



DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM NEWSLETTER



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DEAR WELL-WISHERS!

Blessings of the new academic year to one and all,

The new academic year has just begun. It brings with it tremendous opportunities for gaining new knowledge, developing social skills and advancing one's life and career. However, we must also bear in mind that there is no progress without a challenge. So naturally to gain that new knowledge, we will have to work hard. To develop our social skills, we will have to meet and interact with many people and in the process, we will make new friends. To progress in life, we will need to pray to God to keep us on the right path.

So friends, this is where we at Don Bosco Anbu Illam have made it our mission, goal and purpose in life to not only provide a safe, secure and happy environment for underprivileged children but also to nurture them in the personal skills whereby they can in turn develop the right social skills to become responsible citizens in society through education and empowerment.

We invite all responsible citizens of society to join hands with us in our mission to provide safety, security, life and education for many children. As we approach this new academic year, let us come together to give our best to the betterment of others.

GOD BLESS!!

Yours in Don Bosco

Fr. Andrews Stephenraj

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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LEARNT THE ART OF SPEAKING

Seven boys from Bosco Illam have successfully completed one month intense training on English speaking conducted by Don Bosco Siharam at Thiruvannamalai during the months of April and May 2023.



SUMMER - A PLEASANT TIME TO CAMP



Summer camp at Otteri ICPS Outreach Centre was successfully held from May 8 - 12, 2023. Life skills, session on personality development, team work and child rights were different topics covered during the camp.



SAYING GOODBYE

Extending our heartfelt gratitude towards the selfless service rendered by Rev. Fr. Rajanna Joseph and Rev. Fr. Anbu Francis in their capacities as Vice Rector and Dean respectively. Farewell for the outgoing Salesians was held at Bosco Illam on May 17, 2023. Children rendered special performances in honour of their commitment.

A solemn occasion to recall the untiring service and commitment rendered by Rev. Sr. Poongodi, Br. Johnson Arulappan and Br. Johnson Tony. Momentous send off and thanks giving mass was offered at Bosco Illam on May 22, 2023.



SPECTACLES DISTRIBUTION

Residents of Kulandai Street, Park Town received free spectacles on May 16, 2023, as the outcome of recently concluded eye camp in this location conducted in support with India Vision Institute.



WELCOME FATHER!

On behalf of Don Bosco Anbu Illam, a warm welcome was given to Rev. Fr. Martin Charles, newly appointed Parish Priest of St. Antony's Church, Park Town in the presence of Rev. Fr. Rosario Varghese, Chancellor - Madras Mylapore Archdiocese.



LEARN ARTS AND CULTIVATE DREAMS



Our children successfully completed summer camp titled "Learn Arts and Cultivate Dreams" conducted by Don Bosco Youth Animation Centre, Ennore from May 12th - 18, 2023. Children learnt life skills, folk arts, arts and crafts, training on VJ and RJ etc and returned with handful of exciting experience.



LESSONS UPDATE

Staff capacity building on recent trends on social work and child- centric approach was held on June 1, 2023, at Bosco Illam. Thiru. Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai was the resource person for the day.



REMEMBERING THE HISTORY

Blessing of renovated Don Bosco Anbu Illam ASKE Building, Mannady was held on June 1, 2023. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Director - Don Bosco Surabi blessed and dedicated the building in the presence of Rector and Community, M.K.B Nagar. Staff members, trainees and well-wishers also attended the function.



SALESIAN EDUCATION PASTORAL PLAN 2023 - 2024

Dissemination of Salesian Educative Pastoral Plan (SEPP) for the year 2023 - 2024 was held on June 10, 2023, at Head Office. The SEPP is a unique program schedule that is designed by every Salesian ministry by involving the ideas and opinions of Project Coordinators, community organizers, volunteers for the welfare of beneficiaries.



BETTER TEETH, BETTER HEALTH

Dental camp by Eden Advance Dentistry, Chennai was held at Bosco Illam and Saranalayam on June 18, 2023. Children, staff and caretakers put together a total of 120 people got benefitted out of this camp. Orientation on Dental health care mechanism was provided by the team to the children at the end of the camp.



TO PROMOTE A CHILD-FRIENDLY SOCIETY

In view of Child Labour abolition day, awareness program was held at Saranalayam in which children enacted a play on causes of child labour and preventive steps. They also sang song that highlighted the dark side of illiteracy.



SAYING NO

Awareness cum signature campaign against Child Labour was held at Puratchi Thalaivar Dr M G Ramachandran Central Railway Station on June 19, 2023 in partnership with District Child Protection Unit, Chennai, Government Railway Police and Railway Police Force and Childline 1098. Tmt. Sarala, Inspector of Police & Child Welfare Officer, GRP and Thiru. Rohit, Inspector of Police, RPF were present for the event.



DAY OUT

Inmates from Bosco Illam and Saranalayam were taken to Joe Beach on May 9, 2023 for one day summer picnic along with staff members. There they enjoyed gentle breeze, rhythmic walk on the sea shore and delicious fellowship meal.



PARENTS' MEETING REGARDING EDUCATIONAL SUMMER CAMP



On May 6, 2023 DBAI - HCLF Police boys and Girls club conducted parents meeting at Bosco Illam. During this meeting we explained about the Educational Residential camp. Club staff and Parents participated in this meeting.

VISIT TO COASTAL POLICE VESSEL

On May 9, 2023, R-2 Kodambakkam & J-9 Thoraipakkam PGBC Children went to visit the Coastal Police ship. In this event, Officials explained the operation of ship and the Educational requirement to work on the ship. 15 Children from R-2 Kodambakkam and 10 Children from J-9 Thoraipakkam participated in this event.



COACHING FOR CHESS AND TNPSC CLASSES

On May 20, 2023, Chess coaching class & TNPSC Coaching classes was started at K-9 TVK Nagar PGBC. Mr.Easwaran I.P.S Puliyanthope DC started the coaching classes.

SCOUT MASTERS MEETING

On May 28, 2023, Scout masters meeting was conducted at K-8 Arumbakkam PGBC. 39 staff from 22 Clubs participated in the Scout masters meeting. Mr. Newton Raj Chennai Manager HCL Foundation, Fr.Andrews Stephenraj ,Bro.Kulandai Yesu addressed the gathering.



SPORTS SUMMER CAMP



HCL Foundation – Don Bosco Anbu Illam is organizing a Sports summer camp at 15 locations. The camp was conducted for the following games as Football, Kabaddi, Rugby and Basketball on April 29, 2023 - May 9, 2023. The camp was led by professional and licensed coaches. 825 students have participated in this camp.



EXCELLENCE RESIDENTIAL CAMP

The Excellence Residential camp was conducted from May 18 - 28, 2023 at Don Bosco – Gedilam, Tonakela campsite, and Kannagi nagar. The camp was conducted for the Football boys and girls and Kabaddi boys and girls. 74 excellence players participated in this camp.

RAYS OF HOPE!

American – India Foundation in partnership with Don Bosco Anbu Illam created an opportunity to 12 vendors in Nochi Nagar and Muthiyal Thottam to start up own business through special loan scheme available for street vendors.



STATE BOXING CHAMPIONS HIP FOR YOUTH MEN

Yuvaneshwaran, a sports scholar has won the Gold medal in State Boxing Championship for Youth Men 46 – 48 weight category and qualified to Nationals.



95TH TAMILNADU STATE SENIOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Mariya Nivetha, a sports scholar under the Sports for Change initiative has won the Silver medal in 100 m, Gold medal in 4 * 400m (women) in 95th Tamilnadu State Senior Athletics Championships 2023 and qualified to Inter – state.

GREEN WINDOW WORKSHOP



Green Window Workshop was conducted by HCL Harit team. The session was conducted at four clubs of Perumbakkam, Kodambakkam, Chemenchery, and Thuraipakkam. Overall, 113 children participated in the event. Our club children were divided in a group of 4-5 Members in each group and were given a Nest Making Kit (This Kit is made of Natural material and it is totally Eco friendly) Students and made a nest mounted it at various locations.

EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS RALLY

Educational Awareness Rally was conducted at Saidapet, Triplicane, Chemenchery, Perumbakkam and Kodambakkam clubs. The rally was organised in order to increase awareness of the importance of receiving education and its benefits. Furthermore, to increase the enrolment in Police Boys and Girls Club.

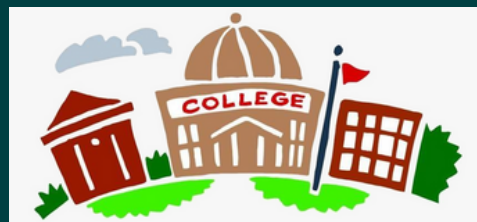


ANTI - CHILD LABOUR DAY



On June 12, 2023, World against Child Labour Day Awareness was conducted at Kannagi Nagar police boys and girls club, Ms.Gayathri and Mr.Velmurgan - Sub Inspector of police T15 Kannagi Nagar police Station and Ms.Saraswathi - Tamilnadu Urban Habitat Development Board participated in this program. 58 participants took part in the event.

WAY TO HIGHER EDUCATION



Community facilitator in support with CIP team took efforts to admit a girl from Nochi Nagar near Santhome to pursue her higher education in Presidency College. Being a differently abled child, she secured 282 out of 500 and got placed in Commerce in prestigious Presidency College, Chennai.



SUMMER CAMP

On behalf of Community Intervention Project, summer camp was conducted in Nochi Nagar and Muthiyal Thottam between May 8 - 12, 2023. 80 children from both places participated actively. Each day different topics like life skills, personality development and life lessons

WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

Environment awareness session was conducted at J9 Thuraipakkam PGBC. In this session the Children were taught about the Eco system, Types of Trees. Harit & Tide team. 40 Children got benefited.

On June 6, 2023, T17 Police Boys and Girls Club conducted a drawing competition on the topic of the environment and global warming. 30 children participated in the competition. During the program, Mr. Selva Kumar and Mr. Karthick police of T17 police station were invited.



FOOTBALL SELECTION TRIALS

On June 27 – 28, 2023, a Football Selection Trials was held at Nehru stadium for boys and girls. Totally 600 boys and 40 girls have participated in the selection trials. During the trials, the player's skills, speed and attitude were evaluated. Those who meet the required criteria will be selected for the football team.

NATIONAL DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM



On June 26, 2023, Drug Awareness Program was conducted by the Greater Chennai Police. In this program they conducted Drawing, Thinking, running competitions and they explained about impact of using drugs was explained to the children. These sessions help children by preventing them getting addicted to substance use. In this event all our PGBC participated.

CM TROPHY PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

On June 24, 2023, the prize distribution ceremony for the CM Trophy held at Thiruvallur District Ambedkar Law College. It is a great honour to have Minister Gandhi as the chief guest of the event and we are also privileged to have the Thiruvallur District- DSO, DEO and Collector attending the ceremony. DBAI - HCLF Cricket team emerged as winners and received certificates, medals and a cash prize of Rs. 36,000. DBAI - HCLF Kabaddi team secured the runner-up position and won a cash prize of Rs. 24,000 and DBAI - HCLF Volleyball team bagged the third spot and was rewarded with a cash prize of Rs. 12,000.

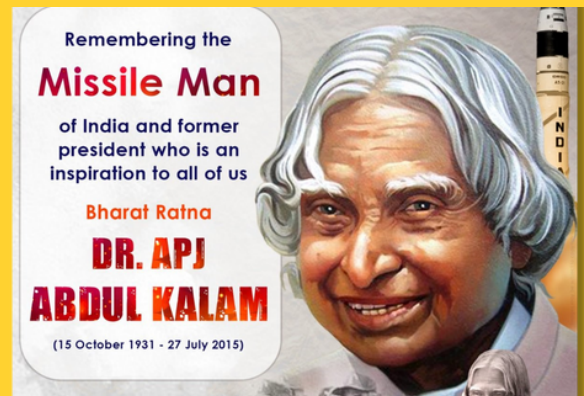
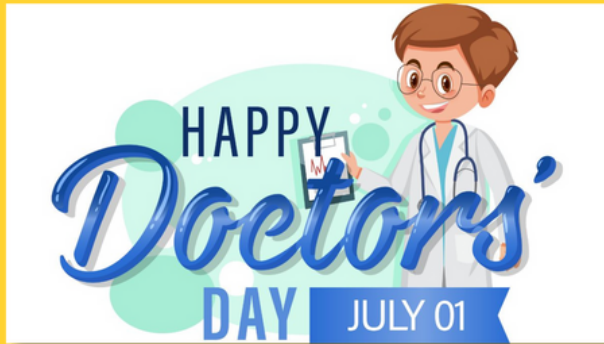


BASIC SCOUT MASTER TRAINING

From June 8 - 14, 2023, Don Bosco district association conducted a Basic Scout master training course. Overall 38 candidates participated in the training. 3 Senior Rovers Mr. Kabesh, Mr. Sanjay and Mr. Madesh from DBAI – HCLF Scout group took part in the training. The leader of the course (LOC) Fr. John Peter, ALT Scout and the course counsellors Fr. Thomas. DCC, Fr. James, Ms. Victoria, Ms. Anthony Gunaraj and Mr. Gunaseelan led the training for the scoutmasters.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Happy Birthday

16th August



St. John Bosco

21st August



Dear Fr. Angel, Salesian Rector Major

Board Members

18th July



Dear Fr. Lourdsami Don Bosco, Provincial, INM

18th July



Fr. James Raj

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