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## Patriotism at its best ☺

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## GLIMPSES

- Five of our old students got readmitted to Vasantham
- Vasantham children participated in the Citizens' Run Trust organised on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2012.
- Students from Apollo College of Nursing conducted lectures on leading stress free lives for the teachers and parents. Further, they also conducted first aid lectures, demonstrations and aids for students and parents.

## VISITORS

- Trainees from Little Hearts Teachers Training Institute
- M.Sc (Nursing) students from Omayal Achi College of Nursing
- M.S (Nursing) students from Miot College of Nursing
- B.Sc (Nursing) students from Sri Ramachandra University
- M.Sc (Nursing) students from Apollo College of Nursing

## ARIVOM ARIVIYAL

For the first time in 22 years, Vasantham conducted a science exhibition "Arivom Ariviyal 2012 @ Vasantham" where each child displayed and explained experiments related to various branches of science such as physics, chemistry, food and nutrition, health and hygiene sciences, technological advances, music and yoga's impact on health and well being.

The exhibition was inaugurated on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2012 by Mrs. Anna Jacob, Correspondent, Spartan School. Also were present Mr. Natarajan from Dream India who ignited the concept of having a science exhibition at Vasantham and Mr. Krishnamurthy who is a long time well wisher of Vasantham. It was a delight to watch children with special needs explain projects and experiments related to various concepts in sciences related to density, viscosity, motion of light, functioning of a robot, rocket, various parts of the human body and the systems, benefits of nutritious food, hazards of different forms of pollution, solar system, etc. fluently. It was also surprising to see these children remember concepts and explain them to the visitors. Students from several neighbouring schools and centres including Velammal, Spartan, SBOA, Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Surabi trust; staff and trainees from Balavihar training school, Navajothi trust, Vidya Sudha also visited the exhibition.

Mr. Joseph Ravi, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer of Thiruvallur District, was the special guest for the valedictory ceremony. He was in praise of the science exhibition and said that even other special schools should initiate and conduct such activities. Parents of some of our children (Karthik, Honesh, Jagadeesh) who have been a great support throughout the making of the science exhibition were also present on the dias. Prizes were distributed to the children who won the first 3 prizes in different categories. A panel of 3 judges evaluated the experiments based on the children's performances. Further gifts were provided to all the children.

The main source of encouragement for everyone who worked towards making this happen were the children themselves who showed consistent interest in knowing and trying various experiments. Even children who hardly paid attention during classes exhibited a surge in interest levels in all activities pertaining to the science exhibition.

Vasantham thanks all the well wishers, friends and parents who spent several tireless days in helping the children prepare the projects and to all those who visited and listened to the children patiently. This is definitely a great encouragement and motivation for all the kids at Vasantham.





## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Independence day was celebrated at Vasantham on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2012, showcasing the patriotism of the children, staff and parents. All the children had flags tagged on to their shirts. They also made sure guests and parents had colorful bands on their wrist and flags tagged on to them. The school premise was decorated in saffron, white and green colours. The chief guest for the celebration Mr. Ashok Bhagat, Delivery Head, TechMahindra, Chennai, was accompanied by Mr. Amalan, Mr. Ramakrishnan and other supporters from TechMahindra. As the flag was hoisted, children sang a song in praise of the national flag.

Children performed a dance to a medley of songs which together portrayed the wide gap between have (rich) and have-nots (poor) and the challenges that lie ahead for our educational system. Many kids who generally are lethargic left the audience spellbound and dumbstruck with their amazing performance. Mahatma Gandhi, Swami Vivekananda, Bharathiar and many more eminent leaders graced the school in the form of our children. This was followed by prize distribution and the celebrations ended with the rendition of the national anthem.

Friends from Dream India, Punnaigai, Sri Ramachandra University, Tech Mahindra, parents and many well wishers were present to salute the nation with us. Jai hind!





## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Teachers are placed next to Parents in one's life. And without any doubt the teachers of Vasantham truly symbolize God's love. Teacher's day was celebrated at Vasantham on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2012. Parents, well wishers and supporters of Vasantham took the opportunity to express their heartfelt thanks to the staff and management. Mr. Suresh Kamath, President, Board of Management, Vasantham gave away awards to the staff and also the children who are performing various roles at Vasantham.

A wonderful poem in Tamil was dedicated to the staff by Parents. Children performed songs and music under the guidance of the music teacher. A parent-teacher meeting was also scheduled on the same day. The wonderful performance of kids during the science exhibition was recollected and all those wonderful people who made it happen were thanked. This was followed by a review of the children's performances with their parents and guardian. The day ended with parents and well wishers thanking the Vasantham family.

Further, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2012, members from the Inner Wheel Club visited Vasantham and felicitated all the teachers. Special thanks to Ms. Jayanthi from DOS for proposing Vasantham as the recipient to Inner Wheel club.

