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"WITHOUT FAITH, NOTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH IT, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE."
MARY MCLEOD

It was a great joy having Sr. Noelle Corscadden, our General and Sr. Igora Pinto with us for a few weeks. Sr. Noelle did a quick run of most of the houses in the Province to help her to get to know the sisters and their ministries. She also managed to visit the CJ sisters. Here are a few photographs which capture her in action.



'Be merry and doubt not our Master.' M.W





TOGETHERNESS

"Life's joys are multiplied when shared among friends. The distances we can all reach are farther and higher than when going it alone."

- Lincoln Patz



**Mercy and love have
conquered sin at Easter**



LORETO CONVENT ASANSOL

January 2016 was, as usual, a busy month of activities. This year marked a very special event in the Asansol calendar. Our Principal Mrs. Jinny George and one of our senior teachers Ms. Amita Dattani were felicitated on having served in this school for 25 years. Mrs. George joined us as a young bride while Ms. Dattani had been a pupil of this school all her life.



With great affection and enthusiasm, the Juniors and Seniors joined to celebrate this wonderful day in prayer, song and dance.

Mary Ward Week began with a solemn procession on the hockey field to honour our foundress Mary Ward, venerating her and singing her praises and maxims.



On 18th February 2016 Loreto Asansol was pleased to host the opening Eucharistic celebration for the Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting.

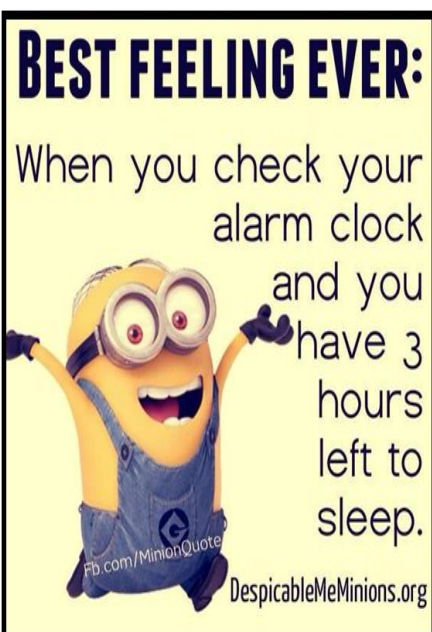
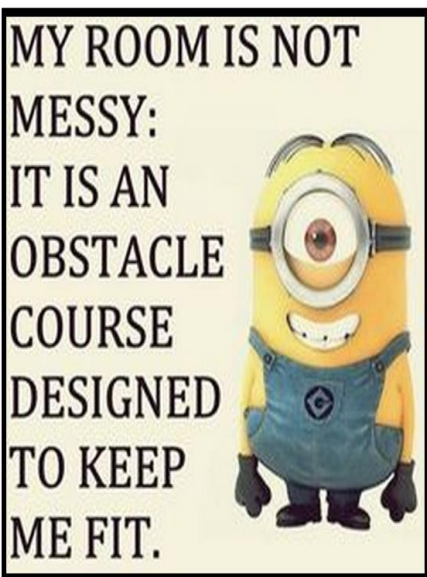
Archbishop Thomas, Bishop Cyprian Monis, seven bishops, several priests, Sisters and members of the laity attended the function.

The whole ceremony was beautifully co-ordinated by our Principal, Mrs. George and Superior, Sr. Gloria. A team of workers, teachers and children decorated the hall tastefully and our Catholic children sang and danced in their usual enthusiastic way.



After the Mass all had a delicious lunch in the small hall. The praise and appreciation of the Bishops and all the assembly was well deserved.

**"Life has conquered death.
Mercy and love have conquered
sin! There is need of faith and
hope to open this new and
wonderful horizon," Pope Francis**



We must not fail to tell all who worked in Asansol that we also had a special ceremony to honour the memory of a very dearly loved and much remembered teacher Mrs. Rita Vaz who left for her heavenly reward in December 2014. Past pupils who live in Asansol also attended the ceremony and were full of fond memories of her gentle manner and kindness to all.



Loreto Kolkata Rainbow Homes

Our 30 Rainbow girls attended 3 days (11th Dec to 13th Dec 2015) retreat in Dhyan Ashram directed by Fr. Maria Joseph Sj. In the beginning they did not want to go for the retreat and on the last day this is what I hear 'Sister you should have arranged for 5 days', It was lovely to see the group sitting for meditation in the morning, followed by Holy Eucharist. They sang angelic hymns in Hindi, English, Santhali and Bengali. In fact Fr. M. Joseph was very impressed. On the last day of the retreat Sr. Jeba renewed her vows as she too was finishing her Tridium. It was very interesting to hear from the girls that they were happy with the sessions and had learnt different ways to pray and meditate. They all went for Confession. Nevertheless, the girls climbed the trees, plucked the chickoos, cycled, played basketball and hunted for coconuts. They said Good bye with a heavy heart to the fathers and Dhyan Ashram.



1: Choose a convenient time

2: Choose a comfortable place

3: Practice on a relatively empty stomach

4: Keep your yoga wear simple

9 yoga tips



5: Warm up before doing intense yoga postures

6: It is your own body; be gentle on it

7: Be consistent

8: Make yoga time as 'family fun

9: Include a variety of yoga techniques

What surprised me is the changed behavior after returning to their respective homes. They were in the Chapel for meditation and prayer. In fact I was happily surprised when the girls told me the benefits of the silence, solitude and meditation. I really thank God for inspiring me to arrange this retreat for the Rainbow girls. Heartfelt gratitude to Sabrina as she accepted my proposal for the retreat for the girls. Matilda.

LORETO LOLAY

We started our new school year with a Teachers' orientation on 12th Feb. Sadam school teachers along with Sr. Shakuntala also joined us. Miss. Monica Mukhia from Darjeeling, ex - St. Teresa's teacher was the resource person. She started with the meaning of

orientation and emphasized different aspects of teachers like; to be a truly dedicated Loreto teacher, caring, loving, motivated and punctual. She asked the teachers to be positive towards themselves so that they can be positive towards the children. She also helped them to be aware of their own potentiality. She asked them to write down goals for the school for 5 years.

Teachers from both the schools came up with a lot of meaningful goals:





Pope Francis @Pontifex 21h21 hours ago

If we open ourselves up to welcome God's mercy for ourselves, in turn we become capable of forgiveness.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Mar 28

Jesus shows us the real face of God, for whom power does not mean destruction but love, and for whom justice is not vengeance but mercy.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Mar 27

Every Christian is a "Christopher", that is, a bearer of Christ!



Pope Francis @Pontifex Mar 26

Jesus Christ is risen!
Love has triumphed over hatred,
life has conquered death,
light has dispelled the darkness!

Loreto Lolay

- a. to extend the school play ground
- b. to upgrade the school to class 8
- c. to bring up the standard of the school and emphasize that all the children speak in English.

Loreto Sadam

- a. to increase the strength (number) of the school.
- b. upgrading themselves
- c. visiting the childrens' homes

Next day Srs. Shakuntala and K. Clara took the sessions and emphasized the T.T.C. method. We showed some clips of good teachers in the world and a movie "Beyond the Black board".

The teachers appreciated the two day orientation programme and said that they were energized.

Clara

LORETO RANCHI

LARA will be a familiar word to anyone who has worked in Loreto Ranchi over the past years. Our alumnae meet sporadically and annually organize some uplifting inter school event or something special in LCR.

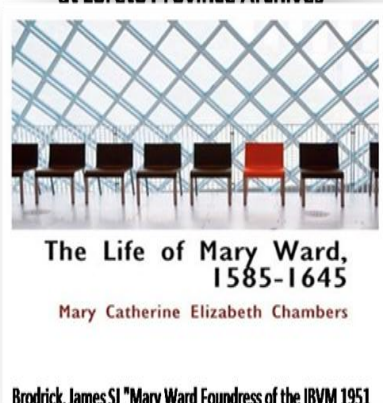
Over the past years batch groups have been gathering for their own special re – union and I hear more such gatherings are planned.

I am enclosing two beautiful write ups from the last two batches that met here....

The Golden Rendezvous A grand reunion was organized by the class of 1982 on the 30th and 31st of October 2015 at Ranchi. Ladies from all over India as well as the world came together making this a mega event. "The years melted away and it seemed as if we were school girls once again. Memories came flooding in, drowning us in a deluge of emotions.

We have all carved a niche for ourselves and many of us are holding prestigious positions thereby bringing glory to our alma mater, Loreto Convent Ranchi. The years which we spent in Loreto Convent proved to be the strong foundation on which we have constructed our life and whenever we faced any setbacks which threatened to crumble us, it was this foundation which held us firmly and gave us the strength to swim against the tide. We

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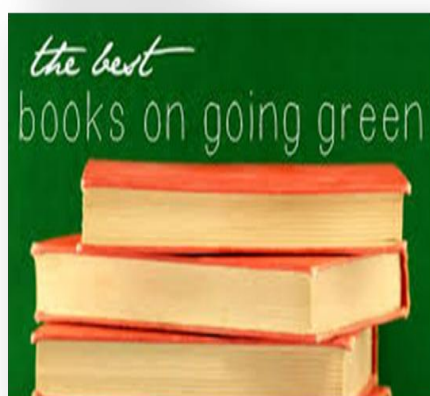
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The list can go on.....



owe a lot to our dear school. We are what we are today only because of the excellent Education we received in Loreto Convent".

"Our batch the class of 1982 decided to give KVP certificates of RS. 5000/- to each of the twenty one Domestic Staff – our support staff.

The certificates have already been handed over. Besides this a BENQ 4000 lumens model projector has also been gifted to the school. A batch mate individually will sponsor a child but wants to remain anonymous.

This could only have been possible because the entire batch decided to donate generously. It is admirable that many who were unable to attend the re union have sent their donations. This bond we share with our school is for a lifetime. No matter where we are Loreto lives within us. We are proud to be Loretoites".

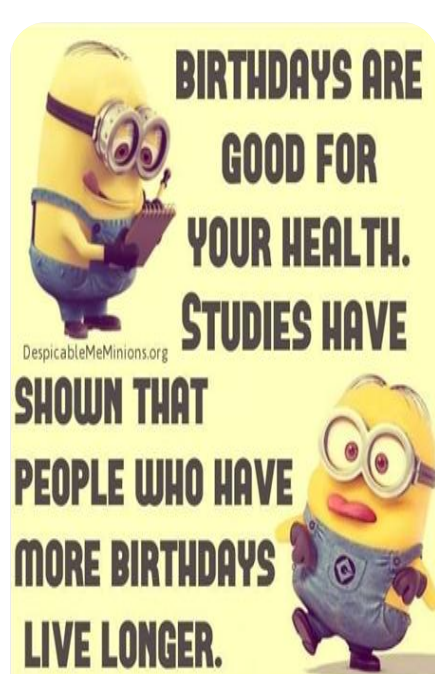
Twenty women from the batch of 1983, Loreto convent Ranchi, now settled in US, Dubai, and various parts of the country have decided to meet in their home town for a laugh and a good cause.

The batch met in Ranchi between August 14th and 16th.

"We are small town Ranchi girls who have made it big in life in India and abroad. Many among us are accomplished professionals. That's why we thought why not fully sponsor a financially weak girl child and give her a head start in life. Meeting school friends many after 32 years was all tears and laughter and butterflies in the stomach. So how did we think of chipping in for a cause? When we thought about Loreto and the values it stands for it was an obvious choice. It was decided to pick a child in consultation with the Principal Sr. Anjuman, so that when we stand together and sing the Loreto chorus we want that child to sing along.

We will pay for the child's tuition fees, books, uniform, bus fees and we will also attend the parent teacher meetings with her parents and monitor her progress. A separate bank account has been opened for the purpose, and donations from class mates have been received. Though some who are settled abroad could not make it to the re union they have all chipped in with donations.

Philomena.



MARCH

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
Feast of Christ the King	Sr. Madhuri Lakra	6 th Mar
	Sr. Euphemia Fernandes	10 th Mar
	Sr. Christine Coutinho	10 th Mar
	Sr. Balika Pal	12 th Mar
	Sr. Claire McFarland	22 nd Mar
	Sr. Geraldine Moktan	26 th Mar
	Sr. Valeria Mundu	27 th Feb

APRIL

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
16 th Apr	Sr. Marilla D'Souza	5 th Apr
	Sr. Binista Kerketta	13 th Apr
	Sr. Bernadette D'Rozario	
26 th Apr	Sr. Baishakhi Mondal	21 st Apr
	Sr. Baiadamary Lyngkhai	25 th Apr
	Sr. Mary Consuelo Murphy	
	Sr. Eithne McDonald	26 th Apr
	Sr. Mable Pramila Rudum	29 th Apr

MAY

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
31 st May	Sr. Elizabeth D'Souza	2 nd May
	Sr. Monica Rozario	4 th May
	Sr. Anita Maria Braganza	7 th May
	Sr. Stephanie Miketinac	7 th May
	Sr. Binita Surin	10 th May
	Sr. Neelam Kindo	12 th May
	Sr. Gloria Lakra	13 th May
	Sr. Nirmala Toppo	15 th May
	Sr. Nirmala Minj	16 th May
	Sr. Biviyana Lepcha	17 th May
	Sr. Teresa McGlinchey	18 th May
	Sr. Bernadette Lepcha	20 th May
	Sr. M. J. Ursula Darcy	20 th May
	Sr. Sarita Horo	26 th May
30 th May	Sr. Joan Smyth	
30 th May	Sr. Celine Pinto	

If we did all the things we were capable of, we would literally astound ourselves.

Thomas Edison