

**VIDYA MANDIR ESTANCIA**  
**HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT for Academic year 2019-20**

The academic year 2019-20 began in the first week of June 2019, with happy faces of children all round the school welcoming their friends after a long summer break.

**KG REPORT**

Play is very powerful for children. It's the key to learning. In KG most of the learning happens in play way method. We began with Colour days. These are observed on every Friday in June and continued till August. They wear a dress in the designated colour, bring their toys along and speak a few lines about them. They learn most of the colours in this experiential way.

KG Sports Day was celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019. Tiny tots of VME showcased their talent by dancing on the colourful "Pom-Pom Drill". Various sporting events were conducted to enhance their gross motor faculty.

Fruits and Vegetable Day event added the colours of patriotism in the young hearts. "Tricolour dove", the symbol of peace, was displayed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August using the vegetables of different colours. They also learnt their names.

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, a puppet show on the theme "Ant and the Dove" was exhibited. The kids applauded on the spot for all the efforts taken by their teachers in presenting a fabulous show.

Teaching Indian ethics is a part of our value system. It was evident through our 'Golu celebrations' on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2019. The kids came in their traditional wear. They saw the devotional display of idols and learnt about the 'Farm animals and their homes' as part of the themed display.

Green is the way of life at VME. Students learnt about the life cycle of a plant by ‘Seed a plant’ activity held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. The concept of recycling was also evident as they used coconut shells as pots. The saplings were given away to the kids.

Fancy dress on the theme “Fruits and vegetables” was organized in Kindergarten on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. It was a treat to the viewer’s eyes. The efforts taken by parents in making the costume was well appreciated by one and all.

Jingle bells started ringing as December approached. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the Santa visited VME during the Christmas celebrations and gave gifts to the little ones.

Jungle safari was celebrated on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December. Kids were excited looking, touching and pointing at the cutout animals and birds set in their natural setting in the garden near the canteen.

The Kindergarten students brought out the theme ‘World of Colours’ in an exemplary manner at their KG Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. Colours in flowers, birds, animals and insects seamlessly flowed into the Indian Tricolour in the form of vibrant dances interspersed with short explanations rendered in flawless English, in their childlike form and style. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

All in all, it was an eventful year for Kindergarten. Also events like Gita Chanting, Thirupavai, inter-school events added their charm.

## **PRIMARY REPORT**

Kanchi Cluster Kiddies Sports Meet was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June. This Sport Event was introduced in this academic year and Vidya Mandir took the pride of being the host for many schools in and around Guduvanchery. To add to it we also won the

overall championship of the Kiddies Meet. Students performed well and brought laurels to the school.

The School Sports Day was held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Students displayed colourful drill with a mind blowing performance. The parents of the students R.K.Pranav and Dharshini M. who secured the overall championship was invited and honoured. All the students participated with energy and enthusiasm. Many students exhibited their talents in various sports events.

The Independence Day was celebrated with dance and songs by the students across classes 1 to 5. Students dressed up like National leaders to create awareness among the children to remember and respect them for having sacrificed their lives for the nation.

Mahatma Gandhi's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated. Students gave speech in the Assembly and wrote essays on the given topic about Mahatma Gandhi.

PTM for classes 1 to 5 was conducted on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Recitation competition was held on 30<sup>th</sup> October for classes 2 to 5 in English, Tamil and Hindi. The winners were given prizes on November 14<sup>th</sup>, the Children's Day by the PTA members.

The Project Day was held on November 14<sup>th</sup> for the whole school from K to 12. The topic being Art –“Vidya Kriya”, the entire display was a treat to the eyes for all. The students brought out the minute details and nuances in their creativity.

Students participated in various external competitions which include recitation competitions like Bhagavat Geeta and Tiruppaavai and cultural competitions conducted by JRK, Sri Ma Vidyalaya, Sri Gokulam Public School, Chengalpet and

Sri Krish International School, Kundrathur. Students not only had an exposure but also exhibited their talents and won prizes and medals.

Students participated in the Spell bee competition and won medals and certificates. The Students Development Society, Aurangabad conducted various competitions like Drawing, Handwriting and Essay. Students participated in the above competitions and brought laurels to School. They won medals and trophies to the School.

Olympiad Exams were conducted in the month of September, October, November and December.

Asset exam for classes 3 to 5 was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December, the subjects being English, Science and Math respectively. Khelo India initiated by our Prime Minister was started on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## **HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

With the re-opening of the school, the first thing to do was to honour the academic achievers of the previous academic year.

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS**

Consequently, the fourth prize day was held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The chief Guest was Mr. Rajendran Dandapani, Director of Engineering, ZoHo Corporation. Nithinraaj S, was given the best out going student award, Class 12 School Topper, M Darshan, Class 10 School Topper, SV Akshaya, and all subject toppers of Class 10 & 12 were awarded cash prize and Trophies. SV Akshaya of Class 10 was awarded the consistent performer award for Sanskrit also. Kaamya D., Gayathri Aachar, and Shreenidhi S., of Class 8 were awarded the Ramayana Prize.

## **STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS**

Students of VME regularly shine in National and International events. Sreepriya R of Class 12 was declared **ONE OF THE 7 FINALISTS** in the National Word Champion 2019 and she won a cash prize of ₹ 5000/-.

Flevy Paul Haris and Avinash Kahsyap of Class 12 and Santosh P of Class 11 participated and completed, 47, 23, and 18 tasks, respectively, in the **Google Code In** Online coding contest held by Google. Sabarish, Vijay Adhi, Vishal Karthick, Rajnesh and Rahul of Class 11 participated in an overnight marathon programming contest called Hackathon conducted by Inventure Academy, Bangalore. Their project called “auto-gardener” was highly applauded.

## **GITA CHANTING**

Chinmaya mission with the aim of advancing the spiritual wisdom of Bhagvat Gita has been conducting Gita Chanting Competitions every year and VME students have been participating with great enthusiasm. This year 80 students participated, out of which 40 won prizes. Eight students qualified for the second round, the inter-school round, of competitions held at the Chimaya Mission Centre. Students from our School took part in Vishnu Sahasranamam and Shloka recitation held in Gokulam Public School, Chengalpet, 14 students procured prizes.

## **HEYMATH**

Team work is the best way to succeed in life. Guinness World record event helps in bringing this out among students. Students of Class 5-8 participated in creating a Giant Triangle as part of Guinness Record Event conducted by HeyMath!

## **ASSET**

ASSET is a Talent Identification Programme that aims at evaluating the extent of a students' academic ability. All students of VME from Class 3 to 10 participate in the exam annually. Students who qualify for second level are invited to participate in ASSET Gifted Programmes. Shivani B of class 6 came out as an outstanding performer in all the three subjects, English, Maths and Science. 16 students were certified as distinguished performers and 31 Students as Creditable performers. Kavinaya, Panimalar and Sricharan of Class 8 were certified as Gold scholars, Shravya of Class 7 as Silver scholar and Gania Rathore of Class 6 & Sanskar of Class 8 as Bronze Scholars. All these students have been invited for ASSET Gifted Programme.

## **OLYMPIAD**

Students of VME participate and achieve laurels in SOF OLYMPIADS, routinely. This year Sreepriya R of Class 12 broke all records by Scoring a CENTUM and securing International Rank 1 in SOF English Olympiad. Shivani B of Class 6 won the academic Excellence Award from SOF.

## **SAMSKRITA BHARATHI**

30 students of VME, participated in Competitions held by Samskrita Bharathi in Sanskrit Language. Our students won prizes in Recitation, Solo Singing, Speech, Slogan writing and T-shirt designing.

## **MODEL UNITED NATION (MUNs)**

Delegates from Class 8 to 12 participated in several national and international MUNs starting with the WIMUN India 2019 Held in Agra from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Sreepriya R won the Diplomacy Award along with several other delegates of

VME. A huge delegation of 52 students from VME participated in Maharishi Vidya Mandir MUN and bagged 22 awards.

### **LIBRARY WEEK**

October 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> marked the library week. Students participated in exciting reading experiences and competitions. Winners were awarded prizes on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, Children’s Day. Class-wise annual recitation & elocution competitions were held for recitation in English, Tamil, Hindi and Sanskrit. Winners were given prizes on Children’s day. The prizes were sponsored by the PTA members.

### **ENGLISH WORKSHOP**

In the Month of June 2019, Mr. Sanjeev Vinoth, an Alumnus of VME, currently in the US, conducted a 10-day workshop on “persuasive speaking”, in which a group of 25 students from Classes 9-12 participated.

### **VME CLUBS**

Clubs @ VME is always an exciting place to be in. Ms. Maheshwari Natarajan inaugurated the Clubs 2019 by lighting the ceremonial lamp and decorating the elected Club representatives with their badges. Nature club, Quiz club, Trekking club, Maths club, Literary club, Dramatics club, reading club and heritage club conducted various activities throughout the year, which brought students of class 6-12 together on a great learning experience.

### **SANSKRITI**

VME’s interclass Culturals, gives students an opportunity to exhibit their talents and also discover their latent potential. On stage as well as off-stage competitions

were held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019. A hectic day filled with fun and frolic ended with Class 12 emerging as the overall winner.

## **VIDHYUVA**

Inter School Culturals was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Eight schools from the neighbourhood participated in several onstage and offstage events organized to represent theme “RETRO”. The participants took audience to the last century. San-Academy Pallikarnai emerged as the overall winner and therefore was awarded the Rolling Trophy.

## **SPORTS DAY**

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual sports day was held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Ms. Maheshwari Natarajan, Retired Founder Principal of Vidya Mandir @ Estancia declared the day open and B. Srinivas, the former Sports Captain of VME was the special guest, The School Pupil Leader Tejas Manoj Thariyan took the Lead for March Past, following which there was spectacular yet disciplined display by all the four houses. Ajith Verma & Kavinaya Sivakumar of Class 8 were declared the Junieur Champions, Smruthi TN & Raghuram S of Class 9 were declared the Senior Champions and Sam Daniel & Keertana G of Class 11 bagged the Super senior Championship. The House Nangaparbat won the Overall championship Shield.

## **SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE CAMP**

Biology Teacher Ms. Uma Maheswari and six students, Lokadhaarini, Oviya, Abhirami, Bhavana, Aditi, Devanshi and Vijay of classes 10, 11 and 12 attended the Singapore International Science Camp held at National University of Singapore. K A Bhavana & B. Ruban Kumar of Class 11 got the opportunity

attend the INSPIRE Science camp conducted by Department of Science and technology at Anna University, Chennai.

## **EXCURSION**

Students of Classes 6-12 were taken for excursion to places which were rich in heritage, culture, traditional practices, agricultural farms etc to give them the experience of the real world. The places being Mahabalipuram, Dakshin Chitra, Sea Shell Museum, Farm Guru Organic farm Solavaram, Gramatil Oru Naal near Mathuranthagam.

## **PROJECT DAY**

The annual Project Day “Vidya-Kriya” was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The theme was “forms of Indian art”. Students from LKG to class 12 put up a beautiful & colourful display that brought out a 360° perspective of Indian Art forms. There was tremendous amount of learning for students as well as teachers and parents. Some painting by Class 11 students were auctioned also. Academic and cultural activities bring out the basic talents in students.

## **VIDYUTSAV**

To mark a grand end to all the major events of the year 2019-2020, “Vidyutsav”, the annual Carnival, with the theme “Go Green”, was organized by the PTA members. The students, parents, teachers and staff of VME enjoyed the day thoroughly. A Grand Raffle was organized by the sponsors where the students and staff of VME got exciting prizes.

Throughout the year 2019-2020, Students and staff of VME participated in various types of academic and non-academic activities to develop additional skills.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

In order to make them aware of their rights towards the country, the Student Council Elections are held. In the Month of January 2020, Students nominated from Class 11 campaigned by presenting their mandates, following which, students of Class 8-12, cast their votes. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2020, N. Avanthikha was sworn in as the School Pupil Leader along with other members of the school council in a solemn investiture ceremony.

British Council Offers the International School Award (ISA) as an accreditation framework for schools to record and evaluate their international collaborative work and embed it into their curriculum and whole school ethos. We are proud to proclaim that Vidya Mandir @ Estancia has been honoured with the prestigious International School Award 2019-2022 for the fourth Consecutive time. Founder Principal Ms. Maheshwari Natarajan along with the ISA Co-ordinator, Ms S. Pushpa, received the award.

## **STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

VME staff shine all the way as VME students. Founder Principal Ms. Maheshwari Natarajan received the “Principal Par Excellence” award from Indian Institute of Hotel Management and “Best Teacher” award for Psychology from Chennai Institute of Technology, on the occasion of Teacher’s Day. For the same occasion, she was also presented the “Acharya Shiromani” award by Kanchi Cluster.

On the occasion of Teachers’ Day ...

Ms. A Saipriya received the “Teacher Par Excellence” award from Indian Institute of Hotel Management

Ms. Jayarani received the “Best Teacher” award for English from Chennai Institute of Technology

Ms. A. Jayalakshmi received the “Teacher Icon” award from the Rotary Club of Kancheepuram

Ms. R. Subhalakshmi received the “Amritha Excellency Best Teachers” award for Innovation in teaching from Amritha group of Institutions

Mr. A. Suresh was awarded the “Best Teacher” award for his contribution in “National Handwriting, colouring and essay Contest 2019” organized by ‘Students Development Society’, Aurangabad, Maharashtra

Ms. Sukanya Jagannathan & Ms. Vandana Rathore received trophies from Kanchi cluster, along with Mr. Ramesh Kumar & Ms. Amudha Mohan, Office Staff of VME.

Dr. Meenakshi Janakiraman & Ms. Vandana Rathore Obtained National & City Ranks in the “Teaching Professionals’ Olympiad” conducted by CENTA. They won cash prizes also for their performance.

Every year, the school enrolls staff members under the Teacher Centric Programmes of the Kuruvila Jacob Initiative for Promotion of Excellence in School Education, run by Kuruvila Jacob Memorial Educational Trust. This year Ms. K S Uma Maheshwari successfully completed her Post Graduation Diploma in Educational Leadership Programme. Also, Ms. K S Uma Maheshwari and Ms. G D Kavitha attended the “Heart of the Matter” workshop, while, Ms. G Naveena Kumari and Ms. S Vanitha attended “A Class Apart” workshop. They were felicitated for successful completion of these courses.

With the blessings of Almighty and whole hearted support of the management ,teachers ,parents and students we are confident of overcoming and excelling all the unforeseen challenges in days to come.

Thank you.