

ST. FRANCIS SALES SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, VIZHINJAM

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INTRODUCTION

Respected chief guest of the day Dr. K Vasuki IAS, the guest of honor Rev.Fr.Cyriac Kanayil, the manager Sr. Therese, ward member Smt. Prameela S., PTA President Sri. Jino S.G., alumni representative Dr. Prince C. Franco, annual day coordinator Mrs. Bindu Devi, school head-boy master Naveen A., school head-girl kumari Aswathi A.K., respected fathers, sisters, teachers, parents, well-wishers, and my dear students.

A very good evening to one and all present here. Once again, I heartily welcome you all to the Annual Day celebration of our school. I am indeed honored to have this opportunity to present before you the consistent upward graph of our school's achievements and I would like to thank each one of you for being a significant part of this glorious journey.

We have always been committed to create an environment in the school which helps the young minds to blossom and provide a platform for individual thinking and holistic development of the child's personality. We have set standards and goals for ourselves and strived hard to achieve them – be it in the area of academics, sports, discipline, leadership and more. Each year students have made the school proud with their brilliant efforts not only in the field of academics but also in the co- curricular areas. I wish to throw light upon our performance on the academic and co-curricular front through this report.

INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The new academic year vivaciously started on 1st June with much enthusiasm and with lot of dreams. The reopening day commenced with an invocation of blessing on all the members by Rev Fr. Johny Puthenveetil. The newly appointed Manger Sr.Therese and the former PTA president Mr. Viswanathan Nair were present on that special day. The inspiring message and various artistic performances made the day memorable. The students who brought laurels to the school with their good score for the board

exams were awarded so as to inspire and motivate other children to begin the academic year with more energy and passion.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The year 2023 commenced on a wonderful note when the results of our 10th and 12th Board Exam came out. We are happy to share the details of the commendable performances of our students. In class XII, out of 29 students, 4 scored A1 in all the subjects and 21 students got distinction. Aparna B. of XII, Science stream, and Anu B.M. of XII, Commerce stream emerged as the school toppers by scoring 480 and 455 marks respectively. In class X, among 82 students 54 got distinction and Siva Soorya became the topper by securing 487 marks.

STAFF ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Our teachers constantly strive to stay updated by attending workshops and various training programs. Our staff, with the staff of our three sister schools participated a training program led by Mr. Sibin Antony M.V., a qualified trainer. In the month of May, an orientation program on 'Skill for Adolescence' was conducted by Lions Club Kovalam,. Teachers got the opportunity to attend the session on 'Innovation in Education for the new generations' by the resource person from MacMillan publishers. Our staff took part in a seminar on the topic 'Pedagogical Leadership' under the guidance of Mr. Joji Paul. As part of introducing the new e-learning app, TATA Class Edge and UoLo Ed.Tech. arranged classes before the reopening of the academic year.

STUDENTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Workshops provide exceptional learning opportunities. This year students have attended health and wellness workshop about first-aid. The training session was conducted under the direction of senior doctors from Sree Chitira Thirunal Institute for Medical Science & Technology ,and PRS hospital. All the students got again chance to attend the interactive session with lot of take aways by Mr.Sibin Antony. We are lucky to have introduced 'Skills for Adolescence' in our curriculum under the leadership of Mr. Nandakumar, Lions club Kovalm. The guest of the day, our MLA Mr. M Vincent inspired the students with his message.

STAR DAY

Stars Day is arranged after each exam and students who score A1 and A2 were awarded scholar star badges. Special badges were awarded to the students who have shown their excellence in academics without tuition. Systematic remedial classes and special counseling sessions are also arranged to ensure academic excellence of every child.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

Each class takes turn to present a well-planned assembly based on a special theme and value. Every child is given the platform to display their talents. The students from the audience are given opportunity to give the feedback and appreciation to the performers.

PARENTS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

PTA is an integral part of a school and we are proud about our PTA who work altruistically and with a sense of belonging in all what they do. In the first general body meeting, class representatives and PTA executives were elected. A seminar on "Smart Parenting" by Sri. Sunil Raj, and a session on "Cyber Crime" by Sri. Prajish Sasi, CI Vizhinjam, were held for the parents. It was indeed praiseworthy to see that all the PTA members contributed their time and skills for the Onam Sadhya. It was again the initiative of PTA, to arrange one-day medical camp by the doctors from NIMS Medicity. I am glad to share that the PTA fund is utilized for fixing an arch near LP school. More over the commitment the collaboration with which they render service for the school is commendable and we feel strengthened. I sincerely thank the team who have been a strong pillar of support throughout in all our endeavors.

SFS DADS' CRICKET

We believe a good supportive relationship between the school and the parents is an asset to our children. There is no better medicine other than the sports to strengthen this bond. The school staff and the parents got together on 3rd December for an inter school – parent game of cricket.

ALUMNI

The School Alumni Association is doing a commendable job to keep the bond between the old and the young quite strong. We are proud and happy that they set aside their time out of their busy schedule to stay connected with the school. Alumni meets are always overwhelming, fills in with a rush of nostalgia and reminiscence of all the good times. The very presence of our alumni today and on other important occasions of their Alma mater tell us the affection and gratitude they have.

SCHOOL HOUSES

Strength does not come from physical capacity; it comes from unity". The students of the school are divided into 4 different houses Gandhi, Nehru, Tagore, and Vivekananda. All curricular, extracurricular and co-curricular activities are conducted on a house basis and points are awarded to the winning houses.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

As academic excellence is only one side, it is essential to make and concoct the students competitive, futuristic and avant-garde talents as they need to enter into a challenging and arduous world. We therefore provide several prospects and opportunities to develop their adroitness and dexterity in various fields.

Coast-Guard Asst. Commandant Sri. Arun Kumar was the special guest. March-past, dance, badge-pinning, etc. made the investiture ceremony adorable. Tagore House was able to make the occasion proud.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

SFS School participated in the 77th Independence Day event along with the nation and made every Indian proud. The school PTA president Mr. Jino hoisted the flag and gave the message.

ONAM

Onam has always been a nostalgic celebration for Malayalees. On 25th August Vivekananda House was able to organize the Ona Ghosha of SFS School with colorful

artistic performances. The children made the day their own as our provincial Rev.Sr.Lissa Therese was the guest of honor. Art forms like Athappoovu, Pulikali, Nadan Pattu, tug of war etc. added to the mood of the day. Later, various competitions were organized for the children. The sumptuous Onasadya organized under the leadership of the PTA members made it a sweet memory for the palate forever. The presence and cooperation of the alumni were a testament to how the SFS School is impacting the community.

TEACHERS DAY

Teachers are the assets of every nation. National Teacher's Day was celebrated on 5th September. Retd. Teacher Smt. Vasantha Kumari was the guest of honor and the children performed Guru-vandanam, dance, etc.

GANDHI JAYANTHI

Gandhi House hosted the Gandhi Jayanti celebration and October 2nd was observed as Service Day at SFS School. As a part of it, children also participated in cleaning the premises.

SPORTS DAY

Sport is a system of activities based in physical athleticism or physical dexterity. Well eminent football player and a coach Sri. Ebin Rose was the chief guest of the day. The fabulous aerobics of the little ones, the breathtaking pyramid formation, the magnificent tableau added colour to the formal inauguration.

The after-school activities provide learning engagements to students to explore their skills and build confidence. We give special coaching for basketball, football, badminton, and cricket. It was a proud and joyful moment for all to have an indoor basketball court and badminton court with the new infrastructure of the auditorium.

CHILDREN'S DAY & STUDENTS' DAY

On November 14th, children with their colorful dress and delight looked exceptionally beautiful and handsome as they knew their teachers were conducting the assembly for

them. The teachers' art programs and the different games held in connection with it created a new rhythm of joy and wonder among the children.

SFS School was able to develop the teaching skills of the students and create leadership skills in the children through students' day celebration. Nehru House managed to make this year's student day colorful. The school principal handed over the key to manage the school to the elected student principal and student vice-principal. Selected student teachers took seminar for the whole school in the morning and other subject wise classes after the seminar. It was a day where the students experienced role reversal. They acknowledged that a teacher plays a vital role in molding the character & shaping the future of a student.

CLUBS

ARTS CLUB

Instilling a love for artistic activities in school children would pave the way for creating creative adults. SFS Arts Fest 'Saharsha' was the best platform to inculcate the talents of students in art forms. Sri. Vinod Santhipuram, a mentalist & Cine artist, inaugurated the event. During the two-day program, students showcased their talents in music, dance, painting, literary, etc.

ECO CLUB

The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it. Under eco club leadership, school observed world environment day with great zeal and zest, spreading the awareness that nature is an integral part of living on earth. They also took initiative to promote bicycle as a sustainable mode of transportation, on the world bicycle day. On the science exhibition day, they opened a stall to sell organic vegetables, saplings, etc.

MATHS CLUB

Club members actively participated in science exhibition by making still models, which shows their creativity and divergent thinking. They conducted a purely maths-based

quiz competition for students up to class 8 and given crossword puzzles for higher class students for developing mental ability and critical thinking.

LANGUAGE CLUB

The language club organized a reading day as part of National reading day. They awarded children for the best book review. During the days of reading week celebration, H&C publications exhibited book for the students to enhance their interest in reading. In this connection Mr. Neduvathur Sundareshan, Chairman of Kerala Artisans Development Corporation, sponsored a few Desabhimani Newspaper for the school. The club also conducted special assembly on Farmer's Day, National Hindi day, and Kerala Pirvavi.

SCIENCE CLUB

Exhibition engages students in learning new facts. They share their ideas and collectively galvanized those ideas to bring something innovative to implementation. SFS science exhibition was held on 27th October, and Sri Biju P. Thomas, Vehicle Director LVM3 – M4 of Chandrayan 3 mission, was the chief guest of the day. The club also conducted a space related science quiz 'Space Trivia' for the children. I am proud to say that our students participated in South Zone Sahodaya Science Exhibition and won first prizes for still model in category 2 and category 3.

ENGLISH CLUB

Writing is like a sport and you only get better when you practice. To nurture and improve the talents of our students every class produces a manuscript class magazine. On the science exhibition day, the club members exhibited the class magazines.

V-HELP CLUB

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile. Club members collect a small amount of money from students on every Friday and contribute to the charity drive. On science exhibition day, V-Help club opened a snack corner to sell home-made edible items prepared by the teachers and students. The money collected from the stall was used to

wipe out the tears some destitute families. Like every year members of the club visited a home for the aged to share the joy of the season of Christmas.

QUIZ CLUB

Quiz club conducted different quiz competitions for lower and higher classes students separately. Quiz Club organized various level quiz competitions in collaboration with other clubs such as maths and science clubs. In addition to that, children from our school participated in quiz competition conducted by IMA and many other groups and won prizes.

NALLAPADAM

They organized Vayanakalari with the initiative of Malayala Manorama, which aims to improve the habit of reading newspapers. Mrs. Sara Baby Mathew, Director of Soma Creations Pvt Ltd. and Venu Muttacadu, reporter of Malayala Manorama were present on the occasion. As part of this endeavor Soma Creations took proactive step of distributing newspapers to each class. Like every other year, the club distributed 25 Onam kits for poor families, by collecting a small amount of money from the students and staff besides the school management.

PICNIC

Educational Field Trips and Excursions are undertaken annually to cater to the enthusiasm of the students and get a hands-on experience of acquiring knowledge from the world around them. After three years of gap, picnics were organized for all the students to enrich them and take the learning beyond the four walls of the class rooms. Students of XI and XII went to Mysore and Coorge for a two days trip, while students of class IX and X visited Vagamon, and the lower-class students enjoyed in GOGO Land, accompanied by their teachers and non-teaching staff. These trips have inculcated a spirit of teamwork and self-reliance in the students.

STAFF

The school is also fortunate to have a team of committed and competent teachers. Their passion for teaching and love for the school has played a vital role in every one of

our achievements. I also thank our non-teaching staff who work relentlessly for the smooth functioning of the school. We are privileged to partner with enthusiastic, engaged parents whose trust, understanding and unstinted support been a great source of motivation to us. It is of course our students who make all our efforts truly meaningful and rewarding by their significant effort . We are proud of every one of them

CONCLUSION

SFS School will continue our unceasing efforts to mould the young minds into well balanced personalities with confidence and zeal befitting the standards of this portal of education. This report is a sincere attempt to showcase our progress in terms of achievements and activities during the year. On this memorable occasion as we recount our success with pride and happiness, I wish to thank the A Imighty for His guiding and protecting hand all through. Thank you one and all.