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How can one succeed? This is a question many people around the world ask every day.

According to Winston Churchill "Success is moving from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."

In fact success is not a gain and failure is not a loss. What counts is our ability to rise up from each fall to perform better. Strong faith in God along with self confidence is the key to success. Hence it is not just about what you accomplish in your life, it's about what you inspire others to do.

Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit your work to the Lord and your plans will be established."

According to a common man, success is the achievement of a social status, completing a goal, reaching an objective or the achievement of an action in a specified set of time. But the Bible describes success in a much different way than the world does. Success as God sees is something that is achieved which is of infinite, eternal value in this life and in the life to come. That is a huge difference indeed.

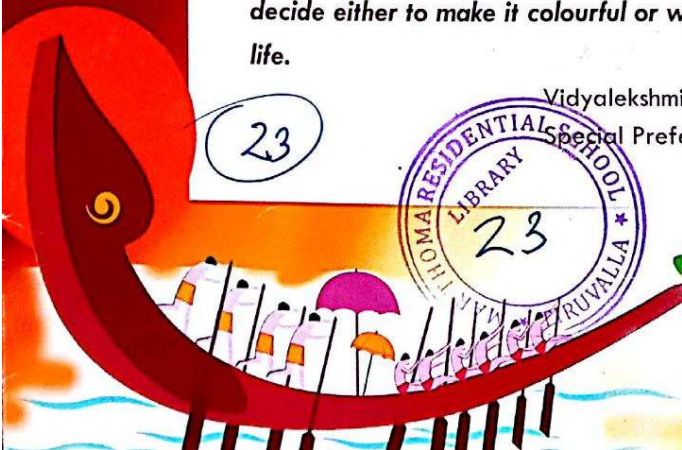
Hence there are no winners or losers. Instead there are individuals who have the potential to succeed and who do things that helps them realize this potential and there are people with the same potential who don't do these things.

Life is a gift of God. Each day is a new page in the diary of our life. We can decide either to make it colourful or weird. Identify your potential and lead an inspiring life.

Vidyalekshmi R.

Special Prefect, Class 12

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THOUGHTS AND THROBS

These days remind us of the traditional harvest festival of our state, Onam. It's a ten daylong celebration which brings to mind the legendary returns of the mythological King Mahabali who sacrificed his life for the well being of his citizens.



Well being is the condition of being contented, healthy or successful. It is also known as eudemonia in Greek philosophy which means human flourishing or welfare.

Onam festival symbolizes peace, happiness, love, equality, truth and justness in the reign of Mahabali.

If we, the people of Kerala had such a wonderful time in the past, why can't we think about having those virtues in the present too? As responsible future citizens of our motherland we have to hold high the great principles of peace, happiness, love, equality, truth and justness. It's hard to be the epitome of king Mahabali but the urge to inculcate such great virtues, in our lives will spread fragrance in and around us.

Let this season bring to each and everyone of you peace and prosperity.

Wishing you all happy Onam,
Principal

TEACHERS' ORIENTATION AND RETREAT

A seminar on Child Psychology was conducted, under the leadership of the school counsellor Rev. Dr. Joe Joseph Kuruvilla, on 10th and 11th of May 2017. The seminar was organised to prepare the teachers to cope with the various challenges encountered by them in handling students with different abilities. On the first day, Dr. Gayathri Mammen spoke on the topic *Identifying Children with Learning Disability*. On the second day, Dr. Merin Punnose, a clinical psychologist spoke on the topic *Managing students with Learning Disability*. The class was very informative for the teachers.

On 27th May, after a rejuvenating summer break, the teachers of Mar Thoma Residential School and Mar Thoma Central School met at a picturesque location Tharangam on the banks of the Pampa river. The resource person for the day Rev. K C Varghese spoke on the topic *Social Analysis*. The session was very thought provoking and achen clarified some doubts and issues. In the second session, Rev. Dr. Joe Joseph Kuruvilla engaged the teachers in group activities.

On 29th May, Mr. N. D Sivan took a workshop on various teaching aids. All the teachers actively participated by making models for various subjects. In the afternoon, Dr. Mareena Rajan Joseph, faculty from Believers Medical College gave the teachers an insight on *Self Awareness*.

On 30th May, the management met all the teachers and discussed about various issues.

SCHOOL REOPENING AND WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The new academic session for classes from 1 to 10 and 12 started on 1st June, 2017.

On 5th June students of class 11 were welcomed by the students of class 12. The school also celebrated



World Environment Day. Students handed over saplings to the Vice Principal Mrs. Anitha Susan John. Alby Varghese of class 12 spoke on the importance of World Environment Day.

COMMEMORATION DAY



The Rt. Rev.Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa delivering the Commemoration Day speech

Prof. T K George Vaidyan(Treasurer),Rev. Abraham C Mathew(Vice President),Thirumeni, Mr.Thomas P Athyal(Secretary),Principal Prof.Bejoy Varughese, Rev.Dr.Joe Joseph Kuruvilla on the dais

The 44th commemoration day was held on 8th June, 2017. The function was presided by Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa of the Mar Thoma Church. Principal Prof.Bejoy Varghese welcomed the gathering. The function started with the order of worship led by the Chief Guest. The Vice President of Mar Thoma Educational Agency Rev.Abraham C. Mathew, Secretary Mr. Thomas P. Athyal, Treasurer Prof. T. K. Goerge Vaidyan, Principal Prof. Bejoy Varghese, Vice-Principal Mrs. Anitha Susan John and Headmistress Mrs. Anis Sunil Jacob led the gathering in prayer.

The Thirumeni reminded the parents that God cannot be perceived with reason. He emphasised that there should be a blending of Faith and Science and also commended the school for its work in the lives of its students.

The Thirumeni was presented a memento by Mr.Jiji Mathew, section co-ordinator. Thirumeni also blessed the children.

CLUB INAUGURATIONS

The club activities for the academic year 2017-18 were inaugurated by Mr. Prakash Vallamkulam, Folklore Club Coordinator and popular folklore artiste, on 14th of June.

The function began with an invocation song followed by a welcome speech by Annapoorna Ajay of class 8. The Chief Guest lighted the lamp, inaugurating the club activities for the year. The Principal, the Vice Principal, and the Head Mistress joined in.

The Guest of Honour, Mr. Prakash Vallamkulam delivered the keynote address which in itself was an





Chief Guest Prakash Vallamkulam inaugurating the Club Activities

interactive session. The melodious folklores that he sang kindled everyone's aesthetic sense.



A variety of entertainment programmes performed by the students captivated the audience.

The programme concluded with Devika Manoj of class 8, proposing the vote of thanks on behalf of the students for providing them with such vistas of activities which would bring out the best of their potentials and innate abilities.

Three new clubs Abacus, Musical Band and Scouting have been introduced this year.

PREFECTS' INVESTITURE

The solemn ceremony of the Prefects' Investiture was conducted on 16th June, 2017. The Prefects' Council consisting of student delegates took on the mantle of responsibility.



Prefects' investiture

The function commenced with the processional Prefects' march of prefect delegates to the stage.

The Principal administered the oath of office to the Head Boy, Seth Shaji George



The Chief Guest Dr. John Abraham, Principal of Believers Church Medical College speaking to the students

and to the Head Girl, Treesa Thomas Alex and then to the various office bearers.

The prefects received their respective badges after the oath.

The Chief Guest Dr. John Abraham, Principal of Believers Church Medical College delivered the keynote address. He urged the prefects to understand the authority assigned to each and work diligently.

The ceremony drew to a close with the recession of prefects to





the back of the auditorium holding lighted candles. The function concluded with the national anthem.

ANNUAL PRIZE DAY

The 43rd Annual Prize Day was celebrated on 15th July, 2017. The function was presided over by Sri. P. N. Suresh, the former Vice Chancellor of Kerala Kala Mandalam.



The programme commenced with a prayer song by the school choir. The Annual Report was presented by the Principal Prof .Bejoy Varughese. Sri. P N Suresh, the Guest of Honour then gave an extremely thought provoking speech.



The Guest of Honour, Mr. P N Suresh felicitating Agnes Elizabeth James, the second rank holder in the ISC Commerce Stream in the Kerala zone



... 'display of talents'





The Chief Guest gave away the various prizes. The academically proficient students were presented with medals.

The entertainment programmes stood out with its variety and excellence. The performers of each group tried to outdo their counterparts. The discipline and time management were commendable.



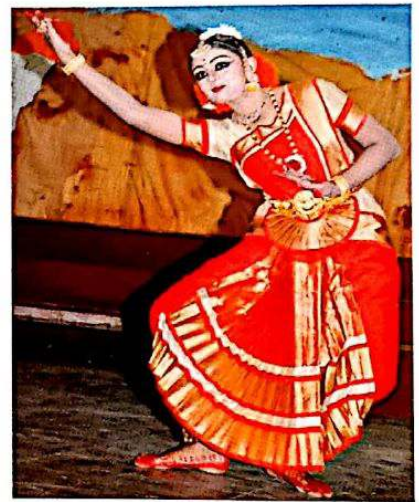
THE WONDERS OF SPACE

On 20th and 21st July the students from classes 3 to 10 witnessed a rare event as the wonders of space unfolded in the mobile planetariums installed in the school auditorium. The students were exuberant as they watched the planets, meteorites, black holes and other fascinating heavenly bodies.

THE INTER-HOUSE CULTURAL COMPETITIONS

The most spectacular and exciting event of the year, the inter house cultural fest **Rangotsav** was inaugurated on 9th August 2017 in the school auditorium by the Principal, Prof. Bejoy Varghese .

The Head Boy, Head Girl, Special Prefect, and the house captains adorned the stage in the traditional attire of Kerala. The Principal, Rev. Dr. Joe Joseph Kuruvilla, the Vice Principal, the Headmistress and the house captains lighted the inaugural lamp. Principal Bejoy Varghese exhorted the students and then captivated the audience with a famous song by Carpenters. The following day too witnessed a wonderful display of talents.



Rangotsav—truly colourful..

KINDERGARTEN ANNEX



Consecration of the new KG Annex by Most Rev. Dr Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan



The new block, KG Annex was inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan on 14th August, 2017.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The 70th Independence Day was celebrated with much fervour and enthusiasm as the students remembered the stalwarts of our nation. The national flag was hoisted by Prof. Abraham Mathew.

Following this, the inter-house football match was held. The Yellow House won the match.



*Independence Day celebration:
Prof. Abraham Mathew
hoisting the national flag*

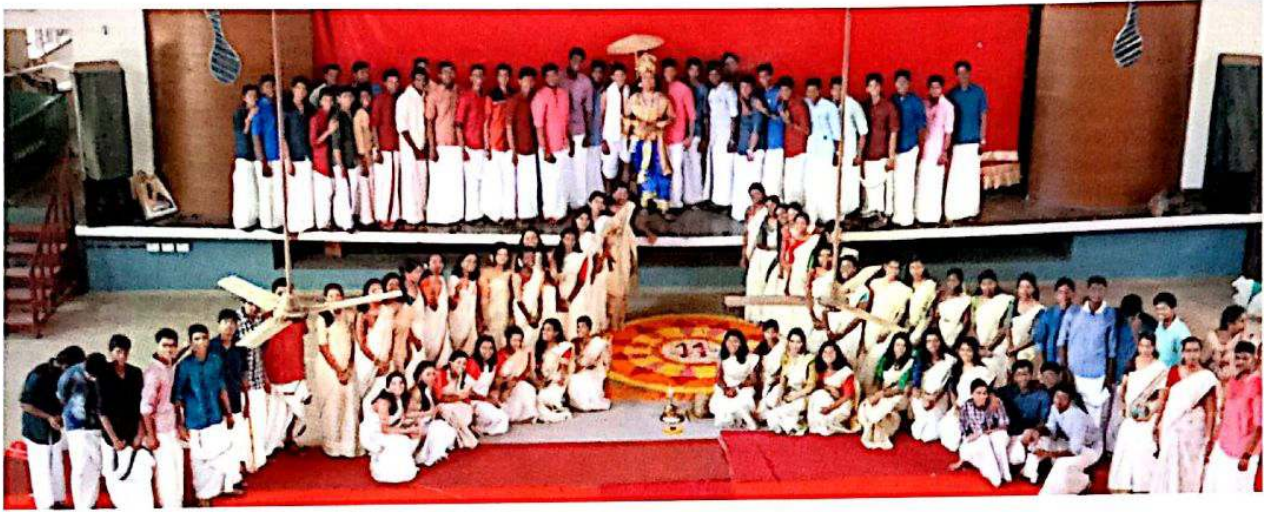
ONAM CELEBRATIONS

As the students geared up for their exams, they had a welcome break with the celebration of Onam on 18th August.



Primary section: Athapoo Competition





Onam assembly by students of class 11

The students of primary section also participated in the celebration with Floral Carpet competition, Thiruvathira, Vallamkalli and Onam songs. They also watched a Malayalam movie. Payasam was served to all the students.

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Whatsoever you do to the least of My people, that you do unto Me.

Mathew 25:40

