

St John's Campus, Neerpair

News Letter - February 2014

1. Pongal Celebration in the School and St John's Home:



We celebrated Pongal festival which is the celebration of the state of Tamil Nadu (it is harvesting festival) throughout the world on 10th January 2014 in the school and on 12th in the St John's Home. We prepared Pongal and performed colourful programmes on the stage. The school also conducted volley ball and chess competition and the winners were given prizes by our correspondent. In the hostel we celebrated Pongal celebration along with our Cultural team. Fr John Suresh offered the Mass on that day.

2. Republic Day Celebration:



Republic day is one of the most important events in India. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar who is the true freedom fighter and desired to create equality in the society by eliminating all social evils, gave the Indian constitution and it was accepted by the Indian government. On that day we had cultural which resembled the day. Speeches were given insisting the importance of the day.

3. Student Exposure:



We are taking lot of care in developing the skills of our students both in academic and in other areas. In order to motivate the students in their studies we promised them for a study exposure tour. So we took the students from 9th & 11th standard. Rev Fr John Suresh arranged for the one day Exposure tour. First we were taken to Covalam Central Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI). There we got the golden opportunity to meet two eminent scientists who are making researches about the dying species in the sea of the Indian coast. We talked to them and asked our doubts regarding species in the sea and how they are dying and what are the possible ways to preserve those species from dying. We could know lot of things which we were not known so far and it is surprising to know the hidden history of sea.



Interaction with Blind student

After visiting that place we went to St. Louis Institute for the Deaf and Blind where we inspired a lot. This institution is mainly for educating deaf and blind. We were told and shown how these people are educated. We could see the Braille system through which they are educated. They showed us how the letters are typed in the Braille machine and how they learn the letters. They could excel in their studies in spite of the physical challenge they face. They work hard in their studies to excel. They take lot of efforts to remember the subject matters taught by their teachers. That place has made us to make an evaluation within ourselves regarding our studies and our hard work in all aspects. They could

shine well despite the weakness they have, whereas we are gifted with all things but we do not work hard. In fact visiting St. Louis institute was a great inspiration for all of us.

Then with that inspiration we moved to Book fare centre where we were amazed to see huge number of books. There were 807 stalls and in each stall there were thousands and thousands of books written on various topics. We bought some books which will be interesting and useful to all of us. The exposure was very useful for all of us and we sincerely thank our Frs. John Suresh and Jayaseelan and our lovable Nandhini Akka for giving this golden opportunity to visit and learn lot of things. Thank you very much for ARIVU Team for sponsoring this Exposure camp. - **By Ms Pavitra (+1 student).**

Conclusion:

Dear friends. We are happy and encouraged to publish our monthly news letter every month without fail because of importance you give for our letter by sparing your valuable time to read and eager to know the happenings here. We believe strongly that our effort of writing news letter does not in unnoticed. This ultimately encourages us even in our difficult situation. We have been writing the events happened in school, St John's home and WE group every month. Apart from there we have decide along with our editorial group to write some important news which will be useful to all of us. For example every nation has its own positive and negative things to say or to be known. Usually the nation will be proud to say or will spread the positive things in whatever way it is possible but regarding negative it will try its best to hide the news from spreading to other parts of the world. As a result we will be unaware of the reality. So we would like to write about one of the peculiar characteristics of our Indian society because of which the human beings lost their human values human dignity. That is caste system of our Indian society by which people were divided into many groups to lose the human dignity and self respect. We will write every month about it how it came and it is destroying the society. We hope you will be eager to know this.