Annual Report-2018 of St. John’s School, Thumpamon

 *“Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts in life is best” (Bob Talbert)*

**Introduction**

St. Johns School which took the challenge of imparting knowledge as well as values in generations, to bring about the overall development of the Society has stepped into its 31st year in 2017. Among the drastic changes happening globally, the most critical one is the change in attitude and mindset of School students all around the world. The sacred teacher-student relationships and family bonds are gradually drifting towards individual freedom and cyber addiction. Therefore , the task of modern educator is not to cut down jungles , but to irrigate deserts- the dry deserts of wild fantasies , loneliness and dejection.

**School Re-opening**

The current academic year of the School started on 05th June, 2017 and 14th June, 2017 respectively for secondary and Class XI . On the day of welcoming 11th students, the students who won A+ grades for all subjects in Class X and XII were recognized in a public meeting. Thumpamon Panchayath President Mr. Zacharia Varghese presided the function and the President of the Society, Mrs. Aleyamma John awarded trophies and gifts to the winners.

**Blood Donation Day**

Blood Donation Day was commemorated on 14th June 2017. The programme consisted of a speech by reputed officials of Red Cross Society and blood detection camp in which staff, students and some of the parents participated and promoted the relevance of blood donation.

**Investiture Ceremony**

This prestigious function of the school was welcomed enthusiastically by the secondary and senior secondary students. The chief guest of the day was Mrs. Sonia Joseph, the Director of the School. Her inspiring speech and the accompanied ceremony were great source of motivation to students to mould themselves as future leaders. After the oath taking, Flags, Badges and torch were handed over to children by the Chief Guest.

The following students took oath and were installed to various leadership roles of the school.

1. School Head boy Anand S
2. School Head girl Sneha Sara Sam
3. School Captain (Boy) Allan K Sabu
4. School Captain (Girl) Lee Sara Eapen

**Community welfare programmes**.

The students and teachers together collected ` around Rs.1,60,000 and handed over to 5 different families for treatment and education purpose. The initiative taken by Mrs. Usha, Mrs. Alamma and Mrs. Ashalatha to motivate the entire St. John’s team towards this philanthropic activity is appreciable.

**Nallapaadam Project**

20 x 20 challenge by Nallapaadam of Malyala Manorama has sent vibrations among children to think creatively and make healthy relations with elders. Several activities were undertaken which helped children to react positively to society and family situations.

**Farming /Agriculture**

The Department of Agriculture conducted awareness programme about the importance of agriculture. Seeds were distributed to all the students. Students of Nature Club got a land ready for farming and they planted vegetables. Teaching co-ordinators and non-teaching staff who supported the activities are remembered with gratitude.

**Independence Day and Parents’ Day celebrations.**

The lower primary teachers and students together organized a colourful event of variety programmes. Parents participated actively in the competitions organized for them. Children came in different attires to represent the former National leaders and presented various programs .Congratulations to Radha Miss and Alamma Miss and the KG team for organizing such a colourful programme successfully.

School Youth festival was conducted on 18th and 19th August, 2017 with 21 events and more than 700 participants. Enthusiasm and team work of all the teaching faculty and non-teaching staff to promote the blooming talents, needs special appreciation. Sreeja. S, the music teacher and her team of
co-ordinators deserve applause for their hard work and systematic planning.

**Kids Fest**

Kids fest conducted on 18th November was a mega event of 51 items 9 stages and more than 200 participants. Talents of the little ones were amazing and the hard work of parents to support them were proud moments of parenting. Again the talented team of teachers worked together to make every moment enjoyable for the kids and audience.

**CTSC Youthfestival.**

The first and second prize winners of the school participated in CTSC Youth festival in which 58 schools from three districts competed . The programmes were conducted in 3 venues and finally St. John’s School bagged 546 points in both categories and became the top School with 12 first , 7 second and 5 third prizes. Hard work and dedication of teachers needs special appreciation. Heartfelt gratitude to the Management for sanctioning the necessary funds to train the students for various competitions by renowned resource persons. The first prize winners of CTSC youthfestival , 16 of them participated in State Level competitions held at Thrissur on 20-22 November,2017 and all the participants got A –Grade.

**CTSC Sports Meets**

CTSC Sports Meet of CBSE Schools were conducted on 16th December 2017 at Thiruvalla and our students bagged 7 prestigious awards. Kerala Sports Council organised District Sports Meet on 24th at Pathanamthitta in which 22 of our students participated. We won 7 prizes and 3rd place in overall championship and individual Championship was won by Albin S George of Class VIII C. Kerala Sports Council ‘s State level Sports meet was on 30th and 31st February in which 11 students participated.

Congratulations to all participants, winners, their parents and the teachers who trained them, especially Mr.Babu, Rajeev and Sidharth. Our senior students participated in All Kerala Football Tournament at Thiruvalla and had a glittering performance.

**PTA Meetings**

14 PTA Meetings were conducted during the academic year. Active participation, feedback and interaction of majority of parents were a great motivation for the school. Their enthusiastic participation in various trainings on parenting and Cyber-de-addiction provided by the school is well appreciated. Thank you parents for your time , support and commitment to our institution.

**Staff Trainings.**

There were 7 in-house trainings as well as 5 trainings organized by CTSC and CBSE in which our teachers participated and enhanced their skills. Congratulations to all the teachers who attended the trainings.

**Scholarships & Achievements**

211 students from our School won PCM Scholarships comprising of medals, cash awards and certificates. The School has won the Topper School Award aswell. In the Science, English and General Knowledge Olympiads, our students won 26 gold medals, 7 silver medals and 7 Bronze medals. Nandu Krishna of 10TH Class was placed at 5th Rank Internationally. George. G. Jose of 11th Class won 2nd prize in the Space Technology Speech Competition conducted by ISRO. The School came first in the wwf online quiz competition conducted by World Wildlife Foundation. 14 of our students won awards in various painting competitions conducted by YMCA and other NGOs.

**Science Exhibition**

Science exhibition arranged for St.Johnians on 14th February,2018 was a great event of innovation and creativity. Around five hundred students presented their ideas , projects and models. The range of exhibition items were amazing and varied from Solar power panels to Robotics and Artificial Intelligence. Retired Principal of NSS College, Vazhoor, Prof. KRC Pillai made a talk on Scientific Innovations. Parents and Teachers who motivated our young scientists deserve immense appreciation.

**School Magazine**

School magazine , Speculum-2018 was enthusiastically welcomed by teachers and students. The outcome of their team work is an elegant piece of literary work. The surveys conducted among teen agers and the interviews of famous personalities from our society were inspiring experiences to the students. Bishop , Padmabhushan Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostum , Filim Director Blessey and the famous Novelist Benyamin interacted with students during the interviews. Chief Editor Prof.George Jacob , Sub editor Mr.Thankachan and the student editors Master George .G. Jose and Mistress Navomi along with the entire Editorial team deserves laurels of appreciation for their hard work . Special gratitude to all the stakeholders who supported the work.

**Examinations**

The School had already completed all the four Internal Class tests and the Term- 1 Examinations , as per the revised scheme of CBSE. Model examinations and Practical Examinations of 12th class have got completed successfully. Annual examinations of Casses KG to 8th classes will commense from 26th February,2018. Annual Examinations of 9th and 11th Classes are already over and the classes for 10th & 12th will start in the 4th week of February,2018.

**Conclusion**

Aristotle has said , ‘We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit’. St. Johns School is in its pursuit towards Excellence in Education to mould excellent citizens for future. We request the co-operation, goodwill and commitment of the entire people of Thumpamon area, all the Parents of our students and the staff to achieve this vision. We thank all the teaching and non-teaching staff for your sincere services. Heartfelt gratitude to the Management for arranging all the infrastructure facilities and providing necessary guidance for the smooth functioning of the School . We are sure that with the support of all of you, this School will grow further as a centre of knowledge , values and enlightenment for coming generations.

Thank You very much .

**Dr.Susan George**

**Principal.**

**16th February,2018**

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John Sir.

[***Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles, discouragements, and impossibilities. This distinguishes the strong soul from the weak.***](https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/thomas_carlyle_156180) ***The key to immortality is first living a life worth remembering.***

(Aleyamma John)

***“ People will forget what you said,***

 ***People will forget what you did, but***

 ***People will never forget how you made them feel.***

 ***The great aim of education is not knowledge, but action.”***

Sonia Joseph

“***Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom
It is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.***

***Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.*”**

Susan M Panicker

***“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. The goal of true education is developing Intelligence plus character* “**