

MONTFORT VALLEY – A SCHOOL WITH A DIFFERENCE

A pleasant evening ladies and gentlemen. Yet another December; a month of crackling fires, twinkling trees and heartfelt cheers...with God's grace, the school stands here regally reflecting the mission and vision of Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel. This is the 19th Annual Day celebration of Montfort Valley School. With a moment of joy and a sense of accomplishment, we take you to the activities of the academic year 2024-'25.

It says that "well begun is half done". We, the school, as a team under the captaincy of our Principal Rev. Br. Amal Amad, along with the visionary Rev. Br. Joseph Thomas, The Administrator and Rev. Br. T J John, The Mentor of MVS have taken measures to make the new academic year 2024 -2025 an impeccable one.

*Successful teams don't happen by accident,
They are made, not born.*

The MVS family has extended with 650 students 37 teaching faculty and 21 non-teaching staff along with the Brothers Community. The academic coordinators of the year are Mrs. Sweeja Thomas for higher secondary, Mr. Sekar S for high school Mrs. Ligin George for the Primary Section and Mrs. Ambily Sabu for KG to facilitate the effective academic practice.

Teacher's Training Programme

Two days' refreshment training programme was arranged for the teachers on 27th and 28th of May. The main aim of the seminar was to equip and enlighten the teachers, how to inculcate psychological knowledge in teaching. The resource person was Mr. Staney, the psychotherapist and counsellor from Chennai. Capacity building programme based on value education was also conducted to equip the teachers deal with value education.

CBSE Results- X & XII

CBSE board exam results were declared on 13 May 2024. The charismatic performance of the students of class X & XII brought glory to the school. Miss Rakshita U, and Master Millan Chris Jim secured 482/500 (96.4%) in the 10th Board exam, the highest of the school's history. The former one also secured a centum in Tamil subject. The topper of grade XII is Master Affin J, with 91.2 % of aggregate.

School Reopening & Blessing – 05/06/2024

The school reopened on 5th June for the classes I – XII. The new theme "A School with a Difference" is reiterated. The Principal, Administrator along with the PTA president addressed the gathering. They also encouraged the students with positivity and hope. The newcomers of the school were gracefully welcomed.

On 7th June 'Mass of the Holy Spirit' was arranged in the school auditorium by seeking the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to mark the beginning of the

academic year with the mighty presence of the Parish priest. First Friday of every month Holy Mass is arranged for the Christian students.

The New School Timing – (18 June)

Prefiguring the unexpected lack of working days due to adverse climatical condition, the school made an effective change in the school timing, to offer a better schooling experience. So the new school timing is from 9:20 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. (old timing 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) with effect from 18 to June 2024.

Investiture Ceremony- Ignite, Innovate, Integrate - (28 June)

The School Pupil Leader (SPL) Miss Dona Susan Dileep and Assistant School Pupil Leader (ASPL) Master Nikhil Manoj along with the Council of Leaders were vested with badges and sashes by taking their privileges and responsibilities.

The attendance of Rev.Br. Herman Lakhra, The Superior of Delhi Province confers a special distinction on the event. His consent to join with Rev. Br. Dr. M. Irudhayam, The Provincial Superior of Trichy Province made the event memorable. The chief guest of the day was Mr Manoj Kumar A.C, Inspector of Police, Santhanpara, shared his experience and motivated the leaders. The students' council took the oath to hold the school motto in high esteem. The Principal congratulated and appreciated the students. The following day the school arranged the first official gathering of the House Meet.

Provincial Visit – (28 June)

The afternoon of investiture ceremony, The Provincial Superior had a very brief interaction with the teaching staff. He bid farewell by promising an elaborate meeting with the faculty on the next arrival of him.

Exams

- ❖ Periodic Test (P.T - I) exam started for grade I - XII on 4th July and ended on 12th June.
- ❖ As the school has planned ahead, monthly exams are conducting exclusively for class X & XII to equip themselves well in academics.
- ❖ P.T - II was commenced on 24th August and ended by 3rd September from class 1 to XII.
- ❖ The first Half Yearly Exam for grade 6 to 12 and term exam for 1 to 5 and for K.G where started on 28 October and last at till 4th November.
- ❖ The first Model Exam for grade 10th and 12th started on 29th November and got over on 12th December.
- ❖ The Term -II Exam for K.G has conducted during the first week of December.

Parent Teachers Association Meeting

The school always take feedback and suggestions from the parents as their role in the development of the child is undeniable. Healthy interactions and timely communication are extended on 18th July by assessing the performance of the children in the P.T – I exam. This academic year's first common meeting for KG was on 6th

September. The common PTA for grade 1 to 8 was on 12th September and for IX - XII on 15th November.

Seminar for X & XII (22 & 23 July)

A healthy body is a reflection of a healthy mind. The wisdom of knowledge cannot survive in an imbalanced mind. Being aware of the stress, tension and anxiety that the children go through, the management and teachers cannot be unmindful. We catered the support of Rev. Br. Susai Raj, the well-known Psychologist and Counsellor for assuring the mental wellbeing and emotional balance of the children. It was a two-day program particularly meant for the X & XII students.

School Activities

- Class assembly is a platform for the children to exhibit the talents of the children. The school always encourages the children to make use of the platform by offering the opportunity on every Tuesday for the students from VI – XII, on every Thursday to the students of grade I – V and on every Friday for the KG students.
- Notice Board preparation is another exposure to the aspirants to exhibit the creative talents. The best decorated classes are awarded with an ever-rolling trophy during assembly.
- Every Wednesday the school is giving training to the children in Extracurricular activities to ensure the holistic development of the children. Skating, magic tricks, yoga, karate, kung-fu, instrumental and vocal music, art and craft are some of the facilities offered other than academics.
- Parakh Rashtriya Sarvekshan - One of the largest nation-wide sample based education survey conducted across the country to obtain a standard feed back on the students' learning achievement and overall health of education at district, state and national level was held on 4th December. Students of VI A was taken for the survey.

Farewell to Rev. Br. T.J John (18 July)

A send-off party was arranged to honour the pious service of Rev. Br. T. J John, for his selfless service to the school community. He, with his new mission has moved on to Thirunalveli with greater plans and goals.

MVS Support to People in Wayanad

A landslide in the Wayanad district in Kerala was a devastating disaster that occurred in Chooralmala, mundakai punjirimattom in Meppadi panchayat in the early hours of 30th July. The landslide was triggered by heavy rainfall which caused the hill sides to collapse and destroy everything in their path. The disaster was one of the deadliest in the Kerala history with the reports over 420 fatalities 397 injuries and 118 people missing (based on online resources). The event was declared as a 'state loss' and the government called off many state events initially, but due to the severe opposition of

cancellation from the people who make their earnings with such program, the government rescinded the cancellation.

The faculty of teaching and non-teaching staff and some children have provided individual contribution for the rebuilding Wayand Campaign.

Commemoration of Important Days.

National Reading Day - (19 June)

National reading day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Some of the Montfortians took part at the panchayat level competition held at Santhanpara Panchayat Hall. One of the students' miss Yanina Aneesh bagged the first position in quiz competition and was honoured by a prize money of Rs. 5001. The schools also received The Best Participating School award.

Yoga Day- 21st June

Theme of Yoga Day 2024- Yoga for Self and Society

Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self to the self. MVS commemorated the national yoga day by passing the message "yoga for self and Society" to the children on 21st June.

Shiksha Saptah (27 July)

As per the order from the Central Government, CBSE introduced 'Shiksha Saptah' to cater mother nature. Its motto is 'Plant 4 Mother Initiative'.

Independence Day (15 August)

The usually pompous celebration was Minimalized to just remember and observe the day due to the fatality of Wayanad landslide. Rev. Bro. Joseph Thomas hoisted the flag and give an insightful Independence Day message to the children. Some teachers and students from the locality witnessed the ceremony.

Principal's Birthday (16 August)

A person who beholds the value can never be unmindful of the suffering of his fellow people. A low - key ceremony was held on 16th August by a cake cutting to mark the event a modest one.

Teachers Day (05 September)

The teachers were acknowledged and honoured both by the management and by the student's community for their pious service. The day was full of joy and celebration. Students arranged a cultural Fiesta in the forenoon session and afternoon gave way to a fun filled games between teachers and students. The principle and administrator decorated the dais of the event. This is one of the two events of this academic year celebrated with full spirit.

Onam Celebration (12 September)

Serene and intimate ceremony was held on 12th September for K.G and 30th September to all the other classes due to the State Mourning for the people in Wayanad. The students of grade 12 has organised a class assembly by depicting the history of Onam. Payasam was the only embellishment of the event. Thereafter the school closed for a brief vacation of 10 days.

Children's Day (14 November)

The second grand event of this academic year was children's day celebration. It was a 'no bag day' for the children. The day is started with teachers performing the morning prayer. The forenoon was an exclusive game session for kids. The teachers according to the instruction of Principle and P.T Master coordinated various games for boys, girls and kids. The afternoon was a cultural gala for the students. This time the host of the event was the teaching faculty. At the end of the day, the management distributed sweets to children.

Kinder Garten Ceremony- A Glance

Initiation Ceremony – Vidhyarambham (19 June)

K G initiation ceremony, *Vidhyarambham* was marked by joyful revelry. A spectacular display of music and dance were exhibited. The younger ones of kindergarten were welcomed to the new schooling phase by the superheroes. The occasion was presided over by Rev. Principal and were celebrated by the presence of the Administrator, representatives of PTA, teachers and students.

Green Day (18 July)

The teachers of Kinder Garten encouraged and prepared the students to come in green attire with the support of their parents. The same day, the students planted saplings and spent their time out door with funs and games. This event helped the students to get connected to the nature and to arouse a respect towards nature.

Kid's Fest (25 & 26 July)

The on stage event of kid's fest was a celebration of flair. Most of the children from K. G to Grade II participated with their full potential.

Food Day (16 October)

By bringing and sharing variety of dishes, the students of K.G beautifully celebrated food day in the school. It was a feast day for the taste buds.

Kerala Piravi (1 November)

On 6th November students observed Kerala Piravi, the state formation day by coming in traditional attire.

Sahodaya Award Ceremony and Teachers seminar at Christu Jyothi - (13 July)

Under the Idukki Sahodaya, a teachers' seminar and award ceremony was conducted on 13th July at Christu Jothi Public school Rajakand. Around 30 school teachers were participated. This year the full A1 holders were honoured at the district level. After the

common ceremony, teachers had subject wise meetings by discussing the important changes amended by CBSE.

“Haritha Vidyalayam” Certificate (05 November)

The school always adheres with the state policy. Sustainable development, respecting ecology are believed to be the foundation of coexistence. As an extension of the green school certificate received at the national level in 2019, this year the state government through the local Panchayat body has recognised the potential of the school towards an eco-friendly campus. MVS feel proud in declaring that the school received a *Haritha Vidyalayam* certificate from the Rajkumari Panchayat by scoring 114 points out of 120 and securing A + grade surpassing all the other educational institutes located in the jurisdiction. Rajakumari Panchayath Vice President, Education and Standing Committee Chairman, Panchayath Asst. Secretary, Ward Member, V.E.O were present while honouring the school with Green School Certificate.

Montfest, Sahodaya @ District Level and @ State Level

School level cultural competition for the students from grade III - XII were organised as 2 schedules.

The off-stage competitions were held on 22nd and 23rd of July, by offering a platform for the students to express their innate talents in art, literature and visual arena. The first day competition was drawing for K G to XII whereas, the second day was writing section for grades V – XII. The on stage individual competitions were scheduled in August and group events were in September.

The best performing students are given the opportunity to participate in the district level Sahodaya competition. The winners of the district level cultural competition have participated in the Kerala State CBSE Kalolsav held at Ahalya Public School, Palakkad on 8,9 and 10 November. Among the 31 Sahodayas 729 schools participated in State Kalolsav and Montfort Valley, Murickumthotty attained a remarkable 161st position in state and thereby upgrade third position in the district level. 10 of our students have participated in 11 events and they secured 10 A grade and one B grade in the state.

Energia- Trichi Programme (15 August)

Getting an opportunity to depict and propagate the culture of Kerala in the Province is considered as a milestone achievement for MVS. students are categorised as Junior and Senior teams and they participated in the Synergy. The senior team received 3rd position by marking their presence of our school among the Provincial Institutes.

Tour for Grade VI – IX

MVS arranged an educational trip for the students to Bengaluru and Mysuru during the Onam holidays. It was a three-day trip which offered exposure, entertainment and a learning experience to the students.

Inter School Sports

Owing to the quotes of Nelson Mandela, the students of MVS participated in various school competition either to win or to learn something. We feel that we never lose.

- ❖ 6 of our students (Miss Yanina Aneesh, Miss Farha Fathima, Miss Faiza Mariyam, Master Felix Baiju, Master Evan Majo Jose, Master Abhiram V Rajesh) have participated in CBSE South Zone Skating Championship held in Balgavi in Karnataka during 23rd to 26th September. It was an invaluable experience for our children.
- ❖ 4 of our students, Master Abhiram V Rajesh, Master Evan Majo Jose, Miss Farah Fathima and Miss Faiza Mariam made a resounding victory in Idukki district roller skating championship. Together they bagged seven gold medals, three silver and one bronze in various events.
- ❖ The 'sports person' of MVS is Miss S.Sanmathi of grade XI A. She is selected for state level throw ball Championship, secured 3rd position in shot put under 17 years' girls in state Athletic Meet, in Idukki Sahodaya sports meet she has grabbed a gold in shot put, also finished in 15th the position - in the TGIA Youth Welfare Trust Marathon conducted on 3rd November - out of 63 participants. She is also a member of the winning Volleyball team in Sahodaya Volleyball Tournament. Her achievements are innumerable and is raising the grace of the school.
- ❖ In the district level sports competition, apart from S Sanmathi, Miss Anna Mariam John secured two gold medals in discus throw and shot put and Master S Sanmenan received the third position in discus throw conducted on 28th October.
- ❖ In Idukki district Taekwondo Championship Master Harshad from V A has learned 'the better play version' by receiving third position.
- ❖ Master S Sanmenan has collected the trophy for attaining third place in Idukki Sahodaya Chess competition held on November 22nd.
- ❖ The latest achievement in this list is the first position in district level Volleyball Tournament conducted for girls. If practice, perseverance and endurance have a name it is this tournament for MVS; under the leadership of Mr Rogan C, the P.T.E master.

Principal's Conference

Our Principal Rev. Br. Amal Amad went to attend Principal's conference organized by All India Association of Montfort Schools held at Guwahati from November 21 to 24. The theme was 'Trends in technology and social media in education'. There was even discussion regarding the students and teachers exchange programme not only across the state but across the country as well offering a wide range of exposure to have quality education.

Health and Awareness

- ❖ As a follow up from the previous year, since August of this year the school is distributing iron tablets to the students from class 6 to 12 to prevent iron deficiency among the teens as per the instruction from the health department.

- ❖ The School has become an avenue for health department to arrange TT vaccine for the students from grade 5 and 10 on 8 November.
- ❖ To observe the National deworming Day mission, the school has distributed tablets to the students from K.G to grade XII.
- ❖ 20 students along with Mr.Shaji A.H, Our Social Science teacher took part in *Kuttikalude Haritha Sabha* (Green Summit for children) in Rajakumari Panchayat on 14th November to ensure the participation of children in the Clean Kerala Mission - which is a flagship programme by the government of Kerala to sweep away plastic from the state by 2025.
- ❖ Club 3:16 members have come to school to give awareness on 'Say No to Drugs'. It was a musical entertainment show.
- ❖ Anti rabies awareness also given to children by the Health Department. Students took an oath.
- ❖ The representatives of electricity board have come to give awareness on how to save ourselves from electric shock and regarding the protectionist methods.
- ❖ As part of teachers' refreshment programme some of the teachers attended a webinar on 7th November to observe International Day Against Violence and Bullying at School Including Cyber Bullying. The theme of the event is "Protect, Educate, Empower : Learners Call for Safe and Inclusive School".

Developmental Activities

Physical, psychological, emotional and intellectual well-being of a student community is assured by the commensurate development in infrastructure. 10 more digital panel boards are implemented this year along with the existing 4 with a view of revolutionizing education.

Expansion of computer lab with 20 new computers is to be implemented shortly. Kindergarten classrooms are modified with a lot of toys and learning materials to enable a play by method of teaching learning.

Safety grills have implemented to ensure the safety of children, extension of school building are the positive signs towards growth. The school is grateful to the Province and to the community of brothers for this positive step.

In conclusion, we are proud of our accomplishments and grateful for the support of our community. We look forward to continuing our journey of excellence in education."

"As we close this annual report, we reflect on our progress and reaffirm our commitment to providing a world-class education to our students."