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### TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION:

"A Good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination and instill a love of learning" - Brad Henry.

The above statement seems visibly true when we watch the teachers of all our six nurseries, who open the doors of learning to the tiny-tots by their sheer dedication and hard work. Teacher's Day was celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September in all the nurseries. Children made a wonderful card for the teacher with their

tiny thumbprints and fingertips dipped in different colors. The center of the card was decorated with small and big flowers and



'Happy Teacher's Day' was written on it. The card looked as colorful as the class, since the kids too had come dressed in beautiful vibrant colors. The tiny-tots faces were filled with joy and exuberance of having made a card for their teacher.

The volunteers also signed the card to show their appreciation to the teacher. This colorful card and a cake were given to the teacher by the tiny-tots and the volunteers. Colorful toothpicks with heart were given to

the children to be put into the cake before cutting it. The teacher cut the cake with the children singing 'Happy Teacher's Day'. It was a treat to watch



the joy on the faces of these kids. Last but not least, the kids eagerly waited for the cake to be shared with them. The teacher after cutting the cake distributed it to the class.



### ART AND CRAFT COMPETITION:

The Art and Craft competition is one of our favorite ways to infuse extra excitement in the already 'happening' Nurseries!! Myriad

reasons make the teachers look forward to these activities.

Thus, a challenge was aptly planned and presented to the class teachers and their teams, the young students. They had to decorate a 'shoe' drawn on a chart paper with craft material and accessories, recreating the 'water-world on a shoe'!!! There were oysters, sequins, seaweed and various aquatic animals like starfish, jellyfish etc.



The class teachers' minds got into an overdrive and they utilized the prep time to come up with innovative usage of the material.

The next step was equally challenging, to translate it on paper with the help of energetic kids. The young ones were quite thrilled to see these shapes because they could relate to 'F for Fish', shapes and colors taught so far and other objects that can be found in aquariums.

The teachers were encouraging as they ensured that all the kids had a great time and enjoyed the task given to him or her. The act, which almost all the kids disliked, was that 'fevicol' would stick to their tiny fingers. It distracted some, while some openly showed hesitation. The time limit was soon over and the class proudly displayed their [handiwork](#) for the volunteers and judges to marvel at and click.

Volunteers from Xoriant Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and Anglo-Eastern Maritime Training Center devoted their time and effort to be a part of this activity as judges. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them for being a part of *Buniyaad*.

**Mrs Shailaja Desai**, founder of *Nritya Kinnera* - a dance school, and an artiste in her

personal capacity adjudged the completed art pieces from all the Nurseries.



**Nursery No.4, IIT Tirandaaz** was adjudged to be the winner!! **Nursery No.5, Filterpada** grabbed the position of the proud runner-up. Many congratulations to the class teachers and their teams of tiny-tots!!



### **PRAVAH:**

Nature's Wonders,  
Lakes and Springs or even the mighty Ocean.  
Friends to trees, soil and all living beings,  
Forget not without me you can never be  
It's my life, like yours too!!  
Save Water Save Life!!

*Powai Info* initiated a social awareness program called 'PRAVAH - Conservation of water'. *Buniyaad* decided to be a part of the initiative through its teachers, office assistant & English-speaking group of students.

They were told to bring out their thoughts on conservation of water. This could be either through Posters, Essays or Jingles. They arrived at the venue at sharp 1:30pm brimming with enthusiasm & ideas. The materials required for making the posters were laid out. Watercolors, crayons stickers were all there. The participants spread out with a few of them on Essay writing while the others very seriously making the poster.

The competition kicked off at 1.40pm with a 2hr time frame given for the poster making & a 1hr time frame for the essay writing. There was pin drop silence as the thoughts started flowing out, aiming at bringing out the best

ideas. Volunteers were pleasantly surprised by the ideas floated out by the competitors & their sincere effort in doing their best. *Buniyaad* also instituted an internal competition for the same, where the Best will be given a prize and a mention in the B-in Touch Newsletter.

**Mrs. Shailaja Desai**, a professional artiste & the founder of *Nritya Kinnera* Dance school, Mumbai, judged the posters. **First Prize in the Poster section went to Mrs. Sujata Tambat of Nursery 3 and Second prize to Vidya Ahire of Nursery 5.**

**Mrs Malti Seth** who is proficient in Marathi & Hindi & also associated with One Hope, developing syllabus for Slum children, adjudged the essay competition. First prize went to **Mrs. Bharti Ahire** in Marathi and Second prize to **Ms. Bhagyashree Gupta**, the office assistant, for Hindi.

For all those present there that day it was a heart-warming experience to watch the sincere efforts put in by the participants. Indeed, true to the thought of that day -  
RAIN OR SHINE,  
WE NEED TO SAVE WATER ALL THE TIME!!



#### **GENERAL MEDICAL CHECK-UP CAMP:**

In order to expand the ambit of Community Service, *Buniyaad* & Rotary International, *Powai* collaborated to offer General Health Checkup Camps for the students of *Buniyaad* Playgroup & Nursery at all the six locations, which were held in October 2013.

Rotary International is an International Service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

**Rotarians, Mrs. Bharti Shenvi (Medical co-ordinator), Mrs. Savita Govilkar,** and pediatrician **Dr. Mamta Bothra** represented and rendered service along with Volunteers from *Buniyaad*. Rotary International brought

in [Health Checkup Service](#) and common medicines for dispensation as required. We, at



*Buniyaad*, express our sincere gratitude to Rotary and the Rotarians involved. Let this humble beginning lead us on together...



#### **DIWALI CELEBRATIONS:**

The first term assessments in the Nurseries were held in the third week of October. Teachers, students and the Volunteers got busy preparing for the same. The students confidently took the assessments and did their teachers proud.



After so much 'hard work', it was time for the kids to enjoy!!! Party time!!!! *Buniyaad* celebrated [Diwali with a Party](#) in all the six nurseries in the last week of October. The party was true to the spirit of *Diwali*, a festival full of sweet memories, mouth full of sweets and savories and *diyas* spreading light and joy all over. All the kids were asked to dress pretty and come on that day. Volunteers

made floral *rangolis* with the help of the



little ones. *Diyas* and candles were lit to enhance the feel of the festival.

Each child was provided with black chart paper and colored shining glitter, to make a *Diwali* greeting card. Children, with the help of the teacher and volunteers, put their creative skills to work by trying to recreate 'night sky lit with fireworks'.



They wrote their names on their card and took it home to show their proud artwork to their parents. Volunteers briefly explained the significance of

*Diwali* to the kids and also emphasized on safe ways to burst crackers. *Diwali* celebrations and sweets compliment one another, so some traditional and contemporary sweets like *Chaklis*, *karanjis*, *laddoos* and chocolates were given to them. The mood of the class was filled with exuberance, and the joy in the eyes of the tiny-tots was a *Diwali* gift to all of us...

*Diwali* Holidays followed...



### CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS:

CHILDREN ARE THE WORLDS MOST VALUABLE RESOURCES AND ITS BEST HOPE FOR THE FUTURE!!!

Children's Day also know as "*Bal Divas*", falls

on November 14th every year. It is *Pandit Nehru's* birthday and a day of celebration of childhood. '*Chacha Nehru*' as children fondly referred to him, was fond of children and roses. At our Nurseries, Children's Day was celebrated with lot of enthusiasm.

The classrooms were decorated with balloons and streamers. Volunteers told the children about *Chacha Nehru*. Kids were handed out balloons with their names on it. *Nehru* caps were made and roses were drawn on them. The young revelers were too willing to pose for photographs after donning the caps!!



Games such as 'Passing the Parcel' and Bubbles were thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Music was played as per popular demand and it was indeed a pleasure to see all the tiny tots dancing away. After all the dancing and playing, the kids enjoyed the sweets, cake and wafers. It was indeed a fun filled day for all: children, teachers and the volunteers!!



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