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Chennai feels the tremors of Indonesian earthquake

**By Prerna Subramanian
Student Reporter**

Many parts in Chennai felt the tremors of an earthquake that struck off the coast of Indonesia around 2 p.m.

Within minutes, Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre issued a Tsunami alert in 28 countries including India. People who were working online shared the announcement via the

are alert and taking enough precautions.

As Wednesday being one of the busy weekdays, schools, offices and other work houses were working in full force. It was then students in schools and people in offices and homes felt things around them shaking. Soon they knew it was an earthquake.

Children in schools had mixed feelings. Some were afraid, some were already bidding adieu to each other and some wanted to hit the Marina beach and see how the waves surge up to a massive tide.

Many students who tried to contact their homes found the phone lines were choked.

The pictures here are of students getting evacuated at 2.15 p.m. in Chettinad Vidyashram, R.A Puram Chennai. As the school is roughly in between two beaches in Chennai, the Marina and the Elliots, the school acted fast and students were evacuated safely.

Another mild tremor was felt in parts of Chennai around 4.25 p.m.



IST. It is recorded at 8.6 on the Richter scale.

The tremors lasted for a little over 30 seconds. People living in apartments came out of the building.

Internet.

A little after this, Police were seen warning people around the beaches through a public addressal system. Since Chennai had borne the brunt of the Tsunami in 2004, many people

US ship crew initiates cleanup drive in Chennai

By Nandini P S
Student Reporter

There were quite a lot of people around the Madanapuram Lake in Mudichur, in the Chennai suburbs, on a quiet Saturday afternoon. They were there to clean up the lake as part of a program organized by the Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI) along with the US Consulate,

sponsored by the US Consulate.

The children enthusiastically interacted with the sailors and asked them about their job in the Navy.

The sailors too took part in the project with enthusiasm, and the place was cleaned in no time at all. The Corporation too played its role by bringing a truck to load all the gathered garbage in.



Cleaning up the lakefront at Mudichur. Photo by Madan Mohan

Chennai on April 7, 2012.

Student volunteers from nine different schools participated. They were soon joined by 42 US sailors belonging to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, guided missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill, and guided missile destroyer USS Halsey which are all here at Chennai now as part of the annual 'Malabar Program'.

With the co-operation and active participation of the Mudichur residents, the student volunteers and the sailors, the area surrounding the lake was quickly cleansed of all the plastic and non-biodegradable wastes.

Quite a few interesting objects which included an animal skull, and some shells, were also unearthed. The spades and gloves which adorned everyone's busy hands, were

After quite a lot of tiring work, everyone drank tea, and gathered to see a street play performed by Arun Krishnamurthy of the EFI along with students. The street play talked about the importance of protecting our water bodies, and stressed on the harmful effects of bursting crackers, and how it affects various organisms.

The cleanup program was a grand success. EFI is involved in sparrow rehabilitation, paper bag promotion and lake cleanups among other activities.

Here is a link to keep track of their activities :

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Environmental-Foundation-of-India/259271880774592>

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By Anisha Mahtani
Student Reporter

As we draw towards the end of another fabulous school year, you realise you are growing up, moving on to a higher class, but have you thought about how your seniors would feel?

They make room in their hearts to store images of their wonderful journey so far, new friends and teachers whom they would never meet again and the joy and laughter that they would never forget and promise themselves not to cry.

But it is the job of the students to make sure that these seniors remember the last day at their school - their farewell.

Chinmaya Vidyalaya's farewell for the year 2011-2012 took place on March



A farewell to remember

30, 2012 in the school auditorium. It was set up as an award ceremony where everyone would be appreciated.

Dances, music, band performances and awards were an important and lively part of their last evening.

A life-time achievement award given to their beloved vice principal as she watched another set of her students graduate.

A video of the seniors from 7th to 12th grade was put up. Their most cherished memories on screen in front of their eyes.

With tears and smiles these seniors watched and they parted with hugs and farewells, carrying with them another beautiful memory to cling on to.

CONTEST
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Season of Summer

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Entrepreneurial Skill Development for children in Mylapore

TiE Chennai will conduct a summer workshop on Entrepreneurial Skill Development for children studying in classes 9 to 12. It will be from April 23 to April 27, 2012 Venue: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, East Mada Street, Mylapore.

Contact TiE Chennai by mail : latha@chennai.tie.org or Call +919940678092

Summer Workshop in Public Speaking in K K Nagar

D Way Ahead is conducting a summer workshop for children on Public Speaking. 'Pack a Punch when you Speak' is a camp for children of ages 9 and above. The camp will be an interactive and activity oriented workshop and will be held from April 23 to May 4, 2012. The venue is 521, Dr. Ramaswamy Salai, K.K. Nagar.

Contact D Way Ahead at 98407 12328 (Indu Hariharan)

Theme based camps at Kartwheel Kids Play Gym in Mahalingapuram

Kartwheel Kids Play Gym and Party Place is hosting theme based summer camps from April 23, 2012 for children in two different age groups, 3 to 4 years and 5 to 8 years. The activities

include Jungle Safari, Flying with Colours for children 3 to 4 years. Children will have fun with exploring new themes through stories, puppet shows, sing along and art and craft.

SUMMER CAMPS IN THE CITY

Money Management, Green Planet, I want to be..., Table Manners and Etiquette for children 5 to 8 years. Includes t-shirt painting, clay modeling, games, dance and music.

Contact Kartwheel Kids Play Gym at 21/1, Lady Madhavan Road, Mahalingapuram. Phone: 96000 50073, 28170721

Sailing camp by the Royal Madras Yacht Club

Royal Madras Yacht Club is hosting 8-day Summer Sailing camps that start every Saturday (on April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5 and May 12, 2012). Children will learn basic sailing, who can later become sailors to participate in National and International events and Asian Games. The camp is open to children of 8 to 14 years. Prior knowledge of swimming is not essential. Fee Rs. 2,500.

Contact the Royal Madras Yacht Club at Chennai Port Trust, Gate 7. Phone: 97910 40668. Website: www.rmyc.in

Personality camp for children by Dyna World at T. Nagar

A summer camp to enhance the life skills is organised by Dyna World. The summer camps for senior (8 to 14 years) include activities like creative art, etiquette and assemble your own computer. For juniors (3 to 7 years) it is origami, storytelling, puzzles, games, creative arts and crafts. There are also other workshops like photography, money matters and manners matters. The camp is for 10 days and the first

batch starts from April 23, 2012.

Contact 2815 1569, 99400 52565

Learn to spin with Muthiah Muralithan this summer

C Cube is hosting a Summer Spin Camp with the ace spinner Muthiah Muralithan

ran from April 26, 2012 at Super A6, Guindy Industrial Estate. There will also be a indoor Cricket match. Contact C Cube at 99620 10030

Science Workshop by Vidhyapika Learning Centre at R. A. Puram

A Science workshop on Electricity and Magnetism at Vidhyapika Learning Centre. This five day workshop will begin on April 22, 2012 and is for children in classes 7 to 10. There will be hands-on demos, experiments and videos.

Contact Vidhyapika Learning Center at No.3, Srinivasa Avenue, Park View Street, RA Puram. Phone : 98403 47670 (Deepa)

Develop skills and creative potentials in the camp by DakshinaChitra

I Can is a 3 day residential summer camp for children of age 11 years to 14 years. The camp focusses on developing skills and creative potentials through arts, crafts and theatre. The camp will also have exciting games and activities. Children will work on cultural projects as well. The camp will be held on April 18, 19 and 20, 2012. Fee Rs. 3500 incl. accommodation, food, transportation and craft workshop materials.

Contact 98417 77779, 2491 8943, 2446 2435 for registration.

Creative arts, dance and theatre camps by Alchemy Kids in Adyar

The summer camp that Alchemy Kids are hosting will help the children explore and experiment with his / her creative and communicative skills. The camp will held for kids in two age groups – 4 to 7 years and 8 to 14 years in creative arts, folk dance. theatre. creative story narration, photo report-

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ing and anchoring at their air conditioned premises. The first batch starts on April 23 and the second one on May 1, 2012

Contact Alchemy Kids at 6/15, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross Street, Kasturibai Nagar, Adyar. Phones : 98410 47620 (Radhika Vijay), 98413 27673 (Sumangali)

Journalism camp for the young at Mylapore and Adyar

Mylapore Times Journalism camp for the year 2012 is open to students in high school in class 8 to 12 and to college students. Its focus is on encouraging young people who like to explore the local world and write on it to sharpen their skills and use their talent. The camp is directed by Vincent D Souza, Editor/Publisher of Adyar Times, Mylapore Times & Arcot Road Times newspapers. The camp is scheduled to start on April 30 and will run for 10 days at two venues, one in Alwarpet and another in Adyar.

Contact the Mylapore Times office (Ph: 2498 2244) / Adyar Times office (2491 3602). More details on <http://mtjclass.blogspot.com>

Art, dance, music, English camps at Kalaa Manjari, Alwarpet

Summer camps in a variety of activities like art, guitar, keyboard, Chess, Western Dance, Brain-train, English, phonetics are on at Kalaa Manjari from March 22, 2012. There are four batches of two weeks duration that start on March 22,

April 5, April 23 and May 11, 2012.

Contact Kalaa Manjari at 6/12, First Street, Venus Colony, Alwarper. Ph: 2431 2676, 98404 21305

English Summer Camp at Small Talk, Mylapore

To improve the child's communication skills in a holistic way, Small Talk is hosting The English Summer Camp in two batches – one begins on April 16, 2012 and another from May 7, 2012.

The camp includes kids' grammar, conversational English, handwriting skills, story telling and theatre. Small Talk has tied up with the Book Lovers' Program for Schools for the storytelling & theatre sessions.

Contact Small Talk at Small Talk at 237, Kutchery road, Luz Corner, Mylapore. Ph: 24612353, 9600087401

Holiday Fun Camps at Hansel & Gretel, T. Nagar

Holiday camps for juniors in the age group (3 years to 7 years) and seniors (8 years to 12 years) will be on from May 19 to August 31, 2012. Pick any date to start your camp. While juniors have Storytime, Sing-along, Dance, Drama, Etiquette, Art & Craft, Games, the seniors will have Personality Development, Dance, Creative Writing, Art & Craft, Games and Music among the activities.

Contact Hansel & Gretel, 11 Jagadambal Street, T.Nagar. Phone: 28152549, 9840431549

Little Scientists Camp at Hippocampus, Adyar

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Fun and safe camps at Bamboola, R.A. Puram

Summer camps for children of 2.6 years to 12 years with activities ranging from art, dance, music, cook without fire to martial arts for fun will be on from April 18, 2012. There are different dates to choose from. The camps are on till May 30, 2012.

Contact Bamboola, 73, Venkata Krishna Iyer Road, R.A.Puram. Phone: 24611779, 9840872951, 9884156961

a learner of Science. This is for kids of age 6 to 8 years. The workshop will be held from April 16 to 20, 2012.

Contact Hippocampus at 4/11, 3rd Avenue, Indira Nagar, Adyar. Phone: 94440 49175, 2443 3544

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VISUAL STORY WEEK

Vahanams at Kapaleeswarar temple, Mylapore

By K. Sai Kishore, Age 14



From top left : Rishabha vahanam, Mayil vahanam, Gandharvi vahanam, Gandharva vahanam

Sai Kishore walked with a camera during the 10 day Panguni vizha at Sri Kapaleeswara temple held from March 28 to April 5, 2012 and shot these pictures.

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Students - Before and after the exams

K.G. Kavya, Student reporter



From top to bottom :

The tensed moments of last minute studies
Cool off with water after the exams
Beat the heat, play water splash

Get ready to read this summer!

By Nandini P.S
Student Reporter

"Nothing can replace the feel of holding a book and reading it" said Ms. Supraja Sowrirajan of The Winners, who was in the middle of a story telling session for kids at the Vanilla Children's Place in R.A.Puram.



Being a trainer for story telling, she has been conducting these sessions for the past few weeks for children ages 5-9 in partnership with Long Long Ago Online Children's Library for their Read & Shine event. The books used in the sessions are provided by Long Long Ago Library, and cover a range of topics right from science and environment, to folk tales and mythology.

The weekly sessions consist of a bunch of interesting activities such as interactive book readings, book reviews, book quizzes, role plays, short games, work games, races, 'Choral Reading', Author Talk and much more, along with a sprinkling of interactive questions.

An enthusiastic bunch of 25 children were present at this week's session, which began with reading a book about Penguins. Having been divided into groups of four, the kids took their turns in coming up to the front and reading out a part of the book along with Supraja to the rest of the kids.

The reading was made fun for the kids with loads of actions, voice modulations, and interactive questions.

Many kids seemed to know a lot about penguins and one even volunteered to say that he had seven species of them! Next there was a small 'penguin race' where the children had to waddle like a penguin. They did with unparalleled enthusiasm.

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As the next part of the session, each child was given his 'Bookipedia' a workbook which contains interesting exer-

cises related to the topic of the book read that day. The kids energetically drew where they thought penguins live, and one child even drew two penguins that were apparently playing hide-and-seek!

Next came a question which generated quite a lot of different answers; "What would you do if your mother packed you a lunch with what you hated, for school?" This led to the next book, after whose reading, the session concluded.

One of the participants, Nikita said "I love penguins. I read some stories, and my favourite is Cinderella." The children were then given summer reading charts and a book each by the Long Long Ago Library.

The next series of book reading sessions will be held in May. If you want to read more the fun way, register at phone numbers 97899 92075, 95661 93957

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## Events you may want to check this fortnight

### Chocolate making and bread craft workshops - April 17,18, 2012

Make delicious chocolates & lollipops in the shape you like. On April 17, 2012 between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. In this workshop, kids will learn the basics of chocolate making at home and will also learn to make animal-shaped lollipops and fresh fruit-dipped chocolates. Kids attending this interactive workshop will make chocolates themselves and get to take them home too.

Also, Learn to make art pieces from bread dough and take home your own piece. This workshop will be conducted on April 18, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Both the activities will be conducted

at T. Nagar. For details and registration, contact Ms. Shamira Ferns. Phone: 93805 15031

### World Book Day - April 21, 22, 2012

World Book Day is a celebration of Reading and Books, it's all about getting kids into book shops and libraries. Hippocampus is organising a book fair with Scholastic, Tulika, Eureka Books and a few other distributors.

On the eve of World Book day, Hippocampus is also launching their Summer Reading programme for the year.

Look forward to books, visits by authors, book promotions, activities,

contests, food and a lot of fun for children at this event.

Date: 21, 22nd April 2012. At 11 a.m. onwards. Entry Fee: Rs 20 per head  
Venue: Hippocampus, 3rd Avenue, Indiranagar, Adyar.  
Phone: 9444049175/ 42067159

### Theatre and Creative writing workshop - From April 16, 2012

Theatre Y is organising funtY, an activity and training workshop in theatre and creative writing for children in the 7 to 15 years age group. Children will be trained in basics of acting, introduced to exercises for voice and body expressions in theatre, storytelling basics, writing poems, stories, essays, journals and scripts.

There are two batches to choose from. The workshop begins on April 16, 2012. Fee: Rs. 3500. Venue: StudYo, No.35, Mandaveli Street, Mandaveli.

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