



Annual Report 2019-2020

It is with a sense of pride and deep satisfaction that I present the Annual Report of the school for the academic year 2019-20. The year bore witness to decisive transformation by way of curriculum enrichment and infrastructure upgrade at Asoka World School, Elamakkara. We are thankful for our governing body who made all this possible. Together as a school community, we will build on the traditions of the past and meet the challenges of the future in innovative and exciting ways. This report gives a glimpse of the achievements both in the curricular and co-curricular areas that have done us proud. As Principal, I proudly witnessed important transitions and the acquisition of new skills that will enhance each student's ability to apply learning in many ways.

Asoka World School prides itself on its innovative and rich curriculum, state of the art infrastructure, competent faculty and city-centric location. Our enriched CBSE curriculum prepares our children for a complex, challenging and competitive future. We were diligent in providing training for our teachers. This year we focussed on giving more internal training opportunities alongside mandatory CBSE training. The training was offered in Life Skills, Classroom Management, Smart Classroom, Lesson Planning, Curriculum Development etc. I, as the Principal of the school along with my teachers aim to make your child's learning experience at AWS engaging and exciting.

The 2019-20 academic year began on the 3rd of June 2019. Our pupils walked into the school with new energy and enthusiasm to commence the new academic year filled with new dreams and surprises and they were warmly welcomed at the school assembly. The year began with a curriculum centric orientation day for parents and students. The orientation focused on school rules, discipline, dress code, assessment pattern, GOOGLE CLASSROOM and modes of parent communication. The textbooks for the academic year were issued within the first week.

Asoka World School celebrated World Environment Day on June 5th, 2019, with great zeal. Many events such as poster-making, debate, slogan writing, essay writing, quiz, etc. were held on the theme of 'Save Earth' and 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. A mime was presented depicting the plight of the environment caused by pollution. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the CEO appealed to the students and the teachers to adopt green ways of life. In the end, the winners of the various competitions were given certificates. On the 19th of June, we observed Reading Day, during which, the children were asked to bring their favourite story books to read in class. A few of them came dressed as their favourite fairy tale character and a few students

read their stories out loud in class. In their English periods, they read books after which they either gave a gist of their story to the rest of the class or they wrote a character sketch on the book they read.

International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June 2019. The theme of 5th International Yoga Day was "Climate Action", focusing on the way yoga can help us to solve the problems of climate change and also on how it can bring a lot more benefits into the lives of people. Students, along with teachers performed different Yoga and Pranayama postures intending to keep their mind and body healthy. The Physical Education teacher also gave a brief introduction of the inception, significance and advantages of performing yoga for the human body, especially for mental health and physical fitness. International Day against Drug Abuse and Trafficking was themed 'Health for Justice' and was observed on 25th June 2019. The special assembly highlighted that justice and health are two sides of the same coin and that youth should abstain from substance use and abuse by all means.

July was devoted to an intense focus on academics as several working days were obstructed due to incessant rain. During this month, we observed Young Savers' Day on July 21st and World Nature Conservation Day on July 27th through various programmes such as movie screening, discussions and group activities.

In August, Ramayana Month was observed by way of a special assembly to herald the relevance of adhering to values. The Social Science department led the observance of Hiroshima Day, we reminded ourselves that a few milligrams of uranium, which is enough to power an entire city for a year, can also destroy one! On August 8th, Quit India Day was observed with a pledge taking ceremony to honour the sacrifices and struggles of freedom fighters involving the participation of all students, faculty and non-teaching staff. It aimed to instil a sense of responsibility and reverence for our freedom fighters. On 16th August the Independence Day a poster making competition was organised to observe the spirit of patriotism. On August 19th, World Photography Day was celebrated to pay homage to the history of photography. On the very first day of the Swachhata Abhiyan, all the students of the school participated in English and Hindi debates, Essay Writing Competition, Painting Competition on 'Cleanliness and Hygiene Practices'. Students realised the importance of cleanliness and sanitation, and also the role of schools in realizing the mission of Swachh Bharat.

The trust and the school on 11th of August 2019, suffered the untimely loss of our Founder General Secretary, Mrs Chinnu Asokan. We mourn her loss along with her family, colleagues and all those who knew her, loved her and missed her. With due respect to departed souls and their family, we suspended the observance of Founder's Day.

The month of September started with the periodic tests and closed for Onam holidays on 6th September. Onam, the traditional festival of Kerala was celebrated with much enthusiasm by all the students and teachers. Various events such as Athapookkalam, Fashion Show and

Kaikottikkali are organised over the day as part of the celebration. The festivities concluded with a sumptuous Onam lunch. The school reopened on 16th September with an open house. Teachers Day was celebrated on 5th September by honouring them with flowers. High tea was organized in the afternoon by the management to relax and share their experiences in teaching. World literacy day and National Hindi Day was observed by the students and teachers during the school assembly by speeches and thoughts.

On 1st October as part of International Older Persons Day, a special assembly was held where teachers and students spoke about their grandparents to bring about an understanding of the issues faced by the older population. The first week of October we commemorated 'Sevana Varam' on behalf of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. On these days, students kept their classrooms neat and clean and also participated in poster making competitions, multi-faith prayer, national pledge, movie screening, and essay writing competitions. Teachers undertook group sessions on how to make cleanliness a way of life and to contribute our small part towards the Swachh Bharat Mission.

On 1st November students came to school dressed in their ethnic clothes for Kerala Piravi. The Malayalam teacher gave a speech on the birth of the state, importance of the day and achievements of Kerala on the National and International stage. To observe Diwali on November 6th students participated in the painting of clay pots/ lamps. Teachers and students exchanged Indian sweets with each other. On 7th November CV Raman Day, our Physics Teacher and class 12 students gave a presentation on the Life and Accomplishments of Dr C.V Raman. The other observed events of the month were National Education Day, Children's Day, and National Integration Week. Children's Day was celebrated keeping in mind Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru's words, "I may not have time for adults, but I have enough time for children." The highlight of the assembly was the scintillating dance performance by the teachers. The teachers showcased their talent by dancing on the peppy songs which also made the students groove in. The students were in awe to see their mother-like-teachers in the Avataar of kids.

An open house was organised for our parents on the 12th of December, parents and teachers comments were noted down in the open house book. The school closed for Christmas holidays on the 22nd of December after 'variety entertainment' by students and teachers. Everyone participated in the Christmas friend activity and exchanged gifts. Students had decorated the blackboards with colour chalks. Teachers organised for payasam, cakes, and lunch for all.

In January, Mannam Jayanthi was celebrated by holding a special assembly led by students of classes 9-12. Induction for the staff by the new Principal took place on 9th January wherein the key action points of the action plan were discussed and a teaching-learning CPD session was held. Class 12 parent interaction was held on Monday, 13th January. Club activities for the term commenced on 14th January with a grand inauguration ceremony by the school CEO.

We also saw Class 12 students intensively preparing for the board practical exams under the able guidance of our teachers. After school, extra classes and Saturday remedial sessions

helped the students immensely to confidently face the practical exams that started on the 27th of January. A weekly DEAR program (Drop Everything and Read) was initiated in January that provides students with much more than a just-sit-there-and-read experience. It gives the teacher a structured time of 40 minutes to encourage, assist, model, assess progress, set reading targets. Even more important, it gives students time to explore the library, choose books with the help of their teachers, read what they want to read and share what they've read. Republic Day was celebrated on 27th January by holding a special assembly and freedom fighter dress-up day.

An overnight Science-themed camp “DESTINATION SCIENCE” for the students of classes I to XII on January 31 and February 1, 2020. The camp kick-started with enthusiastic students arriving promptly at 2:30 pm. The students enjoyed the camp as they were kept gainfully engaged with a variety of fun-filled and informative sessions conducted by the teachers. A wide range of activities ranging from coding workshop, minute to win it, treasure hunt, talent show, stargazing, STEM workshop was held. The tasty meals and snacks, provided at regular intervals, were thoroughly relished by the children. Dinner was followed by a film. The students then slept peacefully till they woke up the next day and proceeded for aerobics and exercise with music at Asoka hall. The camp gave students an ideal platform to explore, innovate, showcase their talents and they left the school with hearts filled with sweet memories of the overnight camp.

A mock fire and evacuation drill was conducted at our school on 17-01-2020, to educate and train our students for an unlikely emergency. The objective of the exercise was to create awareness among the students of basic fire -fighting techniques and the ways to respond swiftly in times of such emergencies. The Cochin FireGuard Squad trained the students and staff for the usage of fire extinguishers. It was an essential life skills workshop and hands-on-experience for the students and staff, keeping in mind their safety and security.

A teen parenting workshop –“**How to support your teen through exams**” was held at Asoka World School on 15th February. The workshop aimed to create a positive family atmosphere, believe in the concept of listening to their wards and to effectively tackle any parenting challenge that appears during exam time. The session auspiciously began with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and the inaugural speech was delivered by the General Secretary of Asoka World School Mr Adarsh Kavungal. The session was led by the eminent psychologist Ms Zaileshia G and Ms Meena Viswanathan, a veteran educationist.

General wellness and first aid training session was held at the Asoka Hall for the staff and students of AWS on 13th February. Dr Bhagya Shaji of Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences conducted an interactive and informative session on health and hygiene practices, common ailments/accidents and first aid measures. The students of classes I-XI visited the Modern Bread Factory, Edappally on 28th February, as part of the school's expeditionary learning programme. It was a highly beneficial exercise which enabled community outreach and scientific inquisitiveness. The CBSE Practical exams were conducted on 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 11th and 14th of the month.

A poster making competition on the occasion of the World Wildlife Day was held on 3rd March 2020. The students of classes I-XI enthusiastically planned and practised for their annual day celebrations which were scheduled to have taken place on 21st March. We regret that the event could not be staged due to government directives towards the closure of schools on 6th March on account of COVID-19 pandemic. As the situation worsened it led to the suspension of all board examinations and later on to a nationwide lockdown. All students from classes I-XI were promoted to the next class as per the guidelines promulgated by the CBSE. Class XII board exams will resume after the lockdown. Our teachers swiftly planned and implemented the unique online learning programme to ensure portion completion as well as productive student engagement during the nationwide lockdown.

As we come to the close of the academic year we wish our school community and the entire nation well, as humanity fights the deadliest pandemic in world history.

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