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Annual Report 2020 - 2021

Unforeseen events such as COVID-19 establish a new-normal in every aspect of our lives. Education had taken a toll where children suffered the consequences such as school closures, a pause in learning processes and containment in a defined personal space.

At Apple I English Medium School, technology savvy teachers have left no stone unturned in helping children continue education while strengthening connectivity during such unprecedented times. Ample support from the management, unquestionable commitment from parents and seamless efforts from the dedicated teachers at 'Apple I' have assisted students realize the virtual classes and beyond.

Primary objective of engaging students while continuing education has impelled online classes via Zoom from 15th June 2021. The agenda engrossed age-tailored sessions, monitoring attendance, sharing study material via popular applications such as WhatsApp and follow-up via phone calls to parents. This eventually assisted in designing bridging programs planned during reopening. These classes discussed textual content complemented by state-of-the-art TATA class edge program, besides, a couple of art, computer, and activity classes per week.

Professional quality video footages were prepared and shared by the teachers to enhance learning experience of the students. Online assessments focused on textual and video content were regularly administered (mid-term I: August 17th to 24th and term I: November 23rd to December 3rd). Google Forms App, WhatsApp and Zoom were a few of the platforms to conduct regular and term examinations to assess the learning outcomes. Online games such as chess etc., were conducted to engage students, at times. Monthly virtual meetings between teachers; parents and teachers; principal and teachers; principal and parents, and employees and management to improve the school standards even in the virtual mode.

A plethora of age-specific online co-curricular activities such as monthly elocution (grades 5 to 10), fancy dress (November 12th 2020), painting (November 13th 2020), magic of mathematics (November 18th 2020), global spell bee (November 21st 2020), singing (December 9th 2020), dancing (December 16th 2020), card making (December 24th 2020) besides weekly rhymes, storytelling, etc., competitions were planned, designed, and executed to motivate while educating the students. Online sessions were also comprised of weekly mind and body development exercises such as yoga, stretching, skipping etc., where a lot of students have received certificates from "Fit India" program conducted in the month of December 2020 (1st to 7th 2020).

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Abiding strict COVID-19 protocols, regular classes were planned immediately after receiving guidelines from the state government. Our school was the first in India to conduct a three-day long event in the month of January 2021 (6th to 8th), science and art exhibition titled "genesis to futuristic", where children have learned, participated, and attracted accolades from honorable chief guests, an eminent professor in Andhra University and the Assist. Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam. This event was temporally staggered to abide COVID-19 norms and facilitate maximum participation from the students, parents, and visitors. During face to face mode of delivery, cocurricular activities such as Seminar (February 20th 2021), Memory test (March 16th 2021) and other activities were successfully conducted. A couple of parent teacher meetings were organized during the offline sessions where parents were extremely pleased with the school performance during and after lockdown and provided an encouraging positive feedback. The school successfully completed 7 months of online classes (June 15th, 2020 to Feb 1st 2021 accounting for 181 working days) and about 2 months of offline classes (Feb 3rd to April 10th 2021 accounting for 58 working days) as per the designed school calendar with minimal number of holidays to compensate the lockdown days in 2020. Total number of working days for 2020 - 2021 were 239.

Our academic success has been continuing with 100% grade X pass percentage since the inception of the school until the yester year when 26 students have appeared for it. This year a total of 36 students have been registered for the board Xth examinations. This success has been attributed to weekly CTs and a minimum of 3 RTs in preparation of exams. On a similar note, two pre-board exams viz., the first one in February 2021 (22nd to 26th) and the second one in April 2021 (6th to 10th) have been conducted including the mid-term II (February 2nd to 6th) and term II (March 31st to April 10th) for the reminder classes in the offline mode. Students were promoted to advanced grades and were constantly rewarded with cash prizes, mementos, certificates for academic as well as CCA competitions.

The school enjoyed tremendous success in various aspects even during these unprecedented times which was published frequently in local newspapers and in electronic media such as Facebook. For example, our school was ranked in top 20 schools across India by NISA for the "Micro Innovation Award 2020" exclusively for the commendable contribution made in imparting quality education during COVID-19 lockdown. Astounding numbers of students have enrolled for the following academic year and have increased the school capacity to the maximum for the year 2021-2022. LIC of India has recognized and awarded prestigious mementos and certificates to the students (grades 6 to 10) for their overall academic achievements during the year 2020 - 2021.

Despite the deleterious consequences of the pandemic, our school has overcome those tiring times and completed the academic year 2020 - 2021 successfully. We are looking forward to meeting challenges during the upcoming academic year 2021 – 2022 and anticipate repeating our success.

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