



Thapovanam



An event for children held on 5th July 2025



➤ Beach cleaning

From 9am to 9.30am the beach cleaning work was done by our children



Marine pollution washed ashore – Plastic and waste materials collected in one day at Thapovanam beach

➤ Swimming Lessons

9.30 to 11 am Swimming instructions for facilitators and students by Mr. Krishthuraja instructor, Ocean University.



➤ Donation of School bags

11.30am -1.30pm Schoolbags distribution event for children

☐ Presided over the event

- Emeritus Prof. Dr. Daya Somasundaram
- Father (Rev.) Damian
- Father (Rev.) Jeyaseelan
- Mr. Sutheepan (Counsellor, Kayts District Secretariat)
- Mrs. Shivani (CCH,EASE)
- Miss. Uthayani (WDO in Killinochi District Secretariat)
- Mr. Christhuraja (Ocean University Swimming Coach)
- Hon Mrs. Renuka (Member, Velanai Predesa Sabhai)

☐ Attendees

- Children
- Facilitators
- Parents

☐ Donors of Schoolbags for Children

- Mrs. Sriusha Nalliah
- Mrs. Keetheswary Kirubarajan
- Mrs. Ambika Rantnasabapathy

1. Lamp lighting ceremony



2. Prayer



3. Blessing



Father Damian

"Allaipiddy village should be improved by getting good education, practicing good habits and becoming good citizens."

4. Discussion

Efforts can be made to reduce the problems children face due to alcohol and drug abuse

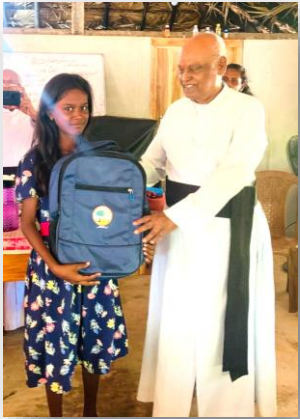


Emeritus Prof . Dr. Daya Somasundaram: *“It has been 40 years since I came to Allaipiddy. A major concern is alcohol consumption among adult men. Allaipiddy has also faced the tragedies of war, displacement, deaths; the Covid pandemic and the economic crisis. Most men are addicted and consume ¾ bottle of arrack per day at a daily cost of Rs.2000; per year (except one and a half month during lent) this works out to Rs.6 lakhs. Besides the physical and mental consequences to the person, it results in chronic poverty and indebtedness for the family, daily domestic violence, and social conflict. The grip of the alcohol demon on the men is preventing the recovery and growth of Allaipiddy. Father Jeyaseelan, can we exorcise this alcoholic demon?”*

Father Damian : *He explained the saying that “Drinking alcohol destroys the person and the family” “Drinking alcohol not only affects his body and mind but also destroys his family”*

Student participant : *“We will talk to our parents and ask them to reduce their alcohol consumption”*

5. Donation of Schoolbags to children



When they received students were asked to say what they wanted to become:

Asvina : I want to become a doctor.

Sujani : I want to become a police officer.

Aaksha : I want to become a lawyer.

Jenipan : I want to become a foot ball player.

Jesmina : I want to become a Teacher



6. Nutritional foods



1. Kolukkaddai

Green gram (lentil)
Coconut flower
Peanut
Jaggery
Red rice flour



2. Javvarisi Payasam

Javvarisi
Coconut Milk
Peanut
Cashew Nut
Semiya
Dry Grapes
Condensed Milk

At the end everyone was given nutritious food.

In memory of Balasubramaniam
Kanagaratnam

7. Vote of Thanks



Adolescent beneficiary:

"We couldn't afford schoolbags. We were very happy to receive this schoolbag. We don't eat when we come from home. Food will be served in the Thapovanam. At the same time, we eat nutritious food."

Thank you

