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Christmas Carnival at Sishya school

Aditya Karekatte
Student Reporter

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when we say 'Winter'?

For most of us, it is 'Christmas', 'Santa Claus', 'presents', or perhaps simply 'Holidays'; but for Sishyaitees, there is a teensy bit more. Christmas Carnival. The annual Christmas Carnival was held in Sishya School on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011.

The Christmas Carnival is held every year, in the last week of school (just before the end of the second term.) It is held in the morning, and just about anyone and everyone are invited.

Each year, the Christmas Carnival includes the sale of chaat, popcorn, helium balloons, Christmas caps, cotton candy, small plastic toys and jewelry, and others, along with various festive tunes playing in the background, be it 'Felise Navidad', 'Jingle Bells', 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer', or even 'Silent Night'.

This year, chocolate, syrup or honey waffles were also on sale.

The entire event is organized and conducted by the Sishya Interact Club, a group of 11th graders, who, in the course of the year, collect funds, donations, and goods (both edible and otherwise), and organise fund-raisers for donation to various charitable organisations.

The Blue Cross of India, Little Hearts, Udavum Karangal are among the many organisations. All proceeds



from the Christmas Carnival go to charity.

Says Mihika Jeyanth of class 10, "The Christmas Carnival is a lot of fun; I especially like the waffles they sold this year." Rahul Singhvi, of class 6 agrees, saying, "The waffles were pretty good. The best part about the Christmas Carnival is that we get the whole day free."

All in all, the Sishya Annual Christmas Carnival was a roaring success, and students, teachers, and perhaps even Santa Claus alike, all look forward to next year.



Photos: Ms. Abha Jajoo

Events to check out

Pongal celebration at Hippocampus, Adyar

Jan. 8, 2012 at 11.00 a.m.

Celebrate the Most Popular Festival of South India at Hippocampus.

Cook and feast on Pongal specialties. Decorate the threshold with Kolams. Watch "Thapattam",

a traditional and lively folk dance by Koothupatturai. Know more about our traditional games and play them too.

Kreeda, the traditional game store will showcase their games and teach the kids to learn a trick or two.

For kids of age 6 and above.

Hippocampus Children's Co. is at 4/11, 3rd Avenue, Indiranagar, Adyar. Phones: 24433544, 42116417



words and completing sentences.

For kids of 3 to 5 years.

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

Events and contests for kids at Mylapore Festival

As part of Sundaram Finance Mylapore Festival, the following events and contests will be hosted for kids. Entry free for all the events.

Rock Painting Workshop

Jan. 8. At 8 a.m. Venue: Nageswara Rao Park.

Open to the first 40 callers in the 8-12 age group.

For registrations contact Divya Priya @ 94450 34485 (10 am to 5 pm on weekdays).



Contest and Workshop



Jan. 8. At 3 p.m.

Venue: Lady Sivaswamy Ayyar Girls' School - Design a Greeting Card Contest (Open to kids below 12 years). Bring your art materials. Theme - Pongal.

From 3.45 - 5 p.m. - Variety of Art / Craft Workshops for kids. Free entry. Bring your own cards and materials.

Painting contest for kids

Jan. 8. At 4.30 p.m. - Chess Square at Nageswara Rao Park



Bring your chart paper, colouring materials. Theme will be given on the spot.

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Phonics Reading Program at Hansel & Gretel, T. Nagar

The Phonics Reading Program will introduce children to the relationship between each letter of the alphabet and the speech

sounds they produce, making learning to read much easier for the child. Activi-

ties will include reading and writing letters, reading and putting together



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Sparkling Sports Meet at the PSBB Millennium school

Nikila Raman
Student Reporter

The PSBB Millennium School hosted its 6th annual sports meet SPARKLE on Dec. 9, 2011 in the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium.

The students, teachers and parents enthusiastically participated in the event.

Walter I Davaram, former DGP, Tamil Nadu has kindly was the Chief Guest on the occasion and he declare the Sports Meet Open.

Padmashree Awardee Mrs. Y. G. Parthasarathy, Dean and Director PSBB Group of Schools was the Guest of Honour.

Ms. Alisha Abdullah, the first woman biker to participate and win prizes on the bikers circuit gave away the prizes.

Students from all levels, Nursery to Std XII participated

in various drill displays and track and field events. The events were a feast to the eyes.

bic dance by 1400 students with perfect coordination.

The overall house championship was won by the Ruby House led by the house captain Vivek and vice captain Indumathy.



The highlight of the day was the aero-

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All rounder Abhilasha

Sruti S
Student Reporter

Abhilasha Veeraraghavan, a 9th std student of Sankara Senior Secondary school has just made her parents proud.

Recently she performed her arangetram at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. Her jewellery & artworks were also showcased. She was nominated for the POGO Amazing Kids Awards. She has qualified for Mars Spelling Bee at International level. She has performed in a variety of shows including in Vijay TV at the launch of Actor Vikram's Deiva Thirumagal.

When Asked about the experience of performing in front of Vikram an enthused Abhilasha says, "I was really thrilled and excited to perform in front of him. I had never thought I would meet him someday in my life. It was like a dream turned reality for me. The best part was when the director of the movie, Vijay himself came and appreciated my dance performance."

Abhilasha had also won in the Champion of the Episode Thamizhagathin Champions by Ms.Sudha Chandran and drums Star Sivamani. She has been learning Bharathnatyam for the past four years under the guidance of gurus Shiva Kumar and Shailaja Shiva Kumar of Shiva Kalalayam Academy of Performing Arts (SAIPA).

She also designs jewellery apart from dancing. She uses artificial pendants, Gold-plated pendants, pearls and small Gold beads (Chakras) for her Jewellery.

But her first love is always dance. She loves the art form Bharatnatyam & its purity and dance styles brought the passion to pursue the art. She is also a great lover of Western dance. She

got the grand masters degree in Abacus & Mental Arithmetic.

She also has an International Certificate in drawing and painting from Limpkok Wings University, Malaysia.

Ask her how she is able to balance



academics as well as art and she says, "Studies are of primary importance to me. During free periods in school, I always complete my homeworks and once I come back home, I revise through what they have taught. Once done, I involve myself in my extra-curricular activities. This is how I strike a perfect balance between studies and my extra curricular activities".

Her sister, Ashwini Veeraraghavan, has been a great support to her. "If not for her, I would not have stood as a successful dancer now." she adds.

Her dream is to create a total blend of Classical and Western dance. She also dreams of establishing a Western dance school and spread Indian classical arts to the West.

Nature Dream - Theme based contests for 4 to 15 year olds

Show your passion for nature through art and actions. Here is a chance to participate in a theme based contest and win prizes.

Fun Squared, along with other partners EVWR, Chillies Fun Zone, Women Exclusive, Art Robe and Parampara is hosting this contest on Jan. 21, 2012.

Venue: Chillies Fun Zone, AD-64, 2nd Street, Anna Nagar.

For 4 to 7 years: Storytelling, Action rhymes and drawing contest

For 8 to 11 years: Storytelling, Best out of waste (crafts) and drawing contest

For 12 to 15 years: Story writing, Best out of waste (crafts) and drawing contest

For registrations contact phone nos. 90030 94510, 98417 43955

Inter-school contests in recitation, storytelling and folk music

The Children's Club Society, Mylapore is conducting inter-school competitions in various categories and for age groups.

A recitation competition will be held on Jan. 21, 2012 in Tamil, Sanskrit, English and Hindi from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Story telling competition in Tamil and Hindi will be held on Jan. 22, 2012 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

A folk music competition is scheduled for Jan. 22, 2012 from 3 p.m. onwards.

For more details, contact The Children's Club Society, 213, V.M. Street, Mylapore. Phone: 99405 57388, 4357 7743, 4211 3434

Frontrunners : Leadership program for kids

The FRONTRUNNERS – Emerging Leaders, is a child-friendly program that aims at building skills, knowledge and practises required for a child's Leadership development.

The program is designed such that it begins by grooming the child to be a 'Personal leader', followed by a 'Thought leader' and finally a 'Public leader'. As a result, the child builds Self-confidence, a sense of Responsibility, an Achieving attitude, sound Character & Judgement.

Activities like story-telling, Arts, role-play, creative games, case studies, worksheets, book reading, songs, crafts and so on provide a Joyful & Practical Learning experience to children. The program environment also motivates the children to play, interact, create, learn and perform.

The program is being conducted by S. Supraja of The Winners in Hari Shree Vidyalayam School, in R. A. Puram. Classes twice a week. Program start Date – Jan. 20, 2012. Registration starts Jan 10.

For further details, contact S. Supraja at 9789992075 or email to: supraja.balaji@yahoo.com

Chinmaya Vidyalaya girls lift the Basketball trophy



Anisha Mahtani
Student Reporter

It was time for Chinmaya Vidyalaya's 'Khel Milan' - the Sports Meet. Basketball champs from each Chinmaya Vidyalaya all over India were getting ready to bring the house down.

The participants were from Coimbatore, Delhi and many teams from Kerala and Chennai.

The Khel Milan 2011 was held in Chennai at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor

stadium in Perimet on Nov. 19, 2012.

The match started at 8 am with the girls finals between CVT and CVKV.

After four years of waiting, the basketball champs of the Chinmaya Vidyalayas had their minutes to win it and they did!

The CVT (Chinmaya Vidyalaya Taylors Road-Chennai) girls brought their huge trophy home. And the CVKV (Chinmaya Vidyalaya Keraa Vaduthala) boys also won the trophy.

It was an amazing match to watch. The CVT girls left the CVKV girls with a score of 32:10. And the boys finalists were between CIRS (Coimbatore International Residential School) and CVKV and the match was won by Kerala.

After sheer hard work and practice the champs walked out of the stadium with their heads held high!

Chennai Bird Race

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Last date to sign up: Jan. 17, 2012

The Chennai Bird Race 2012 will be held on Jan. 22, 2012.

If you are new to Bird Race, the organisers will team you up with experienced bird-watchers and set you on a full day spotting and identifying birds.

The event will be an all-day

event from dawn to dusk and is open to nature lovers of 7 to 80 years old.

All the teams will meet for an interactive get-together and dinner on that day.

The chief co-ordinators of this Bird Race are K.V. Sudhakar, president, Madras naturalists' Society and V. Shantaram, director, Institute of Bird Studies, Rishi Valley.

The event is supported by HSBC Bank as in the past years.

Register at www.blackbuck.org.in

Last date to sign up is Jan. 17, 2012



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Keyboard guru M.S. Martin's 109 young disciples played the instrument to break the Guinness World Record of Largest electronic Keyboard Ensemble. The event was held at the Music Academy, Chennai on Nov, 27, 2011.

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