An unexpected year! An year of restrictions, distance and lock downs, an year of changes and new leanings... academic year 2020-21 can be titled in many ways. Needless to say, it was a tough year for the school. Covid-19 pandemic restricted traditionally practiced classroom based teaching and learning. There was a crisis, a crisis to implement a new mode to reach out to the stakeholders or this crisis stimulated innovation in the education sector. There was a need to reduce the learning loss and prevent learning gap. Thus we embraced the digital based education. As a result, we know in some way, learning has not stopped with online learning offering an alternative.

Contrary to the normal way of beginning an academic year, the online classes were initiated on 8 June 2020 for all grades 1 to 10. Initially Zoom app was used and later switched over to Google Classroom. Though there was an initial struggle to cope up with the new way of teaching and learning, it was a fast learning process. Teachers personally made a lot of effort to make sure the participation of students in the online teaching-learning process. At the beginning stage, all were skeptical about the online learning process but as the days passed the attendance rose and it became the new normal. It was all possible with the regular interaction between parents and teachers.

It took some time for us to get settled with the new way of life and learning. Soon we adapted ourselves to the new way of life not fearing the pandemic but caring the humanity. The school was eager to be in touch with its stakeholders. To mark the 74th independence day of the nation the school live streamed the flag hoisting ceremony and the message by principal. Apart from it, we made sure the active participation of the students by organizing drawing competition, poster making completion and speech completion with independence related themes. It was conducted on online platforms. It was soon followed by the Onam celebration in September. Students and parents participated actively in the Onam related festive activates.

First ever Virtual PTA meeting for grades 9 and 10 was conducted on Sep 9, 2020. The instructions given by the CBSE till that time were explained to the parents. It was followed by the scheduled virtual PTA meetings of all the classes. These meetings were well attended and cleared the doubts and uncertainties that they had. In these meetings Alternative Academic Calendar was discussed and explained. They were also cautioned and instructed about the safe use of gadgets and learning online platforms. PTA meeting Schedule is given below:

10/09/2020 - Grades IX and X 15/09/2020 - Grades VII and VIII 16/09/2020 - Grades V and VI 17/09/20202 - Grades I to IV

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In November art integration activities were conducted in connection with Children's Day celebrations. As a pedagogical initiative Board had initiated art and sports integrated learning which promote reflection, critical thinking, creativity, initiation, self-direction and other 21st century skills. So the school implemented art integrated projects as initial step to adopt the new ways.

First term examinations were conducted from Dec 28, 2020 to Jan 6, 2021. It was a necessary task to understand the effectively of the online classes as well as the response of the students.

Jan 4, 2021 was indeed a joyful day as we opened the school for the regular class for Grade 10. Following the instructions of Kerala Government and following the instruction of education department the students were welcomed to the class.

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THANA. P.O. KANNUR - 670 012. It was also a learning year for the members of the staff as the new National education Policy was introduced. There were a number of sessions which the teachers attended in order to understand and imbibe the spirit of the New NEP. The National Education Policy 2020 calls for the shift towards experiential and competency based learning approach to ensure proficiency in learning by students for dealing with real life situations. Throughout the year there were a lot of online training sessions like course on experiential learning and competency based learning attended by the members of the staff.

The Academic year 2020-21 came to an end with the second term examinations from 18/03/21to 31/03/21

We hope and pray for a better year ahead.

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