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Introduction of Nursery:

Our next academic year 2013-14 was set rolling with the official introduction of Nursery No. 3 on 19th Jun. 2013 at a new venue with a new Teacher at *Vikhroli, Parksit*. The proceedings began with a welcome speech by Mrs. *Vibha Kulkarni*. Chief guest **Mrs. Renuka Sethunathan**, a trained teacher in Early Childhood, with rich work experience at Treehouse, a school for pre-school kids, graced the occasion.

Lighting of the lamp set the ball rolling; prayers followed invoking blessings for our new Nursery. Unveiling of the *Buniyaad* board,



traditional breaking of coconut etc marked commencement of the Nursery.

Our chief guest Mrs. *Sethunathan*, stressed upon the need for education and pointed out that sending children to English medium schools,

right from pre primary level, is very important in today's times. An early start in English will give them an advantage over others. She also handed over attendance register to the class teacher **Mrs. Sujata Tambat**.

During an informal tête-à-tête with the parents, it emerged that many of them had chosen to send their children to *Buniyaad* since it is an English medium Playgroup and Nursery. It was heartening to know that the mothers realized the importance of English as a medium of education in today's world. Sweets & savories brought smiles to faces of the toddlers.

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Celebrations:

Friendship Day:

The age-old saying of 'a friend in need is a friend in deed' is as important today as it was before. Friendship day was celebrated in the first week of August 2013. Children from all the nurseries were given 'smiley faces' to stick on colored cellophane paper. Thereafter, teachers wrote names of kids around each 'smiley' with colorful pens. The volunteers lent a special touch to this entire activity by crafting



designs around the 'smiley faces'. This made the young ones' smiles more beautiful!! The colorful artwork of the tiny tots was then strung together and hung as a *toran* (decorative wall hanging). The teachers and volunteers highlighted the merits of friends and how each of them should be 'Sharing and Caring' with each other.



Later on, every child chose one amongst their many friends and tied friendship bands around his or her wrist. The whole scenario in the Nursery was very colorful and enjoyable. The little kids' joyful faces were a treat to watch... Any celebration does not end without sweets and here too chocolates were distributed by asking each child to give it to his or her friend emphasizing the virtue of 'sharing' amongst friends.

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Independence Day:

This year our nation celebrated its 67th year of freedom. This is a golden day (15th Aug.), for all the Indians spread over the world. Independence Day always evokes an immediate patriotic emotion within us. Every year we make efforts to ensure that we do something different, which will remain engraved in the children's heart. So, this year we decided to imprint the kids' fingerprints on the *Tiranga*, as if to say the children are painting a stronger and better India for tomorrow.



The tiny tots were very excited as we entered the class. They greeted us and were asking us about the celebration. We told them that this year we would have finger painting. They just couldn't wait and soon all the kids sat in a circle and the activity started. The Volunteers and the class teachers held their fingers and helped them fingerprint on the chart paper. Little by little, tiny dots covered

the National Flag!! The finished flags with their fingerprints were engraved in our hearts. The children were given candies, *laddoos* and some savories, which were relished by them. Patriotic songs like '*Saare jahan se aacha*' and '*Jhanda uncha rahe hamara*' were taught to the class. The celebration then ended by singing the National Anthem and the kids roared excited '*Jaihinds*'. For this day, students and parents made the effort to try and dress the kids in white *kurta-pajama*, and a small *Tiranga* was pinned on their dresses, which they proudly displayed to their friends and family after the class.



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Gratitude for a munificent gesture:

On Saturday, the 15th of June, '*Harihara Putra Samaj*' at *Shankaralayam, Chembur*, invited *Buniyaad* Playgroup and Nursery for a function. It is a leading socio-cultural and spiritual organization in Mumbai involved in social services in the field of medical, educational and charitable for the under privileged. The President *Sri. Jayyant Lapsia* and other office bearers like *Mr. Mani* distributed school bags with all the necessary stationery to students from eight schools.

Our organization, *Buniyaad Playgroup and Nursery* was appreciated for its work and the *Samaj* presented CD players for our nurseries. On behalf of *Buniyaad*, Ms. Revati B. and Ms. Hema R. received the CD players. The CD players have become a useful teaching aid to teach song, rhymes etc. to the students.

It was indeed a pleasure to have participated in the function. We express our sincere gratitude to '*Harihara Putra Samaj*' and particularly *Mrs. Premlata Kashyap*.

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