

ANNUAL REPORT – 2017-2018

Ladies and gentlemen, good evening! I stand before this august assembly now, proud and privileged to present the report of yet another successful year of Adhyapana School.

Academics at Adhyapana

The year began with the Board exam results. 45 students attended Class XII board examination that year. Sai Subramanian of Bio-Math scored 464/500 and was the school topper. 72 students attended Class X exams out of which 37 students scored 500/500 with centum in all the subjects.

Now in these 3 months of 2018, the school has done singularly well. S.K.Shanmukham of Class XII emerged National Topper in ICAI – Commerce Wizard Exam 2018. He was honoured in New Delhi on 4th February and was awarded 37,500/- cash prize, a certificate and a Plaque by the Honourable Minister for Corporate Affairs, Law and Justice Shri. P. P. Chaudhary. T.Manauv of Class X bagged the National Top Rank in All India Talent Search Examination (AITSE – 2017). He has been awarded a Gold Medal, Laptop and Certificate in February this year. P.M.Rishikesh had participated in Camel Art Contest in 2015 – 2016 when he was in class II. This year he has been awarded I prize in the International level – going up each level as the topper.

School.careers360.com is a company of In-House experts in leadership assessment. They have published Adhyapana School, Madurai in the “Top Schools of India– 2018” – the only private CBSE school in Madurai to be thus honoured. Madurai Collectorate announced our school as the Cleanest and Greenest school in Madurai. The whole year, Madurai Corporation had been visiting schools to check stagnant water and cleanliness owing to dengue deaths in the city. Our school has been moved to the next level of the competition as per the PM’s orders – this under the Swachchata Abhiyaan.

“Song of Songs” – a Carol Singing Competition was conducted by Justin Media and KCBC. A video of the singing had been uploaded as per the norms. Adhyapana School bagged II Prize in School Category at the International level. The cash prize for this will be shortly awarded at Cochin.

International Exchanges:

On April 24th 2017, 27 students divided into 3 groups headed by Mrs. Hilarie Balachandran, Mrs.Kalpna Srinivasan and Mrs. Sinu Danny left for Melbourne, Australia. They returned on May 4th after spending 10 days in our 3 partner schools there. As a reciprocal visit, 25 students and 6 teachers from Australia arrived on 24th July for a 10-day visit. They were hosted by some of our students and teachers. They were also taken in and around Madurai by the hosts and the Interact Club Members of our school. They were interviewed by Mrs. Soma Basu of The Hindu. They also attended a meeting conducted by Rotary Club of Madurai West. We are very pleased to announce that we have secured partnership with yet another school in Australia this year. Our 4 partner schools being Monterey Secondary School and College, Aldercourt Primary School, Mahogany Rise Primary School and Kananook Primary School. Four batches of students will be visiting Australia with 4 teachers – Mrs.Yamini, Mrs. Dhanalakshmi, Mrs. Pechiammal and Mrs.Muthumala in the month of April now.

National Principals’ conference:

National Annual Sahodaya School Complexes Conference – 2017 was hosted by – Madurai Sahodaya, this year at Raja Muthiah Mandram on 2nd and 3rd November. Principals and school owners from all over the country participated. Office bearers of the CBSE, State and Central ministers and other dignitaries were chief invitees. 21 speakers from different walks of life headed the sessions during the Conference. I, Aruna Visvessvar was selected as the Conference Chair Person from the 78 schools of Madurai Sahodaya extending from Dindigul to Kanyakumari. Historical and mythological background of Madurai was showcased through the cultural programme of which Adhyapana had taken total charge. Needless to say, the Conference was a grand success.

General Activities at School:

Orientation Programmes for Parents and Teachers were conducted in the beginning of the year. Summer Clinic for English, Math and Science for the children who need extra help in these subjects and Basket Ball Camp were also conducted last summer.

NEET Exam was conducted in Adhyapana campus in the month of May 2017. 402 students from various institutions attended the exam. Our school was the centre for TNPSC Exam this year in February. 400 candidates wrote the exam here. Adhyapana School hosted the Zonal Meet of Association of Management of Private Schools (CBSE) on 24th February.

Prefectorial Investiture Ceremony was held on 23rd June last year. Mr.Ravi Paarthasarathy, founder of Rajan Schools was the chief guest. KG Sports Day was celebrated on 27th July with Er. Rajkumar, President, Rotary Club, Madurai West as the chief guest. Mr.Rajan, President, Rotary Club, Madurai West presided over the function.

Interact Club members for the year 2017 were installed on 24th July. On 13th October, all the students of class XI, who are the members of the Interact Club, visited Neyam School – a school for children with special needs - distributed sweets, entertained them with puppet shows, songs and celebrated Diwali with them. Old spectacles were collected by the Interact club members and distributed to the needy. A video of the achievements by the Interact Club was shot and sent for participation in an International Level Competition. The members visited Missionaries of Charity – a home for more than 100 differently-abled people and donated groceries- special contribution of Mr. K. Muthuraman, Manager, Big Bazaar who is our parent must be gratefully acknowledged here. The inmates there, in turn, entertained our members with dance and songs. The Interact Club arranged a workshop on Career Guidance by Dr. Albert Christopher Dhas, Professor of Economics, American College for Std X and XI students. Dr. R. Juby was invited on 16th February for a workshop on Examination Skills for Class XI students.

Adhyapana Alumni Association (A³) was Inaugurated on 22nd December 2017. The first batch students hold office and all the other batch students are members. Speeches were given by the students who attended. Flag Day was celebrated on 7th December by the Social Studies Department. Medical Camps were conducted for the whole school from 3rd July to 5th July for Eye, Dental and General Care. Public Health Department injected Classes I and V with DPT Booster dose and Class X with TT in February this year.

Primary celebrated International Mango Day with different assembly activities on 30th June. Red, Blue and Orange Days were celebrated by the Primary. The activities and the food the children brought those days were based on the colour of the day. Talent Fest was conducted by the Primary for Stds. I to V on 28th November. Many talents were discovered and Prizes given. Teachers' Day and Children's Day were celebrated in School with special assembly activities. Mother Tongue Day was celebrated on February 21st. Department of Tamil presented programmes on Thirukkural and Tamil language. Republic Day was celebrated with an inspiring speech by Mr. P.Pounraj, Para Trooper, Indian Army. Senior teachers put up a special show on Woman Empowerment on Women's Day on 8th March.

A movie on Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was screened for the Classes from III to XI. Mr. Naresh Ramachandran, an Executive from Indian Development Foundation gave a speech in the morning assembly on Tuberculosis, creating awareness among students on February 1st. Towards the cause of TB eradication, our students have collected and contributed Rs. 1,54000/-. Kudos to them. Under the aegis of SPIC MACAY, this year, a scintillating lecture demonstration of Bharathnatyam was presented by the world renowned dancer Smt. Priyadharsini Govind. She was accompanied on vocal by Smt. Preety Maheshwar, Nattuvangam Smt.Nithyakalyani, Mridangam Sri. Sakthivel Muruganandham and Violin by Sri. N.Sigamani. Health check up for teachers was done by Dr. Mageshwaran and his team of doctors from Accupuncture and Ayurvedic Clinic on 27th March. Adhyapana School hosted The Hindu Young World Painting Competition -2018 on February 3rd 2018.

Our Dean sir's aunt, Dr. Indu Suryanarayanan, a Ph.D in English from Rhode Island University, USA, addressed the students on "Student Responsibility". She also donated Rs.2 lakhs to the School.

Subject Activities:

Subject Weeks began in the month of July, **BEACON** of the Commerce Department being first this year. The grand finale was combined with Gala Fete on July 1st. **Art and Artists Week**, newly started this year, enthralled teachers and students with programmes in Carnatic music, Drawing, Yoga & Karate performance, Folk, Western and Classical dances and a hoard of information about these forms of art. Mr.Rajam from Drums Academy gave a special performance on the grand finale day on 28th July. The highlight of the week was the lecture demonstration on Bharathnatyam by our Life Trustee, Mrs.Sapna Arvind and Carnatic Vocal by Mr.Arvind who were on a holiday to India from New York. It was followed by II-Language Week **SAHITA** in the month of August with the grand finale on 21st August. Primary children recited poems. English Week – **AMUSE** was celebrated in the month of September with their grand finale a literary pageant, a presentation on Caesar's Assassination followed by Brutus' and Antony's speech. **Social Studies Week** followed immediately with its renowned grand finale – "Kaun Banega Adhyapana Star -2017" and publication of "**Geo-Hunt**" a GK book with the Geography of India. Science Week "**ALCHEMY**" followed in the month of October with a grand finale of 2 quizzes. Primary section of our school celebrated the Week with "Sing-Along". Math Week "**INFINITY**" was celebrated in the month of December as usual with week-long activities culminating in **D.R. Iyer Memorial Inter-School Quiz Competition** wherein our school participated on non-competitive basis. Our School topped the score-chart while Pushpalatha Vidhyamandhir, Tirunelveli was given the Rolling Trophy.

Co-curricular Competitions:

There is no dearth of competition in Adhyapana. We are indeed proud to say that our children emerge winners where ever they participate – whether they are sent from school or they participate on their own. In a Hindi essay writing and elocution competition conducted by Syndicate Bank, all the five students who participated-Thomas Jose, Kavinn Premmesh, Sharanya Ganesh, T. Manauv and Glaudia Tejal bagged prizes. Four of our Higher secondary students bagged prizes in poetry and essay writing competition conducted by Jeevana School. Our students from KG I to XII participated in competitions conducted by Dolphin Matriculation School and emerged Runners-up. We won the Overall Championship in competitions conducted by VMJ Matriculation School. In “Kiddi Fest” conducted by Radio Mirchi and Pothys for Primary, two first prizes in Tamil Skit and Drums were won by us. Our children and one of our teachers Mrs.Janaki – forming a team, won Over-all Rolling Trophy from Idhayam Rajendran School competitions. In a Quiz competition conducted by SPJ Matriculation School, S.K.,Shanmukham, Karthik Dubey and Shaurya Verma won III prize and got a cash award of 4500/-. In a drawing competition conducted by Big Bazaar which was open to public, L.Yazhini Praseetha and J.Prithiga won I and II prizes respectively. M.Vaibhav Lakshmi of class X and R.Vainav Sundar of XI got consolation prizes in Shri Sadguru Sangeetha Samajam Music Contest - 2017. Our students won prizes in Magazine Preparation, Models, Turn Coat and Logo Preparation in Bio-Informatics a competition conducted by Ayya Nadar Janakiammal School, Madurai. Mary Josefa, Vinoth Kanna and Dhanush Narayan of class XI won III prize in Science Exhibition conducted by Pandiyan Saraswathi Yadav Engineering College. In Camel Art Contest – 2017, our students from KG I to XII won I, II and III prizes. On January 17th, an Intra-School Quiz Competition was conducted by our Math Department – the winners were Guru Dharshini – XI, Sai Nikhil – IX, Dharshini Balaji – VIII, Joseph Remington – VII, and G.Sahana – VI.

Our teachers too participated in competitions conducted by Hello FM and bagged prizes in dance, fashion parade and cookery. Students from VI – VIII, IX and X and XI & XII participated in competitions conducted by the TN Govt and won many prizes. The list is really big. Totally we bagged 112 prizes – it simply was Adhyapana everywhere!

Every year, we not only participate but also get prizes in Carol singing competitions. This year our school won I prize in “Chiming Bells” in Velammal Vidhyalaya, consolation prize in Carols and I prize in Live Crib in “Ring O’ Bells” - St.Michael’s and I prize in Carol Singing in St.Assissi School.

R.Abdul Kader, Roshni Prasanna of VIII and Prithiga Srisha of VI had participated in Painting competition last year, conducted by Government of India. They won the 1st three prizes respectively. This year they received certificates from Ministry of Water Resources. S.Amrut’s essay on the topic “Crop Insurance is a Must” was published by Anuvrat. He had participated in Anuvrat Essay Writing Competition last year. S.Thiruvemat and T.Vijayarshini of Classes XII and X, 2016-2017 batch, won II place in Ramanujan Math Quest. M.Karpagalakshmi of III, N.Jiddesh of V and D.G.Sruthi Subash of XI were selected for Zonal Level contest in Camel Art Contest 2016. 55 of our students received certificates from Google for emerging successful in their online exam.

MSSC conducts various competitions every year. This year owing to the National Conference, only a few competitions were conducted. In Basket Ball match conducted in Ilanji, U-17 boys team won the top slot. MSSC Girls Basket Ball Match was hosted by our school. 21 teams participated. U-19 girls team of our school won gold. Yukesh Saravana and Unnamalai won 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively for swimming. K.Sriram and K.Srimathi of Classes VI and XII bagged I Prizes in MSSC Chess competition. Inter-House Sports competitions are also conducted periodically. This year, Basket Ball, Kho-Kho and Throw Ball matches were conducted and prizes given away to the winners.

Apart from being sent through the school, the students participate in various competitions on their own and win prizes. S.R. Hariraja of Class IV secured 3rd place in “9th Mini National Roll Ball Championship” in Assam. Many others in the Primary won prizes in district level competitions. S.Rajarishi got 3rd prize in Kung Fu. Arangama Sriram of Class VI won I prize in Shri Ramanujar Centenary Celebrations in Fancy dress competition and III prize in Thirukkural Recitation and Tamil essay conducted by Madurai Thiruvalluvar Kazhagam. He was also awarded “Yuvashri Kala Bharathi” title by Shri Gorakkanadhar Ashram for excelling in education and Art. K.Sriram of Class VI has won many certificates and cash prizes in various levels of Chess competitions in different places. Nitish Mani of Class VI also scored 4 points in International Fide Rating Open Chess Tournament. Many of our boys and girls have been winning belts in Karate and Silambam in competitions conducted throughout the year. S.Ajay of Class VI participated in dance programme with 4525 others for Guinness World Record. S.Sneha of Class IX was awarded the best dancer in Madurai Natya Vizha - 2017 and selected to go to Singapore. Rakshith.M, S.Tharun and Juhi Kaviya.P participated in District and National Level Roller Skating Sports Championship. Tharun.S of VII won I prize in Roller Hockey conducted

by Chakra Academy. S.Mathur of VI got III prize in Western Dance conducted by Idhayam Charitable Trust. C.Divya Bharathi of VI passed with merit in Grade I Piano exam under The Associated Board of the Royal School of Music.

Learning Away from School:

Apart from class room education, we take the children on field trips to different places. Std XII Commerce students visited Indian Bank Zonal Branch to learn about Trading. On 11th October, 215 students and on 12th October, 220 students from Stds VI to VIII were taken to Pandian Saraswathi Yadav Engineering College, Sivagangai to visit the Science Exhibition. Students of Stds VI, VIII and IX were taken to Dominos on different days to learn Pizza making as part of Work Education. On 9th January, primary and Std VI students were taken to the circus. Class VII students were taken to Big Bazaar for Market Review. They interacted with the incharge persons and gained firsthand knowledge of Market and Distribution activities. On 1st of February, Std X students were taken to Kodaikanal. Class VIII students were taken to the Madras High Court- Madurai Bench on 6th February as part of their Social Studies Project. Where they attended several judicial sessions.

Workshops in School:

Science students of Stds XI and XII attended a workshop conducted by 360 Degree Academy for IIT and NEET. Mr.Karthik Gangaprakash, Auditor conducted workshop for Commerce students of Classes XI and XII. A few students attended a workshop in Hotel Duke on CLAT Exam. Model classes were conducted for NEET and IIT by Mr. Suresh of 360 Degree Academy. Three volunteers from NIE, The Hindu conducted sessions for Stds VII and VIII on 17th August, 13th September and 11th October. Akash Academy conducted Career Guidance Classes for the students of VIII, IX and X.

Teachers in Action:

Periodical workshops are conducted for teachers and students. Mrs. Srividhya attended a workshop on 8th April in Hotel Germanus, Madurai conducted by Association of Management of Private Schools on “Dyslexia”. Mrs. Leena attended “Train the Trainer” – a workshop to train school drop outs in various fields for their livelihood. This was conducted in Bangalore by Bosch Skills India. Mrs.Pandiarani and Mrs.Arputa attended a workshop conducted for teachers in Mahatma School by Soroptimist International, Madurai on “Safe and Unsafe Touch”. Workshop on “Teachers for Tomorrow” was attended by Mrs.Sangeetha and Mrs.Suganya at Chamber of Commerce. Mrs.Josephine and Mrs.Monisha attended a Computer Science Faculty Training Programme conducted by Google. Primary teachers attended an English Communication programme conducted by Karadi Path. This programme was hosted by our school. Madhuban conducted a workshop in Tamil at Hotel Royal Court attended by Mr.Baskara Pandian, Mr.Pandiarajan, Mrs.Sharmila and Mrs.Dhanalakshmi. CBSE conducted a Capacity Building Programme for Principals and Heads of CBSE Schools, “Remodeled Structure Assessment”- hosted by Adhyapana School. Mrs.Chitra and Mrs. Selvarathi attended a programme on “Pre-Primary Teaching Techniques and Learning Skills” conducted by Macmillan Education India.

Mrs.Subhasree Srinivasan conducted a Training Session for the Primary English Teachers on ALS. Mrs.Rincy Jose, Mrs.Karuna Krishnan and Mrs.Hilarie Balachandran conducted Training Session for all the teachers on Remodelled Structure of Assessment. Math PEP workshop, a Parent Empowerment Programme was conducted for the parents of Classes III to V by Mrs. Srividhya, Mrs. V.Priya and Mrs. Kavitha.

Mrs.Rincy Jose attended CSMA Meeting at Mahatma School. She was also invited as the Guest of Honour at Christ The King School where she gave a speech on Parenting. Mrs. Karuna Krishnan and Mrs. Yamini attended periodical meetings at CEO’s Office and Collectorate respectively. Our teachers were sent as judges for the competitions conducted by Government of Tamil Nadu for Elocution, Music, Dance and Recitation. Mrs.Kalpana Srinivasan was the Chief Guest at – “Raj Bhasha Seminar & Kavya Sanghoshti, conducted by the Central Government Employees Association at Madurai.

Shri Ramakrishna Mission presented me the “Sister Nivedhitha Award” for excellence in entrepreneurship. JCI Madurai gave the “Mr.Chairman Award” to me this year. Throughout the year, periodically I attended MSSC meeting for National Sahodaya Meet. I was the key-note speaker at the “Educational Leaders Conference” conducted in Chennai. I spoke on the topic “Elementary Education – Issues, Challenges and Suggestions”. I also attended AMPS Meeting and Ladies Circle Conference “Odyssey – 2017” in Coimbatore.

Conclusion: Ladies and Gentlemen, this report has been exceptionally long. I do not apologise for this because it had to be done. You, our dear parents have been our pillars of support. Our dear students, under the able guidance of our stalwart teachers have done us very proud and the Annual Report thus read only re-affirms this. We have been really active and busy throughout the year – the experience has been exhilarating and rewarding. The Almighty has showered us with all His blessings and we are eternally thankful for that. Our prayer is for continued blessings from all the Gods – with our idea of ““Ekam Sat, Vipraha bahudha vadanthi”- There is only one God, people call Him by different names – and support from all of you- our dear parents, well-wishers and students. May the Adhyapana family continue to shine!