



BOSCO BEACON

NEWSLETTER

September 2026

Rector's Message

Dear staff members, students and parents,
During the month of August, we have been focussing of the need for unity. Unity consists in moving towards creating One heart; One family; One mission.



At the time that St. John Bosco began his work for poor and abandoned boys in Italy, he had almost nothing - no school, no money, no adequate facilities etc. All that he had was a dream, and a few people who believed in that dream. There were moments when everything seemed impossible. Yet Don Bosco kept repeating, in his own way, that together they could do what none of them could do alone. The work that St. John Bosco started did not grow because he did everything by himself. It grew because he created a family in which many hearts, hands and talents came together for one mission.

This is the secret of every great community – be it school of family: unity of hearts before unity of activities.

Today, one of the greatest dangers facing our school or family is individualism. We can be together under the same roof without truly working together; live under the same roof without sharing our hearts; perform our responsibilities without caring for one another. Our strength is not in how many we are, but in how deeply we are united. A teacher who supports another teacher, a student who includes a lonely classmate, a parent who cooperates with the school, a staff member who serves beyond his or her duty, a student who loves his/her dad and mum more than others, dad and mum giving absolute priority to each other and their children - these are not small acts. They are building the family envisioned by St. John Bosco rooted in unity.

Unity does not demand uniformity. We can have different opinions, personalities and responsibilities. But we must never allow our differences to become divisions. We may think differently, but we must love together; we may work differently, but we must walk together; we may have different gifts, but we must serve one mission.

Let us ask ourselves: Am I building unity or quietly creating division? Am I bringing people together or taking sides? Do people feel stronger because of my presence, or wounded by it?

St. John Bosco built his work not merely with bricks and buildings, but with relationships, trust, sacrifice and a shared mission. May our school and family be a place where no one says, "I am alone", or "This is not my responsibility," but where everyone says, "We belong to one another, and together we are responsible for the mission."

Fr. Alphonse Philip SDB

Rector and Correspondent.

Principal's Message

SINCERITY – BE TRUE. BE REAL. BE SINCERE.

Dear Students, Teachers, Staff, Parents
and Dear Friends,



As we welcome September, let us reflect on Sincerity—the virtue that makes our words truthful, our intentions genuine, our actions honest and our responsibilities meaningful, even when nobody is watching.

In a world where appearances can sometimes matter more than reality, let us ask ourselves: “Am I truly the person I appear to be?” A sincere person does what is right, not for praise or recognition, but simply because it is right. This is how we build character, integrity and trust.

Don Bosco’s simple reminder, “God sees you,” invites us to remember that God sees beyond appearances. He sees our hearts, our intentions and our choices. Therefore, let us strive to do good not because someone is watching, but because we want to become good from within.

When we study, let us study sincerely; when we work, let us work sincerely; when we speak, let us speak truthfully; and when we make a mistake, let us have the courage to admit it, learn from it and begin again.

Sincerity also means thinking of others—showing sensitivity, courtesy, consideration and care. A kind word, a helping hand, an encouraging gesture or a thoughtful act may seem small, but such actions reveal the goodness of our hearts.

Let us also know our responsibility, take ownership and give our very best without waiting to be reminded. True responsibility is doing what is expected of us with dedication because we understand its value.

And let us remember the beautiful thought: “Bloom Where You Are Planted.” Wherever God has placed us—in our classroom, at home, on the playground or in our community—let us grow, serve, inspire and make a difference.

This September, let us move from “looking good” to “being good.” Let us be truthful in our words, sincere in our intentions, responsible in our actions and compassionate towards others.

Sincerity builds character. Responsibility builds trust. Sensitivity builds kindness. Truthfulness builds integrity.

May we live this month in the spirit of Don Bosco—doing good sincerely, serving joyfully, caring generously and living authentically.

“God sees you.”

“Bloom where you are planted.”

Be sincere. Be truthful. Know your responsibility. Think of others. Do what is right—even when nobody is watching.

Wherever God has planted you—BLOOM!

Prayerful wishes,

Fr. Suresh, SDB
Principal

03 August 2026 – Birthday of Sanjay Rohan

Sanjay Rohan of Grade II celebrated his birthday on 3 August 2026. Marking his special day in a meaningful and eco-friendly way, he presented a sapling to Fr. Principal and Fr. Administrator. This thoughtful gesture reflected the importance of caring for nature and inspired everyone to celebrate occasions by giving back to the environment.



10 August 2026 - Staff Meeting

A Staff Meeting for the Matriculation School and Don Bosco International School (DBIS) was held on 10 August 2026 from 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. The session was an enriching and reflective accompaniment programme for the teaching staff.

Rev. Fr. Rector and Correspondent animated the session on the theme “**Educating the Mind, Touching the Heart, Transforming the Future.**” The session emphasized that educators are called not merely to complete the syllabus but to **shape minds, touch hearts, and transform lives**. The importance of seeing every child as a person with unique gifts, struggles, potential and possibilities was highlighted. The session also stressed the need for a culture of encounter, where teachers look beyond marks and performance and recognise the goodness and potential in every student.



Fr. Principal animated the staff with the thought, **“A small stone which is ignored on the way can become more harmful to someone.”** The reflection encouraged teachers to be attentive to small issues, behaviours and concerns among students rather than overlooking them. It highlighted the responsibility of educators to guide, correct, encourage and support students at the right moment, so that seemingly small concerns do not grow into bigger challenges.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment among the staff to look at every student with **hope, patience, compassion and understanding**, and to make education a transformative experience for every child.

14 August 2026 – Class Assembly by Grade II

The Class Assembly by Grade II was held on 14 August 2026 with the theme “Unity”, highlighting the IB Learner Profile attribute “Thinkers.”

The students presented meaningful messages on the importance of unity, cooperation, and working together as a community. Their presentations reflected how thoughtful thinking and positive actions can help build a harmonious and inclusive environment. The students also performed an energetic action song, adding enthusiasm and joy to the assembly.

The programme concluded with an inspiring message from the Principal, who appreciated the students’ confident participation and encouraged them to practise unity and develop thoughtful and responsible thinking in their daily lives.





A Proud Moment for Our School!

We are delighted to celebrate the remarkable achievement of **Aakif of Grade I**, who was presented by our Fr. Principal with certificates for his outstanding performance in the State Level Invitational Gymnastics Competition 2026 conducted by Tamil Nadu Gymnastics Association held on 25th and 26th July 2026 at Gymnastics SDAT Velacherry Category Under 6 (Boys)Gymnastics Competition.

Gold Medal – Floor Gymnastics

Bronze Medal – Vault Gymnastics

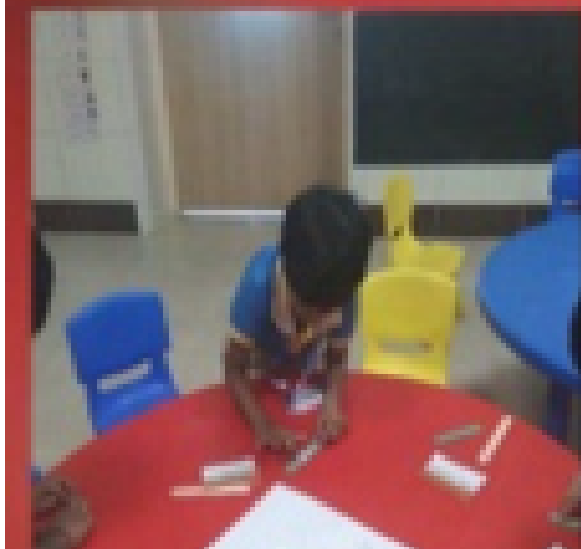
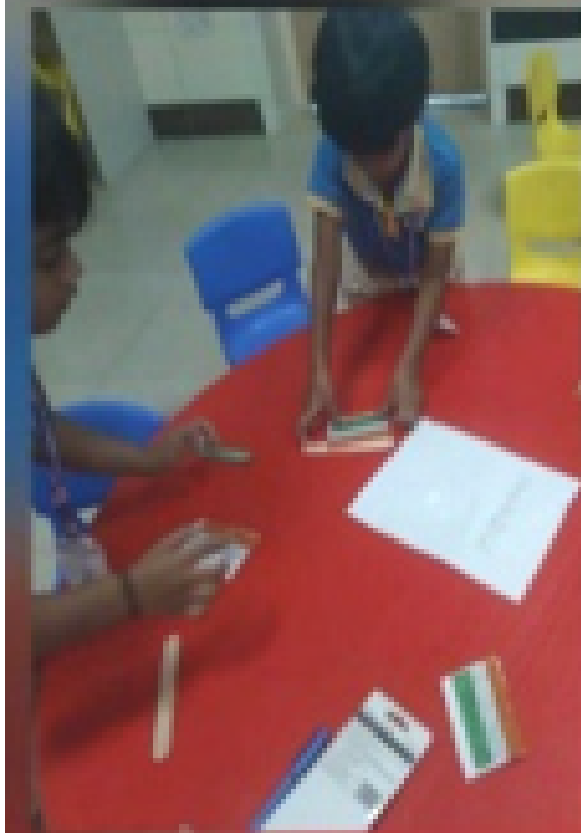
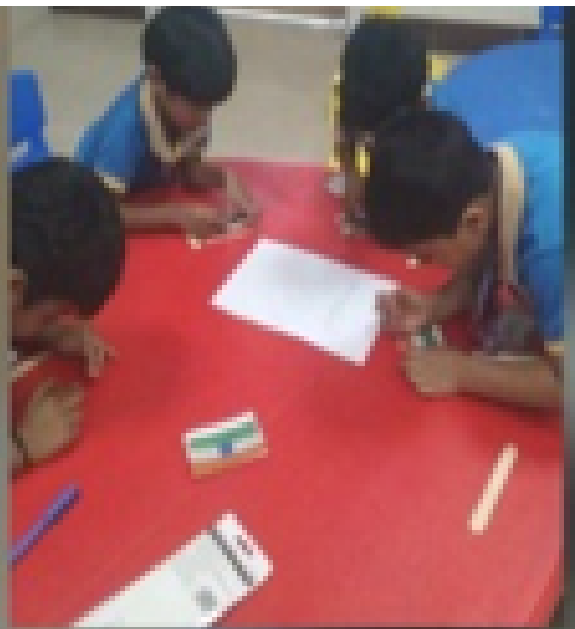
Aakif's dedication, determination and talent have brought great pride and joy to our school community.

Congratulations, Aakif! Keep soaring high!

14 August 2026 - Independence Day Celebrations – KG to Grade 2

The spirit of patriotism came alive at Don Bosco International School as the young learners of KG 1, KG 2, Grade 1 and Grade 2 celebrated Independence Day on Friday, 14 August 2026. The children enthusiastically participated in a variety of patriotic activities and presentations, expressing their love and respect for our nation through their creativity and joyful participation.







The celebrations provided the little ones with an opportunity to learn about the significance of Independence Day while developing a sense of national pride, unity and responsibility.

15 August 2026 – Feast of Our Lady of Assumption and 80th Independence Day

The school community celebrated **Independence Day and the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother** with great joy and reverence on 15 August 2026. The celebrations began with the Flag Hoisting Ceremony at 8.30 a.m., with Rev. Fr. Don Bosco Lourdusamy, Provincial of the Chennai Salesian Province, hoisting the National Flag.

The ceremony was attended by students, parents and staff from Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School (DBM), Don Bosco School of Excellence (DBX), and Don Bosco International School (DBIS). The participation of both Catholic and non-Catholic members of the school community reflected a beautiful spirit of unity, patriotism and togetherness.

This was followed by the Holy Eucharistic Celebration, with Rev. Fr. Don Bosco Lourdusamy, Provincial of the Chennai Salesian Province, as the Main Celebrant. The Fathers of the Egmore Salesian Community concelebrated the Holy Mass. Catholic staff, students and parents from DBM, DBX and DBIS participated prayerfully in the Eucharistic celebration. At the conclusion of the Mass, refreshments were distributed to all those who attended. The celebration beautifully brought together faith, fellowship and national pride, making the occasion a memorable one for the entire Don Bosco community.



16 August 2026 - Celebrating the Birthday of St. John Bosco

To commemorate the birthday of St. John Bosco on 16 August, a series of engaging activities was held on 17 August 2026 for the young learners of KG 1, KG 2, Grade 1 and Grade 2.

The children participated enthusiastically in various activities that helped them learn about the life, mission and values of St. John Bosco, the Father and Friend of the Young. Through these joyful experiences, the children were encouraged to practise love, kindness, care, sharing and service, keeping alive the spirit and legacy of Don Bosco in their everyday lives.



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18 August 2026 – Birthday of Madev

On 18 August 2026, Madev of Grade I celebrated his birthday in a meaningful and eco-friendly way. As part of the celebration, he presented a sapling to the school, which was received by Fr. Principal.

The gesture highlighted the importance of caring for nature and encouraged the students to celebrate special occasions by making positive contributions to the environment. The school appreciated Madev's thoughtful initiative and wished him a happy and blessed birthday.



19.08.2026 - Birthday celebration of Aravind – KG1

Birthday Celebration of Aravind – KG1

KG1 student Aravind celebrated his birthday with his classmates.

As a thoughtful gesture, he presented Phonetics books to all his classmates.

His kind gesture made the celebration meaningful, joyful, and memorable for everyone!



**19
AUGUST
WEDNESDAY**



WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

Honours the aid workers and volunteers who risk their lives to help people affected by crises and disasters.

- Compassion
- Kindness
- Service to others



WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

Celebrates the art, science and story behind photography.

- Creativity
- Observation
- Capturing moments that matter



**20
AUGUST
THURSDAY**



WORLD MOSQUITO DAY

Raises awareness about mosquitoes and the diseases they carry and how we can protect ourselves and our communities.

- Prevent mosquito bites
- Keep surroundings clean
- Remove stagnant water
- Stay safe and healthy



**21
AUGUST
FRIDAY**



SENIOR CITIZEN DAY

A day to respect, appreciate and learn from our elders. They are our guides and blessings.

- Respect
- Care
- Love
- Gratitude



**22
AUGUST
SATURDAY**



MADRAS DAY

Celebrates the rich history, culture and heritage of our beautiful city – Chennai. Let us take pride in our city and be responsible citizens.

- Our City
- Our Pride
- Our Responsibility





As we observe these days, let us encourage our children to **Act for Humanity** and Capture the World with compassion, creativity and responsibility.



25 August 2026 - Onam Celebration

The school celebrated the vibrant festival of Onam with great joy and enthusiasm. A beautiful Pookalam was created in the classroom with fresh flowers. The children and teachers participated enthusiastically in decorating it.

Ms. Bindu shared the history and significance of the Onam festival, helping the children understand and appreciate the cultural traditions associated with the celebration.

The parents generously brought fresh flowers, adding colour and beauty to the occasion and making the celebration more special.

Refreshments prepared by the teachers were distributed to all the children, adding to the festive spirit.

The celebration was a joyful blend of culture, community, sharing, and togetherness, making the day memorable for everyone.



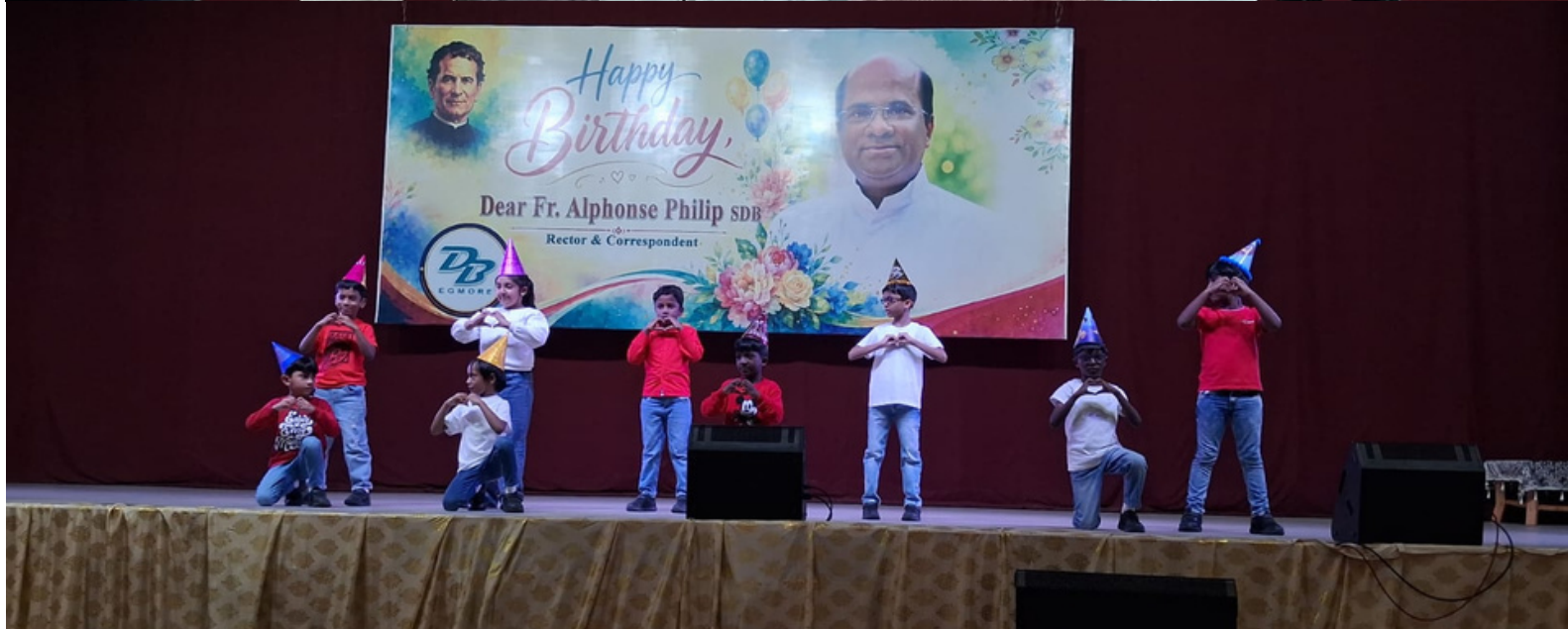


28 August 2026 - Rector's Birthday celebration

In view of the birthday of Rev. Fr. Alphonse Philip SDB, Rector & Correspondent, on 29 August 2026, the Don Bosco Matric Primary Section & International School, Egmore, celebrated his birthday with great joy and gratitude on 28 August 2026 at the DB Auditorium.

The celebration included a prayer song, Bible reading, prayer, a warm welcome and birthday wishes, followed by the felicitation of Fr. Rector by the Management and the ceremonial cake cutting. The students added colour and joy to the celebration through their vibrant dance performances. The Grade 2 students of Don Bosco International School (DBIS) presented a lively dance performance as a special birthday tribute.

On behalf of the students and staff of DBIS, a photo frame, a bouquet and a bamboo sapling were presented to Fr. Rector as tokens of love, respect and appreciation. The bamboo sapling symbolised growth, strength, resilience and the lasting impact of his leadership and service. The celebration concluded with Fr. Rector's inspiring birthday message and the School Anthem. The programme was a memorable occasion filled with gratitude, affection and heartfelt wishes for Fr. Rector's continued good health, happiness and fruitful service.





DON BOSCO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

EGMORE, CHENNAI

SEPTEMBER 2026

VALUE OF THE MONTH

SINCERITY

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



DATE	DAY	EVENTS
1	TUE	
2	WED	Teachers' Day Celebration / World Coconut Day
3	THU	KG 2 Unit Celebration
4	FRI	Krishna Jayanthi - Holiday
5	SAT	Teachers' Day / International Day of Charity
6	SUN	
7	MON	Staff Meeting / International Day of Clean Air for blue skies
8	TUE	Feast of Our Lady of Good Health / International Literacy Day
9	WED	
10	THU	
11	FRI	Class 1 Assembly
12	SAT	World First Aid Day
13	SUN	
14	MON	Vinayakar Chaturthi - Holiday
15	TUE	Engineers' Day / International Day of Democracy
16	WED	KG 1 Unit Celebration / World Ozone Day
17	THU	
18	FRI	KG1 & 2 Assembly / Grade 1 and 2 Unit Completion / Last working day for students / World Bamboo Day
19	SAT	September - October break / Educational trip for PYP Team
20	SUN	Educational trip for PYP Team
21	MON	International Day of Peace / Educational trip for PYP Team
22	TUE	Educational trip for PYP Team
23	WED	International Day of Sign Languages
24	THU	Comm. of Mary Help of All
25	FRI	
26	SAT	World Environmental Health Day
27	SUN	World Tourism Day
28	MON	International Day for Universal Access to Information
29	TUE	World Heart Day / International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
30	WED	Comm. of St. John Bosco / International Translation Day

Note: October 5th, 2026 (Monday) will be the reopening day for students.