

OCT 2015 NEWS

Gurukul Public School

Achievements Board

We started a Achievements board for the teachers where every Saturday they share a story or an event from their class which made them really happy or proud. This is a good place to share the stories as well as best practices among the team.

Martial Arts Training

We have also introduces Martial Arts/Taekondo classes to the children. A national level coach is training the children and the children are due to appear for the district level tournament by the end of October.

Solar plant of 2.5KW

Electricity was a constant problem at school because of which learning efficiency was getting affected. **Mihika**, the daughter of one of our supporters helped us in getting the solar plant installed at school. Its because of her that the children get uninterrupted power supply in their labs and classrooms.



School Year So far

We started the session in April with a strength of 653 students. All thanks to our supporters who have come forward to make education possible for these children. Most of our students come from the government's primary and secondary school system as these are the only school's which offer free education and these children can't afford a fee system based school. Sadly no fees at government schools in the villages also means no education. Many of the children who we had to admit in class V, VI etc because of their age did not even know the Hindi varnamala (Alphabet) forget about their English and Maths. Its an uphill battle but our entire team is committed to the journey of making it possible for our children. They may come from the poorest of families, unsafe neighbourhoods, from a society which tells them they





Work in Progress

- We are working on setting up a Multi-media centre for the children with support from Mihika
- We are adding 2 new classrooms for the children with the generous support of one of our supporters
- Indeed "a job search site" and the biggest one in its field has agreed to donate 14 laptops to the school. Its a great news for us as it will make our lab 24 computers strong :)

Challenges

Running a school for the underprivileged children specially in the rural areas has its own set of challenges but we face each and every one of them with a smile and an intent to make it work.

- The academic achievement gap in children is too big and it will take some time for us to overcome that but we will get there.
- Internet connectivity is a big issue in the rural areas.
- Parents are mostly illiterate and hence the entire responsibility of a child's education falls on the school.

are bound to fail but once they are in school they are the dreamers of their future and believers of their abilities. My biggest achievement so far has been that I have been able to put the smile back on the faces of my children. I have given them hope and confidence. Once they start believing in themselves they wont be less than anyone.

Thank You

In this first newsletter I would like to thank all my supporters and mentors for believing in me and trusting me. None of this would have been possible without your generous support for the cause. Your support has enabled the children and their families too who are very much part of the Gurukul story now. They are so thankful to each one of you for doing it for their children which they themselves weren't able to do because of their life circumstances.

I have children of landless labourers, widows, beggars, blind parents etc studying at school and it all because you believed that we together can make a difference to the lives of these kids. Thanks for giving them the life opportunities that my children deserve.

