



# ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19



Schooling. Redefined

**“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family”**

- ★ Knowledge is infinite and there is no end of learning. Vedanta Academy is the center for knowledge. We at Vedanta strive to bring out students with a difference who is endowed with knowledge, Spirit of Service and efficiency.
  - ★ A very pleasant evening to our r chief guest, HONOURABLE MINISTER THIRU **P. Benjamin** our respected chairman, Members of governing council, Staff members, Parents, invitees and my dear students. A warm welcome to you all on Vedanta's first Annual day 2018-19.
  - ★ I take immense pleasure to present the Annual report of our school to apprise you all, how the Mission and philosophy of Vedanta Academy has materialized positively in the day to day working of our school. Our teachers are reflective and responsive to student needs, and there is quality commitment from our school community.
  - ★ To illuminate the society we live in, The Neelakesav Group of Institutions, pioneers for 18 years in the field of education has given rise to Vedanta Academy, (CBSE) Preschool to Grade X. The school has been started by our Hon. Chairman Shri K Ramadoss our esteemed director Mr Sundeep Vasu, Governing Council members Dr Sathish Kumar, Dr. Divya Sathish and Mrs. Jasti Swapna. Vedanta is also proud to have a **Special Advisor Mrs Bhavani Raghunandan** to guide and mould us in this academic journey.
  - ★ The school was inaugurated on 29th May 2017 by the honourable judge of Supreme Court of India Jasti Chelameswar. The school started with the strength of 153 students and has now reached to 545 students.
  - ★ The vision and mission of Vedanta Academy is to build and nurture a better way to learn. What sets Vedanta apart is the **Academic Excellence** program with **Experiential and Inquisitive Learning**.
  - ★ Chingum, the mascot of “Vedanta Academy” is a representation of the qualities and values a student must acquire.
  - ★ With our motto **Schooling.Redefined**. We respect every child and young person as an individual, and we aim to give them opportunities to explore and realize their potential in the development of academic, sporting creative and social skills.
- To begin with:**
- ★ I am extremely proud to share that our school has been ranked No 1 as the best emerging school in the west zone.
  - ★ It has been a year since I have taken over the reins of this reputed school from the capable hands of the management. I owe a debt of gratitude to the management for the heritage that they have passed on to me. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank them for giving me this opportunity to render my services to this wonderful institution.

- ★ There is a great saying: "Real education fetches you more than a job. It teaches you to live. It cannot be measured in any tangible way". We have worked throughout the year with the theme - The International Year of Progress- VRIKSHA.

**"Associate yourself with people of good quality,  
for it is better to be in Good Company".**

### VEDANTA'S ASSOCIATIONS TO ENHANCE LEARNING:

- ★ We are fortunate to have **Mrs Jayashree as the Student's Counsellor** to facilitate student achievement, improve student behavior and help students develop socially.
- ★ **Tata Class Edge** a unit of Tata Group was established to provide international experience in the space of e-learning to provide digital knowledge sessions for all subjects and have installed Interactive projectors to enhance learning.
- ★ **Apollo SHINE** is a Student Health Initiative from the renowned Apollo Hospitals group to provide world class health care medical assistance to students.
- ★ **SOF** Olympiads that promote higher level of education are conducted for concept understanding of the core subjects like Mathematics, Science and Computer science.
- ★ **Spell Bee International** - To enhance **Strategic** Language Enhancement, we have devised an ingenious way to impart English language skills by improvising the spellings, the students attend the various rounds of spell bee.
- ★ **Vaayu Sastra Aerospace** - Imparting and learning of science through theatre arts is conducted by Vaayusastra aerospace private limited, incubated under IIT Madras RTBI.
- ★ **Infinite Engineers**-Training students to have hands on experiential exposure.
- ★ **NIE**- Aspirants in developing knowledge based society by making the students to read through the newspapers specially designed for students to bridge the gap between the classroom and the "real" world.

### UNITS STARTED:

**'Nothing is of greater importance than the conservation of human life'**

- ★ **Road Safety Patrol (RSP)** has been initiated in the school to inculcate the importance of following road safety rules. The induction ceremony was presided by Thiru R. Mohan Gandhi( Road Safety Patrol , Trainer) and Thiru R. Iyyappan (Chennai Traffic Warden)
- ★ We also have the pleasure to have a magnificent well trained **school band** who lay down the rhythm patterns for every occasion.
- ★ To hone the life skills and to foster important values like honesty, friendship, dignity, patience, integrity, discipline, kindness we have initiated a unit of **CUBS AND BULBULS PROGRAM.**



## EVENTS:

### NEELA KESAV ROLLING TROPHY

We proudly initiated the **NEELA KESAV ROLLING TROPHY TOURNAMENT**. It is the one tournament that unites the teams around Chennai by embedding the values of team work, mutual respect and competitive spirit. This was the second year of the tournament 22 teams of football and 16 teams of Throwball showcased their teamwork and sportsmanship.

- The boys of SBOA Matriculation School, Anna Nagar Football Team lifted the winner's Rolling Trophy
- The girls of Velammal Matriculation School, Mogappair Throw ball Team got the winners Rolling Trophy
- The winners were awarded with a cash prize of 5000/- (1st Place), 3000/- (2nd Place) and 2000/- (3rd Place) respectively.

We hosted our first '**KIDDIES INTER SCHOOL SPORTS MEET**'2017 on **10th December**, for the students of classes Pre KG to III. Around 650 students from various schools participated in 18 individual events and 4 relays.

**On this special occasion we seek the prayers and wishes from the people around us to bless the first batch of Grade 10 students to excel and prosper in their forthcoming CBSE Board exams for the year 2019-20.**

### Spectrum of Events

**The Investiture Ceremony & CCA Inauguration** for the academic session 2018-19 was held with dignity in a special ceremony at the school grounds. The event was presided over by our Chairman Sir Shri R Ramadoss, Dr. M. Kumaresan ( Tamilnadu Police Traffic Warden), Thiru R. Mohan Gandhi( Road Safety Patrol , Trainer) and Guest of Honour, Mrs. Varsha Pradeep ( Actress).

**2nd Annual Sports Day** was held on Friday 11th January 2019, with great zeal, excitement and frolicsome atmosphere. The Guests of Honour were Mr Bernard A Philips (Vice President, Thiruvallur District Basketball Association and Ms M S Mythili (Commonwealth Bronze Medalist; Senior National Champion in Table Tennis)

**"Holistic development centered on quality education is the need of the hour"**

**The highlights of some of the programme conducted to bring about a holistic development in our students were:**

### Pre-Primary

The pre-primary is a combination of **Montessori and Kindergarten**. With an aim to incorporate maximum learning at this stage, we have constructed a unique self-designed curriculum for the kindergarten with special names for each subject **English as Word Art, Math as Number Crunching and Science as Let's Explore .**



## Events & Program Conducted:

To name a few.....

- ★ **PROJECT DAY** by the preprimary students on Fauna Island
- ★ **Show and Tell** - to showcase their speaking skills for effective communication.
- ★ **Colours Day** - to inculcate the value and importance of colours.
- ★ **Mom & Me** - a fabulous program where the parents participated and performed along with their kids on stage.
- ★ Laying emphasis on the emotional bonding of children with their family members '**Grandparents Day**' was celebrated to strengthen the unique bond between kids and their grandparents.
- ★ The **CCA** activities were conducted for the pre-primary students to develop their talents and creativity.
- ★ **Parent Classroom Program**-. It was a wonderful time where the parents had the opportunity to share their ward's classroom to teach and spend valid time with their wards.
- ★ **Weekly assembly** is conducted by the students to enhance and improvise their speaking and social skills.

## PRIMARY & SECONDARY:

**"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think"**

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

- ★ Our school is known for its uniqueness we believe a fun, vibrant, stress free learning environment - with a curriculum designed on the basis of **Inquisitive Learning** Students are presented with stimulus resources to spark interest, and then guided with the skills and concepts needed for the inquiry. The students are assessed on the basis of their creative knowledge.
- ★ Academics for secondary level is done through **Experiential learning** which is the process of **learning** through hands on experience, and is more specifically defined as "**learning** through reflection on doing".
- ★ "**Education Through Music**" an initiative is taken to teach music to children through an integrated approach
- ★ **Infinite Engineers:** Hands on Science Learning through Dexter Boxes to understand the concept and to love science through fun and play.
- ★ The classroom teaching is carried out successfully through **Whole Brain Training (WBT)** methodology for Attention Getter, Brain Engager, Direct Instruction, and Collaborative Learning strategies with variation to get 100% engagement from the students.

- ★ **Tech Talk-** Computer Science classes are conducted based on the recent needs. Students are given projects based on the latest technology.
- ★ **Vaayu Sastra** An Innovative Concept of Human Engineering services started with a motto of developing young talents through Aero Modelling workshops combined with imparting science through theatre arts.
- ★ **Math Café-**With the basic aim of exploring the power of MATH, to vitalize and invigorate the mathematical skills in learners, encourage them to take baby steps in the world of mathematics and to explore its application in the spheres of Engineering, Architecture, Astronomy, Technology and other disciplines, Students of grade 4 to 9 demonstrated various related projects through Math Café Day which was judged by Mr Nagendran , a senior mathematician.
- ★ Students at Vedanta joined the Scholastic '**ONE NATION READING TOGETHER**' on **24th Nov, 2017** to celebrate the pleasures of reading by taking an oath to make reading as a regular habit.
- ★ **Space Kidz-** Around 50 Students of grade 6-9 got a fabulous opportunity by "Space kidz India to have an exposure of an interactive session with the astronauts from California Space Centre through skype. Students were awarded with medals for the best questions posed by them to the astronauts.
- ★ **Science Olympiad, math Olympiad and GK olympiad** competitions were enthusiastically taken part by the students of grade 1 to 9. Around 250 students participated and 199 students emerged out to be successful winners of the Olympiad
- ★ **International Spell bee** rounds are held periodically. Around 200 students participated and 160 students are selected for the national level round of spell bee

### **NON - SCHOLASTICS ATTAINMENTS :**

- ★ **Yoga Day** was celebrated in the light of the 4th INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY
- ★ **Eureka Science** -Imagine - Invent- Inspire was the theme for Eureka Science exhibition organized and the students enthusiastically set up their projects to the best of their capabilities.
- ★ Students of grade I to V participated in the '**TRASH TO TREASURE**' competition. The objective of this competition was to get students to build creative inventions using recycled materials and care for the environment
- ★ **Kids Involvement Program** -The school gives the students a platform to harness their talent, express their creativity and to develop self-confidence. The students of grade 1 to 5 had put up a spectacular show on 20th July 2018
- ★ **World Scholars Cup** - It was a proud moment for Vedanta to participate in the World Scholar's Cup'2018 Challenge, Chennai round held on 14th and 15th April 2018 at American International School, Chennai. One of the teams earned a spot in the event's Global Challenge round.
- ★ **ARTBEAT-** To cast a spotlight on the richness of student's wonderfully diverse community, a Cultural Fiesta, titled -'ARTBEAT' was conducted showcasing cultural diversity through captivating performances, unique activities, plays and stress free games - All the students of grade 1 to 9 participated enthusiastically



## CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS:

**"The more you celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate".**

For students, it is a great way to understand the rich heritage of India and learn about the importance of various festivals. These festivals also help students from across the world to know about India and its history. Students at Vedanta enjoyed and relished the festival celebrations. Festivals like Navaratri, Diwali, Ramzan, Christmas, Vinayaga Chathurthi, Krishna Jayanthi, Pongal, National festivals like Independence day and Republic Day were celebrated to engage and help them build cultural & social values, while instilling a sense of togetherness.

**"It is the supreme art of the teachers to Awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge"**

**The co-curricular and the extra-curricular activities are an integral part of our school as they widen the perspective of democratic living, team spirit and self-discipline.**

- ★ **The Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)**, was also inaugurated with an aim of developing the talents and creativity of the students and support classroom activities. The function was conducted with high degree of earnestness and passion. Around **40 Co-curricular activities** based on music, dance, art, craft and debating activities have been conducted throughout the year to give an opportunity to the students to develop new skills and interests through the diverse activities and build collaboration and team work
- ★ **The Extra Curricular Activities (ECA)** is the school's enrichment program which includes **Skating, Chess, Football, Cricket, basketball, Silambam and Karate**. Students are guided by eminent professionals and they participate in interschool, district and state level championships and has won laurels. The main objective of Vedanta is to encourage a balanced, holistic development together with physical fitness
- ★ **Field trips and Educational field trips** were organized to enhance our students' learning and thinking skills. To build and develop student's moral values and character - Students also visited **Orphanages, Old age homes** and contributed the essential things needed by them which created a positive impact in the students.

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**"Vision without action is a dream; Action with vision is making a positive difference"**

## UPCOMING EVENTS :

- ★ **CCA Prize Distribution**- Based on the creative performance of the students, prizes will be distributed to the best performers of the year.
- ★ **Kindergarten Graduation Day**- The second kindergarten graduation is to be held to pave a way to the tiny tots to applaud them and motivate them to move ahead.
- ★ **Science Dexter Day** - is to be celebrated on March 4

## INITIATIVES IN COMING YEARS

- ★ **Leader in Me**- Students will be introduced to the principles in The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Stephan Covey. The activity guide will be a wonderful tool for the teachers and a powerful motivator for any student.
- ★ **WOW**- Wings of Words - An English enhancement program by Stones to Milestones to strengthen the LSRW activities is to be followed in the 2019-20 curriculum for Pre-primary - Grade 3
- ★ A fully equipped english lab is initiated to be set up in the school premises.



We are going to be a part of the British Council Project for the International School Award.

**To redefine the school success, our school has taken the enterprise to get the certification of 'Future 50' - A Design for Change - Which aims to identify and recognize progressive schools that are breaking stereotypical barriers and prepare students to excel in global classrooms.**

**Teachers are in the field where observation becomes critical and knowledge becomes valuable".**

### **WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS:**

**Workshop by Mrs Vandana of Vidya Mandir, Estancia** for the pre-primary teachers was conducted in June on the importance of Early Childhood education in the academic journey of a student.

**Workshop on Dyslexia**-On August 23rd, 2017 we hosted a workshop entitled 'The importance of teacher training for Dyslexia by the resource person - Ms Harini

**Phonetics Workshop** To accomplish a broader vision on the Phonetics teaching methodology, Phonetics Training workshop was conducted Mr. Abhishek of Fitzroy Programs, Delhi.

**English Workshop**-Around 50 schools participated. I conducted by The Indiannica Pvt. Ltd. Guests speaker **Mrs RoopKosh Asuthimilli** -Senior Project Manager and **Mrs.V.R.Devika** -Managing Trustee -Asema Truste nlightened the teachers to refresh, inspire and enliven the teaching practice

**WBT (Whole Brain Teaching )** A two-day workshop on 'Classroom Management' was organized on 15th and 16th October 2018. It was conducted by resource persons, **Sachin Coach Founder of Super Humans** and Mrs Soshina Coach, Child Psychologist who enlightened the teachers with tips on effective classroom management.

**Tulir** - Mrs Arokia and Mrs Subhasini, attended the workshop by **Centre for the Prevention and Healing of Child Sexual Abuse.**

Workshop by **Success Mantra Consultancy** on student's behaviour was attended by Mrs Geetha and Mrs Deepa.

'I can make a difference' a **Kuruvilla Jacob initiative** was attended by **Ms V Priya, Mrs Suma and Mrs Anandapriya** for promoting excellence in school.

**CBSE Capacity Building Program for Physical & Health Education** attended by Mr Rajmohan and Mrs Mano Helena.

**Jain Public School** conducted **Green School Audit Program** by our senior teacher Mrs Mano Helena

**The prestigious workshop on International School award by British Council** was attended by Mrs Arokia and Mrs Shobha.

**KIPS-** Knowledge Information Processing System workshop for computer science was attended by Mrs Sonia and Mrs Anandapriya

**Math Workshop conducted by Ratna Sagar** on Active Strategies in Mathematics Learning attended by Mrs Kalyani, Mrs Subha and Mrs Anandapriya

- ★ ELP- In the age of globalization where technology is shrinking the world, the task of preparing future generations is tremendously complex and challenging. Our senior teacher Mrs Mano Helena is proud to be a part of the **Education Leadership (ELP) program by Kuruvilla Jacob Memorial Education Trust.**

### WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS:

- ★ **Parent Orientation Programme-** was held for all the classes to educate them with the scholastic and non-scholastic scenario of the school.
- ★ A special session on '**Power of Positive Parenting**' was conducted on 28 October 2017. It was presided by the chief guest Ms.Kalaivani Suresh, The Principal of Pretty Dolls Nursery and Primary School.
- ★ **WBT-**We believe in successful parent involvement by bringing school and parents together to improve academic and social success for children.
- ★ The workshop on '**Mindful Parenting**' was conducted by India's fastest growing Training & Coaching Company - SUPERBHUMANS -Dr .Sachin and Ms Soshina (Senior Psychologist & Psychotherapist)

### LAUREATES:

**"May your adoration become more grounded as you discover your way through the tempests of life"**

#### **Teacher's Achievement:**

- ★ The prestigious Lion's Club International, Chennai **Excellent Education Award** was presented to **Mrs Mano Helena**, by Mr P.A. Naresh, Joint Director of Education at a ceremony held in Karnataka Sangha, T.Nagar for her commitment to the betterment and enrichment of the culture, citizenship, and education of the students. With a magnificent experience of 18 years, she has given away outstanding contribution to learners.

**"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort"**

### STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS - HIGH LIGHTS

- Harsha.C of grade 9....A sensational Roller Skater Champion with gold medals has an unparalleled experience covering around 20kms....Kudos for her selection at National Level!
- Sarangathariny's & Deva Bhadra's intellectual attitude resulted to reach the altitude of winning the prestigious Byjus National Challenge Award.
- 'Exemplary performance by our students in the World Scholars Cup 2017-18 conducted at American International School by endearing 10 Gold and Silver Medals and selected for Global Round.
- 'The Harder the Battle, The Sweeter the Victory' is the motto followed by the effervescent siblings Tamanna and Naitik in Squash State Level Championship Tournament and qualified for 2019 National Squash tournament.
- Sakthivel of grade 8 recognizes no barriers, jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to be a stupendous State Rifle Shooter by winning 4 gold 3 silver and 2 bronze medals in 10m Air Rifle Event. Gets the credentials to be qualified for 2019 Nationals.

Ben Siraj of grade 6 shines a National Speed Skating by winning Gold and Silver medals in all the competitions and has been selected as the Zoo Ambassador by The Arignar Anna Zoological Park's Zoo, Vandalur for the year 2018-19

Great Content Deserves Great Ranking' SOF - Science Olympiad Foundation - To give an exposure to the students about competitions and make them ready to face any competitive challenges students participated in the IGKO-International General Knowledge Olympiad, NSO- National Science Olympiad, and IMO- International Mathematics Olympiad.

- o Jagath B of grade 1 scored first position in IGKO.
- o Jeshwath Sairam of grade 2 scored first position in NSO
- o Rusanth of grade 3 scored first position in NSO and 64th position in international level.
- o Dhevesh Varma and Varun of grade 4 scored first position in IMO.

Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well and the essence of all beautiful art is gratitude"

- ★ "The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. I thank the Lord Almighty for this wonderful and fruitful academic year
- ★ I would like to express my sincere thanks to our honourable chief guest
- ★ I owe my gratitude to our beloved Chairman Shri K Ramadoss and the members of the Management for their continuous guidance and motivation.
- ★ I honestly thank our enthusiastic parents and all those who are associated with the growth and development of the school.
- ★ I sincerely thank our dedicated teachers for their untiring support and co-operation in all the activities of the school. I also thank the non-teaching staff for their earnest support.
- ★ I also thank my dear students without whom the annual report would not have seen the light of the day. Thank you dear students for your fruitful contribution in both scholastic and non-scholastic attainments
- ★ As the saying goes... "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end" This is a new beginning -So let us start where we are, Use what we have and Do what we can".

*Thank You.*