

FROM THE TEAM DESK

Here we come back, with our second issue of “KILIKILI CHIMES” that captures some of what we have done as a team in the last three months from Jan’09.

With a bigger team of committed volunteers and parents who believe in the cause we stand by, the last three months have been extremely busy and satisfying for the Kilikili team which has been involved in a plethora of activities right from

submitting a proposal to BBMP for another inclusive play park to presenting a paper on inclusive play at the APD seminar.

We look forward to your continued support, encouragement and

ideas for us to contribute more to the cause we believe in and support. Please do share your views by writing in to info@kilikili.org.

- The Kilikili Team



PROGRAMMES

Saturday family day at Coles Park



The concept of a family outing with children was initiated about eight months back for families with children of all abilities to get together and play at Coles Park. The basic intention was to

- 1) Create awareness on the need for Inclusive Play
- 2) Institutionalize the program for driving consistency.

When we started eight months back, it was difficult to get the parent's group together for multiple reasons like accessibility, reservations & inhibitions. If

on one Saturday we somehow managed to get a group of parents and children together, there would be a dearth of volunteers due to which there would be some amount of disappointment at the end of the event. After a lot of effort from the KILIKILI team and with the persistence of a parent Priya from COM DEALL, this programme is being held regularly. The parents association of COM DEALL have been supporting us in driving participation and spreading awareness on the program. This

clubbed with good support from our active volunteers like Kumar, Roshni, Tehseen, Merlyn, Divya, Kauser has made the FAMILY DAY programme a real hit with everyone who participates in the program.

In Mar’09 we had structured programs designed and organized by Tehseen & Roshni every week including Water and Sand play, which has become a big attraction among the children in that area. We need more committed volunteers to make this programme a bigger success so that it can be replicated in many more of our parks. Please join us for this event as a parent or a volunteer **every Saturday @ Coles Park (10 am to 12 pm)**.

» Highlights

31 MAY, 2009

Participation in the Sunfeast Marathon



Like in 2008, Kilikili intends participating in the 2009 10K Sunfeast Marathon with a new concept and an increased number of runners supporting the cause of Inclusive Play. So lets motivate our friends & family members to run for a cause this summer.

Register at <http://reg.sunfeastworld10k.indiatimes.com> and run for Kilikili.

19-20 MARCH, 2009

Kilikili at APD's golden jubilee

Kilikili was part of the group that planned a thematic workshop on “Inclusion” at the seminar held by APD to commemorate its Golden Jubilee. The KILIKILI team presented a key note address on Inclusive Play and its importance in the lives of children. As a concept this was widely appreciated for its uniqueness and creativity.



“I like Coles Park. I like to build or make anything in the sand pit (e.g. Castle. I like to slide in the brick slide. I like to play in the Wheelchair Merry-go-round. I like to walk into the tyre tunnel. I and my sister like to play in the family swing.

- Pranav, 9 yrs



EVENTS

Coles Park



FEBRUARY 07, 2009: 60 children from Cottelango Convent, Whitefield, Rakum School for the Blind, Indiranagar and St. Germaine School, Fraser Town participated in a morning of fun and joy. Aided by over 40 volunteers, the children discovered each other and had a rocking time. The children from Cottelango were brought to Coles Park by volunteers from Sahaya, a parent-volunteer group in Whitefield. While volunteers appreciated the event, they felt that they needed to be better oriented before the event. It would also help to have a Calender of Events for the Quarter so that volunteers and parents can set aside time.

» FEATURED RIDES

This column seeks to showcase one specially designed and installed equipment, detailing its developmental benefits. Any suggestions or feedback to bettering its design is most welcome.

TRACK

Sensory Integration Track

For children 2-18 years

Sensory Integration refers to the process by which the brain organises and interprets touch, movement, body-awareness, sight, sound, and gravity - in a holistic manner. For children who have issues in integrating stimuli they receive through their senses to respond appropriately, the SI track in Coles Park and Gayatri Devi park, offers a variety of stimuli for children to develop their sensory awareness. Sand, grass, concrete, tiles and other textures are used to stimulate both the hands and legs, enabling children to respond more appropriately.



Kilikili within

Kilikili's core members met at the beginning of the year to reflect on achievements of last year and to plan for this year. It was felt that while ideas are aplenty, the dip in the number of volunteers has meant that not all plans were realised. We felt that the long gestation period of most of our projects led to a dip in enthusiasm of volunteers, decreasing their motivation. The need for Kilikili to adopt a slightly more structured approach, without losing its essential voluntary characteristic was felt.

EVENTS

Gayathri Devi park at Rajaji Nagar

FEBRUARY 21, 2009: More than 10 children with their parents joined us for our first event at the Gayathri Devi park at Rajaji Nagar. These children came in from a slum community where APD works. The children, all tiny ones in the age group of 2-5 yrs, were initially hesitant interacting with the KILIKILI team. As they settled down in their swings enjoying their rides, they started responding positively with the volunteers. The family swing, rope climbing and the merry go round were a huge hit. The play was followed by a food fest where the tired children and the guardians enjoyed yummy cakes and other goodies, sharing their experiences of the day. Their bus arrived at around 1pm where everyone left with a promise to be back again every Saturday to have more fun and with more children.

Divya and Anjana who were the two key volunteers for the events had this to say about the event:

"When I realized there is more in life that just doing nothing, I decided to do something that brings a smile to those wonderful kids who are truly special. Kilikili gave me an opportunity to serve these special kids and my experience has been astounding. I got a chance to interact with children with various disabilities during this event. They say "A smile says a million words and a tear says a thousand words. One look says it all." I will continue to spread this happiness undoubtedly through Kilikili. "- Anjana.

"We were 5 volunteers and around 10 children accompanied by their parents & guardians. The morning became warmer to see the kids enjoy the play equipments..All this gave a high relief to the guardians and they all took time off to relax. Personally I felt very elated to be a part of their joy and hoped to see them every Saturday ... Thanks to Kilikili, all this has been possible and loads to achieve before we sleep. :-)" Divya.

SCHEDULE

Calender of events, April-June 2009

Family's Day Out

Every Saturday at Coles park
10 a.m-12 noon

Annual Day function of Makkala Jagriti

April 18,
2.00 p.m - 5.00 p.m.
Kilikili participates in Annual Day function of Makkala Jagriti, an organisation working with underprivileged children.

Sunfeast World 10km marathon, Majja Run

May 31,
Morning

Kilikili's Third Anniversary programme

June 20

Inclusion Event at Coles Park

June 27,
10.00 a.m. to 12 noon

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<http://apps.facebook.com/causes/211621?m=c23b5141>

And Weflap:

<http://www.weflap.org/?q=orgprofile&orguserid=138>

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