



JEEVANA SCHOOL



From the Chairman's desk

It is said that the development of a tree depends on where it is planted. So when a child becomes a student of Jeevana, at every stage, we try to ensure that he is given education and not just schooling. Hence it becomes imperative that every student is treated as an individual and is exposed to a number of activities. This gives the student a chance to pursue a few activities he really enjoys doing in addition to the regular curriculum.

Abacus is now an integral part of the curriculum and is done by all the students of Std III to Std V. Students of Std II will start Abacus in the third term.

Socially Useful Productive Work has been introduced to encourage every child to realise his role as a contributing member of the society. It also weans the child away from Text book oriented studies to practical knowledge which is definitely more enjoyable. Co-Curricular activities, Physical Education, Yoga and Karate have been revamped and assessments have been introduced to make the activities more meaningful.

Till Std V. continuous Assessments have been introduced. It is a known fact that the present examination system is the weakest link in the chain of Education today. In the Junior Classes Students must be spared this agony and, hence, they are assessed continuously. All aspects of acquiring skills in a subject are assessed. The details of each subject have already been given to parents. The aim is to make every subject meaningful and interesting to the students.

Most of the Competitive Exams today give more weightage to Mental Aptitude. To train the students in logical thinking, Mental Ability Classes have been introduced from Std VII onwards for an hour per week. We have an expert coming from Bangalore every week for these classes.

Students who are doing ICSE in Std IX have, in addition to Mental Aptitude, the Foundation Course in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. This will keep them in good stead when it comes to Entrance Examination after Std XII to get into the IITs.

As most of you are already aware we are having classes for JEE - IIT. This and the foundation course in Std IX are being done in collaboration with BASE, Bangalore.

If a student is to do full justice to all the activities that are expected of him in the school, he is sure to be totally engaged and will not have time to wile away in meaningless pursuits.

The concept of schooling changes with time and as a school we must try our best to keep up with the changes. The concept of education however remains the same and this is where we have to strive to excel. Let us treat each child as an individual and give him plenty of encouragement and opportunities to help him realise his true potential.

M.S. Iyengar

JEEVANA SCHOOL Chronicler's Column



1. School reopened for classes X and XII - 4.6.04
2. School reopened for other classes in the Senior School - 7.6.04
3. Prefects' swearing - in - ceremony - 8.7.2004
4. Installation of Leo Club - 15.7.04
5. Commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki tragedy with an exhibition of pictures - 5.8.04
6. Sports Day of Senior School - 14.8.04
7. Sports Day of Ponmeni Junior School - 21.8.04
8. Sports Day of Visalakshipuram Branch - 28.8.04

Hall of Fame



Mr. Irai Anbu, I.A.S.
(Commissioner for Disciplinary Proceedings) with
Mr. M.S. Iyengar
(Chairman, Jeevana Schools)

Mr. Irai Anbu, I.A.S. had graciously consented to be Chief Guest for the Prefectorial ceremony which gave us an opportunity to experience his awe-inspiring oration. This multi-faceted person had got 15th Rank in All India Civil Services exam and I place in Tamilnadu in 1988. Apart from serving in various designations, including as Collector of Kancheepuram, he has started 'Moonlight Schools' for under-privileged children above 14 years, sponsored by private individuals.

Having authored 16 books and having won prestigious awards, he has given thousands of talks, presented hundreds of T.V. shows and Radio programmes, and presented various Talk - Shows.

His areas of interest range from Zen and leadership to Tirukkural and Management concepts. In all, a truly magnificent yet down -to- earth person, whom we were truly honoured to have amidst us for a few hours.

We wish him more and more success in the years to come. Let's hope many more will be inspired by his genius and try to emulate him.

BULLETIN BOARD**JEEVANA SCHOOL, MADURAI.**

Dear parent,

16th August, 2004.

Please note that there are slight modifications in the Assessment procedure for students of Std I to Std V. Assessments will be done continuously and the criteria will be as follows.

ENGLISH

1)	TESTS	- 50%
2)	READING (Fluency, Pronunciation, Stress, Pause, Comprehension etc., may be assessed)	- 10%
3)	SPEAKING (Rhymes, Story telling, Speaking about oneself, Oral Comprehension etc., may be assessed)	- 10%
4)	WRITING (Dictation Words, Question - Answers, Creative Writing, Handwriting, Comprehension etc., may be assessed)	- 10%
5)	INTEREST SHOWN IN PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING GROUP ACTIVITIES)	- 10%
6)	HOME WORK	- 10%
7)	TOTAL	- 100%

MATHEMATICS

1)	TESTS	- 50%
2)	MENTAL ABILITY	- 10%
3)	HOME WORK & ASSIGNMENTS	- 10%
4)	ACTIVITIES (Preparing Domino Cards, Flash Cards, Charts etc., may be assessed)	- 10%
5)	RECITATION OF MULTIPLICATION TABLES	- 10%
6)	SPEED & ACCURACY IN CLASS PERFORMANCE	- 10%
7)	TOTAL	- 100%

SCIENCE

1)	TESTS	- 50%
2)	HOME WORK	- 10%
3)	SCIENCE ALBUM & MODEL MAKING	- 20%
4)	CLASS ROOM ACTIVITIES & ORAL TESTS	- 10%
5)	PROJECTS & PRACTICALS	- 10%
6)	TOTAL	- 100%

SOCIAL SCIENCES

1) TESTS	- 50%
2) HOME WORK	- 10%
3) INTEREST SHOWN DURING FIELD TRIPS & ACTIVITIES	- 10%
4) MAP WORK	- 10%
5) PROJECTS & CHART WORK	- 10%
6) KNOWLEDGE OF BASIC TERMINOLOGIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES	- 10%
7) TOTAL	- 100%



COMPUTER SCIENCE

1) TESTS	- 50%
2) COLLECTING PICTURES / CHART WORK	- 10%
3) HOME WORK	- 10%
4) GETTING INTO APPLICATIONS	- 10%
5) WORKING IN THE APPLICATIONS	- 20%
6) TOTAL	-100%

HALL OF FAME



Ms. Suriya Devi being awarded the Gold-medal.



Ms. Suriya Devi giving the LCD presentation.

I am delighted to state that by the Lord Almighty's grace, I was able to present the paper in the All India level under the theme "Health and Nutrition" for the "National Teacher Science Conference-2004" at Ujjain Vikram University. My paper with the topic "OBESITY, The Global Epidemic of 21st Century" was presented through LCD and chosen as one of the best papers presented. I am the only delegate who was chosen among the 200 for the poster presentation as well. I was awarded Gold Medal and the abstract also is published in their university souvenir.

I sincerely extend my gratitude from the depth of my heart to the Principal, Mrs. Nirmala, for giving a lot of encouragement right from the day of intimation that my paper had gone for screening test in the month of June till I completed my task at Ujjain, bringing Laurel to Jeevana.

Miss. M.B. SURIYA DEVI,
P.G. Asst., Biology Dept.

YEOMAN'S SERVICE



The Leo club, Jeevana, visited Kumbakonam on 28.8.04. They offered floral tributes and paid homage on the spot where the mishap had happened. They also visited the village, Natham, 2 Kms away from the school, where most of the victims resided. In this poverty - stricken village, the Leo club met each and every parent of the victim and consoled them. They also met the traumatised children who are now healed and rendered them service.

The Leo club and the Leo club advisor, Miss Suriya Devi, extend their gratitude to our beloved Principal, Mrs Nirmala, who in the midst of a heavy schedule, talked to the high officials of Madurai and Kumbakonam and arranged for a well-planned trip.

May God bless each and everyone who, by and large, contributed.



Miss Suriya Devi (extreme Left) along with Mr. Mariappan and some of the Leo club members.

MONDAY MORNING BLUES



Phew! it was a super good film. Really touching your heart as its title goes " The touch" Truly Michelle Yeah was splendid and her stunt amid the fire was hair raising. One can go on dreaming about it and wonder what will happen to him or her.

Yup! Who shall wake up early morning and lift up your bouncy bag to school? None. Who wants to stand before the teacher as a defaulter and give so many lame excuses and receive demerits when the mentor expects a plausible explanation? One can really never expect such a plight after my golden hours of sweet Sunday with its special yummy delicacies, the softness of the cushioned furniture and the loveliness in watching television with your hands glued to the remote control, with a dry subject book on your lap and the mouth munching one of the mother's newly made muffins.

But, alas! After that beautiful lovely Sunday sleep how could one expect such an awful morning! Mother at the verge of losing her temper, father deeply engrossed in the newspaper. Then, my mother comes to push me hard and tries to wake up me while I am already on alert and my mind is pondering over excuses which I got hold of-a fine excuse but my voice got stuck up in the voice box itself, having before me no other door for escape but to dress for school.

While washing the face, cleaning the teeth and packing the bag, my mind is once again on the trail to find some escape route with the tutor. Finally in the bathroom, one had to take the shower hurriedly without enjoying the leisurely shower as like which was taken on a Sunday, crooning the favourite chartbuster. Praying all through, so that some disaster would strike and school would grant a holiday or a miracle would happen calling the family to attend some function or just pray to the depth begging that classmates should also not have done the home work or wishing that a particular subject teacher would be absent or he or she would forget about the given work.

That terrible Monday wishing in the prayer room for long hours, which we would not have bothered to glance at for the whole six days except on special terrible Monday. Hoping that something would happen saving us from this awful day, that something from the fantasy world such as Harry Potter or Peter Pan would come down, knowing that it was a futile thought.

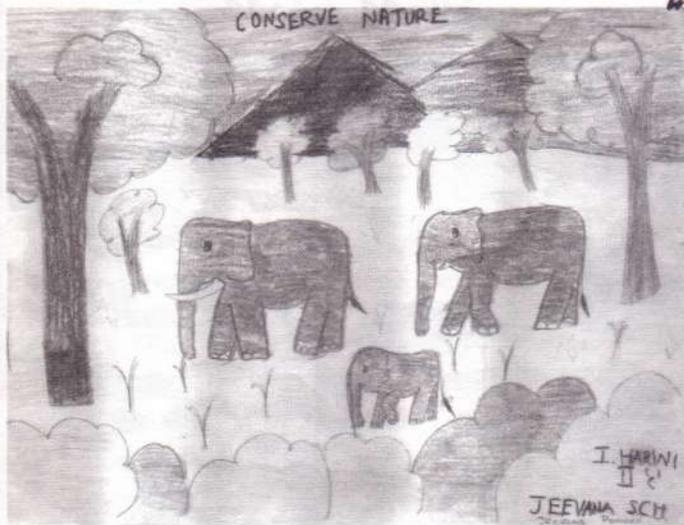
Sulkily having breakfast, the very same food which tasted delicious was of nothing now. Mind is focused to grab the escape route and craving for it. Moaning for the Sunday to come back and promising not to procrastinate work and to really work on Sunday. Trudging lazily to school kicking everything on the way, reach the school. After the prayer there comes a series of complaints and the workload is piled up to the heaven. After school hours returning with resolution and determination not to while away time. But heaven knows what on Earth the next Sunday keeps in stock for us. But confident and sure that the forthcoming Monday morning will also be blue.

N. SOWNDARA

X - 'C'

Paint - Box

Conserve Nature



I. Harini, II C
Jeevana Ponmeni

A time to sell



Devanai, III-C
Jeevana Ponmeni

Having a Ball



K. Abirami, VI-A
Jeevana Ponmeni

Deepavali



M. Laskhmi Rajan
III-B, VSP

SOCIALLY USEFUL PRODUCTIVE WORK



SUPW Activities introduce the children to the everyday purposeful actions they see around themselves. These activities enable the children to be independent, to take care of themselves, take care of their environment & understand how things can be done perfectly.

Although these activities seem simple, they are actually a very important part in all the classes. Everyday we utilize 20 to 30 minutes for these activities. These activities help the child to perfect his co-ordination & concentration. Finally children learn good working habits as they finish each task and put away all their materials before beginning another activity.

For very young children, for all these activities, familiar objects are used. Dressing frames are an important part of the activity because it helps the child to become independent in dressing himself- zip, button, and buckle lace, hooks, bows. For example buttoning his own shirts, lacing, buckling his shoes etc. All these activities are presented to a child in the classroom. Dr Montessori has introduced several exercises for the classroom to help the child to satisfy his needs for meaningful activity that the child sees at home:

Such as sweeping, dusting, polishing, mopping, pouring, cutting, etc. The child is excited when these activities are given in the class because they allow him to imitate adults. Imitation is one of the child's strongest urges during his stage of development.

SUPW helps the children in their development. Children who are in K.G. classes are really lucky because 1/4 of the syllabus includes supw in the Montessori Education.

Children are taught to lay their own table during breaktime. After they finish, they themselves clean the table, mop, and wipe the table. Before going home they are trained to arrange the chairs etc.

Standards I & II do more activities. Before going home they clean the class and arrange the chairs. They keep the environment clean.

Children also learn good habits, manners etc. In safety rules they are taught how to handle sharp objects and to be careful with electrical things.

Children help their parents at home after they learn all the activities done in the class. We get feedback from parents that children are benefiting from these S.U.P.W. activities.

Activities included - Table Manners, Table-setting, Covering the books, Arranging their books, Polishing brass articles & shoes, Making fruit-salad, Sandwich making, Making their beds, Craft work, Vegetable salad, How to cross the road, First-aid and Punctuality.

We hope parents also encourage the children at home so that they will be very useful citizens in the future.

N. Rajalakshmi
Headmistress.
Jeevana Ponmeni.
(Junior Section)

SOCIALLY USEFUL PRODUCTIVE WORK



U.K.G. children are sweeping , dusting and mopping. Children are taught at young age to keep the environment clean. They really look forward to the SUPW classes. Children enjoy these activities, which is very good for their development.



U.K.G



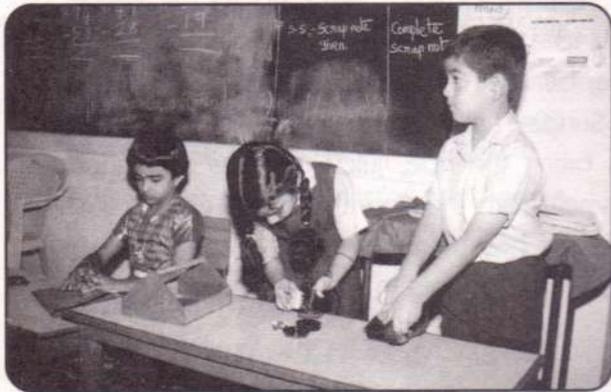
U.K.G



U.K.G



Children of std II A are polishing the brass. They learn to keep their house hold things shining.



Children of std II B are polishing the shelves.
They learn to become independent.



Children of L.K.G. are very busy with the dressing frames.
They also learn to buckle their shoes, tie their laces,
button their shirts etc. These activities help
them to become independent.



Children lay the table and eat their snacks.
They learn good table manners.
They also learn to share.

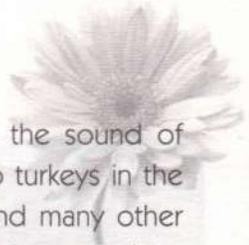


Children learn to prepare Sandwich.
Std I children learn these useful activities.
SUPW has become a major activity in our curriculum.



Here we can see V.Akash of std II helping his friends to lay the table for lunch.
Jeevana is the second home for our children where they are free to learn all
SUPW activities which will be helpful to them throughout their life.

NEIGHBOUR'S FARM



My neighbours have a big farm in their backyard. Every morning I wake up to the sound of cuckoos on the gooseberry tree. There are two cows and a baby calf, hens and two turkeys in the farm. The farm has many trees, mango, coconut, guava, bananas, chickoo, papaya and many other vegetable plants. I see many birds on the farm. Every Sunday I sit in front of my window watching the squirrels running up and down the papaya trees biting the ripe, juicy papayas and cuckoos eating gooseberries. Every afternoon there is a nice smell from the flowers. The breeze from the trees of the farm keeps our house cool. My neighbours eat healthy vegetables grown in their farm. They also give me different leaves for my activity book. All the houses in the city should grow trees to keep the city cool.

Vedhas.V

Std.II (Ponmeni Jr. Section)

MY TRIP TO DUBAI

During the summer holidays, I went to Dubai. I went alone in the plane, They gave me toys, snacks and lunch in the plane. The air-hostess took full care of me. At the Dubai airport my mummy and daddy came to receive me. I saw many places in Dubai. It is a very clean city. The roads are broad and neat. I also saw the desert and camels in it. I went to many shopping-malls, parks and hotels. It is a very nice place. I enjoyed my trip to Dubai.

Georgina. R II - 'A'

Ponmeni Junior Section.

TEDDY'S SOUP

Teddy Bear had a problem-he was very bad at spelling. "I do try really hard!" he told Mother Bear. "In fact, I am busy reading my book right now". Mother Bear smiled to herself when she noticed that Teddy was holding his book upside down.

Then she thought of a bright idea. Mother Bear went into the kitchen straight away and made Teddy a large bowl of alphabet soup.

"Now you can learn your letters as you eat," She laughed.

The alphabet tasted so good that Teddy emptied the bowl in one gulp.

"Perhaps that wasn't such a good idea after all," chuckled Mother Bear, as she filled Teddy's bowl up with soup once more!

V. KAVERI, II-'A'

Ponmeni Junior Section

POTPOURRI

A PETITION FROM THE WILD

*Big, small, black and white,
Animals are of different kinds.
They are friends true to the last,
They warm the corners of our hearts.
But why has man become so cruel,
Killing them in a manner brutal?
In zoos they are ill-treated,
And in circus they are exploited.
Animals are God's creation,
"Please don't hurt us !",
Is their humble petition.*

N.SUBBIAH,
V'B'
Ponmeni Junior Section.

CAN'S AND CANNOT'S



*Use a mop to mop the floor;
But don't use a watch
to watch anybody.
Use a brush to brush the teeth;
But you can't use Iron to
Iron clothes.
Use a paste to paste pictures;
But you can't use a book
to book tickets.
Milk the cow to get milk;
But don't use a tie to tie parcels.
You can use a lock to lock the door;
But you don't use a clip
to clip anything.*

R.HARINE RAJASHREE
IV'A'

MY PET

*Once I had a dog
Which was always with me.
He had a long tail
And had sharp nails.
He looked like a tiger,
And we can't see like him-rare.
I was very proud of him
And it was loved by me so much.*

R.S. SUBHASREE
Std.I
Ponmeni Jr. Section.

RIDDLES

1. What goes around the world but stays in a corner?
2. I am red but not blood.
I am round but not a ball.
I am used as a vegetable.
3. A bird laid an egg while flying.
But the egg did not fall down.
How is that possible?
4. Why did the teacher wear sun-glasses?
5. Why is fish always balanced?
6. What has legs but cannot walk.

ANSWERS

1. Stamp
2. Tomato
3. Because she was wearing panties
4. Because the children were too bright
5. Because they have scales.
6. Chair.

Nakul, II - 'B'
Ponmeni Junior Section

JEEVANA SCHOOL - Ponmeni Junior Section

Achievements of the children (Outside Competitions)



T.V.S. LOSA COMPETITION

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| 1. Kaveri.I | II Std | - I Prize in Fancy Dress |
| 2. Gary Paul Thomas | I Std | - III Prize in Fancy Dress |
| 3. Eleasha Figredo | U.K.G. 'A' | - II Prize in Fancy Dress |

1. LOSA COMPETITION

- a. **U.NIVEDHA** of IV STD got III Prize in fancy Dress.

2. TAMILNADU YOGA ASSOCIATION

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|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| a. P. VISWANATH | V STD | II Prize |
| b. JAIPRAKASH | V STD | II Prize |
| c. SAMPADHA | IV STD | III Prize |
| d. S. SANKETH | V STD | IV Place |
| e. NATARAJAN | V STD | IV Place |
| f. SUDALAI MADADURAI | V STD | V Place |

3. NATIONAL TALENT SCIENCE RESEARCH

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| a. PRASANTH VICTOR | - 87% |
| b. DENNISON DAVID | - 84% |
| c. R. MEENAKSHI | - 81% |
| d. VICKY MOHAN | - 70% |

4. In the District level Table Tennis Tournament conducted by Ellis coaching club during the month of AUGUST 2004 **S. KAUSHIK** of Std V won Semi-Finals in CADET LEVEL.
5. **S. KAUSHALYA** of Std V won Consolation Prize in the Embroidery competition conducted by MADURA COATS, BANGALORE.

JEEVANA VSP



VSP- Somehow, earlier whenever I had heard the word VSP, it occurred to me as an abbreviated word of Very Special Place.

It was entirely a new venture for me this year that I was looking forward to. I know that it takes time for any new person to be accepted. Of course, I can't dream of sweeping the board but I thought at least I should try to understand them. My objective set off easily as the kids were trusting, natural, sincere, receptive and showering unconditional love believing each word I uttered. Just being with them gives a soaring and uplifting effect. It is really delightful to see the tiny tots trotting to their respective classes, spectate Darshan performing a foot-tapping "dappanguthu" and mischief dancing in Dhanvanth's eyes, receiving greeting cards from Tabres, watching Sahana's blissful smile lit up her face, listening to Harshita's enchanting voice and observe class VIII engaged in childish skirmish. Sudarshan's lingering voice, Ravi's unique queries and Palaniappan's brilliant strokes amaze me, while Iqbal struggling with his lunch box and Akhilesh's constant laughter amuse me.

It did boost up my ego when I received a call from the parents welcoming me even before the reopening of the school. The parent's instantaneous response, involvement in the school activities, valuable suggestions and constant support are encouraging and really appreciated.

The teachers here have every reason to be proud and happy. I cannot stop smiling when I think of Mr. Sahayaraja's side-splitting wisecracks or Ms. Adeline's count down for the students to settle down. We are a close knit family sharing our problems, joys, pakoras and payasams!, encouraging each other, lending a helping hand here and appreciating a job well done there.

According to Bertrand Russell, the famous philosopher and mathematician, the four characteristics which form the basis of an ideal character are vitality, courage, sensitiveness and intelligence. One's education should help build the above. With the involvement of the parents, dedication of our teachers and the support from the management, I am sure we would not leave any stones unturned in the task of holistic development of our kids.

Mrs. Padma Chandrashekar
Headmistress
JEEVANA (VSP)

Socially Useful Productive work



SUPW has trained Manisha to be a confident girl. She does not hesitate to do any work. After receiving the circular, the helping trait has gained much.

1. Manisha keeps her room neat and tidy.
2. She arranges her shelf by herself.
3. She helps me to clean up the house.
4. On Sunday it is her duty to wipe the hall table and sofa.
5. She helps to separate the vegetables and put them in proper place.
6. When phone rings, she does not wait for others to answer, she replies boldly and correctly.
7. She rolls up her mat-sometimes.
8. She helps me in arranging the dining table.
9. She is much interested in doing craft-works like sand-painting, M-seal work, painting etc.
10. Manisha folds her clothes and keeps them in proper place.
11. In doing the sponge work, she showed much interest in collecting the things and doing them.
12. She helps me in watering the plants.

SUPW has not only trained the child but also the mothers. From this work, we find the capacity and the ability of the child. The helping and self-doing habit is cultivated in them. My request to the school is that the Art class has to be improved, less concentration is given to it in school. Hope it will be improved in later days.

A. KARTHIGA

Mother of A. MANISHA
Std- II. (VSP)

PARENTSPEAK

SPORTS DAY CELEBRATIONS 2004



"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is a common saying.

The 28th of August, 2004 remains another red-letter day for the Jeevanites of VSP, as they celebrated this 18th Sports Meet at this senior school sports ground.

The programme commenced with the hoisting of the national flag by our chairman, Mr. Iyengar.

The Pre-KG students were fine in carrying their radish to the victory line. The children holding lemon on spoon and holding the water bottle on their hands also did their best. The March past was good and students did their best.

The Relay students also did their part well. The Karate feats performed were superb. The "dandiya" dance was also fine.

I thank all the teachers and staff for organising this Sports Meet to a grand finale. Hope Jeevana would train their students both physically and mentally in the forthcoming years.

K.M. Sujata,
(VSP Parent)

PONMENI JUNIOR SECTION SPORTS DAY, 2004

"Garisha on the line -----" the receiver was handed over to me, which dispersed the sweet voice of my grand daughter, a U.K.G. Jeevanite! With great enthusiasm, she invited me for the Annual Sports Day and also confirmed my arrival at her school exactly at 3.30PM on 21.8.04. Will anyone miss this wonderful opportunity? I had been very eagerly waiting for the day, and there I was.

The colourfully decorated vast ground was filled with children, House-wise, ready to display their feats; proud parents anxious to applaud; active teachers on their heels, making everyone feel at Athens.

Flag hoisting by Mr. Iyengar was followed by the parade of Fairy-tale characters. I was overwhelmed with joy to see my grand daughter Garisha as Little Red Riding Hood accompanied by the wolf carrying fruits and flowers for her grandma; followed by Cinderella, Snow White, Goldilocks etc. Indeed, we had flown to the Fairy Land! "Montessori Jerk" was a novel idea, Tiny Tots with flexible limbs!

Children exhibited their skill, concentration, and Co-Ordination through all the events, winning the admiration of the spectators. The hard work and patience of the industrious teachers is highly appreciable, motivated by the unparalleled leadership of 'Raji Mam' behind the scene!

Mrs. **M. USHA MICHAEL**, M.A., M.A., M.Ed.,
Principal,
S.E.V. Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Madurai,
Grandmother of R. NANNIE GARISHA, U.K.G.

PARENTSPEAK

Jeevana School Junior Section Sports Day -21st Aug, 2004

It was a bright and clear day, a good respite from the usual rains that coincide with our School's Sports Day. Even brighter were the colourful kids from the Junior Section. Keeping with the Jeevana tradition of time-management, respected chairman, Mr. Iyengar, unfurled the flag sharp at 4.00 pm in front of enthusiastic students, the ever active teaching staff and a crowd of parents.

It was interesting to see small kids from Junior Section do a colourful parade and a synchronized March-past. The multi-colour fans held out by the kids during the drill added to the brightness of the day.

Whenever we see an orderly March-past, it reminds us of two things - one, the Obedience factor of the people who do the march, second, the time and effort put by the people who organize it. In our case it was the Junior Jeevanites and the Staff members respectively. Meticulous planning, many days of rigorous practice, ground preparation, patience of the Staff and the discipline of the kids were all pretty much visible when the four Houses of students filed past Mr. Iyengar.

The purpose of Sports Day is to enhance the physical skills of students and to encourage competitive spirits. All young kids participated in a variety of events like "kangaroo Hop", "Going to the market", "Montessori" etc. Every kid contributed to the action, and it helped build the team spirit and confidence levels in the kids. To organize so many events and to bring out co-operation among all the kids is a stupendous task.

It was a wonderful day out for the parents, teachers and students.

N.Sivarajan

F/O S. Veera, LKG (B)

Jeevana Junior Section, Ponmeni

The weather was indeed pleasant as I entered the festive atmosphere of Jeevana School. Punctuality is the first word that comes to my mind as I think of the wonderful Sports Day in Jeevana held on 21st of August, 2004. The beautiful portrayal of the kids in different fairy tale characters made us sit up. Then Mr. Iyengar, Chairman of Jeevana Schools, hoisted the colourful flag followed by a colourful, disciplined March Past and children's systematic Oath-taking. Applause to the tiny tots for their beautiful movements. We felt very happy as we had a wonderful evening. The show of 1st and 2nd standard children rhythmically doing one activity with coloured fans held us all absolutely spellbound!! The children of 3-5th standard were no less as they performed exceedingly well with coloured sticks. Looking at the earnest faces of the little Jeevanties, one must say, 'Hats off to the teachers who have trained the children so well.'

It is indeed memorable days like the 21st that make us remember the united family of Jeevana. On behalf of all parents and guests, I would again like to congratulate the tiny tots, teachers and Heads for the marvelous evening.

Pearline Daniel,

M/O T. Glory Paul Thomas

II'C' Ponmeni Junior

Outside Competition (Visalakshipuram Scool)



YOGA : Sivananda Ashram Tanakkankulam, (Near Thirumangalam)

1. Akilan	V std	- I Prize
2. Krishnamoorthy	V std	- III Prize
3. Suresh Swaroop	III'A' std	- IV Prize
4. Kotharini	U.K.G.	- V Prize

LOSA (9th July to 11th July)

1. J. Charumeena	I std	- III Prize	Painting
2. Kaavya	U.K.G.	- III Prize	Complete the Picture

HORLICKS QUIZ - 17-7-2004

1. M. Sahana	VII std	- II Prize	Flower Arrangement
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BHARATHI YUVA KENDRA - 8-8-2004

1. R.M. Gowri	I std	- I Prize	Music competition
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EVENTS WE HAD IN JEEVANA (VISALAKSHIPURAM)

1. School Reopened	- 7-6-2004
2. Meeting with the Parent's Committee	- 1-7-2004
3. Investiture Ceremony	- 4-8-2004
4. Independence Day celebration	- 13-8-04
5. Sports Day	- 18.8.04

Madurai Jaycees 15th Aug, '04

Overall - II Position

1. B.Swetha	UKG	consolation	Draw & Colour
2. Krithika	UKG	II	"
3. A.R. Kaviya Sethu Natchiyar	UKG	III	"
4. J.Charumeena	I	III	"
5. J.Palaniappan	VI	Con.Prize	"

6.	M.Lakshmi Rajan	III B	Con.	"
7.	J.Charumeena	I	I	Clay Modelling
8.	Krithika Prasad	IV	Con	"
9.	O.G. Ram Prabhu	IV	II	Cartoon Drawing
10.	R.P.S. Bala Adhethiam	IV	II	"
11.	A.N. Sethuraman	VI	II	Veg.Carving
12.	H.Iqbal	VI	III	Art from waste
13.	M.Arjun	III B	Con.	Paper work



Jeevana V.S.P. received OVERALL- Second. Rolling Cup.

External Competitions

The Saurashtra Club, Mdu-9. District Level Chess Tournament 4th & 5th Sep -2004

1. **Sarvesh Swaroop Shankar .S.** - class III
Second place in under-7 category.
2. **Thivakar Palaniappan** - class IV
Third place in under-9 category.

Bharathi Yuva Kendra, Mdu Fancy Dress competition - 5-9-04

S.Naveen - Participation prize

Chinmaya Geetha Chanting competition - 31-8-2004

B.Swetha of UKG was selected for district level competition.

Bulletin Pad

We have a qualified Counsellor in the School on certain days.
Parents interested may take advantage of the Counsellors help.

DON'T LOSE HOPE

With eternal sorrow you may be dining,
 For a life of peace you may be sighing,
 For a little happiness you may still be mining,
 But don't lose hope, every cloud has a silver lining,

Crying for help, your throat may be sore,
 Your life walls of sorrows may bar,
 Of your day, it may be the darkest hour,
 But fear not, dawn is not far.

You may be screaming in pain,
 With all the misery going insane,
 You may feel all your hopes are in vain,
 But don't worry, the hottest day is followed by rain.

The path may not be clear
 Where the hill is steepest you have no gear,
 But don't lose hope, don't fear,
 Your destination may be very near.

During bad time you find yourself all alone,
 This weight and more may have to be borne,
 But don't halt, don't mourn,
 Failure is just a stepping stone.

DIVYA KUMAR - X 'B'

POTTERING AROUND

THERE'S A WIZARD NAMED HARRY POTTER,
 HE NEVER HAS A DOUBT,
 WHENEVER HIS SCAR GETS REDDER,
 VOLDERMORT IS ABOUT.

HIS EYES ARE AS GREEN AS A FRESH PICKLED TOAD,
 HIS HAIR IS AS BLACK AS BLACK-BOARD,
 OH! HE IS FINE, HE IS REALLY DIVINE,
 THE BOY WHO DEFEATED THE DARK LORD.

HIS MOTHER IS LILY, HIS FATHER IS JAMES,
 WHO WAS GOOD AT ALL GAMES;
 THEY WERE MARRIED ONE FINE MORN,
 THEY WERE DEAD A YEAR AFTER HE WAS BORN.

HIS FRIENDS ARE HERMIONE AND RON,
 I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN;
 THEY GO FOR AN EARLY MORNING WALK,
 WHERE THEY LAUGH AND TALK.

GINNY HAS JOINED HIS FAN CLUB,
 COLIN HAS JOINED IT, TOO,
 IF YOU WANT TO JOIN IT,
 MOST WELCOME ARE YOU.

J. SRIKANTH - X 'C'



Congrats to **VISHAL GIYA** of X 'C' !!
 He won the Silver medal in the
 State Level Swimming Competition.



G. ANANTH

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| 1. JUNIOR BOYS
MEN SINGLES
OPEN DOUBLES | - WINNER
- WINNER
- RUNNER-UP | Held at ELLIS TABLE TENNIS ACADEMY. |
| 2. 'B' ZONE GAMES | - WINNER | Held at T.V.S. Lakshmi School. |
| 3. SCHOOL DISTRICT GAMES | - WINNER | Held at S.B.O.A. School. |

THE MURDER

I have just witnessed
 a cruel murder;
 The inhumane human
 is the heartless killer.
 The corpse is left behind
 In a pool of blood,
 Which it had to
 unwillingly shed.
 As the sword goes up
 to slay the innocent,
 Its pleading eyes reflect
 The bent crescent.
 Its final cry
 will forever linger
 As death and departure
 look closer than ever.
 There it stands
 bleating hopelessly,
 Looking through the crowd,
 for it should flee.
 But the hand rose up in the air
 With the cursed blade of sin.
 When it came down
 It had travelled deeply through its skin.
 The cold eyes reveal
 Its final glance of loathe,
 For the world has murdered
 that harmless goat.
 The murderers are still at large
 In the name of God.
 They commit crime shamelessly
 In the place of Lord.

Oh! What is human?
 What is beast?
 When both kill
 And both relish???

S.M. ISWARYA
 X - 'C'

PREFECTORIAL CEREMONY



An exemplary role-model.



Aiming high, hitting higher.



The charge of the Light Brigade.



Towards a new 'avatar' of India?

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED



There is a special person in your life
 Who shares your thoughts and helps you strive in life.
 Whose company makes you smile,
 To forget all tensions for a while.
 When someone acts like a shield which defends,
 When someone shows you warmth and care,
 And shares your hopes and dreams.
 When there is only trust and no pretence,
 When someone's shoulders are there to cry on,
 Your deepest feelings to confide in and rely on.
 If you have such a person sharing your life,
 You must realize you are on the luckier side.
 Because only fortunate lives are shared from the beginning till the end
 With an exuberantly nice person
 Whom the world calls a friend.
 A real friendship never ends.
 I consider true friendship a solace and a boon.

PUJA GIYA
 XII - 'B'

STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- AB - Activate you Brain
- CD - Commence your Display
- EF - Execute into the Future
- GH - Glow with Health
- IJ - Imagine your Journey
- KL - Know your Limits
- MN - Meet your Needs
- OP - Observe the Pinnacle
- QR - Question and Rectify
- ST - Step without Temper
- UV - Update your Vision
- WX - Workout and X-eed
- YZ - You will experience Zen

compiled by,
V. SUKANYA ABIGAIL
 VIII - 'A'

PREPARE THE BALANCE SHEET OF YOUR LIFE.

Our birth is our Opening Balance.
 Our death is our Closing Balance.
 Our prejudiced views are our Liabilities.
 Our Creative Ideas are our Assets.
 Health is our Current Asset.
 Soul is our Fixed Asset.
 Brain is our Fixed Deposit.
 Thinking is our Current Account.
 Achievements are our Capital.
 Character and Morals are our Stock in Trade.
 Friends are our General reserves.
 Values & Behaviour are our Goodwill.
 Patience is our Interest earned.
 Love is our Dividend.
 Children are our Bonus Issues.
 Knowledge is our Investment.
 Experience is our premium Account.
 The aim is to tally the Balance sheet accurately.



compiled by,
C. LAKSHMI - VIII'A'

THE ALPHABET STREET OF FRIENDSHIP

Always Be honest. Would you want them to lie to you?
Be there when they need you or you may wind up alone.
Cheer them on. We all need encouragement now and then.
Don't look for their faults.
Encourage their dreams.
Forgive them. You too may do something wrong sometimes
Get together often. Misery loves company and so does joy.
Have faith in them. The human animal is remarkable
Include them, you need to be included sometimes, too.
Just be there when they need you
Know when they need a hug.
Love them whole heartedly,
Make them feel special.
Never forget them; who wants to be forgotten?
Offer to help them.
Praise them honestly and openly.
Quietly disagree, noisy no's make enemies
Really listen, a friendly ear is a soothing balm.
Say you're sorry. Don't let them assume.
Talk frequently, communication is important.
Use good Judgement
Verbalize your feelings.
Wish them luck, hopefully good.
Xamine your motives before you "Help" out
Your words count, use them wisely.

compiled by,
Chintamani,
 VIII - 'A'

RIDDLES

Catch the specialties in the names of famous "Authors, Poets, Novelists"

1. Author having a doll - Leo **Tolstoy**.
2. Timid author - Noel **Coward**
3. Author having attached thread - Rabindranath **Tagore**
4. Author having a special type of monkey - Edward **Gibbon**
5. Author having a jewel and a male deer - **Pearl. S. Buck**
6. Beware of a weapon in this author's name - John **Gunther**.
7. Author possessing a number of springs oozing water - H.G. **Wells**
8. Author surrounded by an outer covering of the body - John **Ruskin**
9. Author possessing precious yellow metal- Oliver - **Goldsmith**
10. Poet in a frozen state - Robert **Frost**.

J. VIMAL IX - 'A'

FISHY FACTS

The only fish that can live both in land and water are Mudskipper, Climbing Perch, Lung-fish and Snakehead.

The Tilapia fish takes the newly born Tilapia fish in the mouth and protects them until they become young. It is also called as 'mouth breeder'.

The Minnow fish is a very small fish. It has no weapons to protect itself. So they form a group which resembles a big fish. It is done to protect it from other big animals.

The Globe fishes are very small. The Globe fish buffs itself into a very big fish and threatens away its enemies.

Like Chameleon, the only fish that can change colour is Founder. Its own colour is white.

KARTHIKEYAN
IX - 'A'



OASIS OF A MIRAGE

Insecurity; inferiority; internally condemned,
Living on borrowed time in my private hell.
Shackles are broken, can no longer pretend,
I saw my dreams walk through death's Portal.

I bide my time to bid goodbye,
Come to me thou are so sublime.
Bit by bit I am living to die,
If it is a sin, sin is no crime.

Knock on my door, take my hand,
The world I had is no longer there.
When love walked away with the drifting sand,
It buried the pain I couldn't share.

The fire that stoked the fading embers
Has sealed the wounds unseen but raw.
I burn to forget what my mind remembers:
A nightmare of the perfect dream I never saw.

The wounds of hate erased leave just scars,
But the love of you drilled the deepest hole of all.
Sucked out of the love that never was,
The shards of life shatter each time I fall.

K.S. Lakshmi
English Teacher
Editor

LOSA (LAKSHMI OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION)

9th to 11th JULY - 2004.

18th Annual State - wide Inter - School Cultural fest.

COMPETITION DETAILS

Events	Prize	Name	Class
Collage	III Prize	- Puja Giya	XII 'A'
		Uma Devi	XII 'A'
Potpourri	I Prize	- Deepan Shanmugam	XII 'A'
		P. Pravin	XII 'A'
		Naveen Suresh	XII 'B'
Foot loose	I Prize	- Deepika Bokadiya	XII 'B'
Choreography	I Prize	- Deepika Bokadiya	XII 'B'
		Deepika Nathan	XII 'A'
		Deepika Kothari	XII 'B'
		Srilekha Jain	XII 'B'
		Aasha	XII 'A'
Light Music	I Prize	Kaavya Mohan	XII 'A'
		Bharadhan	XII 'A'
		Abishek	IX 'A'
		Nishanth	X 'B'
		Daniel	X 'A'
		Deepika Nathan	XII 'A'
		Sai Prasanth	XI
		S. Sawmya	XII 'A'
Traditions of India	Second Prize	Kavya Mohan	XII 'A'
	Third Prize	Abdul Rehman	XII 'B'
	Consolation	Chetan	XII 'A'

Overall II Place in Losa

Cricket Discipline Shield - Mr. Manohar Das - Coach

Horlicks Whiz Kid Competition

Greeting Card Preparation	I Prize	- Sreemathi	XII 'A'
Cookery	I Prize	- Sathyapriya	XI 'A'
Mehandi Design	II Prize	- Sneha	VI 'C'

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Dear Jeevanties,

It is a great feeling to address my alma matter from abroad. Jeevana was the place were I did my schooling right from L.K.G. to 12th. So it was my second home.

Many of you studying over there may still not know the quality of education that you get there. You will realize that only when you come in contact with students from other schools. And I realized it during my under graduation. You make a lot of difference. A positive difference. Apart from the education the personal care given by the staff members is unmatched. If you are going to utilize all the facilities provided by Jeevana I am sure that you will have a personality that is complete.

From my personal experience I can tell you that whatever I am today, is because of the fact that I studied in Jeevana. Even the tiniest of events meant so much to me. For instance the morning meditation that we had before the classes started was a beautiful way to relax and concentrate which I follow till today. The words "LET NOBLE THOUGHTS COME TO YOU FROM ALL SIDES" still ring deep inside me.

I am sure you still have a period called Talent Time. It was a wonderful time. It was the time we used to prune our talents in debates, Jam, quiz etc. All these events actually contribute a lot when you come outside your school environment. I must mention the principles and values taught in Jeevana are very ideal. Especially the ideas of J. Krishnamurthi. It was from Jeevana that I learnt that "ROTE MEMORISATION DOES NOT LEAD TO TRUE EDUCATION."

Perhaps these were the words that has made me what I am today because in the field of advanced research you must have depth of knowledge in whatever you are dealing with, so, that phrase was my first step. Now here in Sweden things are very different. The education provided here is very advanced in the masters level. You can stay in the race only if you are really fit. I can tell you that Jeevana gives you that platform from which global competing is very much possible.

I usually don't advise people, I give suggestions only when asked for. But I take the liberty to share with my little student friends out there a very important fact that there is no substitute for hard work. In today's world it is just not enough if you work hard, it is also important that you work smart.

When hard work is coupled with smart work then it will give beautiful results. I am telling this to you out of experience. I have always been very careful that I worked towards excellence and not towards perfection, because perfection is relative. Oops, physics again, let me simplify it. What you may consider as perfect may not be so for your friend and vice versa. But excellence is one and all for the same. This is very important when you work at any level be it for the public exam or the next level in college.

It is also very important that you as students must realize the fact that you must never forget your teachers and the institution through which you have come.

As a last note I would like to tell you all that enjoy your days in Jeevana as you may not get one another time.

It was really nice to share a few out of the many thoughts about my days in Jeevana that still remain green in my memory.

Friends have a nice time and all 'the' best in all your efforts.

Thank you,

I am and will remain truly yours

N. PIO PETER NIRAJ.

Sports Day 2004



Come rain or shine, the walk of life continues



Where's my little Red Riding Hood?



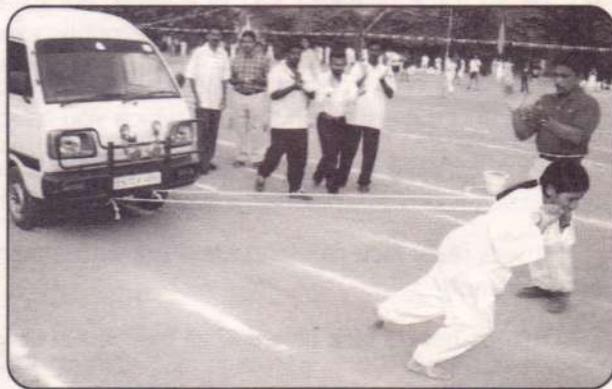
For the dedicated sky is the limit.



Crouching tigers and flying dragon.



Amaging feats.



Girl against Machine - Niveditha - IX 'C'



JEEVANA SCHOOL

From the Chairman's desk

I have noticed that in the last few years Madurai is changing at a very fast pace and as an Educational Institution we have to help the children of Madurai feel that they are capable of competing with the children of major cities like Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata etc. It was with this in mind that Jeevana started the IIT-JEE classes. The next academic year, we are starting classes for AIEEE and also AIIMS. However, for all this it is essential that students have a sense of "Work Culture".

While in the metropolises, students have a developed sense of work culture. It still remains an alien term to students in Madurai. Rote-memorization of lessons has become a habit, so much so that they find it very difficult to think independently in application of concepts which would help them to analyse problems and arrive at solutions. Effective planning for (i) the entire academic year (ii) the term (iii) the month (iv) the week and (v) the day are all essential prerequisites. The student must also be in a position to analyse her / his strengths and weaknesses.

Self-analysis and determination to take remedial steps will help the student to develop self-confidence and embark in the right direction in the journey of life. Going through the concepts, before the topic is dealt with in the class, will help in understanding the concepts better. Finally, students must never stop improving upon their previous performance.

Also students specially in Madurai are lagging behind in Time Management. A few interesting articles regarding Time Management have been included in this Newsletter. I am sure students will benefit from this.

We, at Jeevana, are trying to help our students work effectively and develop a work culture which would help them throughout their life. With the co-operation of parents this can certainly be achieved.

M.S. Iyengar

Blame not the darkness, light a candle

The JEEVAÑA LEO Club's Investiture and Installation Ceremony was held on 15.7.04. The "Kuthuvillaku" was lit by our beloved Principal, Mrs. Nirmaia Visveshwaran. (Photo).

At the solemn ceremony the Leos took an oath that the glowing lamp offered to them by our Principal will always be kept shining. The lamp's radiating 'brightness' illuminated the 'Malalal Iilam' on 14.8.2004. Next, it reached Pammenpatti to brighten the Diwali celebrations. The Leos donated new dresses, cakes, chocolates, pencils, slates, notebooks, chalk piece boxes etc., to the Elementary School there. On behalf of the Jeevanites, they also donated an Emergency lamp, bed sheets and mats, etc., to the hostel. The conditions there were such that we must count our blessings every day.

The Leo Club Adviser, Ms. Suriya Devi, and the Leo members thank our beloved Principal from the bottom of our hearts, for giving us tremendous encouragement and looking into each and every minute aspect of our Project to make it into a successful, well planned trip.

Ms. M.B. SURIYA DEVI,
LEO-CLUB ADVISOR.



Service to man is service to God.

BULLETIN BOARD**PARENTS' OPINION WANTED**

- 1) The School's management invites Parents' opinion regarding the continuation of the Newsletter. As parents, please, let us know your feed-back on how useful or informative you find the Newsletter to be in your ward's academic life.
2. A section of parents have opined that the school should adopt a 5-day-week schedule of work. Please give us your opinion as to whether you feel that the school should work on Saturdays.
3. Some of the parents have mooted the idea of car-pooling to conserve time and fuel. Please give us the feed back on the same.
4. Parents can meet Teachers every weekday between 3.10 and 4.10 p.m. with prior appointment. On Saturdays Teachers can be met between 1.30 and 2.30 p.m.
1. Please note that the Admissions Prospectus (Application Forms) is available at the office of Jeevana School. Admissions are open to all classes, right from Pre-KG from December 2004.

CHILDREN'S DAY - JEEVANA SENIOR SECTION

PONMENI JUNIOR SECTION PRE-SCHOOL TO II STD.

Our second term of the Academic year marked the opening of festivities and competitions.

Jeevanites fetch laurels to the school wherever they compete. In the Vei's Vista conducted by Velammal Matric School Jeevana bagged the overall trophy. We stood 1 in 4 competitions.

Our Children's Day was celebrated in a grand manner. A unique feature in Jeevana is the 'Bonny Baby' contest for the Pre-school and Fancy Dress conducted for L.K.G & U.K.G children. Class I & II children are given an opportunity to test their memory skills in the memory game.

Children assembled for the celebration adorned in their party caps and best dresses. Teachers entertained the children by performing on stage. Children enjoyed the comedy play given by the KG teachers.

Diwali and Ramzan celebrations brought about more joy and children had a small get together sharing sweets and savouries.

Jeevana has various activities and functions throughout the academic year : Badging Ceremony, Sports Day, Vinayagar Chadurthi, Independence Day, Teachers Day, Children's Day, Diwali, Christmas, Pongal, Annual Day.

Children are given an opportunity to exhibit their talent on stage, which is a training period for their future.

On the Academic side, more stress is given on English, Maths and spoken English to develop the writing skills, Comprehension and speaking skills of our children. Children do lot of extra work in English and Maths other than their usual lessons.

I take this opportunity to thank our Chairman who has given us all facilities and freedom to provide an excellent atmosphere for all our Jeevanites.

N. Rajalakshmi.
Headmistress,
Ponmeni Junior Section.

Jeevana School Ponmeni Junior Section

Outside Competitions

I Velammal Matric Hr. Sec School Vel vista Childern's Day competition Results.

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|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. R. Nandakumar | - UKG 'C' | - III Prize in Fancy dress |
| 2. S. Sooraj | - UKG 'A' | - I Prize in Action song |
| 3. R. Nanny Garisha | - UKG 'A' | - I Prize in Story Telling |
| 4. Chintha Rishitha | - II Std 'B' | - I Prize in Story Telling |
| 5. V. Kaveri | - II Std 'A' | - I Prize in Dance. |

II. VMJ LAKSHANA & OVIYA

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| 1. Eleasha figredo | - UKG 'A' | - II Prize in Story Telling |
| 2. Georgina Rufus | - II Std 'A' | - I Prize in Story Telling |

III. Mahatma Montessori Matriculation Higher Secondary School Reflection - 2004.

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| 1. R. Nanny Garisha | - UKG 'A' | - II Prize in Action song |
| 2. Eleasha Figredo | - UKG 'A' | - I Prize in Hotch patch |
| 3. V. Kaveri | - II Std 'A' | - I Prize in Hipply Hipply
Hop Fancy Dress |
| 4. Varsha Vasundra | - UKG 'A' | - Consolation - Hotch Patch |
| 5. Nakul Kohli | - II Std 'B' | - II Prize in Krack your
Brain (Memory Game). |

Ponmeni Junior Section

1. **Srinath** of Std. V won I place in Madurai District Chess tournament.
2. **Durga** of Std. IV won I Prize in All India Level Karate Competition.
3. **S. Kaushik** of Std. V got runner up in Mini Cadet and Cadet.
4. In the V.M.J. School Competition, **DeivanaI** of Std. III won III Prize in Drawing and **Varshini** of Std. IV won III Prize in Light Music.

Madurai District Yoga Association Age Group - 5 to 8

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|-----------------------------|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 1. V. Aravinth Raj | II Prize | | (Twisting) |
| 2. M. Senthil Kumar | II Prize | 3 A | (Common) |
| 3. Vignesh Sairam | II Prize | 3 A | (Backwards) |
| 4. V. Palaniappan | III Prize | 3 C | (Common) |
| 5. M.S. Muthuvel Raj | IV Place | 3 B | (Common) |

Girls

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|---------------------|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 1. M. Pooja | III Prize | 3 B | (Backwards) |
| 2. Shrinisha | III Prize | 3 A | (Standing) |

Boys - Age Group (9 to 11)

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|--------------------------------|----------|-----|-------------|
| 1. R. Viswanath | I Prize | 5 A | (Backwards) |
| 2. M. Natarajan | II Prize | 5 C | (Balancing) |
| 3. M. Kesav Sundar | IV Prize | 5 B | (Common) |
| 4. M. Sudala Mada Durai | V Prize | 5 A | (Backwards) |

Girls - Age Group (9 to 11)

1. **Devika .S** II Prize 4 B (Forward)
2. **S. Vidhya** I Prize 4 B (Standing)
3. **R. Varshini** II Prize 4 C (Backward)
4. **Kaushik** of 5 B was runner up in Mini Cadet and Semi Finals in Cadet in Inter-School Table Tennis Tournament on 1.11.2004.

Velammal School Competitions

1. **U. Nivedha** III Prize IV Fancy Dress
2. **S. Sulochana** III Prize V Dance
3. **Vicky Mohan** I Prize V Clay Modelling
4. **Subbliah** II Prize V Art from Waste
5. **Pooja** II Prize III Light Music

In the Mahatma School Nature Buzz competition, Shenbagaraman and Akshay Kumar of Std. IV got II Prize. In the T.V.S. Quiz, our children got II Prize. It was conducted on 28.11.2004 (Vicky Mohan of Std. V and Shenbagaraman of Std. IV)

In the Chess Tournament conducted by Swathi Chess Academy, U. Nivedha of Std. IV, Durga of Std. IV and Sulochana of Std. V won TOP Grade Level. It was conducted on 4.12.2004.

Children's Day Celebration

Our Jeevana School celebrated the Children's Day on the 8th of last month on a very grand scale. The kids studying in the Nursery section took active part and there were a number of events, and special mention goes to the 'Jokers Dumb Charades' and the dance performance by the teachers. Competitions were enacted. The participation by the Pre-KG students has to be specially mentioned, in which the tiny tots displayed a free exhibition of their natural talents. The KG students dressed themselves in a variety of ways. There was Saraswathi, Abdul Kalaam, Tamil poet Bharathiyar, Lord Muruga, Lord Krishna and Lotus etc.,. The parents of the students attended the function and they enjoyed very much and appreciated Jeevana, and indeed the function was a very grand success. Thanks to the sustained efforts of the teachers, students, the parents and the non-teaching staff of Jeevana. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our Headmistress who has been a constant guiding light to all of us.

Mrs. Jayanthi Ramkumar
Mother of R. Nandha kumar
U.K.G. - C
Ponmeni Jr. School



To My dead Grandmother

My heart is filled with love
For you, my dear Grandma
I can't forget you
For ever, my Grandma.

You are now a star
twinkling in the sky
you bring a smile to my lips
When I look at you.

Your memories will never fade
though you have gone away;
your love, your touch, your smile
in my mind will always stay.

S. Nisha, II - A
Ponmeni Jr.Sec

Smartie-My Teddy

I have a toy teddy
And my sister named it smartie
He plays with me always
And his home is a showcase
His skin is yellow
And he is a jolly fellow
I love my pet teddy
For he is not only smartie
But also a cutie.

S.M. Krithika Lakshmi
II-A, Jeevana School
Ponmeni Jr.Sec

CATHY'S TEA PARTY

One afternoon, deep down at the bottom of the ocean, Cathy the crab was giving a tea party.

That morning she had made lots of iced buns, a very Fancy cake and two huge plates of seaweed sandwiches.

In the afternoon when she laid the table, Cathy set out eight plates and eight cups and saucers.

"How many guests are coming to the tea party?" asked a cheeky little fish passing by.

"I've invited one guest, giggled Cathy. It's Ollie, the Octopus!"

"I need a plate for each of my eight arms", laughed Ollie as he put a delicious cake onto every plate.

V. Kaveri, II - A
Jeevana Jr.Sec, Ponmeni.

A Day With Grandma

My Grandma plays with me,
My Grandma asks riddles to me!
My Grandma and mother play chess,
Sometimes my Grandma gives me cheese.
One fine day she bought me a big chocolate,
But I ate it very late!

I love to play with my Grandma,
She helps me to read Champak, Wisdom etc
Grandma and I look after our garden
I love my Grandma.

A. JOEL
Std. III
Jeevana - VSP

Paint-Box

A Real Goofball



Abo Bucker Siddique, II-C
Ponmeri Jr. Sec.

Musn't Skip Fitness



M.G. Vinieth Kumar
VI std, VSP

It takes two to Tango



A. Manisha, II Std
VSP

Slam Dunk



S. Jillian, IX-C
Jeevana School

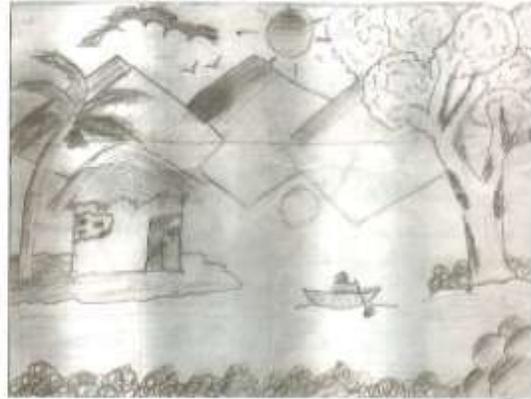
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A Place Named Serenity



S. Fenny Oliver, VII
Jeevana-Visalakshipuram

Lake Placid



Tirua Jeevan, VIII
Jeevana-Visalakshipuram

A House like no other



P.G. Swathi, I-C
Ponmeni Junior

The cycle of life



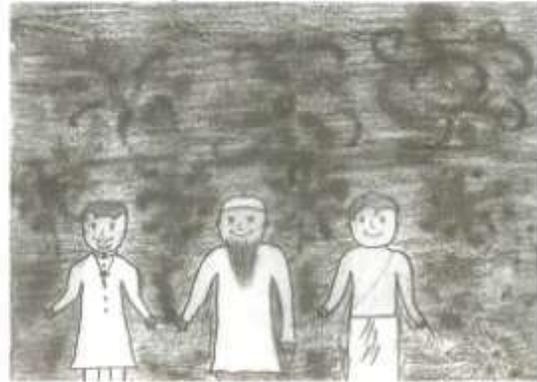
R. Raga Niyanthri, II-A
Ponmeni

Catnapping Paint-Box



S. Niriksha, I-B
Ponmeni Jr. Sec.

Amar Akbar Anthony?



G. Harshini, II-A
Jeevana - Ponmeni

It happens only in India



S. Ajaey
II-A - Jeevana-Ponmeni

A Selection of Prize - Winners**I Adore**

This is a small poem in which I express my feelings:

I adore your love
For it fills my heart with joy
I adore your care
For it makes my world bright.

I adore your touch
For it makes me feel safe.
I adore your friendship
For you are the sister I never had.

I adore your encouragement
For it makes me reach for the stars.
I adore your acceptance
For it makes me feel proud.

I adore your understanding
For it makes me happy and fine.
I adore, above all, your presence
For you are my darling mother.

VICKY NOEL MOHAN, V-A.
Ponmeni Jr. Sec.

Mother-Creator of love

O God!
Great Invaluable creation!
Mother!
I love my mother.
Yes, none is equal to mum
I owe my soul to her.

she is a creator of me,
As she had me in her for months of ten.

she is a beautiful mum
And a dutiful wife.

she is a feather mail,
Her love to us never fails.

she is my god!
I do not know why?
I should do for her something?

Future, I should make her proud to
say "I am Anu's mum"

by **C. ANU** - V - (VSP)

My Mother

I love my mother.
she is always caring.
she taught me sharing.
I always wonder,
Why she never commits blunder.
She gives me lots of love,
I don't know how.
She is always nice,
with twinkle in her eyes.
She is my best friend,
Gets me dresses of trend.
she expects me to be perfect.
she is also my teacher.

S.P. Shivani, II-A
Visalakshipuram.

My Mother

She, who enchants me with her love,
She, who makes me laugh and smile;
She, who cares and lifts me up;
She, who sheds tears for me;
She, who wipes my tears away;
She, who opens her arms for me;
She, who knows more about me;
She, who spends all day for me;
She, who is the sole reason
for all the goodness in my life.
She.....
She is my mother.

T.Pragadeesh, III - A,
Visalakshipuram

10th November in Visalakshipuram

If people are asked to stick to the given format, they would not even give a thought to come up with new ideas. But our Chairman, Mr. Iyengar, always likes to try out something new. He gives creativity a boost by allowing change and the freedom to believe that it can make a difference. And believe me, it does make a difference.

One can be creative in one's own small ways. It is said, "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." Hence, we planned to have competitions on 10th November, 2004 as Children's Day Celebration was scheduled on that day. For the children of Visalakshipuram, 10th of November was a memorable day. A variety of competitions were held. Right from KG classes to Std. VII, all the students were buzzing with activity. Why wouldn't they? It was a day when they needn't touch their books. All they had to do was to participate in creative work like Rangoli, Clay Modeling, Greeting Card making etc.

The highlight of the programme was the speech given by Mr. Irai Anbu, IAS, Commissioner of Disciplinary Proceedings, who is a spiritual and true motivator of young hearts and spirits. It was apt to have this unique and wonderful person as the Chief Guest, because his works and speech have kindled hidden aspirations in thousands of youth. Even his silent observation spoke volumes of his genuine concern and admiration for the children. He urged the students to be true to themselves and told them to be courageous.

After this, KG classes had Fancy Dress Competition, Rakshita of LKG, dressed up as a vegetable vendor, with a cell phone, stole the show. Varun of UKG, dressed up as vegetable boy, could contain himself no longer; when he stepped down the stage he ate the carrots from his 'Vegetable garland'. We were rendered temporarily speechless when we saw the kids of Std. III, Std. IV and Std V were engrossed in making attractive Greeting Cards, masks, flowers out of paper, and origami. Students of Std. VI to Std. VIII were engaged in making mouth-watering delicacies and playing with colours. Their involvement and the miraculous skill they possessed were truly amazing. When the children saw their own creation, they were thrilled. I was delighted to see the kids pleased with their handiwork.

What is education for, if not to make the children think; provide opportunities to exploit; exhibit their skills and to help them identify their talents.

V. PADMA CHANDRA SEKAR,
HEADMISTRESS,
JEEVANA - VSP

JEEVANA, VISALAKSHIPURAM**VMJ School - 13.10.04
Lakshana & Oviya Competition**

1. Lakshana Liberty	S. Dwarak	VIII	} I Prize
	P. Arunachalam	VIII	
	N. Roopak kumar	VII	
	I. Deepak Arunmozhi	VIII	
	S. Swathi chandra	VIII	
	S. Harshitha	VIII	
	S. Sourabh Jindal	VIII	
2. Light Music	R. Sudharsan	V	I Prize
3. Story-Telling	S. Dharsan	I	I Prize
4. Clay modelling	M. Lakshmi Rajan	III-B	I Prize
5. Art from waste	Krithika prasad	IV	III Prize

Wild Life Painting Competition 8-10-04

1. J. David Lenoard	VI	I Prize
2. J. Palaniappan	VI	II Prize
3. S. Swathi chandra	VII	III Prize

Swimming Competition at Jain Vidyalaya, Thiruppalai 16.10.04

1. R.P.S. Bala Adethian	IV	} Free	II Prize
R. Karthick Raja	IV		
2. S. Harshitha	VII	Relay	II Prize

Rotary club of Madurai, South 19.10.04

Word Building	J.V. Deepthi	VI	I Prize
	S.P. Shivani	III-A	II Prize

Thirukkural Recitation Competition 23.10.04. VKK Play group School

S. Shakin Aravinkdh	III-B	III Prize
N. Dinesh	IV	Consolation Prize.

**Madurai District Yoga Competitions 17.10.04.
Age Group 9 to 11**

1. S. Akilan	V	Balancing	I Prize
2. S. Raji	IV	Balancing	II Prize
3. M. Jegadeesh	V	Balancing	III Prize
4. S. Krishna moorthy	V	Balancing	I Prize
5. Yunnus Zariq. Y.Z.	VI	Forward	I Prize
6. N.R.K. Shrugaram	IV	Backward	III Prize

**I Tamil Nadu Yoga Sports Championship - 2004
XVI Tamil Nadu State Yoga Championship - 2004
(16th and 17th October, 2004)**

AGE Group Below 5

1. S. Ketharini	UKG	Standing	II Prize
		Twisting	II Prize
		Backward	IV Prize

AGE - 5 to 8

2. S. Sarvesh Swaroop Shankar	III A	Standing	III Prize
		Twisting	V Prize

Mahatma Reflection 2004 (6-11-2004)

1. Art from waste	Monisha Prasad	VIII	II Prize
2. Vegetable carving	S. Abinesh	VI	I Prize
3. Sandwich making	Md. Iqbal. H.	VI	II Prize
4. Drawing & Colouring	J. Charumeena	I	I Prize
	Rm. Gowri	I	II Prize
5. Story telling	V. Dhanvanth Raj	I	I Prize
6. Skip and toe	R. Shankar Mahesh	UKG	III Prize

Velvesta 2004 (20-11-2004) Velammal Mat. School, Thiruppuvanam

Story-Telling	V. Dhanvanth Raj	I Std	II Prize
Fancy Dress	Aarifah. M.	III B Std	II Prize
Art from Waste	Krithika Prasad	IV Std	I Prize
Clay Modelling	Priya. P. Mehta	V Std	III Prize
Music Level - IV	Yunnus Zariq	VI Std	II Prize
Music Level - III	R. Sudharsan	V Std	I Prize
Veg. Carving	Monisha Prasad	VIII Std	II Prize
Elocution (Eng)	S. Dwarak	VIII Std	III Prize
Dance	M. Sahana	VII Std	I Prize

Events in II Term (P.T. Meet)

19-10-2004	- Pre K.G. to III STD
20-10-2004	- IV to VIII
9th Nov '04	- Diwali & Ramzan Celebration
10th Nov '04	- Children's Day Celebration
	Chief Guest : Mr. Irai Anbu IAS.



Priyadarshan and Prasanna receiving the former CBI Director, Mr. Karthikeyan.

K. PRIYADARSHAN

1. Tamil Nadu State Championship - Under II boys - placed II - in Chennai - October.
2. He represented Tamil Nadu in the National Under - II boys Chess Championship held at Delhi in Oct. 2004 - Rank - 10th.
3. Will be representing India in the forth coming Asean Youth Chess Under - II boys Chess Championship to be held at Singapore from 10th to 18th Dec., 2004.

Potpourri A Paragraph on C.C. Activities

The name of our school is Jeevana. It has two branches : one in Visalakshipuram and the other branch is in Ponmeni Jayanagar. In Ponmeni there is a big ground to play many games. And there is a big swimming pool. There are many classes and sections. From VSP, we go to Ponmeni school for our C.C. Activities. While going in the bus we chat and ask quiz questions. On our way to Ponmeni, we see a lot of vehicles making traffic jam in the signal. When we reach there our class teacher, Miss. Prudence, always stresses us to stand in a line and to behave properly. There, first we go to classes like Guitar, Vocal, Art, Mridangam, Violin, Stitching etc. From these classes, the children should compulsorily select one activity. Our next class is computer Class. In our computer class there are more than 30 computers and our Computer Master, Mr. Francis Sahayaraja, allows us to operate on these computers. In this class our Master sometimes teaches us lessons. Our next class is swimming. This is my classmates' favourite period and our swimming Master, Mr. Vadivel, teaches us swimming. Our Games teachers teach us many new games. After finishing our games period, again our class teacher stresses to stand in line and go by walking to the bus. Then in the bus again we eat our snacks, chat and go to VSP. This day is like field trip for us every week. So we thank Mr. Iyengar for making this sort of arrangements and making us happy.

Syndia, Yunnus & Sadiq
JEEVANA - VSP

Try this out

Mr. See and Mr. Soar were old friends. See owned a saw and Soar owned a seesaw. Now See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw before Soar saw See, which made Soar sore. Had Soar seen See's saw before See saw Soar's seesaw, then See's saw would not have sawed Soar's seesaw. But See saw Soar and Soar's seesaw before Soar saw See's saw, so See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw. It was a shame to let See see Soar so sore just because See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw

Contributed by
Vaishali,
IX 'C'.

Don't delete this because it looks weird.

Believe it or not you can read it. I cdnuolt blveiee taht I cluod aulacily uesdnatnrd waht I was rdgnieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hmuan mnid Aoccdnig to a rscheearch af Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mttfer iwahit ordet the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoatnt tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be in the rghit pclaæ. The rset can be a toof| mses and you can still raed it wouthit c porbelm. Tihis is bcuseae the huamn mnin deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Amzanig huh? Yaeh and awlyas thought slpeling was ipmoranttl.

Contributed by
Mrs. Padma, HM (VSP)

Potpourri

Caught in the rain

When I was caught in the rain,
My legs froze in pain,
When my limbs grew chill,
My hands became still.

When my legs were shaking,
My toes were sleeping,
While the pigs were screaming,
My brain was dreaming

I asked a man for help,
He was looking plump.
He led me safely to my home,
With my toy cell phone.

J. Palaniappan,
Std. VI
Jeevana - VSP

Holiday

My Holiday was fun
And on my way to Madras I ate a bun
I bought a cake,
It was baked,
In a hotel whose name is Traffic Jam,
I ate a bread with chill jam.
We bought a light,
And it was bright
It was not nice
When I saw mice.
I took a broom
To clean my room
Above the woodland I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

J. David Leonard
Std. VI
Jeevana, VSP

School Days

Of happy moments was the life,
Called the days of school life.
Friendships that never could be broken,
We had a very big and active family.
And we used to live very happily.
It was the last day we were together,
And came the time we had to leave each other.
Tears arose in our eyes,
Soon red and sore became the sky.
The birds began to fly.
They flew very high,
And our ambitions
Touched the sky.

Monisha Prasad
VIII, Jeevana - VSP

Newspaper

Newspapers tell us what is happening in the world around us. If we do not read newspapers, we will remain ignorant of what is happening in our own country and in other countries. A good newspaper gives us information about all the important incidents that have taken place in the world during the past twenty-four hours. It gives us information about what is happening in the field of politics, sports, films, social welfare, crime, stock and shares, etc. Newspaper not only gives news but also comments on what is happening in the country.

T.N. Manoj Kumar,
Std. VI
Jeevana - VSP

Limericks

1. There was a young lady of Crete,
Who was so exceedingly neat,
When she got out of bed,
She stood on her head,
To make sure of not soiling her feet.
2. There was a young lady of Niger,
Who smiled as she rode on a tiger
They came back from the ride,
With the lady inside,
And the smile on the face of the tiger.
3. There was an old man from Peru
Who dreamed he was eating the shoe,
He woke in a fright
In the middle of the night,
And found it was perfectly true.
4. There was an old man who said "Do
Tell me how I should add two and two?
I think more and more
That it makes about four
But I fear that is almost too few".

Compiled by:
B. Aarthy,
VIII Std, Jeevanti (VSP).

Everyday Things

Millionaires, presidents - even kings
Can't get along without everyday things.
Were you president, King or millionaire,
You'd use a comb to comb your hair.
If you wished to be clean - and you would, I hop
Take a bath with water and soap.
And you'd have to eat - if you wanted to eat
Bread and vegetables, fish and meat
While your drink for breakfast would probably be
Milk or chocolate, coffee or tea.
You'd have to wear - you could hardly refuse
Underclothes, outer clothes, stocking and shoes
If you wanted to make a reminding note,
You'd take a pencil out of your coat
And you couldn't sign a letter I think,
Without using a pen and ink.
If you wanted to read, you'd be sure to look
At a newspaper, magazine or book;
And if it happened that you were ill,
You'd down some oil or choke on a pill
If you had a cold I can only suppose
You'd use a handkerchief for your nose
When you wanted to rest your weary head,
Like other folks, you'd to hop into bed.
Millionaires, Presidents - even kings
Can't get along without everyday things.

Compiled by:
P. Ramya Jennifer,
VII 'B'

Jokes

1. A man goes to a hotel and after eating the food, goes to wash his hands and he starts washing the wash basin. The manager of the hotel asked, "Why are you washing the wash basin?" The man points to the written word "Wash Basin".
2. A man went to watch a movie. He was repeatedly buying the movie tickets so the ticket seller asked him the reason. The man replied, "A stupid man near that door is tearing my tickets."
3. A man wanted to make an STD call to Haryana. Can you guess what he did? Simple, he went to Haryana and made a local call.
4. Two men were planting a bomb in a car.
Man 1 : What shall we do if the bomb explodes when we are planting it?
Man 2 : Don't worry, I have got another bomb with me.
5. A furious man enters a shop and shouts, "where is my free gift with this cooking oil?"
Shopkeeper : There is nothing free with this.
Man : Then see, it's written Cholesterol free.

Vishnu Raj .R
IX - A

Essay Writing - AN IDEAL STUDENT

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam always reminds the students that their soul dwells in the house of tomorrow because he had been an ideal student for India.

It is with a deep sense of nostalgia when I think of Nehru and Gandhi. Both of them dedicated their lives for India's independence, but their dream of a united India has not come by.

As students we spend most of our time either at home or at schools and colleges. I sincerely feel, at schools and colleges, students should be taught moral values. Parents and teachers must point out castes are not important but human beings are. If an ideal student follows this, India will have many more reincarnations of Kamarajars, Rajagopalacharis, Nehrus and Gandhijis. Education is very important for the student of any nation.

An ideal student must use education as a tool to eradicate poverty and ignorance. An ideal student must know that villages are the life-line of our country. So, we must do all we could to help the people in the village.

India is a diverse country, different religions exist, different languages are spoken and food differs from place to place, so an ideal student must safeguard India's heritage and glorious part.

An ideal student must unite all the other students to make India a stronger, cleaner and a more vibrant personality in the world arena. They must rethink, re-evolve their goals and prepare their present for a glorious tomorrow.

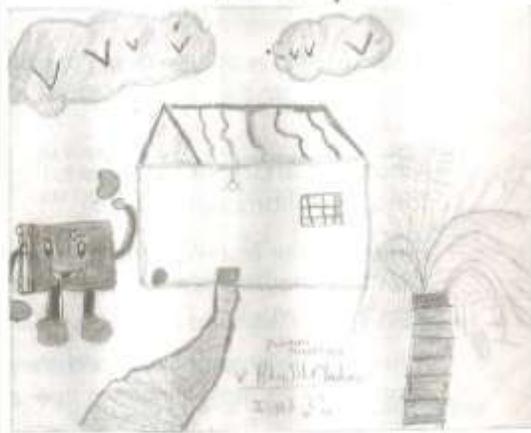
S. Dwarak
VIII - Jeevana, VSP

Give me a hi-five **Paint-Box** Welcome through the trap door.



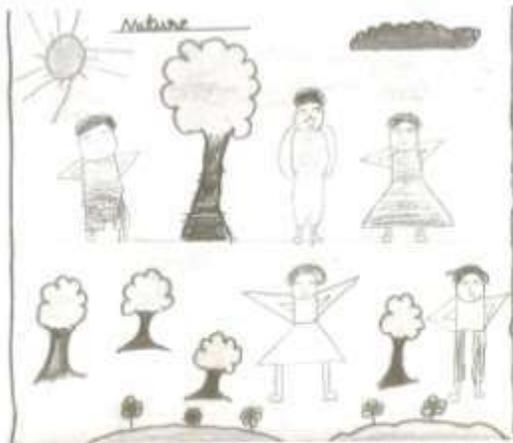
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Ponmeni Jr. Sec.



V. Bhujitmadar
I std, Ponmeni Junior Sec.

Do the spring dance



S. Akshaya, III Std
VSP

The Balancing Act



S. Charumeena, I Std
Visalakshipuram

INDIAN INVENTIONS KNOWN IN THE NAMES OF FOREIGN SCIENTISTS

(Some Specimen cases)

Invention	Originally invented by	Known in the name of Foreign scientist
Pythagorus Theorem	Boudhayana (700BC)	Pythagorus (300BC)
Plastic Surgery	Susrutha (700BC)	Joseph Constantine (1814AD)
Theory of Evolution	Gaukhama (300BC)	Charles Darwin (1800AD)
Wave Nature of sound	Gaukhama (300BC)	Huyghens (1700AD)
Blood Circulation	Charaka (300BC)	Harvey (1628AD)
Atomic Theory	Kanaada (300BC)	Dalton (1803AD)
Diameter of Earth	Aryabhata-1 (476AD)	Copernicus (1473AD)
Detn. of Square Root	Aryabhata-1 (..)	Cantnew (1546AD)
Sph. Nature of Earth	Aryabhata-1 (..)	Galileo (1564AD)
Revolution of Earth	Aryabhata-1 (..)	Kepler (1571AD)
Apogee	Aryabhata-1 (..)	Kepler (..)
Sine and Cosine	Aryabhata-1 (..)	Demoivre
Value of pi(π)	Aryabhata-1 (..)	Lindermann (1882AD)
Comets	Varahamihara (505AD)	Haley (1646AD)
Perigee	Lalacharya (748AD)	Kepler (1571AD)
Gravity	Bhaskara II (1114AD)	Newton (1642AD)
Differential Calculus	Bhaskara II ..	Newton (..)
Newton Power Series	Madhava (1350AD)	Newton (..)
Propogation of Light	Saayana (1400AD)	Newton (..)

Compiled by
Karthikeyan, IX 'A'

Ponmeni Junior Section Festival Celebrations



Hope this mike carries the prayers to God!



Santa is back on his back-breaking work.



We are the World.



Actually I'm not Pinocchio.



Find the odd one out.



Say a little prayer.

Amazing Facts

People take, on average, more than half a billion breaths during a lifetime.

Every year, an average person sheds 4 Kg of dead skin flakes, upto 30,000 hair and about 5cm of fingernail clippings.

During your lifetime, you will probably eat about 40 tonnes of food- equal to the weight of seven elephants.

In space, people grow larger-by upto 5 cm- because there is no gravity to pull their body parts downwards.

The computer of the British Meteorological office can make upto 80 billion calculations a second.

Dennison David, V 8
Ponmeni Jr.Sec

Believe it or not

1. There are more than 9000 species of birds in the world.
2. The only known poisonous bird in the world is the hooded Pit Ohul bird in New Guinea. Its skin, feathers and internal organs contain polson.
3. The Albatross lays only one egg in two years.
4. Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump.
5. An average snail moves at a rate of approximately 0.00362005 miles per hour.
6. The leech has 32 brains.
7. A snail can sleep for 3 years.

Compiled by
A.P. Archana, IX 'B'

MAC MOHAN POETRY-WRITING COMPETITION

Top Prize - winning Poem

And Then It Was Mine

I lay shivering in the dark
The scintillating hues of stars shone.
Shadows of my torrid days swept past
A heart, a love, a betrayal unknown.

I had sung with the birds;
I had danced in the rain;
I had touched the blue skies
And at the end, gone insane.

Because love is not compassion;
Love is not words and tenderness;
Love is just unleashed madness
And all the worst redefined.

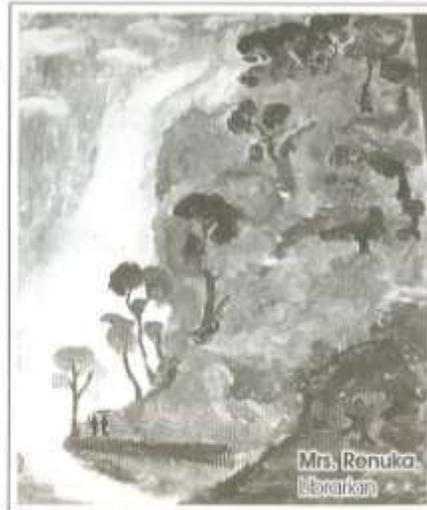
Oh, Please... Oh, Please would it never stop?
Each memory not a thought but immense pain.
Oh, Please... Oh, Please would it never stop?
My tears, my words, my defiance all in vain.

I had lost my joy
But had found some, too.
Because joy is a butterfly,
Chase it and it flies away,
Stand still and it comes to you.

My russet reds became a gently blue
So sadness here is what I say to you
'Adieu, my friend, adieu'
I had let the evil song go
It was just a gigantic, heroin high,
I had searched for happiness foolishly
In someone else eyes...

But I thank God, for at the end,
I had touched my own heart;
And looked for a beacon of light.
I had found ecstasy
And then it was forever mine.....

Deepika Nathan
XII-A



Mrs. Renuka
Ibrahim

GRAVEYARD

So lifeless and dark
is the place of the dead,
For mirthless souls are buried beneath
The ash covered mud.

In every bit of sand is
a drop of mingled tear,
Shed for their dear dead
who'll there slumber for ever.

There's an old spear
smeared with mud,
Rusted and damaged
and greatly weather-beaten.

Though bleak and aimless
its life may look,
It generously makes place
for the lifeless dead.

In a corner, two old graves
lie together,
In one sleeps the
rich master,
The poor servant
in another.
But they are no more
rich or poor;
They are dead men
Who'll not return for ever

Though deserted, dark
And haunted the graveyard may appear;
Who'll discover its mysteries
Once out of our false fear?

The air filled with
Soothing silence causes
Grey ash from
the dry heath,
Which shelters only humans
Not rich or poor beneath.

S.M. Iswarya, X^C

EUTHANASIA

The blood splattered ground stood mute
For it had no more stories to tell,
From the moment the headless torso fell
Upon the jagged uneven route.

Together they fought but, alas,
Death did do them apart:
The one who survived had his heart
Safely enclosed within treacherous walls.

He knelt beside the unfortunate one
And wiped the face off wasted blood,
Tears tickled, then flowed as flood,
Washed and salted the earth barren.

But those eyes were closed to his remorse,
As blind as they were when alive
Waiting in vain for the cure to arrive;
Now hopeless they lie where nothing grows.

He wiped his tears, his eyes were blank
Empty, devoid of all signs of life,
No more could he flee the ground of strife,
He wished he had never come back.

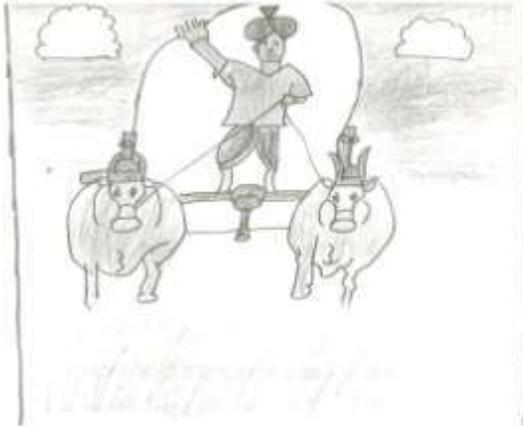
First he grinned, then gave a laugh,
As he cradled the head in his lap;
So foolishly it had fallen in the trap,
For he was the one who had chopped it off.

K.S. Lakshmi,
English Teacher, Editor.

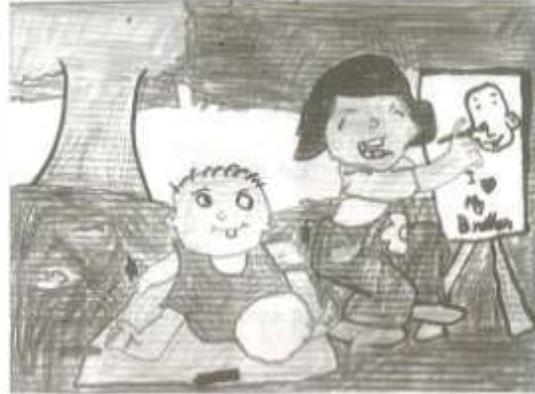
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Hi, 21st Century!

He can't read though!

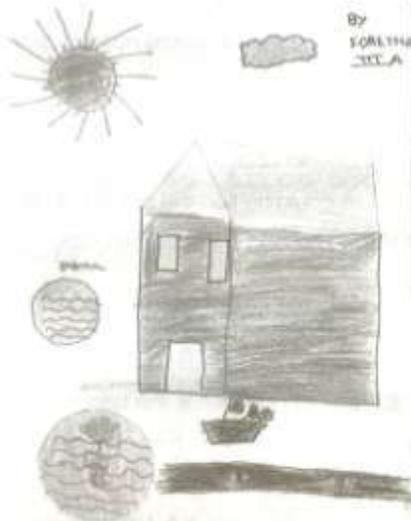


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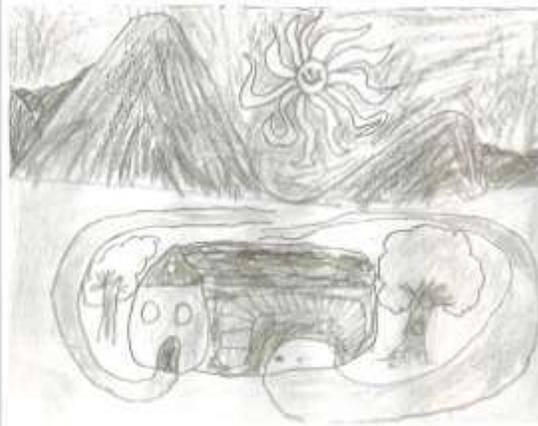
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III std, VSP

Can we float a yellow submarine here?



S. Oretha, III-A, Jeevana, VSP

Bizarro World



V. Sarvesh Swaroop Shankar, III-A
Jeevana School (VSP)

*Top Prize-winning essay***W.J. McMohan Memorial Creative-writing Competition****Topic: "Should Education be job-oriented or life oriented?"**

School, books, teachers, students are some of the things synonymous with the term education. Education in itself is associated with an institution where flocks of students meet everyday under one roof to lap up knowledge. Teachers are encumbered with the prodigious task of imparting knowledge to their pupils. Let me start with a simple rhetorical question. What is education? In the words of Henry Adams: Education is a bunch of facts covered and printed in text books. Education in lay terms is learning. How mundane, you might say, but that, my dear reader, is the simple truth we take for granted. Now coming to the point, should education gear us up for a job or for life?!. Huh!... almost miraculously in post-liberalization era school and college going students are confronted with a whole new supermarket of career choices. Once the academic year is over, parents and children rack their brains over choosing the right career path. The old belief of medicine and engineering education being the only prestigious occupation has slowly moved aside from the limelight. As, the isolationist India raced its way atop the global economy, newly crystallized ideas are affecting the "gennext". Thanks to globalization and liberalization. There is room for excellence in all notations. Mundane occupations have been replaced with exciting opportunities. Some of the hottest career paths being art and design, media and entertainment, biotechnology, IT insurance and bank; the list is endless.

As the West continues to allow us to sap up most of their ideas, we are now left in confusion as to what to choose. Therefore it becomes imperative that this task is made easy when an educational institution comes forward to give guidelines to its pupils and train them for a 'demand and supply' driven society. Take the example of WIPRO which affiliates itself with schools just so that they train teachers and parents. Their motto, "replace content heavy" with 'ability enhancing' and expand possibilities.

Dr. Amrita Dass, a London based career counsellor is of the view that both talent and knowledge go hand in hand. If an individual chooses a career that suits him aptitudinally then he does best.

In this fast pace world where every one faces the crucial winds of life, they need to survive. The only way of enjoying the benefits of life is by having a secure career where one can view their bright future over the horizon. It becomes very essential for schools to start giving them a taste of the world. Every person is a part of the mosaic called life.

Each one needs to get the necessary training in order to make the painting beautiful. Moreover, if an individual is equipped with how he or she will have to work in order to win bread, then when retirement comes, they can sit back and relax. No one enjoys labour but what profit will one gain if he is to sit on his behind all day and not contribute?

My teacher keeps reminding my class that it is not the marks one gets but the character that one builds up. That is very true, so now you might reproach me by saying that all I've penned down is that education should be job oriented. You are not quite correct because to encapsulate my approach towards this topic, John Dervey quoted that, "Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself".

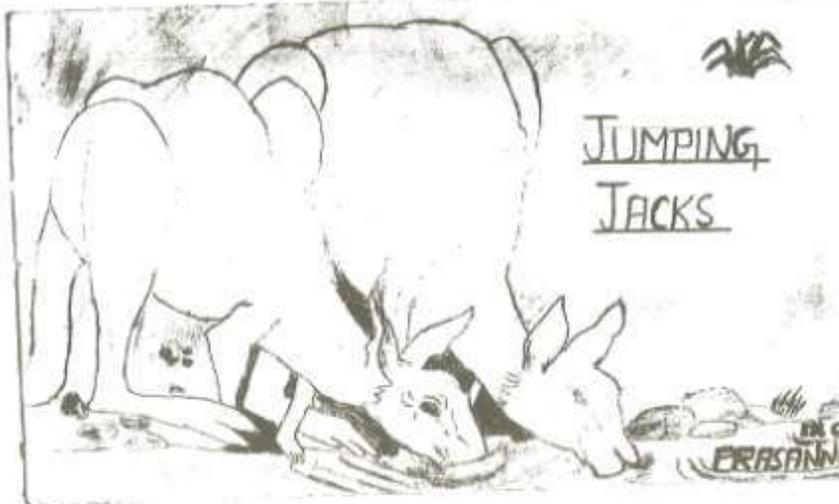
So, while lessons are being taught children automatically imbibe good values such as discipline, etiquette, etc. The development of intellectual capability should be balanced with personality development training.

Thus an equilibrium brought about by the two determining factors caters to the needs of the overall upbringing of a child.

Kimberly Jeyaraj,

XII-B

Two of a Kind



Prasanna, IX-C

VSP Independence Day Celebration



Pillars of the nation?



A Fancy Assembly



Independence Day Celebration

A Rosy Picture



Overall II Place In Jaycees Competition - Asian Paints 15th Aug. 2004 in TVS

Prize-winners



Held at Sivananda Ashram, Tanakkankulam by Tamilnadu Yoga Association

Gen-next



Investiture Ceremony. School Asst. Pupil Leader and School Pupil Leader Captains.

LOVE

I am not that old or experienced enough to talk about love. One must have patience, experience and age to explain this beautiful relationship existing between people. But anyway I will tell whatever I know about 'LOVE'.

'Love is the noblest frailty of the mind' said J. Dryden.

It's always the poets who make things difficult to understand. But how love can be defined in simple words? It exists everywhere, in every heart. When insane moments reach the depth of heart and you can't bear it anymore, you shed a tear which tangles in your eyelashes. That time you need someone to console you. Where would you go? Well, ask me. I would go straight to my mother. Her lap is always ready for me. That moment, that very second, I would feel that no other pillow is softer than her lap. She touches my hair and just says a sentence. 'Don't let go of your heart; I am always with you'. Hearing these words the sorrow which engulfs my heart vanishes. Love is defined here.

Every day my dad sits next to me on my bed and talks to me until my tired eyes can't keep up anymore. Then he drones a kiss on my forehead and says, "Good night, dear". This explains love.

I have a brother, younger than me, of course. Every single day we'll have a quarrel and at last, I would say, 'I am not going to talk to you anymore. Time does not wait for anyone, it keeps passing. He'll wait for me to come and talk to him. But I would never do that in a hundred years. Then he cannot resist anymore. He'll put his arm around my shoulder and say, 'I am sorry'. Love does exist between us.

Love is a pleasant feeling which rises in our hearts. Without it life becomes meaningless. It becomes a necessary 'Want of life'. Without it many people are affected mentally. Many children whose parents are apathetic towards them, long for love. They search everywhere they can. Within a small circle they live in, they find it nowhere. This makes them mentally weak. This makes them to feel that there is none in this world to care for them. So they are taken away by small things. It creates a deep animostic feeling in the hearts of the children. It leads them to a bitter side of life. They choose a wrong path in their life which, they think, gives them happiness. But they do not understand that it slowly abducts their life. Scarcity of love cause so much damage to their lives.

But most of the people, when they hear the word love, only think of love-affair between a man and a woman. So it creates a wrong image among the people. Everyone has different ideas and different ways of seeing the society. Some feel love is good. They think it makes them understand each other better before they marry each other. But most of them feel it's bad. Men are not that loyal in love as women are. They say that a man loves little and often, but women love much and rarely.

'Love is a word made up to two vowels, two consonants and two fools' said Anon. People like Anon think it's waste of time loving each other before marriage. True love exists between

them only if they get married. It comes by reaching the inner image and not seeing the outer image.

Most of the cases in love, it's not real. It's just infatuation. They insult this beautiful relationship by saying they love each other. To love someone you need to reach the depth of their heart.

It happens very rarely with young hearts. We like someone because we care for them. Love is like a moon; when it does not increase, it decreases. Love may serve both as a stepping stone and a slide. One must be careful in choosing it.

They must realize that the happiness of their life is more important than the happiness they get for a few days. Love is an essential part of your life. It has reasons to care for you. It is a warm helping hand for you.

Love makes you love. It acts as fuel for the vehicle called life.

Jyothi Nivedha,

X 'C'

A TRIP TO MEDICAL COLLEGE EXHIBITION

Our school field trips taken this year were interesting. One of those was the trip to the Medical College Exhibition. We went on one fine Thursday. We started nearly at 10.30AM with our Juniors. We reached the venue at 11'0' clock.

The Entrance was decorated very well in a different way. In Colour papers? Not at all. It was with a very big skull and with some songs. The first thing which we saw in the Exhibition was about diabetes? It is very important to look through this section because in India more than three crore people have diabetes. How does this start? It starts as B-cells that is the cell that produce insulin. In the absence of insulin, glucose cannot enter the cells in the body. As you know glucose is the energy source for all the cells in the body. The food we eat turns into glucose or sugar. This sugar enters the blood stream and blood carries it all over the body. In diabetes, blood glucose level rises, while blood cells are starved. Both things combined together lead to related complications. Diabetes can be controlled by proper diet and proper insulin.

Then we had 'Skin' department. As prevention is better than cure, they taught us how to keep away from skin diseases such as chicken pox, scabies and cancer. And do you know that skin cancer can be cured? Then we went to the Psychiatry department. There they dealt with schizophrenia, anxiety, obsessive disorders, Depression, etc and its causes etc. Then there was Oncology.com. Do you know that there are 100 types of cancer?

Then there were many interesting things such as 'skeleton dance' and 'talking heads'. The thing I enjoyed the most was the growth of a child with pictorial representation, which was excellent. The trip was very useful and this trip would induce many into medical field to serve people.

Jashvadhya, IX 'C'

II Term Competition Details: [Jeevana Ponmeni, Senior School]

Velammal School - VELS VISTA - Overall - I Place

1. Carnatic Music (Category-B)	I Prize	Vaishali	IX C
2. Carnatic Music (Category-A)	I Prize	Sumithra	VI A
3. English Elocution	II Prize	Venkateshwaran	VII A
4. Vegetable carving (Category-A)	III Prize	Vasudha	VIII
5. Dance (Solo)	III Prize	Surya	VIII
6. Vegetable Carving (Category-B)	II Prize	Dharshana	IX C
7. Dance (Solo) Category-B	II Prize	Anita Choudry	IX C
8. Mime	III Prize	Gowtham Rajan Delshiya Suganya Ramcharan Obed Johnson	

Over all - I - Rolling shield - Jeevana School

Mahatma School - Reflections - Overall II Place

Miss Spectra	I Prize	Dharshana	IX C
Story writing	III Prize	Monica .U	VI A
Vegetable carving	II Prize	Vasudha	VIII
Rangoli	III Prize	Dharshana	IX C
Classical Dance	I Prize	Vaishali	IX C
Budding poet	II Prize	Suganya	XI A
English poetry writing			
Teacher's Special Classical Creators	II Prize	Mrs. U. Lakshmi, Ms. Juliet, Mrs. Victoria	

V.M.J. School competition - Lakshna Liberty

Classical Dance	I Prize	Vaishali	IX C
Carnatic Music	I Prize	Sumithra	VI A

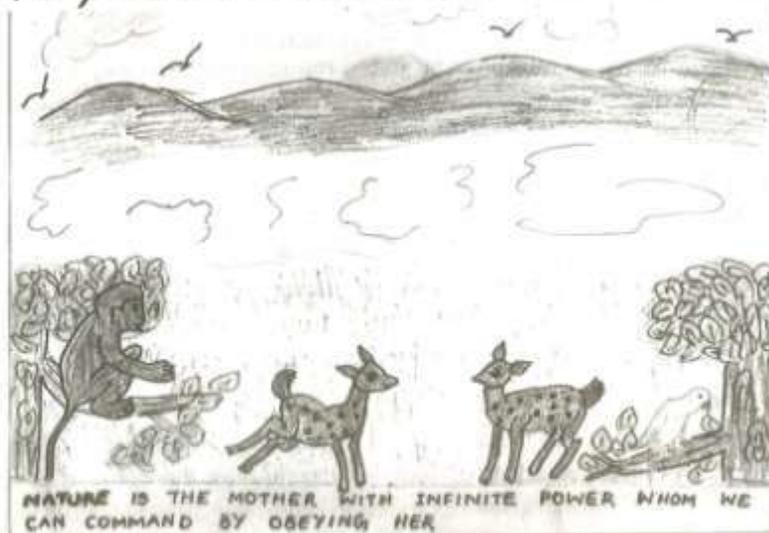
Quiz Competition - Lakshmi Quiz

Junior Quiz	II Prize	Divya, Saraswathy, Smith.
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S.B.O.A. Hindi Mela

Variety Entertainment	III Prize	Sumithra	VI
		Piyush	XI
		Supriya	XI
		Yash	VIII
		Kunjan	VII

Pray that he never evolves into a man!!



S. Vijay, VIII Std

Reminiscence

To my family,

How do you think a child would feel, to receive a gift from his mother separated for a long time? That was what I felt when I took this Newsletter from my cousin's bag.

A gift from my mother. The citadel in which I was from V to XII. The garden of love with angels to care in the kingdom of Mr. & Mrs. Iyengar. The man who was inspired by G. Krishnamoorthy and radiated the same. Still green are the memories of the days I spent by the green campus, a magical work of Mrs. Iyengar.

The first page of the Newsletter itself made me feel proud. Proud to see the development of my Alma-mater. The introduction of Abacus, assessments on co-curricular and other activities, Mental ability tests, Foundation courses and GEE-IIT courses open a wider scope for the youths of today. The introduction of SUPW to all classes needs a special mention. I was indeed jealous to see the kids do things with responsibility when, even today, I wait for my mom to lend a hand.

Surya ma'm our dedicated Biology teacher was seen on the 4th page, receiving the gold medal and on the 5th, in Kumbakonam, with her young lions and lionesses. Ma'm, you are still the best example and a role-model for us to follow.

The regular columns of the Field trips, Paint box, Sports Day celebration and Potpourri were flooded with new ideas and creations. The achievements column, though not new, is on a healthy increase.

My special thanks to Padma ma'm for taking me to a very special place. Ma'm your loving gesture of naming the kids really shows your motherly interest and affection. As it is near my N.C.C. Unit, I am a regular visitor to this special place. It is really a special one; colourful to look at, neat & clear, and surprisingly noiseless; only music. Not a wall without a saying. Hats off, ma'm.

As a Sociology student, I would fail in my duty, if I forget the counselling sessions. When I had some here in my college, I thought it must be extended to my school, too. But you once again it proved that a MOTHER knows better. A heartfelt thanks to all involved in it and a special one for the blessed counsellor who comes.

Among the many poems, Divya Kumar's 'Don't lose hope', S.M. Iswarya's 'Murder' need a mention. Ishy's concern for a goat is not just words but a strong blow to the human beasts. And Divya, your light of hope will always drive the darkness of solitude in every soul that reads it. Sikanth's new approach to promote POTTER FAN CLUB was indeed innovative.

Last but not least, the last page was filled not with letters, words or sentences, but with love, gratitude and pride from a fellow Jeevanite. It really took me to the flawless, carefree life I had in my second home. I could picture, the General Assembly that we had, the mantras from my teachers, their mannerisms, speciality, the library, corridors, A.V. Room, labs, playground, the non-teaching staff and the trees & stone benches. Our love for Jeevana can never be shrunk to fill a paper. I wish I were Hermione, so that I could turn my hour glass a few years back to relive in my lost paradise.

My letter would be incomplete without that one name; the spell of which energizes my views. Oh, Ma'm! It was you who registered the position of the states of India. It is your smile and words that still boost me. Yes! Mrs. Nirmla, you are to us what Dumbeldore is to Harry. MISS you, ma'm.

I sincerely owe what I am today to my parents at Jeevana. My love and gratitude to my Gurus. I close by wishing my juniors all the very best. Strive to Excel, friends. You are enjoying the most purple hour of your life (without knowing). Let's progress from Darkness to light and from Death to Immortality.

PRIYADARSHINI,
Former Jeevanite.

Heal the World

- ★ Carbon dioxide levels rise.
- ★ Mercury climbs.
- ★ Oceans warm.
- ★ Glaciers melt.
- ★ Sea level rises.
- ★ Sea ice thins.
- ★ Wild fires increase.
- ★ Lakes shrink.
- ★ Diseases spread.
- ★ Coral reefs bleach.
- ★ Coastlines erode.

This is what is happening to our mother - Mother Earth.

This is what is being handed over to us by our parents and elders.

Is this the world we are going to leave our children & grand children?

I have seen tigers roar.

I have been charged by elephants.

I have seen paradise flycatchers flitting from tree to tree.

I have seen peacocks dancing.

I have seen hornbills feeding its chicks.

I have seen turtles basking in the Sun.

Will our grand children be able to see them?

I don't mean Photos.

There is a saying in Hindi - "Sab Dharthi Gopal Ki" meaning the world belongs to God. We think it belongs to God and he will take care of it.

I will have to take care of it.

You will have to take care of it.

we will have to take care of it.

It is no big deal to build high rise buildings or send a rocket to the moon. But to be able to see that a tree which is 300 years old continues to live, that the earth continues to be as it was.

As the native American Indian saying goes.

"Only after the last tree has been cut
Only after the last River has been poisoned
Only after the last fish has been caught
Only then
Only then will you find that money
Cannot be eaten"

Like Gandhiji said,

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed."

"Remember the earth is not dying, it is being killed & those who are killing it have names and addresses."

Mother nature has cradled the human race for thousands of centuries. And instead of repaying her, man strips her with each passing day for his selfish present.

Stop awhile & think about your children. Let's leave our mother alone. Let's leave our children a mother to look after them.

Like George Harrison of the Beatles says in 'his save the world'.

We have got to save the world. Some one's children, they may need it. We have got to save the world. Someone else may want - to use it.

- Speech delivered by,
Sumithra, VI-A,
Jeevana, Ponmani.

Paint-Box

One evening....



Aarthy, VIII Std
VSP

*A road as white as
driven snow.*



Priya P. Metha, V Std
Visalakshipuram

Here three's not a crowd.



Bharat Sundar, V Std
Visalakshipuram

*You and I,
In this Beautiful World*



M. Abisheka Priyan
V - A

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE (VSP)



A person to look up to.



It takes all kinds to make up this world.

SPORTS DAY



Marching Past towards the future.



Don't worry, we have a big stock of slabs.

SPORTS DAY



No, it has to be exactly 90 degrees.



Dandiya - 2004

- ★ By Using flash cards or summary sheets, you can use odd times to study-while you're waiting for class to start or for a friend to pick you up.
- ★ If possible, schedule study time with a partner. *Choose your partner wisely however. Make sure your study, not socialize. If you schedule this like you would soccer practice, or music lesson, it become routine.
- ★ Schedule the most difficult tasks for times when you are alert. (Algebra may be hard enough when you're fresh. When you're tired, it will be impossible!)
- ★ Make a daily checklist, set priorities. Do the most important tasks first.

TIME SCHEDULING SUGGESTIONS

Time scheduling will not make you a perfectly efficient person. Very few people can rigorously keep a detailed schedule day after day over a long period of time. In fact, many students who draw up a study schedule and find themselves unable to stick to it become impatient and often give up the schedule idea completely.

The following method of organizing time has been helpful to many students and does not take much time. It is more flexible than many methods and helps the student to establish long term, intermediate, and short term time goals.

1. LONG TERM SCHEDULE

Construct a schedule of your fixed commitments only. These include only obligations you are required to meet every week, e.g., Job hours, classes, church, organization meetings, etc.

2. INTERMEDIATE SCHEDULE - ONE PER WEEK

Now make a short list of MAJOR EVENTS and AMOUNT OF WORK to be accomplished in each subject this week. This may include non-study activities.

For example:

Quiz Wednesday

Paper Tuesday

Ball Game Tuesday night

Finish 40 pages in English by Friday

Finish 150 pages in History by Friday

These events will change from week to week and it is important to make a NEW LIST FOR EACH WEEK.

Sunday night may be the most convenient time to do this.

3. SHORT TERM SCHEDULE - ONE PER DAY

On a small note card each evening before retiring or early in the morning make out a specific daily schedule. Write down specifically WHAT is to be accomplished. Such a schedule might include:

8:00 - 8:30 Review History

9:30 - 10:30 Preview Math and prepare for Quiz

4:45 Pick up cleaning on way home

7:00 - 10:15 Chpt. 5, 6 (History)

CARRY THIS CARD WITH YOU and cross out each item as you accomplish it. Writing down things in this manner not only forces you to plan your time but in effect causes you to make a promise to yourself to do what you have written down.