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FANCY DRESS AND POETRY RECITATION COMPETITIONS

A stroll amidst Nature replete with miniature versions of the Sun, Rain, Mother Nature, Rainbows, Sunflowers, Periwinkles, roses and tulips et al... 'Recreating Nature', was the theme for this year's **Fancy Dress and Poetry Recitation Competition** in *Buniyaad*. This event was successfully conducted on the crisp winter morning of 22nd Jan. 2016, at the **Heritage Gardens, Hiranandani Garden, Powai**.

For Poetry Recitation competition, poems like 'A little seed, For me to sow...' 'Butterfly, Butterfly, Flutter around...' 'Bunnies are brown, Bunnies are white...' all came alive with expressive faces and adorable actions. Children shed inhibitions to present their best, at times,



taking even their class teachers by surprise! This contest was judged under two categories, namely, for under four-year olds and for above four-year olds. **Mrs. Archana Singh**, a trained Montessori teacher currently with Sri Sathya Sai Balvikas (SSS) teaching Value Education to children, was one of the judges for Poetry Recitation competition. **Mrs. Kanchana Jayasankar** is also

associated with SSS for many years, and is a Jt. Coordinator for Ladies Wing of the same. She's been conducting Value Education for the children of SSS for the last few years and continues to do so. **Ms.**



Samina Saudagar, Manager (Relations) in the Revenue Dept., Hathway Cable and Datacom Ltd. also was invited as one of the esteemed judges. Fancy Dress competition transported Judges, parents, Volunteers and even kids to a different realm. The get-ups of jasmines, sunflowers, roses and marigolds were the perfect backdrops for the charming faces of young ones. Short introductions about their fancy outfits added a



powerful punch to children's presentations. At times, donning these costumes did look like a tall order; but enthusiastic children carried off all the costumes with aplomb. Judges for Fancy dress competition were **Mrs. Shubha Talwadker** and **Mrs. Alpna Mansukhani**. Both ladies are amateur artists, creative people and very fond of

children. Kudos to Teachers' for their innovative presentations, parents' involvement, and Volunteers for bringing it all together!!

This day was also the most opportune to celebrate our Republic Day. Flags were handed out to Nursery children, who held them high, waving them to the tunes of songs like 'Jhanda Uncha Rahe Hamara...'



Certificates, Prizes and Accolades... For Fancy Dress and Poetry Recitation Competitions, Interclass Competitions and Teachers' Excellence and achievements through the Academic Year...

In Fancy Dress Competition, **Viraj S. Raut** dressed as Tree (Nurs. No. 2) won the first prize; Second prizewinner was **Prapti S. Shirsagar**,



dressed up as Mother Earth (Nurs. No. 2) and the Third prize winner was **Aarush U. Dhanve** (Nurs. No. 6), in the get-up of a Tree. Winner of First Prize for **Nature Walk** was **Manashvi P. Ajetroa** (Nurs. No. 5) and Second prize winner was **Krishna Saroj** (Nurs. No.6). A tie for the Third position was declared between **Utkarsh S. Solse** (Nurs. No. 3) and **Adarsh S. Sun** (Nurs. No. 2).

First Prize in the under- four yrs category in Poetry Recitation was awarded to **Manaba M. Sahu** (Nurs. No. 3), second prize to **Aarush U. Dhanve** (Nurs. No. 6) and third prize went to **Swara K. Pawar** (Nurs. No. 3). In the above-four yrs category, **Prajwal Shinde** (Nurs. No. 6)

and **Prapti S. Shirsagar** (Nurs. No. 2) won the first prize and second prize respectively.

Winner of the most awaited and sought-after 'Best Teacher's Award' was **Mrs. Vidyasinha Ahire** from Nursery No. 5, **Filterpada**. It was a welcome surprise for the Teacher; also, acting as a strong motivation for the times to come.

Mr. R. S. Krishnan, who is an entrepreneur in the field of Investments & Planning, presented this award. A keen supporter of **Buniyaad** for the last few years, **Mr. Krishnan** sponsors the 'Best Teacher's Award' each year.



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sponsored and helped in distributing sumptuous lunch packs for all. We thank **Mr. Ojas Shah**, **Mr. Jignesh Dolia**, **Mrs. Archana Patodia** and **Mrs. Neelu Patodia**. **Buniyaad** also thanks Volunteers from **Hathway Cable and Datacom Ltd.**, Judges and management of **Heritage Gardens, Hiranandani**, who shared their time and resources to make this day a precious memory for all.



We share with you some heartfelt sentiments as expressed by **Mrs. Vidyasinha Ahire**, winner of the Best Teacher Award:

The 'Best Teacher's Award' is every teacher's big dream. Every teacher works hard to achieve this dream. During the year we follow the curriculum properly, listen and follow instructions from Buniyaad Volunteers. We use different teaching aids and also our own ideas with the help of Volunteers to teach the children in a better way. This year I received the "Best Teacher's Award" and prize money on January 22nd. I did not expect it but was very happy when I won the Award. This is my first award for Education and it felt good to receive it. This award has uplifted my mind and personality and has got me lot of respect in society. Winning this award has helped me mentally and financially. I would like to say "thank you" to my Volunteers, my Nursery children and my entire Buniyaad Family. For more pics http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_fancy_dress.html

A FUN TRIP TO XORIENT

It was a big day for students of Nursery No. 2, *Milind Nagar*. They were going for a picnic, with



a difference!! It was not outdoors, but a friendly visit to **Xorient**. The Staff was very happy and thrilled to receive the tiny guests. All children were dressed in their best attire. The loving and friendly Staff of Xorient made the children feel comfortable and special; and in no time, kids had adopted their *didis* and *bhaiyaas*. The children recited songs and poems with gusto. There were games like 'Orange and The Lemon' and 'Ring-a-ring o'roses' in which most of the staff participated. The little ones were delighted when shown animated snippets of '*Chhota Bheem*' and '*Tom and Jerry*' on a big screen. Ice creams, savories and gaily-packed take-aways were highlights of the day. Kids expressed their sincere, heartfelt thanks by creating a special 'Thank you' card for the loving Staff of Xorient for making this happen. For more pics, http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_picnic.html



HOLI CELEBRATIONS

Holi was celebrated with enthusiasm and joy in



all our Nurseries. The Festival of Colors, as *Holi* is widely known, brought joy and happiness to one and all in the Nurseries. The teachers narrated the story of *Holika* and soon it was time for fun and frolic. The children enjoyed playing around with the Organic colors. The day wound up with sweets and savories being shared with children, Teachers and Volunteers. For more pics http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_holi.html

INTRACLASS COLORING COMPETITION

To encourage the creativity of the little kids, *Buniyaad* held Intra-class coloring competition in all our nurseries in the month of March. The enthusiastic faces of the kids lit up on seeing the picture of a scooter on a paper. Tiny - tots were asked to run in their imagination on colors to be used for the picture. The combinations of colors the kids used were a delightful sight. The green, blue and red wheels of the scooter along with the usual black brought a smile on the faces of our teachers and volunteers. Kids raced each other to finish it in the stipulated time frame. It was a tough task for the respective Teachers and Volunteers to select the recipients of first and the second prize, much to the disappointment of the other kids!! For more pics, http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_classactivity.html



ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

Fluency in spoken English is indeed an asset in this century; apropos this ideology *Buniyaad* provides an opportunity by conducting English Conversation Classes at its *Powai Center*. Basic for beginners and the Advanced Level class have become a motivation for all. The atmosphere in the class is conducive for sharing students' concerns, common ones being able to read but not comprehend effectively or inability to express their thoughts fluently in English. Many students said they wanted to learn English so

that they can help their children in studies. Some said speaking in English boosts their confidence. Methods of teaching used are innovative, and sessions include Role-plays, debates, describing some common and everyday activities and processes. One of the students of the **Advance Level English Conversation Classes** has shared her experience with us: "As students of *Advance English Class*, we learn to speak English using good and better words. We also gather information and knowledge from the Internet and books about our surroundings, state, country and the people. We also share this with other students in the class.

This has built our confidence and we are able to converse in better English. This may also help us to get jobs in offices and shops, schools and nurseries."

REPORT CARD DAY

After a wonderful and very fulfilling Academic year, 2015-16, we ended the term with an Open Day for the parents and children of *Buniyaad*. The overall excellence of the Nurseries was reflected in their activities and performances throughout the year. It was seen that each and every student had a special and unique quality that made them stand out whether it was Art and Craft, reciting poems or singing songs. Many parents expressed their happiness about the progress of their child after joining *Buniyaad* Playgroup and Nursery and about learning new English words from their kid. All kids have turned out to be stars in their own right... The winners



for outstanding academic and overall performances were chosen based on their academic performance, attendance and activities throughout the year, and participation in extracurricular activities like sports, fancy dress,

poetry recitation, coloring competition etc. in *Buniyaad*.

This year, '**Smt. Swarnambal Sundaram Award**' for **Best Female Student** is awarded to **Ms. Ragini R. Pandey** from Nursery No. 4.

Master Prajwal A. Shinde from Nursery No. 6 is the recipient of '**Shri P.G. Sundaram Award**' for **Best Male Student**.



'**Karthik Pillai Award**' for **Best Academic Performer** is being awarded to **Master Manaba M. Sahu** from Nursery No. 3. Along with a Trophy, each winner is also given a Certificate



and Prize money. Many congratulations to children, their parents and their Teachers!!

Thanking all the Teachers and Volunteers for their support and encouragement to all the students and wishing everyone a joyful summer and future... Nurseries will now close for summer vacations. For more pics,

http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_reports.html

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