

CMI PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHALAKUDY

ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021

Report of the school activities during the year 2020-2021, submitted on the occasion of the 20th Annual Day held on 31st March, 2021.

Honourable Chief Guests of the day, PTA Presidents Mr. Joshy Johnson, Dr. Divya Jerry, Principal Rev. Dr. Santhosh Mundanmani, Rev. Fr, Shine Pazhayattil and teachers,

I whole heartedly extend a warm welcome to all of you.

From the very inception of this school in 2001, till today our school was guided by the divine grace of the Lord Almighty in the path of glory and success. With an immense sense of gratitude to Almighty God I present before you the report of the activities of the school for the academic year 2020-21.

As we celebrate the 20th Annual Day we dedicate this day to pay homage to the virtuous visionary St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias, the Founder of CMI Congregation.

While we retrospect the past years we feel satisfied with the great strides and glorious achievements that our school has come across within a short span. It's our pride and joy that our school has set a standard of its own in the field of education.

CMI Public School pursues the ultimate aim of achieving an International standard of excellence, balancing tradition and modernity. Upholding the standards and values set by our Founder St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias, we proceed to the goal of achieving a new cult of education with an international standard of excellence. A curriculum which helps to give training for research oriented, activity oriented and family oriented learning is followed here. The project presentations in this connection make the students do extensive research on the assigned topics which help them become lifelong learners.

In this unprecedented year of the pandemic, we embraced the new ‘normal’ of doing everything virtually. We started with online classes and then moved to virtual parents meetings and staff meetings.

Along with this, foot pedal and automatic sanitizer dispensers with temperature check were installed in the front and other entrances of the school.

With the idea of fostering inclusiveness, we built a ramp to enter the school and a lift was installed for the physically challenged. A section of the washrooms were also made user friendly for the above mentioned students.

In living up to our logo of ‘A home away from home’ and thereby making the school more children friendly a large number of things are being done. The Kindergarten section has been painted with lot of child friendly pictures. An eco-friendly Kids stadium has been built for the development of the sports talent of our blooming buds. A fruits garden has been created and a footpath has been built around the garden with little huts in between for the children to view and enjoy nature in its full glory. Now we have a pathway encircling the whole school. The canteen has been renovated with new ceilings and stools.

A send off was given to our most Reverent Manager Fr. Winson Parekatt, who had been a pillar of strength for our school with his simplicity, dedication and a well disciplined life.

Rev. Fr. Shine Pazhayattil has joined our team in this academic year.

Two new school buses were bought in March 2020.

Academics

Academic excellence is given prime importance in this school. We assure academic excellence through periodical tests, assessments, projects, seminars, and parents meetings. We were able to keep up the tradition of attaining excellent results in the CBSE exams this year too. In the XIIth Grade Board exam our students bagged 98% distinction and 100% First Class. Joan Rose of the Science Stream became the topper with 97.8% marks. She was one of the students who had appeared for all the exams. For Grade X it was a sweeping victory with

100% first class and 98.5% distinction. Ann Mariya Varghese made the school proud by scoring 99.2%. She holds 4th Rank at the National Level and 2nd Rank at the State Level. Seeniya Shaji became the 5th Rank holder at the National and State Level. Out of 68 who appeared for the exams 18 scored full marks in different subjects.

Due to the pandemic the classes were all online. The classes were taken using Nearpod to present the lesson and Google Meet as the means of interacting with the students. Exams were also conducted online using these platforms. In January 2021, we have started using Microsoft teams as the platform for interaction with students.

Co-curricular Activities

We follow a curriculum incorporating curricular and co-curricular activities in a balanced manner which provides ample opportunities for the students to develop their potential and improve their abilities. Co-curricular activities like Public speaking and debates were conducted online. Training was also provided in Eastern and Western dance virtually.

A ‘Happy Hour’ was introduced for all the classes from LKG to Grade XII. The main aim of this hour was to showcase the talents of the students. Students did compering, Welcome Speech, Vote of Thanks, etc., just like a formal meeting with the help / guidance of teachers. They also sent their videos of different activities / talents and the teachers presented it through Google Meet. Parents were invited to watch the programmes. So it was a cultural event every week and a recreational time for all.

Spiritual Activities

Spirituality is given prime importance among all the activities in the school. Each month our students learn about a virtue as the topic for public speaking and those who practice the virtue get certificates. This year this was continued through the online classes.

Festivals

Celebrations and festivals are a part and parcel of our activities. This year the celebrations were online and started with Onam celebration. Principal, Parents, Teachers and Students took active part in celebrating the festival. Mahabali was welcomed through online. Flower Carpets, Onasadya, Thiruvathirakali were all enjoyed through the virtual platform.

Children's Day was also celebrated virtually, class wise. Students presented Speeches, dressed up as Chacha Nehru, Performed Dances & rendered songs to mark the occasion.

Christmas being the season of joy, to bring joy in the times of the pandemic, Christmas celebrations was for a week with different competitions held each day for all the classes online. Christmas card competition was held on the first day. Christmas Crib Competition took place the next day, but with a difference. Students were allowed to participate along with their family members. There was enthusiastic participation from the parents' side. This was followed by Christmas Tree Competition with the participation of family members. On the day before Christmas each class had Christmas Celebration as well as Principals Birthday Celebration. Students dressed up as Santa Claus gave virtual gifts. Parents too took active participation in the celebration by cutting the cake and wishing everyone.

Social Service Programme

We keep up a tradition of helping the poor and needy. This year as part of the, Snehasparsham CMI CHILD CARE FOUNDATION a sum of Rs.33590/- has been contributed. The aim of the foundation is to provide medical aid to the poor and needy children in our neighbourhood who suffer from acute diseases. Providing a glimmer of hope to the children struggling to survive, the CMI CHILD CARE FOUNDATION 'SNEHASPARSAM' is an annual feature.

We have also allotted fee concession to meritorious students who are financially insecure. This year in view of the pandemic, educational aid in the

form of partial fee concession was provided to majority of the students which amounted to **Rs. 1,08,22,299/-**. A laptop was provided to a financially weak former meritorious student.

Blankets, bed sheets and articles needed for daily use worth Rs. 32,000/- were given to Sevanagiri Sevanalaya, Annallur, and other institutions for the disabled. Tables and chairs for an amount of Rs. 9,700/- were donated to the Village Office. We provided Rs. 1,00,000 for the construction of Mercy Cops House. Financial aid of Rs. 14,98,000/- was provided to the staff who were laid off due to the pandemic.

There was distribution of cakes for Christmas this year also. We have been providing constant medical aid especially to the members of the 24th ward of this municipality, afflicted with cancer and other serious illnesses.

Teachers' Training Programme

To get accustomed with the new method of Online teaching, Mr. Sunny of Almoe Digital Solutions gave a weeklong training programme in the beginning of the academic year to introduce the teachers to the Nearpod and Google Meet. Later in January 2021 a training programme was conducted by Juana Technologies Pvt. Ltd. to introduce the teachers to Microsoft Teams an additional Teaching & Platform. Now the teachers are well equipped to use different software for online classes.

Teachers attended various training programmes conducted by Centre for Excellence COE, Trivandrum.

Different training programmes by NISHTHA were also attended by all the teachers which were mandatory for the teachers of CBSE Schools.

As part of understanding and learning about NEP (National Education Policy) 2020 the school organized Webinars from Dec 28 – Jan 2, 2021. The Resource Persons were our own teachers.

All our teachers also attended a webinar organized by the Devamatha Province Dept. of Education and Media of Communication on NEP 2020.

PTA

The PTA has been most supporting in all the activities of the school. I take this opportunity to place on record our sincere thanks to the parents for their unflinching support. The PTA is headed by the Presidents Mr. Joshy Johnson and Dr. Divya Jerry this year also.

Staff Council

This school is fortunate to have an efficient and dedicated team of teachers and non-teaching staff. The unity of our staff is the strength of this school..

Conclusion

Before concluding, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Management and CMI Congregation for the encouragement and support in all our endeavours. I extend my sincere gratitude to the teachers and non-teaching staff for their relentless service in bringing this institution to glorious heights. I am also grateful to the parents, members of the PTA and all well-wishers. I am so grateful to my students for their lively co-operation.

May I wind up this report, by thanking, the Almighty God who strengthened our hands, in all our endeavours and I pray for his continuous blessings on our children and on our institution.
