

St John's Campus, Neerpair

News Letter - June 2015 to August 2015

Dear friends,

Happy to meet you all again through this news letter with some of the happenings took place in our St John's campus and Dr Arulappa Higher Secondary School.. Hope you all will be glad to receive our news letter.

Dr Arulappa Higher Secondary School:

School Re-Opening:

The school was re-opened on 2nd June after 45 days of summer vacation. The correspondent and the Head master welcomed and wished all the students and teachers to prosper in their studies by using all the facilities provided by this esteemed institution. Also the correspondent insisted the importance of education in one's life by quoting some of the examples of great men how they are still remembered by the people because of their education.

Inauguration of Association

As it is the part of our academic schedule, associations are formed for all the subjects in order to have better education. At the end of the week the particular association will conduct some programmes related to the subjects. This helps the students to get practical knowledge along with theory what the students get in the class room. In the month of June we had inaugural function headed by the correspondent.

Free Bus Pass and Text Books:

The government of Tamil Nadu provides certain facilities for the students and we never fail in getting them. We took the list of all the students who are really in need of free bus pass and applied to the concerned department and issued the bus pass to the students. As a result, the students come to school free of cost in the government buses. Also we got free text books for the students and issued to the students on the very first day of re-opening of the school.

Independence Day Celebration:

As the history says after three hundred years of slavery to the British finally India got freedom on 15th of August 1945. We celebrated the Independence Day in our school remembering and honouring our freedom fighters as they had sacrificed their lives for the sake of our nation. The students gave wonderful cultural programmes insisting the importance of the day.

St John's Home for the Children in Need:

Inaugural Day Function:



We had our inaugural function of St. John's Home for Children on 27th of June and the function was presided over by Fr. John Suresh and Nandhini Krishnan. The children gave various cultural programmes and at the end of the programme Fr. John Suresh shared with the students how this institution came into being?, what are the difficulties were faced to bring the institution and who all are the kind hearted people who have generously contributed and still contributing for the better future of this institution as well as the students studying in the hostel. So he humbly appealed to the students to make use of this institution for what they have come here with great hope.

Groups:

The inmates were divided into four groups and each group was given a name. The names of the groups are land, sky, air and sea. Now and then programmes will be conducted and marks will be given based on the group performances.

Competition:

On 27th of July we conducted various competitions like essay writing, Indoor games, drawing, speech etc on "Environmental situation and the life condition in Arul Illam (St John's Campus)". Students selected their own area in which they are interested to participate. All the students actively participated without fail and expressed their views and the conditions that prevail in Arul Illam. This ultimately helps us to know what the students feel regarding boarding. If there is anything which has to be rectified we will try our best because students' welfare is very important and for that only we have built the boarding.



Doctorate:



We are very glad to inform you all that our respected Rev Fr. Jayaseelan the Correspondent of the institution was honoured with doctorate for his radical works in the society as well as in the church by the Ecumenical church institution (this is the institution which honoured our Fr. John Suresh too with doctorate). We wish him on behalf of everyone. Congratulation dear father.

WE Group:



On 28th of June 2015 we had our WE GROUP meeting in Palavakkam St Anthony's Shrine. The new comers are introduced and they have submitted the filled applications. Mr Joe Kizhkoodan a senior scientist in Marine aqua culture and Mrs Vimala the president of the finance committee of Palavakkam shrine have been invited as external observers and they shared their observations and comments.

Foreign Visitors:

In the month of July we had Laurilien from Belgium and Cheyril from London visited our school and boarding, and stayed with us for a few days.



SUCCESS STORY



“Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm” said by Winston S. Churchill.

“Anyone whose goal is something higher must expect someday to suffer” said by Milan Kundera.

Dear friends,

I am Ms Soniya from Thatchoor a village which is widely known for slavery by the upper caste Christian because of caste system in India. I am born in a poor dalit family. As every dalit family in my village is owned as slaves by the upper caste people my parents were too owned as slaves to work in their family. I need not share how will be the life conditions of being a slave because you know better than me. Even then in that critical situation my parents somehow managed to give basic education in our village school itself. When I was about to complete my school studies in my village, our village freedom struggle started against slavery under the leadership of our loving father Fr. John Suresh who dared to sacrifice his valuable life for the sake our village people and until that we were like sheep without a good shepherd to guide and deliver us from the bondage of slavery. When we started to fight against them, they stopped us working in their field as a result of that our livelihood became a question mark. It not only affected our livelihood but also our education. Because there is no work and there is no money in our hands to lead our life and to continue our studies further.

Then Fr. John Suresh took the issue and took all the children who completed their studies like me to Neerpair School and gave us free education. With his help I completed my school studies in Dr Arulappa Higher Secondary School, Neerpair and pursued university studies in English literature. There also I completed my studies and expressed again my desire to do teacher’s study to Fr. John Suresh and Nandhini Krishnan. They encouraged me and helped me to do the degree. I completed my teacher’s study and now I am working as English teacher in my village school itself where the high caste people dominated us and asked us to sit back since we are untouchables.

Here I am reminded of the famous quotation said in the Bible “The stone which was rejected by the builders became the corner stone of the building”. Now my family doesn’t depend on the upper caste people and no more we are slave to them because we have started to stand on our own leg. These all could happen because of Fr. John Suresh, Nandhini Krishnan, our loving Pappa Dr Johannes Mispagel, Belgium friends and kind hearted sponsors like you who are reading my success story at this moment. I remember and sincerely thank all you people for your kind help. It would be nice to say “it is not my success rather it is our success” .

I sincerely express my thanks to all on behalf of my family especially to Fr. John Suresh and Nandhini Krishnan.

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We end with this and meet you again in the next news letter.

Thanking you

Fr John Suresh, Ms Nandhini Krishnan & Editorial Team