



ST. MARYS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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St. Mary's Public School (SMPS) situated in Arisiplalayam, Salem-9 triumphantly presents before you all, the report of the path this institution had journeyed, for the past four years 2019 – 2023.

“Unless the Lord builds the house,

In vain do it's builders labour “ Ps-127/1

The Triune God Father, Son and the Holy Spirit is to be praised, for the Eternal plan they had in their mind and heart to gift us, to you and us, this great Edifice of Education to serve the people of Salem.

A caption that catches my attention as each time I cross the main hall inside, is “Educationists since 1930”. As I/we walk back the corridor of ‘time’, our hearts raise in praise, for having planted a new seed to transform the tiny to youth hearts of Salem, through our voluminous service as it had done for the past 90+ rolled away years. My heart is overflowing with joy as I stand before you, to share with you about one more such venture to serve the public of Salem through this SMPS, that is crawling into its fourth year victoriously.

The budding stage: A starting point is there for any important endeavour. The necessary formalities were passed through under the leadership of Sr. Flora Valan, the then Provincial and her counsellors during that period. The future plan was placed before our Headquarters in France and the work began after their approval. The Foundation stone was laid on 14th August 2019. The Institution began its process of propaganda about the new school, through pamphlets, and day to day outings using the vehicles, inviting the bubbling ‘little hearts’ to join us, to bring to the awareness of the public, about this new school travelling through the main streets of the city. Meanwhile the students who already joined about 40 in number had their classes in the Nursery Primary English Medium School for about a year. Later the office was shifted to the Needle work room at the entrance of the convent, and the students had their day-to-day classes in the hostel.

The Team Responsible: As months rolled on a panel was formed to take up the responsibility of the CBSE school.

The first team of teachers began their service to the students with full enthusiasm. The Manager and PRO were also appointed. The noble service of shaping the hearts and minds of the children entrusted to our care by the divine artist began to gain momentum.

The period of pandemic: During the years 2020-21 the management adjusted the classes online or offline following the advice of the Department of Education. Above all we strictly followed the safety measures proposed now and then by the Health Care personnel, during these troubled times. The Lord Almighty lead us through this period taking care of us in His abundant mercy.

Education & Entertainment: The students of all grades were given full attention to receive their education, keeping in line with their age and class. They were perseveringly moulded, keeping first and foremost character building as the target, the knowledge part side by side was taken care as per their syllabus. The festivals like Pongal, Deepavali, Teacher's Day, National days such as Independence Day, Republic Day, Childrens Day the personalities of the past as Gandhiji, Jawaharlal Nehru, the freedom fighters of the Nation, those who took up the ruling power immediately after Independence etc, were celebrated to instill in the young hearts feeling of patriotism. All this left a deep impression in them to grow as good citizens. The Annual Christmas festival was high lighted to implant in them the lasting values of being God centered and equally other centered, making the earthly journey a meaningful one. The first such grand level celebration was on 23.12.2021 leaving a delightful memory in the hearts of all present. The parents expressed their joy saying that the event will ever be cherished by them, as it served as a great 'stress buster' at the background of the pandemic. Every event was planned in such a way to leave a deep impression in the hearts of the kids to prepare themselves to become valiant vibrant future citizens of Mother India.

A Milestone in the journey of SMPS: The day dawned with our hearts overflowing with joy and gratitude as the calendar rolled on to 08.09.2022 marking the grand opening of the new building. It thrilled all of us, who gathered around. The presence of both the past and the present superior Generals (Sr. Therese Leena and Sr. Martina Francis), spread a special fragrance in the air. The new building was solemnly blessed by His Lordship Rev. Dr. Arulselvam Royappan, the bishop of Salem Diocese in the presence of all gathered for this special occasion. Thiru Rajendran MLA, Mr. Ramachandran Mayor-Salem, Thiru Uthayakumar DEO, Salem, Thiru, S.D. Kalaiamuthan Chairman, Mrs. Kavitha President, Advocate Mr. Anbu, Mr. Narayanan Auditor, honoured the day as special invitees. A sincere and deep appreciation we present to the Engineer. K. Karthikeyan for his strenuous work for the past two years, to raise up this building, guiding his working team, that had made a living memory in the Annals of the History of this superb structure. The guiding team consisting of Sr. Flora Valan and her team of Counsellors, Sr. Maria Pankajam the Correspondent, Sr. Marceline Rose The Principal, Sr. Motcha Alangaram the Administrator were on the Dias. The Felicitation part of the day began. The students entertained the audience with the cultural items. The special invitees of the day sincerely

expressed their appreciation of all ‘the springs of service’ rendered by this age-old Institution to the public at large in and around Salem and expressed their hope of this new born baby in the form the SMPS. The events came to a close with the National Anthem, being sung by the gathering. The day will ever remain ‘A Red-letter Day’ in the history of SMPS. The meals served refreshed all, building up our relationship deeper and wider. May the Almighty bless our new endeavour and help us reap hundred-fold.

The Splendid Structure:

The magnificent appearance of the school draws the attention of the passers by. The whole mansion is situated, clothed by a Natural Beauty. The wide playground on the western, expresses our open hearts to receive everyone who enters our milieu. A beautiful play area with well equipped materials is provided for the joyful refreshment of the little ones.

The building contains the Principal Room, Administrator Room, Administration Office, Full-fledged labs, Library, Conference Hall, Staff Rooms, Spacious classrooms and ample wash room facility for the children, etc.

The Ramp and Lift facilitates the gifted children with an ease of moving in and around.

The Ongoing process of multifaceted pages of Education:

In the year 2021 itself a training programme was organised by the Rathna Sagar Publication Team for the upgrading of the staff. The staff went on one day tour to Kolli Hills, Namakkal District enjoying the beauty of nature. The whole group was refreshed in that milieu. A special medical camp was organised for the workers of the construction using the Medical personnel of St.Mary’s Hospital. Dr. Ranjan David, Dr. Annie Joy and their team. This taught the children to learn to be persons of social concern which will influence their future. In Feb 2023 the whole flock of SMPS inclusive of the management consisting of the Provincial, the Correspondent, Principal, The Administrator, the Teacher and the taught, the ever-busy office staff and other helpers rejoiced on the reception of the N.O.C and the recognition. In the same month Jayam TV organised a shot of our student’s performance which was telecasted on 27th Feb 2023. The teacher and the students then seriously plunged into the preparation of the final exam of all classes. The academic span of the year 2022-23 victoriously came to its close by the end of March. After a short break a ‘‘Bridge Course’’ was planned for April which focused on various topics. Summer holidays dawned giving joy to all.

Another New start: The school re-opened on 14th June 2023 abiding by the Govt. order. Within a week’s span, the International Yoga Day was celebrated to plant in the hearts of the kids the valuable place of yoga in everyone’s life. In July the same year English Literary Association was named under the banner of ‘Literary

Genius'. Later the Tamil Literary Association came into existence. In August Nation's Independence was celebrated on a grand scale. Maths Club was formed on 25th August 2023. The first Annual Sports Meet was enthusiastically organised on 8th September 2023. The Chief Guest who honoured the day were Ms.P.Lakshmi Priya, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Hasthampatty Range , Salem. Dr.V.Jayalakshmi the principal of Sakthi Kailash College of Education for Women, Salem. Sr.Marsalin Rose the Provincial, Sr.Amala Jothi the Correspondent, other Sisters and teachers were in the gathering. The school Flag was proudly hoisted stirring the hearts of all present. The Sports events followed by the different houses of the students. The whole day passed on awakening the sportive spirit in the students. The participant's spirit was beyond expression.

The day today life proceeds on: September 11th was another stepping stone in the journey of the school. Sr. Jeyamary entered the premises to take up the responsibility as principal replacing Sr.Marsaline Rose who was elected as Provincial in May 2023. Being Monday, the flag hoisting was the first activity and the new person was introduced to both the staff and the students. In the early part of October, the Science club was inaugurated by Rev.Sr.Irudhaya Francis, the Headmistress of St.Mary's Girls Hr. Sec. School. A special Parent Teacher Meet (PTM) was planned to be held on 7th October. It proved to be highly effective at various levels of growth of children and the Institution. Sr.Marceline Rose the past principal & Present Provincial, Sr.Jayamary the present Principal, Sr.Motcham the Administrator interacted with parents enlightening them , encouraging them, searching the ways and means to build up rapport, to impart solid education to the students, concentrate on an all round achievement to help the learners to attain the real goal of education.

The students from classes VI to VIII visited the 'Science Expo' - Inspira 23, organised by the Holy Cross Matriculation School on 20.10.2023. Undoubtedly this trip awakened in the students a thirst for widening their scientific knowledge. whenever possible the teaching faculty attended 'Input sessions' to upgrade their knowledge and refresh themselves. In Nov Mrs. Pushpa and Roselin Diana attended a day's course for Tamil. The science teachers Mrs. Sindhiya and Mrs. Rajeswari were motivated to make the students to be Innovative through science activities and experiments.

Recently we had another short Medical Camp by Dr Sathya, Primary Health Centre, Arisipalayam and her team. It was very beneficial to the staff and other workers. 'The Book FAIR' conducted by the Educational Authorities of Salem was visited by our students from VI to VIII. They really renewed their thirst to read and delve deeply, making the books their best friend. In connection with this the DEO convened a meeting in our school during the same week. Teachers from different schools attended the same.

The future path to be trodden: We do place the future in the loving hands of the Lord. We thank you all dear parents and well-wishers for your trust in us. We do assure you that we will give our service to the best possible. Let us join hands in moulding the future of our children, to make of them good human beings, power filled intellects, honourable and service minded heroes, who in turn will transfer oneself, their milieu, the nation and the world at large.

Jai Hind, Thanks to one and all.