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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

"No Parking in front of TV"



As I was interacting with the children from a renowned school in the city, I asked them a usual question, "Which is your most favourite period in a week?". To my surprise, any school, any children would give the same answer that P.T. classes are the best. Have you ever wondered why? Because I know play is the magical moment in their lives.

I love watching children play especially when they invent their own imaginative mystical and creative games. They're so excited, energetic and engaged as they build their muscles along with their imagination and confidence. And it's so much more enjoyable for children than parking them in front of the TV.

In my mission with the young children who are abandoned and are deprived of their childhood, I've watched always hundreds of children learn new skills of life and enjoy the pure act of physical play. The Philosophy of Physique is "A Sound mind in a Sound body". Does that phrase sound familiar? Yes, of course. If the body is healthy, the mind is healthy too. No wonder the greatest Tamil philosopher and altruist Vallalar makes his famous statement as follows:

"உடம்பை வளர்த்தேன் உயிர் வளர்த்தேனே!"

Which means by nurturing my body, I nurture my spirit.

Every aspect of Human development is possible only through physical development. That's the reason, Don Bosco in his pedagogy of teaching, emphasized Run, Jump and Play as essential part of his education system.

Children will develop and learn about co-ordination, balance, spatial relationship, fine-motor skills and improve muscular strength, endurance, flexibility and body composition.

Through physical activity, children try new things, conquer their fears and build their confidence. It has been proven that when children are physically Active and successful in their movements, they show higher levels of self-esteem.

But today, we have a crisis and we are running out of time. Our schools and educational system run in deficit not financially but in unstructured play and outdoor activities. Stats are revealing the painful reality that an average, children are spending 7.5 hours in front of media devices everyday.

Children will not learn relational skills. Children will not learn to solve problems. Children will not know how to manage emotions. Our children are playing less than any other generation. It doesn't matter if they win or lose— its about staying together and playing together. Let's make our children play and let's preserve their identity.

Fr. Joseph Leo

World Day Against Child Labour



According to ILO's data, hundreds of millions of girls and boys throughout the world are involved in work that deprives them of receiving an adequate education, health, leisure and basic freedom, violating this way their rights. Of these children, more than half are exposed to the worst forms of child labour. These worst forms of child labour include work in hazardous environments, slavery, or other forms of forced labour, illicit activities such as drug trafficking and prostitution, as well as involvement in armed conflict.

To speed-up the eradication process of child labour, DBAI-CHILDLINE 1098 has conducted events (Rally, Human Chain, Signature Campaign & Role plays) to create awareness to the public in Chennai, TamilNadu. The main objective of the event is **To Bring the support in one umbrella to raise voice in sound. towards the cause.**

The event was conducted on 14th June 2018 at Directorate of social defense, between 3-5pm. It was headed by Mr. Lalvena IAS, Commissioner of Social Defense, TN. Mr. Dhanasekara Pandiyan, Jt. Director., Mrs. Uma Maheswari, Superintendent., Mrs. Ponnarasi from Social defense and CWC Members of Chennai also supported in-person being present in the event.

The programme started with the Cultural events along with other Organizations from Mariyalaya, Govt. home for Girls and our boys from Bosco Illam followed by signature campaign beginning with Mr. Lalvena IAS, Rally flagged-off with Mr. Dhanasekara Pandiyan, Human Chain with Fr. Joseph Leo. Participants were more than 250 supported this event against child labour. 150 people supported with signature campaign and 250 in human chain. The programme was winded up with an oath and National Anthem.

- Mr. Prabhakaran



A successful academic year



We are very happy that our boys in anbu illam came with flying colors in the last public exams 2017-18. All the higher secondary students in our home have passed the exam and brought 100 percent results to Don Bosco Anbu Illam.

The academic year inauguration was held in Bosco Illam on 10th June. The boys were divided into four clubs- spiritual, cultural, sports and eco. These clubs took up their respective responsibilities. We also inaugurated the band and the scout.

There was an investiture ceremony for the new scout. The event was inaugurated by our chief guest Rev. Fr. Thomas sdb, Principal of Don Bosco School, Vysarpadi.

- Bro. Anand Raj

HCL New Clubs Inauguration

Chindadripet Police boys and girls club inauguration was held on 14.06.18 at Police boys and girls club. Deputy Commissioner Mr. Selvanagarathinam, Assistant Commissioner Mr. Subramanian, Police Inspector Mr. Sagadevan and Mr. Ramesh, Project coordinator of DBAI HCL Children's Club were present. Deputy Commissioner, honored the 10th and 12th std toppers in this meeting during his Key note address.

Tharamani Police boys and girls club inauguration was held on 18.06.18 at Police Madras University Campus, Tharamani. Deputy Commissioner coordinator was present and he was honored by DBAI HCL club.

- Mr. Ramesh



World Environment Protection Day

The World Environment Protection Day was observed by our community children, special events such as awareness rally, door to door campaign, awareness talk and drawing competitions were conducted. Children took part in these programs and exhibited their support for environment. According to the theme '**Beat Plastic Pollution**' drawing competitions were conducted. Excellent entries were used by children themselves for door to door campaign. Our kids dressed like trees and went on with awareness rally.

Tamil Semmozhi Thirunal

Tamil Semmozhi Thirunal day was celebrated in all our communities. Children and women took part in this celebration. This celebration is to honor and accept our Tamil language as a classic language. In this program, many events are organized, such as speaking the history of Tamil language, reciting of Tamil literature poems, discussion on the development of Tamil Language, recitation competition on Thirukkural, fancy dress competition, mass and flawless singing of Tamil Thai Vazhu and women's special debate on the topic of "merits and demerits of Tamil Medium of Education". Our women and children dressed up traditionally and took part in the programs.

Youth Conference -June 2018

DB - ICSC Project organized a workshop on self-esteem and personality development for the benefit of youngsters from 12 slum communities on 23rd June 2018, Saturday at Albina Hall. This program served nearly 130 youngsters from various target areas. Workshop was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, Director -Don Bosco Vazhikaatti. Induction ceremony of 'Youth Conference and Childline Ambassador' was held on the same day. Young leaders from 13 communities took pledge and were inducted as Ambassadors of Goodwill, Rev. Bro. Meril gave the insignias to the newly elected leaders. Dr.Prabhakaran, Coordinator -DBAI -Childline 1098 gave awareness talk on the topic of 'Role of Youngsters in Protection and Promotion of Child Rights', We had the privilege of hosting Mr. Joseph and Mr. Nimal from Don Bosco Vazhikaatti as the resource persons for the day, their resource talk was on the topic of 'Promoting Self Esteem among Youngsters in Competitive World' covering the wider concepts such as developing oneself in all social aspect, conversion of weakness into strength, self-introspection and personality development, basic life skills and alternative employment ideas.

Mr. Jayaprakash



Night Vigil Camp

DBAI HCL GURUKUL conducted Night Vigil Camp at Kannagi Nagar police boys and girls club on 20th June that started from 7.00 pm and at 5.00 am the next day morning. The main purpose of this Night Vigil Camp in the slum community is to identify children who are addicted to Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs and to help them to overcome the addiction and also to cope up with peer pressure. This camp brings volunteers and community people together which helps in building rapport with the community. The camp helps in giving appropriate treatment method to overcome the crisis situation. Mr. Alex from Magic Bus NGO handled session to overcome peer pressure with the help of icebreaking session and many more fun filled sessions.



International Day Against Child Labor



DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM HCL GURUKUL conducted International Day Against Child Labor (Generation Safe and Healthy) which was on 12.06.2018 at 4.30pm at perambur (Murasolimaran Park) - Chennai. Fr.Andrew Stephen raj SDB, the director of Vazhikatti gave an introduction talk on Child Labor and flagged off the rally. The rally was started from the park and it went around Perambur bridge, via siruvallur road, paper mills read, Lourdes shine and it ended at Murasolimaran park. Then we gathered for Human chain and voiced out the slogans against the child labor. At 5.30pm we entered the park. The students from Kodambakkam and Arumbakkam police Boys and Girls club performed the street play on child labour. At the end of the program Fr.Joseph Leo gave a speech on child labor and importance of child education. He appreciated the students for performing the street play and congratulated the DBAI-HCL Team. - Mr. Narayanan

The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Trafficking

It was observed on 30th June in Asha Nivas community Centre at Kannagi Nagar. Mr. Ashok conducted an Activity program more of icebreaking session and also gave the welcome address. Mr. Shiva Kumar (Inspector of police) at Kannagi Nagar was invited and honored by Fr.James by giving a memento. Mr. Shiva Kumar gave a brief speech on the ill effects of Drug abuse and Trafficking. Fr.James spoke about History of Don Bosco Anbu Illam and also mentioned about Drug Abuse children who had been rescued in Anbu Illam.

- Mr. Narayanan



General Medical Camp

A general medical camp was organized at Bosco Illam & Saranalayam on 2nd June by Mr. Julius & Ms. Preethi assisted by the Greater Chennai Corporation, Health Department. Nearly sixty shelter home children benefitted.

- Mr. Julius Vinil Kumar



SUCCESS STORIES

DBAI- HCL Gurukul On 2nd June conducted the Night vigil Camp at Kannagi Nagar. **Mr. Ashok Bosco** gave an awareness about the Childline in which he focused on child marriage and child abuse. This camp brought a great impact in the lives of Kannagi Nagar people. Mr. Ashok Bosco received a call from a boy at Kannagi Nagar on June 16th. He told that his class mate from the club is getting married where her parents have arranged without the consent of the child. The boy directly called the Childline - 1098 and informed the Childline about the marriage. With this call, The Childline team went for the rescue and stopped the marriage and saved the child and the child is back to school again happily.

- Mr. Narayanan



DBAI- HCL Gurukul-Police Boys & Girls Club student **Ms. ANITHA** from Kannagi Nagar Participated in National Level **Kabadi** Tournament at Delhi in the month of June 2018. She also brought fame to her name by securing 1062 in her 12th public exam.



DBAI- HCL Gurukul-Police Boys & Girls Club students **Ms. RUBIKA** form Kodambakkam participated in under the 16 years old National



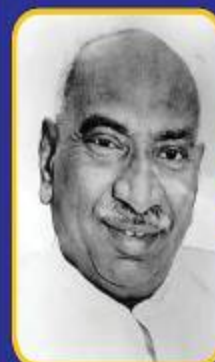
Yoga: The Origin of India!

International Day of Yoga was celebrated with regular fervour across the country on 21st of June 2018, DBAI was a part of this observation by sending its scout troop for mass Yoga program held at The Bharat Scouts & Guides campus.



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JULY MONTH PROGRAMME

- 11th • Ethical leadership training at Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur
- 14th • Kamarajar B'day
- 20th • Childline Awareness by HCL—Chindadripet
- 27th • Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Memorial day

"Being a leader is not about you. It's about the people that are on your team and how you can help them be successful."

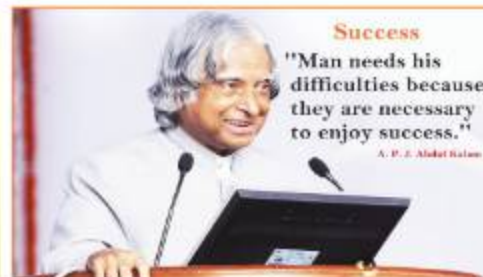
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CORE PRINCIPLE :

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



Success

"Man needs his difficulties because they are necessary to enjoy success."

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam