

Annual Report 2020-21

A great saying goes so “Real Education fetches you more than a job. It teaches you to live. It cannot be measured in any tangible way”

It is an enduring tradition to take time to pause, turn around to look at the fruitful year gone by, achieving both the expected and the unexpected, while setting various milestones and then synergizing ourselves to move ahead to face the challenges in the coming year, with a positive attitude. We thank the Almighty God for all the blessings bestowed upon us year after year, especially during the academic year 2020-21.

Aalaya has been stepping from success to success all through the years since its humble beginning in 2012 and the past year has been no exception. We have done excellently in academics and non-academic areas. At this juncture, I wish to put on record my sincere gratitude to the management, staff, students and the SMC for your kind support and guidance.

With great pleasure, I present in a nutshell the highlights of the past academic year 2020-21 as follows:

Re-opening :

Aalaya Academy saw its opening in the virtual mode for the academic year 2020-21 on 1st July 2020. Being the year of pandemic all activities are done in a virtual mode. The staff along with the management welcomed the students and their parents. A mesmerizing re-opening ceremony was organized.

Academic Excellence:

“Excellence in academics is the hallmark of any good institution”.

The system of education in Aalaya, as you all know, is a blend of theory and practice in the right proportion to arrive at a comprehensive curriculum.

Competitions are also held for Poetry recitation, story writing and narration, English and Tamil elocution, GK, Science and Maths quiz competitions. Prizes are awarded.

Teacher Enhancement Programs :

“It’s the teacher that makes the change, not the mere classroom”.

We believe in equipping teachers to prepare the students for the future and to update their knowledge. So the school arranges a teacher orientation program every year and in 2020 it was in virtual mode directed by CBSE and other agencies.

Regular staff meetings are conducted to evaluate our quality of performance and plan for the future with more innovative methods of teaching and learning programs.

Examinations :

Periodical assessments and evaluations are conducted through virtual mode for the students and their progress are informed to the parents frequently. Subject enrichment activities are done by the students and teachers evaluate these as the internal assessment.

Remedial Teaching:

Remedial classes for the academically backward students are held after the regular class hours to bring them up at par with the rest of the class.

Co-curricular Activities and Celebrations:

"For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them."

- Aristotle

A plethora of extra-curricular activities were organised to nurture the talents of our little champs and to increase awareness of their surroundings.

- Online sessions like story-telling, interactive sessions on culture and Heritage, session on the Basics of Dramatics etc. not only entertained our little stars but also kept them well informed.

Virtual story telling session in collaboration with Paper kite by Shrinithi Mahendran has been organized for the children day program.

- Festivals like Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Diwali, Christmas, Colour Days etc were celebrated virtually with great zeal and fervour by our kids.
- On the occasion of Independence Day and Republic Day, we remembered the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and were enlightened on the significance of Independence Day and the significance of Preamble respectively.
- To provide basic vocational training and develop an aesthetic sense and utilization of available resources for handcrafting beautiful art and craft materials, art & craft room is provided with all the required things as part of work education.

Aalaya Academy not only focuses upon the intellectual development of our future generation, but also takes care of their emotional, physico-cultural and behavioural development in their early ages of development by inculcating sound moral values, responsibility, self-reliance and social awareness. We are doing it through different co-curricular activities and school celebrations.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The school is grateful to the management who has been ensuring the rapid acceleration in the growth of our school by providing us support to create an enviable campus infrastructure and by employing competent manpower. Establishment of the new school building, ensuring safety and security of students and staff, academic provisions, smoothening the transport, complete beautification of the campus etc have made us move to the higher rungs of the podium. In terms of state of the art infrastructure- Library Lab (composite section), Computer Lab, Math Lab are few of the highlights. The school library is central to learning and plays a key role as a place for encouraging innovation and curiosity. We have a well stocked library with more than 4000 books- which includes text books, story books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, magazines and newspapers. Keeping in mind the pandemic situation and to ensure ultimate safety and hygiene of our students and staff, we have a fully operational Infirmary with all necessary medical equipments.

Strengthening synergies between parents –students-teachers

The certified life skills and sexuality health educator conducted Zoom session on "The growing child" for the parents to help them understand their children in a better way, on, 26th & 27th Feb 2020.

Parents Forum

The school places a lot of importance in maintaining cordial relationship with parents with extra care being provided to attend every individual issue brought for attention. We are thankful to our parent community for being very supportive and cordial.

Conclusion:

We would like to express our sincerest appreciation to our parents, guardians, and students for your incredible patience and flexibility through out the academic year 2020-2021.

We understand the enormous responsibility and challenges that Remote Learning placed on parents, guardians, and students as you had to create time, space, routine, and support for learning at home. We realize that all of our families are experiencing a difficult time and that there are many other needs, in

addition to student learning, that are critical as we work through this crisis together.

We are so thankful to our families and students for all the amazing gestures of kindness and generosity.

We honour all of you.

Thank you