

Notre Dame School
Vasai
Academic Report
April 2021-March 2022

Number of Sisters in the Community

Sr. Mary Jayanti	Local Superior (Till May 2021)
Sr. Mary Sandhya	Local Superior (From June 2021)
Sr. Mary Aneeta	Teacher
Sr. Mary Shylaja	Principal
Sr. Mary Premalatha	Teacher (From June 2021)
Sr. Mary Aruna	Prayer Ministry at Kalyan (From June 2021)

Staff Information of Notre Dame School, Vasai

Sisters Staff

Sr. Mary Sandhya
Sr. Mary Aneeta
Sr. Mary Shylaja
Sr. Mary Premalatha

Primary and Middle School Staff

Mrs. Shalini RajkumarManbhat
Mrs. LivintaAllwyn Carvalho
Mrs. Sheetal William D'silva
Mrs. Monalisa Francis Lopes
Mrs. Cynthia Grammy Britto
Mrs. Sarena Joel Gonsalves
Mrs. Lydia Anil Loones
Mrs. RionaSnedend'silva
Mr. Terrance Marshal Rebello
Mrs. Leela Walter Gonsalves
Mrs. Sweedal Brian Carvalho

Ms. Olivia Alfred Dias

Mrs. Sharon Dias

Mrs. Sheetal D'souza

Mrs. Navilda Dias

Miss. Salome Gonsalves

Mrs. Princely Cusher

High School Staff

Mrs. Ashalla Patrick Bobo

Mrs. Ensweeta Eldrage Dabre

Mrs. Sweedal Ajit D'abreo

Mrs. Sophia Ronnie D'cunha

Mrs. Shelley Vinay Nunes

Mrs. Lorna Sanjay Pereira

Mrs. Minal Churchill Baptista

Mrs. Khushbu Rahul Jaiswal

Mrs. Preeti Colaco

Mr. Dixson Sanjiv Marti

Mrs. Vijaya Ruma

Mrs. Lourdes D'silva

Miss. Sarah Menezes

Mrs. Deepa Dias

Mrs. Rovina Gracias

Pre-Primary Staff

Mrs. Jenevia Floyed Sequeira

Mrs. Smita Sandeep Colaco

Mrs. Sharon Osden Pereira

Mrs. Candace Sequiera

Office Staff

Mrs. Neelam Suhas Alphonso

Mrs. Swidal Rodrigues

Mr. Santosh Pardhi

Non-teaching staff

Mrs. Cecilia Stany Ferreira

Mr. Dominic Simon Dabre

Mr. John Joseph Dabre

Mrs. Philomena Louis Dabre

Mr. Vinit ArunUmtal

Mrs. Leena Kalath

Security

Mr. Subhash R Barat

Mr. Harold George Almeida

April 1st – 4th : Holy Week Services

The holy week services were well organized and held at St. Thomas church, Sandor and we were privileged to attend the services. We are grateful to God for allowing us to attend the live services physically in the church this year though the church had to have number of services to manage the crowd at different times.

April 5th : Churches Closed

Due the high emerging cases of COVID cases the churches were shut again. The second wave of Covid had already started at different places of our country.

April 5th - 8th : Books Distribution

The book vendor Mr. Ajay distributed the note and the text books to the students for all classes in four days.

April 12th: Academic Year 2021-22 begins

The new academic year 2021-22 began today virtually. All the students started their classes on a virtual plat form i.e. Microsoft Teams as the second wave of COVID had hit the country very badly.

April 12th: April 15th: Observation Duty

Sr. Shylaja was appointed as the Observer for the class XII practical board exams held at Matrix school, Virar. Sister went for it for four days.

April 15th : Report of the English Language and Literature Meeting

Mrs. Lourdes D'silva began the meeting with the presentation of a slide to explain the Art of English

Language and Literature.

- The points highlighted in the slide were the skills required for an English class....
Reading, Speaking, Listening and Writing.
- She explained how art can be integrated in the teaching and learning of languages.
- The main tools for sharpening the language skills were highlighted - grammar, vocabulary building and punctuation marks.
- Further she explained how the skills could be put to use for comprehension and composition.
- The meeting was then left open for sharing of ideas and activities that could make learning fun and active.

- All the teachers took part in sharing the syllabus done in each year group and activities carried out during the teaching - learning process.
- Through this beautiful sharing each one learned and carried home some ideas that they could put to use in their classes.
- Queries were answered and inputs were shared in detail by the high school teachers so that each one was aware of the importance of their syllabus down the line.
- Teachers were encouraged to continue and upgrade their work.
- The teachers would send in the kind of activities carried out in their classes where by an activity bank could be created and shared.

May 5th : Report on class X Result Preparation

The result committee for tabulation of class X marks was formed by Sister Mary Shylaja on 5th May 2021. According to CBSE guidelines, the committee consisted of 5 subject teachers and two external teachers Mrs. Ranjana Joshi and Mrs. Pratiksha Singh from Matrix Academy. The criteria for tabulation and moderation of marks were finalized by the committee members.

The following criteria were followed for tabulation and moderation of marks:

*The best score out of two periodic test was considered and reduced to 10%

*The 40 marks midterm test was reduced to 30%

*The best score out of two prelims was considered and converted into 40%

*The sum of 10%, 30% and 40% was tallied out of 80 as the final marks

*The average of each subject was compared with the reference year.

*The average of the subject was aligned with the reference year by increasing and decreasing the marks based on internal assessments and difference in the marks of offline and online exams

The final prepared mark sheet of each subject was checked and verified by the committee members on 24th June and uploaded on the CBSE website.

May 9th : Community Recollection

The sisters spent a day of recollection on the theme Mary our mother. It was conducted by Sr. Aneeta.

May 13th : Happy feast to Sr. Aneeta

On the feast of Our Lady of Fatima Sr. Aneeta celebrated her patronal feast today. We had a special Mass offered for sister and special prayers were offered.

May 17th to 20th : Cyclone Tauktae

Extremely severe cyclonic storm Tauktae was a powerful, deadly and damaging tropical cyclone in the Arabian Sea that became the strongest tropical cyclone made its landfall in Gujarat. A number of districts in Maharashtra were affected by the deadly Cyclone Tauktae and Vasai was one among it. The cyclone hit the place very badly with heavy wind of 170 kms per hour. Even before making landfall, Tauktae caused a trail of destruction and the storm contributed to two deaths in Vasai, destroyed hundreds of house tops and houses, caused power outages and large number of tree fall. We did not have electricity and drinking water for four days.

June 1st : Shifting of the convent to School

On June 1st 2021, the shifting of the convent from the rented house at Naikad, Saloli to the newly constructed third floor of the school building began.

June 3rd : Blessing of the new convent

Rev. Fr. John Fargose the vicar of the diocese blessed the new residence of the sisters on 3rd June 2021.

June 5th : World Environment Day

On 5th June every year, World Environment Day is celebrated worldwide. In 1972, it was established in order to raise global awareness by the United Nations general assembly about the environmental issues in order to protect the nature. This day was celebrated to take positive environmental actions by motivating people.

This event helps to create awareness of the real and current global environmental conditions by calling people in a celebration event and address the environmental issues while also suggesting effective programs to combat climate change effects. In keeping with the trend, we here at Notre Dame School encouraged all the students to participate in this event online and make their contributions towards the Mother Nature. Students were asked to express their love and respect for the environment by creating and sharing their own poems, write-ups, thematic paintings etc.

They were also advised to plant more trees in their vicinity and nurture them.

June 7th : Report on webinar for Teachers by Dr. Swarup Dutta

The webinar was held on 7th June 2021 for the Notre Dame Teachers. The guest speaker Dr.Swarup Dutta was introduced by Tr. Lourdes. Dr. Dutta highlighted on exploring on who we are, what we desire to do, what we want. He introduced to the various levels of consciousness and helped to understand how we can be spiritually strong. Some of the important points he discussed were how we as human being should be grateful for what we have. He also explained

about the four basic emotions. How can we deal and look at the covid situation in a positive way?

The webinar was ended by vote of thanks given by Mrs. Smita Colaco.

June 8th : Report on A Day of Prayer and Meditation

On the 8th of June, 2021 Notre Dame School had organized an online day of meditation and prayer for all the teachers. It began at 9:00 am. To take us through his session we had an amazing personality from Bangalore Fr. Jijo Manjakal, a missionary of mercy appointed by Pope Francis. The retreat began with an opening prayer by Mrs. Rovina Gracias which was followed by welcoming the guest by Mrs. Shalini Manbhat.

The retreat was a time of rich blessings and renewal that was much needed at this time of lockdown. Beautiful videos, Bible verses and songs that were shared radiated a source of energy within us. At the end of the retreat, Mrs. Candace Sequeira proposed the vote of thanks. It was indeed a meaningful retreat.

June 8th : Welcome to Sr. Sandhya

Sr. Sandhya, the new local superior of the house arrived on June 8th 2021.

June 9th : Welcome back to Virtual school

On a cloudy day of June 9th 2021, Notre Damites resumed to their virtual school after a summer break for the academic year 2021- 2022. Special and meaningful assembly was conducted by class seven students thereafter the students attended their virtual classes. Our principal, Sr. Shylaja, gave a meaningful message to the students with the positive note to resume back to virtual school. Students were excited and enthusiastic to meet their friends and teachers virtually.

June 10th : Parents Teacher Meeting – Class VII

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.” The class teachers of grade VII of Notre Dame School successfully conducted a Virtual PTA Meeting on Saturday, 10th July. The teachers made use of the digital application, Microsoft Teams to interact with parents. The meeting commenced at 9:30 am with the welcoming of the parents by VII A class teacher, Ms. Sweedal Carvalho, who further invited Sister Mary Aneeta to lead everyone in prayer. Ms. Sweedal Carvalho introduced the class teachers and the subject teachers teaching grade VII and explained the assessment structure for class VII with the help of a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Oliviya Colaco took the meeting further by giving general instructions and some important reminders to the parents. The parents thanked the school management and teachers for their sincere efforts to provide education to the students during the ongoing situation. There were certain queries that parents had regarding showing corrected answer papers online, giving more time for the students to prepare themselves

for the online competitions, submitting notes for correction in a PDF form rather than submitting books in school and omitting of some chapters from the syllabus. All these queries were resolved by the respective teachers. Overall, parents were very encouraging and supportive, and were extremely appreciative taken by the management and the teachers and they also acknowledged that the teachers had done a commendable job during the pandemic. Sister Aneeta and the teachers thanked the parents for attending the meeting. The meeting ended with the school song.

June 12th : Parents Teacher Meeting -Class I

PTA meeting for class I was held on 12th June 2021. Because of covid-19 pandemic for the first time PTA meeting was conducted online. It started at 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Microsoft teams. The meeting started with the prayer, conducted by sister Shylaja, Principal of the school. Then the class teachers and subject teachers introduced themselves.

Mrs. Riona D'silva explained the assessment pattern and the marking system. Mrs. Sheetal D'silva gave some general instructions on following some rules for the online class, like -to join the class five minutes before the given time, keep your microphone on mute, do not turn on the camera until asked and so on. Then the floor was open for the parents' queries and suggestions if any. A query was raised for separation of divisions, concession in fees for the students. Parents also appreciated the work done by the school and the teachers to run the virtual class so smoothly.

Sister Shylaja then concluded the meeting by giving vote of thanks.

June 12th : Parents Teacher Meeting – Class X

An online PTA meeting was held for the parents of class X on Saturday, 12th June 2020, at 4:30pm, on Microsoft Teams platform. It was presided by our Principal Sr. Mary Shylaja. High school teachers, class X parents and students attended the meeting. Mrs Ashalla welcomed the parents and students on behalf of the management. Sister Shylaja, our principal led us in prayer and thereafter welcomed and thanked the parents for their wholehearted support for the online Classes during the Pandemic. The assessment pattern for class X was discussed in detail with the parents and students by teacher Minal. Parents and students were briefed about online etiquette, study pattern and Art integrated Activities by teacher Ashalla. Parents' queries regarding the grading system for the board were addressed by teacher Minal. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

June 13th : DBE meeting

The diocesan Board of Education conducted a meeting on a virtual plat form this morning. The Bishop of Vasai, Bishop Felix and other school principals and the managers were present for the meeting. The meeting was held mainly to discuss about the financial crisis faced by the schools and how to reach out to the parents and students in their difficult situation.

June 18th : Farewell to Sister Jayanti and Welcome to Sister Sandhya

The school assembled to bid farewell to Sr.Jayanti and welcomed Sr. Sandhya and Sr.Premalata on the 18th of June, 2021 at 8.30 am in a virtual assembly on Teams. A video was prepared for the event. It began with an introduction by Mrs. Sharon Dias and was followed by a blessing song and a prayer service. Students and teachers took part in the event. The prayer service ended with a welcome song. Memories of Sr.Jayanti were shared while teachers and students expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Sr. Jayanti . The teachers also welcomed Sr Sandhya and Sr.Premalata with warm greetings. There were two dances in keeping with the theme. The little ones too played their part well to welcome the sisters to Notre Dame Family. The event was brought to a close by words of appreciation from the PTA members.

The staff met on Teams at 10 am and a live programme was organised. It began with a prayer. A teacher expressed her appreciation and gratitude for Sr.Jayanti on behalf of the staff. Sr.Jayanti addressed the teachers and expressed her gratitude.A teacher then welcomed Sr. Sandhya and Sr. Premalata to the Notre Dame family. Sr.Sandhya thanked the staff. Surprises then entered the room. There was cake cutting and presentations of gifts.

Thank you Sr.Jayanti for all that you were to us. Welcome dear Sr.Sandhya and Sr.Premalata to this vibrant Notre Dame Family.

June 21st : HOL Meeting

A virtual HOL meeting was conducted at 12:30 this after noon to discuss about the activities for the coming academic year.

June 21st : Yoga Day

The International Day of Yoga aims to raise awareness around the world, regarding the many benefits of practicing the art. The challenge of maintaining the physical activity recommendations is multi fold during the COVID-19 pandemic when the social distancing norms need to be followed and advice is to stay at home. Hence, Notre Dame School celebrated the virtual International Yoga Day on 21st June, 2021.

On this occasion, virtual assembly was conducted by students from class V to class X. Several information regarding the yoga day, benefits of yoga, types of yoga was beautifully explained with the help of videos and pictures. To increase the awareness and inspire more students to adopt yoga in their lifestyle in this pandemic situation, virtual yoga competition was organized by the school. Students pledged to become more active physically by making healthier choices and following the lifestyle patterns that foster good health.

June 25th: ECCE Curriculum Framework based on NEP 2020 for foundational stage.

The ECCE Curriculum Framework based on NEP 2020 for foundational stage Webinar was

attended on 25th June 2021 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The resource person Anjali Singh from Ratna sagar was a knowledgeable person in this session. She briefed minute details of this session very easily through her PPT slides. She briefed 85% of human brain is fabricated in the first six years of age and the remaining 15% is developed in higher school and college. She highlighted the points from NEP like Universal Access to ECCE, Ensuring Universal Access to Education at all levels and ECCE Framework.

Thereafter the resource person gave a brief knowledge about the programme Reading Eggs, this programme is fully internet based and does not need storage and can be accessed through mobile phones too. The above programme is an activity based gamified programme which has access for student and teacher login with different features for both wherein the teacher can also create an assignment for the children, there are 5000 worksheets and each activity is rewarded. The above session was a promotional programme for reading eggs and it emphasized on how it's connected to the NEP frame work and how children can have the knowledge of basic literacy and numeracy through this programme.

June26th : Parents Teacher Meeting – Class II

Notre Dame School had organized an online Parent Teacher Meeting for Class 2 on the 26th of June, 2021 at 9:30 am. The main objective of the meeting was to create a common platform, where teachers and parents come together to discuss students' performance and devise ways to enrich their learning experience. Whilst this happens on an offline basis, with the current pandemic it was taken to a digital platform, Microsoft Teams. The invite was sent on the class WhatsApp group. The event witnessed around 98% attendance. Teacher Monalisa greeted and welcomed the parents. Sister Shylaja led the meeting in prayer. After the prayer service all the teachers of class 2 turned on their cameras and introduced themselves. Teacher Monalisa made the parents aware of the assessment pattern and few rules and regulations to be followed during the online classes. The importance of having the exam on IVRM portal was also explained.

A video on parenting by few motivational speakers was shown to the parents; after which the floor was kept open for questions, comments, concerns etc. Many queries of the parents regarding the IVRM portal were duly addressed by Teachers Shalini and Shelley. The parents were very encouraging and supportive. They acknowledged that teachers have put in their best in providing continuous guidance for their children. The credit for all the appreciation goes to our respected Principal Sr. Shylaja who has been a continuous motivating and guiding force for all of us. With her sincere guidance, we are able to strive for excellence. We are sincerely thankful for her constant support.

June26th : Parents Teacher Meeting – Class III

Class III had organised a virtual meet for their parents on 26th July 2021. The meeting was scheduled on Microsoft Teams at 8:15 am. An invite for the meeting was sent a day prior on the class WhatsApp group by the respective teachers. On 26th July the meeting started sharp at 8:15 am. Mrs. Navilda Dias welcomed the parents for the meet. Sr. Shylaja said a small prayer and asked for the Almighty's blessings. After the prayer service the subject teachers of class 3 turned

on their camera and introduced themselves. After the introduction a small motivational video was shown to the parents. The assessment pattern was explained with the help of power point presentation. Mrs.Rovina Gracias put forth the reminders to be kept in mind during the online classes. Importance of writing and having the exam on IVRM portal was also explained. A video by Gopal Das was shown towards the end of the meet, after which the meeting was open for questions and answers. Just one parent inquired about the IVRM portal and thanked the teachers for their efforts. The meeting ended with the school song at 9:30 am.

June 28th : First Unit Test Begins

The students of class I to X began their first unit test today. The test was conducted online.

July 3rd : Parents Teacher Meeting – Class IV

The Parent Teacher Meeting for the academic year 2021 – 2022 for class 4 was held on 3rd July 2021. Due to the pandemic the meeting was conducted virtually. The meeting started sharp at 8:15 am. Sister Shylaja – our principal started the meeting by leading everyone with her prayer. The class teachers and the subject teachers introduce themselves to the parents by turning on their cameras. Mrs. Livinta Carvalho class teacher of class IV A explained the assessment pattern and grading system with the help of the PPT. A few reminders and rules that children need to follow

during virtual classes were well explained by teacher Cynthia class teacher of class IV B. Parents were made aware of the new pattern of assessment on the IVRM portal also a short video was shown explaining about how to log in into the portal and upload the answer sheets. An inspirational video by Oprah Winfrey – Knowing Who You Really Are? was shown during the meeting and then the floor? was opened for any type of suggestions / queries. Parents appreciated the hard work put in by every teacher and made the following suggestions.

- 1.To turn on student's camera while the class ingoing on.
- 2.Exam papers to be written in the class test notebook. Most of the parents attended the Meeting.

The session turned out to be informative.

July 3rd : Parents Teacher Meeting – Class IX

A virtual PTA meeting was held on 3rd July 2021 at 11:30 am on teams. The class teachers Mrs.Ensweeta and Mrs.Sophia along with the principal Sr.Shylaja conducted the meeting. The meeting began with welcoming the parents. Sr.Shylaja invoked God's blessings with a prayer. The parent's role in shaping their wards during this pandemic was appreciated by the principal. Mrs.Ensweeta, class teacher of IX A introduced the teachers, curriculum and assessment pattern to be followed for the academic year. The information about Basic Maths option for class X was also given to the parents. Mrs.Sophia, class teacher of IX B gave general instructions regarding academics and online etiquettes. At the end the session was open for questions and queries from

parents. The parents appreciated the hard work put by the teachers. There were no questions from parents. The parents expressed their support with a thumbs up enosis. The session concluded with a positive quote on parenting at 12:15 pm.

July 10th : Parents Teacher Meeting – Class V

The meeting was held on Teams in General channel. A power point presentation was prepared to conduct the meeting. Mrs. Princely Cusher welcomed the parents. Sr. Aneeta lead us in prayer and reflection. A prayer song was played. Class teachers and subject teachers introduced themselves. Mrs. Princely Cusher explained about the assessment pattern for the exam. General reminders and rules for attending virtual classes were explained by Mrs. Deepa Dias. Submission of assignment on Teams was explained. Upcoming activities were displayed on the screen followed by the motivational video. Floor was opened for questions and suggestions. Parents appreciated the efforts of management and teachers. The meeting ended at 11:45am by presenting the school song. The PTA meeting of class V came to an end with the conclusion that, joint efforts, mutual understanding and co-operation of parents and teachers is very important for the proper growth and progress of students.

July 10th : Parents Teacher Meeting – Class VI

The PTA meeting of class VI was conducted on the 10th of July 2021 at 8:15 AM. This meeting was conducted under the guidance and supervision of Sr. Mary Shylaja and Sr. Aneeta. The theme for this year's virtual meet was to bridge the gap between the school and the parents and students during this crucial time of online learning. Sr. Aneeta graced the occasion with her beautiful prayer and a prayer song Mrs. Sheetal started the meeting with a short introduction of the class and then did a quick faculty introduction to the students and parents of class VI, teacher further with the help of a power point presentation explained the assessment pattern for the year 2021-22 Mrs. Sarah Menezes gave some general reminders, important announcements and a few tips for online learning. Teacher stressed about "Online etiquettes". Teacher used a power point presentation for her part of the meet. Further the floor was open for questions and suggestions and every subject teacher assisted the parents with their queries and suggestions. The meeting ended successfully.

July 12th : St. Julie Billiard Assembly

On 12th July 2021, the annual assembly in the honor of St Julie Billiard, the founder and first Superior General of the Congregation of Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, was organized by the students of Class VIII. Due to the current pandemic situation this event was organized and streamed online and attended by all the students, their parents, staff and the sisters of Notre Dame School. The assembly began with a brief introduction to the students about St Julie. After that a detailed presentation about the life of St Julie Billiard was displayed. This presentation touched many aspects of her journey including her unwavering contributions in the field of Education, despite of her suffering and sicknesses. Then, a song 'Mother Julie Kingdom' was

performed by the students. Through the intercession of St. Julie, the students placed their various intentions to the Lord. Another song 'Like a Sunflower' was performed with many quotes of St. Julie presented in the background.

A Reflection Session about the life of St Julie Billiart was held after that. The students and staff were given a wonderful address by Sr. Sandhya about how the life and works of St Julie should always inspire us for betterment and the importance of never giving up. The event was concluded by a rousing performance of the school song.

The assembly was a great experience for everyone involved and especially the talented students of Class 8 who put on a great show which was appreciated and enjoyed by the entire Notre Dame Family.

July 14th : “To know another language is to possess a second soul.” Charlemagne

The teacher along with the French students of class VIII, IX and X presented a virtual taste of France to the rest of the school on “The National Day of France” on the 14th of July 2021.

The 14th of July is regarded as “The Bastille Day” or “La fête National de la France”, this day marks the end of monarchy and a rise of revolution. Students began the assembly by invoking God’s blessings and praying for the end of the pandemic, end of monarchy around the work and a prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes, the patron saint of France. They also recited the hail and holy Mary in French.

Students presented an assembly explaining the importance of “The Bastille Day” followed by giving certain scientifically proven facts why one must learn French or a foreign language. Students made an interesting video whose objective was to teach basic French to the audience within 2 mins. Students made a brilliant effort teaching French greetings and salutations in just 2 mins.

Students from across class VIII, IX,X recited a French poem and sang a very famous French song. It was truly wonderful to see students explore the rich culture and art of France. Students sang the song “Aux Champs Elysées” by Joe Dassin and recited the poem of the most famous and iconic poet Victor Hugo.

It was a true taste of France within 20 sweet minutes.

July 15th : Elocution Competition

Students of classes V to VII very actively and enthusiastically participated in the Elocution competition, held on 15th July, 2021. Ten students per class were selected from the participants. Two judges per class were selected to judge the competition.

Judges for Class V – Mrs. Sarah Menezes and Mrs. Scarlett D’silva

Judges for Class VI – Mrs. RionaD’silva and Mrs. ClíciaD’silva

Judges for Class VII – Mrs. Cynthia Britto and Mrs. Romilda Andrandes

Respective judges, very effectively judged the competition and submitted the result. The results were then compared and counted to get three winners per class. A very positive and motivational feedback was given by all the judges. The result was then forwarded to respective class teachers, who then posted the same on their class WhatsApp group.

July 16th : Adopting Inclusive Practices in Classroom

An inhouse training was conducted on Adopting Inclusive Practices in Classroom on 16th July, 2021 by Mrs. Princely Cusher. The main aim of the webinar was adopting teaching techniques as per the needs of the students. Physical, Emotional and Social barriers to learning were addressed during the training. Differences between segregation, exclusion, integration and inclusion were explained. Various ways to create an inclusive environment were highlighted. Functional analysis of problem behaviour was explained with the help of videos along with the factors associated with the same. Components of inclusive education were elicited and use of universal designed principles were encouraged. Benefits of inclusion were also explained during the webinar and forum was opened for questions and suggestions.

July 17th : Parents Teacher Meeting – Class Sr.KG

The Orientation programme for Sr.KG was held on 17th July 2021 9:45a.m to 10.30a.m. The meeting was initiated by Mrs. Jenevia Sequeira with a quote “Prayer is a link that connects us with God Faith and prayer both are invisible, but they make impossible things possible”. Thereafter Sr.Aneeta lead us with the opening prayer by invoking God’s blessings. After the universal prayer Our Father Mrs.Smita Colaco enlightened us more about the developmental stages in the early years. She shared a video by a motivational speaker Gaur Gopal Das -he gave a good example about two neighbors and the plants they planted and nurtured and compared the same example with the children it gave a message how children can grow with experiential learning with parents and teachers’ guidance. Thereafter important points and reminders were shared by Mrs.Jenevia Sequeira, then Mrs.Smita briefed about the Assessment Pattern. She also appreciated the parents for their whole hearted support received from them from the beginning of the academic year. Thereafter the floor was open for discussion two parents spoke about the class timings and few of them appreciated the teachers for the smooth flow of virtual class. The meeting was concluded with the school song. As the session was over the children greeted and interacted with Sr.Aneeta and the teachers, they were very happy to put a face to the voice.

July 17th : Parents Teacher Meeting – Class VIII

An online parent teacher meeting of class VIII was held on Saturday 17th July 2021. Due to the ongoing pandemic the meeting venue was Microsoft teams. The meeting began at 8:15 am with a prayer by Sr. Aneeta. Mrs. Sharon Dias class teacher of Class VIII A shared the PowerPoint presentation. She began with the introduction of teachers teaching class 8. She then discussed the

assessment pattern for scholastic and co scholastic areas. She gave few general reminders. The floor was open for the questions, suggestions, doubts etc. Parents came up with questions and gave few suggestions. It was an interactive and fruitful session. The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by Sr. Aneeta.

July 23rd: In house training conducted online on Microsoft Team for teachers of Notre Dame School

As the lockdown continued Notre Dame School stayed connected with teachers by organizing inhouse trainings. On 23rd July 2021 at 4: 30 pm Friday an in-house training on Developing Resilience in Children was organized. The session began with a prayer by our Principal Sr. Shylaja. Then the session was taken over by Mrs. Shelley Nunes. Various topics were explained in an easy and understanding way of how teachers can help children grow in new situations and overcome obstacles by putting in them confidence and keeping positive mindset that takes them to success. To make it more better and giving a twist ppt and videos were also used. Questions were poured out and teachers were free in giving their own views. It ended with an inspiring video Magic. Teachers and sisters expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards the session.

July 27th : Uniform Discussion

As the school uniform is being changed there were several meetings with the new uniform vendor.

July 28th : Webinar on Finance

We attended the webinar on finance management, organized by Sr. Divya and Mr. John, Bangalore.

August 2021 to January 2022 : HOL Training Report

As per CBSE Affiliation Bye-Laws, In-Service Training of Teachers and Quality Assessment is an important part of teacher development. As per NEP 2020, each teacher is expected to participate in at least 50 hours of CPD (Continuous Professional Development) opportunities every year for self improvement, and their own professional development, driven by their own needs and choice. Taking this into consideration, Sahodaya and HOL (HUB of Learning) have taken various efforts to conduct the requested 25 hours of training which have to be conducted in-house. Various trainings have been conducted from August 2021 till January 2022

We have made sure that all the teachers were able to attend the various webinars conducted by them. The topics of the webinar have been very interesting as well. The sessions attended by teachers at Notre Dame School are:

1. Effective teaching in mathematics using innovative tools
2. Mental Well Being of Teachers, Balancing Personal and Professional Life
3. An Integrated Approach in Teaching Social Science

4. Gender Sensitivity
5. Digital Tools for Teaching Mathematics
6. Teacher: The Source of Transformation in the Society
7. HINDI BHASHA MEIN ADHYAYAN KI PRANALIYAAN
8. Story Telling As Pedagogy
9. ऑनलाइन अध्ययन - अध्यापनाची प्रक्रिया व निष्पत्ती
10. Training on POSH
11. POST COVID-19 COPING WITH STUDENTS RESILIENCE
12. Developing Inquisition in EVS
13. CREATING MANIPULATIVES WITH SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES TO IMPACT MODES OF THINKING
14. Leadership Leading from the front

Teachers have received the certificates for the same from Sahodaya and HOL by email.

August 3rd : Class X Results Declared

Class 10 results for the academic year 2020 -2021 were announced on 3rd August 2021. Notre Dame School is blessed with another set of outstanding CBSE exam results of our 6th batch of 2020-21. Overcoming all odds during this pandemic period, our students have earned a comprehensive range of excellent individual scores and a 100% pass percentage.

The toppers of this academic year are Rion Pattar with 98.6% and Sarah Gavhale with 98.2%. This year's results saw some outstanding success with 36 students achieving 90% and above, 27 students 80% and above, 19 students 70% and above, 9 students first class and 1 student second class. This result is a fruit of the coordinated effort of the students, teachers, parents and the management.

August 7th : Personal Hygiene and Fitness

Good Personal Hygiene is one of the most effective ways to protect ourselves and others from many illnesses. So, in order to follow the correct methods of personal hygiene and to be physically as well as mentally fit a webinar on "Personal Hygiene and Fitness" was conducted by Mrs. Livinta Carvalho on Saturday, 7th August 2020 at 4:30 pm. The webinar was held virtually for the staff members of Notre Dame. The webinar began by invoking God's blessing on the webinar. What is Personal Hygiene? And what are the different ways /methods or techniques to be followed to maintain a good personal hygiene, was shared through PPT. Good hygiene perpetuates a nice image of an individual in a society. And so, we as teachers need to be a good example for our students. Many activities –offline /online school were introduced so that the teacher can practice these in her classroom. A video to practice some of the healthy cleanliness habits was shown. A few teachers also added in activities such as short plays, poem recitation, poster making etc. Importance of physical as well as mental fitness was explained through slides. The webinar ended with a wonderful quote – "Cleanliness is next to Godliness".

August 12th : Solo Singing Competition of Patriotic Songs

On the 12th of August 2021, the students from classes V to VII of Notre Dame School took part in Patriotic Singing Competition. The competition was an offline one, wherein, the students had to send in their videos to the music Sir Mr. Terrence Rebello. It was indeed a feast for the eye and music to the ear to watch how the classes V to VII students enthusiastically sang praises to their country. The judges were Mr. Terrence Rebello the music teacher and Mrs. Clementine Periera and Mrs. Joyce Pinto of St. Augustine's High School. According to the judges' feedback it was indeed an outstanding performance. Online or offline music fills the air at Notre Dame with the band of singer who eagerly wait to perform at any time of the year.

May God bless their talents and lead them to greater heights.

August 15th : Independence Day

Notre Dame school celebrated the 75th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and respect. To commemorate the sovereignty of our nation, Sr. Sandhya unfurled the tricolor flag in the presence of teachers on the school grounds. The virtual celebration for the students and teachers started at 8:30 am on Microsoft teams. The students of class X presented the programme virtually. The programme started by a prayer service followed by salutation of the flag and oath taking ceremony. The students performed a dance dressed in traditional costumes of different states. This was followed by a medley of patriotic songs and a skit that awakened everyone's feelings towards our Motherland. Sr. Aneeta addressed the students asking the students to have an independent character and to be good citizens for the better future of the country.

The programme came to an end with the school song.

August 17th : Poetry Recitation Competition for classes I to IV

Notre Dame School held an offline Marathi Poetry Recitation Competition for classes I to IV on the 17th of August, 2021. Many students participated by handing in their videos to their respective Marathi teachers. Selections were done and a link of the selected videos for each year group was created. The teacher in charge of the competition handed it over to the judges. For classes I and II we had Mrs. Leela Gonsalves and Mrs. Sarena Gonsalves. Mrs. Sarena Gonsalves and Mrs. Sweedal Dabre judged the competition of classes III and IV. It was indeed a tough competition as every child did his/her best. They were very pleasant and expressive. We thanked our loving judges for their valuable time. The judges scores were sent back with beautiful comments and valuable suggestions. We appreciate the perseverance of every participant for this competition. God bless them all.

August 17th : Story Telling Competition for classes V to VII

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Mrs. Rovina Gracias and Mrs. Mabel D’Cunha, an external judge were invited to judge this virtual competition. Every child battled to be a winner. They narrated their stories with such creativity and expression that judges were highly impressed. We thanked our loving judges for their precious time. The judges’ scores were sent back with beautiful comments and valuable suggestions. We appreciate the perseverance of every participant for this competition.

August 16th : Meeting with the Province

In the month of August, we joined the zoom meeting of the province with Sr. Sujita. This was the introduction to the upcoming provincial chapter in Dec. 2021.

August 20th : Education for Peace – Inhouse Online Seminar

During this transitional pandemic phase, when everyone is faced with challenges and emotional stress, Notre Dame School had organized an in-house seminar for their teachers. Mrs. Monalisa Lopes conducted the seminar on Microsoft Teams for her colleagues on ‘Education for Peace’, on 20th August between 4 pm to 5 pm, to acquaint the teachers about the holistic development of a child’s social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs in order to build a solid and broad foundation for lifelong learning and wellbeing. The seminar started by welcoming the participants and then the principal Sr. Shylaja lead everyone in prayer. Whenever we see something good happening, we should appreciate it and help it to spread far and wide. Same is the case with education for peace, hence with the help of a PPT which included slides, videos, songs, pictures etc the topic was put forward in front of the teachers. The seminar was mainly divided into three parts; what is education for peace? Why is there need for peace in education? How to promote education for peace? It was purely an interactive session as teachers shared their experiences and ideas as how can one promote education of peace during these virtual classes. Mrs. Monalisa thanked Sr. Shylaja the principal for the opportunity given to conduct the seminar, and all the attendees for actively participating in the seminar and promising to take control of their mind and emotions even if the surrounding is full of chaos. “The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change.”

August 27th : Mental Well-Being Of Teachers; Balancing Personal And Professional Life

I would like to thank my school and principal for giving me the opportunity to attend the Online Seminar (Mental Well-Being of Teachers; Balancing Personal and Professional Life). I find it was a very enriching experience for me. It was very interactive seminar with many activities. I shall describe briefly the topics discussed in the seminar by our resource person.

- Defined Mental Health & Mental Well Being explaining the difference.
- Explained Work life balance with an activity and explaining in detail what balance

means.

- Need for Balance.
- Importance of meditation with a time management chart.
- Explained self-care in detail with many examples.
- Gave few examples of Psycho-Emotional Therapy.
- Importance of the gratitude log.

The resource person ended the seminar with few De-Stressing activities for body stiffness and eye-constant view on monitor. Feedback was submitted by the attendees and last 15 minutes were given for interacting with the resource person for the doubts to be cleared. It was a very informative seminar. Thank you for this opportunity.

August 28th : “Effective Teaching in Maths using Innovative Tools ”

The workshop was arranged by Matrix Academy School in association with Hubs of learning for teaching mathematics effectively using digital tools. The resource person Mrs. Vaibhavi Salvi introduced many amazing tools for online teaching. The use of various formative tools like google forms, pad let, quizzes and mentimeter by the resource person made the session interactive.

The session stressed on making learning math easier and interesting with fun activities like alien angles and zoo designing. Various activities to engage the students in a virtual classroom were shared by the resource person. The session came an end as Mrs. Manisha Karekar, president of sahodaya schools and Mrs. Amita Dutta secretary of sahodaya congratulated the resource person for the session.

August 31st : “An Integrated Approach in teaching social science”

Hubs of learning had organized the workshop for social studies teachers which was hosted by Tree house high school, Virar. The topic for the workshop was ‘An integrated approach in teaching social science’. Five social studies teachers of Notre Dame School attended the workshop on 31st August 2021 at 3.00 p.m. on Zoom. The resource person Mrs. Manisha Mehta excellently put worth the ideas and methods of integrated approach. Meaningful videos were shown to show its impact. She also discussed the pros and cons and how to manage them. An assessment was conducted during the workshop. The workshop was indeed very informative.

September 1st to 3rd : Pedagogical Leadership

The central board of secondary education had organised a three-day webinar for all the principals of the all the CBSE schools. The regions were divided into different phases where principals were divided into smaller groups to attend the webinar. The webinar mainly focused on how to prepare Annual Pedagogical Plan for the schools. Sr. Shylaja attended the webinar on all three days. The resource peons were Mrs, Kyati Dwarkadas and Mrs. Veena, principals of CBSE schools

September 4th : Teachers' Day Celebration

Teachers' day is a special occasion, especially for a teacher and a student. A day to appreciate the role played by teachers in the life of students—the leaders of tomorrow. The day is also celebrated to pay tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of the country and a visionary educator. Teachers provide the power of knowledge and education and create possibilities for better future. Amidst the pandemic, Notre Dame School, Vasai celebrated this day with great enthusiasm through the Microsoft Teams app on 4th September, 2021 at 9 a.m. The whole event was meticulously planned by the students and a committee of teachers. The virtual assembly started with glorifying the school through a song. After which the students invoked the blessings of God by a prayer dance and intensions. The cultural programme unfolded with a dance performance by the tiny tots of the preprimary section, followed by the downpour of students addressing teachers as the leaders who reimagining the future. Next in line was an Indo-Western dance performance by the middle school added spice to the programme. The teachers were left awestruck by the way students imagine them in the acrostics video specially prepared for each one of them.

Next in line were the PTA members who expressed their gratitude towards the teachers through a video message sent by them. Among the many adjustments the teachers make, classroom shifted from in person to online and many others, this scenario was well depicted through a skit by the students. Sr. Shylaja, the Principal of the school was next in line to express her words of gratitude and appreciate the efforts put in by the teachers. Mrs. Sheetal D'silva, a teacher then acknowledged the efforts and time that the students had put in to make such a wonderful virtual programme. She also mentioned that all the teachers are earnestly waiting to meet all the students and love of each of them. Now it was the time for the finale, a time to say thank you to our beloved teachers through words and the creative cards prepared by the students.

But this was not the end. 'Picture abhi bakki hai mere dost.' Teachers gathered together in the school at 11.30 for a small get together. The committee of teachers in-charge had organised fun games for the teachers which they enjoyed and then relished the delicious lunch that was specially prepared for the day. The entire programme was applauded by everyone present and will always remain a beautiful memory in the hearts of one and all present.

September 6th : "Mathematics is not about numbers, equations, computations or algorithms. It is about understanding"

Mathematical Lamp, a student activity was conducted by Shrimati Taramai Vartak School on 6th September 2021 at 3pm . Two participants from grade 6 to 8 had to participate from each School on Zoom platform. The participants had to join 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The students were told in advance to keep the materials ready for the activity. The event began with prayer service. The main objective of the workshop was to acquire understanding about 3D shapes and use of geometry in our day-to-day life. Principals and representative teachers from each school joined the workshop and ignited the wisdom with their invaluable presence. To get

an e-certificate student had to participate in the quiz at the end of the workshop. It was a very interactive session. Students thoroughly enjoyed the session. It was an indeed fruitful experience. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks.

September 7th: Hub of Learning Activity

“A ray of hope is what we need to move ahead in life facing and overcoming the ordeals in the process” Sheth Vidya Mandir had conducted an Art Activity for the students to express their thoughts and ideas through brush and colour to instill the fact that life is nothing but a ray of hope. The Parameters to be followed were Aesthetic skill, Correlation with the topic and clarity of Message. The date to submit the Art Activity was 11th August 2021 by 5:00 p.m. The Participant schools were requested to send two entries from classes VIII to X. Accordingly, the Participants of Notre Dame School were Alicia Benzoni Sequeira (Class IX) and Stenin Thomson Peechatt (Class X). Art Teacher Mrs. Preeti Colaco guided the Participants. The Art Activity conducted by Sheth Vidya Mandir was indeed a ray of hope through which the students could express their thoughts and ideas in current Scenario.

September 14th : Outreach Program

In September we visited the Palliative care center for cancer and HIV/AIDs rehab. Center and an orphanage here in Vasai. According to their requirement we were able to reach out to them with some cloth materials and provisions as our covid outreach project.

September 15th : Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas is celebrated in India on the 14th of September. This day was celebrated at Notre Dame through a virtual assembly prepared by the students. The teachers in charge of the assembly were Mrs. Leela Gonsalves, Mrs. Sarena Gonsalves and Mrs.Khusbhu Jaiswal. The virtual assembly was viewed on Microsoft Teams on the 15th of September, 2021. The assembly was so meticulously planned. It involved a lot of students from class I to class 10. It was very informative. Beautiful messages were displayed by the students. They showcased their talents through dance, speeches and acting. The concept of the celebration of the Hindi language was very elegantly displayed. It was indeed also a very colourful sight. The students appreciated the assembly as they enjoyed viewing it. Notre Dame Students are indeed incredible when it comes to present an assembly for any occasion. May their talents be blessed!

September 16thto 24th : Summative Assessment - I

Summative Assessment – 1 Exam was successfully conducted online on the school’s IVRM Portal. The exam had objective and subjective questions to answer. Students were able to successfully attend the exam online with the proper guidance. The corrections were also done by the teachers on the IVRM Portal itself. The results were published on the IVRM Portal thereafter.

September 18th : French Webinar

‘‘Patience, Persistence and Perspiration make an unbeatable combination for Success’’

Sr. Mary Shylaja, Principal of Notre Dame School had organized a webinar on French Subject under Hubs of Learning. The Webinar was held on 18 September 2021 Saturday at 3:00 p.m. The duration of the webinar was two hours and the mode of conducting the webinar was through Google Meet. Mrs. Ensweeta Dabre, member of Hubs Committee of Notre Dame School introduced the resource person. Miss Sarah Menezes, French Teacher of Notre Dame School was the resource person for the webinar. The topic of the webinar was ‘‘Effective Teaching and Learning Strategies in French’’. Miss Sarah began the webinar with Prayer. She spoke about each technique by giving explanation and examples. She displayed the know-how of each tool for teaching and learning French through creative presentation. Miss Sarah also conducted games and quiz for the attendees to make the session live, interactive and informative. The attendees too showed their active participation. Along with attendees Mrs. Manisha Karekar, Principal of Muljibhai Mehta International School and the lead collaborator of Hubs of Learning attended the webinar. The Webinar ended successfully with the Vote of Thanks by Mrs. Deepa Dias, member of the committee of Hubs of Learning Notre Dame School. Overall, the French webinar went on Smoothly.

September 20th : Interschool speech competition

The Thane Palghat Sahodaya school complex organised a speech competition which was hosted by Gurukul Global School. The event took place on 20th September 2021 at 3:00 pm on zoom platform. Master Stenin Peechat and Miss Kiana Nunes participated from Notre Dame school. Master Stenin Peechat bagged first place for the competition

September 27th : ‘‘Art is not what you see but what you make others see’’

Mandala Art Online Competition was organised by P.S. Deshmukh Memorial Academy, Shahapur, Thane for the students of grade IX and X. The theme of the competition was celebrating India’s history and heritage. The activity was held on 27th September 2021 at 3 p.m. Maximum three participants per school were welcomed. The participants had to join the given link on Google meet 15 minutes prior. The event began by welcoming everyone followed by prayer service. After the introduction of the judges; general instructions were given to the participants. The participants had to draw the art on A4 size drawing sheet using only fine liner /thin marker/ pigmented ink pen of any colour. The judging criteria for the competition were creativity, visual appeal, layout, coverage of theme and neatness. The participants had to introduce themselves with their names, school name and grade on the top right corner of the sheet in 5 cm by 5 cm box. Only participants, principal and one representative teacher per school were allowed to join the meet. To ensure no malpractices were followed during the competition a hand drawn picture of the artwork along with another picture of the participant holding the artwork had to be submitted via mail on the same day. The program concluded by the vote of thanks.

October 2nd : Gandhi Jayanti

Notre Dame School, Vasai

“Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words. Keep your words positive because your words become your behaviour. Keep your behaviour positive because your behaviour becomes your habits. Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values. Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.” - Mahatma Gandhi

Gandhi Jayanti on October 2nd is the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, who is a pioneer of truth and non-violence. He is known as the Father of the Nation. Gandhi Jayanti is a “National holiday” celebrated all over India as a tribute to him. Class I and II of Notre Dame School, Vasai, conducted a virtual special assembly to commemorate life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. Students and their teachers gathered virtually to mark the 152th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with patriotic fervour.

The assembly started with a prayer service followed by a cultural programme. The students enthusiastically participated in the programme and performed lovely dances based on the theme. Special speeches comprising quotes and messages of Mahatma Gandhi given by the students attracted the attention of all. Video based on Gandhiji’s life was also shown. Gandhian ideals were depicted through the activities which the students presented in an eloquent manner. Inspired with Gandhian values and thoughts, all students of the school vowed to become better citizens. To imbibe the true meaning of the day and follow glorious trails of the noble soul towards evolving a peaceful and prosperous world, a special interactive e-session was also conducted by the class teachers after the assembly.

October 4th : Preparation for Appreciation Program

The month of October began with practicing and rehearsing a Marathi dance as part of the Appreciation Program for Sr. Kristin and her team. Even the elder berries managed to ease out their ‘rusty’ joints and dance which indeed was both amusing and entertaining for the teachers who trained us and ourselves.

October 5th : Report on Junior Scientists interschool Competition

The Junior Scientists interschool Competition was organised by Z. A. Menon English High School on 5th October 2021 on Google platform. The participants for the competition were Akarshak Singh from class XB and Albion dias from class IX .The competition focused on making innovative designs from household or waste products. Akarshak Singh presented a automatic hand sanitizer made by a waste materials. Albion Dias presented a theft alarm made by waste materials for which he bagged the second place.

October 16th : Result Day

The results of the first term were announced today in the IVRM portal.

October 22nd : Book Talk

A book talk competition was held for the students of classes VIII, IX and X at Notre Dame on the 22nd of October, 2021. It was conducted offline where the students were asked to submit their videos and the teachers in charge had done the selection. The selected videos were then sent across to the judges through a link. The judges were from Notre Dame School and external judges were from St. Augustine's High School.

Sr. Aneeta and Mrs. Ranjeeta Gomes for class VIII

Mrs. Smita Colaco and Mrs. LeeAnn Cerejo for class IX

Mrs. Riona D'silva and Mrs. Maclina Carvalho for class X

The students were very vibrant and creative. The flow of the content and language left the judges in awe. Each judge had something amazing to comment on this competition. It was indeed the perseverance from the students' side that brought in such remarkable comments.

May God bless all our budding orators and may they continue to build up that passion for reading.

October 25th to 29th : Class X Pre-Board Exam

Notre Dame School successfully conducted pre-board exams for class 10 in an off-line mode on 25th to 29th October 2021, amidst the pandemic. A document of SOP's to be followed for the safe conduct of the pre board exam was sent to the parents, students and teachers by the school. Safety guidelines related to social distancing, wearing masks and hygiene in the exam hall were followed by students, teachers and the concerned staff.

October 26th : Visit of our Provincial, Sister Mary Chetana,

Sister Mary Chetana visited Notre Dame School, Vasai on the 26th of October, 2021. The staff, students and parents were all excited about her visit. On the 27th of October she had the opportunity of addressing the class 9 and 10 students in school as they were present for their end of term first Exam. At 10:30am on the same day the staff had organized a small event as they welcomed Sister Chetana on her first visitation to Notre Dame. A small presentation of a bouquet and card with a musical entry started off the event. It was followed by a prayer service and hymns/song. Sister Chetana then expressed her feelings of joy of being back on Notre Dame's grounds. She thanked the teachers for their wonderful work. Our Principal Sister Shylaja gave her the updates of the school online. It was indeed a beautiful meeting and mingling with the staff over brunch and tea. Sister Chetana added a sweet taste to the meeting with laddus from Bangalore. She also met the ex-students and the PTA members. There was love, joy and excitement in the air during those days of her stay. We wish her blessings of good health as she continues on with her mission.

October 26th to 30th : Visit of Sr. Chetana

Sr. M. Chetana came on visitation on Oct. 26th and left for Bangalore on Oct. 30th. These were indeed action-packed days as sister had to make official visits, attend to staff, students, parents and friends.

November 1st: Diwali Virtual Assembly

Diwali, the festival of lights that enlightens the hearts and brings joy to every heart was celebrated virtually on 1st November by Notre Dame School, class V students. Mrs. Princely and Mrs. Deepa guided the students. The assembly began with a meaningful prayer service highlighting the message of Diwali. The students showcased the spirit of Diwali through mesmerizing dance performance. Some of the students said about the safety measures to be taken while celebrating the festival. Teacher Navilda expressed her thoughts regarding the Diwali festival. The assembly concluded with Sr. Mary Shylaja's message of a clean, peaceful and a bright Diwali. Hence the virtual assembly was conducted with the maximum participation of the students.

November 3rd : Meeting in the Parish

The synod meetings in 40 villages of the parish continue to happen and we are attending them on alternate days. Though we do not understand the conversations in Marathi, our presence is pastoral.

November 15th : Children's Day

The stars appeared to be twinkling in broad daylight at Notre Dame as the staff designed a virtual assembly for Children's Day 2021 for their darling starlets on the 15th of November, 2021 on Microsoft Teams at 8 am. The theme of the assembly was 'Children are like twinkling stars, the more you embrace them the more they shine'. The teacher introduced the theme with a song and led the children into the prayer service which began with the Bible reading followed by intentions and ended with a prayer song by the staff. As the children missed the campus during these months of the lockdown the teachers rolled out a video showcasing the school campus and classrooms with words of appreciation. There was a variety of entertainment singing, dancing and messages by the teachers and Sisters. A student proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of all his fellow students. The assembly was brought to a close with the school song sung by the staff. Online or offline Notre Dame twinkles in daylight or moonlight bursting forth with ideas for any celebration. It was indeed a sparkling assembly!

November 20th - December 11th : First term Board exams for Class X

The first term board exams for class X 2021-22 were held from 20 November 2021 to 11 December 2021. The exams were conducted in Notre Dame school under the guidance of Centre superintendent Sr. Shylaja and external observer appointed by the CBSE board. All 88 students

appeared for the first term exam. The exams were conducted according to the board's instructions.

Evaluation of the papers was completed on the same day and the papers were dispatched by speed post. Uploading of the correct responses was completed successfully. The exams were conducted smoothly in safe environment following all the covid-19 protocols.

November 23rd : Report on Food Fraction

The inter school online activity on food fraction was hosted by St. John International School on 23rd November 2021. There were around 13-15 schools who participated in the competition. The competition started with a short prayer. Students of standard 1 and 2 with great enthusiasm explained the topic Fractions using different food materials like biscuits, roti, pizza, fruits etc. Mr. Arzoo Sheikh conducted the entire competition. 45 students of standard 1 and 2 gave their best. The competition ended by giving vote of thanks by Mrs. Wilma Attupankil.

December 7th to 17th : Second Unit Test

The students from class I to VIII began their second unit test today. Class VIII had their exams offline while other classes had them on IVRM portal.

December 7th to 9th : Admission for Junior Kg Students

The parents came to take admission for their children for the new junior KG students for the academic year 2022-23. The parents were given three days and the time was allotted for confirming the admission and the payment of fees.

December 9th : Offline Classes Begin

Offline classes for classes IX and VIII began in Dec. Class X students had their offline first term examinations from Nov. 20 to Dec.11. The CBSE board has divided one final board exam to two terminal board examinations from this year.

December 18th : Farewell report

The school hall of Notre Dame School echoed with the blessings on the morning of 18th December 2021 when the Notre Dame Family came together to bid farewell to the ex-students batch of 2020-21 class X students. Elegantly dressed, the ex-students entered the school premises at 8:15 am and they were well received by present Class X students. The morning began with a mass expressing gratitude and seeking blessings for their bright future. The mass was celebrated by Rev Fr. Rajesh Lopes.

Students of Class X organized farewell party with great enthusiasm and of course end eavoured to leave a trail of nostalgia behind. The day was a fiesta devoted to the years spent together with

friends and teachers to reminisce joyous moments. The students of class X entertained their seniors by graceful dances and melodious songs. They also added laughter to the morning with school life anecdotes. Ms. Sarah Gavhale gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the seniors. The students also expressed their gratitude towards the school and teachers by cutting a cake. Everyone took the opportunity to get them clicked in the front of selfie point as they gathered more memories for future.

December 20th : Workers' Day

The management, staff and students of Notre Dame, Vasai showed their gratitude to the grade 4 staff by setting aside the 20th of December, 2021 to celebrate Workers' Day. It was indeed a beautiful way to teach the students to be grateful to those who work and care for them as they grow up in this educational institution. They also learned the value of dignity of labour. On the 20th of December, 2021 the grade 4 staff were given a break from their regular duty. The students took over their duty for a day. A reconciliation service followed by Holy Mass was organised for them. Later in the day, the students put up an entertainment programme for them. There was a prayer service followed by dances and speeches of gratitude. It was amusing to hear the Principal, Sr Shylaja deliver her speech of gratitude in Marathi, the language of the staff. This showed how the staff and management worked together in harmony. Cards and flowers were given as a token of love and gratitude. This brought a smile on their faces. A vote of thanks was given by one of the workers. They were then treated to some snacks. They enjoyed their special day. They were then given a day off.

December 20th : Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

“We will never forget the sacrifice our freedom fighters have made. Now it's our turn to reform the country.” Among the various activities held in the Notre Dame School on the occasion of **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** students of Classes VI to X, whole heartedly participated in the Role Play Activity held in December, 2021 depicting the inspirational values of the freedom fighters. Students uploaded videos of them enacting like the freedom fighters such as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Lokmanya Tilak, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Rani Lakshmi Bai, Bhagat Singh and many more freedom fighters whom they admire the most, using the platform of Microsoft Teams. The activity was so special as it reflected the insight of the student's opinion about the freedom fighters and the respect, they uphold for the nation at large.

December 22nd : Christmas Celebration

Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is the happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. Hence, Notre Dame School arranged Christmas celebration for all teaching and non-teaching staff on 22nd December, 2021. All the invited guests came to school wearing elegant clothes. The school was decorated

beautifully with balloons and lights. A crib was made by the students of class IX. The programme began with a prayer by Sr. Premalata, followed by carols sung by teachers which made the environment even more pleasant. Various games were organised along with the spot prizes. Christmas lunch was organised by the management of the school as a token of love and appreciation. One could easily notice the excitement of Christmas in everyone's eyes as they exchanged their gifts. The programme ended with Christmas gift given by the management and lots of pictures clicked together for long lasting memories.

December 23rd to Jan 3rd : Christmas Holidays

The school remained closed for Christmas holidays for ten days.

January 11th : Virtual Tour to important places.

Virtual tour to important places connected with Indian Freedom Struggle was held on 11th January 2022 from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. by Sundaram Central School. One participant per school was allowed. The students had to record a video in their own voice giving importance of some of the important places in Indian freedom struggle. Ms. Kanishka from class 9 had represented Notre Dame School. She had very beautifully presented the video with the important places. Feedback from Kanishka: It was a wonderful experience. I really enjoyed participating in the competition. All the participants had done a brilliant job. It was also informative as we came to know some more historical places and history of our country "India".

January 11th : Principal Day

The young Notredamites were all geared up to celebrate their 'CHAMP', the Principal of their institution, Sr Mary Shylaja, on the 11th of 2022 on the occasion of Principal's Day. Although the school was still online it did not dampen their spirits but they went ahead to prepare for this grand celebration online. A team of teachers set the ball rolling for the preparation of the online assembly. Students participated enthusiastically, teachers worked creatively and everything was taken care of in secret under the kind guidance of Sr Aneeta. The assembly went online on the 11th of January at 9 am. It brought a beautiful smile on the face of Sr Shylaja and she appreciated the committee and students for this pleasant surprise gift on PRINCIPAL'S DAY.

A holiday was declared after the assembly. The celebration then continued offline. The teachers assembled in school to sing and wish their dear leader and appreciate her for all that she has been doing for them. The faculty, her students and parents showered her with loads of warm wishes and love.

January 12th : Report on Thank You Tree Competition

Thank You Tree Competition was held on 12th January 2022 by John XXIII School. For the competition students had to make a tree and dedicate it to any of the covid warriors. They had to

write poems, appreciation notes, stories, quotes etc. on the persons they want to be grateful for and hang them on the tree. Mast. Hansel Barboza and MS. Nicole Dmello were the students who participated from Notre Dame School. The Competition started sharp at 3.00 pm. The students were confident enough to present their topic. Some feedback received from the participants is as follows: Parent of Nicole Dmello - It was a nice platform for students to speak they got a beautiful experience but I don't know how far the thank you tree was visible while the presentation was on. Overall I feel it was nice. Parent of Hansel Barboza - Firstly, We the parents, would like to thank the management and the teacher incharge along with coordinating staff of the Notre Dame School for thinking Hansel capable of and providing him an opportunity for participating in interschool competition for "Thank you Tree". It was a great experience wherein we too, as parents learned, that we should always be grateful for all the opportunities in life, whether big or small. It was a wonderful session wherein the presentation of every child was remarkable.

January 21st : Report on Drawing Competition

The inter school online drawing competition was hosted by Gurukul Global School on 21st January 2022. There were around 15 schools who participated in the activity. The online activity started with a short prayer. Students of standard 1 and 2 joyfully started at 3:00 pm. The topics given to the students were fruits or flowers and to do the collage with pulses. Students very happily and creatively finished their activity at 4:00 pm. The activity ended with vote of thanks.

January 26th : Report on Republic Day

Our school celebrated India's 73rd republic day on 26th January 2022. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity. Staff of Notre Dame gathered at 8:00am. in the morning and the principal Sr. Shylaja unfurled the national flag. The choir presented the flag song. Online assembly was conducted by class VII students at 9:00 am. Patriotic songs, preamble duties and responsibilities as citizen were presented in the online assembly. To bring the sense of patriotism the choir sang patriotic song. On the auspicious occasion Sr. Shylaja give a meaningful message to the students and staff of Notre Dame. The assembly was concluded by the school song.

January 27th : Puppet Show

A puppet show was organized by Tree House for thane Palghar Sahodaya Schools. On 27th January 2022 at. 3.00 pm. There were 12 schools participating in this competition. The show was the part of sahodaya activity and was a joyful learning experience for all the participants. This program was virtual done via Zoom to ensure safety and security for all participants.

The puppeteers , Mrs. Smita , Mrs.Jenevia, Mrs.Sharon and Mrs.Candance engrossed the judges – Bharati Mohan and Rishika. K with their voice modulation and effective use of creative puppets. The theme taken by Notre Dame School was Environment to spread awareness about A Green World and A Clean World. The duration of each puppet show was 5 minutes and we

stood on 4th place. The puppetry making activity proved to be a true learning experience for all the participants.

February 2nd : Notre Dame Day

The students and the staff of Notre Dame School, Vasai had come together as one, although they were at their homes to celebrate Notre Dame Day virtually on 2nd February 2022. The students and the teachers of class III had creatively prepared a virtual assembly and a short programme for all the students from Jr.KG to class X at 9:00 am on Microsoft Teams.

Every year on 2nd February we take pride in saluting the founder Sr.Mary Aloysia and our spiritual mother St.Julie Billiart. On this day we celebrate the founding of the sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Class III students extended a warm welcome to everyone and conducted the assembly followed by a short entertainment programme and showcased their talents. Sr. Shylaja also gave us a wonderful message. Towards the end we paid a tribute to our school by singing the national anthem.

February 18th : Report on Staff Get Together

On 18th February a staff get together was organized by the school management. Sr.Chetana, the provincial superior of our school had joined us for the programme. The programme began at 7.00 pm. All the staff members and sisters prayed the rosary with special intentions of our school. After the rosary all the staff members gathered in the school hall for the programme had organized some fun-games for the staff members. All the staff members actively participated in the group games. Gifts were distributed to the winning teams. Dinner was served. It was a get together which we all will cherish.

February 19th : Graduation Day

‘You raised me up and now I am ready to go light the world.’

Our young graduates of Notre Dame of the year 2020-21 and 2021-22 were felicitated on the 19th of February, 2022 at 5:30 pm. It was indeed very thoughtful of the administration to include the batch of 2020-21 in this ceremony as they had missed it due to the pandemic.

The grounds of Notre Dame had an air of pride and excitement as the young graduates marched up the aisle to position themselves on the stage prepared for the event. The girls looked graceful in their white attire while the boys looked smart sported in white and black.

The guest of honour was Notre Dame’s Ex-principal, Sr. Mary Chetana. The event was solemn and well organized by the administration and staff. The events moved on smoothly beginning with invoking God’s blessings through petitions and songs followed by inspiring speeches delivered by the guest of honour, Sr. Mary Chetana, the Principal, Sr. Mary Shylaja and a parent

representative , Mrs. Candida Machado. Our fresh graduate, Ms.Tanisha Kawle expressed her feelings and appreciation through her valedictory speech.

The graduates gifted a token of love to the school. The graduates received a memento and a candle that they lit as they sang the song ‘Go light the world.’ After the singing of the school song the event ended with screams of joy and roars of laughter and chatter over snacks served by the staff. We wish our graduates success in all their future endeavours.

February 21st : Report On Sr. Aneeta’s Farewell

The entire Notre Dame Fraternity assembled on the 21st of February, 2022 at 8.15 am to bid farewell to their stalwart, Sr. Mary Aneeta Campos. The committee for this event planned out an online as well as an offline assembly to pay tribute to their beloved mentor and guide Sr Aneeta. She was welcomed in the midst of the audience with showers of blessings coming down upon her in the form of rose petals and led by the students doing the Indian Dance. It was indeed a very touching moment as she had not expected this surprise. The assembly began with a prayer service in song, petitions and the Bible reading. Then followed tributes in the form of poems, songs, dances, skit and speeches. Each year group had a different activity to exhibit. Each student played their part well. The ex-students too paid a surprise visit and had a musical tribute for her. The Principal, Sr Mary Shylaja , thanked her for all that she was to Notre Dame. All this left our dear Sr Aneeta speechless. Yet, she thanked each and every one for the beautiful event and the assembly ended with her blessings on each one of us. The staff met her on the evening of the same day to thank and appreciate her for raising them up to a higher standard from what they had started. Her motivation indeed had done the trick. There was a little pray service, songs and a speech by the teachers. The teachers then gifted her a token of love which she gladly accepted. The evening event ended with a chat over a live chaat which everyone enjoyed. Sr Aneeta will be missed at Notre Dame but she will continue to live in the hearts of every Notre damite.

February 25th : Report of the High School Spelling Bee Competition 2021-2022

Good spellings avoid confusion. Keeping this in mind a Spelling Bee Competition was held for classes 8, 9 and 10 in the month of February, 2022. The students of class 8 were given a list of 100 words. They had a spelling test on the 24th of February, 2022 (class 8 B) and 25th February, 2022 (class 8 A). In the first round the whole class participated. In the second round those who secured 10 participated. In the 3rd round those who secured 5/5 participated. The 3rd round was a rapid fire round. The winners were given their positions after this round. They had to spell as many words as they could in a minute.

Classes 9 and 10 had their first round online in the month of December, on Microsoft forms. And the final round offline in December (class 9) and in February (class 10)- a rapid fire round. The students did enjoy this competition. This competition made them aware of the importance of spelling. Spelling is a bit like sports. It is up to the person passing the ball to make sure the receiver actually catches it.

March 7th to 16th : Second Term Exam

The Annual Second term Examinations of Notre Dame School, for the students of Std Ist to IXth were conducted from 7th March 2022 to 16th March 2022. All the classrooms, French Room, Library and Computer Room were utilized for spacious seating so that maintained social distance.

Only the Items essential for the examination were allowed in the classrooms. The examination began with a small prayer by our Principal Sr. Shylaja, blessing the students. Question papers and answer sheets were distributed to the students in orderly manner. They were given 15 minutes to read and understand the Questions. The examination duration is of 3 hours. Strict invigilation and discipline was maintained throughout. At the end of the exam all the answer papers were segregated and given to the respective subject teacher, who checked and graded the marks.

March 21st to 30th : Report on Pre-boards Exam of class X 2021-22

The pre-boards for class X 2021-22 were conducted in school from 21March to 30 March 2022. The exam timing was from 8 to 10:30 a. m. Twenty minutes reading time was given was every paper.

March 26th : Report Card Jr.KG to Class IX Final Exam

The Academic was closed on March 26th with the release of the Report Cards to the Students of Class Jr.Kg to Class IX on School IVRM portal.

March 28th - 31st : Fee Collection and Book Distribution (2022-23)

The parents came to school to pay fees for the new academic year and the book vendor Mr. Ajay distributed the note and the text books to the students for all classes in the 4 four days.