



Deepti News Letter December 2015

X'mas Celebration @ Deepti

"Christmas is a celebration of love, peace and joy. It reminds us of God's greatest gift to the world, Jesus Christ. Jesus always wanted to share his love with those who were marginalized by the society, the less privileged and the powerless. Deepti Special School could reflect this love by offering the special care and support for differently abled children and guidance for their families." Dr. Saji George, the Deputy Director of Vocational Rehabilitation Centre, Trivandrum said these words during his Christmas message at Deepti. "To me Deepti looks like a big family rather than an institution. That is what makes Deepti unique among other special schools," he added.



Deepti celebrated Christmas on 17th December. It was a joint celebration of children, staff and parents. Children sang songs, shared xmas message, played skits, and performed dance. Staff and parents sang carol songs. Dr. B.Varghese offered prayer of blessings. Mrs. Rigi, parent's representative gave welcome speech and Dr. Shibu Thomas, Administrator Deepti chaired

the celebration. Mrs. Prsanna Vijayakumar, Mrs. Rosamma Daniel and Dr. George Varghese shared words of felicitation. Mrs. Remya Ramanan, Principal Deepti Special School, gave



vote of thanks to the guest as well as all the participants. Christmas celebration was wound up with a delicious Christmas lunch. Xmas Cake was sponsored by Mr. Basil Paul the manager of Wyte Portico Hotel Adoor.



Winner of National Award for the Best Self-employment Programme

Deepti Special School honoured Ms. Maneesha Susan Philip, who won the national award for the best self employment programme under the category of mentally challenged persons, initiated by the department of Social Justice. Maneesha received this award from Indian President Mr. Pranab Mukerji, in a function held at New Delhi on December 3, 2015. Her rabbit farm generates a monthly income of Rs 20,000. Maneesha is the daughter of Mrs and Mr. Philip Simon, who is the National Secretary, Pariwar, which is the association of parents of differently abled children. Dr. Susan Mathew congratulated Maneesha as well as her family for being a source of motivation and encouragement to children with various challenges.



Deepti Rehabilitation Centre

Deepti Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy (Now known as Deepti Rehabilitation Centre) was founded on 19th August 2009 to care and support children with special needs and their families in Kerala. The motivation for Deepti Centre is the experience of Dr. Mathew C.Vargheese and Dr. Susan Mathew having a child with Cerebral Palsy. Deepti Rehabilitation Centre offers best care for children with various challenges.



Deepti Special School

Deepti Special School was officially inaugurated on 10th August 2010. Deepti Special School is a major step in addressing the educational needs of these children. Now 125 children with various challenges such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism, ADHD, Downs Syndrome, and Mentally Challenged and Visual impaired are enrolled at Deepti.

Services

Deepti offers following services: Special Education, Speech Therapy Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy Creative Play, Vocational Training, Counselling, Instrumental Music, Sports & Arts

Mathru Deepti (Mothers at Deepti)

Mathrudeepti is a fellowship of mothers at Deepti who come together, share their experience, hope, improvement of their children in order to encourage and strengthen each other in their challenges and struggles. They receive counselling and support from Deepti. Vocational training such as Tailoring, Fabric Painting and Printing, Detergent Making, Jewellery making, Paper Bag and Card Making etc are given to the parents.

Support Deepti

Your help is needed for some one who is special. Donate to Deepti. Please make a transfer (in Rupees only) to **Deepti Educational & Charitable Foundation (Reg No.27/2012)**

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Deepti Children bagged prizes at District Special School Art Festival

Children at Deepti won prizes at Pathanamthitta District Special School Kalamela (Art Festival) held on September 18, at YMCA Thiruvalla. Deepti children participated in various events and won prizes in Light music, Elocution, Mimicry and Fancy dress. Congratulations to Deepti's gems of talents and the staff who train them and motivate them.



Deepti forays into Farming

With the support from Agricultural Department, Deepti Special School stepped into vegetable farming. Children, Parents and Staff joined together in this green movement. For children it was a learning experience, and for parents and staff a time of communion with each other and with nature. Pictures: planting the seeds of vegetables, children picking up ripe stuffs, garden peas, bitter gourd and ladies finger (okra)



Disability Day Celebration

World Disability Day was celebrated on 3rd December at Pathanamthitta, in which 24 students, parents and staffs Deepti joined. There was special sports meet to mark the occasion. Sports star from Deepti participated in different items and won many prizes. Congratulations to them and the sport division of Deepti.



Creative Play Seminar at CMC Vellore

The OT Department at CMC, Vellore will be hosting a seminar on Creative Play on 25th Jan 2016.

Resource Persons:

Carolyn Molloy, OTConsultant.co.uk

Carolyn Essame, CreateCatt, Singapore

Dr. Susan Mathew, Deepti Special School



Welcome Caroline & Caroline to Deepti in the new year

Caroline Molloy, OT Consultant, UK and Caroline Essame, Art Therapist, Singapore will be visiting Deepti from 16-29 January 2019.

Days of Fun, Arts, Music, Dance and Creativity at Deepti

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Children, Parents and Staff to all friends and partners of Deepti