

## **ST. THOMAS PUBLIC SCHOOL**

### ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

The world today is in the throes of a revolution, both in the physical and metaphorical senses. 'Physical' sense because of conflicts between nations, communities, ideologies and the like. 'Metaphorical' sense because of the new ways of thinking, and new dynamics of life which are sometimes not in consonance with the traditions and practices. Where does 'School' lie in this scenario? There is the traditional school, and the progressive school. There are good elements in both. The best course today, we believe, is a synthesis of the two by taking the good elements from either of them.

St. Thomas Schools have always called itself 'the school with difference'? As a school we believe that our duty is to stimulate the creative urge in children, build in them confidence and adequate cognitive and emotional skills to face the challenges awaiting them. We have assiduously built up an atmosphere of guided freedom and a climate of trust and goodwill across all levels of the school community, in order that children grew up to be people of worth, with a broad mind and a large reservoir of good qualities. We believe that this world will be a far better place to live in, if our children are encouraged to grow up without negative emotions like anger, spite, jealousy, prejudice and hate. Children should grow up with positive traits like love, compassion, helpfulness, generosity, tolerance humaneness etc. We can be assured of a peaceful world only with our collective positive energies. I am happy to place on record that STPS embodies these cardinal principles in its day to day life.

Let me now enter into my customary duty of presenting the annual report 2018-19.

The academic year 2018-19 began with the blessings of Almighty God on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. Holy Communion Service was led by His Lordship Rt. Rev Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa of the Kunnankulam – Malabar Diocese which was followed by a retreat.

The school activities got off, pursuing teachers to inspire, ignite and mould each individual. Nine new teaching faculties, hundred and fifty students and three non teaching staff joined us in our endeavour. New school uniform for Wednesday has been introduced by the second term of the year.

### **ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

Teachers are always excited learners. The Faculty Improvement Programme was scheduled on 28 and 29 May, 2018. An enrichment programme on smart class, aimed to enhance instruction was included in the FIP session. Customarily teachers had been part of various workshops.

As part of students' orientation CSSM team visited the school under the guidance of our school chaplain Rev. Vinith Mathew.

## **CURRICULUM**

Teaching learning process includes both scholastic and non scholastic approach .A complete curriculum beyond text books is what we affirm. Assessment which evaluates the compact learning are based on CBSE norms.

Apart from languages and subjects, Work Experience, Music, Art Education, Health and Hygiene, Physical Education and Value Education are given prominence.

Keeping pace with technology Smart class has been introduced in our school. Innovative way of learning has helped students to get hooked to their learning activities.

## **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

Team work, skill acquisition and constructive thinking form the objectives of club activities

- English club 'Mélange'-Innumerable activities were laid out to kindle creative genius and communicative skill.
- Music club 'Sargam' – School choir, keyboard and classical dance being part of music club hone the talent in music – instrumental and vocal
- Nature club 'SpringField'- Promotes students to connect themselves with nature. A garden of almost 35 medicinal plants is being maintained by the members.
- Work Experience club 'Crafterina'- A range of activities were carried out. The fun of being together and using imagination to create something new was a great experience for children.
- Social service club 'Conscentia' – Believes to build social responsibility and compassion. Throughout the year various activities were executed.
  - Club members visited SishuBhavan,Palayam and donated an amount of Rs4,000/ and gifts for children. The amount was raised by the sale of old news papers contributed by the students
  - Students contributed a sum of 1,13,650 (Rs. One lakh thirteen thousand six hundred and fifty) towards MTCEs charity collection
  - An amount of Rs 21,890 (Rs Twenty one thousand eight hundred and ninety) was collected through the sale of Christmas cards from the special school- Gramajyothi.
  - Relief fund of Rs1,61,932 (Rs One lakh sixty one thousand nine hundred and thirty two) was collected to support the flood victims.

## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

Students are enthused with regular gathering. Commemoration of all important days and at the foremost the motivational and inspiring talk by our chaplain had been the vital part of our morning assembly.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Celebrations turn out to be an integral part of our learning activities.

- ❖ The World Environment Day celebration was taken charge by 'Spring Field', the nature club. Planting medicinal plants and labeling their names were carried out by the students.
- ❖ Reading Day – Class library corner was initiated in each class .It is an attempt to make good books as good friends of each and every child.
- ❖ Independence Day and Republic Day were celebrated asserting the struggle of freedom fighters and the spirit of patriotism.
- ❖ Teachers day was celebrated with a mark of gratitude and appreciation towards teachers. Fun filled games were arranged for both the students as well as for teachers
- ❖ Gandhi Jayanthi the national festival highlighted the dictum 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness.' Spick and Span trophy for the best class was introduced.
- ❖ Children's day was a day of colourful gathering. The programme schedule included prize distribution, talent display and group song competition.
- ❖ Kerala Piravi was commemorated in aspecial assembly stating the tradition and values of Kerala.
- ❖ Christmas celebration, the good news of Christmas was announced in a conventional style. The Christmas message was delivered by Rev. Jijo Mathew Asst. Vicar, Ebenezer Marthoma church, Peroorkada.The day was graced with the presence of our secretary Shri Dr. Rajan Vargheese, Shri. M. D. Philemon, the former secretary of MTCES and other special invitees.
- ❖ Extracurricular coaching of keyboard class and dance class for interested students are provided regularly after school hours.

## **PICNIC**

Picnic was the much awaited programme in the agenda of the academic calendar. All were enticed with immense joy and excitement . The students visited Zoo , Planetarium, Chrithranjali Studio, Kottoor Elephant Park and Padmanabhapuram Palace. It was an informative and interesting trip.

## **PARENT TEACHER MEETING**

Parent teacher meeting was held during the mid term of the academic year . Apart from it, regular feedbacks from the parents are encouraged to assess and render remedial learning strategies.

## **SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

The maiden school magazine is on its way of being drafted. It aims to capture the unfading ecstasy of our little children.

## **ART AND LITERARY COMPETITION**

Challenges prepare one to the optimistic. A wide variety of competition- recitation, light music ,western music , spelling contest, quiz competition, elocution, fancy dress, painting contest and folk dance set the platform for the students to put forward their excellence.

## **SPORTS MEET**

Excitement soars high with the announcement of sports meet. All students participated with great vigour and enthusiasm. Various events were conducted under the supervision of Physical Education Department.

## **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT**

- ❖ Our students excelled in Abacus Championship held at national and international level
  1. Dharmik of Class II C: - Declared the champion for International SIP Abacus Prodigy 2018 held at Colombo, Sri Lanka. Won first runner up at national level and State level.
  2. Annie Sam of Class IV B: - Won the championship for SIP Southern Regional Prodigy 2018 for Foundation level 3.
  3. Anandhu J. Chandran of Class IV B: - Second runner up in National level and third runner up in State level.

## **PLAY GROUP**

“Play is the highest form of research.”– Albert Einstein

Play - way method of learning enables students to have an overall development. Numerous activities were chalked out to make the little ones feel school as their second home. The special day ‘Little Super Fun ‘was a real celebration of childhood.

## **OBITUARY**

We deeply express our heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of Rt. Rev. Gee Vargheese Mar Athanasius, Suffragan Metropolitan, Rev. A C Kurien ,former member of Executive Committee and Mr. T C George, our former Treasurer .

Words are too little to express our deepest condolences on the sad demise of our dear student Maria Joseph of 6<sup>th</sup> standard. Our prayers are always with the family and friends.

## **Gratitude.**

When we look back we have only reasons to rejoice at the marvelous ways in which the Lord has guided the destiny of this institution.

On this occasion we remember with a sense of awe and gratitude the remarkable contribution of the President of Mar Thoma Church Educational Society Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa and Dr. Rajan Varghese, the Secretary of MTCES.

We acknowledge with equal gratitude the support of Dr. P.J Alexander IPS, the Vice President of the MTCES and the Treasurer, Shri. Mathew George.

I take this opportunity to thank Shri. Cherian Varghese and the members of the executive committee of MTCES for their co-operation. Their trust and goodwill have gone a long way in empowering us to achieve many things which are beyond our imagination. Our Chaplain Rev. Vinith Mathew play a stellar role in imparting values among children. We thank Achen and Kochamma for their valuable services. We remember with profound gratitude, the services of the former Vice president Dr. M.O. Koshy, the Treasurer Shri. Mathew John and the members of the executive committee.

Our gratitude to the principals and staff of our sister institutions for their fellowship.

I extend my gratitude to the allied department like finance, society office, transport, construction, security, computer centre etc. Their services are also acknowledged and recognized. We appreciate the services of those in supervisory positions in these departments.

There is nothing to match the parents trust and confidence in what the school is doing. They have absolute faith in us. The school runs on this steam of faith and trust that the parents exude in every conceivable way. We value and cherish their love and goodwill.

A school is only as good as its, teachers. This axiom is made real here. STPS' uniqueness and achievements can be directly attributed to the yeomen service rendered by the faculty and staff here. Each one of them has imbibed the quintessential STPS philosophy of true education. Let me express my profound gratitude and appreciation to each one of them.

Our children are our sole source of motivation. To give them the best foundation is our goal. We shall not swerve from this cherished goal. We shall also strive hard to ensure that the children who are entrusted to us are looked after well, and educated in the best way possible. We shall do our duty, with utmost commitment and dedication. That is the be-all and end-all of STPS.

With this, I present before you the Annual Report 2018-19.

Thank you

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