

EXCEL PUBLIC SCHOOL, KUNNAMKULAM

Annual Report 2018-19

“The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence,” opined Confucius.

Excellence is not a skill, it is an attitude. Pursuit of excellence with sincerity of purpose is what we, at Excel Public School, strive for. Today Excel Public School is celebrating its 17th Annual Day and I am privileged to undertake the pleasant duty of presenting the Annual Report of the academic year 2018-19.

Learning is a life long process. It is of paramount importance that we stay updated and keep evolving with each passing minute. Before the commencement of the academic year, we teachers re-oriented ourselves in the month of May under the guidance of the renowned psychologist Dr.Joshy Kuriakose. On 27th May, it was the turn of the parents of the newly admitted children to get oriented.

Our school is designed to cater to the educational needs of 600 students which is internationally accepted as the ideal strength of a school. The pupil-teacher ratio is an indicator of educational quality. Low student to teacher ratio is directly linked with the success rate of students and efficacy of teachers. We have always maintained the teacher student ratio comparable to that of international standards i.e. 1:20. In the kindergarten, this is brought down to 1:10. This certainly gives our children the advantage of enjoying more space inside and outside the classroom.

Quality education should prepare each child to meet the challenges of the world, enriching them through elite academics. This mission calls for the provision of holistic education. Examinations, celebrations, cultural competitions, 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 class and substance.

The school embraced all her children back home with renewed warmth and vigour on 28 May 2018. On the 1st of June, 2018, the Investiture Ceremony was held where in students were invested duties for the academic session 2018-19.

In holistic education there are no deficits in learners, only differences. The assessments and terminal exams were held at regular intervals to beef up the

academic brilliance of the students. Remedial teaching was also offered to those in need. The school firmly believes that parent –teacher interaction is essential in the child’s development and success. Parent-teacher meetings were regularly organized to strengthen ties between them.

On 8th of July a session on ‘parenting tips’ was conducted for the parents of primary classes by Mr.B.O. Sebastian, a veteran teacher and a teacher trainer. On 31st October and 13th November 2018 parents of std. IX & X were introduced to dermatoglyphics analysis, a new way of assessing the aptitudes, interests and behavior of students. On 29th October 2018 Mr. Augustine an English language expert explained the need for correct pronunciation and introduced phonetic alphabets to the children of class VII. Dr. Dinesh Babu, the eminent and experienced teacher trainer for CBSE conducted a workshop on life skills for our teachers on 9th January 2019.

Real education is never boring. It is a rich experiential journey of discovery and expression, where all students and teachers grow together. Our 4 month long cultural competitions titled ‘Spectrum’ provides each and every Excelite a barrage of opportunities to showcase their artistic, literary, oratorical, acting and quizzing skills. As usual we had the common to all, individual and group events. This ensured 100%. Students, under the banner of four different houses, exhibited healthy competition and fair play.

The School Assembly was quite enlightening and educative with intriguing segments like Know our Rivers, Luminous Minds, Speeches on selected topics, Quiz of the week, Quiz Corner, recitations and the like. Know our rivers is a programme introduced to familiarize children with the rivers around the world. The display boards fixed in different corners of the school were kaleidoscopic and revealing, painting a vivid picture of the national and international special days.

The Star Reader and the Spic n Span programmes were well received by our students this year too. Star Reader programme promotes reading and encourages students to read atleast 15 books of good quality every year. The book list includes classics, biographies, adventures, novels and so on. With delight may I inform you that 120 Star Readers were acknowledged in the assembly in Term II. Spic n Span programme cultivates the value of cleanliness in children.

Man’s discovery of agriculture is considered to be the first biggest step towards a civilized life. Our students have also taken bigger and broader steps in the arena of agriculture and farming. The Excel family is incomplete without

the cow Ammutty, her calf Malootty, the goat Kingini and their kids and a brood of hens. Latest addition to this family are a clutch of hens. We proudly proclaim that agriculture is 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 and vegetables.

Our quarterly school magazine News & Views that includes the articles of all the students right from LKG to Class X, speak volumes about the creative ability of our students. Albert Einstein has rightly said that creativity is “intelligence having fun.” Logic will get you from A to B. but imagination will take you anywhere and everywhere.

When the state was struck by the worst tragedy ever in the month of August, we too joined to lend a helping hand to those affected by the floods. Students, teachers as well as the school’s alumni association contributed generously. With this amount we were able to give 10 thousand rupees each to 20 families who were badly affected by the floods.

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

Sports teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose- it teaches about life. The remarkable event of term II was the Sports Day. It was a day when our young sports champs exemplified the fact that winners never quit and quitters never win. Apart from being a visual treat, the mass displays and the human pyramids bear testimony to the zeal and zest of our students.

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 the support and encouragement extended. The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand. With that conviction and satisfaction, let me retire from my task.