

A NEW SCHOOL IS BORN



Situated in the Luz area of Mylapore, a new school has taken shape under the name of Mrs. Y.G.P. School, launched by Mrs. Madhuvanathi Arun, the granddaughter of Mrs. Y.G.P., the great educationist of the Padma Seshadri fame, in the august presence of Dr. Abdul Kalam on 1st of December, 2005.

This school was started by Mrs. Madhuvanathi Arun to celebrate her grandmother's contribution to the field of education. For decades Mrs. Y.G.P.'s name has been synonymous with quality education. This school embodies the quest for excellence and dynamism of Mrs. Y.G.P.

This school is a Global school, with a global approach, aiming at providing education that can be seamlessly integrated with international systems. Educational methodology around the world is evolving into a dynamic system of activity oriented teaching and participative learning. This is reflected in the systems adopted by Mrs. Y.G.P. School.

Specific Learning Stations have replaced the classrooms in this school with the students moving from one learning station to the other thus making their learning environment more active and varied. This method is a

progressive shift from the current methods that are sedentary and monotonous.

In keeping with the international approach, Mrs. Y.G.P. School has entered into an understanding with Edward Richardson Primary School (awarded the International School Award by the British Council) in the U.K. The partnership is designed for mutual enrichment through an active exchange in the areas of syllabus, teaching methodologies, teacher and student interactions between the two schools as well as exchange programs starting this academic year.

Mrs. Y.G.P. School boasts of being the only primary school in Chennai with an interactive touch screen board which is used by the teacher to reinforce whatever has been learnt by the children in the other learning stations. This is a part of the Interactive Computer Technology that we in this school believe in. The school has an indoor gym where children get to exercise and flex their muscles in the company of Tarzan, Spiderman and Popeye who adorn the walls of the gym. Proper fitness inputs are given to the children by a Reebok ACE trained fitness consultant.

The building which houses the school is steeped in history as celebrities such as Vivekananda and Bharatiyar are supposed to have stayed here very often during the Freedom Struggle days.

Madhuvanathi Arun, our correspondent, is a dynamic young visionary. A brilliant PSBB alumnus she has also served as a teacher and a nursery section Co-coordinator in the very same school. A graduate in Visual communication Madhuvanathi preferred to do her masters in education since it is there in her blood. She has had the distinction of co-authoring a book on "environmental sciences" brought out by Manoj Prakashan and this book is currently being used by the primary section teachers in most of the reputed schools. She has had the privilege of visiting about 20 schools in U.K. and U.S.A and making a comparative study of the teaching methodologies. She has also held several

workshops where she has lectured on usage of innovative methodologies of teaching by using mime, theatre and creative art. Madhu is a resident of Alwarpet.

Mrs. Bharathi Nairpally our Head Teacher, a resident of Mylapore, is an M.A., M.Ed. with a teaching experience of about 30 years in the primary section. Having taught in a reputed school such as Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Senior Secondary School for 28 years, handling those, tender children, one could not have thought of a better person to head Mrs. Y.G.P. School. Mrs. Bharathi has been deputed from P.S.B.B. as the Head Teacher of Mrs. Y.G.P. School.

Having earned for herself the reputation of being an efficient, dedicated and effective teacher, Mrs. Bharathi has always been known to approach anything conventional and routine like from a new angle which includes usage of creative drama, dance and mime to make lessons interesting.

She has been the recipient of THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS SOUTH EAST VOCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR THE YEAR 2001-2002, THE NIIT AWARD FOR THE BEST TEACHER and THE JAYCEES AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING TEACHER. The school thus believes in providing value based education by giving a good grounding in Indian Culture and ethos as well as balanced global perspective.