

# Friends of Children Trust

Empowering through Education

## FoCh Newsletter

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2014-15 Quarter 3

*The family of Friends of Children Trust wishes you a very  
Happy Republic Day*



### 1 Update of 2014-15 Quarter 3

This quarter had a greater focus on academics, guiding the PUC 1<sup>st</sup> year students in their studies, conducting preparatory exams for 2<sup>nd</sup> PUC students towards getting them ready to face the board exams. Exposing the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree students to job interviews and preparing the final year degree students to face job interviews.

#### 1.1 Overview on Academic Sessions

The Sunday sessions continued as usual with the regular English and doubt clearing for other subjects. The final B.Com students had special sessions on Taxation and Advanced Financial Accounting. Aptitude sessions continued with the degree students along with group discussion sessions.

Preparatory exams were conducted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> PU students to assess their preparedness for the coming board exam. The weaknesses of the students have been identified and we are working towards strengthening them.

#### 1.2 Entering into professional world - Session for Passed out students

Over the years it has been noticed that some of our graduate students were finding it difficult to adjust into the professional environment and at times were even getting demotivated. They were unable to manage the expectations and pressures of the corporate world as well as their family.

A session was conducted for the passed out students of 2014 to help them handle and manage these expectation and pressures. A brief write up (Section6.1) on the sessions is available in Students area written by Pooja (2014 graduate).

### 1.3 Session on CV preparation

A session on drafting resume was conducted for the students pursuing 2nd year degree and above on 12th October 2014 by Rohit, our Mysore based volunteer. The session, which was attended by approximately 20 students covered basics including the significance of a good resume, differences between the terms Bio-data, Curriculum Vitae and Resume, major sections of a resume and ways of presenting academic and extra-curricular achievements succinctly, yet effectively. The students were also given hands-on exercises to draft and evaluate each other's resumes. At the end of the session, it was felt that more practice time is needed and follow-up sessions on the topic would be planned shortly.

### 1.4 Joys

Students settling in their life gives us the biggest pleasure. It was joyous moment to see Gayathri and Sowmya, two of our 3<sup>rd</sup> B.Com students getting offers through campus placements. Gayathri has got offers from Ven India Pvt Ltd and ICICI, whereas Sowmya got an offer from ICICI. It is a good start to the placements season, we have another 6 students to be placed this academic year.

It is also energizing and motivating to see some of our 2014 batch pass outs coming back as volunteers and taking up responsibilities and providing us a big helping hand.

### 1.5 Christmas and Diwali Celebrations

Volunteers visit various children's homes for Diwali and Christmas Celebrations with the students in these homes. This Diwali, the volunteers visited Kutumba, a home for physically challenged children in Kothanur. We distributed sweets and burst crackers with the children.

Christmas eve is the time to sing Carols, this year about 5 volunteers and 10 students visited Vatsalya, a home for girls from economically disadvantaged families. The volunteers sang carols and distributed cakes and gifts to the girls.

The costs for the celebrations were borne by the volunteers and were not drawn from the FoCH funds.

## 2 Financial Statement of Q3 2014-15

This quarter we have spent Rs. 59,589 of which 60% was spent towards fees, 18% was spent towards lunch for students on Sundays, 10% towards medical expense, 7% towards Stationery and Books, remaining 5% on other miscellaneous expenses.

We have received donations to the tune of Rs. 89,500 and our balance at the end of the quarter is Rs. 2,16,268.

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

Opening Balance for Q3 2014-15	184,038
Bank Interest	2,319
Donations	89,500
Total Expenses	59,669
Closing Balance for Q3 2014-15	216,188

**Table 2: Expense Summary**

The breakup of total expenses is graphically illustrated in Figure 1

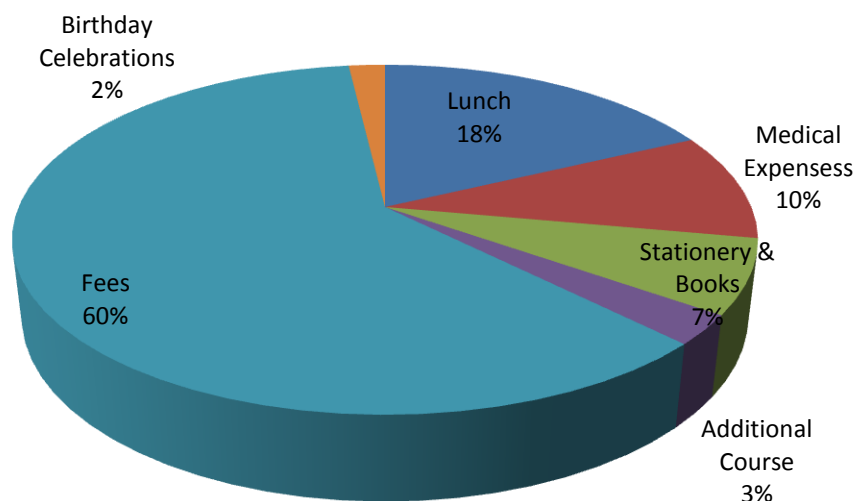


Figure 1: Expense Breakup

### 3 Plans for the next quarter

- Visiting government schools for inducting new students for next academic year
- Parents Meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> PUC students and final year degree students
- Focusing on 2<sup>nd</sup> PUC students for their PUC exams
- Mock Interviews
- Guiding Final year degree students towards placements
- Outing for students

### 4 Fund requirements for Q4 2014-15

The main expenses for Quarter 4 will be in Exam Fees, training and outing. The total expenses are expected to be around Rs. 1 lakh for this quarter, but the expenses for next quarter Q1, 2015-16 are expected to be higher, as college fees need to be paid for current as well as new students. The total expenses for Q1, 2015-16 is expected to be around 6-7 lakhs. So please continue your contributions and spread a word.

Contributions can be done to Friends of Children trust either by online transfer or by issuing cheque. In either case please send a mail to [contact.foch@gmail.com](mailto: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 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)

**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 dropping an email to [contact.foch@gmail.com](mailto:contact.foch@gmail.com), or calling any of the following volunteers.

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## 6 Students Area

### 6.1 Write up by Pooja on Talk “Entering into professional world”

**College to Corporate** – We stepped out of the college and stepped into a new phase of our life i.e ‘Work life’. We were all freshers, joined different companies and began our career. We realized the fact that there was a big change from college to corporate. All these years we were studying-gaining knowledge and now it was time for us to apply the knowledge. We definitely were expected to adapt to the change from college to professional life and the session taken by Divya akka and Anil uncle made it easier for us to go about it.

The session covered some important aspects like

- Balancing personal and professional life
- Working on developing knowledge of the various process we were involved in
- Accepting feedbacks positively and working towards our improvement areas.
- Money management – we were told how important it is for us to properly allocate our salary effectively. Importance of savings for various uncertainties and for further education. The way how Taxing works was also covered.
- Importance of planning for further education
- Job satisfaction
- Suggested spending at least an hour a day doing something we actually like to do.

The session definitely helped us to plan better and be responsible.

### 6.2 Painting by Jhancy



### 6.3 Saree designing by Gayathri, 3<sup>rd</sup> B.Com

