

REPUBLIC DAY

The 63rd Republic Day of India was celebrated at St. Arnold's Central School, Pune.

The ceremony began at 8.15 AM, with the welcome and escort of chief guest and dignitaries by a March Past. The Primary students led the parade and the pre-primary students escorted the guests.

The tri-color was hoisted along with Salute and National Anthem.

The March Past parade followed. A group of students of four 'Houses' gloriously marched to the rhythm of the school band with CD accompaniment and the commentary.

The choir sang a patriotic cum prayer song followed by prayer for the country.

A short presentation followed. The students of Pre-Primary presented the 'Unity in Diversity' through a fusion of songs - 'Mile sur' and 'Hum mein hai hero'.

Miss Vaidehi gave the message of Republic Day on behalf of the students.

The students of Std. I performed the 'CD Dance and exercises' to the tune of the song of MC Hammer 'You can't touch this.'

Fr. Lawrence Almeida, our Parish Priest and chief guest of the day gave a very powerful and inspiring message narrating an incident in his life of a poor student he met.

A short demonstration of aerobic exercises was gracefully presented by students of Std. VI

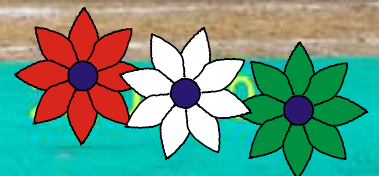
The Principal Fr. Nicky took the gathering to a higher level through his message on democracy without structures. He urged everyone to hold and own up responsibilities.

It was a joyous occasion for Fr. Lawrence as it was his birthday as well. The school joined in the celebration.

The celebration ended with 'Vande Mataram'.

It was another event, the children managed from the forefront with teachers helping them from the background.

Well done Arnoldians!!
Happy Republic Day!!







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ST. ARNOLD JANSSEN

Father, Founder and Leader

Today, 15th January, the three international religious congregations, namely the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) and Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration (SSpSAP) are glad to celebrate their Founder's feast ST. ARNOLD JANSSEN.

There can be many things said about this saint. There can be innumerable inspirations drawn from this saint. Today personally we can look at his life and compare it as 'simple living and high thinking'.

Arnold was a simple man who was strict with himself but thought generously about others. This led him to open three international congregations which would serve the whole humanity all over the world. He ventured into this during the time of 'Kulturkampf' in Germany when everything seemed to be closing down.

His love for humanity and his high thinking made him a visionary much ahead of his time. If we love others and put them on priority before us, God blesses us to live a simple yet inspiring life which is worth living and worth remembering long after we are gone.

May St. Arnold intercede for us to reach out to others in love in 'One Heart Many Faces.'





For Arnoldians in Pune it was a special day on 16th January to honor and pay reverence to their school patron and founder. The morning began with a solemn procession where the statue of St. Arnold was taken amidst throwing of floral petals by Pre-Primary students and divine music. Reverence was paid to the saint through an 'aarti' and garland, followed by lighting of the lamp.

Fr. Anil then spoke about the saint emphasizing his 3 qualities - faith in God, hard work and man of modern times.

The school choir sang melodiously to implore the blessings of God, followed by a prayer dance by the students of Std. IV.

Students of Std. VI put up a beautiful and meaningful skit, depicting some of the significant events in the life of the saint. The finale of the skit was a lively song by the teachers, - 'God still loves the world'.

Fr. Nicky in his address asked the Arnoldians if they wished to be famous like St. Arnold. He urged them to inculcate the value of sharing and philanthropy for the same.

The wonderfully knit programme ended with the School Anthem promising our loyalty to school and humanity.



LIFE Arnoldian 2011

The Annual Function of any school is the landmark for the academic year representing the ethos and strengths of its students.

For St. Arnold's Central School, this landmark day was celebrated on 22nd December, 2011. The programme started on this pleasant evening with a heart warming and colourful welcome by the youngest members of our school fraternity, the kindergarteners.

This was followed by the lighting of the lamp by the esteemed guests and rendition of Carols by our school choir. Our Principal, Fr. Nicolau, then introduced the Chief Guest and officially welcomed the gathering.

This Annual Day was dedicated to our Annual school theme- LIFE. We aimed to depict various aspects of the theme in each of our programmes.

Thereby, began the cultural extravaganza for the day. We began with Udaan which was the story about the journey of a Mother and Father Bird in their quest to protect the life of their egg from nature's elements and their happiness at seeing the baby come to life. Enacted by the Pre primary children, this dance drama touched the hearts of one and all.

Then came children of Class 1 and 2 who very entertainingly depicted the various stages of a human's life namely- infancy, preschool, teenage, youth, middle age and finally old age.

The children of Class 3 show cased the African safari expressing the fact that a nation so rich in physical and natural resources is also one of the most bountiful. Santa also paid a visit to the programme during this performance.

The Class 4 children presented the Japanese theme of life emphasizing on the strength of a nation and the ability of its people to stand unitedly amidst natural calamities and disasters like tsunamis and earthquakes.

Finally, the Class 5 and 6 students were ready with the Robotics Era, which brought the future to our door steps and opened our eyes to the fact that technology is a great friend only till it is not allowed to take over our lives.

The programme was brought to a close after the Vote of Thanks and National Anthem. It was an enriching experience not only for the viewers but also for the participants where each one got to learn many inter personal and organizational skills.

The appreciation received was the joint effort of each and every member of SACS and we hope to leave no stone unturned in our next endeavour.









Arnoldians at Hyderabad

Education is the wholesome development of a child. It takes place not just in the classroom but in the whole surrounding where the individual has to dwell in.

St. Arnold's Central School takes every step in this venture of total development of its students. This year the students of Std. VI plunged into their first maiden Educational Tour outside Maharashtra. The destination was Hyderabad, known for its many historical aspects.

38 students accompanied by six of their teachers got the taste of Hyderabad for two days. 'It was an enjoyable and enriching experience', said all the traveling Arnoldians.

Students were accommodated and well taken care in 'Arnold Bhavan', the SVD-INH Provincial House. Thanks to all the fathers and Staff there. The first day was spent in 'Ramoji' Film City and 'Lumbini Park' where they were treated with water fountain laser show.

The second day had more to see, observe and enjoy. They began the journey with Charminar, Mecca Masjid and Chudi Bazaar.

Next destination was Birla Planetarium where the Arnoldians visited the Art Gallery, the Planetarium and the Science Museum. While on the way the Arnoldians had a glimpse of AP State Assembly, High Court and other heritage buildings.

After a sumptuous lunch, they proceeded to Salar Jung Museum, which houses one of the biggest one-man collections of antiques of the world by Mir Yousuf Ali Khan, Salar Jung III. The objects d'art include Persian carpets, Moghal miniatures, Chinese porcelain, Japanese lacquerware, famous statues including the Veiled Rebecca and Marguerite and Mephistopheles, a superb collection of jade, daggers belonging to Queen Noor Jahan and the Emperors Jahangir and Shah Jahan, Aurangzeb's sword and many other fabulous items.

Next destination was the NTR Samadhi followed by the beautiful NTR Gardens. The Arnoldians had far view of the famous Birla Mandir. Finally it was pleasant sight to be on the bank of Hussainsagar and enjoy a magnificent view of one of the World's tallest monolithic statues of the Buddha standing on the 'Rock of Gibraltar', in the middle of the lake.

The hard work of the teachers and others under the leadership of Fr. Anil made the trip to Hyderabad a great success. The maiden trip was something worth remembering in the history of Arnoldians.

