

ST. JOSEPH'S CENTRAL SCHOOL, MUNDAKAYAM

ANNUAL REPORT - ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 – 2021

Introduction

I feel extremely proud and privileged to present the Annual Report of St. Joseph's Central School at this glorious moment. Our school envisages the holistic development of every individual through a flawless education. In order to achieve this goal, the school organizes and implements various programs and events apart from the routine scholastic activities.

The Pandemic covid-19 was sudden, an unprepared global issue, faced with courage and positivity. The challenge was even harder in the Education sector since we deal with the learning of every individual for their own future and that of the universe. An optimist looks at every challenge as an opportunity and comes out with the best suiting solution that fits into their problem. The educational institutions exist because of the learners and the mission is to accomplish learning without hindrance. Hurdles were many throughout the race, yet joyfully experienced with a pleasant face. The foremost hurdle was, are we well equipped to provide uninterrupted learning experience to the student? Technology came as life saviour and the spirit of adapting to the new style of teaching was high in our teachers as ours is a tech savvy school. Timely training sessions conducted in small batches making the teachers comfortable learners. A beautiful inherent feature of a teacher is 'Ready to Learn'. The hurdle no more remained a hurdle as every teacher mastered the new style nothing less to a technically sound individual.

Commencement of Academic Session 2020-21

Classes X and XII - 10th May 2020 (Online Classes)

Classes I to IX – 1st June 2020 (Online classes)

To keep the learning a continual process, creative worksheets subject wise were prepared and shared with parents and students through school website and intimated through whatsapp.

The school remained open from the month of May and the IT department was proactive and functional assisting teachers all through. Laptops and internet facility was made available by the Management.

During the normal school days parents are communicated through various modes and so it has not been a tough task to contact them during the pandemic to communicate the plan of action and the basic requirement for conducting online classes.

All students of classes VI to XII were given Microsoft Teams credentials. Lower classes were equipped with either Google Classroom or Google Meet.

The teacher had to virtually monitor the child at home in the presence of his / her parents. With no hesitation till date she has taken every child to her confidence for the ultimate goal to be reached. A few parents did approach the school for assistance and all possible help was provided at all-time including financial support.

Very informative and beautiful videos prepared by teachers using the resources available at home and school to give the students a real time teaching - learning experience. The monitoring of students during the assessment was definitely a concern and it cannot be said that we were successful. The learning is that a teacher cannot be replaced by anyone even the best of best devices and technology. The paradigm shift from offline to online was for sure the best learning and has taught every teacher how the integration of the two can make wonders.

I would like to summarise all the academic and non- academic activities of the school in the current year.

School Result

As usual, the school scored hundred percent pass in board examinations for both AISSE and AISSCE. Three students in AISSE and four students in AISSCE scored full A1 grades. Joyal Joseph and Arya S Nair bagged cent percent marks in English and Social Science respectively in class X. Majority of the students scored distinction and others secured high first class in respective board examinations.

Yoga Day

Yoga day was celebrated on 21st June 2020. Children were encouraged to take up yoga as a way of living. Students shared their experiences and practices of doing yoga with their family.

Independence Day

Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August. This was the first virtual celebration and was a great success. Students and parents presented various programs which infused sense of patriotism amongst all.

Onam Celebration

Life becomes a festival when gaiety and culture blend. Onam delivers the message of both. There were house wise online competitions for the students like digital floral design, onapattu, etc.

Teachers' Day

Students put up a wonderful show on Teachers' day. They had emoted their feelings for their mentors by means of various programs and conducted activities online.

Parents' Meeting

Parent teacher interaction was conducted on a regular basis to keep the parents aware of the progress shown. Feedbacks shared and kept the forum open for constructive suggestions. Attendance was 100%. Parents expressed their appreciation on smooth conduct of classes and assessment.

Gandhi Jayanti

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated virtually by remembering the father of our nation. Students presented programs to communicate the values of this great leader.

Covid Awareness Session

As the pandemic has brought an inevitable change, our students were made aware of how to deal with the situation by means of various session throughout the month of November.

Experts and doctors shared valuable point on how to take the bull by the horns. In a creative pursuit, students penned poems on pandemic and related topics.

- Pledge administered during the session.
- Session on covid symptoms
- Wearing of mask, Social Distancing, immunity boosting
- Food and health o Washing of hands and usage of sanitizers
- Poster making, quiz , creative writing, activities were conducted.

Children's Day

As most of the things were different in the year 2020, so was the celebration of Children's Day. This time the parents pitched in to make the children feel special. The entire show was run by the parents who brought forward various creative inputs.

Christmas Celebration

Many things we do at Christmas come from earlier festivals, like exchanging presents, eating a lot of food, and decorating a tree. It is a time when we enjoy being with our families, decorations and other crafts, singing Christmas carols, listening to some wonderful Christmas stories. Josephines celebrated a virtual Christmas this year but the children took part in Carol competitions online.

Regular Classes

As per the decision and permission of the state government, we were able to conduct offline classes for Xth and XIIth from January, 2020 onwards. This helped them greatly to prepare for the respective board examinations.

Examinations

All the routine examinations in class I to IX including periodic tests and term wise tests were conducted successfully through various online platforms like Teams and Forms. For classes X and XII term wise tests and model examinations were conducted via either online or offline modes. They wrote offline examinations at home under their parental invigilation. Later the answer sheets were handed over to school office. The pandemic didn't much affect the teaching process or examination pattern of the school.

Conclusion

It is with immense joy, that I present this report of St Joseph's Central School, surpassing all the challenges of covid-19. I can ascertain that our students and parents are happy with the curricular and the co-curricular activities of the school in the academic year 2020-21.

Thank you one and all.

Principal