This period of the academic year was exciting as usual. There have been various events that the children have been a part of as well as many connections made with the wider community.

SURVEYS AND ADMISSIONS:
Surveys happened for the 2016-2017 academic year that resulted in 26 new children joining Prakruthi Badi.

STUDIES:
Siddharth, Anjinappa and the Mogga team members had a session with the children to teach them how to protect wild animals and the delicate ecosystem. Children and teachers participated in fun and education activities using flash cards.

To start off the year, stationary, text books, note books, pens, pencils, erasers and sharpeners were distributed to all of the children. These resources helped the children prepare for the base line assessment that was carried out. After
the assessment, individual goals for each children for the next four months (June-September) were made.

Children regularly practised songs and dances to get ready for the many festivities in the year to come (in particular the grand Prakruthi Badi Annual day).

**TRAINING:**

The teachers brushed up on some of their own training in May. Madhurya Balan facilitated a series of workshops over five days to improve their skills and knowledge on lesson mapping, storytelling, computer training, puppet making and basic English.

**CULTURAL TRAINING:**

Tabala and dance trainings were held for the children in April. This served as an opportunity for a few of the children to learn some new moves and for the more experienced children to refine their steps. The group later performed the dances at Annual Day.
**CRC CLASSES:**
Prakruthi Badi children went to CRC regularly. Children enjoyed doing craft, reading books and newspapers, watching cartoon movies and playing games.

**FESTIVALS:**
There were three large events that the children celebrated - Ambedkar Jayanthi, Prakruthi Badi Annual Day and Anjanadevi Aradhanotsavam.

Children celebrated Ambedkar Jayanthi on April 14th during the school assembly. The celebration included singing songs, dancing and reading articles about Ambedkar Prakruthi Badi annual day was celebrated on the 24th of April. The day included games, songs, dances, dramas, pandari bhajana, Chekka bhajana, playing tabala and drums. Parents of Prakruthi Badi children, alumni, old teachers Balala sangha’s children, Navayuvatha youth members, Timbaktu residents and Timbaktu Panchayathi members all enjoyed participating in the celebrations.

The festivities for Anjanaderi Aradhanotsavam were on the 23rd of June in Kona. Children watched Pandari bhajana which was performed by Julakunta village children.
PARENTS MEETING:
A parents meeting was conducted on the 7th of April. Twenty-five parents attended the meeting. We discussed the children’s savings, annual day, the health of the children as well as updating any new addresses.

HEALTH:
We went to the community health centre in CK Palli and Dharmavaram to learn more about some of the children’s health issues. Some of the children were suffering from coughs, fevers and vomiting.

We went to Ananthapuramu and Bangalore to get a medical opinion on Thriveni’s eye problem. Thriveni used patches as suggested by the doctor.

VISITORS:
Kavitha from Bangalore visited on the 13th of April and spent one day with the children. A group of visitors from Tamil Nadu visited the school and watched the cultural dances and plays that were performed by children.

ENVIRONMENTAL DAY:
Children and teachers participated in the Environmental day activities in Srikailasam. They did natural painting, played the web of life game and learnt from other informative presentations on the day that were presented by the seed stall, soap stall, and decorations stall.
SPECIAL CLASSES:
Hemavathi, Sabita and Hasmi Sulthana received physiotherapy and speech therapy classes that were conducted by Nageshwara Rao, Narayanamma and Mahesh.

FAREWELL PROGRAM:
A farewell program was conducted on the 13th of June for those children who completed fifth class in the 2015-16 academic year. Timbaktu people participated in this program where children and adults shared stories of their experiences.

REPAIRS:
The dormitories underwent repairs of both the flooring and the bathroom doors. The kitchen water tank was repaired as well as the seesaw and the swings.

We will be back with more news in the next Newsletter