

**OCTOBER 2020**  
**SBIOA MODEL MHSS**



**TEAMWORK**

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# MONTHLY REPORT CONSOLIDATED – OCTOBER 2020

## EVENTS

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

**02.10.2020** - Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 02.10.2020 by the Principal

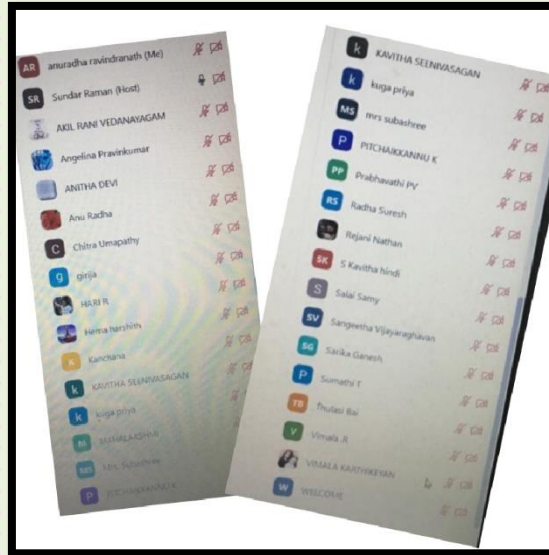
Attended by all the teachers **of IX to XII.**

Agenda: To discuss the conduct of quarterly exam.

The meeting began with a silent prayer for the departed soul of Mrs. N. Latharani, the history teacher.

- The principal updated everyone the circumstances under which Mrs. Latharani's demise occurred.
- That he had explained to the nearest relative of hers, the procedure for claiming Mediclaim benefits.
- Conveyed her sister's gratitude to all those who had contributed to her family in meeting her medical expenses.
- A few of our students' paintings for the SBIOA Trust calendar needed to be submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> October and Mrs. Mahalakshmi & Mr. Jayakumar was to coordinate the activity.
- Reg the 1<sup>st</sup> terminal exam answers to be posted in the group after correction by the teachers.
- Exams are over by 10<sup>th</sup>, teachers to fill in the subject mark register by 15<sup>th</sup> October, post in Neverskip by 15<sup>th</sup> October and it will be sent to parents the same day.
- He advised the teachers to take a few minutes to remind the parents about payment of fees.
- In case a teacher is not able to take a class, a leave letter needed to be submitted stating the reason.
- He thanked Mrs. Chitra Umapathy for readily accepting to take up Mrs. Latharani's classes.
- Second term books have been made available by the government and children can collect the books after showing the fee-paid challan.

- ECA meeting has been planned for 5<sup>th</sup> October and all the executive members have been asked to attend without fail
- Compartment heads & academic supervisors need to observe the classes and submit a report.
- There will be a slight change in the online class schedule which will be intimated later.
- VP & HM briefed about conduct of the exam, evaluation and follow up.



**07.10.2020** - The VP Mrs. Rajeswari Vasudevan called for a zoom meeting with Club Convenors & Class Teachers of Std. XI & XII regarding club activity.

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 07.10.2020

- A meeting was convened by the Vice Principal on 07.10.2020 (Wednesday).
- The following points were discussed in the meeting.
- It has been proposed to start the II Term Club Activity for Std. XI and XII students in the following week.
- Club Activity in charge teachers have to prepare the action plan for their respective group.
- Club Activity students should be selected based on their interest.
- Action Plan should be prepared for five weeks.
- Club Activity is being scheduled on every Friday at 10.00 a.m.
- The scheduled id should be sent every Thursday evening.
- Class teacher should convene a meeting regarding Club Activity and instructions to be given.

- Importance of the club activity should be insisted. Attendance is compulsory as 2 marks added in Internals as per the government norms.
- It has been decided to start the Club Activity from 16.09.2020.
- It should be planned properly and executed well.
- G.K Quiz should be based on the Current affairs, Abbreviation etc.
- The special talents of the students should be uploaded in the website. It can be sent in the WhatsApp group also.
- Students should be included in the group.
- After every class attendance should be sent in the group itself according to class wise.
- New timetable is sent in the WhatsApp group for class XI and XII.
- Time table and Action plan format will be sent in the WhatsApp group for Club Activity.
- The meeting came to an end on a positive note.

**09.10.2020** - The VP posted the new timetable for online classes w.e.f 12.10.2020.

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**ONLINE CLASS SCHEDULE - OCT / NOV, 2020**  
**Std. XI - A**

DAY	I 9 am - 9.45 am	II 10 am - 10.45 am	III 11 am - 11.45 am	IV 12 pm - 12.45 pm
Monday	Physics	Bio / C.Sci.	II Lang.	English
Tuesday	Bio / C.Sci.	Val. Edu.	II Lang.	Chemistry
Wednesday	Physics	English	Maths	Chemistry
Thursday	Bio / C.Sci.	II Lang.	Chemistry	Maths
Friday	Physics	Club Activity	Maths	Chemistry

**S.B.I.O.A. MODEL MATRIC & HR. SEC. SCHOOL, CHENNAI - 37.**  
**ONLINE CLASS SCHEDULE - OCT / NOV, 2020**  
**Std. XI - B**

DAY	I 9 am - 9.45 am	II 10 am - 10.45 am	III 11 am - 11.45 am	IV 12 pm - 12.45 pm
Monday	Accountancy	Val. Edu.	II Lang.	English
Tuesday	Commerce	Bus. Maths / Comp. App.	II Lang.	English
Wednesday	Accountancy	English	II Lang.	Economics
Thursday	Commerce	II Lang.	Bus. Maths / Comp. App.	Economics
Friday	Accountancy	Club Activity	Economics	Bus. Maths / Comp. App.

Principal

**15.10.2020** - All staff members attended school at 8:30 AM:

- ✓ Principal conducted a staff meeting.
- ✓ All staff members paid homage to the departed soul of Mrs. Latharani by observing silence for 2 minutes.
- ✓ The Principal appreciated the good work done by all the staff members during the entire first term.

- ✓ He appreciated all the non-scholastic teachers for their follow up work of fee defaulters.
- ✓ He also announced changes in the compartment which was done for administrative purpose.
  - Std I - V – Mrs. M.V. Mahalakshmi
  - Std VI - X – Mrs. Christina Padmini Philip
  - Std XI – XII – Mrs. Rajeswari Vasudevan
- ✓ Teachers were asked to follow up with the fee defaulters during the online classes.
- ✓ He again thanked the benevolent management for paying the full salary.
- ✓ He appreciated staff association member Mr. Harihara Subramanian for the good coordination done with the family of Mrs. Latharani after her demise.
- ✓ He also appreciated the service staff for the excellent sprucing up of the premises.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS**

**20.10.2020** - The Principal was happy to inform that Jyotsna.L of XI A of our school participated as a delegate in IMUN (International Model United Nations) conference conducted on 17-18 th Oct. and has been selected as Campus Ambassador Intern of IMUN.

She will get the privilege of getting admission in any University in the Globe, as per her choice.

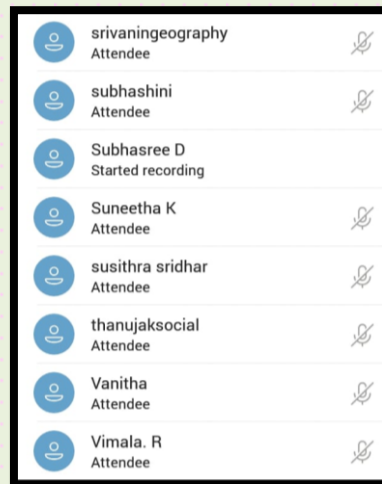
The Principal wished the best in all her endeavours.



## SEMINAR

**10.10.2020** – Mrs. R. Vimala attended a webinar on “Cloud Services in the Educational Field” on 10.10.2020 organised by Beta Technologies. The following points were discussed.

- ✓ Current Trends in Cloud Computing.
- ✓ Why cloud computing is needed for Educational service?
- ✓ How to secure your data using cloud.



**31.10.2020** - NIIT, Annanagar conducted a webinar on Python Programming concepts. Mrs. Radha Suresh, Academic Supervisor- Dept of Computer Science, Mrs .R. Vimala, Teaching Asst- Dept of Computer Science along with the Computer Science students of Std 11 and 12 attended the workshop.



## **CIRCULARS & ONLINE MEETINGS**

### **05.10.2020 - PRINCIPAL WISHED THE TEACHERS ON THE WORLD TEACHERS' DAY**

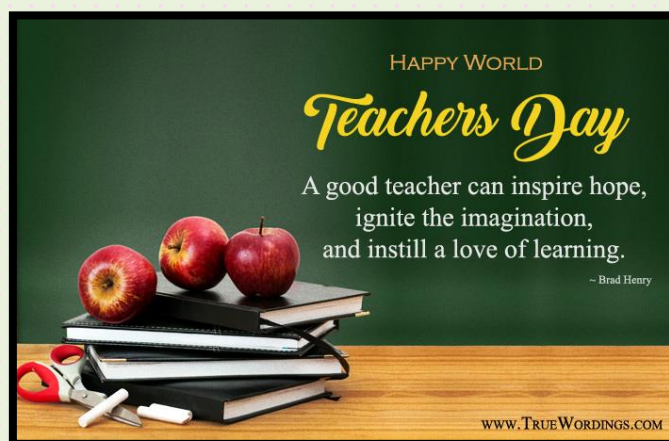
According to UNESCO, the World Teachers Day is held annually on October 5 since 1994.

The day is co-convened in partnership with the UNICEF, ILO and Educational International.

The day is observed to celebrate the teachers all over the world and appreciate their efforts and influence on a child's life and education.

This year, in 2020, the World Teachers day theme is 'Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future'.

The theme is completely apt with the current situation where the teachers all over the world are stepping up and taking all the measures they need to make sure that they are able to teach the students from home itself.



### **06.10.2020 - Principal sent the following circular regarding fee collection**

**IMPORTANT**

Dear Staff

You are asked to contact the parents who are yet to pay the 1 instalment of the school fee (2020 - 2021). C.H.s are asked to allot the non class teacher to assist the CT, where the number of defaulters are more.

Speak to parents and inform the following:

(1) Pay the I instalment of the school fee and collect the books and notebooks.

(2) In case of any further clarification or difficulties let them come to school tomorrow or Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm to meet the C.H.s and Principal.

Note that we have to complete this process by Friday and make sure all the parents have paid the I instalment fees by 10.10.2020.

Do it with utmost sincerity and handle every single parent carefully with due respect.

**07.10.2020** - The principal sent a circular to parents of all classes to collect II volume & II Term books from the bookshop from 08.10.2020 to 15.10.2020 by producing the first instalment fee paid challan.

**08.10.2020** - As the school has to send a painting by the students to be printed in the Trust calendar for 2021 the Principal asked the teachers to choose from the following:

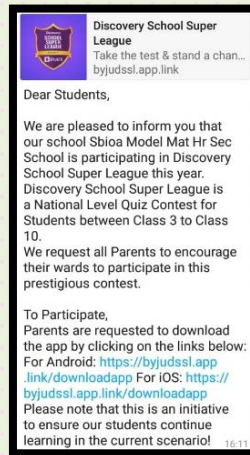


**13.10.2020** - The Principal informed all the parents to collect the original mark sheet of Std XII board exam 2020 from the school library on 14.10.2020.



**14.10.2020** - The Principal sent a circular to all staff members to attend the school to fill up the first terminal exam marks in the subject mark register and class mark register, to attend a compartment and department meeting and for analysis of Std X board exam results.

**19.10.2020** - The Principal was pleased to inform that the school is participating in Discovery School Super League this year which is a national level quiz contest for students between Std III to X.



**21.10.2020** - The Principal shared the information from the Secretary & Correspondent Mr. R. Balaji about the decision taken in the management committee meeting that all staff members who complete 58 years of age would be relieved at the end of the month in which their birthdays fall.

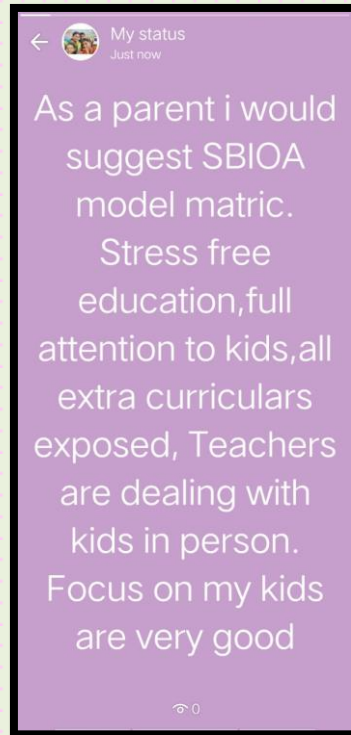
**21.10.2020** - The Principal sent a circular to Std XI parents to collect the original marksheet from the school on 23.10.2020.

**22.10.2020** - The Principal informed all staff members that admissions are open on VIJAYADASAMI (26.10.2020 Monday) and he asked the them to pass on this information to their friends & relatives to enable muster additional admissions.



He also requested all staff members to set the above image as their class WhatsApp group's profile photo.

**22.10.2020** - He shared a message from a parent appreciating the Principal for leading many a change in the school and the Principal dedicated it to the untiring efforts of all staff members.



**22.10.2020** - The Principal shared the following circular from The Hindu Tamil Daily and encouraged the students to participate.

Region	District covered	Contact
Chennai	Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kanchipuram, Chengalpattu	M. S. Mohanmudhali 97899 V. Dilliraja - 89396 69717
Puducherry	Puducherry (Cuddalore, Karaikal, Villupuram)	89396 69717 89396 69717
Vellore	Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Kanchi, Tirupurur	Sankar Velazh 98227 70290/71947
Coimbatore	Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Erode, Tirupur	P. Vijayakumar - 89396 M. Sankar - 82391
Tamil Nadu	Salem, Namakkal, Erode, Karur	S. Chandrasekar - 9384 R. Manigandan - 9384

Registration is absolutely free for all the eligible students of the above ten cities.

What are topics that we may ask questions from?

- Current Vigilance Commission
- Indian Laws
- Indian Current Affairs
- Government Bodies
- Governmental activities (Budget, Planning etc.)
- Foreign Personalities (Dead/Alive)
- Vigilance in Emergency Case
- International Acts & Refer to to each country
- Indian Accomplishments
- Vigilance in History
- Government
- Historical Activities (Revolution etc.)
- Documents of Governmental Origin/Purpose
- Top Level Governing Personnel
- Activities of International/National Importance

Link to register online: <https://connect.hindutamil.in/special/nle>

For more assistance also connected with our territory officials (asked via WhatsApp)

Registration FREE

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வினா செய்துக்கொள்ள கடைசி தேதி : 23.10.20

fact: Mohammad Mustaque - 8838567089  
V. Dilliraja - 89396 69717

**27.10.2020** - The Principal announced a QUIZ Contest for the Std VI-VIII students.

**27.10.2020** - The Principal requested all staff members & students to present by 09.11.2020 a cover design for the school diary based on the UN resolution, as is customary. The resolution of the United Nation for the year 2021 is “International Year of Trust and Peace.”

**29.10.2020** - The Principal shared the details of Indiannica Quiz League 2020 - a multi-platform, mass-participative, nationwide general knowledge contest for students of classes 6 to 8.

**29.10.2020** - The Principal shared an article published in The Hindu about helping the dyslexic children up on their feet.

**Helping dyslexic children bloom**  
When inclusive teaching strategies become mainstream, each student in the class will flourish

**CHETANA SACHIDANANDAN**

Mumtar does not like reading. At nine she can manage basic stories, and reading leaves her tired and irritable. Movies and television dramas fascinate her, but even the lure of a well-written story cannot coax her into reading. She does not do story-writing either. The story would unfold with the beginning, middle and end all jumbled up. Then there are the scary words (hospital for hospital), strachedy (for strategy). But she was happy, cheery kid, always the life of a party, loved by all.

Things began to change as she entered school. Her mother was the first to notice. For an otherwise mal-motivated character, she appeared to lack an intuitive understanding of phonics or basic arithmetic. Her vocabulary was lagging, her comprehension lacking. Her father could somehow relate to her better. A successful financial analyst, he still reads books. He steadily remembers struggling through school, labelled 'slow' by his teachers. His daughter perhaps took after him, but she will give it one. Just like he did. But six months of internal struggle and the undeniable social withdrawal of their bright and happy child drove them to finally approach a child psychologist. The psychologist conducted a cognitive assessment and finally delivered the verdict.

**Struggling to keep it all together**  
Mumtar has a specific learning disorder or SLD, in her case, dyslexia. This is a condition that makes it difficult to read and write, often accompanied by difficulties in math. Reading requires (1) decoding or converting symbols into sounds and (2) comprehension or understanding the meaning of words. Dyslexics may have difficulty in either or both. Dyslexics have poor phonological awareness, the ability to recognise similarities and differences in sounds, for example in rhyming words. They may have trouble sequencing, for instance remembering sequences such as days of the week, syllables in a

word (hence hospital, steps in a long division, or the order of events in a story). They may also have a weak working memory such as difficulty in listening to the teacher while taking notes or following their teacher's multi-step instructions. Working memory is like the RAM of a computer, where you temporarily store bits of information to be retrieved for daily activities. Children with dyslexia may look like they are not paying attention, but in reality they are struggling to keep it all together. Dyslexia is a very diverse condition. Mumtar is one example while young Vikram in the movie *Taaner Zameer*. For it sounds, with different combinations of deficits.

For most of our existence we Homo sapiens have communicated verbally. When books were first written, only the scholars needed to read them. As modern societies began embracing universal school-based, standardised education, instead of the usual apprenticeship for vocational training, we stumbled upon dyslexia.

**Differences in the brain**  
Dyslexia often runs in the family. Comparisons of genomes of dyslexic people with proficient readers have found changes in many genes that could be associated with dyslexia. These studies are opening new windows into our understanding of how the brain learns. The brain is, however, too complex for us to yet be able to figure out whether these genes have any direct role in reading deficits. In humans, the area known as visual word form area (VWFA) - that recognises written words in the brain is connected to the language region even before children have learned to read. This must be one of those evolutionary inventions that set us up to be linguists and doodlers meant for greater things. Comparisons of functional MRI (fMRI) scans of brains of skilled and dyslexic readers clearly show differences in regions related to reading and language processing. But they also show many other differences. Differences in our brain are what make us sociable, moody, imaginative or creative. Thus, these differences in the brains of dyslexics manifest in the way they look at the world, think about and solve problems. Dyslexic individuals are more likely to miss the details while being able to see the larger picture. They may have better pattern recognition and visual-spatial abilities even as they struggle with reading and sequencing. They may be better at dealing with social interactions and managing people. Perhaps these are the traits that helped Albert Einstein and Agatha Christie and Steve Jobs, all dyslexics, to make their mark in the world. But this blooming generally happens after they leave the trauma of school and discover their strengths for themselves.


Could we forgive this trauma and bolster their strengths in the school itself? Armed with the diagnosis, Mumtar's parents entered her into a remedial programme where special education teachers worked with her individually to strengthen her phonological awareness, sequencing and math skills. The school started providing accommodations in the class and gave her extra time and help in understanding the operations during tests. Slowly she began to regain her footing in the school. She is still top behind her classmates in academics, but with encouragement from teachers and parents she has discovered a talent for music and sports. She received this support and help thanks to her getting identified as a dyslexic. Every teacher will agree that there are always a few children in their class who have difficulties with language and math, but these deficits do not get formally identified due to a lack of awareness among teachers and parents. To add to this, presently administered cognitive assessments and remedial classes are very expensive and not within the reach of all.

**Remedial measures**  
Some of these issues can be remedied by making cognitive assessments compulsory in junior school. The National Education Policy 2020 mandates inclusive education for all children with disabilities. It states that teachers should be provided with help to identify children with learning disabilities early, so that these children can be supported from the beginning. It lists out specific actions such as using appropriate technology, allowing students to work at their own pace and making curricula flexible to make education accessible to all. There is now a framework in place to implement such changes in our educational institutions. When inclusive teaching strategies become mainstream, then each student in the class will flourish. A child who believes in herself and feels confident to face her own personal challenges is a child on a path to success and happiness.

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**31.10.2020** - The Vice Principal shared a special timetable for Saturday for classes Std XI & XII.

The image features a quote by John F. Kennedy centered on a background. The background is a composite image: on the left, the stars and stripes of the American flag are visible; on the right, a sunset or sunrise sky with soft clouds is shown above a field of tall grass. The quote is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**“AS WE EXPRESS OUR  
GRATITUDE, WE MUST NEVER  
FORGET THAT THE HIGHEST  
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UTTER THE WORDS, BUT  
TO LIVE BY THEM.”**

**- JOHN F. KENNEDY**