



# FoCh Newsletter

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## 2015-16 Quarter 1

### 1 Update of 2015-16 Quarter 1

*It's beginning of a new academic year, and time to welcome the new members into the FoCh family. This quarter mainly focused on inducting new students, degree admission for 2<sup>nd</sup> PU students and placement assistance for final year degree students. An alumni meet was also organized.*

The start of the academic year in June, culminates a quarter of frenetic activity. Sunday at school is abuzz with various activities.

- New students identification
- House visits for all new and some existing students
- Fee payment for our students
- Degree admission for 2<sup>nd</sup> PU students
- Placement assistance for final year degree students
- Fund raising with donor calls
- Regular Sunday sessions for students
- Alumni meet
- Fresher's day.

#### 1.1 New members to family

The admission season, as always, was a busy one. We received around 60 applications, most of them for support at 1st PU(11th grade) level. The admission criteria were inability of parent's to support economically and student's interest. Several house visits were done to talk to the parent's and access the home condition. Most parents were working as laborers in construction/garment industry, auto-driver's and house-maids. We engaged the potential students for eight Sunday sessions with games and language classes, this gave an opportunity to evaluate and counsel them on appropriate courses. Most of our applicants came from government high schools around KR. Market.

We are now supporting 20 students for 1st PUC. 18 of them for the commerce stream, one for science, and one for arts. This also includes 3 students with mentoring support (no financial assistance). 12 of these students came from Govt. high schools. 17 of them now study at private schools, with 3 at government colleges.

We have 5 new students for 2nd PU (12th grade), 4 for commerce, one in arts. One of them is being mentored. We have 3 new students joining 1st B.Com.

We have 28 new students joining us, and with 37 existing students, the total is now 65.

The admission process has been a humbling experience. The economic and social conditions of the students drives us to ensure that these student would enable positive changes in their families through the means of education.

#### 1.2 Alumni Day

FoCh has maintained contact with the alumni regularly through mails, phone calls and during their visits to school and on Annual Day. For the first time in FoCh history, an alumni meet was conducted on 28th June 2015.

The agenda for the meet was to keep in touch with the alumni, and to remind them to spread the word of FoCh to deserving students. It was an also opportunity to thank the alumni who are contributing through volunteering, donations or both.



Even though only 30 of them attended, it was a good beginning and students had lot of fun and got a chance to walk back through their memories. Most of the alumni shared the present status of their lives. It was really inspiring for us and we are very happy for what they have achieved.

We conducted games for them and they participated very sportingly and then there was a photo session called "guess me", which they enjoyed a lot where in a bunch of old photos were projected and they were supposed to identify the occasion or event. Everyone enjoyed the meet and was involved in all the activities. It was a wonderful day. Hope to see more alumni in the next meet.

### 1.3 Fresher's Day celebration

Fresher's day was held on 7th of June 2015. It was an occasion to welcome new members into our family. The new members were asked to introduce themselves and it was also an opportunity for them to display their talent. The existing students also shared the experience about their journey in FoCh to the fresher's. The volunteers also shared their expectations from the new students. It was an eventful day.



### 1.4 Session on Presentation Skills

On 7th June we had a guest presentation by Ms. Priyanka Sharma on "Communication and Presentation Skills". Priyanka Sharma is a freelancer who provides training on Communication and Soft skills to Corporates and Graduates students.

The session was conducted for degree students and students who have completed their graduation in 2015. The session took around 3 hours and gave good insights to the students on introducing themselves, maintaining body language while presenting or introducing themselves to a new person.

About 25 students attended the session. The session created a positive impact among the students and helped boost their confidence to talk to new people and also while attending interviews. At the end of the session the



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students were given a group assignment to prepare and present on a "Store Layout". Students are working on it and trying to make their presentation an exciting one.

## 1.5 Status of Graduated students

We had 10 students who appeared for their final semester exam, of which 8 graduated and 2 completed their post-graduation. Status of the students is given below.

Name	Course	Results (Aggregate)	Placement Status
Arvind	B.Com	52.81%	Working at Onze Technologies
Ayisha	B.A.	62.65%	Looking for appropriate opportunity
Gayathri	B.Com	75.36%	Joined TCS
Jhancy	B.Com	71.58%	Joined Amazon
Kiran	M.Com	Results Awaited	Joined Adarsh Vidya Kendra
Lavanya	B.A.	84.33%	Joined VV Puram college for LLB
Pavan	B.Com	71.69%	Joined TCS
Rajesh	M.Sc	Results Awaited	Looking for appropriate opportunity
Sowmya	B.Com	74.72%	Would be joining Cross Domain from August
Veena	B.Com	71.08%	Would be joining E&Y from August

## 1.6 Results

This time 6 students appeared for PUC, which included 2 in Science stream and 4 in Commerce stream. We are happy to announce that all 6 of them passed and 2 of them passed with distinction. Summary of results is given below.

Student Name	Stream	PUC Results	CET Results
Sharmila	Commerce	93.67	NA
Mousin	Science	87.50	22968 (Engineering)
Priyadarshini	Science	81.83	25253 (Engineering)
Asha	Commerce	73.50	NA
Harish	Commerce	50.00	NA
Hajira	Commerce	46.83	NA

In CET counseling Priyadarshini got seat allotted in UVCE Engineering College for Information Science stream, and she has completed her admissions. Mousin Taj got selected in SJBIT Engineering College for Electrical Engineering, and we are hoping for a better seat in the next round of counseling.

## 2 Joys

Our old Alumni Meenakshi completed her mandatory coursework for her PhD. She topped in her department in the course work. She would be doing research in clinical psychology related to retired sports personnel.

Thanks to all donors and supporters we received a total donation of Rs. 8,47,500 in Quarter 1 2014-15, which includes a CSR donation from Oasis EPC solutions worth Rs. 2,50,000

It also makes us happy to inform all of you that one of our Alumni student has started a small home entrepreneurship using her strengths in quilling. We have small write up "[Flame in you never dies](#)" on Koushalya, written by our volunteer Murtuza.

### 2.1 Flame in you never dies

*The flame in you never dies; it may be subdued for sometime but it certainly ignites again at a later time.*

Koushalya during her degree days, was a popular mentor for her juniors, helping them, teaching them. She was a bright student doing a lot of things.

I distinctly remember a phone call I got from her while I was on a train coming back from Hubli after one of my official trips and she was questioning me about a class project - a new product launch. I remember thinking at time that she was cut out for the IIM. As luck was to have it, her parents got her married and academics was limited to graduation.

Not one to give up and just raise a family, she's found a passion for quilling, learnt it by herself looking up things in the internet. She found out where to get the materials. Started as a small business and is now doing fairly well.



" Uncle, I paid off half my washing machine cost from the money I earned" she said jubilantly.

She has now branded her product - [Koushi's](#).

### 3 Financial Statement Year 2014-15

The financial summary for the Quarter Q1 2015-16 is given below in **Table 1**

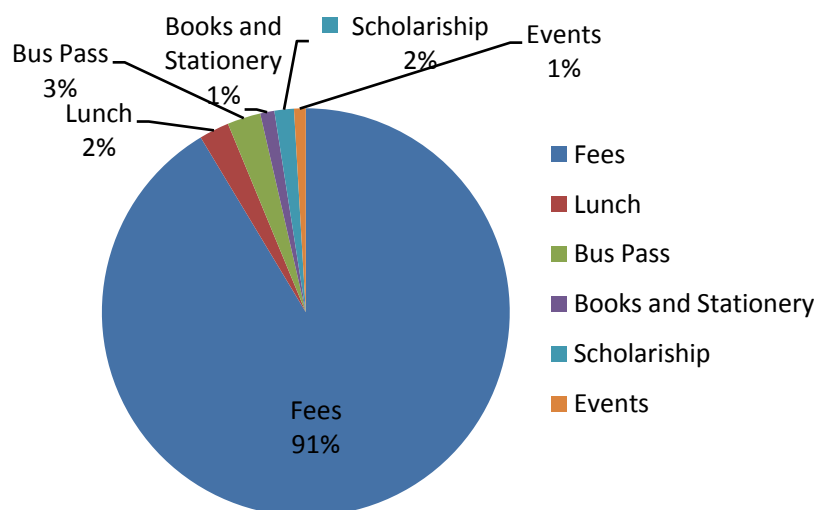
Opening Balance for Q1 2015-16	2,06,950 Rs
Bank Interest	3,371 Rs
<b>Donations</b>	<b>8,47,500 Rs</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,81,781 Rs</b>
Closing Balance for Q1 2015-16	3,76,040 Rs

**Table 1: Financial Summary**

As this quarter is beginning of new academic year, significant expenses included in terms of fees. Hence the total expenses for this quarter were Rs. 6,81,781

With help of all donors we received total donations of Rs. 8,47,500, which included a CSR donation of Rs. 2,50,000 from Oasis EPC solutions. We are looking at possibility of using part of donation from Oasis EPC towards building a Corpus for the organization's sustainability.

The breakup of total expenses for the quarter Q1 2015-16 is graphically illustrated in Figure 1



**Figure 1: Expense Breakup**



## 4 Plans for Quarter 2

- FoCh Annual Day (Will be held on 13th Sep, we will send a separate invitation for same)
- Mock Interview
- Focus on Academics
- Settling the new students

## 5 Fund requirements for financial year 2015-16

The projected expense for Q2 2015-16 is around 3,00,000 Rs. The expenses will mainly include expenses towards Bus Passes, Books and pending Fees. We are looking forward for your continued support.

Contributions can be done to Friends of Children trust either by online transfer or by issuing a 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.

### 5.1 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. (Do NOT mention any other text – for e.g. Friends of Children). Having a/c holders' name helps us in correctly tracking online donations and for auditing purposes.

### 5.2 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.

## 6 Get in Touch with us

The best way to know more about our organization is to visit us on any Sunday from 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 on every Sunday at Bhavan-Bangalore Press School.

You can also get in touch with us by either dropping an email at [contact.foch@gmail.com](mailto:contact.foch@gmail.com), or calling any of the following numbers

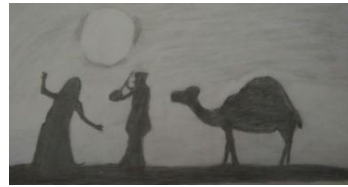
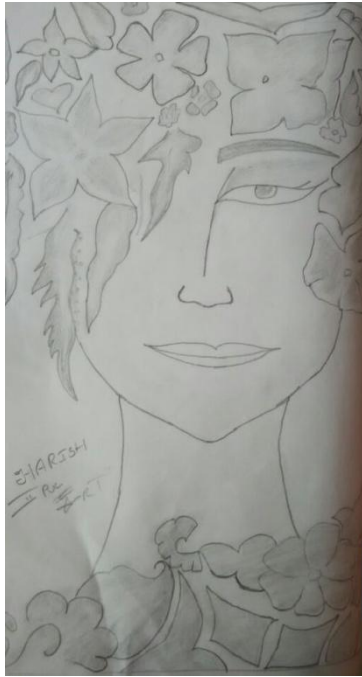
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## 7 Students Area

### 7.1 Sketches by Harish, 1st B.Com



### 7.2 Sketches by Sonu, 2nd B.Com

