

## **Introduction to Annual Report**

A very pleasant evening to honourable chief guest, Guest of honour, correspondent, Salesians, Priests, Nuns, Parents, teachers, office staff, Drivers caretakers and my dear students. I am privileged to take stock of the achievements and glories of our school and present you, in the form of the annual report in this glorious occasion.

I begin by thanking God for guiding us through this academic year. I extend my gratitude to Mother Mary for her constant protection and to St. John Bosco, the patron of our school, who gifted us a wonderful system of education.

At Don Bosco School of Excellence, we provide an enriching environment that fosters learning and life skills. Our aim is to enable students to become responsible citizens of our country. From the moment they step into our campus, they are encouraged to discover their abilities, potential, and talents.

We take pride in being one of the finest schools in the world, dedicated to offering holistic education that nurtures both the mind and the soul. Through our efforts, we prepare our children to face life's challenges and achieve great success.

Our academic institution is deeply committed to achieving excellence in all areas. With this in mind, I am delighted to present the remarkable accomplishments of our students in academics and co-curricular activities.

## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

At Don Bosco School of Excellence, Sayalgudi, the pursuit of academic excellence is not just a goal but a way of life. With a commitment to holistic education, we provide a dynamic learning environment that nurtures curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Our students continue to achieve remarkable milestones, demonstrating their dedication to learning and their ability to rise above challenges.

This year, we are proud to showcase the outstanding academic accomplishments of our learners, who have excelled in both scholastic and co-scholastic areas, upholding the ethos of discipline, hard work, and integrity. These achievements are a testament to the relentless efforts of our students, the unwavering guidance of our educators, and the steadfast support of parents. Together, we remain dedicated to shaping bright futures and fostering a love for lifelong learning.

## **School Reopening**

*The start of a new session, is the beginning of a new journey. A new day signifies a new beginning.*

The Don Bosco School of Excellence (CBSE) began its new academic year 2024 – 2025 on 10<sup>th</sup> June after the summer vacation. The school warmly welcomed the students by shaking hands with the smile at the entrance by the management and teachers. They were also welcomed by Tamil Traditional Instrumental Music. The students were exhilarated as there was an eagerness to meet the teachers and their peers.

## **Inauguration of the New Academic Year: Kindergarten Celebration (12<sup>th</sup> June 2024)**

*“Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together make this world a beautiful garden.” – Unknown*

On June 12, 2024, the inauguration of the new academic year for the kindergarten took place in the Sayal Auditorium, marking a joyous beginning for our youngest learners. The event was graced by the presence of the management, who gathered to celebrate this important milestone.

The atmosphere in the auditorium was filled with teachers and little ones who came together to kick off the new academic year. This inaugural event not only welcomed the new students but also reinforced our commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child can thrive and grow. The day was a beautiful reminder of the joy and potential that each new academic year brings.

## **Inauguration of the New Academic Year: A Day of Inspiration (13<sup>th</sup> June 2024)**

*“Education is a passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” – Malcolm X*

On June 13, 2024, the Sayal Auditorium was abuzz with anticipation as students from grades 1 to 11 gathered for the inauguration of the new academic year. The event was distinguished by the presence of Fr. Simon, the Principal of Ganothaya Salesian College from Yercaud, our esteemed chief guest, who inspired students with the remarkable life of Don Bosco. Fr. Simon highlighted the values of dedication, compassion, and the transformative power of education that Don Bosco championed throughout his life.

## **Development of Reading Skill: English and Tamil**

*"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller*

This year, we introduced Reading Skills programs in both Tamil and English as part of our academic initiatives. To enhance English reading proficiency, we provided special coaching sessions for students on Saturdays. The students were asked not to bring any subject books except the Tamil and English books. The whole day was spent in training them to learn to read English and Tamil through various practices and fun filled activities, in their respective classes by their respective subject teachers. Additionally, we conducted reading competitions in both Tamil and English to encourage active participation and foster a love for reading. Prizes are awarded to the winners, celebrating their achievements and motivating others to excel during School Annual Day.

## **Handwriting Calligraphy Course: (24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024)**

*"Good handwriting is a reflection of a disciplined mind."*

From June 24 to June 28, 2024, our school conducted a handwriting calligraphy course aimed at improving students' penmanship. This course emphasized the importance of clear and beautiful handwriting by teaching various calligraphy techniques.

Students learned the fundamentals of handwriting, including uppercase and lowercase letters, slanting lines, upper and lower hooks, and various strokes. Trainers began by assessing each student's initial handwriting on a sample paper. After a week of intensive practice and instruction, students were asked to write on the same paper again, demonstrating significant improvement in their handwriting. This course not only highlighted the value of good handwriting but also equipped students with essential skills for both academic and personal success.

## **Handwriting Improvement Week at Don Bosco CBSE Sayalgudi (21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024)**

*"Your handwriting is a reflection of your thoughts."*

From 21<sup>st</sup> October to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Don Bosco CBSE Sayalgudi organized a week-long Handwriting Course aimed at enhancing students' writing skills. Understanding the importance of clear and legible handwriting in effective communication, the school sought to equip students with the tools necessary for neat and organized writing.

During this week, experienced trainers led engaging sessions that covered:

- **Slanting Lines:** Essential for developing consistent letter angles and fluid writing.
- **Upper- and Lower-Case Letters:** Focused practice on forming capital and small letters accurately.
- **Letter Formation:** Emphasizing neatness, clarity, and style in handwriting.

Trainers collected samples of students' handwriting both before and after the training, allowing for a clear comparison of progress. The results demonstrated significant improvements, with students showcasing enhanced legibility and confidence in their writing abilities.

The Handwriting Course was a valuable experience, reinforcing the connection between learning and effective communication. This initiative exemplifies Don Bosco CBSE Sayalgudi's commitment to the holistic development of its students, ensuring they are well-prepared for future academic challenges.

### **Investiture Ceremony: A Milestone in the Academic Year 2024-25 (26<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

*"Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge."*

On July 26th, 2024, one of the most significant events of the academic year 2024-25, the Investiture Ceremony, took place. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Fr. Raja Devan, Secretary of Don Bosco College, Keela Eral, who presided over the function as the Chief Guest.

During the ceremony, the newly elected student council members were formally honoured for their leadership roles. Sham Hamaleshan, appointed as the Head Boy, and Shibana, the Head Girl, were bestowed with sashes by the Chief Guest and badges by the Correspondent, marking their new responsibilities.

In addition to the investiture, the event also recognized the achievements of students in the International Olympiad. Gurusheth Annamalai secured 5th rank at the state level in science, and Lekshitha secured 5th rank at the state level in science; both were awarded certificates and medals, celebrating their academic excellence.

In his address, Fr. Raja Devan encouraged the students to seize the opportunities presented to them, highlighting that the school is progressing to new

heights. His inspiring words left a lasting impression, motivating the students to strive for success in their academic and extracurricular pursuits.

### **A Day of Triumph: 6th Annual Sports Meet (30<sup>th</sup> August 2024)**

*"The only way to prove that you are a good sport is to lose."* – Ernie Banks

On 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, Don Bosco School proudly celebrated its 6th Annual Sports Meet, marking a significant milestone in the school's history. The event was honored by the presence of Thiru R. Lakshmi, Inspector of Police, Sikkal, as the chief guest, and Dr. Thayappa A. Karthikeyan, Chief Dental Surgeon, Kovilpatti, as the guest of honor.

The day commenced with a vibrant march past led by the head boy, Mr. Sham Hamaleshan, and head girl, Shibana, alongside house captains and vice captains, showcasing the discipline and spirit of our students. The flag hoisting ceremony symbolized unity and pride, featuring the national flag raised by R. Lakshmi, the Olympic flag by Dr. Karthikeyan, and the school flag by our correspondent.

The guests addressed the gathering, inspiring students to embrace sportsmanship, teamwork, and perseverance. The program included a variety of activities such as drill displays, yoga, karate, and silambam, highlighting the diverse talents of our students. The athletic events showcased the competitive spirit of participants as they demonstrated remarkable skills and determination on the field.

As the day progressed, winners were recognized for their outstanding performances, with prizes awarded to celebrate their achievements. The event culminated in an awards ceremony, where Laura House claimed the overall championship with the highest score, a testament to their hard work and dedication.

The 6th Annual Sports Meet not only fostered a spirit of competition among students but also reinforced the importance of physical fitness and teamwork in their overall development. It was a red-letter day for Don Bosco School, celebrating the athletic talents of its students while building a strong sense of community and pride.

### **First Parents' Meeting for Grade 10 Students (21<sup>st</sup> June 2024)**

*"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."*

On June 21, 2024, our school hosted the first parents' meeting for grade 10 students, attended by the management, students, and teachers. The management

outlined key initiatives to boost student performance, including evening tuition, monthly tests, and external resource persons to address academic challenges.

Mrs. Roja, the class teacher, provided updates on student performance and areas for improvement. This meeting aimed to strengthen collaboration between the school and parents to support student success and achievement.

### **Fostering Partnership: Parents-Teachers Interaction Meeting (24<sup>th</sup> August 2024)**

*"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic parents." – Bill Owens*

On 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, Don Bosco School organized a Parents-Teachers Interaction meeting for students from Grade 1 to Grade 11. This event provided a vital opportunity for parents to engage with teachers and discuss the progress of their children following the completion of Periodic Assessment 1.

During the meeting, detailed progress reports for each student were presented, alongside their individual profiles. This comprehensive overview allowed parents to gain insights into their children's academic performance and areas where additional support may be needed.

Fr. Charles, the Principal of the school, took the time to meet with the parents of students in Grades 9, 10, and 11. He emphasized the importance of parental involvement in their children's education and urged them to take an active role in monitoring their studies. Fr. Charles highlighted the pivotal stage that these students are in, as they prepare for critical assessments ahead, and encouraged parents to foster a supportive home environment conducive to learning.

The meeting not only strengthened the bond between teachers and parents but also reinforced the school's commitment to collaborative educational success. By working together, the Don Bosco community aims to provide every student with the guidance and encouragement they need to thrive academically and personally.

### **Commencement of Pre-KG: A New Beginning (22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024)**

*"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." – Lao Tzu*

On July 22, 2024, our school proudly launched its Pre-KG, a kindergarten section. On this day, enrolled students, along with their parents, attended the inaugural session. The beginning of this program marks a significant milestone in early childhood education, providing a nurturing environment to foster the growth and development of our youngest learners. The day was filled with

excitement and anticipation as we welcomed the new students into our educational community.

### **A Strong Start: Periodic Assessment 1 Exams (8<sup>th</sup> August 2024 to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024)**

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt*

Understanding the significance of the assessments, the students approached their Periodic Assessment 1 exams with confidence and determination from August 8, 2024, to August 14, 2024. On the first day, students arrived with fresh minds and a strong sense of preparation, eager to showcase their knowledge and skills. The atmosphere was filled with a mix of excitement and focus as they settled into their classrooms, ready to tackle the challenges ahead.

This commitment to their studies reflects the hard work and dedication that students have invested over the past weeks. As they navigated through the examination period, the emphasis on preparation, along with the support from teachers and parents, helped them perform to the best of their abilities.

### **Exploring the Wonders of Science: A Successful Science Expo (19<sup>th</sup> October 2024)**

*"Science is not just a subject; it's a way of understanding the world. Embrace it with curiosity, and the possibilities are endless."*

On 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, Don Bosco School, Sayalgudi hosted an exciting Science Expo, showcasing the creativity and ingenuity of our students. The event was graced by Dr. R.D. Thilaga, the former principal of Don Bosco College of Arts and Science in Keela Eral, who served as the chief guest. In her inspiring address, Dr. Thilaga emphasized the importance of science and its evolution, encouraging students to embrace scientific inquiry and exploration.

As she visited the various student projects, Dr. Thilaga engaged with the young scientists, asking questions and fostering meaningful discussions. Students enthusiastically explained how their projects functioned, detailing the materials used and the scientific principles behind their work. This interaction provided a unique opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge and confidence, turning the spotlight on their innovative thinking.

The Science Expo was not only a celebration of student achievement but also a valuable learning experience. The students gained deeper insights into their projects while receiving encouragement from Dr. Thilaga, inspiring them to

further explore the wonders of science. This enriching exchange fostered a sense of accomplishment and motivated the students to continue their scientific journeys with curiosity and enthusiasm.

### **Don Bosco CBSE Sayalgudi: Individual Talent Expo 2024 (21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024)**

*"The greatest treasures are those invisible to the eye but felt with the heart."*

In a vibrant celebration of creativity and self-expression, Don Bosco CBSE Sayalgudi hosted a week-long Individual Talent Expo, designed to provide students with a platform to showcase their unique skills and uncover hidden talents. The event aimed to encourage students to step out of their comfort zones and explore various forms of artistic expression, fostering both confidence and creativity.

Throughout the week, students engaged in a range of performances, including:

- **Dance:** Various styles and genres, showcasing rhythm and movement.
- **Storytelling:** Students captivated audiences with their narrative skills and imaginative tales.
- **Singing:** Solo performances highlighted vocal talents across different musical genres.
- **Poetry Recitation:** Students expressed their thoughts and emotions through powerful poetry.
- **Drawing:** Artistic creations were displayed, reflecting individual perspectives and creativity.
- **Speech:** Students delivered compelling speeches on various topics, demonstrating their public speaking abilities.

### **Judging Panel**

To ensure a fair evaluation, esteemed judges from outside the school were invited to assess the performances. Their expertise provided valuable feedback and guidance to the participants. The best performances from each category will be recognized and awarded during the school's annual day celebration, adding an element of excitement and motivation for the students.



## Event Schedule

- **21st October 2024:** Class 9 and 11
- **22nd October 2024:** Class 7 and 8
- **23rd October 2024:** Class 5 'A'
- **24th October 2024:** Class 5 'B'
- **26th October 2024:** Class 6

The Individual Talent Expo not only celebrated the diverse talents of the students but also fostered a supportive and collaborative environment. It encouraged students to appreciate each other's skills and provided them with an opportunity to shine in front of their peers and judges. Through this initiative, Don Bosco CBSE Sayalgudi continues to cultivate a culture of creativity and self-discovery, empowering students to pursue their passions and explore their potentials.

Don Bosco CBSE Sayalgudi hosted a week-long Individual Talent Expo to showcase students' creativity and hidden talents. The event featured diverse performances, including dance, storytelling, singing, poetry recitation, drawing, and speeches, fostering confidence and self-expression. Esteemed external judges evaluated the participants, providing valuable feedback. Best performances will be awarded during the annual day celebration. Held between October 21-26, 2024, the event included scheduled performances for classes 4 to 11. The Expo celebrated student talents while fostering collaboration and mutual appreciation. This initiative reflects the school's commitment to creativity, self-discovery, and empowering students.

## **"Exploring Nature's Balance: A Field Visit to Valinokkam" (23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024)**

*"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."*

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024, Don Bosco School of Excellence, Sayalgudi, organized a field visit to Valinokkam, a picturesque village situated on a peninsula. The visit aimed to provide students with a hands-on understanding of forest and wildlife protection, while also imparting practical knowledge about biodiversity and ecological balance.

The students had the opportunity to explore a nursery managed by the Forest Department, where they learned about the importance of forest conservation and the role of these nurseries in maintaining ecological stability. Through guided explanations, they gained insight into the landscape of the area, which includes a pristine beach, a natural harbour, and the Gulf of Mannar.

This real-world exposure helped bring theoretical lessons to life, fostering a deeper understanding of environmental issues and the vital role of biodiversity in maintaining the health of our planet. By connecting classroom learning with practical experience, the field visit inspired the students to actively participate in preserving the natural environment.

### **Math Expo 2024: A Journey Through the Fascinating World of Mathematics (10<sup>th</sup> December 2024)**

*“Mathematics is the foundation of the universe, and through it, we have the power to unlock the secrets of the world around us.”*

On 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, our school proudly hosted the *Math Expo* for students from Grades 1 to XI. The event aimed to showcase the creative and practical applications of mathematics in various forms, encouraging students to explore the subject beyond textbooks. With exhibits ranging from basic arithmetic to advanced mathematical models, the Math Expo provided a platform for students to demonstrate their understanding of mathematical concepts and their real-world relevance.

The inaugural ceremony was held at Sayal Hall, where the esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Kulandai Therese, Associate Professor at St. Mary’s College, Tuticorin, was warmly welcomed. In her insightful address, Dr. Kulandai Therese emphasized the importance of mathematics in shaping the future. She highlighted how the subject is not just essential for academics but also plays a critical role in daily life, innovation, and problem-solving. Her words inspired the students to develop a deeper appreciation for mathematics and its endless possibilities.

To mark the opening of the event, Dr. Kulandai Therese cut the ribbon at the Grade 8 exhibit, officially declaring the *Math Expo* open. The exhibits featured a wide range of projects, each showcasing the ingenuity and hard work of the students. The projects included interactive models, problem-solving demonstrations, and displays illustrating the application of mathematical principles in various fields.

In addition to the exhibits, Dr. Kulandai Therese also honoured the best student projects with cash prizes, recognizing the students' exceptional creativity and effort. The parents who attended the event were deeply impressed by the students' presentations and took the opportunity to provide valuable feedback at the newly introduced feedback area.

The Math Expo was a great success, offering a fun and educational experience for all attendees. It not only highlighted the importance of mathematics but also fostered a sense of pride and accomplishment among the students.

This year's *Math Expo* will certainly be remembered as a celebration of learning, creativity, and the transformative power of mathematics.

### **Periodic Assessments and Term Exams: A Stepping Stone to Academic Growth (16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024)**

*Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."*

From December 16 to December 21, 2024, Don Bosco School, Sayalgudi, conducted the *Periodic Assessment - II* for students in Grades 1 to XI, along with the *Term II Exams* for Kindergarten. This examination period was an important phase in evaluating students' progress, consolidating their learning, and helping them identify areas for further improvement.

The *Periodic Assessment - II* for Grades 1 to XI tested students' understanding and mastery of the subjects covered during the term. It provided them with a chance to reflect on their academic journey so far and refine their study habits, preparing them for future challenges. Teachers gave valuable feedback to help students focus on areas that needed attention, ensuring that they were equipped for success in their academic pursuits.

For the Kindergarten students, the *Term I Exams* were a vital way of assessing their growth and development, as well as their understanding of the concepts introduced during the term. The exams aimed to encourage a positive attitude toward learning and provide a fun yet meaningful way for young learners to engage with their studies.

These assessments serve as crucial milestones in the academic year, giving students the opportunity to gauge their knowledge and strive for excellence. As

students and teachers continued their efforts, the feedback from these assessments is expected to inspire further academic growth and self-improvement.

These assessments help our students hone their thinking and learning abilities, ensuring they are well-prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

### **Periodic Assessments and Term Exams: A Stepping Stone to Academic Growth**

The students approached their Periodic Assessment 1 exams from August 8, 2024, to August 14, 2024. Don Bosco School commenced its Term 1 examinations on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, marking an important milestone in the academic calendar. The examinations ran until September 26, 2024, providing students with an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding and knowledge acquired during the first term.

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### **New initiatives of this year 2023-24**

#### **Counselling on Mental Well-Being: Sessions with Fr. Monsingh (18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024)**

*“Mental health is not a destination, but a process. It's about how you drive, not where you're going.”*

On June 18 and 19, 2024, Don Bosco School hosted impactful counselling sessions on mental well-being, led by Fr. Monsingh. The first session, held for grades 10 and 11, focused on addressing mental health challenges, stress management, and emotional resilience. Students received practical strategies to cope with academic pressures and maintain a balanced lifestyle in a supportive environment.

The second session, conducted for 8th-grade students, provided age-appropriate guidance on managing stress and promoting emotional health. Fr. Monsingh also introduced the Eskooly app, highlighting its benefits in organizing academic responsibilities and enhancing the learning experience.

These sessions emphasized the importance of mental well-being while integrating technology to support students' academic and emotional growth.

## **Student Council Nominations (26<sup>th</sup> June 2024)**

*"Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge." – Simon Sinek*

On June 26, 2024, Don Bosco School of Excellence, Sayalgudi, initiated the nomination process for its Student Council election. Students were invited to submit nomination forms for key leadership positions, including School Head Boy, Head Girl, House Captains, and Vice Captains.

The nomination forms were officially presented to the Principal, marking the commencement of the election process. This initiative provided students with a platform to showcase their leadership aspirations and contribute actively to the school community. The event laid the foundation for a democratic election, fostering a sense of responsibility and governance among the students.

## **Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: Student Council Election 2024 (28<sup>th</sup> June 2024)**

*"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers." – Ralph Nader*

On June 28, 2024, DBSE Sayalgudi was abuzz with excitement as the campaign for the Student Council Election 2024 unfolded. Candidates for key positions, including Head Boy, Head Girl, House Captains, and Vice Captains, enthusiastically presented their visions and proposals to the school community.

The event transcended a mere campaign, serving as a transformative platform for candidates to embrace leadership roles and for students to actively engage in the democratic process. It fostered a spirit of responsibility, collaboration, and empowerment, enriching the school's vibrant community.

## **Crafting Creativity: A Hands-On Workshop (08<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

*"Creativity is intelligence having fun." – Albert Einstein*

On July 8th, 2024, a skilled volunteer with expertise in craft work visited the school to teach students about creating crafts from paper. The session included practical demonstrations and valuable tips, enhancing the students' craft skills. Additionally, the volunteer generously provided books to further guide the students in their craft endeavours. The workshop was a delightful and educational experience, inspiring students to explore and develop their creativity through paper crafts.

## **First Facilitator Meeting: Setting the Stage for Effective Collaboration (08<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

*"The art of leadership is saying no, not saying yes. It is very easy to say yes." – Tony Blair*

On July 9th, 2024, the first Facilitator Meeting was organized with the presence of the management and facilitators: Vinothini from Senior Secondary, Nantha from Secondary, Supetha from Primary, and Lukka from Kindergarten. The Correspondent addressed the facilitators, emphasizing their important roles and responsibilities. He conveyed that their selection as facilitators was based on the management's confidence in their abilities and the high profile they have earned. He stressed that their role was to facilitate rather than to act as bosses, and they were expected to work collaboratively with the Principal and others to effectively run the school. The meeting set the foundation for a cooperative and productive approach to school management and leadership.

## **Staff Meeting: Introduction of the Facilitator System (10<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

*"The best way to predict the future is to create it." – Peter Drucker*

On July 10th, 2024, a staff meeting was held with the presence of the management and teachers. During the meeting, the Correspondent introduced the new Facilitator System, outlining the roles and responsibilities of the facilitators. This system aims to enhance collaboration and streamline school operations by leveraging the skills and profiles of the appointed facilitators. The meeting provided a comprehensive overview of how the facilitators will work with the management and teachers to support effective school administration.

## **Student Council Election 2024: A Lesson in Democracy (12<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

*"The only way to deal with an unfree world is to become so absolutely free that your very existence is an act of rebellion." – Albert Camus*

On July 12, 2024, the school conducted the Student Council Election, following a structured and transparent process. Students from Grades 6 to 11 participated by casting their votes using sealed ballot papers, which were then placed in a secured ballot box. Each student had the opportunity to vote for four different positions: Head Boy, Head Girl, House Captain, and House Vice-Captain.

The election was conducted with strict adherence to the rules, ensuring a fair and democratic process. The involvement of the management and faculty further underscored the importance of this exercise. The event provided students

with a meaningful experience in practicing democratic values, fostering a sense of responsibility and participation in their school community.

### **BSE SAFAL Exam (22nd July – 5th Aug 2024)**

From July 22 to August 5, 2024, CBSE conducted the SAFAL Exam for students in Grades 5 and 8. The assessment evaluated their proficiency in subjects like English, Mathematics, and Science, providing valuable insights into their academic progress. The SAFAL Exam aims to enhance students' learning outcomes and supports their educational journey.

### **First Mock SAFAL Exam (27th June 2024)**

On June 27, 2024, the school conducted the first mock SAFAL exam for Class 5 and Class 8 students. This exercise helped familiarize students with the exam format and allowed them to assess their readiness for the official SAFAL assessment. It served as a tool to refine their preparation for the upcoming exam.

### **Second Mock SAFAL Exam (9th & 10th July 2024)**

The second mock SAFAL exam took place on July 9 and 10, 2024, for Class 5 and Class 8 students. Similar to the first mock, this exam provided further preparation, helping students practice the exam format and gauge their understanding of the subjects. Insights from this exercise were crucial in fine-tuning their readiness for the official SAFAL exam.

### **Embracing Global Perspectives: Welcoming Volunteers at Don Bosco Sayalgudi (03<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2024)**

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."* – Mahatma Gandhi

On 3rd September 2024, Don Bosco Sayalgudi welcomed Mila and Lea, two enthusiastic volunteers from Germany, as part of its annual international volunteer program. This initiative fosters cross-cultural understanding and global citizenship while enriching the learning environment.

Mila and Lea have focused on improving students' English reading, speaking, and grammar skills through interactive sessions and creative activities, while also introducing them to the German language. They have taught students German vocabulary, sparking interest in a new language and culture. Their efforts, in collaboration with teachers, create a dynamic and supportive atmosphere for student growth.

## **"Scouting Spirit in Action: A Day of Adventure, Learning, and Leadership at Don Bosco"**

**(25<sup>th</sup> October 2024)**

*"The true essence of scouting lies in the lessons of life it teaches, through service, leadership, and unity."*

On 25th October 2024, Don Bosco School of Excellence, Sayalgudi, hosted an engaging one-day Scout Camp under the guidance of Scout Master Mr. Eanok. The camp provided students with a platform to develop life skills, leadership, and teamwork. Activities included marching drills, tent-making, knot tying, first aid training, and environmental awareness, promoting discipline, self-reliance, and practical knowledge. A campfire ceremony fostered camaraderie as students shared stories and reflected on scouting values. The event embodied the motto "Once a Scout, always a Scout," leaving a lasting impact on students as confident, capable, and community-focused individuals.

## **"Celebrating Thirukkural: A Tribute to Wisdom at Don Bosco School of Excellence"**

**(25<sup>th</sup> October 2024)**

*"The teachings of Thirukkural transcend time and place, spreading wisdom, ethics, and love for humanity."*

On 25th October 2024, Don Bosco School of Excellence, Sayalgudi, hosted an Inter-School Thirukkural Contest to honor the 147th Thiruvalluvar Statue at the school and celebrate Tamil literature. Students from 16 schools in Tuticorin and Ramanathapuram districts participated in 10 creative categories, including dance, song, poetry, and Thirukkural recitation.

The event featured Chief Guest Mrs. Jeyanthi, a renowned Tamil Pandit, who shared insights on Thirukkural's wisdom and its influence on ethical living. Guest of Honour Mrs. Rajathi brought additional encouragement, and judges from TDA College of Education evaluated the presentations.

The contest highlighted Thirukkural's enduring relevance, inspiring participants to embrace and promote Tamil literature. Beyond a competition, it became a cultural milestone that fostered creativity, learning, and a deeper appreciation for Thiruvalluvar's teachings.



## **Educators: Day of Evaluation at Don Bosco School (19<sup>th</sup> November 2024)**

*"The best teachers are those who continually learn, grow, and inspire their students to do the same."*

On 19th November 2024, Don Bosco School organized a Day of Evaluation for its teachers, focusing on enhancing teaching quality and fostering professional growth. Hosted by Macmillan, the school's curriculum provider, the event involved an in-depth evaluation of primary school teachers' methods, along with a review of students' notebooks and workbooks to provide constructive feedback.

A resource person from Macmillan conducted a session to guide teachers on refining their strategies and implementing effective classroom practices. The session offered valuable insights into improving educational delivery and creating a collaborative learning environment.

This initiative served as a significant step toward continuous improvement in teaching quality, ensuring better learning outcomes for students.

## **Promoting Healthy Eating: A Step Towards a Better Future (2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024)**

*"What we eat today shapes the future of our health tomorrow. Make wise food choices to build a strong, healthy body and mind."*

On December 2, 2024, DBSE Sayalgudi organized a special morning assembly focusing on the theme "Eat Healthy Food and Avoid Junk Food," as directed by the CBSE board. The assembly featured various programs highlighting the negative effects of junk food and the importance of a balanced diet. Mr. Eanok delivered an inspiring speech, encouraging students to choose healthier food options for a better future. The event served as an eye-opener, emphasizing that healthy eating is essential for a prosperous and responsible life.

## **A Global Learning Experience: Student Interaction with Irish Peers (16<sup>th</sup> December 2024)**

*“Global exposure is essential in shaping well-rounded individuals. These interactions help students grow beyond their classrooms and connect with the world in meaningful ways.”*

On December 16, 2024, Don Bosco School, Sayalgudi, hosted a virtual interaction with students from Ireland, continuing its commitment to global learning opportunities. The session, facilitated by Mr. Cian, a dedicated volunteer from Ireland, allowed students to engage in discussions about each other's cultures, educational experiences, and daily lives. Organized with the support of Fr. Arockiam, the correspondent, Fr. Monsingh the Administrator, Fr. Savari, the vice principal, Fr. Nishanth, the Academic Coordinator, the event provided valuable insights and fostered international friendships. This enriching experience broadened students' perspectives and highlighted the importance of global connections in shaping a diverse and interconnected future.

## **COMPETITIONS**

### **Cultural Contest Participation: A Memorable Experience (20<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

*"The best way to predict the future is to create it." – Peter Drucker*

On July 20, 2024, a group of students from our school participated in a cultural contest held at Don Bosco School, Tanjore, in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the INT Province, Trichy. The contest featured events such as dance, song, and mime.

This was the students' first experience in such a prestigious event, and they gave their full participation with enthusiasm and dedication. Their involvement not only showcased their talents but also marked a significant milestone in their cultural and artistic development. The event provided a valuable opportunity for the students to engage in a broader cultural exchange and build their confidence.

## **Don Bosco School Triumphs at the 5th District Level Abacus Competition (12<sup>th</sup> August 2024)**

*"Success is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."* – Colin Powell

On August 12, 2024, 21 talented students from Don Bosco School participated in the 5th District Level Abacus Competition at Ameer Sultan Academy, Thondi. Their enthusiasm and mental arithmetic skills led to an impressive performance, with 16 students earning championship titles and 5 securing first prizes in their respective categories.

This achievement showcases the school's commitment to academic excellence and extracurricular development. It highlights both the students' individual talents and the supportive role of teachers and staff. The success reflects the students' dedication to learning and their passion for mathematics, making the entire school community proud.

## **Don Bosco School Shines at State Level UCMAS Abacus Competition (25<sup>th</sup> August 2024)**

On 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, Don Bosco School proudly participated in the state-level UCMAS (Universal Concept Mental Arithmetic System) Abacus Competition held in Chennai. A total of 11 students showcased their exceptional skills and dedication, bringing home several prizes that spread the fame of Don Bosco Sayalgudi at the state level.

### **Winners:**

- **First Prize:** Magnus and Ananya Harshadha
- **Third Prize:** Saahithyan, Mugilarasu, and Dhuvarakesh
- **Seventh Prize:** Marcus, Ashwath Dev, Mukund Dev, Dhuvaraga Sri, Mohitha Sakshi, and Asmitha Sai

This competition marked a proud moment for the school, highlighting the talent and hard work of our students. The management and staff extended their heartfelt appreciation to all participants for their impressive performances and dedication.

The success at the state level not only underscores the academic excellence fostered at Don Bosco School but also inspires future participation in competitions. We look forward to more achievements as our students continue to excel in their endeavours.

## **Celebrating Creativity: Competitions for Teachers' Day (28<sup>th</sup> August 2024)**

*"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." – Henry Adams*

On August 28, 2024, Don Bosco School, in collaboration with the Child Welfare and Educational Charitable Trust in Erode, organized a series of creative competitions in anticipation of Teachers' Day. Students from both primary and secondary levels participated in contests such as handwriting, essay writing, poem writing, drawing, and rangoli.

These competitions allowed students to showcase their artistic and literary talents while honouring the dedication of their teachers. The events fostered creativity, healthy competition, and a spirit of appreciation for education. This initiative highlighted the significant role teachers play in shaping young minds.

## **Creative Sparks: Kindergarten Clay Modelling Competition (15<sup>th</sup> November 2024)**

*"Imagination is the beginning of creation – through play and creativity, young minds shape their world."*

On November 15, 2024, Don Bosco School hosted a Clay Modelling Competition for its kindergarten students, designed to nurture creativity, imagination, and fine motor skills. The young learners enjoyed moulding clay into various forms, from animals to abstract shapes, allowing them to express their artistic abilities.

This fun and engaging event also helped students develop essential skills like concentration, hand-eye coordination, and spatial awareness. The competition was a vibrant celebration of creativity, offering a platform for children to showcase their talents while providing parents and teachers an opportunity to appreciate their artistic growth.

## **Unlocking Potential: Reading Competition for Grades 1 to 11 (18<sup>th</sup> November 2024)**

*"Reading is the first step to learning; it opens doors to endless possibilities and fuels the mind's curiosity."*

On 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, a Reading Competition was held for students from Grade 1 to Grade 11, with the primary goal of promoting reading skills among students. Recognizing that reading is a fundamental skill in education, the event aimed to encourage students to develop a love for reading, as it is essential for learning and mastering new concepts.

The competition saw enthusiastic participation from all students, who eagerly took part in demonstrating their reading abilities. It provided a platform for them to showcase their fluency, comprehension, and passion for literature, while also reinforcing the importance of reading as the foundation for academic success.

It was an inspiring event, highlighting the value of reading in the educational journey and fostering a deeper engagement with books.

### **Enhancing Communication: Vocabulary Test at Don Bosco School (22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024)**

*"The mastery of language is the key to effective communication, and every new word opens doors to greater understanding."*

On November 22, 2024, Don Bosco School organized a Vocabulary Test to enhance students' communication skills. Students were introduced to five new vocabulary words daily, which they incorporated into their conversations and writing. The test, held for Grades 1 to 11, saw active participation, reflecting the students' commitment to improving their language proficiency. This initiative emphasized the importance of effective communication in both academic and personal growth.

### **Celebrating Confidence: Kindergarten Fancy Dress Competition (22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024)**

*"Confidence is built step by step, and every word spoken is a triumph of imagination."*

In November 22, 2024, the Kindergarten Section of Don Bosco School organized a Fancy-Dress Competition aimed at building confidence and public speaking skills in young learners. Students wore vibrant costumes representing animals, fruits, vegetables, and cartoon characters, and each child spoke a few words about their theme.

The event was a joyous occasion filled with excitement as students confidently walked the ramp, with parents cheering them on. The competition showcased the children's creativity and confidence, earning praise from both parents and teachers. The school management congratulated everyone for making the event a success.

## **Excellence in Art and Culture: Tamil Nadu South Zone Level Competition** **(23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024)**

*"Cultural excellence is the reflection of hard work, passion, and dedication, bringing honour and pride to all."*

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024, students from our school participated in the **Tamil Nadu South Zone Level Art and Cultural Competition 2024**, held at **Ambal Vidyalaya School, Vilathikulam**. The students showcased their talents in various activities, including **Yoga, Bharatanatyam, and Silambam**, representing the school's rich cultural spirit and dedication to the arts.

The participants demonstrated exceptional skill and discipline, bringing home prestigious **gold, silver, and bronze** medals. Their outstanding performances not only highlighted their hard work and talent but also brought great pride and recognition to the school.

This achievement is a testament to the students' dedication, and the support from teachers and parents in nurturing their potential. The success at this competition marks another milestone in the school's commitment to promoting both academic and cultural excellence.

## **Empowering Students: Don Bosco School's Week of Olympiad Exams**

*"Opportunities to challenge oneself lead to growth, and every test is a step towards greater achievement."*

From 25<sup>th</sup> November to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, **Don Bosco School**, a distinguished participant in the **Indian Talent Olympiad**, organized a week-long series of Olympiad exams. Students from **Grade 1 to Grade 10** took part in a variety of exams, including **English, Mathematics, Hindi, General Knowledge, Science, Essay Writing, and Drawing**.

These exams provided students with a valuable opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills across a wide range of subjects. The initiative reflects the school's commitment to offering students more avenues for academic growth and excellence. By participating in these Olympiads, students were able to enhance their learning experience while also gaining confidence in their academic abilities.

The school's emphasis on providing such opportunities underscores its dedication to fostering holistic development and encouraging students to strive for excellence in both academics and extracurricular activities.

## **Creative Expressions: Kindergarten Drawing Competition 2024 (10<sup>th</sup> December 2024)**

*"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."*

On December 10, 2024, Don Bosco School, Sayalgudi, hosted a vibrant Drawing Competition for its Kindergarten students, offering a platform for creative expression. The young learners explored a variety of themes, showcasing their imagination through colourful and imaginative drawings.

The event not only nurtured creativity but also helped to develop fine motor skills and build confidence. Teachers supported the students throughout the competition, encouraging them to express their unique perspectives. The competition was a joyful celebration of the children's artistic potential and a testament to the role of art in their development.

## **SPECIAL DAYS**

### **Celebrating Kamarajar's Legacy: A Day of Talent and Tradition (04<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

*"The true purpose of education is to make minds, not careers." – William Deresiewicz*

On July 4th, 2024, in honour of Kamarajar's birthday, the Royal Academy organized a series of competitions, including handwriting, drawing, Thirukkural writing, and composition writing in our school. Students from classes 1 to 11 from our school actively participated, showcasing their talents and paying tribute to the values and legacy of Kamarajar. The event highlighted the students' creativity and dedication, making it a memorable day of celebration and learning.

### **Celebrating Kamarajar's Legacy: A Day of Remembrance and Recognition (15<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

*"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example." – Benjamin Disraeli*

On July 15, 2024, the school honoured Kamarajar's birthday with a special assembly dedicated to his memory. Students presented speeches and poems that highlighted his remarkable achievements and life history, while Fr. Correspondent gave a heartfelt speech about Kamarajar's impact.



On the same day, prizes for the handwriting, drawing, Thirukkural writing, and composition writing competitions, organized by the Royal Academy, were awarded to our school's winners. Organizers Ms. Deepthi and Mrs. Geetha received trophies for their remarkable contributions, and Fr. Principal was presented with the Exemplary School Award for fostering extensive student participation. The day served as a meaningful reminder of Kamarajar's legacy and provided an opportunity for students to reflect on his contributions and the significance of their own opportunities.

### **Celebrating Independence Day (15<sup>th</sup> August 2024)**

*"Freedom is the oxygen of the soul." – Moshe Dayan*

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, Don Bosco School celebrated Independence Day with a program that highlighted the significance of freedom alongside the vital need for a drug-free society.

The event commenced with an introduction by Mrs. Lukka, who emphasized the values of independence and the responsibility that comes with it. Her words set the stage for a thoughtful and inspiring celebration.

Mr. Nantha then addressed the students, focusing on the pressing issue of drug abuse and its impact on society. He urged students, particularly young women, to take the initiative in raising awareness about the dangers of drugs within their families and communities. His message underscored the importance of creating a supportive environment to combat substance abuse effectively.

He also introduced the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, a national campaign aimed at promoting a drug-free India. He encouraged all attendees to take an e-pledge as a personal commitment to support this initiative and to spread awareness about the dangers of drugs.

This Independence Day celebration served as a powerful reminder that true freedom is rooted in the well-being of individuals and communities. Don Bosco School remains dedicated to empowering students to make informed choices and to act as advocates for a healthier, drug-free society.

### **World Ozone Day: A Commitment to Conservation (16<sup>th</sup> September 2024)**

*"The ozone layer is a shield that protects life on Earth; we must work together to preserve it."*

On 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, our school proudly observed World Ozone Day, an important occasion dedicated to raising awareness about ozone layer protection. We were honoured to welcome Mr. Rajasekar, the Inspector of the Forest Department, Sayalgudi along with his team, who addressed the students



on critical topics such as the Montreal Protocol and the importance of ozone conservation.

Mr. Rajasekar shared valuable insights into how the Montreal Agreement has played a pivotal role in reducing substances harmful to the ozone layer. His engaging presentation highlighted the significance of collective action and individual responsibility in preserving our planet's atmosphere for future generations. To commemorate the day, he and the students participated in a tree-planting ceremony, symbolizing our commitment to environmental stewardship.

In addition to the informative session, the day also included a ceremony to recognize the winners of the competitions held in celebration of Teachers' Day. Prizes were presented to students who excelled in various categories, showcasing their talents and creativity. This acknowledgment served to inspire all students to participate actively in school activities and contribute to a vibrant learning environment.

The observance of World Ozone Day, coupled with the celebration of our students' achievements, reinforced the importance of environmental awareness and community spirit. Together, we can make a difference in protecting our planet and fostering a sense of responsibility among young minds.

### **"Celebrating Early Literacy Day: A Showcase of Learning at Don Bosco School" (20<sup>th</sup> Sep 2024)**

*"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." — William Butler Yeats*

On 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, Don Bosco School proudly hosted a vibrant literacy event for its kindergarten section. The initiative aimed to celebrate and showcase the foundational skills that young learners have developed throughout the year.

The students engaged in a variety of activities that highlighted their literacy progress. They enthusiastically demonstrated their understanding of phonic sounds, bringing words to life with the sounds they learned. The children recited delightful rhymes, captivating their audience with their cheerful expressions and rhythmic delivery. They also presented an array of two- and three-letter words, showcasing their growing vocabulary and confidence in reading.

The event served not only as a platform for students to display their achievements but also as a moment of recognition for the dedicated kindergarten teachers. The school management took the opportunity to express their heartfelt

appreciation for the teachers' commitment, creativity, and passion in fostering a love for learning. Their efforts in guiding and nurturing the students have been instrumental in helping the children thrive academically and socially.

The atmosphere was filled with joy and pride as teachers, and fellow students gathered to celebrate the young learners' accomplishments. This event underscored the importance of early literacy and the crucial role it plays in shaping a child's educational journey.

### **Children's Day Celebration: A Day of Fun, Culture, and Learning (14<sup>th</sup> November 2024)**

*"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." – John F. Kennedy*

On 14th November 2024, our school celebrated Children's Day in a truly special and memorable way. The day was dedicated to honouring the spirit, creativity, and joy of our students, providing them with a well-deserved break filled with fun and entertainment. The event was thoughtfully organized to make every moment an enjoyable and meaningful experience for the young minds.

The celebrations began with a warm and traditional welcome for the students. In a beautiful ceremony, students were greeted with aarathi and kumkum, setting the tone for a day of festivity and cultural appreciation. The traditional welcome not only reflected the values of our school but also honoured the students as the heart of the school community.

The highlight of the day was the series of cultural activities planned to entertain and engage our students. The cultural program featured a variety of performances, including energetic dance performances, a lively icebreaker session to encourage bonding, and a dramatic play that was both entertaining and thought-provoking. Students participated in exciting quizzes, tested their knowledge and memory with find and guess the teacher games, and much more. These activities not only brought laughter and joy but also encouraged teamwork, creativity, and healthy competition.

In addition to the cultural programs, the Fr. Correspondent, the center person of our institution, took the opportunity to address the students with an inspiring talk. He shared the life history of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, who is remembered for his dedication to the nation's progress and his deep love for children. His words resonated deeply with the students, inspiring them to follow the ideals of curiosity, creativity, and service to the nation. Fr. Correspondent's speech was not only a tribute to Pandit Nehru but also a reminder of the importance of nurturing young minds for the future.

The day ended with a sweet gesture a distribution of sweets to all the students, spreading cheer and sweetness to close the celebration on a happy note.

The Children's Day celebration was not just a day of entertainment; it was a reminder of the importance of cherishing and supporting our students. The day was a wonderful opportunity for the school community to come together and celebrate the potential, imagination, and brilliance of every child.

As John F. Kennedy once said, *"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."* This day was a tribute to our students, the future leaders, thinkers, and creators of tomorrow.

### **Christmas Celebration 2024: A Joyous End to the Year (23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024)**

*"Christmas is a time for families to come together, for people to open their hearts, and for communities to share the joy of the season."*

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2024, Don Bosco School, Sayalgudi, celebrated the festive spirit of Christmas with a special celebration for both students and teachers. The celebration took place immediately after the conclusion of exams, as students embarked on their winter holidays, creating the perfect atmosphere for joy and relaxation.

This year, the Christmas celebration featured a variety of cultural performances, showcasing the talents of our students. The cultural program included music, dance, and drama, all filled with festive cheer and the true spirit of Christmas. In a new initiative, the celebration also included a virtual Christmas message from the teachers, spreading warmth and good wishes to the entire school community. This unique addition allowed for a heartfelt connection despite the different locations of our staff and students.

In keeping with the Christmas tradition, the students were given sweets and thoughtful gifts as a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication throughout the term. The gifts and treats were a sweet reminder of the joy and generosity that Christmas brings.

The celebration was a wonderful way to end the year on a high note, bringing everyone together in the spirit of love, joy, and community. As we reflect on the message of Christmas, we are reminded of the values of kindness, compassion, and togetherness that we strive to nurture in our students.

The Christmas celebration at Don Bosco School was truly a beautiful way to embrace the spirit of the season.

## **CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME**

### **Empowering Educators: Professional Training for Primary Teachers (June 5th and 6th, 2024)**

*“Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions.”*

On July 5th and 6th, 2024, our school conducted a two-day professional training session for primary teachers to enhance teaching strategies and integrate the Macmillan inclusive curriculum. Animator Janani from Macmillan led the session, offering insights into the curriculum through Macmillan books and the Altura Macmillan platform. She demonstrated innovative teaching methods and highlighted the platform's features, empowering teachers to use its tools effectively in classrooms. The training enriched educators' understanding, provided valuable resources, and fostered collaboration among faculty. This initiative aimed to enhance teaching practices, ultimately benefiting students' learning experiences.

### **Empowering Educators: Mastering the Smart Board (8<sup>th</sup> June 2024)**

*“The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery.” – Mark Van Doren*

On 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, our school had the distinct honour of hosting a specialist from BenQ Smart Board Services. This session was designed to empower our educators with the skills necessary to effectively utilize smart board technology. The expert provided a comprehensive demonstration of the smart board's features and introduced Embibe, an essential online resource offering full access to NCERT content.

The interactive training underscored the effective integration of technology into the classroom, aiming to enhance both teaching and learning experiences. Our teachers left the session motivated and equipped to implement these new tools, setting the stage for a more dynamic and engaging educational environment.

### **Commitment to Safety: Signing the Child Protection Policy (8<sup>th</sup> June 2024)**

*“Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.”*

On June 8, 2024, our school took a significant step towards reinforcing our dedication to student safety and well-being. The entire faculty gathered to formally sign the Child Protection Policy. This policy is designed to ensure that all students are safeguarded against any form of harm, neglect, or abuse, and it

sets forth clear guidelines and procedures for the protection of children under our care.

The signing of this policy not only highlighted our teachers' commitment to creating a secure and supportive environment but also served as a reminder of our collective responsibility. This event marked a crucial moment in our school's ongoing efforts to prioritize and uphold the highest standards of child protection, ensuring that every child feels safe, valued, and respected.

### **Enhancing English Proficiency: A Staff Development Session (27<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

*"The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery." – Mark Van Doren*

On July 27th, 2024, a session focused on enhancing proficiency in the English language was organized for the staff at the school. The session was led by the resource person, Fr. Nishanth, the Academic Coordinator of our school. It covered topics such as the usage of tenses, vocabulary, and more. The discussion was highly effective, with teachers actively participating and clarifying their doubts, making it a productive learning experience for all.

### **Unlocking Potential: Memory Techniques Workshop at DBSE Sayalgudi (2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024)**

*"The mind is a wonderful servant, but a terrible master." – David Foster Wallace*

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024, Don Bosco School, Sayalgudi hosted an engaging and enlightening workshop focused on memory techniques, aimed at empowering students to excel in their academic pursuits. Led by the knowledgeable Mr. Manoj, the event attracted a wide range of participants, with two sessions tailored to different age groups.

The first session welcomed students from grades 6 to 11, where they were introduced to various innovative memory techniques designed to enhance their learning capabilities. The second session catered to younger students in grades 3 to 5, ensuring that foundational skills were nurtured early on.

Throughout the workshops, students were immersed in practical exercises and interactive activities that showcased techniques such as the alphabet method, number association, and visualization strategies. These tools not only aim to improve memory retention but also to make learning more enjoyable and effective.

The primary goal of the workshop was to equip students with strategies that would bolster their study habits and academic performance. As Mr. Manoj

emphasized, “With the right techniques, anyone can unlock their potential and make learning a more rewarding experience.”

Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing excitement about applying these new skills to their studies. Parents and teachers alike are hopeful that the knowledge gained from this workshop will lead to improved grades and a deeper love for learning among students.

In conclusion, the memory techniques workshop at Don Bosco School was a significant step towards fostering a culture of academic excellence. By providing students with valuable tools to enhance their learning, the school continues to live up to its mission of nurturing bright minds and empowering future leaders.

On August 2, 2024, Don Bosco School, Sayalgudi, organized a memory techniques workshop led by Mr. Manoj to help students excel academically. The workshop featured two sessions: one for grades 6–11, introducing advanced memory techniques, and another for grades 3–5, focusing on foundational skills. Students engaged in practical exercises and learned methods like the alphabet technique, number association, and visualization strategies to enhance memory retention and make learning enjoyable. The aim was to improve study habits and academic performance, with Mr. Manoj inspiring students to unlock their potential. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and parents and teachers expressed hope for improved grades and a love for learning. The workshop reinforced the school’s commitment to fostering academic excellence and empowering future leaders.

### **Advancing Pedagogical Excellence: One-Day Animation Workshop for Teaching Staff**

**(16<sup>th</sup> November 2024)**

*"The essence of effective education lies not only in the transfer of knowledge but in inspiring students to achieve their fullest potential."*

On 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, Don Bosco School organized **One-Day Animation Workshop** for its teaching staff, focusing on diverse instructional methodologies and effective student management strategies. The workshop encompassed **13 comprehensive topics**, each designed to enhance the educators' approach to teaching and improve their classroom dynamics.

The distinguished resource person for the session was **Mr. Chandrasekar**, Senior Principal of **Achyuth Public School, Dindigul**, a seasoned educator with profound expertise in the **CBSE curriculum**. Mr. Chandrasekar, with his



extensive knowledge, adeptly addressed the teachers' queries and provided valuable insights into best practices for managing classrooms and fostering an engaging learning environment.

The workshop proved to be an immensely productive session, offering teachers a wealth of practical strategies and a deeper understanding of how to effectively navigate the challenges of modern-day education. This professional development initiative underscored the school's commitment to continually enhancing the pedagogical skills of its staff, ensuring they are well-prepared to cultivate academic excellence in their students.

In November 16, 2024, Don Bosco School hosted a One-Day Animation Workshop for its teaching staff to enhance instructional methods and student management strategies. The workshop covered 13 key topics aimed at improving classroom dynamics and teaching effectiveness. Mr. Chandrasekar, Senior Principal of Achyuth Public School, Dindigul, led the session with his expertise in the CBSE curriculum. He provided valuable insights, addressed teachers' queries, and shared best practices for creating engaging learning environments. The workshop offered practical strategies to navigate modern educational challenges effectively. This initiative highlighted the school's dedication to professional development, ensuring its staff is well-equipped to foster academic excellence.

## **Phase 2 Training Session: Empowering Students and Teachers for Exam Success**

**(8<sup>th</sup> December 2024)**

*“Exam success comes not just from hard work, but from smart work—identify your weaknesses, learn from them, and move forward with confidence.”*

On December 8, 2024, our school hosted a Phase 2 Training session for Class X students and teachers, conducted by Mr. Chandrasekar, Senior Principal of Achyutha Public School, Dindigul. The session aimed at preparing students for their upcoming exams and provided valuable insights for teachers to enhance their teaching strategies.

Mr. Chandrasekar focused on exam preparation techniques, stressing the importance of reviewing areas where students had lost marks in previous exams. He encouraged the students to analyze their past performance critically and identify their weak areas. He also urged them to fill out the feedback forms provided, enabling the session to be more personalized and impactful.

In addition to guiding the students, Mr. Chandrasekar also met with the teachers to discuss effective ways to support students in their exam preparation. He shared strategies on how teachers could better guide their students and provide targeted support for improved academic outcomes.

The session proved to be an enriching experience, motivating both students and teachers to work with renewed focus and determination.

In December 8, 2024, the school conducted a Phase 2 Training session for Class X students and teachers, led by Mr. Chandrasekar, Senior Principal of Achyutha Public School, Dindigul. The session focused on exam preparation techniques and improving teaching strategies. Students were encouraged to analyze past exam performances, identify weak areas, and provide feedback for a more personalized approach. Teachers received guidance on supporting students effectively and offering targeted strategies for better academic outcomes. The session motivated both students and teachers, fostering renewed focus and determination for exam success.

## **Achievement of the Year**

Achievements and accomplishments form an integral part of a fulfilling school life, and at Don Bosco School of Excellence, we strive to create abundant opportunities for our students to excel across various domains. This year, our students enthusiastically participated in a wide range of events held at different times and venues, showcasing their talents and gaining valuable experiences. These opportunities reflect the school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals and fostering excellence in academics, sports, arts, and beyond.

### **Achievements of Our Students in External Competitions**

At Don Bosco School of Excellence, we take immense pride in celebrating the achievements of our students, who have brought honour to the school through their outstanding performances in various state, national, and international competitions. Their hard work, dedication, and exceptional talent have earned them accolades across multiple disciplines.



### **Grade I A:**

1. Magnus secured the **1st prize** in the State-level UCMAS Abacus competition held at Ramanathapuram and **3rd prize** in the International Abacus competition held in Delhi.
2. Nirel Athiyan won the **2nd prize** in a State-level competition held at Thoothukudi.

### **Grade II A:**

3. Aswanth Dev achieved **1st place** in Single Stick at the State-level Skating competition conducted in Rameshwaram.
4. Saahithyan secured the **1st prize** in the State-level UCMAS Abacus competition held at Ramanathapuram.

### **Grade II B:**

5. Yazhan Paul won the **2nd prize** in the State Gymnastics Championship 2024 held at Thoothukudi.

### **Grade III:**

6. Nimalan Raja R. A clinched the **1st prize** in the 11th PYKKA National-level Archery Championship 2024 organized by Panchayat Yuva Kride Khel Abhiyan in Rajasthan.

### **Grade IV:**

7. Asmitha Sai achieved **7th place** in the State-level Abacus competition held in Chennai.

### **Grade V A:**

8. Marcus Theophilus secured the **3rd prize** in the International UCMAS Abacus competition and **7th place** in the State-level competition.
9. Muhilarasu also received the **3rd prize** in the International UCMAS Abacus competition and **7th place** in the State-level competition.
10. Fara Ashriya achieved **12th place** in the State-level Chess competition.
11. Thiruniranchan Bharathi won the **2nd prize** in the State-level Silambam competition.
12. Mohana Velan earned **Gold (1st prize)** and **Silver (2nd prize)** in the National-level 5th SGKS National Karate Championship 2024 held in Goa.

### **Grade VI:**

- 13.Dhuvarakesh secured **7th place** in the State-level Abacus competition held in Chennai.
- 14.Dhuvaraga Sri also achieved **7th place** in the State-level Abacus competition held in Chennai.
- 15.Biruntha won **1st place** in the State-level Archery competition held at Ramanathapuram.

### **Grade VII:**

- 16.Tamilkavi secured the **1st prize** at the National-level Inline Hockey competition.
- 17.Mohitha Shakshi achieved **7th place** in the International UCMAS Abacus competition held in Delhi and **7th place** in the State-level Abacus competition held in Chennai.

### **Grade VIII:**

- 18.Deepak won the **2nd prize (Silver)** in the National-level 5th SGKS National Karate Championship 2024 held in Goa.

These remarkable achievements reflect the hard work and determination of our students, and we applaud their efforts and commitment to excellence. They are an inspiration to the entire Don Bosco School family!

### **Conclusion**

The Annual Report of Don Bosco School of Excellence, Sagalkudi, reflects the collective efforts and achievements of our students, staff, and entire school community. This year has been marked by remarkable growth, both academically and personally, as students have excelled in various fields.

The hard work and dedication of our teachers, coupled with the enthusiasm of our students, have brought us closer to our mission of providing holistic education. From cultural events to academic milestones, each accomplishment is a testament to the commitment of all involved. The school continues to be a place where learning is nurtured, creativity is encouraged, and values are instilled. It is a proud moment for us to celebrate the milestones we've achieved and look ahead to even greater success.

The Annual Report of Don Bosco School of Excellence, Sayalgudi, highlights the collective achievements of our students, staff, and school community. This year witnessed exceptional growth in academics, cultural

pursuits, and personal development. The dedication of our teachers and the enthusiasm of our students have brought us closer to our goal of holistic education. Our school remains a vibrant space for learning, creativity, and values. We proudly celebrate these milestones as we strive for even greater success in the future.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to **Fr. Arockiam**, our esteemed Correspondent, **Fr. Monsingh**, the dedicated Administrator, **Fr. Savari**, our supportive Vice Principal, **Fr. Nishanth**, the diligent Academic Coordinator, and my beloved teachers for their unwavering support and commitment in helping me achieve the accomplishments highlighted in this annual report.

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Thank you, my dear teachers, for your hard work and collective efforts in elevating our school to greater heights of excellence in education and extracurricular activities. Together, we continue to strive for distinction and make our vision a reality.

We are committed to excellence in the field of education and we will never flinch from our commitment. Thanks a bunch for your patient listening. May God bless you all.