

ST.PAUL'S SCHOOL, AYA NAGAR

ANNUAL REPORT- 2016-2017

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

With immense pleasure and profound gratitude to the Almighty God, I present the Annual Report of our school for the Academic Session 2016-2017. The aim of our Institution is to provide quality education on a foundation of values and virtues, with emphasis on academics as well as extra-curricular activities that will equip our students to secure career prospects and to face the challenges of life with confidence.

We undertake the responsibility of training the students not only in imparting knowledge but also fostering them with love and making them to achieve wholesome growth and holistic development. From the time of its inception on August 28th 2003 the school is making rapid strides in the path of progress. Now it boasts of a strength of 1157 students with 36 dedicated and committed teaching staff, 4 office staff and 20 supporting staff. Class IX will be commencing from the next Academic Session. Considering the rush of admission and the limited space we have started to construct an additional building but it couldn't be completed due to the current situations in Aya Nagar. The CCTV has been installed in the schools that the students are under our observation and to avoid any kind of mishap or misbehavior in the school premises.

Our session started with an orientation programme for the teachers which was conducted by Dr. Shipra Kumar, the Vice Principal of St. Paul's School, Hauz Khas. She discussed about the current problems which the children face in their day to day life and the ways of dealing with stress in students. Mrs. Mehra, the resource person from The Times NIE had given a demo class on Emotional Intelligence. In between the session few workshops for teachers were conducted by different publishing houses to brief the teachers on new and innovative teaching methodologies.

The School gives utmost importance and emphasis to all national festivals and other prominent festivals that are celebrated in our country. Special assemblies and special programmes were organized on these occasions to inculcate the spirit of nationalism, patriotism and secularism. Prominent religious festivals were also celebrated to keep up the spirit of inter religious harmony and unity. According to the instructions of CBSE, a number of programmes like Hindi Diwas, Sanskrit Day, Vigilance Awareness Week, Environment Day, Constitution Day, Swachta Abhiyan etc. were conducted. Distinguished guests and eminent personalities from different walks of life visited our school during the year.

The School follows a system of Continuous Evaluation (CCE) which has proved to be positive and successful for attaining the desired results and has evoked a satisfactory response and appreciation from the side of the parents. I Term and II Term Assessments have been conducting for classes V to VIII. In order to enhance and promote the educational potential among children scholar badges were given to the outstanding students every year.

We substantiate the involvement of parents through the system of Parent Teacher Meeting which is held after every cycle of assessment test which is an attempt to explore the underlying factors that hinder the students from realizing their potentials within.

To encourage a spirit of healthy competition and to develop effective leadership qualities the school has the House System. The Investiture Ceremony is held every year for handing the responsibility to the Student Council.

To enhance the habit of reading within our students we have set apart periods for library. Even though our library is in its infancy, it has a collection of several good books and journals. To update our students in the ever changing day to day scenario and to instill in them knowledge and awareness, the school has joined the “Newspaper in Education” initiative commonly known as the NIE programme of the Times of India newspaper.

The computer lab was upgraded with new programmes, features and systems. Many online facilities like personal information, Progress report, fees and attendance status are functioning well and the same are being updated on a timely basis. Various information and updates of the school activities are available on our website. We have also introduced science and maths lab to inculcate knowledge of practical and scientific attitude towards learning.

To keep our students physically fit, medical, dental and eye checkup were organized. It was led by a team of doctors from St. Mary’s Medical Centre. Free medical, dental and eye camp were also organized on PTM days for the students as well as parents. The school also offers financial assistance to the deserving students.

St. Paul’s school believes in promoting holistic all round development of a child. Therefore, our students are encouraged and trained to grow and compete in all cultural and extra- curricular activities. Several competitions and activities were conducted. The competitions conducted in this year for Pre-School were Fancy Dress, Show & tell, Storytelling, and English Recitation. The competitions for the Primary Section were Storytelling, Flower arrangement, Hasya Kavita, English Group Song, English Recitation, English Skit, Rangoli, Quiz, Elocution, Debate and Declamation. A variety of activities conducted for the pre-school, primary and middle section. The students were encouraged to showcase their creativity and talent in Google competition which was organized by Google company.

During this session the students have participated in various Olympiads like Sports, Science, Maths and English and won several Gold, Silver and bronze medals at level I and few students got eligibility for the level II examination. Today three students from Science Olympiad and five students from Maths Olympiad have gone for appearing for the level II exam. We recommended Shrishti Singh of class VII A and Shiva Bhadauria of class VIII for the Girl Child Scholarship scheme to the Science Olympiad Foundation. In TERI Green Olympiad, Ayush Sai of class VIII secured 80% marks. The students of class VI to VIII actively participated in the Constitution Day Quiz. Their performance was commendable. The

students have also participated in Wild Wisdom Quiz Competition organized by WWF(World Wild Life Fund for Nature). Yash Vardhan of class VB and Adnan Khan of class VA from primary section

have qualified for the city level. Shiva Bhadauria and Ankur Kumar of class VIII from Middle section have qualified for the city level Wild Wisdom Quiz.

During this Academic Session the Ever Rolling Trophy has been bagged by Ashoka house. We congratulate the teachers and the students who have put their sincere efforts in bringing up the house to be the best one in this year. I also congratulate Pratap House for being the Runners up.

To promote life skills and values among children Grand Parents day was celebrated by the pre-school children on 17th September 2016. The Chief Guest on this occasion was Dr. Arvind Chopra, the Director of St. Mary's Medical Centre. The tiny tots shared their experiences with their Grand parents and performed various cultural shows on the occasion.

Regular educational tours and trips were conducted to places of historical importance and scientific interest in sensitizing and enhancing the learning within students. Picnic was arranged for each class for recreating the students. This time Classes V to VIII have gone to World of Wonders for the picnic. It was a thrilling experience for them. An adventure camp is organized for students every year with the purpose of instilling the qualities of courage and confidence and students thereby have a learning experience from it to cope and adapt to all precarious situations.

During the session the students of our school watched educational 3D movies of the international level through projector and 3D glasses in our school itself. It was a good experience and recreational time for them. It was organized by the Pillara group of company.

To develop the spirit of sportsmanship, the school organized its Annual Sports Meet for Pre-School and Primary on 18th and 19th Nov. 2016. Interhouse Relay race, Kabaddi and Cricket matches were also organized. Our students participated in an inter-school Athletic meet which was held at Thyagaraja Stadium. Javed of class VIII qualified for the zonal level.

Christmas Celebrations and Prize distribution ceremony was held on 21st December 2016. The Chief Guest for this occasion was Very Rev. Sam. V. Gabriel Cor-Episcopa, Vicar of St. George Orthodox Church, Dwarka. The winners of different cultural and sports events received the trophies and certificates from the Chief Guest. The best teams of Kabaddi and Cricket have also received trophies for their teams.

The Times NIE have organised an interschool Colour Splash Competition on 16th Nov 2016. Around 200 schools have participated in that competition. Ankur Kumar of class VIII and Aryan Singh of class VB secured special mentioned prize. It was really a great achievement. An Art & Craft workshop was also held in this Academic session. During the reporting year there was an extensive coverage of all activities of the school in the print media and also some of the festival programmes have made their mark and presence in the widely acclaimed domain of You Tube. The teacher representatives also attended a one day conference organized by the Times NIE at Kidzania Noida. Around thousand teachers from different schools of Delhi and NCR participated in the conference. It was very innovative and informative.

Pre-school teachers attended workshop on Modern Concept of Early learning which was held at Sona Edons Experience Centre. The experts from abroad conducted the workshop based on the

concept of play way learning and the value of educational games. It helped the teachers in understanding the latest trends in early childhood learning.

For making a difference through school education and celebrating the spirit of teaching, S. Chand Publishing company presented the progressive teacher conclave. The teachers from our school also attended the conclave which focused on the transformative changes in the class room and school to bring the children out from traditional methods of teaching and make their future ready by introducing new methods, principles and techniques of teaching. Now a days the adolescents children are facing problems such as frustration, distraction and resentment due to the nuclear family system and the negative influence of social media which hampers their growth. Considering this we have organised a counselling session by Ms. Sheela Rao, the counsellor of St. Paul's School, Hauz Khas for the students to inspire and motivate them in a positive way.

For promoting the artistic and literary qualities in our students we bring out the school magazine "Impressions" every alternate year which help in envisioning and reflecting the talents of our students.

For instilling an awareness of responsibility in the young minds of the children, we conduct the Graduation Ceremony every year for the preparatory class. Thereafter an Orientation Programme is held with the parents for the purpose of creating a rapport and thereby work in tandem in the overall growth and development of a child.

Several Club activities like Home Science, Eco-club, Yoga, Dance, Instrumental Music, Sports and games etc. were conducted on all Wednesdays. The students actively participated in these clubs and showed their talents.

During the activity periods Clay modelling, Origami (Paper folding), Vegetable printing /leaf printing, drawing, craft works, hand painting, Fireless cooking etc were conducted. The students actively take part in these activities. Thought of the day and display boards are put every week and month on the basis of themes given. The Special Assemblies, competitions and sporting activities have provided ample opportunities for our students to bring up self esteem and self reliance within themselves.

The Annual Day is celebrated every year with much gaiety and enthusiasm. The Grameen Mela organized every year along with the Annual Day is a fund raising programme for various development projects of the Delhi Orthodox Syrian Church Society.

We look back on the past with satisfaction and look forward to the future with a single minded determination to redouble our efforts and continue to serve the society by providing quality education. It is our earnest and honest commitment to attain excellence in the field of education and to elevate our school to the position of a unique and praise worthy centre of learning.

Let the intercession of our Patron Saint St. Paul, be our fortress and refuge. We express our gratitude and respectful regards to His Grace Dr. Youhanon Mar Demetrius the Metropolitan of Delhi Diocese. We laud the commendable initiative and leadership of Rev. Fr. Shaji George the Chairman of the School. We express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Mr P. Joseph Cheiran, Principal of our

school for his valuable leadership and guidance. We also render our thanks for the co-operation and support shown to us by the Office Bearers and the members of the Managing Committee of the Delhi Orthodox Syrian Church Society. We also acknowledge the support and assistance of Rev. Fr. Johnson Iype, the Resident Director and the parishioners of St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, Hauz Khas.

Above all, let us praise and thank the Almighty Lord for His abundant blessings showered up on us during the year of report and pray for His further blessings so that we may continue to forge ahead in the path of glory and excellence.

Thank You.

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