

## Our First Science Exhibition

On February 28, there was a Science Exhibition held in Shanti Bhavan. Every child



in the higher grades created a model or chart for the exhibition. The best model

with a reasonable explanation would get the prize that awaited them. The judges were Carrie, Jacques, and Rishab, our volunteers. Let's see the views of two people about the Science Exhibition.

"This Science Exhibition has helped me to use my brains and assemble parts of a machine which may help in later life. I also had to study the

model carefully and research it to present to the judges. This made me learn more about my exhibit and I gained more knowledge about electronic devices and instruments", explains Prashanth of 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

"While searching for a model for the

Science Exhibition, I learned about many other models. This widened the horizon of my knowledge. Though I haven't won, I believe that I have learnt more by participating", says Maheshwari, who had made a model of the heart.

Prem Prasad from category 'A', and Karthika Annamalai and Lilly Mary Thomas Sagayanathan of category 'B' all won prizes for their models.

**Nivya Savithri, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**



## What Role Do You Play, God?

When an intricately winged bird can't fly  
When a desirous man can't see the sky.

When one's hurt for another's sins,  
When evil laughingly wins.

When an innocent man cries,  
When a baby dies,

When the world seems awful,  
When true love ends tearful...

When each cries, "Lord!",  
What role do you play God?

**Sindhu Manimala Muniswami,  
9 grade**



**Harshitha, Preschool**



**Where children are not,  
Heaven is not.**

Dear Friends,

We are proud to present our third online newsletter. We would like to thank our staff and volunteers for their support. We hope that you will enjoy reading about us and our school.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Dr. Mathew George, father of our founder. We had a special ceremony in his honour. The choir sang hymns and we said special prayers for the George family.

We wish you a great Summer in the Northern Hemisphere and a great Winter in the Southern Hemisphere.

**The Editors**

# Volunteers of the Season



The Lamberts' last day at Shanti Bhavan

Mr. Gary Lambert is a humble and intelligent person, who taught us English. He introduced us to characters we never knew and poems and stories we didn't know existed. He helped us put up the play 'Julius Caesar'. We always envied his talent for humor. We loved to see him laugh along with us and share our happiness.

Mrs. Peggy Lambert was a magical angel. Her singing was like that of a nightingale in paradise. She was an inspirational teacher to the aspiring piano students. Additionally, she helped refine the Shanti Bhavan choir's voices. At assemblies she introduced us to great musicians and their music.

However, the time came to say goodbye. We didn't really want to but all good things end and we had to bid them farewell. Everyone shed tears of sorrow and gratitude. They maybe anywhere in the world but we will have their memories and love with us. They will always have our prayers with them. "We'll never forget you."

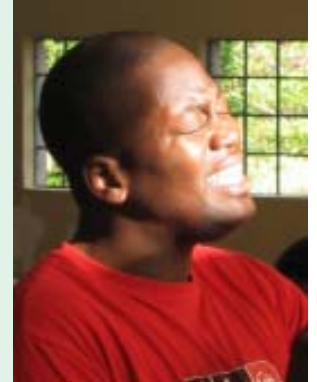
**Stella Mary Sijon , 9th Grade**



Rishab is from Mumbai. He is generous and helpful in all fields. All the children love talking to him because he's kind and flexible.



Jacques, our Canadian volunteer for the last three months, has gone out of his way to help us. He loves photography and he has taken many photos of us with our respective classes. Our class photos have been framed and mounted on the walls of the school building. Jacques is very humble, informative, kind and very humorous.



Mary-Mitchell and Tituss Burgess, both of Broadway fame, rocked Shanti Bhavan with their magical music and beautiful singing.



Carrie volunteered for five months. She comes from Washington. She teaches English to the younger kids. Her ability to enthrall the children with story telling makes her very popular.



Our volunteer from England, Justin, stayed with us for a month. He helped teach, sort books in the library and played games with us on the field.



Each of our volunteers is very wonderful in their own special way. **Jancy P. Vincent, Gr 7**

## A Trip to Velankanni Tech Park

Sponsored by Mr. Kiran Shah  
Laughter in the air Ha! Ha! Ha!  
Children all smiling  
Happily on a merry-go-round.  
Food was yummy, Oh! Yes!  
Children relished, made no mess.  
Then, it was time to go  
Back to school, Oh No!  
Buses filled with snores.  
And peaceful, with no bores.

Vijay Gopi ,5th grade



## A Day to Remember

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March the atmosphere of Shanti Bhavan was transported back to the Shakespearean era. When the lights went out and the stars shone bright, Shakespeare’s literary masterpiece came alive in the open theater of the school.

The ninth graders enacted the play, Julius Caesar. This lengthy play, which tells



the story of the rise and fall of a conspiracy, was put together and staged with

great success.

The show was lead by Vijay and Rajni starring Brutus and Caesar respectively. Additionally Mark Antony was

played by Pushpa. The rest of the ninth graders filled the other important roles. This play was not only an entertainment for the juniors but also fulfilled the purpose of helping them understand this great literary piece.

Our beloved and most enthusiastic volunteer, Prof. Gary Lambert taught the seniors this play. He made this historical play a story which will forever remain in the minds of the audience.

Receiving rounds of applause from the audience, the actors fascinated everyone by proving their talents and skills. In the history of Shanti Bhavan, this day remains a day to be remembered by all.



Ranjini Pushpa,9th grade

*“This was the noblest Roman of them all. His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say to all the world, ‘This was a man’.”*

## Shanti Bhavan Camps at Pegasus

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2006 the students of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, accompanied with six staff members went for a three-day camp to Pegasus, an institution for outbound learning, situated on the outskirts of Bangalore City. Once returning to Shanti Bhavan, their experience at Pegasus filled every nook and cranny of the school for several weeks. The wonderful stories of their experience helped bring Pegasus alive to those who didn’t visit the institute. And this is how a few students described their marvelous experience at Pegasus.

“We really enjoyed traveling in a train. We were amazed at the view of Pegasus surrounded by hills” said Ramesh of eighth grade recalling his first sight of the institute.

“The staff members warmly welcomed us and we quickly felt at home. After lunch we were taught the Human Web game and we enjoyed participating in it,” said Brinda and Karthick of seventh grade. “We played many games like Save the World, Trust Walk, Dynamic Delivery and so on. We enjoyed dancing around the fire in the evening after dinner”, said Saritha of eighth grade. “The next two days we spent learning rappelling and fast track construction. The main intention of every game was to instill new skills in us”, says Meena of sixth grade. “All too soon it was time to leave Pegasus and we were really sad. Many of us cried because we didn’t want to leave Pegasus. However, we returned with memories of Pegasus deep in our hearts”, said Nickil of sixth grade.

Carmel Shilpa Antony,  
8th Grade

# From the Arena of Sports and Games

## Inter House Competition

It's time for the match between Red House and Blue House. The air is filled with excitement and anticipation. Both teams are getting ready for the basketball match. The little champions are nervous. The whistle is blown. The game has begun. The champs are playing real hard, with a focus on shooting hoops. The cheers are so strong. After a long and hard struggle the dreaded whistle is blown. Both teams are happy that the match is a draw, leaving the field satisfied with their efforts.

**Catherine Gnana Prakash, 6th grade**



## One Day Cricket Match

It was a bright Sunday morning. The students and the staff of The George Foundation were awaiting the much anticipated cricket match, between the Shanti Bhavan staff and the Baldev farm staff. A silence took over the audience as the game began. Shanti Bhavan batted first with a strong performance of 98 for 5 in 15 overs. Though a tough score to match, Baldev was anxious to show its strength. Their score was 96 for 6, as Mr.Gopal bowled the last out for Shanti Bhavan. The audience erupted with cheers. Shanti Bhavan staff had won the game!



**Prathiba Byanna, 6th grade**

## Sports Day

Sports Day was held on February 1, 2007. There were three guests of honor, Aunty Shanti, Aunty Nancy and Mrs. Ruth. There were various races such as slow cycling, 800m sprint and the 400m relay. The younger kids participated in races within their age group. The overall championship was awarded to the Purple House.



**Praveen Kumar Khosmas, 7th grade**

## Sad to leave my grade



I'm sad to leave second grade. I do not want to leave my teacher. I want to learn some more things. I love to be here for another year, because I'll have fun with my teacher. But I like to go to third grade so that I can learn new things to help me when I grow up.

**Hannah Mercy, 2nd grade**

## Tillany Museum and Baldev Farms of The George Foundation



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# The Terror Hype

What is the latest fad or at least the coolest thing today? A palmtop, a computer game, a diamond pen, or a ballroom robot? I would not be surprised if a kid walked up to me and his array of toys included a B22 bomber, a machine gun, tank or an array of hi-tech spy weapons. Where are we heading? Of late, children around the world are being attracted to "dangerous entertainments." They enjoy shooting down enemies on video games, love to watch 'action movies', and a plastic gun to add to the entertainment. What kind of entertainment is this, when children are brought up with no respect for life?

This kind of entertainment is becoming fashionable. It may not be surprising to see a child behave violently, for a child is easily fascinated by action movies, fighting, and killing, especially in today's world.

Our teachers were born in a time when, they say, it was relatively peaceful and an occasional murder was discussed in detail. We are unfortunately born into a generation where war and terror is an everyday affair, but I'm glad that I'm not born into a generation where a difference can't be made. This everyday killing is becoming meaningless to the young generation. Every death is just another death, according to many of them.

Terror- a word that has now evolved in the daily vocabulary of children around the world. The environment has rendered it impossible for them to recognize the seriousness of terror. Children are slowly getting used to the idea of war as a fun game in real life. Aiming and hitting a target on a computer game only prompts them to feel that terror is fun. We spend millions of dollars each year in designing computer generated games - all for money. We aren't really concerned about its effects on children. There is an increasing number of toy guns, war ships, battle sets, and many other 'terror-related toys'. A child today probably prefers 'war toys' to games like chess

or checkers. Terror is not an issue to be underestimated. Where has the value of life gone? The increasing number of human deaths only makes us accustomed, and to expect more deaths.

We can stop terror: only if we accept the value of life and bring up young minds the old way through innocent play. Innocent play will not only be a brain-boosting technique, but also give children a taste of peace before they begin to experience this terror-filled world.



Rajini Murugesan, 9th Grade

## Career-de-scope

I wish to be an astronaut and visit space someday. An astronaut, Dr. Sandra Magnus who visited our school in 2004 inspired me. I will go up there and come back with something interesting and unique to tell the world.



Gowtham Reddy, 8th grade



When I grow up I want to become a philanthropist. I will start schools in Afghanistan and Africa to help the poor. I got inspired by Dr. George who gave me the opportunity to come up in life. I want to give the same opportunity to other poor children around the world.

Catherine, 6th grade

My aim is to become a singer and a pianist and I want to join Broadway. Titus, a singer, and Mary Mitchell, a pianist, both inspired me.



Brinda, 7th grade.



I'm aspiring to grow up to be a particle physicist because by becoming a particle physicist many phenomena of nature and the universe can be explained. My goal in life is to make a lot of money and help people around the world. I can achieve my goal through hard work and perseverance.

Anith Kumar Jeevan, 9th grade.

## Exam Fever

The day all children were dreading came on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2007: the day of final examinations! I could feel everyone becoming tense at the thought of them. "I was very tense during the exam week. Now I feel that I am free of tension. But I feel I could have done better," says Kishori, of sixth grade.

"I didn't really feel tense because we have done many exams since sixth grade; but it was quite difficult. Having finished my exams, I realize all my mistakes. I didn't do well according to my expectations," says Kavitha of eighth grade with a trace of a smile.

**Brinda, 7th Grade**

## Water

Without water we cannot survive. We use water for many things. People die without water. Sometimes water can be harmful. There can be floods. Homes can be destroyed. People drink dirty water. There can be heavy rain. People lose their homes. People get diseases and they become sick. Water is precious, and harmful.



**Yesashwini, 2 grade**

## "Pole Bar's Snoman"



Once there was a pole bar and it was playing with snobol. Then he did not no wot to do. He thot and thot and he made a snoman.

*(This is the first composition by a five-year-old. -The Editors )*

**-Kali Eswar, Kindergarten**

## Pongal Celebrations

Pongal is a harvest festival of India. It is celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. It is celebrated for 5 days: Pongal, Bogi Pongal, Mattu Pongal, Kanum Pongal, and Thirvaluvar's Day. On Pongal people white-wash their houses, exchange gifts, go to temples and make sweet pongal(a treat). The people worship Lord Surya(sun). On Mattu (cow) Pongal they wash cows, paint their horns and have bullfights. Schools and colleges are closed and people have fun. The farmers harvest their crops. It is a special day for them. In Rajasthan and Gujarat, they fly kites.

**Thangaraj, 5th grade**

**"Dream of a world, only your heart can build  
Act with courage and love, and never ask why."  
Dr.Abraham M.George**

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