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UDHBHAVAHA

Savi Nenapugalu

2021 - 2022

A PEEK INTO 2021-22

This year was one of hope... Hope that we will get over the storm that descended on the world in the form of Covid. It was with this hope that we began our academic year. The year passed by with few ups and downs, uncertainties of lockdown, joys of getting back together physically in the campus, eagerness of catching up with the pace of the year and the community growing stronger.

Highlights of the pandemic year...

1. A year of 3-Jun-2021, we began the academic year with the Government imposed lockdown, few weekly touch-points, staying in touch with the subject and motivating each other.
2. Sep-2021, we resumed our regular 5-day rhythm at Udhbhavaha. It was a joy for children, parents and teachers to get back into action in the physical space.
3. The different tracks of Aarogya, Aesthetics and Academics resumed with full vigor.
4. Ayurveda was introduced as a new subject for older children.
5. Udhbhavaha Responsibility Groups – Parents and teachers together formed about 6 responsibility groups to take on the various responsibilities here and ensure smooth functioning which included administrative activities, academic research, cultural strengthening, fund raising, exploring small scale business and outreach programs.

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6. Children participated in the Paddy sowing and entire life cycle activities of the Paddy planting at Gauribidanur
7. Gopura group (10 to 13 year olds) visited the Western Ghats for a stream tracing activity and enjoyed the adventures that came along with it.
8. Children visited the Sawan Durbar Ashram in Uttarahalli Road and experienced the natural jaggery-making process there.
9. Manthan, our monthly parents meet, brought in thought provoking discussions around modernity and its influence on education and our life, the essence of community and the thought process required to be part of a community, the role of academics in one's life.

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10. We had about 5 Parichaya events this year where we introduced and walked through Udhbhavaha to outsiders, few of them who have now become part of the community as a parent or teacher
11. Prof. C.K. Raju, a renowned Mathematician and educationist voraciously talks about the Western influence on the approach to Math and Sciences and raises glaring anomalies in the school/ college textbooks. We were fortunate enough to have him address our community and others as he spoke about this subject. Link to youtube video - (["EUCLIDEAN" GEOMETRY OR RAJJU GANITA? By Professor C.K RAJU- DAY 1](#))
12. Teachers were part of a Chinthan workshop Saarthak Jeevan in Mussoorie, hosted by Sri Pawanji of SIDH where topics surrounding modernity and aestheticism were reflected upon and discussed.



Jaggery Making @ Sawan Durbar Ashrama



Manthan



Chintan Workshop @ SIDH, Mussorie



Paddy Sowing
@ Marali Mannige Farm



Festivals this year...

1. A small puja was done in Udhbhavaha by the younger children on the occasion of Varamahalakshmi puja
2. Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated with abhisheka to Krishna followed by Tottilu Seve. Different versions of Mosaru Madike (Dahi Handi) games were also part of the celebrations.
3. Children of Udhbhavaha made Ganesha Murtis out of clay which were installed during the Ganesha Chaturti celebrations. After the puja, the Murtis were carried out in procession and were immersed in our Holi Pond.
4. Parents and Teachers of our community came together to chant all the 18 Adhyayas of Bhagawad gita as part of Gita Jayanthi and offered it to Sri KS Narayanacharya. We also went to a nearby Srinivasa Temple and children offered the Adhyayas they have learnt to the deity.

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5. We had Saraswati Puja and Lakshmi Pooje for Dasara and Deepawali celebrations respectively as part of Kala Sandhya.
6. Sankranthi Habba, the annual community festival of Udhbhavaha was celebrated with great zest amidst growing uncertainties of Covid lockdown. The harvest festival at Gauribidanur had rashi puja, gau puja and surya arghya. Children and teachers added a step to the harvest song 'Suggi kala higgi bandhiitu' around heaps of harvest. We also had a folk music performance by an artist.
7. On the occasion of Maha Shivarathri, we performed a simple puja at our campus and later visited a nearby Shiva Temple, where children chanted Shlokas and sang Bhajans they had learnt.

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8. Holi celebrations started with all of us coming together and preparing natural colors using Haldi, Kumkum and Beetroot. We played with natural colors and the celebrations continued in our Holi Pond. Just before sunset we prepared the idol of Kamanna, took it out in a procession and lit fire to it. Celebrations ended with a Fire Walk for teachers and parents.
9. We went to the Ramohalli Rama Temple to celebrate Rama Navami. Children of Gopura-4 offered their learning to Rama by chanting Moola Sankshepa Ramayana(Complete Ramayana in 100 shlokas) which in a way was also the Pareeksha of their learning conducted by our Sanskrit Teacher Harish Anna.

FESTIVALS AT UDHBHAHAHA



Janamastmi



Shivratri Pooja



Saraswati and
Laxmi Pooja



Varamahalakshmi Pooja



FESTIVALS AT UDHBHAVAHA



Kamannana dahana



Water holi!



Can you walk on Fire?

FESTIVALS AT UDHBHAVAHA



Gombe



Ganesha Habba



Ganesha Visarjan



Gita Jayanti



SANKRANTI



Welcome to
Udhbhavaha's Sankranti celebrations



Janapada geete
Folk songs performed by a local troupe



Raashi pooje
Offering our gratitude for a bountiful harvest



Kumbaarike
A potter demonstrating his skills and wares



Pongal-o-pongali
Celebrating the boiling over of sweet rice porridge



Bisi bisi oota
Guests enjoy a sumptuous meal

Growing Family

1. In the year 2021-22, Udhbhavaha grew to 45 children and 33 families
2. Archana Akka joined us as a teacher of the Sthamba group (6 to 8 year olds). Born and brought up in Santekasalagere, a village in Mandya district, she has a Masters degree in History and Kannada, and prior to that, she has completed B.Ed. When you meet Archana akka, she may come across as a simple and unassuming person, but in reality she is a bundle of surprises! She is a repertory of folk art - she sings beautifully, can teach the traditional “kolaata” and is adept at spinning the “bugri”. The news in Udhbhavaha is that every day, we get to learn something new from Archana akka!
3. Likhita Akka entered into a new phase of her life with her marriage to Sri Santosh.
4. Two of our families welcomed a little one in their lives. Khushi was blessed with a baby brother and Sinchana too welcomed her little brother.



Likhita akka's wedding reception

Unfortunately..

- 1.It was the most unhappy day for Udhbhavaha when we lost one of our dear parent Pallavi Akka, mother of Manasvi and Saanchi, and wife of Raghunandan anna. She will always be fondly remembered for her beautiful smile, ever-supportive nature and contagious enthusiasm
- 2.Prof. K.S Narayanacharya, a great scholar and philosopher of our times. He will forever remain amongst us in the form of his innumerable books that are now an integral part of our life at Udhbhavaha. His thoughts, lectures, writings will continue to inspire us. We were humbled by the participation of his family, friends and well-wishers for the Nudi-Namana program organized by Udhbhavaha
- 3.In an unfortunate natural disaster, we lost Gurudeva, our youngest calf, as it succumbed to the stings of thousands of hornets. After this incident, some of the teachers visited Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha and met Swamigalu Sri Vishwaprasanna, the current head of Udupi Pejavara Mutt. A contribution of Rs.30,000 was made from the Udhbhavaha community towards the goshala run by the Mutt in Neelavara, near Udupi.



Nudi Namana
In fond remembrance of Prof K S Narayanacharya



Visit to Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha

Fund raising..

Parents and teachers came together in the fund raising activity with each one doing their best.

Teachers participated in storytelling sessions for schools and groups in Coimbatore and US. Parents extended their skills in supporting fund raising by conducting various workshops like Dreamcatcher making, wood-work and Painting. Parenting workshop - Dhrishti was conducted in an apartment in RR Nagar to raise awareness. CSRs, HNIs and other people in society came forward to support our initiative.


Thus concluded our 6th academic year. With this strong foundation, as we step into another year of growth and learning, we would like to thank all our teachers, parents, mentors and donors for their continued support.

FUNDRAISING



DREAM CATCHER WORKSHOP

BY BHAVYA DIWAKAR



The beautiful feathers and distinguished patterns of the dream catchers spreads a calm and pleasant aura in your home.

Come join us in learning this beautiful artifact that not only adds to the aesthetic vibe of your room but also has a significant meaning

When: Dec 4, 11 am - 1 pm **Age:** 14+

Fee: ₹400 (Material Included) **Venue:** Udhbhavaha, near Kengeri Upnagara, Bangalore

To book a slot whatsapp on +91 99456 91337



Clay Workshop

Clay Modelling is a therapeutic activity that involves working with the 3 senses (touch, sight and smell) and has multiple benefits in kids

- It promotes creativity
- Develops eye-hand co-ordination
- Builds confidence
- Improves fine motor skills
- Develops concentration and sitting tolerance



Join us to make your own piggy bank with natural clay!


When: Dec 11, 11 am - 1 pm **Age:** 10+

Fee: ₹400 (Material Included) **Venue:** Udhbhavaha, near Kengeri Upnagara, Bangalore

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Woodworking workshop



Vasantha Summer Camp

MAY 4 - MAY 15
9AM-4PM
Udhbhavaha, Bengaluru
Registration Open!

It's time for Chill Summer



Adventures

Cooking on a wood fired stove, Birdwatching, Traditional Games, learning to be in harmony with Nature, Sustainable practices, Being with Cows, Water slush play, Working with hands, Farming and much more..

Why should children learn all the time? Why should every activity be a skill development activity? This summer let your child create beautiful memories, experience life in the lap of Nature, amidst bees, birds and cows, sing, play, unleash and go light.

Thynk Unlimited Adventures

Contact: +91-6362731204


Workshops conducted in our Campus

Paavamaana Homa and Vidyaaramba ceremony



LEARNING @ CAMPUS



Are you playing? No! We are working!



What shall we build?



Do you eat leaves?



Let's find some creepy crawlies!



Imagine we are on a ship now....

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Dum lagake haisa!



Manju anna, who is winning?



Is that a real snake?



Why are these nests upside-down?



Roopa akka, can we help?



Ah...ha, we can have radish sambar for lunch!

This was Udhbhavaha 2021-22 in a nutshell. We close this academic year with a happy, positive note, excited about the new challenges, learning and growth the next year is bringing with it.



See you again next year!