

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT(2024-2025)**

### **Introduction:**

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God” - Luke 18:16

Greetings to you in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We thank and praise God for His abundant grace which enabled us to function as a Sunday School and undertake the plans we made at the beginning of last year.

It is with gratitude to our Lord and Saviour that I present a brief report of the Immanuel Mar Thoma Sunday School for the year 2024-25.

Following were the office bearers for the year 2024-25:

- President: Rev. K. C. Chacko
- Head Master: Mr. Silpi Kurien
- Center Secretary: Mr. Abey George
- Secretary: Mrs. Dhanu Mary Thomas
- Joint Secretary: Mrs. Anju Ane Philby
- Treasurer: Mr. Binil John
- Auditor: Mrs. Merlin Ann Mathews

Our Headmaster, Mr. Silpi Kurien represents Sunday School in the Edvaka Kaisthana Samiti.

Our Sunday School teacher Mr. Abey George represent our Sunday School at the Kuwait Center Sunday School in the capacity of Center Secretary, our Headmaster Mr. Silpi Kurien and Secretary Mrs. Dhanu Thomas represent as Committee members.

Decisions regarding the various Sunday school activities were taken during our teacher's meetings and office bearer's meetings.

### **Sunday School activities:**

We had a total strength of 131 students and 28 Teachers during the last year. The Sunday school classes of 2025 began on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at 9:00 am with the total strength of 125 students and 26 teachers under the leadership of our vicar Rev. K. C. Chacko we also had PTA meeting on the same day. Our regular Sunday School session on Fridays begin at 9:00 am with a common worship followed by Music session led by Mr. Vinod Mathew and Mrs. Reema Kurian.

Following is a brief account of all the programs and activities conducted by our Sunday school during the past year:

1. VBS 2024 with the theme: “Go-Pro” was held during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 with Mr. Jiby Thomas (member of St. Peter's Mar Thoma church, Panvel Mumbai) as the VBS Director. Mr. Ajith Peter took up the role of VBS convenor. 123 students registered and attended the VBS. The music sessions were led by Mr. Vinod Mathew. We also had the help of our church Office bearers, 26 Sunday school teachers and 17 volunteers to help in the various activities.
2. The Annual report and accounts for the year 2023-24 and budget for the year 2024-25 were presented and passed during the Teachers meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. During the meeting, Mr. Abey George was nominated as the Sunday School representative to Samajam General committee.
3. The Sunday school office bearers for the year 2024-25 were elected during Annual General body meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 which were both chaired by Rev. K. C. Chacko.
4. Our Sunday school participated in the world Sunday school day celebration held on 1st Nov 2024 at NECK Church organized by Kuwait Center Sunday School, where our Sunday school students presented a musical skit. We express our appreciation to all the children involved in the skit and teachers who trained them. Students and Teachers who secured top marks from our Sunday school at Kuwait centre level for Birudh/teacher's examination conducted by

samajam were honored during the program. Our Student, Master. Shaun Shibey Abraham and teachers Mrs. Anina Eapen and Mr. Binil John were those who received special appreciation.

5. World Sunday school day was observed in our church on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Our Sunday school students and teachers assisted the Achen and took up various roles during the service. The singing was led by the Sunday School choir. Sunday school teacher Mrs. Anina Eapen spoke from the Word of God.
6. Talent tests were conducted for different classes for the year 2024. Children participated in all the Talent tests enthusiastically. Medals and gifts were presented to the children based on their performance during the Annual day 2024 celebration.
7. Annual exams were conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024. Teacher's and Birudh Exams were conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024. 14 students scored above 50% which included 5 'Winners' who scored above 75%. Our Teachers also displayed commendable performance in the examination.
8. Our Sunday school choir participated in the Church carols which was held at the St Paul's church Ahmadi on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 under the guidance and dedication of our teacher Mrs. Reema Kurian.
9. Logos quiz 2024 was conducted on 10 January 2025 at St Johns Mar Thoma Parish Hall Abbassiya where our students team Ms. Leya Elsa Abey, Ms. Ashly Mariam Jacob and Ms. Raisa Susan Thomas came second our teachers team also had a commendable participation.
10. We had the teacher's dedication on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at St. Paul's church, Ahmadi where our vicar, Rev. K. C. Chacko blessed and prayed over the teachers.
11. Annual day for the academic year 2024 was held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at St. Paul's church, Ahmadi. The meeting was presided over by Rev. K. C. Chacko. The chief guest for the program were Mrs. Annamma Chacko Kochamma. Kochamma spoke from the Word of God. Sunday school choir presented the opening song. Our Sunday school students presented various programs coordinated by our dedicated teachers and glorified their Lord. Prizes were distributed for the various Talent tests. Special prizes were given to those who scored above 75% in Birudh Exam and the participants of Logos quiz 2024. We express our sincere gratitude to the teachers and students who took up various roles in conducting the Annual Day program.
12. During the last week of January 2025, our Vicar along with the Sunday School office bearers visited the homes of children writing their 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> board exams and prayed for them.
13. Harvest Festival which was held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 our Sunday school students actively participated in various cultural programs.
14. Our Sunday School teachers and students also participated in the Pravasi Sangamam2 event held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025.
15. VBS 2025 with the theme: Jesus: The Life Architect was decided to be conducted during the period 21<sup>st</sup> March-31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 with Dr. Jithin Philip as the VBS Director and Mr. Abey George as the VBS Convener.
16. Farewell:

Farewell meetings for the following teachers were conducted during the past year: -

- Mrs. Jini Nebu on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

We thank these dear teachers for their dedicated service to the Sunday school and wish them the very best always.

17. Total Income and Expenditure:

Opening balance	:
Total Receipts	:
<u>Total Payments</u>	:
<u>Balance</u>	:

Conclusion:

As I come to the end of this report, let us once again give all glory, honor and praise to our God Almighty. On behalf of our Sunday school, we thank our vicar Rev. K. C. Chacko for his excellent leadership and guidance, support and prayers. We would like to acknowledge the passion and commitment of the Sunday School Headmaster, Mr. Silpi Kurien, all the Sunday school teachers and office bearers in this great ministry. We also thank the Church office bearers, Church executive board members, parents and children for their continuous support and prayers.