

Annual Report 2024-25

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

A staff meeting was held to prepare the staff members for the challenges of the academic year 2024-25 on May 27, 2024. The timetable and duty allotment were distributed to the respective teachers. Departmental meetings were also held in the afternoon to chalk out plans for the upcoming academic year.

A **teachers' seminar** was conducted on May 28, under the aegis of the Ratnasagar Publishers on the topic "***Innovative and effective teaching practices***". The keynote speaker was Sri Reji K Samuel who enlightened the teachers on ways and means to make their teaching practice highly effective.

Interactive panel training was offered to the teachers on May 29. It highlighted the role and importance of AI in education. In the post-lunch session, Entab software training was provided.

Another teachers' seminar was conducted on May 30. The topic this time was "***Path Maker: Teacher beyond the classroom***". The seminar was led by Sri Manoj Govind who shed light on the teacher's multitasking role.

Departmental meetings were held on May 31 to finalize the year plan. **Syllabus presentations** were done for the first unit by teachers from each department. School Principal Dr Roy PK intervened to offer suitable corrections wherever needed. The post-lunch session was devoted to rehearsing the opening ceremony for the morrow.

A **coordinators' meeting** with their section staff took place on June 01 to discuss plans for the new academic year. Class teachers, aided by their assistant teachers, decorated their respective classrooms for the mega reopening the next day.

The **inauguration of the academic year 2024-25** took place on June 03, and the theme for the new year was "***Conquering new horizons of learning***". The lamp lighting ceremony was followed by readings from the sacred scriptures of various religions.

After the theme song by the school choir, school manager Rev Fr Jose Parappillil addressed the gathering. During the meeting, a formal farewell was offered to former school administrator Rev Fr Baby Elanjimattathil. His successor Rev Fr Binod Puthanpurackal was welcomed to the school in a dignified manner. New staff members then introduced themselves to the school assembly. A message tailored to the occasion was delivered by Dr Roy and ended the function with the national anthem.

World Environment Day was celebrated on June 05, under the theme "***Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience***". The **Pachap** campaign set up by the school got rolling with the campaign **Bhoomikkoru Kuda**, highlighting tree plantation as the need of the hour.

Sri Aby Emmanuel, Secretary of the Meenachil River Protection Council, inaugurated the function. Dr Roy administered an oath that affirmed the school's responsibility to reduce pollution, conserve resources and protect biodiversity.

Sri A M Sunil, Chirakkulam South Residents Association Joint Secretary, received a sapling from Sri Aby Emmanuel. Simultaneously, Fr Kelvin Olikkunnel, Fr Binod Puthanpurackal, Smt Jaimol John and Sri Nebi Abraham received and distributed saplings to students and auxiliary staff members.

The school's commitment to the preservation of nature was highlighted in the planting of some saplings on the school ground.

Merit Day Laureate 2024 was held on June 08, marking the celebration of merit and the inauguration of Grade XI this year. Fr Jose Parappillil lighted the lamp and delivered the presidential address. Dr Indira Rajan released the school annual and presented awards to school toppers and winners of various competitive exams. Other category awards were handed over by Fr Jose, Dr Roy, and Fr Kelvin. The school choir rendered the national anthem marking the end of the programme.

Addiction Awareness Session was conducted on June 08, to create awareness of the evils of drug addiction. Collaborating in this project was Caritas Hospital. Dr Deepthi Madhu, chief quality and HIC Officer at Caritas Hospital, served as the resource person. Fr Kelvin presented her with a memento as a token of appreciation.

Rabies Special Assembly was held on June 13, to spread awareness of rabies. Sri Rajeev S R, Junior Health Inspector; Sri Jithin Jose, and Sri Dileep V.T. shared their valuable insights on rabies and safeguards against it.

'Vithukotta': A Vithukotta program was organized at the school on 14 June. Seeds provided by Krishi Bhavan were distributed to the students who planted the same both at the school and their homes.

This program aims to foster a sense of responsibility towards nature and to promote sustainable gardening practices among the students.

Aqua Regia school quiz: Organized by Time Institute, this was held at the school on 09 August for student of the UP section.

Deepika Colour India painting competition: This competition was held for students of KG, primary and upper primary sections on 12 August. Students brought their own colours and painted the pictures provided to them.

Benvenuto Bambini: The inauguration of Pre-KG & LKG classes took place on June 15 under the banner of Benvenuto Bambini. A prayer song was provided by UKG students, followed by a welcome speech by Vedanth Shiva, a UKG student. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was done by Dr Reji Divakar, chief gynecologist at Caritas. He underlined the importance of early childhood education.

A solo rendition by Aadv Aneesh preceded the presidential address by Fr Jose Parappillil who reiterated the school's commitment to quality education. The KG staff, including newcomers, introduced themselves and expressed enthusiasm for their tasks in the upcoming year.

Reading Day: A reading corner was set up on June 19, for the students in front of the school store and near the senior secondary quadrangle in order to improve students' reading habit.

PT 1 examination for Grades X and XII commenced on June 20, 2024.

International Yoga Day & Music Day celebration was held on June 20 with great aplomb. The celebration was held on June 20, during the school assembly, organized by Grades VIII A & B. The special guest on this occasion was Sri John C.A., a retired SBI Manager who expatiated on the importance of yoga.

Sri Mathew Joseph, the yoga master at this school, demonstrated various yogic postures and explained the numerous benefits of practising yoga. A chosen few students gave a demonstration of yogic poses on the stage. Isabella Elizabeth Sajo, a Grade VIII student, was recognized as the best yoga student by an association called YANA. Dr Roy presented her with an award on behalf of the school.

In remembrance of the Music Day, students belted out an English song on stage, filling the atmosphere with the spirit of music and melody.

School parliament election was conducted on June 21. Sebastian Joe Martin and Alexia Anna Joseph were elected head boy and head girl respectively. **Aman Tom Feby** and **Vyga Sobhasree** got elected vice head boy and vice head girl.

Administrator's Day: School Administrator Fr Binod Puthanpurackal celebrated his birthday on June 24. During the celebratory gathering, the Fathers presented him with various gifts while Sri Adarsh, staff secretary, presented him a huge card, signed by all staff members. In his concluding remarks, Fr Binod thanked everyone, and distributed chocolates at the end of the function.

A *training session for teachers* was conducted on June 29 by the CCO of SFS group of institutions, Sri Noel Borges who provided many insights during his lecture.

Investiture ceremony: The investiture ceremony, codenamed *AZIONARE – Lead, Serve & Inspire*, marked a milestone in our academic calendar on July 01, 2024. Following the lamp lighting ceremony, Fr Jose Parappillil gave the presidential address. The event was preceded by the presentation of sashes and badges, symbolizing the assumption of responsibilities by the new student leaders. The school flag was then presented to the school leaders.

The oath-taking was followed by a musical performance by students holding lighted candles. Sri C John, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Narcotic Cell, Kottayam, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Dr Roy then addressed the gathering. The event was a testament to the school's commitment to nurturing leadership and fostering a sense of responsibility among its students.

Anti-Drug Day: As part of the anti-drug day on the same day, a signature campaign got under way. It was a campaign initiated by Sri C. John, the DSP at the Narcotic Cell, Kottayam, and it was open to the general public of Ettumanoor.

Students' Seminar: A seminar was organized on July 8 & 9 for the students of Grades X and XII, led by Sri Nandalala, a reputed trainer from Karnataka. It was an enriching seminar to prepare students to approach the board exams with confidence, learn new memory techniques and tips for developing a great personality.

Carpe Diem – Youth Festival: The inaugural ceremony of the school's youth festival got under way on July 11. Fr Jose Parappillil inaugurated and explained the role of such festivals in holistic education, and urged the students to seize every opportunity to showcase their talents and skills.

The opening ceremony set a vibrant tone for the upcoming events of the festival. The students were raring to seize the day and show off their skills.

The closing ceremony on July 12 celebrated the students' achievements. Fr Jose, again addressing the students, praised their huge efforts to excel. Sri Vishnu Kallara, magician-comedian, blended the unique traits of *Mr Bean* and the special features of the world of magic to create an unforgettable experience for everyone.

The championship award went to the **Phoenix House**. Centaur and Gryphon were the first and second runner-up. The celebration ended when the flag was lowered by Dr Roy, School Principal.

Ruchikkoottu 2024: A food fest was conducted during the youth festival days (11 & 12 July) in order to raise a charity fund for **Nallapadam** projects.

Handing over a new house: A new house was built at the initiative of Nallapadam, and its key was given to its new owner. Fr Jose Parappillil did the honour on July 15.

Vayanakkalari: To promote reading among the students, the Vayanakkalari was inaugurated on 20 July. A copy of Malayala Manorama was handed to vice head boy Aman Tom Feby.

Safal Exam: The Safal Examinations for Grades VI and IX were conducted on 22 and 26 July, and on 01 and 02 August 2024 respectively.

Teachers Training Program: A 1-day training program was held for teachers on the **Theory of Knowledge** on July 27. A dozen SFS teachers besides others from different schools attended it. The resource persons were Sri Suhail Fareed, Principal, Al Manar Sr Sec. School, and Ms Annie Preethu Jibu, Senior Vice Principal, Choice School.

Pothichoru Distribution: As a Nallapadam initiative, pothichoru distribution was conducted on 30 July, under the auspices of the English Dept. As many as 113 lunch packets were distributed at the Kottayam General Hospital. Despite heavy showers, students enthusiastically contributed to the venture. Fr Binod, school Administrator, inaugurated the distribution.

PT 1 Examination: The first periodic examination was conducted for Grades I to IX between 31 July and 09 August 2024.

Read & Win Quiz Competition: Malayala Manorama's Read & Win quiz competition was conducted in collaboration with Santa Monica at the school on 09 August. Ishan Nair, Mathew Kurian Panjikkaran and Akhil Roy respectively secured the first three positions.

PT 2 Examination for Grade X: This commenced on 12 August.

Aqua Regia school quiz: Organized by Time Institute, this was held at the school on 09 August for students of the UP section.

Deepika Colour India painting competition: This competition was held for students of KG, primary and upper primary sections on 12 August. Students brought their own colours and painted the pictures provided to them.

Independence Day: The celebration got off to a stirring start on 14 August 2024 with a prayer and a pledge to serve the nation at all costs. A couple of dances and songs added to the verve. Dr Roy administered a pledge against drug abuse. The national anthem brought the celebration to a close.

PT1 for Grade XI: This exam commenced on 14 August.

Market visit and plants exchange: On 16 August 2024, a group of commerce students visited the Athirampuzha market to arrange for a successful exchange of plants between themselves and traders there. Sri Aby Emmanuel was present on this occasion.

Soap-making project: The Chemistry Dept at the school, guided by Nallapadam volunteers, made soaps, an ample amount of it, with the aim of making eco-friendly soaps.

On 16 August, a climate action group was formed which set up a rain gauge (**MRRM**) under the Physics Dept. The chief guest was Sri Aby Emmanuel, Secretary, MRRM.

The same day, the Home Science Club organized the **Paithrukam** program and made Vavada in connection with the observance of Karkkadakavavu.

The Biology Dept came forward to plant saplings in small trays with students' help. These saplings are kept in the biology section of the science lab.

PTA Meeting of Std XII: This took place on 17 August. The Class VIII PTA meeting was held on 22 August; and Class IX PTA meeting followed on 23 August.

KG School Tour: The KG children's school tour was conducted in August 2024. They visited various places in the school, including the Principal's office, the Administrator's office, the library, the cafeteria and the labs.

KG Assembly: The KG assembly was held on 23 August.

Desalite Radio: The Desalite Radio started broadcasting on 23 August. Student leaders addressed the community during the launch of the Radio service.

Book Exhibition: A book exhibition was arranged at the school on 23 August by H & C Stores, Kottayam. Parents, teachers, and students were left free to browse and buy books at discounted rates.

'Uyare' skill development Program: To bolster the reading habits of students, the Nallapadam team in collaboration with the Kottayam East Rotary Club, conducted the 'Uyare' skill development Program. The school received a few reference books from the Rotary Club, gratis. This was on 29 August, 2024.

The **Class X PTA Meeting** took place on 31 August.

Pen Collection: With the aim of making nature plastic-free, used pens were collected by the Nallapadam team and handed over to the Haritha Karma Sena. About 7,000 such pens were collected.

Teachers' Day: This year, the Teachers' Day was celebrated on 05 September. In his speech, Fr Jose Parappillil highlighted the role of teachers in shaping young minds. A group song was followed by the presentation of tokens of appreciation to the teachers. A photo session captured the special moment. Dr Roy spoke on the dedication and hard work of teachers. It proved to be a memorable day.

Abro Bhavan Visit: On 06 September, five teachers and students of Class VIIIA, accompanied by the Fathers, visited the women's old age home, Abro Bhavan, at Athirampuzha, and served Onasadya to the inmates.

YIP (Young Innovators Program): A grooming session for students selected for state-level competitions was conducted on 07 August, led by Sri Ginto Sebastian. SFS School bagged the third place at the district level for submitting maximum ideas. Abel Tom and Anto Biju were chosen for the state-level competition.

Rain Gauge: A rain gauge was set up at the school to set the activities of the climate action group rolling as a Nallapadam initiative. The rain gauge was handed over to the students by Sri S. Ramachandran, President of the Meenachil River Conservation Committee.

Onam: The Onam celebration titled 'Poothalam 2024' was conducted on 28 September 2024. Fr Jose Parappillil inaugurated the program and gave a moving message. The main attractions included the arrival of Mahabali, vanchipattu, Onapattu, and a Thiruvathira performance. Various traditional games and sports added to the spirit of the festival. A tug-of-war and a musical chair were part of the climax. The afternoon session was taken up by a lively music-and-dance performance under a DJ.

SOF English Olympiad: This Olympiad was held for students of Grades III – XII on 26 September.

Half-yearly exams: The half-yearly examinations got under way on 27 September.

The KG kids' Onam celebration took place on 27 September, during which the Malayali Manga and Kerala Sreeman competitions were conducted. A flower carpet put up on the occasion brightened the celebration.

The same day, a **flash mob against drugs** was performed by students of Grade VIII. It aimed at creating awareness of the evils of drug use.

Career Guidance program: A career guidance program for Grade XII students was held on 27 September, guided by Sri Vineeth Kulangara, General Manager, Time Institute, Kottayam.

Interschool roller skating championship: The Kottayam Sahodaya interschool roller skating championship match was held on 28 September. About 660 students from 60 CBSE schools tested their skills from early morning till late at night. Chavara CMI Public School, Pala, won the championship with 105 points. Marian SSS, Kalathipady, and Lourdes Public School, Kottayam, secured the second and third positions respectively.

Sri Benny George, President of Kottayam Sahodaya, presided over the valedictory function and gave away the trophies.

Gandhi Jayanti: An assembly was conducted by students of Grades XI and XII on October 01 in commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi whose birthday falls on October 02. The students performed a skit highlighting the Gandhian ideology.

Renovating MG memorial library, Kidangoor: Nallapadam workers from the school renovated the Gandhi memorial library at Kidangoor on October 01. They painted the library afresh and contributed 100 books to the library to promote the reading habit among youngsters. Dr Roy inaugurated the event by paying floral tributes to Gandhi's portrait. Bhajans were sung and the audience assimilated the Gandhian philosophy of life.

Fr Kelvin and Fr Binod handed over the books to the library president Sri C N Ramakrishnan Nair.

Superkid scholarship exam: The Superkid scholarship examination was held on October 05 for students of LKG to Class IV. The examinees wore denim blue uniform and carried wax crayons as stipulated for the examination.

Seminar by Commerce Dept: A seminar on Career options after Grade XII (Commerce Stream) was conducted for students of Grades X, XI and XII, to provide guidance on various courses and opportunities available on completion of school education in the commerce stream.

Buoyancy 2024: The annual sports meet of special schools children, titled *Buoyancy*, took place on October 10, 2024. The chief guest, Adv Francis George, MP, hoisted the flag and declared the meet open. A directory – *Discover Your Path to Unique Smiles (Punchiri)* was released during the event. Sri Jomichan Jose, chief sub editor, Malayala Manorama, felicitated the gathering.

A general dental medical camp, "Special Smiles from Caring Hands" was inaugurated by Fr Jose Parappillil. Dr Roy administered the oath to the participants of various field events which started at 10.30 a.m.

The awards presentation was held at 3.30 pm. Sri Vinod Nair, chief news editor at Malayala Manorama, released the magazine *Spectrum of Talents*. Handing over a fund to special schools, titled *Aardram Expo*, was done by Fr Jose Parappillil.

The **overall champions** this year was **Santhinilayam Special School, Anthinadu**. The Ashaniketan Special School, Ayamkudi, was second, and St John of God Special School was third. As many as 250 students from 22 different schools attended the meet.

Wonderla Picnic for Grade X: The students of Grade X went to Wonderla, Kochi, for a picnic on 15 October.

Webinar on electoral literacy: CBSE organized a webinar on electoral literacy for students of Grade IX on October 15. Students received valuable insights into principles of democracy and active citizenship.

Flamboyance: Kids' Fest: The kids' fest, Flamboyance, was inaugurated by Sri T P Vivek, a renowned singer and music trainer, on October 17 & 18. While Fr Jose Parappillil delivered the inaugural address, Dr Roy presented a memento to the chief guest. Various events during the two days kept the kids occupied and enjoying themselves.

Sahodaya Sargasangamam: SFS School students bagged several prizes in the Sahodaya Sargasangamam held at Labour India Public School, Marangattupilly, on 17-19 October. The school secured 11th position overall in the meeting.

PTA Executive Meeting: The first PTA Executive Meeting this year was held on Sunday, 20 October. Fr Jose Parappillil, Dr Roy, Fr Kelvin, Fr Binod, Mrs Jaimol John, General Coordinator; Mrs Jimbil Tom, High School Coordinator, and nine executive members attended the meeting from 4.00 to 5.30 pm. Mrs Arya B Nair was elected Vice President of the PTA Executive Body.

Edu Expo 2024: The Edu Expo 2024, titled Sciquest, took place on 24 October from 9.30 a.m. Students of Grades V upwards created and exhibited various projects, including still models, working models, charts, artworks, etc in the school's main quadrangle. It was a grand success.

Book Exhibition: A book exhibition was held on 25-26 October by Perfect Books Publishers and Distributors, Changanassery. Students visited the stalls on the first day and purchased books on the second day. The students' parents also made their presence felt at the exhibition.

PTA Meeting: The first PTA Meeting of the year was held on Saturday, 26 October. Parents arrived as per their designated times, thus avoiding unnecessary hustle and bustle.

Daniel Ajish, Star of the Month: Daniel Ajish, of Grade VI, was conferred a special recognition from The Children's Magazine. He received a complimentary copy which highlighted his achievement as the Star of the Month. He also got a cheque for Rs 500 as a token of appreciation.

Daniel got qualified for the national level chess championship (Under 11). He is a chess wizard as evidenced by his success in several competitions both at school and state levels.

Essay Competition: An essay writing competition was held at the school on 25 October. The topic of the essay was the Martyrdom of Police Personnel in Service to the Nation and its Citizens. The first, second and third prizes were won by girl students of Grades XI and IX.

Annual Sports Meet: The School's annual sports meet was held staggered on 29 & 30 October 2024. The Chief Guest was Dr Thankachan Mathew, retired Associate Professor, in the department of physical education at Alphonsa College, Pala. He hoisted the flag after a prayer song. The Fathers were actively present at the meet.

The closing ceremony was conducted on 30 October. The School Manager delivered an inspiring presidential address. An essay competition was held centred on the theme of police martyrdom. Sri Akhil Dev, Principal Sub Inspector of Police, Ettumanoor, distributed prizes to the winners of the competition. The Cygnus House was the overall champion in the sports meet. The first runner-up was the Centaur House, followed by the Phoenix House as the second. When the meet came to a close, Fr Jose Parappillil lowered the flag, marking the end of the show.

KG Sports Meet: The KG Sports Meet was held on 30 October. The various sports events were conducted at the KG Quadrangle, and the event ended at 3.00 pm.

Ruchikkoottam Food Fest: The Ruchikkoottam Food Fest was conducted on 29-30 October, organized by the Nallapadam team. The theme was "Food, Fun, and a Heartfelt Cause". Various snacks, juices, ice creams and cone scoops were available at the fest. All items were sold out during the sports meet.

Keralapiravi: To highlight the Kerala culture on Keralapiravi on 01 November 2024, students were encouraged to bring artworks showcasing the unique culture and traditions of our State and its literature to the school.

PTA Meeting for Grade XI was held on November 02 from 09 a.m. till 4 pm. Most parents along with their wards met the teachers and reviewed their progress. The afternoon was devoted to an entrance coaching session.

A special assembly was held in the morning to commemorate the formation of the state of Kerala many years ago. A group song rendered by Grade VII D students highlighted the essence of the Kerala culture.

Picnic to Wonderla: Students of Grade XII went on a day's picnic to Wonderla on Nov 05, 2024. This was followed by a picnic to Lulu Mall, Ernakulam, the following day by students of Grades I to V.

Picnic for Grades VI – VIII: Students of Grades VI, VII and VIII went on a picnic to Trichur on November 07, 2024. The destinations included Trichur Zoo, Chavakkad Beach and Marine Aquarium.

Not to be left out of the reckoning, the KG kids visited Uncle John's Park, Kottayam, on November 08.

PCM Scholarship Exam: The PCM Scholarship Examination for students of LKG to Grade V was held from 9.30 to 12.00 noon on Saturday, November 09.

Quiz competition: H & C organized a quiz competition for students of Grades IV to VII on November 11 which roped in 120 participants.

Children's Day celebration: Saturday, November 15, marked the Children's Day at the school. On the previous day which is the proper children's day, a minor celebration was held in classrooms. Personalized messages, greeting cards and toffees were distributed among the students. The official celebration, however, took place on November 15 from 11.00 a.m. until early afternoon. Addresses by School Manager Fr Jose Parappillil and Principal Dr Roy P.K. were interspersed with graceful dances and other musical interludes by the teaching staff.

PTM for Grade XII: A PTM of Grade XII student was conducted in the morning on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

Roadsides Beautification by SFS Volunteers: it was a long-drawn-out project that took shape in the minds of SFS volunteers who noticed how rubbish was making unusable the sides of roads traversed by our school buses in different directions. The target is to transform these roadsides through human effort and make them attractive walkways for pedestrians.

The volunteers comprised the school bus drivers, their ayahs, and students. They cleaned the roadsides and planted fruit trees, flower plants and shady trees. This project will enhance students' love of nature, aesthetics and social commitment. The SFS School Management has been offering full cooperation and support to this project.

School Manager Fr Jose Parappillil, Principal Dr Roy P.K., Vice Principal Fr Kelvin Olikkunnel, and Administrator Fr Binod Puthanpurackal oversaw the beautification drive.

Class Libraries: Class libraries were set up in all classes by Nallapaadam volunteers on 05 Nov 2024.

Flower gardening: Marigold seedlings were planted in the school premises as part of a Nallapaadam project on 14 Nov 2024.

Maths Olympiad: The Maths Olympiad for Grades III to XII was conducted from 11.15 to 12.15 on November 19, 2024.

Cycle Rally: A cycle rally under the initiative of the Nallapaadam team and the Maths Dept was organized around Ettumanoor Town, promoting a campaign for greening the earth by planting more trees. The event was flagged off by Dr Jibu Eapen Mathew of Caritas Hospital. Some 50 students from Grades VII, VIII, IX and XI participated in the event.

A Library for Comrades: 'Aavolam Vayana' was a project under the aegis of the Nallapaadam team which aimed at creating a local library (*Koottukarkoru Library*) to promote wide reading among youngsters. A lot of books were collected by SFS School students on 26 Nov 2024 and handed over to Ms C.S.Ganga, a 9th Grade student of Pampady Technical High School, by Dr Roy P.K., SFS School Principal.

Anganwadi Visit: In collaboration with the Nallapaadam team, the Hindi department organized an Anganwadi visit on 29 Nov 2024. Toys, colouring books, crayons and other essential items were distributed to the little students at the Anganwadi.

Paddy field visit: The Nallapaadam members participated in a harvest reaping festival at Peroor on 30 November 2024. It offered the participants a first-hand experience of farming operations in our locality.

Science Olympiad Examination: The Science Olympiad examination was held on 03 Dec 2024 for students of grades III – XII from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m.

Deworming project: A mop-up day for the administration of deworming tablets was organized on 03 Dec 2024 to ensure all students received the tablets as part of a govt initiative to rid the state of worms among school children.