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Now let us have a brief glimpse of the events that marked the school calendar this year.

We commenced the academic year with spiritual rituals on June 4, 2019. We conducted the Ganapathy Homam seeking the blessings of “Vigneswara” to remove all obstacles. Our children performed “Saraswathi Pooja” to invoke the blessings of Goddess Saraswathi, the embodiment of Knowledge.

We celebrated World Environmental Day on June 5th. Chief Guest Shri Raju Mannur, a playback singer in the Malayalam film industry, gave a phenomenal speech. The students planted tree saplings on the school premises, and we also distributed tree saplings to the students. This year, we started the Nakshatravanam project, which is a sacred grove consisting of 27 trees that are related to the 27 Nakshatras in Indian astrology.

We opened the doors to the vast World of Knowledge before our budding blooms on June 19th, with one of our traditional ceremonies, the “Vidyarambham.”

This year, on World Refugee Day (June 20th), students visited Kumardas Balashram, Koppam and spent valuable time with the children by entertaining them.

On International Yoga Day (June 21st), an eminent yoga master, Shri Vineesh Sir addressed the children and spoke about the importance of yoga in daily life. He demonstrated a few *asanas* and our students performed mass yoga.

A good leader has an ideal character and is enthusiastic in his work. In order to lead and set direction, a leader needs to appear confident as a person in the leadership role. Our school council was officially sworn in at a very impressive “Investiture” ceremony, assigning charges to new leaders for the current academic year.

On June 26th, International Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking Day, Dr. Pradeep, Research Officer from Panchakarma conducted an awareness class on the ill-effects of drugs. Students took an oath and led a cycle rally through the streets of Vettikattiri, to provide awareness to society regarding the same. They ignited the anti-drug flame to support the cause.

The Guru, an incarnation of God himself comes down to earth to awaken humankind to the state of self-realization. In Indian tradition, we pay more respect to Gurus. We observed Gurupoornima on July 16th which falls in the month of Aashad, commemorating the birth of the great sage Veda Vyasa. As part of the celebration, our students performed Mathrupooja.

India is a land of great cultural heritage. Puranas and itihisas are sacred wings of Indian culture. In order to make the young generation feel proud of the ancient culture and rich civilization of our country, we celebrated the Malayalam month of "*Karkidakam*" as Ramayana Month. Ramayana chanting was conducted throughout the month. Various competitions like Ramayana chanting competition, Ramayana quiz and skit were conducted.

Amritolsav (Arts Fest) was held on July 22nd and 23rd with competitions like Drawing, Painting, Essay Writing, Versification, Extempore, Dance, Music, Tableau, Mime, etc.

On August 5th, as part of SB Global initiative, students launched a radio show, Voice of Amrita, as a lunch time activity to showcase their talents.

On August 15th, Independence Day was celebrated in low profile due to the floods. We only hoisted the National Flag.

September 5th was celebrated as Teacher's Day. Teachers performed Thiruvathira, classical dance, etc.

On September 6th, we celebrated Onam with inter house floral carpet (*pookkalam*) competitions and other cultural programmes.

The aim of a Mahatma's advent on the earth is for awakening mankind from the world of darkness to the light of wisdom. Our most beloved AMMA, Satguru Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, the ocean of infinite love and compassion, has incarnated on this earth for uplifting humanity. We celebrated AMMA's 66th birthday in Amritapuri on September 27th. Our staff participated in the function. Our teachers got the golden opportunity of welcoming Amma in the traditional way.

On October 15th, we celebrated World Students Day, commemorating the birthday of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Our students performed assembly activities on the same.

With the intention of providing an extra dimension which no classroom can give, students of classes IX and X went for a 2-day tour to Bangalore and Chikmangalore.

October 31st was celebrated as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, commemorating the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the iron man of India. Students performed speech and oath taking in the assembly.

On December 1st, we celebrated World Aids Day. Students wore badges, held placards and gave an awareness speech on the same.

Human Rights Day was celebrated on December 10th. Students gave an insight into the rights that we enjoy in our lives. They held placards and created awareness about the same.

Annual Sports Day was conducted on December 13th. Our students participated with much zeal and enthusiasm in competitions like running race, shot-put, relay, etc.

On December 18th, we celebrated "Kuchela Dinam" signifying the immortal example of the eternal, real and non-materialistic bond of friendship between Krishna and Sudama.

KG Activities

Kids Fest was conducted on October 9th and 11th, with various cultural programmes and activities like clay modelling, colouring, memory game, etc., for the tiny tots.

On December 14th, we conducted “Amrita Splash” colouring competition, exhibition and fun games for our students and also for the tiny tots near our school premises.

AYUDH

Amma says, “Young people need to understand the purpose of life. They need courage and wisdom to face the challenges of life. With that understanding, they become the light of the world. If we care for them responsibly, moulding their whole character with love, then the future of the world will be safe.”

With this mission, “Awaken Youth, Unite for Dharma” (AYUDH) was founded in India in 1985. It empowers young people to integrate universal values into their daily lives. Starting with themselves, the goal is to establish a future of hope, peace and social engagement. This international youth movement is active in more than 40 countries across Asia, Europe, North America, etc. This same movement has been introduced in our school. Our students are participating in all the activities with full energy and enthusiasm for the betterment of society. The activities included are:

- Vrishchikam 1, Vriksham 1 – An initiative to plant a sapling per house for the conservation of the environment. Our AYUDH team distributed and planted tree saplings in the houses near the school premises.
- Pidi Ari – An initiative to collect a handful of rice and pulses from each student and donate to the poor and needy.
- Gita Jayanthi week - To inculcate the values of the Bhagavad Gita in our daily lives. Our students recited verses from the Gita and explained its meaning in the assembly.

Achievements

- Class X Results – As in previous years, this year too, our batch of Class X students passed with flying colours. Adithyan Krishna K. scored 96% and Aswin C. Jayan scored 94%.
- Aswin Kumar K.C. of IV-A bagged the First prize in a drawing competition conducted by Chinmaya Mission as part of Ramayana month.
- Sahodaya - Shreya Jayarajan won the Third position in the third category of Malayalam Recitation.
- Our football team entered the next level of selections.
- Karthika S. of Class VIII bagged the 14th position in the National level, 3rd position in the State level and 1st position in the interschool level of the Spell Bee competition.
- Our students participated in Shreshtabharatham, a competition conducted by Amrita TV, successfully clearing the 3rd round.
- Sanjana Manoj of Class X and Adithyan V.A. of Class II-A bagged Gold Medals in the Hindi proficiency exam conducted by Mahatma Gandhi Hindi Rashtrabhasha Prachar Sanstha.
- Our teachers, Ms. Bhavya E.S. and Ms. Divya P. became winners in the teaching aid competition held at the State level.
- In the TATA ClassEdge usage competition conducted across all the Amrita Vidyalayam schools, our teacher, Ms. Divya P. secured the 2nd position.