March 8 commemorates the day to celebrate the pride of Womanhood. The true essence of a woman and her positive influences impact generations to come.

International Women’s day was celebrated at St Cecily’s English Medium Higher Primary School on 6th March with the theme ‘ **INSPIRE INCLUSION** ‘ . The event was presided by Mrs Sandra D’Souza, the alumne of our school. Women achievers Ms Shalini Shetty, Shilpa Shetty and Manjula Jathanna were also present. The festivities began with a heartwarming prayer service led by the boys of grade 1 and 2. Teacher Ashwitha introduced the Chief guest and extended a warm welcome as Sathwika and Lavisha presented the chief guest Mrs Sandra with a sapling as a token of respect. Viha of Grade 1 kick started the program with a mesmerizing dance. The girls also paid loving tribute to all the women present in the audience with a beautiful dance.

A skit emphasizing the theme ‘ *Inspire Inclusion’* showcased the importance of gender equality. The significance of the day was depicted through an inspiring PowerPoint display. The students also presented brief biographies of some women achievers in various sectors. The boys performed a soulful dance dedicated to mothers and sibling sisters who were present for the occasion.

Mrs Shalini Shetty, Manjula Jathanna and Shilpa Shetty were honoured for their achievements in various fields.

The winners and participants of the Computer IT fest quiz competition and skating competition were honored and awarded .

The chief guest Mrs Sandra empowered the students with her motivational words and lauded the beautiful programme. The Principal, Sr Lathika also congratulated students and teachers who worked relentlessly to put up the inspiring programme.

A talk on personal hygiene was organized for the girls of grade 5,6 and 7. Mrs Shalini, Mrs Chandrika and Mr Sunil gave a tips on maintaining personal cleanliness for healthy living.

Gaurav John Carvalho of grade 2 compered the program and Reuven D’Souza proposed the vote of thanks.

The day concluded with a fellowship gathering by the staff members.