



CARMEL SCHOOL - KUWAIT

Annual Report 2020-2021

*This year 2020-2021 will go down in history as never to be forgotten. The pandemic took the world by storm. Every nook and corner was infected and coming home to our students, life came to a stand- still. Initially there was fear and trepidation but we at Carmel picked up the reigns with great faith and resilience and turned the year into a memorable one.

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

*The entire staff got the cogwheels rolling with online classes for every section. With a quick training everyone got on board and classes ran smoothly with few glitches, enabling us to complete the set syllabus within the parameters of safety stated by the government of Kuwait.

*The year commenced with 2683 students on roll and 128 teaching and non- teaching staff.

*In April, students entered their new classes virtually and arrangements were made for book collection to enhance their learning.

*A new School Management Software called Track My School (TMS) was launched and Zoom was integrated through this system to facilitate virtual classes. Assignments, notes and tests were conducted through this software.

*A holistic approach to education was seen in the way the ART integrated project was conducted for the students. Hands on activities with interaction and team work were displayed through their work. Teachers came together to discuss the Annual Year Plan and Term Plan giving importance for learning outcomes.

*We conducted the compartment exams at the Indian Embassy from 22, September 2020 to 30, September 2020.

*An Online staff meeting was held in May wherein teachers shared their views and ideas and feedback of the online classes and means to improve them.

*School closed for the summer break though students were still in lockdown. Teachers attended CBSE webinar courses related to their subjects and child psychology so as to update and equip themselves with the current techniques through Blended learning. The courses opened a plethora of ideas and alternate learning strategies that gave them the confidence to forge ahead in this unprecedented times.

*Classes resumed on August 4th 2020. The school conducted online voting and elections to foster the need for democracy and fair play. The students displayed their leadership qualities and were solemnized in an investiture ceremony on 14th August 2020 .Under the flag ship of head boy Acel Varghese and head girl, Jenisha Jarvin the elected cabinet displayed determination and creativity. They conducted the Carmel Kaleidoscope, an array of 22 competitions throughout

the classes providing a platform for many. It was a grand success as it unleashed many a latent talent. Kudos to the Cabinet who displayed prosilience, piloting through turbulent times.

*** Results:** - Lockdown but not knocked out, Carmel added yet another feather to its venerable cap by securing resplendent victory in the Board Exams. Despite the unprecedented quandary, our students evinced phenomenal resilience that brought alluring glory to their alma mater. In the AISSCE 2020 , Neha Alapatt scored first position in the Science stream with a whopping 97.8 % and Neha Elizabeth Thomas, Sona Biju and Rhea Nair came in second with 97.6%. In the AISSE 2020, we have Acel Varghese with 98.2% and Prithvi Karthik with 97.4%. It was a commendable performance by the students despite the pressure of the uncertain state of affairs.

*On the cultural front students were given plenty of opportunities to showcase their talents. They participated in a dance competition organized by FAIPS and emerged winners with Arya Arun Davidson (X) and Mrudula Naresh Lanjewar taking 2nd place in Indian folk dance and Japmeet Kaur Sethi and Avrel Leandra Pinto and Aurel Preann Pinto taking 3rd and 1st place in Western dance.

Multifaceted that they are, the students also participated in many online competitions and brought home accolades. The Lebanon Art Competition, The Student Global Ambassador programme, CBSE Art Competition, Trianga-IIK and CBSE-Independence Day Competition to name a few.

*The online classes were interspersed with Art, Health Education, P.T. and Value Education as that is the need of the hour in these lockdown days.

*The school conducted an orientation after the vacations in keeping with the guidelines of social distancing by the MOE. The principal boosted the teachers and guided them to invest in their students.

***Teachers' day:** Growing up with value based education, the Carmel students celebrated their teachers on the 5th of September 2020 on a virtual platform titled 'A Virtual Voyage'....lost without you. Their affection and gratitude poured effusively through the many items put up by them with great care and thought behind it. 'When the going is tough the tough gets going' was amply proved by the students who raised themselves to achieve the unimaginable.

*We paid our respects to the late Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah by observing a 2 minute silence on a virtual platform .The entire state of Kuwait mourned for three days 29th, 30th and 31st September 2020.

*The Carmel staff gathered to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights and spent time together in fellowship.

*Carmel celebrated their Foundress, Mother Veronica on November 19th 2020 through an inspiring assembly and encouraged planting of saplings by the students.

*PTM was held in every term to enlighten the parents on their child's performance and progress.

***Children's day:** The Carmel teachers left no stone unturned in reciprocating the love they received. Together they created a marvelous short film 'The Legend of the Lamp' that had their dances and songs incorporated in a beautiful story line touching on all aspects of what was

missing in a student's life. This was a virtual celebration on the 12th November 2020 that was indeed nostalgic.

*26th November saw National Constitution Day attended by Carmel students and teachers at the Indian Embassy.

*Prelims and Post prelims were conducted challenging all obstacles, network issues and glitches.

***Christmas** came alive at Carmel on the 22nd December 2020. In the true spirit of Christmas the Principal Sr. Christy Maria conveyed the message of Love, Peace and Hope through a virtual celebration. A power point on the journey to Bethlehem added meaning to the day and was truly a gift of memories to cherish through the year. The staff as is tradition gathered to celebrate the Savior's Birth. And in the spirit of Christmas were generously gifted.

*Many of the staff, students and parents participated in a virtual programme organized by Bharatiya Pravasi Parishad that was chaired by the Education Minister Sri. Ramesh Pokhrayal who addressed us on NEP -2020 .It was presided over by H.E. Mr. Sibi George, the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait.

*Republic Day was a holiday for all Indian schools. We attended the virtual flag hoisting conducted by the Indian Embassy.

*The Science international Forum celebrated National Science Day on February 28th 2021 which was attended by teachers and students and our students were the recipients of a few prizes.

* Pariksha pe Charcha a unique interactive programme was encouraged and many students and teachers participated.

*Carmelites true to their motto EXCELSIOR shone in all fields. In a virtual O'Grade function on the 27th March 2021 the students took home gold medals, plaques and trophies for the many accolades they received. A dream come true indeed for those anchored in excellence.

*Teachers are also learners and are ever willing to update themselves to keep abreast with the times. Online training courses on integrating technology with teaching in collaboration with google were attended by and appreciated by our staff who promptly complied with what was required of them by way of filling up a questionnaire and submitting a lesson plan.

* A virtual conference of Gulf Sahodaya for principals was attended by the Principal from 30/01/2021 to 31/01/2021 and found to be useful.

* The Indian Community School conducted a Quiz Competition in which Johan Sam Biju and Mohd. Arsh of class X secured 3rd place.

*We strive to make our students eager learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens. We bring down the curtain on 2020-21 feeling satisfied with the steps taken to overcome the obstacles that the pandemic brought and grateful to God for all blessings that came our way. Safety is our top priority so as the virus rages on Carmel has registered their staff for the COVID vaccine.

There is still a Ray of Hope as the whole world is witnessing the healing process.

Sr. Christy Maria A.C.
Principal