

Pudiyador Times

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Magic Thatha!

It is *Magic Thatha** season in Pudiador.

(* thatha means grandfather in Tamil)

Our teachers were busy buying letter boxes for every Pudiador centre. Teachers engaged in exchanging letters from Magic Thatha to the kids and vice versa. First, we as a Pudiador family would like to introduce Magic Thatha to all our readers.

Magic Thatha is from the country called Magicana where there is no national flag, currency, or anthem.

And all he can do is write..write..and write letters to the kids! He loves to travel all over the world and has now landed in India. While he came across Pudiador, he did not feel like going back to Magicana. He sent a brief introduction about himself with a note saying that he simply cannot wait for their replies!



Can I get Magic Thatha's mobile number?"

"Is Magic Thatha a rich man?"

"Can Magic Thatha send me medicine for my sick dad?"



The kids started writing to Magic Thatha:

"Hi Magic Thatha, can you say sorry to my friend on my behalf? I hurt her yesterday and she is not talking to me.

***Please help me, Magic Thatha.
Yours,
Gayathri"***

Everyone wanted to meet Magic thatha. The children, although aware of the obvious fantasy, responded incredibly well to Magic Thatha. Through the figure from Magicana, we learned more about some of their personal hardships yet also much of their joy. Magic Thatha enabled them to explore their imagination while revealing more about themselves in reality. Overall, Magic Thatha was a success!

Chennai Heat



Chennai Heat is India's biggest beach ultimate frisbee tournament, with 24 teams participating over 3 days in the first weekend of October, 2014.

Pudiyador's teenagers who are passionate about the sport formed a team, calling themselves the "Comeback Kids", competed in the tournament and had a wonderful time!



Chennai Heat



They played with great skill and enthusiasm, having been trained by Pudiador sports coaches, themselves some of Chennai's finest ultimate players.

Ultimately, they went against India's top teams and won the hearts of the spectators and opponents alike.

Field Trip In Amla Treat

Pudiyador recently visited Averirajapuram – It's not only quite difficult to pronounce but also to find the place. Once you reach it you will not have the heart to leave the place.

We opened the gate, the dancing Peacocks warmly welcomed us in the entrance with its beautiful feathers.

50 acres of Organic farm bears different varieties of flora and fauna was within it.

Bharathi is the owner of LEO organic farm and he is taking care of different kinds of animals also.

The children received a lot of Amlas to eat and Amlas are highly nutritive than Mangoes.

The gardener uncle made Amla juice and distributed to everyone, including the children.

Some kids took a bath in the bore well pipe and under the head of Radha aunty. One group made fire with sticks and dry leaves. They fired the fibrous palm fruit and ate. Some went into the Naval fruit farm and started collecting the fruits until their pocket filled with fruits!



Teachers collected fresh Amlas from the farm and the next day Mallika aunty brought Amla rice to the centre which she prepared. Usha akka brought spinach gravy which she prepared from the greens that she collected from the farm.

Field Trip In Amla Treat

By the time Thambu Thambi's plant turned into a huge tree, it started drizzling in Kaverirajapuram.

'Do you believe now trees give us the rain?' – Priya stops there with some real rain drops blessing the painted rain drops in her chart. Now it is Kumar Shaw's turn. 'Pattu the elephant and Sittu the butterfly were very thick friends...One day both of them.. '- before he finish his first sentence.

'Kumar Anna.. What happens if the elephant feels hungry? Doesn't it eat that butterfly as the whole?' – With his widely opened eyes a little one asked.



Paavam Kumar..While the time he was grabbing answer from his memory another kid made him to escape! 'How can one eat their best friend? No one can do that...!'

Another kid interrupted and concluded the conversation by saying 'Elephants are vegetarians!'



Kumar continued his story. When he finishes the story it started raining heavily in Kaverirajapuram. We went inside a little room until the heavy rain stops. And until the heavy rain stops we all danced heavily!

Amla Field Trip



Even camels could be found in Amla!

Quarter Highlights

Mid Camp "Worth out of Waste" 10 days Mid term camp From 26th of September to 3rd of October

Day 1: Waste- Orientation

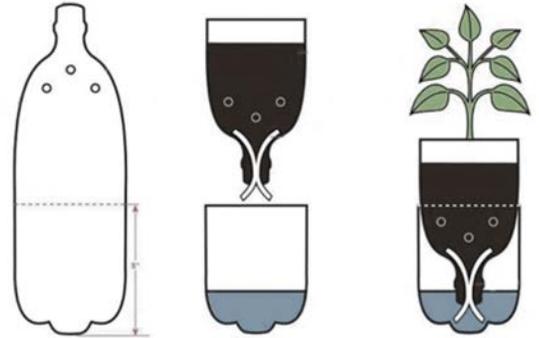
Talk about wastes in a way that children could easily understand. Try to explain about the worth of waste. At the end of the day Help the children to create a chart table which lists out different kind of wastes.

Day 2: Cup la Garden

- Planting in small paper cups and plastic bottles
- Hanging methods
- Decorating the cups

Day 3: Power -Puff Papers

- Paper dress making session
- Paper bag making session
- Paper Crafts
- Ask them to list out what all can be done with papers.



Day 4: Toxic Plastic

- Tell about the hazards of plastics through songs and stories
- How to reduce plastic
- Design Plastic Bhoodham with script.
- Crafts in plastic bottles
- *Academics*
 - Ramanujam Initial assessment
 - Exam from 16th of Sep for 10 days
- *Extra curricular activities*
 - Basic English: Pictionary game, Gesture game, Snowman game etc
 - Basic Tamil: kuttu module
- *Young Adult Program*
 - Circle time
- *Friendship*
 - We noticed that there is settle bully and teasing. Udaikumar ran 3 sessions on meaning of Friendship.
- *Participating Chennai Heat*
 - One team from Ramapuram and a team from Teenager program participated the Chennai Heat.