**REPORT OF THE ANNUAL DAY 29/11/2023**

The annual day celebration of St Cecily’s English Medium Higher Primary School, Udupi was held on the November 29, 2023. It was the highly impending event of the year which was long awaited. The spectrum of colourful events with varied themes presented by students of grades 4 to 9 left the audience spellbound.

Ms Amanda Sequeira, the former Principal of St Mary’s College, Shirva, was the chief guest. V.Rev. Fr Charles Menezes, Parish Priest of Mother of Sorrows Church, Udupi presided over the function. The dignitaries were received with the School band and a standing ovation by the audience as they made their way to the venue, accompanied by Sr Lathika, the Principal, Sr Lavi Shanthi, the Vice Principal, Sr Preethi Crasta, the Joint Secretary, Sr Therese Jyothi, the Superior, St Cecily’s Convent, Sr Priya Maria, the Kindergarten Coordinator and Yulan Vidyavati the PTA vice president.

The formal program commenced with a soulful prayer song sung by the school choir followed by a piece of enthralling music by the students’ orchestra. The digital presentation of the annual school report gave an enlightening glimpse of the activities conducted to enable holistic grooming of the students

 Meritorious students were honoured for their outstanding performance with ‘Mother Veronica Excellency Awards’ to mark the Bi birth Centenary of Mother Veronica. Chief guest, Ms Amanda Sequeira in her message spoke on the abilities of students and the role of parents and teachers in understanding and guiding the children. Fr Charles Menezes emphasised that learning must not be bookish, instead experiential enough to mould students into skilled individuals who will serve the society’s basic needs.

The extravagant cultural programme included dances, mime show, street play, dance drama, etc. which entertained the audience immensely. The wonderful rendition of Mother Veronica’s life touched everyone’s heart. The heterogeneity of the grade-wise events kept everyone at their seats till the end.

The Principal Sr Lathika welcomed the gathering and introduced the guests. Head boy, Bradley Vaz of grade 9 and Muskaan of Grade 8 compered the programme. Faculty Ms Nisha rendered the words of gratitude. Thus the event drew down the curtains leaving behind its echoes and memories lingering in everyone’s minds.