



NEWSLETTER – April to July 2022

Greetings!!

We are happy to share our experiences and efforts. The newsletter gives you a glimpse of our endeavour that would not have been possible without the wholehearted support from our donors and our enthusiastic volunteers. We thank you all immensely for your support.

Our main stream activities:

❖ **Education**

- Part funding of school **Tuition fee** for existing 15 students in grades I-X studying in Bethel School - Dooravaninagar, Jubilee School - K.R. Puram, and Madonna School - K.R. Puram.
- Financial assistance for **New admission** to 7 students in grades LKG-V in Bethel School, Dooravaninagar.
- Part funding of college **Tuition fee** for 3 PUC students studying in Indus Valley College, Govt. College Varthur and St. Mary's College, Hennur Road.
- Transport facility for 18 students to ferry them to school and back.
- A volunteer to teach Science to primary grades in understaffed Govt Primary School, Doddanekkundi.
- Home work help to students during after school hours at our study centre is conducted on regular basis by our volunteers.

❖ **Training**

- Fund assistance to 3 students for **Nursery Teacher Training Certificate Program**.
- After the success of initial two batches, introduced a third batch of **Spoken English** for grades IX and above to inculcate confidence and help with comprehension. The batch has 15 students enrolled.
- A 150 hour **English Enhancement programme** was conducted for our students during summer holidays by Chippersage Ltd. for a period of one month.
- Support to 7 students for one month **Bridge course** conducted by school for students in need of additional help on language and maths skills.
- Support and training to 2 students to prepare for national level **Entrance test** to Jawahar Navodaya School.

In our journey into Vidyadhaara, we have realised that a holistic development of the child does not get fulfilled only by assisting to fund their education but there is a need to have an equal emphasis on their *social and emotional development* too. Apart from our total focus on education, efforts by our selfless volunteers runs in parallel to impart these values. Some of the activities are as below.

❖ Social Skills (Summer vacation Programs)

- A **traditional games** session was organised for children with help of Ima creations. Some of the children had never come across such games before.
- Organised a session of board games and games based on **brain ticklers**. This being a group activity brought lot of team spirit among the students.
- A **trip** to Kanteerava Stadium was organised to witness Khelo India games to highlight the importance of games in the world of competition.
- A group activity session on **English Awareness Quiz** was conducted by students of Christ University from the media studies division.
- A geography based **Quiz** was organised by Basil – a college student. All students participated cheered for the correct answer. The smiles on their faces said it all.

❖ Social Values(Summer Vacation Programs)

- A 60min session on **Value Education** was conducted by Ms. Susheela to inculcate right values in the students.
- A 120min session on **Female hygiene and Self-defence** was taken by our student volunteer Ms. Ramya. She could connect well and bring to surface several questions from the students.
- Students loved the **Art session on pencil sketching** by Ms. Babita(renowned artist). Material required were provided to them.
- Our students were in awe listening to a story read by 11 year old volunteer Master Ayush, '**Compassion**'. This story authored by him is part of the collection for a book that has been selected for publication.
- Theme based **Movies** has always been encouraged in Vidyadhaara. Students were shown Bollywood movie 'Taare Zameen Par' and a few more documentaries.

❖ Miscellaneous

- Supplied **Stationary Material** – notebooks and files to all the students of Govt. Primary School, Doddanekkundi and print paper to all the students of Govt. High school, Doddanekkundi.
- Provided **Sanitary napkins** for all the girls studying in Govt. High school, Doddanekkundi.
- Our volunteer conducted a 60 min session on environment awareness under **Save Soil Movement** – an initiative by Jaggi Vassudev of Isha Foundation at Govt. Primary School and at Govt. High school, Doddanekkundi

Gallery



Waiting for transport



Pick up to school



Story session by Ms. Namratha



Story reading session by Master Ayush



Children busy in indoor traditional games



Traditional outdoor games in progress



Pencil Sketch session By Ms. Babita



At Kanteerva Stadium



**Stationary distribution at
Govt Primary School Nekkundi**



Session with volunteers from Christ College

Until our next meet, sharing below snippets that energizes us to keep going even in difficult situations.

Happy Moments.....

- ***Ma'am, I am the topper in the class in FA1 - 9th grader Saroja***(name changed). Saroja had switched from Kannada to English medium in grade IV. Since then VF has supported her. She was promoted to grade VIII based on her astounding performance in grade VI annual exams.
- ***We are happy to see 4th grade students reading and writing English with more ease now. Thanks for your help*** - English teacher from Govt. school , Doddanekkundi. VF sponsored teaching assistants for grades I-III in the last academic year. These teaching assistants were trained by VF in English teaching Skills.

Our continuous educational support during pandemic and multi-pronged summer vacation programs has helped many student to improve their performance and given rise to the testimonial like above.

Thank you so much for being part of our journey. For any queries, please reach out to us.