

2014-2015

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Beginning of the School Year is very exciting for all of us at SUKRUPA!!!

However June 2014 was filled with High energy and Enthusiasm as we started the SUKRUPA Education Centre with a Bang!!! With Textbooks, Notebooks, Uniforms, Shoes and Bags for all our Children.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU..... To All Our Friends at



for sponsoring 200 children this Academic Year 2014-2015.

This year has already helped in our daily operations of the school. Also, the support has made it possible for our involvement in streamlining all the programs along with focus on activities related to their academic requirements . Our entire focus is to make learning exciting for the children!

Thanks to   , we are able to spend our valuable time consolidating our programs for the Better Future of our Children who are preparing to be integrated into the mainstream from the slum communities.

THANK YOU



During the month of January 2014 a small Team of Top Executives headed by the CEO Mr.Mike Masterson visited our school. They spent some quality time with our children. They were also keen to understand our requirements and plans for the academic year 2014-2015, and we humbly presented our needs and shared our concerns about most of our energy spent in raising funds. If part of the burden could be reduced, we would be able to work on streamlining our program for the children in a better way. This will help take care of the daily operations instead of spending most of our time figuring out how we would take care of all our expenses month on month.

MANY MANY THANKS TO OUR  **ALD**
Automotive  **SOCIETE**
GENERALE TEAM FOR
MAKING OUR PROGRAM TAKE OFF SMOOTHLY THE BEGINNING
OF THIS YEAR.
THIS WILL HELP ALL OUR CHILDREN ENJOY THE SCHOOL YEAR
AND MOVE ONE STEP CLOSER TO THEIR DREAM AND GOAL!!!

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VarshaMalli: Ambassador of the Month!



Varsha was an ardent employee of SUKRUPA! Her affable nature was loved by all. Though Varsha's stint at SUKRUPA lasted only a year, her realisation to extend her support beyond her designated work couldn't be ignored. Under her aegis, SUKRUPA's individual sponsors for 'Sponsor a Child' programme increased manifold. Besides, we could see that Varsha was a self-starter; her determination and sincerity helped in introducing Life-Skill sessions at SUKRUPA. Today as she starts a new chapter in her life, we wish Varsha many more successes for years to come. She has left behind a perfect example

for our children; her hard-work and determination have helped her fetch a seat in Masters in Public Health at one of the prestigious Universities, 'John Hopkins'. *Where there is a will, there is a way!!!*

Student of the Month



Each edition we feature a student who has excelled over the past month. Komathi is a conscientious student from Grade 8. Her strengths include her positive attitude and her diligence. In addition to treating teachers and peers with respect, she strives to achieve high marks in all her subjects, especially in English and Science, her favourites. She aspires to become a Computer Engineer one day. "I want to be successful and help my parents", added the soft spoken child. When asked how she spends her free time, she came the reply "I love spending time with my family." On Sundays she visits her grandparents who live in a village close by. Her father is a driver and her mother a homemaker. She has three siblings, all of whom are students at SUKRUPA as well.

Amudha Ravi: Teacher of the Month

We are inordinately proud to celebrate our teacher of this month, Mrs Amudha Ravi. Mrs Ravi arrived at SUKRUPA after a long stint at *Navodaya Vidyaniketan* where she has worked for the last two decades. She teaches Computer Science, Mathematics and Science for all the classes. Gregarious and charming, she has been at SUKRUPA for the last two years.

Her demeanor exudes a certain kind of dynamism. “I believe in being like one of the kids. I’m more of a friend to them than a teacher,” she says enthusiastically. The students adore her and her creative teaching methods have been a resounding success with them. MrsAmudha strategically incorporates visual teaching methods in all her classes to aid in effective retention. Her job is challenging as it entails the handling of vastly dissimilar subjects for different sets of students. But she is unfazed. Her love of teaching is evident and over the years, she has become an indispensable part of SUKRUPA.



Anita Hombanna: Long-term Volunteer, Friend & Supporter of SUKRUPA!

Sukrupa is proud to celebrate its Volunteer of the month, Anita Hombanna. When Anita Hombanna first arrived at Sukrupa as a life skills educator, little did she realise that she would become an inherent part of the school in the years to come.

The Grade X maths teacher had opted out in the middle of the term leaving a vacancy. Anita, a graduate in MSc. Mathematics, willingly stepped in.

She has been volunteering at SUKRUPA for about four years now. “It has been a remarkable experience”, she smiles, when asked about her overall experience. Anita has her own unique method of teaching and under her tutoring, all the students passed in Mathematics that year. Further, she also incorporates life skills in between her Mathematics lessons. "It keeps the lesson interesting and motivates them", she reasons. Needless to say, the

students are immensely fond of her and anticipate her arrival each week.



Runs on 7th September 2014!!

'Get Fit for Kids' is a one of a kind Event, where you can participate with your family and it brings many interesting race categories such as reverse run for a kilometer.

SUKRUPA is the official Charity Partner for the RUN.....



FIFA World Cup 2014 Activity



The first Saturday of July was a memorable experience for all those present. The students got an opportunity to learn about their favourite sport by participating in a fun-filled yet informative activity. They were divided into four groups of about 20 each. Each group prepared charts and spoke at length about two competing countries in the 2014 FIFA World Cup. The enthusiasm was palpable and the overall event was a success.

[Workshop for Teachers on Classroom Management](#)

Date: 10.07.2014

Time: 2.30-4.30 P.M.

Number of Participants: 26

Spokesperson: Mrs. Kalpana Brass



A lively and interactive workshop on *Classroom Management* by Mrs. Kalpana Brass (a High School Counselor in the U.S.A.) provided a unique platform for all teachers and volunteers at SUKRUPA on Classroom Management - techniques for better classroom discipline to ensure effective classroom hours and increase teacher-student participation.

Following an ice breaker, the session began with a fun activity that involved a friendly competition between two groups. After animated brainstorming, frenzied writing and colouring in a race against time, each group produced a chart on classroom rules.

After this delightful activity, Mrs. Kalpana shared some useful tips on common mistakes to avoid in the classroom and this facilitated another dynamic discussion on what not to do in the classroom. The remainder of the session after a snack break constituted the discussion of a worksheet that was handed to each of the members present. The contents of the worksheet included four steps for better classroom discipline.

The session concluded on a positive note with feedback and questions from the members present that left everyone in good spirits.

Visit to Karnataka Veterinary College



On July 23rd, Grades V, VI and X visited the Karnataka Veterinary Campus at Hebbal accompanied by three of their teachers. Amidst learning and laughter, they went to the Piggery Farm, Sheep Farm and the Dairy Farm. They learnt about the rearing of pigs, sheep and cows that left them both fascinated and immensely thrilled. Soon after, they frolicked in the park following their snack break. It was an unforgettable trip that was both educational and recreational. They returned to school exhausted yet merry.



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*Gurur-Brahmaa Gurur-Visssnnur-Gururdeva Maheshvarah |
Gurure[-I]va Param Brahma Tasmai Shrii-Gurave Namah ||1||*

Meaning:

1.1: The Guru is Brahma, the Guru is Vishnu, the Guru Deva is Maheswara (Shiva),
1.2: The Guru is Verily the Para-Brahman (Supreme Brahman); Salutations to that Guru.
This Sanskrit sloka states that 'Teacher is Equal to God!!' *Teacher is the creator of all good aspects of life.*

We at SUKRUPA, have pledged to impart best of the education and knowledge. This is possible only through experienced, passionate and committed teachers. Likewise, our priority has been to recruit such teachers who can create a difference in the lives of our children, who equip them with necessary skills to participate confidently in the current global community.

As SUKRUPA provides free education, nutrition and health care; we follow an integrated method of education comprising of academics, creativity and values. Our teachers are well versed and includes all the three approach in their teaching for which, they constantly carry out research and keep themselves updated with the current trend. Our Children Love and Respect their teachers! Teachers play a major role in the lives of the children in grooming them to be independent, responsible and positive contributors to the community, society and Country at Large!!!

We salute all the teachers who are committed to their passion of teaching. It is the duty of each citizen to make sure the teacher's profession is treated in par with other professions. Only a Good Teacher Can Bring the Necessary Change. We at

SUKRUPA are committed to the cause...

Visit to Hebbal lake



The students of Grade VII and IX visited Hebbal lake and the park on August 8th. They enjoyed themselves immensely and were enthralled at the beauty of the lake and garden. They were accompanied by 3 teachers and a volunteer. One of the founders of SUKRUPA, Mrs. Suguna also joined them later. The vast expanse of greenery and the pleasant weather proved ideal for the numerous several outdoor games played by them. The students returned in the afternoon, rejuvenated and refreshed.

Get Fit for Kids (GFK) Run



GFK Run - An one of its kind event, where several categories were specifically designed for children to participate and also, for families to run together in the category of 'Family Run'. For this event, SUKRUPA was one of the charity partners. Around, fifty high school children participated in different run categories besides, running as a SUKRUPA family for the ' Family Run'. It was an exciting day for the children to have spend a healthy morning with their friends away from their school premise.

Teacher's Day Celebration



Someone rightly said “An education system is only as good as its teachers,” on the eve of Teacher's Day. So do we believe it too. Like any other children, the students of SUKRUPA also awaits for this day every year to plan something special for their teachers, for their untiring effort to provide a good foundation for them. This year wasn't any different as well! A 5th standard student gave a speech on '*why teacher's day is celebrated*

on 5th of September every year' and the high school children gave a dance performance apart from singing few songs for their teachers.

Competitive Houses of SUKRUPA



To make learning fun, we have children representing clubs such as Math, Science, Literature, General Knowledge, Art & Craft and Sports. In the month of September, to bring out the competitive spirit among the children, quiz competition was conducted house-wise (red, blue, yellow and green) from the Math and Science club. Indeed, it was a pleasure to have seen children shuffle their knowledge and build their team spirits. The pictures above flashes the winners.....

Volunteers

from

Target.....



Children in the middle of the session

Volunteers are an integral part of SUKRUPA Education Centre. Their time & effort has always proven to be a channel through which our children realise and learn about facts of life outside their slum community. Most importantly, volunteers have also stepped in as an extra pair of hands for the teachers, in imparting skills and creating awareness on various child related issues. This time we had volunteers from Target (they are one of the corporates who is supporting SUKRUPA through Smile Foundation) to take this forward. It was very encouraging to see the ceaseless effort of the volunteers to plan out activities on life skills and general knowledge for our high school children. It was a fruitful day for the children especially, for the girls who were sensitised on hygiene and reproductive health.

Hope we can have many more such programmes!!



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Dear

Friends,

Most of us might be planning a vacation or getting ready for celebrations and here, I take this platform on behalf of SUKRUPA family to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, 2015. SUKRUPA Education Centre is already in a festive mood, children are busy practicing carols and planning their winter break. It indeed makes you happy, when you enter the school premise and hear them practice the beautiful songs of the season. This is what SUKRUPA strives for. To help them learn, have fun and most importantly to make them happy!! The year has been very fruitful in providing the children with all the necessary aids for them to learn and develop themselves. It is an achievement when we are able to capture their talents and nurture it. It has always been an effort to show them different avenues and make them ready for a life away from slums. However, the constant effort of raising funds to ensure smooth functioning of the school has always been a challenge. Today, SUKRUPA needs to raise money for sponsorship of 150 children before the end of the year 2014, otherwise these children may not be able to realize their Dreams!!! As you know YOU can Sponsor a SUKRUPA Child for an entire year's of education, nutritious food, healthcare, creativity and values @ only Rs. 20,000

which is just Rs.1670, a month!!!



Karnataka Rajyotsava

The children decided to dedicate an entire week to the rich culture of Karnataka. This year, the school chose to share knowledge about the eight literary laureate from the state who received the prestigious Janapeeth award. They had long hours of preparation, rehearsing speech and noting down facts about the laureates, which were presented during the morning assembly as an exercise to honour Karnataka Rajyotsava.



The Annual Sport's Day

Every child at SUKRUPA look forward to having a special day – a proud day for them to compete and win prizes in front of an audience and especially, their parents. It was the Annual Sports Day on 29th November, for the school. With the pre hits being conducted in the previous weeks, the finalists were all ready to compete and the rest of them to cheer for their favourites on the big day. It was encouraging to see the parents enjoy and having their own bit of fun participating and competing for the events lined-up specially for them. We thank Adobe and Kanthula Foundation for co-sponsoring the event for SUKRUPA!!

December



Christmas celebration at SUKRUPA

22nd December was a busy day for the children of SUKRUPA. The last day before the winter break! But, that was not all. Celebration was definitely on the card - with a difference ofcourse. So, each class had their own celebrations. More like, which class stands best when it comes to decorating their class. Indeed, a joyful moment for all of us at SUKRUPA! Our thanks to NetApp for making the day special too. As Christmas gifts, they gifted each child with a colouring box and a take away of eatables.

Little Angel's Choir group



December is the season of joy and celebrations! The pulse of the festive mood was felt at SUKRUPA too. It has always been a pleasure for the choir to perform for Overseas Women's Club's pre-Christmas celebrations. The choir performed carols at Leela Palace as part of their celebration. These kind of events always boost the confidence of our children - their eagerness to learn & perform!





SUKRUPA celebrates Orange Day!!

As proposed by UN, SUKRUPA was part of the Orange day, Unite to end violence against women Campaign. To commemorate this cause, the children, teachers, staff, management and the community members went on a rally to pledge for 'No violence against women'.

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Dear Friends,

Hope this Year 2015 Brings Much Needed Peace, Love, Happiness and Prosperity. Hope we all could strive towards making this world a safer place for our young ones. Let us join together in Enriching the Life of Gild Children. Education is the Key. **Educate a Girl Child at SUKRUPA Today!!!!**

Special thanks goes to  **ALD Automotive**  **SOCIETE GENERALE** for sponsoring 200 children & to all our foundations and individual donors for supporting our cause in educating the underprivileged.. Also, we extente our gratitude to Foundation for providing mid-day meal to the children **We thank & appreciate your continued support in creating opportunities.**

January



Imprints of 66th Republic day

Republic Day symbolizes the solidarity of the country as it unites individuals from different regions, belief, religions and areas to commend the day with the pride of being an Indian. Special programs were organised at SUKRUPA to celebrate the 66th Republic day. Cultural performances and programs instilling the spirit of patriotism and nationalism were displayed by our children tracing the history and meaning of Republic Day. SUKRUPA proudly acclaims the National Government's mission "Save girl child, teach girl child" (Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Andolan) through various campaigns this year.

New Year Gift from ALD automotive

ALD Automotive's social responsibility is clearly translated into action through their commitment to serve the underprivileged in many ways. ALD has been a continuous support to SUKRUPA by sponsoring the education 200 children and through other initiatives ensuring quality of service to mainstream the children. On behalf of all the children and the entire SUKRUPA family our heartfelt gratitude to ALD and the team.



Pongal Celebrations

Festivals do not just offer us a temporary reprieve from their daily stuff. it is Imbued with deep inner significance, and very much culturally oriented which is an essential part of ones belief system and practices. We, in SUKRUPA celebrated Pongal on 13th of Jan 2015 to demonstrate the rich cultural heritage

and facilitate this knowledge and tradition to be passed to the next generation.

Pongal is a harvest festival of South India, more than a festival it is a traditional occasion for giving thanks to nature, for celebrating the life cycles that give us grain. teachers and children dressed up in colouredcloths, exchanging pieces of sugarcane, a mixture of fried til, pieces of dry coconut, peanuts and fried gram. The significance of this exchange is that sweetness should prevail in all the dealings.



Awareness session on child abuse and child line

Child abuse is one of our nation's most serious public health problems. It occurs at every socio-economic level, within all ethnic groups, cultures and religions, But the underprivileged and marginalised children are more vulnerable to it. Educating children is the best way to tackle it. The awareness program for children of 5th to 10 standard was conducted in two sessions to give awareness on child abuse, self care and what to do when they are at risk.the helpline services available etc. Children actively participated in the program conducted by Ms. Varalakshmi and ms. Stella, Christ university.



Into the world of Indoor games.....

For thousands of years people have invented **Indoor games and sports** to amuse themselves when confined within a house or other building. Often these are played in social or family situations, or when darkness or bad weather prevent people from moving outside. An introduction to some conventional Indoor games was conducted by Ms. Amutha. Groups of children played different games such as Halugunimane, chakabara etc. with great enthusiasm and team spirit..



Adobe Youth Voices

SUKRUPA children participated in the Adobe Youth Voices live program conducted on 11th Feb at Chowdiah Memorial Hall. Distinguished guests from USA , officials of AIF, guests and children of 23 schools from Bangalore etc took part in the event. Selected documentaries, animation films and videos were screened The animation from Karun Kumar's team name " save sparrow" was mid catching. Thanks to ADOBE YOUTH VOICES for inviting us. The films, documentaries and animations were amazing. Sweet memories of the event stay with us forever.



Passion 4 music 🎵 🎵



To us, music is a cause, a commitment. It helps to instill discipline, confidence and sense of self-esteem. Our big thanks to Bangalore School of Music for giving SUKRUPA kids a deeper understanding of music and opportunities to expand their horizons. With the help of Bangalore School of Music children get exposure and training in western classical music, although eastern classical music (Hindustani & Carnatic), a deeper understanding and appreciation of music and also get opportunities to perform in various platforms. To the SUKRUPA children it's a channel to express emotions, and for many of our students music has become a dream profession too.



Counselling for Parents

An open house was conducted for students of standard X and their parents with an aim to prepare themselves more effectively for their upcoming final examinations. Most of the parents are first generation learners or school dropouts who cannot contribute substantially in the academic matters of the children. The meeting was a friendly, informational session

to guide them and support their children with more appreciation and value. Similar sessions were conducted for all the classes with a view to improve the parents involvement in the academic matters and overall development of their children.



ING Vysya Foundation Annual Day

SUKRUPA kids attended the Annual Day Program of ING Vysya Foundation At ING House auditorium Bangalore on 11th Feb 2015. ING Vysya Foundation is supporting SUKRUPA residential care program of SUKRUPA for the last 9 years. Children were given opportunity to showcase their talents as well avenues for games and fun were also provided.

SUKRUPA kids enjoyed all the programs especially the magic show. Thanks to ING Vysya Foundation for the opportunity.



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SUKRUPA achieves 100% SSLC board result

We are so excited and beyond thrilled to share the incredible news of our 10th standard students with you today. 100% of all Sukrupa Standard 10 students passed their SSLC board exams with flying colors. 70% of the students scored first class marks. This is a testament to the incredible hard work of their teacher, and the time they put into preparing for the exams. Our heartiest congratulations to all the students, their parents and their teachers! We look forward to a great and successful academics year ahead! "Education is a human right" Even Underprivileged children deserve a better education to build a more skilled and productive India.

We Thank All our Sponsors, Donors, Friends and Well Wishers for trusting us and supporting our cause.

**Resilience building through real life stories:
Interaction with Mr.James K. Arinaitwe**

Children become competent when they develop their own set of skills that allow them to trust their judgments, make responsible choices, and face difficult situations. The experience sharing session of Mr. **James K. Arinaitwe** was a real eye-opener for SUKRUPA kids. James was a young boy when he was orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Though orphaned and poor, it did not suppress his desire to study and achieve what seemed impossible then. He heard about a government scholarship to attend school, feeling determined to seize this opportunity – no matter what it took. He sold a goat to buy a pair of shoes and made it from his village to Kampala to make an unannounced visit to the Ugandan President. The First Lady agreed to meet with him and ultimately James received the scholarship he sought.



James' persistence and perseverance set him on a pedestal of success and fame. After studying development economics, financial and managerial accounting in the US, James helped design Uganda's largest youth scholarship program with BRAC and the MasterCard Foundation. He advanced youth development programs in the country, most recently managing Educate's youth-based social entrepreneurship program in Uganda, serving over 250 schools. James's passion lies in Education and advocating for underserved children and youth, and he believes none of this is possible without Healthcare equity and Social

justice that ensures all people regardless of status have equal opportunities to achieve their full potential.

*Thanks a ton James for being such a huge source of inspiration to our children!
Your story inspired and motivated our children to understand and build on their strengths.*

Farewell 2015

A memorable farewell program was organized for the outgoing batch in a very fabulous way. Unlike the usual formal speeches and best wishes it was an intimate affair and a special experience for the children. Their juniors and teachers showed their affection and love in their own style and exchanged gifts and greeting cards. Special dishes prepared by SUKUPA team was also served.

*We are going to miss you so much;
We wish you all the best for the exciting journey of life.*





SUMMER CAMP 2015

Stimulating children's minds is a great step towards keeping them motivated. Games and activities that can hold their interest keep them focused and provide stimulus to improve the communication and social skills.





overwhelming where in we got centum results out of class. In order to out match the previous year results we started extra coaching to the new batch of children so that they can perform in exams more confidently and self-reliantly.



BACK TO SCHOOL 2015-2016

After 6 weeks of summer vacation, the children of SUKRUPA made their comeback to school with smiles and joy on 29th May 2015. It was a warm gathering where in the students, teachers and the staff were delighted to start the New Academic Year 2015-16. All the students along with the teachers assembled to hear from the management. As the management made their way in, there was excitement and happiness. A short introductory was done by the executive director giving a desirable welcome to the children, teachers and the newly assisted teachers and volunteers. After which it was refreshing to hear from the children who shared their experiences during their Summer Vacation. As Nelson Mandela rightly says ***“Education is the most powerful weapon with which you can use to change the world.”*** So the invaluable importance of education and discipline was stressed by the director, so that they may be able to discover education with accuracy and think intensively. The school also stressed the vital importance of activity oriented lessons to

give the children a better environment and excellence in Education.