

Annual Report 2012-2013.

'Quality' is the big word today and 'Excellence' should not be an exception. How does Mar Baselios Public School, a premium institution of the Malankara Orthodox Church, in its 12th year of inception - ensure that it provides quality teaching and learning? What steps do we take to ascertain that our school is not only an educational centre but knowledge and skills centre as envisaged by Sri A. K. J. Abdul Kalaam? How do we help our students to emerge from the portals of Mar Baselios Public School as competent, knowledgeable, transformed, socially productive members of the 21st Century?

Gurudev Tagore once famously said "A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame." Empowering our teachers, to help them to continue to burn- in order to light other lamps- the students entrusted to us, we commenced the academic year 2012-2013, with **two days staff orientation** inaugurated by Rev Dr. Jacob Kurian, Principal Orthodox Theological Seminary He led the Staff Retreat and delivered an apt message.

Sri Thomas. T. John, our Hon Secretary introduced the idea of Quality Circles. Dr. K.P. Joy, administrator elaborated on the mission and vision of the school, Rebecca Baby Ipe, Principal updated the staff on rules and regulations, code of conduct and on how to be an effective facilitator in the class room. The second day was dedicated to communication skills and developing competency in spoken English led by Dr. Babu Manjooran and his team of trainers. The teachers received training in Interactive Class room Management with NIIT Personnel introducing us to the mechanisms and content of the electronic interactive boards.

Special Classes started early May for Std X, IX and XII students in order to assure a head start on syllabi. Std VIII stepping into Std IX, had all completed a week's external Work Experience during their summer break.

World Environment Day emphasizing Green Economy was celebrated on June 5th with a message and thought provoking stage presentation followed by tree planting by students and staff. On 20th June, we were delighted to receive a formal order from CBSE extending the school's affiliation for five years. The Senior Secondary Computer Lab was consecrated and formally opened by Rev Fr. M.K. Kurian.

During the months of June and July, preliminary PTA meetings and parent orientation sessions were held right from Eurokids to XII in different sections on different dates. The School registered for **Nalla padam**, Malayala Manorama. An **overnight camp, Nircharthu** for Std X was the highlight of July- including a journey through the community, **Sramadhan**, planting of crotons along the roadside to Puzhayoram Sayahnam, in the neighbourhood organizing a kitchen garden at school, cooking together, screening an Environmental Movie, **Counselling** on teenage angst, **First Aid** Classes by doctors from the Medical College.

The **Annual Culturals 'Sarang 2012-2013'** for Std I to XII was a festive affair conducted over 30th, and 31st of July and 1st and 4th of August. In a thoroughly professional manner with external judges.. The **Kindergarten Cultural Competitions** held on 13th August concluded the festival.

August 15th is traditionally a packed day for Mar Baselios Public School. We had a multiple celebration presided over by Sri **Roy Paul IAS**. The National flag was hoisted and a wonderful message delivered by Sri Roy Paul on the need for accountability and what lessons that the young today can impart to the adults about the care of the environment. The student office bearers were formally installed, Thoolika 2011-2012 was released, academic performance

certificates for the year 2011- 12 were awarded and a colorful cultural programme highlighting Onam and the significance of independence were enjoyed by the audience.

The **Formative Assessments I, II, III**, which are the most important components of CCE, were held according to schedule and Summative I at the end of Semester I evaluated academic progress

Assessments were followed by **Open Houses** and at Senior Secondary Level, elaborate interaction sections between students, parents and teachers were conducted periodically.

Sarang, the school cultural helped us to identify our talents and formed the preliminaries for the **District and State Youth Festivals** held respectively at Clemis School Chingavanam and San Jose Pala for both of which MBPS students actively participated in group and single items. For District Youth Festival we obtained 14th position with 308 points. Among 73 of the total 90 schools and for State -----points. Our little ones from Kindergarten were not left behind in their splendid prize winning participation in the **Kids Fest** at Christhu Jyothi, winning 4th place among 19 schools.

Radio Video Show a project that forms an interesting part of Formative Assessment Std Communicative English is an annual event which involves 100 % participation by all Std IX students.

October concluded with a three day Scholastic Book Fair and on the 30th, '**Sheer Expo Annual Educational Exhibition 2012- 2013**' turned out to be a newsworthy event, attracting hordes of our parent and members of the Press. The remarkable feature of the exhibition was participation by every single student at school. We also took High School and Senior Secondary Science Students for MEDEX The Annual Scholastic Book Fair was a successful venture as in previous years I am proud to add that we are a 'reading' school and our library is a well used resource.

A full day In Service Programme on the Art of Teaching by Ratna Sagar Sponsored Resource Person Mr. Binish Menon was inspiring for participants.. The Public Speaking whole day session for Std IX, X, XI, was sponsored by the Kottayam Round Table Club and the resource persons were impressed with the whole – hearted participation of our students.. Incidentally **Sarath Mathew Ninan** of Std X was judged Best Speaker at an Interschool Debating Competition held at Excelsior School. **Rotract Club sponsored**, one day personality development seminar too saw active participation.

A career counseling consultancy group, **Step Up Careers**, based in Delhi and popular with prestigious schools all over India spent two fruitful days with I X, X, XI, XII students opening windows of opportunities to them.

Among the Scholarship Examinations attempted by Basilians this year, I would like to highlight the **SOF Cyber Olympiad, SOF English Olympiad SOF Maths, Olympiad SOF Science Olympiads, Sahodaya Scholarship Attainment TEST (SSAT) and Maths Talent organized by Ganitha Shashtra Parishat.Both for the Olympiads (25 Nos) and Maths Talent (4 Nos) we havestate rank winners and several Gold Medal winners for SSAT right frpm KG to XII. The results have been truly heart warming and the names of the outstanding performers are published elsewhere in Thoolika. Joseph Joseph of Std IX brought us acclaim by winning National Talent Scholarship. Ashish of Std VIII qualified for FIITJEE. We arrange for Brilliant Entrance Coaching for our Senior Secondary Science Students and nearly 60 Students in High School today morning (26th January) appeared for Brilliant Foundation Courses Qualifying Test and Scholarships. Our Commerce students held a vibrant seminar on Emerging Kerala and also undertook a project visit to Anna Kitex.**

The Principal attended a two day **All Kerala Principal's Meet** at EKM on 1st and 2nd of October and returned brimming with new ideas and useful information Students observed **Guruvandanam** and organized an entertainment programme for teachers on **Teacher's Day** and the teachers reciprocated with an enjoyable cultural programme for students On November 14th.

CBSE Mentoring Group spent a whole day at school and we were judged very good. The School hosted three **Governing Board Meetings and one Parents Executive Meeting**. The **Formative and Summative Assessments** and term examinations were always followed up with Open Houses. As per CBSE guidelines Assessment of Speaking and Listening (ASL) and Problem Solving Assessment (PSA) dispatch of Evidences of Assessment were carried out in a thoroughly professional manner. Teachers have attended all the CBSE and **Sahodaya sponsored Seminars and subject training sessions**.

Our One Nation Reading Together was a marvelous event with active participation of all students and staff, sponsoring of a hundred books for the needy via The **Scholastic Book Club and Author reading by Tarun George Jacob** of Std VIII, a budding writer from his own book. **Our well stocked, well used library** continues to thrive, with the regular addition of new books both fiction and non-fiction.

Excursions and one day trips were scattered over November, December, January, and included locations such as Kodaikanal, Kanyakumari, Vagamon, Silver Storm, Bhoothathankettu, Cochin, Tripunithara, Neendoor, Malanadu. The Annual Staff Pilgrimage to our Founder's resting place Sasthankotta was undertaken

The Co- Scholastic Activities cover a wide range of nearly 18 items such as, Yoga, Classical Dance, Classical Music, Tabla, Carpentry, Sports and Games, Swimming, Chess, Organ, Guitar, Performing Arts, Karate, Roller skating, Craft and Enhanced Art.

Junior Annual Day and Christmas were celebrated on 15th December with a message by Rev. Fr. M.J. Joseph and a cultural extravaganza saw every child from Eurokids to Std IV on stage. The Food Fest organized by Std IX and X in the school courtyard the same evening was in aid of charity. On 21st December before closing for the term, we had an in house Christmas programme for students and staff followed by a staff get together. On 23rd of January, **Rotary Group Study Exchange Programme** Team from Texas visited the school and spent quality time with the students.

Shuttle, Football, Volley Ball, Basket Ball, are enjoyed by the students and Baselians participated in a number of interschool matches at different locations where they made their presence felt. Our students won a number of medals at the **Sahodaya Roller Skating Competition**. The Junior Auditorium was roofed and the Basket Ball Court has been renovated meeting all professional requirements. The Cricket Training Pitch will be ready for the academic year 2013-14. The new block of the school is under speedy construction.

The **Senior Annual Day** was held on 26th of January and we were honoured by the presence of our Chief Guest, the **Hon: Minister, Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan** and privileged to be blessed by our Manager His Holiness, Baselios Marthoma, Paulose II The speakers on the occasion were. The formal meeting was followed by a spectacular cultural extravaganza- again with every student from V to Senior Secondary participating except for Std X, XII students. The **highlight was staging of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'** with superb sets and sound effects.

Charity Initiatives have been a major aspect of Mar Baselian ethos. Through active participation in the Malayala Manorama Nallapadam Project and the encouragement of our Manager, His Holiness, Baselios Marthoma, Paulose II, we have provided a specially designed scooter to a physically challenged person, funds to a kidney patient and to a cancer patient, contributions in time, kind and money to Navajeevan Trust and Abhaya Bhavan. Most of the

money required was raised through class charity boxes, food fest, and personal donations from staff.

'Baselians for Nature' has been busy with a kitchen garden, auctioning of agricultural products for charity, naming of trees in the school compound and supports a local Environmental Project 'Puzhayora Sayanam'. 'Niracharthu' the Std X overnight camp was an occasion to enhance environmental awareness and to spend quality time in their school kitchen garden, tilling, weeding and sowing. As aftermath we had two tapioca and Kattan Kappi parties for senior students and staff, hugely enjoyed by all participants.

Annual Sports, and Mini Marathon were exciting events with maximum participation. The Senior and Junior Athletic champions were felicitated on they climbed on to the victory stands. The **Balloon Debate** saw Swami Vivekanda, Ramanujam, James Bond and Rani Lakshmi Bai facing the audience with well prepared speeches and authentic costumes. Annual Medical Check Up was carried out by our school doctor Dr. Mohan. A dental surgeon conducted an awareness class for Juniors about dental hygiene..

Prior to commencement of revision holidays, Std X, XII students were blessed and their Hall Tickets handed over at a special prayer led by Sankarathil Achen.

Eurokids, our feeder play school continues to thrive and it is always a joy to attend their colourful functions be it Onam, Christmas, Health is Wealth Day, Colour Days etc. Reena Chandy Counsellor for Eurokids is a dependable resource person and Serah Aby Mathew, our Vice Principal is a great support. Sri Thomas T. John, Hon Secretary and Dr, K. P. Joy, Administrator are generous with their encouragement and practical guidance. The office staff form the back bone of the institution, and my teachers function as a family, professional in the discharge of their duties and very humane in their interaction with students..

I am very aware that as a fast developing school, we need to absorb new trends and techniques in order to groom world class citizens. Progress depends on readiness to change and move forward. 'After all if there were no changes, there would be no butterflies. ' We believe in sound academic foundations, the corner stones of which are competency in languages, flair for numbers, inquisitive way of looking at things, emphasis on physical fitness, cultural awareness, national pride, acceptance of varied abilities and multiple intelligences, respect with out gender boundaries, effective life skills, technical competency and sensitivity to the needs of others. Our journey towards the vision of our Founder, His Holiness Baselios Marthoma, Mathews II continues under the benevolent guidance of our manger, H. H. Marthoma Paulose II and support of a proactive Governing Board. We could not have progressed and secured our place in the Sun, without the trust and support our parents lend us. I conclude with sincere gratitude to God almighty for His Manifold Blessings as we prepare our students for global opportunities and challenges.

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