



SRI ARUNODAYAM
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Sri Arunodayam celebrates Women's Day 2016



This year, **Sri Arunodayam celebrated Women's Day by honouring all its women staff through a specially planned event** that brought out their latent talents! All-year-round, they're so occupied with caring for the children, that we **planned this day just to celebrate them and let them know how important they are to us**. They chose to entertain the children through skits, songs and dances and the children appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The program began with a very **inspirational talk by our Chief Guest, Mrs. Radha Krishnan (one of our Trustees)** who touched our hearts, making us truly appreciative of the wonders of womanhood. We **took a pledge to respect women and always treat them with dignity** - to respect them for who they are and not just for what they do - to never pass up an opportunity to defend them, especially when they are being wrongfully harassed or discriminated against - and to continue to support all the important women in our lives in every way that we can. We also **thanked the men in our lives** who constantly support us and let us be ourselves.

As a novel way of showing our womenfolk how much we appreciate them we put up a notice board with pictures of them and highlighted a positive skill or trait about each of them – whether teacher, care giver, nurse, or cook! They were absolutely delighted with all the attention! Through short speeches and charts we recalled the history and purpose of Women's Day and the UN's theme for 2016 - **Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality**.

To end a wonderful day, we gave each staff member a gift as a token of our appreciation, and then, the floor was open for a **fun time of dancing and merry-making in which the children - who were just waiting for a chance – happily joined in!**

