

CKMNSS SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

CHALAKUDY

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JUNIORS' ANNUAL DAY , 20TH 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 Ebby George, Municipal Chairman, Chalakudy, Smt. Lakshmi Girish Kurup, renowned parenting expert, Sri Adithya Raja Verma, President, Chalakudy NSS Educational, Cultural & Charitable Society, Smt. Sreedevi, President, PTWA, the members of the School Management Committee, parents, well wishers and dear students

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. Education is not only a life changing, but also a mind-crafting and character building experience.

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We, at CKMNSS have religiously taken up the mission to implement the NEP and have brought about many changes in academics, activities and assessment patterns.

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.

As this is the annual day for the juniors, my prime focus today will be on the activities concerning the Kindergarten to Grade 5. The school reopened on the 3rd of June with a grand Praveshnotsavam. The World Environment day was observed on the 5th of June with various activities focussed on raising awareness on the concerns and solutions connected with the environment. The Reading Day, held on the 19th of June, created beautiful memories both for the children and parents alike. Family members were invited to participate in the 'Reading Hour' when the students sat with their family members to read a book together for an hour. Every member of the school, starting from the drivers, ayahs to the principal read for an hour. Many parents had taken off from work to participate in the event. Shiksha Saptah was

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observed in the last week of July, as per the circular of the CBSE to mark the anniversary of the implementation of NEP. The week-long event had children involving in fun-learning activities, playing traditional and local, long forgotten games and participating in cultural activities.

The arts fest, Chetana, was held on the 7th and 8th of August for the students of Grades 3 to 12 and on the 5th of October for the little ones in Kindergarten to Grade 2. Various competitions and events were held in connection with the Independence Day igniting the spark of patriotism in our kids. This year saw the worst disaster that shook not only Kerala but the whole country. 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. On the 4th of September the tiny tots of the Kindergarten participated in the cultural programme, 'A day in Wellness Wonderland.' The guest of the day, Ms. Jisha George, a psychologist, addressed the parents about building strong relationships with their children. The term ended with Onam celebrations held on the 12th of September. The children learned about the customs and traditions connected with the festival. The festivities concluded with Ona Sadya which involved children bringing various dishes from home and sharing amongst themselves to strengthening the community feeling.

Study tours are one of the most looked forward to events for students. The students of Kindergarten to Grade 3 visited Seashore Farm at Kakkathuruthy. Grades 4 and 5 visited Marine World at Chavakkad.

In an endeavour to implement the NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND policy, CKMNSS implemented the OPEN STAGE event and mandatory

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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.

Winston Churchill said, 'teach your kids that success is not final, failure is not fatal. It's the courage to continue that counts.' To encourage our children to amplify their potentials and augment proficiencies, we provide opportunities to our children to participate in various competitions outside the school. We take pride in their success. Akshath Arun of Grade 5B emerged the 2nd runner up in the SIP Abacus Regional pedagogy at the State level, Central & North Zone. Adhithi Vibin of 3A won the 3rd prize in the Maths Talent Search Exam. Dheerav Dhaneesh of 2B and Peeli Perumal of 1B won the 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively for Clay modelling in the Talent Hunt competition organized by Carmel School.

In the district level Karate Championship, Radhika Lakshmi Raj of Grade 5 B won Gold medals in both Kata & Kumite, Daksha P S and

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Adinath S Nair of 4 A won bronze medals in Kata and Sikha P of Grade 5 won a silver in Kata and bronze in Kumite.

We are looking forward to the upcoming exhibition in January. The little ones from Kindergarten to Grade 2 will be showcasing their talents at the SSCT Kids Fest, a district level event, scheduled to be held in our school on the 17th of January.

“Those people who develop the ability to continuously acquire new and better forms of knowledge that they can apply to their work and to their lives will be the movers and shakers in our society for the indefinite future.” quote Brian Tracy, a renowned Motivational Speaker. Mandatory trainings is one of the highlights of NEP. With the surge in new concepts, it is indispensable that the teachers upgrade themselves continuously. To lead by example, the principal attended the following programmes as part of self up gradation: Capacity building programmes on Art Integration, Induction, Strengthening Assessment and Evaluation practices, Training in Entrepreneurship and Innovation by the Ministry of Education, the Prospective Resource Person programme in Learning Outcomes. She also visited Lend a Hand India's – Karigar School of Applied Learning, Pune, as part of Exposure visit to organisations of Eminence in India, to get a better knowledge of implementing Skill Education in schools. She attended the conferences of the IC3 to initiate the formation of career cell, Pathways at CKMNSS and the Sahodaya Nationals.

The teachers have attended trainings conducted by the Thrissur Sahodaya, the CBSE and other agencies, in Art Integration, Strengthening Assessment and Evaluation Practices, Competency Based Outcomes and Pedagogies, Teaching through Dramatics and Tata Edge programmes and also in their respective subject areas.

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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 what's happening in the higher classes. Students in Grades 6 to 8 are studying Skill subjects like Design Thinking, Financial Literacy, Health Care, Pottery and Culinary while those in Grades 9 and 10 are studying Apparel (Fashion designing), Physical Education Trainer, Design Thinking, Health Care and IT. Grades 11 and 12 are offered new age subjects Geo Spatial Technology, Design Thinking, Bio Technology, Design, Fashion Technology and Psychology along with science and commerce streams. Students from Grades 6 upwards are provided training in Civil services and are those with interest in entrepreneurship and innovation are groomed to 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 wish to conclude with a quote by Paulo Coelho, 'A child can teach an adult three things: to always be happy for no reason, to be busy with

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something and to know how to demand with all his might that which he desires.' It's time that we put our foot down and took off the screens from kids and let them free in nature, to be happy for no reason and to be busy with something. If not, they will bring us down with their talent to 'demand with all their might to get what they desire'. Please remember, their childhood lasts only till they are 14 and time is ticking. A beautiful childhood is every child's birth right. Let them have it.

Thank you.

Presented by

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