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Every school strives to render a qualitative, inclusive and holistic education along with safe learning environment. With this in view, St John's school tried to take forward many initiatives, strengthening innovative and experiential learning practices to improve the overall performance of our students.

Effects of Covid-19 on the School

However the covid 19 pandemic has resulted in a near total closure of the school, starting at a zero academic year, with great financial constraints on the stake holders-its management, staff, parents and students. Suddenly online learning has become a critical lifeline for education and St John's School was one of the first in this area to initiate online classes. The online classes with all its hurdles, hiccups and challenging difficulties started on 15th April 2020. Thanks to the online training programme arranged by the Principal, the teachers were able to adopt the new teaching technology with ease through Whatsapp, zoom app, Google meet, Youtube live etc.

Online Schooling & Challenges

Lack of fast and reliable internet access was a major obstacle to learning. So the school internet connectivity was upgraded and provided WIFI compatible connectivity and fibre cable connectivity option and LAN connection in all the class rooms. Initially, teachers as well as students were apprehensive about the sudden transition from face to face learning to online learning, with limited or no internet access, non-affordability of computer or laptop, limited or supporting mobile phones creating a digital divide among students. The school management was ready to help the students, parents and teachers by providing access to computer labs and other facilities for the needy students.

Board Results

Our school has been centre for CBSE board examination for the past 5 years and it was a blessing in disguise as the school had finished all the home exams on time in the month of March itself and for the first time conducted CBSE compartment exams successfully even during the global pandemic peak time.

The result of class 12th and 10th declared on 15th July 2020 was great relief for teachers and students. Miss Divyanshi and Miss Sampanna Shalya scored 98% each and topped in class and 99.1 % passed class X, the highest pass percentage in the recent years and 3 students were placed in compartment. Master Prince Pratap topped in Science class 12th with 96.8% and Miss Ananya Yadav topped in commerce with 96%. 99.2% of the students passed with no failures, one placed in compartment.

Assessments & Parents' Response

It was a challenging task for the school to evaluate the students' performance in studies. The Pre Mid term exam was conducted online for all the classes. The school had to incorporate different methodology to test the true output of students in mid term and post mid term. The parents were asked to collect the answer sheets after paying the fees dues which in turn helped in meeting expenses like the salaries to teachers on time and other unavoidable expenses. The offline conduct of exams for classes 10 and 12, taking the parents and students into confidence through time to time instructions and guidelines, received overwhelming response with 95 % of the students opting for it. Many PTMs helped in the implementation of rescheduled academic calendar. The school is grateful to its parents who make every school programme a success. The response of the parents during the hard times of pandemic was worth commendable and it reflects the faith and trust the parents have in school and its policies.

Online Cultural Activities

The school supports a plethora of intra-school activities across the year. The same ranges from sports to cultural (music, dance) oratory (speech, elocution, declamation) creativity based (paper mask making, stamp collection, art on Swachh Bharat, diya and Thali Decorations). Many competitions were held online to engage the children in this regard. Poster making, Power point presentation, chart making competitions were held to aware the students on Covid 19 pandemic. Rakhi and Thank you card making competitions were organized on 25th July. Teacher's Day and children Day card making competitions were held on these special days. In the month of September, many competitions were organized to motivate the students- paper mask making on 12th, English and Hindi recitation on 19th, stamp collection on 26th, essay and speech competition on 26th. Music, Singing, Dance, and origami on Christmas themes were organized in the month of December to welcome the Christmas month. But many extra-curricular activities, involving the physical presence of the students had to be curtailed or cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions. The school believes in the philosophy of comprehensive development of its pupil i.e., both curricular and co-curricular.

Festivals & Special Days

The school celebrated many festivals and special days. The Independence Day was celebrated with the unfurling of the National Flag by the Principal with all SOPs and Covid-19 protocols with teachers participating in it. The Teacher's Day as well as the Children's Day was celebrated with the Participation of students online and teachers guiding them through live streaming. The Diwali and Christmas celebrations, brought cheer, joy, togetherness and hope to school fraternity.

Alumni Association

Strong, engaged and supportive Alumni network is crucial not only to the success of the institution but also for its students for the life ahead. We started an Alumni association of St John's School, Ferozabad with a strong network of 600 alumni registered on our own alumni app 'Almashines.'

Care for the environment is the duty of each and every one. The school Principal with the help of supporting staff utilized the lock down period to harvest the rain water and replenish the ground water level. The school terrace water was channelized to collect in pits made by them to energize the ground water level. Another pit was made to treat the water logging in front of primary wing.

Children's Park

There is nothing better than the laughter of children at play. The new children's park looks elegant with seater swings, circular swings, see saws, and slides and colourful paintings. The parks and the stage with new guard rails will provide children to hone and practice skills- social, emotional, cognitive and physical. It was indeed another effort by the school to meet the much awaited need of the primary children.

The school may look quiet, greener and cleaner in the absence of children but their long absence without the mirth and laughter, shouts and yells, taps and squeaks of the shoes make the school dull and lifeless.

Let us pray and look forward to a healthy and vibrant academic year.

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