



## The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Kalyaninagar

### Socially Useful Productive Work – Class 10

#### The First Initiative – Newspaper Drive

On 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2011, twelve of us, along with four teachers went to 'Arun Aashray' a home for abandoned babies to whom life has been very unfair. We were all very excited to visit this place and we enthusiastically loaded the bus with the baby food, medicines and toiletries that we purchased from the amount we got by selling the old newspaper. We also loaded cartons of "Huggies" diapers donated by Kimberley Clark.

Mrs. Guha told us how 'Arun Aashray' came into existence. The story touched our hearts deeply and immensely. On reaching our destination which is at Devachi Urli, we were welcomed warmly by Mrs. Radhika Dalvi, the founder of 'Arun Aashray'

We thought that it would be a plain and simple building with some beds and toys, but it was totally the opposite. Mrs. Dalvi has built this huge Bungalow, a home for the babies who are brought here.

First, we saw the recreation place for the children. It was beautiful and any child would love to learn and have fun there. Then we visited the dormitories. They were big and had beds, cupboards and even study tables.

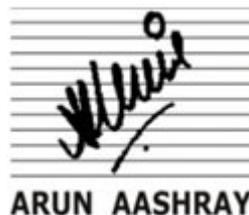
Finally we came to the part for which we had all been waiting impatiently for. Mrs. Radhika took us upstairs to meet the children. There were five children. The youngest is around 25 days old. We heard the different stories of these abandoned children. We could not believe our eyes to see them so happy and full of life. Of the five children, three are girls.

Life can be unfair at times but people like Mrs. Dalvi make me believe in the goodness of life. God Bless her and her family.

I would like to thank Mrs. Guha, Mrs. Venkateswaran, Mrs. Chaudhry and Ms. Shaikh for giving us such a touching experience. This will be remembered by us till the end of our lives!

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**<http://arunaashray.org/index.html>**