

# Theophilian Trailblazers

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## Folk Dance Kaleidoscope



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# Competitions

## SilverZone Olympiad

November 9-25, 2024

The SilverZone Olympiad, which provides students with a platform to excel in various subjects, was conducted throughout November 2024. Students from the school participated across a wide range of disciplines, showcasing their enthusiasm for academic excellence.

The participation included 27 students in Social Sciences, 105 in English, 207 in Mathematics, 139 in Science, 42 in Computer Science, 53 in Reasoning and Aptitude, 7 in Hindi, 49 in General Knowledge, 20 in Talent Hunt, and 20 in STEM.

The results of these prestigious examinations are eagerly awaited.

## Science Quiz

November 26, 2024

The final round of the Science Quiz was conducted for grades 6 to 9 in the Mar Coorilos Hall. The competition was conducted housewise with 4 members in each team.

Teams Microscope, Periscope, Telescope, and Kaleidoscope competed with each other in 4 rounds.

The quiz concluded :

1) In Group I (grades 6, 7), the winners were Yellow House with 50 points, and the runner-up team was Green House with 45 points.

2) In Group II (grades 8, 9), Yellow House were the winners with 30 points, and the runner-up team was Green House with 20 points.





# Competitions

## Enigma – Inter-school Science Exhibition

November 30, 2024

Ved Marathe, Rajas Dahiwadkar, and Rugved Mahurkar of Grade 9 proudly represented the school at Enigma, the annual Inter-school Science Exhibition organised by St. Mary's Multipurpose High School and Junior College, Vashi.

The theme of the exhibition, 'Mission: Earth', encouraged students to showcase innovative solutions for environmental conservation and sustainable development. Our students presented their project on waste disposal with enthusiasm, demonstrating creativity and a deep understanding of the sub-theme-'Climatic changes affecting agriculture, clothing, and shelter and how to cope with it'.



## QUIZMO-2024

November 30, 2024

Abhishek Patra and Ashay Gaidhane of Grade 9 represented the school at Tech Titans Quizmo-2024, an inter-school quiz competition organised by St. Mary's ICSE School, Koparkhairane.

A total of 20 teams competed in 5 rounds, and the school emerged winners of the fourth position in the competition.



# Events and Celebrations

## Children's Day Celebration November 14, 2024

Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy. The day began with a special assembly conducted by the teachers for the students.

This was followed by an engaging cultural program prepared exclusively by the teachers, showing their love for the students.

The performances included beautifully choreographed dances, a heartfelt poem recital capturing the essence of student life, and a lively medley of songs that had the students singing along.

The students spent time outdoors, revelling in the warm sun and vibrant atmosphere, making the day a memorable celebration of the year.





# Events and Celebrations

## **Pre-Board Examination**

November 6–21, 2024

The students of Grade 10 appeared for their first preliminary examination as part of their preparation for the upcoming ICSE Board examinations. The assessment aimed to help students identify their strengths and areas of improvement ensured better readiness for the final exams.



# Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

## PTA Meeting November 13, 2024

A PTA meeting was convened under the chairmanship of the school principal and administrator, with teacher and parent representatives in attendance.

Discussions focused on important topics such as the proposed fee structure for the upcoming academic sessions, arrangements for the Annual Day celebrations, and various other matters essential for the smooth functioning of the school.





# Picnics & Outings

## Picnic to Prathamesh Go Crazy

November 8, 2024

The students of Dr. Mar Theophilus School, grades 1 to 5, enjoyed an exciting picnic to Prathamesh Go Crazy on Sinhagad Road. The day began with a morning assembly, where teachers briefed the students about the day's schedule before they boarded the buses to the picnic spot.

Upon arrival, the students were welcomed with a delicious breakfast. The day unfolded with a series of fun-filled activities, including games, sports, and a thrilling treasure hunt, in which the students participated with enthusiasm.





# Picnics & Outings

## Picnic to Prathamesh Go Crazy (continued.....)

The highlight of the day was the DJ floor, where children danced to their favourite songs.

The picnic concluded with the students returning to school by evening, where parents collected their wards. The day was filled with laughter, bonding, and unforgettable memories, leaving everyone looking forward to the next adventure.





# Picnics & Outings

## Picnic to Diamond Park

November 14, 2024

The students of LKG and UKG enjoyed an exciting picnic to Diamond Park on November 14, 2024. The day began with the students assembling at school before departing for their destination. Upon arrival, they visited the farm and farmhouse, offering them a delightful glimpse into rural life.

An engaging magic show followed, leaving the little ones amazed. The children then explored the indoor play area, engaging in games and rides. A lively dance session further added to their joy, allowing them to express themselves freely.





# Picnics & Outings

## Picnic to Diamond Park (continued.....)

The picnic was complemented by delicious meals—a breakfast of idli and chutney, followed by a delightful lunch featuring pav bhaji, noodles, manchurian, fried rice, and gulab jamun.

The day was filled with laughter, learning, and cherished memories for the young students.





# Picnics & Outings

## Picnic to Sejal' World

November 22, 2024

The students of grades 6 to 10 enjoyed an adventurous and fun-filled picnic to Sejal's World.

The day was packed with exciting activities that brought joy and thrill to everyone. Students of grades 8 to 10 experienced the thrill of ziplining, while those in grades 6 and 7 enjoyed riding a bicycle on a rope.

Other activities included indoor games, a lively dance session, an obstacle course, and a captivating magic show, keeping the students engaged throughout the day.





# Picnics & Outings

## Picnic to Sejal' World (continued.....)

The culinary delights added to the joy, with a breakfast of poha and idli sambar followed by a delicious lunch of pav bhaji, noodles, fried rice, paneer, and roti.

The students returned with smiles and cherished memories of a day well spent with friends, filled with laughter and excitement.





## **SFA Archery Championship 2024-25**

**November 19, 2024**

The SFA Archery Championship 2024-25 (Season 3), organised by SFA Sporting Services Pvt. Ltd., was held in Pune on 19th November 2024. Sports For All aims to provide children with exposure and opportunities to excel in various sports disciplines.

In this prestigious event, Trisha Kharat brought pride to the school by bagging a bronze medal.



## **ZP District Level Karate Competition**

**November 21-23, 2024**

The ZP District Level Karate Competition was held at the District Sports Complex, Badminton Ground, Maharashtra Housing Board, Pune. The event was organised by the Zilla Parishad to encourage young talent in martial arts.

A total of 14 students from our school, including 5 boys and 9 girls, participated in the competition, showcasing their skills and gaining valuable experience.



# Awards

## Moments of Glory November 2024

November 2024 was a month of exceptional achievements for the school. The school was honoured with the prestigious *Star Education Award 2024: Best School-Pune* by Star Education in partnership with the Education Department.

In addition, the school was nominated as the *Best School* under the category ICSE Parameter Wise for Co-Curricular Education in a survey conducted by Education Today, a renowned online education portal specialising in the K-12 segment.

Adding to these accolades, the school's Principal, Mrs. Roshni George, was conferred with the India K-12 Awards 2024 (Pune), presented by FURTADOS School of Music at the Eldrok India K-12 Summit. This award recognised her leadership in promoting life skills through an innovative curriculum, further strengthening the school's standing as a leader in holistic education.





# Bonus Pages

## Annual Day Preparations

The school is abuzz with excitement as students and staff prepare for the much-awaited Annual Day celebrations. Scheduled for December 5 (Pre-primary to Grade 5) and December 6 (Grades 6 to 10), the preparations saw enthusiastic participation.

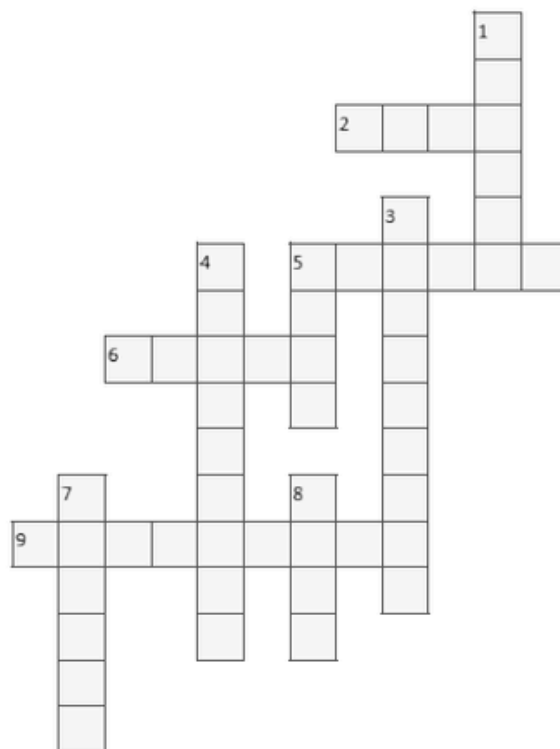
Students take turns rehearsing their performances, perfecting their acts, and ensuring every detail is in place for the grand event. The atmosphere is filled with energy and anticipation as everyone is working together to make the celebration a memorable one.



# Bonus Pages

## Checkmate in Words

As the World Chess Championship unfolds this November, we bring to you a special chess-themed crossword puzzle to celebrate the game of strategy and intellect. Chess, believed to have originated in ancient India as Chaturanga, holds a special place in our heritage. From its historical roots to the present day, with grandmasters like Viswanathan Anand and emerging young talents, India continues to shine on the global chess stage. This crossword aims to honour the championship and inspire an appreciation for the timeless game that challenges the mind and sharpens critical thinking. Read the clues carefully to find the term or strategy that fills the boxes. Ready to make your move?



### Across

2. A utensil commonly used with a knife in restaurants (common tactic in chess)
5. The phrase said before bedtime
6. The most powerful piece
9. Country hosting the 2024 World Chess Championship

### Down

1. The Indian challenger for the 2024 World Chess Championship
3. The current World Classical Chess Champion
4. The game ends with this
5. The head of a monarchical system
7. A high ranking member of the clergy in a Church
8. A piece shaped like a tower

(\*\*Solution in the next edition.)

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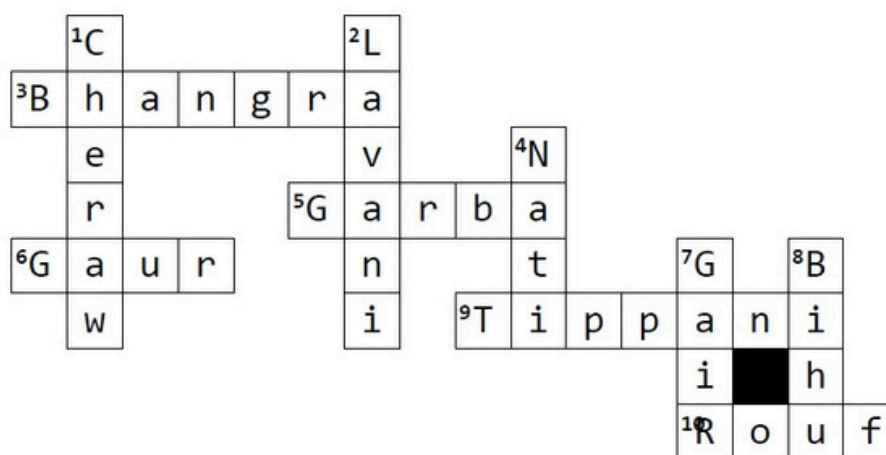




# Bonus Pages

## Discover India's Folk Dances

### Solution to the Crossword Puzzle (October edition)



#### Across

- 3.** A popular folk dance of Punjab that celebrates a plentiful harvest.
- 5.** A popular dance of Gujarat performed during Navratri.
- 6.** A dance form of Chhattisgarh, performed by the Muria tribe, this dance mimics the hunting of a bison.
- 9.** A group dance originally from Saurashtra, exclusively performed by women labourers using sticks.
- 10.** A popular women's dance of Kashmir performed during Eid and festivals, celebrating happiness and communal bonding.

#### Down

- 1.** A traditional bamboo dance performed by the Mizo people of Mizoram.
- 2.** A folk art form in Maharashtra performed to upbeat music blending storytelling with dance.
- 4.** A folk dance of Kullu performed during harvests and festivals, expressing the joy of a bountiful season.
- 7.** A dance by Bhil folk of Rajasthan, performed by men wearing colourful dresses and carrying swords, arrows, and sticks.
- 8.** A folk dance of Assam that celebrates the Assamese New Year and the harvest season.

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