

Something New, with Kabi-Guru

With the alarming rise in temperature in the country and increased pollution around the metropolitan cities, St. Aloysius' Orphanage & Day School decided to celebrate Rabindra Jayanti in a unique and special way. It was on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the Nobel laureate and visionary artist Kabi-Guru Rabindranath Tagore, that the school decided to spread awareness among the students and surrounding locality, about the increased rate of global warming, massive deforestation, improper waste disposal and the need to reuse waste materials.

The day started with a cultural program where the students of the Junior and the senior sections of the school paid tribute to the legendary writer and celebrated his life and contributions through various performances and presentations. Classes K.G. to Four had adorably attired themselves either as Rabindranath Tagore or as the characters in Tagore's literary works. Each class had contributed in the decoration of the Assembly hall in the school, by making posters based on various topics related to Kabi-Guru, that were given to them by the Teachers, namely Gitanjali, Shantiniketan, Rakhi & Partition of Bengal, National Anthem, etc. The Principal, Rev. Father Devraj Fernandes, shared his thoughts on the need to know one's culture and the significance of knowing the lives of such luminaries. He concluded the cultural program with a trivia on Rabindranath Tagore, in which the students enthusiastically participated.

The students then proceeded to their respective classrooms. Under the able guidance of the teachers, Grades III and IV made posters with waste products and Grades V to VIII started working on making decorative and functional items out of used and discarded products, some of which were later displayed on the class bulletin boards and the adjoining walls. Grades IX to XII, who were segregated in groups within their sections, concentrated on upcycling discarded and used bottles, buckets, drums etc. The bottles were used to plant saplings and were then kept in various parts of the school, to promote afforestation. The buckets and drums which were beautifully decorated, labeled and converted to waste bins, were further distributed to the shops around the school, to promote proper waste disposal in the locality. The students of each class exuberantly carried out these activities and the day ended in a massive success.





