



SHANTI BHAVAN

Visitor's Guide



Dear Visitor,

Welcome to Shanti Bhavan! We hope you enjoy our school.

We hope our visitor's guide will help you. There is a map to guide you if you want to walk around the school. We have lots of information in this guide about our school, so please explore it.

We are so glad to invite you to our precious school. Your presence will make us happy and excited. We hope you have a great time with us.

Thank you again,

Grade IV

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S.B. Fast Facts

Founder:	Dr. Abraham George
Principal:	Mrs. Lalita Law
Vice Principal:	Miss Beena Nair
Address:	Shanti Bhavan School Baliganapalli, Hosur Taluk Krishnagiri District Tamil Nadu, India
Phone No.:	(04344) 254006, 254007
Size of Land:	34 acres
No. of Buildings:	14
School Syllabus:	I.C.S.E.
School Dogs:	Penny and Peepers
No. of Staff:	21 aunties, 20 teachers and 45 facilities staff
Climate:	Sometimes cold, sometimes hot
Fruits Grown:	Oranges, guavas, coconuts, grapes, pomegranates, bananas, papaya, chicoo, jackfruit, cherries, custard apple, passionfruit, bull's heart and gooseberries
Favorite Sport:	Soccer
A Joke for You:	Once there was a man. He went to a hotel and on a board was written, "Please have a seat." Instead of sitting, he took the chair and went home.



People to Know



DR. GEORGE is our founder. He is a business man. He is a great and generous man. He helps the poor. That is why he has built Shanti Bhavan. Now he is in the newspaper, magazines and books. He wants us to grow up and have a happy life.



MRS. LAW is our Principal. She takes care of our school. Mrs. Law is a kind person. She has good manners. She works hard finding teachers and volunteers to help our school. She is a hard-working person and very busy. She helps everybody.



MISS BEENA is our Vice Principal. She is kind and helps everyone. In Mrs. Law's absence, Miss Beena takes care of the school. She is a very busy and hard-working person.



AUNTY SHANTI MARY is the Supervisor of Residential Staff. She helps the aunts in the dorms. She has respect for others and helps everybody. She is a generous person.



AUNTY SHANTI J. takes care of the Facilities Department. She knows everything about the school. She is kind and loving. She helps Mrs. Law. She has two Boxers, Penny and Peepers. Wherever you find Aunty Shanti J. you will find Penny and Peepers.



MR. DANIEL is Coordinator of Residential Life. He helps everybody. He also helps in the office. He teaches math and science. He is a kind and hard-working man.



Schedule



Wake-up: 6:45 to 7:00 am

Brush Teeth: 7:00 to 7:15 am

Dress: 7:15 to 7:30 am

Exercise: 7:30 to 7:45 am

Breakfast: 8:00 to 8:20 am

Classes: 8:30 to 10:45 am

Snacks: 10:45 to 11:05 am

Assembly: 11:05 to 11:20 am

Classes: 11:20 am to 12:50 pm

Lunch: 12:50 to 1:15 pm

Classes: 1:20 to 3:15 pm

Afternoon Tea: 3:35 to 4:00 pm

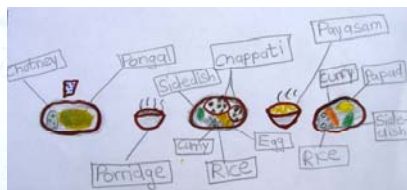
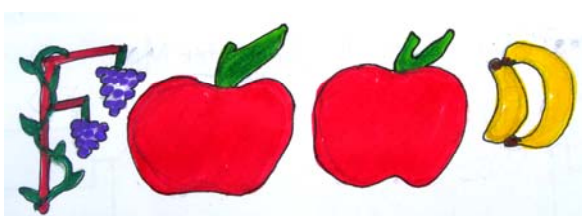
Games: 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Baths: 5:30 to 6:00 pm

Prep/Individual: 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Dinner: 7:30 to 8:00 pm

Bedtime stories: 8:15 to 8:30 pm



Breakfast	snacks	Lunch	Snacks	Dinner
Pongal and Chutney	Porridge	RICE Chappati Egg-Curry Sidesh	Payasam	Rice Curry Papad Sidesh

We eat food to get energy to become healthy. We eat nutritious food here at Shanti Bhavan. We get the most delicious food. In Shanti Bhavan the food we get is a balanced diet. We have a menu for every day. Have a ragiball with us!

SPORTS

We play many games in Shanti Bhavan like soccer, throwball, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and free games on weekends. We play games after school hours.



We play games to become strong, wise and healthy. We enjoy playing different games because it helps us to know different fields in sports. Sports help us to relax, have fun and also learn team spirit. They teach us cooperation and help us to know each other.

Festivals And

At Shanti Bhavan, we celebrate many different holidays and festivals. On these days we have school programs, competitions, games, special meals and sweets, watch movies, and have fun. Here are some of the holidays we like the most:

Ayudha Pooja
Children's Day
Christmas
Diwali
Easter
Gandhi Jayanthi
Independence Day

Mother's Day
Onam
Pongal
Id-ul-Fitr
Republic Day
School Day
Teacher's Day

Holidays

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AUNTY ARUNA, House Mother

Q: How do you feel about the school?

A: Shanti Bhavan is a good place to stay.

Q: Do you think the food is spicy?

A: No.

Q: How do you feel about Dr. George's work?

A: He is working very hard.

Q: Do you enjoy the days in Shanti Bhavan?

A: Sometimes angry, sometimes happy.

Q: What do you want to say to the children of Shanti Bhavan?

A: Study hard.

RAGHUL, Grade 4

Q: How do you feel about the school?

A: I feel the school is a peaceful place.

Q: Do you think the food is spicy?

A: I think it's a little bit spicy but nice to eat.

Q: How do you feel about Dr. George's work?

A: He's helping poor people a lot.

Q: Do you enjoy the days in Shanti Bhavan?

A: Yes, I love the beauty each day.

Q: What are you going to return to Shanti Bhavan?

A: I am going to give half of the money I earn.

INTERVIEWS

BHUVANESHWARI, Grade 3

Q: How do you feel about the school?

A: I feel happy about the school.

Q: Do you think the food is spicy?

A: Sometimes the food is spicy.

Q: How do you feel about Dr. George's work?

A: I feel proud of his work.

Q: Do you enjoy the days in Shanti Bhavan?

A: I enjoy the days in Shanti Bhavan but when it rains, I feel bored.

Q: What will you return to Shanti Bhavan?

A: I'm going to work for The George Foundation and donate money.

MR. DANIEL, Teacher

Q: How do you feel about the school?

A: This is a very unique place. Nowhere in the world can you find a place like this.

Q: Do you think the food is spicy?

A: No.

Q: How do you feel about Dr. George's work?

A: Dr. George is doing an extraordinary work.

Q: Do you enjoy the days in Shanti Bhavan?

A: Yes.

Q: What do you want to say to the children of Shanti Bhavan?

A: Make use of the opportunities.

STUDENT WORK



Maria Sneha, Grade 1

Children like to laugh,
Instead of draw a graph.
They like to run and play,
Instead of sit and pay,
Attention to the teacher;
Whose many features,
Kids can't quite comprehend.

They too were once kids,
And liked to romp around,
And laugh, have fun, and play.

But, "Now," they say,
"We have grown mature,
And can't stand,
The nonsense of kids."
This is quite shocking,
Like the pieces of an
interlocking,
Jigsaw puzzle.

Why, oh why,
Can't adults at least try,
To be fun,
And not prim like a nun?



Karthikeyan, Grade 1



Soundariya, Grade 2

If I Had a Tail

I would be happy to have a tail because I can climb a tree and eat the fruits. If I have to carry three baskets, I will carry two in my hands and one with my tail.

-Amarnath, Grade 2



Kindergarten Class Mural

Mummy's Smile

My mummy cut the huge chocolate cake and the smile on her face was so beautiful. I thought it was the best thing I had ever seen. Her eyes twinkled with joy. Her face sparkled with happiness. She looked so pretty, I thought I'd met an angel. I will never forget this wonderful moment.

-Papitha, Grade 5

Staff

God, Creator of the Universe, help us remember that you are present in each one of us.

May we respect each other, and be tolerant of our differences. May we be good and caring towards each other. May the teachings of all the great world religions direct our thoughts and actions.

Grant that we may be spiritual in our interactions, and zealous in our work and play. Help us discover different ways to serve our fellow humanity.

Guide us to discover the treasure hidden in each one of us, and to uphold what is right, cherish what is beautiful and revere what is divine.

As we journey through each day of our lives, give us the grace to accept whatever you have in store for us. Be with us in our joy and our sorrow.

Help us to build Shanti Bhavan into a haven of peace, and let this peace touch the lives of all we meet. We salute the divine in each other.

Namaste.

The word "Prayer" is written in a large, green, cursive font on a white background. The letters are slightly irregular and have a soft, hand-drawn appearance. The word is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

School Song

This is a precious moment
We've only just begun
There's a long, long way to go
Before our day is done

We cannot see tomorrow
Yesterday is but a dream
Today's what really matters
We want to dream our dream

I might be a movie star
I might be President
A dancer, or a gymnast
Or a world champion

Children of Shanti Bhavan
We have a chance to share
To be someone, do something
We are glad you are there

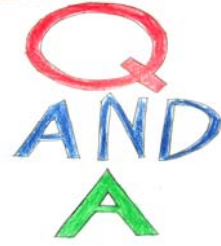
If you would just stay with us
Through all the years to come
You will see us blossom bright
Like flowers in the sun

I can be what I must be
Because people like you
Will always believe in me
We hope you share our dream too

I might be an astronaut
I might be a physician
An artist or a designer
Or a great musician

Children of Shanti Bhavan
We have a chance to share
To be someone, do something
We are glad you are there

*Music/Arrangement by Dr. Maya Mascarenhas
Lyrics by Mrs. Lalita Law*



Q: How many children go to school here?

A: 216 children

Q: When did Shanti Bhavan start?

A: May 1, 1997

Q: Why did Dr. George build this school?

A: He wanted to help India to get rid of poverty and make India a better place. He wants us to become great people and help our families and Shanti Bhavan.

Q: Why don't the students wear uniforms?

A: Dr. George wanted us to feel at home and comfortable at Shanti Bhavan. He did not want us to think that Shanti Bhavan is just a boarding school.

Q: What activities do students do at Shanti Bhavan?

A: We have piano, art, dance and sports.

Q: Which students have stayed at Shanti Bhavan for the longest time?

A: The 9th and 10th graders have been at Shanti Bhavan since the school first opened. The 9th and 10th graders came to the school at the same time.

Q: How were you picked for Shanti Bhavan?

A: Parents bring their children for screening. If the child is poor, and the right age, and can do the school work of Shanti Bhavan, then she or he might be chosen for the school.

Q: What are the fees for Shanti Bhavan?

A: There is no fee for Shanti Bhavan because Dr. George gives us everything free.

Q: Do the students behave well?

A: The students usually behave very well but sometimes we are a little naughty.

Q: How many grades are there?

A: There are twelve grades, including pre-school and kindergarten. In the next academic year, the tenth-graders will be going to eleventh standard.

History

Shanti Bhavan was opened in 1997 with 48 children. Mrs. Law, Uncle Jude and Uncle Frank helped Dr. George start this school. Aunty Ruth, Aunty Shanti Mary, Aunty Nancy and others were there. Mrs. Law was the only teacher.

In the beginning at Shanti Bhavan, only one dorm was built. The school looked very plain. Only animals and shepherds were nearby. There were lots of snakes and scorpions.

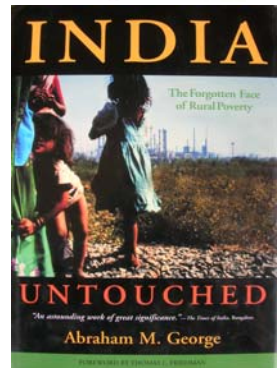
Later Dr. George built other dormitories, the school building and the dining hall. New people like our teachers and aunts started coming.

The mission of Shanti Bhavan was to give an excellent education to children from very poor families. Today in Shanti Bhavan there are 216 children and the original pre-school and kindergarten children are now in 9th and 10th grades.

Want To Help?

Are you interested in helping our institution? If you are ready and willing to help Shanti Bhavan, please tell people about our school and Dr. George's work. You can also volunteer yourself to us.

To learn more about Shanti Bhavan, you can read Dr. George's book, *India Untouched*. You can find this book in our school library.



SCHOOL

EMBLEM

Our school emblem is a child skipping rope. Dr. George was the one who designed the emblem and he chose it because it was a child, like us, and because skipping rope is a happy game.

This guide was planned, written and illustrated by the friendly, fearless, fantastic, fourth-graders of Shanti Bhavan, 2007-2008.

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