

CREA CHILDREN ACADEMY

A REPORT ON ACTIVITIES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2001-02

This year has been a year of transition. The dream of six years came true by constructing the school building with all modern facilities. Honourable Minister for Tourism, Government of TamilNadu Sri. K. K .Balasubramaniam declared the new building open on 27th March 2002.

-Dr. Antony Cruz, Department of Tamil, St. Joseph's college inaugurated the academic year in the presence of Ms. Sharifa, Secretary, STEPS organization and Mr. Vellaisamy, Nagamangalam Panchayat president.

-Exposure trip to the Alundur temple, St. Josephs college herbal garden, were organized.

-The sports day was conducted with a spectacular march past.

-An art exhibition titled as "vanathil velipadum yamathu yennangal" was performed by CREA children who gave an opportunity to express their artistic talents. This exhibition was kept open for the neighbouring school children to see.

-Talent competitions were held in Elocution, singing, Dancing and Fancy dress

- A course on Personality development was conducted for the senior students with the help of Don Bosco formation center, Manikandam. - Diwalli, Ramzan, Christmas, children's day, and teacher's day were celebrated in a unique way where children could experience the specific nature of the concerned celebration.

- Daily assemblies are normally utilized as forum for discussion and reflection on present situations. Even incidents of disasters, violence against innocent people were included as part of reflection.

- The Craft and Science Exhibition provided an opportunity for both Teachers and students to put in hectic work. This program was also kept open for the neighbouring school children. The CREA children themselves took the leadership to explain all the demonstration of the exhibition.

- A theatre workshop '7 days' was conducted as part of extra curricular activity. The children had a chance to learn the value of folk arts and also to discover their inner skills through this workshop. Indian National Daily 'The Hindu' carried a special coverage about this programme.

The Tamil monthly 'Aval Vikatan' also published a special article on the uniqueness CREA School.

A website on Manitham Foundation was designed and hosted by the guidance of MR. Tiburtius, the Patron of Manitham. Thanks to BICS, Chennai for their technical assistance in designing and hosting.

-Statutory requirements such as filing FCRA returns, applying for 80-G have been done.

- Applying for renewal of Matriculation Board approval has been done.

- Applying for shifting to the new campus at Nagamangalam has been done.

- The old school functioning at Crawford has been wound up.

-We have identified a few children who are slow learners and provided them special attention with counselling by experts.

- Ms. V. Geetha, Chennai conducted two days orientation to the children on 'Understanding History' As a follow-up of the programme three groups were formed to do a project on a topic related to History.

- At the beginning of the academic year all the teachers were provided with an orientation to understand the vision and mission of Manitham and how they were to be executed in CREA. Thanks to Mr. Tiburtius, MS. Maggie, Ms. V. Geetha for conducting this orientation.

- Dr. Ms. Anne from U.K. visited CREA and addressed the Teachers and students sharing her views on children psychology and U.K. schools experiences.

- Legal Compliance fulfilled:

1. FC 3 report has been filed along with audited statement of Accounts.
2. Application for 80G has been submitted.

- The Challenges Ahead:

To popularize and market the unique concept of CREA.