

Jaffna Wings



The Pulse Of Jaffna Youth

JCS NYW 2009-2011 President's Message :

Dear Youths,

On behalf of the NYW board and EXCO, I wish to take this opportunity to wish all our fellow youth a A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010!!!!!!.

May this year be more fruitful and eventful year all.

For us at NYW we hope this year will be blessed with more of our youths coming forward and joining us in our journey to preserve our heritage and contribute further to charity and society. May the New Year see more Jaffnese youths becoming part of our NYW family.

Happy New Year 2010 and Happy Ponggal!



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Events held in 2009:

JCS – Christmas with Shelter Home Kids

It's a time for sharing and giving, the JCS National Youth Committee has been busy bringing festive cheer to the children at Shelter Home Petaling Jaya. The event was held between 11 am to 3pm on the 20th December 2009 at Shelter Home 1 in Petaling Jaya.

SHELTER is a registered, voluntary welfare organization for children and teenagers who have been abandoned, neglected, orphaned or abused. The home provides care for these misfortune children and is proactively raising public awareness on child abuse. Shelter 1 is a home for children from 4 to 12 years of age who have been abused, neglected, at-risk or abandoned by their families, parents or guardians.

The NYW committee, together with the support of JCS youths, past NYW board members and other well-

wishers, raised and allocated funds to arrange for a catered home-cooked lunch for the children, Christmas gifts, goodies bags and games. The children aged 6 to 16 were very receptive and happy with the games, food and friendship. The children were feted with sumptuous treats, goodies bag and colorful presents sponsored by well-wishers and caring individuals. The presents were placed under the Christmas tree, the children were allowed to open their presents on Christmas Eve.

The children were grouped in with our youths for the games; they had such an enjoyable time and were very delighted to receive praises and approval from their elder team members. Everyone had a 'good' feeling in their hearts and many pictures were taken to capture the moment. From the success of this event, the NYW are highly motivated to organize another charitable event on a larger scale. The committee also wishes to extend its gratitude to all that have contributed to make this event a successful event.



Volunteers at the dining area.



Volunteers helping to wrap presents.



The NYW president giving away prizes.



Volunteers and children having fun.



The Whole group!

Ponggal.

The first day, *Bhogi pongal*, we have to throw away or burn old/unused items for *God Indran*. This is symbolize throwing away all of our old bad habits away and keeping the throw ones.

Pongal in Tamil means "boiling over or spill over." The act of boiling over of milk in the clay pot is considered to denote future wishes for the family. It is celebrated at [harvest time](#), it's a [celebration](#) of the prosperity associated with the harvest by thanking the *God Suryan*, rain and the farm animals that have helped in the harvest. In villages, new clothes are worn and people owning cows find this festival important. *Thai Pongal*, the day the sun enters *Makara Raasi*. We have to prepare pongal with brown sugar, rice, ghee and milk facing east/Sun using claypot. It must be within a kolam with 4 openings and draw rising sun on east side. Pot must be on 3 stones signifying morning, afternoon and evening. Put 4 pottu on pat signifying north, east, south and west. There must be sugar cane. Tie ginger and manjal around the neck of the pot. Tie mango leaves as well. The moment the rice boils over and bubbles out of the vessel, the tradition is to shout of "Ponggal Ponggal!" and blowing the [sangu](#) (a [conch](#)), and a custom practiced during the festival to announce it was going to be a year blessed with good tidings. It is considered a good sign to watch it boil over, since it means that good luck and prosperity is forthcoming. Vegetarian food must have 7 vegetables. Buy spoon that has coconut shell cup with bamboo stick and serve food using it. The daytime is longer than the nighttime. More sun lights for human, animals, plants and trees.

The third day, *Maattu Pongal*, is for offering thanks to [cattle](#), as they help farmer in different ways for agriculture. On this day, the cattle are decorated with paint, flowers and bells. They are allowed to roam free and fed sweet rice and sugar cane. Some people decorate the horns with [gold](#) or other metallic covers. Lord Kaamadeenu is worshipped for his hardwork thought out the year. Lord Kaamadeenu is the fulfiller of all wishes.

During the final day, *Kaanum Pongal* (the word *kaanum* means "to view") people visit their relatives, friends to enjoy the festive season, but in the cities this day is synonymous with people flocking to beaches and theme parks to have a day out with their families. They also chew [sugar cane](#) and decorate their houses with [kolam](#). This day is a day to thank relatives and friends for their support in the harvest. Although it started as a farmers festival, today it has become a national festival for all Tamils irrespective of their origins, caste or even religion. It is as popular in [urban](#) areas as is in [rural](#) areas.



Thaipoozam

There are several legends about this festival. The puranic epic behind this festival is three Asuras attacked Devas. They sought Lord Shiva's help. He then created Lord Muruga by divine spark emanating from his central eye. Lord Muruga's duty is to conquer the Asuras and protect the Devas. Lord Shiva's consort Sakthi gave a Vel, granting the necessary power. Hence, Lord Muruga is known as the commander in chief of the Devas. Lord Muruga destroyed Tharakasuran on the Pusam Nakshatra day in the Tamil month of Thai and hence Thaipoozam is celebrated in all Murugan temples.

It is a special day for worship of Lord Muruga (also known as Subrahmanya or Thendayuthapani) and is celebrated in a very grand manner at all Murugan temples, especially at the 'Aaru Padai Veedu' of Murugan (These are six temples in India especially dedicated to Lord Muruga).

On the Thaipoozam day, most devotees of Lord Murugan offer him fruits and flowers of yellow or orange color - his favorite colors and also adorn dresses of the same color. Many devotees bear milk, water, fruits and floral tributes on pails hung from a yoke and carry them on their shoulders to various Murugan temples, far and near.

This wooden or bamboo structure called 'Kavadi' is covered with cloth and decorated with feathers of peacock - the vehicle of Lord Murugan. Generally, people take a vow to offer the Lord a Kavadi for the sake of tiding over a great calamity. The worldly object is achieved, no doubt, and the devotee takes the Kavadi; but after the ceremony, he gets so God-intoxicated that his inner spiritual being is awakened. In addition, this method ultimately leads to the supreme state of devotion.



A pilgrim exudes serenity as she waits to climb the steps.



A young youth showing his priceless devotion.



It's all about faith and perseverance.

HAPPENINGS!!!

JCS National Youth Wing Friendly Badminton Tournament 2010

Date: Saturday 23rd January 2010

Time : 10:00 am onwards

Location : Michael Badminton Academy and Sports Sdn Bhd
Lot 10989, Jalan SS24/10 Taman Megah,
47301, PJ, Selangor

Fees: RM 20 per pax

Max players: 16 (First come first serve basis)

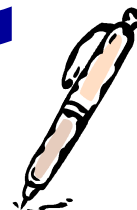
Type of Game: Doubles only

So, for those of you who are interested, don't hesitate to call **Gajen @ 016-2249397** or **Brahma @ 012-6835160**

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See you all there!

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