

DON BOSCO ANBUILLAM

NEWSLETTER

WE HELP THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN TO GET THEIR EDUCATION
NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE THIS

REACHING OUT.....

TO SHARE, CARE AND
GIVE MORE AND
MORE OF LIFE'S BEST

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Dear Well-wishers,

This Editorial of DBAI features a unique but much needed line of thought. A thought that echos the need to evolve as a better, more responsible citizen of the world. A thought that will not only bring about lasting changes in ourselves but also a positive, progressive developmental change in everyone whom God has given us the power to influence, by our thoughts, words and deeds.

Dear People, this unique thought I am referring to is “Reformation”. Think of an eagle. How does it live till age 70? Let me share it’s secret. At age 40, the eagle’s beak becomes so bent that it can no longer eat food, it’s talons become so weak that it can no longer grip a branch, it’s feathers become so heavy that it struggles to fly. So at age 40, the eagle is left with two choices - perish or evolve. The wise eagle chooses to evolve and thereby goes high up into the mountains. There he breaks his beak and waits for a new one to grow in it’s place. Once the beak grows, it pulls out it’s talons and feathers and waits patiently for them to grow back anew. Once this process of “re-formation” is complete, the eagle lives for another 30 more years happily flying across God’s earth.

The message for us Dear friends is that like the eagle, we too must self-introspect especially during this Holy season of Lent and in doing so, we must seek to shed the negative feelings and divisive emotions towards one another and like the eagle evolve into a better being by developing new attitudes of goodness, kindness, empathy and truthfulness and thereby lives happily and meaningfully on God’s beautiful earth. May you all be blessed with the thought of reformation so that you live a life worth emulating.

May God bless you to re-form yourselves into a better version of you.

With all my prayers & blessings,

Lovingly,

Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, sdb.



Happy Feast of St. John Bosco, a Friend of Youth

- We celebrated the Feast of St. John Bosco with our Supporters, Government officials, Children, staffs and other stakeholders. Holy Eucharist was conducted and children performed in cultural events. Competition were held in view of this day and prizes were distributed to the children.



Golden Jubilee to Administrator!

We celebrated Rev.Br.Kulandai Yesu's 50th Birthday with staff members in more joyful way. Holy Eucharist mass was offered. May the following years offer him more value and purpose in his spiritual life.



IGP Visitation



On 12th January 2024, IGP Team visited Saranalayam to verify documents and provided training on care plan. The meeting was intended to take photos of children and to maintain a cordial relationship between the stakeholders.

SFC Tiruvallur & Chengelpet District Qualifiers

- The 6th Edition of HCLFoundation Sports For Change Thiruvallur & Chengapattu District Qualifiers 2024, was organized by HCLFoundation and Chennai sports partners.
- The event was held on January 20 to 21 and 27 to 28 in Tiruvallur & Chengelpet districts respectively. Around 970 children participated in both districts, and the top teams and players were selected to play the matches at the state level.



Career Guidance Program by District Child Protection Unit, Chennai

- As a part of Kalaingar Birth Centenary Celebration, the DCPU of Chennai conducted Career Guidance Program for Board Exam appearing students in North Chennai CCIs on 28th February 2024 at Don Bosco Beatitudes High School, Vyasarpadi. A Total of 24 students participated and got benefitted from our Shelter Homes.



Annual Visit to Saranalam

- On 6th January 2024, Mother General Rev. Mother. Josephine Selvi from SMA paid her annual official visit to Saranalam. She was warmly welcomed by the Superior Rev. Sr. Sujigan Sumadhi and special performance was staged by the Children.



Guardians of Dreams Scholastic meeting

- On 27th January 2024, 4 Children from Saranalam attended Virtual Scholastic meeting conducted by Guardians of Dreams which is supporting them for pursuing the education.

Awards Ceremony- Aug 2023



Sports Competition

- Selvi. Tamil E, who is studying 10th standard in Chennai High School, Kodungaiyur from Saranalam participated in 200m running and Long Jump District Level competitions on 2nd February 2024 secured 3rd price in Long Jump.



Touch Rugby Championship



TN Rugby Football Union & RMK Tamil Nadu jointly conducted a TN State Inter District 14 Touch Rugby 7'S Championship for Boys & Girls was held on 8 January 2024 at RMK International School, Kummudipoondi, in which 12 Rugby teams (Boys & Girls) from Tamil Nadu participated. Our students from D1 Triplicane Police Boys & Girls Club participated to represent the Chennai team. The event witnessed an intense competition between the teams, and our Chennai team emerged victorious, securing the championship trophy. The event provided a platform for young rugby enthusiasts to showcase their talent and passion for the sport.



Exam Time!

For all the 5 skill development centre students DBAI Level exam was conducted in ASKE Centre on 12.02.2024. Totally 20 students attended the 2.30 hours theory and practical exam who has completed 6 months course. YMCA officials paid visit during the exam.



Drawing Competition

On January 9, 2024 a Drawing Competition was hosted at HCL Campus, Sholinganallur where our club children actively participated in the event. Rajeswari from Pallikaranai Government School won the competition and Harshini from K9 TVK Nagar Police Boys and Girls Club secured the second place.



SFC PBGC Football Qualifiers

On January 26, 2024 SFC Football Men's Qualifiers was held at Perambur. Our sports players from Police Boys and Girls actively participated in the event. Ms. Anbukarasi, Inspector of Police – TVK Nagar honored our players and extended best wishes. The winners of the event were Mylapore club and the runners were Kodungaiyur club.



CM Trophy

Our Avadi school girls participated in the CM Trophy State Level Cricket Tournament and received their certificates from Thiruvallur District Collector and Thiruvallur Education CEO, Thiruvallur DPI



The 6th Edition of HCLFoundation Sports For Change Chennai District Qualifiers 2024 was held on 9th & 10th February 2024, which was organized by HCL FOUNDATION and Chennai Sports partners. The event was held there with great success. Around 879 players took part, and the top teams and players were selected to play in matches at the state level. The Govt. School, Chennai corporation school and PBGC Gurukul students have found it to be an excellent venue to display their talents.

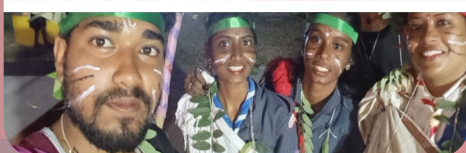
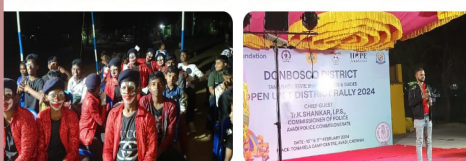
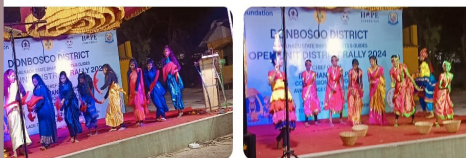
The event was successfully concluded with prize distributions to children by our special guests - Mr. Prijoie Tharu (Group Manager - HCLFoundation), Rev. Fr. Lionel - (Director - Don Bosco), Fr. Andrew Stephen Raj - (Director - Don Bosco Anbu Illam), Mr. Robin Charles Raja - (AFC Pro License Coach), Mr. Umopathy - (Founder - Patron, SC STEDS).

SFC Chennai District Qualifiers



Open Unit Rally

The Open Unit District Rally is a standard judging competition exclusively for the Scouts and Guides of open units in Don Bosco District Association supported by the HCL Foundation in collaboration with Don Bosco Anbu Illam, HOPE foundation and Slum Children STEDS, held for 02 days from 10th to 11th February, 2024 at Tonekala Campsite, Chennai. The objective of this program is to inspire scouts and Guides to acquire scouting knowledge and foster teamwork. Overall, 108 Scouts and Guides participated in the event. The Scouts and Guides from HOPE foundation emerged as the overall winners, and DBAI Scouts and Guides as runners. The significance of the Open Unit Rally certificate heightened by its association with the Rashtapathi Award.



HCLFoundation Don Bosco District Open Unit Rally Inaugural Day 1



SFC State Qualifiers



THE 6th EDITION of SFC STATE QUALIFIERS organised by HCL FOUNDATION which was hosted by KALVI TRUST and Supported by Don Bosco Anbu Illam, HOPE foundation, STEDS and Gurunanak Education Society at Tamil Nadu Police Battalion Ground, Avadi. The event was held there with great success on February 20 and 21. Around 880 Children joyfully participated and It has been the Red letter day on the calendar. The students from Govt school used this opportunity to showcase their incredible talents. The Overall Champion has been bagged by Madurai District.



On 22nd February 2024, World Thinking Day was observed to commemorate the birthday of Baden Powell, the founder of Scouts. DBAI – HCLF celebrated World Thinking Day at Avadi Girls School. Also, the day was celebrated at Perumbakkam and New Washermentpet Police Boys and Girls Club. An informative presentation about the founder was conducted at the clubs.

World Thinking Day



Blessing of a New Auto



With the blessing of the Lord and the support of donors & well-wishers, Bosco Illam has bought a new Auto which was blessed by Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, the Rector.

Friends from Belgium



10 students and 2 Teachers from Belgium visited our house and interacted with the children followed by cultural programme by boys and girls.



Dinner out!

- The children were invited for a dinner by one of the past pupils of Don Bosco Anbu Illam. The children enjoyed eating the scrumptious and delicious dishes and cherished the moment.



Career Guidance Program

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The Career Guidance Program was animated for the board exam appearing students on 18th February 2024 by the We Live Foundation team and orientation was given on different courses and education opportunities.

Sensitization on Solid Waste Management

- Community awareness program was organized by social work students from Loyola College on Solid waste management to sensitize the responsible use of resources among Young children in Otteri Study Center on 25th February 2024. Fr. Albert Nelson presided over the event along with the resource person.



Celebration of Don Bosco Month

a. Football Tournament

In view of the Month of Don Bosco, Football Tournament was organized in Bosco Illam. All the children participated in this event and enjoyed their sportive spirit.

b. Treasure hunt

We conducted Treasure Hunt game for the children to commemorate the month of St. John Bosco. It was facilitated by Br. Kulandaiyesu, the administrator. The game induced the children's energy to run around the building to find the treasures and win the game.

c. Dance & Singing Competition

Dance & Singing competition was conducted to give the platform for the children to bring out their talents and experience the stage atmosphere. Fr. Albert Nelson Kumar & Br. Kulandaiyesu inaugurated the competition and encouraged the children to showcase their skills and talents.

d. Don Bosco Night

Quiz programme was organized for our children in order to discover their knowledge about Don Bosco. The children actively participated and stormed their minds on St. John Bosco.



Pongal Celebration



On 20th January, DBAI celebrated Pongal with all the VTC members at Bosco Illam. The women staged a performance and participated in the fun games in joyful way. They all brought different home-made food and shared them with the children.



On January 15th, a Pongal was celebrated in Chellammal Thottam, organized by a group of women and attended by children from evening study centers.



Pongal Festival was celebrated at following clubs on various dates,

13th Jan - Pallikaranai, Arumbakkam,

14th Jan - Kannagi Nagar, Thuraipakkam, Perumbakkam, Thiruvotriyur,

15th Jan - Kodungaiyur, Arumbakkam

16th Jan - Kodambakkam, TVK Nagar



The Pongal Festival was celebrated in Bosco Illam by playing the Traditional games & cooking Pongal which was blessed by Fr. James Raj. All the children tasted the delicious Pongal and shared it among them.

It is worth mentioning that our club students showed their unique skills in speech competition, poetry competition, dance etc., An awareness rally was held at Arumbakkam Police Boys and Girls Club with 200 students on the occasion of Bogi festival with the theme "Smokeless Bogi", the event was inaugurated by Assistant Commissioner of Police and Inspector of Police, Arumbakkam. 150 students participated in the Pongal celebration at Kannagi Nagar Police Boys and Girls Club.

The club students were divided into 4 teams and the games were Sack Race, Lemon in the Spoon, Bun Eating, Musical Chair, Water Filling, Rangoli, Uriyadi. Prizes were awarded to the winning students at the end of the function. Also the prize trophy was awarded to the team that won all the matches and scored the most points. At the end of the ceremony, the Police Officials addressed the club students and community members and distributes prizes.



The Festival of Pongal was celebrated at Outreach Center, ICPS, Otteri with the community on 15th January 2024.

Pongal was celebrated with Children in Saranalayam on 15th January 2024. They all shared happiness by sharing the sweets and pongal with one another.

Republic Day



On 26th January Republic Day was celebrated at Vinayagapuram & Sathuma nagar Communities in which children, women and local body members attended and spectated the cultural programmes performed by the kids.



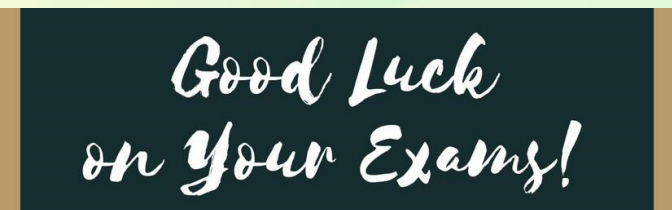
Republic Day was celebrated in Chellammal Thottam with Children and Women. In view of this, an eye camp was conducted in collaboration with IVI Hospital, where 120 people were benefitted. Games were organized for students from the Chellammal Thottam tuition centre, and prizes were distributed to the winners.

The Republic day was celebrated at Bosco Illam and special prayers were offered for democracy, prosperity and security of our country. Br. Kulandai, unfurl the tricolor and Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj shared seasonal greetings.



The 75th Republic Day was celebrated by hoisting the national flag at Arumbakkam, Chemmenchery, Kannagi Nagar, Perumbakkam, Kodambakkam, Chindatripet, Elephant Gate, New Washermenpet Police Boys and Girls Clubs. On this occasion, the Inspectors of Police hoisted the flag in their respective clubs. The Sub Inspectors, our club students also participated in the event.

Events & Celebrations





Bid Farewell to JP!!

At this moment we would like to extend our Sincere thanks to

Mr Jayaprakash Daniel who has worked in Don Bosco Anbu Illam for more than 6 years in various positions of this institution. We have admired his commitment and dedication towards the works he was assigned. The organization wishes him the best to attain great heights in his life.



Thank You Readers

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