

Montfort School, Sundaranadappu

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“We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him”

- Romans Chapter 8: Verse 28

Introduction:

St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, a Missionary, lived in France, during the 18th Century. From the very beginning of his evangelizing work among the common people, he felt called by the Holy Spirit to surround himself with disciples who should live the Gospel like him “in the footsteps of the Apostles”. To join him in his apostolate, he gathered a few Brothers and asked them to share his way of life.

Montfortian Education is ‘holistic’ in nature, focusing on self-knowledge, building up relationship, respect for self, respect for others and responsibility towards society. Montfortian Education aims at training our students to be physically fit, intellectually rounded, emotionally mature and socially responsible citizens of our country.

Thus Montfort School, Sundaranadappu, is a Cathedral of Learning, dedicated to focus on ‘holistic education’.

Fledgling Academic Year:

“From small beginnings come great things”.

We stepped on to the fangled academic year on the 4th April 2018 for the higher classes. After the summer break, with all smiles and rejuvenated spirit, the school re-opened on 4th June with the theme of the year “Read Today... Lead Tomorrow”.

Foundation Day:

“The loftier the building, the deeper must the foundation be laid”

On 18th June, our hearts were filled with joy and gratitude as we remembered and thanked God for everyone who toiled, day

and night, for the building of this Cathedral of learning, under the leadership of our Correspondent Rev. Bro. Y. Joseph. The humble beginning has brought in eminent stature.

Election and Investiture ceremony:

“Leaders are those who always empower others”

18th June 2018 was considered as a day of polling in Montfort to elect the leaders in a democratic way. After the fair election process and voting, **Master Nithish M.** and **Miss Swetha S.** were elected as the SPL for Boys and Girls respectively of the school.

Inducting our student leaders in varied rank was administered by **Shri. Venkateswari**, Sub-Inspector of Police, Sivaganga, during the colourful Investiture Ceremony on 23rd June 2018. She presided over the ceremony and presented the flag and batches to the leaders. The elected leaders took an oath and assumed the charges in sanctity.

Sports Day:

“Victory is in having done your best. If you’ve done your best, you’ve won”.

The 5th Annual Sports Day was held on Saturday 4th August 2018. It was the festival of sports in Montfort. **Mr. Mangaleshwaran**, Deputy Superintendent of Police, presided over this exciting extravaganza of sports and events. **Mr. Muthaiah**, Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sivaganga, was the Guest of Honour for the day.

The magnificent physical displays and mesmerizing cultural shows on the theme “Sigaram Thodu”, “Read Today, Lead Tommorrow”, “Unnai Nee Mattrinal”, left the audience spellbound.

Students’ performance in the track and field event with great enthusiasm and zeal, to claim their crown of overall championship was awesome and praise worthy. **‘Montfort House’** came out as the Overall Champion for the events and the **‘Britto House’** won the Runner-up shield.

Celebrations:

International Yoga Day:

“Yoga is the golden key that unlocks the door to peace, tranquillity and joy.”

The International Yoga day was celebrated in the school on 21st June, 2018 to bring peace, harmony, happiness and success to every soul. The students performed different yoga postures and got enlightened on the benefits of Yoga.

Kamarajar’s Birthday:

The birthday of Karmaveerar Shri. Kamarajar, the King Maker, the authentic leader, the example of humility and simplicity was celebrated with variety of programmes on 14th July 2018 in the school, to commemorate the service rendered by him in the field of education.

Independence Day:

“Independence isn’t doing your own things; it’s doing the right thing on your own.”

On 15th August, Our school celebrated 72nd Independence Day of our nation with great enthusiasm and patriotic feel. Our Correspondent, Reverend Brother Y. Joseph, was the Chief Guest, who unfurled the tricolour and enlightened our students of their responsibility as citizens.

The March and the tribute to our national leader through cultural events of class VIII and IX were truly moments of memory and revival. Various competitions were also conducted to commemorate the event.

Teacher's Day:

"One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world”

On 5th September 2018, the Teacher's day was celebrated with enthusiasm. In high spirit, the students expressed gratitude to their teachers by giving heart-warming speeches, poems and skit. Our students greeted and thanked the teachers in reverence for their guidance, support and inspiration.

Silver Jubilee:

“Give thanks to the Lord for he has done wonderful things”

The 25 years of Religious profession of our beloved Principal, **Bro. Gomas Arockiaraj** was celebrated in our school on 26th October 2018. Solemn Eucharistic celebration was followed by the colourful and soul touching cultural programmes by our students and teachers. Many Priest, Religious and family members witnessed and gave thanks to God for the gift of brother.

Diwali:

The ‘festival of lights’ was celebrated on 3rd November 2018. We had a powerful and glittering performance to mark the day. Rev. Bro. Correspondent wished for choicest blessings. Bro. Principal encouraged the students to celebrate an ‘eco-friendly and Green Diwali’ and to bring brightness in people’s life.

Children's Day:

“Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured as they are the future of the nation.” The Children’s day was celebrated on 4th November. The students played various games with the teachers. The stage was set for the teachers to entertain the children with colourful and awesome performances.

Christmas Celebration:

“Christmas is not so much about opening presents, as opening our hearts”. It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. On 22nd December, **Reverend Father Santhiyagu**, Treasure of Sivaganga Diocese, was the president of the day’s celebration. Students performed enthralling dances and skits, adding to the festival atmosphere. The jingle bells echoed on the arrival of Santa.

The school celebrated Christmas and shared God’s love by giving gifts and stationery materials to the less fortunate ones. Those gift items were shared with the inmates of Karunalaya, Home for the aged at Muthupatti, and handicapped school at Yesuvanam. We saw a massive outpouring generosity and overwhelming response by all our students and teachers.

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Republic Day:

The 70th Republic Day was celebrated in our school on 26th January. The welcome march was done by our Scouts and Guides. Bro. Jesudas, our Vice Principal unfurled the tricolour and motivated the students to follow the core ideas of the constitution like Justice, equality, liberty and fraternity and to become the best citizens of our country. With the patriotic song by the choir, we celebrated the day with full zeal and patriotism.

Birthday of St. Montfort

All the faculty and students gathered to celebrate the Birthday of our founder St. Montfort. A week's celebration was marked. Everyday special prayers were recited and scenes from the life of the founder were enacted through skits. On 31st January, a solemn Eucharistic celebration was held to commemorate the event.

Visits, Meetings and Workshops:

Major Superior's visit:

The Assistant Generals of the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, Rev. Bro. T.K. James and Rev. Bro. Jean Paul along with Rev. Bro. Mariannan, the Provincial Superior of Trichy, visited our School on 13th December. They encouraged the faculty members for their untiring efforts taken to maintain the standards of the

school. They also emphasized the system of Montfortian education which focuses on the total development of a person. They were like ‘messengers of peace’ who brought us grace and cheer, in abundance, by their visit to our school.

Parents - Teachers Meeting:

The Parents-Teachers meetings were held at various times for different levels to seek parent’s participation and feedback. There was a common meeting with the management, teachers and parents followed by individual discussions. Together they reviewed the activities of the students. Those meetings provided a platform for them to understand each other and to know more about each individual student, so as to plan for the better results and behaviour.

Seminars and Workshops:

Our teaching and non teaching fraternity grew to above 85 in strength with addition of new staff members.

To sharpen the skills of teaching and to improve the capability of our teaching faculty, a series of seminars and workshops are conducted for teachers at school premises and as well as at other centres.

In school, we had the following prominent personalities to guide our teachers through their input sessions and in-service training.

Rev. Fr. Cyril, Mrs. Tamilarasi, Fr. Packianathan, Bro. Arul Rayan, Mr. Antony William, Mr. Dayananthan and Rev. Bro. Paulraj.

Many of our teachers also attended the Capacity Building Programmes conducted by CBSE at various places like Chennai, Karur, Madurai, Kanchipuram and Dindugal.

Our students had the privilege of having two international motivators namely **Mr. John Louis** - the world memory record holder and trainer, who conducted a day of seminar on “super memory and Super student” on 7th April 2018. The workshop was designed for students to improve their performances in

academics. And on 23rd October, **Rev. Bro. Paulraj**, motivated the students at various capacities.

Extra Curricular Activities:

Handwriting Workshop:

"Good writing is clear thinking made visible".

A professional handwriting presenter **Mr. Jeyabalan** guided the students for two weeks from 3rd to 17th October in cursive hand writing. As follow-up, handwriting practice is done once a week in their respective classrooms supervised by the class teachers with joy.

English Communicative Classes:

“One who speaks only one language is one person, but one who speaks two languages is two people”

English Communicative classes for the students are arranged in the school, where emphasis is placed on speaking skills. These classes help the students to understand the language and to have command on it. The specially trained faculty help the students to follow the rule of the language in the campus with discipline.

Phonetics Classes:

Phonics classes have brought, in our infants, the eagerness to learn alphabets and their sounds. The students from LKG to Third Standard are able to recognize the structural elements and improve their pronunciation skills. They are also able to blend and read simple words by themselves. Thus the new method of teaching has brought immense happiness and joy in them.

Abacus Classes:

Abacus programme is initiated in classes 4th and 5th standard with its objective to make mathematics a fun way of learning for students. Abacus is like brain gym for kids to improve concentration power, memory power and self-confidence. The Abacus classes improve the student's comprehension,

calculating skills, speed in Maths, auditory skills and photographic memory.

Chess Coaching:

Chess helps to concentrate and improve logic. It teaches one to play by the rules and take responsibility for one's actions. Coaching classes on "The game of Kings" is conducted on every Wednesday afternoon for the students from 6th standard.

Olympiad:

The Science Olympiad Foundation, New Delhi, promotes Science, Maths and Computer skills among school children in India through various examinations. The exams conducted by them, helps to improve mental ability and logical reasoning. In our school, many of the students are trained to take up these examinations and to excel in life.

Exhibitions:

In Montfort, the 'Food Festival' was organized by Tamil department on 6th December. The variety of food exhibited created awareness among the children on their present and unhealthy food habits and encouraged them to move back to the traditional and healthy food habits, for long living.

Intra School, Science and Social Science exhibition was organised on 7th January 2019. Science exhibition was overwhelmed by the smartness of the students in displaying a spectrum of exhibition with scientific credence. It widened the scientific intellect and responsibility of the scientist of tomorrow towards society and humanity in juvenile minds.

The Social Science exhibition helped the children to understand the uniqueness of this great Nation and its unity in diversity.

Educational Field Trip:

"Travel expands your horizons and school life cannot be complete without the fun of educational tours and excursions."

The school arranged for educational tours and field trips in consensus with the parents. On September 29th, the children of

10th standard went on an educative trip to Trichy, Kallanai and Tanjore to enrich the students and to take learning beyond the four walls of classroom. Students of Standard 6th and 7th went on an excursion to Black Thunder and Aliar Dam at the end of October.

The school has also organized an educational tour to Agra, Jaipur and Delhi by the mid of February 2019.

New Initiatives and Added Facilities

Dental Awareness and screening Camp:

A free dental screening camp was held on 14th August 2018, by a team of dentist from Shri. Chakra Dental Clinic, Sivaganga, under the leadership of Dr. Bala Marugan. The students were made aware of the oral and dental hygiene. The brochures were given to each student for the follow up. Indeed many of our students benefited out of this camp.

Sahodaya Sports:

Our students under the guidance of Mr. Rajan PET, participated in the Sahodaya sports conducted at Dindugal on 26th and 27th October. We are proud to announce that at the first attempt in sahodaya sports the following children won the prizes and held our name high.

Our sprinter Swetha won Gold medal in 200 and 400 mts., Priyadharshini won Gold medel in 100 mts, Magline won Silver medal in 200 mts and Jessidha won Silver medal in 400 mts.

Our athletes, Deogar won a Gold medal in Long jump and Taresh kumar, Rohit, Renish and Rahul won Silver in 4x100 mts relay.

Scouts and Guides Club:

In Montfort the inaugural function of Scouts and Guides was held on 4th October 2018. Mr. Kannappan, District secretary and Mr. Muthukumar, the special trainer officiated the function. 25 Boys and 27 Girls from 6th and 7th standard created history by

becoming the members of the club with their masters Mrs. Anantha Jyothi and Mr. Ayyappan.

We are also happy to announce that a three day 'Annual Camp of Scouts and Guides was organized in our campus during 29th Nov -01st Dec. with 316 boys and 78 girls from 67 schools of Sivaganga district. It was headed by Mr. Ebinezar, the state trainer and his team.

Karate Club:

To empower our girls, training in Martial arts - Karate, has been introduced from this academic year. There are more than 100 girls, who are getting trained. Karate helps to increase cardio-vascular and muscular fitness and it also helps our girls to be confident and defend themselves.

Cookery Club:

'Eating is a necessity but cooking is an art'. The art of cooking is taught to our students in cookery club. The students learned to prepare different flavours of tea, coffee, fried rice, pongal and sweets.

Computer Lab:

Our relocated, artfully decorated and spacious computer Lab's incision of ribbon was on 26th October 2018. The present pleasant atmosphere at the computer lab helps our children to learn joyfully.

Activity Room for Kids:

School has developed a unique activity room for the children, which is adequately equipped with modern crafts, play way learning materials, story sacks and play houses. It is joyous for the students to be there, where everyone gets space for their inquisitive and creative minds.

Best Practices of Montfort School:

At Montfort, our day starts with meditation and morning prayer. Our students receive blessings from Brothers as they meet them. They wish the teachers and elders in a traditional way by folding their hand. They address their companion as

brother and sister. They follow the rule of the language in campus. The class teachers have their lunch with students and during the lunch English news, is played along with multiplication tables, through PA system.

On every Monday, teaching faculty in turn, unfurl our national flag and address the students. On every Friday a unique theme based and innovative assembly, where children of every class showcase the hidden talents in them. Catechism and Moral Education is taught twice a week. Various club activities on every Wednesday are conducted. Once in two weeks, the first three student's names are displayed on the class notice board for the following... Smart Writer, Smart Reader, Smart Communicator and Smart in Speed Maths to create a healthy competition in academics.

Our first batch of 10th standard students are preparing themselves for the Board Examination which will be held from 5th March. Let us pray and wish them that they might come out with flying colours. Let's also appreciate all the teachers handling various subjects at class 10, for their hard work and dedication in preparing them.

Conclusion:

Principal's Voice

Dear Parents and Well wishers,

The wonder of teaching is watching 'caterpillars become butterflies'. Education is not preparation for life, instead education itself is life. By the Grace of God, wishes from the Founders, dreams of the management, efforts of the faculty, support of the staff and enthusiasm of the students has made Montfort a 'Cathedral of Learning'.

May God Bless, our alma mater, the Montfort School, Sundaranadappu. Thank you, God bless and Wishing you Most and More...