a brief description of some of the major co-curricular activities available in the school in order to achieve the integrated development of the children committed to our care.

The School Literary & Cultural Association:

This is the one association to which each and every student must belong as a matter of compulsion. All other clubs, societies and associations are optional. Each class under the guidance and supervision of its class teacher, organises literary association meetings every Monday during the last period. A topic for consideration is given in advance and three speakers are appointed, one each to speak in English, Malayalam and Hindi on the given topic. Other cultural and literary items such as recitations, songs, mimicry and mono-acting, declamation, story telling etc. are also arranged in order to make the programme interesting and lively. Once a year each class gets a chance to present a common programme for the entire section (Juniors and Seniors) to be arranged in a much more larger scale in the school auditorium, to which a member of the staff is invited as the Guest of Honour. The programme is adjudged by a panel of judges, separately for Juniors and Seniors and prizes and trophies are given to the winners of each section during the school anniversary celebrations. These meetings help the students to get rid of their stage fright as well as to prepare and present their items before a gathering with greater confidence and enthusiasm.

Science and Maths Clubs:

These two clubs are optional but students join these clubs with great enthusiasm because of the creative work done by the members of the clubs in close collaboration with their teachers. One such excitement is the Annual Science and Maths Exhibition which is held on a large scale in the form of a fair and to which an external Guest of Honour is invited to inaugurate the fair and external judges to assess the exhibits and select the prize winning entries individually and classwise. The best entries stand a chance to be sent to the District level competitions also.

Art, Drawing and Painting Clubs:

Under the guidance of the school artist Mr. Manoj M. P., a good number of students take art, drawing and painting and develop their creative skills in these various fields. Often these students participate in inter-school competitions and bring laurels to themselves and to their school.

Apart from these we have Spoken English Classes, Language Lab, a Public Speaking Forum, Athletics and Games, Nature Club, Quiz Contests, School Magazine and Bulletin, Computer Programming, Music and Band, Picnics and Study Tours, KCSL, Scouting and Social Service League, all of which help the students in one way or another to develop their inherent potentialities and thereby achieve an all round development of their personalities, which ultimately is the aim of education. For want of space, we are compelled to be satisfied merely by mentioning these without going into details about their functioning.

Vimal Benny
General Secretary, X D

ANNUAL RETREAT 1996-'97

As usual this year also we had our annual retreat on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th October, 1996. It was a period fully dedicated to God and godly things away from the hustle and bustle of everyday student life.

The entire student community of both Rajagiri High School and Rajagiri Public School was divided into three separate groups in three different venues under the guidance and supervision of three separate groups of retreat preachers. The senior catholic students had their retreat held at the Monastery chapel with Rev. Fr. George Kuttungal as the retreat preacher assisted by Rev. Sr. Lima and two lay people. The junior catholic students under Rev. Fr. Thadevus had their retreat preached to them in the school boarding chapel. The non-catholics assembled in the auditorium of the school with more than half a dozen different people to guide them.

It was indeed a fruitful exercise and we all derived the maximum benefit out of the various sessions we had with the different preachers. There were also sessions for learning and singing a number of hymns in praise of God Almighty. Retreat notes were prepared by all the students to enable them to go over them from time to time there by renewing the spirit and atmosphere of the retreat all through the academic year.

Indeed it was a most rewarding experience and we sincerely thank the school authorities for providing such an excellent opportunity for our spiritual rejuvenation and well-being.

Jose K. Antony
X D

SOME MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN CULTURAL COMPETITIONS DURING THE TERM

1. **Master George Varghese:** Ist in Painting Competitions organised by the Rotary Club and Ist in On The Spot Painting Competition sponsored by 'The Hindu'.
2. **Master Mohd. Mahroof:** Ist in Painting Competition organised by YMCA and Balarama.
3. **Master Midhun V. Thanks:** Ist in Malayalam Speech Competition and IInd in English Speech Competition organised by YMCA, Ernakulam. He also wins the Overall Championship Trophy. First in English Speech and Ist in Malayalam Speech Competitions at JYOTHIS FEST, Angamaly.
4. **Master Mathew R. John:** State level Ist in Malayalam Essay Competition organised during SANCHAYIKA celebrations and 2nd in C. V. Raman Essay Competition.
5. **Master Sanil V. George:** State level second in Quiz Competition organised during the above celebrations.
6. **Master Sreethal Rajan:** State level 3rd in Quiz Competition organised during the above celebrations.
7. **Jose K. Antony:** 2nd in English Recitation at JYOTHIS FEST (H.S.)
8. **Master Ajith Sunny:** 2nd in English Recitation at JYOTHIS FEST (U.P.)

HAPPY FEAST DAY DEAR FATHER HEADMASTER

The 23rd September, 1996 was a memorable day for the Rajagirians. The morning assembly on that day was somewhat different from the usual Monday morning assemblies. For on that day, our beloved Headmaster Rev. Dr. Mathew Vattathara was celebrating his feast day. The gathering was surprised to see one of the members of the staff, presenting a rose flower to Fr. Headmaster under the warmth of the scorching sun. We were not aware of the significance of the occasion till the speaker explained to the students the implication of a Feast Day as opposed to the Birth Day. Every Catholic child is given a name at the time of its baptism. The name is usually the name of the saint whose death day (i.e. birth into eternal life in heaven) is celebrated by the church on that day, in which case the birthday would be the same day as the feast day. However, in the case of Fr. Mathew Vattathara, his parents decided to call him by the name Mathew, in honour of St. Mathew, the Apostle of Jesus Christ. As such his birth day and feast day fall on two different days. Anyway, the speaker greeted Fr. Headmaster 'Happy Feast Day' on behalf of all the members of the staff and the entire student community which was followed by the singing of "Happy Feast day to you ....." by the entire gathering. The assembly came to an end with a few words of gratitude from Fr. Headmaster.

Later during the morning interval there was a short celebration in the staff room and distribution of sweets to students in their respective classrooms.

On the whole, it was a memorable day for us and we hope it was the same with Fr. Headmaster.

Dear Father,

Thou art one among the sources of our 'inspiration',
Thou art one among the sources of our 'encouragement',
May God bless you and shower His grace upon you,
So that you may discharge your duties to the utmost'.

Shreetal Rajan
Asst. General Secretary X A

MERRY XMAS/PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Headmaster, Staff and Students of Rajagiri High School make use of this medium to wish one another and all the parents, friends and well-wishers of the school Merry Xmas and all God's blessings throughout the New Year.

YET ANOTHER DREAM COMES TRUE

For quite some time the Management of Rajagiri High School had been seriously considering the possibility of converting the sprawling land in front of the main school block into a proper games field. However it was left to the initiative and enthusiasm of the present administration to translate the much cherished dream into reality with the active support and co-operation of the then Parent Teacher Association of the School. A lot of planning and plenty of work spreading over a period of almost four years and involving vast financial implications running into lakhs of rupees, has finally resulted in the vast field laid out with turf-a feast to the eye and pleasure to play on – singularly unique and much sought after by enthusiasts of sports and games from far and near.

An added attraction is a set of three most modern basketball courts erected as per the latest international specifications and standards on one side of the field where the 11th Father Sales Memorial Inter School Tournament, suspended during the period of reconstruction of the facilities, was held from 8th to 11th November 1996. On another side, in course of time will come up a couple of lawn tennis courts and volleyball courts as well as a cricket practice pitch. When fully operational, this complex will provide the best infrastructural facility in terms of sports and games to students, thereby helping them to attain an all-round development.

Staff Reporter

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

(From Ist October to 31st December)

Mr. Manoj M. P.	.....	2nd October
Rev. Sr. Flowerlet	.....	5th October
Mr. S. T. Vadakel	.....	27th October
Ms. Sreedevi M. K.	.....	25th November
Rev. Fr. M. Vattathara (Headmaster)	.....	19th December
Mr. A. N. R. Pillai	.....	20th December

THE CHRONICLER'S CORNER

September 1996

Monday, 2nd September:

The school re-opens after the Onam holidays and we return to school with faltering steps ..... the memory of those ten days of rollicking time refuses to vanish ..... the thought of the impending declaration of the results of the Onam Examination and the subsequent Parents' meet, all crowd into our minds and create havoc therein ..... well, what cannot be mended must be endured!

Saturday 7th September:

Better late than never, they say. We have a belated Onam celebration - belated yes, but done in real style. (Please see the write-up)

Thursday 12th to Friday 20th September:

Parents meet for the various classes. All the parents of standard X are invited to the school to meet the teachers and discuss with them the progress or otherwise of their children both academically and otherwise. A very useful exercise indeed as it helps to identify the areas of short comings and to take the necessary corrective measures. As for the other classes, only the parents of those who fared badly in the exam are invited to meet the teachers.

Monday, 23rd September:

Rev. Fr. Headmaster celebrates his Feast Day. (Please see write up elsewhere)

October 1996

Friday 4th to Saturday 5th October:

Annual Retreat. (Please see the short write up).

Wednesday 16th October:

Second Mid-term exam.

Thursday 24th & Friday 25th October:

Annual Science and Maths Fair 1996. The senior students under the guidance of their Science and Maths teachers put up the exhibition in the school auditorium. The Fair was inaugurated by Dr. Babu Joseph, Head of the Department of Physics, Cochin University of Science and Technology. The theme of this year's Fair was "Science and Technology for Quality of Life". Our budding scientists did put up a very good show which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who visited the exhibition. A team of judges from neighbouring schools visited the place and awarded prizes to the best entries.

Friday 25th to Monday 28th October:

Students of Std. X go for their annual excursion. Std. X A & B combined go to

Mysore-Ootty, Std. X C & D combined go to Bangalore-Mysore-Ooty. The other classes also go for their annual excursion to various places of interest under the leadership of their class teachers.

November 1996

Saturday, 2nd November:

Inter School Zonal Level Science Exhibition at Neeleeswaram. Rajagiri bags the overall championship. Congratulations to one and all!!

Friday 8th November:

Exhibition football match between the FACT eleven and the Central Excise eleven to inaugurate the newly constructed lush green football court. FACT defeats the Central Excise by a lone goal.

Friday 8th to Monday 11th November:

The 11th Father Francis Sales Memorial All Kerala Inter School Basketball Tournament. On the 8th Sri. K. Mohamed Ali MLA inaugurates the newly constructed basketball courts and declares the tournament open. At the closing ceremony on Monday 11th Nov. Adv. K. Balachandran, Chairman GCDA is the Guest of Honour and gives away the prizes and trophies to the winners (Don Bosco, Irinjalakuda) and runners-up (Rajagiri, Kalamassery) A good number of guests grace both the occasions.

Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th November:

Alwaye Educational Sub District Youth Festival - we bag plenty of prizes in the various items. (See details on back cover page)

Wednesday 20th November:

Under the auspices of the Nature Club of the School, Prof. Kunjikrishnan of UC College, Alwaye delivers a lecture on 'Environment and Development'.

Saturday 23rd November:

Half day seminar for parents on "Effective Parenthood", the Resource Person being Prof. P. M. Chacko, HOD, English, UC College, Alwaye.

December 1996

Monday 9th December:

Anticipated Xmas/New Year celebrations. The spirit of Xmas grips the campus well ahead of Xmas.

Wednesday 11th to Friday 20th December

Second Terminal Examinations. Best of luck !

Friday 20th December:

School closes for Xmas holidays - Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year to one and all and a well deserved Xmas vacation. Until we meet again next year, with lots of love,

Chronicler

IN MEMORIAM

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Jose K. Vattoly beloved father of Dijo K. Vattoli of Std. VI B. Mr. Jose K. Vattoly was a member of the current P.T.A. Executive Committee of the school. Our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved Family.

We also mourn the death of Mr. E. K. Sunny, beloved father of Mukesh E. S. of Std. IX A. and express our heartfelt condolences to all the members of the bereaved Family. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

We are grieved to learn about the untimely death of Mr. S. V. Antony, beloved father of Joseph Antony of X A. We associate ourselves with the intense sorrow of the bereaved family and pray for the repose of the soul of the dear departed.

We are grieved to report the sudden demise of Mr. K.K. Natarajan beloved father of Mrs. Usha Prakash, our Music teacher, on Wednesday, 11th December and that of Mr. K.G. Jacob, beloved father of Mr. C.J. George of the Department of Science on 12th December. We express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Usha and Mr. George and all the members of the two bereaved families. May God grant these two dear departed eternal rest and perfect peace.

R. I. P.

Results of Maths Fair

Number Charts	I.	Shammem Kassim	VIII D
	II.	Ratheesh N. Nair	VIII A
Geometrical Charts	I.	Mohankumar	IX C
	II.	Anish Michel	IX A
Other Charts	I.	Anish Michel	IX A
	II.	Arun A. Prabhu	VIII A
Working Model	I.	Thomas Pappali	X C
	II.	Ajil P. Roy	X D
Single Project	I.	Sreethal Rajan	X A
	II.	Suman Manuel	X B
Applied Construction	I.	Deep Joy Mampilly	X B
	II.	Naveen Antony	IX D
Pure Construction	I.	Jins Thomas (Consolation)	
Games & Puzzles	I.	Philip T. Kurien	IX D
	II.	Raju M.R.	VIII A

Results of Science Fair '96

Best Exhibit	:	**"Fish Farming in oceans"** By Punnose Issac. IX C.
Best Class	:	Std. X A.
Std. X A	:	I. John George Anthraper
		II. George Baby
Std. X B	:	I. Solomon Abraham
		II. George John
Std. X C	:	I. Rony Maxwell
		II. Jagadesh Chandra Bose
Std. X D	:	I. Issac Alexander
		II. Sarath Rajan
Std. IX A	:	I. Tijo Joseph
		II. Nokesh John Varghese
Std. IX B	:	I. Sampreeth K. Mohan
		II. Jithin Francis
Std. IX C	:	I. Punnose Issac
		II. Jinob Manjally
Std. IX D	:	I. Deepak John
		II. Praveen Vijayan
Std. VIII A	:	I. Faiz Ansar
		II. Jophy K. Devassya & Rohit Alex
Std. VIII B	:	I. S. Jinesh Kuriakose
		II. Vipin Jose
Std. VIII C	:	I. Sijo Antony
		II. Niju Jacob
Std. VIII D	:	I. Sebin Xavier
		II. Dony George

U. P. CLASSES – CONSOLATION PRIZES

1.	Antony V. Mathew	Sdt. VII B
2.	Carol Mathews	Std. VII B
3.	Muhammed Siju	Std. VII A
4.	Anoop Habeeb	Std. VII B

ALWAYE SUB DISTRICT BALAKALOLSAVAM AND YOUTH FESTIVAL 1996-'97–OUR SHARE OF THE 'BOOTY'

U. P. SECTION

1.	Speech - Malayalam	: Anuroop Joseph		B Grade
2.	Speech - English	: Timil Titus	IInd	A Grade
3.	Recitation - Malayalam	: George Sebastian		B Grade
4.	Painting - Pencil	: George Varghese	Ist	A grade
5.	Painting - Water colour	: George Varghese	Ist	A Grade
6.	Kathaprasamgam	: George Varghese		A Grade
7.	Mono Act	: George Varghese	IInd	A Grade
8.	Light Music	: Karol Mathews		C Grade
9.	Classical Music	: Sarath Menon		C Grade
10.	Drama			A Grade
11.	Group Song			B Grade
12.	National Anthem			B Grade

H. S. SECTION

1.	Drawing & Painting	: Mohamed Mahroof P.	Ist	A Grade
2.	Classical Music	: Jagadesh Chandra Bose	IInd	B Grade
3.	Light Music	: Dimond John	IIIrd	B Grade
4.	Guitar	: Naveen J. Anthraper	Ist	A Grade
5.	Thabala	: Dheep Joy Mampilly	Ist	A Grade
6.	Speech - English	: Midhun V. Thanks	Ist	A Grade
7.	Kathaprasamgam	: Vimal Benny	IIIrd	A Grade
8.	Recitation - Malayalam	: Dimond John		A Grade
9.	Recitation - English	: Jose K. Antony	IIIrd	B Grade
10.	Mono Act	: Jeslin J. Nariculam	IInd	A Grade
11.	Orchestra		Ist	A Grade
12.	Drama		IInd	A Grade
13.	Band		IInd	A Grade

UP Section 'Balaprathibha': Master George Varghese.
Congrats.!

OUR RESULTS AT THE REVENUE DISTRICT YOUTH FESTIVAL 1996

U. P. Section:

Pencil Drawing	:	George Varjgese	1st
Water Colour Painting	:	George Varghese	1st
Drama	:		3rd

H. S. Section:

Speech English	:	Midhun V. Thanks	1st
Tabala	:	Dheep Joy Mampilly	2nd
Guitar	:	Naveen J. Anthraper	3rd
Orchestra	:		2nd
Water Colour Painting	:	Mohamed Mahroof	3rd

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