Happy new year to everyone!
Let us wrap up 2016 with our winter newsletter

Survey and Admission
We welcomed 2 new residential children and 1 day scholar in this period. This takes the number of residential children to 33 and the number of day scholars to 24.

Studies
Special classes were held throughout these months for 4 children by Mahesh (of Miliitha team that works with People with Disabilities). These focused primarily on speech therapy.

In regular classes, children read story books and newspapers and did craft work of making paper arches, drawing, applying colours, and making design for houses. Further, preparation for Navodaya exam for class 5 went on in full swing.

On the basis of Sayonika’s previous assessments, the teachers adopted new ways of teaching and learning. This resulted in significant improvement in learning of environmental science for class 1 to 5 and in Telugu and Maths for class 5.

In October, a screening of the film Little Prince was also held.

Craft
The children took up various activities such as origami, collage work & drawing with pen. Making rakhis was especially fun.
Gardening
Gardening saw much progress this term, with water supply works completed and the digging of an open pit for composting. 50 flower plants were also purchased to be planted into pots. Children did much of the work related to mulching, making manure and watering the plants. Mr. Govind (of Organic Team) visited the school and taught techniques of making organic concoctions called ‘Kashayalu’. There was also another training in making ‘Jeevaamrutham’ and in its uses held by Organic Team member B. Chandrasekhar.

Trainings
Divided into 3 groups, the children learnt 3 drama plays in ten days. These were ‘Thokapoyi Katthi Vachche’, ‘Mathona Atalu’ and ‘Narakasura Vadha’.

A total of 14 days of dance classes were held in this period by Chandrasekhar, Ravva and Snehalatha. The children were grouped in 3 batches for this.

A workshop on wood-works was also held at the Children’s Resource Centr(CRC) on November 10th and 11th.

CRC Classes
Speaking of CRC, classes were held over 2 days in December. The children learned to read stories and newspapers, make toys with clay, do collage work, drawing and painting etc.

Class 5 also participated in experiments that demonstrated how gases flow and how air pressure works.
Festivals
This was a busy period of festivals!

Gandhi Jayanti: The occasion of the Mahatma’s birthday was celebrated at CRC and there were many activities including the singing of songs, dramatizations, quizzes and speeches.

Dussehra: Dussehra was celebrated in Prakruthi Badi itself on 8th October, where it’s importance was discussed.

Moharam: On October 26th, all the children went to C.K Palli to see the village Moharam festival.

Deepavali: The festival of lights was also celebrated at Prakruthi Badi on the 30th of October, when all the Timbaktu families came together. There were various activities and dances including Chekkabhajana that the children performed.

These dances were also performed on a sports day in November at CRC.

Finally in December, Christmas was celebrated with a lot of singing, dancing, flute playing and Santa Claus dramatizations.

Visitors
Visitors to the school were quite diverse. This included Mr. Nagaraju who is the Assistant Executive Engineer from Penukonda who came to inspect the school for the purpose of a Structural Soundness certificate.

On 13th October, Jérôme and Emeline from France visited and taught the children a dance. Then on the 13th of December, Michael and Dorothea from Germany took a small crafts workshop for three days.

Finally on 24th December, the Inclusive Education Resource Teacher (IERT) from C.K. Palli visited the school to make a list of the names of children with disabilities.
Parents Meeting

On 29th November, 31 parents came for a meeting at Prakruthi Badi. Discussions were held on children's studies, health and clothing, thrift and Navodaya exams.

In other news..

In October, a student of class 5 was registered for her Aadhar card. Aadhar card details of 55 children are now submitted to the M.E.O office in C.K. Palli.

In December, Dr. Adisheshaiah donated homeopathy medicines for complaints related to sight, cough, fever, stomach pain, tonsils etc.

That’s all folks

See you in the summer!