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Kalvi Trust for Research & Education, Chennai and the Children's Club Society, Mylapore jointly organised a Painting & Drawing event at Parijath, the Children's Workstation at the Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar,

Chennai, on August 24, 2011.

Around 45 children, all less than 15 years including a few from their ward beds, participated in the event and produced a colourful array of

drawings on a variety of subjects from houses and trees to animals and the seas.

The children worked with concentration and expressed their inner emotions and joy through the medium of art.

Parijath, set up and run by Kalvi Trust, is a learning area for the children undergoing treatment at the Cancer Institute.

For further information on the trust and its activities contact on phone nos. 044-2495 1077, 4234 8329. Email: kalvitrust@gmail.com

The Children's Club Society functions at 96, V.M. Street, Mylapore. Regular

arts and sports classes are conducted at its campus. Monthly educational lecture - demonstrations are held on the first Saturday of the month. Contact the Children's Club on childrensclub1947@yahoo.in

D. Subramanian receives Dr. Radhakrishnan award

K.G. Kavya, had a chat with D. Subramaniam, who is one of the recipients of Dr. Radhakrishnan Award by Tamil Nadu State.

School and Nanganallur Govt. Boys Hr. Sec. School.

When did you become the headmaster?



I became headmaster in 2006.

How do you think your method of teaching is different from others?

I feel I have a different approach, with students and good relationship with colleagues and have improved the infrastructure of my

Here is an excerpt:

For the past how many years have you been in this profession?

I have been teaching for the past 30 years.

What subject do you take classes on?

I am a Physics teacher.

What all schools did you teach in?

I was headmaster in Nemeli Boys Hr. Sec. School, Chengalpet Girls Hr. Sec. School, Govt. Girls Hr. Sec.

school a lot.

Who was your inspiration?

I was inspired by my teachers, professors and my father.

What do you think about the present education system?

It needs a lot of improvement.

What do you want to tell to the future generation teachers and students?

Qualify yourself, be dedicated and be knowledgeable on latest technology and try using them in classrooms to make the subject more interesting.

Teachers Day at Sri Lalitha Learning Centre

Reported by Sahanaa Lakshminarayanan

Sri Lalitha Learning Centre for Special Children, Choolaimedu celebrated Teacher's Day and Ganesh Chaturthi recently.

The occasion also marked the

wedding anniversary of the founders, V. Ranganathan & Leela Ranganathan

The chief guest for the occasion was actor Baveena who acted in the movies 'Vaingayam', 'Soornilai' and

'Veluthukattu' along with Vijaymuralee, president - PRO, Union E.C.



Council. The children enjoyed being with

ties.

Sri Lalitha Learning Centre is at No.12, 2nd street, Athreyapuram, choolaimedu.

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Find your favourite book at Eloor

By Sandhya Varadharajan

Love reading books and more books?

Here is a library you may want to

check. If you are around the T. Nagar area in Chennai you would frequently visit this place.

The Eloor Library is quite big. It has many varieties of books like Classics, Fiction, Children's Books, Sports, Cookery, Computer, Management, Philosophy, Non-Fiction, etc...It is a lending library for everyone, not just for kids. There are only English books though. The

books are arranged author-wise.

The people working in Eloor Library are friendly and ready to help you find books. They have computerised catalogues and hence it is orderly. A lot of newly published books in the market can be found here.

They charge 10 percent of the cost of the book. They give you 14 days reading time and they charge 1 per-

cent per day as fine if one fails to return on the due date. Hence this encourages good readers while keeps



others away. This also ensures the availability of books for circulation.

Mr.Luiz John is the founder and Mrs. Mini Luiz is the proprietrix of this library. Mr. John wanted to run a library as there are many books coming up but a very few who could buy the books they wanted. He started the first branch of Eloor Libraries on the marine drive of Ernakulam

(Cochin, Kerela) in the year 1979.

He was born and brought up in Cochin and 'Eloor' is his family name. He went on to start branches in Trivandrum (1986), Banglore (1988), Chennai (1994), Kolkata (1998) and New Delhi (2006). His son, Gautam Luiz, presently runs the family-owned buisness.

The library stocks up as much as 78900 book. Of the 9740 registered members, around 3000 are active, say the owners of the library. Eloor has been in Chennai since 1994.

Eloor library is located at Mandira Apartments, 23, North Boag Road, Pondy Bazaar, T Nagar.

Phone number: 2815 2694.

The Library is open between 10am and 8pm with a lunch break between 1.30pm and 3pm.

The nearest landmark is The Residency Towers at Pondy Bazaar. Look for the Pazhamudir Nilayam on the Boag Road near this hotel and next to it you will find this building which houses Eloor.

Bowing to the city's heritage

The Madras Week celebrations ruled the city through August and still

going on at a few venues with one more to go next weekend with a screening of documentary films on the city.



The Yellow Bus, an activity centre based in Besant Nagar has been celebrating Chennai during this time from last year have well researched events on their list.

While traditional contests like kolam and cookery attract the seniors, the music, debate contests are for the

juniors. Madras - past, present and future was the topic for the oratorical

> contest apt for the younger generation.

But what stood out as The Yellow Bus' contribution for the city and its less privileaed is their initia-

tive to train a group of kids from the Besant Theosophical Society's Tamil medium school to present a Villupattu on the city.

The resource person, they chose for the project was 'Ramamurthy Sir', who is a disciple of the doven in the art form, Subbu Arumugam. Supporting the project financially and morally, the Yellow Bus did not stop with a performance by the kids on their Madras Day. They provided the young school team with more platforms to showcase what they learnt from the master.

The kids also performed at a Multimedia presentation event in Mylapore, the RBI School in Besant Nagar and have been invited to sing at a few other places.

These are not the kids who could afford learning an extra curricular activity. The true community spirit by the team at The Yellow Bus made it happen to these kids who readily lapped up the rare opportunity that came to them.

Contact The Yellow Bus at E- 35/2, Second Avenue, (Next to ICICI Bank), Besant Nagar. Phone: 98845 49688

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Technosports at Calibre Academy

Reported by S. Harsaa

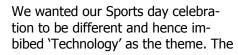
Calibre Academy Mrs.YGP School, Mylapore celebrated its 6th Annual sports day on 20th August 2011 at the YMCA Grounds, Nandanam.

celebration was christened as TECHNOSPORTS and the logo was a TECHNOGADGET.

Renowned Indian Cricketer L .Balaji graced the occasion and honored the

> young national and state level achievers of the school in the fields of swimming, rollerskates, horse riding, football and other sports. International Football player Arumainayagam declared the sports meet

> open.



Some of the main attractions were the Rocket Formation, Mobile Race and the Robot Walk. The figure

marching by the student of classes 8,9 and 10 was a real feast to the eyes. The added attraction was the projection of the entire event in the LED monitor on the dais and a big screen on one side of the field which facilitated the people who had gathered to have a clear view of the track events. It was indeed a memorable event for the students of the School.

Ms.Sheela Raghavan, Principal TI Matriculation Higher Secondary School gave away the prizes to the winners of the various events.

Mrs.YG Parathasarathy, educationist and Padmashree awardee graced the occasion and applauded the performance of the students and the innovative attempt.

>>> S. Harsaa is a student of Calibre Academy, Mrs. YGP School, Mylapore.

Field trip to DakshinaChitra

First person report by Niranjan Giridhar

It was a rainy day, I thought the field trip would be cancelled but hurray, Viji ma'm announced "You will go for the field trip".

We boarded the bus at 9.30 a.m. very quietly because the seniors were writing the exams. After one and a half hours' travel on the East Coast Road, as we reached Dakshinachitra, the guide Mr. Prabhu showed and explained about the Kerala and Tamil Nadu houses.

We had a jolly ride on the bullock cart. We saw how a weaver and a potter worked.

Then it was lunch break, we saw some millipedes crawling around. Then we watched "Krishna Leela" a puppet show in which one person spoke for all the characters with different voices.

A conversation went like this.

"Krishna ne poi solgerai!"

"Illa maa...",

"Iru onai marathil katti podegiren!!".

Next there was a magic show in which our classmates participated. Last was the folk dance.

It was time to return, we were tired and some of us slept in the bus. We reached the school at 3.30 p.m. Our parents were waiting for us.

I spent the evening telling about the trip to all at home. I thank Viji ma'm and all the teachers for such a wonderful trip.

>>> Niranjan Giridhar is a student of PSBB, KK Nagar

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With your name, class, school In 200 words. Pictures are also welcome!

Save Water Campaign **Programme**

Reported by CH. Esha

Nehru Children's Cultural Association organised 'Save water Campaign Programme' and took students to Central Ground Water Board, Rajaji Bhavan, Besant Nagar.

Scientists Dr. M. Senthil Kumar, K. Ravichandran and K.A. Nambi interacted with the students. They elaborated on topics like quality of Ground Water, impurities in water, importance of water Conservation and Rain water harvesting.

Central Ground Water Board invites all the schools to participate in the campaign. D.S.C. Thambi, Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board Inaugurated the programme.

Students interested to visit other institutions can contact M.R. Sugumaran, president, Nehru Children's Cultural Association, Ph: 8144416484

>>> CH. Esha is a student of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Taylors Road

Time to left trophies at Sri Sankara Senior

Reported by K.G. Kavya

The Annual Sports Day of Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School was held on



August, 29, Monday at YMCA Nandanam from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The school principal was the chief guest of the day.

The Sports Day began with a March Past by the students of class 8 and above. The marchers were led by the school Sports Secretary, Venkatnath.

Divided according to the respective

houses – Red, Blue, Green and Yellow, the teams got ready for the



day. The principal declared the Sports Day open and hoisted the school flag. The Sports torch was carried around the ground then.

The main events 1500m, 100m, 400m,

200m sprints and 4x100m (relay)

races were conducted followed by the other events like Shot-put, High Jump

(only boys) and Long Jump. All the events were held separately for boys and girls of different classes.

The Sports Day ended with the announcement of prizes for the different categories.

The Yellow house bagged the house championship with 170 points; Red came second with 165 points, Green third with 132 points and Blue house ended up

becoming the last, with 99 points, but

they made up for their loss by winning the Best March Past award.

The Sports Secretary gave a vote of thanks and all those gathered stood up for the National Anthem.



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Events calendar

 Music and craft camps at Bamboola
 Sep. 24 to Oct. 5, 2011

A 5 day music workshop to initiate children into Music during Navarathri. The last day will culminate in a performance. Workshop conducted by Chitra Poornima Sathish, Disciple of Bombay Jayashri. Fee Rs. 600.

Also a 3 day Crafts workshop by Doodles Arti & Shika, Fee, Rs. 1000

Bamboola, 73, V.K. Iyer Road, R.A.Puram. Phone: 2461 1779, 98403 94190

 Camps and workshops at the Yellow Bus
 Sep. 27 to Oct. 4, 2011

Activities for 3 – 5 yrs include Art &Craft, Story Time, Sing along, Dance, Games.

Children of age group 5 years and above can participate in events like Bhajans & Songs, Craft items, Kolam, Traditional Indian Games.
Timings: 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
The Yellow Bus is at E35/2 Second Avenue,
Besant Nagar. For registrations and more details, contact phone nos. 4551 1819, 98845
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Hansel & T.Nagar.

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 Navarathri camps at Vanilla Sep. 28 to Oct. 8, 2011

Various camps on Dandiya Sticks making, photography, Calligraphy, creative writing and T Shirt painting. For more info, fee and registration contact Vanilla Children Place, No. 89, Bishop Garden, Greenways Road, R.A.Puram. Ph. 4206 6660.

 Songs & Stories camp at Kalaa Manjari Sep. 26 to 30, 2011

Workshop in Singing (Bhajans/ Slokas), Moral stories, Story telling, Creative Writing, Etiquette, Presentation skills, Speaking skills, Theater, Fire Free cooking. For kids of age 8 to 15 yrs.

Kalaa Manjari, 6/12, First Street, Venus Colony, Alwarpet. Phone: 98402 25570

 Fun Holiday Camp at Hansel & Gretel
 Sep. 26 to Oct. 7, 2011

Storytime, Music, Etiquette, Art & Craft, Puzzles, Games. For kids of age 3 to 8 years. You can pick your Start Date & Duration. Call 044 28152549 or 9840431549 for details.

Hansel & Gretel, 11 Jagadambal Street, T.Nagar.

 Navarathri Special Kutcheri at Nageswara Rao Park Sep.30, Oct. 1 and 2, 2011 at 6.30 a.m.

Sep. 30 - S Anirudh, disciple of Dr. Radha Ramji - vocal, Parur Ananthalakshmi - violin, K.S. Sriram - mridangam

Oct. 1 - Disciple of Guru Padma Chandilyan - Group singing

Oct. 2 - Disciples of CARVA Rajasekar - Group Instrumental music performance.
Organised by Sundaram Finance.

Kids below 15 yrs can contact: 94450 34557 or 28521181 for audition to perform at the park.



FROM STREETS TO STEPS

Walking down the streets around the big temples in Mylapore, Mambalam and Triplicane this season is a feast to the eyes. Colourful dolls in various sizes for the upcoming Navarathri are on display and sale. We shot this picture on the north Mada street, Mylapore.

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A-Day at Chinmaya Vidyalaya

By Anisha Mahtani

Aug. 11 was a special day as it was our school's Annual Day. It was a time for receiving awards for the hard work that we had performed during our academic year, a time for performing and showing our fellow students our talents.

So,on that evening at around 5.30, we assembled to watch the show that our friends had put up. When the chief guest Smt. Leela Nambiar, the Trustee (C.C.M.T) walked in, we applauded and welcomed him. He gave us a speech about the rich culture of our country.

After that the prize distribution be-

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gan. The Best N.C.C Cadet, the Best Student in individual subjects, Attendance prizes and Reader of the Year awards. With that the best time of the evening arrived.

The performances were mindblowing, the dances were incredible and our friends were unrecognisable. They put together a dance titled 'Dheeran', to represent the three forms of courage-physical, mental and intellectual.

An English play on Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, in the Roman Empire. Another Tamil play about Alexander The Great and Chandragupta Maurya and also a Hindi play on The Rani of Jhansi.

When the entertainment was over we stood for the National Anthem. It



was time to go home. With smiles and compliments about the day's events.







Best drawings of Madras

Two select drawing from the juniors category of the Madras week drawing contests are published here.



By R. Madhumitha, PSBB, K.K. Nagar



By Arjun SaiKrishnan, CSI Ewarts Matric School

On a trip to Yercaud, the chill hills

Reported by Hamsika R

Students of class 9 to 12 of Vani Vidyalaya, Virugambakkam departed to Yercaud, the hill town, for its climate.



The team of students left Chennai on Sep. 18, 2011 by Kovai express. And reached Salem at 6.50 on the next morning.

It took an hour to reach Yercaud on the Shevaroyan range of hills. The stay was arranged in the Sterling Resort at the hills. Eight students in a room!

From the resort Yercaud looked like a heaven. The view was amazing from there. After breakfast, rest and a sumptuous lunch the group left for sightseeing.

The first stop was at a point few minutes away from the resort known as Bakoda Point, from where the view was very good.

Then a temple trip to Namakkal Anjaneya temple. After a few minutes on the top of the hill on which the temple had its origin the team went back to the hotel.

At the resort it was time to assemble in the lawn – kind of area for campfire. It was good time singing and dancing.

The second day after breakfast was again day of sightseeing around the

hills. Anna Park and Lake was the destination.

Anna Park has many varieties of plants with flowers grown in it. It also has a small playing area

(a park).

A view of the lake followed by a short time for shopping gave the day a colourful swift.

On return to the resort it was time to get back to Salem to catch the train at 4 in the evening. We returned to Chennai around 11p.m. It was good time together though it was a short trip.



High on Madras Quotient



When was the last time you visited Mylapore tank and did you know that it has a Muslim connection?

If you were to be part of the Madras Quiz hosted by the Murugappa Group on the occasion of the Madras Day, you would have come across many such interesting tidbits about Chennai!

And for the 150 odd teams that participated in the quiz held on Aug. 28 at the Lady Andal School, it was different from their usual Science quizzes.

The winners Sree Krishnan Murali and B. Amrit Bhargav of PSBB Nungambakkam took away a trophy and an 18 speed Hercules cycle each along with other gift hampers.

The team from Vidya Mandir, Adithya and Abhinav Sriram came second and Balalok Matric with Vinith Johnson and Siddharth Sudhakar were the third prize winners.

The other finalists were the teams from Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram, St. Bede's School and A.M.M. Matric Hr. Sec. School.

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