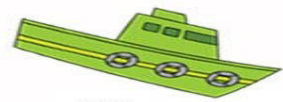


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MOTIVATIONAL SESSION

Buniyaad's Annual Motivational sessions are moments of reflection, learning and reinforcement for our Teachers. This year there were three sessions on varied topics relevant to 'teaching and safety in classrooms', held on June 22nd, 2017.

Ms. Deepali and Ms. Meenakshi, volunteers from a Mumbai NGO *Arpan* conducted a detailed session on "Safe and Unsafe Touch" for our Nursery Teachers and a few Volunteers, using the "Picture story book" technique. Their "My Little Body Book" gave sensitive and impressive insights for conveying safe and unsafe touch to children. Access to Law and prevention and handling of cases, if any, was taught and discussed. This session would go a long way for our Teachers to keep their little wards as safe as possible within the classroom and outside.



Ms. Renu Warriar and Ms. Priti Trivedi, experienced primary school educators from 'Kids' Supreme'—a local Nursery School, discussed and motivated Buniyaad Teachers to rise up to the challenges of pre-primary education. They stressed upon the '**Importance of Teacher's role in students' lives**'. A 'wholistic' approach to teaching the little ones was emphasized upon. Ms. Renu impressed upon the Teachers that they "CAN DO" what they want if they set their mind to it.



Mr. Shankar Narayan, an ex-Armed Force personnel and a Corporate safety trainer conducted a '**Fire Safety**' session and demonstration for our Teachers and Volunteers. It was an eye-opening session, which introduced quick access emergency "ICE" contacts, dos and don'ts of fire safety, and use of fire extinguisher by PASS (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep) procedure. The educative session was interesting and interactive with live examples mixed with humor. We, at Buniyaad Playgroup and Nursery, extend a heartfelt Thank you to all our guests for sharing their valuable time, knowledge and effort.

As part of Teachers' orientation, our Volunteers conducted in-house workshops on phonics of English Alphabets, "learning to write" skills and making teaching aids. These sessions were immensely informative and the hands-on experience is proving very valuable. Many thanks from Team Buniyaad to Ms. Kalindi Vyas, Ms. Archana Singh and Ms. Jayanti Venketaraman for the same.

CELEBRATIONS

Friendship Day

Team Buniyaad celebrated a cherishable Friendship Day with its little ones by giving them a creative task. A sunflower was drawn and the toddlers were handed out petals, which they had to colour and stick. They all worked in harmony and learnt the importance



of helping hands. They learnt the value of friendship while having fun at the same time. Overall the day was celebrated successfully and the children enjoyed their share of sweets too! For more pictures, visit:

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

Independence Day

Independence Day was celebrated across all our Nurseries with an interesting activity and patriotic songs. The children were given the task of coloring a pre-drawn sheet of the Red Fort and then sticking the Tricolor flag on top. Patriotic songs such as *Vande Mataram* and *Sare Jahan Se Acha* echoed across the classroom. Sweets and savories were distributed to the children. For more pictures, visit:

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



Teacher's Day

The tiny-tots of Buniyaad celebrated Teacher's Day in their respective Nurseries. The kids decorated an eco-friendly jute bag and presented it, much to the delight of the teachers, as a token of their love towards them. Volunteers guided and helped the kids to prepare the beautiful bag. Children then wished their Teachers "Happy Teacher's Day" in unison. The Teachers reciprocated their love towards the little ones by distributing sweets to them. For more pictures, visit:



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

EDITORIAL INITIATIVE

One of the major events in Buniyaad, the Editorial Initiative is a theme-based inter-nursery activity with the aim of educating the children and parents about various subjects. This year, the Initiative was about **Modes of Transport**. Teachers and their teams of nursery children were to use 3D, 2D models, pictures, drawings, etc to depict various modes of transport like road, rail, water, air



and rural transportation.

During a month long prep-time, Teachers put together necessary props and models to showcase their project. As the objective was to educate the children, the Teachers made sure that the children were involved during the entire process of creating the models and pictures. They used various materials like cardboard, ice cream sticks, newspapers and even recycled household materials to create models. Parents too were roped in when kids sourced materials from their day-to-day activities.



Come end of August, it was time for the finale. Nurseries were allotted one hour to compile or create and display their project. Children, under their Teacher's able guidance, stuck and pasted various models and pictures that had been sourced or created earlier on a hardboard. The excitement of the little ones was palpable as they looked at the colourful miniature versions of various vehicles they had seen on road or while travelling.

A few enthusiastic kids pointed out to various vehicles and named them of their own volition.

As a part of the Initiative, a Guest Volunteer interacted with the students. Few questions were asked to know the extent of their understanding of the theme. The learning from the project was evident when the children answered readily. Volunteers wrapped up the eventful day by distributing sweets to the children.



Final Presentation was judged by **Ms. Sudha Arora**. A Post graduate in Hindi Litt. Ms. Sudha Arora is a prolific writer, both in Hindi and English. She has been a broadcaster, telecaster and scriptwriter for radio and television in India. Presently she is associated with Vasundhara Book Centre in Gateway Plaza, Powai. The art-works were judged on the criteria like innovative thought process, presentation of the theme etc.

Congratulations to **Nursery No 7, Hari Om Nagar (Ms. Bhagyashree Bhoi)** for being ad-



judged the Winner of the Editorial Initiative and **Nursery No.1, Parksite (Ms. Bharti Ahire)** as the Runner-up of Editorial Initiative!

For more pictures, please visit: http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_EdInit.html

FIRST CRAFT COMPETITION

The little budding creative minds and Teachers at Buniyaad participated in the First Craft Competition in September '17. The materials provided for the nurseries by Buniyaad included a chart paper with



pre-drawn image, paper cut-outs of shapes, and glue. The Teachers with their students had to decorate the image of the pot in a unique creative way by using the cut-outs.

In order to provide a bit of a suspense, the Teachers were given the materials and the concept on the spot. The process of working together with the Teacher and carrying out her instructions and being a

part of the team, helps build cognitive skills in children. They not only took part with great enthusiasm, but also learnt to create something 'new' on their own.



Representatives from **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India)** and **Xoriant Technology** were part of the competition in all the Nurseries. The judge **Ms. Preeta Garg**, judged all the craftworks on criteria like creativity, usage of material given, neatness and overall presentation. Ms. Garg has also authored some drawing books for learning art. For the last 18 years she has been running "Learn Art Academy" in **Powai**.



The winner of this competition was **Nursery No. 2, Milind Nagar Ms. Sarika Matode** and the runner up

was **Nursery No. 5, Filterpada (Ms. Vidya Ahire)**.

Heartiest congratulations to Teachers and their teams!

Team Buniyaad extends heartiest thanks to all onsite Judges and Ms. Garg for sharing their valuable time and energy with Buniyaad. For more pictures, visit:

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