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*Let shadows come, let shadows go, let life be bright or dark with woe,
I am content, for this I know, Thou thinkest, Lord, of me*

In Praise of God

We have found comfort in God's love. When times are troubling we find wisdom, comfort, refuge and peace in his love. The Lord's amazing Grace has guided us through the last months. We rejoice in the shadow of His wings.

HOME NEWS

New admissions

We are delighted to announce five new admissions to our nursery. Roobesh, Lokesh, Lavanya, Priya, Sandhya, Madhan, Sun and Raghunath will, we hope, become distinguished students during their time at King's School.



Sun



Lavanya



Roobesh



Sandhya



Priya



Madhan

Diwali Celebration

All our older children studying or undergoing training in various schools outside Kasam have returned to us to join in our celebrations. One of our donors donated a delicious Biryani meal and celebrated his daughter's birthday with us. We also prepared special sweets and nibbles for all of our children. Some of our older alumni students also returned to Kasam and lit firecrackers in celebration.

Children's day

November 14th is celebrated as Children's Day in India, in memory of the first Prime Minister of India Sri Jawaharlal Nehru,



who was very fond of children. He would have been very proud of Kasam and what we do here!

Essay Competition



We are most grateful to the higher authorities of the Central Bank of India, who organized a wonderful essay competition on the subject of "How Banks Help Society."

This was a wonderful opportunity for our home and school children. Out of 26 participants in the competition, two of our home children were awarded 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. The competition and prize winners were announced in newspapers and other media.

Gift from CMCH Cheer Fund

Our sincere thanks to the Director and all the staff members of the CMCH community for their generous gift of colourful dresses for our children at Christmas season.



KING'S SCHOOL NEWS

By God's Grace we are now on the right track towards academic excellence. We have put into motion a series of measures which are already paying dividends; special programs for both high and low achievers, meetings with parents of low achievers to gain their support, as well as regular faculty development programs.

Anna Hunter's Visit

Anna Hunter, one of our guardian angels, visited the school along with her son James. Her visit was a joyful occasion and it was a delight for us to see her again.

Destiny Education

Peter and Joy conducted a very successful workshop providing training for both the senior and junior school teachers. Peter put on a PowerPoint presentation for our staff suggesting new and effective strategies to implement in the class room.

J Ministries Programme

The ongoing J ministries programme was held in October by Mr. Charles Mani and was a huge success. Charles taught the staff how to construct lesson plans and set realistic goals. The staff were touched to learn about the life and struggle of Wilma Rudolph, a disabled Olympic medal winner, as part of an inspiring discussion on the subject of self discipline.

Character Cultivation Programme

Mr. Samuel N. J. David, our correspondent, arranged for us to take part in a character cultivation program, exhorting our children to be honest, sincere, obedient and kind to others.

Celebrations

Diwali, the festival of light, was also celebrated with great joy. The sky was lit up by fireworks and the firecrackers were a particular favourite.

Children's Day at King's

To mark Children's Day, 14th November, the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, term commenced with various competitions: art, poetry, essays and handwriting. These competitions have been an immense help to our students, unlocking hitherto unseen talents, fostering a sense of pride in their work and offering them a fun incentive to persevere in their studies.

One of these competitions, an inter-house quiz, focused on the subjects of general knowledge, science, scripture and current affairs. The winners were a very impressive Kings House!

Inter-house sports were also held to mark Children's day. Our boys and girls both enjoyed the inter-house basketball tournament, won by Betty House in the boys competition, and, after being postponed, was won by Kings House in the girls competition.

Our Kabbadi competition, always enormous fun for all, was won by Scudder house in the boys' division, and by King's House in the girls'.

A Cinema at King's

Towards the end of November the children watched a government sponsored movie entitled New World. It was presented by a traveling movie theater, and was a special treat for all the school children.



Christmas at King's

Christmas arrived with the usual hustle and excitement. We celebrated the birth of Jesus with a nativity play, a vibrant performance enjoyed by all of the locals. Maria St. John, one of our volunteers, helped to teach the children new Christmas carols, which were sung by our harmonic school choir. Scintillating dances replete with beautiful costumes were also performed to our admiring audience. Rev. Harris Suganadam, the guest of honour, gave an inspiring message suitable for the occasion.



Half Yearly Exams

The students are currently in the process of taking their half yearly examinations, they have been studying very hard for these exams and we are sure they will perform wonderfully.

School Committee

In order to improve the management and quality of education at Kings School, a committee of senior teaching staff has been created. It will meet once a month.

Mrs. Emma Koshi's Continuing Support

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Emma Koshi for her continued support of the junior school. Emma spends time with the junior children on a regular basis, and offers them fun and meaningful activities through role play and music. This is something that the younger children have relished, and from which they gain invaluable experiences.

Maria's impression

I have been very fortunate to have spent a month with the children and



staff at MBKG Pannai and also Kings School. This was my first visit to India and also to MBKGP; and I was made to feel very welcome by both the staff and Children. I was very impressed by the children, with their endless smiles, the strong friendships they have formed, and their caring attitude towards each other. It is a true reflection of all the outstanding work that so many people do, to ensure these children receive the childhood they deserve. It really has been a privilege getting to know them, and all their individual little personalities.

I have missed MBKG Pannai since returning to the UK, especially all the friendships that I had formed, but I know that I will keep in contact and hopefully return in the not too distant future.

Special Prayer Request

Our aged minibus, which has been of enormous help bringing our children to King's School from surrounding villages, is now obsolete. We are in great need of a replacement. A new minibus to replace it's decade old predecessor would cost in the region of Rs. 11 Lakh and would be of long lasting service to the School and local community.

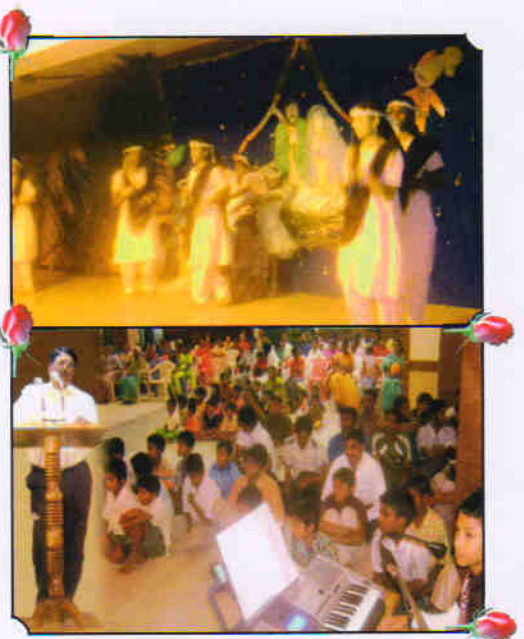


Children Activities

Our Sunday School children Rally was held on 2nd of December 2010. Singing, drawing and recitation competitions related to the bible were conducted and the winners were awarded with prizes!

Christmas Celebrations

Just as angels sang at the birth of Jesus, our children went to carol services dressed up as heavenly seraphim...and as Santa! A fun time was had by all. Mr. Gandhi Devadass from Salvation TV was our chief guest of honour on Christmas day. The children performed various skits and dances which were enjoyed by all. New clothes were given out and delicious food with ice cream and cake were served to all our children. Most of our board members were with us with their families to partake in the festivities.



Please, partner us by...

Praying for the children in the Home and School, our mothers and grandparents that they may be comforted and blessed and that we remain good stewards of all of God's Mercy, Grace, Care and Love to all the precious lives that He has placed in our hands to care for and love.

Sharing your Love with the little children who love being carried and cuddled. So, please pay us a visit and spend time with our children.

Sponsoring a child for a month would be Rs. 1350 or US \$ 30, which provides for food, shelter, clothing, medicine and recreation.

Sponsoring a house mother or a grandparent for a month would be Rs. 1350 or US \$ 30. This is an urgent need as many of our mothers and grandparents are not sponsored.

Supporting our Endowment Fund for Higher Education. This fund goes towards funding our aged out of sponsorship children who are doing their professional courses in different disciplines, like Engineering, Physical Education, Para medical education etc.,

Sponsor a Day Student's education for a year at King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School for Rs.8000 or US \$ 180 to enable them to continue their studies here.

Sponsor a meal for all our children during your family functions, Anniversary, Birthday, festivals and other special occasions [Cost: Breakfast Rs. 1500/-, Vegetarian Meal Rs. 3000/-, Non-Vegetarian Meal Rs. 5000/- and Sweets Rs. 1200/-.]

New Admissions...



Lokesh



Raghunath



Dhandapani

DEATH

With deep regret we inform you that the demise of Mr. Dhandapani, Grand Father at the age of 70, who was with us for more than 20 years.

- ◆ YES ! I Want to keep the light of hope alive by;
- ◆ Sponsoring a child for Rs.1350/- or US\$ 30 per month.
- ◆ Sponsoring a grand parent for Rs.1350/- or US\$ 30 per month.
- ◆ Making a Special gift of _____ to be used for _____

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