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MUSIC & CRAFT MELA



Nov. 10, 2013, 4:30 pm

Oysterkids is organising a mela to promote creativity and out of the box thinking in early learning years.

Suitable for kids of ages 2-9 yrs.

At the music studio, Rhapsody will have an interactive and animated sing-along session teaching music to young kids with lots of stories, laughter and fun.

At the craft studio teachers will churn out interesting crafts like paper lantern, origami, paper quilling etc with the little ones who walk in. Open to all.

Venue: OysterKids, 29, Lakshmi Ammal Street, Ayyavu Naidu Colony, Aminjikarai, Chennai 600029

Contact: Preethy Prasad +91 9840074429, Charanya Prabhakar +91 9840917714

KUTCHERI IN THE PARK BY CHILDREN

Nov. 10, 2013

As part of the monthly Sunday Kutcheri in the Park organised by Sundaram Finance, S Varshini, a class 9 student of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, will present a mikeless concert on Nov. 10 at 7am.

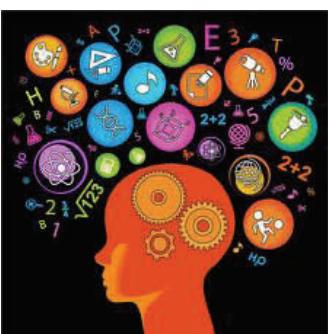
Varshini is a student of Guru Smt. Bavani Santhanam. She will be accompanied on the mridangam by Shravan Bharani and on the violin by S Subashree.

If you want to perform in this series, contact 94450 34557 or email to sundaykutcheri@gmail.com, to register for an audition



SCIENCE LECTURE - MAKING OF A SCIENTIST

Nov. 10, 2013



Al Qamar Academy and Spark Science Club are organizing the 2nd Annual Science Lecture. Dr. Sultan Ismail talking on the topic - Making of a Scientist.

Dr. Sultan Ismail is a multifaceted person – biologist, ecologist, teacher, educationist, scientist, and food activist. He is known for his technology vermitech which is used to recycle organic garbage into valuable fertilizer using local varieties of earthworms and is also applied in soil bioremediation.

From 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Venue: Al Qamar Academy, 14, Kalyani Nagar, Opp. Journalists' Colony, Kottivakkam, Chennai 600041

The event is free but pre-registration is required. To register, send an email to: info@alqamaracademy.in or sms 9677019226.

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Experience Rajasthan in Chennai

Waiting to go on a trip to Rajasthan but no time? Now, you can have a glimpse of Rajasthan in Chennai itself. Wonder how?

Situated in the outskirts of Chennai at a village called Thandalam, is a typical Rajasthani village called Chokhi Dhani. A 30 minute drive from Chennai will lead you to this beautiful place that showcases the culture of Rajasthan.

Open on all 365 days between 4 p.m. and 11 p.m., Chokhi Dhani gives you a glimpse of Rajasthan within a day.

You are welcomed with a drink-Jaljira and a snack-Kachori with tea (all unlimited). A lot of activities like



VARSHA SRIDHAR
Student Reporter

boating, kite flying, camel ride, cycling, horse ride ... keep you entertained. There are also magic show, puppet show, rope balancing and traditional Rajasthani dance as entertainment. You are served with a sumptuous Rajasthani meal at your chosen time slot.

This village is a treat in itself. You can have loads of fun and really enjoy the taste of Rajasthan. A place worth a visit.

There is an entrance fee of Rs.550 per adult and Rs.350 per child (3-9 years).

Contact No : 8056006677, 9003223695.
Email ID : info@chokhidhanichennai.com

Learn to cook without fire

Hansel & Gretel Kids is hosting Italiano Weekend Delight, a fireless cooking workshop for kids. On Nov. 10, 2013 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

In this workshop kids will learn to make cheesy tomato pasta and yummy chocolacious brownie without using fire.

Children of 4 yrs and above can register for the event.

Venue: Hansel and Gretel Kids, 11, Jagadambal Street, T. Nagar.

Contact: 2812549, 9840431549

Science programme FOR KIDS

ThinkDiff S'kool conducts Spectacular Science for little explorers, a two months workshop beginning November. Classes will be held on Fridays between 4.30 and 6 p.m.

The workshop is for children of ages 6 - 9 years

Contact 80561 00293 for registrations.

ThinkDiff S'kool is at 450/1, Lakshmanaswamy Salai, K K Nagar.

To save the world: Orca Initiative

ADITI NICHANI
Student Reporter

Orca city is in trouble; they are facing their most classified and toughest mission yet. They can't do it alone, however on October 10, 2013, the leaders of Orca city sent out the call for the most talented, exclusive bunch of citizens to help them face their difficulties!

The Lady Andal VenkattaSubba Rao annual cultural program, Orca Initiative, was celebrated at the campus from 8 in the morning till 5 in the evening.

To help save the city, the most talented students from the best of institutions were called upon. To test their skills and to determine who was worthy of service, various tests were conducted, like

Spy Glass, Megamind, Search for the Tesseract and Justice League.

Each of the applicants was tested thoroughly by those with rich experience in their respective fields – the judges and the Leaders of Orca City themselves - the students.



Other tests included Stark Expo, science fair- to test applicant's ability to make gadgets, Celestial Chef, cooking- to survive in the wilderness, Don't joke with the Joker, to talk yourself out of tough situations, Bumblebee's Recruitments, Stan Lee's Sketchbook, Loki's spoofoons, Edna Mode's workshop, Super Hero-Olympics and Crack the Riddler's code.

Hat's off to the entire class 12 of the city, for working for months together to get the information and resources required to conduct the tests, especially the badge- holders!

The best of the Best have been chosen, and have already begun their heroic and covert task of saving the city from great peril. Results- Classified.

The battle to serve on Orca City's next big mission will continue and many more teams will be a part of the Initiative in the coming year as well.

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Volley of events at IIT-Madras

SWATI HEMANT
Student Reporter

A variety of events and competitions were held from Sep. 27 to 29, 2013 for school and college students at the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras campus as part of 'Amalgam-2013', an annual event conducted for celebrating science by organizing informative and exciting activities.

'Amalgam' is a celebration of science, a convergence of mind and an insight into materials technology and the advancements in the field. It provides glimpses of the elegance and the scope of technology, helping young engineers and scientists to get an opportunity to relish science. The event was organized by the students of the Dept. of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (MME) with utmost enthusiasm and hospitality.

'Amalgam-2013' consisted of Industry Defined Problems (IDPs), some enthralling projects from the 'Spirit of Material Engineering' (SoME) Department, lectures and workshops by Professors, and 'Jaagruthi', the exclusive program for up-and-coming school

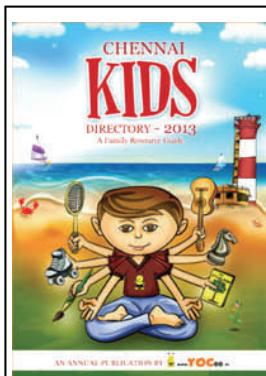


students to brief them about the advancements of Material Science. There were exciting activities that include quizzes, project demonstrations, treasure hunt, photography competition and paper presentation among many.

'Jaagruthi' the exclusive event for school students saw the participation of around 150 of them enjoying and learning about some materials they didn't know existed before. Some of the events conducted for them were a quiz on 'How Things Work?', 'Project-X'- a model making competition with the help of the materials

provided, project demonstrations by students of the IIT-M and a lecture on 'Man, Material and Material Degradation' by Dr. Lakshman Neelakantan, Faculty, Dept. of MME, IIT-M.

This three-day event kindled the interests of a variety of school and college students alike due to extravagant activities and competitions conducted with modesty and simplicity.



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STORYTELLING SESSION by Jeeva Raghunath

Nov. 10, 2013

World Storytelling Institute is organising a session of stories by the famed Jeeva Raghunath on Nov. 10, 2013 at 4.30 p.m.



Venue: At Studio 149, No.149, 3rd Main Road, 2nd Floor, (around the corner from Nalli Silk Sarees), Anna Nagar.

For Children and Adults. Admission: Rs 150 per person.

Contact 98403 94282.

INVITATION TO BE PART OF CHOIR CONCERT

Nov. 14, 2013

Madras Youth Choir (MYC), India's oldest Indian choral music group founded by maestro (Late) MB Srinivasan, will present a special choir concert at 6.30 pm on Nov. 14,

Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Kasturi Ranga Road, Alwarpet, Chennai.

The Sub-junior (children aged 6-9), Junior (children aged 10-15) and Senior wings of the MYC will present a range of thematic compositions that draw on the rich inspirational poetry of Bharathiyar, Tagore, Vayalar Rama Varma and Namakkal Kavignar amongst others.

You too can join the singing.



Practice sessions

for the Sub-junior and Junior Choirs are conducted on Saturdays from 2 to 3 p.m. at Bala Mandir School, Off G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar and on Sundays from 3 to 6 p.m. at Children's Garden School, Mylapore for the Senior Choir. For more details, contact Ms Kalavathy Krishnamoorthy at 94449 30517.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM PREPARATION

Registration closes on Nov. 15, 2013



Hansel & Gretel is offering a preparation course for the

University of Cambridge ESOL YLE Exams for children of ages 7 to 9 years.

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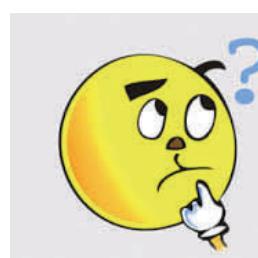
These exams provide a reliable measure of how well the child is doing in the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

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

Contact 2815 2549, 98404 31549 for details and registration.

CHILDREN'S QUIZ 2013

Nov. 16, 2013



DakshinaChitra presents the Children's Quiz 2013 for students in Classes VI, VII and VIII. Each school can send one or more teams comprising three students each.

The winners of this annual quiz will be presented with a rolling trophy. The topics include heritage and culture, current affairs, identifying artefacts and plenty more. At least one teacher representative should accompany the students.

The first prize will be high-end cycles by TI Cycles of India, while the second and the third prize winners will receive gift vouchers and coupons by Friends of DakshinaChitra.

The quiz will be held on Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at DakshinaChitra campus, Muttukadu, ECR.

For details and registration, call 98417 77779, 2446 2435.

RUN IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Nov. 16, 2013

Eureka Child Foundation is organising 'Eureka Run for Children' event on Nov. 16 on Marina Beach.



This run aims to raise funds to support initiatives to provide quality education at education centres in 700 villages across Tamilnadu.

The 5 kilometre run will commence from the Gandhi statue at the Marina Beach at 6 a.m.

Contact 9790951652 for more details.

A day to honour mothers

ADITYA NARAYAN S
Student Reporter

Mathru Pooja, an event to pay tribute to mothers, was held in Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Taylors Road on Oct. 19, 2013. It was an auspicious occasion where the mothers were revered.

The occasion began at 9 a.m. in the school's auditorium with a speech by the vice-principal of the school. Mrs. Valsala Gopakumar on the importance of Mathru Pooja.

The students were guided by teachers Ms. Sudha miss and Ms. Premabai. The students washed their mother's feet and applied 'Chandan' and 'Kumkum'.

Then the teachers chanted a few holy mantras while the students offered flowers to their mother. The teachers lit a single campfire and the students took blessings from their respective mothers.

It was a day to remember, both for the children and their mothers.



This fortnight for you ...

THEATER, SPEECH AND COMMUNICATION CLASSES

From Nov. 16, 2013

A four month workshop for kids 4-7 years from Nov.16 and for kids 8 - 13 years from Nov. 17 will be conducted by The Yellow Bus, Besant Nagar with Crea-Shakthi affiliated to Trinity, London.



For registrations call Mrs.Hema Chari : 98845 49688, 4551 1819

CHILDREN'S DAY CONTESTS

Nov. 19, 2013

Probus Club of Chennai jointly with Russian Centre of Science and Culture will celebrate Children's Day on Nov. 19.



A fancy dress competition will be held in two categories - from Std 1 to Std 5 and Std 6 and 7. The children will have to report at the venue by 2.30 p.m.

Cultural programs and prize distribution for earlier events would also take place.

Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, Kasturi Ranga Road (behind old Chola Hotel), Alwarpet.

To register, contact 9841033192, 9789974100, 9840706015.

KUTTI CHUTTIES CONTEST

Nov. 24, 2013



Mpower2Excel conducts contests for children on the occasion of Childrens Day.

Contests are open to children studying in classes LKG to 5 and will be held in three age groups.

For LKG and UKG kids, contests will be in colouring, rhymes, memory and slokas

For kids in class 1 and 2, contests in colouring, story telling, calligraphy and sloka.

Children in class 3, 4 and 5 can participate in colouring, Spell Bee, calligraphy and sloka contest.

Venue: Mpower2Excel, #3, Plot No.26, U.Ve.Sa Street, Maruthi Nagar, Rajakilpakkam, Chennai - 600 073

Registration fee per event is Rs. 75. Last date to

register - Nov. 20, 2013. Register at mpower2excel.competitions@gmail.com.

Contact: Ms. Sreevidhya at 9840047375 for more info.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Nov. 24, 2013

A game and activity based financial literacy workshop will be conducted for children studying in classes 6 to 9 on Nov. 24 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.



Venue: Hotel Shelter, 19, Venkatesa Agraharam street, Mylapore.

Contact 99529 53948 for more details and registration.

STATE LEVEL COMPETITIONS IN VARIOUS SKILLS

Dec. 1, 2013. Register before Nov. 23, 2013

Star Winners foundation is organising a talent competition for children of ages 3 to 17.

Contest events include drawing, singing, dancing (Classical & Western), Rhymes, slokas, Storytelling, handwriting and fancy dress.



Registration fee Rs. 200 per event. No spot registrations.

Venue: Preethi Kalyana Mahal. 132, Perumal Koil Street, Valasaravakkam.

Contact Sangeetha at 98408 60076, 98403 80326. Email: starkids_chennai@yahoo.com

CREATIVE COMPUTING WORKSHOP

Nov. 23, 24, 2013

Inquisitive Minds run by Kalpana Kintali will conduct a creative computing workshop for kids 8 and above at The Children's Space on Nov. 23 & 24 in the mornings.

Venue: The Children's Space, Alwarpet.

Ages: 8 and above

Contact: 87544 70178

Children will have to bring their own laptops.

For further details on what the course entails please write to childrensspacechennai@yahoo.com

World Chess Championship in Chennai

Reigning world chess champion Viswanathan Anand defends his title against challenger Magnus Carlsen of Norway in the World Chess Championship 2013 being held in Chennai.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa recently inaugurated the championship and as this ePaper is being published, Viswanathan Anand draws the first game that lasted just 16 moves.

The city now poses a lot of posters, cut-outs designed in the shapes of chess pieces .This installation on the Marina, erected for the occasion attracts the passers by.

Photo by SUKRUTI VADULA



Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram team wins Regional Finals of The Hindu Young World Quiz

Parth Oberoi and Soham Bhadra, the team from Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram won the Chennai regional round of The Hindu Young World quiz held on Nov. 6 in Chennai.

Students from 180 city schools came as 906 teams and participated in the written preliminary round held in the morning session. Six teams made it to the final round.

S. Hariharan and Siddharth Pillai from Chettinad Vidyashram came in second place and Hari Madhavan and S. Sadhana Smruthi from Bala Vidya Mandir stood third.

The regional winners will participate in the All-India Finals to be held in Bangalore on Nov. 18, 2013.

(Soham Bhadra of the winning team is a Student Reporter of YOCee)

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Diwali and Halloween celebrated at Bamboola

On the eve of Diwali, children in Bamboola Play School with lots of songs, stories, sweets and crackling craft fun.

Children participated in fancy dress for Halloween. From Talaiva to Einstein, the children lined up with a lot of creativity.



Dwani represents the city in the Horlicks Wiz Team Challenge

Dwani Guru, a student of Vidya Mandir, Mylapore, and the city level winner of the Horlicks Wiz Team Challenge, will be representing Chennai in the South Asian Finals to be held between the Nov. 11 and 15, 2013.

For the competition, she is doing a project benefitting underprivileged children in the fields of education, social or health.

Inspired by the song "Ronan", by Taylor Swift, a song about a 4-year-old boy who dies of pediatric cancer, she decided to start a project benefitting underprivileged pediatric cancer patients coming from very poor backgrounds.

Through social-networking, phone-calls, and text messages, she informed her school-mates and friends about her project, hoping they would show interest towards the cause and help out, and they did it too.

So far, Dwani has asked the students of her school to donate money towards her project "ALIVE", and later, she plans on organizing fund raisers (bake sales, stalls, etc.) during school events in the near future. Donations so far have added upto Rs. 10,000 and have been

donated to the Mahesh Memorial Pediatric Ward, Adyar, where they treat underprivileged pediatric cancer patients.

Dwani feels that the cause, more than the project itself, should be made more aware of. Pediatric cancer awareness is minimal compared to other forms of cancer. She hopes to spread more awareness on the issue, and that more help should be given to these patients in terms of treatment, because cancer CAN be permanently cured, and pediatric cancer patients who are cured can live a long, active, normal life.

To help contribute, please send an e-mail to: aliveaftercancer@gmail.com

