DON BOSCO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL,
EGMORE, CHENNAI, INDIA.



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NEWSLETTER

November 2026

Rector's Message



Creativity: The Courage to Think Differently

Once, a teacher showed her students a sheet of paper with a small black dot in the centre and asked, "Children, what do you see?" Almost everyone replied, "A black dot, Teacher!" The teacher smiled and asked, "Why do you notice only the tiny black dot and not the big, beautiful white space around it?"

The children immediately understood that sometimes we see only what is obvious and forget to imagine what else is possible! Creativity leads an individual to move beyond that which is obvious and to imagine the various possibilities. Edward De Bono highlights the importance of creativity, "without creativity, there would be no progress, and we would be forever repeating the same pattern."

Creativity is the magic of seeing something ordinary and imagining something extraordinary! It is not only about drawing beautiful pictures, singing songs, or making wonderful models. Creativity is about asking questions, discovering new ideas, finding new solutions to problems, and trying something different. When a student turns an old cardboard box into a toy, finds a new way to solve a mathematics problem, writes an imaginative story, or helps a friend in a special way, the student is becoming creative!

Dear students, never be afraid to try something new, to ask questions or make mistakes. Every great invention began with a curious mind and a daring imagination. Do not simply follow what everyone else does; learn to think for yourselves and discover your own talents. Let us remember that one need not have to be the best at everything. One only needs the courage to explore, the freedom to imagine, and the determination to create. Keep questioning, keep imagining, and keep creating. The world is waiting for wonderful things that only you can bring into it!

Fr. Alphonse Philip
Rector & Correspondent

Principal's Message

CREATIVITY



"Think Differently, Lead the Change!."

Dear Students, Teachers, Parents, and Well-wishers,

Greetings from Don Bosco!

The theme for November is CREATIVITY, inspired by the thought: "Winners don't do different things; they do things differently."

I am proud to see our students demonstrating remarkable creativity, talent, and excellence in academics, sports, music, dance, art, literature, technology, and several other fields. Their achievements reflect the immense potential of young minds. As a school, let us continue to recognise these talents, nurture their abilities, and provide opportunities for every student to shine.

Creativity begins with curiosity, grows through experimentation, and flourishes when we dare to think beyond the ordinary. Dear students, never be afraid to ask questions, explore new ideas, or learn from your mistakes. Remember, every challenge is an opportunity to discover a better way.

At Don Bosco, education goes beyond textbooks and examinations. Activities like Panorama encourage teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and confidence, helping students transform their ideas into meaningful achievements.

Let us work together to develop not merely successful learners, but creative thinkers, responsible innovators, and compassionate leaders who make a positive difference in society.

This November, challenge yourself to discover one new idea and find one better way of doing something every day.

Think Creatively. Act Courageously. Create Meaningfully. Lead the Change!

Wishing our entire Don Bosco family a wonderful and creative month ahead!

Warm regards,

Fr. Dr. L. Suresh Kumar, SDB
Principal

3rd October 2026 – Birthday Celebration with Support Staff

Fr. Arulanand celebrated his birthday on 3rd October 2026. The Non-Teaching Staff, Bus Staff, Domestic Staff and Administrative Staff of all three schools came together at the Annai Velankanni Block to celebrate the occasion. Representatives from each school honoured him with a ceremonial shawl, a bouquet and a gift as a token of their love, gratitude and appreciation.

The celebration was a joyful expression of the staff's affection and esteem for him.



5th October 2026 – School Reopening

Following the quarterly holidays, Don Bosco International School reopened on 5th October 2026. The school reopened with renewed enthusiasm and energy as students and staff returned to continue their learning and educational activities. The day marked a fresh beginning filled with hope, joy and a commitment to excellence.

6th October 2026 – Birthday Celebration of Fr. Arulanand

The birthday of Fr. Arulanand was celebrated with great joy and affection by the Primary Section of Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School and Don Bosco International School.

The celebration was made memorable by a lively dance performance presented by the Grade II students. The students of the International School expressed their love and appreciation by presenting him with gifts, greeting cards and bouquets. The staff members also conveyed their heartfelt birthday wishes by presenting him with a gift and a bouquet.

The celebration was a joyful occasion that reflected the love, gratitude and esteem the students and staff hold for Fr. Arulanand. It strengthened the spirit of unity and togetherness within the Don Bosco family and made the day truly memorable.






HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



8th October 2026 – Walk on the Wild Side: World Animal Day Celebration

The KG1 and KG2 students celebrated World Animal Day with a delightful event titled “Walk on the Wild Side.” The little ones dressed up as their favourite animals and enthusiastically showcased their adorable costumes. Their cute, beautiful and splendid presentations filled the occasion with joy, excitement and laughter.

Parents were also invited to witness their children's performances and share in their happiness and pride. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to express themselves creatively while learning about the animal kingdom and the importance of caring for animals.

It was truly a memorable and heartwarming celebration, showcasing the confidence, creativity and enthusiasm of our little Don Bosco learners. 🦁🐯🐘🦋🐒




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9th October 2026 – Parent–Teacher Meeting







The Parent–Teacher Meeting was held on 9th October 2026, providing an opportunity for parents to meet their wards' class teachers and learn about their academic progress, classroom participation and overall development.

During the interaction, parents expressed their happiness at noticing positive changes in their children. They shared that their children had begun to open up, communicate more confidently and ask questions out of curiosity.

They were delighted to see their little ones extending their inquiry-based learning beyond the classroom by asking questions, exploring facts and seeking answers at home.

The feedback from parents reflected the positive impact of the inquiry-based learning approach in nurturing curiosity, communication skills and independent thinking among the young learners. The meeting strengthened the partnership between parents and teachers in supporting the holistic development of every child.

10th October 2026 – Teachers' Presentation and Knowledge-Sharing Session

On 10th October 2026, the teachers participated in a well-organised presentation session to share their observations, learning experiences and understanding of the implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) approach at Don Bosco Egmore.

From 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., all the teachers presented their observations, key learnings and ideas on how to implement the practices and strategies adopted by Don Bosco International School, Matunga, Mumbai. Each teacher came well-prepared and delivered the presentation with confidence and clarity, reflecting their commitment to understanding and implementing the IB approach effectively.

This was followed by an online interaction from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with St. Mary's International School, Fujairah. The session provided a valuable opportunity for the teachers to gain further insights, exchange ideas and deepen their understanding of international teaching and learning practices.

The sessions were enriching and productive, encouraging collaboration, professional growth and a shared commitment to implementing inquiry-based learning and strengthening the quality of education at Don Bosco Egmore.





15th October 2026 – Celebrating the Birth Anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



To commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the beloved former President of India and the Missile Man of India, students actively participated in a special classroom activity on 15th October 2026.

The activity aimed to inspire young learners through the life and achievements of Dr. Kalam, who dedicated his life to science, education and the development of the nation. It encouraged the children to dream big, nurture their curiosity and develop a spirit of learning and innovation.

The celebration served as a reminder of Dr. Kalam's inspiring message to young minds: dream big, work hard and strive to achieve great things.





16th October 2026 - Grade II Class Assembly: "Open-Mindedness, Forgiveness and World Food Day"

The Grade II students presented a meaningful class assembly on the IB Learner Profile attribute "Open-Minded" and the theme of the month, "Forgiveness." The students shared thoughtful messages on the importance of being open to different perspectives, respecting others' opinions, accepting differences and learning to forgive one another.

The assembly featured a short play highlighting the values of open-mindedness and forgiveness, helping the students understand how these qualities can be practised in their daily lives. In commemoration of World Food Day, the students also presented a special segment and took a pledge to value food, avoid wastage and show concern for those who do not have enough to eat.

The assembly was an enriching learning experience that encouraged the young learners to develop empathy, respect, understanding and gratitude. It beautifully connected the IB Learner Profile with the values of forgiveness, compassion and responsible living.









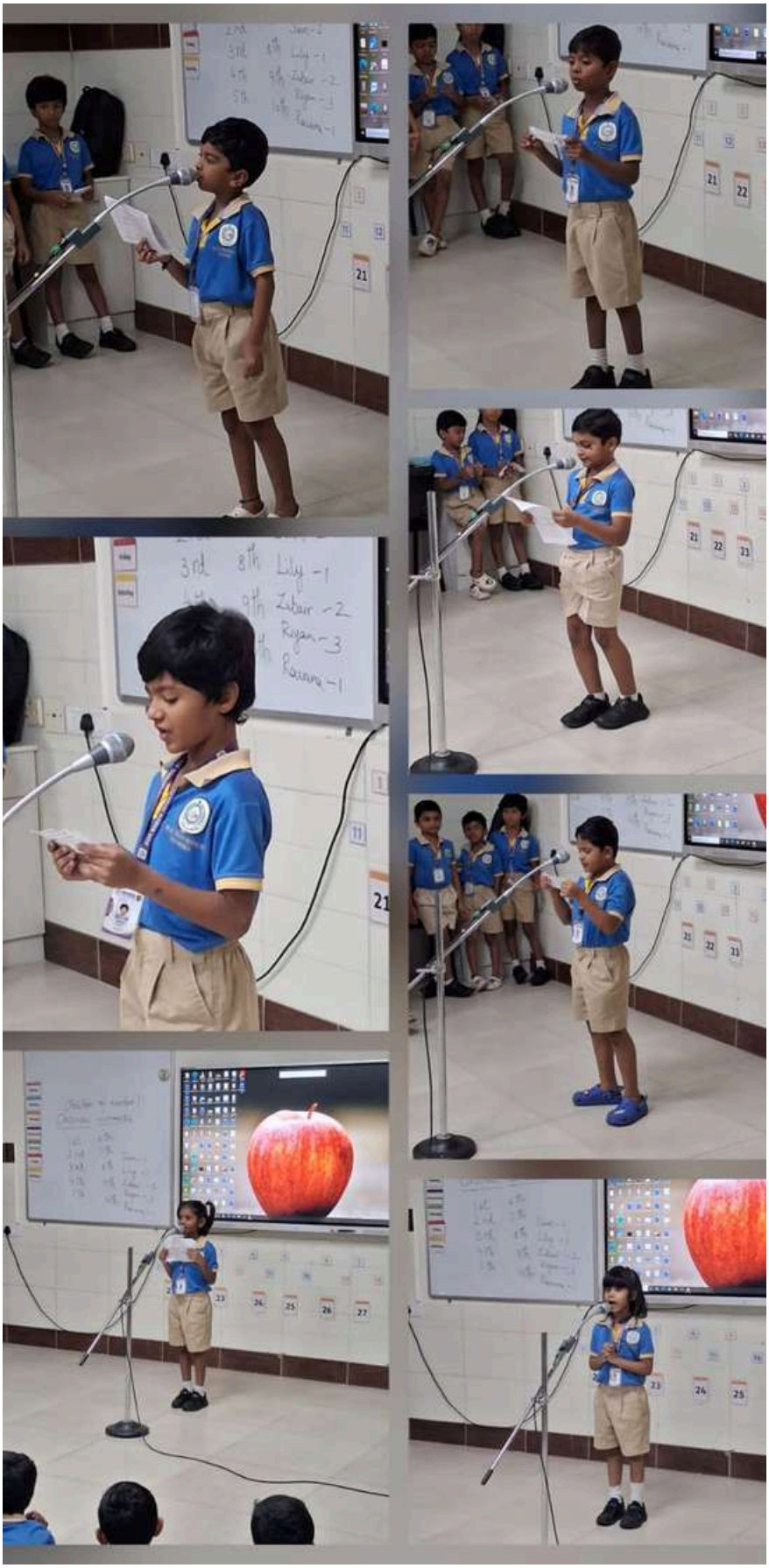




23rd October 2026 – Grade I Class Assembly : "Open-Mindedness and Forgiveness"

The Grade I students presented a meaningful assembly on the IB Learner Profile attribute "Open-Minded" and the theme of the month, "Forgiveness." Through their messages, they highlighted the importance of kindness, understanding and maintaining harmonious relationships.

Rev. Fr. Paulraj Maniam, Vice Rector, and Rev. Fr. Suresh Kumar, Principal, addressed the students and emphasised the importance of practising these values in daily life. Fr. Principal reminded them to follow the three virtues: "Please, Sorry and Thank You," encouraging them to cultivate good manners, gratitude and respect for others.















30th October 2026 – KG1 and KG2 Class Assembly

The KG1 and KG2 students presented a meaningful and engaging class assembly on the themes “Forgiveness” and the IB Learner Profile Attribute “Open-Mindedness.”

The children highlighted the importance of forgiveness through simple yet powerful messages:

“Forgiveness is letting go of anger.”

“We can say, ‘I forgive you.’”

“We can say, ‘I am sorry.’”

“We can say, ‘It's okay.’”

he students also emphasised the qualities of an open-minded learner through inspiring slogans:

“An open-minded person respects others.”
“An open-minded person listens to others.”
“An open-minded person learns from others.”
The assembly concluded with enthusiastic group slogans:
“We will be open-minded learners!”
“We will forgive others!”

The assembly helped the young learners understand the importance of respecting different perspectives, listening to others, accepting mistakes and forgiving one another. It was a wonderful presentation that encouraged children to practise kindness, understanding and forgiveness in their everyday lives.



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VALUE OF THE MONTH

CREATIVITY

Learner Profile Attribute of the Month: **Inquirers**

DATE	DAY	EVENTS
1	SUN	All Saints Day / World Vegan Day
2	MON	All Souls Day / Holy Mass
3	TUE	
4	WED	
5	THU	Deepavali Celebrations / World Tsunami Awareness Day
6	FRI	
7	SAT	National Cancer Awareness Day
8	SUN	Deepavali
9	MON	International Week of Science and Peace Begins (9–15 Nov)
10	TUE	World Science Day for Peace and Development / Staff Meeting
11	WED	National Education Day – India
12	THU	World Pneumonia Day
13	FRI	Class Assembly – Grade 2 (World Kindness Day)
14	SAT	World Diabetes Day
15	SUN	
16	MON	International Day for Tolerance / National Press Day
17	TUE	
18	WED	G1 & G2 End of Unit – 3
19	THU	World Toilet Day / International Men's Day / World Philosophy Day
20	FRI	Class Assembly – Grade 1 (Creativity) / World Children's Day Celebration
21	SAT	Staff Retreat / World Television Day / World Fisheries Day
22	SUN	
23	MON	
24	TUE	Comm. of Mary Help of All / Guru Nanak Jayanti
25	WED	100 days of DBIS (tentative)
26	THU	Constitution Day – India / National Milk Day / World Sustainable Transport Day
27	FRI	Class Assembly – KG1 & KG2 (Inquirers)
28	SAT	Working Day for teachers
29	SUN	
30	MON	Comm. of St. John Bosco