



Arunachala
Village School

LOVE OTHERS

HELP OTHERS

RESPECT OTHERS



ANNUAL

REPORT

2022-2023



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Correspondent Message

Vanakkam!...

We hope this finds you well. For the first time since the outbreak of the pandemic, our school enjoyed an uninterrupted, quarantine-free academic year. And this excitement spurred the students and teachers into new initiatives aimed not only at the holistic empowerment of every individual child but also for the well-being of the school and the community around it.

In the next few pages, you'll get a snapshot of the strides we've made both in academics and co-curriculars. This year, we've become more curious as our students have collectively read more than 2000 books. They've also become avid explorers — visiting the local post office, court or police station to find out how it works or making a trip to the science center to witness in practice what's taught in class.

Our major focus continues for upcoming years:

a).Sustainability and Scalability: We aim to establish an education and services model that can maintain itself over the long term while also being capable of growing and reaching a broader audience.

b).Quality Education: Our goal is to provide children in developing communities with an education that maximizes their potential, preparing them to be independent and productive members.

c).Financial Sustainability: We strive to establish a strong financial foundation for our organization, ensuring its continued existence.

And none of any of that would have been possible without the support of our donors, volunteers, parents, teachers and well-wishers. Your love and support are deeply appreciated and our heartfelt gratitude goes out to each of you for serving as a constant source of motivation. With your inspiration, we redouble our efforts each year.

With Gratitude & love

Ramya Raghupathy



Year Overview 2022-2023

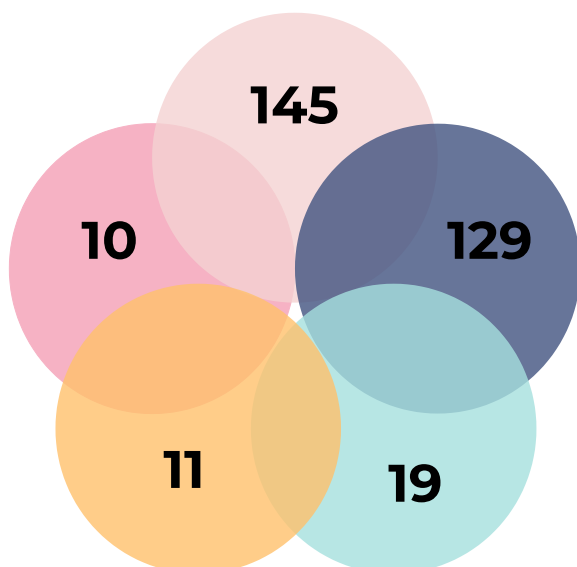
Undoubtedly, the current year has shown to be highly productive for both educators and children. The primary emphasis of the current year centred on the enhancement of individuals' mental well-being and cognitive development, which was achieved by engagement in activities such as reading and participation in a diverse range of intellectually challenging games and exercises.

Furthermore, the current year has placed significant importance on fostering individuals' creative abilities, stimulating their scientific inquisitiveness, and nurturing a deep reverence for the marvels of the natural world.

Children eagerly resumed their schedule, including instructive excursions to the Police station, Post office, Court, Temple, Museum and other exciting locations. This was an excellent start to their investigation of the world beyond the classroom.

Numerous workshops, spanning activities such as Origami, Fingerprint drawing, organic pesticide preparation, magic shows, and laughter therapy, were organized with the dual purpose of fostering creativity and alleviating stress.

Following the COVID outbreak, we resumed various events and celebrations. We organized a vibrant Parents' Day celebration that featured a wide array of activities, including games, dances, music performances, and more to build a healthy relationship with parents. The highlight of the celebration was a themed fancy dress competition that showcased the creativity and enthusiasm of our students. We also transformed our Sports Day into a mini Olympic event, bringing together students in the spirit of friendly competition and sportsmanship. These gatherings not only brought back a sense of normalcy but also reinforced our sense of community, unity, and the importance of celebration in our students' lives.



Overall strength

- Boys
- Girls
- Teachers
- Admin staff
- Craft teacher

UN Sustainable Development Goals of Arunachala village school

The United Nations has adopted 17 key sustainable development goals to ensure that poverty is alleviated in a sustainable manner through health, education, equality and economic growth while also preserving our environment for future generations. Towards this huge ocean of humanitarian efforts required to achieve these goals, AVS contributes a few drops with your support. In fact in some way, our efforts directly and indirectly address 14 out of 17 goals.

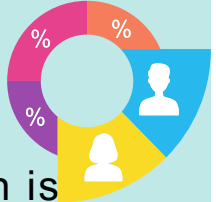


**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

Glimpse of the year

- Accomplishments and Setbacks
- Academic Achievement
- Integrative wellness
- Artisan class
- The Environment and sustainability

10% Of student strength is increased, resulting **274** in 2022-2023



Accomplishments and setbacks

- A scientific table with regular experiments made "Everyday Science" possible. This unique discovery led to a magnificent science exhibition. This show's volcanoes and garbage segregation, etc were created by kids.
- The usage of single-use plastic was significantly reduced through the establishment of a student club. Students were made aware of the detrimental effects of single-use plastic, leading to a collective effort in minimizing its use.
- Over 300 children, parents, and adults participated in the one-week artisan classes, which offered 10 crafts. This effort resumed after the COVID-19 pandemic, giving the community a creative outlet and learning opportunity.
- The total student enrollment for this year has increased to 274, indicating a growth in overall student strength.
- We expect to overcome logistical issues next year and finish certain tasks we started this year, such as creating a butterfly garden, a photo wall showcasing the school's history, a mobile library, and fire station visits next year.
- Volunteers are an important part of everything we do. A student's dad, who was also a volunteer, died last year in a road accident. Along with the personal loss, it was a huge setback for our community, which cares about each of its members.

Academic Achievement

“Mighty readers”

The efficacy of the library was demonstrated by the substantial utilization, as evidenced by the reading of a total of 2,133 books by children throughout the academic year. There was a notable increase in reading habits, leading to the allocation of 95 gift books to enthusiastic readers who successfully finished more than 10 books.



Total books - 4135

Books read - 2113



“Everyday Science”

This year, a science table was established where all types of experiments were housed and explained to children daily. As a result, students staged a science display by devising numerous experiments ranging from volcanoes to waste segregation. For example, children investigated gadgets such as telescopes, microscopes, and models of phenomena ranging from the digestive system to volcanoes.



“Indigo Children”

Some children take their time to assimilate ideas. We call the latter affectionately as ‘Indigo Children’. With specialized attention (and without making them feel singled out), their reading and other skills have shown remarkable progress in the last year. Fellow students also help indigo children whose learning outcomes have improved. Various activities based teaching methods were applied.



Integrative wellness

'Happy Morning'

The "Happy Morning" Initiative is a program designed to greet children warmly each morning, creating a positive start to their day of learning. Its primary objective is to enhance the mental well-being of children. This is achieved through the inclusion of various welcoming gestures like hugs, high-fives, clapping, and dancing. The program strives to create a calm and harmonious learning atmosphere, promoting a feeling of ease and contentment for both students and teachers. By offering nurturing surroundings, this approach contributes to the mental well-being of young individuals. Inspired by an African-based school, we have tailored this idea with our unique additions.



Circle time

Every week, during the non-classroom hours, the children and their instructor meet for "Circle Time," during which they discuss the different issues that they are facing and their perspectives on various emotions. This has allowed us to identify and solve issues that were affecting the emotional well-being of some of our students, as well as those that were hindering others from gaining an education.

Healthy Parenting

Students often visit their parents at work to better comprehend the difficulties their parents face on a daily basis. This hands-on exposure helps their awareness of the many occupations their parents pursue, ultimately equipping them to offer presentations about their parents' occupations and the surrounding cultures.

Healthy parenting methods were practised regularly. Parents often experience significant emotional distress due to alcohol addiction and domestic violence in their families. To prevent such trauma, they actively engaged in practising healthy parenting regularly. The teachers counsel them by one in one and conducted various activities to engage with children.



Conservation and Sustainability of the environment

“DORIS NURSERY”

The establishment of a plant nursery aimed at instilling in young people a profound feeling of accountability, concern, and love for the environment has had significant results. The kids have successfully raised and cared after 1,117 plants in all, and these have since taken center stage in our courses on tree studies, offering plenty of chances for academic research and observation. Ten plants were given to each youngster to look after and maintain. It is planted next to lakes, on the side of roads, and on the Arunachala hill.



 1117 Plants were grown from Doris nursery

Agricultural education

Agricultural education has long been recognized as an essential part of a child's overall growth and development, along with the promotion of personal responsibility and the instruction of farming practices. Children work in the garden for one hour each day, tending to tasks such as watering, weeding, and preparing organic insecticides and fertilizers. The kids discuss their options and decide whether to eat the meal, take it home, or give it away to another person. Acquire the skill of making decisions around eating. They make the decision together with the instructor.



Our children have grown and consumed 136.5 kg of vegetables



88Kgs of Greens were harvested.

Environmental Clubs: Children Band Together for Conservation

Students have started various clubs to promote environmental protection. For instance, the "**Plastic Warriors**" campaign generated enthusiasm among kids, parents, and the general public, which led to a significant drop in single-use plastic. Children in the plastic club gather plastics from their environment, sort them, recycle them, and work to reduce the use of single-use plastics by raising awareness, enacting laws against it, etc. The degradable paper waste was converted into handmade paper. Children in villages have organized multiple campaigns focused on reducing plastic usage and raising awareness about its harmful effects. One notable campaign was Girivalam path (Arunachala hill pathway) clean up. Students along with teachers, and parents joined hands in cleaning up the Girivalam path, removing litter, and safeguarding its natural beauty. They also made dedicated efforts to ensure plastic was removed from the vicinity, minimizing its impact on the local wildlife.



158.5 KGS



35.5 KGS



58 KG



Food Club

In the food club, children were not only encouraged to consume vegetables but also actively participated in an eco-friendly practice. Fruit peels, leftover food, were carefully collected and weighed and deposited into a compost pit, where they were transformed into valuable fertilizer. This sustainable approach ensured that nothing went to waste, as the resulting fertiliser was then put to use in our farming spaces, contributing to the cyclical and environmentally conscious management of organic waste. Multiple documentary films were watched and subsequently discussed regarding their topics.



In 6 months 90 kgs of food waste is converted into fertiliser.



Artisan class

Saturdays were designated for arts and craft classes, providing a break from traditional textbooks and subjects. A wide array of creative activities were explored, including palm leaf art, dance, music, mallakhamb (a traditional Indian gymnastic sport), folk dance, yoga, wood carving, stone carving, and fingerprint painting. These classes were open to individuals of all ages, fostering a sense of inclusivity and creativity. Over 300 students from various school participated.

Annually, a grand Craft Week was celebrated, featuring various artisans from South India who shared their expertise in crafts such as terracotta, stone carving, coconut shell art, and palm leaf art, among others. During Craft Week, the entire school campus was transformed into a vibrant celebration of craftsmanship and creativity. In this particular year, the event attracted over 300 children, adults, and even teachers from other schools, all coming together to learn and appreciate the diverse crafts. It was a delightful and cherished memory for all involved.



Workshops

Workshops in a variety of categories, such as medical camps for children and parents, origami workshops, farming workshops, and more, are held on a regular basis. Volunteers and visitors from many fields join the youngsters to offer their ideas and knowledge. A Parents' Day is held to create deeper relations with parents through a variety of activities and tasks focused on at boosting the parent-child bond. A big Mini Olympic Sports Day is also planned for all participants.



AIC CSR SUPPORT

The Government of India owned Agricultural Insurance Company (AIC) has been a steadfast and generous supporter of our school for the next 3 years. Their commitment to our cause has made a profound impact on the lives of our students that cannot be overstated.

The AIC's benevolent support has been comprehensive: starting from providing 35 indispensable items crucial for the dignity and empowerment of our students including uniforms, sandals and meticulously-crafted stationery kits to providing nutritious meals, their support ensures that our students are nourished both through the body and the mind.

Going a step further, one of AIC's gestures that shines bright in our minds is the donation of a school bus — a gift that has been nothing short of transformational. This bus is not just a mode of transport for us; it has empowered our educational outreach and our students now get to explore the world beyond the confines of the school. It has opened up our access to various educational and extracurricular pursuits, and added a touch of real-world adventure to our learning at school.

The AIC's generosity has opened up our doors to exploration, learning and growth, and it continues to enrich the lives of hundreds of our students in our villages.

The wonderful initiative was inaugurated and launched by the Ms. GirijaSubramaniam CMDA (Chief Managing Director of AIC).

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Malai Kumar Poddar, Mr.Siddesh, and Mr.Shivakumar for their invaluable contributions in making this possible.

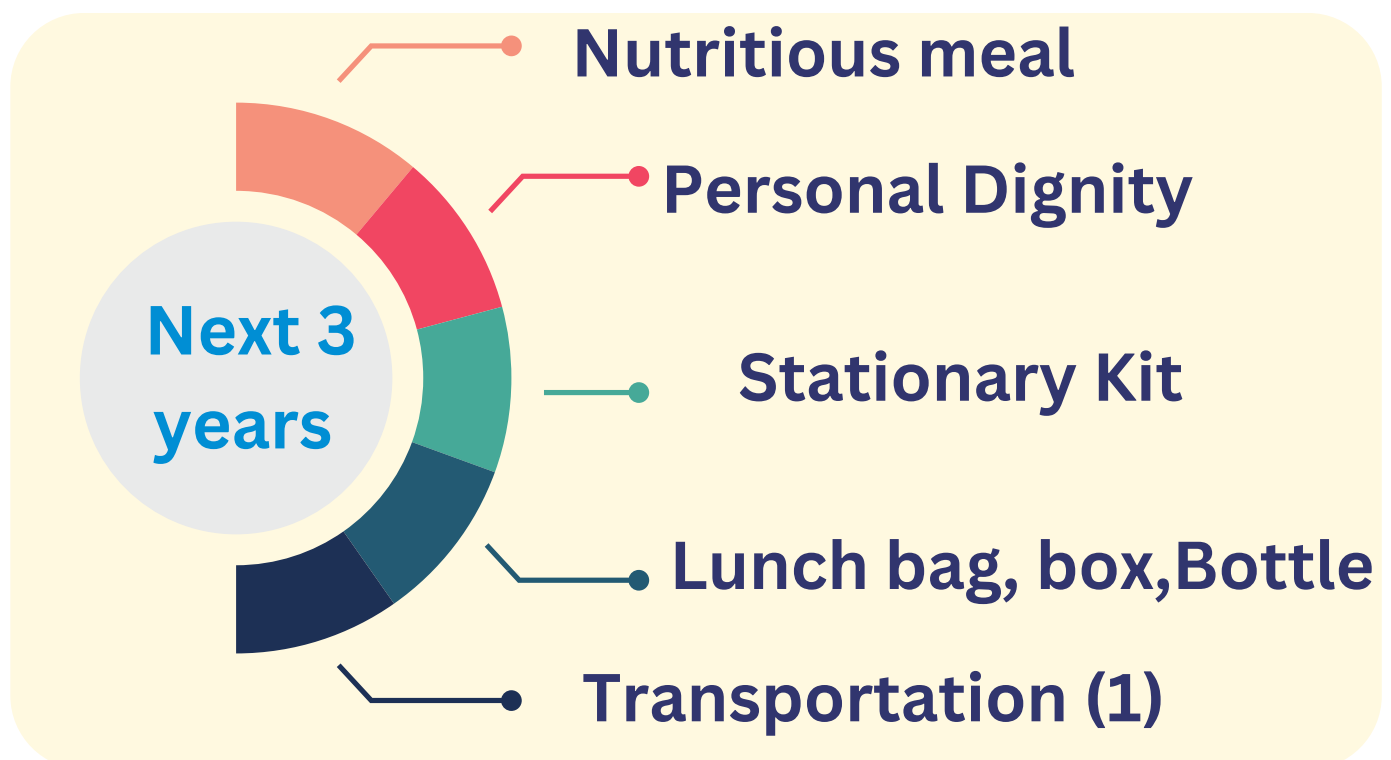


Audited Financials

Arunachala Village School Trust ,values financial transparency and sustainability in order to realize our purpose of positive social impact. Following tradition, the team meticulously crafted the budget to fulfill financial needs. This report provides a detailed overview of our fiscal performance in 2022-2023, demonstrating our commitment to prudent resource management and the appropriate use of funds in accordance with our organizational objectives.

CSR Grant For next Three years

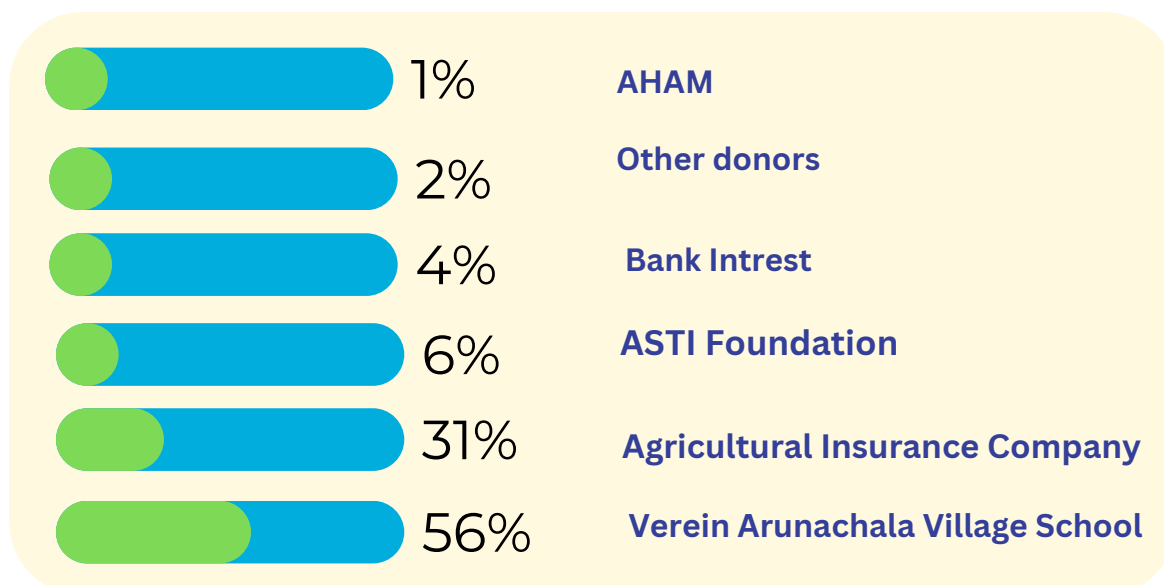
This marked a particularly outstanding year for AVS, benefitting from substantial local support courtesy of the Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC). Under a Memorandum of Understanding, AIC committed Rs. 64,43,027 in funding over three years, already contributing to the acquisition of a new school bus—a delightful gift for the school! Moreover, students stand to receive a range of school supplies, including textbooks, notebooks, stationery, uniform, school bag, lunch bag, water bottle, sandals, and a daily health drink or nutritious snack.



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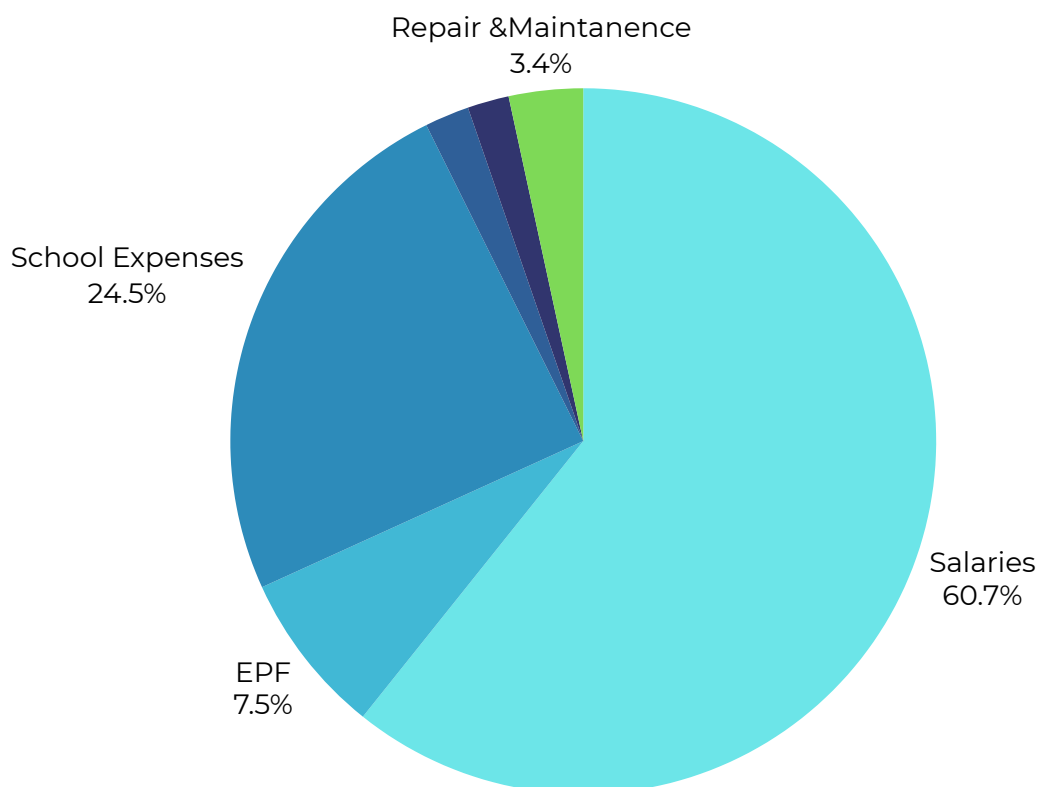
ARUNACHALA VILLAGE SCHOOL TRUST			
371/1, VEDIYAPPANUR VILLAGE, ADI ANNAMALAI POST, TIRUVANNAMALAI			
Combined Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2023			
Particulars	Sch No.	2022-2023	2021-22
Sources of funds			
Capital Fund	1	19,983,714	1,77,21,884
Current Liabilities/Provisions	2	49,622	22,012
TOTAL		20,033,336	1,77,43,896
Application of funds			
Non current assets			
Fixed Assets	3	11,912,984	96,29,349
Current Assets, Loans & Advances	4	8,120,352	81,14,547
TOTAL		20,033,336	1,77,43,896

Donation Overview



Income & Expenditure

ARUNACHALA VILLAGE SCHOOL TRUST 371/1, VEDIYAPPANUR VILLAGE, ADI ANNAMALAI POST, TIRUVANNAMALAI		
Income & Expenditure Statement		
Particulars	2022-2023	2021-22
INCOME		
Donations	8,932,619	40,00,031
Bank Interest and other income	432,386	3,84,449
TOTAL	9,365,005	43,84,480
EXPENDITURE		
School Expenses	5,302,911	33,07,306
Administrative Expenses	687,804	5,03,946
Educational Sponsorship Program	27,505	72,545
Repairs & Maintenance	192,051	1,91,766
Depreciation	856,768	6,90,121
Writeoff expenses	36,137	
TOTAL	7,103,176	47,65,684
Suplus or Deficit	2,261,829	-381,204



Income & Expenditure

ARUNACHALA VILLAGE SCHOOL TRUST					
371/1, VEDIYAPPANUR VILLAGE, ADI ANNAMALAI POST, TIRUVANNAMALAI					
(1st April '22- 31st March 23)					
Receipts	2022-2023	2021-2022	Payments	2022-2023	2021-2022
Opening balance	8,114,547	8,281,607	School Expenses	5,275,301	3,331,519
Deposit	51,137	751,137	Food Expenses	159,985	116,198
Cash	6,889	4,446	Craft Class Expenses	101,912	4,628
Bank	8,056,521	7,526,024	Educational & Teaching Aid material	202,175	241,401
			Educational Tour Expenses	5,818	3,760
Donations	8,932,619	4,000,031	Festival, Functions & Celebrations	79,035	29,212
Donations	8,932,619	40,00,031	Garden & Ground Maintenance	98,383	32,500
			Medical & Hygiene Expenses	55,087	31,090
Bank Interests	379,890	384,449	Employer & Employee PF Contribution	689,846	443,624
Bank Interest	67,122	39,859	Salaries	3,009,235	1,846,856
Fixed Deposit Interest	78,607	37,565	School Approval Renewal Expenses	10,080	7,500
			School Van fuel	119,827	77,614
Corpus Fund Interest	231,000	2,93,635	Staff Welfare & Training	18,860	14,600
Other Income	3,161	13,390	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	108,016	66,764
			Students welfare and Training	180,625	12,342
			Sports Material	3,200	4,200
			Educational Expenses	-	12,000
			Printing and stationery	13,735	-
			Student Insurance Charges	21,585	25,100
			Notebooks and Textbooks	102,662	-
			Staff Insurance	3,339	2,624
			Honorarium	289,846	359,506
			Student Food	2,050	-
			Educational Sponsorship Program	27,505	72,545
			Administrative Expenses	687,804	504,649
			Admin Salary	433,186	289,401
			Bank Charges	19,032	11,466
			Communication & Postage Expenses	62,886	43,945
			Electricity Charges	31,340	17,387
			Freight charges	4,330	1,880
			Newspapers and Periodicals	5,340	5,646
			PF Penalty Charges	1,892	11,463
			Printing & Stationery	13,045	5,235
			Professional Fees	28,800	12,000
			Rates, Taxes and Insurance	68,479	82,928
			Travelling Expenses	150	11,498
			Audit fees	11,800	11,800
			Fundraising expenses	7,524	-
			Repairs & Maintenance	192,051	191,766
			Building Maintenance	83,260	50,564
			Computer and Electrical Maintenance	33,716	9,349
			Repairs and Maintenance	71,615	131,003
			Vehicle repairs and Maintenance	3,460	850

ARUNACHALA VILLAGE SCHOOL TRUST					
371/1, VEDIYAPPANUR VILLAGE, ADI ANNAMALAI POST, TIRUVANNAMALAI					
(1st April'22- 31st March 23)					
Receipts	2022-2023	2021-2022	Payments	2022-2023	2021-2022
			Coronavirus relief Works	-	26,140
			Fixed assets	3,146,054	424,922
			Building	-	142,224
			Electrical & other equipments	217,541	17,098
			Computer Equipments	46,800	93,715
			Solar systems	-	171,885
			Vehicle	2,881,713	-
			Write off of Deposits	36,137	-
			Gas deposits	2,000	-
			Electricity deposits	24,637	-
			Telephone Deposits	2,000	-
			Deposit for school approval	7,500	-
			Closing balance	8,062,204	8,114,547
			-Deposits	15,000	51,137
			-Cash	8,549	6,889
			-Bank	8,038,655	8,056,521
Total	17,427,056	12,666,087	Total	17,427,056	12,666,087



**Educate a child with Rs 24,516/
annum**



**To teach 9 various Art and craft
classes with Rs853/annum**

Gratitude wall

In the intricate tapestry of our organization, you are the vibrant threads weaving together compassion and action. Your timely support is the heartbeat of our mission, resonating with selflessness and dedication. You are the silent heroes, stepping forward with your time and talents when needed most.

We extend our heartfelt thanks for being the heart and soul of our shared journey. Their contributions are the essence of positive change, and we are truly grateful for your unwavering commitment.

Ms. Pradhiskha Sivaraman has been an invaluable asset to our organization, dedicating her time and efforts to the creation of asset management software, Stationary drive and various book drives. Her innovative contributions have significantly enhanced our operational efficiency by consolidating all assets into one organized platform. We extend our sincere appreciation for her outstanding work and commitment to our mission.



Panchamoorthy, the father of Malini in Grade 3, was a beacon of positivity and kindness. His unwavering support and willingness to lend a helping hand were evident whenever our school community needed assistance. Unfortunately, he met with a tragic accident and passed away. This loss is deeply personal, and our hearts mourn the absence of such a compassionate and generous individual. Panchamoorthy's memory will forever remain in our hearts, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family during this difficult time.

Ramesh, the father of Kishore in grade 2, and Venkatesh, the father of Kabilkishore in grade 5, are steadfast supporters of our school. Whenever we require assistance, they are the first to step forward, providing valuable support. Their voluntary efforts include clearing blocks in the pathway by trimming trees, and making a way for school bus without any obstacle. Their willingness to engage in volunteer work makes them reliable and indispensable contributors to our school community.



Uplifting Tales

Amudharaghavan, a fatherless child studying in first standard was notorious in his house for never helping his mother with housework. But suddenly, after he started participating in cleaning his own classroom with his friends, he started chipping in with little works to help his mother. To save his mom the trouble, he once even washed his own shirt when he had gotten it too dirty. His mother tells us that thanks to the guidance and inspiration he finds at school, Amudharaghavan has learnt the value of discipline and helping others.



When we suggested to the students of 5th standard that they come dressed as 'early men' we thought they might be shy about it. But Monish, Kapil, Harini and Vaanmathi came dressed in leaves and bark. They even performed a tribal dance for their classmates! Monish is always eager to participate and engage with what is taught in class. And this entuses other students to join in too! This group of eager students is also the first to rush to the library to look up the biography of a great scientist or artist mentioned during lessons.



Suddenly, Sivanesh (1st standard) stopped participating in class or doing his homework for a week. During 'Circle Time' when children share their sorrows and joys with each other, we discovered that he had a situation at home: his parents had separated and he was distressed about it. His class teacher spoke to the parents, explaining how their separation was affecting the child. Thanks to the intervention, soon enough his parents reconciled and even dropped him off together at school. Sivanesh is an enthusiastic student again!



Testimonials

I am privileged to have engaged with Arunachala Village School (AVS) since 2018. Through this very detailed newsletter, you would be now very aware of the kind of service this school provides to its students. For free. That's the challenge, isn't it? When something is done as a complimentary service, quality is the first thing taken for a ride. But AVS somehow always ensures the best of quality in whatever they do.

Their infrastructure is top class. There is an ideal mix of eco-friendly classrooms & open-air arenas. Every resource is to put to optimal use. Even their staircases & corridors teaches you something. To me, they are a model for any school on how the education can be treated as a holistic exercise, imparting formal, vocational and personality development. All this staying rooted to the local culture and ecology. I encourage everyone to visit this magical place once to fully grasp the volume of work they achieve.

There is a point in their school library, where if you look beyond the books, you will get to see the Arunachala himself. AVS is enabling all its very deserving student, a view beyond books, life and much more.



Ramaswamy Ramakrishnan.

Donor



Stephi Priyadarshini.

Head mistress

MY daughter Varnika 7yrs old , studying grade 2 in AVS. I run a small box shop in our village. At one point, my daughter came up to me and asked me to stop using plastic bags and tell people to bring their own bags instead. At first, her request confused me, so I asked her why she wanted it. Varnika said that using plastic is bad for both people and nature. During a class talk, her teacher told her about the bad things that plastic does.

Her teacher, whom she affectionately calls "class akka," told her how important it is to care for the earth. This realization made me want to do something. There are no longer any plastic bags in the shop because I asked customers to bring their own. It was truly inspiring to see Varnika's dedication to caring for the earth. As a result, we have drastically cut down on the use of plastic carry bags in our store. They learn various activities other than academic Activities in AVS.

Vanakkam!!

I arrived here 8 years ago and started my journey as a teacher. Over time, I took on the role of Head Mistress. AVS, the school where I work, stands out from the others I have experienced. The atmosphere here is unique, offering a stress-free campus environment. One of the remarkable aspects of AVS is the exceptional bond between teachers and students. The academic approach is entirely practical and activity-based, which I find incredibly enriching.



Varnika & Mother

AVS FAMILY

The team behind everything wouldn't have been possible without the dedication, selfless hard work, and collective efforts of the entire team.



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