

Taking a deep breath of summer breeze

Here's a little time to relax! The young ones have had a tiresome year, overloaded with studies, homework, excess information and entrusted responsibilities. The Child Rights Club (CRC) children have been proactive and stepped out from their comfort zones to access their child rights. The months of April and May are hence set apart by CREAM for children, solely to get them revived, to let them taste the flavours of childhood and experience adventures.

It is said that children in their early childhood, gather data from their environment to construct theories about the world, and their natural optimism and curiosity are strong allies. To make the best of their potential and zeal, CREAM organises summer camps for the children from old and new CRCs (Child Rights Clubs) and the supplementary education centres established at the ten project locations every year, to make their holidays fruitful and fun-filled. These camps have helped these children from the villages to be organised and use their energy and time judiciously without missing out on fun and entertainment. The children's time is valued to the extent that best efforts are taken to create fond memories to cherish, to have distraction-free time and kick the tires on a new interest.



Director's Note

We usually focus on the child's right to education. However, we do recognise the value and importance of the child's right to play. The annual summer camps that are conducted through the CREAM programme, are a form of celebration of that right to play and fun. The photos are enough evidence that the children did have fun even while they learned other things.

A notable effort in this year's summer camps was the encouragement of indigenous games and forms of dance. This conscious endeavour to make children aware of their local heritage and culture is important at different levels- it helps build a sense of identity for the children, rooting them comfortably in their native reality; thereby enabling them to freely and respectfully explore other cultures, because they truly respect their own.

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BREADS Calendar

May 2019

- Training on 'Thinking through Philosophy for Children' for the teachers from DB Bridge course-, and supplementary education centres from May 18-20, 2019, at BREADS Bangalore
- Child First Foundation visits to DB communities and institutions to facilitate the establishing of child safety systems.
- Extraordinary visitation to BREADS by Fr. Guillermo Luis Basanes SDB, the General Councillor for Missions, on May 17, 2019
- Graduation of the 8th batch and inauguration of the 9th batch from DB BEST Academy in the presence of Fr. Guillermo Luis Basanes, SDB on May 17, 2019
- Farewell for Fr. Cyril Edamanna, former Asst. Director of BREADS, Director of DB BEST Academy, on May 20, 2019
- Deutsche Bank visit to DB BEST Academy, on May 24, 2019
- Taking office by Fr. Rubin Mathew, the new Asst. Director of BREADS, Director of DB BEST Academy, on May 24, 2019

June 2019

- Project monitoring and evaluation visits to the districts of Davangere, Ballari, Chitradurga, Ramanagara and Mysuru by the BREADS team
- Visit by Ms. Dipti, SLK Group of Companies, Pune, in the context of 'Village Adoption for Rural Development', on June 5, 2019
- State-level meeting of CREAM staff on June 13-14, 2019 at DB Provincial House, Bangalore
- Internships : One student of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore from May 13 - June 13, 2019 & three students of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development (RGNIYD), Tamil Nadu from May 27 - June 27, 2019
- CREAM model promotion and training visit to Myanmar by Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, Executive Director, BREADS



The prime objectives of CREAM, of reaching every child out of school are always in sight even if not in focus. Therefore, the camp did not restrict participation solely to children from the Child Rights Clubs and supplementary education centres but also included out of school children, so they could develop an interest and love for learning. The learning by doing method, strategically adopted in the camp, helped to resuscitate their interest in learning. The benefits of the camp were plenty; life lessons beyond the classroom, the value of playtime, appreciating nature, building confidence and leadership skills. It's pleasant to see children learn socialising skills through making new friends,

exploring their areas of expertise, learning the skill of adaptation, taking initiatives, becoming leaders on their own, experimenting and exploring creativity. Above all, we saw children laugh, play, be silly, relax and in action. The camps also focused on inculcating in children, a sense of ownership about the natural habitat, and so, to become determined advocates of a greener planet, as much as they are of child rights. The camp also incorporated local games to promote indigenous culture. The attraction of the camp at Hospet was teaching children tribal dances, and on the occasion of the camp's closing ceremony, they paid tribute to the region's heritage and culture by their performance. The tribal dance was taught by the youth volunteers and it was presented to other tuition camps by the Special CRC group. These games and activities were intended to teach children life skills and as a general leisure pursuit. As it was difficult to gather all the children together at one place, the camps were organised in different villages so that not even a single child was left out.



The details of the summer camps organised under CREAM II for the children in the various districts are as follows:

Districts	Camps	Villages	Taluku	Activities	Participants		
					Boys	Girls	Total
Bangalore	5	10	6	Martial arts, personality development, puppet show, role play, demonstrations, eye check-up, other group activities, entertainment	211	254	465
Ballari	10	10	4	Awareness programmes, cultural activities, innovative crafts, rangoli competition, tribal dance, drama, games, election and picnic	132	170	302
Bidar	8	8	3	Awareness programmes, games, cultural events and motivational class	155	306	461
Chitradurga	13	10	5	Meditation, health camp, cultural competitions, story -telling, picnic, fire and safety awareness	64	73	137
Raichur	11	16	2	Value education, essay competition, skit, drama, drawing competition, awareness classes and cultural programmes	555	548	1103
Ramanagara	12	11	4	Indoor and outdoor games, cultural events, competitions, awareness classes, leadership skills and movie	413	485	898
Kalaburagi	11	10	1	Awareness programmes, cultural activities, competitions and games	137	194	331
Mysuru	2	5	2	Awareness classes, leadership training, games, competitions, meditation and health awareness	65	71	136
Yadgir	9	9	3	Spoken English, computer classes, karate, games, awareness classes	142	138	280
Total	81	89	30		1874	2239	4113



The sparkling embers from Davangere

The results of 10th and PUC are declared. There's relief, comfort and liberty as children feels free from tension and stress. The 2019 results have brought more happiness and reasons to take pride as the children from Don Bosco Child Labour Mission (DBCLM) have come in flying colours. This year 6 children have appeared for 10th board exams and two of them to PU board exams. All of them have secured first class and above. Therefore to have their success announced to the world, Don Bosco Davangere organised a Press Meet on 6th May... [more](#)



Enhancing the youth to meet the labour force demands in the competing skill ecosystem

DB BEST Academy since its inception has been trying hard to achieve the goal of creating qualified and skilled labour force in par with the current industrial competition and demands. To fill the gap between the margins of skill and employment, there is a high demand for imparting highly designed strategies and plans in training the youth to become equipped. As said by ILO (International Labour Organization) – 'Education, vocational training and lifelong learning are central pillars of employability, employment of workers and sustainable enterprise ... [more](#)



Chalo Thinkare..! Helping children become better thinkers..!

BREADS Bangalore conducted the three days programmes titled "Training on Thinking through Philosophy for children" initiated for the teachers from various Don Bosco Institutions and schools. The training was organised in partnership with 'Chalo Thinkare Foundation' from 18th May to 20th May 2019. The eminent resource persons for the three days training were Mr. Padmanabhan and Ms. Archana Joshy from Chalo Thinkare Foundation. Thinking through philosophy is a robust and effective brain/mind development method... [more](#)



Deutsche Bank visit to DB BEST Academy on 24th May 2019

Youth and children are among the highest priorities of BREADS and had always designed, planned, articulated and implemented various programs as the key determinants of success. DB BEST Academy, Bangalore providing skill training for the youth, has organized a guest lecture for the 9th batch students on improving Interview Deutsche Bank and effectively carried out the activities. The gracious guests for the day were Mr. Rakesh Gajaria, Director GTO Operational Tax Utility Deutsche Bank India, Fr. Joy Nedumparambil... [more](#)

