



CARMEL CONVENT SR. SEC. SCHOOL

GWALIOR

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INTRODUCTION – THEME OF THE YEAR

The session 2024-25 commenced from 1st April 2024. The theme- '**Every child is perfect in an unusual way**' guided our steps to make every effort for the holistic development of the students at Carmel, Gwalior.

CELEBRATIONS

- During the morning assembly students of each class took turn to present assembly based on a theme identified for specific days - World Health Day, Earth Day, National Handloom Day, World Cotton Day, National Sports Day, Kargil Vijay Diwas, World Humanitarian Day, World Animal Welfare Day, International Anti-corruption Day, World Human Rights Day, U.N. Day, Hindi Diwas, Sanskrit Diwas and many more.
- National and festive days were observed in the campus, strengthening the cultural and traditional bonds.
- Carmel Day: The feast of our lady of Mount Carmel, the patroness of our school, was observed with great devotion. It began with the lighting of lamp. This was followed by the solemn prayer service, a prayer song, a role-play depicting the significance of prayers, rosary, and scapular. Through this celebration, students learned valuable virtues from Mother Mary's life, such as compassion, humility, and devotion. The assembly concluded with a deeper understanding and appreciation of Mother Mary's significance, inspiring students to emulate her virtues in their daily lives. Students wished the gathering A Happy Feast Day through a blessing song.
- 78th Independence Day: Mrs. Rupinder Sandhu and Mrs. Sunita Shrivastava hoisted the national flag. Under the theme -'Planet verses Plastic', a vibrant programme was presented, conveying the prominent messages.

- Onam: Embracing the spirit of unity and prosperity, the joyous celebration and the beauty of Pookalam (Floral Rangoli), filled every heart with happiness and gratitude.
- Guru Purnima: Teachers were honoured for shaping the young minds and nurturing the future.
- Teachers' Day: As a mark of respect and thankfulness, students made the day special, for their teachers.
- Ganesh Chaturthi: Under the guidance of the Eco club, students created stunning eco-friendly Ganesha idols, showcasing reverence for nature.
- Gandhi Jayanti: Carmel Swachh Bharat Fest 24, was organised. The chief guest for the day, Dr. Shobha Sikarwar, The Mayor of Gwalior, appreciated the Carmel family for reflecting on the teachings and principles led down by Mahatma Gandhi.
- Diwali: A tableau depicting the epic - Ramayana was staged.
- Christmas: Rev Father Ronal Tellis, the chief guest for the celebration, gave the Christmas message. A play was staged by the kids which brought out the meaning of Christmas. The carols extended the warmth and festivity to the atmosphere.
- 76th Republic Day: On the occasion of the 76th Republic Day, Rev. Sr. Carmen, Provincial, Northern Province, was the Chief guest and Miss Aashi Gupta, the School Topper in Class 12 CBSE Board Examination from PCM Stream, 2023-2024 Batch, was the Guest of Honour.
- A plethora of activities such as Mass drill, March Past, Dance performances, and patriotic poems infused the spirit of unity, brotherhood and patriotism. Scholarships were also presented to the students.
- Mother Foundress Day: The message "Do freely the good you can do, without ever losing the peace and joy of heart", was very fondly remembered. Hymn to Mother Foundress, Prayers, and Short Skit

depicting her virtuous character and her role in 'Empowering Women', were beautifully exhibited by the students.

➤ Farewell

- Class XII Students: Class XI students bid farewell to their seniors.
- Staff Members: On their retirement, Mrs. Vimla William and Mrs. Rupinder Sandhu were given farewell by the Staff and Students.

➤ Women's Day: Variety of games were organised for the staff. It was coupled as appraisal day for the staff.

➤ Closing ceremony: For the session 2024-2025, the members of the school parliament handed over their portfolios to the Principal, Rev. Sr. Ramya.

WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, SEMINARS, ORIENTATIONS

For Teachers:

The school facilitates the participation of teaching faculty in a wide range of workshops/seminars/in-service training programs to enhance the knowledge of their subject and keep them at par with changing paradigm in Education. To name a few-

- Prominent Principles of NEP 2020 and Salient Features of NCF-FS 2022, NCF-SE 2023 by Mr Gaurav Singh Solanki.
- Components of an ideal lesson plan and Skill based pedagogy by Mr Gaurav Singh Solanki
- 'Happy Classroom' organized by resource persons from CBSE.
- 'Learning Outcomes and Pedagogy' organized by resource persons from CBSE.
- Mr. Himanshu Sharma, Academic Manager, Tata ClassEdge, conducted a comprehensive training session. The objective of this training is to equip teachers with innovative tools and methods, enhancing their teaching practices and student engagement.
- A live demonstration on Fire Safety and Prevention to extinguish a fire effectively while emphasizing on proper techniques and safety protocols by Mr. Vimal Nikunj.
- Prospective Resource Person Programme [Online mode] conducted by COE-Bhopal.
- Orientation program for teachers by Rev. Sr. Eunice.
- Orientation program for teachers by Mrs. Madhumita Bhattacharya.
- The fundamentals of education by Mrs. Nisha Phillip.
- Orientation on Life Skills organized by resource persons from CBSE.

- Workshop on English language teaching by Ms. Gayatri Khanna.
- A district level workshop on the topic 'Comprehensive Manual for Safety and Security of Children in Schools including Cyber Security and Sensitization' was organized by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) at DIET College, Alkapuri-Gwalior
- Joy of Wonders: A workshop by Mrs. Surekha Maheshwari.

For Parents:

School and Home should be brought on the same platform to enhance the overall educational experience of a child. The academic session began with an Orientation Program which was conducted for the parents to help them decipher the School's policies, curriculum, pedagogy and protocols in accordance with the rules governed by the CBSE.

For Students:

Using the interactive format, workshops help the learners to explore topics ranging from personal enrichment, life transition to gain practical skills.

- A seminar on Social Media: Ms. Reena Shivhare, ADPO; Ms. Krishna Garg, Inspector, PTS, Tigra; Ms. Amita Vardhan, PTS, Tigra and Ms. Akansha Sharma, SI, PTS, Tigra gave some valuable information regarding the use and misuse of social media. Thus, the seminar proved useful and informative for the students.
- A guidance session for class XII students for their performance at CBSE Board Exam by Mrs. Nisha Phillip.
- Empowering Teens: Talk show by Dr. Priyanka Goswami and Mrs. Neetu Rawat.
- Pariksha Pe Charcha, specifically tailored for students- fostering a culture of resilience and confidence in the face of academic challenges.

CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- The school has a wide range of Clubs, promoting learning by combining recreational and educational factors. Representing interdisciplinary approaches to learning, the carefully selected activities of the clubs, focus on the entire gamut of development of learners in cohesive manner.

- Class-wise Activities - For the primary section (Class I to V), activities were conducted class-wise, to ensure cent percent participation and maximum learning. Board Race, Solo Dance with Retro theme, Fun with Fractions, Let's colour the Abacus, Envelope decoration, Picture Dictation, Carol singing, Laghu Katha, English and Hindi Poem Recitation, Kite designing, Role Play on Cartoon Characters, Photo scavenger Hunt.
- Inter-House Competitions- For the middle, secondary and senior secondary sections, house wise competitions supported learning in all the directions. English Recitation, Patriotic Group singing, Laghu Naatika, Adzap, Role play on Scientific Achievement, Quiz, Doha Gayan, Debate, Maths Model Making, Model UN, Youth Parliament.
- Shiksha Saptah: A Week of Learning and Growth, our school embarked on an enriching journey, 'Shiksha Saptah', a six-day celebration of education and holistic development, as suggested by CBSE.
- Mission Life: An initiative by CBSE, an environmentally conscious drive, showcasing the importance of sustainability, while fostering a sense of responsibility and eco-awareness among students.
- 10 Bagless days for the students of class I to VIII
- An action-packed summer camp for students from classes I to XII offered a wide variety of activities that cater to different interests and age groups.
- Educational trips and excursions are undertaken annually to cater students' enthusiasm towards school life. These trips inculcate a spirit of team work and self-reliance. Students had a fun-filled day on their trip to Orcha and Delhi. Later they also visited Jaipur, Jodhpur and Jaisalmer.
- The School Management organized a picnic for the teachers at Imperial Golf Resort in Gwalior, on the eve of Teachers' Day.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- Teachers' Prayer Session: To begin the day, teachers are led into prayer by the principal. This provides inner peace by surrendering ourselves and our efforts for mentoring the students and accepting them as they are.

- Morning Assembly: It is the time when scholars and mentors come together to start the day.
- Every day after the lunch break, a brief prayer session is held for the students' and mentors' spiritual wellbeing.
- Prayer sessions are conducted in the value education periods in the prayer room.

INTERSCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Inspire Awards (Manak) – Two prototypes – “Automatic Fragrance Diffuser Smart Air Purifier” and “Chillesca – A thermo-cooling food container” were selected at district level. Students were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- each.

Gwalior Vigyan Mahotsav (GVM 2025) was held at ABV-IIITM. Carmel was the winner at Vigyanotari -Science and Technology Quiz and was the runner up at Abhyudaya- Gwalior Idea Contest and Science Exhibition.

Sahodaya Competitions:

- Debate Competition at AMI Shishu Mandir.
- Exuberanza season4- One act play at LAHS.
- Daimiraaz -Documentary Film Making Competition at Gwalior Glory High School.
- Kaleidoscope 2024-25 at Gwalior Glory High School.
- Greeting card making at Aditya World School.
- Timeless Tapestry-Fancy Dress at AMI Shishu Mandir.
- Poster and collage making at Aryan School of Sanskar.
- Dance Competition at Doon Public School.
- Imaginarium-English story telling at G.D. Goneka.
- Solo Semi-Classical singing competition at Bhartiyam Vidhya Niketan.
- Mathematics Day Celebration and Exhibition at AMI Shishu Mandir.

Olympiads:

- The International Olympiad and Spell Bee, organized by Hummingbird Education Limited, for Spell Bee, and English Olympiad.
- The International Hindi Olympiad.
- SOF National Olympiad.
- Silverzone Mathematics Olympiad.

CBSE Activities:

- Story Writing Competition for the Budding Authors, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Nasha Mukta Bharat Campaign.

Sports:

- Taekwondo at Sanskar, Volleyball at Venus Public, Cricket at Aditya World, Kho-Kho at Miss Hill, Badminton at Rishi Galav, Basketball at Doon Public, Chess at G.D. Goneka, Skating at ITM Global.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME

- Labour Day: This day is dedicated to honour the contribution and hard work of workers. Our Principal Rev. Sr. Ramya along with USM members, teachers and students made this day special for our auxiliary staff. Addressing the audience, she stated we must teach our children to be deeply grateful, kind and respectful to all those who serve them on a daily basis.
- Joy of Sharing: On the eve of Christmas, students truly celebrated the joy of sharing and donating food grains. The USM team under the guidance of the Late Father Alengaden, spread smiles among less privileged. They organized a charity distribution for Brick Kiln workers at Piproli. They distributed grocery products not only to the workers but also to all our auxiliary staff members.

PTA (OPEN HOUSE)

Parent-teacher meetings are arranged periodically and information regarding the same is given through the School diary and the school website. The parents make it a point to take this opportunity to discuss the progress of their ward. Besides academic progress, mentors and parents discuss the strengths and weaknesses, grade level expectations and improvement. Parents can meet the teachers on every Tuesday, after school for 20 minutes.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE CAMPS

A free medical camp was organized, with the initiative to ensure the health and well-being of school sanitation workers by providing them necessary medical care and support. Dr. Muskaan Thakur, former student of Carmel, was invited to conduct the camp along with her dedicated team. With her professional expertise, she ensured that every sanitation worker received proper medical attention. The team was well equipped and worked tirelessly to address various health concerns of the workers. The camp was successfully conducted with comprehensive medical check-up and variety of services provided free of cost.

VISITS FROM GENERALATE/PROVINCIAL TEAM

- Rev. Sr. Carmen, Provincial, Northern Province was the Chief guest for the Republic day Celebrations.

COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE

- Individual: The school Counsellors handle students with various mental health concerns- stress, grief, anxiety, fear and other issues that derail their mental and emotional health. The slow learners are given guidance time and again to cope up with their studies.
- Career: During the Tathastu Educational Fair, our students were guided with new avenues and new paths to design their career.

IMPORTANT MILESTONES

Academics:

- Aashi Gupta, student of class XII (PCM stream) scored 97.6% and was the city topper for the session 2024-25.

- Dhrishti Tyagi of class VII and Sunaina Majhi of class III were awarded at Rashtriya Sangrahalay, Delhi, for their outstanding performance in Hindi Olympiad.
- Achievers of Abhyudaya- Gwalior Idea Contest and Science Exhibition, shared their innovative ideas with the students of class VI to VIII. This bagless day was quite enriching.
- Student volunteers of class XI and IX took the initiative to guide the students of the primary classes with the cursive writing, to enhance their writing skills.

Sports:

- Inter School March Past and Mass Display Competition was organized by LNIPE Gwalior. Our students won 1st position in March Past and 2nd position in the Mass Display and the overall championship was ours’.
- Champions on wheels- Skating competitions earned us 21 medals, a record in itself.
- Interschool Competitions: With the grace of the Almighty, prayers by Rev. sisters, guidance by the teachers, support by the parents and dedication of our students, Carmel Gwalior, was the winner in all the competitions.
- Educational Heritage Walk: The Music department organised an inspiring Educational Heritage Walk, for the first time, allowing students to delve into the rich history, understanding the musical roots and timeless contribution of Tansen - the legendary figure.

Infrastructure:

- Construction on the terrace, enabling its usage for indoors games and other activities.
- Installation of lift.

REMEMBRANCE

The sudden and sad demise of Mrs. Preeti Ekka (Office Staff) and Dr. (Mrs.) Shailja Dixit (Educator) has shocked and saddened the entire Carmel family. We also lost our former teachers Mrs. Shailja Extros and Mrs. Sandhya Raizada. We remain in prayer for the repose of their departed souls.

CONCLUSION

LOOKING AHEAD – THE CARMEL SPIRIT LIVES ON

The Annual Report showcases the achievements and glories of our school, undoubtedly. Many milestones have been achieved and many still have to be reached. We at Carmel, Gwalior, will continue our unceasing efforts to mould the young minds into well balanced personalities with confidence and zeal befitting the standards of this portal of education.

Believing that every child is "**perfect in an unusual way**", we embrace their uniqueness, fostering an environment where their talents flourish and their dreams take flight.

As we step into another promising year, let us move forward with passion in our hearts, perseverance in our stride, and the unwavering Carmel spirit guiding us.

Here's to new beginnings, greater heights, and a future brimming with endless possibilities!

With faith, hope, and gratitude,

SR. RAMYA VACCO
PRINCIPAL