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First Craft Competition:

Every year our competitions infuse a lot of excitement in our Nurseries. The kids and Teachers look forward to this activity with a lot of enthusiasm. The challenge for the First Craft Competition was to decorate 'an Umbrella' with the given craft materials and accessories. Preparation time given to the teachers was well utilized as they planned about maximizing usage of various materials given to them.



The next task for the teachers was to translate their ideas onto the chart paper provided, with the help of energetic kids. The children enjoyed the act of sticking and pasting, though some of

them didn't like the sticky fingers!! Teachers ensured that they finished the competition in the given time limit. Thereafter, teams of Teachers and their students proudly displayed their artwork to the respective on-site Judges and posed to click pictures.

Volunteers from Xoriant, Anglo-Eastern Maritime Training Center and Hathway Cable and Datacom Ltd. devoted their time to be part of this competition as on-site Judges. Our heartfelt thanks to them for being part of *Buniyaad* family...



Mrs. Rekha Sakhuja adjudged the final art pieces from all the nurseries. Mrs. Sakhuja is a

retired Art Teacher from *Hiranandani* Foundation School. She continues to engage in different art forms while working with children and grown-ups alike. **Nurs. No. 3, Ganesh Nagar** was adjudged the winner and **Nurs. No. 6, Ambedkar Nagar**, the runner-up. Congratulations to the teachers,

Ms. Sujata Tambat and **Ms. Pradnya Ahire** and their tiny tots!! Our on-site judges graciously shared experiences of their interaction with Teachers and children. One such sharing is by Ms. Mansi Tamboli, "It was a great experience to interact with the toddlers. They were taking interest in all activities and were disciplined throughout. Kudos to the teacher for handling and taking care of them so well!! They were meticulously doing the craft activity. Please continue with this initiative. The NGO is doing a great job keep it up!"

For more pics, http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_art1.html



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Celebrations:

Diwali: The luster of Diwali was enhanced by the brightness of decorated *diyas* in Nurseries. With the help of Teachers, children painted the bottom part of *diya* drawn on paper. All kids took turns to stick decorations on the *diya* to beautify it.



Diwali celebrations ended with greetings, sweets and savouries relished by all!! For more pictures, http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_diwali.html

Christmas: Like all other festivals, Christmas was celebrated marvellously at *Buniyaad* Playgroup and Nursery. This year, the children had a nice event where each nursery worked as a team and made their own gay wreaths. All kids and teachers participated enthusiastically and did their best to create the wreath beautifully! The kids wore bright clothes and some even found x'mas caps to wear!! Joy and cheer was all around as everyone shared the Christmas feast of savouries and cake. For more pics, http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_xmas.html



Republic Day Celebration:

New year started on a high note with the celebration of Republic Day in respective Nurseries. Children added to national fervour by painting the map of India in Tricolor. National Leaders were introduced and their pictures were put around the map. Students joined their teacher as she led them in singing patriotic songs like '*Jhanda uncha rahe hamara...*' and robustly chanting '*Jai Hind*' and '*Vande Mataram*'. Kids puffed their chests out when flags were pinned on. The day ended on a sweet note with the distribution of chocolates.



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

Second Art and Craft Competition:

Every child is an Artist! Based on this thought we, at *Buniyaad*, conducted our Second Art and Craft Competition in December 2016... It was exhilarating to see the joy and enthusiasm of the little ones. Working with their respective Teachers the event was thoroughly enjoyed by both the students and the Teachers who depicted their choices brilliantly. The topic given was 'Amusement Park', which brought out the creative skills of the teacher and the tiny-tots. Nurseries were given identical pictorial cut outs of various features of Amusement Park: slides, swings,



ice cream and popcorn vendors, and various other details, which make Amusement Parks fun and memorable. Criteria for selection of the winners were purely on the completed artwork, its presentation and how well the teacher executed the entire theme as per her understanding. Based on the evaluation in each nursery and completed artwork, **Nurs. No. 2, Milind Nagar**, Teacher **Ms. Sarika Matode** was declared as the winner and the runner-up was



Nurs. No. 1, Varsha Nagar, teacher **Ms. Bharati Ahire**. **Ms. Srirupa Mukherjee** judged the completed Artworks. She is an artist who has held exhibitions in many festivals in U.K. and is currently working as Executive Producer with one of the leading radio stations. Team *Buniyaad* extends its thanks to the esteemed judge for her valuable time. We applaud and congratulate the winning teams of Teachers and their children!! For more pics,

http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_art2.html

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