Annual School Report 2019 – 2020 Co-curricular Activities

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds — Psalm 9:1

The Beginning

The academic session 2019 - 2020, commenced in April 2019 with much vigour and optimism. The teachers and students were keen to begin the new session afresh! God's blessings were invoked through a short prayer service. The Principal, Sr. Sheena welcomed the students and wished them the very best for a new opportunity to work hard and shine. The students appeared for class tests in the first week of May and the school closed for the Summer vacation after a Parent-Teacher Meeting.

School reopened in the first week of July.

'True leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders.'

The new office bearers of the School Student Council were sworn in amidst much fanfare in an elaborate ceremony on 12th July 2019. The captains of the four houses along with the vice-captains, the class representatives and the representatives of the Eco-Club promised to fulfil their duties and shoulder their responsibilities faithfully. The event commenced with a hymn and readings from the Holy Bible and Bhagwad Gita. The co-ordinator of the event Mrs. Meenakshi Malhotra invited Sr. Sheena, the Principal to administer the oath to the new office bearers. Sr. Deepti, Sr. Kiran Jojo and Ms. Elizabeth Daniels were invited on stage to pin the badges. The ceremony came to a momentous finish with a hymn, readings from the Quran and the Guru Granth Sahib.

The School Choir sang the School song as a penultimate. The newly sworn in student office bearers were invited for refreshments with their parents to the School Library by Sr. Kiran Fernandes. After which, Sr. Kiran and Sr. Deepti posed for photographs with them. Later in the morning the House Photographs were captured with the Manager, Principal, Vice-Principal, Headmistress, House In-charges and Student Office Bearers.

School Feast and Initiation of Inter-House Competitions

The Feast of St. Mary's of the Angels, the patroness of the School was celebrated on 1st August 2019. The students eagerly invoked the blessings of Mother Mary through a prayer service. The students of the Primary Classes led the entire gathering into soulful prayer through a prayer dance and melodious hymns. The prayer intentions by the Senior Classes further solemnised the prayerful atmosphere. Soon the clouds began to thunder and the Almighty Father showered His blessings in the form of much needed rain to dispel the troublesome humidity. The Staff and Students joined Rt. Rev. Dr. Pius Thomas D'souza, Bishop of Ajmer Diocese in praying for the Sisters of the F.S.M.A. Congregation through the Eucharistic Celebration on 2nd August in the School Chapel.

The Inter-House Competitions began with the Pre-Independence Day Celebrations. S.M.A. set the mood to welcome the 73rd Independence Day with a Patriotic Singing and a Classical Dance Competition on 14th August 2019. The students participated with great enthusiasm.

The students of classes VI to VIII participated in the Inter-House Patriotic Singing Competition. They sang songs such as Aye mere watan ke logon, Vande Mataram, Mera Joota hai Japani, Dil diya hai... etc.

The senior students from Classes IX to XII participated in a Classical (Solo) Dance Inter-House Competition and performed gracefully on many well known songs. The vibrant costumes and well rehearsed moves added to the charm of the dances.

The Judges were in a dilemma as they went through each performance. The audience applauded each performance loudly and encouraged the participants.

National Festivals

Each National Festival was celebrated with much enthusiasm and displayed our students' creativity.

Our Independence Day (15th August) dawned with the dark skies showering a steady drizzle. But this couldn't dampen the exuberant spirit and patriotic fervour of our students. The campus buzzed with activity and patriotic songs. The students took their positions for the march past and prepared to march eagerly. They had put in a lot of effort in the preceding days under the able guidance of the Gent Staff – Mr. Mohsin, Mr. Rakesh Khandelwal, Mr. Prakash Manghnani, Mr. Kashyap, Mr. Anthony Coelho and Mr. Dua. The Chief Guest for the occasion Shri Arjun Singh Rathore, RTO, Ajmer hoisted the flag as the School Choir sang the National Anthem. The School Band played on zealously as the students marched around the Assembly Ground smartly. The Chief Guest and the Principal through their speeches emphasised the importance of our freedom and encouraged the students to value our unity in diversity. The beautiful dance performance by the students was lauded by the audience. The speeches delivered by the students filled everyone with passionate love for our motherland.

The winners of the March Past, the Patriotic Singing Competition and the Classical (Solo) Dance Competition were announced by the Principal at the end.

S.M.A. celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and Shastri Jayanti on 2nd October 2019 during a momentous morning assembly organised especially for the occasion. The morning prayer began with the rendering of 'Vaishnav jan toh', Gandhiji's favourite bhajan. This was followed by poems and speeches befitting the event.

The Principal Sr. Sheena announced the initiation of the School Harmony Club on this special day as both these national leaders were true embodiments of unity and integration. A solemn prayer service followed, wherein prayers of different religious beliefs were intonated. The Captains of the four Houses led all the students to take a pledge to work for the Unity and Peace in our Country.

During the day, a drawing competition was organized to mark the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of our Nation-Mahatma Gandhi. Our students also participated in a rally arranged by the local bodies and authorities.

We celebrated our country's 71st Republic Day on 26th January 2020 with great enthusiasm. The deputy Superintendent of Traffic Police, Mr. Vijay Kumar Sankhla presided as the Chief Guest. He was welcomed by the Principal-Sr. Sheena, Mrs. Jennifer Cleopas (PTI) and Mr. Mohsin Khan (PTI). The parade pilots – Shivani Yadav, Kriti Jain, Jasvinder Kaur and Vaishnavi Chauhan escorted the chief guest to the dais where he hoisted the flag as the National Anthem was played by the School Band. The Parade Commander Ilma Qureshi invited the Chief Guest to inspect the troops and asked permission to begin the march past. The seven troops from Classes XI Arts, XI Commerce, XI Science, IX A, IX B, IX C and IX D were led by their contingent leaders Divyanshi Soni, Muskan Singh Rathore, Dhun Sharma, Pankjakshi Ajmera, Palak Tak, Priyanshi Saxena and Kanishka Soni respectively. The Parade was adjudged by three judges and the results were announced by Sr. Principal. Class XI Commerce bagged the first place, the second position was secured by Class XI Arts and the third place was taken by IX D. The Chief Guest was felicitated by presenting him with a green, potted plant. An exhilarating dance performance followed a beautiful song sung by the school choir. The Chief Guest and the Principal emphasised the importance of harmony and encouraged the students to value our unity in diversity. The speech delivered on the occasion by a student from Class IX filled everyone with passionate love for our motherland.

Loud chants of 'Jai Hind' brought the programme to a close.

Inter House Competitions and Quiz

The Inter-House Competitions are always a thrilling affair. The students work extremely hard and put in their best to be grab the first place.

On 31st August 2019, the campus was abuzz and the students were as busy. Every student was actively involved in either one or more competitions.

The day began with the Preliminary Written Round of the Quiz for Classes VI to XII. Also, the Green Brigade (Eco-Club) involved the students in a poster designing competition to help 'Save Water'. The Secondary and Senior Secondary students worked diligently on writing quotations calligraphically. And, the students of the Middle section exhibited their talent in paper quilling.

All the students of the junior classes (VI to VIII) participated in a paper quilling competition organised by the Shastri House on 31st August 2019. The students showed keen interest. They exhibited their creativity through colourful strips of paper, which they fashioned into flowers, leaves, birds, hearts and what not! With delicate yet skilful twists of their fingers they fabricated greeting cards, pen stands and also embellished jewellery boxes. While the juniors were busy with quilling, the seniors were writing different quotations in a Calligraphy Competition organised by the Tagore House. Classes IX to XII participated enthusiastically in the competition. They shaped letters and coloured them skilfully thereby producing a delightful display of art and letters and words! The day saw the enthusiastic participation of all the students with their creative juices flowing.

Then, on the occasion of Hindi Diwas the Gandhi House organised a Hindi debate competition on 13th and 14th September 2019. The students of Classes VI to XII engaged in a battle of words and wits. The topic for Classes VI to VIII was: 'Desh ki suraksha yuvao dwara hi sambhav hai' and for Classes IX to XII the topic was: 'Parmanu bomb ka upyog desh ke hitt mein hai'.

On 20th and 21st September the Shastri House put together an English debate competition for Classes VI to XII. The students of Classes VI to VIII battled on the topic 'Plastic bags and packaging should be banned' whereas the senior classes (IX to XII) debated on the topic: 'Our current education system is preparing our youth for a bright future'.

The experience was quite an interesting and enlightening one!

The preliminary (written) round of the Quiz Competition 2019 was held on 31^{st} August in two categories: Classes VI to VIII and IX to XII. The top four teams in each category qualified for the final (oral) round held on 27^{th} and 28^{th} September, respectively.

The teams answered questions based on Science, Social Science, Entertainment, Literature, Computer Science, Sports, Current affairs etc. The rounds were such as - Beat the Brain, Do You Hear What I Hear, Choose Your Favourite Subject, Rapid Fire, etc.

It was a nail biting experience and a very close finish for the Winners on both days. The excited audience participated enthusiastically, answering questions eagerly when passed to them.

The Quiz was put together by the Quiz master Ms. Elvira Fernandez. She was assisted back stage by the in charges of the Nehru House (Dr. Rajni Saxena, Mr. Prakash Manghnani, Mrs. Claudia Fernandes & Mrs. Sharon Everett), Mr. S. Yadav (Mathematics Department) and Ms. Ankita (Computer Department).

Teacher's Day and Children's Day Celebrations

'Without Teachers Life would have no Class!'

Teachers Day was celebrated with much jubilance on 5th September 2019 in the School campus. The teachers entered the venue of the event to the musical notes of the School band and were welcomed traditionally with 'tilak-aarti'. They were then felicitated by the students of Class XII. The traditional lamp was lit by Sr. Deepti (Manager), Sr. Sheena (Principal), Sr. Kiran Jojo (Headmistress), Mr. Rajeev Kashyap, Mr. Augustine Sunni, Ms. Elizabeth Daniels and Ms. Betty Fernandes. The students through the Prayer Service invoked the Lord's blessings on their teachers and the School. Symbolic prayer intentions, a prayer dance and a Bible reading encompassed the major part of the prayer service.

A short entertainment programme on the theme of 'Teachers are Magical' followed the prayer service which included dances, poem renditions, a song for teachers, a mime and a magic-stand up comedy act. Sr. Sheena (Principal) in her speech dwelled on the divine responsibility teachers shoulder, that of enlightening young minds, who will become the

future citizens of the World. Sr. Sheena thanked the students and Class teachers of XII (Mrs. Kavita Mathur, Ms. Elvira Fernandez & Mrs. Sandhya Bhadauria) for putting together the wonderful programme for Teacher's Day. Ms. Elvira Fernandez (2001 Batch) presented a copy of her second book 'More Magic at Ferns and Blooms' to the Principal for the School. A short prize giving ceremony followed wherein the students who participated in various inter-School competitions and won, were awarded. Sr. Sheena also announced that Ms. Elvira Fernandez secured the first position in the AINACS English Essay Writing Competition 2019.

The programme ended with three cheers and a group photograph session for the teachers. Thereafter, the teachers enjoyed a day out with the management.

In the words of John. F. Kennedy, "Children are the world's most valuable resource its best hope for the future."

On 14th November, Sr. Sheena and the teachers organised a special prayer service for the students. The teachers prayed for the well being of the students and their loved ones through prayer intentions and a hymn. After which a self composed roseate sonnet was recited for the students by Ms. Elvira Fernandez. A Children's day message and warm wishes were extended by the Principal, Sr. Sheena. Sister also invited the students to celebrate the day to the fullest but keep in mind the rules of the School while enjoying the fete.

The fete especially planned and arranged by Sr. Sheena, Dr. Rajni Saxena and Mr. Prakash Manghnani commenced at 8:00 a.m. with many stalls laden with mouth watering delicacies like pani puri, garlic bread, bhel puri, momos, shakes and even ice-creams. The School campus was abuzz with the happy chatter of the students and colourful with the banners of many much frequented food joints of Ajmer. The children also participated in various interesting games and danced enthusiastically to the songs played at the Request Stall. The members of the School Eco Club under the guidance of Mrs. Swati Banerjee (Teacher In charge) performed their duties diligently asking the students to dispose the waste in dustbins and not to litter the School grounds. The happy day came to an end with the Lucky Draw at 1:40 p.m. wherein the lucky ones received their prizes from Sr. Sheena and Sr. Kiran Jojo.

Alumni Activities

"I think the success of any School can be measured by the contribution the alumni make to our national life," said John F. Kennedy.

The alumni of our School plays an active role in furthering the interest of their family and home, they call - S.M.A. For them St. Mary's is a warm feeling which they feel every present student should experience too. The Principal appreciated and welcomed the kind gestures of the alumni whole heartedly.

An English short story writing competition was organised by the S.M.A. Alumni Association, Ajmer on 7th September 2019. The competition is sponsored by Ms. Shalini Keswani (1992 Batch) in honour of her parents. Thus, the SudhaJyot Excellence Award for Creative Writing was initiated for the students who excel in the art of story writing.

The students were divided into 5 categories: Class VI, Class VII, Class VIII, Classes IX & X and Classes XI & XII. The students were asked to write stories on the basis of the given prompts. A panel of judges was requested to read through the stories and ascertain the winners in each category. The winners received books (fiction/ non-fiction) as well as S.M.A. Alumni Association certificates.

The School was proud of Ms. Keswani (author of Bonds of Freedom) for her thoughtful gesture of encouraging students to hone their writing skills.

'Poetry is different things to different people'.

National Poetry Day occurs annually in the U.K. and Ireland on a Thursday in late September or early October. This year's events were set for October 3 and focussed on the theme of change. The S.M.A. Alumni Association organised an **English Poetry Writing Competition on 2nd October 2019** to encourage our students and to expose them to the power of expression through poetry writing.

The competition was sponsored by Ms. Elvira Fernandez (2001 Batch) and aimed at enhancing language skills through the written poetic form. The objective was to help students bask in the beauty of language with freedom of poetic expression.

The students were divided into 2 categories: Classes IX & X and Classes XI & XII. The students were asked to write a poem on the basis of the given prompts. A panel of judges was requested to read through the poetries and ascertain the winners in each category. The winners received The Bard of S.M.A. Award (fiction books as well as S.M.A. Alumni Association certificates). The thoughtful gesture was much appreciated!

"They called it an Alumni Reunion, We knew it was Homecoming!" - Kaarthik Moharaj

The Alumni Meet was organised on 16th & 17th November this year. The two day event began with breakfast and an interaction session in the School grounds. The Alumni then gathered in the School hall for the prayer service, a small entertainment programme and the felicitations. Sr. Sheena welcomed the alumni and extended an invitation for the 125th year celebration in 2021. Then, the sisters and ex-teachers were felicitated by the Alumni. The silver jubilee batches (1994 and 1995) were felicitated by Sr. Francine. The Principal, Sr. Sheena, gave away the Ritu Mathur Sethi Appreciation Awards 2019 - 2020. The proud winners from Class XII were - Ruchika Soni (XII Arts), Harmeet Kaur (XII Commerce) and Mansi Pachori (XII Science). Gyanika Rathore (XII Science) received the award for being the Best Orator while Mahika Yadav (XII Arts) received the Ritu Mathur Sethi Award for being the highest scorer in Political Science in Class XI. The President, Ms. Elvira Fernandez thanked the School Management for their support and the alumni for their active participation. She also updated the alumni about the plans for the two day event and announced the next Alumni Meet scheduled for 2021. The morning session culminated in Group Photographs with the oldest batch being 1971 and the youngest being 2019. After the photo session the alumni left for an outing at Lariya Resort in Jodhpur. The evening session comprised of Dance and Dine, Games and a Firework display under the supervision of Mrs. Kavita Mathur, Ms. Elvira Fernandez, Mr. Prakash Manghani and Dr. Rajni Saxena. The next morning after breakfast the alumni visited Mehrangarh Fort and enjoyed the aesthetics of an age old living edifice by capturing delightful moments in their cameras. After a delightful lunch in the resort the return journey to Ajmer was undertaken. Late in the evening, goodbyes were said and the happy group dispersed from the brightly lighted School Building with promises to meet at the next Alumni Meet in 2021.

The S.M.A. Alumni Meet helped to relive School memories, catch up with School friends and forge new bonds among seniors and juniors. The reunion generated a feeling of being united as a huge family. The alumni pledged to return soon and bring along more friends and enhance the growing alumni family

Performance by Pandies Theatre in S.M.A., Ajmer

Dr. Anuradha Marwah (an S.M.A., Ajmer alumnus of the 1979 Batch) along with her theatre group visited S.M.A., Ajmer on 30th September 2019. The actors performed a Greek tragedy written by Euripedes under 'Project Samtal'. The play 'Medea' portrayed the position of women, dalits and other minorities. With a strong message for the upliftment of women, the play left an indelible mark on the minds of the students of the senior classes. The play lasting 55 minutes was followed by a short interaction session with the Director (Dr. Marwah) and the actors who answered questions raised by the students. The Principal, Sr. Sheena expressed gratitude and extended good wishes by presenting a small token in the form of a green plant and a memento to Dr. Marwah and hand crafted cards (created by the students) to the actors. The welcome address was read out by Ms. Elvira Fernandez and the vote of thanks was given by Jhanvi Verma of XI Arts.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to witness high quality theatre in Hindustani at their very door step.

Celebration of Festivals

'It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.'

Diwali is the festival of lights and it was celebrated with great aplomb at St. Mary's on 19th October 2019. The students of the primary classes with the aid of their teachers recreated the story of Diwali from the Ramayan. The young actors played their roles on stage with great precision and charm. Yet another group of students from the primary performed a street play or a *nukkad natak* to create awareness about the true meaning of Diwali and the best ways to celebrate this beautiful festival so that everyone may enjoy it.

On this happy occasion Sr. Principal gave away the SudhaJyot Awards for Creative Excellence and the Bard of S.M.A. Awards for students excelling in English Story Writing and English Poetry Writing respectively. Both these awards have been initiated by ex-students. They include certificates and books as prizes. Thereafter, Sr. Sheena wished everyone a joyous and prosperous Diwali.

As the celebration drew to an end, the students wished the Sisters and Teachers a Happy Diwali and presented them with earthen lamps painted and decorated by them. The School closed for the Diwali Break for a fortnight.

'Christmas is the time for loving, caring and sharing.'

The students were extremely excited to celebrate the beautiful festival, **Christmas**. The programme began with a prayer service after which the play 'A Christmas Story' scripted by Ms. Elvira Fernandez was performed by the students. The play brought to the fore the true meaning of Christmas.

The Chief Guest for the Day, Rev. Fr. Vishal Raymond, then enlightened the students about the true meaning of Christmas through a short message. On behalf of the S.M.A. family Sr. Sheena handed over a sum of Rs. 50,000 to Rev. Fr. Vishal for the meals arranged by the organization Disha Aahaar. Furthermore, the Christmas joy was shared by the Sisters, Teachers and Students as they presented gifts and sweets to the special guests of the day.

A Carol Singing Competition was organized by Mr. Clifford, the music teacher for the four houses. It was very difficult for the judges to ascertain a winner. Nehru House forged ahead and bagged the first position.

The students eagerly received the Christmas chocolate before they left for the Winter Vacation.

Picnics

'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!'

In our case, Jill would be a dull girl if there would be no fun. So, the Principal in agreement with the teachers decided to take the students of the School for a whole day outing – their class picnics.

Class picnics for the students of Classes IV to XII were organised by the School from 21st to 23rd October 2019. The students enjoyed their class picnics with their friends and teachers. The picnic spots were located at various resorts at Pushkar.

The students took part in various games and sports organised by their teachers. They also danced tirelessly to the beats of the DJ. After a hearty breakfast at the picnic spot the students set about entertaining themselves in various ways – games, exploring the picnic spot, dancing etc. The photographer also captured their memories through photographs. Lunch was quite a delicious affair and demanded much time and attention. After the afternoon meal and an early tea the students tired out but still excited boarded the buses to return to the School Campus, half heartedly.

Inter-house Basketball Tournament 2019

An inter-house basketball tournament was organised by the sports teachers- Mr. Mohsin Khan, Mrs. Jennifer Cleopas, and Mrs. Chandrika Goyal under the guidance of the Principal, Sr. Sheena. The initial knockout matches were played on 5th, 6th and 7th November 2019 between the four houses- Gandhi, Nehru, Tagore and Shastri. The two houses that made it into the finals were- Gandhi House (leading with 6 points) and Nehru House (with 4 points). All the matches were quite interesting. But the Final Match played on 13th November 2019 between the top two teams was quite close and thrilling. The Winner of the Tournament was the Gandhi House Team under the leadership of Mahima (team captain), which had not lost a single match in the entire span.

After the final match Sr. Principal gave away the prizes to the proud winners and the runners-up. Sr. Sheena appreciated their efforts and congratulated them for their teamwork and sportsmanship. Sister also encouraged them to work harder and win many more matches.

The referees for all the matches were – Mr. Hemant Dhariwal, Mr. Jishan Doi, and Mr. Karun Kachhawa. The observer was the basketball coach, Mr. Manoj Sharma. The various in-charges were- Mrs. Preeti Handa (table incharge), Mr. Manish and Mr. Rakesh Khandelwal (scoreboard in-charges), Mr. Clifford (music and sound in-charge) and Ms. Priyanka Kodnani (first aid in-charge). The commentator was Ms. Elvira Fernandez.

13th November 2019 was an occasion of double celebration as Sr. Kiran Jojo, the headmistress handed out the certificates and medals to the winners of the CBSE Gymnastics National Championship held at Allahabad (from 7th to 10th November 2019). Meghanshi (XI Arts) secured a Silver Medal on the Balancing Beam in the under 17 category and made the School proud of her feat. The School Team escorted by Mr. Mohsin Khan also won the Silver Medal in the Team Championship Competition at the National Level. The proud team members are: Meghanshi, Paridhi Sharma, Aryanshi Jadia and Hoonar Tiwari.

This also happens to be the School's maiden forage into CBSE Gymnastic National Championships.

Celebration of Fitness Week

St. Mary's celebrated the Fitness Week with great vigour in November 2019. Students participated enthusiastically in the early morning yoga session co-ordinated by Mrs. Khushboo Mandawaria, a qualified Yoga Instructor. Various Assamese games such as – Dhop khel, Dhora Hao, Bonda Boha Hao, Tang Guti were taken up and enjoyed during the games periods. The P.T. periods saw the eager participation of all the students. Posters on the theme 'Fit Body-Fit Mind-Fit Environment' were made by the students and the best ones were displayed on the tag boards. Students were encouraged to write poems in English on the topic 'Fit India School', the best ones were recited during the Morning Assembly. Also, during the morning assembly the students were made aware of the 'Khelo India App' and its functions. The physical trainer, Mr. Mohsin downloaded the app and used it to check the fitness of the students especially the athletes, players and gymnasts from various classes. The Eco Club of the School conducts plantation drives every year and encourages the students to undertake gardening as a fitness activity by looking after the plants grown by them. During the Fitness week students were motivated to spend more time watering, conversing and tending to their plants.

The celebration of Fitness Week helped in creating a greater awareness about the need to be fit and healthy – both physically and mentally.

Retirement and Silver Jubilee 2019

The winter's day, 30th November, dawned bright and clear as everyone welcomed the retirees- Mr. Rajeev Kashyap, Mr. Augustine Sunni and Ms. Elizabeth Daniels and the silver jubilarian – Mrs. Kavita Mathur. They were felicitated by the Management, Staff, Students and the Support Staff.

The students of class VII along with their teachers worked hard to put up a wonderful programme. The families of the retirees accompanied them as the S.M.A. family bid them goodbye through a touching farewell programme.

The Principal, Sr. Sheena in her speech thanked each of the retirees for their dedicated service over the years and congratulated Mrs. Kavita Mathur for her valuable contribution in the last 25 years.

The retirees shared precious memories of the 'good old days' with the august gathering and were applauded. Mrs. Kavita Mathur thanked each and every person who had made her journey worthwhile.

The function ended with the students of Class XII Science paying a special to the retirees and Mrs. Kavita Mathur through song and verse.

Farewell to Class XII

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." - Melody Beattie.

Early in the morning on 12th February 2020, Sr. Sheena, the principal led the students of the outgoing batch into prayer through a short prayer service which comprised of hymns, a Bible reading and prayer intentions. The entire assembly prayed for the success and well being of the class XII students. The captains of the four houses then expressed their feelings and thanked the institution for its gift of love and knowledge. A prize giving for Class XII followed and the students were awarded for their active participation over the years in various fields.

The latter part of the day witnessed a scintillating farewell programme organised by the class teachers (Dr. Meenakshi Malhotra, Mr. Prakash Manghnani and Dr. Rajni Saxena) and students of class XI. Against a beautiful backdrop (of the school's building and a short poem penned by Ms. Elvira Fernandez) on the stage, the performers moved their seniors to laughter and tears. Interesting games brought out the thrill and excitement. As a gesture of thanks Class XII presented a poem, a stand up comedy act and a thank you speech. The principal in her speech encouraged Class XII to work hard and uphold the values of the school and let their shine always.

With a race for photographs, dancing to the most trending numbers, enjoying snacks and later a delightful lunch...it was soon time to finally say goodbye!

Final Farewell

The year 2019-2020 was a year of great sadness too. S.M.A., Ajmer had to say goodbye to two stalwarts with heavy hearts, Sr. M. Stanilaus (former Principal) and Ms. Betty Fernandes (nursery teacher). Prayer services were organized by the Management to pray and honour these two beautiful human beings. The Management, Staff, Students and Support Staff paid them a floral tribute and prayed to the Almighty Father to grant them eternal rest through short prayer services in the School Campus.