



TI TIMES



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HELPING HAND

Murugappa Group through AMM Foundation started relief activities on the very day of Tsunami disaster. On 28th Dec. medical aid was dispatched to Ennore, Cuddalore and Nagapattinam. The group has donated 1.06 Crores to the Prime Minister's relief fund and Rs. 50 lacs to Chief Minister's relief fund. Besides this Rs. 1 Crore is allotted towards rehabilitation measures such as building, houses and repairing fishing boats.

TI School staff have donated a day's salary in aid of Tsunami Relief fund through AMM Foundation.

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parent ,

Hope you enjoyed browsing through the first issue of TI Times. I am slightly disappointed to see that there hasn't been much feedback from you though I had expressed a great hope that we will be in touch through this newsletter. Your feedback and communication will be a great source of strength for us in every step we take.

Some of you know that we are working on an Excellence Model which in simple words means that day after day, month after month, year after year we expect to bring in value addition to our activities and performance. The school cannot achieve excellence without your active participation. So let's walk hand in hand and watch our children grow into responsible citizens of the world.

For your convenience a separate feedback form is attached to this issue. Please feel free to share your views on anything you feel like.

Venkatakrisshnan

OUR GOAL – EXCELLENCE



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Mrs. M.M. Murugappan, Correspondent and Mrs. Arun Murugappan, Joint Correspondent had an informal chat with students who are going to participate in National and State Level tournaments in the last week of Jan. and first week of Feb. 2005.

As a token of appreciation the Management has gifted tracksuits / 'T' shirts to all the participants.



Vimalan G of class VII participated in the National Level Yoga Competition held at Ahmedabad, during Jan. '05.



Vijeyakumar K of class VIII - National Level participant in 100 mts dash and 400 mt. dash held at Pune, during Jan. '05.



Laurels for TI



RAJPRASAD R S & RAJPRATHAP R S of class VII A won II prize in a District Level Inter-School Music competition conducted by 'Vel-Tech Multimedia College', Alamadi on 22.01.05.

SABARITHA P of class I B won II prize and a gift voucher in a painting competition conducted by 'Toys Planet' titled the 'Pongal Festive'.

Say No to Substitutes

Ganesh, a Pharmaceutical business promoter, spoke to students of class VIII on spurious drugs and precautions to be taken while buying medicines, as an extension of their lesson "Adulteration" in Biology.



Workshop

A two day workshop on 'Self awareness' was conducted on 7th and 8th Jan. '05 in IIC., Avadi by Mrs. Sharada Chandrasekar, HR trainer. 15 staff members participated in the workshop.

Thank You Sunita....!

Yours was the first feed back on the first issue of TI Times. We appreciate your eagerness to participate in the "Parenting Workshop". In response to your request and for the benefit of other parents, here are some more details.

Parenting workshops are conducted on Sundays between 9.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. class wise. Parents are intimated one week prior to the programme through a circular. The schedule suggests three alternative Sundays from which you can choose a convenient date. The whole class is covered over three Sundays with 25 couples participating in each session.

So far we have covered LKG, UKG and X. We propose to cover all classes by Dec. '05.

If you still have queries, feel free to write to us

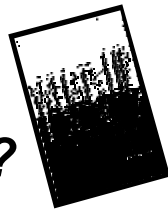
Care - Do' U' ?



A free vision screening camp was conducted in the school on 12th, 13th and 20th Jan. '05 for children of classes I to XI by Frontline Satellite Eye Hospital, Ambattur. The hospital as a part of its community services offered to identify preventable causes of blindness and other ocular abnormalities in TI school children. 836 children were screened of which 70 were identified with visual problems. This has been communicated to parents for a follow up.

Thanks to Mrs. Deva and her team who co-ordinated the programme wonderfully. Parents may avail a 50% discount on the services offered by the hospital, if they choose to.

For more details, contact Mrs. Deva / Frontline Eye Hospital on 26582666.



Are you a future doctor?

- A 'must read' book that any medical aspirant "cannot afford to miss". "What's up doc?" by Dr. Saranya Nandakumar published by Parity Paper Backs, the book costs Rs. 250/-

Contact: Ms. Sarada for Personal copies before 15th Feb. 2005.

John Holt's book 'How children fail?' is an absorbing study of

- What is happening in children who fail ?
- What exactly happens in the class room?
- What goes on in the Children's heads?

These books (and more...) are available in school Library for reference



Shadow Play

Would you know the precise time of when the sun casts its shortest shadow ????

—————▶ Check with students of class VI, TI.

Voices behind the puppet show in Primary assembly On 19-1-2005



From Left to Right Aishwarya, Parthiban, Kamalesh, Raj Prasad, Krishna Prasad, Raj Pratap

Allow Children to spoil themselves

Mothers, don't fret and fume when you see your children digging into sand or wickedly splashing water around..... !!!!

Listen to what Heather, KG Head says:

"Scooping and sifting sand, pouring water from containers, washing dolls and other such fun activities help children to develop specialized skills which will groom them into holistic individuals".

Here is a quick run through the skills developed in them.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>SKILL DEVELOPED</u>
PHYSICAL	Fine motor skill
SOCIAL	Encourages co-operation, to take turns, to communicate effectively
EMOTIONAL	Washes away frustrations and stress
COGNITION	Instills creative thinking and problem solving skills



Damien Collins



Mrs. Vasuki



Mr. Gopalakrishnan

Extended family

Damien Collins has quite a bit of experience in Western Music. Come Monday, Tuesday, K.G. and Primary children rock to Damien's Music. He has also magic up his sleeve, anytime, to mesmerise his audience.

Meet **Mrs. Vasuki**, a National Level Kabbadi champion & passionate Volley Ball Player, our new Physical Education Teacher in the place of Miss. K. Devi. Vasuki reads, travels and listens to Pop music. She has a hand for painting, drawing, making handicrafts and what more? A yummy cook too!

Mr. Gopalakrishnan takes over from Mr. Narayanan as Sanskrit Teacher. He loves watching cricket and reading. Gopal conducts spoken Sanskrit classes at home for people of all age groups in his free time.

Examination Blues? Brahma to the Rescue !!

The Prosenium theatre headed by Mr. Brahma and his team is going to organize a theatre workshop on Feb 2nd '05 at TI school for the benefit of students taking up Board Exams to address coping strategies, stress management, learning and retention tips, time management, diet, rest and exercise during examinations.

Eat Well and Beat Stress

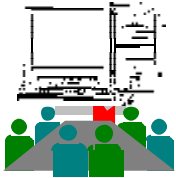
An anti-stress diet for students of X and XII

- ☺ Cut down on table salt because of its link with high blood pressure
- ☺ Drink only moderate amounts of coffee and tea
- ☺ 8 to 10 glasses of water and other fluids every day is a must
- ☺ Eat foods rich in potassium like oranges and bananas
- ☺ Two glasses of milk a must to meet the calcium requirements
- ☺ Increase your protein in-take by 10% during the period apart from green leafy vegetables, eggs and whole grains. Also include lots of fresh seasonal vegetable and fruits in your diet
- ☺ Deep breathing, exercising in between for 10 – 15 mins. helps in relaxing your body and mind

But not all stress is bad. There is something called positive stress which helps children perform well.

We will get back with more tips in the next issue .

- compiled by Sarada



Techno Toggle – 2005

Bluebells International School of Delhi and TI of Chennai share a memorable time.

Shane and Suhasini of class V, students from Blue Bells, Karishma and Kribashini of class V, TI, together made a joint presentation on a common theme 'Tour my School'. This was done using Microworlds, a computer language in animation.

The teams required to spend many hours chatting on internet sharing views and planning for the presentation before the final event. Defying distance, much learning and lots of interaction took place between the teams, which led to the final presentation on 13.01.05. Thanks to EZ Vidya for bringing the schools closer.

The Delhites enjoyed the hospitality of their team members and joined the Pongal celebrations in the school .

And now it is TI's turn to visit Delhi and our students are excited while preparations are under way for their forthcoming visit in the month of Feb. '05.

Happy time, Kribashini and Karishma!

Question papers made challenging and exciting :

A Shift in the right direction

Did you notice the difference in the half-yearly English Question papers? Yes, you are right. They are more skill based and it is heartening to note that children were at their creative best while doing their diary entries, message and report writing exercises to name a few

Learning by Doing:

Students of classes I to IX were exposed to English language project.

Technology & communication, Indian Tourism, My happy and Sad days are some of the topics under study.

Dictionary reference – a skill

Class V Hindi students start on a focused exercise on using Hindi dictionary (which is so very different from using an English dictionary). It will be a long term plan spread through classes VI and VII. **Other language teachers please catch up - from the language department.**

EVS - A Fairy tale

An interdisciplinary experiment in EVS and English was conducted at the class II level. A parallel was drawn between "Housing and Clothing" and the famous fairy tale "The Three Little Pigs". The tale was dramatised and a discussion ensued on the durability of materials used in building a house.

Timekeepers:

Class III students, based on the poem in their course book "There isn't time" are working on a time chart. The students will experience the importance of prioritizing their activities and schedule relative time accordingly. They would develop a time organizer for their activities.

Teachers chill out in Green Fields Resorts



Jan. 22, Saturday was a day of 'masti' for TI Staff. Dressed in casuals, they swam, sang and danced to the beats of music in gay abandon. The outing is an annual feature for staff to unwind and rejuvenate themselves.

Cheer up
Jayashree You
lost like Sania.

R.Jayashree of std XII was placed 4th in State Level T.T. (Singles) held in Jan. '05.



Flash News

Voice Your Views

Name :

Student's name :

Class / Section :

Address :

Telephone :

Email :

Signature

Please drop this form in the suggestion box placed at the security booth.