

ANNUAL DAY ISSUE



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"EDUCATING MINDS...STRENGTHENING ROOTS... TO BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW."



Annual Day celebrated on 20th Feb.'11

BUNIYAAD in association with **Hewlett Packard (HP)** held its Annual Day Function on Sunday, Feb.20, 2011 at the Powai English High School, Powai, Mumbai-76. We invite you to join us on a journey, which showcases budding talent, hard work and an insatiate hunger to excel.

3.00 pm and the joyous trip had begun with the auspicious Lighting of the Lamp symbolic of *Buniyaad's* endeavor of spreading light and knowledge. Mrs. & Mr. S. Shankarnarayanan of Jubilee Shipping did the auspicious 'Lighting of the Lamp' followed by the students rendering *Buniyaad's* Prayer '**God who made the Earth...**' with an appeal of '**Care for Me**'. The hosts for the grand evening, Mrs. Rajlakshmi Singh and Ms. Shruti Krishnan efficiently and engagingly conducted the event. They introduced the audience to the students of Nursery No.3 who invoked the Lord to shower us with His blessings and commence

with our Annual Day without any obstructions – '*Vighnaharta*'. May He destroy enmity and allow peace to prevail. A power packed prayer, one must say!!! This was followed by a dance by the young ones from Nursery No.- 2, Milind Nagar who paid obeisance to Lord Ganesha to the tune of '*Ganpati Vandana*'; not to be left behind, the children of Nursery no.1 recited other Sanskrit hymns like '*Karagre Vasate Lakshmi*' and '*Kailas Rana Shiva Chandramauli*.' (See pics on Page 2)



Opening Prayer

Corporate sponsors and supporters of *Buniyaad* marked their presence by cheering the children on. HP banner read ‘**Witness the reinvention of mission-critical computing**’, another went like this, ‘**Agility for Less with HP storage works**’; HDFC Life banner said, “**Proud to be associated with Buniyaad – Sar Utha ke Jiyo**”. Xoriant Solutions, Nickelodeon – a Children’s Channel, Jubilee Shipping & Logistics Holdings Ltd and Bharat Vikas Parishad corroborated with Buniyaad to reinforce **Educating Minds... Strengthening Roots... To Build a Better Tomorrow.**



In the words of our special reporter, **Archana Rajgopal**, “As I entered the hall an hour before the show, I thought I was early but I was mistaken, for there present were the eager parents, grandparents and siblings of the Star performers. The excitement in the hall was building up as the families greeted each other, took their seats and got their cameras ready to catch the action!!!” I took this opportunity to meet and chat up with a few families –

A mother - “I wish I had an opportunity of attending a nursery I would have persuaded my parents to send me to school”.

A grandparent – “She may be a student for you but is a teacher for us, she teaches us to keep our house clean and demonstrates to us what she learns in school”.

Aradhana Bhushan, our other special reporter summarized her experiences of the day as follows – ‘The day definitely had many inspiring and eye-catching moments. The students performed with exuberance and chutzpah. From thought-provoking folk dance, choir songs, the tiny tots of the school kept everybody enchanted including me. The smiles of the children and the confidence with which they spoke and carried themselves speak volume of the work put into it.’

Indian Mythology is full of value based stories, songs, poems, acts etc... *Buniyaad* students of Nursery No.2 displayed their childlike innocent emotions depicting the devotion of *Radha* to Lord Krishna ‘**Radha hi Harichi Bawri**’.



Dance on ‘*Radha hi Harichi Bawri*’



Recitation of ‘*Karagre Vasate*’



Recitation of ‘*Kailas Rana*’



Dance on ‘*Ganapati Vandana*’



Dance on 'Nach Re Mora'



Dance on 'Sassa toh Sassa'

The mood in the auditorium was reminiscent of Monsoon when the audience saw a pretty peacock strutting amidst the dancing students of Nursery No.3, Parksite on the song 'Nach Re Mora'. Students of Nursery No.2, *Milind Nagar* against a backdrop of an airplane were aboard a flight, exuberantly reciting 'I am an Aeroplane'. Take a guess as to where they went to pay a visit - to the Queen of England as Pussycats. The others eagerly awaited their return and bombarded the pussycats with a barrage of questions... 'Pussy cat Pussy cat, where have you been?' The 'Pussy Cats' graciously narrated their experiences of London to the audience. Recollecting for us fond memories of 'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear, Turn Around' were the students of Nursery No.3 who turned, twisted, got ready and trotted to

school. Who does not know the old moral – **Slow and Steady wins the race?** Here the tiny angels of Nursery no.1, Parksite, related the story in a peppy Marathi song – '**Sassa toh Sassa...**'. One could see the Tortoise and the Hare racing on stage and the Hare falling asleep...while the others sing and dance while witnessing the grand event. Nothing is complete without learning! Cleanliness, hygiene and good manners all incorporated into song and dance '**I am the shoe brush; I am the shoe**' by Nursery no.2, *Milind Nagar* and **Mulberry Bush** by Nursery No.1. Tiny tots knocked, peeped, got comfortable and greeted **Mr. Chin Chin Chin** while delivering their catchy poem – go ahead and guess the poem – yes, its on Good Manners!!!



Parksite- 'Pussy Cat, Pussy cat'

*Milind Nagar*- 'I am an Aeroplane'

Parksite, Tekhadi- 'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear'

‘Missed a heart beat’ moments: a) The time when the Hare peeped into the speaker and wanted to be sleeping in it and not at his specified location b) The time when a lead character refused to get into his costume and another actor had to replace him and keep the show going...c) like the one who started to take off his head gear as he was about to get on stage. Phew!

Volunteers of **Xoriant Solutions**, a sizeable number, seemed like naturals at taking care of our small performers. The representatives worked in tandem & appeared as an extension of the Buniyaad Team. They humored the kids, helped them look as good as they did, fed them, disciplined them and endeared themselves to the students. In moments the students decided to promote all the Xoriant representatives from strangers to *didis* and *bhaiyyas*. Take a look at the ‘**Buniyaad Moment**’ Pic.



Creative Collaborators

Parents had a party time too. They not only saw their wards on stage but also got to participate in memory tickling games organized by the Host and co-host. There were some famous faces from yesteryears as well as the new-age cinema that were displayed and the audience had to identify them. Another interesting game was to identify various tunes and songs. The sharp participants had to answer questions related to the song or the tune. There were games which just needed participants to be in the right place at the right time WITH the right thing, like a pink ribbon, a 10 Rs. Coin, their spouses photograph in the wallet etc. For some it was laughing all the way back home as they went back with Star Plus bags containing goodies from them.

For the hard & energetic work, the young ones needed to be rewarded. A Puppet show for all the little moppets, yes that was their evening and was presented by **The Byke, Matheran**. The puppeteer regaled young and old alike by making the puppets dance on various popular songs. The l'll boys and girls swayed, tapped, and watched with their eyeballs popping out looking absolutely awestruck.



The Kathputli Dance



Audience keenly participating in the games



Winners to enjoy the goodies!

Towards the end of the two-hour long program, the stage was taken over by **Mrs. M.V. Subhalakshmi, Vice Chairperson** who shared with the audience the work done and the future plan of *Buniyaad*. Mrs Subhalakshmi invited people to come forward and lend their support.



On behalf of *Buniyaad*, she felicitated *Buniyaad's* Corporate Associates & Sponsors, Event Sponsors & supporters by thanking them for extending their support to make this Annual Day a brilliant experience for all involved. **Mr Vishal Chandane Business Development Manager, CI Solutions** was invited to share his thoughts with the audience. He urged the parents of the children to ensure that their children complete their school education. He explained to them that only good education can lead to a bright future. The others felicitated that evening were **Mr S. Radhakrishnan, AVP, HDFC Life** and **Mr S. Shankarnarayanan of Jubilee Shipping**. Thanks were expressed to many other Corporates including Xoriant, Nickelodeon, Bharat Vikas Parishad and individuals like **Mr. Anil Sharma, Mr. Krishnan Kaushik, Mr Srinath Beldona** for their contributions and voluntary services. Soon, it was time for the prize distribution ceremony – this section of the program was hosted by Ms Chetna Ahire, Office Assistant of *Buniyaad* and a distinction student from the Spoken English course.

Prizes were given away for the various art & craft competitions held during the year.

Best Teacher Award

William Arthurward said:

*“The Mediocre teacher tells,
The Good teacher explains,
The Superior teacher demonstrates,
And, the Great teacher Inspires”*.

This is the most awaited award and all the teachers work hard through the year to achieve it.

For the Academic Year 2010-11 **Sarika Matode** teacher of Nursery No.2 won it. Mrs Meenakshi B., Vice Chairperson of MBA Foundation, presented the award. Mrs. Matode graciously attributed her success to all the positive happenings in her life. She expressed her thoughts through a self-composed poem at the event.



‘Hum Honge Kaamiyaab... Ek Din’ is the Hope *Buniyaad* has been advocating all across. It was wonderful to see all the students, teachers, volunteers etc. on stage fluttering tricolor flags of orange, green and white re-assuring that Success is within our reach. A fitting close to a new beginning...of Fresh Hope and Progress...

The national anthem brought the curtains down on this memorable evening. The sumptuous refreshments and icing on the cake were the different goodies received by the children. They were seen going home frolicking, chattering and giggling away. Adieu till the next Annual Day!

http://buniyaad.org.in/activities_annualday.html



HOLI Celebrations:

Holi was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm. The Celebration in the Nurseries started with the teachers explaining the story and concept of *Holi* along with an animated interactive session with the kids. The children enumerated the *Holi* colors in English and as always, yellow and red were the colors of the day. Volunteers, teachers and the children together made a colorful poster with 'HOLI HAI' written on it, decorated with children's colorful palm impressions and brushstrokes using watercolors. Savories like *chaklis* and sweets like *laddos* and *pedas*, were distributed and relished. The teachers and the volunteers began putting colorful *tikas* with non-toxic *Holi* rang. This spurred the children on and it was *Holi* at its peak. 'Play Safe *Holi*' was emphasized upon – no dirty water, mud, toxic, colors, plastic bags etc.

**Inspection of Nurseries:**

An Inspection of the three Playgroups & Nurseries of *Buniyaad* was conducted on Feb 9th, 11th and 14th respectively. The Nurseries were judged on criteria like class performance of students w.r.t. their curriculum, extra curricular activities, interaction of the teacher with her students in English and their response to her, efficient use of educational aids provided, etc. Mrs. Sangeeta C., who is an active volunteer with NGO, ASHA, conducted the Inspection. Based on these, she adjudged **Nursery No. 2** to be the winner.

General Health Awareness and Checkup Camp:

The last general health awareness & Checkup camp for the academic year 2010-11 was conducted in the first week of March on 1st Mar, 2nd Mar and 4th Mar 2011, respectively across Nurseries.

Dr. Rashmi Shrivastava, Dr. Jyoti Kulkarni and Dr. Mansi Chavan were the doctors who came forward to graciously devote their time for *Buniyaad* Nursery and Playgroup.

The doctors studied the existing records and advised on further follow-up, where required. They were pleased to note that in spite of less privileged background the students of the Nurseries were not looking malnourished. The doctors were informed that both students and their parents are educated about and encouraged to adopt healthy eating habits. In addition to that, *Buniyaad* supplies a home made nutritional supplement and the teachers administer it regularly in school.

Best Student Award –Boy and Girl:

Every year, *Buniyaad* rewards the most deserving students amongst all Nurseries for their overall performance during the academic year. At the close of the academic year 2010 -11, the **P. T. Sundaram Award** for the *Best Male Student* went to **Gaurav Rawale** from Nursery No 1, Parksite.

Smt. Swarnambal Sundaram Award for the *Best Female Student* went to **Shweta Shewde** from Nursery No 1, Parksite. They were evaluated based on their schoolwork, worksheets and response levels in school, assessments and extra curricular activities.



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