



**Dear Friends**

## **Our TALENTED Children**



Our children participated in a Talent Contest conducted by the "Talent Exam" Mettur Dam District. We walked away with **8 first prizes** 😊 in Essay writing in English and Tamil, Drawing etc.,

It is exhilarating to see our teachers' work and all OUR 😊 EFFORTS rewarded through the prizes our children are bringing in....

This is the first of a series of prizes for this month 😊 Read on.....

## **Book Worm Prize 😊**



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Dharini of Class IV wins our coveted "Book Worm Award" 😊 after a tough viva voce from the rest of the students and Vinu Dev Sachin...

**This day was a monumental step forward for the children of Gurukulam.**

To win this prize a child has to read 12 story books and face a tough viva voce from all the children gathered and the Tall Tale Teller. Even 1 wrong answer eliminates the contestant. The winner moves on to the next higher level of reading skill.

What this means: our children have – **THANKS to Vinu Dev Sachin** – started reading and understanding books by themselves. The first step to independent study and growth. A whole **NEW MAGICAL WORLD** has been opened for them through story books 😊



The next 2 winners of our "Book Worm Award" go to Dhanapriya and Pragadeesh of Class IV.

Dharini does the honours and gives away the awards 😊

Prizes for the month don't stop. Read on.....

## Western Dance Competition



Varsha and Ameen of Class IV participated in a Western Dance Competition conducted by "Fisherman's Cove"- A Taj Group of Hotels.

They danced away with the **first prize** 😊



It was simply a Dream Come True when **Actor Arvind** awarded our children the first prize 😊

## Children's Day Celebration

*It was singing, dancing, drama galore for the Children's Day Celebration ☺*

*One of our most memorable days....*

*All the children - participating and those who cheered them on - had a whale of a time*



Villupattu – a traditional Tamil folk song. Was a truly amazing show from the kids



Singing by UKG



An English drama towards Religious tolerance by Class II



A drama towards "safety in daily life" by Class II

*It was an amazing show from the kids. They thoroughly enjoyed the preparation and execution. Special credit goes to Pragadeesh of Class IV. He stole everyone's heart, as the **Master of Ceremonies***

☺



Our dance troupe with Ms Shabana who did amazing work with the children in 4 working days ☺

## Honoured Guests



*Mrs and Dr Gopal encouraged our children with loving gifts and a motivating interaction.*

*Our children put up an impromptu show of Dance, Yoga and Karate and wowed our guests*

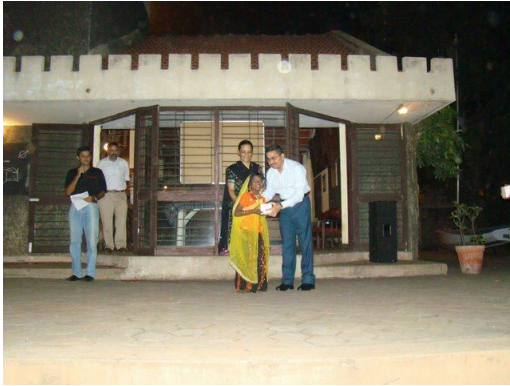


*Dr E C Devraj from USA (1<sup>st</sup> from left) and Mr Narayan Khushalani (4<sup>th</sup> from left) and friends visited our school and showered their love and warmth on our children.*



*Dr Radhakrishnan an eminent Ayurvedic Physician not only visited, but took a class on Ayurvedam and of our Vedas for the children ☺*

## RMYC Annual Prize Distribution



*At the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Royal Madras Yacht Club (RMYC) with Capt Subash Kumar Dy Chairman, Port Trust as the Chief Guest and Commandant Hardeep Singh Sr Commandant CISF as the Guest of Honour... Pragadeesh, Dharini and Soundarya received cups from Commandant ... for the most promising sailors ☺*



*.....And of course they danced their way into everyone's heart ☺*

## Rotary Club



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*The children put up a show for the Rotary District Governor A. Balasubramanian, organised by the Rotary Club RI 3230 president Vijay Sambrani.*

## **Round Tablers Do It Again 😊**



*Round Table-3 organised 36 beautiful tables and 75 chairs for the children 😊*

*Our loving THANKS as always for their support.*

*It has made sitting through the day 😊 so much more comfortable*

## **Loving.... THANKS 😊**

My loving THANKS to **ALL our donors and volunteers**.... Who have made Gurukulam what it is today 😊 & our **donors for these 2 months** –

***Raj Menon***

***Ameesh C Shah***

***P Suresh***

***Raji Salhotra***

***Sudha Ram***

***Capt Sudhir Nair***

***Capt Aditya Rao***

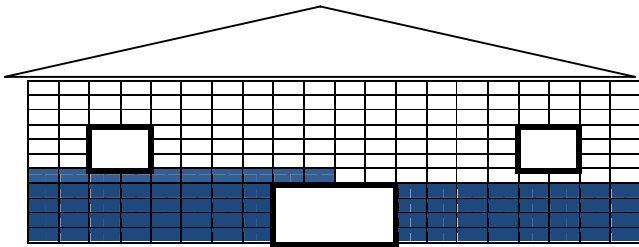
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***Narayan Khushalani***

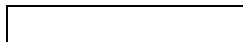
***Deepti Gurav***

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## School Building requirements



Funds raised



Funds to be raised

**Dear friends we now **need funds urgently** to complete the first floor, kitchen, sick bay and watchman's room (the hut that was being used was destroyed by the monsoons last week)**

**Do come out with means to raise funds....**

*With love  
Capt Nandkumar*

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