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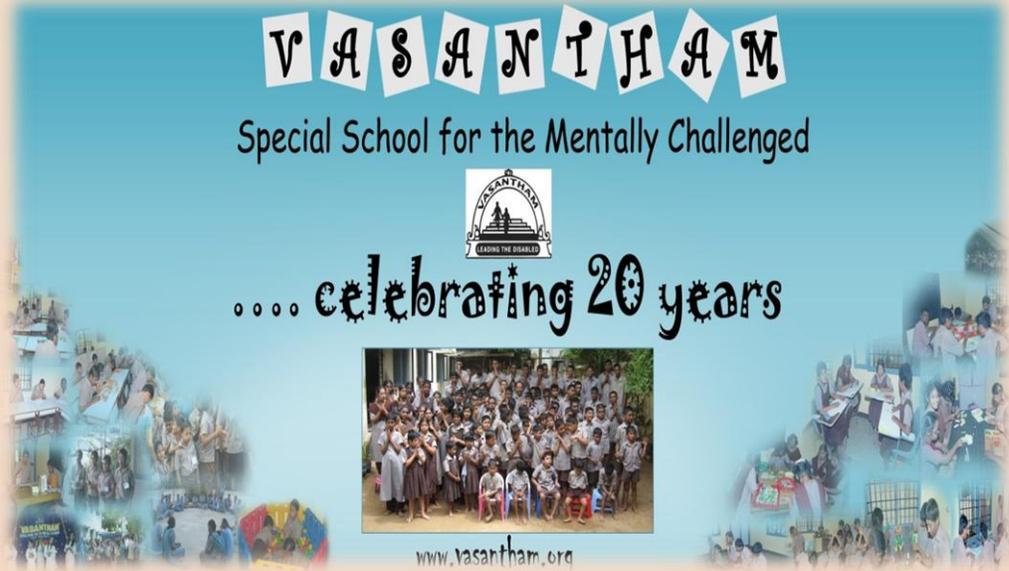
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SIBLINGS MEETING

On the 28th of April 2009, a group discussion was conducted at Vasantham's premise. The participants included siblings and parents of children with special needs. There was group discussion on the role of siblings at home. The discussion provided further suggestions for better interaction between special children and their siblings. A healthy environment at home was emphasized. Students from Omayal Aachi college of nursing staged a play with the theme "Role of family in the life of children with special needs". It was indeed an eye-opener for many of the siblings who attended the discussion.

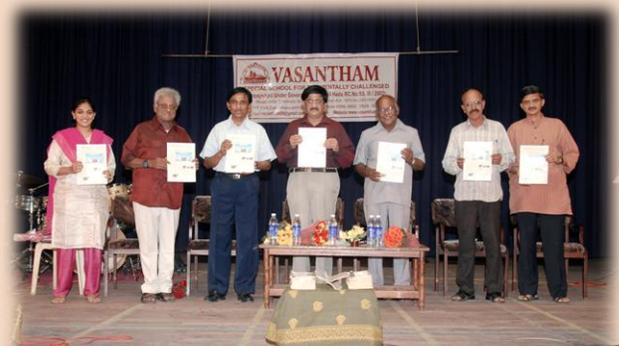


FUND RAISING PROGRAMME

Vasantham is running for the past two decades with predominant support from service-minded and generous people. With increasing demand for qualitative and quantitative improvement in the services offered, lots of projects have been incorporated. However, financial assistance is always been a critical issue. Keeping this in mind, a fund raising programme was organized on the 19th of April 2009 (Sunday). The programme was a light music show by Mr. "Abaswaram" Ramjhi and his team of young children.

The chief guest for the day was Mr.LakshmiKanthan (General Manager - Corporation Bank). He released the prayer song of Vasantham and the first copy of the CD was received by Mr. Suresh Kamath (CMD, Laser Soft Infosystems Ltd.). This exclusive prayer song was tuned by Mrs. Padmini Ravi (Carnatic vocalist) and sung by Ms. Shruthi Ravi (Playback singer). The lyrics of the song were composed by Mr. Subramanian (Youth Organisation for Upliftment).

As a part of the various projects for 20th anniversary celebration, we worked on releasing a e-newsletter in order to keep our well-wishers and donors updated about the activities happening at Vasantham. This e-newsletter was released by Prof.P.Jeyachandran (Director, Vijay Human Service). The first copy of the newsletter was received by Mr.Shankar Mahadevan (Udhavum Ullangal). Rev. Suvishamuthu (President, Board of management of Vasantham) delivered the welcome address. The light music show by Mr. "Abaswaram" Ramjhi and his team of young children was simply fabulous. Our children completely enjoyed the evening and continued to dance for every song.



PARENTS-TEACHERS MEETING

On the 6th of June 2009, the First Quarterly Programme Plan Meeting (Parents-teachers' meeting) was conducted. General discussion on issues related to insurance, holidays, 20th anniversary projects were conducted. Every child's progress and set of goals for the next 3 months were also discussed. Special educator, speech language therapist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, vocational trainer, helpers were also present.

FUN DAY

Employees from HSBC bank, Annasalai visited our institution and spent half a day with our children on 13th of June 2009. The day was completely filled with loads of games, cultural, movie (on LCD). Our children enjoyed watching Rajini's movie on big screen. The place was more like a theatre with whistles and comments being passed during the movie. We distributed gifts to our children.



SUMMER VACATION

Almost all our children, except a few, went on a vacation to their homes during the summer holidays which was from 9th of May 2009 to 20th of May 2009. The school was re-opened on 21st of May 2009. During these days, maintenance work was carried out at our premises. The dining hall was extended to make it more spacious and comfortable. Some areas in the building were repainted.

DONATIONS

Foundation Marc Sauquet, Spain who had supported us in the ramp, vehicle projects few years back, visited us on the 4th of June 2009. They have sanctioned funds for purchasing a washing machine for washing our children's clothes.

We have also purchased a treadmill with financial assistance from Om Sakthi group. It is working out well our physiotherapy section.

Mr. Radhakrishnan (MD-AVA Corp) has donated a LCD projector. We had been approaching various donors for sponsoring us to buy a LCD projector for group teaching, meetings, awareness programmes and recreation purposes, for many years. It was so kind of Mr. Radhakrishnan for taking concern towards this issue and for supporting us.

REGULAR CALENDER EVENTS

- *Medical camps for our children.*
- *Observational visits by nursing and special education students from various colleges, in and around the city.*
- *Our children's birthday celebrations.*

PHOTOS CORNER

