

1. Highlights of the School Year, 2019-2020

It was a perfect School reopening - which was on 6 June, after a wonderful break for Summer vacation. The school opened, to colourfully welcome a newly appointed Principal, (Smt. Sujatha Menon/ me), the staff and students, with balloons and festoons adorning this quadrangle!

2. World Environment Day

The previous day, June 5th, which is World Environment Day, even though a holiday, our Principal, along with some members of our school went to Ollur Police Station to plant a sapling as part of our endeavour to promote greenery in our neighbourhood.

Our school calendar of events in the weeks that followed was a packed one.

Reading Week, this time too had book reviews – in all the languages – English, Hindi, Malayalam, and the best few were presented at the Assembly. Class Libraries continued as usual.

3. The International Yoga Day, on 21st June was observed with Class X students demonstrating some of the important asanas under the guidance of our Yoga Master, Shri Balakrishnan.
4. Our new Vice Principal, Smt. Meera Sathyan, took charge of her duties. She was warmly appreciated and welcomed into her new designation.
5. On 26th June, the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Human Trafficking, students of Class IX and X got an opportunity to interact with Shri Suvrathakumar, a Shadow Police Officer on the menace of Drugs and how to stay safe.
6. The Investiture Ceremony, to institute the School Office Bearers was held on 2 July, with great solemnity and pride. The School Captain, Vice Captain and other Office bearers were administered the Oath of Office to their duty, and were exhorted to uphold the dignity and discipline of the school by being responsible leaders and role models.
7. July 8th saw an interesting and pertinent session in school – A session on Parenting and Adolescents, by Dr. Baspin, who is on the Council for Child Welfare, in the District. He is

also a member of the parent community of our school. Parents of Class 8 students participated. More such sessions have been planned for the parent and teacher community in the coming months. (NO PICS)

8. The NIT Calicut is in our campus for a day, 9 July, each year, to conduct activities that interest our students. This time it was INFINITUM, a mathematical quiz, conducted by Club Mathematica – NIT Calicut – and over 33 schools participated in this quiz.
9. One of the major events in our school this year was the inauguration of our club activities, and the Literary Club was inaugurated by Shri C Radhakrishnan, scientist, astro-physicist and Novelist. It was a memorable and inspiring occasion for our students.
10. Gurupoornima was celebrated on 16th July. This time, it was treat indeed for both our students, and a whole community of Retired Teachers we have. Our former teachers were invited back and honoured by the Principal, Staff and Students on this occasion.
11. RAMAYANA MONTH

The very next day 17th July was the auspicious occasion of the beginning of Karkkidakom, the Ramayana Month. The Ramayana Week Celebrations was inaugurated by (1) Pandit Ratna P K Madhavan, Retired Professor, from NSS Ottapalam. The piety and principles of the Ramayana and its tattva were outlined by him as he urged us to look for ways to be as true and ethical as the great souls in the Ramayana were.

Every single day of that week was filled with sessions with notable people from different walks of life – academics and entertainment – all with a common thread of a great love for the Ramayana.

The same day there was a Chakyarkooth performance by (2) Shri Harish, winner of the State Kshetrashala Award for his work on Chakyaarkooth and the Mizhavu

The next day 18th July, (3) Shri Haridas Menon Sir, our Vice Chairman and former Principal, gave an enthusiastic and inspiring talk.

On 19th July, cine artist (4) Shri Nandakishore came to interact with students of Classes 9 and

The same day, students of the junior classes listened with rapt attention to (5) Professor Aravindakshan, retired professor from Kerala Varma College.

The Ramayana Parayana competition and the Ramayana Quiz Competitions were held on 22 and 23 July.

Our periodic Assessments for Classes 4-10 commenced on 24th July and went on till 1 August, but even so, we did have our occasions observed and celebrated with fervor as and when we could.

12. 26th July, Kargil Vijay Divas was a day to hold a prayer in our hearts for all those Service Personnel who have sacrificed their lives for our country and exhibit our pride, share our heartfelt gratitude for their service – and this we did, simultaneously, each class watching, in their own classes -hearts in our mouths and with surging pride in our Armed Forces, two significant videos on this 20th anniversary Kargil Vijay Divas.
13. The Inter House Bulletin Board competition took place on the 27th July – a whole day of houses setting up their own notice boards on the topic Digital India for Sustainable Development.
14. On 1 August, our school was the venue for the Aksharayathra conducted by the State Council for Literacy. This was to encourage students to deepen their interest in the Malayalam Language. Our former teacher, Head of Department of Malayalam, Smt Rathnavally was honoured on the occasion.
15. Alumni Meet in School

The Class of 99 came back to meet after 20 years! It was an enriching experience for both, them and us, as we spent a few hours together, recalling the times spent in the school. All of them are involved in a lot of social service wherever they are and that, for us here, is the biggest takeaway of our endeavours with young hearts and minds in school! I take this opportunity to thank them and wish them well!

16. Independence Day (15 August)

As our state was reeling under the unprecedented tragedy of rains and landslides of an overwhelming monsoon, 15 August was celebrated with just the same patriotic fervor, though only a few could attend, given the state of uncertainty everywhere.

17. Teachers' Day – a simple yet warm and beautiful function to honour the teachers in school was organized by the students of Class 12.
18. Onam Celebrations, on the closing day of Term 1 – on 6th September, was fun filled and energetic, with the procession of Maveli, Vamanan, a pulikali by the little ones, thiruvathirakali by students, and teachers, and a tug of war, vadamvali between the houses, which was conducted for both boys and girls.
19. Srikrishna Jayanthi (23/9) is always an occasion for the entire Thrissur Bhavan's family to meet and organize the Geetha Chanting competition. Proud to announce that we were

the runners up at the event, and that the Championship stayed with Bhavans Thrissur Kendra, as our sister school, KMBVM took the trophy home!

20. SPICMACAY (20 Sep)

This year, our students were enriched in their appreciation of our culture through an excellent Lecture demonstration on Odissi by the young and vibrant professional artiste, Kum. Madhulita Mohapatra.

21. An exhibition of the Fine Arts and Science was organized by the different departments with the full enthusiasm and energy that only creative students, such as ours, are capable of – here are a few glimpses of it. (21 Sep)

22. Fit India Movement (28-09)

Our students were taken to the auditorium to witness the launching of the Fit India Movement by our Hon Prime Minister – we have endeavoured to incorporate, aesthetically, just this notion, in the cultural events that follow the formal meeting

23. SEWA Activities (August to October – in connection with Gandhi Jayanti)

CBSE's SEWA activities for Classes 9-12 were undertaken with fervor. Classes 9, 10 and 11 visited different charitable institutions in and around the district and spent quality time with the members of those institutions. Class 11 undertook the cleaning up of the campus.

24. Gandhi Jayanti – 150th Birth Anniversary

The Bhavan's Thrissur Kendra had organized an excellent programme at the sarva dharma maître pratisthan to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Bapuji, with the presence of Eminent statesmen, Gandhians, in the presence of the eminent Senior Vice Chairman of the Bhavan here, Shri P Chitran Namboodiripad. A few glimpses of the event...

25. November was perhaps the most hectic month as we were on our toes in the preparation for the Bhavan's Cultural Fest, we being the hosts for Category IV. The entire programme went off successfully, as our debrief session concluded. We resolved to ensure that the few hitches encountered this year would not occur again. Each even of this sort is a learning experience. Once again, at this point, I extend my gratitude to the Management, the Parent Community, The Alumni of the School, and the Staff of both schools and students volunteers.

26. Sports events had been taking place through September, October, November and December, at various places while exams, tests, academic portions were going on as usual in school! I'm sure you can understand the hectic nature of our schedule by now!

27. On 30 November, a small session to highlight first aid responses was conducted by Dr. Shikku Raj – consequent to the tragic incident of a young schoolgirl who succumbed to a snake bite in school.

28. In the interim, the portions were finished for classes X, XII and the First Model Exam for Class XII had begun, in the last week of November.
29. The Christmas programme was celebrated with good cheer, with the message of Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All!
30. Road Safety Week was observed by the students doing an impromptu Radio Show in the auditorium
31. Art Integration has been one of the innovations that CBSE has insisted upon this year, with the Curriculum for all classes. We have also ensured that children are given opportunities at Assembly, in Classes, and in each programme organized in school. In the senior secondary, this was taken to an exquisite level, when the students were given the task of painting umbrellas, based on any topic of their choice, or any general topic! The result was 116 umbrellas (– groups – 4 in each group) with an array of such wondrous art as you can see

These activities being an integral part of teaching/learning have now given wings to expression hereabouts. Our morning assembly has become a platform for creative expression of different kinds – song, musical instruments, speeches, recitation too – Kannada poetry to Chopin (pronunciation – Sho-paa n)

32. The Eco Club, with its undaunted efforts to better our surroundings, ably led by Smt. Anjusha Vasudevan and Smt. Deepa E S, of the Biology Dept., have had several activities.
33. School Inspection (5/ August and 23 Sep.)
Our School was happy to host the Inspection team from Sikshan Bharati, on 5 August. The team undertook a thorough look at the classes, teaching learning activities and the infrastructural facilities. Appreciating the efforts of the School and the Management, the team also gave suggestions for further improvement of the school.
34. Felicitating the Faculty
Smt. Lathadevi N B, Fine Arts HOD, has, over more than a year now, been steadily at work, with the assistance of Smt. Seles, her fine arts students too, to give a makeover to the KG Classes, splashing her imagination and creativity, in colour and form, in the classrooms of the KG block! The effort has been no less than stupendous, given that this has been done as a service on her part, for the school. She is also the recipient of the Best Art Teacher award. With over thirty years of service to the school, she is still one of the youngest and most passionate of teachers here!

I would like to thank our Principal, the Staff, the Management for the opportunities we have had to enrich ourselves, and look forward to more as the year unfolds.

Wish you all a wonderful evening ahead! Thank you!