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Seniors' Annual Day, 21st December 2024

Namaste everyone,

The only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them. Michelle Obama. Adapting the same to schools, I would modify it as 'the only limit to the height to our students' achievements is the reach of the school's aspirations and its preparedness to continuously change and evolve.'

Distinguished guests, Sri T. J. Saneesh Kumar Joseph, MLA, Chalakudy, Dr. Babu Sebastian, Former Vice Chancellor, MG and Kannur Universities, Sri. C. Prakash Kumar, School Manager, Sri. Harikrishnan D., Vice President, PTWA, members of the School Management Committee, parents, well wishers students, alumni and the staff of CKMNSS

It gives me immense pleasure in presenting before you a look back at our progress and achievements during the academic year 2024-25 and a glimpse into our plans for the upcoming academic year.

The world is changing at an unforeseen pace, changing our perceptions on life, existence and upcoming future, and in tandem, the focus of education has moved from mere knowledge acquisition to skilling. The Department of Education has rolled out the National Education Policy 2020 which emphasises on holistic education that implies learning of arts and sports is as important as learning languages, mathematics and science, stress is laid on the learning of skills and lighten the burden of exams, all focussed on preparing our youth to meet the diverse national and global challenges of the future.

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Diamonds are just pieces of coal that did well under pressure. Well, our students are no less than diamonds. They have proven not only their worth but have also shown the world, the calibre of the teachers at CKMNSS. The school achieved cent percent results at the SSE and SSCE, the board exams for Grades 10 and 12. The 12th Grade achieved 100% first class with 5 students scoring a centum. Nirmal U. S. emerged as the topper in Science with 98.8% while Hrishika Jayapal M. emerged as the topper in Commerce with 95.8 %

In Grade 10 boards, Jyothika R. emerged as the school topper with 98.6% marks.

The present batches are gearing up to face their boards starting in February.

This was indeed an eventful year. The school reopened with a grand praveshanotsavam on the 3rd of June. Sri Suresh P.R. addressed our children about the protection of our environment on 5th June, the World Environment Day. We were fortunate to listen to Aiswarya Dongre IPS, Asst. Director – Admin, Kerala Police Academy inspiring our students on the achievers' day on the 10th June. Our students presented a tableau at South Junction, Chalakudy, to raise awareness on the plight of the elderly on June 15th, the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. During the reading week in June our children created very beautiful and informative albums on various authors and their works. Reading hour was observed on the 19th of June when students sat along with their family members in their classrooms and the school campus reading books for an hour. Members of the staff, from the drivers to ayahs to the principal, all read for an hour. Students were also allowed to dress up for the day as their favourite characters out

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of books. A yoga session for parents was held by Sri. Baboo on the International day for Yoga. In the elections held on 5th July, Alphin Thankachan was elected as the Head boy and Rathnaprabha was elected as the Head Girl. Leaders for arts and sports as well as the leaders of the 4 houses, Prithvi, Agni, Jal and Vayu were elected. The leaders took oath in the investiture ceremony on the 22nd of July. Our children were given awareness on the healthy living and the value of Ayurveda in maintaining health by Dr. Latha O.R., Ayurguru Ayurveda Wellness Clinic. Shiksha Saptah was observed as per directions of the CBSE during the last week of July to commemorate the implementation of NEP.

Arts Fest, Chetana was held on the 7th and 8th of August. We were invited to the Municipality Office to partake of the celebrations on the Independence Day. When Wayanad sank in grief over the landslide disaster, the students of CKMNSS contributed stationery to the students in the affected areas, doing their little bit in supporting the school going children get back to school once again. A cleaning drive connected with Swachhta Pakhwada was held on the 2nd of September. The students took up the teachers' role on the teachers' day. The students also entertained the teachers with fun games and little gifts of encouragement. The term ended with Onam celebrations held on the 12th of September. The children learned about the customs and traditions connected with the festival. Ona Sadya involved children bringing various dishes from home and sharing amongst themselves to strengthen the community feeling. The festivities concluded with traditional sports, competitions and a lot of fun, music and dance. Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated on the 1st of October. Navarathri was celebrated with Sangeetaraadhana when our

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children and the teachers of vocal and instrumental music presented a concert of devotional music. Christmas was celebrated on the 18th of December as the annual day celebrations were scheduled for the closing dates. We are looking forward to the upcoming exhibition in January.

Study tours are one of the most looked forward to events for students. The students of Grades 6 and 7 visited Malampuzha dam and Ahalia Heritage Museum , Grade 8 visited Fort Kochi . Grade 9 visited Munnar, Grade 11 visited Ooty and Grades 10 and 12 visited Chennai as part of their educational tour.

In an endeavour to implement the NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND policy, CKMNSS implemented the OPEN STAGE event and mandatory participation in sports. We are greatly delighted to mention that hitherto withdrawn and silent children came out on the stage to perform at the Open Stage programmes. Children are encouraged to organise the programmes by themselves with minimal support from the teachers. The students of each class prepared their peers for plays, formed music troupes and choreographed dances. The best moment was when the parents watched their children with great adoration perform on stage and the children appreciated with pride the presence of their parents at the event. It is these little moments that build confidence and self-esteem in children. Though the mandatory participation in sports was not a happy moment for all children, it took off well finally. All the children in each class had to run the races, jump and involve in throws. Our aim is to get children on their feet and appreciate physical activities. Through this we aim to strengthen skills such as perseverance, grit, teamwork, leadership and communication.

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"To educate a person in the mind but not in morals is to educate a menace to society." - Theodore Roosevelt. CKMNSS leaves no stone unturned to educate the heart as well as the mind.

The Students' Protection Group of CKMNSS organised a cycle rally and presented a street play to raise awareness on drug abuse on International Drug Abuse day. An awareness class on drug abuse and choosing better options to improve quality of life was held on 3rd of October in collaboration with the Excise department.

Pathways, the career cell at CKMNSS, organised awareness sessions on career guidance by Sri Venkitaraman. Dr. Sruthi, an alumni member spoke to our children on studying medicine abroad, choosing universities, the procedures involved, challenges and benefits. Ms. Sobhana Jaya Madhavan, President, BC – India, spoke to children on 4th October about 'how to carve out a niche.'

A Legal Literacy programme was held on the 7th November under the auspices of DLSA Thrissur and TLSC Chalakudy. Smt. Savitha, Hon. Judicial Magistrate of Chalakudy inaugurated the event and Adv. Sunil Jose addressed the students on POCSO and other issues concerned with children.

This year has seen some remarkable achievements by our children. Diya Deepa Anoop of Grade 9B was the only writer whose article was selected for publication by the CBSE under the Budding Authors programme 23 – 24.

Our teachers, Sri Gibu B won the 1st prize in painting and Sri Ranjith M R won the 3rd prize in Bharatanatyam in the Teachers Kalotsav organised by SSCT.

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Sneha Manoj of Grade 6B won the 2nd prize in the Thrissur District Chess Championship.

Jyothika Ranjith of Grade 11 won the 3rd prize in Kerala State Round of PSK Adventures DreamThem International Olympiad – Season 3

It was a moment of pride when Team Verde Grow comprising of Anagha C Jayesh, Anulakshmi O S, Avani Deepak, S. Ananthakrishna, Goutham Krishna Jilesh were selected as the top 50 innovators in the country to present their idea in IIT Delhi as part of the Youth Ideathon 24, organised by Think Startup and Management Entrepreneurship Professional Skills Council (MEPSC) in association with Central Board for Secondary Education (CBSE). The team was mentored by Ms. Panchami and Ms. Rethy. In the NASA Space App Challenge Hackathon Team Proxima comprising of Anugrah K S, Diya Joshy, Manu Krishna, Gotham Krishna Jilesh, E Ananthakrishna, Anandhu K S won the Best Galactic Award and a cash prize of 50,000/-. Team Tessera comprising of Anaswar S S, K M Meenakshi, Milan Anoop Nair, Nandakishore S Menon, Niveditha V S, Subham Swain won the Best Galactic Award. Ms. Viji, their mentor won the Best Mentor award of the event.

In the District Kalotsav organized by SSCT Sara Mariam Vino of 9B won 1st prize in Essay Writing, Anugrah K S of 12 B won the 1st prize in Hindi Story writing, Meenakshi Menon of 7B won the first prize in Bharatanatyam, Gautham Krishna Jilesh of 12C won the 2nd prize in Cartoon & Painting Oil Colour, Anamika V S of 12A won the 3rd prize in Sanskrit Recitation, Divijith Divek of 7A won the 3rd prize in water colour painting, Gautham Prasannan of 12A won 3rd prize in Classical Music & Mappilapattu, Anbiya Anto of 7C won the 3rd prize in Folk Dance, Mahadev T Sankar of 9A won the 3rd prize in Violin and Anagha C Jayesh of 12C won 3rd prize in Mappilapattu.

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Santhwana Merine Jestine of 12 B won the 2nd prize in Malayalam Versification in the CBSE State Kalotsav held at Ahalaya Pub School, Palakkad.

Jyothika R of Grade 11 won the second prize at the Ujwal Prathibha exam organized by the SSCT.

Abhijith Biju – 10 C and Aswanth C R – 11 A won the 2nd and 3rd prizes in the Thrissur Dist Yogasana Championship.

Diljith James won the 2nd prize in chess in the Thrissur Sahodaya Indoor games Championship.

Vijay Krishna and Ashwin Shaiju of 8A and Ayush Shinoj of 8B won the 1st prize in the State level Atya Patya Championship.

We are proud to announce that Parthiv P S of 10C won 1st prize in Jr. Cat and 2nd prize in the Senior. Cat. at the Atya Patya Nationals held at Erode. He was also recognized as the Best player of the championship.

To encourage our children to play sports, we also started after school coaching in Football and Soft Tennis. Students from 6 years and above attend these sessions.

Apart from regular classes in music, dance, art and craft, students from Grades 1 upwards are offered special coaching in music, dance, Kalaripayattu, Chess, Skating, Mridangam, Key board and Karate.

We would now like to throw some light on transformational work being carried out in the higher classes. Students in Grades 6 to 8 are offered Skill subjects like Design Thinking, Financial Literacy, Health Care, Pottery and Culinary while those in Grades 9 and 10 are studying

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Apparel (Fashion designing), Physical Education Trainer, Design Thinking, Health Care and IT. Grades 11 and 12 are offered new age subjects Design Thinking, Bio Technology, Design, Fashion Technology and Psychology along with science and commerce streams. Geo Spatial Technology will be offered from the next academic year. Students from Grades 6 upwards are provided training in Civil services in collaboration with Vedhik IAS Academy. After school Foundational courses for NEET and JEE are being offered by AAKASH. Students interested in entrepreneurship and innovation are groomed to do research, create prototypes and provide support for patenting, if required. Our teachers are continuously undergoing trainings for these under the Innovation Council, Ministry of Education. In Grade 9 this year, we have been selected for a pilot study to implement Skill module as per NEP. Students will be trained in 6 subjects like mechatronics, fashion technology, health care, financial literacy, agriculture, coding and AI in two years. We are seriously committed to preparing our children for the unseen future.

I conclude quoting Yuval Noah Harari from his book, '21 Lessons for the 21st Century'

Today we have no idea how China or the rest of the world will look like in 2050. We don't know what people will do for a living, we don't know how armies or bureaucracies will function, and we don't know what gender relations will be like. Some people will probably live much longer than today, and the human body itself might undergo an unprecedented revolution thanks to bioengineering and direct brain-computer interfaces. Much of what kids learn today will likely be irrelevant by 2050. "

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Speaking of education, he says, "Most important of all will be the ability to deal with change, to learn new things and to preserve your mental balance in unfamiliar situations. In order to keep up with the world of 2050, you will need not merely to invest new ideas and products – you will above all need to reinvent yourself again and again."

We guarantee that we will make earnest efforts to prepare your children for the uncertain future

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