



# LORETO DAY SCHOOL BOWBAZAR

## Reminiscences 2015 - 16

*Can a mother forget a baby at her breast...? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palm of my hands; your walls are ever before me... for behold, I create new heavens and a new earth";*

*-Isaiah, 65:15-17"*

### A message from the Principal's desk



The year has sped by on silken wings and with thankful hearts we present before you a glimpse of the several activities that dotted the school calendar in the session 2015-16. The curriculum at Loreto Day School, Bowbazar is designed to bring about the all-round development of the student. Like tender saplings, our pupils need to be nurtured and nourished in order to realise their potential and grow into upright human beings who will make a meaningful contribution to society.

Measures have been adopted to create a secure learning environment that aims to build character, hone creativity and critical thinking and strengthen the spirit so that our pupils in the words of our Founder, the Venerable Mary Ward can, "Do good and do it well".

Our classrooms provide free spaces where social and humanitarian issues are debated and discussed and plans of action drawn up, to bring succour to the "least" of God's people. Time is allotted for Retreat and reflection too, which helps our students to learn to live together, learn to know, learn to do and learn to be. (Learning: The Treasure Within, Jacques Delors, UNESCO Report, 1996). Through love and care, we seek to transform our pupils into persons of competence, conscience, compassion and character.

The following extract succinctly sums up the Loreto way:

*....Why did I get sent to the office?*

**All I did was:**

*Write on the wall,*

*While Mrs Bee stood in the hall.*

*I screamed at my friend Paul.*

*And I made a little girl fall.*

*Oh, did she bawl and bawl!*

*Why did I get sent here?*

**All I did was:**

*Fool around a little-*

*This isn't very fair,*

*And I don't care.*

*Then Mrs. Carmen spoke,*

*"I care because you're important, worthwhile,*

*And a member of our school family."*

*And then she looked into my heart and said,*

*"My dear, God doesn't make 'junk'".*

**All I did was:**

*Become a better person*

*From that day on.*

*(Excerpt from "Waiting to See  
the Principal and Other Poems"*

*By Joe Sottile)*

We thank God for guiding our steps and for the pleasant reminiscences of the school year.

We are indebted to Sister Anita Braganza, Provincial General, for her support and kindness; we wish to express our gratitude to the Sisters, Staff and students of Loreto Day School, Bowbazar for their motivation and dedication and to our parents for their generous help and cooperation.

May God bless and keep you and yours.

-Kaveri Dutt



# Our Achievers

## SCHOOL TOPPERS ICSE 2015



*Anamitra Mandal*  
(97.6 %)



*Amrita Mandal*  
(97.4 %)



*Sriyani Chatterjee*  
(97%)

*Sanhita Chakraborty (393)*



*Shreyanti Pan (392)*



## SCHOOL TOPPERS WB HIGHER SECONDARY 2015



*Daliya Biswas (386)*



*Ria Jaiswal (386)*

"Divine love is like fire, which will not let itself be shut up, for it is impossible to love God and not to work to extend God's honour."

*Mary Ward*



## MILESTONES

Celebrating 25 years of dedicated service



Ms. Paushali Banerjee

Bidding adieu.....

Retirements



Mrs. Lalima Gomes



Mr. Kamal Bag



OUR GLOBAL FAMILY



Visit by Loreto Altrincham



## WORKSHOPS -

Fr. Paul Puduserry

Sr. Cyril



"Workshops illuminate our minds and sharpen our skills"



# Celebrations

*Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind,  
flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life  
and to everything -Plato*



WORLD MUSIC DAY



WORLD EARTH  
DAY



*Mankind has not woven the web of life.  
We are but one thread within it.  
Whatever we do to the web, we do to  
ourselves. All things are bound together.  
All things connect. -Chief Seattle.*

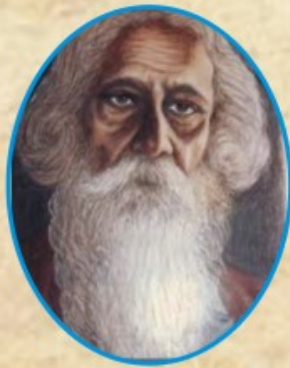
WORLD DANCE DAY



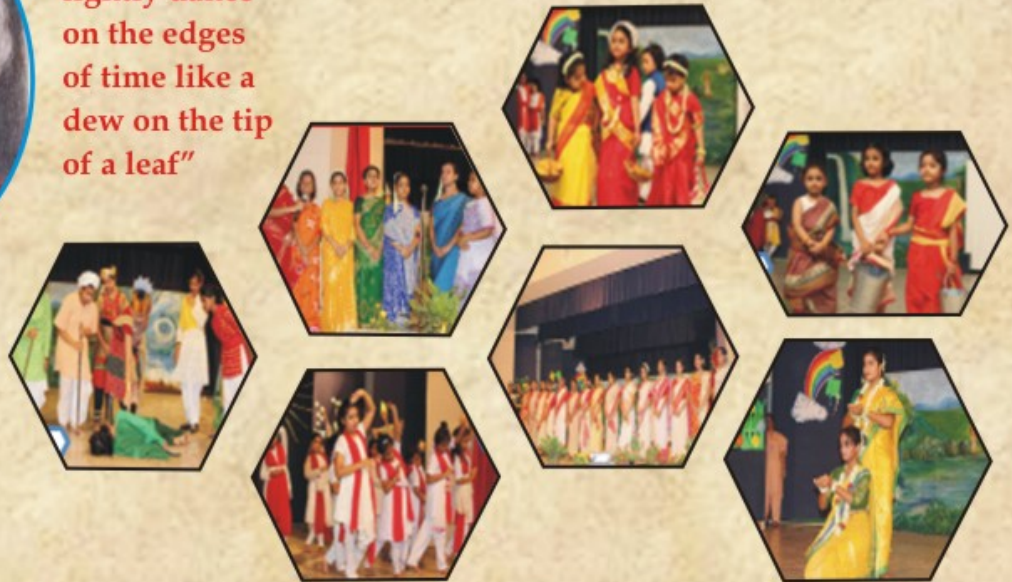
*Dance is the  
hidden language  
of the soul -  
Martha Graham*



# Rabindra Jayanti



"Let your life  
lightly dance  
on the edges  
of time like a  
dew on the tip  
of a leaf"



## Investiture



## Ceremony



Chief Guest: Ms .Mukta Nain  
Principal ,Birla High School

2015-16



Great leaders do  
not tell you  
what to do,  
instead they  
show you what  
is to be done



## WORKERS' DAY



"No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling the fields as in writing a poem."

—Booker T. Washington

## Inter-House DEBATE COMPETITION



TOPIC: "In the development of national human resources, children should be given the same chance as adults"



## TEACHERS' DAY



A good Teacher  
is like a candle  
—it consumes  
itself to Light  
others.





## *Independence Day*



## *Senior School Concert Chitrangada*



*"Women are not only the deities of the household fire, but the flame of the soul itself."*  
*- Tagore*



## CHILDREN'S DAY



"Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of Man." - Tagore

## SCHOOL FETE

### MAGIC HANDS



### SPORTS & GAMES



### WALK WITH GRACE...



... IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE





## CHRISTMAS

"For to us a Child is born, to us a son is given..."  
(ISAIAH 9:6)



## FAMILY DAY



## CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY





## UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

PAST PUPILS' REUNION  
2016



## SCIENCE EXHIBITION



*Seekers of truth*





# JPIC



Recycling of old newspaper



JPIC clinic



Piping a tune



Diabetes camp



Workshop for parents



Street play



One Billion Rising



Visit to St. Vincent, Thakurpukur



Thyroid awareness camp



Talk on Cyber crime  
by Kolkata Police



Oral hygiene -awareness drive

*We can make the change-  
We'll find a way.*



## **TO OUR INCOMPARABLE FOUNDER**

**"Women in time to come will do much"**

When we talk about 'women empowerment', the first thing that comes to our minds, is how the women in our country are treated and how they wish to be empowered. We speak of many aspects of how the government and the people should be more attentive towards the security of women. But while we speak of this, we tend to ignore the fact that what we want more, is not security, but freedom from oppression and injustice. Most of the time, we end up undermining the power of women, when we say that someone else needs to empower them. The bigger picture shows that women do not need the government or men to protect them, but they can themselves march toward empowerment. All the great women in the past and in the present, have been successful in achieving their desires, mostly by means of their own hard work. All that is needed is faith in one self and invincible courage. And it is because of this, that the men have suppressed the women over the ages, in every possible way. Now a days, there is no work that the women are incapable of doing. They have excelled in every field from sports to academics, politics and even amidst their professional duties, they almost never fail in their social obligations.

I am greatly inspired by my mother, who is a dutiful teacher admired by all her students. After spending seven hours in school, she comes back home and does her chores each and every day. And she also helps me in my academics and I believe that without her help, I would not have been able to be as good as I am now. I do not think any man has the strength to do so much. Mary Ward is an incomparable woman, who did all she could to help the women across the globe. Many women have fulfilled her expectations and will continue to do so, until the end of time.

**Anuska Saha**  
Class 8 A

Being a Loreto student for the past twelve years, I have basically spent all these years learning the values of this institution. One of the things that inspires me the most about my school, is the story of our foundress the Venerable Mary Ward, especially her maxims. One of her maxims has in particular been the philosophy I believe in. The maxim is :  
"Do your best and God will help"

I do believe that this stands true in all of our life. It also parallels another famous saying, "God helps those who help themselves." A famous example lies in a popular story that my mother once told me. A man drowning in a river prayed to God for help. A while later a small cruiser passed by and offered to help him. He refused saying that God would help him. Soon after a boat and a raft passed by, and their offer of help too was turned down by the man, who said that only God would rescue him. Ultimately, the man died.

When he went before God, he angrily demanded to know why, inspite of his devotion, had God not saved him.

God replied, "Who do you think sent the cruiser, boat and raft?" Similarly, in our lives, we may be stuck in times of trouble. Of course, praying is the best option. However, we also need to do our best, to use the courage and strength which He gives us. When we pray to God, let us not ask for his intercession, but for the strength to overcome our trials. That is the meaning of Mary Ward's maxim. Be it in our studies, sports, jobs, family, we all need to give our best and leave the rest to God's mercy. According to Mary Ward who was far ahead of her time, if you do your best then God will definitely help you achieve your goal. Mary Ward had to struggle a lot, she too faced a lot of strife, but because she never gave up, because she had firm faith in herself, God helped her achieve her goal of establishing the IBVM. In our own lives, we may not all be able to dream as much as Mary Ward did, but whatever little dreams we have, can be fulfilled by God's mercy and our own hard work. There can be no shortcuts. If we want something, we must work towards it. Merely asking God for help, is not going to make our dreams come true.

Our fate lies within us, in our own hands; we can either let our fate be ruled by indecision, or we can be brave enough to change our fate. If we can take the first step, God will carve out a path for us. This is why I have firm belief in this maxim of Mary Ward's. It is a true motto, which all of us should apply in our lives.

**Melanie Alexander**  
Class XI Humanities

**"Be such as we appear and appear such as we are."** – Mary Ward

I am who I am,  
Who else would I be?  
I shall not change for you,  
So why change for me?  
I will not waste my life,  
Being someone I cannot be,  
Because I am not "fake",  
I am unwilling to break;  
So get used to what you see,  
I am going to be me!  
I am who I am  
I am Nandini.....

**Nandini Jaiswal**  
Class 7 B