



# MERAKI

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## A MESSAGE TO MARIANS

Greetings,

As we enter a new season, it seems like a great time to reflect on what we've accomplished to get to where we are and the plans we have for an exciting, bright future.

I'd like to start by expressing how much I appreciate each member of the Marian team and that I recognize we

wouldn't be where we are without the contributions made by each and every one of our teachers and staff. Thank you. You are our pillar and strength on which the school stands. You all have proved that Truth, Determination and Perseverance provide the finest education to our children.

Our beloved Principal, Alpana Phukan's 25 years of experience in Academics, her leadership in managing the school gives us depth in all phases of development and our Academic Reputation. Thank you for driving the growth of our best practices and discipline across our student base. We are really making strides in achieving our goal of transforming our children into global citizens and have earned a great reputation as a trusted school. We want our reputation for excellence to be unbroken. In the previous academic year, our students have done exceedingly well and achieved all our goals and I expect such a performance or even better in this academic year to continue. Maria's Public School is committed to providing a safe, caring and challenging educational environment that promotes learning and achievement for all students. We recognize and celebrate the diverse learning methodology, interests, talents and cultures of our students and strive to offer a rich variety of meaningful learning experiences that will inspire innovative thinkers and confident learners to be the leaders of tomorrow. We will continue to implement learning programmes that include life skills education, global awareness and exposure, social sciences, health, sports and technology while following practices that develops the welfare of a teacher, parent involvement and community outreach. Our key focus and aim this year is to maintain a safe, respectful learning environment for everyone. I encourage children to talk about their fears and achievements with teachers. We are also focusing on developing our infrastructure to ensure we keep up-to-date security structure. Thank you for your perseverance and commitment to academic excellence.

My door is always open to you.

Sincerely,

**Nellie Ahmed Tanweer**



## PRINCIPAL'S SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF FOUNDER'S DAY

A very good morning respected Founder and Managing Trustee, Mrs. Nellie Ahmed Tanweer, Head Mistress of Birkuchi Prathomik Bidyalay, Vice Principal, Mr. Anjan Gogoi, Headmistress of the Primary and Sr. Sec. Sections, Mrs. Aradhana Borah and Mrs. Madhavi Goswami respectively, distinguished parents, teachers and students. I am delighted to welcome our dearest Nellie Ma'am to the Founder's Day celebrations today. All of us here take this opportunity, Ma'am, of wishing you a very, very happy birthday on the 27th September and years of good health, happiness and fulfilment. May God bless you, your dear family and the school in abundance and may all your wishes, hopes, dreams and aspirations turn into reality. May there be roses and roses all the way! Here, I would like to inform everyone that since the school will close from tomorrow on account of Durga Puja, we have scheduled the function for today and have also arranged for the Community Feast with our neighboring school to commemorate this auspicious occasion. Founder's day, the 27th September is an extremely significant day for Maria's as it celebrates not only the birthday of our founder but also the birth of the institution, as it steps into its 29th year of existence. So as we celebrate our school, its life, its people and its wonderful years of achievements and accomplishments, we must not fail to rededicate ourselves to our Motto of Truth, Determination and Perseverance and promise to use it to empower ourselves in all that we do. Truth, Determination and Perseverance is a source of wisdom. This school is a dream come true for Nellie Ma'am, who has always lived by that dictum. She had a dream, 29 years ago- a dream to mould young minds and set confident young adults to take on the challenges of tomorrow. Today as she sees her dream unfurling into reality with the remarkable feats achieved by you children, her heart probably bursts with pride. Having spent 26 years of those 29 years in this amazing institution, I find it to be an extraordinary place- with an extraordinary, charming and dynamic visionary, who throws upon you the most unique of ideas that seem impossible at that juncture but with her gentle push and goading, turns out to be the first of its kind in this region. When "Learning Beyond the Classroom" is gathering momentum as the 21st century education all over the globe today, Ma'am had envisaged it in the 20th century itself. When Inclusive Education was unheard of way back in the 80s, Ma'am took in children with hearing impairment and provided to them the best of education and teachers. With the kind of zeal, dedication, commitment and most importantly, humaneness and humility, possessed by this marvelous lady, who has left no stone unturned to take the school to where it stands today, it is no surprise that she has been bestowed with so many awards- Rajiv Gandhi Shiromani Award, The Stree Udhyami Award, FICCI FLO North East Entrepreneurship Award, NEDFI North East Education Innovation Award, British Council International School award from 2014-2017 and again for another 4 years thereafter, the White Swan Award for being an influential brand, besides receiving awards for Maria's Public School, instituted by Education World, for two consecutive years. Maria's Public School, built brick by brick by Nellie Ma'am and through many ups and downs, will always be a place of enquiry, of discovery, of hope, of excitement and characterized by a sense of promise and pride of purpose- a happy place buzzing with activity- a place that is important for us because we have spent quality time here, shaping it and being shaped by it. That is primarily the reason why it is important for all of us to come together on this auspicious day and thank and offer our gratitude to Nellie Ma'am for giving us this safe and secure haven to nurture and be nurtured. Before I end, I wish to reiterate my every good wish to Nellie Ma'am and pray that her untiring efforts propel her from strength to strength.

Thank you.

**Alpana Khound Phukan**