

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Introduction

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we present the annual report. This annual report serves as a compass, guiding us through achievements, challenges and transformative moments that have sculpted our educational landscape. Join us in revisiting the chapters of this academic odyssey, where each page tells a story of growth, resilience and the pursuit of excellence within our vibrant school community.

Academic excellence

Academic excellence is the hallmark of a good institution. I feel honoured to announce the commendable Board result of class X and XII. As always, we have 100% pass with 50% distinction in both the sections.

- The result of class XII was very fulfilling. Our School Topper Mymoona Samad V J of Science stream scored 96.2 % and K N Suhani became the Topper in Commerce with 92.2%.
- In Class X Board, Aslin Muhammed topped the class with a commendable score of 87%.
- Congratulations to all the class toppers and subject toppers! We also appreciate the combined efforts of our teachers and parents.

Monthly Activities

JUNE

- **On the Reopening Day the students** were received by the principal and teachers at the entrance with a wide smile on their faces. The entrance, corridors and classrooms were decorated with colourful Welcome Back charts. The day was made memorable and valuable with Planting a Seed activity in which each child chose the values and skills, written and

displayed on strips of paper and planted it, symbolically representing each child's aspirations and expectations for the new academic year.

- Class rooms appeared all the more attractive with the welcoming charts. In addition to this, each class teacher designed a Vision Board which had pockets in which students dropped their vision for the year.
- Sowing Seeds of love on **World Environment Day!** As part of environment day celebrations, in association with Malayala Manorama Nallapadam Activity, the students visited the Special School - Angel's Village Ponkunnam. The students of Class I to X brought fruit tree saplings and distributed them to the inmates. A special programme was put up at Angel's Village to welcome Alfeenians. The outreach activities of Alfeen Public School were appreciated by the Director of Angel's Village Fr. Roy Vadekkel.
- On June 19, **National Reading Day**, Alfeen gifted the greatest book to its students and that's their School Magazine 2022-'23 titled 101 Alfeenian Stories and it's nothing but a collection of untold stories picked up from the corridors of Alfeen. Last year's magazine can be stared as Alfeenian's diary which encompasses stories of the ones who are here, who went away and who are yet to come.
- The students encapsulated their perspective on reading by way of Slogan writing competition on Reading Day.
- On Reading Day, as part of Nallapadam activity the 10th and 12th graders shared the countless gratification of reading to their brothers and sisters in '**Punyam Balabhavan, Vazhoor**'. A simple inspiring act of donating books brought about a feeling beyond measure!
- The flagship event of this year was **Public Speaking** and all the children have been offered opportunities to prepare, practice and present their views on the selected topic in their language class throughout June and July - an act which brought out the speaker in almost everyone.
- On **International day against Drug** secondary students prepared and presented speeches on different aspects of Drug Abuse.

- **June 26, Yoga Day** was yet another day to revive the mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing through the practice of Yoga. At Alfeen, students improve their strength, balance and flexibility through yoga as it is a part of their daily activities.
- On June 29 Grades I to III unleashed the magic of mud on "APS No Book Day", as a part of **International Mud Day celebration**.

July

- With the beginning of July, arrived the season of Spellathon for the students of Class I to VIII where they got the opportunity to explore and learn the nuances of English pronunciation and meaning; and enjoy the fun of participating in a competition as well.

August

- The Annual Art & Lit Competitions **RAAGA 2023 -The Voice of Alfeen-** is a great way of encouraging young minds, to be healthy competitors and making them confident in facing life challenges. The finals of various off stage and on-stage events were conducted on August 9.
- Election for the cabinet posts of **STUDENT LEADERSHIP SQUAD 2023** was conducted on 31 July. The selection procedure had various levels that tested the leadership and communication skills of the candidates for different categories and posts.
- The **Investiture Ceremony** was held on 4 August 2023. The new leaders were invested with badges and sashes by the Chief Guest Mr Anil Kumar M, DySP of Kanjirapally, Members of management and staff.
- Celebrating "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" on this Independence Day with pride and unity! **The 76 Anniversary of Indian Independence** was celebrated with vim and vigor. The chief guest was Ms. Priya T Joseph, Range Forest Officer, Mundakkayam.
- **Onam Celebrations "പുത്തുമ്പി"** was a Bagless Day to immerse in Culture, Colours and Cheers! The school was decorated with coconut fronds and fresh flowers. The floral carpet at the entrance symbolised the welcoming of King Mahabali. The students and staff were dressed in traditional attire. To infuse the spirit of joy and friendly rivalry, a series of traditional games like tug-of-war and uriyadi were organised along with the other cultural events. Payasam was served imparting the essence of culinary delights associated with the festival.

September

- Honouring their Superheroes on **Teachers' Day!**
Alfeenians gifted their teachers a heartwarming celebration filled with love and gratitude. During the special assembly, the members of the Student Leadership Squad gifted hand-crafted cards and personalised messages of appreciation for their guiding stars.

October

- On the occasion of **Gandhi Jayanti**, a special classroom cleaning activity was organised. Paper bags were made and distributed to the nearby medical shop.
- The students of the middle section conducted “**രൂപി 2023...The taste to remember!**” on 16th October 2023. The children became entrepreneurs on this fundraiser for a cause. A diverse and entirely homemade menu with cuisines of Kerala and Chhattisgarh was a bold step towards integrating culinary art into education as part of Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat mission.
- **Student Led Conference** is one of the major events of the school as it gives students of class I to VII creative freedom in demonstrating what they have learnt in front of their parents. Each student presented a preferred academic topic before a panel of judges and parents.
- The students of Class VIII & IX got the golden opportunity to attend the **Science Excursion** conducted by Amal Jyoti College of Engineering Kanjirappally on October 16.
- **Vigilance Awareness Week & National Unity Day** were observed to sensitise the students on social issues. Unity Day Pledge was administered in the school morning assembly emphasising their commitment to unity and diversity.

November

- **Kerala Piravi was** celebrated with a special assembly entirely in our mother tongue. A special programme on the uniqueness of Kerala and its 14 districts was highly informative for students.
- This year's **Children's Day** celebration kick started with a vibrant dress up activity of Little Alfeen showcasing the diverse culture of India. Later, class teachers gifted Children's Day cards to the students. As is customary, the class magazines were released, based on the central theme 'Future of the World'. In the afternoon the school was buoyed up

by the enthusiasm of our teachers. We discovered graceful dancers and soothing singers among our teachers.

- Green Team of Alfeen participated in Haritha Sabha conducted by Parathodu Panchayat. The team presented a report on the sustainable practices adopted by our school.
- The 20th **Annual Athletic Meet** was conducted on 18 November. The Chief Guest for the day was MS. Irin Elsa John, National basketball player. It was a day filled with sportsmanship, enthusiasm and memories to cherish.

December

- Christmas was celebrated in its true spirit on 15th December. The Christmas tree in the central court, the Nativity play and the class-wise Secret Santa game made the day memorable.
- The theme of this year's Annual Day celebration is Reel Rendezvous- . It's tribute to Indian Cinema industry, one of the most popular art forms which has been entertaining us for generations. The practice sessions started on March 10.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

- **Class Picnics** – As a part of the curriculum, **educational** trips were conducted for all classes. The board going classes Class X & XII were taken on class tour in the beginning of this academic year to Kodaikanal and Mysore-Coorg respectively. In October, students of classes 1 to 3 visited a fish farm in Vaikom, class 4 to 6 visited Wonderla and the rest of the classes went to Kodaikanal.

Health check-ups & orientation

- An eye test, for all the children from play class to XII and the staff members, was conducted on 11th July as part of SDG Goal No 3 initiatives; Good health and wellbeing.
- “Our sense organs are the real windows to the surrounding world”. An interactive session with Dr Shajul George, Asst. Professor, ENT, Govt. Medical College, Kottayam as a part of Experiential Learning activity for Grades IV to VI sensitised them to care their sense organs in a healthy way.
- ‘Good Hygiene is essential for Good Health’. To promote a healthy mindset in young learners, an orientation on Health and Hygiene was conducted for parents and students. We were privileged to have Dr. Dona Susan Kurian, Junior Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, to

provide essential information and awareness on the significance of good health and hygiene.

- A session by Dr Babu Sebastian, former Vice Chancellor MG and Kannur University, helped the senior students to analyse their perspectives and help them take learned choices.

Academic Activities

- In the academic session of 2023-24, Alfeen embarked on an innovative educational journey under the expert guidance of Hownwhy Education, renowned for its expertise in STEM programs. It offers an immersive journey into the expansive realm of technology, including electronics, IoT, computational thinking, AI, and robotics; strategically aligned with the principles of the National Education Policy, aiming to empower students with a forward-looking skill set that resonates with the demands of the evolving world.
- As part of Experiential Learning Class 1 visited a joint family with 78 members in Kovappally; Class 2 interacted with the school carpenter and the electrician; Class 3 visited the old age home, Abhaya bhavan, in Palampra. Class 4 was given the experience of a virtual tour to the mountains of Himalayas. Class 6 got hands-on learning experiences in science.
- We're always up for learning new things... whether it's the latest on politics, sports, technology or some crazy facts, we're ready to test our knowledge. A day in Alfeen begins with newspaper reading for all classes. The first 10 mts of every day is assigned for news reading in association with Manorama Vayanakalari, followed by discussions on current affairs. **Monthly quiz competitions** are conducted by Quiz Whiz Club and class wise winners are announced.
- **LITTLE MATHEMATICIANS & MATH MASTERS club** aims at enhancing the logical skills, thereby, inculcating self-study, individual work as well as team spirit. It also helps to create and maintain interest towards Mathematics through various class wise and inter class Quiz competitions.
- All the students of class VIII to X appeared for level 1 of **Aryabhata Ganit Challenge** conducted by CBSE. The top three students, Risvani Alif of IX, and Pranav J Nair & Neha Fathima Shiju from Class VIII went to Level 2 which was a national level online test.
- The students of Class VI to X got an exciting opportunity to review their reading comprehension and critical thinking skills by participating in the **CBSE Reading Challenge**.

SPORTS & PERFORMING ARTS

- 'Stars were not born overnight, but over months and years of hard work'. Here in APS, the champions are moulded to strengthen their skills to soar new heights. Alfeen provides coaching for a diverse range of sports activities including swimming, skating and aerobics. Aerobics was introduced this year to inspire the students to embrace a healthy workout.
- Alfeen also offers training in various performing arts such as instrument music, and western and classical dance forms.

INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

- Hats off to our junior football team who made their mark in YMCA M G George Memorial Inter School Turf Tournament. Aldrin Aby Mathew of class V B achieved the 'Player of The Match' award for his outstanding performance as goal keeper.
- Students of secondary section participated in the inter school quiz and debate competition on September 23 at Amrita Vidyalayam, Chenganassery.
- Sidharth S, Janardhanan U S & Afreen Shah Shamon participated in All Kerala Independence Day Cup on August 15.
- 16 students participated in CBSE Cluster XI Athletic Meet at Poothotta on October 27 & 28.
- The girls' kabaddi team of Alfeen participated in CBSE cluster on October 30 & 31.
- Adnan Anees, Adinath Shinto, Anna Sara J, Shone Mathew & Mizna Maryam participated in Kerala State Central School Sports Meet. It was a proud moment for Alfeen when Adnan Anees of Class XI bagged 1st prize in Under 19 100 mt race and Adinath Shinto of Class VII got III prize in Under 14 100 mt race.
- With an elated heart we announce that our last year's magazine won First prize in Central Sahodaya Conclave Kottayam and got the opportunity to compete in the State Magazine Competition.
- The students who secured first and second positions with A grade in the annual art & literary competitions participated in "**Bhavasudha**", the **Central Sahodaya Conclave Kottayam district level Kalotsav**

conducted at Sree Kumaramangalam School, Kumarakom. 65 students participated in various onstage and offstage events. Our school bagged 6 first prizes, 7 second prizes and 9 third prizes.

- The first and second prize winners participated in the **All-Kerala CBSE State Kalotsav at Sree Sarada Vidhyalaya, Kalady**. Meet our winners!
 - ❖ Naina Finy – First prize with A grade in Extempore English & A grade in Extempore Malayalam
 - ❖ Ann Maria Binu – A grade for Versification English
 - ❖ Gowrinanda Aneesh – A grade for Essay Writing Malayalam
 - ❖ Hannah Rose Joby – A grade for story writing English
 - ❖ Vijay Vayalathara – A grade for Elocution English
 - ❖ Hanfa Fathima – A grade for Mappilappattu
 - ❖ Shivani Deepu - B grade for cartooning
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- In Sargolsavam conducted by **Akhilakerala Balajanasakhyam**, Nikitha Treasa Vinoo of class VII won first prize in story writing English and Hanfa Fathima of class VIII won 3rd prize in light music.
 - Alfeen hosted the Central Sahodaya Conclave Swimming Championship on 2 December 2023. Students from different schools of Central Sahodaya Conclave participated. Three of our swimmers Afreen Shah Shamon, Janaki Jayadev and Leo S John became Individual Champions under various categories.

Special Achievements & Training Sessions

- Congratulations to the Alchemist of Alfeen! Education has taken a turn with modern methods revamping the system. It requires a lot of creativity to cater to this outlook. All the activities of our school portray how **Vineetha Ma'am** transforms the ordinary to the magical. Her pursuit to break away from the time-old traditional educational practices to elevate it to a level of edutainment and provide exciting learning experiences for her students has been acknowledged by the CBSE. We are so proud of our principal for being designated as the **CBSE Deputy District Training Co-ordinator, Kottayam**. Yet another accolade in her name!
- For every act of kindness our school did for the community in the academic year 2022-'23, thereby, moulding Alfeenians into responsible citizens of the future, our school was honoured by Malayala Manorama Nallapadam in a special event on August 10, 2023. Alfeen was one of the five schools in Kottayam district to win Full A+ with a cash award of 5000 and a commendation.
- On October 28, Alfeen hosted an exclusive training session conducted by CBSE '**On school Libraries**' for the first time in Kottayam.

- The teachers of Alfeen constantly strive to stay updated by attending all **training programmes** as stipulated by CBSE board. The teachers of KG to XII have attended sessions on Foundational Preparatory Stage, Innovative Pedagogical practices, Strategies for Igniting young Minds, Capacity Building programmes & Subject Enrichment sessions.
- Our students, Mohammed Yaser P A, Janaki Jayadev, Leo S John, Niya Anna Vinoo, Nikhitha Treesa Vinoo, Shabarish Hari & Siya Susan Dominic participated in the three-day **MUN 2K23** conducted by Excelsior English School, Kottayam.

Little Alfeen

In line with contemporary pedagogical practices, Little Alfeen offers a diverse range of activities to foster the holistic development of little ones.

Experiential learning is something we nurture in Little Alfeen. Nature walks and farm visits provide hands-on learning experiences, connecting children with the world around them. On International Fruit Day, with the help of many enriching activities the children learnt about indigenous and exotic fruits. International Mud Day was a great opportunity for the kids to connect with Mother earth.

A very important part of learning during kindergarten years is identification and recognition of colours. The Colour Days - green, yellow, blue and orange contributed to sensory learning and cognitive development through interactive and engaging activities.

All festivals and national days such as Eid, Onam, Diwali, Christmas & Independence Day were celebrated with colourful activities, promoting cultural awareness and social skills. Family Day and Charity Sale taught them the importance of family and the joy of giving to the needy. Sports Day of Little Alfeen was vibrant with march past, drill display and rhythmic dance movements.

Special interactive sessions were conducted to give them an idea on Friendly Community Helpers and the kids visited a police station and interacted with the policemen. Awareness sessions by doctors helped them to understand the importance of personal hygiene.

Learning has never been so joyful!

Infrastructure Developments

A lot of changes have been introduced this year. The school building has been upgraded for an even better learning environment. A vibrant play area for recreation, dedicated activity spaces, a new well equipped exclusive computer lab for primary students, easily accessible drinking water points and modernised toilets for boys' and girls' have already been opened. The lift under construction will ensure improved accessibility, ensuring that everyone can navigate the school comfortably.

Conclusion

This report encapsulates a year filled with growth and achievement, from academic accomplishments to extracurricular triumphs. As we reflect on the year's highlights and challenges, it's clear that our school community remains united in its pursuit of excellence. We eagerly anticipate the exciting opportunities that the future holds for us.

Thank You.