

Friends of Children Trust

Empowering through Education

FoCh Newsletter

2014-15 Quarter 1

1 Update of 2014-15 Quarter 1

1.1 New members to the family

Every new academic year adds to the FoCh family. This year we have 19 new additions. We are also financially supporting 2 new 10th standard students.

- I PU Science: 6 students
- II PU: 1 student
- I PU Commerce: 7 students
- I year Degree: 5 students
- Xth: 2 students

The students were selected after screening which included interactions with the students, including understanding their aspirations, gauging their interests, and checking their aptitude and finally a house visit to establish contact with the parents and understand their plans for their child and to assess the financial need. This year too like the previous year most of our students are from government schools. With the induction of 21 new students our total strength is now 62. The course wise break-up of the 62 students is given below in **Table 2**

Course	Stream	Students
I PU	Science	7
	Com	6
II PU	Science	2
	Com	6
Ist Year Degree		
	B.Com	12
	BA	1
IInd Year Degree		
	B.Com	7
	BA	2
IIIrd Year Degree		
	B.Com	7
	BA	2
	Law	1
Masters		
	M.A I	1
	M.Com II	1
	MSc II	1
ITI		2
Bachelors	Fine Arts	1
School		3
	Total	62

Table 1: Student Course Break up

1.2 Fresher's Day celebration

Once the chaos of admissions is over, it is time to welcome the new additions to the family. A fun filled afternoon where the current students get introduced to the new joiners. This session is like an ice-breaker, the new students are asked to introduce themselves and demonstrate their talents. The event was enjoyed by the students, both old and new and of course, the volunteers too. The event took place on 15th June.



1.3 Trainings

As part of our endeavour to enhance the skills of the final year students to give them better employability prospects, some of our students were sent to training after the completion of their final semester exams. The students chose one of the following trainings

- **Artha Vidya Training:** A one month 90 hour training that equips the student with hands on training on the various accounting processes needed across enterprises.
- **ICICI Foundation training:** A 3 month training program focusing on communication skills, life skills and other soft skills needed to better the prospects of students in getting a job.

While 4 of the students chose the Artha Vidya training program, 5 students enrolled for the ICICI course. The trainings have had a positive impact on the confidence levels of the students.

1.4 Status of graduating students

This year we have 20 students graduating out from FoCh. 12 have been placed, 2 are pursuing higher studies and 6 are looking out for job opportunities. Details below

Name	Course Completed	Current Status
Baby P	B.Com	Bluechip
Honnubai M	B.Com	Justdial
Jyothi H	B.Com	TCS
Muthu G	B.Com	HP
Nagalakshmi	BBM	Bluechip
Nethravathi G	B.Com	Bluechip
Netrashree K	B.Com	Oracle
Pooja L	B.Com	Northern Trust
Pushpalatha A	B.Sc (Nursing)	Manipal Hospital

Shafiya	B.Com	CMC Ltd
Sowmyalatha	B.Com	Bluechip
Vinutha R	B.Com	Capgemini
Saraswati	MSc	Preparing for Further Studies
Savitha C	B.A.	M.A.
Bindhiya N	B.Com	Looking for Job
Deepa S	B.Com	Looking for Job
Navya	MSc (Biochemistry)	Looking for Job
Prasanna	B.Com	Looking for Job
Rehmaan	B.Com	Looking for Job
Shobha B	B.Com	Looking for Job

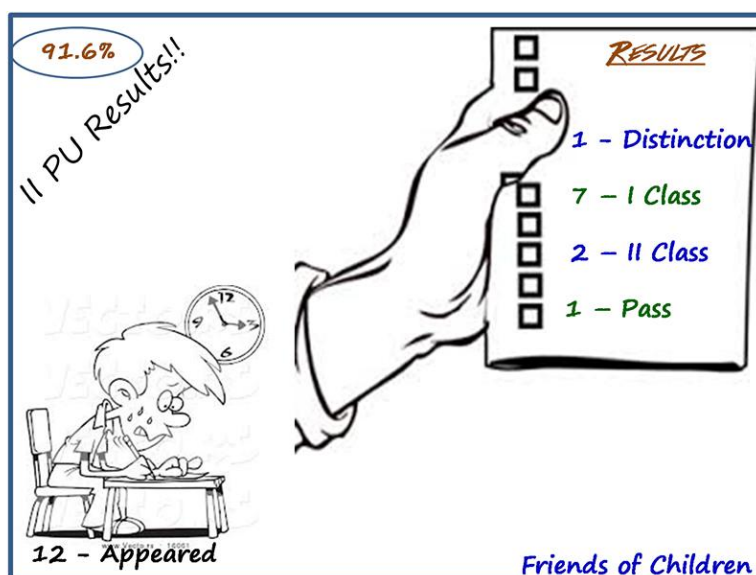
If any of you have any leads for jobs, please do mail us at contact.foch@gmail.com or call Anil at 98454 09046.

1.5 Joys

We were pleased to know that **Pooja** was selected as the best outgoing student of her college (NMKRV) this year. Kudos to Pooja, keep up the good work.

We were also very happy to attend the wedding of one of our alumni, Nishanthi, who is a teacher.

1.6 Examinations and Results



Student	Stream	%
Shanta K	Commerce	86
Simran	Commerce	81.7
Swarnalatha	Commerce	79.5
Sangeetha	Commerce	77.2
Shivashankar	Commerce	74.8
Renuka	Science	70.2
Deena	Commerce	69.3
Sahana	Commerce	64.7
Geetha S	Commerce	56.7
Ganesh	Science	50
Geetha B	Arts	44.2
Parveen	Commerce	49.5

II PU results were quite encouraging. 12 students appeared for the examination, out of which 1 got distinction and 7 got 1st class. A student had one subject pending, which she has cleared and secured admission in B.Com.

2 Financial Statement of Q1 2014-15

This quarter we have spent Rs. 6,16,567 of which 91% was spent towards fees and 5% towards providing Bus pass to the students and around 2% on Lunch for students on Sundays and remaining 2% on other Miscellaneous expenses.

We have received donations of Rs. 4.76 lakhs and our balance at the end of the quarter is Rs. 1.23 lakhs.

The summary is given below in **Table 2**

Opening Balance for Q1 2014-15	262,090
Bank Interest	2,882
Donations	475,556
Total Expenses	616,567
Closing Balance for Q1 2014-15	123,961

Table 2: Expense Summary

The breakup of total expenses is graphically illustrated in Figure 1

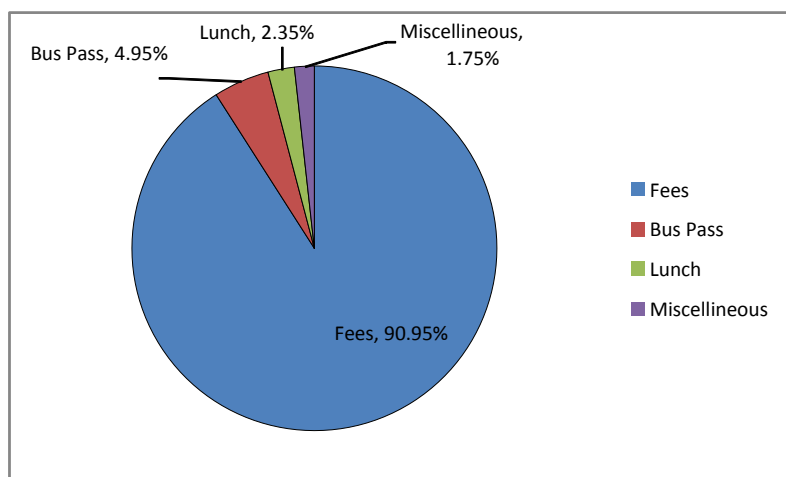


Figure 1: Expense Breakup

3 Plans for the next quarter

- Annual Day (on 14th September, we will send a separate invitation)
- Annual Quiz for all students
- Mock Interview for 2nd year and 3rd year students

4 Fund requirements for Q2 2014-15

The main expenses for Quarter 2 will be on books, bus-passes, training and fees for post graduate students. **The total expenses are expected to be around Rs. 2-2.5 lakhs, however our closing balance for Q1 is Rs. 1.24 lakhs.** We look forward to your support.

Contributions can be made to Friends of Children Trust either by an online transfer or by issuing a cheque. In either case please send a mail to contact.foch@gmail.com indicating your contribution as it will help us in tracking your contribution. Also please do mention your PAN number in the email as this is needed by Income tax department, and also helps us in issuing a receipt for your contribution.

4.1 Transfer funds online

This is a preferred mode of accepting donations for us. You may transfer funds to our account – details given below. Friends of Children Trust ICICI Bank A/c number: 000201038922 IFSC code: ICIC0000002 Branch: Bangalore – Commissariat Road (also displayed as MG Road on some internet banking pages)

Imp Note: While making an online transfer, please mention ACCOUNT HOLDERS' NAME in the transaction remarks. Having a/c holders' name helps us in correctly tracking online donations and for auditing purposes.

4.2 Payment by Cheque

Send us a cheque: Mail/Courier your cheque favoring 'Friends of Children Trust' to the below address. Friends of Children Trust c/o Akash Narayana No 3615, 6th Cross, 13th G Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560008

Drop a cheque favoring 'Friends of Children Trust' at any ICICI Bank drop-box in Bangalore. Please specify the Account No 000201038922 on reverse side of the cheque.

5 Get in Touch with us

The best way to know more about our organization is to visit us on Sunday's between 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Bhavan-Bangalore Press School, Chamrajpet (Google Map Link: <http://goo.gl/maps/YtpJ5>). We meet the students every Sunday at Bhavan-Bangalore Press School.

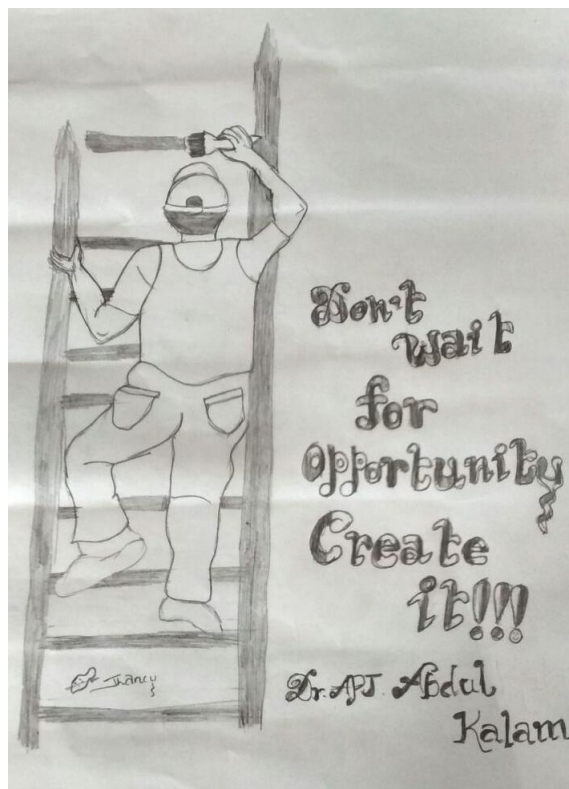
You can also get in touch with us by either an email to contact.foch@gmail.com, or calling any of the following volunteers.

Divya Prabhu: 9844Seven 61755
Sanjay Padubidri: 98452 One5050

6 Students Area



Sketch by Renuka, 1st B.Sc



Sketch by Jhancy, 3rd B.Com



Sketch by Veena, 3rd B.Com