

# **REPORT OF VANDANA CONVENT SCHOOL FROM 2018 TO 2021**

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those, who prepare for it today”.

Vandana Convent School is managed by Elizabethan Sisters since 1974. The journey has been challenging and adventurous, but it is inspiring and opening new horizons of hope for future growth. The stronger the foundation, the longer the durability. Pioneer sisters Sr. Mariet, Sr. Tresa, Sr. Emmanuel, Sr. Grace, Sr. Beatrice and Sr. Rina laid the foundation and Superior Generals of CSSE Sr. Rani Hilde, mother Lambata, Sr. Beatrice and Sr. Lincy have guided the growth of this educational institution. The provincial superiors Sr. Beatrice, Sr. Teresa, Sr. Lincy, Sr. Jyoti and Sr. Karuna have always stood strong for the overall development of the school. As the strength of the team greatly depends on the quality of captain, all the Principals of VCS Sr. Mariet, Sr. Teresa, Sr. Emmanuel, Sr. Jyoti, Sr. Preeti, and at present Sr. Catherine have done their best to lead VCS from one milestone to another under their respective tenure.

## **PRESENT MANAGEMENT**

The baton of leadership, in accordance with the will of God, is now entrusted with Sr. Deepti- The Manager, Sr. Emmanuel – Directors of Vandana Wellness Centre, Sr. Alice-Superior of Vandana Convent, Sr. Catherine – Principal, Sr. Laly – Vice Principal and Sr. Soumya, Sr. Anu, Sr. Seema, Sr. Theresa as full time teachers.

## **VISION AND MISSION**

*Our VISION is*

Building the people of God through the formation of enlightened and responsible citizens.

*Our MISSION is*

Integral development of children through holistic education, with a special attention on families.

## **ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS**

During the Academic year 2018-19, 4011 students including 2312 boys and 1699 girls were enrolled, while in 2019-20 the number stood at 3952 with 2263 boys and 1689 girls. During the present academic year 3954 students out of which 2283 boys and 1671 girls, have been enrolled.

## **BOARD EXAM RESULTS**

Meticulous planning, continuous preparation and constant guidance enable the students to score good marks in the Board Exams. During 2018-19, the pass percentage in both class X and XII was 100. In 2019-20 the pass percentage in class X was 100 and in class XII, it was 99%. We hope and pray that the Board-Exam students will do well in this academic year too.

## **FEE CONCESSION**

VCS gives fee concession to the deserving students as it believes that no pupil should be denied education due to financial struggles. Accordingly, 11 Kindergarten students, 74 students from class I to XII and 91 RTE students got the benefits of concession in 2018-19. During 2019-20 too, the number was

11, 68 and 91 respectively. Fee in other titles canceled in this pandemic year to reduce the burden of parents as per the order from Government.

Covid – 19 Pandemic affected everybody both psychologically and financially. Feeling the struggle of many parents, management decided to waive off tuition fee for many students both in VCS and its Kindergarten.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

The school has a strong and well- equipped infrastructure which facilitates teaching-learning activities in Kindergarten Block, Primary Block, Junior Block, Senior Block and Front Block. Implementing the directives of CBSE team of inspection to follow strictly 1:40 teachers – student’s ratio, 15 new classrooms have been made available in this academic year by modifying auditorium, seminar hall, library room and K.G activity room. Roof tops of Primary Block and K.G Block are renovated to hold various activities, competitions and gatherings. Wellness Centre is shifted to new office in Front Block near the gate and its inauguration was in September 2019.

Every time you visit a library you discover a treasure and this treasure was further enriched by adding books worth rupees 5Lakh, at the same time digitalization of library has also been done.

According to CBSE norms fire safety devices are also installed all over the school building.

A lush green, Eco- friendly grass lawn prepared is a big temptation for students and teachers to refresh and recharge themselves

No one can deny the importance of Yoga and Meditation in one’s life. A well equipped and probably the best in town, Meditation hall is built to help students and teachers to increase their concentration power and to get relief from stress is another Milestones in the history of Vandana.

## **LEADERSHIP CHANGING HANDS**

After being elected as the new Provincial of CSSE, Rev.Sr. Karuna paid her first visit to VCS in 2018 and had a meaningful interaction with the staff for its better functioning through an evaluation and assessment session. Sr. Karuna Also introduced the other elected members of the management. Sr. Preeti – Vice Provincial, Sr. Deepti – Manager, Sr. Catherine Principal, Sr. Laly Vice- Principal and Sr. Alice – Primary Incharge and on this occasion, they officially took charge of their new responsibilities.

In 2018, management, staff and students gave a tearful and heart touching farewell to former principal Sr. Preeti for her dedicated and unparallel service of 6 years which ensured the strong and steady growth of this institution.

## **VIDYARAMBH**

The tiny toddlers who took admission in Nursery are given a warm welcome to Vandana family with a festive fervor at Vidyarambh conducted in April every year. The event is marked by message for parents, introduction of school rules and ritual practice of writing alphabet on rice trays.

## **PRAYER SERVICE AND FIRST STAFF MEETING**

The staff gathered in Convent Chapel to be united in prayer to seek God’s blessings in the new academic year and to thank God for this providential care during the previous academic year. It is followed by the staff meeting where the Principal appreciates the staff for the laudable academic success and shares the future course of action and plan for the new academic session. The latest changes in the educational

system are also discussed in the meeting. The teachers energized after watching the inspirational videos to play the pivotal role as trend setters to instill the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. On this occasion, the new staff members are introduced and given a warm welcome.

## **MORNING ASSEMBLY**

Morning Assembly is held separately for the students at the Primary Block and the Senior Block. All pray together for enlightenment throughout the day. It is a platform for the students to showcase their unique talents. Daily news updates, inspirational speeches, sharing of good thoughts etc.. take place during the assembly.

## **CABINET ELECTION**

In order to have a foretaste of democratic elections of our country, the students are given opportunity to contest the cabinet election in senior and junior categories. Voting is done in a fair and confidential manner through the secret ballot system.

The newly elected cabinet members take Oath of office as school leaders and house captains at the solemn investiture ceremony. They receive the respective sashes and badges on this occasion. Thus they are provided with an opportunity to groom their leadership skills in school.

## **SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

In service-training and seminars are given to teachers on a regular basis to make them aware about the latest changes in the field of education and sharpen their skills in teaching-learning process. Rev. Fr. Praveen Hridayraj enlightened the teachers and the students on POCSO Act. Sr. Laly and Mr. Bilson Lukose conducted a session on remodeled Assessment structure for classes IX and X. The workshop by Ms. Sudha Agrawal on project based learning was an enriching experience for teachers. Educomp and Tata Edge Smart class trainers keep the teachers updated through their periodic sessions. The training session conducted by Mr. Manoj Kothekar, Principal, Sr. Satya Sai Vidya Vihar Gail, Mr.

Learning is a never ending process from womb to tomb and nothing can stop it if one has firm will power to learn. Accordingly in the pandemic year, teachers attended various webinars on multidisciplinary approach, classroom management techniques, experiential learning, art integrated learning, Competency based learning etc.. on Diksha Portal of NCERT as recommended in NEP 2020 and the teachers have been awarded certificates for the same. Teachers also contributed their subjectbased teaching videos to Diksha portal and participated in the Art Integration competition by CBSE.

Prof. Satish Chaturvedi's, Kasturba College Gunawas the resource person for the session "Grooming of children in present context" for parents was greatly appreciated by all the parents.

A special guidance session was conducted for girls by Rev. Sr. Regi Paul, Directress of Chetana on the topic "Personal Hygiene". Besides teaching the life values and life skills, the students especially from XI and XII are provided with career guidance session. The representative from Nagarpalika Parishad guided students about the segregation of waste materials and its proper disposal.

## **NATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS**

In order to inculcate in students a feeling of service, dedication and respect towards the nation, the school celebrates with patriotic vigor, all the national festivals like Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti, National Unity Day, M.P Foundation Day, Constitution Day and Republic Day. To cultivate the virtues of love,

unity and peace religious festivals like Diwali, Gurunanak Jayanti, Id, Christmas etc.. are celebrated in the school.

## **COMPETITIONS**

Inter-house cultural and literary competitions held every year, give students platform to develop their co-curricular talents. Inter-house competitions are held for individual and team events, for both, indoor and outdoor games. Students actively participate in inter-school Sahodaya sports meet and Cultural fest.

## **CHERISHING MOMENTS**

The students got an excellent opportunity to give wings to their imagination, creativity and ideas as they made their models and projects in the science exhibition – Van –artech 2018. Childhood is the most celebrated phase of life. The kids were brimming with energy and enthusiasm as they entertained their parents and invited guests with their active participation in the kids Fest – Pallavotsav 2018. The first ever fitness fest-Anandotsav 2019, was held with much pomp and show to inculcate happiness in students through fitness as part of Fit India Movement. The fest included various performances like, surya namaskar, yoga, aerobics etc...

## **FELICITATIONS AND AWARDS**

- The toppers of X and XII were awarded with trophy, certificate and cash awards for their stellar performance in the Board Exam. The school conducted this award ceremony in the pandemic year too by strictly adhering to the Covid precautionary norms and measures.
- It was a proud moment for the school when Vandana Convent School was adjudged and certified as the cleanest school in Guna by the Municipality. In the same reference on honorable Collector of Guna addressed the students assembly in February 2019 and inspired students to make efforts to raise the ranking of Guna in Swachta Sarvekshan.
- “if corruption is a disease, transparency is essential parts of its treatment”. Vandana Convent School has been awarded “Certificate of Commitment” by Central Vigilance Commission for following ethical practices in conducting its activities.
- District administrations acknowledge our efforts in the field of surveillance, as cameras were installed not only giving a whole view of the school but also covering the area around the school.
- ‘Together forever’ a social service group of students of VCS conducted a cleanliness mission in railway station - Guna and received award of appreciation from several sections of the department.
- Seven District toppers were produced by school in knowledge and awareness mapping platform (KAMP) a test conducted by CSIR New Delhi.
- Teachers are the biggest assets of any educational institution and Vandana uphold the tradition of appreciating the role played by the teachers in the growth of the institution. Five teachers, Ms. Surinder Kaur, Mr. Clement Alexander, Mrs. Shyji Biju, Mr. Manish Chamlikar and Mrs. Bharti Dubey were felicitated for completing 25 glorious years of service to the school.

## **CHARITY AND DONATIONS**

Students are trained in social service activities and to extend empathy to the marginalized sections in the society.

- Management, students and teachers generously contributed to the Flood Relief Fund to help the victims in Kerala in 2018.
- Students were happy to visit the prisoners in Guna jail to spend time with them on festive occasions.
- Our students contributed generously for ‘Anndaan’ and ‘Vastradaan’ for the girls of Chetna, a home based care centre. Contribution is also made to distribute food items in the villages through Chetna.
- Mohanpur Mission station and the needy persons in different mission stations.
- Time to time financial assistance has also been provided to supportive staff according to their need such as medical emergency, and to meet their day to day needs.
- A handsome amount of money was contributed to CM Relief Fund in the year Covid 19 pandemic.
- A needy boy of Jaisinagar was helped with a preowned laptop by our students of together forever.
- Scout and Guide wing is very active in school.
- Students keep on participating in the work related to society for example decorating the blank walls at public places by painting them beautifully.

## **LEISURE TIME**

“All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy”. In 2019-20 one – day trip was held to refresh and recharge teachers from the routine and hectic schedule. In 2018 an educational trip for class XII was organized to enhance their project presentation and learn application of business skills.

## **DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT**

The mode of fee payment is compulsorily changed to online payment. During the pandemic year besides online teachings, exams were conducted online and the results were made available online for parents and students.

## **LIFE IS NOT ALWAYS A BED OF ROSES**

Certainly, VCS is growing from strength to strength with each passing year. But there were stumbling blocks on the way in the previous years. The Right to Education Certificate could not be renewed easily and timely due to some unforeseen and unexpected reasons. But with God’s grace and strenuous efforts of the management, we could get the RTE certificate without compromising the Elizabethan Principles it delayed our extension of affiliation along with other deficiencies. Decision making and its implementation in pandemic year was difficult and challenging too. But eventually, all decisions were accepted positively by all stake holders including students, parents and teachers.

## **GONE FROM SIGHT, BUT NEVER FROM HEARTS**

Vandana family was saddened by the sudden demise of two supporting staff Mr. Bhupal Singh on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and Mr. Ram Singh on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Since they had rendered their sincere and

dedicated service for a long time, they are fondly remembered by management, staff, students and parents.

**CONCLUSION**

We are grateful to Mother General Sr. Lincy Poonoly and the team, Provincial Superior Sr. Karuna Purakkal and the team for their unstinted support and guidance. We are also indebted to our committed and dedicated staff for their valuable contribution in the field of education. We pray to our three stars of our Congregation Mother Mary, St. Elizabeth our Patroness and Mother Mattelde Otto the foundress to intercede for us in our day to day smooth functioning of our Mission in Guna.

We thank God the Almighty for the continuous care and protection and the success that we experience in our daily life.

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