

Dear PTA President, Parents and teachers

1. A very warm welcome to the first PTA Meeting of the academic year 2023-24.
2. Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram, Kodaikanal was founded in 1983 has set a high standard in today's field of education and we are happy to share that we have completed 40 years. It is one of the best residential CBSE schools in South India. The first term of the academic year 2023-24 commenced on 12 June 2023. All academic, Co-curricular and Sports activities started as scheduled.
3. We are glad to share that based on students' academic performance, faculty quality and infrastructure, Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram, Kodaikanal has been rated AAA+ grade for the academic year 2022-23 under Residential School Category.
4. We are happy to inform you that we have secured cent percent results in AISSE (X) & AISSCE (XII) Exams held between February to April 2023.

The results of classes X and XII board examinations 2022-23 have been outstanding.

All the students in class XII secured distinctions.

- Master Roshan Badrinarayanan was the school topper with 95.4 percent in the Science Stream while
- N. Jothish was the school topper in the Commerce Stream with 89 percent.
- Aditya Vivek was the School Topper in the Humanities Stream with 91 percent.
- 5. In Class X, 19 students out of 20 secured distinctions. Master Ajwad of Class X was the School Topper with 90.4 percent
- 6. ANOTHER FEATHER IN our CAP-Roshan Badrinarayan of Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram secured 7562 Rank in All India JEE Advanced
- 7. Five of our teachers, Mrs. Deepika Devi, Mrs. Ramya, Mrs. Lakshmi, Mr. Frederick and Mr. Arun Nehru attended the AMPS EDU EXPO 2023 at Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai on 7th and 8th October 2023.

I have attended the following workshops

- an online workshop held on 12 May 2023 on the virtual platform on 'Dynamics of School Education with Reference to National Education Policy 2020 and National Curriculum Framework 2022 & 2023'.
- an Orientation Session for Principals of CBSE Schools on UNESCO School Health and Wellness Programme held on 10 July 2023.
- Webinar on School Quality Assessment & Assurance Framework (SQAAF) on 21 st July 2023
- As desired by Bhavan's Shikshan Bharati Mumbai, an induction programme for Principals and teachers of Bhavan's Schools across India

and abroad who joined Bhavans group of institutions for the academic year 2023-2024 was scheduled for 29th May 2023 on the virtual platform. Myself and Mr. Arun Nehru of the Maths Department participated in the induction programme.

- **Online training program, PRAYOG** conducted during July and August 2023 on CBSE initiatives for implementation of NEP 2020.
 - Workshop on “Embracing Educational Trends” on 29th September 2023.
 - Myself and Mrs. Deepika Devi attended an Online Session on “Cyber Safety and Security” on 24 th July 2023.
 - Myself and our teachers, Mrs. Deepika Devi, Mrs. B. Rajeshwari, Dr. Veena Devi, Mrs. Ramya, Mr. Arun Nehru and Mrs. Gayathri P. attended the Online Workshop titled “Role of Guidance and Counselling Services in Schools.”
 - Mrs. Deepika Devi, attended the online sessions on “Empower every student with an inclusive classroom” and Enrich the learning experience in Edge Browser”.
 - Mrs. Rajeshwari B of the Science Department attended an online Workshop based on the topic, “Making Authentic Assessments in Science”.
 - Our teachers Mr. Senthil Kumar, Mrs. Deepika Devi, Dr. Veena, Mr. Joseph Frederick, Mrs. Priyadarshini, Mrs. Ramya and Mrs. Gowri attended the Online session on ‘Counselling Approaches’ organised by the Centre of Excellence, Thiruvananthapuram on 9th August 2023.
8. The Principal and three other faculty members, Mrs. Deepika Devi, Mrs. Gowri and Mrs. Rajeshwari visited the Kodaikanal International School on 9th June 2023 to gain information about the functioning and the teaching learning practices carried out at KIS. They were given a warm welcome by Commander Ashwin Fernandes, Executive Administrative Manager of KIS. The teachers were taken around the Campus and given an insight on the functioning of the school. Such exchange programs have proved to be effective platforms to share pedagogical practices and methodologies.
9. A “Tree Plantation” programme “MY EARTH – MY DUTY” was organized on 14th June 2023. Student volunteers planted many trees in the school campus.

To raise awareness on the issues of pollution, conservation of resources, and promoting the green way of life Eco Club was formed in our school and inaugurated by the Chairman of our school on 17th July 2023.

10. **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** was observed in school on 15th June 2023 to raise awareness about the mistreatment and neglect of older adults and promote the importance of their well-being and dignity. Our students took a pledge in the assembly on 15th June 2023 to raise awareness about the abuse and neglect experienced by older adults.
11. **Fresher's day** was celebrated on 17th June 2023. This was a good platform for our new students to exhibit their individual talent. The new students and teachers performed on stage with enthusiasm. The old students encouraged them and helped them in strengthening the bond among the students and teachers.
12. The students of Grades 11 and 12 attended a **Career Guidance Seminar for NEET aspirants** conducted by Akash Byju's at Grand Palace Hotel on 18th June 2023.
13. **International Yoga Day** was celebrated by the students and teachers with great enthusiasm on 21 June 2023. A special assembly was conducted. Speeches and talks on the importance of yoga were delivered by the students. All the students performed various asanas to bring out the importance of yoga in serving better mental health practices in our lives.
14. Students of grades 6 to 11 of our school had a chance to explore and experience the mesmerizing realm of mathematics were taken to Madurai for a **Maths Expo** organized by NMS Vijayalakshmi Sanjeevimalayan Kalviyagam, Madurai on 1st July 2023. The Maths Expo was a great learning experience for all the participants.
15. **Elections** were conducted in school on 12th July 2023 to select the Most friendly Old Student and the Most Popular New Student.
16. **Investiture Ceremony was held on July 17, 2023.** On this day the new elected members of the student council were invested in their office. The Chairman Shri Annamalai and myself pinned the badges and congratulated the newly elected members.
17. To develop students' level of Math skills and knowledge, our School inaugurated Math Club on 17th July 202, opening the path to various mathematical activities.
The club was formed mainly to help make the study of Mathematics more easy and appealing to students. It would also serve as a platform to exchange creative ideas in the field and propagate various mathematical applications among the students.
18. The students of grades 8, 9 & 10 **visited the Centre of Environment and Humanity at Kodaikanal** on 26th July 2023. They attended a very enriching and interactive session on Endangered Birds of Shola Skylands. They also

toured the section of "Global Warming and Climate Crisis", which is a storehouse of valuation information through impactful visuals.

19. Understanding the farming process can help children to be grateful for their food. Keeping this in mind, on 27th July 2023, the students of grades 11 and 12 **were taken to a farm belonging to Rtn. Karthikeyan**, Past President of the Rotary Club of Kodaikanal.

20. In order to learn the ecosystem and unique flora and fauna of native shola forests, the students of grades 3-7 were taken to the "Pambar Shola" on 2nd August 2023.

They also got an insight into the two-hundred-year-old history of our hill station by visiting few heritage sites in Kodaikanal. The students also contributed towards the keeping their environment by participating in the forest cleaning campaign.

21. To develop the physical stamina and confidence of the students, a **Cross Country Race** was conducted on 5th August 2023. The run started off at 6 a.m. and was flagged off by the Principal. The students participated enthusiastically in the event.

22. **Annual Sports Day**

40th Annual Sports Meet of our school was celebrated with great zeal and passion at the sprawling school grounds on 12th August 2023. The ceremony was witnessed by all the students, teachers and parents.

The Chief Guest of the day was Mrs. A. Madhumathi, TPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police. She honoured the March Past and declared the Sports Meet Open.

23. She presided over the oath-taking ceremony and also addressed the students. She motivated them to lead a balanced life giving equal importance to academics and sports. The students displayed their physical prowess with a wide array of energetic sports events. Certificates were distributed to all the winners.

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The Overall results of the Sports Day Competition are as follows.

1st Place - PANDYA SANGAM

2nd Place - CHOLA SANGAM

3rd Place - PALLAVA SANGAM

RECIPIENTS OF INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sub Junior boys - Master Melwin Jones, Chera Sangam

Sub Junior Girls - Miss Anvii, Chera Sangam

Junior boys - Master Che Jeeva Diliban, Chola Sangam

Junior Girls - Miss Nuha Samreen, Pandya Sangam

Senior Boys - Master Abisheick Manikandan, Chola Sangam

Senior Girls - Miss Saranya, Pallava Sangam

Super Senior Boys - Master Monic Basil, Pandya sangam

Super Senior Girls - Miss Rithanya, Pallava Sangam

25. The 77th **Independence Day** was celebrated in school with great patriotism and fervour on 15th August 2023. The Principal presided over the function and hoisted the National flag. The students delivered speeches in English, Tamil and Hindi. A special programme comprising of songs and dances was also organised on this special occasion.

26. ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2023

RYLA is an intensive leadership experience organised by Rotary Clubs and Districts where the youth develop their skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

Four students of our school, Miss Alisha of grade 12, and three students from grade 11, Master Suveer, Master Raihan and Master Ajwad participated in the 3-days residential training camp conducted by Rotary International District 3000 at Sirumalai on 25th, 26th and 27th August 2023.

27. The Bhavan's Trophy was inaugurated on 26th August 2023 by Mr. J. Sam Babu (Former Vice President TNCA and the Principal at the Bhavan's Sports Grounds).

28. Mrs. Kala Anand, a seasoned professional with over 20 years of experience specialising in international education and trade, visited our school and addressed our students during the morning school assembly. She has conducted over 100 Career Insights workshops for high school students and undergraduates.

Mrs. Kala Anand interacted with the students of grades 11 and 12 and enlightened them on how to choose the right career.

29. Teachers' day was organised with incredible gusto and zeal on 5th September 2023. To express their gratitude, the students organised a wide range of activities on this occasion. After a special assembly, fun games were organised for the teachers.

30. After lunch, a treasure hunt was specially organised for the teachers. This was followed by a special programme with students showcasing their singing and dancing skills with many scintillating song and dance performances. The day concluded with each teacher being honoured on stage for their valuable contribution to the school.

31. Our students participated in the Plastic Awareness Rally, Tree plantation and lake cleaning Campaign conducted by Kodaikanal Municipality on 17th September 2023.

Our students participated enthusiastically and secured the first place in the Art Out of Waste Competition conducted during the event.

32. Bhavans Alumni meet is a lifetime experience for both the alma mater and its alumni. The students of grade 10 (1990 batch) visited our school on 23rd September 2023.

33. A special assembly was organised and the alumni addressed our students. They shared their experiences and memories. They also interacted with our students and inspired them.

34. On the occasion of “Gandhi Jayanthi” Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign was successfully organised in school with the active involvement of students and teachers. A Cleanliness Drive-Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta was conducted in school on Saturday, 30th September 2023.

The boarding students visited Green Valley on 2nd October 2023.

35. Our students participated in the INTACH Quiz Competition conducted at Zion School on 3rd October 2023.

36. Two of our students, Miss Saranya of grade 10 and Miss Latchanya of grade 8 made our school proud by securing the third place. The event was organised by the INTACH Chapter, Kodaikanal.

37. World Mental Health Day is observed on 10th October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues and mobilizing efforts in support of better mental health.

World Mental Health Day was celebrated at school on 10th October 2023. A special assembly was organised. Students delivered speeches on the importance of Mental Health and performed yoga to celebrate the day.

To celebrate Mental Health Week, a special talk on "Mindfulness and Positive Mental Health" was organised for the students of grades 6 to 12 on 14th October 2023. The program included activities and talk on mental wellbeing. The resource person was Dr. Suresh Kumar, a top-rated psychologist from Madurai.

A session on "Principles of Good Parenting and Positive Parenting Strategy" was organised for our parents on 14th October 2023 in the afternoon. The orientation programme was a great success and the parents gained an insight about positive parenting strategies.

38. Our students participated in the Inter-School Competitions conducted by Rotary Club of Kodaikanal and won several prizes.

RESULTS OF THE INTER-SCHOOL ROTARY COMPETITIONS 2023-24

Our students have brought laurel to the school by bagging First, Second and Third Prizes while participating in various Inter-School Competitions. The names of the achievers in respective events are as follows

ART (Drawing)– JUNIOR (English Medium Schools)

NAME	CLASS	POSITION
Liyazhini C.	IV	Second

ART (Drawing)– SENIOR (English Medium Schools)

NAME	CLASS	POSITION
Tanya Pidugun	IX	Second

ART (Drawing)- SUPER SENIOR

NAME	CLASS	POSITION
Harish R.M.K	X	Second

ESSAY WRITING ENGLISH - SENIOR

NAME	CLASS	POSITION
Swetha Pidugun	VIII	Third

QUIZ BIZZ- SECOND PLACE

NAME	CLASS	POSITION
Aditya Venugopal	XII	Second
Sanjith Lakshman	X	
Raihan A. S.	XI	
Suraj B.	IX	

GROUP SINGING ENGLISH MEDIUM- 7- 9 STD (SENIORS)

NAME	CLASS	POSITION
Ayesha Fathima	VIII	Second
Amrithaa S.P.	VIII	
Hiran Mayee	VIII	
Ridha Rajesh Mani	VIII	
Swetha Pidugun	VIII	
Tanya Pidugun	IX	

SOLO SINGING-(SENIORS)

NAME	CLASS	POSITION
Ayesha Fathima	VIII	Second Place

SOLO SINGING- (SUPER SENIORS)

NAME	CLASS	POSITION
Dhanvi Sailesh Ranga Bashiam	XI	First Place

39. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas was observed in school on 31st October 2023 to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. A special assembly was organised to mark the occasion. The assembly began with a prayer followed by a speech explaining the importance of National Unity

Day. The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge to uphold the unity and integrity of the Nation was taken by all the students and teachers. This significant programme evoked the spirit of Unity amongst all .

40. Principal and two Senior teachers, Mrs. Deepika Devi and Mr. Senthil Kumar of our school are the proud recipients of Leadership Icon Awards 2023. While I received the Best Principal Award, our teachers received the "Best Teacher Award" on 2nd November 2023 in a Special function held at Dindigul. They were honoured by the Chief Educational Officer of Dindigul, Mr. A. Nazarudeen and District Educational Officer of Dindigul, Mr. A. Chandrakumar.
41. State Educational Achievement Survey was conducted by PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development)-NCERT on 3rd November 2023 in all States and UTs. The survey was conducted to gauge the foundational literacy and numeracy of students in Classes 3,6 and 9 across government, government-aided, and private-unaided schools across the country.
Our school had been selected as a sample school, and our students wrote the PARAKH-NCERT- SEAS 2023 test."
42. Our students participated in the Drawing and Art from Waste Competition conducted by the Kodaikanal Municipality. This event was conducted to promote Clean-Green Diwali signature campaigns in schools and colleges and also to create awareness about the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). Miss S. Yazhini of Class X made the school proud by securing the first place in the Drawing Competition held on 10 November 2023. We also received the first place in Art from Waste Competition.
43. TALK ON "HOW TO LIVE" teachings of Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda
Our students of grades 9 to 12 attended an eye-opening motivational speech based on "How to Live", teachings of Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda in his book " The Law of Success" on 18th November 2023.
44. The Guest Speaker was Mr. Vishwanath Krishnan. He discussed about the need to overcome fear, importance of self- introspection and scientific techniques for attaining direct personal experience of God.
45. Just education is not enough, children must have sunshine, freedom and playtime. Learning is an ongoing process and all the experiences, result in one or the other form of learning.
46. As a part of outsource activity a recreational picnic was arranged for the students of grades 3 to 12 on the 20th November 2023.
47. The venue was Mannavanur, an ideal place for a picnic.
The students visited the Rabbit Shed and the Sheep Research Center. This centre is the animal science research centre under ICAR for both Tamil Nadu and Kerala states. located in Mannavanur village.
48. After spending time there, they visited the lovely Mannavanur Lake with the serene surroundings. The most enjoyable time was in the play area with

swings, slides, merry-go-round, see saw, and spring animals. They then relished a sumptuous lunch.

49. Math is an effective way of building mental discipline and encourages logical reasoning. In addition, mathematical knowledge plays a crucial role in understanding the contents of other school subjects as science, social studies and even music and art.
50. To remove the fear of Math and to instill a love for the subject, our school organized a first of its kind Math Expo titled "Sigma".
51. The Expo was inaugurated by the President of Rotary Club of Kodaikanal, Dr. Madan Govindan.
52. The Secretary of the Club, Rtn. Akbar Shait and the past Assistant Governor of Rotary Club of Kodaikanal graced the occasion. Students and faculty members of local schools were also invited for the event.
53. Our Principal welcomed and addressed the gathering. The students exhibited models showcasing simple mathematical calculations, different shapes of geometry, use of a balance, among others.
54. The students of grades 3 to 12 participated in the event enthusiastically.
55. All festivals were celebrated in school with great enthusiasm.
56. Ganesh Chaturthi,
57. Varalakshmi Viradham,
58. Onam,
59. Krishna Jayanthi,
60. Ayudha Puja and Vijayadashami
61. Sports achievements
62. Our student, Master Tharun Jayanth of grade 11 Commerce stream, participated in the Under 16, **JSA State Level Open Skating Championship 2023** held at JSA Skating Rink at Tiruppur on 28th and 29th September 2023. He secured the second position and is the proud recipient of the silver medal.
63. Our students participated in the **1st District Level Silambam Open Tournament 2023**, held at the Government Higher Secondary School, Kodaikanal on 15th October 2023 and secured the second position in the event.

The following students won prizes in the Mini Sub Junior, Sub Junior & Junior Boys category.

- R.M.K. Harish (Grade 10) - 2nd place
- T. Harshagunan (Grade 10) - 3rd place
- P. Gowtham (Grade 8) - 3rd place
- S. Akhil Varman (Grade 3) - 3rd place

64. Our Boys Football team won the friendly match against Brindavan School on 19th October 2023.
65. We are happy to share that our school Football team has won the first two matches of the **CBSE CLUSTER VI Football tournament** held at AGARAM

PUBLIC SCHOOL, DHARAPURAM on 22nd and 23rd October 2023 and entered the third round.

A total of 5000 students from 336 different schools are participating in the tournament and Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram is one among the top 32 schools in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman Nicobar on the whole.

66. We are happy to share that our school Basketball team has the first two matches of the **CBSE CLUSTER VI Basketball Tournament** held at SUNBEAM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, VELLORE on 21st and 2nd October 2023 and entered the third round.

A total of 1700 students from 175 different schools are participating in the tournament and Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram is one among the top 44 schools in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman Nicobar on the whole.

67. South Zone Badminton Tournament was conducted at Kamalam International School, Dharmapuri from 28th October to 30th October 2023. Our school students participated in the CBSE Cluster VI Badminton tournament 2023.

Our school U-14 & U-17 Boys Badminton team qualified for the third round. U-14 Boys Team won the first two matches with Mount Litera Zee School, Kanyakumari 2-0 and Sri RKD Fomra V. Vidyalaya, Chennai 2-0. U -17 Boys Team entered the Third round and lost with Chinmaya vidyalaya Nagapattinam 0-2.

68. Our Boys and Girls Basketball Teams participated in the Kodai Open Basketball Tournament held at Kodaikanal International School between 26th to 29th October 2023.

69. Our Boys Basketball team brought laurels to the school by winning the match against Hebron School, Ooty on 28 th October 2023 in the Kodai Open Basketball Tournament.

70. Our School Girls Basketball team also participated in the Kodai Open Basketball Tournament.

71. Five teams participated in the Bhavan's Inter-School Basketball Tournament.

72. Bhavan's Boys Basketball Team brings laurels to the school by securing the second position in the Bhavan's Inter-School Basketball Tournament held today at our school Basketball ground on 19th November 2023.

73. Students of Kodaikanal Public School lifted the overall Championship trophy.

74. Students of St. Peters School secured the third place.

75. Various CCA Competitions were conducted during the first term

76. Math is an effective way of building mental discipline and encourages logical reasoning. In addition, mathematical knowledge plays a crucial role in understanding the contents of other school subjects as science, social studies and even music and art.

To remove the fear of Math and to instill a love for the subject, our school organized a first of its kind Math Expo titled "Sigma".

The Expo was inaugurated by the President of Rotary Club of Kodaikanal, Dr. Madan Govindan. The Secretary of the Club, Rtn. Akbar Shait and the past Assistant Governor of Rotary Club of Kodaikanal graced the occasion. Students and faculty members of local schools were also invited for the event. Our students exhibited models showcasing simple mathematical calculations, different shapes of geometry, use of a balance, among others. The students of grades 3 to 12 participated in the event enthusiastically.

77. Mangaldeep, literally means “Auspicious Lamp”. It with the lighting of this auspicious lamp, the students of Classes XII and X are bid farewell. The Farewell function for the outgoing students of classes X and XII was celebrated on 24th November 2023 and was hosted by the students of Classes XI and IX.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. The Principal addressed the students and wished the students of the outgoing batches of Classes X and XII good luck for the future years.

The students put up a wonderful show comprising of songs and dances. The outgoing students were presented with mementoes and gifts. The students of the outgoing batches recollected their sweet experiences in the school and thanked the Principal and the members of the faculty for their relentless support and guidance. The outgoing students sought the blessings of the teachers.

Later the students were presented with small ceremonial lamps lit from the Kuthuvilakku which were then offered to Goddess Saraswati with a prayer. The festivities culminated with a special buffet dinner around a bonfire in front of the Dining Hall. Crackers were burst on the occasion which was enjoyed by one and all.

CLUBS AND HOBBY CLASSES

Hobby Classes are conducted for students every day and this gives the students a chance to pursue their hobby with their friends. The hobby classes range from chess to badminton and also include skating, archery and silambam.

Besides with a view to giving students adequate exposure in different fields, various clubs like Eco Club & Math Club have been formed in school this year.

SLOKA CLASSES

To revive and safeguard on of our most ancient language in our country, Sanskrit, we have introduced sloka chanting classes this academic year. This also helps them to understand and interpret the Vedas and Upanishads, and put it into practice in day-to-day life.

78. We are glad to share that we are starting grades 1 and 2 for the next academic year and admissions are now open for grades 1 to 11.
79. We wish to inform you that from the next academic year NEET/ JEE coaching would be given from grade 9 onwards.
80. We are planning to make Bhavan's Gandhi Vidyashram a premier CBSE institute by the next academic year.
81. Holiday Assignments have been to the students. Request all parents to kindly see to it that they finish their assignments on time. Wishing you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in advance.
82. Thank you and have a nice day.