

**Galilean Nights Event ID:** gn1,204

**Number of telescopes:** one

**Number of organisers:** 7

**Number of attendees:** 125

**Event Report:**

**INTRODUCTION :**

Phoenix Science Club (out of School Club) was started in the year 2007. During the first year, it conducted 8 remarkable activities. In the beginning of the second year, it celebrated the Galilean Nights 2009. The Secretary D.Aravindaraja who is a Primary School Teacher working in a Middle School and having the Phoenix Science Club(Out of School Club)registered the programmes during the month of October 22-24, 2009, and celebrated the Galilean Nights with school students, scouts and teachers by conducting several activities, given as report below.

**ACTIVITY – 1 (22.10.09)**

School students, Teachers and scouts were intimated about the celebration of Galilean Nights and arrangements were made.

**ACTIVITY – 2 (23.10.09)**

Power Point Presentation The students were shown a Power Point Presentation creating awareness on astronomy and why we celebrate Galilean Nights. Headmistress M. K. PREMAVILASINI inaugurated the function and delivered the Presidential Address. Secretary D. ARAVINDARAJA downloaded the Astronomical Power Point Presentation from the IYA 2009.org. website and presented the ppt among the students of GMS, Mudaliarpet, scouts and students of various schools. The students enjoyed the presentation and also clarified their doubts.

**ACTIVITY – 3 Quiz Programme**

Quiz programme was conducted to the student participants. 10 questions were asked based on the power point presentation and students actively participated in it. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

**ACTIVITY – 4**

“Stars, wherever you are We can draw” – Contest

A drawing contest was conducted to the students of our school based on the topic given. Students drew the position of stars in a white paper on 23.10.2009 night and submitted it to the Secretary of “Phoenix Science Club”. Thus the students enjoyed the beauty of the night sky. In this contest, students of Govt. High School, Mitta Mandagapattu, Tamil Nadu, scouts of Govt. Boys Middle School, students of Dilarshpet, Puducherry and students of a Volunteer’s Organisational School, Kudapakkam Village, Puducherry, Participated and submitted their creative works in Astronomy through their creative drawing skills.

**ACTIVITY – 5**

Teachers and students of various schools and members of Phoenix Science Club wrote slogans and poems regarding astronomy and submitted it to the Secretary. The secretary and members of the Science Club selected the best slogans and poems written in English and Tamil, and submitted it to the IYA2009.

**ACTIVITY – 6**

Scrap book was prepared by the students of GMS Mudaliarpet, Puducherry. They collected pictures of various heavenly bodies in connection with astronomy. They collected information about various astronomical events from local newspapers and pasted it.

**ACTIVITY – 7**

Students were taught “how to design an Astronomical Telescope” at a very low cost through demonstration and they were very much interested in it and decided to prepare it on their own to observe the sky at night.

**Sharing Experiences:**

I ,D.Aravindaraja – Secretary of Phoenix Science Club & Primary School taught conducted the above said activities within a short stipulated period of time. I came to know this information regarding celebration of Galilean Nights on 21st Oct 2009. Suddenly a spark ignited in my mind and I got ready to create awareness to public in the field of Astronomy. Planned activities very quickly and executed it very well and attained a great success.

**Conclusion**

Each and every activity well planned and executed .The students,scouts,Teachers enjoyed it very much and became very eager to do these type of activities in the future.We thank the IYA 2009 .org group for gave us an wonderful opportunity to do the needful to the public. Finally I thank Mr.S.Parthasarathy for sending the e-mail to me about the celebration of Galilean Nights 2009.And again I thank Headmistress,Teachers & Colleagues of my club for the success of the Programme. Thank you...