

Respected dignitaries on the dais, ladies and gentlemen

We are standing at the culmination of yet another successful year where the set goals are achieved as a result of meticulous planning, coordination and execution of the course of action, to its fullest capacity. With this brief introduction, may I get to my work - presenting the annual report for the year 2023-2024.

Staying updated is the key to success in any field, especially, in education. Our teachers constantly strive to stay updated by attending workshops & various training Programmes. Before the commencement of the academic year, we teachers re-oriented ourselves in the month of April under the able guidance of Dr. Dinesh Babu, the office bearer of Thrissur Sahodaya Complexes. Apart from this, they also attended a series of online training programmes and Webinars organised by the CBSE. On 21<sup>st</sup> May, the parents of the newly admitted children were given an orientation programme.

We have always maintained the teacher student ratio comparable to that of international standards i.e. 1:20. This allows the students to participate in a plethora of activities that adds to their personal development. Also it enables the teachers to identify the talents of the students, which is one of the most important aims of education.

The revolution in technology has brought knowledge to our fingertips. The generation of students who comes to school to get educated is going to be obsolete very soon since education can happen easily at home too. For the students to feel inspired to attend school they should gain something new and innovative from their school and do not get that from the comfort of their homes. We are trying our best to do it here.

We firmly believe that along with academics, performing arts, fine arts, intelligence quotient, emotional quotient, social skills etc contribute greatly in shaping in all rounder. Celebrations, examinations, field trips, guest interaction, sports, gardening and all other activities have been neatly woven into the regular framework so as to ensure that the students of Excel are those with dignity and substance.

School reopened for Class X on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The school welcomed the newly admitted Lower Kindergarten students on May 29<sup>th</sup>. For the students right from UKG to Class IX, the school reopened on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

May 31<sup>st</sup> was a memorable day for the Excelites with the vibrant performance by Mr. Ramesh Karinthalakootam and his team, the *nadanpattu* firebrands. The school reverberated with the popular *nadanpattu* numbers in which our students participated actively.

The Investiture Ceremony held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, marked a significant beginning of the new academic year in which new leaders were selected and responsibilities shared.

Every child is born with artistic sensibilities and we, at Excel, provide a colourful platform 'Spectrum', to showcase the artistic prowess of each and every student of our school. Mr. Prabalan Velur, the theatre exponent and Kalamandalam Sreeja, the Ottamthullal artist inaugurated the Spectrum. As usual we had the open to all, individual and group events in the Spectrum competitions that are divided into 7 segments. Excelites, under the banner of four different houses, exhibited healthy competition and fair play. The Spectrum competition was also a platform for us to choose our school representatives for the Sahodaya competitions. In Sahodaya competitions, our students displayed commendable performance with Pournami C pocketing a first place in Malayalam Recitation, Aadinarayanan R-II in Mono Act and Amit S Pulikkottil winning a third place in digital drawing. Aadinarayanan R was able to bag a prestigious third price in the State Sahodaya competition.

The School Assembly was enlightening and uplifting with innovative segments like Talking Books, Our Herb Garden, Speeches on selected topics, Quiz of the week, Quiz Corner, recitations and the like. The prismatic display boards fixed in different corners of the school informatively briefed about the national and international special days.

The Star Reader and the Spic n Span programmes were well received by our students this year too. A student reading 15 books a year under the Star Reader Programme would definitely dare to go the extra mile. Broadmindedness, futuristic vision and the right attitude and

temperament are the bonus points of a well read person. In fact, I believe that the Star Reader Certificate that a student earns is more valuable than or on par with their degree certificates. There is no doubt that the Spic n Span programme has inculcated the lesson 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' and also resulted in cleaner classrooms.

An Excel day starts with news interaction. Five to six relevant news items for students are selected and the teachers discuss them before the morning assembly. The news is then disseminated to the students according to their level.

The panel boards in each classroom has given students innovative learning experience this year. We were able to carry out interactions with guests from different parts of the world related to each subject. To make it more elaborate, we need the support of our parents too.

Excelites are blessed to get hands-on experience in agriculture and farming. Agriculture has become a part of our curriculum. Our students thoroughly enjoy the sowing, reaping, harvesting, winnowing etc in the cool paddy fields and in the lush vegetable garden. In this age of skyrocketing adulteration, they get a taste of organically produced raw fruits, vegetables and curd.

The school magazine is the identity of any school. The young minds when poked and pricked at the right moment erupt like a volcano spewing out the lava of creativity. The quarterly magazine News and Views that encompasses the creative talents of each and every Excelite is the special pride and joy of ours.

The assessments and terminal exams were held at regular intervals to polish the academic brilliance of the students. Remedial teaching was also offered to those in need. The school firmly believes that the parent –teacher interaction is essential in the child's development and success. Open House was organized to strengthen the parent-teacher ties. Our students proved their mettle by pocketing prizes in the coveted ELPSE and the H&C Quiz conducted this year. Of the five students who entered the finals of the ELPS Finals, Niranjana Menon of Class VIII bagged a First place in her category.

As always, this year was filled with many celebrations including the Reading day, Independence Day, Teachers day, Environment Day, Children's day, Onam and Christmas. There is no doubt that these celebrations have kindled the fire of nationalism and universal brotherhood among our children.

The phenomenal event of term II was the Sports Day that made our students both mentally and physically alert and active. The mass displays were a treat to the eyes.

In the science exhibition conducted in the school premises, students from class III and above participated enthusiastically with their still models, working models and group projects displaying their innovation and scientific temperament.

The ISRO Exhibition on wheels and the interaction with the dynamic scientists of the most prestigious space organization of the country, provided an opportunity for our students to get a sneak peek at the space research programmes of India and to learn more about the panoramic space and its mysteries.

The class picnics organized this year acted as stress busters giving a chance to unwind and relax.

This academic session will come to a close with the Annual Examination. It is particularly gratifying to look back upon our activities and be thankful for what we have been able to accomplish. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all our students, parents, well-wishers and patrons of our school for helping the Excel flag fly high. We take this opportunity to commit ourselves to do our best to serve others through quality education.

I would like to conclude the Annual Report with a small quote "If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."

Thank you.