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Colourful Navarathri in Chennai

Just after the Quarterly exams and the Semester exams, here comes a break. It brings along festivity and colours with it.

Chennai, a metropolitan and a cosmopolitan city has people from various states in India. Each of these communities celebrates the first big festival of season in their own ways.

The tradition in Tamil Nadu has lots of dolls and stories woven around them. They are displayed in decorated steps. Every year, streets in many neighbourhoods are filled with pavement hawkers who bring colourfully painted dolls and sell them.

While Mylapore has a large number of such hawkers on the streets around the famed Sri Kapaleswarar temple tank, Triplicane neighbourhood also puts up similar scenes. West mambalam's Arya Gowda Road is a long stretch that has doll-stalls lined up.

The women in the family take efforts to display the main kolu and the children do a

small display of parks, hills and temples alongside the main display.

be an enriching experience.

Many after school activity centres have come up with ideas such as Dandiya evenings, storytelling sessions and clay dolls making.

The Gujarati Association hosts Dandiya nights. The Bengali Association organises Durga Puja. The offering to the God on the nine evenings is the variety of Sundals made of lintels.

Getting innovative gifts for visitors, decorating up your home, the traditional dresses to wear and visit friends' homes... Indulge in loads of fun.

This year, the Aesop's fables in sets of dolls are popular among the children. The crocodile and the monkey, the fox and the stork, the cap-seller and the monkeys are new on the shelves along with episodes from mythological stories.

Shopping in these streets along with your parents and grandparents can

>>> Share your experience of shopping and visiting kolu in your friends place with pictures. Mail them to editor@yocee.in. We will publish on www.yocee.in and the ePaper edition.



This fortnight for you ...

Bird watching at Pallikaranai

Oct. 2, 2013

Childrens Space is organising a day of Bird watching at the Pallikaranai marsh. Chitra V, a volunteer at Nizhal, an organisation that cares for the trees will conduct the walk. Children above 6 years and adults can register for the walk.

A contribution of Rs. 50 is solicited towards donation to Nizhal.

Contact 87544 70178.

WORKSHOP 3D game design & creation

Oct. 1 & 2, 2013

Inquisitive Minds is holding a two day session n 3D game designing for kids of 8 to 12 years. Participants need to bring their own laptop. Fee - Rs. 750.

Contact 9500046144.

Nature Trail workshop

Oct. 5, 2013

Vanilla Children Place celebrates Wildlife Week with a Nature Trail workshop. The activities include Trek to an exciting and educative experience to a wetland jungle, Jungle games and screening of a wildlife documentary movie. Children will learn about biodiversity, habitat of birds and jungle survival skills.

Time: 4 to 7 p.m. Age group: 5 years and above. Fee - Rs. 375 per participant.

Contact 42066660, 9940012785

Funtronics - electronics camp

From Oct. 5

ThinkDiff S'kool is conducting a hobby electronics camp on Saturdays between 4 and 6 p.m.. Fee - Rs. 1250 per month. At ThinkDiff S'kool, 450/1, Lakshmanaswamy Salai, K K Nagar.

Contact - 80561 00293.

Early communication and English language development

From Oct. 7, 2013

Spring & Zoom conducts a language and communication development programme with oral, reading, and writing activities for children. Sessions will have kids in small groups and will be conducted by experienced professional teachers trained in India and abroad. The emphasis is on presentation, pronunciation and accent. For Pre.Kg to Std 3 students.

Venue: Spring & Zoom: Centre for Reading and Language Development, K.K.Nagar.

Contact 9600083124 or 9940450495.

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Project Day celebrated at Bamboola Play School



The children at Bamboola Play School, R.A. Puram, had fun learning shapes, colours, about school, about family, emotions.

A hundred exhibits were displayed last week at the school. Students of Play school and Pre-KG classes participated.

Bamboola is at 73, Venkata Krishna Road, R.A. Puram. Phone: 24611779

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Pooja Holiday Camp

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Contact Seed at 9841092083, 9176260497

Navratri Kondattam

Thamizh Mozhi Koodam organises a nine-day workshop for children in tradition and culture. From Oct. 4 to 12. in two batches.

Children will be taught traditional songs, stories, slokas, games, asanas... Some *sundal*, session of short film are also part of the workshop.

Contact Thamizh Mozhi Koodam at 92821 33333.

Pooja holiday fun

Tharakamm conducts activity workshops in theatre, art, craft, musical instruments, stories, folk dances and skill enhancement. For children of ages 3 to 7 years & 8 to 14 years. Venue closer to R.A.Puram, Mylapore and Teynampet.

Admissions are also open for new regular sessions at Teynampet.

Contact Tharakamm at 9952957031 or 9790744070.

Navratri Evening

Learn to make a sugared doll and watch tiny tots walk the ramp in traditional attire on the evening of Oct. 12 at Vanilla Children Place, R.A. Puram. A session that will teach you to make a fondant (Sugar dough) Indian animal figurines will be conducted from 4 to 5 p.m.

This will be followed by kids ethnic fashion show.

Register at Vanilla, 89, Bishop Garden, Greenways Road, R.A. Puram. Phone: 42066660, 9940012785

Diya and Dandiya

The navratri celebrations at Hippocampus will be held with a session in learning to paint a Mitti ka diya (*Agal Vilakku* or terracotta lamp) and dancing to the Dandiya beats. On Oct. 5 from 11 a.m to 12.30 p.m. Open to kids and parents.

Contact Hippocampus at 42116417 and register.

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Phonics program for kids

From Oct. 13, 2013

Lakkshaya's Brindhavan Kids Resource Centre is conducting Jolly Phonics, a phonics program with sounds in words, songs letter formation and fun learning of tricky words. Weekly three sessions of one hour each. Fee - Rs. 1000 per month. At Lakkshaya's Brindhavan, New no. 47, Thiruvengadapuram 1st Street, Choolaimedu.

Contact Savitha Elangovan at 9884560228.

Decorate your pattu pavadai

On Oct. 5, 2013

Embellish your traditional paavadai with stonework at this workshop. A three hour session for girls above 6 years of age. Limited registration. Fee - Rs. 500.

Contact 98845 560228.

Play with clay

Life & Art is holding sessions in Clay art on Saturdays and Sundays. Open to children of 6 to 13 years, the sessions will help kids learn easy hand building techniques with clay to create unique artworks, build motor skills and improve imagination and creativity. At New no. 50, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main Road, Kasturba Nagar, Adyar.

Phone: 9840053133, 9840451111.

Competitions for Children

Oct. 2, 2013

Minerva, in association with Margadarshi Chit Funds is conducting various competitions for children studying in Pre KG to Std. 8. Drawing, colouring, clay modelling, handwriting, memory, singing, oration, craft and slokas are different activities in which children can enroll for taking part in the contests.

At Jai Nagar Community Hall, (Near Sundara Vinayakar Temple), Jai Nagar, Arumbakkam.

Contact - 8939164644. Email : chennaiminerva@gmail.com

Sailing camp

Oct. 8 to 13, 2013

The Royal Madras Yacht Club is conducting a six day sailing camp at Chennai Harbour. From Oct 8. Registration on First-come-first-served basis.

Contact 99403 55521 or by email to adventure@prakcen.com

Art & Craft camp

Oct. 2 to 12, 2013

Kalakar Studio is organizing a Navarari Art & Craft camp for kids of 3-10 years.

Camp 1: Paper Craft in which collage, paper bag, punch craft, quilling, 3D deco, origami will be taught.

Camp 2: Clay craft in which bowl, flower, teddy, leaf, animal, bird,

sun/moon will be taught. Materials will be provided. Fees-Rs.1500.

Call: 24334890/ 9677052044

Fun with Science

From Oct. 7 to 11, 2013

CurioKids conducts Wonders of Science - Series One, A three month workshop for kids 6-8 years starting from October 4. (Fridays).

Navratri workshop on 'Fun with electricity' for kids of 8-12 years will be conducted by The Yellow Bus, Besant Nagar in association with CurioKidz. From 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

For details contact 98845 49688 or 4551 1819

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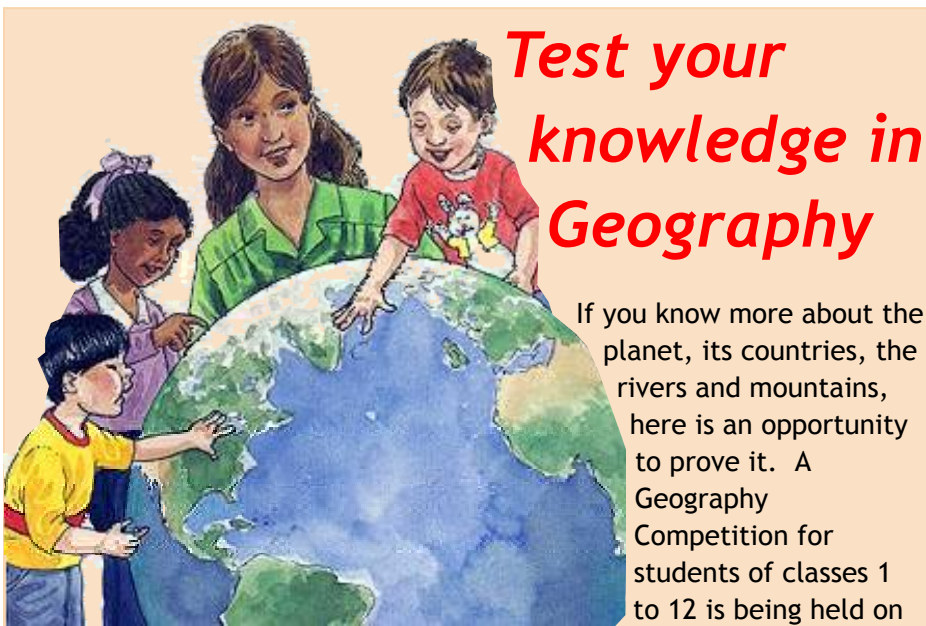
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editor@yocee.in

Please note to include the name and phone number of the contact person.

Details without these details will not be accepted for publication.



Test your knowledge in Geography

If you know more about the planet, its countries, the rivers and mountains, here is an opportunity to prove it. A Geography Competition for students of classes 1 to 12 is being held on

Dec. 1, 2013. Successful candidates at the School level contest will move forward to State and National levels.

On payment of the registration fee of Rs. 300, you can collect the study materials and get trained.

The competition will be held at Studio 4 Dance, Shanmugam Complex, Velachery Main Road, Gowrivakkam (Near Venkateswara Super Market).

Contact 9962412496 or 9884079767 for more details.

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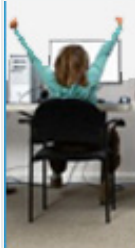
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Arundati Varma receives Rashtrapati Award for the best Guide

Varsha S
Student Reporter

Arundhati Varma, a class XI student of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Annanagar recently received the prestigious Best Guide award from the President of India, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee.

The Rashtrapati Puraskar testing camp is conducted by the Bharat Scouts & Guides every year in the month of October.

Last year the camp was held at The National Youth Complex at Gadpuri, Haryana. Scouts & Guides from various regions across India took part in the camp and were tested on different skills.



Moment of pride: Arundati Varma (Second from left) receiving Rashtrapati Puraskar for the Best Guide.

The Scouts and Guides who passed the test were to be awarded with a certificate signed by the President of India.

Arundati's happiness knew no bounds, when she received the award and was congratulated by all

in the camp.

The school is very proud to have a meritorious student like Arundati, says the principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Annanagar.

As the Guide Motto goes, Arundati says she will always "be Prepared"

for the happenings in the future.

More stories of children who excel in sports, academics and arts on

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Trees felled and Street name board goes missing

Gayathri Arvind
Student Reporter

Cutting of trees on Nagarjuna Nagar 2nd street, has become a routine activity these days. A huge tree which was home to many birds and also a shade provider was cut and dumped near the dustbin last fortnight. Not only has the ecology been disturbed, the street name board was completely hidden and created confusion for people looking out for addresses.



The cut tree has still not been removed still. A complaint has been made at the Corporation Office which is located just a few yards from this street. It is said that the corporation demands a fee for removal of the cut branches.

A worker at a mutton shop located opposite the tree says that the tree created mosquito and insect menace.

Balamurugan, an auto driver, who had his auto stand below the tree, says that the tree does not spare space for parking autos. Are these valid reasons for cutting down a tree which has been and served the people of that street for so many years?

Two days later, a resident cut two huge flowering trees because of mosquito menace, and the tree is also to be removed. It is time the corporation officials acted fast to put an end to cutting of trees for petty reasons.

>>> Do you have suggestions to avoid such acts? Share it with YOCee. Mail them to editor@yocee.in

BOOK REVIEW

Malory Towers

Binding: Paperback
Publisher: Egmont Imagination (India) Ltd
Price: Rs. 125

Review by Ananya Balaji,
Student Reporter



Malory towers is a series of 12 books based on a boarding school for girls written by Enid Blyton and Pamela Cox, who added the latest six books to this series.

It's a story full of twist and turns. As you start reading the book you will never feel like keeping it down and the deeper you go into the book the more thrilling it becomes with lots of fun, tricks, mischief and mysteries.

Main characters in the books are Darrel Rivers and Felicity Rivers. Book lovers enjoy reading this fantastic series and girls, don't miss it!

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Sleep Over camp

School of Success is organising a holiday sleep over camp on Oct. 1 and 2. The night has loads of fun including sky watching, star gazing, learning constellations and movie time.

Flinto, an early child development firm joins hands with School of Success in this camp and offers a Space Activity Kit to take home.

Fee Rs. 1850 which includes food, stay and the activity kit.

Contact Deepa Athreya at 97899 06146

Hands-on Science workshop

Here is an opportunity to experience science through self-discovery and experimentation. The Curiokidz Hands-on Science Learning Program integrated with the curriculum helps children understand the concepts.

Weekly classes from Oct 5 , 2013
Venue : The Blue Bells KK Nagar & Saligramam.

Register participation by Oct. 4.
Contact : Sowmya - 99621 66650,
Rupa - 98843 24175. E:Mail :
curiokidz.in@gmail.com

Learn basic drawing for free

Chennai Fashions is conducting free classes for children for Dasara holidays.

Drawing class for children studying in LKG to class 5 will be held from 10 a.m to 12 noon on Oct.2, 2013.

Millet classes for women will be held on Oct. 5.

For more details, contact Chennai fashions at 30, MCK Nagar, Adayalampattu, Nolambur. Phone: 95516 78787, 3292 5454

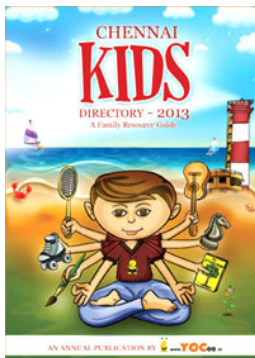
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For young athletes

Ace Athletic Club will conduct its 6th Sankaran Memorial Kiddies Athletic Meet for boys and girls under 12 years on Nov. 5 and 6 in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

In the under-8 category, children will compete in 60 m race and long jump.

Children in the under-10 category will compete in 100 m race, long jump and shot put.

The under-12 category will compete in 100 m and 600 m races, 60 m hurdles, 4x100 m relay, long jump, high jump and shot put.

The registration charge per participant is Rs. 50 per event. The last date to register is Oct. 17.

For more contact K. Subramanian on 93804 06767, M. Kannamma at 87544 77519 or G. Govindaswamy at 94455 13135. Ace Athletic Club is at 21/2, Krishnadoss Road, 2nd Street, Chennai - 12.

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Thirupthika wins award for designing eco-bag

Chennai based Tree Foundation and Australian Consulate General to south India had organised a competition to design a eco bag for children.

G.G. Thirupthika, a student of class 7, PSBB Millennium School won the first prize. She received the award at a function held at Taj Club House, Mount Road recently.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5000, a T Shirt, a bag, a eco-friendly bag and a turtle talks activity book.

Mr. David Holly, His Excellency Mr. Patrick Sucking and Dr. (Mrs.) Y.G.Parthasarathy, educationist and dean of PSBB group of schools were the chief guests.

Supraja Dharini, Founder Trustee-Chairperson of Tree Foundation of India motivated the young people who participated and won prizes.



G.G.Thirupthika with the award and the bag she designed.

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