

# Eureka SuperKidz

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## Greetings from Eureka SuperKidz!

As we come to the end of this academic year, it is time for evaluations and exams. Our Eureka Tutors too have been working hard along with the children in their village centres to achieve the skills for this year.

In this newsletter we bring you glimpses of declaration events that have been held across villages to boost the confidence of children and engage the community and increase parental involvement

**What is a declaration event?** How is it conducted? What significance does it have for the tutors and the children? These are some of the questions that come to one's mind when we talk about declaration.

It is an evaluation of sorts, conducted by external evaluators, and attempts to prove a declaration by a particular Eureka Learning Centre that all of its children have achieved a particular skill. Declaration events are always viewed with a lot of interest. The interest is from the children's side because the children have a chance to showcase their skill levels and prove that they can do sums or read with ease. More than **125** village centres have had declaration events on math and reading skills. **Read on... as we go on a declaration trail across some of the districts in Tamil Nadu.**

**@Sivagangai:** M. Muruges, our senior project manager shares his experience of a declaration event held in Sakkottai block, "The Eureka SuperKidz program in SM Ooranai has created a huge change in the skill levels of the children in the village. Parents and other residents of the village assembled at the village on the day of the declaration event. They gave the children math sums at random and were amazed at the ease and rapidity with which the children solved the problems. All hard work by the tutors paid off and children in these centres were able to solve the math problems. All children who participated were given certificates by their own parents."



**@Salem:** Sumathi our NGO Consultant was at a declaration event held in Salem, here's what she has to say:


"The Eureka SuperKidz program run by the RWDT NGO in 2 villages had made the NGO team confident enough to declare that all their children could solve correctly any 3 digit subtraction problem or 3 digits divided by 1 digit problem posed to them by the public. Parents and other residents of the village assembled at Krishnampudur and Chinnapampatty village on the day of the declaration event. They gave the children math sums at random in subtraction and division which the children solved with confidence. Parents were overjoyed to see this transformation, for, just a couple of months before, many children in classes 6-8 were unaware of solving sums like 900 divided by 8, or 702 divided by 7 and children of Classes 3 to 5 did not know how to do subtraction problems with 3 digits either. This the hard work of Project Manager Thangavel and his team of tutors who laboured relentlessly to ensure that their children were not lagging behind!"



**@Chennai:** Not to be outdone by rural centres, the Eureka learning centre run in Triplicane, Chennai, decided to hold a declaration event recently. The challenge was to show that all children of Classes 4 to 5 would be able to do multiplication sums, and children of Classes 6 to 8 would display their skills in solving division problems. In Tamil reading the goals were to ensure all children in Classes 4 to 5 would read sentences and children of Classes 6 to 8 would read stories. The goals for English were to show that all children could read simple sentences, and children of Class 6 to 8 could read simple stories. Volunteers were present to evaluate children at the centre. Parents, amazed at the ease and fluency with which their children were able to read Tamil and English, set a few tough Math sums of their own to satisfy themselves that their children were able to solve any problem given to them within the declaration goal.



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