

**“May be there is a road ahead of it,  
May be there is a new world down the road,  
Walking forth is the only plight,  
Because we didn’t come this far to come this far only.”**

Good evening ladies and gentlemen!

I extend my warm welcome to our chief guest Dr. Prabhath Reddy, our Academic Advisor Ms. AdilakshmiChintalapati, Principal of Guatami Vidya Kshetra, Ms. Sarada, Academic Coordinator Gautami Vidya Kshetra, Ms. Lakshmi, and all the parents and grand-parents present here.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the 4<sup>th</sup> Canarians Fest.

Inch by inch, year by year, Canary is growing in number and strength. And with each passing year we are getting closer to our goals. This event gives me an opportunity to highlight the achievements accomplished by the school so far in this academic year.

The pedagogical leadership of the school grew with the addition of Ms. Madhavi Dutt who joined us as the Primary school Coordinator. We continue to have Ms. AdilakshmiChintalapati as our Academic Advisor guiding and supporting us in building sustainable learning practices in the school.

Our students attended a literary fest, art fest and Theatre fest conducted by various schools. Manha Shaik of Grade 3 won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Spell Bee conducted by the Meridian School, Banjara Hills. Darshana Guruviah of Grade 2 won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Chess competition conducted by the DRS International School. In skating competition conducted in Gachibowli stadium, our students won a total of 21 medals in various categories. This year too our Canarians outshone in their performances in ‘Radiant Rhapsody’, conducted by the Oakridge International School, Einstein campus. Ridhima Jaiswal of Grade 7 won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Western solo dance. Yogitha Pamula of Grade 4 won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Classical solo dance. The performance of our grade 6, 7 and 8 students in NukkadNatak on water conservation was highly appreciated by the judges. Our students make us proud and confident about the fact that we are heading in the right path.

To infuse a healthy competitive spirit through reward based assessment our students compete with their classmates regularly through programs like Spell-Bee, Orators and Radical Math. These competitions are embedded in the Time-table.

This year too our students have continued to make their mark in the Olympiads and the NSF Bee competitions by getting selected for the next levels. Congratulations and way to go Canarians.

All our Canarians showcased their learning independently in a Student Led Conference. An opportunity to students to showcase their scientific temperament, creativity and talent was presented by organizing Curiosity, a Science Exhibition, for the students of Grade I to VIII.

The school strongly believes and advocates experiential learning. Our students go on field trips to various places related to their inquiry to learn from the source directly. We involve our parent community to share their learning with our students by inviting them as guest lectures. I take this opportunity to appreciate and thank our parent and grand-parent community for their involvement as guest lecturers.

The biggest yardstick of student performance is to keep mapping their performance with national averages. In this regard we have partnered with ASSET. ASSET is a diagnostic test conducted nationally. These assessments are application based and test the critical and analytical thinking skills of students. As a pilot project, our students of grade 6, 7 and 8 have appeared for these assessments in Maths and English subjects. The results of the same will be out in the month of January 2020.

We have also partnered with British Council and registered for the International School Award (ISA). We are mapping our curriculum according to the ISA and will begin work from the next academic year.

Our students were introduced to the democratic process of choosing and electing their leaders for the Student Council. Students from grade 1 to 8 voted and chose their Head Girl, Head Boy and various House Heads. The student leaders took charge in our 1<sup>st</sup> Investiture Ceremony graced by Wing Commander Mr. S. N. Rao.

We believe in the adage that learning is a life-long pursuit and constantly strive to train and equip our teachers with the latest teaching methodologies. We had an in-house training session on making math and science relatable, by Ms. Bhuwaneswari from Mumbai. Our Director Ms. SumalathaUppalapati attended a regional workshop on 'Importance of Play in Early Years' conducted in Oberoi International School, Mumbai.

In today's age of information all around, it is important for the members of the school to know the dos and don'ts of child protection safety at school. We had a workshop by Ms. AsiyaShervani an expert in POCSO and POSH. She helped us in drafting the Child Protection Policy of the school.

Dussehra at school is to celebrate who we are. Students along with the entire Team@Canary reflect within and identify their strengths and good habits as Ram and their weaknesses and not-so-good-habits as Ravan. We burn one of our not-so-good-habit with the promise that we will seriously work upon changing ourselves. Dussehra is celebrated as a Rumination Day at school.

Our Canarians are aware of how privileged they are to have wonderful parents like you. The school conducts various programs of outreach to teach the students empathy and sharing. Our Grade 3 students conducted a fund-raising activity with products made from various things as part of their inquiry and raised Rs. 5000/. On Diwali, it is a tradition of the school to paint Diyas and raise funds by selling the same. We had a good response from all the parents who encouraged our Canarians by buying the Diyas generously. Thank you for teaching children the virtue of sharing and empathy.

We take pride in our success and are motivated to work tirelessly to touch the sky. At the same time we wish to correct the shortcomings of the past and try to fare better in the future. We are a school with Growth Mindset who believe in the culture of taking feedback and working upon it. This year we conducted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Happiness Survey. We thank all the parents for taking their time to respond to the survey. We are in the process of identifying the achievable areas to work upon. We will share the action-plan with you soon.

This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year of operations and we continue to make a mark in the city. For the past two consecutive years, we were adjudged as the 4<sup>th</sup> best emerging school. This year Canary was adjudged as the 2<sup>nd</sup> best emerging school of

western Hyderabad. With a strong partnership with parents in this journey, I know the school will go many places.

We have slowly started achieving milestones and know that we have a long way to go. We at Canary, will continue our unceasing efforts to mould the young minds into well balanced personalities with confidence and zeal befitting the standards of this portal of education. Today we look forward with a sense of hope towards greater growth and progress.

Teaching and parenting, is of course, a privileged, sacred trust and the closer we work together, the more fruitful it is for our children.

I end my report with these famous lines by John Dewey,

“Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another.”

Thank you!