Balavihar 2012 Site Visit

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# Summary

* Half day site visit by Lakshmi Kumar to Amarjyothi Nagar and Kaveripura govt. schools
* Amarjyothi nagar
  + Anganwadi children sang rhymes in English and Kannada.
  + Class I and II students assembled words and read their text books.
  + New English textbooks were difficult for them but Balavihar training has resulted in big improvements in reading.
* Kaveripura
  + Class III and IV students also read their English books and answered a quiz by the teacher.
  + Greater difficulty in reading than lower level students but the training is helping them cope with it.
* Overall
  + Starting language training earlier seems to work better.
  + Children are a lot more engaged in Balavihar’s English classes than their class teacher’s lessons.