# St John's Campus, Neerpair

**NEWS LETTER - January - April 2020** 

#### Dear friends and well wishers,

Prayerful greetings from Fr. John Suresh and Nandhini Krishnan. Hope our news letter brings joys and happiness, and finds you all well in everything. We are all keeping well by the grace of God and by your prayers. In this news letter we record some of the recent past important events.

## Dr R Arulappa Higher Secondary School

# **Re-opening of School**

The school was reopened on 6<sup>th</sup> of January after Christmas vocation. The students were given a warm welcome by the school management and our headmaster insisted the importance of the end of the academic year as 10<sup>th</sup>, 11 the and 12<sup>th</sup> standard students are giving to appear for the public examination so the students should concentrate more on their studies in order to excel in their examination.

## **Pongal Celebration**



Pongal celebration is the most important regional festival of Tamil Nadu. This festival lasts for four days and this is the only celebration which is celebrated irrespective of caste and religion. This is a harvest festival by its essence. In our school we celebrated Pongal festival with great enthusiasm. We cooked Pongal food and distributed with each other. After this we had Pongal celebration given by our students

# Republic Day Celebration



importance of the day.

Republic day celebration is one of the important National festival of our constitution of India which was formulate by Dr B R Ambedkar who is the father of our Indian Constitution. This was accepted and amendment in the parliament on this day. We had hoisted the flag and had march past. The students gave various colourful performances, insisting the

#### Farewell Function

As the XII standard students are leaving the school with this academic year 2019-20, they were given farewell party on 26th of February. The students shared their experience that they had in our school.

#### **Practical examination**

Before going to write public examination it is mandatory to conduct practical examination for science subjects for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard. So we conducted practical exams for the concerned classes as per the norms and condition of the government. The students did well in their practical examination

## Christu Roi school, BelgiumVisit





A team of students and teachers from Christu Roi School, Belgium who have been a great support for our school visit us and stayed in two days in Neerpair and engaged themselves in renovating the bathing shed of the girls in St John's Home. We sincerely thank them for their support and involvement. To say honestly their arrival and having inter change programme with our students has enriched our students a lot.

#### **Examination**

Public examination has started for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> students on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March and end on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Because of Corona (Covid – 19) all the educational institution is closed. Government of Tamilnadu declared that from 1<sup>st</sup> standard to 9<sup>th</sup> standard all the students are passed, and 10<sup>th</sup> standard public examination is postponed.

# St John's Home for the Children in Need:





As per government rule (Covid -19) our St John's Home was closed on 27<sup>th</sup> of March, all the students are sent home and guardian home safely.

# WE Group



The `WE group gathered on 2<sup>nd</sup> of February as per its Scheduled. In this meeting 66 members participated. During the meeting various competition were held like essay writing, speaking competition, Singing competition and so on. These competition were highlighting the national issues. The winners were given prizes at the end of the meeting WE members also shared their success in their life.

#### **CHEER Trust:**

The CHEER conducted a training on 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2020 for women regarding legal aids and it is one of its important concerns. The training had focused on how the women should make use of the laws when they are deprived of these rights. The training was given by the most resourceful person namely Mrs. Gomathi Kumar who is efficient in the field. Also another meeting was held with lawyers and journalist to check out the issues of Land rights for Dalit. In this meeting they discussed various rights towards in our society and how to approach and solve the issues especially for downtrodden.

#### **Covid** - 19





Dear friends as you know the whole world is fighting against Covid-19 as it has been bringing lot of destruction in various levels of human life since the beginning of the year. We believe you are all safe and sound there. In India also the Covid 19 increase day by day and people are forced to stay at home. We have been in lockdown since March 22nd 2020 and people find very difficult to run their families. Here most of the people have to earn their livelihood by going for daily wage works. Since most of the economic activities have been stopped the daily wages workers are affected severely and they don't get food properly as they have no money. People are looking for someone to help them even for their daily meals. The daily wages workers life conditions are becoming worse day by day. In CHEER with the help of Fr John Suresh, Prabhu the cousin of Nandhini Krishnan, and some local friends we organize some rice and grocery and distribute to nearby village, people like migrant workers from Oddissa, Cleaning workers (scavengers) and other people, like wise we support 300 families. We are all looking forward with great hope to put on and to this tragedy to revive our life. We too pray you all. Please take care of your health and we will continue to pray for you all. Thank you.

### TRUE STORY



Hi friends, I am Kaviya from K K Pudur village studying in sixth class in our Dr R Arulappa Higher Secondary School. I am staying in our St John's home for Children in Need. My family is poor family. My parents go for daily wages work. I have three elder sisters and one young brother. My first sister studied upto  $10^{th}$  standard and due to poverty she was sent to work. The other two sisters and myself are studying in our Dr Arulappa Higher Secondary School, Neerpair. Seeing our family condition fees exemption is given for three of us. I am enjoy studying here. The atmosphere is very good. Fathers and hostel

wardens are giving us utmost care in our studies and in our well being. Here lot of opportunities are given to improve our talents. Akka Nandhini Krishnan gives her valuable support in our growth. My other two sisters are also enjoying staying here. We get good food here and we feel homely atmosphere in St John's Home. I sincerely thank all the people who care for us and I thank all the kind hearted donors for their valuable support for our growth.

#### **SUCCESS STORY**



Greetings from Anitha hailing from Thatchoor. I suppose many of you know about my village. Which was severely affected by caste system of India. Conditions have been changing slowly after Rev Fr John Suresh took our village issue and fought for our rights. I am very glad to be a members of "WE". "WE" group has contributed a lot in my growth. After completing my school studies in the 2011 in R C Higher Secondary school, Sendivakkam, I wished to go for higher studies but not knowing the way as my family's poor condition doesn't allow me. Fr John Suresh and Akka

Nandhini used to help our village students. So I approached them with my parents. They happily agreed and boosted me to carry out my studies. I completed my Bachelor of Commerce in the year 2013 and persuade my Master of Business Administration and completed my studies. Now I am working in ALINA PVK Limited Company. I am very happy to tell you that we had a small hut which is not safe for the monsoon, but now I am constructing a house of our own with my parents. I sincerely thank all of you Rev Fr John Suresh, Nandhini Akka, all the benefactors especially our loving Pappa Dr Johannes Mispagel, who have been back bone for thousands of students like me. I am ever grateful to you and I will continue to give my best to my group because of which I could grow. Once again thank you all.

#### Thank you

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