

## FoCh Newsletter

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*2015-16 Quarter 4 (Jan - Mar)*

### 1 Update of 2015-16 Quarter4

It was an exciting quarter, filled up with lot of activities apart from the regular academics. We organized a Mock Interview for the degree students. A Painting competition and an Outing for all students. In addition we also visited multiple various government schools in search for our prospective new students.

#### 1.1 Mock Interview for Degree students

The Mock Interview session was held on 13th March for all degree students. The mock interview consisted of following sessions.

1. A Pre-placement talk
2. A Written test on analytical, verbal, comprehension, email writing and basics related to student's technical area of expertise
3. Group discussion
4. Written and Oral communication skills. The participants were asked to write a short paragraph "On their Dream Job" and subsequently they were also asked to speak for couple of minutes on the topic.
5. HR and Technical interviews.
6. General Feedback session

The HR panel consisted of Nanditha, Amazon Development Center, Ashutosh, Northern Trust and Dharin Shah, Mediatek Inc. The Technical panel consisted of Vinayak Pai (Independent Chartered Accountant, Consultant), our old volunteer Srikanth, Cargill, Niranjan and Karthik from Northern Trust.

Areas of improvement and strengths were identified for each student based on the feedback received from the panel members. Subsequently, the feedback has been communicated to the students individually.



#### 1.2 School visits

As the academic year comes to an end, it's time for identification of new students. The process was initiated with visits to following schools

- Government High School, Arlipete
- Government High School, Byatarayanapura
- Government High School, Chickpet
- Corporation School, Chamrajpet
- Shardha School, Chamrajpet
- Yedyur Government High School
- Shardha Vidya Peeta
- Girijamba Government School

We had an interaction with the students and informed them about the support they can get, if they were keen on further studies. We also invited them to attend a session on how to handle their upcoming board exams. We have reached out to more than 200 students this year.

The selection process will involve discussion with student, parents and house visit. Also to gauge the sincerity of students and identify their area of interests we will be conducting a few sessions for the new students in the coming weeks.

### 1.3 Tally Training concluded

The Tally training for 2nd year and 3rd year degree students conducted by Amicorp concluded on 27th of March. It was a very useful training for the students as they got exposure to use Tally with a lot of practical examples. The training was concluded with an examination. Subsequently, the feedback of examination was given individually to each student by Karthik. We are thankful to Karthik Vemula, Amicorp for guiding our students patiently and efficiently entire duration of the training. We are also thankful to Mahesh, Amicorp for organizing the training.



### 1.4 Painting Competition

All work and no play makes a Jack a dull boy. Hence, in order to give students a break from studies and unearth their hidden talent we organized a Painting competition on one lazy Sunday afternoon. The competition was open to all students and they were asked to draw on one of the 3 themes - "A day at a Lake", "Bangalore 2030" and "Feel of a village". The students thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, depicting their thoughts through their sketches and colors on the canvas.

It was a tough task for the judges to select the winners among so many beautiful paintings. The judges finally selected the top 3 and 3 consolation prizes. The first prize was awarded to Ramya, 1st B.Com, 2nd prize to Sarah Jennifer, 3rd B.Com and 3rd prize to Hemavathi, 2nd PUC.

Jhancy one of the key organizers of the painting competition has shared her colorful experience of the day with her write-up "[Bring out the Artist in you](#)".



## 1.5 Annual Outing

Come new year, and it's time to take a break and enjoy the winter with an annual outing. A committee was formed to choose the venue and organize the outing. Revana Siddeshwara Betta was chosen as the venue for outing, and the date was 9th January.

We had a turnout of around 90 people including students, volunteers and alumni. It was day of fun and excitement. Everyone enjoyed climbing up the hill, the view from the top of the hill and finally taking a long dip in the lake and had a lot of fun.

In the end it was an appreciable effort from the committee consisting of Arvind, Jhancy, Jyothi and Pavan in organizing the outing. Kudos to the team. Jyothi has jotted down her experience in organizing the trip and how the day turned out in her write-up "*The Big Day: FoCh Annual Outing*".



## 2 Jobs

We have 6 students graduating and 1 student completing her post-graduation. Their placement status is given in the below table.

Student Name	Course	Status
Bhagya	B.Com	Campus Placement: TCS
Divya	B.A.	Will be pursuing B.Ed
Jacqueline	B.Com	Looking for an opportunity
Manjula	B.Com	Looking for an opportunity
Samreen Taj	B.Com	Campus Placement: TCS
Sarah Jennifer	B.Com	Campus Placement: "Suresh and Co."
Savitha	M.A.	Looking for an opportunity in teaching

Looking forward for support from all of you in helping us get the remaining students placed.

## 3 Financial Statement 2015-16

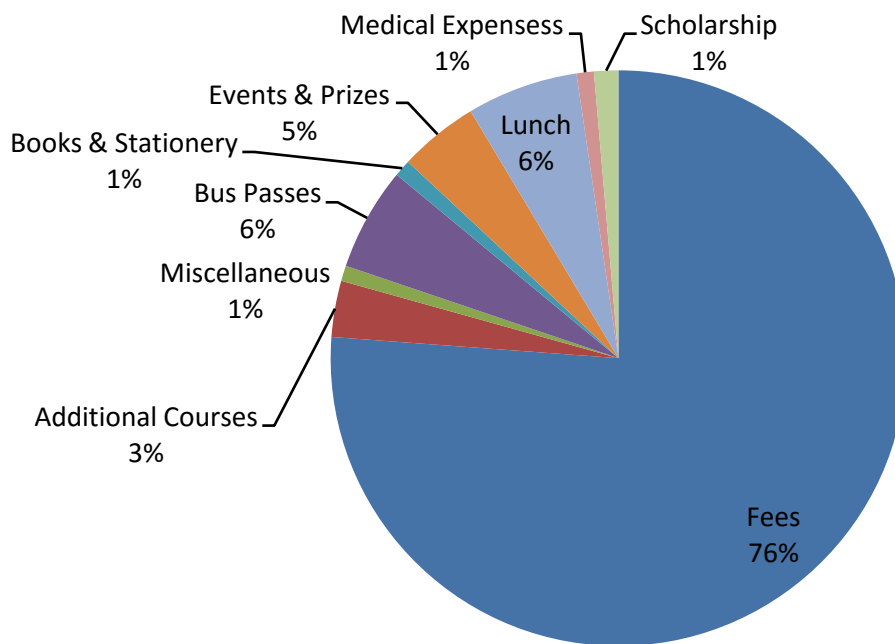
This being the last quarter of Financial year 2015-16, we are presenting financial summary of entire year.

Opening Balance for 2015-16	2,06,950Rs
Bank Interest	11,254 Rs
Donations	18,25,102 Rs
Total Expenses	10,64,189 Rs
Amount Transferred to Corpus	<b>6,50,000 Rs</b>
<b>Closing Balance for 2015-16</b>	<b>3,29,117Rs</b>

**Table 1: Financial Summary**

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

The breakup of total expenses 2015-16 is graphically illustrated in Figure 1



**Figure 1: Expense Breakup**

#### **4 Plans for Quarter 1 2016-2017**

- Inducting new students into FoCh family
- Alumni Day

#### **5 Fund requirements for financial year 2016-17 Quarter1**

This year we are planning to take around 25 new students for the new academic year. In total we would be supporting around 70 students (45 existing and 25 new students), the average expense per student is expected to be around Rs 20,000. We are also looking ahead to add another Rs 5,00,000 towards corpus. Hence, our total requirement for the year 2016-17 is estimated to be around Rs 19,00,000 (14,00,000 + 5,00,000). We would be requiring around Rs 8,00,000 in 1st Quarter itself in order to pay college admission fees for the students.

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](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 while issuing a 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.



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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.

### 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](mailto:contact.foch@gmail.com), or calling any of the following numbers

*Pooja Goel: 7353Five57255*

*Sanjay Padubidri: 98452 One5050*

### 7 Bring out the Artist in you

Drawing!!!! The very mention will excite you, wouldn't it?

It would light me up for sure, because I love it, especially when it is done on occasions.

It is the sketch form of our imagination. A way to express our creativity through colors and a way of relaxing our mind too. Each one of us possesses some sort of talent, creativity and imagination, it is just that we need a canvas to express them.

In my previous update 'Something Different':FochNewsletter2015-16\_Q3, I shared a few sketches made by 1<sup>st</sup> PUC students. By looking at the creations of one class, I thought of exercising the same with all the students of FoCh through a competition.

It was scheduled one month prior to the commencement of their exams. We thought this would give them a bit of relaxation and a peaceful mind for their preparations. It was decided that we will choose top 3 good paintings which will be awarded. The themes for painting were following.

1. A day at a lake.
2. Bangalore 2030.
3. Feel of a village.

It was a totally fun filled event. We completely forgot about the competition part. Everyone were keenly interested in presenting their imagination in an attractive manner. If you have seen the movie "Tare Zameen Par", you can relate the climax with it :-).

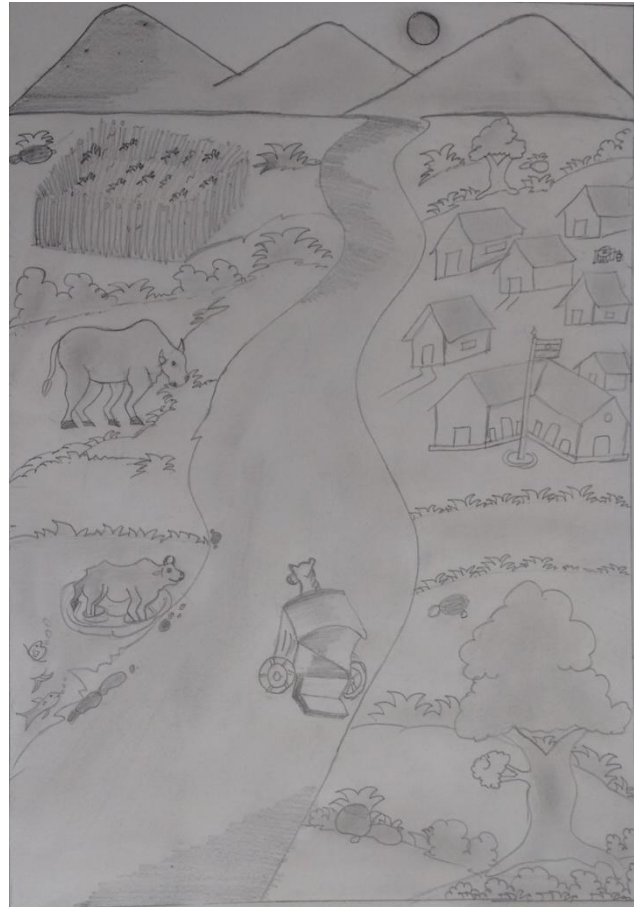
Finally it was time for them to pack their colours and for us the critical task to finalize the top three paintings. The tough part. Each and every sketch was unique. It was agreed to select the drawing closest to the theme.



**1st Prize**



**2nd Prize**



**3rd Prize**

The top three artists were

- 1st prize: Ramya, 1st year degree (A day at lake)
- 2nd prize: Sarah Jennifer, 3rd year degree (A day at lake)
- 3rd prize: Hemavathi, 2nd PUC (Feel of a village)

Keep waiting for our further more updates ☺

## 8 The Big Day: FoCh Annual Outing

As an individual or a family we all would have waited for one big day, be it a festival, marriage, outing or anything that brings your near and dear ones together and makes your day a special and memorable one.

Likewise, as FoCh family, we too have certain special days. One such day is our "Annual outing" with Students, Alumni and Volunteers.

As usual, the planning started one month before the outing. The responsibility of arranging the outing and deciding the spot was assigned to the new student volunteers and we were also equally excited to find a new location as it was our first experience of arranging a trip. Finally, Jhancy, Pavan, Arvind and I took the initiative of arranging the outing for the year 2016.



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We had already decided that the place we visit should not be a repeat location, it should not take much time for travelling and of course the safety of our students without compromising on the fun part.

Having all these things in mind we had come up with a few places in and around Bangalore within a distance of 100-200km. Among all those places we thought either Melukote or Revana Siddeshwara Betta would be the best place to cover within one day. However, we were not sure of the time it would take to reach Melukote and the facilities available for the group.

To check all those things, we organizers personally visited Melukote. As expected, it had historical temples and monuments except that there was nothing much to explore. Also it lacked in other basic facilities. In short the place was not suitable for the Outing.

So Revana Siddeshwara Betta was finalized. Pavan and Arvind went to visit the place and came with a rough sketch of places to be covered. Meanwhile Jhancy and I arranged for the transport and food. By 9<sup>th</sup> January, the remaining miscellaneous things were arranged and we were all set for the Revana Siddeshwara Betta outing.

The buses came to school around 7.30. Most of the students were on time. With lot of excitement we departed from Bangalore around 8.30. We had two buses carrying an average of 40 passengers each. There was no end to our dance and fun until we reached Revana Siddeshwara Betta. We reached the destination around 11 and had delicious shavige bath for breakfast. As usual Murtuza sir had an eagle eye on the students who were throwing the vegetables, however we really enjoyed it.

After breakfast we divided the students into different groups with 2 volunteers as leaders of each group. These volunteers took the complete responsibility of safety of their group members. Once all these arrangements were done we started climbing the hill.

I would say it was a small climb. On the way we met lot of our friends with a long tail- Monkeys :-), they really made our journey a bit challenging. By the time we reached the top of the hill it was 1.30 pm, students enjoyed the view of the Revana Siddeshwara Betta from the top of the hill and took lot of pictures. We spent almost 30 to 40 minutes over there and then said goodbye to the hill after taking a group photo of our family.

We came down for lunch around 2.30 pm, we had yummy Pulav with Raitha, Curd-Rice & dry Jамoon. After lunch it was a time for our most awaited part of the trip. Yes!, the students were double energized to reach the pond. After a long discussion with our senior volunteers about the depth of the water we succeeded in letting our students play in water. It was with great difficulty that we got them out of the water and get them ready for the team games, which was the last activity of the trip.

Pooja took the initiative and came with a couple of unique games, which was indeed climax of the show. How can we end the show without the punch? Yes it was our Sunand sir's "Jiguja" Dance :). Wondering what it is ? Show up for next outing.