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## Spreading Peace through Painting!



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The world thinks about instilling peace among the nations and their people. But how does a young mind think about it?

S. Varuna, a student of class 2, of AMM Matriculation School, Kotturpuram put up an exhibition of paintings on the occasion of World Peace Day. The exhibition was held at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan on September 22, a day after World Peace Day and was inaugurated by the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Surjit Singh Barnala.

The theme of the exhibition was '194 Countries Follow the Path of Peace'. Varuna painted 194 pictures representing 194 countries of the world.

She did these paintings using different mediums such as acrylic and watercolours and

each painting took her about 10 minutes. Varuna also did a live painting of an abstract Ganesha holding doves, on that day! The exhibition also featured sand, pebbles and photo art by the artist apart from paintings.



Varuna has been learning painting from her father, A. P. Shreedhar, since she was two and a half years old. This is Varuna's fourth painting exhibition so far.

Another of her recent achievements is an 'International Peace and Co-operation Award' from Spain. She received this award in recognition of her winning the first prize for drawing on the topic 'For a Planet Without Gender Violence'.

What does this young artist want to become, when she grows up? An artist, naturally, says this fan of the famous painter, Pablo Picasso.



### CHECK'EM'OUT

Nov. 17 and 18 Weekend Science workshop conducted by Nehru Children's Cultural Association. For details, call phone nos. 9444416484, 24453014

Nov. 24 'Sing along with Pied Piper' children's musical show directed by Krishna Iyer and Jeeva Raghunath at Sivagami Pethachi auditorium, Alwarpet. Details at phone no. 4206 0081

... Know what's up for kids in the city. Click <http://www.yocee.in/whatsup.php> ...

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Hi young friends!

Haven't you wished that a handy diary keeps track of what You do every day?

Haven't you thought of a notepad to jot down quick snippets?

And don't you find the index of your schoolbook or a storybook very useful?

So do we think! And here is the first newsletter from YOce. To tell you what can you find online! To show you where you can find the info you want!

A sneak preview of the website

Also to take it to your favourite reading couch. To carry it to your friend's place! To take along with you when you have a little more time to read at leisure!

And yes, to keep it in your file, if you love to!

We'll bring this four-page newsletter to you every month on the fifteenth. But do visit the website frequently. Else you may miss out on a fun outing or an interesting competition, you wished to take part in!

You may even miss the new pages we have added to the website for you!

Also, do share this newsletter with your friends. They might, as well like to experience all that you do!

If you like this mini YOce, drop us a line by email. If your friend likes it, ask your friend to send an email to us. We will arrange to send a copy to your friend too!

You and your friend can also buzz YOce on the happenings you come across. And find your writings on the website; on the newsletter!

Till we meet again this time around next month, with a lot more news, signing off is

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From the hub of  
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## WINNING TRACK

- Do you care for your environment? Studying in Class 6, 7 or 8? Then this one is for you! Register on the ENVIS website and participate in the quiz contest! Last date Nov. 30. Details on the website [www.tnenvis.nic.in](http://www.tnenvis.nic.in).
- Are you good at reciting Tamil literary devotional Thiruppugazh, Thevaram and Divyaprabandham? Go for a competition at NKT National Girls high school, Besant Road, Triplicane on December 2. For details call phone no. 28474468

---- More contests at <http://www.yocee.in/whatsup.php> ----

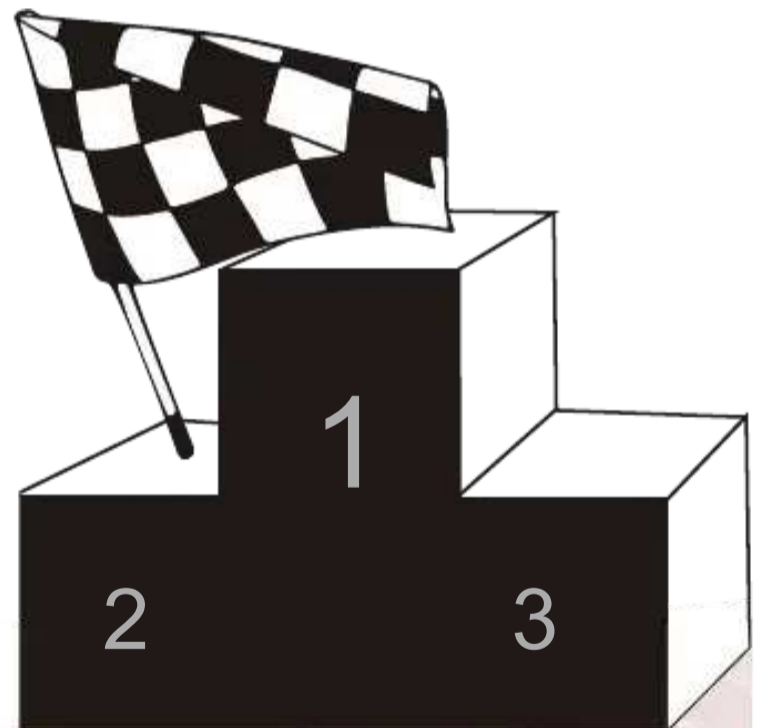
## QUIZ

Here's a special Children's Day quiz!  
On fun and trivia on places for kids in Chennai!

Answer online and win prizes!

- 1) Kalaivanar Arangam on Wallajah Road used to be the place for kids. Even now, it hosts many shows and performances at its Auditorium. What was it previously called?
- 2) In which area of Chennai is the must-see museum on the mathematics genius Srinivasa Ramanujan located?
- 3) If you are not a regular at the Children's Club Society on Sunday mornings, you miss valuable lectures on Science and Maths! In which area is this society housed?

Go online to  
<http://yocee.in/quiz.htm> and shoot  
The answers by email!





## Sixty kids on this song show!

By Anjanaa Aravindan

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When Pied Piper of Hamelin played his pipe, one hundred and thirty two boys and girl followed him, singing along.



When storytellers Krishna Iyer and Jeeva Ranganath led a show with a few others on the stage, 60 kids were singing along at the Music Academy. The 'Sing Along' show held on July 28, 2007 was the 60th show of 'Sing Along'

Children from Krishna Iyer's music school 'Vocalz' were part of the show 'Pied Piper of Hamlin'.

Sing Along was started with the idea to give all children the freedom to participate in dance and singing, when the show goes on the stage. The audience is not just mere onlookers, but is part of the show.

On that day's show there was a lot of music, dance and fun that filled the air.

If you have missed this show, you can mark your date for the repeat show on November 24, 2007. But this programme will be a little different. It will be welcoming Christmas by singing carols with the 'Pied Piper.

Venue : Sivagami Pethachi auditorium, M. Ct. M. Chidambaram Chettiar School campus, Alwarpet. At 6.30 pm

## Smart ways to stay safe

Do you know that there are rules for touching?

Differentiating between a good touch and a bad touch helps to keep yourself safe.

And how do you learn it?

Here is an audio book - 'Tickles and hugs...'. This book is an initiative of Tulir - Centre for the Prevention and Healing of Child Sexual Abuse. It is a production of Karadi Tales, who have many other audio books to their credit and is supported by Action Aid India.

Actor Revathy, who released the audio book recently at Landmark Book Store, Nungambakkam, has lent her voice in the book.

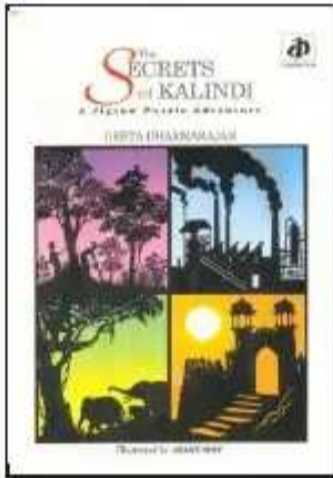
Shobha Viswanath has scripted the story, which revolves around episodes of abuse and how a child needs to report them to a trustworthy adult.

So, its time to wake up to the alert thrown by your body, when someone's touch is not right.

This audio book is priced Rs. 125 and is available at leading book shops and from Karadi Tales, 3A Dev Regency, 11 First Main Road, Gandhinagar, Adyar. Phone : 2442 1775 / 2442 3728

M A R K S  
B O O K

## The Secrets of Kalindi



Review by

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Have you ever wished to protect wildlife? Or help A scientist in using renewable energy sources?

If you are looking for action, adventure and fun, then this is the book for you. This book is no ordinary book. In this book you literally write your own story! You are the star of this book. You decide what happens and where to go!

You should not read this book from the first page to the last. Read till the end of a page and choose from the options open to you. This will take you on different trails. This example is worth noting!

You and your friends are ready to go on a two-day excursion to Kalindi Kunj. You reach the place by nightfall and you go to sleep. The next morning you find that you are up before everyone else. You feel that there is time for a little exploration. You have the following options:

If you want walk to the ruins go to page 50

If you want to go off on your own tum to page 8

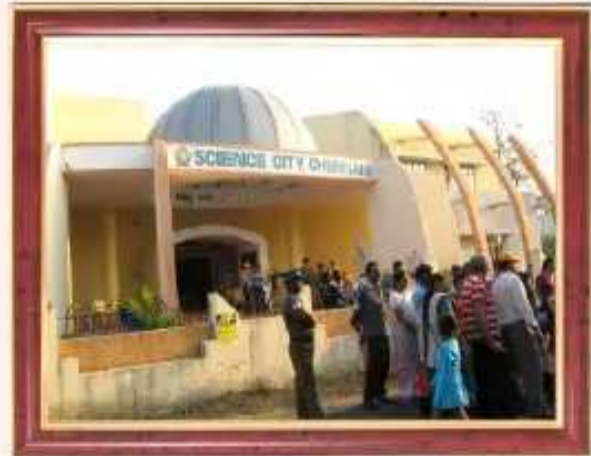
If you decide to stay with the group go to page 6

The story keeps branching! The rest is up to you. You are the one who chooses the path. With eye-catching illustrations and

mysterious touch, 'The Secrets of Kalindi' has many stories within it that leads you to different endings.

Brought out by Katha Publishers, this book is

## Birla Planetarium



- A fully computerised planetarium located on Gandhi Mandapam Road, Kotturpuram in the campus of Periyar Science and Technology Centre
- Hosts regular shows pertaining to the astronomy, reproducing the celestial experience on earth.
- There are informative exhibits such as Solar System, Cycle of Stars, Sky and Seasons, Comets, Man on the Moon.
- On the second Saturdays of the month, shows on stars and meteoroids are held.
- The planetarium is open on all days except national holidays.
- Science City, a centre which promotes science among youth is also situated in the campus

Contact phone nos. 24410025 / 24416751 / 24915250

### School Buzz



#### The IT wiz kids of the city!

More school kids are becoming IT savvy, keeping pace with the recent trends in the IT sector. In the ICS IT WIZ 2007 inter-school quiz contest held recently in the city, six teams made to the top from the 1000 odd students who participated in the prelims.

The finalists knew the original logo of Wikipedia, recognised Kevin Rollins, the ex-CEO of Dell, on the screen among many trivia posed to them!

After a close contest with St. Jude's Public School, Nilgiris, the team from the National Public School, Gopalapuram walked away with the first prize. Kushal Bhandari and varun K. Agarwal of the NPS team won a bagful of prizes including a laptop each, at the end of the tiebreaker question.

The other city schools that made to the finals are the teams from Chinmaya Vidyalaya. Maharshi Vidya Mandir, Padma Seshadri Bal Bhavan, Nungambakkam had another school from the Nilgiris, Laidlaw Memorial School.

TCS IT WIZ quiz launched first in 1999 conducts annual IT quiz for school children during July - Aug. every year.

Contact: The Quiz Co-ordinator, Tata Consultancy Services, Tidel Park, 12 floor, 'A' Block, Taramani, Chennai 600113

---- Read what's happening in the city schools here - <http://yocee.in/schoolbuzz.htm> ----

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