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Inauguration

Buniyaad started the academic year 2018-19 with a bang, adding two feathers in its cap by inaugurating two nurseries, Nurseries 8 and 9. Inauguration of

Nursery No.8, Parksit Samrat Budh Vihar, took place on 20th June 2018.

We began by invoking blessings of the Almighty. **Mr. Anil Adsule, General Secretary of Shilpkar Mitra Mandal** initiated the proceedings by lighting a lamp. Handing over the class register to the teacher marked the formal beginning of the class. This was followed by a short address by **Ms. Vibha Kulkarni** and teacher-parent interaction. Distribution of sweets concluded the happy occasion .



Soon Buniyaad got ready to spread its wings from familiar surroundings to Wadala. **Nursery No. 9** was inaugurated on 21st June 2018 in the premises of Don Bosco Int. School. The ceremony commenced with a welcome note given by **Capt. Deboo from Anglo-Eastern Maritime Training Centre**. He addressed the gathering of school's alumni, teachers, parents and Buniyaad volunteers, and spoke warmly about associating with Buniyaad. **Fr. Crispino D'Souza, Director, Don Bosco Int. School** welcomed the parents and formally inaugurated by lighting the lamp and unveiling the Name Board. The gathering was addressed by **Capt. Almeida from Anglo-eastern; Fr. Crispino; Ms. M. Saldanha, Principal, Don Bosco Int. School**, and also **Ms. Saigita Narayan, Buniyaad Chairperson**. **Ms. Vibha Kulkarni, Trustee**, spoke about Buniyaad and its activities, followed by the vote of thanks by **Ms. Revathi Balachandran, the Treasurer**. Hoping to inspire, ignite the imagination, and instil love for learning, Buniyaad continues in its journey!!! For more pics, visit: http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_ovationation.html

Buniyaad's annual orientation program at the start of a new academic year, lays the foundation to create a positive school culture and a successful school year. During this, teachers go through the whole spectrum of re-iteration of teaching skills and standard practices followed at Buniyaad. This year the orientation program in Buniyaad was held for two days, June 7th and 8th, 2018. As part of skills enhancement, Buniyaad invited



Ms. Poornima N. Kumar to conduct a two hour storytelling session with Buniyaad teachers. She has combined her passion for teaching young children and her love for books to start a venture called "Once Upon A Time". A master story teller, Ms. Poornima conducted a workshop on Storytelling with Buniyaad teachers to propound the theory that language development can happen at various levels through stories. To sensitize the teachers towards an inclusive classroom and identify different emotional, learning and behavioral difficulties among their nursery and playgroup children, Buniyaad organized a workshop by **Institute for Exceptional Children** from Andheri, Mumbai. **Dr. Trinjhana Khattar** and her team conducted the workshop on "Mental Health Needs of Pre-schoolers and Interventions" in Buniyaad. Teachers and Volunteers of Buniyaad were engaged in an insightful session with plenty of learning, with lots of fun and interaction.

Friendship Day Celebrations

The tiny tots in all the Buniyaad Playgroup and Nursery celebrated Friendship Day with their classmates in the first week of August. The children

made wrist bands using satin ribbon and tied it around their friends' wrist as a mark of their friendship. The teachers explained to children about the importance of friendship and how to celebrate the day. The volunteers and teachers then helped the children to make the bands. All the kids enthusiastically participated in the activity turning the colourful ribbons to beautiful bands. They then tied the band on each other's wrists and encored "Happy Friendship Day!". Sweets were later distributed to everyone's delight.

For more pics, visit: http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_frdshpday.html



Independence Day Celebrations

National flag was given and the children were asked to complete the tricolour using their fingers. They were eager to dip their fingers into the colours and colour the flag. The nurseries echoed with patriotic songs and the National anthem. The teachers and volunteers joined in the celebration. No celebration is complete without sweets and savouries being distributed and making it more memorable for the children. For more pics, visit: http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_indepday.html



Teacher's Day Celebrations

Buniyaad celebrated September 5th, Teacher's Day, with panache! Volunteers across all Nurseries helped children personalise and decorate a versatile gift, an eco-friendly folder. Children with their slender fingers peeled alphabets and stuck them on the folder to form names of their respective teachers. Using eco-friendly folders is an attempt from Buniyaad to help the society to implement Plastic Ban. Flowers, chocolates, cake, smiling faces and gift of love. This Teacher's day would surely be remembered for long! Last but not least, team Buniyaad appreciates and acknowledges the hard work put in by Buniyaad Teachers... our building blocks. For more pics, visit: http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_tchrday.html



Editorial Initiative—Plastic Ban? Yes, We Can!

Every year, Buniyaad Playgroup and Nursery conducts the Editorial Initiative, an inter-nursery competition based on topics that are socially-relevant. **Plastic Ban? Yes, We Can!** was the subject the Editorial Team hit upon for 2018-19.



Plastic pollution has become one of the most relevant topics today especially in Maharashtra and we could vividly see the efforts of the teachers, the support of the parents and guidance of the volunteers in finding and educating themselves about the alternatives for plastic in our day-to-day lives. The competition was held on 31st August, 2018 across the nine nurseries. The Editorial Initiative kick started 6 weeks ago with the volunteers explaining the harmful effects of plastic to the teachers.

Teachers then educated children and parents, on how indiscriminate use of plastic has been affecting the environment. They organised meetings with parents to discuss how they can help society by bringing about changes at the family level.

Sub-topics of this project were; ways of replacing plastic at home, at office and public places, how plastic can be avoided during festivals, birthday celebrations and also during travel. Ideas poured in, and the quality of the projects was exemplary.

The beautiful miniature solutions to the problem of plastic were made out of recycled cloth, jute, clay and metals. Team Buniyaad applauds the support of teachers and parents to bring a healthy change in our lives.

Teachers and parents prepared 2D models, drawings, small write-ups, scavenged for collectibles etc. The teachers also made sure that the children were actively involved and well-educated about the theme. On the day of the competition, Judge Volunteers in different

nurseries observed and judged the same. The question answer forum helped to judge and gauge the impact of the Initiative. Teachers and their teams of students were provided with a mount board kit to showcase their work. The children enthusiastically pitched in to help their teachers create the project.

A few memorable snippets were when, a child narrated a story in his own inimitable style "*plastic ko fish khathi hai, phir hum fish ko khathen, isliye humko pet dard hota hi*". Also a few children answered in chorus "plastic burning leads to air pollution." It is heartening to note that most parents have replaced children's plastic snack boxes with metal ones. Teachers had also convinced parents to start using cloth and paper bags in place of plastic ones for shopping etc.

Ms. Vidhya Pattabiraman, who is an MBA and visiting faculty in Sinhgad College of Commerce, kindly agreed to judge the best among the projects. Team Buniyaad thanks her for her valuable comments, suggestions and appreciation.

The **First Prize** was given to **Nursery No.5 (Top)**, Jai Bhim Nagar, Filterpada, **Ms. Vidya Ahire and her team**. The **Second Prize** was given to **Nursery No.6 (Bottom)**, Mata Ramabai Ambedkar Nagar, **Ms. Neelam Shrivatsav and her team**. Congratulations

to the winners and all the teachers for making a positive contribution in the lives of children and parents. The eagerness with which the children learnt and participated proves that it is indeed our responsibility to mould their impressionable minds in the right way to make our country a better place to live in. For more pics, visit: http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_EdInit.html



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