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Hongirana Foundation Update



GNANA JYOTHI - SCHOOL SUPPORT UPDATES

Ganigarapalya Government Primary School

The Hongirana Foundation initiated collaboration with the Ganigarapalya Government Higher Primary School in June 2022, with a dedicated commitment to enhancing educational standards for the academic year 2022-23 and beyond.

In its initial phase, HF employed two guest teachers. Over a span of just two years, the foundation expanded its team to encompass five educators specializing in Mathematics, Kannada, and English for students in grades 4 through 6. Alongside, HF successfully implemented a volunteer-driven learning program to aid students encountering difficulties in these subjects. This integration of guest teachers and volunteers has facilitated the effective implementation of the Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) methodology. Through consistent assessments and continuous monitoring of student progress, HF has achieved notable outcomes. Furthermore, in addition to its academic endeavors, HF has introduced a range of diverse activities aimed at fostering the holistic development of children.



Non-Profit Organization dedicated to quality education at grassroots level

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EXTERNAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MAJOR EVENTS

School Details:
Class 1 till Class 7 and Anganawadi
~270 students

Teachers : 5
Volunteers : 12
Academic Subjects: Math, Kannada and English
Classes: 4th, 5th, 6th



Volunteer Orientation Session in June

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Art Education

The art program aims to ignite creative thinking in young minds and has been regularly held with promising results for 4th and 5th graders. It includes various creative activities such as crayon art, coloring, hand weaving, collage work, and more.

Jawahar Navodaya Entrance Exam Training

The Hongirana Foundation (HF) provided year-round coaching for the Jawahar Navodaya Entrance Exam, which serves to identify gifted rural students for accelerated learning opportunities at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. The examinations took place in January, and we are currently awaiting the favorable outcomes of the recently concluded exams.

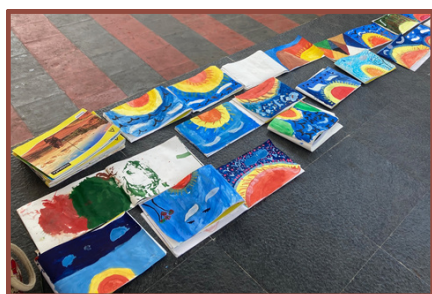
Participation in the Bhagavad Gita Competition

In December, during the Gita Day celebrations, children participated in an inter-school Bhagavad Gita competition for the second consecutive year. In addition to winning prizes, they were recognized for their impeccable Sanskrit pronunciation of the shlokas.

Spell Bee competition

Outbound visits - Valley School

Community-led storytelling, Art activities



Impact

Volunteer-Driven Teaching Program

- Improved Reintegration: 35% of students benefitted, reintegrating into regular classrooms for Kannada and Math.
- Academic Progress: Significant grade improvements observed in assessments.
- Enhanced Interaction: Teachers note improved interactions and responsiveness in Kannada and Math.
- Confidence in English: Children show increased confidence and enthusiasm in speaking English.
- Collaborative Approach: Combines teacher and volunteer efforts for holistic learning.

Art Sessions

- Remarkable Growth: Children are showing enthusiasm and significantly enhancing their creative thinking
- Increased Engagement and Initiative: Almost all the 5th graders are engaging in class, often coming up with topics and activities to do.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

At Ganigarapalya Government Primary School

In addition to improving the quality of education, HF collaborated with various organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, to enhance the basic infrastructure essential for school functioning. Some key initiatives included:

- Construction of three new classrooms through Rotary Bangalore.
- Support from Continental Group for bathrooms, a sump, and smart classroom equipment.
- Contributions from NTT Data for a roof, water filter, plants, etc.
- Coordination for the allocation of MLA funds for an additional room.





CHITTARA: ART EVENTS - OVERVIEW

The Chittara wing of the Hongirana Foundation coordinates art events on school premises, uniting community volunteers, corporate partners, school authorities, and children. These events creatively instill essential social values, cultivating a collaborative and festive atmosphere conducive to learning about hygiene, water conservation, and other principles. The foundation believes in nurturing the artistic potential of every child. In addition to enhancing aesthetics, Chittara volunteers aim to inspire creativity through art sessions whenever possible.

Some of the events of this year:

- Exterior wall beautification at Ganigarapaalya school with corporate volunteers from Continental Group.
- Beautification of exterior wall outside Thalagattapura government school in association with another passionate citizen group who work in association with BBMP
- Beautification of exterior public wall as part of community plantation drive
- Taking art session in Orphanage Mary Poussepin home under Dreamindia Network

VIDYA JYOTHI - UPDATES ON EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

The Hongirana Foundation, with generous contributions from community residents, has been able to assist support staff in paying for their children's education. After conducting thorough assessments of the school and engaging in multiple discussions with the administration, HF directly covers partial fees for the relevant schools. Through regular communication with parents, children, and occasionally school authorities, HF monitors the progress of each child consistently from year to year.

Years of Operations : 4 years
 #1st cycle : Aug'20- supported ~17 children
 Fee Amount ~1 Lkh
 #2nd cycle : Jun'21- 25 children
 Fee Amount ~1.9 Lkhs
 #3rd cycle : Aug'22 - 15 children
 Fee Amount ~1 Lkh
 #4th cycle : Aug'23 - 15 children
 Fee Amount ~1.5 Lkh



Of Schools: 13
 # Of Events : 18
 # Of Corporate : 6

Of Volunteers : ~120
 # Of Partner NGOS: 8



External Associations

- Tranquil Charities for providing basic support and guidelines in day to day affairs
- Rotary Bengaluru Junction for new classrooms
- Continental Group for other infrastructure improvements
- NTT Data for additional infrastructure and other equipment support
- Deeksha Foundation for providing sports equipments, support for Spell Bee event
- BBMP for cleaning the environs on regular basis
- The Valley School - for hosting children for enrichment day out

MAJOR EVENTS

Beautification of School with Continental

January 27th, 2024



Continental, in partnership with HF for its CSR initiative, has enhanced school infrastructure by tiling classrooms, building toilets, and making other improvements.

A standout project was their collaboration with the Chittara team to beautify the school's exterior walls. A notable project involved their collaboration with the Chittara team to beautify the school's exterior walls. This initiative introduced color and vibrancy to the school entrance transforming it into an inviting space for students, teachers, and visitors.

Spell Bee Competitions

Jan to March, 2024

Organized under the auspices of the Deeksha Foundation, HF hosted a spell bee competition open to all students in grades 4 through 7. The competition featured multiple elimination rounds, each comprising specially crafted activities in the traditional spell bee format, culminating in the selection of the ultimate winners. Nevertheless, the entire school enthusiastically participated in and relished the diverse activities incorporated as part of the competition.



Visit to The Valley School

Jan 23rd, 2024



The Valley School, affiliated with KFI and renowned for its holistic approach grounded in the principles of Jiddu Krishnamurti, organized a special day for students from Ganigarapalya Government School. This event provided a distinctive opportunity for these students to engage in education that nurtures the complete being.

Impact Day Celebration

November 24th, 2023

Deloitte's Impact Day, an integral part of their CSR initiatives, took place on Friday, November 24th. The day's activities exemplified their year-round dedication to serving local communities and effecting meaningful change. Students from 1st to 7th grade participated enthusiastically in various activities throughout the day.



Chittara Outreach Events

Wall Painting - Thalagatapura School

- Oct 1st 2023

The exterior wall of Thalagattapura School was painted as part of the "Swacchata Shramadhan" organized by the BBMP Citizen Participation Program.



Public Wall Painting

- Jan 6th 2024

As part of the community plantation drive of a public park, Chittara volunteer team painted a public wall, making a vibrant and lasting contribution to the park's beautification and community spirit.

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