



THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL

KALYANI NAGAR, PUNE

ANNUAL INTER—HOUSE ATHLETIC MEET 2023-24

'Victory is in the quality of competition and not in the final score' is what we the students' and the staff of The Bishops Co-Ed School, Kalyani Nagar witnessed on Saturday, the 9th of December 2023 at The 18th Annual Athletic Meet, 2023-24.

The programme started at 9.30 am in the morning by welcoming our Guest of Honour Lt. Col Ravi Bhatla. Keeping up the tradition of the school, the Principal Mr. Ashley Eates initiated the meet with a word of prayer. The Headmaster, Mr. Merywn Rodricks introduced the Chief Guest, a third-generation army officer, by highlighting his achievements in the army and in the field of sports. He was then warmly welcomed with a bouquet of flowers and a memento.

The opening ceremony began with the ceremonial lighting of the Olympic torch by the Sports Secretary Mrs. Sandalang Khyriem which was then passed on to the students who were adjudged the best athletes in their respective categories at the previous Athletic Meet which was held in the year 2022-23. The well-coordinated Opening March Past was led by the colour party comprising the Head Boy, the Head Girl, the Vice Head Boy, the Vice Head Girl, and the Sports Captains. The oath taking ceremony had the athletes solemnly pledge to uphold the spirit of sportsmanship.

The track events began with the invitational relay in which our sister schools participated. This was followed by the 100m and 200m races for all categories which unleashed the competitive spirit of the athletes. It showcased true sportsmanship, teamwork, and dedication. New records were set up, and new stars were born. One of the most important aspects that highlighted the event was the spectacular and synchronized aerobics display put on by the students of all the four Houses. The foot tapping background score added grandeur to it. The concluding segment displayed a variety of events. It began with the relay teams blazing the tracks followed by the race for the support staff and the Inter-School Staff Mixed Relay.



With the closing march past, came the end of athletic meet. The address by the Honorary Secretary of The Bishops Education Society and the Principal of The Bishop's School, Camp Mr. Shayne McPherson highlighted the importance of sports in a person's life and how it develops the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork. He in his message said 'It is not every four years, it is every day's hard-work and consistency that makes a sportsman. He commended and congratulated the students for their stellar performances and also appreciated the hard work put in by the team of PTIs. He also lauded the efforts of the grounds men in preparing the field for the event. In the end, he congratulated The Principal Mr. Ashley Eates for always leading his team from the front. Wing Commander Wilson and Mr. McPherson gave away the special prizes which included the 'Best Athlete' award in different categories. The Roberts House bagged the prize for being the 'Best Marching Squad' and the 'Best Aerobic squad'. The Freese House won the Athletic Championship for the academic year, 2023-2024.

Later, the school Sports flag was lowered and handed over to the Games Secretary, by the Head Boy, Ronav Jaiswal and the Head Girl, Amrita Nair. The Games Secretary then handed it over to the Principal, Mr. Ashley Eates, who is also the chief custodian. Adita Tiwari, the Sports Captain proposed a heartfelt and touching vote of thanks. She had a strong message to convey to her juniors. She thanked everyone who made this Sports Day a big success. As the Sports Day ended, students left the stadium with lessons of camaraderie and cherished moments of glory.



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