



# ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2016



# VASANTHAM

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL



**VASANTHAM  
SCHOOL AND HOME FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

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VASANTHAM family thanks everyone for the constant support and motivation...  
Incepted on the 2nd of October 1989.....Today, 27 years and growing stronger

**October 2nd, 2016    27 years old**

## **27 YEARS AND GROWING STRONGER**

**Going down memory lane to the Inception of Vasantham on the 2nd of October 1989. Twenty seven years later, today we have grown leaps and bounds empowering several families with special needs. Several children have added colours to our lives.**

**The entire VASANTHAM family thanks every one who made these 27 years sail smooth and continue to support us. We will do our best to keep up the trust!!!**

**Together we will continue making differences :)**

**Lets CHALLENGE THE CHALLENGES!!!!**

**Thanks to all the donors, well-wishers, parents and everyone who have been supporting us**

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Pongal wishes from VASANTHAM family :)

January 15th, 2016 27 years old

## PONGAL CELEBRATIONS

Pongal marks joy and cheer and brings along everything that's best. Wishing you a prosperous and joyful Pongal. Hope this special day marking the start of a harvest season be successful for you in every way and brings with it prosperity, good luck and moments to cherish. Happy Pongal 2016!!



January 15th, 2016 27 years old



# CRAFTS UNTHREADED

*Looms, threads, needles and more*

**A major milestone for us this year was completing our first projects from looms.**

**Tons and tons of thanks to entire Zen Runners team.**

**Our special thanks to Mr.**

**Naresh and Mr. Chinni Krishnan for introducing the looms, helping us with ideas and troubleshooting :)**

**We could not have done this without your support and motivation**



## MERE WATHAN

**Our Chief Guest for the day, Dr. Rajkumari Kumaraswamy, hoisted the National Flag and distributed sweets to Vasantham children. She has been supporting Vasantham through various ways. It was our pleasure to have her with us. Our long term supporters from Dream India - Mr. Velmurugan Ganesan & Mr. Natarajan Raman lit the traditional lamp :)**

**Tons of thanks to everyone who made the day special!**







January 31st, 2016 27 years old

## RUN FOR VASANTHAM

**Our runners rocked it AT THE TWCM UNITED WAY STALL!! Tons of thanks to Zen Runners, Dream India and Patterns SDI for the constant support... :) A huge thanks to our cheerleaders who cheered up our runners for The Wipro Chennai Marathon on January 31st, 2016! Happy soles make happy souls**



January 31st, 2016 27 years old





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## LEAPS AND BOUNDS

*Our Supporters run for a better future*

**Vasantham has been considering the incorporation of looms as a means of therapy and vocational training for the children of Vasantham. Tons and tons of thanks to United Way of Chennai, Zen Runners, Dream India and Patterns SDI, for the support from The Wipro Chennai Marathon held on January 31st, 2016 to fund classroom furniture, stage renovations, physiotherapy cycle and freezer.**

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# TURNING TWO



**The 2nd birthday celebration of Ms. Thanmathi, D/o. Dr. Sowmya & Mr. Rajarajan, well-wishers and supporters of Vasantham. Thank you for your constant support, gifts and most importantly, the thought of being with individuals with special needs at Vasantham.**

# SILVER JUBILEE



**Dr. Sumathy (ENT & HNS, SMF) visited Vasantham with her family and sponsored lunch for the day on her 25th wedding anniversary :) thanks much for the presence, support and all the kind words and wishes... Your constant support over several years through various ways is a strong source of motivation for all of us at Vasantham :)**



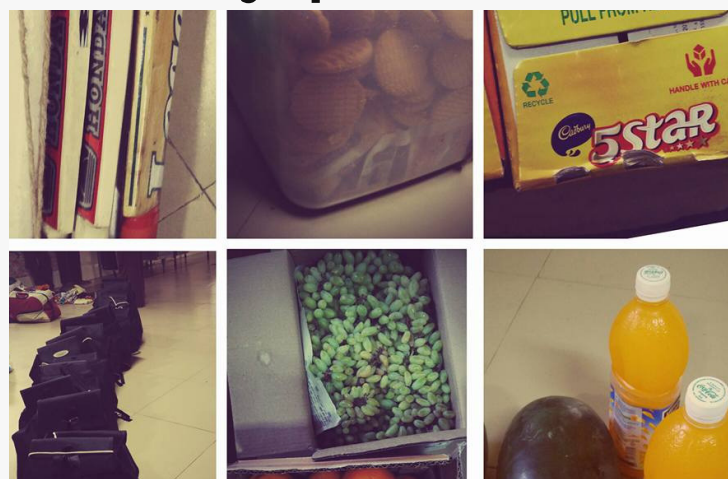


February 13th, 2016 27 years old

# THE CHILDREN'S DAY OUT

*Fun filled day at Mutukadu boating and MGM Dizzee World*

**Tons of thanks to management and staff of MGM and Mutukadu -TTDC & MGM; supporters and volunteers from Dream India (Mr. Velmurugan Ganesan & Mr. Natarajan Raman), Ms. Lakshmi Priya, Baby Thanmathi & family, parents of our students Master Arul Prasad, Ms. Sahana, Mr. Ranganathan and everyone who made the day special... :)**



February 13th, 2016 27 years old



# LIGHT IT UP BLUE

## ANNA NAGAR TIMES

India's First Neighbourhood Newspaper

[www.annanagartimes.in](http://www.annanagartimes.in)

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### ‘Vasantham’ decked in blue on World Autism Awareness Day

Vasantham Special School for the Mentally Challenged (East Mogappair) observed World Autism Awareness Day on April 1 and 2 in its premises by lighting up its building with blue coloured serial lights and balloons.

The special children, their parents and school staff were also dressed in blue.

Vasantham is stepping into its 28<sup>th</sup> year. At present 134 children and adults with special needs are enrolled in it.

It offers treatment, therapy and vocational training to adults/children with learning disability, autism, attention

and cerebral palsy.

It also offers counselling to the parents.

For more details, contact Alli Murugesan (Founder) in 2656 0662 or visit the website [www.vasantham.org](http://www.vasantham.org).

Light it up blue



World Autism Awareness Day



## A NEW VENTURE



Jute Bag Vocational Training at Vasantham

**Jute bags from the Vocational Training unit at Vasantham  
Tons of thanks to Zen Runners, Patterns SDI, and United  
Way of Chennai. Your constant support and motivation is a  
great source of encouragement to us :)**

## BUMPING UP THE BIRTHDAY LADDER



**Our little friends Dhrithi and Rheyra love celebrating their  
birthdays with Vasantham children. Similarly the children  
at Vasantham enjoy their presence. Their parents, Ms.  
Rathika and Mr. Mayuran have been supporting Vasantham  
for many years through various ways. Such constant support  
and love from generous people like them is a strong source  
of motivation for us. Thank you :)**



# CONGRATULATIONS



Our children are our strongest source of motivation to continue doing more and more. We are truly blessed to have such people with special needs who are the best. People with special needs at Vasantham appeared for 8th grade examination in April 2016 as private candidates and the result is 77% pass... :)

## PERFORMANCE AT IT'S BEST



Rehearsal and more. All set for the 27th Annual Day and Fund Raising event scheduled tomorrow....





**September 24th, 2016    27 years old**

## ***CELEBRATING 27 YEARS***

***Celebrating the 27 year smooth run of Vasantham with a bang***

**Vasantham children thoroughly enjoyed the 27th Annual Day and fund raising program at Kamaraj Arangam, Teynampet. Our heartfelt gratitude to our Chief Guest Shri. S. Kalyana Raman (Director and Secretary, T.T.K. Healthcare Ltd.), Guests of Honour; Dr. Santhosh Babu (OSD, CM's Special Cell and CMD, Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation) and Shri. 'Crazy' Mohan of Crazy creations for taking time off of their busy schedule! The Comedy Play - "Google Gadothgajan" by Crazy creations was truly enjoyable! Our kids had a blast :)**





October 4th, 2016 27 years old

# NAVRATHRI CELEBRATIONS

*Nine days of fun, frolic and laughter!!*

**The holy festival of Navratri (or Navaratri) has finally begun! Nothing can explain the joy one feels when we see the markets flooded with lights, pooja paraphernalia made of mud, home décor frills and lamps and what not. As the country is all set to fast or feast for the nine days of the divine festival and welcome goddess Durga in their homes, our children join in the celebration. The Vasantham children had a blast putting together displays based on various themes! Thanks to everyone who joined us for the celebrations!!**



October 4th, 2016 27 years old



# F.R.I.E.N.D.S



**Vasantham thanks the students, staff and management of Agarwal Vidyalaya Matriculation School for visiting us, spending time with children, sponsoring food and donating snacks ..**

# FRIENDS LIKE FAMILY



**Vasantham thanks our friends (employees from Tata Croma) for visiting us, spending time with children and donating shampoo, oil, sketch pens and fans :)**



# JOY OF GIVING



**Vasantham children thank Navrang Crackers Shop - Mr. Abdul Rahman, Mr. Chinni Jayanthi and team for donating Crackers. Thanks to the magician and team for entertaining our students. A special thanks to Mr. Venkat and Mr. Manohar (our long term supporters) for facilitating the same**

**Students and teachers of DAV Mogappair schools visited Vasantham, spent time with people with special needs and donated snacks, stationery items, provision items, pre-loved clothes. Vasantham children enjoyed interacting with DAV students and the mutual entertainment with cultural :)** Glad to see such young children being encouraged to feel the 'Joy of Giving' ... :) Thanks to the students, teachers, principals and the management of DAV group of schools...







October 22nd, 2016 27 years old

## ANANDHA DEEPAVALI

*Ready to celebrate with more NGOs & Rotarians*

**Vasantham celebrated Aanandha Deepavali at VGP Golden Beach with more NGOs and friends. Thanks Rotary dist 3230 for making us a part of such a massive and yet well organised event. Special thanks to Mrs. Komathi Selvaraj for the support :) The kids enjoyed the day thoroughly.**



**Deepavali celebration on the 25th of October at Vasantham with a students from Department of SLHS, Sri Ramachandra University lighting the kuthuvelakku. The kids tremendously enjoyed their presence and the magic show :)**

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# ***RUNNING TOWARDS VICTORY***

***All set and ready for CEO Run & the WCM 2016!!***

**Vasantham children at the CEO run and The Wipro Chennai Marathon 2016 curtain raiser. They truly enjoyed cheering up the participants, dancing, painting and working on the loom 'Seeing is believing'. Thanks United Way Chennai for the support, motivation and guidance :)**

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# INDIA INCLUSION SUMMIT

*Another beautiful new adventure at Bangalore*



**VASANTHAM's stall @ Bangalore, with products made by people with special needs, were displayed at the India Inclusion Summit 2016 at Bangalore. It was great interacting with several inspiring souls.. this is a first time visit for Vasantham out of Tamil Nadu**

**Tons of thanks to Smt. Pankajam, ANZ Bangalore, Shri. Suresh Kamath, Patterns SDI, Varun Rangarajan, Savitha VH madam, Gopalakrishna NarayanaMoni sir and family, Subramanian Janakiraman, Dharinisri Subramanian and friends , Vishal Kumar, Rhythmnrhyme for all the support :) Vasantham is blessed to have such supporters and well wishers..**





# FRESH NEWS

**Vasantham's terrace garden in Mogappair Mail.**

**Thanks Mrs. Chithra for covering the same and sharing inputs :).**



MAIL

November 20 - 26, 2016

## A SPECIAL TERRACE GARDEN in the Heart of Mogappair

By Our Correspondent

A beautiful terrace garden with full of organic veggies and greens welcomes visitors atop the building of Vasantham, a school for special children on Electricity Board Road in Mogappair East. The plants, pleasing to the eyes, have been nurtured and maintained with love by the inmates of the institution.

What's even more amazing is the extreme levels of involvement, commitment and excitement of these children in maintaining such a big garden which accommodates more than 150 varieties of plants and creepers. While watering the plants Anitha, a special child, told *Mogappair Mail* that she likes roses a lot and Seena who has been an inmate for the past 12 years introduces us the varieties of plants which give vegetables.

Alli Murugesan, founder of the institution, who is instrumental in setting up this garden, says "I got inspired through my mother. She used to grow a lot of plants and so the love for gardening is inherent for me. I am very happy to see the children getting involved completely. A few of them will not get into any activity, even for them terrace gardening is a cake walk. For the recent, Navarathri festival we had sold many plants to the people who wanted to give saplings as return gifts and we got around Rs 2,000."

Almost all types of veggies and greens such as tomato, brinjal, ladies finger, pumpkin, bitter guard, snake guard, radish, elephant's foot, avarakkai, corn, beans, chillies, ponnankanni, palak, agathukeerai, manath thakkali, mint and curry leaves find prominent places in the garden. "We get greens weekly twice for all our 50 inmates and we pluck vegetables as and when we get them based on the season. We have many flower varieties too which beautify the garden," says Ali.

Arali, Nandhiya vattam, rose, nithiya malli, pavazha malli, samanthi and lotus are the flower varieties being maintained in the garden. "We water the plants twice a day and we never allow the water to seep out of the pots. We also keep changing the positions so that we can evenly spread the plants and also the flooring can be maintained," she added.

Lotus plants in a cement tub with lots of colorful fishes serves like a additional feather on the cap of the garden.





## B'DAY CELEBRATIONS



**Our long term supporters from Dream India Mrs. Elavarasi & Mr. Rajesh Shanmugasundaram celebrating their son Master Sooraj's second birthday at Vasantham. Special thanks from Vasantham family :)**

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING



**Vocational training @ Vasantham...**

**Ikat fabric luggage tags. We are gearing up for a conference. Thanks Roopa Nagarajan madam for the ideas... Your constant support and guidance means a lot to us.. :)**



# CHRISTMAS JOY AND CHEER

## *Gearing up for Christmas 2016*

**Thanks to Spartan Group of Schools and Little Hearts Fun Home for making us a part of their celebrations.**

**Thanks to Master Rishaan, Ms. Ranjani Richard & friends, team from Rotaract Club Of MOP Vaishnav College for Women (Ms. Smriti Anund, Ms. Sanjuktha Susindar, Ms. Niharika Balamurkan, Ms. Shruti Bhat & Ms. Monika) for entertaining us at Vasantham. All of us enjoyed the activities, the dance, songs, puppet talk and the goodies.**

**Thanks for making the day truly special :)**





# PAYPAL STALL



**People with special needs at Vasantham are involved in weaving table runners and stoles, making jute bags, floor mats, candles, greeting cards, paintings, terracotta diyas, chains, earring, key chains with beads and a lot more. These work towards skill development and empowering them to be as independent as possible. Few of our long term supporters and well-wishers facilitated Vasantham in putting up a stall with these products at PayPal, HCL and a gated residential community. This was indeed a great source of encouragement and support to the hands and hearts behind those products. Tons and tons of thanks to Ms. Jayashree Sundaresan, Ms. Sowmya, Mr. Harikesavan, Ms. Anuradha Nirankumar, Ms. Parvathy Albin and team for the overwhelming support :) Vasantham is truly blessed :)**





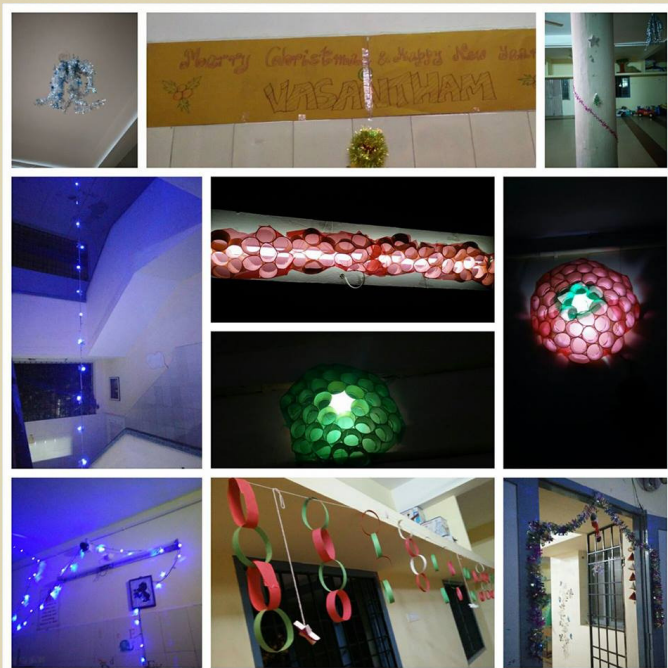
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## ***D-SERVE AT VASANTHAM***

**Thanks to all the young and enthusiastic supporters from D Serve for making this day special for people with special needs at Vasantham, with lots and loads of games, activities, goodies, lunch, dance... What not! Tons and tons of thanks D Serve for the constant support :)**

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***Vasantham wishes you a merry christmas  
and a happy new year!***

***Thank You for all your support :)***