



# b-in-touch

"Educating Minds... Strengthening Roots... for a better tomorrow"

## Looking Forward To:

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## Christmas Celebrations

Christmas is undoubtedly the biggest festival of the world, where the whole world pushes its cares aside and celebrates this festival with great fervor and zest – to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. True to this spirit, Christmas was celebrated in all our six nurseries amidst lots of fun and revelry. Every Nursery decorated the Christmas tree with bells, stars and with



lots of glitter. In addition they also decorated a huge star with shiny streamers. The tiny-tots with their bubbling enthusiasm helped the teacher in decorating the Christmas tree. Shiny

silver stars were given to every kid for pinning up on their dresses. The class teachers and volunteers explained the significance of celebrating this festival to the tiny-tots. No festival ends without savories; here too cakes and chips were given to the kids.



They seemed to relish the snacks, as this was visible from their innocent faces. An extension of the Christmas celebrations in Nurseries was the party at **Xoriant**

**Solutions Pvt. Ltd.** It was a very kind gesture of Xoriant to have invited



*Buniyaad* children and teachers to their party. If *Buniyaad* Christmas celebration was a private party, then the Xoriant Christmas party was an Oscar... a party on a very big scale!!



The kids were dressed up like 'fairies'. With wings, wands and crown, they indeed looked like they have come down from Heaven. There was Santa... and the newly crowned 'fairies' were pleasantly surprised to see the big red figure with the goody bag. With Christmas carols playing in the background, Santa took the 'fairies' around to meet the staff members. Led by Santa, children also walked the ramp with confidence, getting photographed along the way... the

chocolates that they got from many of the staff were an added incentive!! The Christmas party ended with the 'fairies' getting gifts and goodies from Xoriant staff. This day would be an important part of their childhood memories...



One of our class teachers who were invited to the party penned down her experiences and 'b-in-touch' brings to you the same. For more pictures, visit [http://buniyaad.org.in/activities\\_celebration.html](http://buniyaad.org.in/activities_celebration.html)

*We went to the Xoriant Office for Christmas party. When we entered two ladies came to help us. They were very happy to see the children. The office is very big. The children were given wings that were very attractive and they looked like **angels**. People at Xoriant spoke very kindly to the kids. Santa Claus came and he had lots of sweets with him. Children had lot of fun at the party because everyone was giving them sweets. We wished everyone 'Merry Christmas'. We enjoyed & had a lot of fun at the party. Thank you for inviting us.*

*Mrs. Sarika Mathode*

### **Activities in the Nursery:**

As the term advances, students in *Buniyaad* Playgroup and Nursery are accordingly taken on a developmental path complementing their intellectual and physical growth. *Buniyaad* has incorporated various activities to engage and enhance various mental and physical facets of students.

#### **Making of a 'Nest':**

The aim of this assignment is to help students relate to the alphabets better and in a lively manner. For this task, children were asked to arrange straw in the shape of a nest. The teacher did a lot of



'handholding' to assist the children in dealing with the unwieldy strands. The task of managing and controlling the wayward straws was yet another exercise in strengthening their tender wrists.



As the nest started taking shape the kids' excitement increased in proportion. During this activity, other alphabets and their related words were revisited, e.g., bird, egg, names of birds etc. One by one these objects were also placed in the

nest, and Voila!!

The class had their version of a cozy **nest** with a **bird** and its **eggs** inside it...

#### **Art and Craft activity:**

An art and craft activity was specially devised for the



class teachers and students. They were assigned to decorate a **treasure-chest**. Each class was provided with colored art paper, decorative tape, beads etc. These were not the usual decorative materials, which the teacher and children may have worked with earlier. The aim was to expand the creative horizon of the teachers. Faced with these new 'tools for decoration', teachers had to rethink their modus operandi regarding craft!! The designs had to be children-friendly as well as aesthetic... In the allotted time for the class activity, all the teachers put on their thinking caps and came up with a variety of designs to decorate the treasure-box. Their students excitedly helped them to complete the activity.

**Editorial Initiative:**

Dear readers,  
 You may remember that in the previous issue, ‘b-in-touch’ team had announced the Editorial Initiative for this academic year. We also assured to keep you updated regarding its progress. Over the last few months, the class teachers and volunteers have brainstormed and come up with various methods to get the messages regarding ‘Personal Cleanliness’, ‘Oral Hygiene’ and ‘Cleanliness of the Surroundings’ across to the children and their parents. Their endeavor to reach out to the parents is a step towards contributing to the society in a positive manner. We bring to you snippets from different classrooms and their methods of execution. They say, ‘a picture is worth a thousand words...’ The teachers made good of this idiom and presented most of their thoughts as pictorial charts. Having pictures in front of them were of a big help while reinforcing action-points.



The teachers and volunteers ensured that the new habits are not only taught in the classroom but also taken-up by parents at home. Thus, these charts are displayed at the entrance of the classrooms. While coming to pick-up or drop their kids the parents are reminded to keep their wards nails trimmed and clean, to ensure that they send their kids out with foot-wear, to remind kids to rinse their mouths especially after eating sweets or chocolates and to keep their surroundings clean.



We would like to share a few smiles with you: This incident took place in one of the nurseries at the beginning of the Oral Hygiene session. The Volunteers

charmingly asked the young ones if any of them ‘swallows toothpaste’ while brushing teeth in the morning... Proudly the entire class raised their hands!!! Even the class teacher was taken aback by their enthusiastic response. Then patiently all the kids and their parents were shown the correct way of using toothpaste and toothbrush and to spit out the toothpaste after brushing.



In another instance, the teacher and volunteers ‘staged’ an unclean classroom to drive home the significance of cleanliness around us. So one-day children walked into their nursery strewn with papers and chocolate wrappers. The tiny-tots were taken aback and innocently asked the teacher why she had not kept the classroom clean. The teacher and volunteer then asked the children to help them clean up the mess and keep their surroundings clean too. As mentioned by yet another teacher, children of her class fall all over themselves to get their nails, toes and soles checked; to express to the teacher that they have been adhering to her instructions at all time. For more pictures, visit [http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities\\_cleanliness.html](http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_cleanliness.html)

**Republic Day celebrations:**

The word “ Picnic” brings a huge smile on the faces of the tiny tots. The teachers and the tiny tots wait for this day to have good fun and frolic. This year, a picnic was organized as part of our Republic Day Celebrations. Buniyaad family of six Nurseries,



Teachers and Volunteers went for a picnic on the 24th of Jan. 2013, to the **Heritage Garden, Hiranandani.**

Children were literally jumping up and down with joy when they saw slides and swings. It was a hard task to get them together even for a head-count, but we managed!! All the kids patiently waited to take turns on the different types of slides and swings.



Some children played football and cricket with newfound partners. Teachers and volunteers helped all of them up and down the swings, slides and the steps.



Every kid had a million dollar smile on the face. It was a pleasure to watch them, as they enjoyed themselves at the park. Kids were served *pav-bhaji*, chips and *jalebi* for lunch. Their eyes lit-up when they saw all their favorite food items on one plate!! Juice was an additional treat... Later, they were also given chocolates as goody bag.



'Duty' always goes hand-in-hand with 'Rights'...after



lunch the class teachers got all the children to assemble. They obediently stood in lines according to their classes. The class teachers led the young



'citizens' in singing '*jhanda ooncha rahe hamara*' and '*hum honge kaamyaab*'. Their sweet voices filled the air and impressed all who were present. The picnic and the Republic Day celebration were finally brought to an end with the singing of the National



Anthem. We thank the parents of students who accompanied the kids for the picnic. They helped the teachers and volunteers in ensuring that the picnic was a relaxed and happy experience for all. We also extend our thanks to the management of **Heritage Park, Hiranandani** for making this Republic Day a memorable occasion. For more pictures, visit [http://buniyaad.org.in/activities\\_picnic.html](http://buniyaad.org.in/activities_picnic.html)

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