



Don Bosco Anbu Illam

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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

I am very happy to pen few lines for this Bi-Monthly issue (July & August). As we all know, this newsletter mirrors Don Bosco Anbu Illam's- vision and mission. It also highlights our organization events, activities and programmes.

When I speak with teenagers and put this dangerous question "What is freedom to you?", I'm shocked and sometimes filled with the fear of the future as they answer "To do whatever I want". We see this attitude about Freedom is evolved into dangerous decisions like stealing, drugs and criminal acts even up to committing suicide through Blue Whales and MoMos.



Freedom can be a very dangerous concept if not understood in its correct sense. If you are restricting the freedom of your child, you are restricting his/ her development. It's the prerogative and the duty of the educators today, i.e. to make this generation to understand the meaning of freedom and the value behind it.

Freedom is a gift and also a responsibility. Let's make our children realize and self-aware. Freedom is the greatest gift that can be had in this life time and it can only be possible with the sense of responsibility. Let's be responsibly free and make this place a wonderful place for everyone.

A huge thanks to all the coordinators who contributed in writing the short activity report without which there wouldn't have been this newsletter issue. I also like to express my sincere gratitude to all who gave their comments and feedback. It gives us encouragement to continue our newsletter.

May God Bless you!

With Regards,

Fr. Joseph Leo - Director

DBAI SHELTER HOME PROGRAMME

BIRTHDAY OF FR.JAMES

We had joyful celebration of the birthday of Rev.Fr.James on 18th August. Children wished him in the morning and in the evening we had a holy mass followed by the cultural program. It was a wonderful sight to see the children performing dance, song and band to thank Fr.James on his birthday for what he is to the children here in Bosco Illam.



PICNIC TO PANNUR, KILACHERY & SAGAYATHOTTAM



Another star event that took place in Bosco illam was the star picnic arranged by the management on 30th July. The children were given stars to enroll themselves in the bus if they behaved well. All were given star points. We started our journey towards Pannur along with the Holland volunteers. We had a football match with the boys and then we had our lunch. we proceeded towards kilachery and there we prayed at the tomb of the servant of God (Foundress of St.Anne congregation). We reached sagayathottam in the evening we walked around the 250 acres land as we enjoyed seeing the beautiful scenery around.

INDEPENDENCE DAY



We are proud to be an Indian. We celebrated the Independence Day in grand manner in Bosco Illam on 15th of August. It was wonderful moment to watch our children standing in their team with the National flag on their chest. The whole event was animated by Mr. Ashok with his Scout troop. Rev. Rector presided over the ceremony while Rev. Fr. Rajanna hoisted our National Flag. Mast. Dharma gave the Independence Day Speech. It was a precious moment for us to honor and to be proud as Indians.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our hearts were moved to bid farewell to our loving volunteers from Germany as they successfully completed their experience in DBAI. We had a farewell program on 4th of August 2018, in which our children performed band, farewell song, dance and a farewell address to Ms.Ida and Mr.Mathias Hill. They were moved to tears as they expressed their stay in Bosco Illam and they promised the children that they would remember them always. Bosco Illam remembers them with love and gratitude.



LITTLE CHAMPIONS-SPORTS DAY



Our Children excel in everything especially in sports as they won the championship in the sports day conducted in the school sports day. Mast. Vinoth & Mast. Velu won the individual championship in St.Joseh's Hr. Sec. School. Mast. Pradeep, Mast. Vishal.R won in the track events. In Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School. Mast. N. Suresh had won first in javelin throw, Mast. Logeswaran won first in high jump, Mast. Sivasubramani and Mast. Dharma in track events. We

are proud of our children who brought glory to our home.

VOLUNTEERS VISIT

Our home was blessed with the volunteers from the Netherlands. Ms. Nanda guided the group as their leader. During their stay here, they helped our children to improve their knowledge in English language, and also in hygienic practices. They also accompanied the sub-juniors to the Good Samaritan school. They conducted party games to our children in five groups in which our children happily participated and displayed themselves in sports and games. We thank them for their stay with us.



DBSARC ANIMATION



Our children are well motivated to grow as matured youngsters. Mr. Antony raj animated our children on 12th August 2018 on positive thinking, self confidence, respecting others, setting a goal in life, punctuality and time management. The children were divided in two groups. The first group was for standard 1-9 and the second group was for standard 10-12. The children benefited from this program and they felt that this will help them to improve their lives.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INAUGURATION OF DR.KALAM MEMORIAL BOOKSHELF



An initiative of fulfilling Dr. Kalam's vision of creating library. On 27th July 2018 Rev.Fr.Balraj, Parish Priest, MHC Church blessed and inaugurated the bookshelf at V.O.C Nagar in which Mr. David from Childline 1098 gave awareness talk on protection of child rights and children from anti-social elements followed by Tribute message by Mr. Jayababu, Coordinator – Homelink, same day at Pallavan Nagar and Vinayagapuram Rev.Fr.Joseph Leo blessed and inaugurated the bookshelf and gave tribute message on Dr. Kalam; He also presented a book titled "Kalam in Ponmozhiyal", Mr. Vijayakumar gave tribute message during inauguration program held at Vinayagapuram.

YOUTH SKILLS DAY AND AWARENESS ON CHILD RIGHTS (Good Touch and Bad touch)



Youth Skills day was conducted on July 14th 2018 at Otteri. Mr David focused on the theme "Skills Change Lives and taught the children and the youth to make accessories and paper bags. The youth and children participated in making different accessories such as pen stands, mobile stands, photo frames and paper bags. Many people have shown interest in learning the skills.

On July 26th 2018, David organized an awareness program on child rights and focused on good touch-bad touch. The current scenarios regarding various sexual offences happening to children insisted in focusing on these sessions. The children along with the parents participated and it benefited well for the community.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENES

Mental health awareness for Adolescent girls was conducted by Mr. Anand from BANYAN, at Annai Sathya Nagar on 30th July 2018. The main aim of this program is to identify pressure points and social determinants of mental health and well being in young women and girls and to improve the understanding of how to prevent mental health problems in them mainly by decision makers. Mr. Anand focused on the topic and it enabled



the women to recognize the situation and their problems that are causing them to bad decision making and putting their lives at stake. The women from the community were benefitted and are also anticipating more sessions.

SEMINAR ON COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR THERAPY



On 3rd August 2018, ICSC organized a half-a-day seminar on Cognitive Behavior Therapy under staff capacity building program. This program was organized to enhance the mind set, thought and behavior pattern. Dr. Kalyani Kenneth, Professor of the Department of Psychology from Madras School of Social Work, was the resource person. The staff members were taught about the steps of CBT, merits of exercising CBT and stages of CBT. They were also actively involved in mock counseling and CBT episode.

AWARENESS PROGRAM ON PROTECTION ON GIRL CHILD



On 4th August 2018, Dinamalar organized a half-a-day awareness program on the title 'Annaiea Aran'. This was an exclusive program for women population in the city and 10 of our women staff attended this program and got benefitted. The excellent team of resource people animated our staff on social, mental, psychological, legal and spiritual dimensions in growth of a girl child.

INDEPEDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Commemorating all great souls who laid their lives for freedom, ICSC celebrated India's 72nd Independence Day in solemn way at Ondikuppam community centre. The tri color was unfurled by the community leader followed by guard respect.



MEDICAL CAMP



General medical camps were organized for the welfare of Iyodhikuppam and Poondi Thangammal Street residents. On 25th at Iyodhikuppam and 31st in Poondi Thangammal Street. This camp was done with the help of KVT Specialty Hospital, Errukencherry in which around 300 people were benefitted. Free consultation and medicines were given for the sick people.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Mr. David (Community Organizer) organized a program on account of Independence Day for the Otteri community children on 26th August 2018 at 5.00pm where 56 participated. Mr. David welcomed the Guests for the day Fr. James, Administrator DBAI and Mrs. Kavitha from DBAI Childline. Mr. David gave a short introduction of the program, following which Mrs. Kavitha explained awareness on Child line 1098. Fr. James delivered a speech about the leaders of India and their struggles in getting freedom. He also narrated the good qualities of some of the leaders of which one of them was Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Later the Otteri community children performed cultural programs and School bags were distributed to the children for their educational need. Mr. David concluded the day by giving vote of thanks to all the participants.

DBAI HCL GURUKUL

SAIDAPET CLUB INAUGURATION



Saidapet Police boys and Girls Club inauguration was held on 07.07.18.

Inaugurated by *Mr. A.K.Vishwanathan*, Commissioner of Police, Chennai. Mr. Newton Sr. Program Officer, HCL and Fr. Joseph Leo Executive Director, DBAI were participated the inauguration.

TVK CLUB INAUGURATION



Thiru.vi.kaNagar Police boys and Girls Club Inauguration was held on 23.07.18.

Inaugurated by *Mr. Harikumar*, Assistant Commissioner of police, Sembiam Region, Mr. Ramesh Project Coordinator DBAI participated in the inauguration.

MUTHIALPET CLUB INAUGURATION AWARENESS ON CHILDLINE - 1098



Muthialpet Police boys and Girls Club inauguration was held on 28.07.18. Inaugurated by Mr. Kamalakannan Inspector of police, Fr. Joseph Leo Executive Director, DBAI Mr. Ramesh Project Coordinator DBAI participated in the inauguration.



Awareness campaign on Child Line -1098 was conducted on 20.07.18 at Chindathripet. Mr. David, Field Coordinator , Child Line -1098, DBAI educated the Children on Child rights, Good touch and bad touch , Child line - 1098 Activities . Nearly 90 club students benefitted through this session.

VIDIYAL KUZHANTHAI URIMAI IYYAKEM 18TH URIMAI THIRUVIZHA

SAKTHI VIDYAL (women empowerment) organized this program at St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School Madurai District on 15.07.2018 at 10.00am. This program was based on development of the slum children. **VIDIYEL KUZHANTHAIGAL IYAKKAM** was started nearly 18years ago. They conducted the Annual day **Miss.Priya** (program Head) started with powerful speech about the Urimai Kal-



athil Naan related to child rights and continued with the cultural events, dance, street play, Mime etc. **Mr.Ganesan** (District Child Protection Officer- Madurai) gave a speech about to the child Rights on the society and all the children have equal rights in the society.

INAUGURATION ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

DBAI-HCL Foundation Vocational Training Centre was inaugurated at R2 Kodambakkam Police Boys and Girls Club on 25th July 2018 at 11.30 am in the presence of **Mr.Selvan** Assistant Commissioner of Police T-Nagar. The main purpose of this programme is to train unskilled youth from slums around the intervention of the project location and to guide



unemployed youth towards a joyful career. **Mr.Selvan**, the Assistant Commissioner of Police, T-Nagar the chief guest of the day lighted the Kuthu vilakku and inaugurated the Vocational training Centre. He spoke about the importance of making use of the given opportunities in life. He thanked DBAI and HCL Foundation and also he explained about the advantages and disadvantages of Social Media and How to overcome from the addiction of social media. **Rev. Father Joseph Leo**, Director of DBAI addressed about the importance of self-confidence to women's group and also explained about the child line 1098 to support the children those who are suffering in the family and society. **Mr. Newton**, HCL Foundation, he explained about the HCL Foundation and their service towards the society and he finally questioned the students about the experience and expectation about the training Centre.

FORMATION OF CHILD RIGHTS CLUB



DBAI HCL Gurukul conducted child rights club monthly meeting at Arumbakkam, Kannagi Nagar, Chemmancherry club on 18th, 19th, 24th and 26th August.. The leaders of the child rights club such as Education club, Sports club, Eco club and Cultural club, gathered to discuss on activities of the club in which around 210 children participated from 10th, 11th & 12th std. Mr. Antony & Mr. Dinesh and Mr.Ashok animated and explained the activities of child rights club. The children also took resolution/oath at the end of the meeting to reduce the usage of plastics. They also conducted games for the children at the end of the session.

AWARENESS ON ROAD SAFETY

“Road safety” is an appropriate and effective instrument for preventing traffic deaths and injuries. Observing the UN Global Road Safety Day which seeks to increase understanding of the dangers of speed and generate action on measures to address speed, thereby saving lives on the roads, HCL in collaboration with Don Bosco Anbu Illam initiated an awareness programme in Sholinganallur signal on 21.07.2018 between 8.30a.m to 9.30a.m to address the key risk factor for road traffic deaths and injuries and sensitize the individuals on the grave consequences associated with lack of road safety awareness. More than 35 children participated in the programme.



MONSOON SAFETY AWARENESS

Mr. Antony, the animator for the session, conducted a session on monsoon safety awareness on 18th August in which around 80 children participated. He explained on the effects of monsoon and how to preserve the health and be hygienic during the rainy days. He also explained the children how to manage heavy rainfall which may cause disaster.

YOGA OF AWARENESS



DBAI-HCL organized Awareness programme on yoga on 23 August at Okkiyam Thoripakkam Police Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Kannmani, psychiatric counselor oriented the children about importance of yoga, usage of sports time by children which included breathing exercise for relaxation after sports for the children. It created a great impact among the children in which around 40 children participated in the Programme.

ORIENTATION ON SCOUTING



Mr. Ashok conducted session on Scout on 18th, 24th & 26th August at Kannagi Nagar, Chemmancherry & Arumbakkam in which around 230 children participated. He explained about the Purpose of scouts and benefits of scouts. He also conducted activities that support scouting values. The children are very interested to join the scouts.

GENERAL MEDICAL CAMP

DBAI HCL Gurukul organized a one day free medical camp at Kannagi nagar Police Boys & Girls Club, on 26th of August'2018. The health camp was organized with the objective of providing free medical examination/check-up and given free medicines to the community. Nearly 110 members attended the gathering including the children. This camp was conducted with the help of MHF Doctors and team.



CHILDLINE PROGRAMME

AWARENESS PROGRAMME

DBAI - CHILDLINE 1098 in jointly with Greater Chennai Corporation was started create awareness for Chennai Corp. Schools for the year 2018-19 from the month of August.2018 It was 1200 children both boys and girls from 8 Schools were benefited out of this programme. It will continue through out year to reach out with the other Corp. Schools.



Independence Day Celebration



(Community Level Celebration)

You must be the change you want to see in the World.-Mahatma Gandhi

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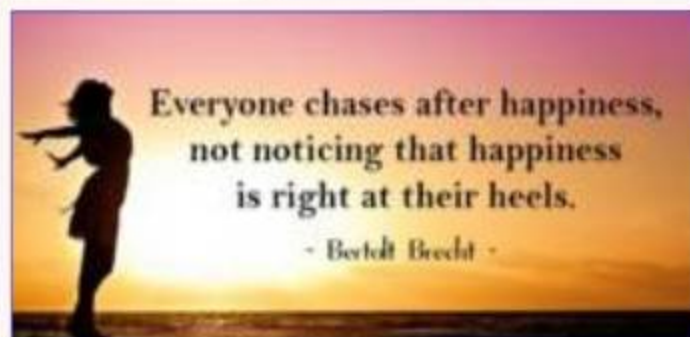
CORE PRINCIPLE

"Let children be at the heart of everything we do"



SEP MONTH PROGRAMME

5th Teachers Day
7th Annual Event - DB-ICSC
22nd Industrial Visit - DB-ICSC
25th Staff Animation- DBAI-HCL
30th Medical Camp- DBAI-HCL



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