



## Sri Arunodayam Celebrates Founder's Day 2016

A spirit of celebration was in the air on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, 2016, when the children of Sri Arunodayam celebrated Founder's Day by way of a Sports event. They had been practicing all week and the excitement was indeed palpable!

The event began at 10 am and the children participated in an assortment of sporting activities – lemon and spoon race, sack race, 100 feet dash, walking backwards, frog race, short put, long jump, bottle water filling, cricket, throw ball, musical chairs, and several other games. After a short break, a cultural show began with the welcome address and the singing of the Tamil anthem. Arul, one of our differently abled boys shocked us all by perfectly reciting a couple of Tamil poems (which would have been a challenge even for a normal child!). The children danced to folk songs; there were group dances, a comedy skit, a theme skit by the girls, and even a fashion show!

This was followed by a sumptuous lunch (Tamilian cuisine) with a variety of dishes and sweets usually served during auspicious events, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Completely sated and happy with the day's turn of events, we had quite a task to get them to take a well-deserved nap because they were far too excited. And that's how they spent Founder's Day.

Indeed, life is to be celebrated! And the children taught us, yet again, that limitations don't really matter when you've decided to be joyful anyway! 😊

