

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.” This quote by Joshua J. Marine has been proved to be true for all during this pandemic.

Hello everybody. The COVID-19 pandemic has created the largest disruption of education systems in history, affecting nearly 1.6 billion learners in more than 190 countries and all continents. Even though it literally brought the entire world to a halt, people across the globe stood resolute against the corona virus. Online learning has become a critical lifeline for education, as institutions seek to minimize the potential for community transmission.

Aura Edify Global School has always overcome the obstacles that stood its way with determination and this year too I feel proud to say that our teachers were trained for the online classes in such a way that there was minimal difficulty faced by children as this medium of learning was inevitable and new to them.

Presenting the Annual Report for the academic year 2020-21 –

Our classes began in the first week of June 2020 itself with all our teachers equipped with the latest in technology to reach out to the students. Our school has been conducting online classes using **Google Classroom** and **Google Meet platforms**.

Aura Edify Global School has been constantly thriving to give the students what the latest in education demands. This year we have introduced **Artificial Intelligence** in the ICT syllabus for all grades by teaming up with Baabte Technologies whose headquarters is in UK. They have provided Cybersquare, a digital platform for students to learn coding.

**Communicative English Classes** - With the aim of improving the fluency, pronunciation and accent of our students, we have started communicative English classes held twice a week for every student which is being conducted by native English speakers who hold high positions in the field of education.

**Bubbles Day, Red Colour Day, Blue Colour Day and Green Colour Day celebrations** – Little Aurites of IK II and IK III celebrated their Bubbles day, Trivia day, Red Colour day, Blue Colour day and Green Colour day celebrations with full of energy and excitement. The colour days are celebrated so that children identify and understand the importance of basic colours in our daily lives. Though online, children were seen in their high spirits and so were their teachers.

**Online Independence Day Celebrations** – “**Freedom in minds, Faith in the words, Pride in our souls. Let’s salute our Nation**”. With this spirit of patriotism in our hearts, we at Aura, took pride in celebrating our 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day. Speech, skit, singing patriotic songs and remembering the freedom fighters, it was a new way of celebrating Independence day – the online way. Our nation grows and prospers, faces dynamic challenges, still holding on

to our cultural roots to build a strong future. Civic duties must not only be a chapter in the books of children but a foundation on which the future of any country rests. Aura Edify Global School leaves no stone unturned to make it interesting for children so that they implement the learning in their lives.

**Online Onam Celebrations** – This year was a year full of surprises and so was our Onam celebrations. Students as well as the teachers dressed up in traditional attires and celebrated Onam by singing Onam songs, display of flower carpet in their homes, conducting fun - filled games, having sadya together online and last but not the least, Mahabali visiting every class to wish Happy Onam!! From littles Aurites of IK II to those in grade 8 enjoyed every moment of the celebration...

**Aura Fest** - This is something that Aurites look forward to every year and so, it was no different this year too except that the competitions were conducted online. Students took part with full vigour and enthusiasm in various events held under the categories – Art and Craft, Cultural and Literary events. Some of the events were held online and for events such as dance and music, the recorded video of the student's performance were sent to the class teachers for the judges to finalise the winning performance.

**Online Kiddies Fest** – It was conducted for the little Aurites of IK II and IK III where they took part in events such as fancy dress, show n tell, story telling, Malayalam song etc.

**Online Xmas Celebrations** – This year too Christmas was celebrated with equal vigour and zeal. Though it was an online celebration, Aurites showed that nothing could deter them from celebrating Christmas as all the students were seen dressed red and white singing Christmas carols, decorating their house, cutting a cake and participating in exciting games. Santa Claus visited every class to wish Merry Christmas...

**Online Annual Sports Day Celebrations** - Without sports, there is no school life. Our highly spirited students performed an Online Workout and Fitness Challenge as a part of their online annual sports day celebrations which was inaugurated by the Principal. Each class had to do different workout exercises under a given time limit (15 secs) and also various fitness challenges. Student with maximum number of performance in each workout exercise was declared the winner. Our PE teachers also conducted online Yoga where each student was given 5 asanas to be performed and all the students actively participated, making it a huge success.

**Online Parent Teacher Meetings** – We conducted Parent Teacher meetings to discuss the students' overall performance as well as to know their opinion about the ongoing online classes. All the parents have expressed satisfaction over the online classes.

**Aura FM 20.6** – Our radio channel Aura FM 20.6 was revived and students present their views about anything in general and also current affairs and asks a question for the day. The student who answers the maximum number of questions will be awarded at the end of the academic year.

**Aura Book Review** – In order to inculcate reading habits in our children, we have started an online book review in which every child presents the book review of any book and the student who has read maximum number of books will be given the Best Reader of the Year Award at the end of the academic year.

**Aura Digital Library** – This is yet another initiative to encourage the students to read books. Aura Digital Library is an online library where the students can read any book of their choice online.

**Aura Pulzz** - Aura Pulzz is the official youtube channel of Aura Edify Global School which has currently 289 subscribers. All the videos related to the students' work are uploaded in this channel.

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.” This Chinese proverb reminds us that no matter what obstacles that come our way, online learning is another way of gaining knowledge and moving ahead in life. Hoping that the coming academic year is filled with happiness, I would like to deeply thank the management, parents, teaching staff, non- teaching staff and above all the students for having faith in us and standing united in these testing times.

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