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### Celebrations at Nurseries:

**Diwali:** Kids helped the Teacher in creating a *kandil* and decorated it with golden, shiny paper. Classrooms basked in the glow of hand crafted kandils. Children were dressed in their colorful best and the celebration came to an end with mouth-watering sweets and savories.



For more pics click on, [http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities\\_diwali.html](http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_diwali.html)

**Christmas:** Tiny tots and their class teachers assembled a Snowman by using fluffy cotton balls. A ribbon around the neck of the snowman completed its dapper look. Stickers made up the eyes of the snowman. Teachers explained the significance of celebrating Christmas to the children. Later teachers and Volunteers shared cake with the little ones. For more pics, click on



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**Second Art and Craft Competition:** Buniyaad held its Second inter-class Art and Craft competition in all Nurseries on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016. These competitions challenge teachers'



as well as children's creative and imaginative minds. The task given this time was to create and decorate a Wall Hanging. Nurseries were provided material for sticking, cutting and decorating. Tiny tots were bubbling with enthusiasm to go ahead and create the best wall hanging in the given time frame of one hour. It was amazing to watch toddlers observing the process, with glue on their hands trying to follow instructions and stick

decorations. Volunteers from **Xoriant Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Anglo-Eastern Maritime Training Center and Hathway Cable and Datacom Ltd.** were the onsite judges. We thank them for being a part of Buniyaad and spending their valuable time with us. The parameters for judging were class participation, ability of kids to follow instructions, judicious use of material, etc. The final pieces of Art and Craft were judged independently by a noted personality in this field, **Mrs. Gira Dalwadi**. She is a practicing artist and an eminent personality in this field. **The winner was Nurs. No 1, Parksite, Mrs. Bharti Ahire** and her team. The runner up was **Nurs. No. 6, Ramabai Ambedkar Nagar, teachers Mrs. Priyanka Jadhav and Ms. Pradnya Ahire** and their team of tiny-tots. A big applause to the children and to their teachers for guiding them!!! For more pics, click on [http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities\\_art2.html](http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_art2.html)



### Inspection at Nurseries:

The goal of achieving excellence is a continuous process; adhering to this principle, Buniyaad conducts yearly inspection at Nurseries by an External Inspector. This year **Mrs. Vinita Mohanty** carried out the inspection at all the Nurseries. Mrs. Mohanty has over a decade of teaching experience as faculty in **Hiranandani Foundation School**. She commended the performance, and compliance of standards and rules at Nurseries as stipulated by Buniyaad. Her experience with Buniyaad, in her words: *'Buniyaad is investing in the underprivileged children's basic education and in the process contributing to the country's development by preparing these children for the future. They keep the child safe without holding them back and giving the children the freedom to have fun. They are not only being taught well but also being groomed to recognize all the beauty they possess inside.'*



**Sports Day:**

Sports Day of *Buniyaad* Nursery and Playgroup was held on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015 at **Ambedkar Udyan, Powai**. A spirit of sportsmanship was generated as excited children from all Nurseries converged at the ground. The beautiful morning added to the charm. Tiny tots were seated in orderly manner and one could see teachers prepping them up for the race. For these children - it's their first introduction and experience to Sports and we wished them Luck!



The first racing event of the day was 'THE FLAT RACE' followed by 'STACK-IT-UP'. For this race, the task was to stack rings on ring-stands in the minimum possible time and then quickly run to finish the race. The atmosphere in the ground came alive with sounds of whistling, cheering,



booming et al, by not just the teachers and students but also by the Volunteers and the parent-volunteers. Winners of the flat race were First Prize **Manaba** (Nurs. No. 3), second



prize **Minakshi** (Nurs. No. 1) and third prize to **Imran** (Nurs. No. 2). Winners of 'Stack-it-up' were, **Prajwal** (Nurs. No. 6) at first position, **Simran** (Nurs. No. 5) at second position and at third position **Ragini** (Nurs. No. 4).

The last race in the children's segment was 'PEGGING THE HANDKERCHIEF'. Their motor coordination skills were put to test, and it was amazing to see many of them being able

to peg the kerchief in their very first attempt!! The winner of First prize was **Prajwal** Nurs. No. 6; second prize went to **Adi** of Nurs. No. 4 and third prize went to **Anjali** of Nurs. No. 7.

Next set of races was for Teachers. They had to balance a book on their head and walk carefully to the finish point, without dropping the book. **Mrs. Bharti Ahire** of Nurs. No. 1 'walked' away with First prize and the Second prizewinner was **Ms. Usha Chaudhary** of Nurs. No. 7. The next race was 'FLOWER GARLAND'. Students held bowls containing Marigold flowers stood midway on the track. As the whistle sounded, teachers hurried to thread the needle and then run to the middle of the track where a kid was holding a bowl with flowers make the garland and then



run to the finish point holding the kid and the garland. We had many enthusiastic teachers who were nimble with their fingers. **Mrs. Sarika Matode** of Nurs. No. 2 walked away with the First prize and Office Asst. **Ms. Rupali Gujar** won the Second prize. Parent-volunteers were also not left behind; the final event for the day was a race for parent-volunteers, a 'BOOK BALANCING RELAY'. It was unique since a 'book' was relayed to the partners standing midway.



At the sound of the whistle the person at the start line had to move slowly balancing her book and then place it on her partner's head, whose face she could not see. This lady then moved on to the finish line balancing her book carefully. Team of **Deepali R. and Jayashree M.** won the First prize; runner-up team was **Ami P. and Samishta S.** After a hectic morning of sporting events the day culminated with yummy packed food for all to carry home. JUST PLAY, HAVE FUN, ENJOY THE GAME!! This seemed to be the Motto of the Day... For more pics, click on [http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities\\_sports.html](http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_sports.html)

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