

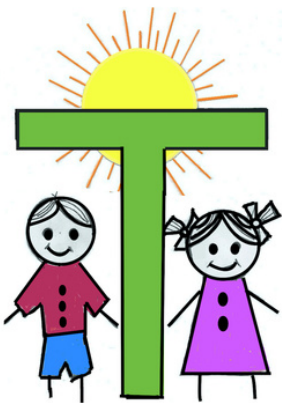
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# ANNUAL REPORT



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# MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

As we reflect on the 2023-24 academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey Tejasvita Trust has embarked upon. This year marked a significant turning point for us, as our child-centric preschool program became fully integrated into the daily curriculum of one of our partner schools. This transformation represents more than just a shift in schedule—it signifies the deep, lasting impact we are making in the lives of young children, who now engage with learning in a way that is joyful, purposeful, and empowering.

The results have been remarkable, with children showing progress not only in literacy and numeracy but also in social-emotional and cognitive development. As we move forward, our goal remains clear: to expand this impact to more schools, while continuing to build our capacity to ensure long-term success. Our vision is rooted in the belief that every child, regardless of their background, deserves a learning environment that nurtures their individuality and potential.

I am deeply grateful to our dedicated team, our partner schools, the communities that trust us with their children's education and our donors who have made this progress possible. Together, we are creating a foundation for lifelong learning and success. Thank you for being a part of this transformative journey.

With gratitude and hope,  
Gayathri Tirthapura  
Co-Founder, Trustee and Executive Director, Tejasvita Trust



## Introduction

The 2023-24 academic year marked a pivotal moment for Tejasvita Trust. This year, we achieved a significant milestone as one of our partner schools fully integrated our preschool program into their daily curriculum. Our program's child-centric approach is now seen as an essential part of the children's education. The impact of this shift has been profound, and we are excited to reflect on the positive outcomes for the children, teachers, and communities we serve.

## Program Overview

This year, we implemented the Preschool Program in two Affordable Private Schools in South Bangalore, reaching a total of 114 children. A major transformation occurred as one partner school adopted our full-time, five-day curriculum for 72 children across four classrooms. This shift from a supplemental six-hour-a-week program allowed us to deepen the impact on children's learning.

In our other partner school, the program remained a six-hour-a-week intervention, but with increased participation from the school staff, who now also serve as teachers in the Tejasvita program.

Key highlights of the program this year include:

- Development of English literacy and numeracy: New lessons for English reading/writing and numeracy were introduced using a child-centric methodology.
- Curriculum alignment: We aligned our entire curriculum and assessments with the *National Curriculum Framework 2022*.
- Teacher and staff training: Both Tejasvita field staff and partner school teachers were trained in the new curriculum and pedagogy.
- Choice-based hands-on learning: Children engaged with literacy and numeracy materials in teacher-guided, play-based environments tailored to their individual learning needs.
- Holistic development: Our program continued to emphasize social-emotional, aesthetic, cognitive growth, and increased attention span, allowing each child to progress at their own pace.



Throughout the 2023-24 academic year, Tejasvita implemented a variety of hands-on, child-centric activities aimed at fostering holistic development including literacy and numeracy.

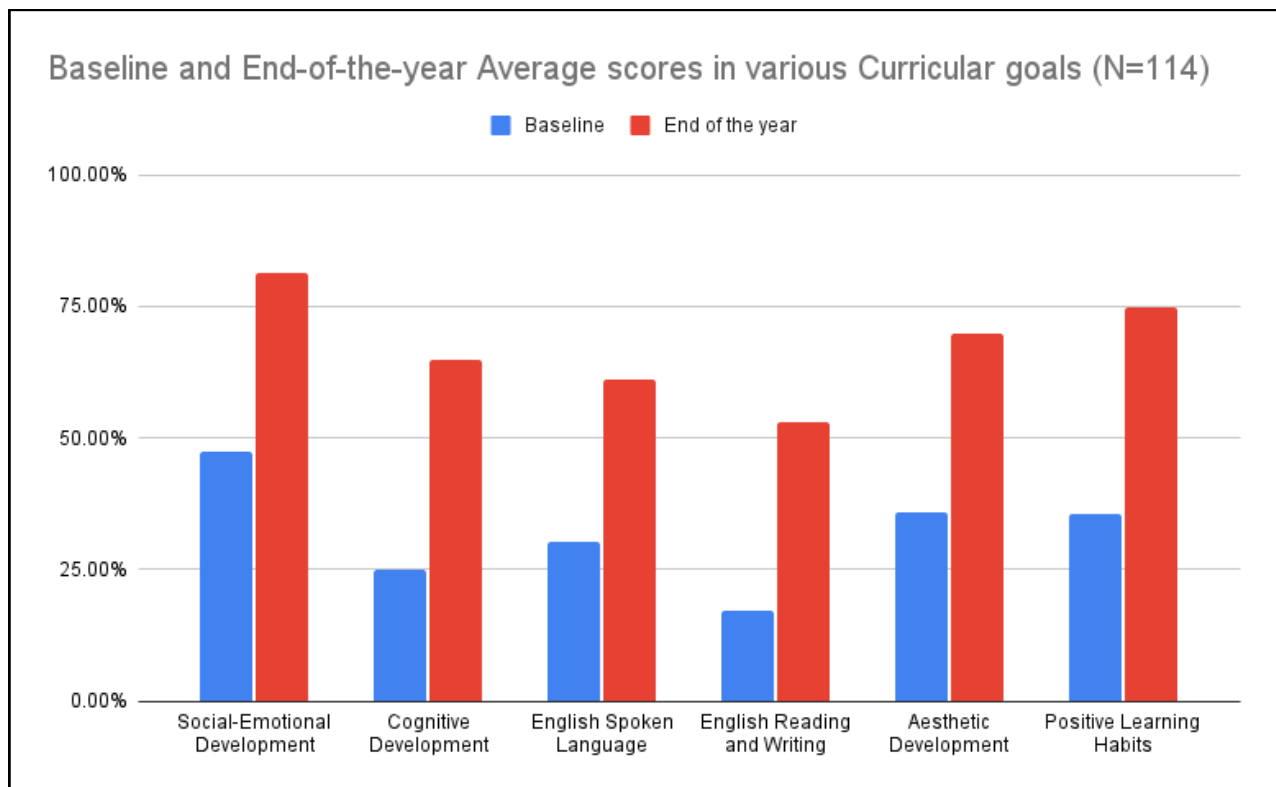
- Educational Manipulatives Free Play allowed children to engage with manipulatives and carefully curated books designed to enhance cognitive, literacy, numeracy, creative and critical thinking skills and social-emotional skills with the freedom of choice, with teachers offering guidance as needed.
- Daily Circle Time helped children build community and a variety of cognitive skills through songs and games.
- Stations Activities provided a creative outlet for children to explore open-ended art techniques and materials, enabling self-expression through independent work.
- Huddle Activities focused on cooperative activities and literacy and numeracy, where children worked on hands-on teacher guided activities.
- Storytelling sessions, using props and picture books, improved English listening comprehension and vocabulary.
- Read Alouds exposed children to world-class literature and fostered the love for reading.
- Music and Movement integrated rhythm, melody, and body movements to improve attention span, vocabulary, and English comprehension through engaging songs.





The transition to a full-time program in one of our partner schools led to remarkable improvements in children’s learning. In addition, our work in a second partner school, where our child-centric program was implemented for 6 hours a week, also yielded significant impact.

Here is the progress of all the children we served across the different curricular areas. This progress was captured with our assessment system, by observing the children through the year on various parameters listed in the National Curriculum Framework 2022 and scoring them based on these observations.



## Case studies of a few students

**Druwanth**, who entered UKG without prior formal schooling, showed outstanding progress. Initially shy and hesitant, with little exposure to English, Druwanth's spoken English improved by 444% by the end of the year. His teacher noted how he shifted from needing constant validation to becoming more independent. By the end of the year he was able to recognize letters, connect them to sounds, and read simple three-letter words and sight words. His newfound confidence enabled him to interact more fully with his peers, transitioning from needing constant validation to becoming more independent.



**Nishanth**, an energetic and curious child who was in the LKG program the previous year, saw a 222% improvement in his spoken English in his UKG year. His growing attention span allowed him to focus better on reading and writing tasks, developing basic reading skills, letter recognition, and the ability to read simple sentences. Nishanth learned to channel his boundless energy into productive tasks, with his teacher praising how the child-centric approach helped him sustain focus and engage in collaborative activities.



# TEACHER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

A key component of our success this year was the extensive teacher training program, which involved 24 teachers. The training sessions focused on implementing child-centric pedagogy for teaching literacy and numeracy, with strategies for observing and scaffolding children's learning.

## **Training Details:**

- Teacher training: At the start of the school year, teachers received comprehensive training on child-centric pedagogy, covering processes like free play, picture book read-alouds, process art, storytelling, music and movement, and circle time.
- Assistant Teacher support: An assistant teacher was added to each classroom by the school that decided to incorporate our program full time.
- Classroom support: A Tejasvita expert teacher was present three mornings a week in every classroom to guide teachers in the child-centric method.

## **Teacher Feedback and Testimonials:**

Having undergone our training and then implementing the method in the classroom, teachers noted that:

- Children were learning independently, without being forced.
- Social-emotional development allowed children to express their emotions freely and make their own decisions about learning.
- Even low-performing children showed significant progress, while high-performing children demonstrated leadership skills.
- The program's long-term approach allowed children to reach learning milestones after consistent effort.

# Challenges faced

Transitioning from a supplemental to a full-time program introduced challenges. Teachers and students had to adjust to a non-traditional classroom setting where children could move around freely, and learning occurred without blackboards or benches. Parents, accustomed to rote methods and constant writing homework for young children, initially expressed concern. We addressed these concerns through parent education workshops, highlighting the benefits of the child-centric approach and how it fosters every child's progress.

Affordability also remains a significant challenge for low-income schools looking to implement child-centric education. However, with strong partnerships and a shared commitment from school staff, we navigated these challenges and successfully expanded the program.

# Growth and Expansion

Our most significant achievement this year was the integration of our full-time program for 72 children across four classrooms in one of our partner schools. This shift represents the first time our child-centric preschool model became an integral part of the school's regular operations, enabling a more sustained and impactful engagement with the children.

Looking ahead, we aim to extend the full-time model to more classrooms and additional schools in the coming years. We are also planning to introduce a partial child-centric English literacy program for Grades 1-4 to help bridge literacy gaps.

# Financial Overview

## Summary of Audited Financial Data

Total income: Rs. 37,58,000/-

Total expenditure: Rs. 33,55,644/-

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## Looking Ahead: Goals for 2024-25

Our key goals for 2024-25 are:

- Strengthening our capacity to support long-term success, focusing on enhancing resources, team, technology, and funding.
- Expanding the full-time preschool model to additional partner schools.
- Enhancing teacher training and classroom support to strengthen and scale the implementation of our child-centric pedagogy.
- Introducing a partial child-centric English literacy program for Grades 1-4.
- Strengthening our curriculum even further to ensure holistic development, with a focus on literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional skills.

## Conclusion

The 2023-24 academic year has been transformative for Tejasvita Trust. Our shift from a supplemental to a fully integrated program has deepened our impact and allowed us to serve children in a more meaningful way. We remain dedicated to empowering every child through holistic education and look forward to continuing our journey of growth and innovation in the coming years.

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