

Dear Friends and well wishers,

HAPPY EASTER !

The last visitors have now gone back home, the children also leave the school to enjoy a 45 days long vacation. Education has brought together ingenuity and creativity to close the year joyfully. Before reviewing the activities of these three months, we would like to thank you all heartfully for your strong support.

At Marica Tolichowki :

Marica becomes the mentor of the group. All the systems and methods used with success in the city school are exported to Kesaram to improve our quality of work. The objective is to minimize the existing gap between the urban and rural children so that the latter can grow and get equal chances when time comes to get more involved in the economy and society of their locality. Our children must grow in a modern environment and take habits that will enable them, too.

- Mylestones is a Delhi based company. They help us manage each class syllabus and the teaching methods. They offer 9 day inhouse training, verify the teaching methods, guide the teachers, pay surprise visits and guarantee a much higher standard of services.
- In February, we have also called a company using the 'six sigma*' method to improve the quality of our educational services. Long survey, suggestions and solutions are being offered that we share to parents, so that, together we can make education a common concern for the better growing of their child. If solutions are different in the city and in the country, the objectives remain the same in both schools. (*see Wikipedia)

At Marica city, the daily routine is fairly well established and we managed to organize many events in this last term : friendly gathering of families of our colony with the auspicious presence of the MLA of our constituency, Mr Quasar, graduation of U Kg children, farewell of class X students, the annual arts and sciences exhibition, several meetings with the parents for the Six Sigma survey, and a few more meetings to share the results of the current year and give the orientation of the new year.

At the resource centre, the students share more the life of other students. We desecralise the handicap on both sides, which is not an easy task. Daily Maryam and Mudassir have some time for friendly conversation with a small group of peers. By the end of the year, we did not have to remind the children, they were happy going and spending their break at the resource center with our less mobile friends.

Private tuitions organised have given a good result. Mudassir could go and write the class X public exam, certainly with some apprehension and also some pride! He can do like all do.

All children get good results :

Maryam et Adnan are promoted to class IX. Nida goes up to class VII. From April 1, 2019, they are offered private tuition for all subjects. The senior resource center becomes quite a serious hub. There is no idea of compassion; we have the same objective and it is the common effort of all students and teachers.

For the younger children, we continue with the dual system of private tuitions and classes studied with all. For some other children, a new software is introduced in their school kit so that they can listen all what is on the computer: Jaws is the master reader. Dharmik enters class I and gets used to this new tool. For several other children, classes are in the junior resource center under the leadership of our director, Mrs Zarina.

At Marica Kesaram, in the rural mandal of Chevella:

The construction is now over and we have started the equipment : water proofing, security against fire, video surveillance and digitalisation of 12 classes and 2 auditoriums. Work started at the end of March and will continue till end May 2019.

The complement of nutrition was served daily for a few months and then 3 times a week as the weather became much warmer and less rich food is required in the summer. Our last bags of powder were donated to two families of Hyderabad to help them maintain good health till the academic year starts again.

The end of the year is also time for order. Every family was requested to empty the shelves and remove all what is not necessary and give the unwanted clothes to the children of two orphanages, neighbour of Marica : more than 2 cubic meters were donated in March and more is getting ready to be delivered just before the new year starts. This new consignment will include clothes, note books and stationery donated by affluent business men of Hyderabad and Chevella.

Before going on vacation, all the sponsored children received from you a jeans and a colourful t-shirt, a cool dress for the summer!

Last, the results of our elder children who studied at Sai Chaitanya School, sponsored by Marica sponsors :

- Sindhu, Gayathri, Jyothi, Sripath et Balraj are promoted to class X. Many efforts, deceptions, new friends, discoveries and experiences to finally reach the end of the year success. Sohail is not allowed to go back to a regular school. He must work but he is allowed to join distance education and has registered his name for the class X exam. He has the required stamina and will do it.
- Ramesh: We are very proud of our little boy who did not want to live when he was just 5 years of age. Today, Ramesh does not want to study any longer. But, he misses so little till class X. We try and convince him to register in the distance mode of education and study with Sohail. He must do it.
- Kartik Chary and Vaishnavi are promoted in class IX.

Several educational and social events were organised : the exhibition of arts and sciences was the occasion of welcoming several visitors and friends from France, England and Switzerland. Children now grow bigger and speak a good English. They were delighted to share some time with the adults and let them enjoy the local culture and exchange impressions and considerations.

Today, we are April 10th, our bore well is empty, it is warm and difficult to study more than 4 hours in the day. It is time to close the school for the summer and allow lady Nature to recharge her resources.

The Visitors

Very few volunteers come nowadays. The business schools prefer the system of erasmus for the year out of their students. On the other side, Marica has several visitors of all ages coming for a shorter period and offering their time, knowledge to the children for learning patiently and to the

founder for the preparation of the communication with the sponsors and friends:

- Claire from Switzerland helped to compile and draft the end of year reports to sponsors and trained MCR to use the system of drop box.
- Solange from Switzerland travelled to Népal with M. Christine to offer two more computers to Calyx school and shared her knowledge of another region of India and New Zeland with the students and the founder
- Pauline and David from UK, then Bernadette and Hilda from France have taken the time of a detour through Hyderabad to come and see the children and spend two very special days in our little world.

The presence and interaction of visitors with the staff and the children bring dynamism and more involvement in the teaching, more honesty in relations and stimulate children when they see that their efforts are seen and valued.

Outside Projets

Our successive visits to Calyx school yield a good progress. The school is now able to provide audio visual education to their 135 mountain children.

Correspondence between the children of Marica Kesaram and a group of 15 children of an under privileged area in Pune. Miss Kushi, a motivated and dynamic student supervises the project.

Correspondence with a group of women in Orissa to exchange practical ideas that could possibly bring an additional income. Our last communication and parcel was about making fancy jewellery out of quilling paper to match dresses manufactured in their worksop.

Installation of a digital class at Bright Horizon School for 222 children of a school in the poor area of golconda. Audio visual classes will also be monitored from June 2019 to guarantee success.

From January, we are preparing audio visual teaching projects in several points. Although it kept us fairly busy, we can only give you the news in our next newsletter.

Your enthousiasm and your generosity are a great stimulus and we work full heartedly.

Many thanks again to each one of you.

Joyful Easter!

With the love of all at Marica.

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