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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



THE BEAUTY OF CHILDREN'S FRIENDSHIPS

The beauty of friendship among children is a timeless spectacle, radiating pure joy and innocence. In their world, friendships are forged effortlessly, transcending differences and creating bonds that often last a lifetime.

Children navigate the intricate landscape of friendship with a simplicity that is heartwarming. Their shared laughter echoes the delight found in shared secrets, games, and adventures. In the world of children, differences in backgrounds, appearances, or abilities are irrelevant, and acceptance is second nature.

Friendships among children are a testament to the unfiltered kindness that exists within them. They offer support, encouragement, and a comforting presence during both the sunny days of play and the occasional storms of disagreement. The resilience of these friendships is remarkable, as conflicts are quickly resolved, and forgiveness is second nature.

In a world that can often be complex and challenging, witnessing the beauty of friendship among children is a heartening reminder of the innate goodness that exists within us. It is a reminder to cherish the simplicity of connection and the profound impact that friendships can have on shaping the character and well-being of a child.

Fr. Sunil Joseph

BANGALORE 10K CHALLENGE

On July 2nd, the Bangalore 10K Run took place, generating considerable enthusiasm among participants and community members. Under the guidance of our coach, Santhosh, we participated in the Bangalore 10K Run after rigorous training sessions, including strength-building exercises. Our dedication to early morning workouts and commitment to pushing our limits resulted in improved endurance and performance. Prioritizing rest and recovery also played a crucial role in preparing us for the event.

Twelve students from our group participated, and their performances were exceptional. The event brought together runners from diverse backgrounds and age groups, fostering a sense of community and acceptance. Participating in the Bangalore 10K Run had a profound impact on our physical fitness and overall well-being. Regular training and active participation led to improvements in endurance, strength, and cardiovascular health, reinforcing our commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

The event exemplified the strength and spirit of the local community and created an atmosphere of inclusivity and shared purpose. The Bangalore 10K Run proved to be an exhilarating experience, highlighting the power of community engagement and fitness promotion. Our dedicated training and participation not only improved our physical fitness but also nurtured meaningful connections within the running community.

Nagesh



ST. CAMILLUS FEAST

The vibrant and joyous celebration feast of St. Camillus, and it was an experience filled with spiritual significance and jubilation. The day commenced with a solemn and reverent Holy Eucharist, where the community came together to offer prayers and thanksgiving.

After the spiritual ceremony, the atmosphere shifted to one of merriment and togetherness. As part of the celebration, sweet treats were generously distributed to all, bringing smiles to faces and adding an extra touch of sweetness to the occasion. The joyous laughter and warm conversations echoed throughout, creating a sense of belonging and harmony among those present.

The celebration continued with lively games and activities, fostering a spirit of friendly competition and amusement. Amidst the festivities, the true essence of the celebration feast was not lost—the spirit of St. Camillus, the patron saint of the sick, nurses, and healthcare workers. The event served as a reminder of the selfless service and compassion exemplified by St. Camillus, inspiring attendees to extend love and care to those in need.



The experience of attending the St. Camillus Feast celebration was not only a delightful celebration but also a cherished opportunity to strengthen faith, create lasting memories, and embrace the spirit of community and compassion.

Sudeep



INSPIRING BTM CHURCH ENCOUNTER

The BTM Church group's interaction profoundly enriched us, leaving a lasting impact. The gathering began with heartfelt prayers and harmonious singing, filling the room with joy and devotion. Their collective worship inspired us to join in. The session featured motivating messages that touched our core, offering practical guidance for facing life's challenges with faith and courage.

The BTM Church group shared inspiring testimonies of overcoming obstacles, highlighting the strength found in faith. These stories served as powerful reminders that, despite struggles, hope and resilience emerge through a connection with a higher power. It was a profound lesson in valuing life and cherishing every moment. They emphasized the precious gift of life and the importance of spreading love and kindness to others.

Ramu

EXPLORING THE CHARM OF SMALL HILL TREKS

Trekking to small hills unveils a hidden world of natural wonders, captivating landscapes, and soul-stirring experiences. The moment I set foot on the trail, I was greeted by a gentle breeze carrying the sweet aroma of wildflowers and earth. The symphony of birdsong accompanied me, creating a melodious backdrop as I began my ascent. Unlike the popular tourist destinations, these small hills offered a sense of serenity, where tranquility reigned supreme, and time seemed to slow down.

As I made my way up, the scenery unfolded like a beautiful tapestry. Lush greenery covered the hillsides, with occasional bursts of vibrant wildflowers painting the landscape with a kaleidoscope of colors. The charm of the untouched wilderness was awe-inspiring, and each step brought me closer to the heart of nature's magnificence.

Trekking to these small hills taught me that beauty need not always be found in the grand and famous; it thrives in the untouched corners of the world, waiting to be discovered by those willing to venture off the beaten path. It is an invitation to escape the chaos of everyday life, embrace nature's rhythm, and experience the world through a different lens—one that celebrates the enchanting beauty of trekking to the small hills.

Meghana

HAPPY FEAST FR. BIJU

The celebration of Fr. Biju's feast day was a momentous occasion filled with heartfelt gratitude and joy. We all gathered to commemorate the life and dedication of this beloved priest. The day commenced with a reverent Mass, where prayers of thanksgiving echoed through the sacred halls. Embracing the spirit of unity, the community joined in songs of praise and appreciation for Fr. Biju's unwavering service. As the celebration continued, stories of his kindness and compassion touched hearts, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present. The feast concluded with a delightful communal meal, symbolizing the bond between Fr. Biju and his congregation. It was a day of immense love and reverence, honoring a remarkable individual who had touched countless lives with his wisdom and grace.

Amar





ONAM

This year's Onam celebration at Snehagram was a joyous occasion, quite different from last year. The students did a fantastic job decorating, creating a festive vibe. The lunch, cooked with enthusiasm and assistance from the girls, was delicious and satisfying. We all enjoyed watching a movie after the meal and later played two exciting cricket matches, each team winning one. It was a memorable day filled with happiness and camaraderie. After the games, we returned to our regular schedule.

Nandhini



Teacher's Day is a global celebration that honors the invaluable contributions of teachers to society. It's a day when students and communities unite to express gratitude for the dedication, hard work, and guidance of educators. As a first-time teacher, celebrating Teacher's Day was a delightful and exciting experience for me.

TEACHERS' DAY

The students took the initiative to plan the Teachers' Day celebration, organizing various activities that not only brought immense joy to the teachers but also left us pleasantly exhausted after a spirited game of cricket. The student's effort to make the entire teaching staff participate in the cricket game made the celebration truly memorable and enjoyable. I was overjoyed to celebrate Teacher's Day with our lovely students at Snehagram, creating lasting and cherished memories

Raju

GARDENING

Snehagram is celebrated for its commitment to organic farming, and the students actively engaged in planting a variety of vegetables and plants to enhance the greenery of the campus. Organized into four groups, each team took charge of planting different vegetables and plants in separate gardens. The cultivated vegetables included tomatoes, chilies, bitter gourd, ridge gourd, bottle gourd, ladies' finger, beetroot, Nookal, and cabbage. In addition, lemon, guava, papaya, and jackfruit plants were carefully nurtured.

Post-plantation, students were assigned to specific gardens, ensuring daily watering and timely harvesting to promote a sustainable and thriving environment.

Sridhar



FR. BIJU FAREWELL

The farewell of Fr. Biju marked a poignant moment for the Snehagram family, as he had been a steadfast pillar of support and care throughout his one-year tenure with us. The love and kindness he generously bestowed upon us will forever be etched in our hearts. Fr. Biju set an unwavering example of hard work and dedication, particularly through his active involvement in our gardening activities.

His diverse skills and exceptional teaching abilities enriched our lives with newfound knowledge and capabilities. Even when our enthusiasm waned, Fr. Biju's consistent motivation and active participation ignited our interest and helped us promptly complete tasks. Engaging in sports and games with him became cherished memories for us. Regardless of the sport, Fr. Biju always joined us, providing guidance and enhancing our skills and teamwork.

In addition to his many talents, Fr. Biju showcased his culinary skills by cooking for us on special occasions, consistently adding to our happiness and well-being. His unwavering support and camaraderie made him an integral part of our Snehagram family. As we bid farewell to Fr. Biju, we do so with gratitude for his profound impact on our lives and the indelible memories he leaves behind.

Sowandarya



TISB TEAM VISIT

The visit of TISB students to Snehagram was a unique experience for both groups. The primary objective was to expose TISB students to a different way of life, and the Snehagram students went above and beyond to make their guests feel welcome.

On September 2nd, the day started with a mountain trek, a new and enjoyable experience for the TISB students. After capturing scenic views, everyone returned to Snehagram for a delicious breakfast. The TISB students were then divided into groups, participating in planting vegetables, cleaning the cowshed, and working with poultry—an entirely new and hands-on experience for them.

Gangamma



RUN RISE CAMP

RunRise Camp 2023, organized by the Positive Running Program under RISHI Foundation, united participants in a commitment to well-being, growth, and leadership. The camp, held from August 12th to August 14th, featured physical training, interactive sessions, and expert guidance, fostering improved fitness, mental resilience, friendship, and leadership skills.

Positive feedback highlights the camp's profound impact, creating a community ready to inspire positive change. With 27 participants from various institutions, the camp aimed to promote holistic physical development, empower participants with leadership skills, and extend benefits to broader communities. RunRise Camp 2023 stands as a testament to collective efforts for continued growth and empowerment.

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