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31st January dawned a little sunnier, cheerier than ordinary in the verdant Heritage gardens as regular morning walkers were treated to an eye-ful of colourful costumes and earful of delightful laughter of hundreds of Bunियाad kids. Yes! The children were assembled in the garden to celebrate Bunियाad’s Fancy dress competition 2020.



The topic was **“States of India”**. Each nursery was assigned different states and had to showcase their diverse cultures, festivals, languages, dresses, traditions, food and other customs through costumes and props.
 The event started at 9.00 AM. The children had not just come dressed but had also learnt about what they were showcasing and explained it to the judges. Maharashtrian fishermen sang folksongs, North Eastern tribal girls danced to the beats of drums, tiny tots traipsed about as national leaders, sportsmen and other icons.



Occupations such as farmers and vendors; famous food items like Rosogulla, Idly, vada, dance forms like Odissi and Bharatnatyam, festivals like Diwali and Durga Pooja, popular tourist spots like temples and beaches and many other creative ideas found a spot in the colourful display of talent. The tremendous effort that had been put in by the teachers in training the kids to understand the theme and the parents in decking up the children with relevant costumes was evident to all.



Portraying culture through dance forms and building

Sindhooor kela of Bengal and Mumbai’s famous dabbawalas

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Apart from the regular showcasing of the theme by individual participants there was a **“Karwaan”** in which the children set the place ablaze by “walking the ramp” in their unique costumes with their innocent smiles and dazzling enactments.



Fancy Dress Competition



Children dressed as yummy food from various states

Fancy dress competition judges

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Poetry Recitation



As the Fancy dress was unfolding on one side our Buniyaad children participated in **Poetry completion** on the other side. The children were split into two age groups of below and above 4 years. Each group had been given 2 poems each in advance touching upon themes like healthy eating, the importance of name, seasons and the all-time favourite - ice creams!! Their mellifluous lispings of the rhymes and emphatic hand gestures stole everyone's hearts!



Prize distribution

The two events were followed by the prize distribution ceremony.

In Fancy Dress **Rudra Gawande** and **Shardul Pansare** - Nur. 3 and **Ishwari Sawardekar** - Nur.8 won the 1st prize in the speakers category. **Jeevansh Jain** and **Tejaswini Chauhan**— Nur. 3 won the 2nd prize.

In the Karwaan segment, **Aarav Shilwant**, **Swara Patil** and **Tanishk Nerulkar** - Nur. 8 won the 1st prize. **Prem Gupta** and **Kunal Sharma** - Nur. 7 won the 2nd prize.

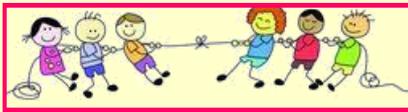
In Poetry above 4 years, **Sandita Nikam** - Nur. 4 won the 1st prize and **Priya Padwale** - Nur. 3 won the 2nd prize.

In the below 4 category, **Preksha Phadale** - Nur. 3 and **Viahan Mane** - Nur. 8 won the 1st and 2nd place respectively.

Needless to say the event was a mega success as the children left for their homes with take-away packets of snacks and a happy sparkle in their eyes. Buniyaad thanks the judges and the parent volunteers gratefully.



Poetry competition judges



Sports Day



Buniyaad conducted its **Sports meet** at BMC grounds, Powai on 13th February 2020. Imagine the vibrant mood set by the children from all the nurseries in their color-coordinated outfits! The ground was abuzz with excitement of the kids, volunteers and teachers as they got ready for the event.



The first event was a **"Relay race"** in which 4 pairs of kids from each nursery completed the run by passing the baton. It was a delight watching them as they ran into other tracks or handed the baton to the different partner.

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The next event was **"Hula hoop"** race. Colorful hula hoops were placed in the middle of each track. The children had to run, pick the hoop, slip it over their head, drop and run to the finish. It was hilarious to see the tiny tots run on their little legs to the hoop and stumble about to slip the hoops and run to finish their race. They were laughing at their own playful mistakes to the loud cheers of their excited friends.



The final event was **"Shape fit"** race. Cut-out shapes of a square, triangle and circle were placed equidistantly on the tracks. Each runner was given a set of corresponding shapes. They had to match them correctly and place on the cutouts on the track and reach the finish point. The event caused much merry and fulfilment as children excitedly fit the right shapes on.



Not just the kids, but it was a day of fun for the teachers too! After the kids' races were over the much awaited teachers' games commenced. The first was **"Set and pin your dupatta"**. The teachers happily set about the task amidst loud applause from the kids. Then came **"Burst the balloon"** race. A balloon was tied at the teachers' back. They had to protect their balloons with one hand whilst trying to burst the others' balloons using the other hand. The game brought out their child-like frolic as they eagerly danced about bursting their opponent's balloon to win.



Best Teacher Award



The day also marked an important occasion to recognise the hard work of our wonderful teachers by imparting excellent education in the areas of elementary academics, moral value education and extra curricular activities... These were announced by guest judge, Mr. Srikrishnan with immense appreciation for **Ms. Durva Sodaye**, Nur. 8 winner of Best Teacher Award and **Ms. Sujatha C. Tambat**, Nur. 3, winner of Second Best Teacher Award.



Winning children receiving their prizes

Winners of 1st and 2nd Art and Craft competition

Finally it was time to bid adieu to an awesome Buniyaad Sports Day 2020 and return home with packed food and big smiles. Buniyaad gratefully acknowledges Ms. Maitri J. Gandhi who graciously became the official photographer for the event and special guest Ms. Kaveri Goswami and the parent volunteers who helped the teachers manage the kids.



Happy faces



Cuddly moments



Teachers of Buniyaad



Guests being felicitated

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