

School Tales – October, 2013

Greetings from Ganges!

The First Term has already come to an end and we are gearing up for the Second Term! This is a good time for us to take stock of our work so far and share it with you.

At the outset, we would like to apologize for having failed to get our Sports facilities ready in time. Although delayed project deadlines were largely responsible for it, you will agree that rains this year played spoilsport by stretching into the third week of September. Besides, our Sports associate, Jump Bunch, could not continue due to logistical problems and we had to look for a suitable associate, which took time. We also could not deliver the School jackets as planned as the samples did not meet our standards both in terms of quality and design, on two different occasions. The jackets will now be given by the end of October.

Despite the glitches, this has been an amazing Term for Ganges in many ways. Our fantastic Class III show 'Salokyam' held last week is just one example of how exciting School has been.



The Pre-primary show 'Kinder Rollout' and the Class 1

presentation – 'Ganesha' were equally special shows that gave us an opportunity to showcase our little



ones' progress. Ganges also celebrated Independence Day, Rakhee, Janmaashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi and Colour



Days. Languages too had their share of limelight with special assemblies dedicated to Hindi, French and Telugu. Besides teaching, a plethora of events through the Term

kept our teachers on their toes.

Our children have enjoyed a stimulating start to the KOOH Sports programme.

Their enthusiastic coaches Mr Dinesh and Mr Raj Kiran are conducting a host of interesting activities that have stimulated and motivated the children to actively

participate in the sports activities. We are thrilled to announce that our outdoor facilities for physical education, athletics and recreation are all well underway. They include a basketball court, a beautiful 200 metre track and a football field. The children will enjoy these facilities as soon as they are ready. Sports Day will



be in the first week of December and our Sports instructors are busy planning for it.

The appreciation of creative arts like music, dance and art is the cornerstone of a fulfilling life and we are happy that our students are now getting exposure to all the three. Music classes could not be conducted for about 2 weeks because our music instructor, Mr.Suman, met with an accident. He is back in School and music classes are on again.



We have added about 1,200 books to our library collection and more than 700 books are on their way. Math Lab has become functional and children are having their Butterfly Fields activities there. Science lab is also ready and will soon be used for practicals. You will be pleased to know that in the Second Term children will enjoy their School lunch in the comfort of the new dining hall.



We now have a counsellor, Ms. Myriam Siddham, who helps children with their academic, emotional, and behaviour concerns. She interacts with teachers and children on a regular basis and helps them deal with the challenges in the classroom.



This Term we concentrated our efforts on training our teachers in creative teaching methodologies and are fairly satisfied with the impact we have made. The teachers are trying to wean the students off rote learning and encouraging them to develop critical thinking skills. Strengthening our mentoring system would be our focus in the Second Term. October 2 – 8 is observed as Joy of Giving Week. We sign off the Term proudly by sending our collection of rice and pulses to a nearby orphanage 'Chord'. We are pleased with the way our children are responding to our social initiative 'Sankalp' and would like to thank you for your whole hearted support.

Happy Dussehra!

- The Ganges Team