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Dear Friends,

This is results time in India. The 12th standard and the 10th standard results were out this month. Sevalaya children did very well as usual, but we missed the 100% mark this time. Out of the 80 children who appeared for the 12th standard exams, 79 cleared it; one girl failed in one subject, maths. Similarly, in the 10th standard exams, out of the 66 children who appeared for the exams, 65 cleared it; one boy failed in one subject, social science. We came so close to the usual 100% mark, but didn't get there this time. 98% results are not bad, but when we are used to 100%, we feel a bit low. We are planning to apply for revaluation of the papers for these two children, as we are confident that they would have passed.

In the agriculture stream in the 12th standard, we maintained 100% results for the fourth year in a row. Also this year we had introduced a pure science group – this group also got 100% results. Only in the computer science group one student could not clear the exams. The top rankers did very well this time. The 12th standard topper, Uma Maheswari, daughter of daily wage labourers, got 1097 out of 1200 (91.4%) and in core subjects she has secured 581 out of 600 (96.8%). In the 10th standard, Revathy from very poor background, has scored 464 out of 500 (92.8%). Detailed mark analysis is given in the next two pages. Most of the children who appeared for these state level exams are first generation school

goers and all of them are from very poor rural background.

This is the time we have to congratulate not only the students, but all the staff members, who put in a lot of extra efforts to make sure the children understand the subjects and do well in the exams. Many teachers stay on the campus and help the children on a 24 X 7 basis. Even teachers who have families living outside the campus, stayed back very late, sometimes stayed over night to help the children. The office staff, the hostel staff - were all working towards one single goal, to see that all children clear the exams. The cook had to stay late and prepare extra dinners and coffees etc., but he was there, all the time, like any other teaching staff. The old age home grand mas and grand pas were extending the moral support and praying for the children's welfare. The local temple in Pakkam had special poojas, before the start of the exam. It was a real community effort.

Ofcourse all this was possible only with the donation flow continuing through out the year. All the donors who contributed for the uniforms, note books and all other educational materials and also towards teachers salary can feel very happy as the amount has been put to good use. We have got the best return on investment.

Thanks & Regards
Murali

Valedictory Function of free summer course on Computer education and spoken English



Events

Vyakthi Vikas Kendra Thiruninravur conducted H.H Sri Sri Ravishankarji's Art of Living Youth Leadership Training Programme at Sevalaya from 15th May 2008 to 25th May 2008. The Programme was conducted by Master. Kamalakkannan. 150 students from all over Tamil Nadu (including 24 Sevalaya students) had participated.

The Valedictory Function of free summer course on Computer education and spoken English for the rural youth was held on 31/05/2008. Certificates were distributed to the participants by Mr. S.Ramaprasad, Deputy Director of Agriculture and Personal Asst. to Dist. Collector, Thiruvallur.

Events in which Sevalaya participated

Mr. V.Muralidharan, Founder and Managing Trustee addressed a donors' meet in Ipswich, UK, on 1st May 2008.

Mr. Adrian Cottington (AXA UK) presented a cheque for 3000 pounds to Mr.V.Muralidharan, Founder and Managing Trustee Sevalaya, in AXA centre, Bristol UK, in a small function to celebrate the partnership, on 6th May 2008. The partnership started two years ago and AXA IT UK is supporting 60 children in Sevalaya.

Mr.T.S.Venkataramani, Hon. Corodinator, addressed a group of students in The American international school on 21st May. On that occasion, a cheque for Rs 70,000 was presented to Sevalaya.

Mr. Ramesh, Inspector, Thiruninravur Police Station and Ms. M. Muthumani, Advocate, High Court, Madras sponsored entry tickets for 50

'Personality Development Programme' at Jai Gopal Garodia School,, Tambaram



children of Sevalaya Home for Jadugar Anand's Magic Show at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 23rd May 2008.

Rotract Club of Akash, Tambaram conducted a 3 day 'Personality Development Programme' at Jai Gopal Garodia School, Tambaram from 23rd May 2008 to 25th May 2008. 52 students & 4 staff from Sevalaya participated.

Mr. V.Muralidharan, Founder & Managing Trustee of Sevalaya addressed a donors meet at HCL Technology, Ambattur on 30/05/2008. A power point presentation on Sevalaya's activities & growth was made on the occasion.

Sports

K.Chitra, VIII std. student participated in Summer Athletic Coaching Camp conducted by Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu at Thiruvallur from 1st May 2008 to 15th May 2008.

Study Circle

Mr. S.Jayakumar shared with the staff and children about what he read in the 12th & 14th Chapters of in the study circle meet on 3rd May 2008.

