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The year 2020 – 21 was unprecedented, if nothing else. Initially it hit the entire world like a bolt from the blue but gradually, communities began to come to terms with it, devising mechanisms to cope. As said Mark Twain, “The secret of getting ahead is getting started.” The education world therefore could not be left behind as our prime stakeholders are the most vulnerable and precious elements of a society – children.

First began the roller coaster of online classes with both educators and students grappling with a new format and a new platform of teaching and learning, then followed adapting to novel tools of assessment and then incorporating routine co-curricular activities and simultaneously supporting our outgoing batch of class XII with college applications and making informed career choices.

Though half-way through, the Board examinations were called off due to the rising number of Covid 19 cases, but after the declaration of the CBSE formula for marks tabulation and the availability of the Improvement / Compartment examination, the results were finally declared and I am happy to state that we recorded an 87.7 % in Class XII and an 80% in class X. 33 students scored over 95 % in class XII and a total of 60 students scored over 95 % in class X. The school topper in XII, Ayush Kumar Baranwal recorded a 98 % and Rohan Trivedi topped in class X with 97.8 %.

For this consistent stellar academic performance, the Regional Office of the CBSE, awarded the Certificate of Appreciation to the school for making it to the A + academic category for the third consecutive year.

The lion's share of the credit for the academic performance of the school goes to the Director Academics of the school, Mr Anant Vijaydutt Thapliyal, whose active and constructive effort in working tirelessly with the teachers helped the school achieve these stellar results.

To further streamline the functioning of the School, Mr Mukesh Nangia took over as the Senior Coordinator for Senior School, Ms Prachi Mehrotra stepped in as the Coordinator, Middle School and Ms Meenakshi Jain and Ms Surbhi Narula hold the fort as the Academic and Activities Coordinator respectively for Junior School.

A large number of our students also made their way into the prestigious medical colleges, engineering colleges, National Defence Academy, law colleges and even some well-known colleges overseas. (The individual achievements have been projected on our social media handle). Infact, Mahir Anand has been selected for the Soka University of America, California with a 100% scholarship. Congratulations to him.

It is in our hands to either view challenges as obstacles or opportunities. At The Asian School, we tried to avail every opportunity that we could to get our students to participate in, in online educational webinars, career counselling sessions from some of the best-known institutes, online competitions and online publications. Many of our students' and teachers' views and articles were published in NiE and other reputed publications.

As for co-curricular achievements, in the Quiz competition organised by The Punjab National Bank, our students Arrshia Singhal, Medanth Raturi and Parth Singh bagged the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively. In the Youth Science Novus Conference (an international conference), Gurkirat Singh Bawa was awarded the 3rd prize in Science Rap. Shubham Bhatnagar was awarded a trophy for the Summer Scarpbook activity organised by The Times of India in collaboration with the NiE. The School too received a trophy for the same.

Another outstanding student, Shivesh Tuli scored 182 out of 200 in the National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) securing the 8th rank in Uttarakhand.

Little Prajusha Pharasi too made the school proud by being declared the state topper in the SIP Arithmetic Genius Competition. Another Junior School student, Ninishia, was awarded the third prize in the Uttarakhand State Level Online Video making Competition, organised by the Chief Election Officer of Uttarakhand.

In a live interaction with the celebrated Dr Kiran Bedi, another student of ours, Aadya Sharma won the all-India online quiz.

In Art too while Kashish Yadav was awarded a Consolation prize by the Governor of Uttarakhand in the the Spring Festival 2021; in the Visual Art Competition organised by Sunbeam School, Varanasi, Team Asian bagged the second position.

Though sports have taken a big hit in the Pandemic, one of our students, continued to pursue his passion (within the prescribed protocols). Aarav Mahajan bagged the trophy for the Best Batsman in the Maharaja Hari Singh Memorial 3 match, one day series held in July.

Though many of our students were involved in community service, two of our students Naomi Nauriyal and Maemi Nauriyal were recognised by Dettol as CORONA warriors with their image being imprinted on the bottles.

Even within the virtual portals of the school, students were constantly engaged in meaningful activities like Intra class debates, recitation competition, quiz, painting competitions, art and craft, reading activities, dance and music.

The School had also organised a virtual felicitation ceremony for our meritorious students in the month of December 2020.

Former students too held our heads up high as Sub Lieutenant Nelotpal Nauriyal was a part of the Indian Navy's search and rescue mission conducted by INS Kochi.

So while the students kept the school flag flying high, teachers too did not leave any stone unturned and attended a large number of skill upgradation workshops organised by the CBSE and other trusted organisations as also sensitisation workshops on POCSO and NEP. The teaching staff were also bestowed with several awards and honours.

In August 2020, seven of our teachers, Ms Effat Ehitsham, Ms Gunjan Saxena, Ms Preeti Nagra, Mr Puneet Aggarwal, Ms Rohita Singh, Ms Sunita Joshi and Ms Shivani Bahuguna were awarded appreciation certificates for being Exceptional Academic Mentors by AKS Education Awards. The Principal, Mrs Ruchi Pradhan Datta was awarded the Exceptional Academic Leader award by the same.

In September 2020, Computer Teacher Ms Manisha Mehta was felicitated by the State Bank Pensioner's Association for being an outstanding mentor.

In October 2020, Mr Mukesh Nangia was honoured with the Best District Teacher prize from SOF Math Olympiad.

In February 2021, the Principal's Progressive School's Association honoured the Principal, Mrs Ruchi Pradhan Datta with the Uttarakhand Ratan Award and bestowed the Shiksha Ratan Award upon Ms Meenakshi Jain, academic coordinator, Junior School.

In February 2021 again, Ms Shivani Bahuguna, HoD Science was awarded the Global Teacher's Award by AKS Education Awards.

And finally the ultimate cherry on the cake was The Asian School being ranked as the No 1 Day cum Boarding Co-Ed school in Uttarakhand by the much acclaimed magazine, Education World.

This honour motivates us to push our limits further and to reinvent ourselves to keep up with the ever-evolving times.

Ruchi Pradhan Datta

Principal