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Editorial

Dear Readers,

I thank all the readers of the Newsletter which is being circulated quarterly from the WARDS Special School News Desk, highlighting the activities at WARDS Special School. As you all know we are currently focusing our attention on developing the infrastructural needs of our Special needs Children in order to provide better services for them. The new building is being constructed with various facilities, it is in its last stage of construction and around Rs. 30 lakhs more is required to complete the construction. I request donors to come forward and help us in this final stage. I request all the readers to visit WARDS to see the new building when it is completed.

I thank all the good-hearted people who have come forward to help us for the construction. I would like to thank the following people who have played a major role in helping us financially or to mobilize funds for this new building:

1. Mr Mohan Mangnani, Chairman of The New Horizon School Trust.

2. Mr.L.N Hegde, Joint Secretary of WARDS.

3. Sister Maria of Puttaparti.

I am looking forward to provide better services to our children in future with the completion of the building and request our readers to come forward and help us complete the final stretch of the construction.



January

Milaap India's leading crowd funding platform for personal and social causes did an interview of Mr. Kathavarayan our founder and also a small video which can be

uploaded on social media for generating funds for the organization.



Our children celebrated Republic Day on the 26th of January 2018.



The program started with hoisting of the flag by Ms. Vidya Balakrishnan from UST Global, who was the chief guest and was accompanied by Ms. Jessie & Mr. Thirumeni. Various programs were showcased by our children like march past, drill, yoga and folk dance. Lunch was sponsored by Ms. Rashmi Reddy.

February

Quiz competition was held for children in WARDS. Semi finals & finals were conducted

on the 2nd February 2018. Raghu bagged the 1st place & Bhavya was declared 2nd.

Parents meeting were successfully held on the 3rd of February at WARDS. 20 parents attended the meeting. Many important issues like Niramaya scheme, opening joint bank accounts, punctuality of children and many more were discussed. There were meaningful interactions and insights from this meeting. Ganesh, Prasad, Manikanta, Raghu Along with their trainer Mr. Kathirvel travelled to Pondicherry and participated in the Marathon on the 11th of February 2018.



The event is organized by Auroville Runners in association with the Auroville community since 2008. Originally it was started to celebrate the 40 years of Auroville, the enthusiastic participation attracted many runners from other cities and it was decided to make it an annual affair. The event is non-commercial and organized purely for the joy of running. It considers all the finishers as winners and therefore does not award any prize money for the early finishers.

Our children along with the staff, few parents and a board member went on a one day outing to Dreamland resort in

Nelamangla on the 17th of February 2018. They enjoyed the swimming pool, rain dance and a magic show.



Children also went to the amusement park where they went on toy train ride, Columbus, rotating disco cups and horse rides. They were also given breakfast, sumptuous lunch and were given gift, cake & juice. On the whole it was a day filled with fun and frolic. On the 23rd of February a few of our children along with teachers attended 'Asha Day' at the Indiranagar Methodist Hall in Indiranagar. They even performed 'Kolata' with colourful clothes and were appreciated much for the same.



March

WARDS organized blood grouping check for all the children in the school on the 9th of March 2018. Technicians from CLUMAX,

Thippasandra came to our premises and helped us with this.

Many of our children participated in the district games and sports held on 13th & 14th March 2018 at BBMP ground, Koramangla. This was conducted by Special Olympics Bharat, a National Sports Federation designated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for Implementation of Scheme and Games for Persons with Intellectual Disability.



Our children again participated in the state level sports held on the 20th & 21st of March 2018 at YMCA, Nrupathunga road conducted by Special Olympics Bharat, a National Sports Federation designated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for Implementation of Scheme and Games for Persons with Intellectual Disability.

Nagaveni stood First in 100 mts, 200 mts, 400 mts and shotput. Tamil Selvam stood First in 50 mts race and Second in Tennis ball throw. Ganesh stood Second in 100 mts and third in 400 mts. Rishi stood third in 50 mts race, Manikanta stood third in 50 mts race, Ajith got fifth in 50 mts race, Prasad got fourth in 50 mts race, Pooarasu got fourth in 50 mts race and Prasad got fourth

in 50 mts race. The above children have received medals and certificates for their performances in various categories.



A group of 20 government teachers which included block resource persons and cluster Resource persons visited our Organization along with Mr. Saleem Pasha, BEO & Mrs. Bharathi, Block resource coordinator.



The teachers were here for the observation of the functioning of our school, to learn about the various interventions and methodologies used in teaching our special needs children. They also learnt how we

teach different skills; saw how we make individualized education program and syllabus for our children. They even distributed Bananas for our children and spent half a day with us learning about the organization.



Conclusion

The summer vacation has started for our children and they will resume school on the 1st of June 2018. We are working towards improving the quality of our services to these children at WARDS. The construction of the new building is in the last stage and we are hoping to resume school in the new building when the school re opens in June. We thank all our donors for their generous help to construct this new building for our children and we request your continued support and help to serve these children better in the future too.

Thanking you.
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