

## **ST. ANTHONY'S CONVENT SCHOOL**

**SIRUMALAI ROAD, IRENDELLAIPARAI.**

### **SCHOOL REPORT 2023 - 2024**

The School is named after St. Anthony of Padua, a Franciscan friar who was born in Lisbon Portugal. He led a life of prayer in a hermitage. Anthony's exceptional skills as a preacher brought him into prominence. He was made a saint less than a year after his death. Numerous miracles were attributed to him. Our school is truly proud to have such an illustrious patron – a saintly scholar and a lover of humanity.

The Clarist Franciscan Missionaries of the Most Blessed Sacrament (CFMSS) started a new school at Dindigul on 7/June 2017 with 22 children on the roll classes LKG TO I Std. During the academic year 2023 – 2024 we had 545 from the class LKG to VIII.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

Since we had painted our school, the infrastructure was spectacular and the buildings were looking very bright and majestic. Academic session began on 10.04.2023. We made a boundary wall between the playground and extra land.

**We received our Minority certificate on 01. 08. 2023.**

### **ACADEMICS**

**“Learning gives creativity, creativity leads to thinking, thinking provides knowledge and knowledge makes you great”**

This year we got affiliation from CBSE and our **Affiliation** number is **1931524**. Our school is following CBSE curriculum. We are focusing in holistic growth of the children. To make the learning easy and enjoyable one we undertook many steps. We bought two new smart boards to teach the students effectively. We encouraged students by giving them portfolio and Subject Enrichment Activity, which make the students enjoy learning. The session had two terms and each term had a Periodic Test and two Class Tests. Report Card also made in new way as per the CBSE. Students took part in Macmillan Budding Scientist Program in three groups.

### **PARENT ORIENTATION**

In order to welcome our new students and to acquaint the parents with the general practices, rules and regulations of the school, an orientation session was conducted for parents of Grade II - XII. As students keep moving up on the ladder of their school life, they come across some changed patterns of learning. In order to introduce these changes and keep everyone updated with the new assessment

patterns, an orientation session was conducted for parents and students of Grade IV & VI. This session equipped the students and parents will all relevant information for the upcoming sessions.

## **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

### **SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES**

We have a Holy Mass on each month. The entire catholic students from classes IV to VIII attend the Holy Mass. They learn new Christian songs, prayers in catechism class and sing devotionally. We do pray for the various needs of our school, parents, staff and sick people during the assembly.

### **STUDENTS SEMINAR**

We organized seminar for the student based the values importance of family, honesty, Humanity, kindness, punctuality, discipline, respect, time management and importance of sharing. It helped students to inculcate good qualities and enabled them to become good citizens. It will certainly help students to develop their cognitive (intellectual), emotional, social, moral, cultural and aesthetic.

### **CBSE ACTIVITIES**

Along with planned monthly activities we conducted CBSE recommended activities and competition in our school. Such as like reading day, Tribal Empowerment, Fit India Week, One Child One Plant Campaign, Swachhata Pakhwada, Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, Constitution Day, Observance of National Road Safety Month, Observance of Partition Horror Remembrance Day, One Child One Plantation Campaign, Tribal Empowerment, Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, CBSE Reading Mission, Meri Mati Mere Desh, Special Campaign 3.0, Chandrayaan – 3 Maha Quiz, Fit India Run, Bharatiya Bhasaha utsav, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, CBSE Budding Authors Programme 2023 – 2024, Constitution Day, Fit India Week, Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024,

### **COMPETITIONS**

To take part is what counts in competition and lessons of victory and defeat are what we get in return. This environment was sufficiently created through inter-school, inter-house and inter-class competitions such as debates, tables recitation, thirukkural recitation, Declamation, Creative-Writing, Spelling-Bee, Rhyme and Rhythm, Drawing crafts making competitions. Our students took part in various Inter-School and Zonal Level Competitions and brought admirable laurels to the school.

## **SPORTS**

**“To be a great champion you must believe you are the best, if you are not; keep on trying.”**

The sports program helps us in identifying talent in particular sports and give more exposure to the students. To develop a child physically, morally, socially, mentally and to some skills in co-scholastic areas. Our students actively participated in different sports competitions.

Sports competitions inculcate the spirit of positive challenges and sportsmanship among the students and prepare them for the life ahead. Sports, games and physical fitness occupy a place of importance in our curriculum. Our sports day was celebrated in a grand manner with chief guest Rev. Fr Earnest. Athletic games were conducted for the classes VI to VIII in house wise. Fun games were conducted for LKG to class V students.

Our students participated in different sports competitions and won medals, certificates and trophies

- Class V students Hareess won a gold medal in Taekwondo competition conducted by Tamilnadu Taekwondo Association
- Dheeya Jobish from class first received first prize in the competition conducted by All India Football Federation
- R. Alwin Samuel won medal in Chess Competition
- Brave Foundation of Veer Tamil Sports Association conducted Silambam competition in which 3 of our students taken part and stood first and received medals and certificates.
- We received Best School Award from Swami Dayanandha Gurukulam, Palain who had conducted State Level Yoga Championship in which all 14 students had taken part and all won the medals.
- We also received The Best Supporting School Award in District Level Chess Tournament.
- Our students Jenova, Jefferson and Harris Santo took part in Silambam competition conducted in SVM Silambam and Martial Arts Academy and received medals and certificates.
- The football team of our school taken part in District Level Football Competition and received participation certificate.
- We received Best School Sports Promotion Trophy for participating in 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Athletic Meet held at Dindigul Stadium.

## **HOUSE ACTIVITIES**

**“Strength does not come from physical capacity, it comes from unity”**

The students of the school are divided into 4 different houses. Each house is managed by Incharge Teachers, House Captain and Assistant Captain and other students. The house on duty performs its duty of conducting the day to day activities, competitions in systematic and disciplined manner. Athletic games in Sports Day, Carol Singing Competition for Christmas Celebration, Rangoli making for Pongal Celebration also conducted by house wise in which all the students took part happily and with unity they made the program an excellent and successful one.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**“All work and no play make Jack a dull boy”**

Various Co – Curricular Activities are held to develop a child physically, morally, socially and mentally and to sharpen up skills in co-scholastic areas, regular Inter House Activities were held in which the students participated and display their caliber.

## **CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS**

### **(WORKSHOPS/TRAINING ATTENDED BY TEACHERS)**

Our St. Anthony’s family consists of well-trained, experienced and dedicated teaching staff, administrative staff and supporting staff. Staying updated is the key to success in any field especially in the field of education. Our teachers including our Principal constantly strive to stay updated by attending workshops and various training programs.

With the sole purpose of updating teachers’ knowledge, the school hosted a series of Teachers’ Workshops. It was an attempt that inclusively overtakes various significant aspects like Moral Values, and Life Skills by CBSE. Our teachers attended various workshops, like Digital Technology for Children with Special Needs, Developing eContent for Teaching and Learning of Science and Mathematics, Blended Learning, Cyber Safety and Security, Counseling Approaches and Counseling Techniques, etc... Collins publishers and Macmillan publishers conducted orientation for the teachers regarding how to teach the selected books effectively. These helped our teachers in widening the sphere of wisdom.

All these trainings give teachers the greatest chance of success as well as sustains experienced teachers as they meet new challenges in education. To ensure our management encouraged special training for our facilitators.

## CELEBRATIONS

### INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY (June 21)

“International Yoga Day” was celebrated in our school. All the students and teachers from classes I to VIII participated in it. Students brought yoga mat for performing asanas. Teachers and students did asanas. The exercises are good and useful to the participants. Both the students and teachers were excited and energetic. All followed the instruction given by the trainer Mr. Prasath Chakaravarthi to do the asanas. All celebrated the day with lot of eagerness and joy.

### INVESTITURE CEREMONY

“Leadership is the capacity to translate the vision into reality”

The Investiture Ceremony was held on 26th April 2023, where the students’ council for the Academic Year 2023 - 2024 was setup. It is a representation structure of students through which they become involved in some aspect of the school, working with the students and staff members for the benefit of the school, students and themselves. It gives them the opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills, problem solving, creative and interpersonal skills.

The selected students are honored with their respective badges such as Head Girl, Head Boy, House Captains, Vice Captains and the student council members (special ministers) took an oath to faithfully work for the school. Our Principal encouraged them to put an honest effort for every endeavour and become an inspiration for others.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

We celebrated Independence Day on 15th August, 2023 to remember the pride, the commitment and the contribution of the brave individuals who sacrificed their lives for the cause of India.

### TEACHERS’ DAY

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”

The school celebrated Teachers’ day on 5th September 2023, with great gusto and gaiety. Students performed a scintillating cultural show to denote their love, respect, acknowledgement and recognition of the hard work put in by their teachers towards their development. The cultural show incorporated songs, dance, speech, drama and poetry. The students entertained teachers by performing skit and give away the titles to the persona of every teacher. The teachers of our school extended her heartfelt thanks to all the teachers for their diligence, sincerity and hard work.

## **DIWALI CELEBRATION**

Diwali was celebrated enthusiastically in the campus. The Teachers explained the importance of Diwali, the festival spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge, over ignorance, good over evil, and hope over despise. Both the teachers and students enjoyed the Diwali celebrations whole heartedly. Students showed their talent through variety of programs in house wise.

## **PONGAL CELEBRATION**

This year Pongal celebration was held in a different and interesting manner. Charts on Pongal celebration were displayed. School premise was decorated with beautiful artistic rangolis by the students. After the prayer to God, the pongal was distributed to everyone. On the other side children entertain everyone with variety of programs.

## **REPUBLIC DAY**

We celebrated the Republic Day on 26th January 2024 with great enthusiasm in the school premises, honoring the constitution of India. We witnessed the wonderful sight of the high and fluttering Indian Tricolour flag hoisted by our honorable Principal Sr Presanna, who expressed her delight at the end of the program. The celebration started with the singing of patriotic songs acknowledging the martyrs for their sacrifices. The celebration was an initiative to change the mindset steeped in narrowness, to lead the nation towards prosperity and living in a fair state, free of all the social evils.

## **NATIONAL CONSTITUTION DAY**

Class V students made posters on Indian Constitution; all the Anthonians took oath to preserve the National Integrity of our country. We encouraged our students to read the preamble of India.

## **CHILDREN'S DAY**

Children's Day was conducted by the teachers. Every teacher made the day very special for the children. Our community animator Rev. Sr. Stella blessed the children. Children enjoyed the day and they were very happy by the teachers' programmes.

## **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

We celebrated Christmas with great pleasure and joy in our school on 22.12.2023. We had carol singing competition in house wise. Rev. Fr Maria Arputham was our chief guest. Father shared his Christmas message. We had many cultural programmes. Every item was based on the theme of love, peace, unity, faith and joy.

## **EXHIBITION CUM CULTURAL FEST**

We had a grand exhibition cum cultural fest in our school on 13.01.2024. Our students performed mesmerizing dances, excellent speech by UKG kids. Each program and classroom was well planned. Guests and parents were amazed to see our students art works and modals. We received positive and excellent feedback from everyone whoever visited our school on this day.

## **ASSEMBLY**

A well planned assembly with the different themes was conducted class wise. Special Assemblies were conducted during important days. Every child is given the opportunity and the platform to display their talent and present themselves as individuals. The assembly includes value based skit, poetry recitation, speech, songs, good news about India and individual experiences etc..

## **EDUCATIONAL TRIP**

It has been remarked “the world is a book and those who do not travel, read only one page.” Students were taken Educational Trips to Madurai – Vaigai Dam and Park, Thirumalai Nayyakar Palace, Gandhi Museum and Keladi Archaeological Place.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

As a part of the curriculum, we had our field trips for all classes 4 to 8. We had visited poultry farm and bio – farm, which helped the students to be united with nature and knew about how it the chickens are brought up.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES**

Child Protection awareness classes are given to the students time to time.

Our school nurse Mrs Naga Rani gives awareness classes about menstruation and it cycle to the girls. To make the school safe and secure place for women we have committees (Harassment committee) which ensure the safety of the women at the work place. We gave an awareness program to the children on good touch and bad touch and importance of personal hygiene.

## **PARENT TEACHER MEET**

We firmly believe that positive communication between parents and teachers goes a long way in improving the efficacy of education. We ensure active participation of parents in the teaching learning process. Apart from regular periodic communication between the teachers and parents the following PTMs were held during the session. Parents met the class teachers and discussed the performance of students with their parents. Also feedback regarding their studies, health and

performance will be discussed with their parents. The progress report will be shown to the parents and their suggestions will be noted.

Any sign of a child failing to make progress, regardless of where they are in the lower, middle or higher range is questioned and addressed. The progress of the students depends on the joint effort, mutual understanding and co-operation of parents and teachers are very important for the proper nourishment and progress of students.

### **SOCIAL CONCERN**

We focus on what we can offer to the poor within our means. Offer support through empathy, kindness. Students went to Karunai Illam at Kallathu Patty to meet the mentally retarded men. We distributed some items which were contributed by the students. Such as brush, paste, soap (bathing & washing), blankets, towels, snacks, tea dust, etc. inmates were happy to meet us.

### **MENTAL WELL-BEING**

Mental health is important at every stage of life from childhood to adolescence through adulthood. It affects how we think, feel and act. It also helps us to determine how to handle stress. Counsellors from Anugraha College come and give council for exceptional children on every Thursday.

### **INTERVIEWS**

For the subject Tamil, Computer, Mathematics and Social Studies we selected teachers after having interview and demo classes.

### **INSPECTION**

09.12. 2023 & 11. 12. 2023 we had inspection from CFMSS Inspection Team. We had received a positive report from the inspection team.

### **FAREWELL**

We bit farewell to our former principal Rev. Sr. Presanna on 28.02.2024. Sister Presanna served as principal nearly six years. During her tenure we got our CBSE affiliation and Minority certificate.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PRINCIAL**

We congratulated our new principal Rev. Sr. Susila Rani Anthony who is our new principal. She took her charge as a principal on 29. 02. 2024 and officially appointed as new principal on 01. 03. 2024 onwards.




## **NEW ADMISSION**

We take new admissions after the entrance test. Based on their on subjects for UKG to V three subjects (English, Tamil and Mathematics), Class VI to IX four subjects (English, Tamil, Mathematics and Science). Written 20 marks, oral 5 marks total marks for UKG to V – 75 and VI to IX – 100 marks. We conducted entrance test on 02.03.2024, verification of documents for all the selected students on 16.03.2024 and admission on 10.04.2024. Everything was systematically planned and executed well with the cooperation of teaching staffs and non-teaching staffs.

## **CONCLUSION**

Many milestones have been achieved and many still have to be reached. We at St. Anthony's Convent School will continue our unceasing efforts to mould the young minds into well balanced personalities with confidence and zeal befitting the standards of this portal of education. This report is a sincere attempt to showcase our progress in terms of achievements and activities during the year. On this day we recount our success with pride and happiness, we wish to dedicate all our achievements to the committed effort of a committed management, staffs and students. We thank Almighty Lord for guiding and supporting us although our hardships.

Thank you

  
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