

# MUDHIYOR BALAR KUDUMBA GRAMA PANNAI

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## **NEWS LETTER**

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### ***Dear Friends,***

We thank and praise our Almighty God for the wonderful ways in which he has been guiding us throughout the past few months. We are also grateful to you for your love, care, concern and support to Pannai and the children. We thank all our donors for their kind help to meet our needs. Your prayers have brought us many blessings.

### **Home: Admission:**

We have admitted 12 new children in the Nursery, and there is ten more waiting to join. 15 children from the nursery have joined LKG and one has joined UKG at our King's Matriculation School.

***Discharge:*** We have discharged Subramoni and Manivannan and handed over them to their relatives and mother.

### **Admissions to other Schools:**

Rajeshwari has joined Diploma Nursing at Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchathram. Harry and K. Vijay Kumar have joined Lab technician course at Christian Fellowship Hospital Oddanchathram. S. Venkatesh has joined C.S.I. Matriculation School at Ranipet to do his plus two course. Kalaimegalai, Thangammal and Vijaya have joined VRV Girls Higher Secondary School, Ranipet to do their plus two courses. Kalaiarasi has joined VIII standard at VRV. Karunakaran and M. Vijay Kumar have joined Advanced Welding Tech. Course at Coimbatore. Sudha and Kasthuri have joined Secretarial Practice course at Coimbatore. Banumathy, Saritha and Rekha have joined informal training at Coimbatore. Getsiyal has joined Critical care therapy course at Christian Medical College, Vellore.

We are happy that there are no dropouts this year at Pannai. All the children are doing fine.

***Mothers:*** We have appointed a new mother for one of the cottages. Still we need two more mothers for the cottages and two more mothers for the nursery.

***Other Activities:*** Some of our home children have participated in the sports and games events and won in the Zonal level and participated in the District level items. Kalaiselvi

who is studying in VRV has won Gold medals in Long Jump and running and received the individual championship cup. Some children have participated in the Bible memory verse (oral and written) competitions held by the Scripture Union. Some of our home children participated in the exhibitions held in the primary section of KMS and performed well.

Our wardens and tutors are taking care of the education of the children. We are giving regular medical checkups to our children. Regular inspection of the cottages has helped to maintain the order and cleanliness of the nursery and the cottages. Children show interesting growing their own gardens.

***Request from Home:*** Computer education is a must to cope up with the fast moving/growing world of computer. The need for computers is a long felt one for the home children to compete with others.

***News from other Units: -***

***Garment Making Unit:*** We are thankful to CMC & Hospital for their increased orders, which have helped the Garment Making Unit to stand firm. A few more students have joined this year and are having their training.

***Bakery:*** The presence of the new kneading machine has helped to improve the quality of our bakery products. The new varieties of biscuits and puffs are well received.

***Request from the Bakery:*** To increase the production and improve the quality of the products it will be good if we can use machine for cake mixing instead of manual mixing. The cost of a new Cake Mixer is Rs. 16,000.00 or USD 360. Which would help us to produce a high rate of production at lowest cost. We expect great things from God to attempt great things for God.

***Feed Mix Unit:*** We producing 8 to 10 tons of Cattle feed every month for the use in our dairy. The excess of 4 to 5 tons is sold to local farmers.

***Farm:***

***Obituary:***

Ms. Dhaya, our grand mother who was sick for a short while passed away peacefully on ----- . We pray that her soul may rest in peace with her master.

***Visitors:*** We are grateful to the Global Ministries for sending Mary, a volunteer from the Global Ministries. She was friendly with the children and helped them during their study hour.

We are thankful to \_\_\_\_\_ for sending Jessica. She was friendly with children and helped them during their study hour.

We appreciate Catherine and Stephen for their visit and stay at Farm. We felt so happy that they were able to see and talk with their previous sponsored children and spend some time with their new sponsored child here.

**King's Matriculation School:**

Our new academic year started with the all staff retreat held at the Samaritan Center at Yelagiri Hills. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June following which our School reopened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The local Pastor, Rev. Jacob Vivekanandhan, dedicated the new bus donated by Global Ministries. A workshop on \_\_\_\_\_ was conducted by Mrs. Sudha.

In July our King's Matriculation School students participated in the Matric. Zonal games and won as stated below

01. Shuttle Badminton Doubles-	Girls	First
02. Kabbadi	Girls	First
03. Throw ball	Girls	First
04. Kabbadi	Boys	First

Vertical Reality: - a group from Chennai came and sang songs and did skits. Some of our students attended Scout camp. Some students participated in Hand writing and drawing competitions.

The Republic Day games were conducted at the Girls Higher Secondary School, Ambalur. The following students participated and won as follows.

Vinithra	X Std.	Shot-put	First
Sugumar	X Std.	Shot-put	Third
Jeyakumar	X Std.	Javalinthrow	First
Sunder	X Std.	800 mts.running	Second
Datchayani	X Std	Long Jump	Third

***Our Science Block (Margaret Mc Laughlin Block) was dedicated on August 31<sup>st</sup> by our Chairman, Rt. Rev. Dr. Y. William, Bishop in Vellore Diocese. We are grateful to Mr. Patrick Nivelles family for their generous contribution towards the Science block.***

Mary (a Global Ministries Volunteer) and Jessica (a Volunteer from U.K.) were with us. Jessica donated some money for the purchase of some library books.

First Mid-term test was conducted in July. Parent Teachers meeting was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> August.

***Exhibitions:*** Our King's Matriculation School, Primary section conducted an exhibition on " Learning By Doing " on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The tiny tots explained what all they learnt through play way methods. The chief guest Mrs. Anu Maman writes,

***This has been a very heart warming experience. The exhibition was very well organized and the children are extremely smart and well informed considering their background. Thank you!***

Our King's Matriculation School, senior section conducted a Science exhibition on August 31<sup>st</sup> after the dedication of the Science Block. Our Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Y. William, inaugurated the exhibition. All the students explained their exhibits smartly with great enthusiasm.

***Request for Computers:*** We are of the opinion that we need to make our children Computer literate with hands on experience in using the computer. At the new Science Block building we have built a computer-teaching laboratory with a facility to accommodate 25 computers. We have NO funds to buy the computers and are looking for DONORS to equip the computer laboratory. **The cost of one computer would be approximately USD 650.** We will gratefully accept any help to equip our computer lab.

***A BIG THANKS:*** We thank the Lord for the wonderful way he blessed our institution through many sponsors and friends. Only through your support and prayer. We are able to bring about changes in the lives of so many who come to Pannai We thank the Global Ministries (especially Ms. Linda) for their love and concern in finding new sponsors for our children. We thank Mr & Mrs. Patrick Nevelles for their donation for the Science Block, dedicated by our chairman Rt.Rev. Dr. Y. William, Bishop in Vellore C.S.I. Diocese. We thank Mr & Mrs. Simon Kirby for donating gift for the children who are showing improvement in their studies.

***Prayer Concerns:***

***More Sponsorship for Children:*** Along with the admission of 14 new children, the number of un-sponsored children to increases we need more new sponsorships for our children. More sponsorship would enable us to admit new children who are waiting to join Pannai.

***Grand Parents Sponsorship:*** At present there is no financial provision for the elderly residents of Pannai (the grand parents) and the housemothers who are destitute women who help in looking after the children. As mentioned in the last News Letter, we would like to start a grandparent sponsorship programme. **Sponsoring a grand parent for a year would cost US\$ 30.** We expect Sponsors or Donors for this.

***Endowment fund for Higher Education:*** As children above 18 years only, mostly so far higher education or professional courses we need funds to support them. We would like to build up the endowment fund for the higher education for un-sponsored children at Pannai. We welcome liberal donations towards this fund.

***White washing and Color washing:*** We need nearly **Rs 1,25,000.00** towards the **color and white washing** at our Pannai for all the buildings, which we are doing once in four years. **“We expect great things from God to attempt great things for God!”**

***Conclusion:*** It gives us immense pleasure in sharing news about M.B.K.G.Pannai, with all our sponsors, friends and well wishers. We look back and see how marvelously God has been guiding us throughout the past days. We go forward with full hope and trust that our loving heavenly father would lead every step of ours in moulding the lives of his beloved little ones in this His institution.

Thank you all for your support and prayers.

Director.