

Annual Report – 2018-19

Ladies and gentlemen, good evening! I stand before this august assembly, 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. 85 Students attended class XII board examination and K.S. Shanmukham of Class XII from the Commerce group scored 484/500 and was the school topper. 93 students attended class X exams. Shruti of Class X scored 483/500 and was the school topper.

International Exchanges:

On April 23rd, 27 students divided into 4 groups headed by Mrs. Yamini, Mrs.Dhanalakshmi, Mrs. Pechiammal and Mrs. Muthumala left for Melbourne, Australia. They returned on 6th May after spending 12 days in our 4 partner schools there. As a reciprocal visit, 25 students and 6 teachers from Australia arrived on 13th August for a 7-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 attended a meeting conducted by Rotary Club of Madurai West. Our 4 partner schools are Monterey Secondary School and College, Aldercourt Primary School, Mahogany Rise Primary School and Kananook Primary School. More than 30 students will be visiting Australia with 4 teachers- Mrs. Rincy Jose, Mrs.S.Chitra, Mrs. Rukmini, Mr. Godson in the month of April now.

General Activities at School:

- ✓ **Orientation programmes** for Parents and Teachers were conducted in the beginning of the year.
- ✓ **Summer Clinic** in English, Math and Science for the children who need extra help in these subjects and **Basket Ball Camp** were also conducted last summer.
- ✓ Primary had a **Film Festival Week** celebration to welcome the students.
- ✓ **Prefectorial Investiture Ceremony** was held on 30th June last year. Mr. K. Arasu, Unit Head at Manna Foods was the Chief guest.
- ✓ **KG Sports Day** was celebrated on 13th July with Dr Sudha Dheep from TOPKIDZ as the chief guest.
- ✓ For Stds III to XII, **Sports Day** was celebrated on 14th of July and Mr. K Subramanian, Zonal Manager of Indian Bank, Madurai was the distinguished Chief Guest.
- ✓ **Father's Day** was celebrated on 19th June. Parents entertained the children with a mimicry show, sharing their thoughts with them. Dr.Krishnakumar, Oncologist and a parent of our school spoke to the fathers about the disadvantages of using modern day gadgets.
- ✓ On 21st June, students showcased their yogic talents in lieu of **International Yoga Day** and the senior school students participated in the Mass Yoga assembly.
- ✓ **Little Collectors and Hobbies Day** was celebrated and the objective was to encourage the Primary students to relate and read simple stories.
- ✓ **International Friendship Day** was celebrated on 2nd August and children were dressed up like Indian, Chinese, Japanese and Pakistani kids.
- ✓ **Department of Information and Publicity** organized a film show to convey the message to the society to rise above caste, creed and religion to help one another in times of crises.
- ✓ **Medical Camps** were conducted for the whole school during the first week of July for Eye, Dental and General Care.

- ✓ **Talent Fest** was conducted for Stds. I to V on 7th July. Many talents were discovered, and prizes given.
- ✓ **Teachers' Day and Children's Day** were celebrated with special assembly activities.
- ✓ **Interact Club members** for the year 2018 were installed on 17th July and the first initiative was to sponsor **education fee** for a needy child of our school. The School contributed the basic necessities worth Rs. 1 lakh towards the **Kerala flood relief**.
- ✓ **'Shelf of Happiness'** was constructed near our school main gate, from which people can take clothes and other items that they have a need for. The launch of this project has been the realisation of a long dream.
- ✓ Through the launch of **'We Care'** campaign, we donate money weekly, to provide lunch for the inmates of Mother Theresa's home every Friday.
- ✓ A workshop on the **'Importance of First Aid'** for Std XI students was conducted by Mr. V. P. Elayapaari, Founder of Cure Trust and Research Center.
- ✓ **Independence Day** was celebrated with an inspiring speech by **Shri K Sadagopan**, Managing Director of AVN Arya Vaidya Nilayam Limited, Madurai and the theme was **a pageant of Tableaus** representing each state of India. India's constitution was read and displayed in the form of a Jeep Parade.
- ✓ We celebrated the first ever **Parent Teacher Fest** on 22nd September 2018 to mark the "P.T. Fest Day." A plethora of theme-based events and competitions was organized for the parents. Enthusiastic parents participated in all the events with 'Cookery' more than 150 parents.

Subject Activities:

- ✓ Subject Weeks began in the month of July, **BEACON** of the Commerce Department being the first this year. The grand finale was combined with Gale Fete on July 23rd.
- ✓ **Art and Artists Week**, enthralled our teachers and students once again with programmes in Carnatic music, Paintings, Yoga and Karate performance. The winners of the talent fest gave a masterly performance. Mr. Rajan from Music Beats Drum Academy gave a special performance on the grand finale day on 1st August.
- ✓ It was followed by **SOCIAL STUDIES Week** in the month of August with its renowned grand finale – "Kaun Banega Adhyapana Star – 2018" and this year Gurulaxsha of Class X won the title.
- ✓ English week – **AMUSE** was celebrated in the month of September with value-based kits, street plays and their grand finale - a literary pageant and a presentation on 'Women through Ages'. Primary students were encouraged to recite poems they had learnt. Classes IV and V got to know more about poets.
- ✓ II - language week **SAHITA** was celebrated in the month of October with the grand finale on 6th October portraying a mesmerizing 'Dance Drama' in Tamil depicting the story of 'Surasamharam'. Primary students recited Hindi poems and enacted dramas in Tamil.
- ✓ Science week "**ALCHEMY**" followed in the month of November with 'Face Painting' competition on the topic Carbon and its Compounds. In the Primary, each class performed a skit, dance and song to bring out the importance of eating Healthy food, the life cycle of a butterfly and Inventors and their Inventions.
- ✓ Math Week "**INFINITY**" was celebrated in the month of December as usual with a week-long activity culminating in D.R. Iyer Memorial Inter-School Quiz Competition where our school participated on non-competitive basis while Pushpalata Vidhyamandhir, Tirunelveli was given the Rolling Trophy. Primary students spoke about the Mathematical Operations using examples of day- to- day life, eminent Mathematicians and Vedic Maths, the concept of Triangles and Angles. They also taught the audience how to apply Vedic Math in Addition and Multiplication.
- ✓ To mark the unique symphony of languages of our country, this year we celebrated the linguistic diversity of our country through **Bhaasha Sangam**.

Co-curricular Competitions: There is no dearth of competition in Adhyapana. We are indeed proud to say that our children emerge as winners where ever they participate – whether they are sent from school or they participate on their own.

- In “**Kiddi Fest**” competition conducted by **Radio Mirchi** for the Primary we won 2nd prize in over-all championship out of 120 schools.
- In competitions conducted in **Sri Aurobindo Mira**, we secured **2nd over-all championship**.
- At **Aarohanam- 2018** students of classes III and IV won prizes in Tamil Skit and Rhythmic Taal. Class VIII students won prizes in Master Chef, class IX and XI students in Voice and Vision and class XI students in Jingles.
- Two of our Higher Secondary students bagged prizes in **Creative Writing competition** conducted by Jeevana School.
- At **Innofest – 2018** conducted at Pandiyan Saraswati Yadava College, Class XI students won first and second prizes in Robotics.
- Total 39 participants from our school took part in **Rhapsody Annual Singing Challenge** held at Thyagaraja Arts College and we walked away with the 1st prize.
- Our students won prizes in Ad Copy, Dance Dhamaka, Sketch and Spot the Proverb, Crisis Management, Festive Fun, Shape Art and secured overall 2nd prize at **Idhayam Rajendran School**.
- At **TNPL** competition our students won prizes in Group Dance, Quiz, Creative Writing, Essay Writing in English and Tamil, Group Discussion and received over-all championship.
- We also bagged 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes in Light music, Ramp walk, English elocution, Drawing, Quiz, Flower arrangement, Mehendi, Art from Waste, Tamil Essay Writing, Group Dance, Picture Talk, Word Chain and have stood 2nd in the over-all championship at **Dolphin Carnival-2018**.
- Tamil Nadu Government **Kalaiaruvi** Competition awarded a prize to M Vaishnav of Class XII in ‘**Drums Music**’ at the state level.
- 27 students participated at the **Swachh India Contest** 2017-18 and all of them emerged as the best performers and achievers from our school. The school was also honoured with ‘**The Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar**’ which was instituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India in 2016 to recognize, inspire and celebrate excellence in sanitation and hygiene practice in schools.
- At **Kiddibetes** competition and Kalam Events Kids Gala 2018 we won 2nd prize in Tamil elocution and Group dance respectively.
- Every year, we not only participate but also get prizes in Carol singing competitions. This year too our school won **1st prize in Carol Singing** at “**Michael Eve- Ring O Bells**” and **2nd prize in “Chiming Bells” competition** held at Velammal Bodhi Campus.
- S R Soumya and M Sreenidhi of class 10 emerged as winners as the **top 30 essay finalists** in all India Essay writing competition conducted by **Nanhi Chaan Foundation**, New Delhi and got selected to participate in the **NIIT University personality development workshop** in Rajasthan which was attended by M Sreenidhi and Amrit, last year’s winner, escorted by Mrs. Kalpana Srinivasan.
- **SANGAMPEX 2018** Philately Quiz winner Shailesh of class VIII is selected for Philately Scholarship Scheme.
- **In the International Space Science Essay Writing Competition**, 20 students from our school are chosen as **best performers** and are eligible to get **Rs.20,000 scholarship** to attend the

International Space Science Conference, NASA Kennedy Space Center, Orlando, Florida in May 2019. Many of them are slated to go.

- In **National Olympiad Competitions** our students have bagged 5 Silver Medals in Science, Math and English. M Karpagalakshmi of Std 4 won **Gold Medal in Math. In AITSE** Unnamalai of Std 10 bagged **Silver medal**. Gurulaxsha of Std 10 won Gold Medal and has topped at the National level with **All India First in Science Olympiad**. We also bagged 11 Silver medals, 14 Bronze and 10 Gold medals in National Level Spell Bee, G.K. and Commerce Olympiads. Thomas Jose of Class XI won **Gold in National Level Commerce Olympiad**.
- In the **MSSC Basketball match**, U- 19 boys' team of our school has won gold.

Apart from being sent from the school, the students also participate in various competitions on their own and win prizes.

- V.Akilan of Std V got 2nd and 3rd prize in **Silambam** organized by V.K.S. Silambam and Yoga Trust.
- S Jayakumar of Std V won II place at W.G.K. State Level **Karate** Championship.
- R.Sathvika got 2nd prize in the **Drawing** competition organized by Yuva Mahima.
- S. Kayathiri of Std IV won second and third place in **Roller Skating** organized by Roller Sports Association of Madurai.
- A Gobihagini of Std V stood in the Top 25 winners in Abacus, Mental Arithmetic State level competition conducted by UCMAS in Chennai.
- Kavitha of Std VI participated in 5 km Marathon.
- R Priyankaa of Std V took part in **Guinness World Records'** 10000 artists' largest Bharatnatyam performance on 3rd March at Chidambaram.
- P.S. Sweka Ram of Std IX won 2nd place in the Chess Competition conducted in our school.
- Sreekhambika and Nidiksha of Std VI won 3rd place in the group dance.
- Ruba Vignesh of std VI got 2nd place yellow belt in TN State Inter-district Championship.
- Sujai Shakthivel of Std IX has won 5 Gold, 8 Silver and 3 Bronze medals in International Rubik Cube Competitions.
- Darshini Balaji has won Gold and Silver medals in Hockey and Skating.

Many of our boys and girls have been winning in Karate, Skating, Rubik Cube, Relay, Shuttle & Solo dance competitions conducted throughout the year.

Additional points: Our school is the centre for **CTET, TNPSC, NET, NEET and KVSE** exams. And this year **2880 candidates** wrote the exam here in Adhyapana campus. This year our school is chosen as a centre for the **CBSE Board Exams** for Stds X and XII. A total of **287** students of classes 10 and 12 from five schools are appearing for their exams in our campus.

We are also delighted to inform you that our school has been selected by the Central Government to establish the **Atal Tinkering Lab** with a sponsorship of **Rs 20 Lakhs** from the Govt. The idea is to inculcate a spirit of inquiry in young minds and foster scientific thinking – such that students are motivated to be young scientists and innovators.

Learning Away from School: Apart from class room education, we take the children on field trips to different places. The students of Std IV & V visited Parle – G biscuit factory on 1st & 2nd October. On 9th October, students of Std 3 had been to the Post Office. Std VI, VII and VIII visited Keezhadi archaeological site on different dates. Class IX students visited Mother Teresa Old-Age Home in

September. Class XI students were taken to MKU University to attend a session on Biology and Economics and Class X and XII students were taken to Kodaikanal.

Workshops in School: Science students of Stds XI and XII attended a workshop conducted by **360 Degree Academy** for IIT and NEET. **Mr Praveen Visesh** our Board Trustee from Singapore conducted a workshop on **Career Guidance** in Trading for Commerce students of classes XI and XII. **Mr.Nikhil from Mint Walk** conducted a one day workshop on Mutual funds and Investment Plan. **Meditation** program for Std IX was conducted by **Mr. Dhanabalan**, one of our parents of the school.

New Initiative: Adhyapana School is proud to launch a new initiative on popular demand of many parents and teachers. We are starting the **Adhyapana Day Care and Creche** for kids in the age-group of 6 months to 2 years. This will be under the able guidance and hands – on support of Mrs Hilarie Balachandran, who is retiring from the post of Sr.Headmistress to Director of the Day Care Centre. We promise to bestow **world-class attention** on babies under our care between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. This project will take-off in April.

Teachers in Action:

- Periodical workshops are conducted for teachers and students. Mrs. S.Chitra and Mrs.Helena attended **Music and Movement** activities workshop at Om Sadhana School.
- **English Language Teaching Workshop** conducted by Oxford University Press- India and MSSC on 24th November at Velammal Vidhyalaya was attended by Mrs.Angel Mary and Mrs. Eshwari.
- **Subject enrichment workshops** were attended by Senior school teachers Mrs Sinu Danny, Mrs. Anuradha, Mrs. Karthhigai Selvi and Mrs. Janaki.
- **Capacity building programme in Health and Physical Education** was attended by Mrs. Kanmani, Mr. Ashok, and Mr. Sundarrajan at Mamandur.
- **Math Workshop** conducted by Scholastic on 24th November was attended by Mrs. Suganya Raj and Mr. Bala Murugan.
- Mrs. Karuna Krishnan, Mrs.Anupama, Mrs.Archana and Mrs.Muthumala attended **MSSC Teachers orientation program on their respective subjects** at Mahatma School on 18th August.
- Mrs. Kalpana Srinivasan was the **Chief Guest at “Hindi Diwas”** organized by Bank of Baroda and at Central Government Employees’ “Kavi Sankoshti” organized by Canara Bank.
- ✓ Our School Principal Mrs. Rincy Jose was presented **“Best Teacher Award”** by PandiyanSarasawati Yadava Engineering College, this year.

- ❖ As Sr.Principal I have attended the AGM of CBSE Schools Mg.Assn. **National Workshop on Effective School Leadership, the CSMA Meeting** and the **Evaluation Workshop of AISSCE 2019** along with Rincy mam.
- ❖ Association of Management of Private CBSE Schools has appointed me as **Madurai Zone’s President**.
- ❖ **IDF** Indian Development Foundation has presented me with **Social Action Award** for excellence in Health Awareness, Resource mobilization and humanitarian services on 5th October.
- ❖ Mr. Srinivasan, **Regional Officer – CBSE, Chennai** recognized our school for hosting the Games, Athletic and Cultural Meet right from the year of inception of MSSC.

- ❖ **AKS Education Awards**, Gurugram, NCR recognizes and honors individuals and institutions that have made significant contributions in educational system in India and abroad and has awarded me the “**Best Principal Award-2018**” and has listed me in “100 Highly Effective Principals of 2018” last month.
- ❖ To Recognize Women Leaders who have outstanding credentials and accomplishments that display generosity of spirit, a commitment to integrity and diversity, and a genuine connectedness with others, **WILA 2019** - The Women In Leadership Awards has awarded me with the “**Excellence in Education**” award this month in Chennai.
- ❖ BNI – Madurai – a global business networking organization has awarded me with “**Wonder Woman Award**” on 8th March this year.
- ❖ **EET CRS 4th South Asian Education Awards** whose one of the objectives is to recognize and identify best of the best practices and performers in education and corporate sector has awarded me with the “**Best Principal Award-2018**” this month in Hyderabad.
- ❖ For the second consecutive year our School continues to stand firmly in the list of the **Best Top Schools** of India (input from MHRD) and is listed in the 3000 Best Schools of the country.

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 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, Viprahahudhavadanthi” – 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!