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Editorial

Dear Readers,

A happy & blessed 2022 to all our readers. 2021 was even more a challenging year with the 2nd wave of COVID-19. We would like to thank our front line workers and everyone who worked so hard during the COVID-19 situation. We are also thankful to all our dear readers, donors, friends, well wishers and family for your love, concern, prayers and continued support.

January

We celebrated 72nd Republic Day at WARDS on January 26, 2021. Mr. L N Hegde, Our Joint Secretary, his daughter Ms. Aparna & Our Secretary Mrs. Aruna were our guests. It was a quiet day without our dear children. They did send us wishes through videos and pictures.



April - June

School was closed from April 2021 to June 2021 due to the nationwide lockdown because of the second wave of COVID-19.

A vaccination drive organized by the Department of Women and Child, Bengaluru, was held on of June 30, 2021 at WARDS for children above 18. We are very thankful and grateful to everyone who helped us, especially to the doctors and nurses.



COVID-19 vaccines produce protection against the disease, as a result of developing an immune response to the SARS-Cov-2 virus.

Developing immunity through vaccination means there is a reduced risk of developing the illness and its consequences. This immunity helps you fight the virus if exposed. Getting vaccinated may also protect people around you, because if you are protected from getting infected and from disease, you are less likely to infect someone else.

July

School re-opened from June 27, 2021 for the staff. Teachers continued their online classes with their children according to their individual plans. Our teachers made sure they kept in touch with all our children as they were getting restless being at home. Though many of our children did not have smart phones, our teachers still made calls and took online classes.



September

A Teacher is a person who inspires guides, enlightens & motivates. Teachers' Day is a special day for the appreciation of teachers. Due to the pandemic this is the second year we celebrated 'Teachers Day' without our children.

Our teachers showed their talents by singing and performing a hilarious skit which left us laughing. The day ended with distribution of gifts to the teachers and lunch.



August

We celebrated Our 75th Independence Day on the 15th of August 2021. It has been a quiet celebration for the last 2 years without our dear children. The tri colour was hoisted by Our Secretary, Mrs. Aruna and our Headmistress Mrs. Vasanthi.

Second vaccination drive at WARDS, organized by the Department of women and child, Bengaluru in collaboration with C V Raman Government Hospital, Bengaluru, was held on September 22, 2021 at WARDS.



November

The Department of women and child gave permission for the children to start attending schools. Children started attending school from second week of November 2021.

We celebrated Children's Day on the November 17, 2021. Our teachers put up a wonderful program for our children. They performed a skit, dance and a song. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the program and were thrilled to see their teachers in a different role.

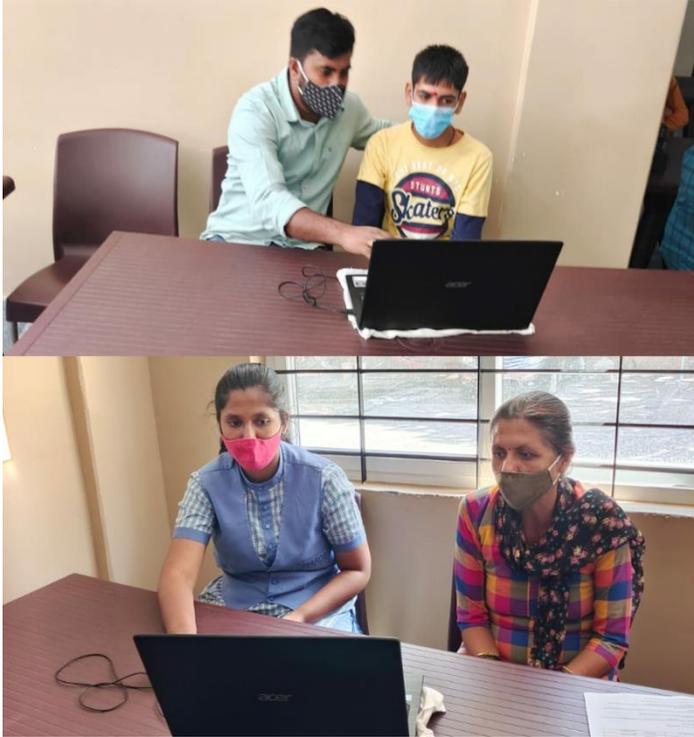


We are deeply pained by the demise of our oldest student of WARDS Late Mr. Suresh. M. Son of Mr. S. Muthuswamy who was on the board of WARDS for many years. He died in his sleep on 21st November, 2021 in Bangalore. He was kind, ever smiling and a very regular student of WARDS until the pandemic. We deeply mourn his death and will miss him immensely.



December

Quizabled was held on 10th December 2021 by Seva in Action. Our children participated virtually this year too due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



During the cyclone this year 300 tribal families were badly affected and were identified by SEEDS, an organization in Tamil Nadu working for the last 33 years for social welfare programs, education, rural health, skill training, welfare of disabled, orphans, senior citizens etc in Gingee taluk, Villupuram District. SEEDS approached WARDS - Welfare Association for Rehabilitation of Disabled & Society to help the tribal families.

Mr. Santhosh Padmanabhan from Sai Vishwanath Memorial Trust made a donation covering the cost to buy groceries and necessities for the 300 families. Mrs. Aruna, Secretary & Mrs. Vasanthi Head mistress of WARDS visited the place on December 13, 2021, met with the families and distributed the groceries for the 300 tribal families.



Christmas is the spirit of giving. It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. Our teachers distributed Christmas gifts to our children who haven't been attending school due to the pandemic to their door step. Our children were overjoyed to receive gifts and to see their teachers & Santa Claus in person. Christmas was celebrated in school along with our children on 23rd December 2021.





2021 has yet again been a challenging year with so much of ill health and uncertainties. But we are also happy with what we could do even in these situations when our resources were limited. Let's not forget to be careful, wear our masks, sanitize our hands, maintain social distance, be sensible citizens & follow all the rules and regulations. Its finally good to have our dear children back in school after trying times. We look forward to a meaningful and a fruitful 2022.

Thanking You
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