

## Other education Reports

### Sri Bhavani Higher Primary School, Mysore

Sri Bhavani Higher Primary School at Vishewar-nagar, is run by Sajjan Education Trust in Mysore. This school is being adopted by the Inner Wheel Club, Mysore Central. The school caters to the economically weaker students. About 30, 7 standard students attended the elephant education programme. The students were asked what they knew about elephant. They said that they had seen it in Dasara procession and in the Mysore zoo.

The students were told what made a mammal, the matriarchal family of the elephants. The importance of keeping their migratory corridor was explained. Important information were shared like, why there is more human – elephant conflict than ever. Why elephants raid the field on the fringes of the forests? Why do we see them as threat? How much food and water an elephant need a day, the maternal instinct and the group dynamic regarding a young one.

The students were divided into two groups and were asked to list, where and how elephant is used in our culture. The two groups listed, following which they were given the Ele-Kit. The students went through the content, wore the mask and tied Rakhi to their neighbours making a promise to learn more about Elephants. The students were asked to collect information, stories, songs etc., on elephants.

The programme would not have been possible without the help of the Headmistress M. Yashodha and the students, the President Mamatha S. Raj and Kavitha from the Inner Wheel, Mysore Central, and the Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore.



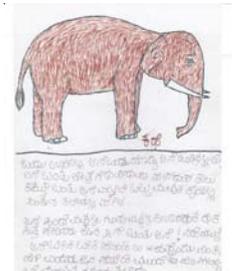
### Government Lower Primary school, Mysore

It was our third visit on 8th August, to the Govt. Lower Primary school, at Jayalakshmpuram, Mysore. There were 15 students only, as many of them had gone on a traditional alms seeking in the month of Shravan, according to the Hindu calendar. The remaining children were very enthusiastic and proudly displayed what they had done as an earlier assignment. The students had prepared a mini-drama on elephants.

The second session on Monkey Manners started off by asking the students if they had seen monkeys around their residential area and were asked to describe it. They described the colour and the features of a monkey. They said that none of them were bitten by any monkey, but it was scary to confront them when they were in their locality. The students were asked "what makes an alpha male?" "Why our smile is seen as a threat?" "Why they shouldn't feed the monkeys either at temples or when it comes to their locality." They were asked to leave them alone and respect them. Receiving educational packets, 'Mind your Monkey manners', the students went through the content, tied rakhi, wore mask and screeched like monkeys.



I thank the Headmistress Pushpa, teachers and the children of the Government Lower Primary school, Jayalakshmpuram, Mysore, the Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore for the interesting educational materials.



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