



**The Oxford School**  
Trivandrum



## From the Principal's desk

The definition of education has changed from 'Gaining Knowledge' to 'Developing Skills' to suit the requirement of the 21st century. The student of the present era should be an independent learner, a problem solver and good decision maker as there are challenges waiting for them in future. The school gives training in all kinds of skills through various co-scholastic activities specially designed for individual empowerment. Students have to actively engage themselves to develop their skills by participating in curricular and co-curricular activities.

This newsletter bears witness to the various activities conducted by the school since June 2019. Majority of the student community has availed these programmes to equip themselves with various skills. The continued support of the parents and the remarkable efforts of the teachers make the skill development programme significantly successful. We thank the Almighty for His mercy and guidance in our journey to educate the children for their lives.

## A helping hand to Assam Flood victims



The students of The Oxford School Trivandrum lent a helping hand to the victims of the recent flood victims of Assam. Incessant rains had caused severe floods in the state devastating many villages sending hundreds homeless. The Social Service club rose to occasion and exhorted students to donate what they could for the people of Assam. They raised a considerable amount as charity from the students and a share of it was handed over to the representatives of Women's Welfare Foundation of India at the school assembly.

## Mathrubhoomi TVM District Inter-School Badminton Championship-2019

The Mathrubhoomi Trivandrum Dist. Inter-school Badminton Championship was conducted on 9th and 10th November at Toss Academy, Trivandrum under the leadership of The Oxford School. Several schools from the city competed vigorously in the 2 day tournament. Sri Kadakampally Surendran (Hon'ble Minister for Co- Operation, Tourism and Devaswom) was the chief guest of the closing ceremony who gave away the trophies to the winners.

# Oxford Bells

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## CBSE COE joins hands with the The Oxford School

August 8,9 &10 were so glorious with the presence of master trainers, principals and educators who came from across the subcontinent to join the workshop jointly conducted by The Oxford School and CBSE Centre of Excellence. This empowerment programme was directly organised by CBSE CEO, New Delhi to train the master trainers in Career

Counselling. 52 principals and educators participated in the 3 day training programme by Mr. Rahul J Nair and Deep Singh Chawla. Participants who came from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, Chandigarh and Kuwait were amazed by the homely and serene environment of The Oxford School and were full of

praise for the hospitality extended to them during those 3 days.

The 3 day workshop was quite enlightening, enriching and enhancing which concluded with a successful note on Saturday with Mr. Manish Kumar Thyagi, Asst Secretary and Head of CBSE Centre of Excellence distributing the training certificates to the participants.

## Gurus honoured on Teachers' Day

The students led by the student council of The Oxford School, Trivandrum celebrated Teachers' Day 2019 with a good number of programmes to honour 'the lights of knowledge'. Students received their gurus with roses and words of honour at the gate and took over their classes for a few periods. The student-teachers realized how noble and at the same time how hard is the role of a teacher. They honoured all teachers with ponnada on the stage and expressed their gratitude towards them. They enjoyed a few games with the teachers afterwards.

Principal Dr. Abdul Salam exhorted the students to rise to the



occasion and swim along with the currents. They should get rid of the rote-learning habit and become independent learners to grow up-to the expectations of the 21st century. He reminded teachers that the role of teachers had attained a new dimension and they have to facilitate

collaborative and collective learning. They should adopt the modern trends in education and provide children a platform to think logically, boost their creativity and analyse and solve problems on their own.

## CBSE Bharath Sahodaya Youth Fest: The Oxford School bags Overall Championship



The Oxfordians bagged the overall Champions' trophy of CBSE Bharath Sahodaya Complex Youth Festival 'Bharatheeyam 2019' for the third consecutive year. The school also secured category 4 champion's trophy from among 20 schools from Trivandrum, Kollam and

Pathanamthitta which took part in the fest. Bharatheeyam was held at Varkala on October 25th and 26th. Cine artiste and reality show judge Madhu Menon gave away the prizes to the winners at the closing ceremony.

## Toppers honoured



Toppers of CBSE AISCE 2018-19 were honoured by the principal for their outstanding performance. Mohammed Afeef (96.6%) and Prithvi Raj RS (96%) were the overall toppers. Mohammed Afeef also secured 100% marks in Mathematics while Prithvi Raj secured 100% in Social Science. Mohammed Adeeb got 100% marks in Social Science. The school congratulated them on their exemplary performance



## 'YMCA Best School Magazine 2019 Trophy': The Oxford School awarded

'Oxfordium 3.0', the annual magazine of The Oxford School, Trivandrum was awarded a consolation prize by YMCA in the category of Best School Magazine 2019 in a function held on 26.09.2019 at YMCA hall. Among the major schools in the city which participated in the competition, only five schools won awards including The Oxford School Trivandrum. Justice Antony Dominic was the Chief Guest of the award ceremony.



## 'UDHYANAM' Dumpsite Clearance

The Oxford School in association with "UDHYANAM PROJECT", an NGO run under the Govt. of Kerala, and Peroor Nagar Residents Association has cleared a dumpsite at Ambalamukku in the city. The activity was sponsored by 'Haritham', the Eco Club of The Oxford School, Trivandrum.

The Oxford School is extending its community services further to create awareness among the public and to help them lead healthy lives through 'Haritham'. Principal Dr. Abdul Salam, Peroorkkada Councilor P.S Anilkumar, PNRA President Sasidharan Nair also participated.

## English Fest 2019 workshop held.

The Confederation of Kerala Sahodaya complexes conducted a workshop on English Fest 2019 to orient the schools on how to conduct the fest. The workshop was organised by Bharath Sahodaya in collaboration with The Oxford School Trivandrum for the member schools of Trivandrum and Kollam Sahodayas.



## TOST is lead collaborator of HoL

A new initiative from the CBSE to ensure the collaboration among affiliated schools for self improvement and quality enhancement through the sharing of best practices. The Oxford School has been selected the lead collaborator by CBSE to conduct training schedules for the lay out schools.

The school conducted a good number of programmes for the benefit of students and teachers. A workshop on 'Professionalism' led by Col. R.G. Nair was attended by all the five school teachers and principals was one among the various programmes of HoL.



## All the way from France to The Oxford School

The students and teachers of Ecole Jeannine Manuel School, France made their way to Kerala to collaborate with the students of The Oxford School, Trivandrum. This is the second consecutive year that French school is collaborating to exchange cultures, engage in activities like debates, mindfulness

sessions, class observations, teaching and sports tournaments.

The teachers will observe the classes while their students will engage themselves in teaching the middle school children. They will learn Malayalam and teach the Kerala students French.

The students of The Oxford school

conduct special assemblies to depict Indian culture while the French students organise their own assembly to portray their culture and practice. This cultural and scholastic collaboration lasted till 24th October 2019.

## TOST emerges champion of Thoolika'



the third year that the school bags the overall trophy. Mr. N P Chandra sekharan, News

Director, Kairali Channel was the Chief Guest and Mr. Aromal, Manager, Indian Bank was the Guest of Honour of the closing ceremony who gave away the awards along with Mr. Abdul Salam, Principal of The Oxford School and the office bearers of Bharath Sahodaya Complex.

## Store rain water, save future



In connection with 'Water Education mission', the Eco club of The Oxford school, held a campaign on conserving water. Mr. Jacob Punnoose IPS was the chief guest. A very enlightening speech was given by him. Mr. Sreejan, Metro editor, Times of India was the special guest. He also gave a wonderful speech. Mr. Bharath Govind G.S, Director of water Education mission

and project head of 'STHITHI' gave the welcome address followed by the principal's presidential address. A thought provoking orientation on the importance of water conservation was given to the students. The programme concluded with mime by the students of grade 7 conveying the message for conserving water.

## Visit to Integrated Farming Research Centre

The members of the Eco club had the opportunity to visit the Integrated Farming Research Centre on 20th July 2019 which is a unique department in our state. They showed mainly about how they could raise farms even if there are problems like floods which destroy crops. This, even in the darkest of times is an amazing initiative. Children also saw how to minimize and utilize waste materials in numerous ways, different parts of agriculture, minimization of land and

different yet unique methods of irrigation. This gave way to the upcoming of more and more food sources for us and also gave an opportunity for all farmers to get some cash in their names. In addition to the learning part, the sightseeing was spectacular like literally reading a poem. Paddy fields as far as the eyes could see lay under a glaring sun, dense yet lovely trees and the birds were adding charm to the scenery.

## 73rd Independence Day

The Oxford School, Trivandrum observed the 73rd Independence Day of our nation. Principal Dr. Abdul Salam hoisted the flag. On account of the flood calamities, all other celebrations were cancelled.

## World Yoga Day



The Oxford School celebrated International Day of Yoga with an array of activities. The Inauguration of the school Health and Wellness Club was also conducted as part of the event. Leading lifestyle expert, slimming specialist, physician and food therapist Dr. Lalitha Appukuttan (HOD, Naturopathy & Diet Naturals at NIMS Hospital, Trivandrum). was the chief guest of the function.

## Reading maketh wise

Reading Week celebration of The Oxford School, Trivandrum was inaugurated by veteran writer George Onakkoor and C.Udayakala (HoD, Dept of Malayalam, All Saints College, Trivandrum). A multilingual oath taking ceremony was held and a drama was performed by the students as part of the function. As part of the event a book fair was conducted in the school. The week-long celebration also included debates, group reading, book reviews, newspaper reading, and school FM.





# Oxfordians Raise A Question Stand first

The Oxford School has won the Overall Champions trophy of 'Raise a Question' organized by Sahridhaya as part of its 7th year celebration. 60 schools participated in the campaign to raise questions to express their awareness on social and environmental issues in the society. It was a four week campaign and the sessions were engaged by Seminars, Surveys, Debates, Short film Competitions, Versification, Drawing competition, Extempore, Speech, Storytelling, Essay writing, and Questionnaire making contests.

The Oxford School secured many prizes which include first



place in English Versification by Amina Jubair -12AB, First place in Story telling by Saeed Jubair -4B , Second place for Drawing

Competition by Madhav Krishna - 7B. They showcased an outstanding performance in all the items.

## Learning Robotics



Robotics being the focus of learning at the moment, the school collaborated with Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology Trivandrum and conducted a workshop on 21st September 2019. Scholars from IIST, conducted the workshop with arduino kit and the arduino programming code. An advanced version of traffic control was developed and the programme had a fruitful effect upon the students' works. 21 students from Grade 6 to Grade 9 participated in the workshop. IIST issued participation certificates for all the students. As a result of this workshop, Shreya Santhosh of grade 8 A developed an 'Arduino Radar' which was demonstrated at the Oxpo 2019.

# Oxfordians join Relief work

The students, teachers and parents of The Oxford School, once again joined hands together to stretch out to the needy suffering from the devastating recent flood in Kerala. They collected various relief materials and handed over to the collection centre functioning in SMV school Trivandrum. The school principal thanked the students, teachers and parents for their whole hearted help and



kindness shown to the flood victims.

## Gladiator 2019

The Oxford School Trivandrum conducted the first series of the inter-school football tournament named Gladiator 2019 for the schools of Trivandrum. Eight teams participated in it and the spectators watched a tough game with the teams getting stronger one another every now and then. Finally, the game was between Jyothis Central School and MGM school. The breathtaking performance of the teams put the audience at a loss to predict the winner. Though MGM tried

their best to hit, Jyothis kept their energy up and kept scoring 3 goals against zero and emerged the Champions of Gladiator 2019. The host school, The Oxford School, stood in the third position.

Mr. P.G George (Kerala Santhosh Trophy Coach and Manager, Travancore Titanium sports Officer and Captain of Kerala Junior Football Team) and principal Dr. Abdul Salam gave away the trophies and prizes to the winners.

## Welcome back to school



June stood at the door and smiled at the curious faces and extended a warm welcome to all to the new academic year 2019-20. Many in their elegant uniform smiled back and went inside their alma mater with lot of expectations and curiosity. Many thoughts had conquered their minds. Some were thinking of starting a new phase of their school life while a few others were wondering who would be their class teachers. They were glad to see their teachers standing and smiling at them. They greeted all and went to their respective classes. The whole school looked a new with decorations and some new faces as well. The day went on well with their teachers and friends engaging in conversations and setting up of their plans for the new academic year.



Sri. Nedumudi Venu releasing the logo of 'Thoolika', the literary fest of CBSE Bharath Sahodaya Complex.

## Teacher Empowerment

The empowerment programmes of this academic year for the teaching community was based on the theme 'Experiential Learning' as prescribed by CBSE in order to help children experience their learning and apply it in their real life situations. The training sessions of this academic year was kickstarted by Principal with a full day workshop on experiential learning. It was followed by Vice Principal's 'Learning Made Visible'. All



teachers actively participated in all the training programmes and they even conducted a session each on different topics during the 2 week training programmes. External trainers like Mr. James Richard, NIMS Dubai and others also conducted several programmes for teachers besides the training programmes conducted directly by CBSE CoE for various disciplines from time to time. These compulsory workshops and training sessions empower the teaching community to give their best to the students to enable them to learn for their lives.

## Life Skill Camp

Life skill is the ability for adaptive and positive behavior that enables humans to deal effectively with the demands and challenges of the life. Indeed it is nothing other than psychosocial competency. So as the prime intention was to develop such skills into the brave new minds of children the 'Life Skill Club of Oxford school conducted some effective programmes fulfilling the needs. On 3rd of August at 2 in the noon it all began with very exciting and fulfilled activities such as personality boosting activities, quizzes, camping and cooking.

## British Council ISA award

Keeping ahead with the need of the time and to stay connected with the 'Internationalism', the school is gearing up the ISA award. The third phase of ISA is on track with the vision of upgrading the Alma mater to an international by elite school.



## Parent Orientation

An orientation program for the parents for all the grades in the school was organized on the first week of June. The aim was to familiarize the parents as 'partners in progress' with the curriculum, rules and regulations of the school, teaching methodologies and the co-scholastic activities. The orientation program laid stress on the holistic development of the child which is the main aim and objective of the school. Furthermore, parents of the higher

graders were briefed about the guidelines of the pattern of examination and were made aware about the Formative and Summative techniques of evaluation along with the CBSE experiential learning mode. The respective teachers gave detailed information about the learning parameters and stressed upon the innovative teaching and learning methodologies followed in school.







# Annual Sports Meet - 2019

The Annual Sports Meet of 2019 of The Oxford School, Trivandrum was conducted with great spirit and fervour at the University stadium on 30.07.2019. The meet began with the Principal hoisting the flag followed lighting the torch. The Sports Captain and Vice captain along with House Captains carried the torch around the stadium as a marking of the events. All participants took the oath dictated

by the Sports Captain. Students displayed various gymnastic shows which sent goosebumps to everyone present there. All Oxfordians enthusiastically took part in all athletic events and the principal congratulated all the participants, winners, teaching and non-teaching staff for their unfailing spirit of cooperation and collaboration.



## Cultural Fiesta held to celebrate Onam

The tradition of Kerala Onam celebrations was re-created at The Oxford School, Trivandrum to sensitize the children about Onam and the legendary behind it. Mahabali and Vamana appeared before

Various games such as Uriyadi, tug-of-war, biting the buns, eating hot chillies, filliping the bottles etc were organised as part of the celebrations.

The principal in his speech



the audience in their respective costumes and presented the story behind Onam celebrations.

Children presented various traditional art forms such as Vallamkali, Thiruvathira, Onappattu, Chendamalam, Pulikali etc.

exhorted the children to put a limit to every celebration and think about those who cannot celebrate Onam because of the recent floods and do whatever they could for them joining hands with the Charity Club of the school.

## Investiture Ceremony



The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2018-19 was held on the 28th of June 2019. The chief guest for the event was Rtd Colonel R.G.Nair.

The ceremony began with the recitation of the school prayer followed by the welcome note by principal and inaugural address by the Chief Guest Rtd Colonel Mr. R.G Nair. The student leadership role was conferred upon Master. Mohammed Naseer as School Head boy, Ms. Salma Afra as School Head Girl,

Master Dany Jerald as Deputy Head boy, Ms. Mariam Jaeza as Deputy Head Girl, as along with the house captaincy for the four houses in the school. Master Mohammed Adeb and Ms.Kubra Madhoomi (Topaz house), Master Amal Sabeer and Ms. Shifana (Emerald house), Master Mohammed Afeef and Ms. Devanjana (Ruby house), Master Mohammed Sulthan and Ms. Shaistha Fatima (Sapphire house) too their oath and pledged themselves as the house captains.



Education doesn't simply mean the ability to read and write, it is a wide term used to describe the complete

## A Kaleidoscope from Past to Present

the children. Keeping the pragmatic approach of learning for more than a course of ten years The Oxford School,



process of development. Education in today's scenario aims at the holistic development of

Trivandrum has again hit the chart with the yearly social-cultural-scientific visual bonanza



'OXPO2019' on 2nd November. The fest had the initiation ceremony with Mrs. Sobhana George, Vice Chairperson Khadi

journey in the show. Inclination to the cultural heritage was assured via various academic pavilions' meanwhile the social outreach of the



Board as the chief guest and Mrs. Arundhati Devi, HOD Swathy Thirunal college of Music as the guest of honor. Starting from the quill to the latest technology of virtual reality was a real

venture was made very visible with the clubbing of various NGOS. The fun entity of the fest marked its brim at the games corner along with the tummy's delight at OLA.



## Principal Award

The Principal Award, given to the meritorious scholars who stood on top of all throughout the academic year, was introduced last academic year to honour and motivate outstanding students who excel in

their scholastic performance. Students from grades 5 to 12 are eligible for this award. Siddique Jubair (6A), Sreya Thushar (5A) and Sreya Santhosh (7A ) qualified themselves for the award.

## Sky isn't the limit...

On 10th of October Mr. John Vivian Prasanth a scientist from ISRO came to visit the Oxford school with regard to Space Week Celebrations. The principal cordially welcomed the

distinguished guest. In the school auditorium Mr. John Vivian delivered an interactive session on the milestones achieved by ISRO. The programme was diligently handled by Mrs. Sheeba with all her

might. Mrs. John Vivian by his eloquence caught the young minds of the Oxford school and the guest received a standing ovation, it was a thunderous applause.



## Open Door Assessments

An external assessment methodology based on MCQ was introduced by the school for the first time in the academics streamtitled as Open Door Assessment. The key concept of the assessment is to stream up the critical thinking, problem solving skills among students. As of now 2 sets of ODA's are conducted in the school.

Up coming Events	WORLD SCIENCE DAY	ANNUAL DAY
	FITNESS WEEK CELEBRATIONS	LIFE SKILL CAMPS
	CHILDREN'S DAY	EDUCATIONAL TOURS
	MATHEMATICS WEEK	REPUBLIC DAY
	ANNUAL GAMES MEET	WORLD CANCER DAY