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Dear Parents and well wishers,

DOLPHIN has completed 5 fruitful years crossing various milestones. At the onset we thank the almighty Lord for the blessings rendered to us during these great years.

My heart swells up with pride and honor to present a brief sketch of our activities for Year 2011-2012. The DOLPHIN Special School is steadily progressing and has won many laurels and remarkable achievements.

This success has been possible because of our honest efforts, dedicated, devoted staff, co-operative parents, and concerned Government Agencies. Our School conducted many unique programs like one-day workshop for the staff on Team-building, Central & State government's Schemes for the Differently Aabled persons, Stress Management program for the Parents, Participation at District level Sports, Buying & negotiation skill exposure, Color concept Day programs, Summer camp for the Special Kids etc. We also celebrated World Autism Day which was graced by the District Collector, Thiruchirapalli. Multifarious competitions were also held for our Students which brought out their latent talents and also provided an opportunity for the parents to understand the unique potential of our Children.

I once again congratulate and thank everyone involved.

G. Anand

REGULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

As we are aware that DOLPHIN gives full attention to each Child in their functional academic skill development and therapeutic rehabilitation training. It Success in School is not just about academic disciplines, it is also about knowing how to respect, self-disciplined and how to get along with others. Based on these prioritized ethics of development each activity has been well-designed and delivered by DOLPHIN. The following activities are regular and inbuilt in the year academic curriculum components of DOLPHIN;

- Psychological assessment
- Early screening & basic interventions
- Neuro developmental therapy
- Pediatric physical therapy
- Nutritional interventions
- Speech-language therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Therapeutic gardening
- Special education & daily living skills
- Pre-vocational training
- Multi-sensory stimulation
- Parental counseling & Training
- Dance therapy, Music therapy, Yoga, Karate and Gymnastic training
- Sports practices



SUMMER CAMP FOR THE SPECIAL KIDS & SIBLINGS

DOLPHIN is conducting summer camp every year in the month of May for the Special kids of Trichy District. This year 35 Special kids participated with their siblings in the 20 days non-stop camp, between 5th and 25th of May 2012. The ultimate motto of this camp is to learn and enjoy with others. It helped lot of Special kids to mingle with others, opportunity to exchange their ideas and learn from others, exhibit their inner talents and gain confident to compete with others and so on. The following events have been carried out throughout the camps days;

- Different Puzzle works and learning
- Drawing classes
- Theatre performances & Puppet shows
- Magic shows
- Local picnic
- Elocution competition
- Singing and dancing classes
- Meditation & yoga, Karate and
- Home theatre Children movies



VISITORS FROM SRILANKA

Visitors turned up from Srilanka on 19.04.12. They are the Special educators of SIVAPOOMI School in Kondavil of Jaffna. They came to DOLPHIN as part of their exposure trip to various Special Schools in Tamil Nadu. A team of 4 members headed by Mrs. M.S.K. Lankweshwari. It was a very short visit but very useful for the visitors to know more about the functional assessment techniques and academic curriculums designed and followed by DOLPHIN. The visitors were impressed the way in which the DOLPHIN School activities have been programmed.



MEDIA INITIATIVES

Printing work has been done at DOLPHIN for the academic year of 2011 – 2012.
Printed & distributed well designed multi colored brochures
Printed & distributed multi colored Book Mark cards
A5 size handbills printed & distributed about the services of DOLPHIN
Website has been launched exclusively for DOLPHIN, please visit us at WWW.thedolphinschooltry.in

CURRENT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

FRESHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

This particular day celebration is observed every year by the DOLPHIN team welcoming all the new comers. The day was observed on 10th of June 11 at DOLPHIN campus. All programs have been coordinated by the first year B.R.sc placement students of Holy cross college. The existing students of DOLPHIN gave a warm and hearty welcome to all new comers. They entertained through mind blowing dance and singing performances. Running, threading beads, water coloring and sports competitions have been conducted for both new comers and existing students. Mrs. Uma, Director of Orient enterprises presided over the function as a chief guest and honored the winners. At the end, vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Praveena Carmel, Director DOLPHIN Special School, Thiruchrapalli.



COLOR CONCEPT DAYS

Children always love colors; everyone would have their favorite colors to dresses, other items on it. DOLPHIN applies the color concept therapy for the Special kids to understand different colors, identify likes and dislikes of color and identify color phobia among them. Special kids grasp the concept well and learn quickly through play way methods. Everyone will wear uniformly a particular color which is chosen as a concept learning color on that day; even properties will also be in the same color. Blue day was observed on 25th June 2011, Red day was on 29th July 2011 and Yellow day on 27th August 2011 respectively.



BUYING AND NEGOTIATION SKILL EXPOSURES

As part of Special education curriculum, DOLPHIN arranges exposure trip for the trainable Special kids to the nearby local shops. The conceptualization of this sort of exposure trip is to understand different types of commodities, its prices, how it's traded, how to buy the needy items and to bargain with the local shoppers etc. Apart from this Children are able to understand the negotiations, exposure to buy within the budgeted amount. In this sense, 25 Children went to "Pazhamudhir Sollai" fruit stall situated in the 9th main road, Thillai Nagar on 29th June 2011 along with deputed Special teachers. Here they had bought fruits and vegetables for their home, interacted with shoppers, learnt a lot about buying and bargaining skills.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

'Patriotism' is in our blood, every year DOLPHIN celebrates 'Independence Day' with the Special kids and let the kids to learn about the spirits of freedom fighters and histories behind our nation's freedom. This time DOLPHIN invited Mrs. Jayashree, M.B.A Administrator, Gyana guru Dental Hospital as a chief guest for the function. The program started by 10.00am and went up to 1.00pm held in DOLPHIN School Campus. DOLPHIN conducted fancy dress contest on the theme of National freedom fighters. All Special kids participated with the artistic support of their parents and Siblings. At the end the winners were given prizes and gifts by the Chief guest. Vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Praveena Carmel Director of DOLPHIN.



PARENT -TEACHERS MEETING

Special Parent – teachers meet was organized on 03.03.12 at DOLPHIN besides the regular quarterly meeting. This program was chaired by Mr. Christopher founder of PARIVAAR – a Special School for the Hearing & Speech impaired Children, Karur. About 35 parents and 23 staff of DOLPHIN participated in this half- a- day meeting. The following topics were discussed and awareness was generated among the participants;

- The Parent's role in the rehabilitation training of Special kids
- Myths and believes about Disabilities,
- Superstitions of parents and how to come out of them.
- Right method of therapeutic rehabilitation training



WORLD AUTISM DAY CELEBRATION WITH THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR

World Autism day was celebrated with the District Collector on 02.04.2012. DOLPHIN carried out an excellent signature campaign for the rights of Children born with Autism. There was a stage program organized by DOLPHIN on 02.04.12 in the grievances hall at Collectorate campus. The District Collector cut the cake specially designed by the Autistic Children, later released a book-mark produced by DOLPHIN. The printed book mark was distributed to all government officials and participants. DOLPHIN team performed a wonderful glow puppet show which was appreciated by the District Collector and the Public. Signature campaign, book mark release, interaction with the District collector, book release and awareness campaign puppet show by DOLPHIN team made the Autistic Children proud and happy.



TRAINING FOR THE PARENTS ON HOW TO HANDLE SPECIAL KIDS

As part of equipping the therapeutic training knowledge & skills of parents, a small level training was imparted to them on how to handle their Special kids at home and in the community. Dr. Nanthakumar, Pediatrician was a chief guest for this training held on 18.02.12 at DOLPHIN. The following areas of information were shared among the participants;

- Behavior issues of Children
- Usages of Behavior modification
- How to handle Children with behavior issues



TRAINING ON STRESS CONTROL TECHNIQUES FOR THE PARENTS AND TEACHERS

A training was conducted as a follow up of Stress management and its related techniques. This was held on 03.03.12 at DOLPHIN. Dr. Tamil was a chief guest and advised the participants to handle stress and listed the techniques behind to help others to overcome it.

TRAINING ON TEAM BUILDING FOR THE STAFF PERSONNEL

Team work and prior planning makes the organization succeed in all circumstances. Team building is a concept to understand the integrity among the staff to achieve the designed goals with working spirits. To enhance these qualities with staff, DOLPHIN has conducted one day training for its staff team which held on 15.03.12 at DOLPHIN training hall. Mr. John Rock, Development consultant handled this training, which was appreciated by all and wanted periodical training like this in the near future. The following areas have been taught;

- Self-development
- Group dynamics
- How to work in groups
- Conflict formation, decentralization of power
- How to gain negotiation skills
- Advantages of team work and Characteristics of effective team

DRAWING COMPETITION

DOLPHIN always encourages the Special kids to show their talents and Special skills, in this sense it uses the local sponsors who come forward to serve for the Special kids. On 3rd September 2011 LIC's Policy Promotional week was celebrated with the Special Children. A drawing competition was conducted for them. Mr. Veerapandian, Manager, LIC Thillai Nagar branch presided over and gave away the Prizes.



TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Teachers are the real eye openers for each Children stepping up with a lot of confidence and skills to face the challenges in life. DOLPHIN never fails to give respect and opportunities for its Special teachers for stepping up in their career. Every year Teacher's Day is celebrated at DOLPHIN in a grand manner. This year the day was observed on 10th September 2011 at Dolphin Special School Campus with the colorful entertainments by Special Kids. The program started by 1.30pm and went up to 5.00 in the evening which was headed by the Director of DOLPHIN. The Get-to-gather had specially designed games and cash winning competitions for the teachers, and then a grand lunch was provided to all teachers and students.



ONE DAY WORKSHOP FOR THE STAFF ON DISABILITY WELFARE SCHEMES

As part of the training to the Special teachers, a one-day workshop was organized for the staffs of DOLPHIN on the Welfare Schemes of Central & State Government that exist for the Differently Abled persons. This program was chaired and facilitated by Mrs. Shyamala, District Disabled Welfare Officer, Thiruchirapalli on 30.09.11. She detailed the existing Schemes and how to tap over the benefits, where to approach and how to apply with formal petition letters etc. All arrangements of the program were done by the placement students of UDC College, Thiruchirapalli. Eventually Mrs. Praveena Carmel, Director of DOLPHIN Special School honored Mrs. Shyamala.

STRESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR PARENTS

DOLPHIN gives out specific trainings for the parents to understand their Children better. Parents are counseled, trained and motivated a lot to cope up with and for their Special kids, in this sense a one day special training was organized for them on stress management. This training was handled by Mrs. Praveena Carmel Director DOLPHIN Special School, and logistic arrangements done by the Placement students of Andavar College, held at DOLPHIN Training hall dated on 01.10.2011. The following aspects were covered in the training;

- What is stress
- Different types of stress
- Stress leads to what
- Coping mechanism and strategies
- How to avoid/overcome stress & top tips
- How to handle Special kids without stress at home and in the community.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Children's day celebration always rocking at DOLPHIN, it's a day for Children to enjoy, learn and have a fun with friends, School mates, teachers and parents. This year Special kids and teachers jointly gave mind blowing entertainments which had lots and lot of essence to learn and enjoy. Solo dances, group dances of students and teachers, yoga performances, singing contests, fancy dress competitions and puppet shows are made the day big-bang and woops out with total happiness.

Mrs. Shyamala (DDWO) was the chief guest of the function who distributed prizes and gifts for the Children. This program was organized by the DSE.MR students of Holy cross college held at DOLPHIN campus dated 19.11.11.



FESTIVALS

X-Mas day / Deewali / Pongal celebrations

DOLPHIN celebrates religious festivals with Special kids every year. See the joy and enjoyable movements of Special kids with their parents and siblings.

- X-Mas day was celebrated at DOLPHIN, on 23.12.11.
- Diwali was celebrated at DOLPHIN, on 24.11.11
- Pongal was Celebrated at DOLPHIN, on 14.01.12

Dr. Nagalakshmi from the Dept. of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College was the chief guest for the above festivals.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The Republic Day of India is celebrated everywhere, especially in the institutions and Schools with many colorful events to hold the freedom memories. DOLPHIN is also in this track, of conducting Sport events specially designed for the Special kids every year on our Republic Day. This year Mrs. Devaki, Founder- Baby costumes was the chief guest for the Sports meet held at DOLPHIN. Prizes and memorial shields have given to the winners, and NAVIN 10thstd had received the star of the year award.

