

Director's Message



Every Child is a Teacher

Every Child is special, with unique combination of abilities and talents. As we celebrate the teachers day this month, sincere thanks to every teacher who make a qualitative difference in the students entrusted to their care. True to the maxim of Rg-veda "Let the good come from any side" it is now high time that teachers turn from boring monologue to dialogue in the class rooms. A teacher ceases to be one who stops learning from the students. Malala Yousafzi whom I wish to term a student teacher, a voice of the voiceless is a best example of the maxim 'Every Child is a Teacher'. It is right time now, that teachers and parents turn their attention to start learning from their wards than only teaching them to be stereotypes. Along with the teachers let us celebrate every child in whom you will find a 'teacher' if only you have eyes to see the difference. The Best teachers teach from the heart not from the book and let every good teacher also learn from the heart of a child.

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Independence Day celebrations in Shelter homes



The 70th Independence Day was celebrated with great pomp and solemnity in the shelter homes and the great national leaders and thousands of freedom fighters were gratefully remembered. In Bosco illam, Fr. Andrew,

the Director of Don Bosco Vazhikatti hoisted the national flag. After a spectacular march past and oath taking ceremony the chief guest highlighted 'responsible freedom' in his well delivered speech at the end of which all sang the national anthem in unison. Similarly in Saranalaya, Fr. Joseph Leo the Director of DBAI hoisted the tricolor flag and the ceremony was followed by meaningful cultural programme on patriotical themes. In both the presences special games and competitions were conducted to mark the event.



Independence Day Celebration - Thiruvottiyur

Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Thiruvottiyur Boys and Girls Club. The ceremony which started at 8 in the community open ground had a large gathering of women group (Members of Mathar Sangam), Thiruvottiyur Boys and Girls Club children and youth group as participants. Mr. G. Varatharajan, Mr. Kodisvaran (Kannan Illam), Mr. Banick (Library Secretary), Mr. Subramani (Pasuamai Iyakam) the guests of honor unfurled the tricolor flag after which all in union sang the National Anthem. To the appreciation of everyone the children performed a dance for a patriotic song. The chief guest in his address expressed his desire for a corruption free nation. Finally the event came to its close with distribution of sweets and education materials for the children.



Humanitarian Response

On August 14th 2016, six houses were on fire around 12 noon. The cause of the blaze was a stove left on, with a boiling pot of milk. The houses were burnt down and fortunately people survived the disaster. DBAI has a tuition centre in this squalid and overcrowded urban area through which 60 children get benefit from effective literacy program. Anbu Illam was able to offer opportune help by equipping them with basic amenities to survive the environmental catastrophe. Clothes and education materials were proffered to the children and they were filled with gratitude towards this kind gesture. The people in the community thanked Fr. Rector and the organization for the humanitarian assistance.



A day made bright by Nesam and Spartans

Nesam – Vidiyalin Vidhaigal an NGO together with Chennai Spartans Cricket Team spent an entire day (22nd August) with our boys in Bosco illam. They both animated and entertained the children the whole day and made the expenses involved their concern. Mimicry artists and dancers from Vijay TV unit were roped in by them to entertain and bring out the best out of boys. In the evening they conducted track events for the boys and played a mini cricket match with the children. The winners of different events were acknowledged with a solid prize. They made the evening educative by screening a thought provoking short movie. On the whole it was a day well spent.



Minister's Visit to Royapuram

Mr. D. Jayakumar, Minister of Fisheries for Tamilnadu and MLA of Royapuram constituency paid

a visit to DBAI, Royapuram on the 21st August. The minister showed keen interest in knowing the activities carried out in and through the centre and promised to assist in ways possible the future endeavors of the organization.



Campaign against alcoholism and drug addiction - Koyambedu

Madhuvum vishame a programme on deaddiction was coordinated by Fr. Bosco Francis under the banner of Anbu Illam on 20th August 2016 at Koyambedu market complex for headboard workers, rickshaw pullers, and coolies in the market complex. With the able collaboration of Alcoholic anonymous group, Fr. Vinod, the Director of Jawadi deaddiction centre, Students from MSW department of Loyola college say *no to alcohol* campaign was successfully organized. Meaningful cultural events on the theme were staged by students from SIGA Polytechnic College - Kilpauk, Don Bosco Beattitudes - Vyasarpadi, Don Bosco Poytechnic college - Basin Bridge and Loyola college - Nungambakkam. The whole event served as an eye opener to the young at risk. Counselling desk for deaddiction and free treatment for the same were the proposed action plan in the event.



“ Every Child is Unique”

Speech Competition on National Leaders

The girls in Saranalaya were given a platform to perform through a speech competition on national leaders to enhance their public speaking skills and build up self – confidence. The event took place in the afternoon hours of 25th August in which a total of 34 participants were divided into four groups and from each group four speakers held the mic to deliver their pep speech on one of the following national leaders namely Mahatma Gandhi, Kamaraj, V O Chidamparam and APJ Abdul Kalam. The children enjoyed the whole sitting and the whole event was very informative.



Debate at Bosco Illam

“Panama / Pasama” which is more important for a happy and contended living today was the preposition for debate held in the evening hours of August 25th with Mr. Rajarathinam a retired Tamil teacher who takes tuition for our children as its Moderator and Judge. The speakers belonging to both the teams presented their well prepared arguments for and against the theme very convincingly. The debate was so interesting that the number of interventions on the theme had to be restricted only due to lack of time. The show brought to light the inevitable role of money influencing and deciding our quality of living in every aspect and also the key role of quality time that need to be given to love and to be loved in the family which is more important. The moderator took a middle stand in his final verdict highlighting both the elements as inevitable means insisting that everyone be careful to strike a balance between the two for a better human living.



International Youth Day

International Youth Day which is originally on the 12th of August was commemorated on Aug 27th 2016 at Otteri by Don Bosco Anbu Illam. *The Road to 2030: Eradicating Poverty and Achieving Sustainable Consumption and Production* was the theme of the day. Rev. Ravi from Catch Ministry facilitated the day's sessions in which 45 participants from otteri community took part. The program was intended to raise awareness on eradicating poverty in the community. The pivotal role of young people in ensuring poverty eradication was stressed by the animator. In the second half, Fr. Bosco introduced Mr.Dharani and his team from Alcohol Anonymous enlightened the participants on the ill effects alcohol addiction. Prior to the event Mr. David conducted party games and interacted with the participants highlighting the theme.



Success Story

Lost & Found after 12 long years...

Prathani was only six when he went missing from his hometown Ganujur in Haveri District of Karnataka. Like any ordinary child he loved his mother the most but Mr. Mantesh his dad was rather a bit strict with him. The lad began disobeying his dad and teachers at school and started skipping his classes a reason for which he was punished. This lead him to hate studies. One day on his way to school, instead of crossing the tracks his daily routine, out of curiosity he got into the express train to see what is looks like inside. Time played his trick. The train started off and he could not make his way out. He was carried away just like that. After days of wandering aimlessly, he accidentally landed up in Chennai where Mr. Munniappan, then DBAI staff who found him loitering in the central station rescued him to safety.

In the interim, Prathani's family who did not even have a photograph of the child to report in the police, desperately searched for the child continually for a period of 5 years and gave up hope.

Since 2005 Prathani has been growing now in Anbu illam. He has always behaved responsibly and has maintained good records in academics and sports. He is now in his 12th Std. The boy felt that he who received everything possible began to feel the lack of parental love. Since when he was rescued he was too small to express himself clearly they were able to do little about his home placement. After years now he expressed his desire to be reunited with his family. The details of the child were updated in the Childmiss (www.Childmiss.org) and the same was forwarded to the Department of Women and Child Development in Ranebennur, Haveri Dt. The probation officer who probed the case managed to trace the family. On the 15th July a mail was received in our favor. Seeing the ID proofs of Mr. Manthesh, Prathani confirmed him for his dad. Mr. Manthesh whose joy knew no bound despite his financial constraints met his son on the 22nd of August 2016 in DBAI office, Park-town. The boy is now happily pursuing his studies at Anbu Illam.



Emerging Leaders

True to the maxim 'Leaders are made, they are not born' our Anbu illam Children are in the lime-light in their respective schools leading the different sectors entrusted to their care by example and hardwork. Thanks to the managements that have identified the capacity of our children to lead from front. Mas. Vignesh Kumar of Std. XI is the Captain of Matthew house and Mas. Pakkiri of Std. IX is the Assistant Sports Secretary in St. Joseph's Hr. Sec. School, Erukkancherry. From Saranalaya Miss. G. Priya of Std. XII is the troop leader of NCC unit while Miss. Amudha and Miss. Saraswathy are Drill Leader of the school unit and main lead in the school band of St. Anne's Hr. Sec. School, Royapuram respectively. We wish and encourage our budding leaders to do a quality job in the responsibility entrusted to their care.



UPCOMING EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2016

Date	Programmes
13th & 14th	National YaR (Young at Risk) Meet at Trichy
25th - 30th	Training in Street theatre, Folklore, Scout & Band
28th	Seminar on Child Rights and Laws

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