



Annual Report 2017-18



Kalkeri
Sangeet
Vidyalaya





Introduction

Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya empowers, supports and encourages children from socially marginalised and economically disadvantaged backgrounds to realise their full potential and attain a better life. This is done through an intensive and comprehensive educational program and through the performing arts which are undertaken in a peaceful rural residential setting.

In such an atmosphere, the children learn many social skills, receive a nutritious diet and adequate healthcare services. Care, love and compassion are fundamental elements of the whole process.

Founded in November 2002, the school is located in a peaceful valley near the city of Dharwad. In this setting, the children enjoy the tranquillity necessary for their academic studies, music practice and many other cultural activities.

This year, KSV welcomed 243 students from 6 to 25 years old. Students are supported from 1st standard until the completion of their studies

2017-2018 Students

Primary school students - **145**

Secondary school students - **44**

Higher education students - **54**

Girls - **51 %**

Boys - **49 %**



The Managing Committee

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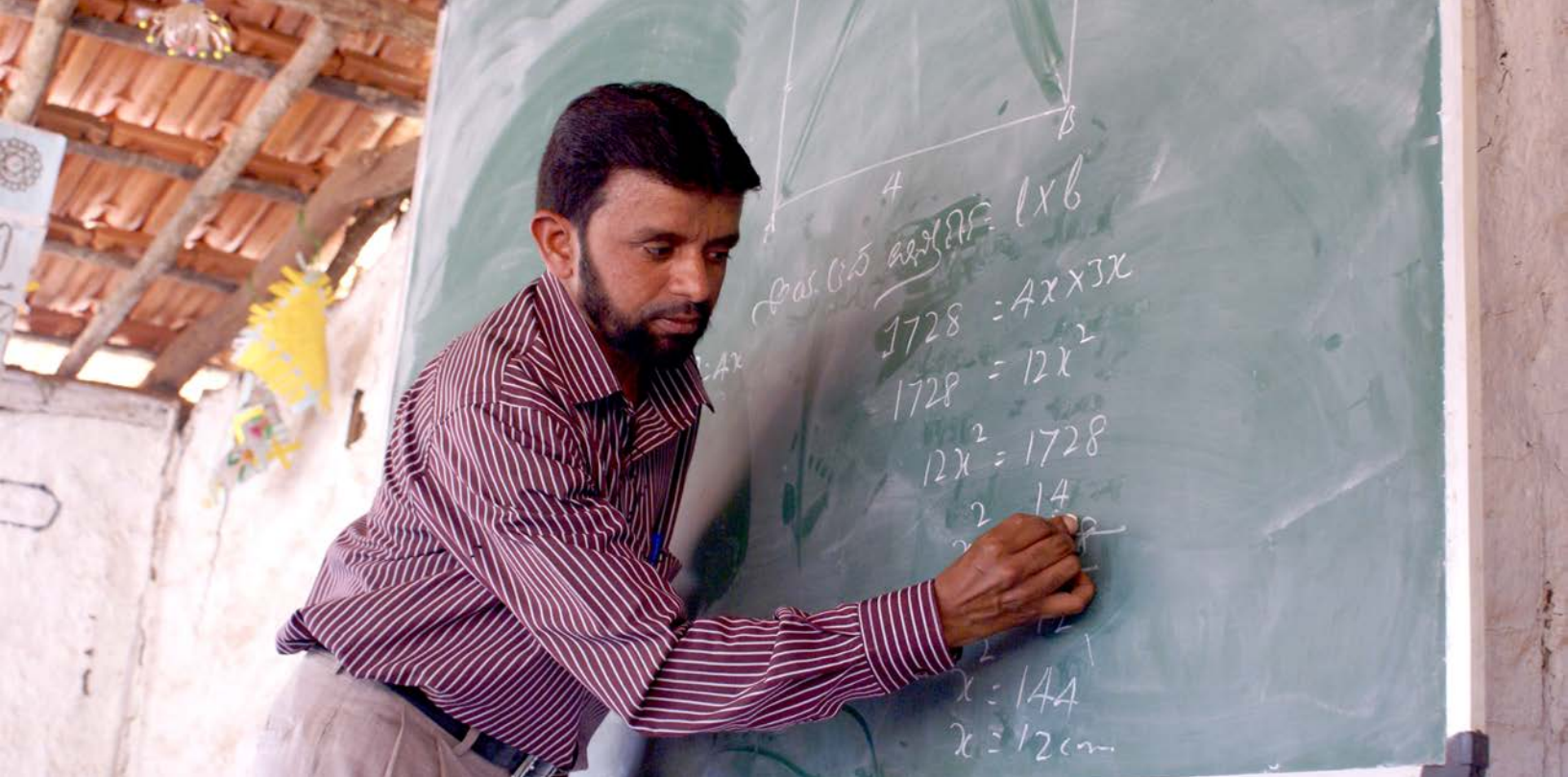
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Members of Staff

The KSV family is a multidisciplinary team of dedicated and enthusiastic individuals from various backgrounds. They are fully qualified and experienced professionals creating a motivated and dynamic team of mentors for the students.

KSV employs 73 members of staff and two long-term interns (2-year internships) across its Academic, Performing Arts, Student Welfare, Administration, Kitchen and Maintenance departments. 60 employees are full time and 13 are part time. Excluding the School Director and two interns, the entire workforce have been recruited locally and all staff members are based on campus at Kalkeri.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Director: Adam Woodward

General Manager: Yashwant Shindhe

Accounts Officer: Kavita Hiremath

Human Resources Executive: Santosh Pujar

Human Resources Executive: Suprita H.S.

Volunteer Coordinator: Améthyse Ouedraogo

Sponsorship Coordinator: Sarah Tavernier

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Security Guard: Anand Waddar

Security Guard: Fakkirappa Pagoji

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

Director of Academic Studies:
Sudharm Basapur

Teachers:

1st Standard: Bhimray Jadennavar
2nd Standard: Marimbanu Adhoni
3rd Standard: Jeejabai Koldar
4th Standard A: Fakkiramma Dandin
4th Standard B: Basavaraj Khajagunatti
5th Standard: Santosh Hiremath
Mathematics: M.B.Shaikh
Mathematics: Ningappa Badiger
Science: Rajashekharayya.S.Kalagi
Social Sciences: Mohamedali.S.Wallikar
Kannada: Vimala Patil
Hindi: Nalina Badiger
English: Varun Naik
Library: Girja. N. Pujar
Sports: Sunil Goravanakolla

ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT

Teachers:

General: Rekha G. Baledamath
General: Nanda Pagoji
Craft: Roopa Holehonnurmamath
Vocal: Shruti Khan
Vocal: Sahana Tamhankar
Vocal: Anita

PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

Director of Performing Arts:
Veeranna Pattar

Teachers:

Vocal: Vasanti Mutugoor
Vocal: Manjunath Bhajantri
Sitar: Mohasin Khan
Sitar: Noorjahan. A. Nadaf
Violin: Chinmay Namannavar
Tabla: A.L.Desai
Tabla: Prasad Madiwalar
Tabla: Nagabhushan Guddadamath
Dance: Vijeta Vernekar
Drama: Veeranna Pattar



STUDENT WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Anand Walikar
Ashwini Walikar
Basavaraj Doddamani
Bhagya Mudakannavar
Geeta Gouda
Kumar Patrot
Manjunath Olekar
Ningappa Talawar
Pakkiramma Pagoji
Pushpa Goravanakolla
Santosh I Kalaghatagi
Seeranahalli Banashankari
Shruti.Kamatar
Sunanda Pujer
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Suvarna Hadagar
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KITCHEN DEPARTMENT

Head Cook: Laxmi Pagoji

Assistants:

Gangavva Javalli
Mahadevi Goudar
Renavva Mummigatti
Sarita Naikar
Savitri Goudar

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Supervisor: Arjun Bangadi
Foreman: Dharmraj Walikar

Team

Bagubhai Kokare
Bommu Toravatt
Hanumant Walikar
Hanumavva Mummigatti
Jannabai Toravatt
Mahadev Javalli
Maruti Naikar
Premavva Mummigatti
Ravi Vaddar
Sahu Kokare
Tammanna Naikar
Vittu Lambore



Academic Department





Primary and Secondary Education

KSV's Academic Department's primary aim is to implement a truly child-centred education that caters to different and varied learning styles which allows each and every child to learn at their own pace. To achieve this, teachers undergo constant training sessions to learn about alternative approaches. They are also encouraged to use new technologies in the classroom such as computers, tablets and projectors.

Various teaching methods are employed in the classroom such as Reciprocal Method, Group Work and Peer-to-Peer teaching. Teachers also have access to various teaching aids such as flash cards, charts, counting-beads, number cards, cards of different shapes, currency, blocks, puzzle games and activity books.



2017-2018 Students

Standard	Age Range (yrs)	Boys	Girls	Total
1st	6-7	4	7	11
2nd	7-8	8	10	18
3rd	8-9	10	14	24
4th	9-10	14	14	28
5th	10-11	11	12	23
6th	11-12	14	7	21
7th	12-13	6	14	20
8th	13-14	5	6	11
9th	14-15	10	9	19
10th	15-16	6	8	14
Higher Education	16-25	30	24	54
Total		118	125	243



The subjects taught in Lower Primary (1st to 4th Standard) are Kannada, English, Mathematics, Environmental Science, Art, Storytelling and Games. In Upper Primary to Higher Secondary (5th to 10th Standard) the subjects are Kannada, English, Hindi, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Computer Studies, Arts and Sports.

Class hours per student per week

1st-4th

Kannada - 4
English - 4
Maths - 5
Environmental Science - 5
Story Telling - 2
Games - 2
Art - 2

5th-10th

Kannada - 3
English - 3
Hindi - 3
Maths - 4
Science - 4
Social Science - 3
Computer Studies - 1
Art - 1
Sport - 2





Higher Education



54 students are now perusing their higher education studies

- 36 students are in PUC College
- 12 students are in an Under-Graduate degree programmes
- 2 students are in Post-Graduate degree programmes
- 4 students are in vocational training courses

College Students & Parents Meeting

Each month we hold a College Student's Meeting with the students that we continue to support for their higher education, and then each semester we hold one of the meetings along with their parents. This is a great opportunity for us to all get-together, share information, reflect upon performance and progress, and to chalk out a vision for the up-and-coming academic year.





Alumni

This year, three students completed their Masters in Music. One of them working as a Music Teacher in Alvas Moodbidire College, one is learning Sitar in Mangalore and another one is working as a Music Lecturer in Karnataka University Dharwad.





Academic Examinations

- 100% of the 8th, 9th & 10th Standard students passed their annual internal academic exams with an average pass rate of 67%.
- There are no traditional exams for the 1st to 7th standard students, they undergo continuous evaluation throughout the year.
- The 10th Standard examination results were announced in May 2018. All of the fourteen students passed their Secondary School Leaving Certificate exams, thereby maintaining the 100% pass-rate.
- The average pass mark was 78% and Netra Khangavi came top of the class with 92%.
- All of the students, except one, from the 10th Standard were admitted in PU Colleges.
- 100% of students finishing college continued their education by starting an undergraduate degree.
- 100% of undergraduates finishing their bachelors continued their studies either starting a new bachelor's degree or starting a Masters or Government job coaching classes.

Academic Regular Activities



- **Weekly - Green Time**

Every Saturday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.30pm the students take part in “Green Time”. The intention behind this is to ensure the students become more aware regarding the environment. Activities include: gardening, recycling, natural cosmetics, art from recycled materials, herbarium, mud sculptures, etc

- **Throughout the Year - House Competitions**

This year, it was the second year of the “House System”. Six houses were created and named after Hindustani classical sangeet gharanas (families/houses): Agra, Gwalior, Kirana, Jaipur, Patiala & Rampur. Each child is allocated a house, and houses are balanced according to age, gender and families. Throughout the year there are various competitions where the children take part and represent their houses. The winners are credited with house points.

The House System is linked to the discipline system. Any child going beyond what is normally expected of them may be awarded a star. Any child with serious misbehaviour may be awarded a stripe. At the end of the year stars, stripes and house points are tallied to see who wins the house shield.



The competitions that the children take part in that are related to the house system are as follows:

- o Olympic Games – Winners - Patiala
- o Debate Competition – Winners - Rampur
- o Green Time Competition – Winners - Agra

Kirana House were the winners of the House Shield.

The house system creates a supportive environment, generates a sense of unity, promotes healthy competition, encourages cooperation within the houses, endorses good behaviour, upholds a sense of pride and loyalty, helps older and younger students to mix, supports new students to integrate and develop a sense of belonging, creates a sense of history within the school, and places an element of the discipline management in the hands of the students



Prathiba Karangi - Inter-School Competitions

Prathiba Karangi is an annual inter-school competition. There are five levels from the Cluster Level, fourteen local schools, right up to the National Level. The students take part in a variety of events such as speeches in various languages, story-telling, mono-acting, clay modelling, music, dance, a quiz, poetry, fancy dress and much more. The students compete in two categories, Primary School and Secondary School.

At the first level, the Cluster Level, in primary and secondary, we entered for a total of fifty-two events and came away with twenty-eight 1st places, twelve 2nd places, and six 3rd places; those that achieved the 1st place advanced to the next round.

At the second level, the Sub-District Level, the students achieved five 1st places, two 2nd places, and five 3rd places.

Inter-School Sports Competitions

The inter-school sports competition is another annual event. This event has five levels of competition, from the Cluster level, fourteen local schools, right up to the National Level. All those students achieving a first place will advance to the next level.

At the Cluster Level, the girl's Kabaddi team achieved the first place, as did Tejashwini Bulbule - 200m, Deepa Patiyal - Shotput, Kiran Badiger - Long Jump, Vaishnavi Jadhav - Long Jump & Triple Jump.

At the next level, the Zonal Level, Vaishnav Jadhav again achieved a 1st Place in the Long Jump & Triple Jump. Last year, Vaishnavi went all the way up to the State Level in Long Jump. The Girl's Kabaddi Team also achieved a 1st Place at the Zonal Level and progressed to Sub-District Level.

At the Sub-District Level both Vaishnavi and the Girl's Kabaddi Team achieved a well-earned 2nd place.

Debate Competition and Quiz

As a part of our annual House Competitions, we held a debate competition for the older students and a quiz for the younger ones.

For the debate there were three topics:

1. Do we need to have mobile phones
2. Should we call teachers Sir & Madam, or use more familiar terms such as Uncle & Aunty
3. Do we need to have nuclear weapons

We have six houses, so there were two houses debating for or against one of the topics and they were graded by their teachers. At the end of the day, Rampur came first, Jaipur second and Patiala third.

For the younger ones, the quiz was to test their knowledge about the school and its history. Jaipur came in first place, Gwalior second, and Rampur third.

For both the debate and the quiz the house that came first was awarded five stars, the second place was awarded three stars and third place one star. These stars will count towards their house total which will be counted at the end of the year and the house with the highest score will win the House Shield. Last year it was won by Gwalior.

The 10th Std End of Year Trip

As is the case each year, once the 10th standard finishes their final exams they go for a short trip. This year they had the wonderful opportunity to spend a couple of days on a private beach which was the perfect place for them to unwind and relax after all the weeks and months of study, revision, and exams.



Academic Extra Activities



Art Workshop with Aissel

We were very happy to welcome a group from Aissel Technologies, one of our local funding partners, who came to conduct an art workshop with the 6th & 7th standard students. All the students had great fun making art with the guys from Aissel.

Natural Soap-Making Workshop

Several members from our team of hostel caretakers had the opportunity to take part in a natural soap-making workshop conducted by Sachin Desai from Syamantak's University of Life - School without Walls.

During the next semester, those that attended the workshop will pass on the knowledge to the children during workshops that will be held as a part of our regular Saturday "Green Time" activities, and we will then start to make our own natural soap.

Pratham Books - One Day, One Story

As a part of One Day, One Story, an event organised by Pratham Books to celebrate International Literacy Day, a group of students adapted a short play from this year's chosen book, Kottavi Raja and his Sleepy Kingdom. Needless to say, everyone had fun!

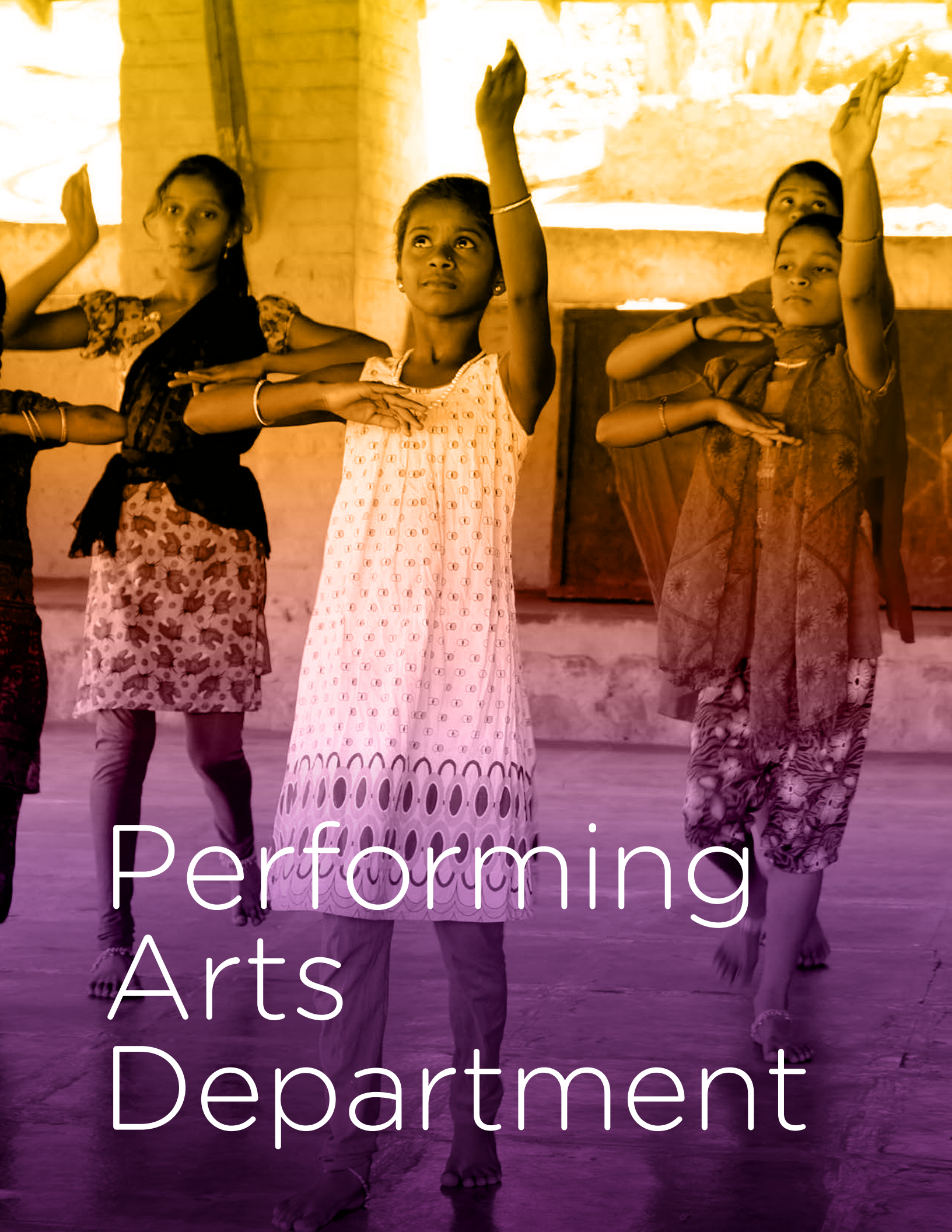


World Geography Month

January was “World Geography Month” at KSV. The intention behind this was to improve the children’s knowledge regarding general world geography. There were many activities organised from spending time in the evenings in the hostels discovering the world map, watching documentaries, taking part in geography-related club activities and holding quizzes.

The learning outcomes went right from the basics whereby the 1st standard children now have a good grasp on the world’s continents, oceans and can identify India, New Delhi, Karnataka, Bangalore and Kalkeri on the map, to the older students who can now identify many of the capital cities around the world, understand latitude & longitude, and have a good grasp regarding the world climatic zones and the primary economic activity of the main countries around the world.





Performing
Arts
Department

The most unique element of KSV is the level of intensity spent on the performing arts by children at the primary and secondary level. Students spend one hour every morning, five days a week practicing their chosen art. Performing arts classes then run from 8.30 am to 11.30 am five days a week. Students are divided into two groups:

Elementary Classes (1st to 4th Standard) and Regular Classes (5th to 10th). Elementary classes provide a broad and varied schedule of activities over the course of four years. Children are given an introduction to Hindustani classical music (vocal), introduction to dance (folk & Kathak), and this is combined with activity-based learning, education through games, arts & crafts and sports & games.

For the students from the 5th to 10th standards the full three hours is dedicated to performing arts classes; most students take two options choosing between: vocal, tabla, sitar, violin, bansuri, Kathak dance and drama.

Performing Arts

Standard	Subject	Tuition per week (hours)
1st-4th	Elementary Classes	15
5th-10th	Student's choice: music, dance and drama	15

Performing Arts Examinations

Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Music & Dance Exams

- KSV entered **45** students for the exams
- **100%** of students passed with an average pass rate of **74%**.

KSV Internal Music/Dance/Drama exam

- **85** students were entered for this exam.
- **100%** of them passed with average pass mark of **84%**





Performing Arts Regular Activities

Manch Pradharsan

This year, we launched a new feature within the Performing Arts Department; each week on a Friday morning we reserve two hours for a Manch Pradarshan program, a literal translation into English being, Floor Show.

The first hour is for the students from one of the classes to present what they have been learning over the course of the previous weeks and months; the students are encouraged to perform individually. The remaining time is given over to their Guru Ji who performs in front of their students and the audience. The audience consists of the senior students and performing arts staff. These sessions are empowering for the students as they have the opportunity to showcase the outcome of all their hard work and effort, and their Guru's performances are inspiring for the students which serves to further motivate them onwards in their musical journey.

Performing Arts Extra Activities



Recital by Pandit Ajay Jha & Dr.Uday Kulkarni

We had the immense pleasure to welcome Pandit Ajay Jha, a Mohan Veena artist from Delhi, and the senior most disciple of Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt.

Pandit Ji took some time to visit the classes and interact with the students before treating us to a wonderful recital. He was accompanied for his recital on tabla by our good friend Dr. Uday Kulkarni.

Nitin Shirale at KSV

It was a great pleasure for us to welcome Nitin Shirale, a Kathak and Odissi dancer based in Aurangabad, and a disciple of Smt. Parwati Dutta.

Throughout the year, Nitin visited us on two occasions. He spent time with the dance students; there were both classes during the day and in the evenings, and we were treated to a lecture-demonstration session from Nitin on his last day.

We will continue to work with Nitin over the course the next few months and beyond in order to develop and complete the syllabus. We are very grateful for Nitin's involvement as he is already quite busy teaching, performing and he also runs a dance school for orphans in Aurangabad. Many thanks, Nitin Ji!





Gulam Hasan Khan at KSV

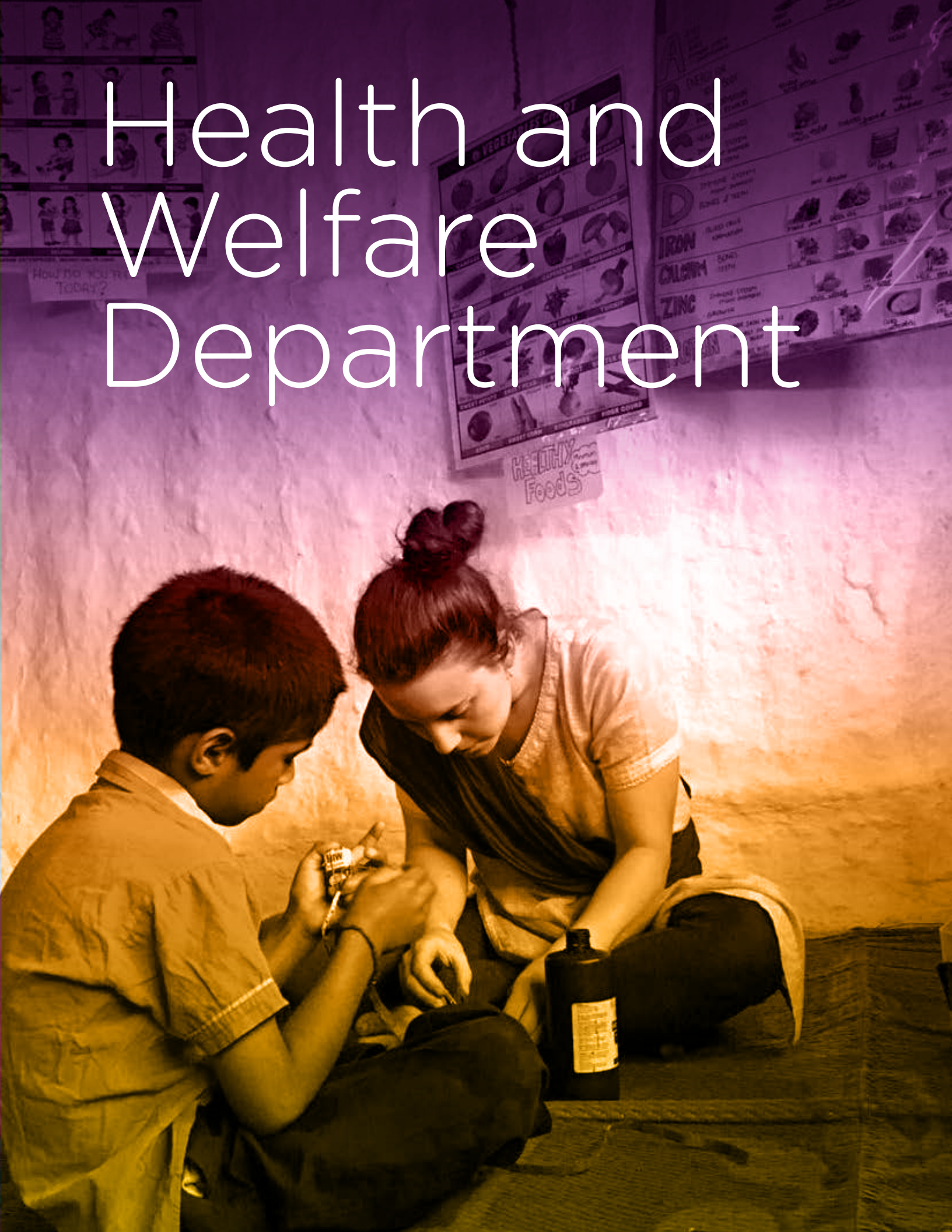
It was a great pleasure for us to welcome Shri Gulam Hasan Khan from Delhi who belongs to the Rampur – Sahaswan Gharana. He started to learn music from the age of three from his father Ustad Ghulam Abbas Khan and is now learning from his grandfather Padmashri Ustad Ghulam Sadiq Khan.

There was a tour of the campus followed by a vocal recital by Gulam Ji. He also spoke to the KSV students regarding the importance of riyaz (practice).

Nrutyotsava

August 2018 - Some of our dance students had the wonderful opportunity to participate in “Nrutyotsava”, a Kathak and Bharatanatyam dance program held in Dharwad that was organised by our own Kathak dance teacher, Vijeta Vernekar.

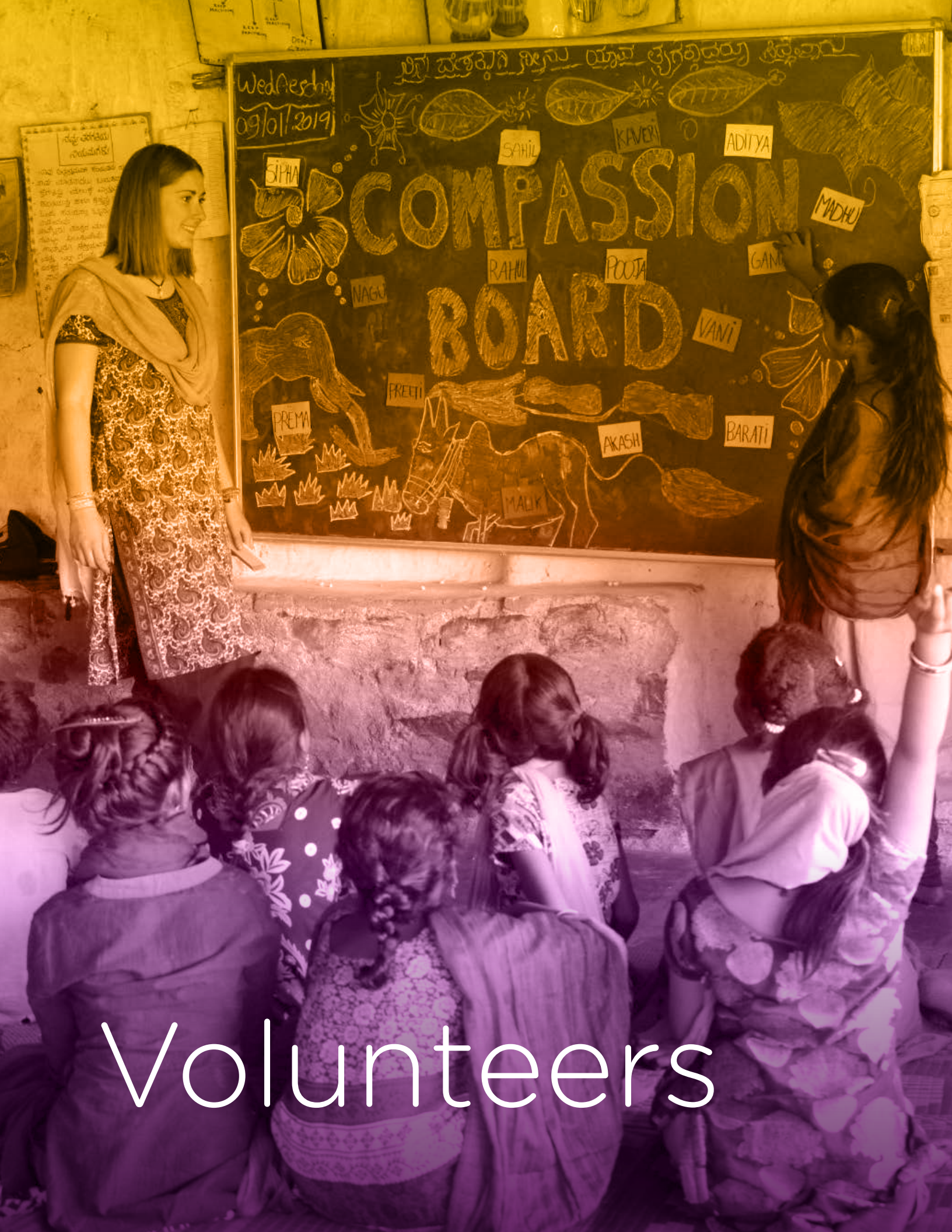
Health and Welfare Department





As a residential school, the health and welfare of the children is paramount. Three nutritious home-cooked South Indian vegetarian meals are provided every day. The kitchen staff caters for over 300 people, including students, staff and volunteers. KSV runs a small infirmary on campus, 'the Bobo House', managed by volunteer healthcare professionals. This facility is sufficient to deal with basic medical needs of the children, staff and volunteers but for more serious health issues, members of staff or volunteers escort children to one of the local hospitals in Dharwad, several of which KSV has a relationship with that entitles the school to free or reduced cost treatment and medicines.

Every week, all the students receive vitamin and iron supplements to prevent anaemia and other health problems.



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Volunteers



This year KSV welcomed forty-three volunteers coming from UK, Canada, Germany, France, India, Ukraine and Venezuela. Four former volunteers came back for the 2nd, 3rd or 4th time including two families visiting our school with their young children. All of them came to KSV to share their time, knowledge and energy with the children. Their involvement gives the children the opportunity to learn about cultural differences and allows them to understand the world from a broader point of view. All the volunteers are chosen to fulfil tasks based upon their qualifications, experience and capabilities.



Nurse Internship

Again this year, KSV was delighted to receive two students nurse from the Faculty of Nursing Science of Laval University, Quebec City, as well as two students in psychology from the Faculty of Psychology of the same university for a nine-week internship



Fundraising



Sponsorship

KSV runs a successful Child Sponsorship Programme which is the school's most sustainable and reliable source of funding. The target is for each child to have two sponsors. More than 360 sponsors are actively involved with the KSV students. Last academic year (May 2017-April 2018) KSV recruited 41 new sponsors and maintained a low attrition rate of 4%. The sponsorship programme makes up more than 60% of the school's total funds.

Sponsors come from many different nationalities: Canadians, Indians, French, German, English, Australian, Belgian, Spanish, American, Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Swedish and Swiss. KSV wholeheartedly thanks all of the sponsors who are supporting the students, it means a great deal. More than a financial contribution, the students have greatly benefited from the communication and engagement with their individual sponsors.

Partner Organizations

- Jeunes musiciens du monde
- Congrégation de Notre-Dame
- Namaste Association
- Asha for Education
- Development Sans Frontieres DSF / GINKGO
- Deshpande Foundation
- ICDE India
- La Delegation Catholique pour la Cooperation
- KSV Forderverion

The KSV Pillars

This year the following individuals gave their support to KSV by making recurring donations as part of the Pillars Program:

- Azim F Pradhan
- Chandrika Cassoil
- Subhash and Sarita Gatonde
- Sampurna Sonowal

Milk in the Morning - Many thanks Veena!

Thanks to the generous support of Veena Joshi from Pune, our younger students are now drinking a glass of milk each morning. It's a great way to start the day and can only aid their growth and development. A massive thank you to Veena!

New Televisions in the Hostels

Thanks to a most generous donation of 1,00,000 INR from Smt.Prabha Sirur and Smt.Lalita Kumata from Dharwad we were able to purchase five new televisions for the hostels.

We have eight hostels on campus, four for girls and four for boys, and we previously only had three televisions. The addition of five new televisions now sees each hostel with their own TV.



At KSV we have documentary sessions on two evenings a week and the children then have the opportunity to watch a Kannada film on Saturday evenings and then an English language film on Sunday evenings.

Global Business School & LEAD Students from Hubli Raise Funds for KSV

We were once again humbled and grateful when we received a call from the Global Business School and LEAD in Hubli who informed us that their students had been raising funds for KSV.

Some of our students attended a program in Hubli, gave a short performance and received a donation for the school of slightly more than 50,000 INR!

All of the KSV Family are extremely grateful for the effort made by the students of both the Global Business School and LEAD in raising these funds for the KSV students. Many thanks from all the KSV Family.

A Myriad of Donations from France

We were extremely happy to welcome back two of our ex-volunteers, Batak & Chloe, this time along with their young one-year-old son Anand, for a visit to KSV. It has been around three years since they were last here, and prior to that, they had volunteered at the school for several years in a row, usually spending around six months a time with us.

Before coming for their one-month visit they had raised some funds back in France from their family and friends; a total of 1,500 Euros! They used these funds to purchase locally a myriad of donations-in-kind such as:

- Supplies for the art class
- Library books
- Tools for the maintenance team
- Lots of games for the hostel Games Boxes
- Equipment for the Bobo House
- Blankets
- Equipment for the Performing Arts Department

All the KSV Family are extremely grateful to Batak, Chloe, Anand, and everyone who contributed towards these valuable donations. Many thanks from all the KSV Family.



A Concert with The Tribe in Goa

In January, a group of students had the opportunity to perform in Goa. About two years ago we welcomed two musicians-cum- travellers-cum-film-makers to KSV. Sylvain and Mathieu, from India on Bullet, were on the start of an amazing journey travelling from India to France by motorcycle, on iconic Indian Royal Enfields, and on this journey they stopped in various countries on-route where they recorded local traditional music, usually sung and played by children, and KSV was the first stop on this musical odyssey, A Musical Journey on the Silk Route.

Since completing their trip they have created an audio CD and also a documentary; it was at a screening of this documentary at The Tribe in Agonda, South Goa where our students had the program, and the main item on the line-up was the same song that was recorded back in 2016 with Sylvain and Mathieu, Guru Hamare Dhan Daulat Hain.

The children had a wonderful few days in South Goa, the program was a great success, they also gave a workshop in one of the local schools, and of course, there was a little time to discover the beach and the sea



Special Visits and Highlights



Throughout the Year - Celebrating festivals

Throughout the year several religious festivals, national holidays and other important days such as: Independence Day, Ganesh Chaturthi, Republic Day, Raksha Bandan, Naga Panchmi, Ramzan, Holi, Gandhi Jayanti & Children's Day and Teacher's Day were celebrated at KSV by the students, staff and volunteers

Asha for Education Visit

It was a pleasure for us to welcome Bhavana from the Boston Chapter of Asha for Education who, accompanied by her sister, visited the campus earlier in the month. We had previously applied for financial support from Asha for Education and this visit was a part of their due diligence process. We have since received the wonderful news that Asha for Education will financially support us with a grant for this academic year. We are looking forward to working more closely with Asha for Education in the coming years.

Bhavana is also one of our child sponsors; she sponsors Shivkanya in the 3rd Standard. She has expressed an interest to sponsor a second child and she plans to recruit more child sponsors from the US.

Anybody residing in the US who is interested in becoming a child sponsor can now route their contributions through Asha for Education. Donations will be in US Dollars, so fully tax-deductible in the USA under Section 501(c)(3).

Shri Jairam Ramesh visits KSV

We had the great pleasure of welcoming Shri Jairam Ramesh, MP of Rajya Sabha for Karnataka, Dr.H.Sudarshan Secretary of the Karuna Trust, and Dr. Harish Hande CEO of Selco on a visit to the KSV campus.

Shri Jairam Ramesh greatly appreciated the efforts of all the KSV Family, the talent of the children and has pledged his support for the future.

A Program at Kalabhavan - Dharwad

A group of our students represented KSV when they attended a program in Dharwad organised by Baala Vikas Academy. Karnataka's Chief Minister, Shri Siddaramaiah was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the program. There were many other ministers and dignitaries present.





LEAD Camp Visit

We had a visit from a group of students who were taking part in a ten-day leadership camp organised by LEAD - LEaders Accelerating Development.

We had a speaker session with the students so they could get to know KSV and better understand our model. They had a tour of the campus and then got involved by helping us to repair our paths ready for the monsoon rains before finishing the day off with a music program by the KSV students.

Staff Training

The children have six weeks of holidays and the staff has four weeks. The last two weeks of the holidays were reserved for a staff training week and then a preparation week. Last week, the staff took part in various training sessions. There was a collective training regarding our discipline policy and positive methods to manage child behaviour. After that, and for the remainder of the week, the staff had training sessions by department.

The teaching staff, both academic and performing arts, had training sessions in writing learning outcomes, lesson planning, remedial teaching, and assessment methods.

The wardens had training sessions for daily organization, communication, child safety and improving hostel conditions.

There was also a training session for the volunteers in inter-cultural understanding and general sessions regarding the volunteers' tasks.

Picnic at the Bamboo Forest

To conclude the training week we went for a picnic in the "Bamboo Forest", a small bamboo grove in the forest about three kilometers from the school.

The staff, volunteers and a few of the senior students who were in campus walked to the bamboo forest where we spent valuable time together relaxing and playing a few games. The staff were very keen to introduce some of the volunteers to Kabadi.

Our car arrived with a special lunch that was prepared by our kitchen team at the school. We all enjoyed eating out in the forest before having a leisurely walk back.

Children's Day

On the 14th November Children's Day is celebrated across India in order increase awareness of the rights, care, and education of children.

At KSV on Children's Day, there are of course no classes and we organise a dynamic and interesting day for the children.

In the morning, the older boys stayed at the school where they had a mini cricket tournament whilst the remainder of the school took a walk to the Bamboo Forest where there were various activities and games.

The boys then joined us and we all enjoyed a picnic lunch in the forest.

Teacher's Day

On the 5th September, we celebrated Teacher's Day. The 5th September is the birth anniversary of Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a well-known diplomat, scholar, the President of India and above all, a teacher. Dr.Radhakrishnan was India's first vice president and second president. Since 1962, the year he became president, India has commemorated his birth anniversary by paying tribute to its teachers and gurus on this day.

We had a morning of activities and games that were organised by the 10th standard students. The academic & performing arts teachers, wardens, and volunteers were organised into teams and took part in various games.





Visit from IIM - Bangalore

In November, we received a visit from a group of senior students from the Indian Institute of Management - Bangalore. The visit to KSV was a part of a rural immersion module of their course - Post Graduate Programme in Public Policy Management.

They spent the morning with us where they had a speaker-session to be introduced to, and better understand, the KSV model, a tour of the campus, a Q&A session before rounding off the visit with a short music and dance program from the KSV students.

Visit from IIT - Bombay

The day after the IIM visit we received a visit from a group of students and faculty from the India Institute of Technology - Bombay. The students were primarily M.Tech students and the format for their visit was more-or-less the same as the previous day except for the fact that they spent a little more time with us. They had lunch with us and took time to interact with the students.

Once again, it was a successful day. The visitors were able to better understand a social enterprise model and were inspired by KSV's work. We made positive links with another prestigious institution and forged personal connections for future opportunities for recruiting volunteers, sponsors and instigating other interesting projects.



Pandit Ravi Kudalgi's Punyatithi

On the 13th December, we celebrated the life of Pandit Ravi Kudalgi on the occasion of the third anniversary of his death. Pandit Ravi Kudalgi, affectionately known as “Ravi Sir” was the first music teacher at KSV and the first individual from the local Dharwad music community to at such an early stage in the journey of the school, have faith and belief in the vision of the founders. Without his support and conviction, KSV would not be what it is today. Ravi Sir was, for thirteen years, the Senior Tabla Guru at KSV and took it upon himself to pass on his immense knowledge to several young boys hailing from local families facing socio-economic challenges.

Those young boys who were fortunate enough to cross paths with Ravi Sir all those years ago, are today testament to his dedication to music, the tabla, and his disciples, as they them-

selves are now aspiring young and talented musicians either in their final years of university studying music, or having just graduated from University with flying colours, and with a promising and bright future ahead of them.

Ravi Sir was always one to have a smile on his face, and indeed brought light, as well as rhythm, into the lives of everyone he touched.

New Year's Eve at KSV

We brought 2017 to a close with an informal and intimate gathering of the KSV Family. We gathered in the Yogashala and several of the KSV students gave performances throughout the evening and into the New Year. There were music performances, dance, performances, and mono-acting. Nearly everyone managed to stay awake to see in the New Year.

The Olympics

Each January we hold the KSV Olympic Games; this is one of the annual house competitions. At KSV the children are divided into six houses: Agra, Gwalior, Jaipur, Kirana, Patiala, and Rampur. For the Olympics games, the children compete amongst their houses.



The Olympics are organised by the volunteers and the children compete in various events such as several running events, long-jump, triple-jump, high-jump, shot-put, and there are also assorted other events for the younger children.

The main event was the mini-marathon whereby several of the children and volunteers ran from one of the nearby villages, Kayarkopp, back to the school, a total distance of 8km. For the last leg of the mini-marathon, the students proudly ran back to the school with the Olympic torch to kick-start the games.

LEAD Prayana at KSV

In January, we welcomed two batches of visitors from the LEAD Prayana. LEAD Prayana is an annual leadership journey for youth aged 18-26 with the aim to unleash leadership potential.

The first batch of forty students stayed overnight at KSV, and the second batch of one-hundred-and-forty students came for a morning visit. Both batches engaged in a speaker session with KSV's Director, Adam Woodward, before having a tour of the campus. The Prayanis also took time out for some community work and to spend a little interacting with the KSV students.



The Circus at KSV - Project Holi

February was the month when the circus came to town! We were fortunate to welcome Project Holi a contemporary travelling nine-member circus. Project Holi spent 1 month in India and visited 3 organizations where they organised projects and workshops.

They spent 1 week at KSV where they organised a series of workshops with the children, gave several performances and there was always a strong focus on improvisation within music and movement.

Abhar Utsav

Throughout the second semester, we have been reinforcing the “Attitude of Gratitude”. This culminated with the celebration of our very own “Abhar Utsav” (Festival of Gratitude).

All the children had the opportunity to design postcards expressing gratitude. There was then a selection carried out whereby the senior students, staff, and volunteers selected their top six postcards. Aggregate marking was then carried out and the final top six postcards were selected.

The students, staff, and volunteers had the opportunity to write and send these cards expressing gratitude to those people who have supported and cared for them.

Prize Giving

It was then time for prize giving; there were prizes in the academic and music departments for Top of Class and Most Improved. Prizes were awarded by the hostel wardens for the Best Leader and the Most Helpful. There were also several prizes distributed to the children from all the competitions that they had taken part in over the last year. Finally, the House Shields were awarded; Rampur won the shield for the Debate Competition, Patiala won the shield for the Olympics and the 2017-18 House Shield was won by Kirana.

Presenting KSV - A New Short Film

We recently spent some time creating a new short film that gives a brief overview of the school. You can view the film on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Many thanks to one of the volunteers, Carlota, for the filming and editing, and many thanks to one of our very good friends, Yogini, for the professional voice-over.







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