St John's Campus, Neerpair

News Letter – January 2015 to April 2015

Dear friends very happy to share with you all about some of the recent past activities that had taken place here, through this news letter.

Re-Opening of the School:



The school was re-opened on 2nd January after Christmas vacation. The Correspondent Rev Fr A Jayaseelan and the Head Master wished and said "let the New year bring all the good things and prosperity in the life of all the teachers, non-teaching staff and the children". Fr A Jayaseelan, correspondent advised all the students to concentrate more on studies as the academic year is going to end within four months of time.

Campus Cleaning:



Pongal festival (festival of harvest) is one of the regional festivals of the state celebrated in Tamilnadu. The previous day of the Pongal, the Tamil people clean their houses and burn all the unwanted things. Likewise in our school the students cleaned school campus and removed all the unwanted garbage and things in the campus.

Pongal Celebration:

As we told earlier, Pongal is one of the greatest festivals of Tamils and it is celebrated by all without having any discrimination of caste and religion. In our school too we celebrated Pongal by having some cultural programmes which resembled the culture of Tamils. The students prepared Pongal and it was distributed to all the staff and the students.

Republic Day Celebration:

India is one of the largest democratic countries in the world today because of its constitution prepared by Dr. Ambedkar. He is the one who fought against the caste system in the society and sacrificed his life for the sake of Dalits, the depressed and oppressed people of Indian society because of the caste system. The constitution prepared by Dr Ambedkar was accepted by the leaders and came into force on 26th January. On this day Mrs. Rekha Jenugammal, the panjayat president of Neerpair village and presided over the function in our school and hoisted our national flag. When our correspondent Rev Fr A Jayaseelan delivered his speech he mentioned in his talk that our constitution is our national holy book and we must know our rights and duties. The students gave cultural programmes insisting the importance of the day.

School Final Examination:



As the academic year came to an end our students appeared for their final exam. First of all the 12th standard students followed by 10th standard students appeared for their public examination and the results will be out in the month of May. Then the rest of the students completed their examination on 22nd of April. Thus the academic year came to an end and the students are in summer vacation.

Summer Class

The school reopens on 1st of June. In the summer we have planned to have one week camp for the Teachers' Eligibility Test conducted. The reason for conducting the camp is the teachers who have completed their studies should get through this exam to work in the government schools.

St John's Campus:

Campus Cleaning:

After coming back from the Pongal vacation the students cleaned the home campus. They removed unwanted things in the campus.

Preparing a Garden:



We have gardens in our campus and we had already mentioned this in one of our previous letters. The plants were planted and the garden is watered every day. We hope after a few months beautiful flowers will beautify our St. John's Home campus.

R C Primary School Annual Day Celebration



On 21st of February 2015 we had the annual day celebration of R C Primary School. Pappa Johannes Mispagel graced this celebration as a Chief guest and distributed the prizes the Children. Children gave beautiful cultural programms and expressed their wonderful talents.

WE Group:

Leadership And Personality Development Training:

During the Pongal festival Rev Fr John Suresh, our WE founder arranged two days training on leadership and personality development training in Neerpair. Mr. Sagaya Raj from Chennai conducted the training on 16th and 17th of January. The training was very useful.

Success Story:

Dear friends,



I am Sindhuja, a member in the WE group happy to share with you all my success in life through this news letter. My native is St. Thomas Mount, a famous shrine in Tamilnadu. My family is economically a poor family. My father works as a mason and my mother is fruit seller in the street. The income which we get through these works was not sufficient to run the family and to help our studies. After the primary education my parents were in great confusion what step to take regarding with my education as my family economical situation doesn't favour me to continue my studies further. At that time my parents came to know about Fr. John Suresh and Nandhini Akka who

were helping for poor children's education. When we approached them, they promised me to help; as a result I was given admission in Dr. R. Arulappa Higher Secondary School, Neerpair. I successfully completed my school studies after four years of stay in St John's Home with the help of Fr John Suresh. Then I pursued my higher studies in Teacher Training for two years. I completed my teacher's study with the help of Fr John Suresh.

I did teacher training course in Little Flower Institute. Then I went to do my under graduation in Tamil Nadu Music College to learn Bharatha Nattiym one of the classical dances of our culture for three years. I completed the course finally in 2014 with first class and made my "ARRANGETTRAM". Arrangettram means those who have learnt the dance should make this one. After this only, you will be identified and you are allowed to be a teacher and you can also teach to the students. At present I am studying Nattuvangam (specialization in classical dance). I am taking dance class weekly twice in my native place and I earn 3000 rupees per month which supports my family and my studies partially. I sincerely thank all the donors, Fr John Suresh and Nandhini akka who were supporting me right from my school education to till date. I say proudly that I have achieved this with all your support especially by Pappa Dr Johannes Mispagel, Fr John Suresh and Nandhini Krishnan.

The Visit of Mr Jacque Vellut, Belgium:



Mr. Jacque Vellut one of our friends from Belgium, supports partially, has visited Neerpair on 4th February. He also visited Science exhibition which was going on in our school and the primary school.

The Visit of Dr Johannes Mispagel, Germany



Meeting with Bishop



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RC Primary School, Neerpair



We Group Core Committee Members

We were in heavenly joy when our dear Pappa visited us in the month of February. He stayed one day in St. John's Home along with us and attended our primary school annual day function and expressed his happiness with little blossoms in the school and in the boarding.

Then he visited our CHEER TRUST office which was under the construction and happily promised to help for the construction. After that he gave his valuable time to meet the core committee and gave his valuable suggestions for the welfare of the WE group. His visit was really a gift for all of us.

Students Exchange Program – Sacred Heart School, Belgium:



A group of 16 students along with their three teachers from Christie Roi School, Ottinie, Belgium came to Neerpair to have two weeks of students exchange programme together with our children. They helped in the ceiling work of our primary school by bearing the hot weather here for one week.

During that week one day Fr. John Suresh took the class regarding social structure of our India. Then they visited leprosy

colony and Damian foundation centre. After one week of exchange programme they had enjoyments by visiting different tourist places of Tamilnadu. After the visit they returned to home land.

Thanking you

Fr John Suresh, Ms Nandhini Krishnan & Editorial Team