

Signature Campaign

Educating the public about mental disabilities is a hectic job. Social stigma about this sector still persists in the minds of people even in this modern era. General public view that birth of such disabled child is curse to the family and the afflicted families experiences mental trauma and other troubles.

To inculcate the right attitude about the mental Disabilities in the minds of the people, we had organized a signatory campaign between 06.09.2010 to 11.09.2010 at various places in Madurai city.(Collector's office, Mattuthavani bus stand, Periyar bus stand, Railway junction and various colleges) to get 2 lakh signatures from the general public,

Dr.Jothi Sofia, Principal of C.S.I.Jeyaraj Annapackiam College of Nursing, Madurai inaugurated the signature campaign and mobile awareness van.



A nursing college student is collecting a signature from an old man at the district collectorate, Madurai.

Wheat Pocket (REACH) First product release function

BASE (Bethshan Adult Student Employment) Centre has started an initiative of providing job training for the pre vocational students. They are manufacturing two products a) Wheat flour and b) phenol. These products will be prepared by the pre vocational class students and marketed by the staff and parents. The first product introduction was held on 25.08.2010 at our regular parents meet.



District Level All Differently Abled Sports Meet

Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India has nominated special Olympics Bharat as nodal agency to organize sports program for all disabled students in district & state level. Mr.A.Jeyapal co founder of our school appointed as district coordinator for organizing such games for them in association with District Differently Able Welfare Officer & District Sports Officer.

Recently, he had organized district level sports program on 21 & 22nd February 2011 at Race Course Stadium, Madurai. Nearly 200 athletes participated in this sports meet. Many dignitaries and government officials participated and encouraged the winners.

Hearing Impaired athlete performed his ability in the Running Long Jump event.



Winners honored by Mr.Radhakrishnan, I.R.S., Income Tax Commissioner, Madurai, along with Mr.L.Murulai Krishnan, Managing Director, Kalayani Square and Mr.V.S.P.Kannan, Managing Director, Solaimalai Motors, Madurai.

Community Coaches Training

Training the disabled individuals in sports activity is not an easy job for the special teachers. They need extra coaching and training to train them in sports activity. A community coaches training camp was organized on 15.02.2011 at Regional Centre, IGNOU Madurai. Nearly 50 coaches participated from various special schools in and around Madurai.



Dr.M.Shanmugam, Director, IGNOU, Madurai, Mr.Paul Deva Sahayam, Area Director, Special Olympic, Mr.Palanirajan & Mr.Balasubramainam were the guest seen in the photo.

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New Hope & New Entry

Bethshan Special School has reached its another mile stone in this 15th year. We have been allotted 35 cent of land at Kovil pappakudi village, Madurai district where we have laid our foundation stone for constructing new school building on 18th June 2010. We plan to construct five class rooms, one office room and toilets. This auspicious day was felicitated by Rev.Selwyn Samuel, former parent of our school, Mr.SVD.Jeevanath, president of kovil Pappakudi Village and Er.Jeyaprakash, well wisher of Bethshan.

Grand Parents Day Celebration

Grand parents play a vital role in caring and supporting the families of having persons with mental disabilities. We have observed this day on 13th September 2010. The main focus is to orient them about the importance of giving their supportive hands and caring them.

A grant parent is offering his views on this grand parents day
(13.09.2010)



BETHSHAN SCHOOL NEW BUILDING VARIOUS STAGE



Family Tour & Retreat

Parents who have child with mental disability are pre occupied with many longings and mental agony. These will interfere their participation in training their kids scientifically. Many times, fathers don't take much effort in training their kids. The mothers who are house wife often struggle to handle them in their houses and prone for many depressions and other psychological imbalances. If both are, working parents then the total family will get disturbed in many areas.

We organize family tour & retreat every year to relax them from all mental agony and learn coping skills through various activities. This year we took them to Kodaikannal from 25.02.2011 to 26.02.201. We had arranged various interactive indoor games to them for their relaxation. The children too enjoyed the whole program with their parents. They visited many places in Kodaikannal hill enjoyed much.

Both father and mother actively involved in group game organised at Kodai Hill during our school family tour.



Workshop for Special Educators

A regional level workshop on Recent advancements in education of persons with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities was organized in association with the Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional centre, Madurai on 23rd October 2010 at IGNOU, Madurai for the special educators who are working in various special schools in southern districts of Tamilnadu. Nearly 50 special educators attended this program from various southern districts who were educated by Dr. M.V.Preethi, Psychiatrist, Dr.V.Neethiarasu, Neurologist, Mrs. Sumathi, special Educator and Mr.A.Jeyapal, Cofounder of Bethshan school.



Dr.V.Neethiarasu, an experienced Neurologist, Madurai explaining about How to identify and treat the Autism Spectrum Disorder children.

Job Placement

Indeed, a placement requires qualification witnessing with certificates and skills for the person who is seeking the job. But in the case of persons with mental disability, the skill requirement is totally based on the individual capabilities and the training he acquired during the past is essential. So far we have placed 7 students in private companies and they are earning for their livelihood. V.Rajkumar is the seventh person of our successful record.

We had a job placement function on 3rd December 2011, the day which is earmarked as World Disabled Day throughout the world. Mr.V.Rajkumar had a chance to wear a graduation dress on this special occasion. Kalyani square company was happy to provide appointment order for him. The whole Bethshan family members felt happy and expecting to see such a kind of fruit in the life of their child.

Mr.S.Rethinavelu, Senior President, Tamilnadu Chamber of commerce, Mr.R.M.Appavu Chettiayar Philonthropist, Mr.L.Muralikrishnan & Mr. L. Nandakumar, Directors of Kalyani Square and Mr.K.M.Kanagaraj, District Differently able Welfare officer, Madurai seen in the photo.



Parents Meeting

We have been organizing parents counseling meeting periodically to the parents and siblings. We invite professionals and experts to enable them to handle their children at home and outside and educate them in the training process. In this year, we had three meetings one for each term. (a)25.09.2010 b) 18.12.2010 and c) 26.03.2011.

All parents should attend all the meetings and made it is compulsory and individual counseling also offered as and when required.



Ms.Sumathi, special educator cum psychologist giving activities for relieving from mental stress for parents and family members.

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day has been observed on 10th October of every year to emphasis the mental health issues among public. We in association with The Gate Way Hotel,(A TATA group of Hotels) Pasumalai, Madurai have been conducting district level competition for the children with mental disabilities who are studying in various special schools in Madurai district.

On 11.10.2010, we had our 9th year world mental health day district level competition at The GATEWAY Hotel, pasumali, Madurai (A five star hotel, situated in a hill of Madurai) The following events conducted in three age group category: Memory skill, Painting for Junior group , Carrom, skill work for senior group, Sequential arrangement skill and snow ball for Master's group.. Each category winners were motivated with useful prizes and certificates. officer, Madurai distributed the Prizes and certificates to the participants. Nearly 10 special school participated and enjoyed the whole program.



Guests: Justice A.R.Ramalingam, High court, Advocate Mr.K.Samidurai Mr.Banger, a philanthropist and Mr.Sanjeev Sharma, General manager



National Level Floor Hockey

Floor hockey is a team game approved by special Olympic international. National level floor hockey was held at Simla (A hill place situated in the Himalayan hills),Himachal Pradesh state between 15th December 2010 to 20th Dec,2010. six of our students got chance to participate in this meet, representing Tamilnadu team. Our players did well and suited many goals which lead our Tamilnadu team to secure Silver medal at National level. This event was inaugurated by the honorable chief minster of Himachal Pradesh.

Our athletes experienced the extreme cold and learnt many good things from this game and visit.

Tamilnadu Team got Silver Medal in National Level Floor Hockey Winter Games at Simla, Himachal Pradesh - Tamilnadu team is in photo.



Our school National Level Floor Hockey players and staff visited World Wonder Taj Mahal at Agra.

Children's Day Celebration

Children's has been observed on 14th November of every year to remember the first prime minister of India Mr.Jawaharlal Nehru. We celebrated children's day with our children on 14.11.2010 at our school. Our regular supporter family enthusiastically entertained the children with stories, skit, dance and songs. Each child was allowed to interact with other students and they felt so happy.

Few competitions were arranged to bring out the innate talents of the children. The adult students were allowed to prepare few food items

Photo taken when the students played balloon blast game with great enjoyment on Children's Day Celebration held at our school.



Students preparing bread toast & Gulab Jamoon (a sweet snacks)along with our guestMr.J.Rishwanth, General Manager, J. C. Residency, Madurai.