

# GLENTREE ACADEMY, WHITEFIELD ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Dear honorable dignitaries, parents, coordinators, teachers and my dear students. It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to this year's Annual Day.

I am extremely grateful to our distinguished Chief Guest of the day Ms. Audrey Maben. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, for accepting our invitation and gracing the occasion with your esteemed presence. I also extend a cordial welcome to our Founder & CEO Mr. Vittal Bhandary, our Director Ms. Preeti Bhandary, Academic Head Ms. Rachana Heda, HR Head Mr. Gracy Miranda, all our parents, who play a significant role in our glorious journey.

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today!" It is an enduring tradition to take time to pause, turn around to look at the fruitful year gone by, achieving both the expected and the unexpected, while setting various milestones and then synergizing ourselves to move ahead to face the challenges in the coming year, with a positive attitude. It's my privilege to present the Annual Report of Glentree Academy Whitefield for the year 2022-23.

#### **OUR VISION:**

The main aim of Glentree Academy's in-house curriculum called "LEARNING FOR LIFE" is to make learning long term and lifelong. We focus on what matters the most, i.e. involving everyday experiences of children that enable them to understand and interact with the world around them consciously, thereby learning from the same. Our holistic academic curriculum, combined with the varied extracurricular activities, ensures that learning is not only fun, but is also well-balanced and appropriately challenging for all.

#### **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:**

As the curtain falls on yet another academic year, I reflect on the achievements we have accomplished and the milestones we have reached.

Our Pre Primary graduation day was a joyous event that celebrated the achievements of our little graduates as they embarked on a new educational journey.

Our Grade 10 batch of 2021-22 made us proud by excelling in academics.

The sincere efforts of students in Class X Board Examinations brought laurels to the school.

Madhupriya K made us proud by scoring 95% followed by Asma Khatoon scoring 94.2% and Varshith Jindam scoring 92.6%.

### CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR TEACHERS:

Staying updated is the key to success in any field, especially in the field of education. At the onset of the academic session, a training programme was conducted for our teachers in the month of May. Led by our Academic Team, the five-day long training programme included sessions on deciphering the Learning for Life Curriculum, classroom management, record keeping and team building.

#### **VACCINATION DRIVE:**

Glentree Academy Whitefield had been very proactive in taking measures to fight the Covid-19 virus. Right at the onset of the academic session, we conducted a vaccination drive in the school campus for students aged 12 years and above.

### PARENTS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME:

As a regular practice followed every year, this session began with the Orientation Programme for the parents of the students across grades. The programme made the parents aware of the scheme of education we impart here at our school.

# **ELECTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL:**

Right from the foundation of Glentree Academy Whitefield, we have been following a legacy of selecting the leaders of our school in the form of the School Council. Year after year, it reminds us of the trust and confidence that we invest in our newly elected cabinet. This year, the student council was selected after a rigorous and democratic process in which the students had to go through many levels and phases to get selected for the much-coveted student council body. The elections provided an opportunity to the students of Grades V to X to witness and exercise their fundamental right to vote.

The Investiture Ceremony was held with all pageantry and splendour, on our very auspicious Founder's Day. It was a proud moment for us to witness our children being invested with great responsibilities while embarking on a new journey as leaders.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

Every activity in school life plays a significant role in a child's development. Co-curricular

activities are an essential part of school life as they help to enhance the learning process of the students. Through these activities we strive to bring in social skills, intellectual skills, moral values, personality and character development in our students. After two years of virtual learning, activities like Yoga, Taekwondo and Physical Education played a more significant role than ever before.

I feel extremely proud to announce that many of our students participated in State Level Taekwondo Competitions and brought laurels to our school. Nishanth of Gr 5 won a Silver medal, Pranav & Varshith of Gr 4, Akshaya of Gr 5 and Lakshya of Gr 8 made us proud by winning Bronze medals.

In Swimming, BDK JASHWANTH of Gr 4 received a SILVER MEDAL in the State Level competition.

In National Level Karate competition, SIDDHANT GUPTA of Gr 9 bagged the First Place and SUHANI GUPTA of Gr 2 bagged the Third Place.

In the Inter School Roller-skating competition VARSHINI S of Gr 3 brought laurels to our school.

#### SOF:

In the present times when the world is totally pivoted on science and IT, it is pertinent to think and plan about the future - a future in which the children of the present shall be the leaders of tomorrow. Our students exhibited top notch performance in SOF Olympiads.

In the International English Olympiad, MADHAV PODOOR of Gr 1 was awarded the Medal of Distinction. ADVIKA TUMMALAPALLY, ANWESHA SAHOO, NICHANAMETLA MOUKTHIKA of Gr 1 AND VIHAN RUSIA, AADVIK OM MANHAS and P SHIVAANSH VARMA of Gr 2 were awarded the Medal of Excellence.

In the International General Knowledge Olympiad, NAITVIK GUPTA & AADVIK OM MANHAS of Gr 1 and BDK JASHWANTH of Gr 4 received the Gold Medal of Excellence; and VIHAN RUSIA of Gr 2 was awarded the Medal of Distinction.

# PARENTS' COUNSELLING SESSIONS:

Counselling at the school level could enable parents to better manage problematic situations that arise with their child's learning and emotional needs. In order to facilitate holistic development of our children, several in-school counselling sessions for the parents were conducted this year by our school counselor.

#### **SPORTS DAY:**

"Success isn't given, it's earned. On the track, on the field, with blood, sweat and occasional tears."

The annual sports day was organized with great fervour and enthusiasm at Glentree Academy Whitefield on 12th November, 2022. The day was filled with a variety of competitive events, promoting physical fitness and teamwork.

#### **ACTIVITY BASED LEARNING:**

We, at Glentree Academy Whitefield, strongly believe in facilitating long-term learning, through the Activity Based Learning approach. Activity-based learning is rooted in the idea that children are active learners rather than passive recipients of information. If children are provided the opportunity to explore on their own and are furnished with an optimum learning environment, then learning becomes more joyful and long-lasting.

Here is a short glimpse of some of the fun and interesting activities conducted during this academic session.

#### **SCHOOL CLUBS:**

Glentree Academy Whitefield is all about providing a holistic education that perfectly balances academic and extracurricular activities. A school club helps the students receive insights from their peers, and gain fresh perspectives about various ideas and skills. It is more than just a place where children of various age groups spend time with each other, learning and honing their talents. At Glentree Academy Whitefield we operate multiple clubs like First foot forward, Literary club, Debate club, Wildlife Alliance, Scouts & Guides, Science club, Brain Benders, Math Magic, Literary club, Eco warriors, Heritage club and Art Mania so that the students step out of their comfort zones and learn new skills.

#### FIELD TRIPS:

Field trips are yet another way for children to learn, aside from what is being provided by the school. At Glentree Academy Whitefield, our students are given boundless opportunities to learn through observation, exploration and guidance. We ignite children's curiosity and, at the same time, they learn about the importance and purpose of everything around them. This year we took our students to venues like HAL museum, Visveswaraya Museum, Akshaya Patra Kitchen at ISKCON and Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium.

#### **CELEBRATIONS:**

In order to foster the values of national integration, international understanding, religious and cultural awareness, various festivals were celebrated this year. Our students enthusiastically participated in celebrations like Independence Day, Onam, Shri Krishna Janmashtami, Kannada Rajyotsava, Christmas and Republic Day. Significant recognition was given by the school to different national and global events like Van Mahotsav ,Hindi Diwas, Children's day,National Sports Day, Yoga Day and World Nature Conservation Day.

#### DIWALI MELA:

To acquaint the children to the rich cultural heritage of our country and to inculcate the feeling of generosity and kindness, Diwali Mela was organized with great pomp and splendour in Glentree Academy Whitefield. Held for a noble cause the proceeds of the fair were donated to charity. The event was a great success and we are extremely grateful for the immense support that we received from the parent community.

#### **JOY OF GIVING:**

# "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

To encourage civic responsibilities and inculcate the spirit of giving back to the community and to create compassionate and selfless citizens, Glentree Academy Whitefield organized 'Joy of Giving.' It gave us an opportunity to reach out to less privileged people with our acts and words of kindness. It reflected the spirit of empathy and generosity of the students, teachers and parents alike.

# **WEIGHTLESS WEDNESDAY:**

For providing a joyful learning experience for children Glentree Academy introduced Weightless Wednesdays. The fourth Wednesday of every month was considered a No Bag Day for classes from Nursery to Gr VIII. The day was completely devoted to hands-on activities and concept building sessions across grades and across subjects.

#### **TEKIE EXPO:**

An exclusive computer expo was organized by the secondary students of our school in the month of October. This year Glentree Academy had introduced Coding as part of the curriculum with Tekie, a leading coding platform, to prepare students for the demands of the 21st century. Students had fun learning coding with the challenging and thought-provoking programs provided by Tekie.

# MINDLER CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM:

Choosing and pursuing the right career path is one of the key decisions every student needs to make. As an initiative towards helping students, the school had integrated a career guidance portal with Mindler. Through a series of counseling sessions and assessments, Mindler aimed at helping students of Grades 8, 9 and 10 to discover their unique potential to help them make an apt career choice.

#### PTM:

The main objective of a PTM is to create a common platform, where teachers and parents come together to discuss students' performance and devise ways to enrich their learning experience. The parents get an incredible opportunity to know what their children do, what interests them the most, what they need help with and how their individual needs are being served. At Glentree Academy Whitefield, we organize PTMs twice per term. However, parents are always welcome to interact with the Principal, the Coordinators or the teachers regarding their concerns, on any working day.

#### **AWARDS:**

The commitment of our team always bears fruits; and the same happened when Glentree Academy received multiple awards this year. We received an award for excellence in adopting innovative teaching methods at Eldrok India K12 Summit, one among the most reputed names in the Indian Education system.

We were ranked No. 1 in Integrated Learning and were awarded The Top CBSE school award by Education Today. For our exemplary contribution in the field of education, we also received the Prestigious School Jury Award for best curriculum design adaptation.

#### **NEW BEGINNINGS:**

In its latest endeavor to invest in all-round development of its students, Glentree Academy Whitefield recently inaugurated a state-of-the-art auditorium, on the very auspicious occasion of our Director, Mrs. Preeti Bhandari's birthday. We were extremely delighted to have both Preeti ma'am and Vittal Sir among us to celebrate the joyous occasion.

Our new auditorium is equipped with high-end acoustics and lighting technology, well designed waiting space and a significant seating capacity.

In order to make sure that our students get the very best of infrastructure and training, we decided to invest in a **Basketball Court.** The court is built with the aim of providing students with better facilities and to improve their expertise in the game.

With the aim of giving our young cricketers a perfect practice tool, we have newly installed **Cricket nets** in the campus. These high-quality nets are designed to allow students to train safely and efficiently, promoting productive practice sessions.

By providing students with opportunities to participate in authentic science experiences, our upcoming **Earth Lab** will enhance their potential with hands-on, practical, inquiry-based exercises that will develop environmental empathy.

Keeping in mind the holistic development of our students, we have always worked towards giving them ample opportunities to inculcate all the life skills needed to be successful in today's world.

I would like to extend my warmest gratitude to our Directors Mrs. Preethi Bhandhary & Mr. Vittal Bhandary, for spearheading this institution with their vision and great mission of spreading quality education.

I am extremely grateful to Ms. Rachana Heda, our Academic Head, for implementing the newest methodologies of teaching and making learning fun and interesting.

My sincere thanks to our parent community; you all have truly been the pillar of strength, support and the motivating force for us to be better day by day. Your partnership with the school is vital to the success of our students, and we are grateful for all that you do. Whether it is attending parent-teacher conferences, supporting school events, or sending feedback mails, your contributions make a significant impact.

I also wish to acknowledge the tremendous dedication and commitment of our Coordinators, teachers and staff members in discharging their services.

The year was eventful with an array of tidings. It was an exciting learning experience and adventure. I assure all the parents that in times to come we will continue this journey with all elevated enthusiasm and with determination provide a platform of holistic learning to the young generation of learners.

Thank You!!

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