

## Library Week at Vidya Mandir

*By S. Jayanthi, Class 9, Vidya Mandir*

Every year, the students at Vidya Mandir set a week aside as library week. This is a special week allotted only for fun and learning through reading.

This year, the library week was held from Nov. 23 to 27, leaving behind loads of knowledge to the students. For class 9, this year there were two activities – On the spot book review and Unravel the Mystery.

The students were given a list of authors, whose books can be chosen from the shelf and were asked to write about it in less than 200 words. The activity 'Unravel the Mystery' was just awesome this year! The students given 40 names of authors to unscramble, with one hint below each jumbled word. The students sat in the large table and worked out the answers. It was a little tough. But almost everyone managed to unscramble at least 30 words. The best part was bunking two periods for each activity the students did!

Jokes apart, the Library Week is one the students of Vidya Mandir look forward to every year.



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The weather is chill. In Chennai, the air is filled with classical music, bhajans, dance and carols.

The ground in the front yard of every home gets decorated with kolams. The shops and malls decorate the roadside trees, close to their place with colourful lights.

The apartment complexes celebrate community New Year parties.

But what is there for kids like you?

Do you have special fun activities you can soak in? Do you find the spirit of the December Music season in your hobby classes? Do you light up your homes?

YOcee loves to hear from you what you do during the winter holidays.

Unlike the summer vacation, winter holidays are short. But the weather allows you to do many things without sweating it out.

We have information on a few activities lined up for you in Chennai. More will be posted online as we receive from the organisers.

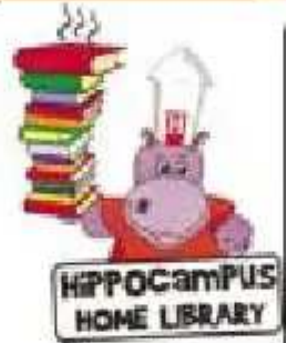
Meantime, tell us what would you like to do during the holidays. Be it, reading books, playing in the open, or write poems or just freewheel on Facebook!

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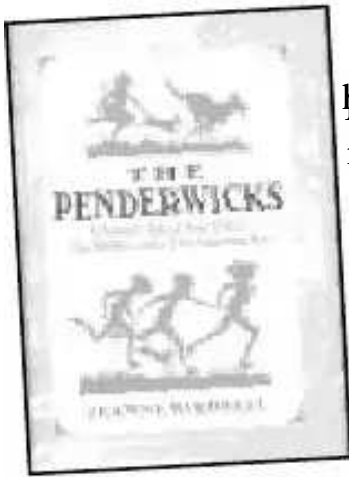
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# The Penderwicks

By Madhumitha Sriram,  
Class 5,  
Chettinad Harishree Vidyalayam



Title: Penderwicks  
Author: Jaenne Birdsall  
Setting: Arundel  
Main Character: Jeffrey and the Penderwick sisters  
Characters: Jeffrey, Rosalind, Skye, Jane, Batty, Mr.Penderwick, Mr.Dupree, Cagney, Churchie, Yaz, Carla, Katheleen, Harry, Hound, Mr.Framley, and Mrs.Tifton



Plot: The Penderwick sisters help stop Jeffrey's mother and Mr.Dupree from enrolling Jeffrey into a boarding school that he hates to go to.

My Favorite Part: My favourite part is, when the Penderwick sisters are ready to go back to Cameron, Massachusetts, and Batty gives away her precious wings and her picture of Hound to

Jeffrey. Also, when Cagney gives Rosalind one of his flowers from the garden.

What's interesting about this story: I would recommend this book because I like the characteristics of each of the sisters like, Skye is fond of teaching herself Math, Jane writes a lot of books and publishes (she is only 10), Batty takes care of Hound like its mother and Rosalind takes care of Batty, since her mother's cancer accident.

## GET PUBLISHED!

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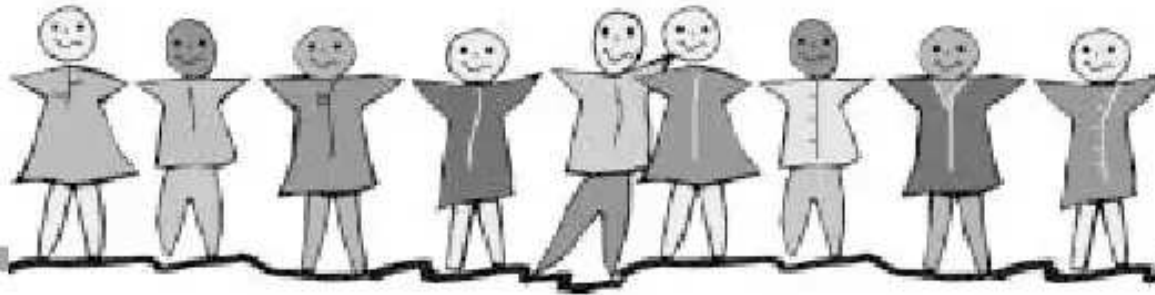
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## Children's day with a twist

*By Manasvini Mukund, Student Reporter,  
P.S. Senior Sec. School*

Saturday, the 14th November was a memorable day for the neuro psychiatrist clinic -Tejas at Saidapet. The therapeutic center for the specially abled children hosted a children' day party. This party-cum-function was organised by Dr. E.S Krishnamoorthy, Mrs. Shuba Mukund and hosted by the kids themselves.

The event started with a delightful invocation. The tiny tots then danced to a number of nursery rhymes. They also spoke about 'Chacha Nehru'.

After the celebrations, there was a feast of sandwiches, samosas and juices. It was an enjoyable and a happy occasion.

## Children's Day at Ranga Nursery

*By Sahaana Lakshminarayanan,  
Student Reporter, Ranga Nursery School*

Children's day function was very special this year at Ranga Nursery and Primary School, Choolaimedu as it was celebrated for two days.

Both 13 &14th November, were working days. Tiny tots to 3rd Standard kids wore colour dress on both the days.

On the first day 13th November, it was very entertaining when the tiny tots sang songs they liked and gave speech on Florence Nightingle, Unity in Diversity, MotherTerasa, Kalpana Chawala and Save Nature.

The school conducted elocution competition on the above topics, Fancy Dress Competition, Singing Competition, Drawing Competition For all the classes (Pre Kg to 5th Standard).

Kids practised the dance earlier and later presented it on the stage. Students danced for fun before the progame ended.

Students, teachers and the Head Mistress, Mrs.Kalaivani, were seen in their happiest moments.

And in the second day all our school teachers presented two dramas.The first drama was ' The Teacher and teh Students' and the second was 'A Grandma and her Granddaughter'.

All the school children danced on the stage and enjoyed the event.

## A reason to celebrate the Children's day season

*By A. Lavanya, Student Reporter,  
Rosary Matric School*

The students of Rosary matric had fun and frolic on November 14th celebrating the children's day.

Fancy fete was a feast for all the students, teachers and parents. But, what's strange about this?

The objective of this celebration is to fulfill the needs of poor children's food, shelter and education. Fancy fest fun fair had lot of stalls like food stalls, juice shop, snack items, soups, ice creams, sandwiches, burgers, cakes, popcorn, noodles, fried rice what not! Briyani, chicken lollypop etc. There were many games conducted like stepping stones, lucky dip, drop the coin etc.

The most exiting and entertaining were the air bed and the merry-go-round. Students of standard XI made up a horror show which scared the audience. Forest trek was arranged by students of XII.

Real birds, fishes, chirps of birds gave the audience the real feel of jungle.

The fest concluded successfully and the funds collected were used for charity.



# A Carnival on Children's Day

By Sheba Samuel, Student Reporter, St. John's Matric School, Mandaveli

It was a fun-filled event that took place at the campus of St. Johns Matric Hr. Sec. School. The Occasion being children's day, the school organised a 'Children's Day Carnival' full of



grandeur. A Variety of stalls spread over the four floors gave a reason to be happy about. Just as we entered, the prayer hall was filled with the

yummy-smell of the popping corns. Piping hot Samosa's and the aroma of a variety of Indian foods filled the ground floor. And to top it was the Swiss Chocolate fountain along with tangy juices.

The 'Hit the Pot' game was the centre of attraction. However high the pot was placed, the students did manage to break it!

The library was transformed in to a theatre which was nonetheless than one. Brilliant movies like 'This is It' stole the show. Plus there was a song dedication counter where you could dedicate your favorite song.

The first floor was filled with people rushing in to get their hands decorated with Mehandi.

The mini Chinese Kitchen with Manchurians and French fries were a plus! The Mumbai-Chat corner with pani-puris and bhel puris were too good to be missed. A variety of games which

were truly mind boggling and one of a kind, with attractive and interesting games stole the limelight.

The Lucky dips with diversity of prizes to be won enthralled the crowd. The first prize was a gold coin, the second - a Microwave oven and the Third - a Gift Voucher from Landmark. The winners were then declared.



However high the pot was placed, the students did manage to break it!

In The evening the scorching sun just faded away and down came those chilling



showers of rain. It was a 'Snack time' then. Bajjis and Bondas made by teachers pulled the crowd. Served with hot Chutney, they made the perfect combo with the rain!

It was late evening and the events were coming to an end. Students slowly dispersed thinking on the great day they had spent. This day will be evergreen and always

something to cherish about.



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*By R. Adithyan, Student reporter, Sethu Bhaskara School, Ambattur.*

## Harikrishnan, the youngest rated Chess player of India



R. Harikrishnan, 7 years old boy has become the youngest rated chess player in India.

The record had an official seal of Tamil Nadu Chess Association. Harikrishnan is a 2nd standard student of Sethu Bhaskara Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai. He has elevated to the pride of honour this year.

He started playing chess from the tender age and has shined out to be a star for his school and parents. Hari was inspired by several Chess players, but he was inspired by his elder brother, R. Venkatakrishnan most, who is also an Elo rated player.

Hari has an Elo rating of 1519 in the Jan 2009 list. He was coached by Thiagarajan and M.A. Velayutham of Bloom Chess Academy. His parents Amruthavalli and V. Rengarajan play chess but they are not at international contests.

Hari's mother says "I play with my sons." She accompanies him in every tour. The Tamil Nadu champion says "I want to become a Grand Master like

Anand". His school management believes that he will reach his target.

## Hussain Memorial Inter School Football Tournament

The XVII Major MK Hussain Memorial Inter School Football Tournament was organised by Hussain Memorial Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Ambattur from 26th to 30th October 2009.



Ten schools participated in the tournament. The tournament was instituted 17 years ago in memory of Major MK Hussain, a renowned footballer and founder of the school.

After a keen contest, Sri Venkateshwara Matric. Hr. Sec. School team was the winner and T.I Matric. Hr. Sec. School team was the runners up. Brigadier MI Hussain, Chairman & Correspondent of the school presented the trophy to the participants. It was a real treat to the sports loving audience. The players are trained professionally and they aim at playing for India in future.

## A date with Science

*By Aji Rengaswamy, Student Reporter, M.C.T.M. School, Mylapore.*

Every year, on 14th november, that is Children's day, M.C.T.M. School, Mylapore celebrates the project day.

It is mandatory for all the students to take part in any one of the projects.

The students can choose any subject and do a project related to the subject. The junior and middle school students do projects relating to their lessons, puzzles and are

activity based. The high school students do



more innovative experiments in Science subjects. On 13th of November, it is open for the students and teachers. On that day, judges come and evaluate the projects. Based on their judgements, prizes are given to the students.

On 14th, it is open to parents. This day is full of enjoyment and fun-filled and the student of M.C.T.M School, await this day eagerly every year.



# Celebrating a scientist

By S. Sruti, Student Reporter,  
P.S. Senior Sec. School

To mark the 121st birth anniversary of Indian Scientist, Nobel Laureate Sir C.V. Raman Nehru Children's Cultural Association organised a special event on Physics at IIT-Madras.

M.R. Sugumaran, President, Nehru Children's Cultural Association welcomed the gathering.

Dr. S. Srinivasan, Former Professor of Physics, IIT-Madras gave a speech on Sir C.V. Raman. Dr. T.S. Natarajan, Professor of Physics, IIT-Madras gave lecture demonstration. He performed experiments in Physics using easily available objects. He dipped a rubber ball into liquid Nitrogen and showed that rubber can become glass below a certain temperature known as glass Transition Temperature.

He also demonstrated the concept of elastic collision by keeping a tiny ping pong ball (Tennis Ball) and a foot ball. When dropped to the ground separately, they bounced to same height. When the tennis



ball was kept over the football and the two together were dropped to the floor, the tennis ball jumped to a height greater than the level from which it was dropped. He explained the Physics behind it in simple words without materials.

Using just a coil, a magnet and a Galvanometer, he demonstrated the principle of electromagnetic induction and also related how electrical power is generated in all power station including atomic power plants.

He also explained concepts of Bernoulli's Principle, using a funnel, ping pong ball and an air blower.

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# Annual Day Celebrations at Sishya

*By Pallavi Balakrishnan, Student Reporter, Sishya, Adyar. Photos by Evangeline Jesudoss*

On 30th of October 2009, Sishya, Adyar celebrated its Annual Day. The celebrations began at 6 p.m. with an Invocation song



by the ICSE 2010 batch. A medley of songs sung by the ISC 2010 batch followed.

After this musical beginning to the evening, the principal, Mrs. Omana Thomas and then the Chief Guest Mrs. Letika Saran, IPS spoke. The Chief Guest gave away the prizes for Achievers in the 2009 ICSE and ISC exams and in extra curricular activities. The Headmaster, Mr. Rajendran conveyed vote of thanks.



It was time for the shows then.

This year, the students performed the play, Cinderella. The timeless fairy tale was presented with

lots of music and dance and a quite a few touches of humour.

The show had some great props and amazing costumes. There was also a choir which did the backing vocals for a few of the songs.



Another good part of the show was the instruments which were played by the students themselves along with the school's music teacher.

The preparations for the show began months ago as it was originally supposed to be held on the 1st of September. Due to the H1N1 epidemic the date of the



program had to be pushed forward. So the students and teachers resumed practice by the 19th of

October. Even though the time for practice was short they still managed to turn out a good show.

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*Info shared by Saniya Surana, Class 10, PSBB, Nungambakkam*

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# Inter-house Cultural at Rosary Matric

By A. Lavanya, Student Reporter, Rosary Matric School

The inauguration of the three day inter-house cultural was held at the school auditorium on Oct. 28, 2009. The chief guest for the day was John Britto and Paul Jacob. John Britto is the founder of John Britto Dance Academy.

The cultural started off with a short prayer followed by a dance performance by the students. The Judges lighted the kuthuvilaku and inaugurated the inter-house cultural.

There were a variety of cultural events and the main theme of the event was to conserve nature.

The students of Std VII, IX and XI participated in the quiz. The topic for the quiz was Environment. Global

Warming was the topic for the students of std VI and VII.

Poetry recitation was conducted for the primary students. Students of std VIII, IX and XI participated in the ad zap. The judges for ad zap were Pradeep Rajan – Union leader of Loyola College. He is also the President of the Environment club and Joseph – President of cultural club in Loyola College. Junk arts, Pattimandram, coloring, Rangoli and bouquet making were the other events of the cultural. There was a

hard competition between the four houses – Fatima (blue), Loretto (pink), Lourdes (green) and Carmel (yellow).

The healthy competition continued on the next day too. The primary school kids had a fancy dress competition to take part in. The students of std VIII, IX and XI participated in the street theatre. The topic was social issues (environment). The judges were Arun-director and Karthick-actor. Students proved their cooking talent

by participating in cooking competition and preparing delicious



sweets including Banaras ka halwa, malpoova and yummy snacks. The other events were Shakesphere recitation, Block and Tackle, Hair Dressing, Vegetable carving and Face painting.

The most interesting day was the last day, 30th of Oct, where entertainment was to the core! Light music, western music, tribal dance and fusion dance were the events held. The judges were specialized in music and dance. There were two talented guests one, Mrs. Susila, retired officer of State Bank of India is an excellent pianist and Mr.Pradeep, the President of the Loyola College a guitarist, pianist and drummer. The tribal dance of Orissa and a tribal village function was very well exhibited by the Loretto and the Carmel house. The judges for fusion dance were Mr.Sandy and Mr.Karthik. Mr.Sandy is a choreographer of the show “Maanada Mayilada” in Kalaignar TV. He is an assistant of Kala master and Brinda master.

The cultural ended off with the closing ceremony. The chief guest for the closing ceremony was Fr. Vincent Arokyaraj. He is a post graduate in English. The students presented a bible reading followed by a prayer and a prayer song.

Then, Sharon, a student of std.XI gave the welcome speech for Father Vincent Arokyaraj. He felt happy and also appreciated the School Principal and the management for honoring him with a flower pot rather than an artificial flower bouquet. The cultural came to an end by the vote of thanks rendered by Megna, a class XI student. By the end of the cultural, the Loretto (pink) house won. The

Lourdes (green) house got the runner up.

# Wild Wisdom

By P.S. Nandini, Student Reporter, Sir Sivaswamy Kalalaya.

One moment the auditorium at Sanskriti School (Delhi) was transformed into an estuary, the next moment it became an evergreen forest. No! No! No magic involved here!

WWF, World Wide Fund for Nature - India, conducted the National Level quiz of the Wild Wisdom Quiz in Delhi on 18th November, 2009. The focus was on wildlife of India.

Twelve teams consisting of two students each were selected from Tamil Nadu, Mumbai, Shimla, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kerala, Orissa, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bhopal, Delhi and Goa. Two students from Sir Sivaswami Kalalaya, Chennai represented Tamil Nadu. These teams were selected through the state level rounds which were conducted earlier.

All teams had to reach Delhi on 17th. They got to know each other and in the evening most of them were seen reading together for the grand finale next day. They were also taken to Lodhi Gardens for a bird walk.

Rajat Bhargav, who was a naturalist, showed the students interesting birds such as Alexandrine Parakeet, Rose ring parakeet, sun bird, Asian pie starling, common myna, blue rock pigeon and jungle babblers, and trees such as flossel tree, papry tree and many more. The students also saw the newly introduced butterfly garden in the Lodhi Gardens.

Next day, after breakfast, people from WWF, Delhi office, took all the teams and their teacher escorts in a bus to Sanskriti School. The preliminary elimination round was held where all the teams had to write a test containing 50 multiple choice questions in 5 minutes. After many ties, 5 teams were selected from these 12 teams for the finals which was held on the same day.

The quizmaster was Cyrus Sahukar from MTV and

the chief guest was Ekta Chowdury. The teams were given the names Asian elephant, Otter, Tiger, Great Indian one-horned rhino, and Whale shark. Pictures of these animals, made by the Sanskriti School students, were displayed in front of each team.

There were many interesting rounds such as 'Pick

your pick', audio round, visual round, rapid fire round and many more.

Some of the questions were "Which is the tallest flying bird?" for which the answer in the Great Indian Sarus Crane. Then pictures of various birds and snakes and their names were given, and the students had to match them, which was a bit difficult.

In between the quiz, a short film made by Cyrus, which encourages people not to buy products made by killing animals and using their skin, bones, teeth, etc. was shown. At the end of this interesting and very informative quiz, the Mumbai team emerged as the winners followed by Kerala in the second position and Bhopal in the third position. They were given mementos by Cyrus and Ekta. All the 12 teams were given T-shirts and informative books about birds and some gifts.

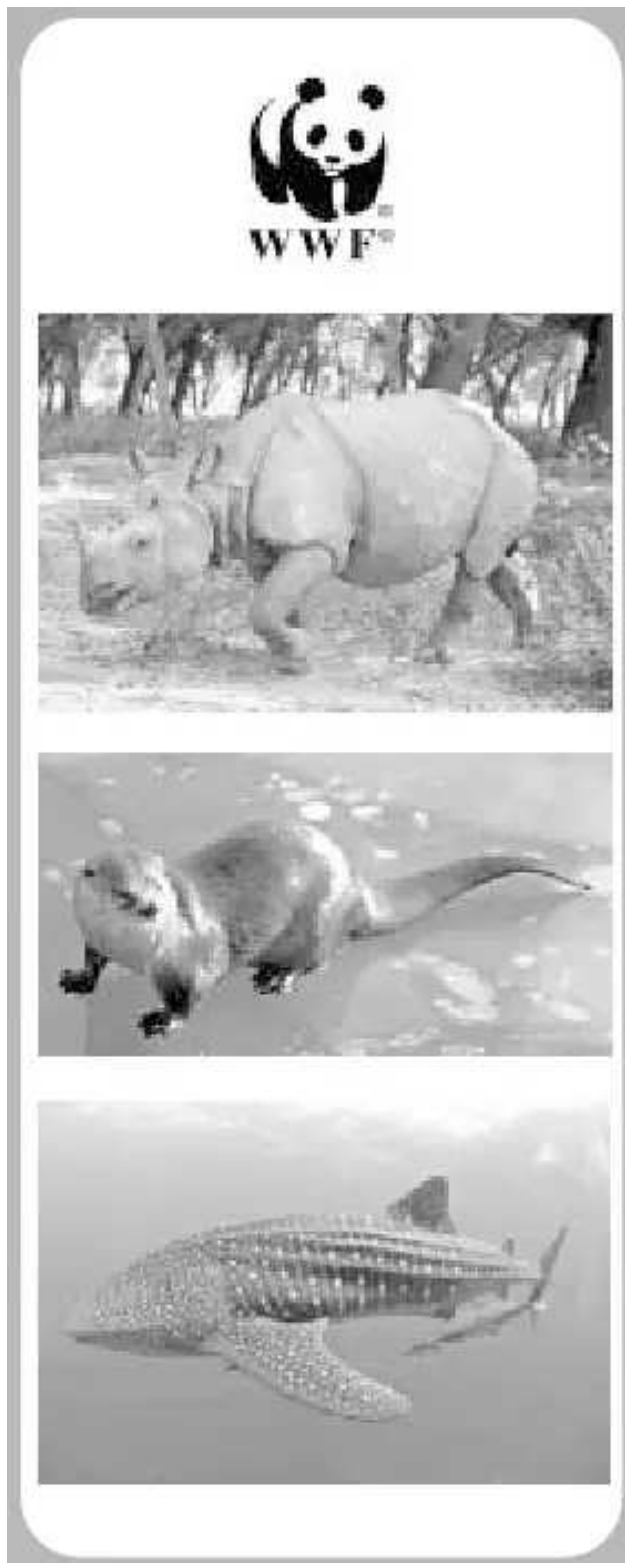
After lunch at the school, the teams went to the WWF Office where they were shown a movie by

WWF, called "Jungle Gang Meets the Rhino" made by Krishnendu Bose, an eminent wildlife filmmaker, in association with Dharma Singh.

The next day the winners departed early in the morning for the Jim Corbett National Park in Nainital, a 6 hour drive from Delhi, which was their exciting prize trip. When asked about their trip, they told excitedly

that they had spotted a tiger and swam in a waterfall. The other teams, after their own trips to the Delhi markets, Qutub minar, Birla house, Indra Prastha, etc. departed for their respective states with a lot of wildlife knowledge in

their head!





# Things you can do in your winter holidays..



## Write a letter to Santa!

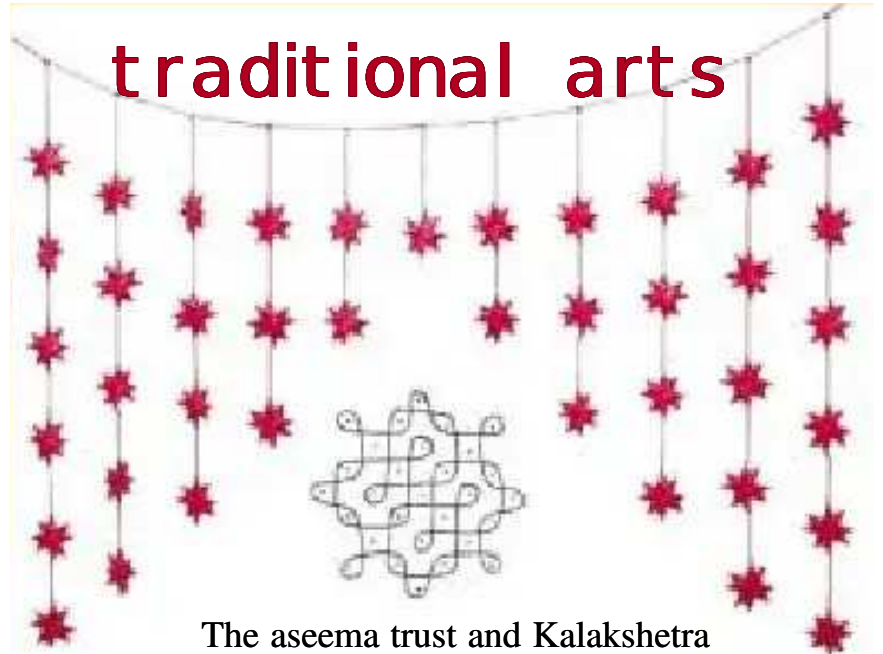
Love sitting in a corner and write a letter long hand?

Do so and send it to Santa Claus! And wait for a reply from him.

While you can send letters in covers, decorated with drawings and stickers, you can also email Santa showing all your computer creativity.

Log on to [www.hellosanta.in](http://www.hellosanta.in) for more details.

## Fun with traditional arts



The aseema trust and Kalakshetra Foundation conduct a day long event 'Gili Gilippu' every year on Christmas day at the beautiful Kalakshetra campus. Workshops on traditional arts, Pottery and Palm Leaf, Kolam and a lot other activities for the kids will be held on that day.

For registrations contact Vasantha Parthasharathy on phone no. 9841009927

--> There are cookies and cake making workshops, Santa Parade, gift box and wrapper making workshops that are being planned by various activity centres.

The information will be on <http://yocee.in/whatsup.php> as and when we receive the information.

Do keep a tab. <---

## Workshop on Crib making



Have you enjoyed decorating steps and dolls during Navaratri?

Or loved to put up working models and projects in your school?

Here's another activity you can be part of and learn how to make a Christmas Crib.

Tentatively to be held on Dec. 20 at a venue in Santhome, more details will be on soon at <http://yocee.in/whatsup.php>



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# Prized moments

By Madhumitha Sriram, Class 5, Chettinad Harishree Vidyalayam

The IPA – Ideal Play Abacus conducted contests for kids from age 4 years to 15 years. They were held in Flat # 5, 1st Floor, Acharya apartments, #31, Second

Main Road, Raja Annamalaiapuram, Chennai – 28 on September 26, 2009.

There were 4 competitions: Math, English, Drawing, and Handwriting. We were given 15 minutes for each subject. In Math and English they gave us a question paper to fill out.

In drawing they gave us a picture that we had to complete and color. In

handwriting, they gave us a passage, which we had to copy down within the lines that were given. It was a fun

time being there and a great experience participating.

While some of the contestants were learners at the center, a few people like me were from the communities nearby.



Ms. Sangeetha, the organiser got our home numbers and said that she will call us if we win.

I was so happy when she called my parents last week and said I won the 1st place in English and 3rd place in handwriting. They had called all the winners to IPA at

R.A.Puram on Oct.10, 2009 and Mrs. Sharrada K.Sriram, the director of IPA presented the trophies and certificates to the

winners. It was a wonderful moment for all of us winning the trophies.



The Chennai edition of the TCS IT Wiz was held on Nov. 26, 2009.

Close to 900 teams from various schools in and around Chennai participated in the prelims.

The top six teams made it to the finals. They are teams from Vidyamandir Mylapore

represented by Jayadev and Aaslesh, Stanes Hr.Sec School with team members Nitin and Srikkanth, Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram with Tarun and Surya in the team, PSBB Nungambakkam with Siddharth and Susrut representing the school, Hindu Sr.Sec School represented by Manigandam and Aditya and Sri Sankara Sr.Sec. School with Sriram and Ashwin teaming up for the quiz.

PSBB Nungambakkam were leading from the beginning taking the advantage of scoring in the first set of questions and went on to become the winners. Sri Sankara Sr. Sec. School team was the runners up at the

quiz. Photos : [www.tcsitwiz.com](http://www.tcsitwiz.com)

## IT Wiz kids of Chennai

