

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

Introduction

The Annual Day in general symbolically marks the culmination of a school's academic year. It's also an occasion for highlighting the achievements of an institution and its students. Hence, it is the right occasion to table this report to highlight the timeline of this academic year at The Horizon School.

This concise report tries to trace back to the most memorable sequence of events since the launching of this academic year. The curricular and co-curricular activities and the reflections on better prospects for future are taken into consideration.

Academics

The school reopened on June 10 for the new academic year. Students were welcomed with flowers and toffees on the first day. Our honorable executive trustee Mr C P Kunhimohammed was at the steps to welcome each student who alighted from the buses.

As part of our efforts to run the institution in a more comfortable manner for our beloved students, some basic changes were brought about this year like changing the timing as 9 am to 3. 30 pm and stopping the breakfast service. Complimentary snacks and drinks were introduced at recess time instead and lunch was served as usual.

Students were grouped into three different houses and by June 21 the sports uniforms were made available to students. Troopers (red), Warriors (green) and Raiders (yellow).

On June 29 the days of wearing the sports uniforms were specified.

In response to parent recommendations, two major steps were initiated from September on in order to improve the quality of teaching and learning.

The first was the daily uploading of the homework and class work sheet on skoolbeep app to ensure transparency in the daily academic affairs.

Secondly, booster classes were initiated as early as September and are still functional in order to support students who need extra care in all subjects. We have very positive feedback from parents regarding the effectiveness of this system.

Between the months of July and February four periodic tests and one SA1 exam were given to grades 1 to grade 7.

STAFF TRAINING SESSIONS AND REVIEWS

The new academic year was ushered in with the first session of the teacher training on 13th May at the audio visual theatre of Farook College from 9 am to 4.30 pm comprising three workshop sessions and a concluding group discussion.

There was another induction training programme for teachers on the effective use of multimedia in class conducted by myself on June 3.

Teachers, especially of the primary section were given First aid training on June 7 by Ms. Sunitha, the principal of JDT Nursing college, Calicut to equip them to give emergency first aid to students in need.

Four sessions of training were given to teachers who teach Exseed curriculum by personnel sent by the Exseed.

Teachers from the primary and KG section took a training session on how to cater to students with special needs at Kozhikode on Dec 4 organized by Spandhana, Calicut.

Two performance reviews of teachers have already been conducted and feedback given to them for areas of improvement.

CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The swimming pool was made fully operational after renovation and protective grill cover. A permanent schedule for use was also issued for all classes.

Throughout the academic year a series of co curricular activities were conducted which included competitions of various types.

They include class decoration (Jul 3), quiz competition, pencil drawing, gift wrapping, elocution and chart and poster making conducted on inter house basis.

Club activities were in full swing every Saturday. The club activities culminated in a school exhibition on 28 January.

CELEBRATIONS AND CEREMONIES AND OTHER EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

Elections were held to choose the school council members on June 28. On July 8 the investiture ceremony was held in which the newly elected students' council members were sworn in. Mr. Ahmed Riaz, the Deputy Director of Farook Institute of Management study and Mr CP Kunhumammed, our executive trustee were chief dignitaries on the stage.

On July 20th, there was a parent orientation session; on the same day the Chairman of the school management committee Dr Azad Moopen along with the executive trustee CP Kunhimohammed and several other trustees visited the school to assess the situation with a view to future developmental works.

On August 9 the formal ceremony of foundation stone laying of the Boys' Hostel and the Indoor Court was held.

Onam celebrations were quite memorable with cultural programmes staged by students with a grand Onam Sadhya as the fitting finale.

The Independence Day was celebrated with the available members of staff and students since access to school was hazardous due to floods.

The Puberty Awareness Day was observed with separate awareness sessions for both boys and girls by Ms Sunitha, the principal of JDT Nursing College.

The Kerala Piravi day (November 1) was celebrated with cultural programmes staged by both students and teachers.

On November 30, 2019 the formal inauguration of the indoor basketball court and the school gymnasium together with the formal handing over of the state government NOC for the school was held in a glittering ceremony in which the Dr K T Jaleel, the honourable state minister for higher education was the guest of honour.

SPORTS AND ASSOCIATED SPORTS EVENTS

This year's annual Day was inaugurated by our honorable executive trustee Mr. C P Kunhahammed on 21-12-2019. This was preceded by a series of inter house tournaments in football, basketball, cricket, chess, and caroms. The winners were crowned in the evening distributing medals and certificates on the victory stand.

FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

On September 2, K G to grade 7 went to Parisons Foods Private Limited, Kinfra Industrial Park, Kakkanchery.

Grade 1, Grade 2, LKG, UKG - Pleasure trip for learning on Oct 25,

On Thursday 9 January, KG to grade 3 students were taken on a field trip to the aquarium and beach at Kozhikode.

Grades 7 students went on a two day one night excursion to Munnar and Wagamon on January 23 -24, while grades 3 to 6 were taken to Kochi on a one day excursion programme on January 23.

KG to grade 2 were taken to the Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary, Hilite mall Amoeba game area and Snow fantasy on February 3, 2020.

PTA AND OPEN HOUSE

Parent Orientation Meeting was held on Friday, 7th June 2019 at 2:30 pm as a preparatory program for the new academic year.

The second Parent Orientation Meeting was held on Saturday, 20th July 2019 at 9:30 am at the school premises.

The first open house was held on Aug 31

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The third one was held on January 11. There was a P T A council meeting too on the day.

CONCLUSION

This Academic year is coming to the successful close with the annual examinations in March. It is quite relieving that it has been smooth sale so far except for the some changes in the proposed school calendar events due to multiple reasons including the loss of many working days chiefly due to due inclement weather conditions. I express my regret for these changes. However, we staff and administration believe that we have tried our best to prove justice to the overall expectations in general. I would like to use this moment to pay homage to the departed soul of our staff member, Mr Suresh Babu, the school bus driver, who died on 16 December, 2019 following an accident on Dec 4. Let me conclude by thanking all the staff members, parents and the management for staying staunchly with us in executing all the key decisions throughout the academic year for the welfare of our beloved students.

Thank you so much.

Principal