

May be there is a road ahead. May be there is new world down the road. Walking forth is the only plight because we did not come this far to come this far only.

A heart filled with aspiration is all that we know since the very existence of the school, and that what gave us the ambition of marching forward till excellence is achieved in all our endeavors.

This annual report comprises of the achievements made during the year gone by. At the same time it sets the path for greater accomplishment in the year to follow.

As a regular practice followed every year, the session 2019 – 2020 began with the orientation program for the parents of students of Grades 1 to 7. The program made the parents aware of the scheme of education we impart here in the school and also all the activities children will be participating in during their journey of learning in the academic year.



The first event we had was the International Day of Yoga celebrated on 21st June, 2019. It was the day when all the children, teaching and non-teaching faculty performed Yoga asanas on the assembly ground. The day was also very memorable as we celebrated the FIRST Anniversary of our school with dances, music

and games.

The teaching and learning is always a creative and an innovate practice in our school. Through the Integrated English module of the Mystical Rainforest we had great fun learning about the rainforests of the world. A quiz was held on the topic – “Mystery of Rainforests” on the occasion of World Rainforest Day on 22nd June, 2019.



In the Express Yourself Activity of the Mystical Rainforest module, children dressed up as tribals of the rainforest had a great learning experience of how the tribals survive in the lush green surroundings of the rainforest. In the culminating event, Into the Wild, the students of four houses

decorated the soft boards and corridors of the school as rainforests of the world.

In the next Integrated English module – The Space Troopers, learnt about the space, stars and celestial bodies including the planets of the solar system. Children also learnt about the astronauts who travel into the space



exploring and discovering the wonders of the universe. One such activity was the celebration of Neil Armstrong's birthday on 16th September, 2019. It was a special assembly wherein the students were informed about how Neil Armstrong created history by becoming the first man to step on the surface of the moon.

During the month long module learning children made stars, planets and celestial bodies, participated in fancy dress competitions, express yourself activities to enhance their learning of the outer space celestial bodies.

The culminating event of this module – The Star Dust, showcased the learning of the children in the Space Trooper module.



The next module of the Integrated English was – Design A Way. Under this module the class assembly was presented by the students of Grade 5 wherein they showcased the unique inventions of theirs. The

3D printer showcase held at Podar International (ICSE) School, Aurangabad was a fabulous opportunity for our children of Grades 5 to 7 to work on making creative models using the 3D printers, make their projects and present the projects in the Inter Podar 3D Printer Showcase Competition.

In the last module of the Integrated Module – In Pursuit of Happiness, a joint Parivartan Rally was taken up from Podar International (CBSE) School to Aurangabad Municipal Corporation ground. In this joint rally students of Podar International (ICSE) School, Podar International (CBSE) School, Podar International School, Waluj and Podar International School and Sundarwadi, Aurangabad participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The rally was organized as a part of Republic Day celebration to voice out the key to happy living and peaceful co-existence.

The school fosters leadership skills in the young minds and prepares them to be the leaders of the future. It believes in giving the student council an opportunity to learn the basic lessons of control and discipline. The Second Student Council was elected democratically through an online voting process on



Friday, 28th June, 2019. The Student Council member elected for the academic session 2019 – 2020, were the animated and active students in whom the other students and teachers invested their faith and trust. The students council was

sworn to office in the Investiture Ceremony held on Thursday, 11th July, 2019. Shri Sheshrao Udaar, Police Inspector, Waluj Police Station, the Chief Guest for the ceremony, encouraged the members of the 2nd Student Council by inspiring them to be honest and truthful leaders who work for the welfare of the society. Motivated by the guidance given by Shri Sheshrao Udaar, the enthusiastic members of the 2nd Student Council played a pivotal role in managing the events of the school as well as taking care of discipline and welfare of other children. The guidance and motivation provided by the house mentors was of great help to all the members of the 2nd Students Council.

Throughout the academic session 2019 – 2020, the school provides its learners various literary and co-scholastic Inter House competitions. These competitions provided a plethora of opportunities to the students of various classes, who exhibited their innate skills and talents and won trophies, medals and

certificates. The Inter House Quiz, Poem Recitation, Spell Bell (Summer and Winter Test), Table Recitation, Just A Minute, Dance & Singing etc. were some of the competitions which nurtured the skills of the children and helped them to learn with fun.

To enhance the innovative and thinking skills of the young learners, the school has organized for the AD MAD Competition which was a fabulous learning experience to all the participants. This competition not only helped the children harness creativity but also think out of the box to prepare attractive advertisements and launch their products in the market. The competition enabled the children understand the importance of advertisement and know the process as to how a new product is launched in the market. It also made the children realize the fact that earning money was not so easy a business as it requires great skills and efforts to earn even a rupee.

The Hindi week was celebrated from 6th to 14th September, 2019. During the weeklong celebration various competitions and activities were held for the students of Grades 1 to 7, which provided good opportunity to students to refine their linguistic skills in Hindi. The students who performed well in the various activities and won the competitions were felicitated with the Certificate of Achievement on the Hindi Day.

Excellence in academics is the main objective of the school. To ensure that every school craves to improve his/her academic performance by resorting to continuous learning Best Scholar Examination – 2020 was organized for the students of Grades 1 to 7. The main aim of this examination was ensure that the children compete in an healthy manner to become the Best Scholar of their class.

Spoken English is given due importance on the school campus. The school believes that motivating the children by awarding them or praising their effort to speak in English on the school campus will also encourage other children to emulate the same. In recognition of their consistent and sincere effort of speaking in English on the school campus, a few students were awarded with the trophy of star speakers on the Annual day.

The Thematic Learning module for Grades 1 and 2 provides a great experiential learning to the young minds to explore the theme in their own space and zones. JOBS made the children understand the importance of community helpers and the role they play in our society. Solar System introduced to the family of planets, asteroids, stars, the sun, the moon and the space itself. Fun with Plants made the children know the importance of plant life for the existence of human race.

Celebration of festivals has its own special place in our school. The school celebrated 73rd Anniversary of the Indian Independence, 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji and 71st Anniversary of the Republic Day with great pomp and fervor.

Ashadi Ekadashi, Ganpati Utsav, Rakshabandan, Parsi New Year, Eid, Janmashtmi, Diwali, Chirstmas, Guruparab and Makar Sankranti were celebrated in the school foster unity and brotherhood among the children.



sing, dance and play games with them. Likewise the teachers celebrated the Children’s Day for all the children making them feel special. Teachers presented dances, songs and plays to entertain the children.



School provides its learners to develop scientific temperament and understand the world of science with active involvement and experiential learning. SCIFEST – 2020 was organized on the occasion of National Science Day on 28th February, 2020 to provide the children an opportunity to exhibit their science models and innovative concepts as young and budding scientists. The best exhibits were awarded with the Young Einstein’s Award for their science model exhibits. Students of Grades 3 to 7 participated with great fervor and zeal. Under the guidance of their teachers the students presented their science models to the visiting parents and were highly praised for their work.



Children expressed their sincere gratitude to the teachers on Guru Purnima and Teachers’ Day. They presented an exciting program for the teachers wherein they made the teachers



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All work and no play make all the Jacks and Jills of the school dull. The school values the importance of sports and games and thus, provided a flurry of sporting events both within the school as well as by letting the children participate in the DSO sports events.

In the DSO competitions our children participated in the Badminton, Kho-Kho, Athletics, Football, Chess, Handball, Discus and Shot Put Throw events.

Inter House sporting events were also held in the school to promote teamwork and sporting skills among the children. There were Inter House Football, Kho-kho, Basket Ball, Tug-O-War, Cricket, Chess, Carrom, Skating competitions held to allow the children to exhibit their sporting skills.

The Podar Olympic Junior – 2019 – the second Sports Day of the school provided equal opportunities to all the children of the school to showcase their sporting skills. Terra House lifted the coveted trophy of the Sports Champion of the year 2019-2020. Avani S. Bahekar, Sports Captain of the school, won the Best Sportsperson's award for the year 2019 – 2020. Avani has also exhibited great sportsperson skills both on and off the field.



Sports and Hobby segment was provided to the children as an additional sports and hobby period on Wednesdays. It provided every child an opportunity to pick the hobby and sports activity of their choice, practice it through the year and excel. In the hobby segment children enjoyed – Dance – Classical and Western; Art & Craft;

Music – Instrumental & Vocal; Computer Graphics; Vedic Math concepts and Abacus. In the Sporting segment children had Football, Cricket, Skating, Basketball, Volley ball & Marshal Arts.

In the Sports Achievement - Avani Bahekar qualified for the DSO Divisional level in the Athletics, Shot put and long jump events. Avani Bahekar was also the Player of the Tournament in the Inter House Girls Football Competition. Ayush Rawat won the Player of the Tournament award in the Boys' Football Competition. In the Under 14 DSO Gramin Football & Handball Competition for Girls our team played well and bagged the runner's up position.

The dance troupe and choir group participated in the Shravan Mahotsav Inter School Competition. Our children were acknowledged as the most promising and entertaining group.

Our children exhibited their great oratory skills in the Inter Podar Declamation Competition held on 21st January, 2020. Among the five Podar Schools who participated in the competition, our children of Grade 3 and 5 won the school laurels. Zoya Iqbal of Grade 3 bagged the 2nd position in Group A while Shaurya Shelke of Grade 5 won the FiRST position in Group C.

Podar International School also arranged for Podar Parents Cricket League for the parents of the school. Parents participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed the cricket league. The winning team was felicitated with the trophy and team members were given a memento.



The school is committed to provide holistic learning to its learners. The Joy of Giving activity and Volunteer Drive, giving back to the society it made the children learn the lesson of empathy and share their happiness with the deprived and marginalized members of the society. Children visited the hostel of Dumb and Deaf girls and shared with them articles of basic necessity. Before Diwali the children also shared some stationery articles with the inmates of Savali Orphanage for girls.

The 2nd Annual Day of the school was a special tribute to the Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th Birth Anniversary. The theme chosen was – **BE THE CHANGE.**



Revolving around Gandhiji's sesquicentennial anniversary, the students of Grades 1 to 7 presented dances, songs and skits to spread the Gandhian philosophy of Truth, Non-Violence and Peaceful living. Dr. Ekanta Patel, Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Aurangabad was the Chief Guest of the occasion. Among the other dignitaries were the principals of Podar International Schools of Aurangabad and Ahmednagar.

The school has an active Parent Teacher Association, always ready to contribute their best for the well being and welfare of the children and institution. We thank all the members of the Parent Teacher Association Podar International School, Waluj for their valuable support and co-operation.

The academic session 2019 - 2020 was a challenging year of growth for all the children. The able guidance of the teaching and non-teaching staff gave the direction and motivation to achieve whatever big or small the children could achieve this year. The administrative staff and the housekeeping staff need to be praised for their efforts for maintaining and preparing the institution ready to provide a clean and hygienic surrounding for the busy schedule of teaching learning activities. The roots of the school are very strong. The foundation is laid quite deep. Thus, it guarantees to its stakeholders the all round development of the young minds. The person who ensures everything falls in its place is our dear principal sir. It is his vision and aspiration which gives new dreams, dimensions and wings to the young learner.

The school administration extends its sincere gratitude to our dear trustees -DR. Pavan Podar Sir, Chairman, Mr. Gaurav Podar and Mr. Harsh Podar, Directors Podar Group of Schools for their continuous support by approving the events and sanctioning the required budgets.

A big thank you to all the parents of the school, who have always been the source of strength to us. It is the faith and trust reposed by the parents body, which help innovate and achieve big.

Though the curtains for academic session 2019 - 2020 has fallen, the school assures all its stakeholders, that we will scale new heights and glory for the school in the academic session 2020 - 2021 and live to the motto of our Alma Mater.
