

Activity Report of Gujarat Houses of Mary Immaculate for the F. Y. 2023-24

EDUCATION

St. Francis De Sales English Medium School, Thasra

Praveshotsav : In the beginning of the academic year 2023-24 we organized a program for the new Students. Bishop Ratnaswami was invited. to motivate them. He prayed and blessed them. We expressed our respect and gratitude with bouquet and a Shawl It was a new day for the new students so Bishop motivated them to study well, hard work and form a good conduct. He also gave some important instructions about school life and in order to make their future bright and successful one.



Investiture ceremony: 15/06/2023

We organized investiture ceremony for appointing the students council of school. On that day the manager of ther School, Sr. Varsha and principal Sr. Rita introduced and appointed Angelina as a head girl and Mitesh as a head boy of the school. On the same day we divided students into different committees. They were happy to hold some responsibilities in the school.



Yoga Din: 21/06/2023

On 21st June 2023 S.F.S High school celebrated 9th international Yoga day. The event began with a brief introduction on yoga day by teachers. Warm up exercises were taken and all students performed sitting and standing Asanas, importance of these Asanas were explained simultaneously.



Teachers' Training : 24/06/2023

On 24th June 2023 we organized a teacher's training program to improve the teaching skills of the teachers. Fr. Thomas Mathew was the resource person for this program. He conducted the session with Power Point presentation. It was very interesting and Educative. He started session by provoking them to think about aims and goals for teachers and students.

Singing Competition: 22/07/2023



On 22nd July 2023 we had organized patriotic song competition. In this competition students were divided into four groups. Red, yellow, green and blue.

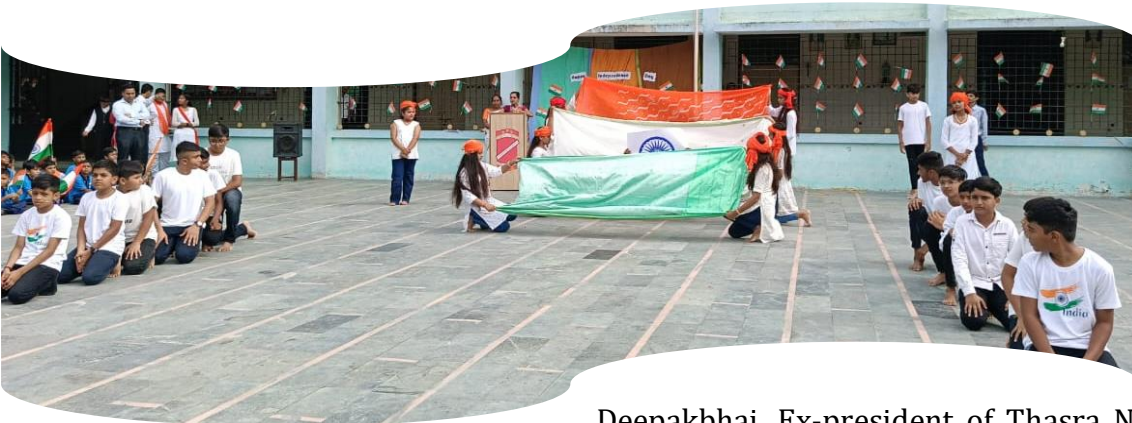
Drawing Competition



All students of Std. 6 to 10th took part in this competition. As per the instruction given by the Gujarat Government, the theme was G 20- one earth, one family, one future.

After at school level competition, Haya & Nandini were selected to go for Taluka level competition. Haya got cash award. Nandini from 10th Std. got 1st number at Taluka level

Independence Day: 15/08/2023



Deepakbhai, Ex-president of Thasra Nagarpalika was the chief guest for the flag hoisting ceremony. After the Flag hoisting there was a cultural program giving message of unity in diversity..

Raksha Bandhan Celebration: 29/8/2023



Rakshabandha was celebrated by tiny tots of Nursery and Pre- Primary students.

Teachers Day: 05/09/2023



Various programs such as dance, drama & speech were organized by the students. The teachers were given gifts by the management as a token of love & encouragement for their hard work.

Cleanliness Abhiyan: 02/10/2023



On the occasion Gandhi Jayanti, our school organized cleanliness program. In spite of being a Sunday, many students of high school & upper primary with the teachers joined together & cleaned the whole campus & surroundings of the school.

Parents Meeting: 14/10/2023



The P.T.A Meeting of Std. 6 to 8 was held in our school. The resource person was Dr. Fr. Vinayak Jadav, the principal of St. Xavier's college Ahmedabad. He, in his speech motivated the parents how to take care of their children. He gave some

examples of famous personalities & their struggles. All participants were very happy.

Another P.T.A meeting of class 3 to 4 was held & Mr. Isudas Emil, the resource person shared his ideas & there was lively and effective discussion and interaction with parents. He explained them how to deal with children at home through the example of potter who makes a pot with a great care. He proposed some suggestions to the parents.

Diwali celebration: Rangoli Competition: 08/11/2023



Prior to the celebration a Rangoli competition was organized for all students from Junior K. G. to Std. 10th. They prepared very attractive and beautiful rangoli design.

Motivational Seminar for class: 06/12/2023



We organized a Motivational seminar conducted by Fr. Francis Chinnapa and his team, K.S.S.S Ahmedabad. The After the introduction, they started seminar by PPT presentation about Education. The main topic of seminar was to make them stress free during the exam. After that they presented one concentration game to the students in which they

showed three four actions and after that students were asked to remember it and do the

same. They gave some suggestions about how to make study more interesting. They presented one action game for the students at the end of the seminar.

Various Competitions: 20/12/2023

We organized card making competition for K.G section and class 1 to 4, star making competition 5 to 7 class and Christmas tree making competition for class 8 to 10. on 20/12/2023. All the students were very enthusiastic to participate in various competitions. All of them were given prizes.



Christmas Celebration: 23/12/2023



The Christmas was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. The school was fully decorated with stars, lighting & some other decoration. There was cultural program. The stage was sponsored by Mr. Masuri Saiyad, one of the parents. The Christmas message was conveyed by Mr. Sharadbhai, the chief Guest of the day, Pastor of Methodist Church. Everyone was served a piece of cake. The teaching and Non-teaching staff of the school was given Christmas gifts.

Olympiad G.K. Exam: 08/01/2024



Our school was also participated in National level G.K. exam for the students of class one to class 10 organized by GEBCI (Gujarat Education Board of Christian Institution) on 8th January

2024. There were 76 students. They sent question papers and OMR Sheets ten days before exam.

Mother Daughter health & hygiene program: 08/01/2024



We organized a health and hygiene program for the girls of class 8th to 10th. This program was conducted by Procter and gamble Organization, by Mrs. Falguni Soni. She started the program with basic introduction about this topic. After that she presented one short movie regarding this topic. She also gave some instructions about how to maintain balance between health and hygiene.

Republic day: 26/01/2024



The 75th Republic day of India was celebrated with great joy and pride. Mr. Bhavinbhai Patel, the President of Nagar Palika was the Chief Guest. We had Flag Hoisting Ceremony and Mach past followed by a cultural program.

10th Farewell: 22/02/2024

A farewell program was held for the students of class 10. The Programme started with a prayer. There was a cultural program performed by the students. The students of class 10th shared their experiences about all the teachers and school. At the end of program the manager Sr. Varsha, addressed the students of class 10th and wished them for their bright future. At the end they were given a file and a pen to each as a token of love and appreciation.

Inauguration of Kids' Park: 22/02/2024



Kids' Park for the pre-schoolers was our dream. It came true with much when During Fr. Justin, the principal of Sacchidananda inaugurated it on 22-02 2024. The children were overjoyed to play in it with Swings and Ramps etc..

Certificate Distribution Ceremony: 30/03/2024



In January 2024, a General Knowledge Exam was organized by "Deepika Children's League" by GEBCI. Many of our students took part in it and bagged prizes. Some got certificates, and medals and two of our students got cash awards. At the end of academic year 2023-24 we organized certificate distribution ceremony and the prizes were distributed. We congratulate the teachers who prepared them for this exam.

SOCIAL WORK CENTER

Asha Niketan Social Work 2023 - 24

This year we experienced the loss of one of our pioneering staff who suddenly passed away on May 19th 2023. she had some health complaints. She was a very good leader in the society.

It was a great shock for all of us. But as the time heals everything, so with the work has moved ahead.

- Credit co-operative run by tribal women, have 7000 members now. We continually support them with our guidance.



On 22nd January 20 women from Pen visited our mission for exposure program, to learn about co-operative and the other village activities. They had positive response. They appreciated our social work activities.

From 1st January we began the project of organic farming. 180 farmers of 6 villages each village 30 are enrolled in the project.



The first activity of training the staff and survey is completed and on 24th February we had our first training program by Francisbhai and Arjunbhai who are involved in organic farming and has their own center at Anand known as Shruti Organic. This program included the method to get green certificate for the farmers.

On 18th of February 6 staff members were sent to Anand Krushi organic university for organic farming training. On 8th March 15 women were taken to Gandhinagar for women's day celebration at Diocesan level.



Women's Day Celebration at Asha Niketan Social Work Centre

On 9th March Women's Day was celebrated at Asha Niketan. 450 women were present on this occasion. Mr. P.S Asari a very good social worker and retired Class one officer and Maganbhai, retired police commissioner were called as chief guest on this occasion. They motivated women to rise up for their own rights especially as Adivasi.

Jeevandhara Social work center

The Sarvodaya Mahila Bechat and Diran Sahakari Mandali is growing gradually to its maturity. Its main goal is to help the poor women for self-help, empowerment, live with respect and dignity and to achieve the social, political and economic development. Women are aware that through the savings they can be self-sufficient and do a lot for their family and children specially the girl child. Also they can bring about changes, transformation and break the social boundaries. There are 1061 members. Many women take loan to educate their children, to do business, build house and they become self-sufficient.

On 2nd August 12, a one day seminar was conducted by our Social work Team in our Centre for a group of women who were brought by a religious sister for an exposure program. Mrs. Vasumati one of the office staff, gave an input session on the need of the Cooperative Society and what are the benefits of it. Other committee members shared their experience of the benefit and the development they could make in their personal life and family by being the members of the Cooperative Society. It was an enriching experience for both the centers. Two of our women along with Sr. Vidhya went to Radhanpur to conduct a meeting and give awareness program on Cooperative Society and its benefit.

On 8th March Women's day 10 of our women from the center participated in Women's day program conducted in Pethapur the women of Arch Diocese of Gandhinagar. One of them received an award from the Arch Bishop of Gandhinagar Arch Diocese for her dedicated service in the field of Social work.

WELFARE CENTERS

JEEVANDHARA HOSTEL:

In Jeevandhara hostel, we take care of tribal girls of Aravalli and Sabharkantha districts, Gujarat. We had 58 students in our hostel during the Financial Year 2023-24.

We have students from standard 5th to 12th. Majority of the students were in 11 & 12 standard for science stream. We create a conducive atmosphere for the overall development of the students of our hostel. We help them to develop their knowledge and skills by different activities in the hostel. They are studying in the parish school. They are given extra tuitions in the school after the school ours. We celebrate different festivals such as Diwali, Navratri, Holi, and Christmas. Thrice in a year, we organize the seminar for student on personality development and how to progress in study.

Seminar: There was a seminar for our hostel students on personality development by Mr. Ishudasbhai from Maninagar, Ahmedabad. It was very enriching seminar. On the same day, some of our catholic students took part in the written Bible quiz, organized by Archdiocese of Gandhinagar.

Celebrations

Independence Day



15th August we celebrated the Independence Day in our hostel. Our hostel students performed patriotic skit, dance, songs and speech. This celebration helped them to unite themselves to one another and a deeper love and respect for the country.

Diwali Celebration at Jeevandhara hostel



7th November we celebrated the festival of Diwali with our students. To mark this celebration of Diwali we organized the Diya making and Rangoli competition. The best performers were

given the prizes. Also the prayer service was organized to make the celebration more meaningful and pray for our country.

Children's day: We conducted Games and action songs on Children's Day Celebration:



Girl child day:



We celebrated girl child day. Children performed the dance and drama on inner capacity of a girl which made them aware of our inner freedom and to live a dignified life as a woman. Sr. V. G. Mary delivered a message at the end of the program, saying be strong you have a lot of potentiality within you.

Christmas Celebration



We celebrated before the Christmas vacation began, giving the student's a message of true love and joy.

Our students take part in various activities of the school such as sports, various competitions, NCC and school annual day. There is a tremendous growth in our children.



One Day Picnic



We had taken the students for a day of outing which gives them an opportunity to gain different experiences as well as to see the different places, enjoy, and relax. It was indeed as important as their studies and a day of rejoicing. They enjoyed well.

Shanti Nivas Boarding - 2023 – 2024

The new academic year began on 5th June, 2023. We had 61 children in the boarding. They were from 6th to 12th standard. Students were from near and far away villages and a few from city of Ahmedabad. Most of the students belong to Thakor Cast. Many children are from the poor family and with various family problems. Sisters render their service to the boarding children around the clock. The children are given support – guidance and if needed counseling. Some poor children are helped with notebooks, bag and clothes. Tuition classes were arranged for the children. This year 4 girls from 12th and 13th girls from 10th standard gave Board Exam. All 12th standard students passed with good percentage and two of the 10th standard students failed in one subject. Others all passed with good percentage and one of them stood first in the school with 94 percentages. The following activities were organized for the development of children in the year 2023 - 2024.

World Environment Day



On 5th June the World Environment Day they planted many trees all around the boarding premises and they were happy to do it as they were given awareness of taking care of the environment.

On Yoga Day we had Yoga section at 6 o'clock in the morning. All the girls participated in the Yoga and was given the importance of Yoga for a good health of Body and mind.



Prior to the girl child day celebration on 8th September many competition were organized. Such as as Mehendi competition - Hair style competition etc... on 15th July there was a solo singing competition. Many sang patriotic songs with melodiously.



Mehndi Competition



Hairstyle Competition

To gain self-confidence and remove the stage fear, elocution competition was held on 19th July in different topic. (empowerment of girl child, abortion, modern daughter in law and mother in law) 17 girls took part in it. It was inspiring and educative.

Girl-child Day Celebration



On 9th September Girl Child Day was celebrated. There was a cultural program prepared by the girls. All the winners of different competitions were given gifts. They also brought out the struggles of a girl has to face through a beautiful drama.



2nd October to mark the “**swachhata abhiyan.**” We had the cleaning of surroundings and the boarders did it with full vigor and enthusiasm.

Many girls took part in district level basketball competition. 4 girls went to play in state level. Primary school students were taken for one day seminar on Value of leadership at Umreth. went to Umreth for the one day seminar.





Diwali Celebration

In the boarding different celebration are held. Before going for Diwali holidays we celebrated Diwali by a beautiful prayer service Conducted by Sr. Leema and 12th standard students. Students made beautiful rangoli.

Christmas celebration was conducted by different cultural program and also boarders enacted the birth of Jesus Christ giving beautiful Christmas message. At the end of the program all the girls were given Christmas gift sponsored by one of the parents.



Christmas Celebration

On 2nd January there was a farewell function for Pranjalben as she was married and had to leave the boarding. Girls expressed their gratitude sharing their experience with her and gave a beautiful gift to her. She also expressed her achievements as the boarding warden. She gave all the student Sumptuous meal. Next day she left us to go-to her in-laws house.

Besides all these we give personal attention to each student in the Boarding. Counseling and carrier guidance are given according to their needs.

Farewell function - In March before the board exam began farewell was given to 10th and 12th class students. There was a cultural program. Each outgoing students shared their experience in the boarding and the values which they gained during their stay here. Each one of them was given gift. They appreciated our boarding atmosphere and values they gained for their life. At the end of March, after their board exam they all left for home.

Annual Exam started on 4th April and after finishing their exam by 18th April all left for holidays.

Asha Niketan Boarding:

This academic year 190 girls are in the boarding. Under the guidance and hard work of Srs. Sushila, Sr.Anita Leoni and Sr.Anita John students had greate opportunity to have an overall development in their lives.. Sr.Anita John and Sr.Anita Leoni were taking coaching classes for the students. Children are given tuition classes by other outside teachers as well. They were also given moral and value education classes. Different activities are held in the boarding to recognize and develop their talents and aptitudes. **Celebrations in the Boarding**

Yoga day



Girl Child day





For Christmas celebration 40 poor children were given dress as a Christmas gift and all the children were given a note book, pen and bathing soap as Christmas gift.



Motivation classes also were arranged for children especially for 10th and 12th standard students. Isudasbhai and Kripa teacher one of the staff of St.Xavier's school were the resource persons for the seminar.

One seminar was kept for the Parents of boarding students. On 24th February one day session was organized for boarding girls on the Topic" My day today life". Fr. Arock Principal of Gomtipur School was the resource person. On 5th March a fare well program was arranged for 10th and 12th standard students of the boarding.

This year 2023-24, 37 students from our boarding had their board exam. Children are trying their best to get good result in the exam and Sr. Sushila is continually following them in their study.



We have supported 10 boarding children with boarding fees and 3 students for school fees. We continue to support children for their study material, especially for books and stationary. 5 nursing students are supported by us for their academic fees.

St. Joseph Boarding, Umreth:

In order to promote and enhance girls education we run St. Joseph boarding, through which the girls from rural area can avail good and value based education. During the academic year 2023-24 we had 85 girl children in our boarding from standard 5th to 12th. Most of the admissions were to the 11th science and commerce. The girls come from ST, SC and OBC.



Besides providing boarding and lodging to the children, we provide them with opportunities for all round development. Seminars on health and hygiene, sex education, work- shop on personality development were conducted during the year. Parents meeting was arranged in order to facilitate the students education better and make parents aware of their responsibility in the all-around growth and development of children.

Seminar on Awareness of exploitation and discrimination of the girl children, trafficking of girls etc... were provided during the year.

Girl child day celebration: Girl Child Day was celebrated with various programs like, singing competition speech completion dance competition, rangoli; drawing and competition which helped them to bring out their skills and build self-confidence besides making them aware of their dignity as a girl child. All the winners were given prizes. All students are given personal attention



Parents meeting: Fr. Vinayak S.J addressed the parents and explained their important role and responsibility to words their children in their upbringing.

Children were taken for one day picnic for a day of relaxation and to learn more of give and take and how to care for each other when we are in a group

HEALTH CENTERS

We have three health centers in Gujarat Houses of Mary Immaculate. They are Asha Niketan Health Centre, Bhiloda, Our Lady's Health Centre, Umreth and Shanti Nivas Health Centre, Thasra. Through our Health Centers, we are enabled to take care of the poor people of nearby village.

ASHA NIKETAN HEALTH CENTRE, BHILODA



Every day in our health center 40 to 50 patients come for treatment, from near and far villages, and many cases are from Rajasthan.

This year about 750 patients per month were treated in our health center. And during the year, 7913 patients were attended by our sisters.

Sr. Elseena and Sr. Agnes continue to give them guidance to patients and their relatives who come with them to the health center regarding maintaining a better health, hygiene and counseling when required.

any patients' relatives take the medicine to stop alcohol, and have positive result after 2 or 3 doze.

Besides the service in the health center, sisters visit the families where there is alcoholism and devastation in the families. Sisters give instruction to the family members how to administer this Ayurveda medicine to the one who is alcoholic. Patients are given guidance and counseling on their visit to the dispensary regarding personal and environmental hygiene.

SHANTI NIVAS HEALTH CENTRE: Thasra

Shanti Nivas Health Centre is run for the poor people. The patients come from nearby villages. The poor people have no means to go to big hospitals. People come mainly for general diseases like fever, cold & cough, anemia, diarrhea. Majority of them are with skin diseases like scabies, eczema, psoriasis, blisters, itching and herpes- zoster,



There were 1228 mail and 1086 female patients, came to our health center during the year 2023-24.

OUR LADY'S HEALTH CENTRE:

On an average of 30-40 patients come to our health center daily. Our center takes care of the poor and the marginalized people who come with various minor diseases like fever, cold cough, Skin diseases, anemia, worm-infestation etc. Sterility cases are given counseling and treatment often they get a good result of this treatment. Our center is known for treatment of skin diseases. Many patients from far and wide come here for skin disease treatment. During the year 2023-24 we treated 13000 patients in our center .

HIV/Aids



Every four Month patients come together to share their experience of life. They are around 70 patients who are registered. They are given guidance and counseling. Tonics and some food materials are supplied to them. Family visits and coming together helps them to share their struggles and suffering which strengthens them to endure their sufferings and also give them hope and meaning.

We are grateful to the Almighty for all His graces and blessings that we could reach out to the poor and marginalized to help them in various ways. We express our gratitude to all our benefactors, supporters and all sisters and staff for their hard work, commitment and total dedication that brought success to all our activities. We are grateful to our Provincial Superior and her team for their support and encouragement. We extend our gratitude to our Auditors for their timely help and guidance.

