



Dear Readers,

Wishing you a happy and a healthy 2023. After a gap of 2 long years it is good to have our children back in school regularly. It has been a challenging year as children came back after a long gap and all of us are working with them to have a smooth transition from virtual school to being in school physically. We are thankful and grateful to our readers, donors, family, friends and all well wishers for all your support and love shown to us in 2022.



WARDS celebrated Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January with only a few staff attending the flag hoisting due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of COVID-19.



# **APRIL**

It had been our dream to buy our own school bus for a long time now. That dream has finally come true as we received our new school bus fully sponsored by CGI, Bengaluru. It was flagged off at the CGI campus in Yamlur on the 26th of April 2022. We are ever grateful to everyone who worked towards this dream of ours and specially CGI for always being supportive of us.







# **MAY**

The UDID project initiated by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities aims at building holistic end-to-end integrated system for Issuance of Universal ID & Disability Certificates for Person with Disabilities with their identification and disability details. The UDID camp was held at WARDS on 31st of May & 22nd of June 2022. Around 55 children's UDID cards were processed in these two camps.



#### **JUNE**

15th Founder Late June was 'Our Mr. C.M.Kathavarayan's Birthday. We remembered. rejoiced & celebrated his birthday with our dear children. Children worked hard to present 2 dances and a skit along with our staff. We missed our dear sir and miss him everyday and we remain grateful to him for all his teachings.





Yoga is a physical, mental and spiritual practice which originated in India. Yoga is an ancient practice that involves physical poses, concentration and deep breathing. A regular yoga practice can promote endurance, strength, calmness, flexibility and well-being. Yoga improves mental health, relaxes and helps you sleep better. We celebrated International Yoga Day on the 21st of June 2022.





Ravichandar, Chief Medical Dr. Officer, Dr. Suhas Chakraborty and Dr. Ranga Reddy from HAL Hospital visited WARDS on 23rd of June 2022. An event was organized so that they can talk to our parents and clear their doubts about their children. This was a good interactive session between parents, doctors and teachers. We are very grateful to the doctors and HAL hospital for helping us over the last 30 years in free consultations for our children.



#### **JULY**

Learning Links Foundation organized a STEM CAMP for our Children at WARDS supported by CGI on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Students drew very beautiful pictures like Indian Flag, Flowers, Mountains, Cake, Smiley emoji's etc the first step of STEM, it makes students to start Thinking and brings Creativity.

They introduced them to a few electronic components that we may have seen in our daily life such as LED, battery, copper tape, Coin / button cells. Students started making Circuits on their drawings using Copper tape, LED and Coin cell with the help of CGI Leaders.

Session was taken to the next level by introduced some other electronic components like Breadboard, Resistors and Jumper wires. Students made LED circuits on Breadboard. Before concluding the session, Students were introduced to LCD display and CGI leaders and WARDS





faculty helped them to write their names to get it on display. Students were very excited to see their names on the LCD display.



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#### **AUGUST**

We celebrated 'Our 75th Independence Day on the 15th August 2022 after 2 whole years with our dear children. After the pandemic it is our 1st celebration together. Our children worked hard and practiced for their performances. They put up a great show for all of us.

We not only celebrated our freedom but we also remembered all our freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for our better tomorrows and we always remain ever grateful to them.

We celebrated Krishna Janmashtami on Children came dressed for the occasion and it was a sight to see.









#### **SEPTEMBER**

A Teacher takes a Hand, opens a Mind, touches a Heart, shapes the Future. We celebrated 'Teacher's Day' along with our children after 2 whole years on the 5th September 2022. Our children worked very hard and presented a wonderful program for our teachers.





We celebrated Onam along with our children on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Children along with the teachers made a flower rangoli.

On September 12th 2022 we celebrated Founder's Day! Its been 4 years since the passing away of 'Our Dearest Founder Late Kathavarayan Sir. We remembered and celebrated his life that day with our dear children.



Our staff attended the 1st exhibition after two years (due to Covid-19) by keeping a stall showcasing our products from vocational unit at CGI's Asia Pacific Leadership Conference at Hilton Garden Inn Bengaluru Embassy Manyata Business Park on 19th & 20th September 2022.









# **OCTOBER**

Our 2nd exhibition from vocational section was held on 15th October at SMR apartments for Diwali.



A team from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) visited us and organized a drawing competition for our children and also distributed prizes for them on 20th October 2022.









On 21st October children along with their teachers decorated their classrooms painted diya's, burst crackers and celebrated Diwali.





# **NOVEMBER**

Our staff Ms. ShanthaPujar along with our children attended a one day workshop held at 'Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium' on the 4th of November 2022 for 'Dynamic Vocational Skills Training'.







Our children participated drawing competition at Sambhrama for World Disability Day on 23rd November 2022. WARDS also sponsored for this competition by distributing 600 drawing kits.

Children participated in Quizabled virtually held by Seva In Action on the 28th November 2022 and qualified for the finals.



Our children participated in Sports Day for World Disability Day on 29th November 2022 held at Kanteerava Stadium, Bangalore.



# **DECEMBER**

World Disability Day is celebrated every year on 3rd December. The day is about promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities at every level of society and development, and to raise awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic, and cultural life. Our children attended the World disability rally and the celebration that was held in the Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Bangalore.







Our staff kept a stall in Presidency School on the 5th & 6th of December 2022 and showcased the products from our vocational unit.



We distributed blankets and clothes to 200 tribal families in Gingeetaluk, Villupuram District. We have been helping this community from the time they were affected by the cyclone in 2021.









Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone. Christmas isn't a season, it is a feeling. It is the most wonderful time of the year.

We at WARDS celebrated Christmas on the 23rd of December with much happiness and joy after 2 long years with our dear children. The chief guests of the function were Fr. Jayaraj, Fr. Daniel, Our board members Mr. L.N.Hegde, Mr. Alexander Ninan along with Our Secretary Mrs. Aruna and Our Principal Mrs. Vasanthi.



Our Children presented a Christmas tableau and a peppy dance for "We Wish You A Merry Christmas.



Children had a good Christmas break and are back with new enthusiasm. We plan to add more programs and activities to our ongoing schedule in the new year. We also plan to make our vocational unit functioning with more products and sales. Children are also gearing up for the annual day in the coming months. We look forward to a lively and a prosperous 2023.

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