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CITIZEN'S RUN AND BEACH



Vasantham children participated in the Citizen's Run and spent the evening at the beach.



ARIVOM ARIVIYAL 2014

As a part of the silver jubilee celebration, Arivom Ariviyal, Science Exhibition 2014 was conducted at Vasantham's premises from July 31st - August 2nd, 2014. Dr. Kumaran, Director of Srinivasa Eye Clinic, Mogappair, and Mrs. Anitha Kumaran, Director of "Little Hearts" Play Home, Mogappair, inaugurated the science exhibition by lighting the "kuthuvilakku". In this exhibition students displayed various models and explained concepts by experiments covering a wide range of subjects right from Physics, Chemistry, Math, Biology, Zoology, Food and Nutrition, etc.



ARIVOM ARIVYAL 2014 (Contd.)

Structure parts and functions of the human body (the heart, ear, eyes); the need and source of vitamins; periscope; principle of magnetism; 3-D experiments showcasing theory of relativity, principles of light and sound; basic first aid; generating electric power from potato and various other interesting experiments were explained by the children. Most of the children explained their experiments fluently and with great enthusiasm to the visitors, greater than how they performed during the learning or practice sessions.

Students from various schools near Mogappair and Anna Nagar, parents and well-wishers, general public and everyone who saw the experiments were taken by surprise by the quality of the experiments and the explanation provided by the children. The visitors comments wall and book stand as a proof on the splendid performance of the work done by the children and staff of Vasantham. The exhibition closed with a valedictory ceremony chaired by senior journalist from The Hindu, Ms.Lakshmi Venkatraman; Mr.Ajoy, Mr.Suresh Prasad and Mr.Arulprakasam who are long term well-wishers of Vasantham. Further, Mrs. Komathi Selvaraj & team from Mogappair distributed gifts to all children.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

68th Independence Day was celebrated at Vasantham on August 15th, 2014. This being the 25th year of Vasantham's journey, the guests for the events during this year were long term supporters of Vasantham. The chief guest for the function, a long term well-wisher of Vasantham, Mr. Dheenadhayalan (retired I.A.S officer) hoisted the National Flag as the children and everyone present clapped with cheer and sang the flag song "ThaayinManikodiPaarir". The function started with a prayer song by children.

Mr. K.S. Kalidas, a MirudhangaVidwan and the guest of honor, addressed the children and the gathering after the flag hoisting. Mr. Kalidas has been, a long time well-wisher and supporter of Vasantham. His thoughtful speech was followed by an excellent speech by the chief guest Mr. Dheenadhayalan. The chief guest, in his speech, reiterated the importance of punctuality and recounted the sacrifices made by many for the freedom that we enjoy today.

The children enthralled everyone present with various dances, skit and songs. Fancy dress competition saw many freedom fighters like VOC, Katabomman and Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru visit Vasantham and wish everyone on this great occasion. Children sang wonderful patriotic songs and one even played "mirudhangam" and captivated everyone present. Prizes were distributed to the children and the event ended with everyone singing the National anthem. It was indeed a wonderful which gave a renewed energy for everyone present to work towards making this great nation a better place. Jai Hind!!!

