

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SURYODAYA PROJECT

Academic year 2011

Franciscan Institute Primary and High School is situated close to the slums and so we have many students coming from economically poor background. Suryodaya Project has come to our students' aid for the past few years and thus has enhanced the future of many students. Because of the Suryodaya Project many children have been able to continue their studies especially the girl children.

Our aim is to see that every child gets Primary and High School education irrespective of caste, creed, religion, and gender. We want every child to feel equal and happy with rest of the children in today's society.

In May 2010, our school received Rs.2,07,896/- towards books, writing materials and uniform for the deserving students. 230 poor students from Primary section and 82 well deserving students from the High School received full set of uniform, books and writing materials. Thus we have helped a total of 312 children with books and uniform.

Children are happy and grateful because there is someone who is interested in their growth and development and that is the 'Suryodaya Project'. This motivates them to be regular to the classes and to aim higher in performance, in curricular and co-curricular activities. We try to instill in them the values of sincerity, generosity, sharing and co-existence during moral education sessions.

We regularly organize free coaching classes for the weaker students because of poverty and illiteracy of the parents, so that they can compete with other children. In 2009-10 a batch of 76 students appeared the S.S.L.C. exam and secured 70% of results that includes some first and second classes. The overall performance in the school is good and they have good attendance.

Twice a year we conduct parent-teacher meeting during which parents are instructed to encourage and motivate their children to have aim in life and to study well.

Our students are good at extra-curricular activities like quiz, debate, essay writing, drawing, and fancy dress. 25 students took part in the inter-school cultural fest organized by D.C.L. (Deepika Children's League), 16 of them received prizes in dance, story telling, drawing, fancy dress and one act play.

Sharanyashree a VI Std. girl who receives help from Suryodaya Project, clever and talented in many things. She stands first in the class and this year she received 2nd prize at district level in action song. She was also M.C. (Master of Ceremony) for our Annual Day Celebration.

Deepak is in class X. He displayed a sense of belongingness and bravery in getting back two lost children of our school. When he came to know that some children were in the police station, he went and recognised that these children were from our school. He took the responsibility of handing over them to their parents in the middle of the night.

Balaji, a 5th Standard student has a habit of saving whatever little pocket money he gets. As a result he has saved a thousand rupees per year, he is also a well behaved student.

Bhavvya is studying in IX Standard. After the class hours she helps her mother to sell the vegetables and flowers. She makes extra efforts to study well though there is not much time for her.

Sheriff is in III standard, a Muslim boy, a very good example for generosity. During Christmas he brought a bag full of big Christmas stars and asked the Headmistress to share with Christian children.

Year of Bio-Diversity:

This year being dedicated to Bio-diversity, our children, on the occasion of the school Annual Day presented a skit on Bio-diversity. They acted out how we can protect our earth and creation.

The earth is calling on us to wake up. We can hear the creation groaning for want of protection, so the children gave an alarm to the crowd gathered, to protect the earth and creation. We need one another to live and be happy. Brother Francis in the skit had a message "I, Brother Francis want to invite all creation to praise the creator for all his creatures because we need one another. We need to love every creature for only when we love, do we protect and help one another and our Mother Earth and all creatures will be safe.

Vanamahotsava – Forest Day: (June 26th)

We had a special celebration on this occasion. A few children prepared speeches on the usefulness of plants/forests, the adverse effect of deforestation etc. At the end of the day's celebration, each class was given a plant to take care of. At the end of the academic year, we see that the children had cared for the plants given to them.

Celebration of the Festivals:

We have celebrations of important festivals of three main religions namely, Deepavali, Bakrid and Christmas. The students prepare cultural programmes on these festivals. They explain the importance of that day and children wish each other "a very happy feast". We observe a great amount of religious tolerance and respect for one another's religion because there is a good mixture of three religions.

We are very happy and grateful to Suryodaya Project for their generosity, sensitivity and love towards the less privileged students. Your help has enabled the students to build self-confidence and self-esteem. We hope the Suryodaya Project will continue to help the economically poor and deserving students of our school to continue their studies.

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