**ACHARYA VIDYA KULA**

**REPORT FOR 2013**

(January to December 2013)

In our eighteenth year, we have on our rolls 519 students in Standards I to X inclusive. Along with the Principal and Vice-Principal we have 36 fulltime teachers and 4 part–time professionals.

We welcomed Smt. D. Sandhya to teach English in place of Smt. Parvathi who left us. We also welcomed Smt Shruthi Swaroop to teach Science.

We thank Kum. Ashwini Arun, an alumnus, for teaching English for a month till we appointed a teacher.

Our Founder Patron, Sri.V.Siddharthacharry, has handled *Dharmamananam* a course in Value Education for Class VIII with Sri. Krishnamurthy, who is a Physics teacher. AVK Secretary, Smt. Vijaya Satish, has been handling Shakespearean Drama for Standards VIII, IX and X. Sri. L.Jayaram Haravu has taken a few interesting Library Sessions for students.

This year, Sports Activities were coordinated by Sports Mentor, a professional group. Specialized coaches trained our students in four different disciplines – football, basket ball, cricket and athletics.

Five new computers were added to the Computer Lab this year. The paving of the pathways was completed. This has helped in keeping the campus neat and tidy as also free from water logging due to rain.

We thank all our well–wishers who have made it possible for us to improve the infrastructure on the campus; particularly to Sri Vishnu Dusad and Smt Madhu Dusad of M/s Karma Yogi Holding Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

We have continued to add new books to the existing collection of valuable books in our library. This year the concept of Class Library was introduced in Classes III, IV & V. Children in these classes have greatly benefited by the collection of books made accessible to them in their respective classrooms. Audiovisual resources are also kept constantly updated.

Students continue to enjoy the Smart Class facility, where they have a visual experience of theoretical concepts taught in class.

Senior students are exposed to hands-on practical sessions in the three well- equipped Science laboratories and in the computer lab.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**ICSE Class X Results**- Our eleventh batch of 43 students took the ICSE Board Examination at the end of Class X in March. They performed brilliantly. Chi Abhay Kaushik was the School Topper scoring an overall percentage of 94.3%. Fourteen students scored an overall percentage of over 90%. Abhay Kaushik scored cent percent marks in Mathematics.

**Children’s Movement for Civic Awareness (CMCA)**- This programme for the students of Std VIII has been continued under the guidance of Sri. P.V. Ramdas, city coordinator. They participated in several activities concerning civic awareness, winning the prize for Best School Profile for the year 2012 – 13, among all such clubs in Mysore.

**Club Activity** The following activities were conducted English Literary Club for standard VI; Quiz for Std VII; *Dharmamananam* for standard VIII and Sports and Games for Standards IX and X.

**Activity Hour** Class teachers continue using this hour for the all-round development of their pupils.

**Personality Development Programme and Career Guidance**- The School Counsellor, Dr. Rashmi Kacker conducted a Personality Development Programme for Std X students. The sessions, entitled ‘I can’, included tips on time management, effective study techniques, stress management and so forth.

Dr. H.V. Raghunandan of J.S.S. College of Pharmacy addressed students of Std X at our campus about career opportunities in Pharmaceutical Science.

Dr. S. Dandapani, former Professor of Regional Institute of Education, Mysore, spoke to the students of Std X giving them suggestions on confidence building and choosing the apt course for higher study.

Dr. H.N. Vishvanath conducted an introductory course for NTSE for the students of Std IX.

**Assessments**- Continuous Assessments and Grading has been followed for stds I to V. Regular tests and examinations were conducted for stds VI to X.

**Assembly Programmes**- All Sections continue to present their Assembly Programmes by turns, once a week. The efforts of each class and class teacher were commendable. In the Senior Assembly, the daily News Reading continued. During November it was in Kannada. Weekly student’s talks as also Book Reviews continued in the Senior Assembly. In both the Junior and Senior Assemblies, Teacher’s Talks and singing of Sanskrit songs were kept up.

**Jyotsna Haravu Samskrutha Puraskara**- Awards, instituted by Sri. L. Jayaram Haravu of the Haravu Charitable Trust, were presented to Toppers in Sanskrit in Stds VI to X (2012 – 13). The winners this year were

Ananyashree – Std VI, Redhi – Std VII, Ananya.H.S. – Std VIII, Chaitra Bekal – Std IX, Abhay Koushik and Amruthavarshini – Std X.

**Smt Padma Haravu Memorial Mathematics Award**- Awards instituted by Sri.L. Jayaram Haravu were presented to toppers in Mathematics in standards VI to X (2012–13). The winners this year were

Ananyashree.G. – Std VI, Anurag Anand Vaidya – Std VII, Ananya.H.S. – Std VIII, Shreevari.S.P. – Std IX and Abhay Koushik – Std X.

**Best Students Awards**- Awards instituted by Dr. Satish.H.V., parent of one of our students, was presented.

**Inter – House English Drama Competition**- This event has been introduced by Smt Padmini Sridhar, Treasurer AVK, she has also instituted a Rolling Trophy. This was the third edition of the event. **Aaruni and Upamanyu House** jointly won the Trophy. Bhowmick of Std X and Ashel Mascaranhas of Std X won the Best Actor and Best Actress prize respectively. Nikhil Bharadwaj of Std IX was awarded a special appreciation prize.

**Sports**- Events were organized for students and teachers. The Basket Ball Match for the trophy instituted by Smt and Sri Vijayan was held. **Upamanyu House** won the trophy. Annual Sports Meet was inaugurated by Sri Mallikarjuna Shastry, Rtd Principal of Somani B.Ed College. The Trophy for overall performance was won by **Nachiketa House** – sub - junior section **Aaruni House** – junior section and **Nachiketha and Shwethakethu House** – senior section. The event was sponsored by Sri Rashmi Gandhi of Alpha Stationery and Book House, Mysore.

In the junior section, **Aaruni House** won the trophy for the Cricket Match and for Kho Kho.

In the Senior Section, **Shwethakethu House** won the trophy for Football and for Throwball. **Aaruni House** won the trophy for March Past. The Individual Championship went to Abhay Rudradev of Std X and Safa Ameena of Std IX in the Senior section and in the junior section Vishnu Bharadwaj and Rakshitha of Std VIII.

Sports Mentor organized an Inter–House Football tournament for Stds VI, VII and VIII. The winners Boys - **Upamanyu House**, Girls - **Aaruni House**.

A group of 35 students were trained in Athletics, Basket Ball and Football and participated in the Inter-ICSE Schools State Level Championships at Bangalore.

Shravan Kumar, an alumnus, volunteered to coach the Basket Ball team.

**Educational Trips**- Students of Stds IX and X visited the Edinburgh Science Festival held at Bangalore. They had hands-on experience of handling models in all branches of Science.

Students of Std VIII visited an Exhibition at CFTRI and the exhibits of CSIR on the theme ‘Science with a purpose’.

Students of Std VII visited the Master Control Facility, a unit of ISRO at Hassan, and then the architectural wonders at Beluru and Halebeedu.

Economics students of Std X visited Decorative Laminates to study the Factors of Production.

The School Management kindly organized an outing for all Staff Members to B.R.Hills.

**Spelling Bee Contest**- The event, sponsored by Kum. Ashwini Arun, alumnus of Acharya Vidya Kula was conducted for students of stds V to X.

**Scholastic Book Exhibition**- Schoolastic India Pvt Ltd, organized a Book Exhibition in the school campus in January.

**Bridge Course**- An introductory course in Sanskrit was conducted for the new students of standards II to V in June.

**Handwriting Improvement**- A course in proper use of ink-pen and handwriting was conducted for the students of Std IV by Smt Sumathi.

**Homecoming**- A get-together of the alumni was held on the second Saturday of July. About 80 members attended. The Alumni Association has launched some AVK Merchandise; mugs, polos and T–Shirts under the initiative of the President of the Association, Sri Ashwin Dange.

**Routine Medical Check–up**- Dr. Nandini kindly conducted the Routine Medical Examination of all our students. TMN consultants have continued to provide a Nurse on the campus to take care of First Aid.

**Literary and Cultural Events**- These events have been held in the school regularly to encourage students to participate and hone their talents.

**Talent Search Exams**- Our students participated in the following

ASSET conducted by Educational Initiatives, National Talent Search Exam, Catch Them Young conducted by Infosys, Science Olympiad, Talent Search Exam conducted by Karnataka ICSE Schools Association, Spot - the - Talent conducted by SPI and the UN Information test conducted by the United Schools Organisation.

**Interactive Sessions**- The students of Std X had the opportunity of attending a lecture on ‘Mars – the next human destination’, by Sri Guruprasad from ISRO, Bangalore At De Paul International Residential School.

Sri. Pawar from K.R. Nagar presented a demonstration of making handmade paper from household wastes to the students of Stds VI to X.

**School Web Site**- Sri.L.Jayaram Haravu, its progenitor, has continued to update and upgrade our Web Site. PathFinders for the benefit of teachers and students have been added in various subjects.

**Shakas /Houses**- The four Houses continue to participate in friendly competition in various events. School leaders were inducted by Sri Harish Machaiah, Management consultant and trainer. This year, the School Captain was Sneha.M. of Std X and the Vice –Captain Ananya.H.S. of Std IX.

The designations of House Leaders are-

**Aaruni House**

House Mistresses – Smt Tharadevi & Kum. Radhika.P.S.

House Captain – Naren Kulkarni of Std X

House Vice - Captain – Shankar Narayan of Std IX

Junior School V- Captains – Sanjana Kashyap & P. Sukruth of Std V

**Nachiketa House**

House Mistress Damayanthi Patedar & House Master Sri Chandrashekar.K.S.

House Captain – Abhay Rudradev.M.D. Std X

House Vice - Captain – Supreeth.L.Y. Std IX

Junior School V- Captains – Shishira Gopal & Megha.S.Gowda of Std V

**Shwetaketu House**

House Mistrsses – Smt Lalitha.T.K. & Smt Suchethana.B.C.

House Captain – Sachin Siddhartha Std X

House Vice - Captain – Sainand Std IX

Junior School V- Captains – Srija.S.Acharya & Harshith Prasad.M.S. of Std V

**Upamanyu House**

House Mistresses – Smt Meenakshi.K. & Smt Shobha.G.

House Captain – Bhowmick.V. of Std X

House Vice - Captain – Varshitha.L. of Std IX

Junior School Vice - Captain – Harshavardhan & Kiran Gowda Std V

**WE OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING**

**Swami Vivekananda’s 150th Birth Anniversary**- January 11th 2013. Sri.L.Jayaram Haravu, member, Governing Board Acharya Vidya Kula, addressed the gathering and outlined the life of Swami Vivekananda. Students narrated stories and quotations and rendered speeches. Some students sketched the portrait of Swami Vivekananda.

**Republic Day**- January 26th 2013. Dr. S. Dandapani, Rtd Prof, RIE, hoisted the National Flag and then addressed the gathering. He shared interesting anecdotes from the lives of great personalities which inspired the students and teachers. Students presented Patriotic Songs. Smruthi XV our Annual School Magazine was released.

**Jyotiradaana Samaarambha**- On February 11th 2013 all staff, and students of Std IX along with members of the school Management hosted a Farewell to the outgoing eleventh batch of our students.

**World Environment Day**- June 5th 2013 Dr. Rajesh Srinivasan, Director, The Sadvaidyasala Pvt Ltd., Nanjangud, was the Chief Guest. Students presented a cultural programme.

**Independence Day**- August 15th 2013. Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj, Prof of Kannada, KSOU and Author, was the Chief Guest. After hoisting the National Flag, he addressed the teachers, students and parents. Apart from March Past, students presented a cultural programme, drill, yoga and band display.

**Samskrutotsava**- On August 24th 2013, our school hosted the 15th Samskrutotsava. Sri Muktidananda Swamiji of Ramakrishna Ashram was the Chief Guest. Inter School Competitions were held in the following categories

Stds III and IV – Story Telling

Stds V, VI and VII – Stotra chanting

Stds VIII, IX and X – Elocution

About 100 students from 15 schools participated. The event was sponsored by M/s Alpha Stationery and Book House, Mysore.

**Teachers’ Day**- September 5th 2013. Students, under the guidance of House Captains and Vice–Captains, put up a variety entertainment programme. In the afternoon, students of Std X substituted teachers and ably managed the classes. The School Management hosted a lunch for the teachers and distributed gifts of appreciation.

**Gandhi Jayanthi**- October 2nd 2013. Our Founder Patron, Sri.V. Siddharthacharry was the Chief Guest. Students presented a skit and rendered speeches apt for the occasion. The School Choir presented songs.

**Kannada Rajyotsava**- November 1st 2013. Prof. A.V.Suryanarayana Swamy, Retd Prof of Kannada, Sharada Vilas College, was the Chief Guest. He addressed the gathering. Students presented a cultural programme. Awards to toppers in Kannada (2012 – 13), sponsored by Sri Madesh, were presented.

**Children’s Day**- On November 13th 2013, a Puppet Show by Sri Ramana and Sri Tipanna was arranged for the students of Std I to V. Sweets were distributed to all students.

On November 23rd 2013, a Mime Show by Sri Mime Ramesh and group was presented for the students of Stds VI to X, this was followed by an entertainment programme by the teachers.

**Kruti Sangama**- On December 14th 2013, an Exhibition of projects and models in Mathematics, Sanskrit and Hindi by the students of Stds VI to X and Art work by all classes was held. Dr. M.S. Krishnamurthy, Retd Prof of Hindi, Manasagangotri and Dr. S.N. Gananath, Director, Suvidya were the Chief Guests.

**Kala Sangama**- Our 18th Annual School Day was held on December 22nd at the School campus. Sri.L. Jayaram Haravu, Member Governing Board, Acharya Vidya Kula was the Guest of Honour. Students of Stds I to V presented a cultural programme. Awards were presented to achievers in academics. The School Management recognized the Services of Smt. Sumathi.K. Science teacher and Smt. Srikanthamani, Faculty Head of Kannada Department by presenting them the Management’s Appreciation Award. An Award of appreciation was given to Smt. Tharadevi in recognition of her efforts in encouraging students to score cent percent marks in Mathematics at the ICSE Board Exam. Teachers, Sri. Chandrashekar and Kum. Radhika.P.S. and Smt. Suma, Helping staff who have completed 10 years of service in the school were felicitated. ‘Brahmanic Vignettes’ authored by Sri V. Siddharthacharry was released.

**OUR YOUNG ACHIEVERS**

**Quiz, Talent Exams and Science Events**-

* Supreeth, L.Y., Sumathi Roy and Ananya.H.S. of Class IX won consolation prize in Science Quiz conducted by Rotary Brindavan, Mysore.
* Naren A.Kulkarni, Abhay Rudradev, M. and Sriram.V. of X standard won consolation prizes in Science projects conducted by Rotary Brindavan, Mysore.
* The following students won medals in the Science Olympiad Examination. Sanjana.R. Kashyap (Std V) – Gold medal, Kiran Gowda (Std V) – Silver medal, Kanva (Std V) Bronze medal, Sudhanva.K.V. (Std VI) Gold medal, Shankar Tejaswi (Std VI) Silver medal, Sudhanshu Bharadwaj (Std VI) Bronze medal.
* The following students excelled in Abacus Competitions. Rohit.S.Murthy (Std III) 3rd Prize, Pratham.A.Jain (Std II) 1st prize, Trisha.A.Jain (Std IV) 1st prize, Karunya Dinesh (Std IV) 2nd prize, Mudith Jain (Std IV) 1st prize.
* The following students won certificates for Distinguished Performance in the ASSET Exam: Sanjana.R.Kashyap (Std V), Kiran Gowda (Std V), Sanath.V. (Std VI), Sudhanva.K.V.(Std VI) Sudhanshu Bharadwaj (Std VI) Charanya Kumar (Std VII), Nayan Rajesh (Std VII), Ananya.H.S. (Std IX), Krupali.G.Kaikini (Std X), Shreevari.S.P. (Std X). Anurag Anand Vaidya (Std VIII) has won certificate for outstanding performance.

**Debate and Public speaking**

* Bhowmick.V. (Std X) won a 3rd place in Declamation competition conducted by Karnataka ICSE schools association.
* Panchami.T.N. (Std VII) won a 1st prize in English elocution competition conducted by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.
* Ashel Mascaranhas (Std X) won a 3rd prize in English debate competition conducted by Vijaya Vitthala Vidyashala.
* Aashritha Kiran Seshan (Std IV) won a 1st prize in English poetry recitation competition in Prathibha Karanji (Yelwal cluster) conducted by Department of Education.
* Ananya.H.S. (Std IX) won a 1st prize in Power Point Presentation conducted by (SPI)
* Shreevari.S.P. and Naren A Kulkarni (Std X) won a 1st prize for a Power Point Presentation conducted by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.
* Sneha.M. and Kousthub Keshava of Std X won a 1st prize for Product Promotion and advertisement organized by Mother Theresa PU College.
* Nagadhanush (Std VI) won II prize in Hindi recitation in Prathibha Karanji (Yelwal cluster) conducted by Department of Education.
* Apoorva (Std II) won a 3rd prize in Kannada story telling competition in Prathibha Karanji conducted by Department of Education
* Manyashree (Std III) won a 1st prize in Hindi recitation competition in Prathibha Karanji conducted by Department of Education.
* Ashmitha Kiran Seshan (Std II) won 2nd Prize for Kannada recitation competition in Prathibha Karanji conducted by Department of Education.

**Creative Writing**

The following students have won prizes in Essay Writing Competition conducted by Canara Bank.

* Shreevari.S.P. (Std X) 1st prize,
* Kousthub Keshava (Std X) 2nd prize,
* Abhay Rudradev.M. (Std X) 3rd prize.

**Spelling Bee**

* Akshaya.J.B. (Std X) got 1st prize, Nisha.G.Anilkumar (Std IX) 2nd prize, Sudhanva.K.V. (Std VI) 2nd prize, Nagadhanush (Std VI) 4th place in the MaRRS Spelling Bee contest.
* Rohit.S.Murthy (Std III) won a 1st prize and Anirudh (Std I) won a 1st prize in the Just Book Spelling Bee contest.

**Sanskrit Competitions**

* R. Abhijith Iyer (Std VI) won a 3rd prize in Dharmika Patana in Prathibha karanji Yelwal cluster, conducted by Department of Educaiton.
* Veeru.A.Kulkarni (Std III) won a 1st prize Dharmika Patana in Prathibha karanji Yelwal cluster, conducted by Department of Educaiton.
* Jahnavi.R.Namoshi (Std IV) won a 1st prize in story telling competition conducted by Manasarovara Pushkarini Vidyashrama.
* The following students won prizes at the Samskrutotsava hosted by our school
* Jahnavi.K.P.Urs (Std VI) 1st prize in Stotra recitation, Panchami.T.N. (Std VII) 2nd in Stotra recitation, Chandini.G.S. (Std VIII) 3rd prize in elocution, Ananya.H.S. (Std IX) 3rd prize in elocution, Sriram.V. (Std X) 3rd prize in elocution, Namitha.B.S. (Std IV) won consolation for story telling.

**Music**

* Aashritha Kiran Seshan (Std IV) won 1st prize, Vaishnavi Bharadwaj (Std V) won 1st prize in Light Music Competition in Prathibha Karanji , Yelwal cluster, conducted by Department of Education.
* Aashritha Kiran Seshan (Std IV) won consolation prize for Vachana gayana in an event conducted by Ganabharathi.

**Drawing and Craft**

* Harsha.M. (Std VII) has won consolation prize in drawing conducted by Universal Academy, 1st prize in drawing conducted by Infant Jesus Catholic center, 1st Prize in drawing in Prathibha Karanji, Yelwal cluster and Mysore Taluk level competition conducted by Department of Educaiton.
* Vindhya.V. (Std V) won a 2nd prize and Vamshi.V. (Std III) won a 3rd prize in a Painting competition conducted by Sri Sharada Public School.
* Sinchana.V. (Std III) has won 3rd prize in Drawing competition conducted by Columbia Asia Hospital.
* Havisha.V.Sarovar (Std IV) has won 2nd prize in drawing in Prathibha Karanji, Yelwal cluster conducted by Department of Education.

**Sports and Yoga**

* Kriti.M.Kaushik. (Std VIII) won a silver medal for Shotput and Sachin Siddharth (Std X) won a silver medal in 100 mt running race conducted by Mysore District Athletic association.
* Bhowmick.V. (Std X) is representing Karnataka and has won 3rd place in PYKKA Basket Ball Tournament.
* M.P. Keerthana (Std II) won a 1st prize in a skating event conducted by Mysore district roller skating association.
* Pramukh Chandra Kumar (Std VI) won 3rd prize in 1st KSAFA Sports aerobics and fitness championship conducted by Karnataka Sports Aerobics and fitness Association.

**TEACHER DEVELOPMENT**

To educate and instruct our children, we teachers unceasingly rejuvenate ourselves. The following sessions were attended by our teachers both in the Campus and outside.

* In April, the Principal attended the National Conference for Principals of ICSE and CBSE Schools organized by the Mysore Sahodaya Complex at the Infosys campus, Mysore.
* In March, Prof. Dandapani addressed the teachers on Teaching methods.
* In June to mark the beginning of the new academic year Prof Dhananjaya, Principal, BGS B.Ed College gave a motivational talk to the staff members.
* Teachers watched a Video – ‘Build a school in the Cloud’ a talk by Sugata Mitra and then had a discussion on the subject.

**PARENT – TEACHER INTERACTION**

* Meetings were conducted for parents of each class in the beginning of the academic year.
* Parents were also invited once in two months to interact with teachers.
* Parents of students of Std VIII were introduced to the CMCA Programme by Sri. P.V.Ramdas
* A special meeting of Parents of Std VIII was conducted to share concerns related to use of social media, mobiles and other modern gadgets by students and problems arising therefrom .
* The Parents’ Association has continued to function with representatives from each class and section.

Acharya Vidya Kula appreciates constructive suggestions from parents. Let us together create a bright and happy tomorrow for our children.

I thank the members of the Management for their guidance and encouragement. I thank Smt. Sudha Kumar, Vice-Principal and all my colleagues for their support and co-operation in keeping the flag of Acharya Vidya Kula flying high. Our appreciation to the parents and students for their support and participation.

 Greetings to all for a happy, peaceful and contented 2014.



Failing gnosis, profound education a hundred births will not attain salvation.

Bhajagovindam,

***Sada Vijayatam Acharya Vidya Kulam***

  **Sarojini.B.T.**

 Principal