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## TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

It was a real blessing for Vasantham to have Sis. Rita Mary as chief guest for our Teacher's day celebrations. Sis. Mary has won several accolades for her dedicated service and is a well-known national level special educator working with children with hearing impairment. Mr. Suresh Kamath (Managing Director, LSIL) and Mrs. Latha Rajendran, (Principal, M.G.R. School for Hearing Impaired, Ramapuram) were the other dignitaries present on the occasion.

All the teachers of Vasantham were felicitated by the guests. Moreover, the parents of the students expressed their gratitude to all the teachers for their untiring and dedicated, selfless work.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY ...

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Independence day celebrations was carried off with complete patriotism as we always do. We had Eminent guests like Mr. Sandeep Mehta (Managing Director, Jain Housing), Mr. Radha Krishnan (C.E.O., India operations, AVA Corp) and Mr. Navaneetha Sundaram Balaji (Trendsetters).

The day began with welcome address by Mr. Natarajan's (Dream India), our well wisher. Mr. Sandeep Mehta hoisted the national flag and our children sang the flag song in chorus. One of the special events of the day was the release of Vasantham's school diary. Twenty years since its inception, it is only in this academic year that we have been able to release the school diary to facilitate better documentation of parent-teacher communication. The diary was sponsored by Doshi Housing & Constuctions. Mr. Radhakrishnan released the school diary and Mr. Navaneethasundaram Balaji received the first copy of the same. Mr. Kubendran (Chief Planner, CMDA) received the first copy from our parent's side.

The Chief guests delivered a motivating speech which inspired us teachers to strive harder. Cultural programs were then staged by our inmates with a variety of dances, drama and speech. The day's celebrations were fun filled, innovative, motivating and joyous with the support of friends from Dream India, YOU, Ethiraj College, MIT, TCS, NISSAN and our very own parents and board members.

Staff of AVA corp were also present. Ms. Sindhu donated a chair specially designed for children with Cerebral Palsy, a kind gesture on her part indeed.



## RENEWAL OF RECOGNITION OF OUR INSTITUTION

The District Disability Rehabilitation Officer (DDRO) carried out his inspection on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2009 for renewal of our recognition under the Tamil Nadu government. The application was then forwarded by him to the State Commissioner for the Disabled. The DDRO greatly appreciated the services rendered at Vasantham and also bestowed us with kudos for the well documented processes instilled at Vasantham.

## FIELD TRIP

Children from the elementary section went on a field trip to Dhakshin Chitra on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2009 . It was indeed a great experience for them. Many of them tried their hand on pottery, painting on palm leaves, paper, craft works, spinning the top, etc. Children also got an opportunity to watch folk dance. All of them enjoyed being there. Mr. Matthew Wait (Psychology graduate from the USA) also joined us. Children enjoyed having a look at the culture of the south Indian houses and tradition. Many of them even wrote a report on their observations. It was indeed a great trip for our children.



## AATTAM PAATTAM KONDAATTAM II

Aattam Paattam Kondaattam II (APK II) was celebrated in a grandiose way in our school premises, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2009. The event was organized by friends from Ramco Systems, Panimalar Engineering College, Ethiraj College and Dream India. It was a long funfilled day for our children, captivated by the various games organized by us. Bursting balloons, collecting balls and lemon and spoon were the highlight of the day. Various other programmes such as magic show, dance, songs were organized by the volunteers. Children thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was really a treat to see our kids enjoying the cotton candy in the evening. The excellent gifts at the end of the day proved to be the icing on the cake for our children



## Kolu & Pooja

*Dussehra* was celebrated at Vasantham with fanfare, adding beauty to our school with cute little dolls, and decorations all over the school. We had models made by our students and staff which were exhibited on our special **kolu**. Kids were very happy seeing the models and cute dolls which were exhibited. Prayers were organized daily in the evening to enlighten the soul while different sundals were given to our kids daily to tantalize their taste buds.

A grand function on the joyous occasion of Ayudha Pooja & Vijayadasami was held, marked by a special pooja. One of our parents, Mr. Natarajan (Jayakanth's father) performed the rituals. Our students were also given gifts and notebooks on Vijayadasami day. Parents and teachers worked united in making the day a grand success and leaving a unforgettable mark on every mind. We also started using the new self designed, ordered washing machine which was specially made for Vasantham and funded by Foundation Marc Sauquet.



### REGULAR CALENDAR EVENTS

- Medical camps for our children.
- Observational visits by nursing and special education students from various colleges, in and around the city.

Vasantham extends a hearty thanks to its major supporters during the months of July, August, September 2009

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