

## "The year that was" – Happenings of 2012-2013

Distinguished Guests of this evening .....

Ladies and Gentlemen.....

Good evening to all of you.

Before I take you down the year that was, I would like to start with thanking God for having blessed us to reach and successfully cross several landmark milestones in 2012 – 13.

The academic year began with the Prefectorial Investiture Ceremony where the prefects for various classes were elected and the student pupil leaders elected therefrom. Veteran Olympian Mr.Parthasarathy graced the occasion.

Medical and Dental check-ups were done for all pupils by Maenakshi Mission Hospital and Tooth Zone, Madurai early in the year.

Primary School celebrated "Art & Craft Week", "Red Day", "Blue Day", "I love my family", "Cake Day", "Hello Friends" and the like, delighting everybody all around.

Sports days for the Kindergarten, Primary and the Senior sections were celebrated with great pomp and splendour. "Mini Olympics" was the theme of the Kindergarten sports day.

Students from classes 3 to 8 celebrated Science Week in a grand manner. Children of class 5 stole everybody's hearts when they put up a stage show on "Animal senses". This was followed by a fashion parade on the theme, "Parts of a Plant". "Students of classes 6,7 and 8 organised Power Point Presentations on interesting and informative topics such as Nanotechnology, Genetically Modified Crops, Koodankulam Power Project and Carbon Credit System.

As part of the Social Studies week, the whole school was decorated with flags of various countries with interesting information on them. There was a wonderful presentation by the students on the world's greatest leaders and also the lesser known unsung heroes. The week long celebrations culminated in "Exposst", an exhibition on Social Studies followed by the most popular "KAUN BANEGA ADHYAPANA STAR". This interesting and informative quiz contest involved the parents too and was conducted in the style and spirit of "KAUN BANEGA KARODPATHI". Needless to mention, it turned out to be a big hit.

"MATH BY MOONLIGHT" brought with it a well organised exhibition on interesting topics in Mathematics, power point presentations, a Math Treasure Hunt etc., and ended with a quiz contest.

The language weeks were also conducted in an innovative manner with skits and Spelling Bee Competitions.

Children from classes Pre-kg to 9 participated enthusiastically in competitions organised by other schools in Madurai and other states and walked away with fabulous prizes. In "CENEXA", organised by C.E.O.A School, Madurai, our students performed exceedingly well and came out with flying colours getting about 17 prizes. "REFLECTIONS" by Mahatma Group of Schools was yet another platform wherein our students proved their mettle bringing glory to the school. At an all-Madurai dance drama competition organised at Mahatma School we bagged the first place by performing the dance drama, "Ekalavya". The **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** organised an on-line quiz contest at the National level on topics related to specialized subjects like Economics, Finance and Accountancy. Students of classes 8 & 9 participated in this and fared commendably well.

As part of the Global School Partnership Programme, our Headmistress, Mrs.HilarieBalachandran, our Junior Co-ordinator, Mrs. Sri Vidhya and myself, your Principal, visited Sarum St. Paul's, a primary school in Salisbury, U.K. We had a reciprocal visit from

Sarum's as well. It was a good, sharing and learning process. With the Olympics happening this year and our project for the Global School Programme being the Olympics, the Primary Sports Day was filled with a beehive of Olympic games. It was a grand display of talent and showmanship and was greatly appreciated. Going from here, we are now part of Connecting Classrooms Project ~~which~~ thro' the International School Award (ISA) which is once again an international programme.

The British Council organised a National Inter-School Drama Festival in collaboration with Manchester Metropolitan University which was announced in July 2012. Our school participated in this competition and came out successful bagging the "Best Script Award". The team had to cross many stages before winning the coveted award. The drama aptly titled, "Happily ever after....." has, undoubtedly been instrumental in Adhyapana School reaching glorious heights and being a much-talked-about school not only in Madurai but the world over!!! Here I would specially like to mention the support and input given by Mrs. & Mr. Imran, parents of our student Aadhi Imran, Dr. Raja Govindasamy, Mrs. Shukla, Diksha Shukla's mother, our fellow board ~~the~~ members and the Rotary Club of Madurai West. We do thank you all.

The culinary skills of students and teachers were put to test in the Cookery Contest conducted for them. They went on a cooking spree ably guided by the teachers and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Some of our teachers and students who represented the School Choir in the Carol Singing competition held by Deepaham won the third place at the city level.

Field trips and Study tours were organised for all classes throughout the year. This year, students of class 8 had the opportunity to witness the High court in action and sat through trials on various cases.

Seminars, Workshops and Orientation programmes for parents, students and teachers were organised throughout the year. Mr. Madhavan from USA spoke to the students of classes 6 and above on "Career Development". Mr. Murari Ratnam, Director, Central Soil and Material Research Station, Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi enlightened the students on the importance of Conservation of Water.

All these achievements notwithstanding, a major breakthrough has been the affiliation granted by the Central Board of Secondary Education for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Stds – a truly exceptional and phenomenal accomplishment indeed!

Before I leave you all now I would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Geraldine, our Std. II teacher, who left all of us to enter God's abode last month. We pray her soul may rest in peace. Geraldine – we miss you – especially today.

Barring this, everything that happened ~~the~~ this year has given us a feeling of fulfilment and satisfaction that what we have set out to do we have done with élan and brought laurels to Adhyapana School. Dear parents, we thank you whole heartedly for your support, good wishes and blessings. Do continue with all these and more in the days ahead.

To put in a nutshell, the "Year That Was" has been eventful, successful, reflective and of course, a happening year too!!!

Thank You .

- Please don't fight with the teachers who are minding the children – they are just following instructions.
- No photography / no videography
- No parents should come into the bldg.
- Children will come to you ~~after~~ when they are ready to leave. Please be patient after the prog. We will be showing you highlights of the 'Year Gow By' and we request you to spend just 10 mins watching that, till your children join you.