A Reason to celebrate

We have completed four glorious years in April 2016 since Kasturi Trust took over the management of Ekalavya Schools. The overall SSC results in the four Hyderabad schools clocked 96%. The dedication and commitment of the Ekalavya team added another feather in our cap. Children's Hope India (CHI) presented "Making a difference award" to our Founder, Dr. G.K Jayaram at the grand gala event organised on 9th October 2016 in New York. This award was presented to Dr. Jayaram for his accomplishments and dedication to providing quality education to children and opening new avenues for growth and success. Ekalavya School family is proud of this achievement.
It's been four years since Kasturi Trust started managing Ekalavya Schools. Its heartening to see children grow, learn and succeed. The 2015-16 batch passed SSC (10th standard) examinations with flying colours. The overall pass percentage was 96% and many students brought home laurels by getting a distinction in SSC examinations.

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Awards Galore!

It rained awards for students of the Future School at the ‘Father’s Day’ event organized by Save Indian Family (SIF) at Jawahar Bal Bhavan. 20 students from our school competed with students of many other schools in painting, essay writing, extempore speaking and singing. The Chief guests for the occasion were Justice Challa Kodandaram of High Court, Justice B. Chandra Kumar, former Judge of High Court, Mr. Kumar Jagirdhar - CRISP National President and Founder, Mr. Bhaskar (Secretary Jawahar Bal Bhavan ), Mr. Sanjay Thumma (Vah-Chef), Mr. Praveen Chand, SIF-APTS Team. It was a very proud moment for children to receive the trophy and the certificates on the occasion.

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Transformative Learning Approach (TLA)

Traditional learning delivers knowledge treating it as information. This undermines the natural curiosity of a child. TLA integrates all the subjects through concept facilitation based on the premise that learning happens naturally in an integrated manner. The various domains of the child's personality – cognitive, affective and psychomotor – are all engaged adequately through diverse learning opportunities. The teacher engages the student's mind, heart and spirit in order to facilitate a holistic and meaningful understanding of the theme under study. TLA has been integrated into all the primary classes of Ekalavya Schools.
High school students of Ekalavya School, Bangalore visited Ojus Power, a company which is in the business of manufacturing gensets, lifts & escalators. 23 students from Class IX & X accompanied by their teachers visited the plant. The students observed the complete process of manufacturing generator sets. They watched the workers bending metal sheets, punching holes in them, welding, and painting them. Children loved the industrial visit and felt it was a great learning experience.
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The word "Guru" in Sanskrit is translated as "dispeller of darkness." The Guru is known to dispel the darkness of ignorance through dissemination of knowledge. Traditionally, the seekers of knowledge express their gratitude to their guru and receive his blessings on the day of Guru Purnima and this is observed on the full moon day in the month of Ashada (July-August). This year, it was celebrated on 19th July. Children hosted cultural programmes for their teachers. This included songs, recitation of Sanskrit shlokas and skits.
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The U/14 KHO-KHO team of Ekalavya School, Fatehnagar won the second place in KHO-KHO at the 5th Hyderabad International Sports Meet championship-2016. The winning team is seen with Mr. Areefuddin, Dhronacharya awardee and coach of national badminton champion Mr. Pullela Gopichand.

Indoor and outdoor games conducted at Future School, Manikeshwari Nagar
**Teachers Diaries**

**My Reflections**
I was engrossed in my thoughts
lest the other day’s work should get disturbed
Keeping an account of what to be cleared
And how much to be!
Started open eyed at the day’s honor
And dishonor
Mused upon everything on the earth
The bills to be paid, the fame to be earned
And the love to be nourished
Said to myself
My prayers!
My spiritual exercises the last to be revised
The new to be entered in the diary
What to be fostered and what to be deleted
Remembered to share a few with my son
My dear one, apple of my eye
About my mom and my dad
Flipped a page of his desire
To have a room isolated
For him in the new home we construct
I wrote in the diary

- *Rama Devi (Social Teacher), Nandanavanam*

**A salute to soldier**
He groomed himself into warrior
He is the patriot volunteer
He guards the nation in the cold wave
As he took an oath for the country to save
The nation sleeps safely here
Because he visits violence from near
There is no one to heal his injury
Alone he screams loud in agony
His screams are unheard
His sacrifices are unnoticed
He knows his life is in peril
Still doesn’t care for his ail
In the flag his wounded body is wrapped
In the everlasting grief his family is trapped
Till the last breath courage roars in his soul
A salute he deserves from the country whole

- *Sharada Rajkumar (English Teacher), Nanadanavam*
‘Pollution’
Pollution, pollution, pollution
Where we will we find solution
We should start a revolution
To eradicate pollution
Everyone should grow trees
To make the atmosphere pollution free
Ozone layer has a big hole
Reducing it should be our goal
God gave us amazing nature
Let’s save it to make better our future
A family with daughter and son
- Bhagya, Grade IX, Ekalavya School, Nandanavanam

‘Doting Daughters’
Mostly people bother about one
No one cares about the daughter
Sons get more love from mother and father
Everyone thinks a son we should have
Daughters are treated as a slave
For some sons are geese golden
And for them daughters are big burden
Sons can be sometimes selfish
But daughter is concerned about parent’s wish
Daughters are not allowed to speak loud
Still they can make you proud
- Anji Kumar, X Grade, Ekalavya School, Nandanavanam

“EVER BLOOMING TREE”

In my shade you learn to walk
I always enjoyed your talk
My house was a place for you to play
I love to see you with mud clay

You molded me into chair and table
As you cut me for furniture suitable
You rest in my shade whenever you were weary
I tried to relax and heal your injury

I am the only solution
To clear the pollution
Life on the earth exists because of me
Guess who am I? Yes, I am the tree

I thought you are my near and dear
But you never bothered about my tear
Till now I provided you shelter
Can’t you protect me now and do a favour
- Vinod kumar X Grade, Ekalavya School, Nandanavanam
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Ekalavya schools owe their birth and continued existence to the compassion and support of many men and women with conscience, and to many philanthropic organizations dedicated to the transformation of the lives of the poor. This is work-in-progress. We fervently hope that all our friends and donors will continue to help, and we will gather new friends. As a grateful acknowledgment of their invaluable help I list below the names of each individual and organization for each of our schools:

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