Thulir Learning Centre
Sittilinigi

News of December 2011 Happenings

Mural Painting

Post School evening students had a session of wall mural paintings. For a change this time, traditional materials like, lime, charcoal and mud were used to get colours!

Visit by Teacher trainees from Vidyodaya school, Gudalur, Nilgiris

A group of 5 trainees from Vidyodaya a school in Gudalur, Nilgiris, visited Thulir for 3 days. It was an exposure trip for them to experience activities in Thulir. They joined Thulir students in their activities and also taught songs and dances.
A Play on dental hygiene

Dr Randall Sequira, who is currently working in THI Hospital in Sittilgingi, prepared a play to highlight importance of dental hygiene, with the help of students. After a few sessions of rehearsals, the play was enacted for a student audience.
Bharatanatyam Classes:

When our students [especially the teenage boys!] learnt that Preethi, visiting from Payir Trust and doing a project at THI currently, is a Bharatanatyam dancer, there was a clamour for dance classes. Preethi has been kind and patient, taking classes at Thulir.
Bee Keeping:

A migrating wild bee colony, taking a temporary rest in a Mango tree in Thulir was too much of a temptation, and promptly, our students set to capturing it. The optimism was short lived though, as after a couple of days the colony abandoned the box they were housed in.

The regular classes on language and math continue. Students have been given specific records to keep and present at the weekly planning meetings. [weather data, produce harvested from the garden, attendance figures, milk from the cows sold, bio gas generated by the bio gas plant, vehicle usage and fuel consumption, etc.]
Sports day Celebrations:

As in the past couple of years, this year too the events were planned, the materials and preparations made ready and the events conducted by our senior students. The good december weather [in the past our sports days were on warm days] added to the enjoyment.
Dry Compost Toilet:

Now that many students stay in Thulir, a bathing/washing space and more importantly, a dry compost toilet [to save water and avoid mosquito breeding in the soak pits], is badly needed. This is the next building project for our students and the first step of clearing the site is complete. This would hopefully be a good demonstration project and we hope to have a few village families following this model!