



## JEEVANA SCHOOL

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Most of the parents may know that Jeevana believes in J. Krishnamurthy's Philosophy of Education and as far as possible this is what is being followed in the school. The main aspect of his Philosophy is that children are like flower buds and must be allowed to blossom. In this process, Parents, Society and School play a major part. Changing the Society is a very difficult task.

As a school we insist that no corporal punishment should be given. When a child errs, the corrective measures taken are always to help the child in a positive way. The School has initiated the mentoring system for those who need the same. Students are counselled by teachers regularly and this has paid dividends. In academics when students do not reach a particular standard, retests are conducted. For those who need, extra help has been arranged between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m. Apart from this, for a few students, study is arranged even till 7.30 p.m. Whenever the situation demands parents are contacted over phone or through the Diary. The School is also taking several measures to cultivate good work habits in students. In the implementation of the above teachers have to work more and they have been doing so willingly.

Times have changed and so has the attitude of children. Without parental help & co-operation we are unable to make children realise the need for systematic and regular work. If parents also advise children firmly on the same and ensure that it is done, things will improve. Since most parents have only one or two children, many of them are unable to tell them firmly what is expected of them. Parents must regularly see the diaries of the children and chat with them to find out what goes on in the school. If parents are friendly and free with their wards and also keep in close touch with the School, I feel that the problems of students can be minimised.

- M.S. Iyengar

**JEEVANA CHRONICLE 2006-2007**

1. Prefects' Swearing-In Ceremony (Ponmeni Senior) - 09.06.06  
Head Boy, Head Girl, Vice Head Boy, Vice Head Girl and 20 Prefects took the school oath.
2. Neuro-Linguistic Programme by Mr. JOB - 12 & 13.08.06  
Teachers attended a seminar on the revolutionary NLP techniques.
3. Sports Day (Ponmeni Senior) - 14.08.06  
Classe 6 to 12 had their Sports Day with numerous House events in athletics.
4. Sports Day (VSP) - 19.08.06  
Classes 1 to 7 conducted various House athletic events.
5. Mc Mahan Memorial Creative Writing Competition - 24.08.06  
This competition is held every year to commemorate one of Jeevana's illustrious faculty members, Mc Mahan.
6. Sports Day (Ponmeni unior) - 26.08.06  
Classes 1 to 5 conducted various house athletic events.
7. Teachers Day (Ponmeni Junior and VSP) - 05.09.06  
Dr. Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary was celebrated with fervour.
8. Teachers Day (Ponmeni Senior) - 05.09.06  
Class 10 students marked the day with a medley of programmes.
9. Ganesh Chaturthi & Dussehra (Ponmeni Junior) - 21.09.06  
Special celebrations marked the commencement of the festive period of the year.
10. Golu & Chaturthi Pooja Celebrations (VSP) - 22.09.06  
Special celebrations marked the sanctity of the occasion.
11. Diwali and Ramzan Celebrations (Ponmeni Junior) - 18.10.06  
Festivities merged religious diversities on this day.
12. Diwali Celebrations & Ramzan Celebrations (VSP) - 19.10.06  
Special Celebrations marked the presence of Eshwar and Allah.
13. Std. 6 Presentation (VSP and Ponmeni) - 03.11.06  
Class 6 students enthralled all with a variety of programmes. Gala Celebrations to mark the end of Navarathri season were staged by Class 6 students.
14. Mc Mahan Creative Writing Competition Prize Distribution (Ponmeni Senior) - 05.11.06  
A panel of judges who had selected the winners honoured the winners of the competition.
15. Parent - Teacher Meeting (VSP) - 11.11.06  
Parents met Teachers to get to know the progress of their ward.
16. Parent - Teacher Meeting cum Exhibition (Ponmeni Junior) - 11.11.06  
Parents met Teachers to update themselves on their ward's progress. Children exhibited their academic and artistic excellence through the exhibition.
17. Children's Day Celebrations (VSP, Ponmeni Senior and Junior) - 14.11.06  
Children's Day was celebrated with fun and frolic as Teachers took to stage.
18. Parent - Teacher Meeting (Ponmeni Senior) - 25.11.06  
Parents met Teachers to update themselves on the progress of their ward.

19. ASSET Examination - 04.12.06  
Scores of students sat for the examination to one their skills.
20. FAREWELL Presentation - 13.12.06  
Class 11 students bid a warm farewell to students of Class 12.
21. THANKS GIVING Presentation - 14.12.06  
Class 12 students expressed their gratitude to the faculty members of Jeevana.
22. Christmas Celebrations Celebrations (Ponmeni Junior) - 21.12.06  
The Big Day was celebrated with gaiety.
23. Christmas Celebrations (VSP) - 22.12.06  
One of the most popular festivals was celebrated with pomp and show.
24. Presentation by Class 9 and Christmas Celebrations (Ponmeni Senior) - 22.12.06  
Class 9 students spread Christmas Cheer and its inherent message with a mixed fare of programmes.
25. Unified Council Exam (National Level) - 04.01.07  
Scores of students proved their mettle by taking up the exam.
26. Presentation by Class 8 - Thanksgiving Presentation (Ponmeni Senior) - 06.01.07  
The concept of gratitude for everything that God gives was illustrated ably by Class 8 students to mark Thanksgiving.
27. Pongal Celebrations (Ponmeni Junior) - 10.01.07  
The Harvest festival was marked by the traditional chants of Pongal 'O' Pongal as sweet pongal was cooked and a delightful mix of programmes was served.
28. Pongal Celebrations (VSP) - 11.01.07  
Sweetness and joy marked the occasion of Pongal among students and teachers alike.
29. Exhibition (VSP and Ponmeni Senior) - 12.01.07  
Students exhibited their academic and artistic excellence by way of projects, experiments, etc.
30. Presentation by Class 7 - Republic Day Celebrations (Ponmeni Senior and VSP) - 26.01.07  
The constitution of the country was honoured by flag-hoisting and a special thematic presentation by Class 7 students. Class 7 students excelled in various roles as they took centerstage to present a variety of programmes.
31. Unified Council Exam (State Level) - 28.01.07  
Scores of students striving to reach levels of perfection took the test.
32. Astronomy Programme (Saturn Watch) - 15.02.07  
Students and Parents thronged to catch a glimpse of Saturn through the telescope provided by Mr. Natarajan.
33. Annual Day Programme (Ponmeni Prep Section) - 02.03.07  
Students displayed their talent through various programmes.
34. Annual Day Programme 1 to 5 (VSP) - 03.03.07  
The day annually marks pride and joy in the calendar of every parent.
35. Annual Day Programme (Ponmeni Junior) - 04.03.07  
Students and Teachers provided a feast of programs for our senses.
36. Noorul Islam Young Scientist Adoption Programme Examination - 04.03.07  
The most scientifically inclined students are to be selected through this examination.

## An incident to be engraved in Golden Letters

A team of 5 students of Std. VIII.

J. Meenakshi - Team Leader, U. Mounica, AKR. Santhosh Priya, B.B. Syndia, M. Monisha.

Under the guidance of Ms. Miriam Benedicta Suriya Devi presented a project "Biodiversity of Mosquitoes" for National Children's Science Congress 2006 at SVN college, Madurai. Out of the 72 Projects presented in the District Level, this project drew the attention of the entire gathering including the Press Reporters. By God's Grace, it was chosen for State Level Presentation at Kongu Engineering College, Erode on December 18 and 19, 2006.

The President of India, His Excellency, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam inaugurated the Congress. The children had the most precious golden opportunity to interact with the President, which was a memorable experience for these Jeevanites. Even on the dais before the President, the State Co-ordinator, Dr. Manohar made a special mention about our 'mosquito project'. The Minister of State, Dr. NKKP Rajan directly asked the girls to which school they belonged?

Hail Jeevana!

- Ms. Miriam Benedicta Suriya Devi  
H.O.D. Biology Department.

## DREAM OF HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM HAS COME TRUE

Biodiesel is important for not only saving economy but also for keeping our environment pollution free. That is why the Indian Government is taking interest to encourage this sector.

The Planning Commission of India has recommended two plant species namely Jatropa (Jatropa curcas) and Karanj (Pongamia Pinnata) for biodiesel extraction. These species can also be grown in degraded, barren and unproductive lands.

Biodiesel is biodegradable and is therefore safe to handle and transport.

In our project we used neem seeds and prepared Biodiesel in our Biology Laboratory and had it checked by the scientists.

Therefore, we have confirmed that by 20.12.2006, we will be able to produce renewable resource of the fuel energy Bio diesel, thus fulfilling the dream of His Excellency, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

This project was displayed by us under the guidance of Ms. Miriam Benedicta Suriya Devi in our Jeevana School Science Exhibition in Biology Department on the occasion of National Science Day, February, 2007.



O.G. Nikhilesh - Std. IX  
D. Vijay Prabhakaran - Std. IX

## DECENNIIUM YEAR FOR THE JEEVANA LEO CLUB.

This is the Decennium year for the Jeevana Leo Club.

The Inauguration of Decennium year celebration was done by our Principal, Mrs. Nirmala Visveshwaran on 12.8.2007 to symbolize Indian culture by lighting the Kuthuvilakku illustrating that the radiating beams of the lamp will illuminate and bring joy to the socially under-privileged, physically challenged and the old.

### I Project - "Birds Nest"

The Leo Club visited 'Birds Nest' a secular orphanage for girls and radiated its beams of love on the occasion of Diwali on 19.10.2006 by distributing Diwali sweets, dresses, bathing soaps, stationery goods and gifts to children.

### II Project - "District Polio Home"

On Children's Day 14.11.2006 Leo Club visited 'District Polio Home' for girls and distributed sweets, snacks, dresses, stationery goods, geometry boxes for X Std students, bathing soaps and also entertained them.

On the occasion of Christmas and New Year, the Leo Club visited "Inba Illam" - Old Age Home. Mr. Seetharaman, father of a student, Vasudha of X Std, donated new sarees, shirts and dhotis for the inmates. The children distributed sweets, coconut oil, tooth powder, bathing and washing soaps to the inmates.

Our Headmistress, Ms. Padma Chandrasekar, donated a huge amount and helped the orphan children through Leo Club. Along with that, the Junior School teachers Mrs. Bhavani and others joined hands in these Leo Club Service Projects.

May the Lord Almighty shower His multifold blessings upon all those who donated by and large to these down trodden and afflicted individuals.

- Miriam Benedicta Suriya Devi, Leo Advisor



## A Fresh Breath of Life

Just close your eyes and imagine whatever you are reading. "Visualize a golden door in front of you. Open it and climb up the stairs leading to a natural location of your choice (I chose a wood land). Breathe in the beauty of the place, feel the fragrance of the flowers, and imagine golden drops of rain falling all over you... soothing you with its coolness, taking you into a world of zeal..." Now tell yourself, "I HAVE THE POWER AND ABILITY TO ACHIEVE MY GOAL". Repeat it as many times as possible until you it sinks deep within. It is followed by seven cycles of abdominal breathing. Now slowly open your eyes... Doesn't it feel good?" This was is a very upbeat and refreshing kind of meditation taught to us by Mrs. Chitra Dinakaran.

Most of the Std. X & XII students burn the midnight oil or get up at untimely hours in the morning to prepare for the Board exams. Our sleep cycle is vastly disturbed and all of us are equally worried and scared. I know I needed some kind of a push up and these meditation classes sounded like the right kind of fuel to me. By the end of the session all of us were charged, energetic and knew "We had the power and ability to achieve the goal."

About Mrs. Chitra Dinakaran, at the very first glance I knew she was the right person for the job : All cool, composed and calm. She did perfect justice to the session and most importantly she was able to synchronise herself with all the teenagers and presented everything (even the prayer) in her own unique and novel style.

It was a very useful session and if practised regularly it would definitely help each and every student to be totally peaceful, calm, happy and thus in a better position to take the Board exams and do their best.

S.M. Ishwarya, XII 'B'

## PONMENI JUNIOR - COMPETITION DETAILS

### Classes I & II

1. **Harshini of Std. I** is a talented dance artist and she is placed **second** in dance in Tanjore district. She has won many prizes in dance competitions.
2. **Shaswath of Std. II** won **Second Prize** in **Lalit Kala academy drawing competiton**.
3. **R.Grace Judith** of Jeevana School ('I'A') Ponmeni Junior section has been awarded **Second Place** in **Story telling** Competition held on 16.08.2006 - C.E.O.A. Matriculation Higher Secondary School - (CENE XA - 2006)
4. **Vennam Dedeepyarami Reddy Std. II** won **I prize** in the **Drawing** Competition conducted by **ICICI Bank**. She won **II prize** in **Skating Competition** conducted by **District Roller Skating Association - in Madurai**.
5. **Pavithra Ramesh of Std. II** won a **Silver medal** and a **bronze medal** in the Skating Competition held in **Pudukottai** and a **bronze medal** in the **District Level Skating Competition held in Madurai**.

### Classes III, IV and V

1. **Hari Krishnan of Std. III** won **I prize** in **UCMAS**.
2. **Naga Teja of Std. III** won **II prize** in **Asian Paints Drawing Competition**.
3. **Dheekshana of Std. V** won the following prizes
  - a) She won a **Consolation prize** in the **AIRTEL drawing competition**.
  - b) She won **2 Consolation prizes** in the drawing competition held in **Gandhi Museum**.
  - c) She won **I prize** in the **Lalit Kala Academy Competition in Bangalore**.
4. **Muthuvel Raj of Std. V** won a **Green Belt** in the **Hitoshi Karate Centre**.
5. **Surya Rajan of Std. IV** won **I prize** in **Shotukan Karate Tournament**.
6. **U.Harshini of Std. IV** won **I prize** in the **Asian Paints drawing competition**.
7. **Santhosh of Std. IV** won a **Gold medal** and a **yellow belt** in the **Shotukan Karate Tournament**.
8. **Kavin Chezian of Std. III** won **III prize** in **Brain O Brain State Level Abacus**.
9. **Krithiga Lakshmi** won **7 prizes** in the **Madurai Chess Association Tournament**.
10. **A.Shruthi of Std. IV** won **II prize** in Yoga competition conducted by **Tamil Nadu Yoga Association**.
11. **Janani of Std. III** won **I prize** in **T.N. Yoga Association**.
12. **V.Vignesh of Std. V** won **II prize** in drawing in **Tamil Nadu Yoga Association**.
13. **Vishal of Std. III** won **III prize** in drawing in **Lalit Kala Academy, Bangalore**.
14. **S.Balakrishnan of Std. V** won the following prizes in Table Tennis Tournaments
 

<b>Mini Cadet Boys Singles - Semi finals</b>	<b>Mini Cadet boys Doubles - Winner</b>
<b>Cadet Boys Singles - Semi finals</b>	<b>Cadet Boys Doubles - Semi finals</b>
<b>Junior and Sub Junior - Semi finals</b>	<b>Singles and Doubles - Winner</b>
15. **S.Nisha** won **III prize** in **Test Your Memory** in **LOSA**.

## POTPOURRI

### My Pet Dog

My dog is as white as milk with four beautiful legs and a bushy tail. He is just a year old and loves me a lot. He guards me and my house. I play with him daily. He runs after the ball and fetches it. My grandma and I take him for a walk daily. I am very proud of my playful and obedient pet. I shall always love him and take care of him.

B.Akalya, II 'B', Ponmeni Junior Section

### Prep Section II Term Events, Ponmeni Junior School

### MY MOTHER

My Mother  
My world.

You're a firm foundation  
With a warm and loving touch.  
You have made me wordly wise,  
By teaching all the valuable  
lessons of life.

Mother, you are like  
a friend with whom I  
Can share my joys and sorrows.

- Sulochana Lalitha  
V'A'



Vinayagar Chaturthi



Christmas Day

### Our Christmas Celebrations

Come December and it is Christmas again. The very first feeling of Christmas was brought in by our Teacher, Ms. Gerry who very cheerfully taught us Christmas carols, a full month in advance. The Christmas tree was also put up, fully decorated and shining with twinkling lights. I was part of the choir and I enjoyed learning all the new carols so much that my mummy had to stop me from singing them over and over again at home. The Christmas celebration was on the 21st of December. There was joy and magic in the air. Classrooms were almost bursting with decorations. I was all excited as I was to give the Christmas message. There was the birth of Jesus, the angels, the three kings and of course, Santa Claus. The children took home little gifts and I hugged my box of crayons as I sleepily hummed my little Christmas message. :Let not the spirit of Christmas stop here. Let us reach out to the poor and the unfortunate and lend them a helping h-a-n-d-zzzz" (Good night)

Eleasha Figredo, II 'A'  
Ponmeni Junior Section

## Exhibition

## Ponmeni Junior School

My daughter Srinidhi invited me to the Exhibition which was conducted on 2nd January 2007. For the first time her father, who has recently returned from abroad, also accompanied us. As we entered the school the teacher gave us a warm welcome.

First we went to the Science section. There were so many models such as windmill, nervous system, brain, starch equipment, vitamin and minerals charts (models of expiratory system were really superb).



**Children's Day**

In Social section, there were models of the planets, deserts, igloos, matching capitals and states etc., which were very excellent. In Tamil section, Thirukural in Suvadi type, riddles, charts, sulal charts were something worth mentioning here. My husband who happens to be fluent in Hindi enjoyed the poetry, riddles written in Hindi by some of the students. We were astonished by the collection of coins belonging to different countries by one of the students.

In English section several projects such as matching the authors with their book titles and proverbs hidden in drawings, crosswords, etc., were outstanding.

Maths section made their interesting contribution by devising methods to find out the birthdays with BODMAS technology using mathematical symbols. We also saw the handiworks made by the students like ice-stick arts, book marks, pen-holders, baskets, paintings, beadworks, flowers made with paper and clothes, etc.

We were also greeted by the computer students to watch the stills of Madurai city and were offered interesting information about Madurai.

For this self-reliance among the students we must thank our Jeevana School teachers who made their sincere efforts in making this exhibition a grand success by standing behind each and every student.



**Exhibition**

So I believe that not only the parents but also the relatives and their friends should come forward and visit these types of exhibitions conducted in the school with an aim to bring about the hidden talents of the children so that they can be encouraged, which is very vital in shaping up their future careers.

What is more important in our life other than seeing our children's smiling faces with self-confidence!!

R.Kaminidevi, M/o. Srinidhi, 5 'A'.

## Jeevana, VSP

## GOLU



## CHRISTMAS TIME



## STD VI PRESENTATION



## CHILDREN'S DAY



## Attention Parents

कई बार स्कूल की ओर से चेतावनी देने के बावजूद, बारह से भी ज्यादा बच्चे एक ही आटो में सफर कर रहे हैं। यह मामला बहुत गंभीर है आप कृपया ध्यान दे। क्योंकि हरेक बच्चे की सुरक्षा हमारे हाथ में है इसलिए कम संख्यावाले आटो में ही आपके बच्चे को कृपया भेजे।

ஒரே ஆட்டோவில் அதிக குழந்தைகள் சவாரி செய்வது மிகவும் ஆபத்தானது. நம் பள்ளியின் ஒவ்வொரு குழந்தைகளின் பாதுகாப்பும் நம்முடைய பொறுப்பு. அதனால் உங்கள் குழந்தைகளின் பாதுகாப்பு கருதி குறைந்த எண்ணிக்கை குழந்தைகளை ஆட்டோவில் அனுப்புங்கள்.

Jeevana has been taking a lot of efforts in creating awareness among parents regarding the perils of children travelling by overcrowded autos. The safety of every child is precious and is in our hands. So, kindly ensure that the auto your child travels by has less number of children.

## Outside Competitions

### Second and Third Term

JEEVANA, VSP

#### "Paper Collage" by Pidilite Ind. Ltd.

S. Mamta Shree, Std. IV

I Place

A. Manisha, Std. IV

II Place

A. Aswitha Sherlin Flora, Std. IV

III Place

#### Jain Vidyalaya, Thiruppalai - Swimming Competition

A. Raji, V 'B'

50 Metres

Free Style

I Prize

A. Raji, V 'B'

50 Metres

Butterfly

II Prize

A. Raji, V 'B'

50 Metres

Breast stroke &amp; Back Stroke

III Prize

#### Camlin Crafty Chef Contest

D. Ashwin, Std. I

I Prize

Md. Shakeel, Std. I

II Prize

R. Shanker Mahesh, Std. II

I Prize

S. Sarath Kumar, Std. II

II Prize

J. Charumeena, Std. III

I Prize

E.V. Hamsini, Std. III

II Prize

A. Manisha, Std. IV

I Prize

S. Mamta Shree, Std. IV

II Prize

#### Gita Natana Gopala Nayaki Mandir Music Competitions (31.10.2006)

V. Dhanvanth Raj, Std. III

I Prize

#### District Table Tennis Association, Dindigul

Rakshan C. Joseph, Std. V'B'

Single Mini-Cadet boys - III Place

Doubles Mini-Cadet boys - III Place

#### The Madurai Union Club, Madurai Open Tennis Tournament - 2007

M. Lakshmi Rajan V 'B'

reached Quarter finals in boys under u-12

got cash award Rs. 500/-

## Parentspeak

Jeevana, VSP

### EXHIBITION

Exhibitions tell us about the achievements of a particular country or a school. This year Jeevana School (VSP) Exhibition was held on 12th Jan. I went to see the Exhibition with my son V. Dhanvanth Raj. The school was divided into many sections for each subject. Children had done a wonderful job. It was very informative and educative. The attractive part of the exhibition was the games arranged by the students. I was happy winning the small prizes given by them. The exhibition was a treat to the parents, who felt proud of their kids.

Mrs. R. Devi Bala,  
M/o. V. Dhanvanth, III

### GOLU

Golu was celebrated in our school in a grand manner. The teachers performed the Pooja and lighted the lamps while the children recited slogans. The kids were dressed up in different costumes of Lord Shiva, Ganesh, Lakshmi, etc., and they were arranged in steps. They looked life-like. Girls of Std. V danced well. The parents enjoyed the programme immensely.

R. Thamarai,  
M/o. R. Shanker Mahesh, Std. II  
R. Hema Karthiga, Std. III

### PONGAL'O' PONGAL

The dance by Std. V girls was in traditional rural hues. The next programme represented what villagers do before Pongal. Dance by the Std. IV students with Rangoli pots was really fantastic. Std. III students gave a good show of how Pongal was celebrated. Next item was the MATTU PONGAL. This Celebration was really natural. The whole programme ended with the children showing how elders should be respected and how each one should respect the other.

Costumes and hairstyles of the children were superbly done. On the whole the teachers had done a good job by recreating the happiness related to Pongal.

Mrs. RM. Unnamalai  
M/o. RM. Gowri, Std. III  
RM. Mahalakshmi, Pre KG.

### Gifts for the Elephant

One, two, three, four,  
Blow your whistles ! Blow! Blow!  
Five, six, seven, eight,  
Pluck all the flowers beside the gate.  
  
Nine, Ten, Nine, Ten,  
Greet the elephant, and then.....  
If you'll give him a gift, or two  
He'll lift his trunk and say a big  
'Thank You!'

A. Manisha, Std. IV - VSP

## Bhagavath Geetha Chanting Competition, Sanskrit

Ponmeni

Akshay Kumar	VI 'A'	First Prize
Shenbaga Raman	VI 'B'	Third Prize

## Tamil Nadu State Yoga Championship 2006 Conducted by Tamil Nadu State Yoga Association

S. Ramya	8 'A'	First Prize (Twisting)
S. Ramya	8 'A'	First Prize (Backward)
S. Ramya	8 'A'	First Prize (Balancing)
S. Ramya	8 'A'	Second Prize (Standing)
S. Ramya	8 'A'	Second Prize (Forward)
S. Ramya	8 'A'	Championship
S. Devika	6 'B'	Second Prize (Backward Bending)
A.K.R. Santhosh Priya	8 'B'	Second Prize (Backward Bending)
S. Vidhya	6 'A'	Third Prize (Common)
V. Vignesh	IX 'C'	Second Prize (Common)

### Riddles

- Why am "I" not worried when "I" am sick?  
Ans : Because "I" am next to "GH"
- Which worm is harmless?  
Ans : Bookworm
- Which world does not have any oceans or continent?  
Ans : Young World
- How will you make seven even?  
Ans : Cut the "S"

### My Thirst

Up above we see sun,  
moon and stars,  
Down below we see bombs,  
missiles and wars.  
HINDU, MUSLIM in unity?  
It's a sheer mystical vanity.  
THIRST, THIRST everywhere,  
For, peace ; for peace is nowhere.

S. Ramya, VIII 'A'

Hafeezah. S, VIII 'C'

## YOUTH FESTIVAL CONDUCTED IN VIKAASA SCHOOL

U. Mounica	8 'A'	I Place	Extempore
Senthil Nathan	9 'C'	I Place	What is the Good word?
E.R. Deepak	11 'A'	I Place	What is the Good word?
Priyadharshini	11 'C'	I Place	JAM
Divya Kumar	12 'D'	I Place	Mehandi
Niranjana	11 'B'	I Place	Mehandi
Rachitha Ramesh	6 'B'	II Place	Collage
Shenbaga Raman	6 'B'	II Place	Elocution (English)
Krithika Prasad	6 'A'	II Place	Art from Waste
Nabeela	12 'D'	II Place	Facial Painting
Dharshana	11 'A'	II Place	Facial Painting
Ganga	11 'B'	II Place	Facial Painting
P.R. Niveditha	11 'C'	II Place	Vikaasa Live
Jashwadha	11 'C'	II Place	Vikaasa Live
S. Karthikeyan	11 'C'	II Place	Vikaasa Live
N.A. Varusai Mohamed	11 'A'	II Place	Vikaasa Live
B. Srivatsan	11 'C'	II Place	Vikaasa Live
M. Mareeswari	11 'A'	II Place	Vikaasa Live
Aamina	11 'B'	II Place	Vikaasa Live
Nithyanandhan	11 'B'	III Place	Ad Act
Bharat	9 'C'	III Place	Ad Act
Vijay Karthik	11 'B'	III Place	Ad Act
A.R. Naveen	11 'B'	II Place III Place	Vikaasa Live Ad Act
T.D. Chandra Kumaran	11 'B'	II Place III Place	Vikaasa Live Ad Act
Kana Ramanathan	11 'B'	II Place III Place	Vikaasa Live Ad Act

## Jeevana and Me

I have spent 12 years in Jeevana from LKG to 12th std except my 1st and 2nd stds. I passed out of +2 in 2004. My association with Jeevana has left behind many sweet memories in my mind. It is a wonderful school that is equipped with many efficient teachers. It has boosted me with knowledge and confidence. What I am today is mainly because of my school.

Jeevana makes a fine blend of academics and extra-curricular activities which is unique in itself. This becomes evident from the number of victories that Jeevanites have acquired in various inter-school competitions. Jeevanites are given ample freedom to express their thoughts and views, which when used in the right sense makes schooling enjoyable. The environment in Jeevana is a conducive one for study. The trees and garden around allow Jeevanites to live with Nature.

At this juncture the teachers of Jeevana must be mentioned. They are bestowed with ample talent which is reflected in the performance of their students. Not only do they impart academic education but also give emotional support to the students. They are not just teachers, but friends. In Jeevana every individual student is given importance which is essential in the overall emotional development of the individual. The Heads of the school are down-to-earth, so that any student can approach them personally and discuss their problems.

The student community here is also another factor for the success of the students. A healthy competition exists among the students which brings out the best in every student. And as per the sayings of the Chairman, Mr. Iyengar, every student is encouraged to compete with himself, which brings out the hidden potential in him. Every Jeevanite is unique yet united.

Jeevana has played a lead role in shaping me as an individual and my career. So it does in all its students. Currently I'm pursuing my MBBS degree in Madurai Medical College. Jeevanites tend to stand out wherever they go because of the unique qualities instilled by their association with this wonderful school. I thank my parents for choosing Jeevana to shape me as an individual. Strive to Excel!

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## Beyond the Horizons

On February 1, a group of 11, comprising students of classes 9 and 11 accompanied by the Principal and I, had gone to visit the retired Professor and columnist Mr. J. Vasanthan. It was one of those rare occasions when one got to listen to an intellectual mind. Renowned for his tongue-in-cheek humour and political satires, he pens the weekly 'Down the memory lane' column in the Metroplus. He is also the author of the Jayabalan series in Gokulam, also compiled into a book, 'Fat is Beautiful'.

Mr. Vasanthan stressed strongly on the role of youth in transforming this ailing society seeped in corruption and vulgarity into a healthier state. He opined that good thought-provoking literature, cinema and music were symbols of a cultured society. He added that ridiculous scripts, unrealistic situations and crude song-and-dance sequences in Indian Cinema have made them out of the reckoning at the Oscars.

Though the subjects he broached were heavy, the way he peppered them with wit and humour made the 2 hours of exchange dissolve rapidly.

Personally, the whole trip couldn't have come at a more appropriate time. Right from childhood I have had strong feelings regarding the state of our country. However, most of my views were confined to my pen-pals, radio-stations and a few officials. My personal problems, however, prevented me from being more pro-active. As I grew up I realised, and pretty quickly at that, every society deserved its leaders.

A few years ago a young man from England had come to Jeevana on a brief Teaching program. When I asked him about the system involved in keeping Britain corruption-free, he pondered for a minute and then replied, "Corruption is not in our blood". Touché!

I grew up on loads and loads of books and gritty off beat movies, with a penchant for everything Russian, from cinema to books to music. So, though I lived in a world of my own, I had my ears close to the stark realities of the real world. While the fire of revolution and reformation is long extinguished, the cinders are not. Every now and then, news of malpractice, injustice and what not keep stoking the embers. Especially in the past one year, I have been cogitating over the meaninglessness of my life. And every time I hear or read of the hundreds who are doing service to this society through institutions or self-help groups, shame and guilt gnaw at me.

I guess a lot of us do not have the guts to walk away and do something more worthwhile and selfless in our lives. So, in case, you're looking for heroes, the heroes are those who are quietly running organisations to help the homeless, the orphans, the destitutes and the poor in the rural and the urban pockets of India or, as the NDTV calls it, the Republic of hunger, where every night 6 crore children below the age of 6 go to bed hungry. So think about what YOU can do to cure this nation. The most effective remedy is also the simplest. To cure the nation, all that we need to do is cure ourselves.

- Editor



# JEEVANA SCHOOL

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Many people say that, today, Teachers are not respected by Parents & Students. This is a very general statement. Every year throughout the world, Indians celebrate 'Teachers' Day' on 5th September with fervour and involvement.

I know of Teachers who are highly revered and respected even today, though they are no longer with us. I had the good fortune of working with Mr. Mc Mahon who was an exemplary teacher. Not only was he excellent in his subject, but also always just and fair. He was extremely concerned with the growth and progress of every student under his care. Till today, the old students of Lawrence school, Lovedale, which draws students from very rich and enlightened families all over the country, talk highly of him.

In his memory Jeevana conducts Literary Competitions every year and gives away the prizes on 5th September.

I know of many Teachers in our own school who are held in high esteem by Students because, apart from being committed & involved in the welfare of each student, they teach their subjects well.

Hence my feeling is if Teachers want to be respected they should be good examples for their students, teach their subjects well and show great concern for the blossoming of each and every student under their care.

M.S.IYENGAR

**JEEVANA CHRONICLES I TERM**

1. 09.06.2007 **Prefects' Swearing - in-ceremony** : Mr.J.Vasanthan a well known literary personality graced the occasion as Chief Guest.
2. 10.06.2007 **VAO Examination** : Jeevana Senior School was the centre.
3. 20.06.2007 **Albert Barrow Creative Writing Competition** : ICSE students of classes 9 and 10 took part in this on-the-spot competition organised by the ICSE board.
4. 23.06.2007 **JOSH - TALENT HUNT '07** : Jeevana Old Students' Haven (Jeevana Alumini) conducted an intra-school competition where all the three branches of Jeevana participated.
5. 15.07.2007 **Kamarajar's Birth Anniversary** : Special celebrations were organized in all the three branches of Jeevana.
6. 17.07.2007 **Meditation Class** : A special meditation class was conducted by Ms. Chitra Dinakaran for students of XII std.
7. 19.07.2007 **Meditation Class** : A special meditation class was conducted by Ms. Chitra Dinakaran for students of X std.
8. 27.07.2007 **Counseling Session** : Parents of the Pre-KG class had a session with the counselor Ms. Hanaah Victor.
9. 28.07.2007 **Sports Day** (Senior School) : Senior School had its Sports Day on this day.
10. 15.08.2007 **Independence Day** : Class 7 (VSP and Ponmeni) presented on array of programs to mark the occasion.
11. 17.08.2007 **McMahon Creative Writing Competition** : This Competition is conducted annually in memory of Mr.McMahon, a distinguished former faculty member of Jeevana.
12. 18.08.2007 **Sports Day** (Ponmeni Junior) : This day marked the colourful Sports Day celebrations.
13. 25.08.2007 **Annual Day** (Class 6) : Class 6 students of Ponmeni and VSP enthralled one and all with their programs, the theme being "Peace".
14. 25.08.2007 **CA - Career Development Program** : A special awareness program on the potential of Chartered Accountants was conducted for students of X, XI and XII Standards.
15. 27.08.2007 **Onam** (VSP) : Onam was celebrated in a festive manner.
16. 28.08.2007 **Raksha Bandhan** (VSP) : Ties of siblings were reinforced with dazzling threads of 'raakhis' spreading cheer all around.
17. 31.08.2007 **Counseling Session** : The second counseling session was held by Ms Hannah Victor for the parents of Pre-KG students.
18. 03.09.2007 **Janamashtami** (VSP) : Birth of Krishna was celebrated grandly.
19. 05.09.2007 **Teachers Day** : Teachers Day was celebrated with gaiety as students regaled their Teachers with creative programs at VSP and Ponmeni Junior Sections. Students of class 10 put together a fabulous show to felicitate the Teachers of the Senior Section. Winners of McMahon Creative Writing competition were awarded prizes.
20. 14.09.2007 **Vinayaka Chaturthi** : The day was celebrated with Bhajans, Speeches and Dances at Ponmeni Junior and VSP branches.

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### Children and self-esteem

Self-esteem is the basis for positive growth in human relations, learning, creativity and personal responsibility. It is the "cement" that binds children's personalities together into positive, integrated and effective structures. Even though parents and teachers can't control everything that happens to children, we can influence broad areas of their activities and respond more appropriately to them when they are experiencing stress in their lives. When children have high self-esteem, they feel good. If their self-esteem is low, they don't. Observing how they behave in different situations is the key that unlocks our understanding of how to help them feel good more often. Children with low self-esteem are no less "handicapped" than people with severe physical disability. When self-esteem is low, the ability to be successful in learning, human relationships and in all the productive areas of their lives is limited.

Self-esteem is different from self-concept, though the two ideas are often confused. In simple words. "Self-esteem is the way children feel about themselves. Self-concept is the ideas or beliefs children have about themselves. Children are motivated to act in ways that express both."

### Self-Esteem and interpersonal Relationships

Children with high self-esteem generally have good relationships with others. Both children and adults like to relate to someone who is pleasant to relate to. Children with low self-esteem are either overly aggressive or excessively retiring in interpersonal relationships, and thus produce little satisfaction for others.

Relationships are terribly important to children with low self-esteem. They seek support and approval from others that they can't give to themselves. But such a child will tend to distort communications and misconstrue people's attitudes, believing that others believe about him what he believes about himself. Children's efforts to be friendly toward a child with low self-esteem are often frustrating because of this. If a child feels that he is not liked or valued by others, he will anticipate such attitudes towards himself, whether the attitudes are there or not.

### Self-esteem and Creativity

Parents and teachers like to see children being creative. Children who keep themselves busy with imaginative play, who say or do things that are unique, and who show some degree of imaginative play, who say or do things that are unique and who show some degree of artistic or intellectual talent, are a delight to most adults. The tendency to act creatively is related to a child's self-esteem. According to Dr. Harris Clemes, an eminent Psychologist. Creativity involves the following factors that are directly influenced by self-esteem.

- \* True creativity is something that arises from inside a child and does not occur "on demand".
- \* Creative acts always involve some degree of risk. A child has to have a high level of self-confidence in order to take risks.

standards and expectations that children have a hard time meeting.

\* Low self-esteem parents have difficulty praising their kids. The praise they offer is general, rather than specific. Children like any kind of praise, but if it is too general, it doesn't give them specific information about their behavior, leading to ambiguity and confusion.

\* Parents with low self-esteem tend to give mixed messages to their children toward success but also imply that it will be temporary. ("Keep trying, but don't expect to win!") If parents are really threatened by their children's success, they may go so far as to undermine the success, by withholding resources, criticizing or breaking promises. Parents with low self-esteem cannot avoid some of the above dilemmas. Such parents must address their own problems before they can effectively enhance their children's self-esteem.

**Hannah Victor,**  
School Counselor.

## VIGNETTES FROM THE SPECIAL TRIP TO MEET - Mr. RUSKIN BOND

### AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP

A surprising and privileged news came to us all that we the students of JEEVANA were going to meet the most lovable and eminent writer.

It was magic when everything was so well-organised in a short span of time. All the six students and our beloved Principal were all agog when we climbed into our train from Madurai on the 25th April. The journey was comfortable and we chatted away happily. The journey was hot but 'Thanda Pani' cooled us off. We spent most of the time playing cards, sleeping, reading books - exclusively Ruskin Bond's works. We arrived at Dehradun of 27th April.



The much - awaited day arrived. We were all excited and our spirits were running high. Although we were happy we had a tinge of fear in the corner of our hearts whether we would end up making any grammatical error. In Mussoorie, we were all actually standing in front of his cottage when

the man we were all dying to meet put his head through the window and waved at us saying, ' This is my house; come up'.

I was actually stunned by the way he talked humorously, talking to us as though he were an old friend of ours. He was actually telling us how naughty he was at school which brought tears of laughter to our eyes. Mr. Bond was also giving us some writing tips. After our talk he showed his room where we snapped photographs with him and also got his autograph. Actually I was very happy because Mr. Bond signed for all with my pen. It was an honour. Then we shook hands with him. When we departed, we were all beaming and felt immensely proud that we had spent two whole hours with the renowned author. We felt that our mission was accomplished. He is a man like no other as a great example for 'simple living and high thinking'.

## HARSHITA

X'C'

### Mr. RUSKIN BOND - AN EXEMPLARY HUMAN BEING

Those ten days, right from 25th of April to 4th of May were the most memorable days for the six of us: Ishwarya, Sandhya and Nithya of class XII and Harshitha, Pavithra and myself (Sahana) of class X along with our Principal. Yes, it was our trip to Dehradun to meet one of the greatest authors and novelists.

We spent three enjoyable days on the train with a few hours break at Chennai and Delhi. We were accommodated in the Pestleweed College, a beautiful campus in a peaceful environment. On the 28th, we visited the Forest Research Institute and the Buddha Stupa. In the evening, we attended a grand dance competition.

29th was the most awaited day for all of us to meet the legend, Mr. Bond. An hour's travel took us to his place-Landour. He welcomed the six of us, our Principal, a few students and a teacher from Pestleweed college with a cheerful face. We were thrilled to meet the eminent author and an excellent human being. He was very simple, natural and student-friendly. We were surprised to see his jovial nature and his fluency in Hindi. He put us at ease with his pleasant and soft talk. We discussed various topics-his childhood, his interests, his books, his style of writing and quite a few things about his own personal life. He explained the background details of a few of his books which were based on his experience. On our way back, we enjoyed a rope - car ride before returning to the Pestleweed College.

Next day, we were engaged in local sight-seeing. We visited Robber's cave, Tapakeshwar and Sahastradhara which were worth visiting. There was a wonderful campfire in the late evening in the college. We presented a brief group-program. Students of the college were very friendly and hospitable. Our trip to Dehradun came to an end with a visit to Rishikesh, where we had a quick dip in the Ganges. Boarding the night train we reached Delhi on the 2nd May and spent a day there visiting the Qutab Minar, the Bahai Temple and the Redfort.

We boarded the Tamil Nadu Express from Delhi on our return trip to Chennai and reached Madurai on the 4th evening by Vaigai Express. We were cheered and welcomed by our excited parents at Madurai railway Station. All the six of us would remain grateful to our Chairman and to our Principal for giving us memorable days. We are proud to be Jeevanites.

**M.SAHANA**

X 'C'

### THE JOURNEY TO IVY COTTAGE

It is indeed a lifetime opportunity to meet an exemplary person like RUSKIN BOND. Well... I was simply excited and jumped with joy when our Principal told me about it. I had been longing for such a moment since when I had started reading his stories. I was told about this before my +2 exams and so the moment they got over I started planning for the trip. It began with collecting information about the great writer and his childhood. I was inspired to know that he had received his first award at the age of 17 and that too for his first novel "THE ROOM ON THE ROOF". His stories are very picturesque and they bring Dehra's scenic beauty right in front of our eyes. After reaching the place we did notice a few things from the stories, like the clock tower and the bazaar. Our stay there was arranged in a college named 'PESTLEWEED'. The people there were lovely and very affectionate.

On 29th of April, we moved to Mussoorie in the college bus. When reached IVY COTTAGE, that is, his residence, I became nervous. He narrated his childhood memories about his schooling and many other incidents, too. He had been very naughty as a child. He is a very jovial person full of life. In the course of our conversation with him, he said that he also had an interest to become a tap-dancer. Our visit there lasted for a couple of hours though we didn't realize the passage of time.

I thank our school heartily for giving me such a golden opportunity which I would cherish forever in my life.

**S. SANDHYA**

XII 'A'

Class of 2007

### 'A JOURNEY TO MEET ONE OF THE GREATEST AUTHORS' ...

For all of us, the second was the most awaited day. It took one hour to reach Mussoorie and about five minutes from there to Landour-his place. We were searching for his house till a voice said 'come-up' peeping down from a window. We saw a cheerful face peeping out. He had 11

members in his house excluding him. We were very amazed to see his fluency in Hindi. Then, he led us to the living room where we discussed books, nature, animals and a bit of his personal life. He said that he used to be a tap dancer. He added humor to his answers. After chatting for about an hour, he led us to his room where he kept his books, photos, cartoons and others things. The view from his room was very beautiful and he also added that he would look outside the window when he felt bored. We got autographs for ourselves and our friends and took many snaps with him. After spending two hours with him, we left the place with smiling and happy faces. We felt as though a mission was accomplished.

## PAVITHRA

X 'A'

### A RENDEZVOUS WITH RUSKIN BOND

The main purpose of this trip was to meet one of India's famous writers-Ruskin Bond. He is of British origin and has settled in India. Our ten-day trip began as our parents came to the railway station to see us off wishing us the best for the trip.

The second day-29<sup>th</sup> of April- was the most significant day. It was even greater because it was my birthday. We drove up to Landour, He lives with his adopted family that has eleven people. We were then ushered to the sitting room where we had a chat with the author. In the thrill of sitting next to a great person half of us nearly forgot the questions that we had prepared to ask him. All his writings are descriptive, picturesque and down-to-earth. He writes about everyday happenings around him in the simplest of languages. We asked him questions varying from topics of his childhood, his life at Dehra, doubts from his books and his ideas for us to start writing a book. He was the first to start the conversation by asking us about our home town, the train journey, type of weather at Madurai etc. Mr. Ruskin Bond's sense of humour is excellent. In reply to our question of the ghost stories being true, he laughingly told us that when he runs out of good ideas for his stories he starts writing ghost stories. He also commented upon the vast usage of cell phones by the youth. He amusingly added that when he tried calling someone in his cell, he ended up putting his head out of the window. "The India I Love" answers nearly all questions about his life. All of us then presented him with a memento as a gesture of gratitude. After the talk Mr. Bond took us to his room from where he writes most of his stories. [Mr. Bond has three old typewriters]. Then all of us got his autograph and photographs for both ourselves and our friends who could not join us on this trip. For me it was the loveliest birthday present ever.

## NITHYA SURESH

XII 'C'

Class of 2007

## LICENSE TO THRILL

Everybody has one golden memory to treasure to their grave and I am no exception. Ruskin Bond is a writer of excellence and difference whose writings reflect his life and his characters are inspired from his next door neighbours, roadside friends, etc. Who wouldn't crave to meet this master of literature ... ? I can never forget the first sight of his glowing face as he waved from his humble house. We poured in filled with excitement and honour and were accommodated in his library. Speaking to MR RUSTY (that's how he likes to be called) was like speaking to a dear old friend. He spoke to us so well and made sure we felt at home. Our conversations started with his writings, going to his school days, bad performance in Maths, his first novel, his inspiration, Uncle Ken and tap dance!. His hilarious and natural way of speaking impressed everyone of us. The meeting lasted for about two solid hours and we ended it with a small photo session. We made Mr .. Bond sign countless autographs for all our friends back home. We bade goodbye to Mr. Ruskin Bond and his humble Ivy cottage. As we returned chatting animatedly one thing just kept coming back to me: I had just met not only a legendary author but also an exemplary human being.

**S.M. ISHWARYA**

XII (Class of 2007)

## BIRTH OF JOSH

JOSH- Talent Hunt 2007-was a great and successful event, It was one of the landmarks in the history of our school but little does anybody know of what all efforts were put in to make it a reality. It was not something that we all suddenly decided one fine day but instead it was a seed planted 4 years back, nourished carefully for a long time with the hope that it will mature into a beautiful tree so that everybody here at JEEVANA can reap the fruits, the benefits.



It was just after we finished our exams in Class 12, 4 years back in 2003. We were totally free, jobless and wanting to do something- we were young and restless (we still are). That's when somebody came up with the idea of organizing a cultural event in JEEVANA. This thought had actually crossed our minds on several occasions earlier. When we would go to other schools to participate and there, we would think- "Wish our school had its very own cultural too.." This thought always brought a twinkle in everybody's eye, but little did we know about the daunting task that was ahead of us in case we did organize .We put forward our desires to the school management and they were quite pleased too. Plans were going on well and we were probably planning things too fast. We had decided to conduct the cultural that following year itself ... We met up with each other quite often, mostly at cafes and would put forward our thoughts and ideas. A

grandiose Inter-school competition was initially planned. Everybody was reasonably pleased with the planning but little did we know what college life had in store for all of us!...

AND then came the time for us all to part ways. I came to Chennai with a couple of other friends. Some were put up in Coimbatore and some even went out of Tamilnadu, while others stayed back in Madurai itself. College life was quite far from what I had expected it to be... It was relentless, really tough and that was just the beginning! But we still did manage to keep in touch and even had a community opened on MSN which is still growing. At this point in time things had hit a road block. We were still only discussing names to be kept for the event. We had lots of suggestions which led to conflicts. So we decided that the name would be our last priority...

Days went by, changed to months and then to years... We were so caught up with college work and life that little did we think about organizing anything. It was actually sad to see that this dream which we had decided and planned with such care was only a tiny idea seated in some corner of our brains, the rest of which was occupied with exams, work, attendance, grades, marks etc. The other problem was that of distance . If anything was to take place then it required all of us to be there at the same time... which was practically not possible. Reunions were taking place at regular intervals but not everyone was present. Every time our school had summer vacation, we would have college .... So there was no way we could do anything about it.

2007 was the last year of college life, at least for my engineer friends. I was still stuck doing Dentistry as it's a five year course. In the month of March, they decided it was high time we reignited what had been put off. That led to a reunion in May, in our school premises itself... and this time we had an overwhelming response. It was not totally unexpected as most of them had finished college. We met up with our beloved Headmistress. Mrs.Padma Chandrasekhar and, under her guidance, this time we planned realistically. With the funds and man power available to us only an intra-school event was possible, but we were totally happy with that, as it would test our capability.

The date was set 23/06/2007. The easy part was now over and now came the time for the hard part of organizing it. With the sincere efforts of the Josh members especially Karthikeyan, Archana, Sethu and contributions from other members, including myself, things were propelled in the right direction, I was not involved in those hectic 2 weeks before the event as my college was in full swing and they had also announced Terminal exams on the 25th of July... Just 2 days after the event! I could not afford missing my Terminals but at the same time I could never afford missing the 1st ever cultural event at Jeevana for which I had been dreaming since the day I left school. I made up my mind; exams will come and go, but this event, I had to be definitely there. I booked my tickets that very day itself and planned to return before my Terminal started. And I will never regret making that decision as it has totally paid off.

That very evening, Archana, the Treasurer of JOSH, informed me of the name for the event -JOSH- Talent Hunt 2007. I loved it and so did everyone else. It sounded pretty cool. JOSH stands for that X-factor in you and most importantly JOSH stands for JEEVANA OLD STUDENTS HAVEN.

The day finally arrived. We started off with a prayer, the welcome speeches and then the events started. To watch your dreams materialize to reality is a feeling that nobody can explain and we felt intimately attached to our school that day. I sincerely thank the Chairman, all the Heads of the various departments, every staff member, and all the Prefects who worked tirelessly along with the Josh members and, of course, all the participants for showing the JOSH in them. To see so much of hidden talent was really amazing. Kudos to all the participants. we were relishing every single minute of it and every minute was worth the efforts we had been putting for the past 4 years. We will make it a point that it continues to grow in the right direction. It will not be long from now that we actually will have our very own inter-school cultural competition, inviting all the major schools in and around Madurai. I along with other members of JOSH sincerely request the support of everybody related to the JEEVANA family. I also request every student to join JOSH once they pass out to let the JOSH community grow and let it be a hallmark of what Jeevana is all about - to strive and excel in all fields.

Our school has done a lot for us. It made me feel like I was home when I joined it in 11th Standard and even though I studied here only for 2 years, I realized that the care and love you experience here, you probably might never experience elsewhere. Just because you have left JEEVANA doesn't mean you should detach yourself totally from it. Instead now is the time you should return the favor. College life isn't what people normally think it will be like. School days are the loveliest days of your life and friends you make at school are the ones you will treasure for the rest of your life. Enjoy every moment of it as there will come a time in the future when you will look back on your past and realize- "Man, those were the best days of my life. Will they ever comeback?" They never will ...

**Mohammed Faizal.S. BDS**

Class of 2003

Member. JOSH.

### **OUR DREAMS COME TRUE...**

23rd June was the Saturday we were all waiting for to come back to our haven-actually our heaven. Then our evergreen teacher and guide for the budding Jeevanites Ms.Rajalakshmi lighted the lamp for a spiritual start of the day with her kind and loving prayers. We had the welcome speech delivered by Mohammed Faizal and then President's speech by Karthikeyan. The competitions were organized by the members of JOSH "JEEVANA OLD STUDENTS' HAVEN" an association that was formed 4 years back. We named the Meet as JOSH

**TALENT HUNT 2007.** The ten competitions that were conducted for the intra-school meet are as follows: Fancy dress, Shipwreck, Creative Writing, Painting, Pencil Sketching, Footloose, Face Painting, Quiz, Ad-Zap and Dumb-Charades. The active participation from the students of Jeevana school made the day successful and eventful.

The most memorable moment was that of all of the old students together as one family having the chance to have lunch in our school mess. We really enjoyed being back together and have lunch as we used to have those days. And I am really proud to share with you that our Chairman, Mr. Iyengar, came all the way from Bangalore to join us for the Valediction. We are thankful to our Chairman for his blessings and extending his support to have such an event in the history of Jeevana. It is indeed my pleasure to express my deepest thanks to Mrs. Nirmala Visveshwaran, the Principal and Mrs. Padma for their hearty wishes and support that they rendered to us.

TALENT HUNT 2007 was once a dream and then the dream came true. All of us felt very excited and happy to have done something for the school that has done so much for us. Hope this dream comes true every year to have such a celebration and binds us to our cherished heaven for evermore.

**ARCHANA.S** B.Sc

Class of 2003, TREASURER, JOSH.

### **JOSH - TALENT HUNT '2007**

The first time is always a fight to bring the best out of the segments of our imagination. The struggle for a new beginning was intense. It was absolutely difficult restoring all the old pearls of Jeevana. The credit goes to Karthikeyan, the President of JOSH. All the old students joined hands and worked a lot; sacrificed their time and personal work; and poured their heart and soul into Josh for a beautiful start.

23rd June, 2007 was the first successful milestone for JOSH. The Intra-school competition, JOSH-Talent HUNT' 07, was a dream-come-true. The events included Footloose, Shipwreck, Pencil Sketching, Quiz, Dumb Charades, Fancy dress, etc. The participants for each event turned out to be more than what we expected. The support from the Jeevanites was wonderful. The Prefects helped us a lot to maintain the discipline and to conduct the events in an appreciable manner.

Our Chairman, Mr. M.S. Iyengar, came all the way from Bangalore to grace the occasion. Our Principal, Mrs. Nirmala Visveshwaran provided us with all the facilities we required. Mrs. Padma Chadrashekar was the person who stood with us throughout the event. She co-

ordinated and helped us behind the scene. Our dear teachers of Jeevana, supported and encouraged us throughout the events.

When we neared the end of this simple and sweet beginning, a look of satisfaction prevailed in the eyes of friends. This new beginning taught us lots of do's and don'ts. We promise a much better Josh the next time. The tears and smiles will continue with a bigger JOSH group!

### **SOWMYA. S**

Class of 2005.

## **JOSH-2007**

Jeevana Old Students' Haven was a great ceremony for the current Jeevanites. There were many competitions like Painting, Creative-Writing, Face Painting, Footloose, Fancy Dress, Ad-Zap, Ship-wreck and Quiz. Many students participated in the competitions. Our Principal said that this was the first time our alumini were going to conduct this competition. It was a great challenge for us. We were participating in the competitions with full enthusiasm. We had the craze and the confidence to win. These competitions were very helpful to show the hidden potential talent of Jeevanites. Each competition needed Talent and it was in plenty among Jeevanites. It was a great excitement to the students after the summer vacation. JOSH was a great success.

### **Srinidhi R.**

VI 'A'

## **JEEVANA SPORTS MEET, 2007**

What we anticipated to be bright and sunny turned out to be a rather rainy one-an irony as we sang "Showers of Blessing" as our opening prayer song. But did that hold us Jeevanites back? No! Things went on as planned with all the four Houses namely the Himalayas, the Vindhya, the Shevroys and the Nilgris bravely marching past the bitter weather. Once that was over, we had various events such as drill, aerobics, yoga and karate. An event which drew the awe of many a parent featured a small boy pulling a Maruthi Omni merely through a rope clenched between his teeth. That was awesome! Then we had the track events with all the athletes putting their skills to the best. At last the results were announced. My group Vindhya finished last, but as weird as it may seem, a part of me was happy that my friends won!

### **E.R. DEEPAK**

XII 'A'

## PONMENI PREP SECTION

A peep into the Prep Section's motivational environment will make one feel as if in wonderland. As we have 451 sweet angels around, every day is a new experience. Each and every child is very bright in his own way. Our motivation trained teachers handle the children very carefully. Children have the freedom to move around as different activities are planned. They are also given manipulatable Toys, Puzzles and Blocks to play along with the motivation materials.

Our education is practical and the curriculum is largely based on the motivation system of Education. This method is totally based on child psychology and it covers the whole development of a man from birth to adult hood.

Concrete Materials are used to introduce Mathematics, Language and other subjects. Children are motivated by our internet and our classroom offers many opportunities for young children to expand their knowledge.

The formative years play a very important role in forming an individual's personality. It is in these years that a child absorbs instantly and unconsciously. The various developments in a motivation environment are: Mental development, Language development, Intellectual development and Physical development.

Educational concepts embedded in their minds from classes - L.K.G. to STD V are relevant through out their higher education and those who have been with us from Pre-School to Higher Secondary have shown good all round development.

We can proudly say that we are self sufficient in the latest motivation teaching aids and children are benefitting tremendously. Our Chairman has purchased for us a very costly and useful software "My Kids", where the children are exposed to listening and speaking of English language in the A/V room. Children are taken to the library where we have a Kids corner. It is beautifully arranged with small chairs. Library books are sent home once a week. Field trips are also undertaken frequently.

Stress is given on English Reading, Listening and Speaking. Reading and Listening classes are taken by separate teachers every day.

KG children are taken for nature walk and they are shown Yoga, Karate, C.C and Library. Children are exposed to all the activities which are held.

The Principal and the Headmistress go on Class rounds and observe the lessons and guide the teacher. As the saying goes "children are clouds of glory" and each and every second we make them happy as our nation depends upon them for a bright future.

**Ms.N.Rajalakshmi**

Headmistress (Pre KG to II Std.,)

Ponmeni Junior Section.

## LET'S THINK

School has an important place in a child's life. It is the first step away from home. The child learns social skills at school. Apart from acquiring knowledge the school moulds the child into a whole human being. In our school we follow the principles of the great philosopher, J.Krishnamoorthy. He said that the child should be given freedom to think. Thinking makes the mind broad. Now-a-days children have an opportunity to observe and learn a lot of things thanks to Information Technology. The younger generation is very observant, curious and has great capacity to absorb any knowledge. So it is the responsibility of the teachers and parents to guide them on the right path. We should never compare. According to J.Krishnamoorthy comparison leads to jealousy and hatred. We should teach them values, make them love nature. No one likes to listen to advice. So we have to be the role models for the children. Being punctual, respect for the elders, these "simple, small" things we can teach by practising it. Let us join hands and help our children face the world with an inner strength and values.

**M.S.Viji Ananthan**

Headmistress III-V

Ponmeni Junior Section

## PARENT SPEAK

### AN ENJOYABLE EVENING

Jeevana Primary School Annual Sports Day was an event with a difference.

The Headmistress and the Staff deserve praise not only for the orderly conduct of the events but also for ensuring that there was no delay or overlapping of the events.

### 24th SPORTS MEET

Ponmeni Junior Section 2007



HATTERS TEA PARTY

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IMPROVISED FLY SWATTERS!



TOEING THE LINE



RHYTHM IS A DANCER

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HAVING A BALL

The compere did an excellent job in creating the right tempo to make it lively.

Special praise to the organizers and participants of the Fancy Dress-Cum-March Past, Ribbon Dance, Yoga performance and Karate display.

Overall a very memorable and enjoyable evening for all of us who were present.

Grand parent of  
**K.VARSHA RAVINDRANATH**  
Class II 'A'  
JEEVANA, PONMENI.

The Sports day was declared open by Mr.lyengar 10 minutes early as there was a threat of rain. It was the culmination of almost a month of enjoyable hard work.

All the children from Pre-KG to V std participated and they subconsciously learnt teamwork, leadership skills, organization skills, etc.

The Parade of 'Great leaders' was wonderful and innovative. Karate, Yoga and Drill were a great demonstration of Physical and Mental Skills of young children.

For Private Circulation only

The teachers and ground staff must be appreciated for their untiring efforts in preparing the children.

Today many parents and schools focus exclusively on academics, often at the cost of their children. The vision for all round development of the child by the management deserves our heart-felt thanks.

**Dr.R. Sabrin Ross**

F/o.Roy Shawn Sabrin Ross (UKG-A)

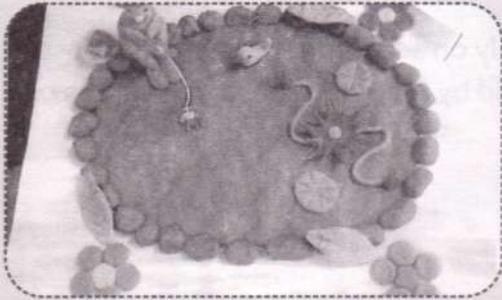
### COMPETITION DETAILS

Madurai District Age Group **Swimming Championship 2007**: Awarded to **S.Gokul** of II 'A' **Second Place** in **25mts Freestyle** held at Madurai on 25th Aug 2007.

**M.A.Ramanathan**, has participated in the 2nd **DISTRICT LEVEL KARATE and YOGA Championship 2007** held at Madurai on **25th Aug 2007** and secured "**THIRD PLACE**" in sub-junior Karate.

**M.A. Ramanathan** II 'A' won the 3rd Place in Sub-Junior Kata in the 2nd District Level Karate and Yoga Championship 2007 held at Madurai on 25.08.2007.

1. **H.Janaki** of I st std won the **First Prize** in colouring conducted by Scholastic India Ltd.
2. **N.Satya shree** of I st std won the **Second Prize** in colouring conducted by Scholastic
3. **T.N.Yoga Malavika** of std 2nd won the **Third Prize** in colouring conducted by Scholastic.
4. **M.A.Ramanathan** II nd 'A' has been awarded the **Green Belt** 7th KYU by the ISSHINRYU KARATE.
5. **S. Gokul** II nd 'A' has been awarded the **Yellow Belt**, 7th KYU by the ISSHINRYU KARATE.
6. **R.Raganiyanthri** of V 'A' won the **3rd Prize** in the Clay Modeling competition held at TVS by JCI.



**R.Raganiyanthri** of V 'A'  
Won the 3rd Prize in the **Clay Modeling**.

## JEEVANA (VSP)

As I called out to a nervous shadow pacing hesitantly outside my cabin, a little boy of class 3 walked in looking rather puzzled and confused. When I questioned him, his reply was, "It will not close." I looked at him confused myself because I could not see anything with him that had to be closed. So, I said, I do not understand. "He said, "Ma'am I can't close my mouth. It refuses to close and my teachers are getting disturbed, How do I close it?"

A silent prayer arose in my heart, 'Lord, help me nurture the innocence and goodness of a child.'

**Ms. Chitra Dinakaran**

Headmistress

Jeevana, VSP

## VSP OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS

1. **S. Jaiwant** of IV-Std

**Madurai District Badminton Association : 22-06-2007 & 23-06-2007**

Age Group : Under **10 Yrs** - Winner (Single)

Under **10 Yrs** - Runners (Doubles)

2. **"JOSH" by Jeevana Old Students Haven on 23rd June 2007**

**III std**

**S. Sabari Krishna** 2nd Place in Painting

**S. Sarath Kumar** 3rd Place in Painting

**IV std**

**J. Charumeena** 2nd Place in Fancy Dress and 3rd Place in Foot Loose.

**V std****S. Aksharan 2nd Place** in Painting**VI std****B. Mahima 1st Place** in Painting, **2nd Place** in Pencil Sketching**A. Raji 3rd Place** in Footloose**Rakshan C Joseph 3rd Place** in Footloose.**3. JCI Madurai Competition 15th August****B. Mahima 6th Std. 1st Place** in Drawing & Colouring**J. Charumeena 4th Std. 3rd Place** in Clay Modeling**RM. Gowri 4th Std. Consolation** in Vegetable Carving.**4. Aavishkar India - Drawing Competition****B. Mahima 6th Std. - Special Prize****R. Shankar Mahesh 3rd Std. - Consolation Prize****5. Madurai District Aquatic Association - Swimming Competition 25-08-2007****A. Raji 6th Std. - 50mts Free Style 2nd Place****- 25mts Breast Stroke 2nd Place****- 25mts Back Stroke 1st Place****PARENT SPEAK****SPLENDID SPORTS SHOW**

On 4th Aug 2007, Saturday afternoon, the campus of Ponmeni Jeevana was dressed up in colourful banners, boards and balloons. It was getting ready for Jeevana(VSP) Sports Meet, with a meaningful theme: "LIVING IN HARMONY WITH PLANET EARTH"

The Meet commenced with the Prayer followed by the Welcome Address. Mr. M.S. Iyengar, Chairman of the school hoisted the flag and the Parade began with the little angels leading the Parade.

The March Past which was led by a global awareness to protect the ozone layer from pollution was an excellent idea. The parade was a riot of colours and the children marched by enthusiastically. After the oath taking by the students, the Chairman formally declared the Sports Meet open.

This was followed by the various creative mass drills, like Symbol of Peace, The Childs, Triangle of Light. It was amazing to see the discipline, the sense of timing and rhythm; the orderliness with which these routines were executed and the creativity involved. Congrats to the teachers and students alike

The names of events as indicated in the agenda given to the parents assembled were about creating awareness about harmony with environment. Events such as Let's make our Earth colourful, Reduce, Recycle and Reuse, Say No to Plastics, Pedal away Pollution appeared meaningful and drew repeated applause from the gathering.

The Yoga performance by the children exhibited their commitment and dedication to that act; karate - the martial arts performed by the students gave the confidence to the parents that their children are bold and brave. The function came to an end with the Prize Distribution. I feel proud that my child was also a part of this awareness creating Sports Meet. HATS OFF to the Headmistress, Teachers and Students of Jeevana, VSP for their untiring work to make this show a grand success. As parents we felt in our heart the satisfaction that our children are in the right place to inculcate the basic values and to take charge of FUTURE INDIA. So, THANK YOU, JEEVANITES, VSP for a FABULOUS AWARENESS SHOW.

**Mrs. Devasena Suresh Nehru**

M/o. S. Lokeshnandhan,  
Std. VI.

A new academic year, with it comes the excitement of meeting old friends and making new ones. As the year progresses it is time for the yearly events that all of us look forward to. So on the 4th August 2007, Jeevana school, VSP celebrated its 21st Annual Sports Meet. The visitors were welcomed with a copy of the oath "I will ..." and the agenda.

The Sports meet was a unique theme oriented event "Living in harmony with our planet Earth". The Meet, as is the tradition with Jeevana, started at 4 pm sharp. The Headmistress, Ms. Chitra Dinakaran, outlined the importance of saving the earth and the disastrous consequences of ignoring the impending situation in her address. The Parade was given a new dimension by correlating the House colours with environmental issues.

Mr. M.S. Iyengar, Chairman, declared the Sports Meet open and the events that followed advocated the means of living in harmony - Heal the World; Let's make our Earth colourful; Reduce Recycle & Reuse; Say 'No' to Plastics and Pedal away Pollution. The drills aptly named 'Symbol of Peace' and 'The Child' and the exercises using dumb bells and lazium were well performed.

Yoga and karate demonstrations are always exhilarating and this year was no

different.

Individual races - 50mts dash; 4 X 50 mts relay and 4 X 100 mts relay- were run in the spirit of great sportsmanship.

The winners were awarded with medals and certificates. The overall winner was 'Vindhyas' which walked away with the shield. The Sports Meet involved every student and every event had a meaningful link to its theme.

When I offered my compliments on the good show, Ms.Logambikai, Class Teacher, Std II , remarked " ... to tell the truth, the actual people to be thanked are your own children who were the real active players and a reason for this success, while we were just the ground to play on." We as parents can be very contented that our children are in safe and competent hands.

**Mrs.K.Alamelu Mangai**

M/o.S.K.Shanmukham, II std.

The recently held Sports Day was implicitly a feather in the cap of Jeevana (VSP) as the theme of the day was very novel and thought provoking. The entire program was salubrious and rollicking. The delineation of yoga too was exemplary. The children enunciated the harmful effects of plastics and created awareness on Global Warming. I am sure every participant and the audience who witnessed the event will definitely advocate this theme and have a second thought when they are to use plastics in future.

I whole heartedly felicitate the faculty and the children behind this great event who toiled and made it a success.

**S.Manikandan**

F/o. S.M.Adithya Harish

II Std (VSP).

## A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

School reopened for the busiest term of the year on 2nd January, 2007. Cheers of Happy New Year echoed everywhere. New Year reminds us of Resolutions. While it is not easy to keep them, it is easy to make them for other people. So, I encouraged my students to adopt resolutions. A lot of resolutions were taken by the students of Readers Club. To study well; to comb their hair; to read everyday; to help their parents and so on. Then they asked me about my resolution and soon they were all agog to hear. I had zero intention of making any resolution. Quite

aware of the consequences that it would lead to, I changed the topic to movies-students' all-time favorite. But this topic, which in other circumstances would have excited them, left them disinterested and they pestered on. I pretended to pay no attention to their insistence and continued about Shah Rukh Khan. The pretence was lost on them and they were resolute. I had little choice. Though I am not very good at controlling anger, it does not get out of control either. So, I thought this would be the safest resolution to make and who knows, it could even be beneficial. Robert Frost said "Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self confidence.". Well, Mr. Robert Frost I am going to achieve this.

But it was not a piece of cake and was put to test the very next day. It was a bright and pleasant Monday morning. In the first period, twelve students came to meet me with a letter from their parents seeking excuse for not writing the Cycle Test. The reason, of course was the oft-repeated one - 'had a function at home'. My eyes did not miss their exchange of glances signalling anxiety and shifting nervously. But to their surprise, I spoke to them gently and advised them patiently. There, it wasn't tough after all. I was patting myself on the back when a student rushed into my room with tears running down his cheeks, complaining that one of his classmates was teasing him, kicking him and calling him names. I, then pacified them and squared up the matter. After two periods, a teacher came with a long list of homework defaulters with those students in tow. Now, I could get that familiar feeling of rushing blood, tensing muscles and pounding heart and had to tell myself, R-E-L-A-X. Then I counseled the children, emphasizing the significance of homework and the predicament they would find themselves in accumulating work. The students seemed to be relieved and left. But the teacher was exasperated and gave me a perplexed look as if to ask, "What happened to her, she was quite normal till yesterday!".

Then in the evening, when I was about to leave, I got a call from my aunt. She said that she had come to Madurai along with her family and would be staying with me for a week. She said, "I thought I would give a surprise." Surprise visit indeed! All I wanted to do was to scream - Aaaaah!

What a day!

## V. PADMA CHANDRASHEKAR

Headmistress  
VI to VIII Std.

### MY HAPPIEST MOMENT

My happiest moment was when I met our former President, Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Luckily, I was selected for a project based on "Bio-diversity of Mosquitoes". We had won 1st Place in this round and were given a special privilege of visiting Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. I was filled with glee and didn't know what to do. The second round was held at Kongu Engineering college in Erode. It was a huge campus of more than 1000 acres. I was so proud that I was to get a chance to

hear his speech and to question the great scientist and the former President, who answered my questions and gave a speech on various topics. He advised us to plant a tree each. He also gave us his e-mail ID. He asked us to dream till it is fulfilled. It was the happiest moment in my life which I could never forget.

### **B.B.SYNDIA**

IX- 'D' Std.

## **A VISIT TO MADURAI KAMARAJ UNIVERSITY**

In the present educational system where the emphasis on rote learning continues, visits to educational institutions provide an opportunity for the students to become well equipped. We the Biology students of Class XII had an opportunity on 18th July, 2007 to visit the Madurai Kamaraj University, Biology Department. All thanks to our Biology teacher, Ms. M.B. Suriya Devi.

As we approached the University premises, we were all excited. We were led directly to the Biology Department block, which stood majestically in a remote corner of the University.

First we were led by Mr. Kannan, one of the Professors in the Bio-chemistry section, where an array of highly sophisticated instruments were packed in. We cleared our doubts about those devices. We all somehow had a liking to visit the botanical garden first. Luckily for us, Mr. Moya, a student from Meghalaya who was pursuing his Ph.D. in botanical sciences agreed to take us. It was a big garden which housed important and rare kind of plants. He showed us his work on *Jatropha curcas* from whose seeds bio-diesel can be extracted. He also took us round the garden, stopping at each green house and showing us the failed or the ongoing works of 14 other students. I should not forget to tell that the garden also acted as a sanctuary for peacocks. We went chasing after them to take photographs but they were very shy and ran

From Left to Right  
(2nd Row)

**Yogeshwari, Devi,  
Aarthi, Mareeswari,  
Dhivya, Ms.Suguna,  
Ms. Suriya Devi and  
Sanjay**



From Left to Right  
(1st Row)

**Ameena, Dharshana,  
Jayashree, Anita,  
Prabhakaran and  
Deepak**

away. The next visit was to the DBT center (Department of Biotechnology) where we had an opportunity to spend some moments with the distinguished Reader, Mrs. Suguna. We were

shown a number of instruments, cultures, algae specimen etc. Next we set off on the final leg of our journey to the Department of Bio-informatics. We had an interactive session with Mr. Krishnaswamy, the renowned Professor of Bioinformatics. He briefed us about the scope of Bioinformatics. Two of his students explained to us about the protein sequence databases, DNA library, etc. which was very interesting.

Lastly, we met Dr. Sanjeev at the section of drugs and pharmaceuticals. He was briefing us on genome sequencing. As we came out of the Bio-informatics section, the curtain of dusk was being drawn. As we were departing, one of our peacocks bade us goodbye. I would never forget the way it was crying at the top of his voice standing at the top of the building. As the van was proceeding, I could still see him standing there watching us depart silently. On the whole the visit was educative and informative.

**K.DHIVYA**

XII 'A'

### WONDERS OF NATURE

Stars stuck with no support in the sky,  
 Nectar hidden in a blossom;  
 Sweet voice of a myna;  
 Colourful design of a butterfly;  
 Pleasant blowing breeze;  
 Buzz of a bee,  
 Pearl made by an oyster;  
 Drop of a rain, not a bit salty;  
 Dream of a child;  
 The wonderful computer in our head ;  
 All are wonders of nature to me.  
 And HE who created these wonders  
 is the biggest Wonder.

**M. SREENIDHI**

IX 'B'

### MY PET CAT

I have a cat,  
 She is very fat!  
 Her name is kitty,  
 She is very pretty!  
 She loves to chase a mouse  
 Whenever she sees it in the house!  
 She loves to eat fish meat,  
 That's why she has such strong teeth!  
 I never let her go away from me,  
 If you don't believe me, come and see!

**N. SUBBIAH**

VIII 'A'

## TIME FOR SOME GANDHIGIRI

**“Independence**, now-a-days is a political abstraction, a dated concept, a state of being that is taken for granted because we've never known otherwise. August 15, 1947 is a date seared in our minds not from personal memories but through regurgitations”, says Vijay Parthasarathy, aged 26, a special correspondent for **THE HINDU**.

New trends are stepping in so abruptly that it, with an incident haste, drives away our existing lifestyle. Even our INDEPENDENCE is not an exception to this contagious disease. With a heavy heart. I have to admit that our spirit of nationalism is ebbing away. If this remains unnoticed, the up coming generations may not even be aware of the struggle our national leaders had to put up with to gain freedom.

Even now, it's painful to realize that small kids get reminded of chocolates, super hit movies, entertaining cultural programs on the mention of Independence Day and not of national flags or of nationalism. Significance of our independence must be inculcated in them. Nowadays, Independence is RITUALLY celebrated.

Though we outperform other nations in production of mica, tea, sugarcane and so on, India won't shine as an outstanding nation until we unitedly work for progress.

Says Dhivya of XII 'A' “Not many in our country are truly free. Many are not even able to cast their vote for their desired candidate. Not many bother to give Independence its due respect. I can see many feeling lazy to salute our national flag. Such is the situation of present India. It's a known fact that more than 19% of our population do not know our National Anthem and more than 33% do not know that our National tree is banyan or that the national fruit is mango! I do feel that essential attention isn't given to our Independence.”

Says Saraswathy of XI 'A' “ In the name of Independence Day special, media advertise their cine stars or super hit movies. Even a normal citizen is afraid to voice his views against the corrupt administration.”

Such an ill state of India must change. Where is our India's glory going? We as Indians should promise to bring back the retreating glory and restore the due respect. As an Indian, each and every individual has a right to speak out for the betterment of India.

**BE PROUD TO BE AN INDIAN. JAI HIND!**

**MEENAKSHI VELUMANI**

XI 'B'

## (NEWSLETTER REPORTER)

கல்விக் கண் திறந்த காமராசர்

வாழையடி வாழையென  
வந்த தமிழ் பெருமரபில்  
ஏழைமகன் ஏழையென  
இன்னமுதே நீ பிறந்தாய்!  
நிமிர்ந்தால் தலையிடிக்கும்  
நிற்பதற்கே இடமிருக்கும்!  
அமைவான ஓர் குடிலில்  
ஐயா நீ வந்துதித்தாய்!

கல்விக் கடலுமில்லை; களஞ்சியமும் இல்லை ஐயா!  
கல்லானேயானாலும் கற்றாரை மற்றவரைக்  
கல்லாக்கி வைத்துவிடும் கல்வி மிகக் கற்றுவிட்டாய்!  
கல்லாமைதனைக் கருவறுக்கின்றவன்;  
இல்லாமைதனை இல்லாதாக்குவோன்;  
நல்லோர் இதயம் நாடும் நாயகன்  
நாவசைக்காமலே நாடமைக்கின்றவன்;  
ஏழ்மையில் பிறந்து ஏழ்மை உணர்ந்து  
ஏழைகள் உயர இதயம் விரித்தவன்  
பற்பல கல்விச் சாலைகளில் பலரும் பயின்றிட  
இலவசக் கல்வித் திட்டம் என்னுமோர்  
உயரிய கொடைதனை தமிழகத்திற்களித்திட்ட  
உயர்ந்த பெருந்தலைவர் காமராசர்  
வாழ்நாளில் துயர் சூழ்ந்து வறுமையிலே மனஞ்சோர்ந்து  
வீழ்வாரைத் தாங்காமல் சத்தான  
மதிய உணவுத் திட்டந்தனை  
தலைவனாய் நின்று நீயும் தந்திட்டாய்  
தமிழகம் வாழ்கவென!  
பின்வந்த அரசுகளெல்லாம் நீக்கமுடியாது  
நிலைபெற்ற திட்டம் இது!  
அருவியென்றும் ஆறென்றும்  
அலைகடலில் கலக்கு நீரை  
அனைவரும் பயனுற  
அணைகளாகக் கட்டி  
தமிழகத்திற்குத் தந்திட்ட  
தங்கத் தலைவன் நீ!  
இன்று வளம்தரும் அனைத்து அணைகளும்  
இன்னிசை பாடுவது உன் புகழன்றோ!  
அவன் படைத்த வரலாற்றில்  
அடியெடுத்து வைத்தவர்கள்  
அச்சத்தைக் கொன்றவர்கள்  
அன்புவழி நின்றவர்கள்;  
மன்னராய்ப் பிறந்தோர்கள்  
மண்ணை ஆள்வது இயல்பே;  
மன்னர்களை உருவாக்கும் உந்தன் திறமை  
மண் உள்ளவரை வாழ்த்து பெறும்;  
மறுத்துப் பேசுவது உன்னிடமில்லை  
யார் வந்து அழைத்தாலும்

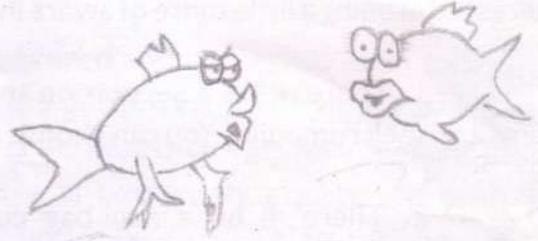
ஆகட்டும் வருவேன் என்று  
உதவிக்கரம் நீட்டிய  
உயர்ந்த தலைவன் நீ!  
கல்விச் சாலைகள் அனைத்தும்  
காமராசர் புகழ் பாடும்!!!

**S. SAVITHRI**  
Tamil Teacher



**The inventor of light bulb**  
Thomas Edison was  
afraid of dark!

**The Burramundy, a fish, grows up as  
male, but after 2 years, it turns into  
female to breed.**



## FACTS



**There are more than 40,000  
characters in the Chinese script**



**Baby elephants can drink  
over 80 ltrs of milk a day.**

Pratheeswaran XII 'C'

## BEYOND THE HORIZON

As I recall my childhood, the foremost thing I remember - apart from alienation, misery and rock music(!)- is the level of social and political awareness I had. A citizen's accountability to the society is a sort of benchmark that decides how enlightened the society is. While there are many genuinely good people around and quite a lot providing lip service to various causes, the biggest flaws that pervade every generation are dishonesty and lack of compassion.

The present day youth should do well to inculcate some real values; if not for the sake of lofty ideals but for the basic reason of selfishness. What we are and do is what the society is. It is easy to walk away from all the wrong things that are happening around us, especially if they are happening to other people, but then soon it may be your turn. And when it is happening to you, may be, other people will walk away, too.

I have been thinking of introducing a few new newsletter features. So, those who are interested in being a little more of aware individuals can contribute to these:

1. There' ll be a section on the lines of Agony Aunt where you can relate your problems and seek remedies. You can choose to be anonymous if necessary.
2. There' ll be a mail-bag corner which may feature your responses to the Newsletter or any other general concern.
3. In Graffiti you can pen your off-the-cuff one-liners or pithy musings.
4. In the 'Coolzcool' section you can come up with suggestions for your school or raise any issue related to our school.

Contributions can be submitted to Newsletter reporters Meenakshi Velumani (IIB) and Preeti (IIB).

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