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Welcoming the new academic year ☺

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ARIVOM ARIVIYAL 2012 @ VASANTHAM

July 2012 will be a special month for the children at Vasantham. For the first time in 22 years, Vasantham will be conducting a science exhibition "Arivom Ariviyal 2012 @ Vasantham" where each child will showcase experiments related to various branches of science. The event is scheduled between 20th and 22nd July 2012. All the parents and kids deserve special mention for their involvement in preparations for the exhibition. Being at Vasantham now is like being among a group of budding scientists. The keen interest shown by children in analysing the results of an experiment is a strong source of motivation to keep the preparation moving forward. Special thanks to Dream India for initiating this.



A REFRESHING EVENING

On the 14th of April, 2012 our residential children visited the Anna tower park where they had real good fun. Children enjoyed playing various games and sports like cricket, throw ball, running and catching. The kids also enjoyed watching a skating class and got to play on the swing, see saw, etc. The yummy pink cotton candy and *sunda* were perfect icing on the cake. To top it all up, Mr. Natarajan from Dream India joined us and ensured kids had an awesome time.



PARENTS TEACHERS MEETING

The first quarterly programme plan meeting was held on the 9th of June 2012. All the students were assessed for their current performance during the last week of May and first week of June 2012. Current status of every student and the rehabilitation plan for next 3 months were made available to the parents and guardians. General rules and regulations and other updates regarding the progress of the institution and upcoming events and goals were discussed with the parents. Parents also discussed activities their children were engaged in during the holidays and the challenges faced by them during this time.



SUMMER VACATION

The summer vacation began on the 12th of May 2012. School re-opened on the 28th of May 2012. During these holidays, maintenance work was carried out at the school premises. New children were admitted during the last week of May and early June 2012. Admission process is still going on.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Yoga classes for our children re-started from the first week of June 2012. Our kids' favourite, Ms. Swahilya Shambhavi, who has been conducting the yoga classes at Vasantham for a couple of years now, is the instructor. All the kids were visibly excited welcoming her back. Similarly, computer classes are being conducted by one of our long time supporters, Mr. Natarajan from Dream India Educational and Charitable Trust on weekends. Looks like Vasantham is going to have a big bunch of tech-savvy kids very soon! Further, music and dance classes have also begun where Mrs. Jeyalakshmi Mohan Vaidya is the instructor.



VISIT BY FOUNDATION MARC SAUQUET

On the 8th of June 2012, our friends from Foundation Marc Sauquet, Spain, visited Vasantham. They have been supporting us in various projects such as purchasing vehicles, constructing ramp, etc. They reviewed the status of the 2nd floor classroom renovation project that they had supported last year. Further, we have submitted a request for a new project involving renovation of the dining hall and kitchen. The Foundation Marc Sauquet team was accompanied by our long time constant supporter and well-wisher, Mr. Ranvir Shah, Citizens' Run Trust.



EMPLOY AND EMPOWER

Friends from Dream India have always been a strong source of support to Vasantham, especially towards inclusion. This time they have made us take a step forward. Mr. Natarajan from Dream India facilitated the employment of one of our students, Mr. Abdul Rahman at Briosys, Anna Salai, Chennai. Special thanks to Mr. Praveen, CEO of Briosys and the other employees at Briosys for welcoming Mr. Abdul Rahman as a facility boy.



GLIMPSES:

- The 2nd round of Eye Screening camp was conducted on the 27th of April 2012 by Sankara Nethralaya Eye Hospital.
- Alumni of Anna University visited Vasantham, spent time with children and donated vessels, sweets and biscuits.
- Lucas TVS donated sweets.
- A stall with products prepared by children at Vasantham was put up at WIPRO, Chennai. Employees of WIPRO continue to support through other possible means.
- Tech Mahindra is financially supporting Vasantham by funding towards purchase of physiotherapy equipments, classroom furniture, tailoring machine; rainwater harvesting and renovation of rest rooms. Special thanks to our constant support Mr.Amalan for making this possible.
- Employees of World Bank have donated notebooks, books and stationary required for classroom.
- Ms. Shruthi Ravi and family visited Vasantham and distributed chocolates, teaching materials and books to the children. Thanks to Mas.Surya's parents for their support.
- Mr. Abhishek Venugopal visited our children and distributed chocolates to the kids.
- Ms. Rathika and family celebrated their daughter Baby.Dhrithi's birthday.
- Mrs. & Mr. Hariharan Raman donated funds raised through the Dosa Mela they organised along with their friends in the USA, through Dream India.
- Children and staff in the hostel went on a visit to the summer exhibition at Island Grounds during summer holidays.



VISITORS:

- Students from Saveetha College of Nursing
- Students from Apollo College of Nursing

