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Silver jubilee special inter-school sports meet at Lady Andal

Lasya Karthikeyan Student Reporter

Padma Bushan Lady Andal Interschool Tournament, is an event, which is very much looked forward to by almost every school sports team in Chennai.

Hosted by Lady Andal School, it has been running successfully for eleven years now. But the 2012 tournament is rather special for Lady Andal students, as the school has just completed its Silver Jubilee year. Padma Bhushan consists of four events, swimming, football, volleyball and basketball.

This year, there are a staggering number of 2780 students participating. 550 in basketball, 340 in volleyball, 1480 in football and 300 in swimming. The event is held for three days. And this year, the dates are June 27, 28 and 29.

Even at 6 a.m. the Lady Andal sports grounds were already filled with students, shooting, swimming timed

laps, dribbling and furiously serving away.

The event was inaugurated at 9 a.m. with a highly motivating speech by the chief guest, Ms. Prema Kumar, the well-respected correspondent and secretary of

Lady Andal and The Madras Seva Sadan Schools. She is a highly dynamic lady and winner of many prestigious awards.

This year, there will be a special trophy, for the most outstanding individual player, in memory of Pranav U.B., a keen athlete and a Games Captain, who passed away earlier this month.

By 9.30, the tournament was in full swing. There were matches with nail biting moments and extremely close



More photos of this event on http://bit.ly/lady-andal-25

wins and losses in every sport. Yes, the games had very much begun.

>> Lady Andal Venkata Subbarao School celebrates its Silver Jubilee this year. Lasya will be reporting on the special events from the school through the year.

This fortnight for you...

Activities

Have fun!

Podar Happy Kids, Adyar will hold a fun evening for children on July 12, 2012 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event is open for children of 2 to 10 years.

Children will get to have fun with parachute play, puppet show, water play, sand play, art & craft, treasure hunt and games.

Contact Podar Happy Kids at 16, 4th Cross Street, Besant Nagar. Phone no. 4217 7222, 98418 11160

Hobby classes

Learn more

Kalaa Manjari, Alwarpet is starting new batches of hobby classes from July. Classes will be on digital photography, music, dance, sloka, storytelling and public speaking.

Contact Kalaa Manjari at 6/12, 1st Street, Venus Colony, Alwarpet. Phone: 2431 2676

Exhibition & Handson

Read, see, make and take

Tara Books located in Tiruvanmiyur is launching an art exhibition for children, parents and educators on July 14, 2012.

The exhibition will have on display works of tribal and folk artists to experimental artists from a range of cultures. Children can use the free art materials to add to the exhibition themselves on the spot, or to take home creations inspired by what they have seen.

Tara Books is also inaugurating their children's reading corner on the day. Crocodile, a short play in Tamil by the Pudiyador children's centre, a local centre that aims to provide a safe, interactive, fun and hands-on learning environment for

underprivileged children, will be featured.

The exhibition will be on till August 25, 2012. During this period, various events like book craft workshops to painting sessions will be conducted on every Saturday.

To confirm participation, contact Tara Books at phone no. 42601033 or bookbuilding@tarabooks.com

Contest

Inter school Talent Contest

Silver N Springs, R.A. Puram is holding annual inter-school talent contest on July 21, 2012.

Children of class LKG to class 9 can participate in various contests grouped in different categories. Handwriting, music, dance, arts & crafts, essay amd oratorical contests will be held.

For more details and registration, contact Silver N Springs at 29, School View Road, 1st lane, R.K. Nagar, R.A. Puram. Phone: 4210 0564.

Contest

Drawing competition

ISKCON temple is holding a drawing and painting contest for children studying in classes LKG to 12 on July 15, 2012.

To participate and register for the contest contact ISKCON temple at Hare Krishna Land, Bhaktivedanta Swami road, Off East Coast Road, Akkarai. Phone: 32911472, 24456199.

Classes

Manners and more

Satya Sai Seva Organisation of Kilpauk chapter is conducting Bala

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Japan through stamps

Shraddha S Student Reporter



ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamil Nadu & South India Philatelists Association jointly organised an exhibition — Cultural and Historical Study of Japan through Japanese Stamps, commemorating 60th anniversary of Japan-India Diplomatic Relationship at ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamil Nadu Centre, 3rd floor, Chateau D'Ampa, Aminjikarai, Chennai.

His Excellency Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan inaugurated the exhibition on June 29, 2012.

A vast collection of stamps on various themes like A to Z of Japan, Philatelic Week of Japan, Imperial Family, International Letter Writing Day, Letter Writing Week, 400 years of Tokugawa Shogunate, Prefectural Stamps, the Regional Stamps, Railways, Bridges, Children Day, Engineering Achievements, Japan Heritage Services, Sports, Culture, Nature Heritage Services, Japan Medical Sciences, Japan & its Industrial Relations, Latest Science

and Animal Series, Japan Legal System, War & Peace, Japanese Art, Self Adhesive stamps had been categorised neatly and put on display. The exhibition was on till July 2, 2012

ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI academy teaches Japanese Language and conducts many programmes related to Japanese culture, Indo-Japan relationship.

Mitra, a first year college student and an avid philatelist found the exhibition very interesting, particularly the animation series.

ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI brought the glorious eras of Japan live through this beautiful display. The exhibition gave a very impressive insight into the history, people and events of Japan.

ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI - Tamil Nadu centre is at 3rd Floor, Chateau 'D' Ampa, 37 (110), Nelson Manickam Road, Aminjikarai.

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Theatre orientation programme held

Shane Mathew Philip Student Reporter

The Krishnamoorti Foundation of India (KFI) organised an orientation programme in theatre at *The School*, Adyar on June 18, 2012. Students from 13 schools from the city were invited to be part of the event. Twelve students from TI School, Ambattur were a part of it too.

The main concept behind the program was to nurture the theatre skills in children. The first half of the programme had a briefing session where the students of *The school* shared their experiences in the course of their previous years. They also briefed us about the technical skills required for theatre presentation. The whole program was planned and executed by the class 11 students of The school.

The participants were then divided into groups. The groups were formed in such a way that the members belonged to a team of 13 members selecting one from each school. All the students were enthusiastic to bring out the whole message in a smooth way.

The students from The school helped the participants to connect their thoughts in a proper chain. At the end of the session all the groups presented their drama in a skillful manner. The participants felt that they learnt a lot of at the session, including leadership qualities. The students had to write their own scripts in some cases. The teams will be preparing for the upcoming Theatre fest to be held at *The School* in July this year.

The participating schools were made to feel at home by the students of *The School.* A special thanks was due to the teachers of the participating schools and the KFI team for making the day memorable for all those who took part in it.

SAND-'WITCH': Food for muggles?

Smruthi S, student reporter, caught this on the Marina beach

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Undeveloped roads pose difficulty in Nolumbur

Shivani Chiranjeevi Student Reporter



A view of an undeveloped road in Nolambur, Mogappair

forum which made the issue an alarming one.

The civic bodies seem to have paid any attention to the issue. The locality which comprises of many residential apartments, hotels and businesses suffers of bad road condition.

This neighbourhood, which was a village till a few years ago has now transformed into a small town by itself due to construction of many apartments during the recent years.

The duration of the travel within the area prolongs due to the bad condition of the roads. This factor causes inconvenience to the students, office-goers and the residents moving around for fetching their daily needs.

The roads of Nolambur, in Mogappair sanitation which contributes to the lacks the facility of the basic bitumen. discoloration of water. This issue was In addition, the locality lacks proper

raised many times in many public

Are you a math wiz?

The Association of Mathematics Teachers of India, Chennai will be conducting National Mathematics Contests for students of class 5 to 12. The preliminary tests will be on August 25, 2012.

The contest will be held in four categories - Primary (Std. V & VI), Sub-junior (Std. VII & VIII), Junior (Std. IX & X), Inter (Std. XI & XII).

There is also a senior level contest for degree class students in Arts, Science and Technical courses).

Cash Awards to the top 3 winners in each level and merit certificates for them and others selected based on their revealing a reasonable level of Venkatarangam St., Triplicane, mathematical maturity. All the students selected for the final level test will get a certificate and a cash award. Enrichment contact courses are also organised for the promising Website: toppers.

The last date to apply is July 31, 2012.

For details contact The Secretary, The Association of Mathematics Teachers of India, B-19, Vijav Avenue, Old No 37, New No 85, Chennai - 600 005.

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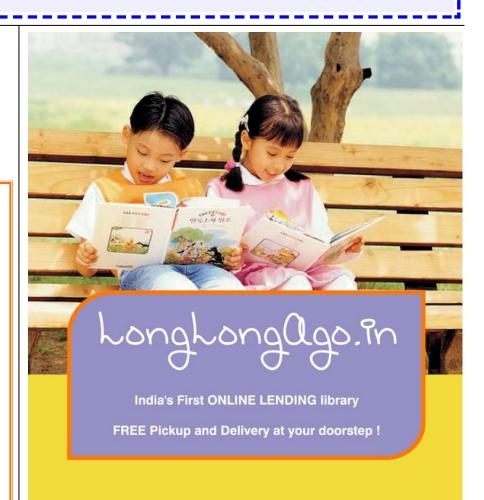
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Change for better

Dhanvee B Student Reporter

It was on the day when the students went to get their news books from St. Mark's Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Chromepet saw the colour of the uniform dress has changed.

The girl students wore blue pinafore with a white shirt and the colour of the ribbon was white till last year. And yes, the white gets dirty as the children enjoyed their days at school. Washing them was a task, though they again wore neat and tidy dress next morning just to become dull and dirty by evening!

What a change!

It is not all the same story now. The girls wear brown skirt and the boys were a brown half-pant with matching checked shirt. The colour of ribbon for the girls is also brown. The students look happy and return home happily without the dull and dirty look in the evening

The students later learnt that the change in the colour of the uniform was the idea of their correspondent. They feel the difference now and



think the colour suits the dusty Chennai weather.

Sacred Heart gets new leaders

Sonali Jain Student Reporter

Sacred Heart Mat. Hr.Sec. School elected their captains for the academic year of 2012-2013 and the investiture ceremony was held on June 16, 2012 at the school auditorium.

Investiture is a solemn and traditional ceremony in which these elected students officially transform into captains.

There are five houses in all at this school and 18 captains are selected including a vice captain,

a house captain and a sports captain for



the results of the elections.

Ms. Sudha Uma Shankar, a noted each house. There is also journalist and an alumnus of the school a head girl, was a guest of honour at the ceremony. an assistant The captains pledged to their duty to god, head girl their country and their school and also to and a school help the staff and students at all times sports and to uphold the honour of Sacred heart captain who school and their respective houses. There also help run was a wonderful dance, prayer, poem and

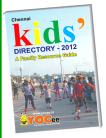
The students from class 9 to 12 and the proud parents of the leaders were invited to the ceremony. The day will always be remembered by the captains, chief guest, proud parents, staff and students.

them to learn the traits of a good leader.

an exciting shadow play organised for

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Learning to eat healthy from school

Asmitha S Student Reporter

Students of class VI A of Sunshine Chennai Senior secondary school organised a healthy food fest on June 28, 2012, to highlight the benefits of healthy food.

The class was divided into groups who made sprouts, lemonade, fruit salad, vegetable sandwich, nuts and spices and butter milk. All the items were nutrient food cooked without fire. The ingredients were brought by the students and preparation was



done on the spot.

This fest was conducted mainly to increase the team spirit among the students. The sub group was divided in such a way that some of them were involved in explaining the nutritive value of the food, the rest in serving the sumptuous preparation.

The correspondent Ms. Ezhilarasi and principal of the school Ms. Lakshmi were invited as special guests to taste and give feedback on the preparation. They were very happy to see large participation by this enthusiastic class. They recommended many more such events, so that students get ample opportunity to gel together and perform as a team at the same time learn new things.



Art Gallery





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Talent flow at Kalpa Kosha of Sir Sivaswami Kalalaya

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Nandini P S Student Reporter

Students of Class 11 and Class 12 at Sir Sivaswami Kalalaya hosted the cultural event 'Kalpa Kosha' (KK 2012) on June 27 and 28, 2012, to the great excitement and anticipation

of the younger students, and other schools.

Mr. Haricharan, popular playback singer whose debut was 'Unakkena Ninaippen' from the film Kaadhal inaugurated in the morning on June 27. He spoke of how he had used to participate in Kalpa Kosha when he was a student. Then, on audience request, he sang a few songs to the delight of all present.

Shipwreck, Face painting, Quiz, etc. Football events were held at the playground.

JAM is an event in which participants will be given a topic and will have to speak on it without grammatical and factual errors, stammers, slurs,



WINNERS ALL: Team P S Senior, the overall winners of Kalpa Kosha 2012
PHOTO: SRIRAM NATRAJHEN

A music competition followed the inauguration in the auditorium. Students from SSK too gave a host performance. Meanwhile, the rest of the classrooms were playing host to interesting events such as JAM (Just A Minute), Adzap, Block and Tackle,

stutterings, unwanted pauses, time wasting tactics, repetition, etc. the audience were hooked to following the game.

Adzap is an event in which the participating groups will have to effectively and interesting advertise a

product (such as tooth paste) that would be given to them on the spot. Block and Tackle involves quick reflexes and responses. The participant will have to argue both for and against the topic given to her.

There was another event, newspaper reporting, in which students had to write a report on "Day 1 at Kalpakosha" and submit it on Day 2.

The second day began with the highspirited dance event, which was followed by the host performance by SSK students. Meanwhile, JAM finals were held at the Computer Science Lab.

The much awaited winners' event was held later at the auditorium, and it largely determined the winning school of KK 2012. This was followed by the prize distribution function, in which P.S. Senior Secondary School was declared the overall winner.

>> View a gallery of photos of this event, taken by Deepak Prabakar online at www.yocee.in

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Environment day at DAV Public, Velachery

Anirudh Madhavan Student Reporter

The world environment day celebrations at the campus of DAV Public School, Velachery was held on June 18, 2012. The event also marked the launch of the school's Eco- club, a club consisting of students interested in environmental activities.

Environment day is celebrated on June 5 world over. The school chose to celebrate it on the 18th, so that the Eco club could also be launched at the same time. It was kick-started at 9.30 a.m. with a short prayer followed by a welcome to all present there.

The chief guest for the day, Ms. Supraja Dharani, founder of the Tree Foundation, emphasised on the need to not only plant more trees, but also to create a 'green economy' – one with green sources of everything from food to computers.

The chief guest and the accompanying dignitaries issued around 250 saplings to students, who have a passion for green growth. Soon, the other events of the day began. Face Painting for the students of the eight grade, an advertising event for the ninth grade, based on eco- friendly products that can be

advertised. The most fun, and yet suspense-filled event was the 'Just A Minute' (JAM). An event in which students spoke for a minute on the need to preserve nature while others in the session would object on the errors in their speech, such as stammering, grammar errors and so on.

One of the more serious events was a presentation by the students of class 12, in which they went around, taking photos and making observations of problems in their society, and sharing them with the audience and enlightening them as the day went on.

At the finale, the winners of the events were presented with prizes of a different kind – a sapling each and a certificate. And as the students went away, not only was there a new Eco club in the school, there was a new enlightened feeling of both awareness and the will to effect change in the minds of the students. The event was highly entertaining, informative and green.

School staff members in co-ordination with student volunteers had organised the event. It left the students with green thoughts as they moved from the grounds of the campus.

It's election time at Vel's Vidyashram

Srikamatchi S Student Reporter

Election for the School Pupil Leader and the Assistant School Pupil Leader was held in Vel's Vidyashram Senior Secondary School, Pallavaram on June 21, 2012. Teachers and students from class 6 to12 voted to select their leaders.

The elections took place in school computer lab. The dean of the school Mr. V. Venkatachalam cast the first vote followed by the vice-principal Mrs.Ramya Ramanan. And then it was the students' turn to vote.

E-polling was introduced for the first time. The e-polling programme was designed by the students of class 12 under the supervision of the computer teacher.

After casting their vote the students were marked on their index finger with a permanent marker. The results of the election were announced on the following Friday.

Among the four boy candidates and

eight girl candidates for the SPL posts, Vijwal.P.Poojary and Sapna got the maximum number of votes and were elected as the School Pupil Leaders. Pavithra and Vivekanand were elected as the Assistant school pupil leaders.



Despite the slight disappointment prevailing among the other candidates who contested the elections, the students are happy about the results and are eagerly waiting for the newly elected leaders to fulfill their election promises. The elected leaders are overjoyed and are looking forward for the investiture ceremony.

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Redicovering corporate talents

Manasa V S Student Reporter

On the evening of June 23, 2012, the Anna Centenary library in Chennai wore a grand look. It was the day when the corporates took to their heels to rock the stage displaying their talents.

The event, an initiative of Carrot-Excel (two event

management companies) titled RED (Re Discover) was a fund raiser for the education of underprivileged children and for a carbon free greener world. It was an intercorporate culturals for a cause.

The evening had many events like dance, music

band, fashion designing, ad-zap etc. The panel of judges who witnessed the spectacular events included playback singers and music composers like Unni Krishnan, Ramesh Vinayakam and Thaianban; dance choreographer Jeffrey Vardon and actress Varalakshmi Sarathkumar to evaluate the dance performances and well-known fashion designers like Sydney Sladen, and

Vivek and actress Sona Hayden to judge the fashion show.

About 30 corporates participated enthusiastically. HCL, Accenture, TCS, Cognizant, FSS and Renault Nissan qualified for the grand finale. HCL and Cognizant bagged awards for music, RBS and TCS for dance, and Renault Nissan and Rage for fashion show.

There were a distinct variety of themes chosen for each of the events; some of the themes were: "Man Vs Robots"(dance), "Save the Girl child"(dance), Carnatic, fusion and western in music and Bio degradable dresses and the "United Nissan" for fashion designing. After all shows, there stood the team which took home the RED-2012 trophy – Renault Nissan.

Every corporate employee participated in the events gave their best. A day with all swings and swirls, ragas and notes, poses and styles – a dream moment for many corporates ended as the curtains fell with a Shabba Khair from the RED team.





Children's quiz at DakshinaChitra

When: July 21, 2012. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Who is this for: Children of ages 10 yrs to 13 yrs

The children's quiz is annual feature with a rolling trophy for the winning team and other prizes for the top teams.

The topics for the quiz will include General knowledge, Heritage & Culture, Current affairs, identifying the Artifacts along with an audio - video round. It is open to students of 6th, 7th and 8th standards only. The quiz masters are the members of the Chennai Quizzing Club.

Each school can send one or more teams comprising of three members in a team. The schools have to provide transportation and food for the students. At least one teacher representative is required to accompany the students.

The first prize will be highend cycles sponsored by TI Cycles of India, the second and the third prize winners will receive exciting gift vouchers and coupons sponsored by Friends of DakshinaChitra. The participating schools should confirm the team on or before July 15, 2012..

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