

# SAI SEVA SANGH

## **"SAI REFLECTIONS" QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (Sep-Nov 2013)**

### **SRI SATHYA SAI VIDYA MANDIR**

#### **(A Free Educational Institute for the Underprivileged and Orphan Children)**

Dear Friends,

A loving Sairam to all of you ! We are proud to share news about our school with you and hope you enjoy your journey around the second edition of the newsletter this year. The news magazine has been designed and conceived to present an overview of our successes, achievements, latest developments and future plans. Reading this magazine will give you a comprehensive idea of what makes our school special.

As you all are aware, Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Mandir caters predominantly for pupils coming from an economically disadvantaged background. In the last two decades the teachers and management of the school, along with its well wishers have worked against many odds to fight the curse of illiteracy and poverty that forced these kids to become child labourers instead of being happy, learning children.

Our effort to help the children excel remains our top most priority. We are committed to ensuring that every pupil receives an education that enables them to attain the highest levels of achievement possible. You will discover a school that has created the most stimulating learning environment, a relevant and challenging curriculum and an active partnership with parents and the communities in which our pupils live, work and play. It really is a place to build dreams. Don't take our word for it, find out for yourself...

### **Round up of activities**

While the newsletter will take you through all the activities conducted in the last three months, you will find below some of the main activities undertaken at our campus. Our focus, each time, has been to concentrate on all the wings of the Sai Seva Sangh- upgrading school infrastructure, improving standards of education, tending to important needs of the orphanage and old age home and finally, spreading awareness of the Sai Mission.

In this connection, please find below, some of the main programmes that have been conducted.

- Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini Teacher's Training
- Arts and Crafts workshop
- Prof Ravi Kumar's visit
- Distribution of Niramaya Health Cards
- Permanent Construction of Orphanage and Old age home
- Launch of Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini Program

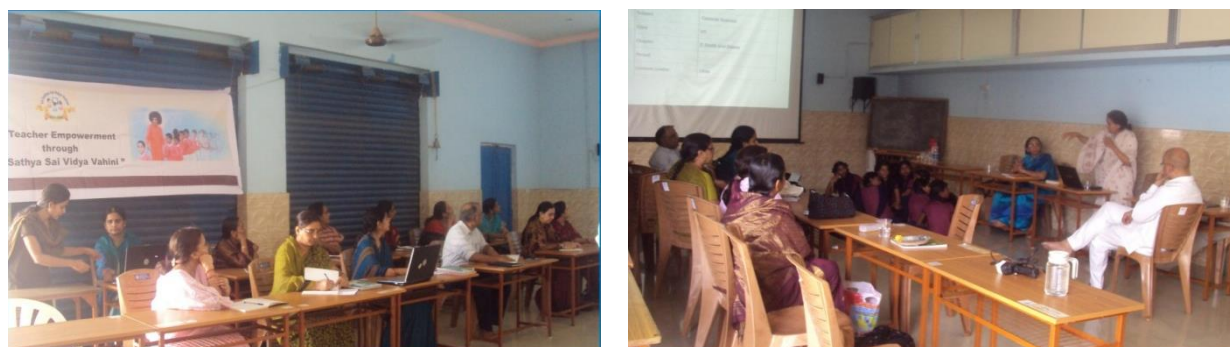
## Teacher's Day Celebration

The IX and X standard students extended invitations to all the teachers to attend the teacher's day celebrations. The program began with a dance followed by a speech on Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishna.



Later musical games were conducted for the teachers. The program ended with Arti and Prasadam was served.

## Sri Sai Vidya Vahini Teacher Training:



The Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini program is aimed at integrating values in an innovative way into the school curriculum in order to motivate the students. The curriculum will be combined with human values and taught via animations, pictures and multimedia presentations.

Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini team visited the school on 14-09-2013 to train the teachers on imparting values while teaching the students.

### **Parent- Teacher Meeting:**



Parent-Teacher meeting was held at 10:30am on 16-09-2013. The parents were informed about the progress of their wards. Various issues like students punctuality, neatness were discussed.

The teachers counseled the parents on various issues. Bank accounts were created for the parents in order to enable them to save their money.

### **Experiential Learning Presentation:**



Students of classes VI, VII and VIII invited the teachers and students of other classes for their experiential learning presentation on the topic 'Health' on 19-09-2013. Students of various groups prepared charts and presented skits, songs, gave speeches related to their topic.



Quarterly Examination commenced for classes VI to X standard on 26-09-2013 and on 3.10.2013 for classes U.K.G 5<sup>th</sup> standard.

### **Aparna county's visit:**



Residents of Aparna county visited the School and orphanage.

Students performed programmes in their honour.

The program began with Veda chanting , followed by Ganesha invocation dance. A teacher then presented the welcome address. A power point presentation of the growth of our school was shown. Later an inmate of the hostel Ms.Uma studying in IX standard shared her experiences at the hostel with the gathering.

### **Arts and Crafts Workshop:**



Three teachers and 4 parents left for Puttaparthi on 4.10.2013 to attend a 3 day Arts and Crafts workshop conducted by Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini team.

They were taught screen printing, painting, jewelry making, block printing on paper and cloth. The teachers were praised for their innovative ideas. Later the products were exhibited in the school.

Now once in a week training is being conducted in our school on jewelry making for the parents and teachers.

## Workshop on leadership Qualities

25.10.2013 The Rotary club (North) held a three day workshop on leadership qualities at Abhaya International School. Eight students from classes VIII to X participated in the workshop.

### Prof. Ravi Kumar's visit



Prof. Ravi Kumar, warden Brindavan campus, SSSIHL shared his experiences with Swami with a large gathering which included the Principal and students of Shanthi Nikethan College and the students and staff of our school. Students, staff and the principal of Sister Nivedita School also attended the speech. As part of the 'Joy of giving week', they had come to our school to distribute the gifts like hand kerchiefs, pens etc to our students. The students of our school in turn gifted them diyas. The program was ended with Arthi, later ice cream was served to the children.

- On 9<sup>th</sup> November competitions in various sports events were held from U.K.G to X class.
- Akhand Bhajan was held on 16-11-2013 and on 17-11-2013.

### Students at Dr.Reddy's Lab product launching event:





On 14<sup>th</sup> of November Dr.Reddy's lab invited the students of the school to present a program on the occasion of their product launch.

The students chanted Vedam and performed classical dance. It was appreciated by one and all and they said the children's program added

value to their product launching event.

**Sri Sathya Sai DeenaJanodharana Pathakam  
(Orphanage, old age home and Special School):  
Festival Celebrations:**



- Children made small Ganesh idols of clay, offered prayers and read Ganesha Pancharatnalu on Ganesh Chaturthi.

- The elderly women and children celebrated Dussehra with pomp and gaiety. Celebrations lasted for 10 days. Homam was performed by all the inmates of home during Durga puja.

- The festival of lights was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the children. The hostel was lit up with diyas and children burnt crackers.

## Meeting for elderly women:



All the elderly women of the home attended the meeting conducted by Department of Welfare of Disabled and Senior citizens on 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2013, on the occasion of 'World Elders Day'.

An inmate of the home Mrs.Bhanumathi amma garu, was admitted to the hospital after her fractured leg developed infection. She has recovered soon by the love care shown by the inmates of home.



## Construction of Permanent structure for old age home and orphanage:

With the blessings of Bhagawan we have started the construction of permanent structure for old age home and orphanage. While the old age home was already under construction Bhumi Puja for orphanage was performed on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.



## Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Special School

Our special School is always special because the students and the staff performance is beyond everybody's expectations.



### Distribution of Niramaya Health cards:



Mr. Padmakar, Revenue Divisional Officer, Karimnagar visited the special school and distributed the Niramaya Health Insurance Card to the differently abled children. He expressed his satisfaction about maintenance of school and appreciated the work carried out by the differently abled at vocational centre.

### Independence Day celebrations:



Independence Day celebrations held at Kalabharathi, Karimnagar, one of our differently abled students performed the dance and received a memento from the Dist. Educational Officer, Karimnagar.

## District Level Sports Meet:



We are happy to inform that our differently abled students participated in Dist. Level Sports meet at Karimnagar on 26-11-2013 conducted by Dist. Disabled Welfare Dept. Dist. Collector Sri Veera Brahmaiah IAS graced the occasion.

K.Swetha won 1st prize in 100 M running and in Shot-put, she was selected for State Level competitions. P.Shiva Kumar and Sailaja(Jr.Level) won 1st prize in shot-put and running.

Eight prizes won by our special school being the highest among all schools.

## Swami's Birthday Celebrations:

Swami's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrated in a grand scale in all our institutions.

Celebrations lasted for two days. Cultural programs were conducted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November and prizes were distributed to the winners and runners of the games conducted earlier.

Surrounding slum dwellers were informed about the Medical camp and tokens were issued.



On 23<sup>rd</sup> after the birthday celebrations of Swami, a medical camp was organized in school by pharmaceutical companies on the occasion of National Pharmacy week.

## At Special School:

As a part of Swami's Birthday celebration a boy from the special school enacted the role of Bhaktha Prahlada, another boy performed a classical dance.

At Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Mandir



At Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Special School



Medical Camp



Inauguration of Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini



Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini team headed by Sri Satyajit successfully launched Vidya Vahini program in our school. School is indeed very blessed that one of the pet projects of our beloved Swami was launched here on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Our School activities and programs aim at enabling each and every student to receive a good standard of education to reach their goals in life. Towards this goal we are striving hard and we sincerely hope we continue to have the support of our patrons and the blessings of our beloved Swami.

As Swami said **“On the Divine path there is no chance of failure, it is on a path that every milestone is a monument for victory. It is the path of Love.”**

Let us all take the path of Love and become Victorious.

**We, the children and staff of Sai Seva Sangh would like to wish you and your family A Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year ahead.**

For more details regarding the school and the affiliate organizations, interested members can log on to: [www.saisevasangh.org](http://www.saisevasangh.org)

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**-----Jai Sai Ram-----**