

VVNKM SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021

The academic year 2020 -2021 was started during the 1st phase of COVID-19 pandemic prevention lockdown times.

Due to extended total lockdown, our School communicated and continued with instructions of academic content via online mode.

ONLINE MODE OF LEARNING:

We reached our students through whatsapp groups & School App— Our teachers were subjected to quick learning sessions on usage of tools like zoom & Microsoft Teams. The guidelines and instructions for joining the online class was sent through SMS as an attachment.

We evaluated our students' learning milestones through online worksheets, quizzes, objective & subjective assessments that were posted on our school app.

Our student's assessment reports were made available for viewing of parents in the school parent app.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, we had to continue certain sessions like yoga, basic exercises, fine arts and computer basics for students' mind refreshment & relaxation via online platform only.

Students were encouraged to practice enough fitness sessions as well as extra-curricular activities. The video recordings of those were posted back to the class group and considered for internal evaluation.

ACADEMIC:

Mastery of learning targets was assessed through periodic test, half yearly exam and annual exam. To have an effective feedback on the learning outcomes, our students were very frequently assessed. Every month end starting from June, we had conducted assessments and evaluation reports were posted. We also conducted practical demonstrations via online.

Periodic tests were carried out through our school App. Question papers were shared in the app in PDF format. The children were asked to write, take a screenshot and upload the file through the given mail id.

Term I & Term II question pattern for grade I to IX were carried out through our school App. Objective type questions were given in the google form by sending a link. And the subjective type questions were shared in the School App and the children were asked to write, take a screenshot and upload the file through the given mail.

Subject enrichment activities aimed at the understanding and skill development of children. Those activities permitted students to apply knowledge to the next level. It sustained the enthusiasm of students to put their best foot forward.

Student's portfolio included notebook and self-assessment which were effectively evaluated. Since peer assessment was impossible through online platform, self-assessment provided opportunity to children to evaluate their own task.

BLENDED LEARNING MEASURES:

However, there were challenges to overcome. Some students without reliable internet access and technology struggled to participate in digital learning. The effectiveness of online learning varied amongst age groups, because kids got distracted easily. In order to get full benefits of online learning, concerted effort was taken by the teachers.

LEARNING GAP SURVEY:

To understand the scenario of online learning of school students amid COVID 19 pandemic, a survey was taken by the teachers in order to know about the percentage of children attending and not attending the online classes in regular and measures were taken to assess the learning gap. Some of those measures were as follows,

- In COVID-19 lockdown situation our teachers offered their relentless work to provide online study material
- As many parents were working and only one android phone is at home, flexibility was given in the submission of assignments and exam timings.
- Teachers spoke with parents and students to know the reason for not being a part of online class.
- Teachers sent lesson based videos, PDF files of C.W and activities and updated the child.
- Teachers sent an example for each activity to the students.

LIBRARY: To motivate the habit of reading books, our school library staff had shared the stories with a power point presentation for KG to VIII. For Classes IX to XII, videos on motivation and the importance of reading books were shared.

ART INTEGRATED PROJECT: CBSE board introduced art integrated project for classes I to IX in the month of May to promote art integrated learning in schools to make teaching learning competency based and joyful. As a part of this one art integrated project in each subject was taken up by all students of class I to IX. It helped the children apply art based enquiry, investigation and exploration. Children contributed themselves with creativity and carried out this project with great success. The marks awarded for these projects were considered as a part of subject enrichment activities.

REPORT ON SPECIAL EVENTS

Special occasions were conducted online / offline with due social distancing and necessary preventive precautionary measures.

Founder's day:

109th birth anniversary of our founder Sri N. Krishnasamy Mudaliar was celebrated on the 18TH July 2020. The school toppers of AISSE & AISSCE and the staff were honored with cash prize.

International Yoga day:

The **International Day of Yoga** was celebrated on 21 June 2020. Videos of various yogasanas were performed by PET staff and the same were shared to the students through Parent App.

- **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION:** Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August 2020 in the school in a simple manner with the PET staff.
- **TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION:** On September 5th Teachers day was celebrated in the school premises with all the safety precautions. Students of class XII shared their wishes & blessings in voice message which was shared to staff.
- **Children's day:** A day of innocence, playfulness and freedom was celebrated on November 14th, all the class teachers have recorded their wishes and shared to the students.
- **CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION:** Christmas Day was celebrated with our staff. Our Correspondent shared his New Year blessings to all the teaching and non-teaching staff.
- **Onam:** Onam is a harvest festival and is the most prominent festival of the Indian state - Kerala. It is celebrated on 5th Sep 2020.
- **National youth day:** Children of class UKG to II were informed to dress up like Swami Vivekananda and to share their speech. Received good response and the same was shared in the social media too.
- **Diwali:** Diwali celebration with staff was done on 14th November 2020.
- **Instil Patriotism:** Republic day was celebrated on 26th January 2021.
- **Pongal:** Pongal celebration was done with staff on 13th January 2021. Few traditional games were conducted for the staff. The staff members have participated with great enthusiasm.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME:

Principal & teachers participated extensively on the Capacity building programmes that were planned and executed by our COE, Chennai, RO via online sessions. There were no offline trainings conducted.

PARENTS' OPEN MEET [ASSESSMENT OF e-learning]:

The Principal invited the parents to assess the progress of the online classes in different sessions in order to find out the difficulties they face in the online classes that were conducted by our school and to avail their various suggestions for improvement.

The concerned teachers were also present in the sessions that were held and gave inputs. The teachers emphasised on better communication between parents and teachers and to be prompt in the response to the messages sent by school.

A few working parents found it difficult to create interest in children as they were left alone at home. Another drawback is parents are not affordable to buy android phone, but in due course the parents have managed to get for their children.

Most of the parents participated and gave positive feedback, which was very encouraging.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE The global pandemic has led us to a paradigm shift in the way we learn today. Before I conclude let me assure that even though our students are learning through online mode top priority is given to academic performance. Unit tests, assignments project work, art integrated activities & online competitions have kept them busy throughout the year. I render thanks to our management, our teaching and non-teaching staff and my students and parents who have been with us in all our activities with maximum support and co-operation.