

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

Hari Om and a very good evening to each one of you!!!

Chief Guest of the day Dr A Ramachandran, Vice Chancellor of Kerala University for Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Chief Sevak of Chinmaya Mission Education and Cultural Trust – Greater Cochin Shri A Gopalakrishnan, President of the School Managing Committee Shri V N Venugopal, (Senior members of the trust Shri Venugopal C Govind and Shri Kuttappan Menon), dear parents, my dear colleagues and my hope for tomorrow you wonderful children.

I present this school Annual Report with lot of pride. A perfect blend of curricular and co-curricular activities ensures that total effort is put in by the teachers and maximum support and guidance is given to the children in all areas of the functioning of the school.

Keeping in vision , the aim of Poojya Gurudev Swami Chinmayanandaji and thrust to the goals of Chinmaya Mission we at school work together with a lot of coordination to make our children yearn for greater heights. We have tried our best to ensure that we encourage any God given talent to our children. Academics is certainly on focus, along with it we gave opportunity to hone their skills in effective communication, confident nature and groomed personality. With academic time being sacrosanct we have a lot of extracurricular and co-curricular activities alongside.

The screen show on the sides of the stage takes you along most of the days' happenings in school. Yet I would like to enlist it in order to bear testimony to our claims.

Before the onset of the academic year, the teachers attended a 10 day workshop held at our school by the Teach Next in the effective usage of smart boards in classroom teaching.

We set off the new academic year in June with a proud result that was declared in May for the batch of Std 10 and 12, 2016-17.

Smart boards in each and every classroom charged the teachers to make the classes more interesting and informative.

World Environment Day was observed with special assemblies, a bulletin board on the topic “ Receding glaciers of Himalaya” and also planting saplings.

New uniform for the girls was a major change this academic year.

International Yoga Day was celebrated. Yoga in everyday life and yoga as a way of life was focused during the celebration.

Literary competitions were held for Std 11 and 12 and a book exhibition was organized in the school auditorium.

**In the month of July** traffic awareness and safety programme was conducted for Std 3 to 5.

Investiture ceremony was organized to induct all the student Council members to their respective posts. DYSP Mr Ramesh Kumar did the honours. Rohan Praveen was invested as the Head Boy and Malavika M S as the Head Girl.

Gurupoornima was observed with due reverence. Bhajans, Mangalarathi and Prasad distribution was done on this day.

**In the month of August**, the Ramayana month begins and it is celebrated in all piety. Every morning the prayer started with rendition of Ramayana. Quiz, stories and Bulletin boards based on Ramayana made the children realize the importance of this great epic in our daily life.

The pride of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Vaduthala – Chaithanya the interschool fest organized by the students of Std 11 & 12 provided a platform for the students to exchange and imbibe talents and ideas from their counterparts from various other schools in the city. The function was inaugurated by Mr.Yatheesh Chandra IPS, DCP law and order. The Chief Sevak presided over the function. Former cricketer of Indian team Mr. S.Sreesanth distributed the trophies at the valedictory function and Mr. V.N.Venugopal presided. Ms Tuney Nandakumar made sure that the programme went off without any hitch.

Nestle, the famous food brand conducted workshop and cooking demonstration for teachers.

The Capacity Building Programme organized by the CBSE for the subject English was held in our school. Our Vice Principal Ms Prathiba was the main Resource Person.

There was a talk for the parents of Std 1 by Ms Greshma Momeya from Mumbai.

Sanskrit week was celebrated with due credit to this rich, ancient language of our country. Ms Rakhy R Prabhu, the HOD of Sanskrit took a lot of pains to ensure that not only the language but also the culture and heritage associated with it was also portrayed throughout the week.

For the convenience of the parents we have started an extension counter of the State Bank of India in our school premises during the fee remittance month.

Abdul Kalam Sandesh Vahini, a mobile exhibition on the works and dreams of our former Prsident Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was parked in our school. All the children were taken into the mobile vehicle to see the exhibition.

Onam!!! Yes!!! That is the most colourful competent celebrated and enjoyed days at our school. The Kindergarten and the primary celebrated it separately. The main school is all enthusiastic to compete. The 4 houses Aravalli, Satpura, Shivalik and Vindhya prepares with a lot of attention to details in all the competitions designed during this fest.

**In the month of September** GoPiloting and marine engineering people made presentations and talks for our senior students.

Project Samaritan, a two day workshop organized by the Rotary Club of Cochin West for our children made them very aware and knowledgeable about the first aid needs and what to do in case of an unforeseen severe medical emergency.

Newspaper in Education is covered by the Hindu daily.

Navarathri was celebrated with music, dance and art and of course Bomma Kolu. The highlight of the 9 day celebrations was Mathrupooja where the children do their prayers and offerings for their mothers. This is organized in our school premises.

**In the month of October**, an interschool technical fest was organized by the XIth Std Computer Science students. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr. Madhav Chandran, CEO Cyberland. The Guest of Honor was Mr. Venugopal C Govind. Ms Yasmin S guided the students in the innovative and creative organizing.

Interact club was installed by the rotary Club of Cochin Harbour. A group of rotary members along with our students inducted the new children to the Interact Club at a solemn function. Catering to the General health of all our students, the MMR vaccine was administered according to the State Government directives. Ms Anitha Bhat in charge of the Interact Club ensures that the children worked in coordination with the goals of the rotary movement .

Novice Novella Nouveau , an interschool literary fest was conducted by Ms Deepa Ravisanker in the memory of our founder Ms Janaki Menon. Lots of participants from different schools portrayed their artistic skills, creativity and written skills. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. K.L.Mohana Varma, well known writer.

In the Model United Nations, a mock UN session saw our student delegates deliberating and discussing various world issues with their counterparts of other schools. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr. M P Joseph , IAS and a former UN official. Ms Biji Dileep takes a lot of initiative in making our children proficient and aware in International affairs.

**In the month of November**, Kerala Piravi day was organised by the Malayalam Department HOD Ms Nithya Rajesh and celebrated . The children were exposed to different art forms of Kerala, eminent literary personalities and literature, famous texts, poems and works in Malayalam.

The Alumni boys and gentleman were gracious enough to come for a formal football and cricket match with our students which they have been doing every year. Not to be left behind, the alumni girls and ladies came along to play a volleyball match too.

The Childrens Day was celebrated for the Children by the teachers. We conducted the assembly and put up a special programme for the students.

A grand Bhajan Sandhya along with instrumental music extravaganza was presented in this month. Ms Deepthi and Mr Girish left no stone unturned for this performance. The students also performed on various instruments that they have opted to learn.

Science week was the highlight of this month. This year it was Physics week. Mrs Vidya K P, our Physics Department HOD organized it to perfection. It was formally inaugurated by Prof Ananthakrishnan. A series of activities, talks, seminars, quiz were the highlights of the week. A science exhibition showcasing working, still and combined models stole the show. A parade of eminent scientists with their inventions/ discoveries during the morning assembly helped pupils to gain more information about these science wizards. A street play on the importance of conservation, pollution and methods to save the environment portrayed on the last day of the celebration was the grand finale.

Career guidance and opportunities for higher education in Universities of Japan was delivered by a team of delegates who visited Cochin from different top Universities in Japan. This talk was delivered to Std 11 students.

We never miss the World Geetha Day. It is always observed with a lot of devotion. Teachers and students gathered and chanted the Bhagavat Geetha in synchronisation with the chanting done all over the world.

**We move on to December.** A talk on clean city and civic sense was conducted by the organization Bodhini for Senior students.

Adult education programme was conducted for the students of the middle school separately for the boys and girls. Topics like emotional changes, surge effect of hormones, difference in appearance were also discussed.

The Book week celebration was flagged off . A story writing competition, bookmark making, book cover designing, school diary cover page, poetry writing competition and a fiction parade was held to encourage and to make aware of the reading habit. Over and above this we also had a book exhibition. Ms Sheeba Sathish, our librarian ensures that she has evoked interest in the reading habits of the children through this week.

The school Annual Sports Meet was held on 21st and 22nd December. Dr Tony Daniel, Technical Committee Chairman of the Athletics Federation of India and

Executive Vice President, Kerala State Athletics Association inaugurated the meet. A colourful breath taking display involving 500 students was a treat for the eye. The Kalari students demonstrated the martial art with elan. Mr N V Parameswaran , a distinguished parent was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function.

At this point I need to highlight the Sports Department which has been functioning tirelessly under the leadership and guidance of the 3 in house teachers Mr Asokan , Mr Binu and Ms Bismy. They work far beyond the school hours training and coaching the children from the early morning hours to extra coaching needed for the various events in different aegis of the sports. We have a very strong athletic Boys and Girls team and Basketball boys and girls team. This year we offered more choice in sports to enable more children to become proficient in their areas of interest. Our athletics team as usual and always reached the Nationals. We won 1 gold and 9 silver medals in athletics in the CBSE State Meet and also emerged champions in the Boys Senior category at the K M Munshi Meet. Rain or shine our sports team is in action. Sub Junior, Junior, and Senior teams attended basketball matches and came back with lot of laurels. Rigorous training and regular coaching ensures agility and commitment to the chosen area of sports among children.

Students of Std 4,5,7,10 participated in the “Sweet Memories” picture and photo frame decoration activity conducted by the Pidilite group.

**The new year** started with a lot of hope and dreams for all of us at school. A safety audit was conducted at school for 3 days.

**January** was the month of excursions and field trips. Std 7 went to Wonderla, Std 8 to Malampuzha. Std 9 and 10 went on an overnight journey to Thekkady and Munnar respectively.

A very solemn and auspicious Diya ceremony was conducted for our Std 12 students to seek the blessings of almighty for the forth coming board examinations.

Elon university a travelling Science lab from the US had a 2 day workshop and exhibition for our school children at our auditorium.

The greatest offering of the school is the offering of Bhajans to 2 temples during the peak of their festivals. A team of our students, teachers and support staff

rendered very pious and devotional bhajans at the Pallikkavu Bhagavathi temple near our school and for Lord Ernakulathappan at Ernkulam Shiva temple.

With this I have tracked down this year's activities in school. Over and above this we have regular talks for children by eminent people of different walks of life.

Spic Macay, the cultural organisation put up different programmes by world known artists in the school in music and dance.

Marrs Spelling Bee competitions and Olympiads in different subjects are routinely conducted with enthusiasm both from students and parents. We have several Inter National, National and State level winners in these examinations.

Every month interesting and informative bulletin board topics are given to children who have to research and put up a good bulletin board outside each classroom.

Our teachers attend workshops in almost all subjects they handle. These are workshops organised by the State, CBSE and other programmes where eminent experts in the subject talks and guides. This certainly enhances their teaching skills and is reflected in their teaching.

At this juncture, let me tell you parents every activity in the school academic or non academic is always guided under the programme of Chinmaya Mission called the Chinmaya Vision programme.. This programme gives a clear clarification and direction to all the good things a human being is expected to have. We are aware that our children do realise the significance of each of the area that we focus on. So with the guidelines of the CBSE, under the umbrella of the Chinmaya Mission we at Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Vaduthala offer a complete package to our dear students.

I now take this opportunity to personally thank the Chief Sevak Shri A Gopalkrishnan, board of trustees Shri V N Venugopal, Sri Kuttappan Menon and Sri Venugopal C Govind for giving me extremely knowledgable guidance and being a pillar of strength which keeps me motivated to deliver my duties with commitment and confidence. At school my job would have been never possible without the able support given by the Vice Principal Ms Prathiba and the coordinators of the various sections Ms Maggy Vaz in the Kindergarten, Mrs Geetha Sivaraj in the primary school, Ms Bindu Saheer in the middle school and Ms Manju Ann Abraham in the senior school.

The school administrative body headed by Mr Gopakumar has been the backbone for the smooth functioning of the school. I thank the administrative team from the bottom of my heart.

The able support given to me throughout the day in almost every sphere of activity is thanked profusely to Ms Vandana and Ms Anju. The teaching fraternity and the non-teaching staff support is recognised and deeply appreciated for their commitment and propriety.

Dear parents, you are our strength, inspiration and of course sustenance. We respect your valuable suggestions and look forward to your continued positive approach in bringing out the best in our children. Nothing we do in our school will be complete without your support and follow up.

Dear children, everyday every step that we take for you is to ensure that you turn out to be a perfect human being. The world out is there waiting for you to see how you could be a contributing citizen. **When you become one we know that we have done our job.** Each one of you do make sure that you give us an opportunity to feel that sense of satisfaction.

Dear Children, Our Gurudev has quoted ..... I quote “ The greatness of a Vidyalaya is not its large classrooms or its vast playgrounds. It becomes great when students work sincerely, grow up to be successful men and women of character, and have the ability and dynamism to serve their country, community and culture. I unquote.

Before I wind up my report do let me say progress is an ongoing process. It is accepted that we can do much more and we shall.

Thank you very much

Hari Om !!!