

FoCh Newsletter

2015-16 Quarter 3 (Oct - Dec)

1 Update of 2015-16 Quarter 3

This quarter, we focused mainly on academics - preparing the 2nd PUC students for the exams and final year degree students for job interviews. This quarter also saw FoCh strengthening the partnership with Amicorp, through a Tally training program conducted by them for FoCh students.

1.1 Special Session on Accountancy Basics

Vinayak Pai, Independent CA Consultant and Archana Pai from Landmark Worldwide Breakthrough Technologies, who were part of technical panel for our last Mock interview held in August, identified few gaps in students accounting knowledge. They conducted special sessions for degree students to strengthen the basic foundations. The sessions focused mainly on basic accounting skills and covered topics related to Journal Entries and Ledger Entries.

1.2 Tally Training conducted by Amicorp

As part of our partnership with Amicorp, they started their training session on Tally for our 2nd year and 3rd year degree students. The sessions are conducted on every Sunday from 10:00am to 1:30pm at Bhavans Bangalore Press School. The training would be for 3 months duration. The sessions are focused on a real world usage of Tally ERP 9.0 with respect to operations like creating a Company, Ledgers and Groups, Vouching and Currency Conversion.

Amicorp has provided the book - "Mastering the Tally: ERP 9.0" to all participating students as training material. They have also arranged for 5 laptops for the use of our students for the duration of the training, so that it can help the students to practice Tally.



Figure 1: Tally session conducted by Karthik, Amicorp volunteer

1.3 Laptops needed

We see a need for laptops for our senior students. The laptops would be helpful in making presentations, learning financial softwares like Tally for the Commerce students and learning programming for BE students.

Even though Amicorp has made 5 laptops available for the duration of the Tally training, 3 students sharing one laptop means a lot less time to practice per student, having additional laptops will help our students to practice Tally more efficiently. Our requirement is 20 laptops in total (6 for 3rd year Degree students, 12 for 2nd year Degree students and 2 for BE students). We intend to rotate them with successive batches. **We look forward to individual & corporate donors for laptops.**

1.4 Poster making session for 1st PUC

The students looked at depicting the problems they see in the society and came with possible solutions. We had 5 teams participating, and the topics covered were: Air pollution, Cellphone usage, & Swachh Bharath. Details with sketches depicting the problem & solution can be seen in the section **SomeThingDifferent**.

1.5 Diwali and Christmas celebrations

The annual tradition of our volunteers visiting childrens homes for Diwali & Christmas continued. We visited two under-privileged children homes.

- AnandaSagara: Residential home for children of construction workers. There are 16 children in the age-group of 5-12 years and they go to Govt. schools in the vicinity.
- Kutumba: Residential home for physically handicapped girls in the age group of 14-21. They pursue vocational courses with APD - Association of People with Disability.

Diwali was spent in bursting crackers with them, distributing sweets and playing games. Christmas Eve saw us singing carols with them, cake cutting & playing games.

The expenses for these events were shared by the visiting volunteers.

2 Joys

Becoming a 'Chartered Accountant' is the dream of many of our commerce students. In this regard, we now have students pursuing this path during their degree course. **Two of our students Sharmila, 1st B.Com and Bhargavi, 2nd B.Com have cleared the first level CPT (Common Proficiency Test) examination and are eligible to pursue CA intermediate.** Congratulations to both Sharmila and Bhargavi.

3 Financial Statement 2015-16 Q3

The financial summary for the Quarter Q3 2015-16 is given below in **Table 1**

Opening Balance for Q2 2015-16	1,56,619 Rs
Bank Interest	5,443Rs
Donations	1,48,500Rs
Total Expenses	58,210Rs
Closing Balance for Q2 2015-16	2,52,352 Rs
Amount in Corpus	6,50,000 Rs

Table 1: Financial Summary

Note: The yearly interest earned on Corpus will be used for funding students.

The breakup of total expenses for the quarter Q3 2015-16 is graphically illustrated in Figure 2

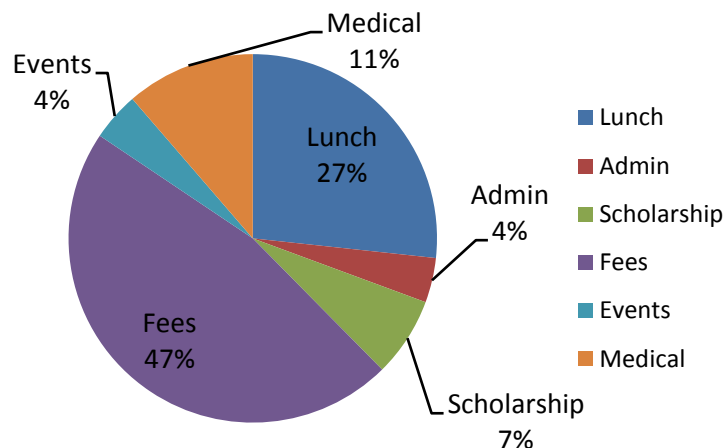


Figure 2: Expense Breakup



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4 Plans for Quarter 4

- One day outing
- School visits for inducting new students
- Painting competition for students
- Mock interview for Degree students

5 Fund requirements for financial year 2015-16

The projected expense for Q4 2015-16 is around 1,50,000Rs. The expenses will mainly include Examination Fees, Books, Outing and Lunch for students on Sundays. Also as Q1 2016-17 will be beginning of new academic year and we are expecting expenses of around 7,00,000 Rs. We are looking forward for your continued support.

Contributions can be made 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 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 any Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Bhavans-Bangalore Press School, Chamrajpet (Google Map Link: <http://goo.gl/maps/YtpJ5>). We meet the students every Sunday at Bhavans-Bangalore Press School.

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

PoojaGoel: 7353Five57255

Sanjay Padubidri: 98452 One5050

7 Students Area



Painting by Gagana S, 1st PUC



Message on Child Labour, Sachin, 1st PUC



Painting by Yashaswi B, 1st PUC

8 sOmE+HiNgDiFfErEnT

Hellos,

We were quite restless after lunch on a Sunday. A bulb blinked in my head saying “Let's try out something different”. And, we landed with the idea of illustrating the "Problems of the society with solutions" as a poster. That's how the activity started. I was amazed by the sketches made by the students in less than 30 min, followed by explanations. Let me take you on a tour. Hope you enjoy reading until the end ☺.

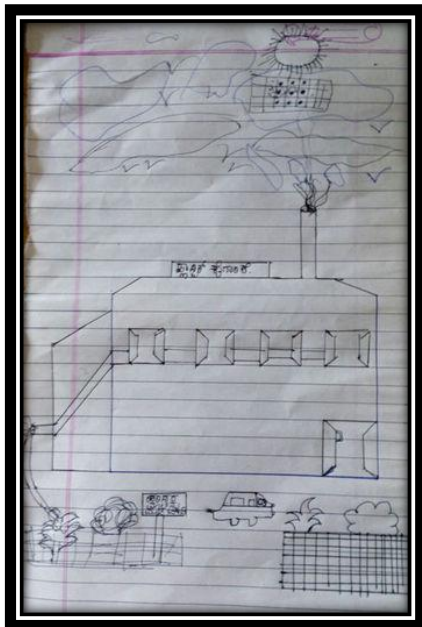
Team sUnFLOwEr - Sachin & Kavya

Sun represents knowledge. Sunflower symbolizes students, who like to be connected with knowledge always.



Team TuLiP - Aslam & Nidhishree

One of the costliest flower, which grows in dreamland can grow another inch in height after they have been cut. So ready to grow from cut you face in life.



Save Our Earth from Air pollution

Air pollution arises from various sources. This results in imbalance in the ecosystem. Our earth is getting warmer, contributing to the Ozone depletion. This in turn affects the health of all. It also gives birth to the acid rain which spoils the beauty of the nature.

We need to take necessary steps in reducing the contribution towards air pollution.

Team LiLIY - Jayalakshmi & Heena

Lilly as a flower, contributes to the beauty of the mother earth.



SwachhBharath

SwachhBharath is a concept of clean environment. We have to join our hands to support this idea, not to support any political party, but to help our nature. Nothing can be done just by preaching. If anything has to change it has to be initiated within. You don't have to do really big things, Just start with your surroundings, Keep them clean today. It will keep your future safe tomorrow.

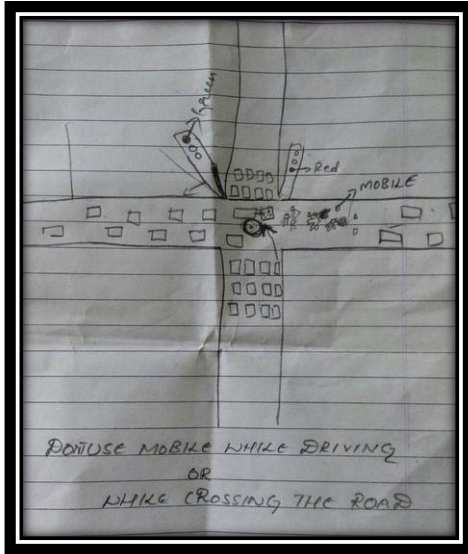
It is a concept started by Mahatma Gandhi and is been continued by Narendra Modi. Today, the volume of garbage had turned the Garden city to a Garbage city. The reason being nobody is willing to take up the responsibility.

A common question with us is, Why should I do this task? It's Government/BBMP work. And we don't realize, we are the source for this major problem. If cleaning the garbage is not our duty, then dumping the waste is also not our right.

Obviously, we cannot stop garbage generation completely, but we can reduce the amount of garbage generation. I participated in an event by "Vijayavani" for garbage clearance in our locality. It does not mean that everyone should go out with a broom. Just do little possible things. Reduce using plastic; dispose the waste at appropriate places. Let everyone follow the good things you do. This is my humble message to the society.

Team jAsMiNe - Manoj & Priyanka

We want to be as popular as a Jasmine!



Team rOsE - Gagana & Jyothi

To blossom like rose, one has to pass through the thorns, which will make you shine.



Use of cell phone while driving

The message we want to convey is regarding using a headset/mobile while driving or crossing the road. Not just using the phone is offence, even listening to the music is also an offence. During idle time at traffic signals and while travelling we use headset to listen to music or to answer calls. We get actively engaged in the call/music. If something goes wrong, it is not that we alone suffer the tragedy. We unknowingly make others to suffer. We will have to regret the unexpected event for a longer duration or may be our entire life. So kindly use cell phone and head phone appropriately.

Thanks for reading this article. We feel happy to share the moments we spend in FoCh both as volunteer and as students. 😊

- Written by **Jhancy M**