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Editorial

Dear Readers,



The month of November is dedicated to children. We observe Children's Day (14th Nov) and Childline se dosti week (14th to 20th Nov) in this month.

Children's Day --a day dedicated to children -- is observed as an event across the world to celebrate childhood and promote awareness about children's welfare. This celebration aims to promote the wellbeing of children and to uplift their social rights. In 1954, the United Nations with discretion has recognized 20th November as Universal Children's Day to create attentiveness on the commitment on the development of children and ensure a better future. In India, it is observed every year on 14th November as it coincides with the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India.

India celebrates Children's Day with a range of innovative and fun filled activities at schools that seems much as a festival. Various competitions, Children's Day poems, dance and feast is organized by schools and community groups to mark the event and make it a special day for children to enjoy childhood. Additionally, the events and activities of Children's Day festival also focus to identify education, recreation, health, cultural, economic and social needs of children. We in our YaR centers of INM Province will celebrate it on 26, November 2017, with the theme "Caring for the Earth – Our Common Home". There are plans for various competitions at the national and the state levels. Children will be made aware that they need to care and protect the Environment thus becoming responsible children who would take care of their surroundings.

Let this Children's Day be not one more in a row of celebration but let us make it a meaningful celebration in our homes, schools and communities. Let the parents make it as an important date and take initiative to celebrate Children's Day by giving gifts and spend the day with them to make them feel special.

Celebration of Children's Day is all about saving the future of the children.

Yours

Fr. Joseph Leo SDB
Director

It is double Gold for Vinoth



Mr. Raju, a construction worker from Andrapradesh was in Chennai when the mishap took place 9 years back. Vinoth, his eldest son went missing from Royapettah in the city, their temporary residence. He was less than 6 years old then and was found to be wandering around the central railway station. The police on duty rescued him through childline (1098) and was handed to DBAI for care and protection. Repeated attempts to restore him back ended up failure owing to lack of concrete clue from the child. Since 2009 Vionth grows a happy child in Bosco Illam, a shelter home for boys. He is an average student in academics and good at dance and sports. A month back he was qualified to participate in 1500 meters running at the state level and that desperately required him birth certificate for age verification. When the management took initiative, Vinoth recollected vaguely his village name as Madalang and that was enough for Mr. Reegan, our staff, to trace through social websites and that luckily clicked. Mr.Ramesh, school teacher of the village was contacted and through him the boy's family was tracked and after confirmation from both the sides, the happy restoration happened on 14 October, 2017 in DBAI office. Vinoth participated in the track event and though couldn't do a podium finish, he is glad that he has gained a priceless gold, his family back. He visited his family and the village for a week and currently continues to stay with us to complete his studies.



For further details see:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/lost-9-yrs-ago-chennai-boy-15-reunites-with-family/articleshow/61073925.cms>

- Br.Cruz Robert

CHILDLINE 1098 reaches out



The Childline unit of DBAI, created awareness on child-drights, child sexual abuse and negative impacts of online games in public places and schools. Bus terminals, market places, bazaars, auto rikshaw stands, police stations in addition to Seva Samaj Children Home at Pallipattu, St. Anne's School, Royapuram and Anitha Methodist School at Vepery were reached out to. More than 3500 general public and school children benefitted from the programmes offered.



In Vellore zone, Mr. Anbu from DBAI, Katpadi gave Childline (1098) awareness in Government Boys' Higher Secondary School, Katpadi, Corporation High School, Vellore, Government High School, Panamandangi and Girls Higher Secondary School, Karnampattu. More than 800 students participated in these awareness campaigns.

-Mr. Prabakaran

Rally for a Cause

The scout unit of Bosco Illam created awareness on 'Traffic rules' and 'CHILDLINE (1098)' at Mathur Bus stand on 02 October, 2017. The rally was inaugurated by Mr. Shanmuga Sundaram, Inspector of Police, MMC, in the presence of Fr. Joseph Leo, the director. Children held their placards high to remind the public of their need to follow traffic rules and raised slogans over the microphone on the same. Pamphlets were also distributed during the event to raise awareness on childline.



- Mr. Ashok Bosco

“Joy of Giving Week” Celebration at Bosco Illam



On 07 October, 2017, as part of 'Joy of Giving Week' celebration, the children as part of their children's committee action plan volunteered to clean up dilapidated empty plots around our home that is gathering garbage and threatening to cause infections. The Salesians welcomed the idea and provided the children with necessary tools and encouraged the social action by joining them. Children gave their best to restoring the originality of the place.



On 08, October 2017, our children invited the nearby night school children to the campus. They conducted special games and hosted a short informal cultural programme, giving them a platform to exhibit their talents. All the invited children were given a bag and educational materials to use for the trimester that has just began. Thanks to Brs. Solomon and Johnson (Redemptorist brothers) for having coordinated the event with the children. It was lovely to see our boys assuming leadership roles and animating the other children. More than 25 children participated in this event.

- Br. Solomon

World Homeless Day Awareness Programme

DBAI collaborated with Greater Chennai Corporation together with its sister NGO's to raise awareness on 'World Homeless Day' observed internationally on 10 October, 2017. Local bus stand at Broadway was chosen to create awareness on the theme. Pamphlets carrying information on the theme were issued to the general public and they were explained to them over microphone. Traditional art form like 'thappattam' was used, to draw the attention and to leave behind a message. DBAI childline unit made use of this platform to raise awareness on Childline (1098). More than 1100 general public were reached out through this one day programme.



- Ms. Preethi Vani

Director Visits Egmore Police Boys and Girls Club



On 13 October, 2017 Fr. Joseph Leo, DBAI Director, visited Egmore police boys and girls club at Government Madarsa-I-Azam Higher Secondary School. He addressed the students on the importance of sports and distributed the teams with kit. During the occasion, Master E. Siva Kumar, who won the 'School Game Federation of India' got selected for 'National Championship' to represent TamilNadu was appreciated and honored during the occasion.

- Ms. Sheela Janet

Science Exhibition at Thiruvottiur Boys and Girls Club

Thiruvottiur Boys and Girls Club children participated actively in the science exhibition conducted at the center. It was organized by HCL and supported by Aide-et-Action on 14 October, 2017. Mr. Rajan from HCL Technology visited the center along with his team and viewed the exhibits on themes like Health, Water & Recycle. The best three exhibits were chosen for the finals.



-Ms. Margaret Malini. J

Capacity Building Programme for Staff



DBAI arranged staff capacity building programme for scout masters and tuition teachers from Police boys club at Don Bosco Youth Animation Centre, Ennore, Chennai, on 14 October, 2017. The training was intended to create child rights clubs in the contact centers. Mr. Thenpandiyan and Fr Moses D'souza animated the days' session and 30 of them were present for the animation. In the evening Mr. Newton from HCL distributed medical kit for the clubs.

- Ms. Sheela Janet

Diwali Celebration in the shelter homes



Rotary Club of Chennai district organized a one day special Diwali celebration at VGP Universal Kingdom theme park, exclusively for deserving children on 14 October, 2017. From our shelter homes 36 girls and 14 boys joined the celebration. They lost themselves in all that the place had to offer and made the maximum out of the day. As part of Diwali celebration, the following day, Chutti TV channel from Sun foundation group spent a day and covered a diwali celebration which they live telecasted on Diwali day. On the actual day of celebration, children had an opportunity for a meaningful light service, followed by traditional games, sumptuous food, oil bath, special screening and bursted harmless crackers. It was once again a memorable celebration.

- Sr. Selvi Sagayam

Karate Classes for Our Children



Bosco Illam children who are part of SSA scheme have been given an opportunity to be trained in Karate. Mr. Kishore, karate master, visits our home twice a week to train the kids. The classes commenced since 17

October, 2017. We expect this training to discipline the children and increase their confidence level and help them master the art form.

- Mr. Antony Irudayaraj

Don Bosco Anbu Illam Migrant Services



A district wise yatra from 02 October, 2017 to 01 November, 2017 demanding the complete protection for the unorganized sector was organized by the joint action committee of trade unions of unorganized sectors, from Gandhi statue at Marina Beach. Don Bosco Anbu illam, working on unorganized sectors also participated. It ended with an agitation near the Government Guest House, Chepauk, on November, 1, 2017.



A training programme on Migration and Development: Issues and Perspectives was held from 03-06 October, 2017 at VVGNLI campus, Noida. It was organized by V.V. Giri National Labour Institute. Professors from various universities such as Dr. Prabhu Mohapatra from Delhi University, Ms. Seeta Sharma, National Project Coordinator (Migration) from International Labour Organization, and Prof. Ravi Srivastava from Jawaharlal Nehru University delivered lectures. Fr. Francis Bosco, the Director of Migrant Youth Services attended this training programme.

On 05 October, 2017, a free medical camp was arranged by Don Bosco Anbu illam in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development at the ONGC construction site at Thirumangalam, Chennai. Doctors from ACS Medical College and hospitals carried out medical checkup for more than 300 workers. Fr. Bernard, the administrator of Bosco Illam and Prof. Thilagavathi, the HOD of RJNIYD, occasioned the event.

The CC&LC for migrant children that was started in September, 2017 at Ambattur Tamil Nadu Housing Board construction site was integrated with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in the month of October, 2017. Mrs. kokila has been appointed to teach 25 children in the site. On 10 October, 2017 educational materials were distributed to the children by SSA.

On 22 October, 2017 awareness cum Diwali celebration was planned at the Madhavaram CMDA construction site. Awareness on decent labour and safety was

Food pockets were also distributed for 300 people by Egmore past pupils.

Sisters belonging to FSJ congregation have extended their collaboration with Don Bosco Anbu illam, in running the CC&LCs, awareness programme on Education, health care, safety, and to empower the young men and women in the construction sites of Manapakkam, Koyampedu, Vada Palani and Central. We thank and welcome the sisters and wish them a fruitful ministry to the needy.

- Fr. Bosco Francis

Fr. Bernand Blows the Candles

The birthday of Fr. John Bernard was celebrated at Bosco Illam with great solemnity on 21 October, 2017. A meaningful Eucharistic Celebration in the morning was followed by a spontaneous gathering around the celebrant. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Francis Bosco, the vice rector underlined the contribution of Fr. Bernard and thanked him for the yeomen service he renders to Bosco Illam as its administrator. DBAI family wishes Fr. Bernard, a very fruitful and eventful year ahead.



- Br. Arul Prashanth

Special outing for outstanding performance in Academics



Children who excelled in their recently concluded quarterly exams were arranged an half a day out on 22 October, 2017. They enjoyed their maiden first class metro journey and entertained themselves to a galore of attractive fun games in Vijaya forum mall. The trip has certainly enthused our kids to give their best to academics. We appreciate and thank Mr. Pratheep for his meticulous planning and perfect execution of this memorable trip for our children.

- Br. Jerome Cyril

“Young Kalam” Science Fest



The HCL foundation conducted Science exhibition titled, “Young Kalam Science fest” at Vivekananda Auditorium, Anna University, Guindy, Chennai on 26 October, 2017 with the aim of encouraging children to develop an inquisitive mind, to hone creativity and develop a keen interest in science and technology. The displays ranged from save water, save energy, recycling, health, environment, energy and innovation. More than 150 students participated in the event and around 80 scientific models were exhibited. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam’s grand nephew Mr. APJ Sheik Dawood was the chief guest along with Dr. Viswanathan, Vice Chancellor of Anna University and Ms. Nidhi Pundir, Director – CSR Head HCL Foundation. 6 HCL gurukul clubs from Don Bosco Anbu Illam participated in the event and bagged many prizes.

-Ms. Sheela Janet

Bosco Illam Children visit Planetarium

Sixteen boys of Bosco illam visited Birla Planetarium as part of science tour arranged by SSA- Chennai District on 26 October, 2017. More than 400 students from different zones in the city participated in the event. The children wondered at the advancements in science and technology and it served as an eye opener as they learnt practically from the creative exhibits on display.



-Mr. Antony Irudayaraj

DBAI Reaches out to Coastal Slums: Don Bosco's Intervention in coastal Slum Communities (DB-ICSC)



DBAI feels humbled in announcing the extension of her service to 12 coastal slum communities in the city. The project is supported by Don Bosco Mondo, Germany and sponsored by German Government. Through this platform we aim at working for the upliftment of Children, Youth and Women in these communities giving them right based training, awareness program, skill development for youth and women. Survey in the intervention areas, identifying places for establishing centers in the communities, formation of self-help groups and recruitment of personnel for the same are underway.

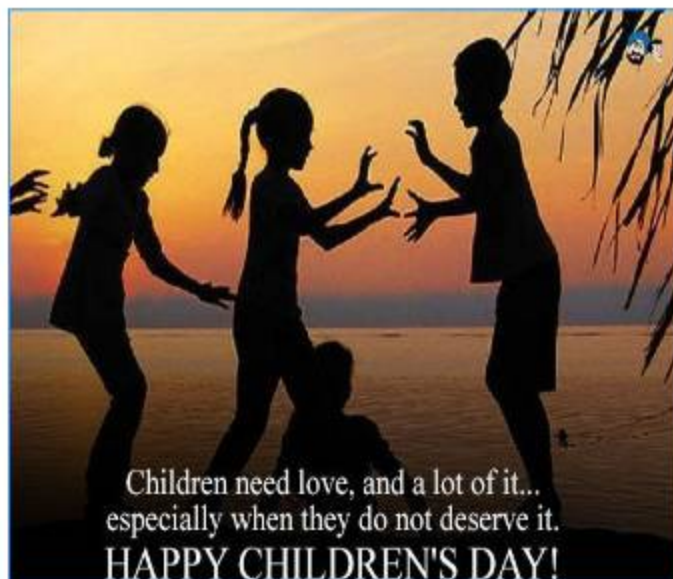
- Mr. Jayaprakash Daniel. R

NOVEMBER MONTH PROGRAMME

- 04 - DBAI Staff Animation –World Mental Health
- 11-12 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) workshop at citadel
- 14-18 - Childline Se Dosti 2017- Mass Level Rally
- 26 - INM- YaR Children's Day Celebration
- 22 - Neeta Talent Competition



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