

MAR THOMA CENTRAL SCHOOL, KAVIYOOR
SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

"Education should no longer be mostly imparting knowledge, but must take a new path, seeking the release of human potentialities" Dr. Maria Montessori.

Vice- President of the Mar Thoma Educational Agency, Rev Sunil Chacko, Esteemed Chief Guest of the day Rev Vinod Easow, Director -Jyothis Special School & Therapy Centre Mavelikara, Rev Binu Thomas, Vicar of Kaviyoor Salem Marthoma Church & all respected achen, invited guests, distinguished members of the Management, parents, teachers, staff, students and all well-wishers.

Greetings of the day and thank you all for accepting our invitation & for gracing this occasion.

Times have changed, and while science and technology have significantly advanced, achieving peace and unity requires a strong focus on education, particularly within schools, where fostering empathy, understanding of diverse perspectives, and conflict resolution skills can be cultivated from a young age, laying the foundation for a more peaceful society.

Education is the best weapon for peace & with this vision in mind, we welcomed the academic session 2024-25 which was filled with joyous & memorable moments and it is with immense pride that I present the 12th Annual Report of the school for the year 2024-25 documenting its activities and achievements.

The academic year was marked with many events and success stories. This can be attributed to the dedication and team spirit of the members of the management, staff, parents and students.

Classes for students from Pre-Nursery to Std XII began on 5th June 2024 and the first assembly of the year was marked with a pledge to keep our planet green as the school celebrated World Environment Day on the 5th of June.

The school currently has a strength of 354 students and a total of 44 staff which includes 28 academic staff, 5 administrative and 11 multitasking staff.

ACADEMICS:

We are proud to acknowledge before this august audience that the third batch of MTCS students who appeared for the AISSE Std X CBSE exam came out with flying colours. We achieved 100% results with 72% of the students getting distinction marks. Aaron A Mathew secured 92% and became the topper of the school. Congratulations to all the winners. May God Almighty bless each one of them abundantly.

All through the academic year, our focus was on delivering competency based education and our teachers used innovative pedagogy approach to infuse experiential & joyful learning in our classrooms. Apart from preparing the children to qualify for purely academic demands, special efforts are being made continuously to enable them to face the challenges of the competitive

world. It's a matter of great importance to us that our students should carry forward the values they have inherited, excel in whatever they do & be role models in the society.

Across the 2024 calendar year, learning was experienced through a range of innovative teaching practices. Our teachers make a difference and our strength lies in the combined contribution of every staff member.

- To promote & strengthen competency-based education, the school participated in CBSE's SAFAL – Structured Assessment For Analyzing Learning . SAFAL is a stepping stone to enable competency-based education in all CBSE schools. Students of Grades V & VIII were tested on core concepts learnt, application of knowledge & higher order thinking skills.
- Students from LKG to Std VIII who required special attention in academics were identified and necessary support & mentoring was provided.
- Homework assignments were carried out in the last period under the supervision of the teachers.
- Emphasis was laid on forming a neat and legible handwriting and in the neat maintenance of books.
- As part of the curriculum, Yoga classes were conducted on all Wednesdays for students from standard III to VIII.
- To encourage good reading habits, students were encouraged to participate in Book Review, Story Telling Competitions and other platforms offered by the CBSE like the Reading Challenge Contest & Budding Author Competitions. A two- day Book Fair was held in the school to create & develop a love for reading.
- Students actively participated in the English, Maths, Science, GK & Computer Science Olympiad exams conducted by the Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) & in the Green Olympiad conducted by The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI). Desiya Hindi Scholarship & Malayalam Mampooov Scholarship exams were also conducted. These Olympiad exams boosted our students' analytical & problem-solving skills.

PREFECT'S INVESTITURE:

Our school office bearers were officially sworn in a very impressive ceremony on 21st June 2024. The principal administered the oath of office to the Head Boy, Sreehari Krishna and Head Girl, Meeghul Mary Anzil & to the other 28 office bearers. The chief guest Vice President, Rev. K E Geevarghese, Secretary to the Marthoma Metropolitan & former Vice- President of MTEA delivered the keynote address. I take this opportunity to thank all the student leaders who executed their responsibilities excellently and offered their assistance to the school during the school year.

CONNECTING HOME & SCHOOL:

Education is a three way dynamics, involving the students, their families & the school working in unison. We cherish our parents' co-operation and their constructive suggestions in our endeavour to impart quality education.

Our parents of kindergarten & primary school attended a session on 'Mindful Parenting' led by Ms Bini Alan of the Centre for Differently Abled Children, Paippad.

Open houses for all classes were held at regular intervals and feedback on students' academic and general performance in school was shared with parents.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM:

- Field Trips provide authentic, hands-on experiential learning opportunities where students can connect what they are learning in classroom in a real - world context. The tiny tots of the kindergarten visited the Head Post office & the Fire Station in Thiruvalla; Std I students to a construction site in Manjadi to see the different stages of construction of houses starting from the foundation to its completion & Std IV students visited the rice fields in Upper Kuttanad.
- Students from Std IV had the golden opportunity to visit & interview the Managing Director of Kochi Metro & former DGP Shri Loknath Behra in his office in Kochi.
- Std X to XII students attended a seminar in MTRS on Aerospace led by Dr Tessy Thomas, Former Project Director, Agni IV missile.
- Std IX to XII students participated in the All Kerala Medical Exhibition conducted by Believers Church Medical College Hospital.
- This Onam, we joined hands to support those who were affected in the Wayanad landslide. Our parents generously contributed in the outreach program & the amount of Rs 80000 collected was handed over to The Council of CBSE Schools Kerala.
- As part of our Christmas outreach program, we shared the spirit of Christmas with the students of YMCA Thiruvalla's Vikas School.
- 72 members of the Innovation Club from Std VI to XII participated in the Arts & Science Exhibition hosted by Christ Central School, Muthoor.
- Our students also participated in the AI & Robotics - Protek Expo in Providence College of Engineering, Chenganoor.
- Under the aegis of the Social Science Dept., Std VIII to XII students went on a half day's factory visit to the Malayala Manorama Press, Kottayam and saw the 'Making of a Newspaper. Photography & videography was prohibited inside the factory- but no one could stop the photographic memory of Std IX Nussy Susan Oommen from recreating the Making of a Newspaper - it's beautifully captured in this sketch.
- A Liquid Embroidery Workshop by Fevicryl was conducted for the students of the Home Science & Craft Club.

- A motivation cum career guidance class by Mr Krishnaraj, soft skills trainer was given to students of Std IX to XII on digital well-being & stress-free study habits.

STAFF ENRICHMENT PROGRAM:

True teachers// use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross/ then, having facilitated their crossing/ joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own.

With the sole purpose of updating their knowledge & for a promising start to the academic year, all the teachers attended a two- day staff orientation program in the month of May.

The school arranged capacity building Programs on inclusivity & how to manage students with learning disability, on Holistic Progress Card as mandated by the NEP 2020, Application of AI Tools in Curriculum , ChatGPT & on how to teach with empathy.

Apart from this, our teachers are made a part of the training sessions & workshops in various academic subjects happening at other schools. Attendee teachers further share the knowledge with other fellow teachers widening the sphere of wisdom. As part of in-service training, all teachers have to attend 50 hours of Continuous Professional Development trainings in an academic year.

Three of our teachers were appointed as observers for the National Assessment Centre- PARAKH – Performance Assessment Review & Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development.

Our teacher Ms Leena Jacob received her Training of Trainers (ToT) Certificate from the CBSE & is now qualified to be appointed as a resource person for Capacity Building Programs conducted by the CBSE & Centre of Excellence, Tvm.

The Principal attended the 15th All Kerala CBSE Principals' Leadership & Conference Training in Kochi which focused on the theme "Transforming Schools in Line with the National Curriculum Framework " & also attended workshops conducted by the Central Travancore Sahodaya Complex.

COUNSELLING CLASSES:

"The body heals with play, the mind heals with laughter and the spirit heals with joy."

Keeping in mind the holistic development of our students, we have always worked towards giving them ample opportunities to inculcate all the life skills needed to be successful in today's world.

- Orientation class on Anti- Drug Awareness in association with YMCA Kaviyoor was conducted for all the students in a special assembly.
- A session on Legal Education by Adv. N C Preny was arranged for students of grade 8 to 12 with a view to empower our adolescents for a better tomorrow.
- A mental health awareness class on 'Knowing Your Self-Worth' for senior students was arranged.
- For their spiritual well-being, sessions by The Campus Crusade for Christ & Youth For Mission were provided.
- Students also interacted with Mr Benny Prasad, a motivational speaker & gospel musician.

We are extremely grateful to Ms Ancy P Aniyar, the school counsellor, Ms Bini & Mr Allen of the Centre for Differently Abled Children/ for extending their expertise by taking counselling sessions for our students & instilling confidence in them.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS:

To take part is what counts in competition & lessons of victory & defeat are what we get in return.

Students were mentored to participate in a variety of inter-school, inter-house & inter-class cultural, literary, games & sports competitions.

- School Youth Festival Aurora 2024 was inaugurated by the Director of Jyothis Special School & Therapy Centre, Mavelikara Rev Vinod Easow. Students participated in various literary & cultural competitions.
- 50 students represented the school at the District level Sahodaya Kalotsav & brought laurels to the school.
- Arav V Anulal & Chris Mathew of Std X represented the Central Travancore Sahodaya Complex at the CBSE State Kalotsav held at Ahalia Public School, Palakkad and secured A grade in Power Point Presentation.
- Haifa Nishar, Ishan B Kurup & Sarang Saneesh of Std IV participated in the Nasa Space App Challenge 2024 Kollam Local event & won The Best Storytelling award; Chris Mathew, Eshal Nishar, Arav V Anulal, Joanna Sara Alex, Joshua Thomas John of Std X & Carol Mathew of Std VII won the Local Impact Award.
- Aryan V Nair & Aaghnya S Nair of Std IV were the gold medal winners of the Olympiad conducted by the Institute of Scholastic Evaluation (IFSE) Global Mathematical Probe.
- Advit Saji of Std I, Nahosh Joshua Anish of Std II, Aryan V Nair of Std IV, Yohan George of Std V & Sreehari Krishna of Std X were the district level winners at the 24th Maths Talent Search Scholarship Examination conducted by Kerala Ganitha Shashtra Parishad.
- 6 students across classes I to X passed the Prathibha Hindi Scholarship Examination conducted by Desheeya Hindi Academy with distinction marks & Amelia Maria Jobin of Grade IV won the third rank. She also received cash prize & a medal.
- Aiden Geogy of Std IX & Carol Mathew of Std VII were the winners at the international level in the Spell Bee International Competition.
- Haifa Nishar & Ishan B Kurup of Std IV, Christiano Mejo Varghese & Irene Mary Idicula of Std V received certificates of distinction in the Green Olympiad conducted by The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI), India's premier environment quiz for school students.
- Anagha Vinod of Std IX was placed in the outstanding category for her excellent performance in the Global English language test conducted by the Institute of Scholastic Evaluation.
- 8 students received certificates of merit at the zonal level in the All Kerala Quiz competition conducted by H&C & Federal Bank.

- Jenisha Mary Jijo of Std IX made the school proud by winning the third rank & a bronze trophy at the national level in the National Road Safety Mission Olympiad. Abel Jacob George of Grade VII won the fifth rank and a gold medal.
- Elna Elsa Thomas of UKG, Amelia Maria Jobin of Std IV, Ardra Anoop of Std V & Haithal Mitty of Std VIII won the Kalarang award at the National Talent Search Drawing & Painting Scholarship Competition; Pallavi B of Std I & Amelia Maria Jobin of Std IV were the Kalarang award winners in the Handwriting competition.
- Ardra Anoop of Std V won the first prize & Amelia Maria Jobin of Std IV & Haithal Mitty of Std VIII won the second place at the Nirakkoottu Drawing & Painting Competition conducted by YMCA Kaviyoor.
- Amelia Maria Jobin of Std IV got the second prize in the YMCA Thiruvalla Sub region painting competition.
- Diya Saneesh of Std V was placed second & Christopher Koshy of Std V received consolation prize in the Drawing & painting competition conducted by the Horticulture Development Society, Thiruvalla.
- Our school won the third prize & cash award in inter-school Spot Choreography competition conducted in St. Mary's Residential School as part of their Golden jubilee celebrations.
- The tiny tots of kindergarten brought laurels to the school by winning the first place in Group Dance & third place in Group Song- Alisha Mercy Sam of LKG got the third place in Malayalam Storytelling competition held at the Balakalamela conducted by YMCA Thiruvalla.

Congratulations to all the winners!!

SPORTS & GAMES :

Champions keep playing until they get it right !

Sports & games are essential for students' overall growth & development- & all through the school year, students were encouraged & trained to participate in various sports & games activities.

Annual Sports meet for all our students were conducted with fervor and true sportsman spirit.

Inter - House Football & badminton tournaments were also conducted

- Students participated in the Pathanamthitta District Chess Championship ----
- the School's football team participated in the CBSE Cluster XI Under- 19 football championship conducted in Crescent Public School, Aluva. Boys Badminton team participated at the CBSE South Zone Badminton Championship conducted at The Oxford School, Trivandrum.
- Lena Elsa Kuruvilla of Std VII won the fourth place in the 3rd Pathanamthitta District Yogasana Championship .
- Ben K Chacko of Std VI won the third place in the Kottayam District Yogasana Championship held in Kottayam.

- Boys & Girls Throwball teams participated in the 8th Pathanamthitta District Junior Throwball Championship conducted in Carmel Central School, Konni & 4 students from the girls team - Shayne S Varughese, Josiya Joby, Alvina James of Std X & Serah Liz Punnoose of Std IX represented the Pathanamthitta district at the 23rd Kerala State Junior Throwball Championship held at Bethany Academy, Vennikulam.

- The school's football team won the inter-school football match by defeating Mar Theophilos Bethany Convent Public School, Vennikulam.

Congratulations to all the Winners !

MTCS CLUBS - BUILDING FRIENDSHIP & SKILLS

Students from Pre- Nursery to Std IX enrolled in clubs of their choice & these clubs functioned effectively on all Friday afternoons.

This year the following clubs functioned - Abacus, Chess, Kungfu, Karate, Dance, Zumba & Aerobics, Swimming, Scientific Toy Making, Music, Craft, Home Science & Football - all these clubs help students develop social skills & hone their talents. And a new addition this year was the Girls Football club. I & G I urge you all to stay on till the end of today's program & you will be witnessing our Girls football team in action on this very stage.

- With the purpose to raise awareness about the environment & to inspire students to take action to safeguard it, the 30 member Green Army of the Eco Club actively participated in - Donate a plant campaign, awareness program on sustainable food system, vegetarian Wednesday where staff & students were encouraged to bring vegetarian lunch, plant for mother campaign, community outreach program & the highlight was the Green Army at the Thottabhogom bus stop on a cleaning campaign. The school signed an MOU with the forest department and as part of this, 195 saplings were planted in the campus.
- Their commendable service was appreciated & the Rotary Club of Paippad chose our school to start the Interact Club where a group of students from Grade VIII to XII will be mentored to develop leadership skills & engage in community service. The Interact Club of MTCS was inaugurated by Flt Lt Shibu Varghese & was followed by the installation of the Interactors.

CBSE ACTIVITIES: The following activities were conducted & reports submitted - Reading Week & Reading Month Celebrations, Ek Bharath Sreshth Bharath projects, Project Veer Gatha, Swatchatha Pakhwada, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, Vigilance Awareness Week, Bharathiya Bhasha Utsav, National Youth Day & Pariksha Pe Charcha.

NATIONAL FESTIVALS & SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES:

National Festivals - Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti & Republic Day were celebrated with great honour and patriotism.

Students actively participated in projecting relevant messages through speeches, songs and skits on special days like the World Environment Day, International Yoga Day, Hindi Divas, National Constitution Day, Mahanavami & Moharam, Kerala Piravi & Children's Day. Teachers' Day was celebrated in a grand manner and students gifted their teachers with a memorable day.

- The festivals of Onam & Christmas were celebrated with great joy. The season's message for Christmas was shared by Rev Sajesh Mathew, General Secretary of Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam.

SCHOOL TRIPS:

A one-day trip was arranged for kindergarten and primary students to Hang Out Play World Ettumanur and for students from Std V to VIII to Eranakulam Hill Palace & a cruise ride in Kochi. Std IX to XII students went on a two-day trip to Mysore. Students returned from these day outs refreshed & recharged. The staff tour was a boat ride in Punnamada backwaters & the Alleppey beach.

MANUSCRIPT MAGAZINES:

A great school year, filled with scholastic & co-scholastic memories were captured in the pages of the manuscript magazines which were beautifully compiled by all the classes under the leadership of the class teacher.

CONDOLENCES:

We at MTCS offer our heartfelt condolences to the families of the Mar Thoma Educational Agency members Mr Alexander Mathew, Mr Koshy Simon & the former treasurer of the Agency, Shri George Vaidyan Sir. We remember with gratitude their valuable services rendered to the institution.

We are deeply saddened by the demise of our beloved founder member Prof Varghese Karinjapally who was called to eternal rest this morning. We join the Agency in mourning the loss of a visionary leader whose contributions, dedication & legacy will be forever remembered & cherished.

Shall we all rise & observe a minute's silence and pay our tribute to the departed soul & pray for the family members to be blessed with heavenly peace.

CONCLUSION

I thank God Almighty for the wonderful ways He guided our school in the last 12 years. I place on record our sincere gratitude to our Patron and President The Most Rev. Dr Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, the previous governing board members- Vice President Rev. Shiby Varghese, Secretary Prof Kurien John Sir, Treasurer Ipe Varghese Sir & the honourable members of the Governing Board.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the newly inducted Governing Board members -Vice- President Rev. Sunil Chacko, Secretary Dr K Jacob, Treasurer Shri Oommen M Thomas and all members of Mar Thoma Educational Agency for their unconditional commitment and care

given to the school. We are indebted to the Principal Mr.Reji Mathew, Mrs. Anitha Susan John, the Vice Principal and all the staff at MTRS for all the support that we received during the year.

We are grateful to our parents for giving us the profound opportunity to transform their children into useful citizens of the future world.

Dear Parents, may I take this opportunity to thank each one of you for making our Onam , Christmas & Annual Day Celebrations truly meaningful. The outreach program conducted on these occasions to support victims of the Wayanad tragedy, students of YMCA's Vikas School, & students of Jyothis Special School & therapy Centre, Mavelikara was made possible only because of your support & cooperation.

Thank you to all my wonderful & talented students for giving us such a memorable school year. We are proud to have each one of you with us in the MTCS family.

I also extend my deepest gratitude to all my colleagues & the entire staff for their tireless efforts in implementing the route map towards imparting quality education. All the slides showcased here, speak volumes of the effort put in during this school year. Thank you TEAM.


In conclusion I would like to quote the famous lines of Robert Frost from his poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' - I had quoted these lines last year as well and I feel they will never lose their relevance-

*The Woods are lovely, dark & deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*


God is our strength & refuge and we have a long way to go by His grace alone.

Ladies & Gentlemen , I hope you enjoy the cultural program presented by our students & that your evening with us at Darpan 2024 is a pleasurable & memorable one.

Thank you all,


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