DON BOSCO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL,
EGMORE, CHENNAI, INDIA.

BOSCO BEACON

NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Rector's Message



Dear staff members, parents, students, Past pupils and friends,

Two friends once had an argument. One of them was deeply hurt and wrote the incident in the sand. Later, when they were reconciled, he carved the memory of their friendship on a stone. When asked why, he replied: "Let our hurts be written in sand do that it gets erased by the wind, but let our friendships be written in stone, so that nothing erases it."

In every friendship and relationship, there will be instances wherein we are hurt, misunderstood or disappointed. The important question is not whether we will be hurt, but how we will respond to the hurt? Will I hold on to the hurt, or will I choose to forgive?

Forgiveness is not weakness. Forgiveness is strength under control. It does not mean that what happened was right or that we should pretend that we were not hurt. It means that we refuse to allow someone else's mistake to occupy our heart and mind forever.

Forgiveness begins when we stop keeping accounts. At times we carry a mental notebook of other people's mistakes: “He did this to me... She said that about me... They ignored me... I will never forget it.” The longer we keep that notebook, the heavier our heart becomes. The other person has hurt us only once. But every time we recall the hurt feelings, we hurt ourselves 10 times or even 100 times. Forgiveness allows us to close that notebook. It does not erase the past, but it prevents the past from controlling our present. Forgiveness frees us from carrying yesterday's pain into today's relationships.

We sometimes need to forgive ourselves. You may have failed an examination, disappointed your parents, made a wrong decision, lost your temper, hurt a friend or done something you deeply regret. Learn from mistakes, take responsibility and change - but do not spend your entire life punishing yourself for one mistake. Remember: A mistake is something you have done; it is not the whole of who you are.

Forgiveness does not mean permitting injustice. Forgiveness does not mean remaining silent about bullying, abuse, discrimination or serious wrongdoing. If someone is repeatedly hurting you, speak to a trusted teacher, parent, counsellor or another responsible adult. Seeking help is not revenge. We can forgive a person while still saying, “What happened was wrong, and it must not happen again.” True forgiveness seeks healing, truth and reconciliation - not simply the hiding of problems.

Academic success alone does not make a person truly great. A truly mature person is one who knows how to say sorry, how to forgive, how to begin again and how to give another person the dignity of a second chance. Hence, during this month, I invite each of you to ask yourself: Is there someone I need to forgive? Is there someone from whom I need to ask forgiveness? Is there a hurt that I am still carrying unnecessarily? Can I give someone a second chance?

God does not look at us only through our failures. His mercy always leaves room for a new beginning. Therefore, let us make our home and school a place, wounds are healed, relationships are restored, where mistakes are corrected and every student experiences the joy of being accepted.

May Don Bosco teach us to have a heart that is firm in values, gentle with people and generous in forgiveness.

With affection and prayer,

Fr. Alphonse Philip
Rector & Correspondent

Principal's Message

FORGIVENESS



"Forgive, Let Go and Set Your Heart Free."

Dear DBIS Family,

As we step into the second term of the academic year, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to every member of our DBM Family–our students, teachers, support staff, administrative team and parents–for your commitment, cooperation and enthusiasm. Together, you continue to make our school a place where every child is encouraged to learn, grow and flourish.

Every achievement we celebrate, every talent we nurture and every milestone our students reach is a reflection of shared commitment and teamwork. Their growth is made possible by the many hands and hearts that guide, encourage, support and inspire them each day. I am deeply grateful for the spirit of collaboration and for the many accomplishments we have witnessed during the first term.

As we reflect on Forgiveness this month, let us remember that meaningful relationships grow through understanding, humility and the courage to acknowledge our mistakes. Forgiveness gives us the freedom to let go, rebuild trust and begin anew.Let us Be a Spark–not waiting for someone else to take the first step, but choosing to step forward ourselves: to appreciate, apologise, reconcile, forgive and make peace. One courageous step can become the beginning of healing and harmony.

May we continue to choose gratitude over criticism, understanding over judgment, collaboration over division, and peace over pride.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

– Helen Keller

Thank you, dear DBM Family, for being an integral part of this beautiful journey. Together, let us continue to ignite minds, inspire hearts and lead the change.

Be a Spark. Take the First Step. Make Peace. Forgive. Begin Again.

Prayerful wishes,

Fr. Suresh, SDB
Principal

02 September 2026 – Teacher's Day Celebration

Don Bosco International School celebrated Teacher's Day with great enthusiasm and joy. The young learners added a special charm to the celebration with their delightful performances.

KG I and KG II presented a lively dance performance, followed by another energetic and graceful dance by students from Grades I and II.

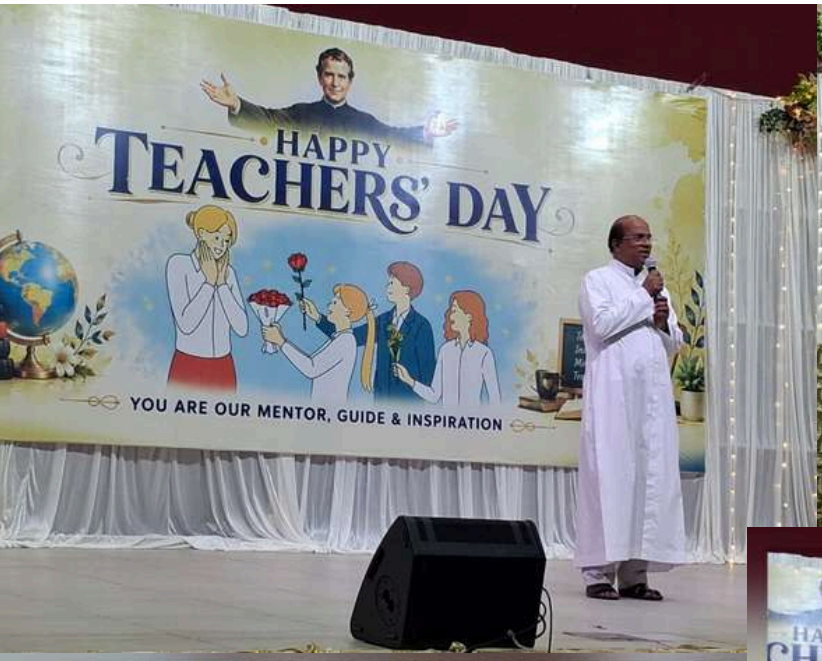
The children's enthusiasm, confidence, and wonderful coordination made the performances truly memorable. Their joyful presentation was warmly appreciated by everyone and added a beautiful touch to the Teacher's Day celebration.

A wonderful performance by our little stars!

A Heartfelt Gesture of Appreciation

As part of the Teacher's Day celebration, the parents presented the teachers and management with gifts as a token of their love, appreciation, and gratitude.

We sincerely thank all our dear parents for their generosity and thoughtful gesture. Your kindness and support mean a great deal to us and made the celebration even more special.


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3 September 2026 - Teacher's Day Celebration

As part of the Teacher's Day celebrations, the Management and the Don Bosco Matriculation PTA Office Bearers of Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the teaching and non-teaching staff.

A fabulous and sumptuous lunch was arranged for all the teachers and staff, making the occasion truly enjoyable and memorable.

Teacher's Day gifts were also presented to all the staff members as a token of appreciation for their dedicated service, commitment, and valuable contribution to the school community.

The celebration was a beautiful expression of gratitude and recognition for the tireless efforts of our teachers and staff. Heartfelt thanks to the Management and PTA Office Bearers of DBM for making the day so special!






DBIS
Teacher's Day

7 September 2026 - Staff Meeting

A staff meeting was held on 7 September 2026, focusing on strengthening the shared vision, commitment, and professional responsibility of every educator at Don Bosco – Egmore.

The Rector and Correspondent animated the staff on the "Six Priorities of Don Bosco – Egmore":



- Academic Excellence
- Formation of Character
- Personalised Accompaniment
- Discipline and Responsibility
- Discovering and Developing Potential
- One Educational Community

He also reflected on the theme "A Commitment to Rebuild, Reconcile and Walk Together as DB – Egmore Educators," encouraging the staff to work together with renewed commitment, unity, and the spirit of Don Bosco.





The Principal highlighted key areas of professional commitment, including:

⏰ Punctuality, Presence and Professional Commitment

🛡️ Student Safety – Everyone's Responsibility

🌟 Discipline with Dignity and DB Spirit

📖 Quality Teaching

🗣️ Communication Skills and Language Culture

❤️ Manner, Character and Everyday Formation

👔 Professional Appearance

💻 Digital Discipline

✅ Accountability, Ownership and Follow-through

🤝 Responsible Use of Support Staff

🚀 Student Future Readiness and Volunteer Formation

The meeting served as a valuable reminder that every educator plays an important role in shaping the academic, personal, social, and spiritual growth of students.

🌿 September Theme – Sincerity

The theme for September is "Sincerity – God Sees You." The staff were encouraged to practise sincerity in their thoughts, words, relationships, and responsibilities, remembering that God sees not only what we do, but also the intention with which we do it.

12.09.2026 - Class Assembly – Grade 1

The Grade 1 students presented a class assembly based on the September theme, “Sincerity,” and the Learner Profile attribute, “Communicators.” The assembly began with the Lord’s Prayer, followed by meaningful slogans presented by the students, highlighting the importance of sincerity and effective communication. The students enthusiastically conveyed these values through their presentations. Fr. Principal spoke on the theme “Sincerity – God Sees You,” reminding the students to be truthful, genuine and sincere in all that they do. He also congratulated the teachers for their efforts in preparing the students and appreciated the students for their confidence and enthusiastic presentation. The assembly ended with a Prayer Song beautifully sung by the Grade 1 students.









18.09.2026 - Class Assembly – KG1 and KG2

The KG 1 and KG 2 students presented a delightful assembly based on the September theme “Sincerity” and the Learner Profile attribute “Communicators.” The assembly began with a Bible reading and the Lord’s Prayer, followed by the action prayer song “God’s Love Is So Wonderful,” which was a joy to watch as the little ones enthusiastically performed the actions. The students presented meaningful slogans such as “Sincerity is the Face of the Soul,” “We are Promise Keepers,” “We are Happy Hearts,” and “We are Truth Tellers.” followed by the oath “Be Sincere and Truthful.” The assembly was a lovely presentation that reflected the children’s enthusiasm and their understanding of the values of sincerity and truthfulness.













19 - 22 September 2026 - A Visit to Don Bosco International School, Matunga

The teaching staff of Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School (IB Curriculum), accompanied by Rev. Fr. Alphonse Philip – Rector and Correspondent and Rev. Fr. L. Suresh Kumar – Principal, visited Don Bosco International School, Matunga, Mumbai, from 19 to 22 September 2026. The visit was organised to provide the teachers with hands-on exposure to classroom teaching practices, inquiry-based learning, learner-centred approaches, and extracurricular activities. The teachers had the opportunity to observe the teaching-learning processes and gain practical insights into the implementation of the IB Curriculum, which would help them further strengthen their classroom practices at Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School.












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Staff Tour to Kashmir – 23 to 27 September 2026

Around 50 teaching and administrative staff members of DBM and DBM (IB Curriculum) went on a staff tour to Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, from 23 to 27 September 2026. The tour provided an opportunity for the staff to relax, rejuvenate and strengthen their bonds of friendship and togetherness. Each day began with Holy Mass, seeking God's blessings and protection throughout the journey.

The staff enjoyed the scenic beauty of Kashmir, sightseeing, van journeys, conversations, songs, laughter and delicious food, creating many memorable moments. The flight journeys and the fun-filled experiences during the return journey added to the joy of the trip. The staff expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Rector & Correspondent, Fr. Principal, and Fr. Administrator for their permission, encouragement, support and financial assistance. The tour was a memorable experience that strengthened the spirit of unity, friendship and togetherness among the Don Bosco family.







DON BOSCO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, EGMORE, CHENNAI		
OCTOBER 2026		
Value of the Month - Forgiveness		
Learner Profile Attribute of the Month : Open-minded		
1	Thu	International Day of Older Persons / International Coffee Day
2	Fri	Gandhi Jayanti / International Day of Non-Violence
3	Sat	Birthday of Fr. Arulanand - Administrator
4	Sun	World Animal Day / World Space Week (Oct 4th - 10th)
5	Mon	School Reopens / World Teachers' Day / World Habitat Day
6	Tue	Fr. Administrator's Birthday Celebration / International Geodiversity Day
7	Wed	Holy Mass / World Cotton Day
8	Thu	*Walk on the Wild Side - KG1 & 2/* End of Unit Presentation G1 & G2
9	Fri	PTM for KG1 - Grade 2 / World Post Day
10	Sat	Working day for teachers / World Mental Health Day
11	Sun	International Day of the Girl Child
12	Mon	Staff Meeting
13	Tue	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
14	Wed	
15	Thu	Global Handwashing Day / International Day of Rural Women
16	Fri	Class Assembly - Grade 2 / World Food Day
17	Sat	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
18	Sun	
19	Mon	Ayutha Pooja - Holiday
20	Tue	Vijaya Dasami - Holiday
21	Wed	
22	Thu	
23	Fri	Class Assembly - Grade 1
24	Sat	Comm. of Mary Help of All / United Nations Day
25	Sun	
26	Mon	
27	Tue	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage
28	Wed	
29	Thu	International Day of Care and Support / World Coding Day
30	Fri	Class Assembly - KG1 & 2 / Choral Recitation - Grade 1 & 2 / KG2 End of Unit - 2
31	Sat	Working day for teachers /Comm. of St. John Bosco / National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) / World Cities Day