



Poorna Learning Centre

Newsletter- JUNE 2017

Welcome to an exciting new year at Poorna!

With faces new and old, armed with stories about long, hot summer days, the year has begun on an energetic and fun-filled note for all of us.

This year the theme for class names is Greek letters. From youngest to oldest these are the names: Eta, Theta, Rho, Kappa, Zeta, Alpha, Epsilon, Gamma, Omega, Psi, Omicron (NIOS) and Lambda (IG).

Read on...

Open Day

A beautiful beginning to mark the start of a brimming with possibilities-this academic year began with a warm welcome to new students, parents and teachers at the Open Day.



Conversations, Art and customary offerings of seasonal fruits

World Environment Day Celebrations

On 5th June, World Environment Day the school hosted Mr. Eshwarappa from Green Bengaluru Campaign and People's Campaign for Water, Karnataka. His session and conversation with students was vibrant and in keeping with the theme for this year's Environment Day- *Connecting People to Nature.*



Naveen (a Poorna parent and a catalyst for many of the greening activities in school) and Dipika organised interactions with Mr. Kiran and Mr. Sheshadri for our students. The outdoor session was filled with enthralling anecdotes and information about the flora and fauna around the school campus. This session was followed up by a school survey of plants and trees in the Poorna campus.

Tod, Phod, Jod! - 'Making Class'

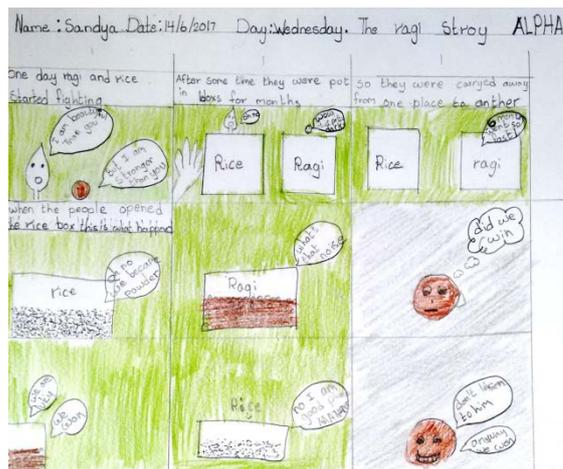


Sarvapriya Dewan (a Poorna parent) is offering 'making classes' for the Omega group. His sessions are as intriguing as they sound- *Tod, Phod, Jod*- along with the students he takes apart common toys and everyday objects (like clocks), understands their working, makes a small change and assembles the toy again, with a twist.

The Ragi Project

The students and teachers of Poorna have decided to grow, harvest and cook Ragi as part of a year long project. We are farming on about half an acre of land in Sathnur, owned by Radha. We are being supported and guided in this farming experiment by Pallavi Varma Patil (also a Poorna parent) from Azim Premji University and Laksha from Agastya.





A month into the project, there's much to share- from soil tests to actually sowing Ragi and including one Ragi dish every community lunch! So far, we've had Ragi laddoos, panjeeri and cookies.



Check the project website for regular updates: <http://theragiproject.weebly.com/>

Fun with Books

An exhibition was organised for the teachers and students by ETL books distributors into This month also saw the addition of interactive audio books to the library from ETL learning. The series is attractive and filled with interesting activities.

Yoga Day

We had a special assembly for yoga day where children presented some of the asanas they had learnt during their activity class with Madhu.



NCBS Visit



The Omega group accompanied by Sreeja visited NCBS to see and understand the working of electron microscopes. The electron microscopes opened up a whole new world for the students as they observed how to prepare samples and saw cell organelles and micrographs of insect heads.

We'd like to thank Uma (another Poorna parent!) and Dipti and Nagendra for making this visit happen.

Life Skills Sessions with Gita Salehi



Ms. Gita Salehi who conducted life skills workshops for some groups last year is working more intensively with students of Omicron and Lambda. The sessions are an introduction to Forum Theatre with the theme of 'Challenging Inequality'. They will learn to look at the world more carefully and use images to understand as well as find creative and collective solutions.