



Sports day!



The Cochins field day event was a fun and very eventful day. With everyone from the four different houses all equally pumped up, the competitions began. Before the big day, as everyone was bustling around doing errands for their houses, with their captains guiding them, the hype was building up and so was the intense competition between the houses. Finally, when the big day came, all four houses proudly marched up to their tents, each flourishing their own house colors. The tents were bursting with yellow, green, red and blue when the decorations were all done.

After the opening ceremony and the speeches from our respected higher ups: the competition began. The contestants were off by the loud blow of the whistle followed by the even louder cheers from their houses. Amidst the competitiveness, all of us; the competitors, and the ones who relentlessly cheered for their house, all equally had lots of fun. It was truly a magical and colorful day. At the end of all the competitions and events, we all came together and swayed to the catchy beat that was played. At the end of the day, the results were announced. **Bolgatty** takes first place with a whopping **72** points! Then, **Willingdon** with **59** points. Not far behind, **Vasco** with **55** points, followed by **Mattancherry** with **44** points. Catapulting **Bolgatty** from the very last to the **first** place. Cheers to all the houses, and let's continue the spirit of true sportsmanship!

- **Eva Anna Koruth**
Grade 8



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The Golden Sunflower

Sunflower, Sunflower
Bloom so bright
Sunflower, Sunflower
Into the night

The golden petals
Like the rays of the sun
Dancing and skipping
Having much fun

The world admires you
When the sky is blue
Perfect golden shade
That the great lord made

Oh, Golden Sunflower
Make our wish come true
I will never hesitate
To keep my eyes on you



- **Sasha**
Grade 6





Observational art project by Ishaan of KG 1 B

Taking a Stand Against Bullying

Bullying is wrong and never okay! It's important for all of us to understand what bullying is and how we can stop it. Bullying is when someone hurts or harms another person on purpose. It can be physical, like hitting or pushing, verbal, like teasing or name-calling, or emotional, like excluding someone or spreading rumors about them. Bullying can happen anywhere, at school, on the playground, or even online. Bullying also creates a negative environment where people might feel afraid to be themselves or speak up.

No one deserves to feel this way!

That's exactly why we all should know how to take a stand and stop it. Speak Up, Stand Strong, Be Confident. These little actions can overthrow a bully; as bullies usually target people who seem unsure of themselves.

What Can You Do if You See Someone Being Bullied? Remember to never join in the act of bullying. Even if you're not the one bullying, laughing at someone being picked on or joining in can make things worse. Be kind and stand up for what's right. Offer support and tell an adult who you trust.

At Cochins, the students were encouraged to wear their brightest shades of pink in order to show support towards anti-bullying. Grade 8 even took up the initiative to create awareness on bullying through their Anti-bullying Campaign. Thank you Grade 8 for amazing work! Together, we can make a difference. By being kind, standing up for each other, and speaking out against bullying, we can create a safer, happier world for everyone.

- Ain Fiza M
Grade 7



House Points



Bolgatty - 74.5



Vasco - 67.5



Willingdon - 63.5



Mattancherry - 51.5



VIP of the month

Name : Jerusha Samuel
SEN Teacher

1. What is your experience being a SEN teacher?

I feel happy and passionate about my job working with the students at Cochins brings me joy and satisfaction. While my job demands patience, there are moments of emotional challenges. However I am fortunate to have amazing colleagues who provide unwavering support.

2. What is your favourite color?

Pink is my favourite color and it has been that way since childhood.

3. What are the 3 things you love about teaching?

Working with young minds, having the opportunity to inspire and impact, continuous learning and self growth.

4. What is the first school you worked in?

Cochins is the first school I have worked at, infact, I was one of the very first teachers when the school was established.



5. What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are reading, listening to music, making song covers and watching k-drama and anime.

6. What school did you learn in when you were young? How has it shaped/affected you?

I have studied in 2 schools. Naval public school and Pallikoodam, Pallikoodam is a boarding school and the experience of being a boarder brought me out of my shell and I made some amazing friends.

7. What is your favourite food and why?

My favourite food is pizza because I love cheese.



- Aymee, Annabella
Grade 4



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The Mysterious affair at Cochin International School

Chapter Two: Supernatural Phenomena Galore

The excitement amongst the student body at Cochin International School was at fever pitch! A girl from the fifth grade saw a ghost in the dining hall. Apparently, the ghost was stealing cakes and sausage buns by the fistful and disappearing into the thin air. Arya, the eyewitness who was also an artist, wrote a poem about it:

I think I saw a ghost
Now my nerves are toast
I swear to all it's true
I'd rather eat a glue

Shwetana nodded in approval, and Ain from grade seven declared the poem to be a masterpiece. In fact, it was the students of grades seven and eight who put together a team to lead the investigation into the paranormal activities at the school. The team was called '**The Cochins Secret Files Club**' and was open to all who are interested in all things mysterious and amazing.

Soon the club found itself quite busy, because reports of many new observations of ghostly activities were quickly made: when Miss Arathi stepped out of her classroom for just a minute, the TV turned itself on and displayed ghostly images to the delight of the fourth-graders. Siya, Sasha and Niharika in grade six swore that their classmates' teeth were turning pink and bright orange, while it was reported by several students that a ghost of a dead fish was from time to time floating in the grade seven classroom. The Secret Files Club convened a meeting on the grass lawn in front of the PYP Library. After Arush sent three fifth-graders (Rehan, Nehan and Filip) to handle security, Samreen opened the meeting:

"It's obvious that we need to look into some quality sources to learn how to handle all this supernatural stuff. I recommend watching Ghostbusters and The Evil Dead."

"Yes" agreed Eva, "all that and The Conjuring too!" Pranav clapped in excitement. They decided to approach the Principal about their plan.

The Principal was standing at the spine, staring absentmindedly at the empty football field. He did see the students approach him and before they could say anything he spoke excitedly:

"Look at this! I have this new app on my phone that listens to the birds' singing and tells me what species they are! It's called Merlin! What do you think?"

"Er..." Said Siddharth. "I think it's... nice."

"Nice!?! It's marvellous! In our school itself I have detected the Mynas, the Bulbuls, the Great Coucal..."

"Yes Sir, marvellous. Sir, could you let us watch some educational films in the multipurpose hall?"

"Oh, why, yes. Educational? Sure, go ahead."

And so, the students went ahead to watch some fun scary films and learn about the ghosts. But what they didn't know, what nobody in the whole school knew, was that Raiqah suspected why the ghosts were suddenly appearing in the school, because she knew of the great and terrible secret of Pukkattupady.

To be continued...

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