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Celebrations—Holi Milan

To celebrate *Holi*, Buniyaad organised a fun-filled activity for our tiny toddlers. The students were asked to dip their little fingers in colours of their choice and imprint them on the drawing of a *Pichkari*. Children were eager to put their fingerprints on the paper, thereby creating a volley of colours on the drawing. After the activity, sweets and snacks were distributed to children. Buniyaad teachers and volunteers helped children apply organic *gulaal* on each other's faces. Amid *Holi Milan*, with hugs and smiles, one could see lovely bonding. The happiness seen on their faces was better than any wealth! For more pictures, please visit the link below:

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



Intra-Class Colouring Competition

Buniyaad conducted an intra-class colouring competition across all nurseries. It was also the last activity for the Academic Year. Little creative hands participated joyfully to bring out their individual talents.

The task given this year was to join the dots, complete and colour the picture of flowers and butterfly in the stipulated one-hour time. All children were very enthusiastic to get their sheets and start colouring them right away.

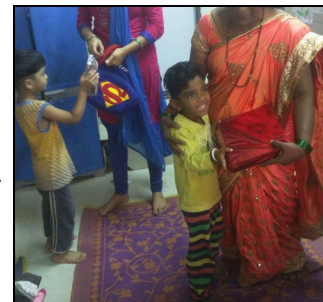
The intent behind this activity was to make children in-charge of their work, putting their colour combinations and creativity at work. There was pin drop silence in the class while all the hands were busy at work. Head bent down, crayon in hand, each one of them created a beautiful visual display. It was a riot of colours, each trying to do it differently.



Small instances make memories. In one such instance, one of our nurseries had a power cut towards the end of the competition.

But, that didn't stop our tiny little workers! They used torchlight to complete their assigned work and even took pictures of it. Such was their enthusiasm. First and Second prizes were handed out in every nursery after the competition. It was a tough decision to make, as every effort was appreciable.

Sometimes all you need is a splash of colour to bring out the hidden artist in all of us!!! For more pictures, please visit the link: http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_intraclass18.html



Inspection at Nurseries

At Buniyaad Playgroup and Nursery we always endeavour to offer standard best practices. To assess this, we invite external faculty for inspection of the Nurseries. This procedure ensures that our methodology and curriculum is always on par with the requirements of the educational systems. This year we had **Mrs. Hema Subramanian**, who is a teacher with specialisation in English. She is one of the founders of the institution called 'The Orange Wedges' that conducts Creative Writing Classes for children. As per Mrs. Subramanian, Buniyaad was found to comply with all the required and standard practices. She was happy to see that children could answer conceptual questions with ease. She said, "The children of the nurseries are very responsive and smart."



Report Day for Academic Year 2017-18

Another successful Academic Year of Buniyaad Playgroup and Nursery came to a delightful conclusion. All the parents met their respective ward's teacher, to review their performance and collect the Report Cards.



Children were assessed based on their performance in academic lessons, overall development, communication and verbal skills, participation in various curricular and co-curricular activities, etc.

Keeping their future in mind, as an added measure Buniyaad

had invited a few corporate volunteers to address the parents. **Ms. Suruchi Lokhande and Ms. Shilpa Palsapure** from **Hathway**, and **Ms. Pranali Chandgadkar and Ms. Trishala Ghatnekar** from **Xoriant** visited the Nurseries and interacted with the parents.

They explained how education makes a huge difference in the lives of children by citing personal examples. They talked about getting quality education in good schools for children, which would help them to become smart and confident kids. The corporate volunteers patiently answered questions from parents, in English, Hindi and Marathi. Team Buniyaad extends heartfelt gratitude to the corporate volunteers for their empathy, time and effort.



Parents shared that they were very happy interacting with the corporate volunteers and appreciated the work done by Buniyaad in shaping up their children's life. They were very happy to see the



improvement in their children during the course of the year.

Every year Buniyaad chooses the best among students, across all nurseries and presents them with a trophy and certificate. This year **'Smt. Swarnambal Award for**

Best Female Student' was awarded to **Miss Payal Yadav** (top left), and **'Sri P.G. Sundaram Award for Best Male Student'** was awarded to

Master Tanay Soyanke (top right); both awardees were from Nurs. No.4 Park Site, Ambedkar Nagar. **Master Shreyas Jadhav** (right) was awarded the **'Karthik Pillai Award for Best Academic Performer'**, from Nurs. No.3, Park Site Ganesh Nagar.

Along with the awards a 'Friend of Buniyaad' also presented the winners, colourful organisers to store their books, etc. All children received gifts of stationery and chocolates extended by 'Friends of Buniyaad'.



Thus, a very exciting and an intellectually stimulating Academic Year in Buniyaad came to an impressive end. We look to the future with the intention of continuing the good work, and carrying on the torch of 'educating minds, strengthening roots... for a better tomorrow.' For more pictures, please visit the link below:

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Tête-à-tête

Honouring the exemplary work of its teachers Buniyaad gives out the most coveted Best Teacher's Award and Second Best Teacher's Award. To share this joy we interviewed our two winners Ms. Bhagyashree Bhoi, Nurs. No.7 (Best Teacher) and Ms. Sujata Tambat, Nurs. No.3 (Second Best Teacher);

here are a few excerpts from it.

How does it feel to get the best teacher's awards this year?

Bhagyashree: At first I could not believe that my name was called out as the winner. I was shocked for a moment. When I realised I got so emotional that I could not control my tears. I am so so happy.

Sujata: I felt very proud of the work that I have put in. Buniyaad has given me a lot and I promise to do better work.

What are the new things you did in the last Academic Year?

Bhagyashree: I learnt how to tell stories nicely. My children enjoy my stories. Compared to my first year, this year my students have become very close to me. They love and respect me.

Sujata: I adopted new methods to teach concepts to children. Like, we learnt the seasons by identifying the children's birthdays that fall in a season.

How does it feel to be a part of team Buniyaad?

Bhagyashree: I feel so elated and pleased when people around saw me as a teacher of an institution. Buniyaad has helped me earn this respect and I will always be a part of team Buniyaad, till the end.

Sujata: I have no words to express my gratitude towards Buniyaad. I got great support from the Buniyaad team over the years.

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