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“Educating minds...Strengthening roots...To build a better tomorrow.”

Inauguration of Buniyaad’s New Playgroup & Nursery:

On 17th June, 2010, **Buniyaad** added a new branch to its tree of education. We were fortunate to open a new Nursery. That, it is destined to reach new heights is sure, considering where it is perched. Nursery No.3, as it is more popularly known, is at *Park-Site, Tekdi Vibhag.*

The proceedings for the day started with the new teacher, **Mrs. Archana Shirsat** breaking the coconut and offering it to the Almighty, with a prayer in our hearts to help us achieve the objectives of **Buniyaad**. **Mrs. Archana Shirsat** was previously a teacher with **Pratham**.



With a prayer in the hearts and a song on the lips.

The Chairperson of **Buniyaad**, **Mrs. Saigita Narayan** addressed the parents initiating them into the **Buniyaad** family. They were given a brief idea of what is expected of them as parents of students coming to the Nursery and how to be encouraging and supportive at home. The parents were introduced to the methodology employed at **Buniyaad** and informed about the various activities undertaken in the Nursery which lead to overall growth and development.



Taking up the mantle of educating young ones

Parents absorbing info

The Nursery was then formally inaugurated by **Dr. Jayshri Rananaware**.



Cutting the ties that bind

First and foremost, she applauded the parents for their concern and awareness to be sending their

children to an English-medium Nursery such as **Buniyaad**. *Dr. Jayshri Rananaware* spoke on, how, learning the language-of-business will go on to help children in the long run. *Dr. Rananaware* illustrated her point of view with various examples of people who go on to work in various fields.



Dr. Rananaware addressing the parents

Guru-Poornima:

Guru Poornima was celebrated on 26th July 2010 for the teachers and, this time also *by* the teachers. All the volunteers and the 3 teachers got together in an informal style.

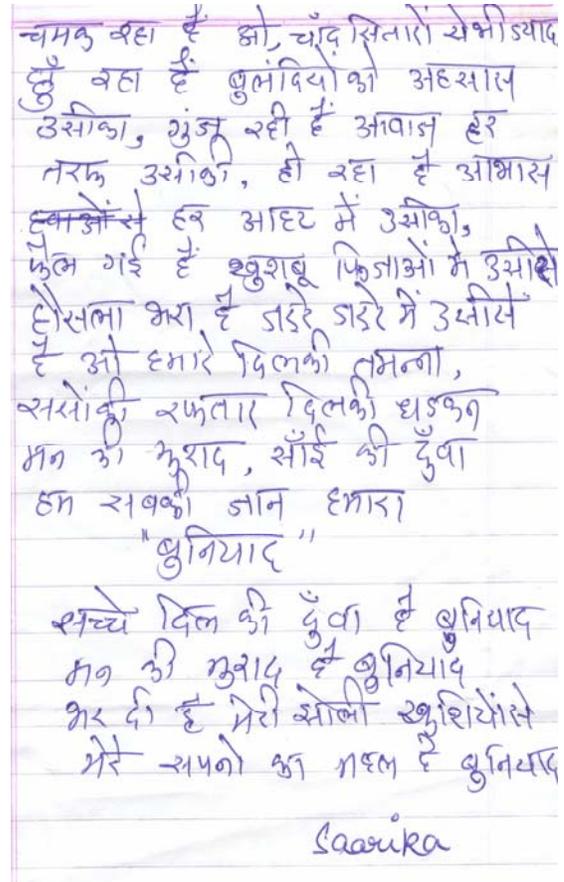
Each teacher gave a short speech regarding their experiences at **Buniyaad**. The volunteers shared their thoughts and experiences as well. *Mrs. Narayan* gave an insight into the bigger picture that volunteers and teachers are diligently working towards. Volunteers applauded the efforts put in by all the Nursery Teachers. The constant endeavour to learn and polish their English in order to teach students in a better manner was appreciated by all. It was a re-pledging occasion towards the cause of quality education.

Mrs. Saarika Matode, class teacher of Nursery 2, recited a self-composed poem. At the beginning of the recitation she insisted that though the words were hers, the thoughts and emotions were shared by all.

We are inserting the poem alongside for everyone to enjoy.

Activities in the Nursery:

a) As part of our regular curriculum, students of each Nursery are taught the importance of hygiene and cleanliness. To add a dose of fun and a teeny-weeny bit of ownership, we introduced the good-looking dustbins. Now, as all of us are aware, hardly anyone takes another look at dustbins but our little kids needed to. Thus we gave the class a task, viz, to have a dustbin which encourages one to use it more often.



Poetry by Mrs. Saarika Matode

Here are some pictures of the decorated dustbins.



Nursery No. 2

Students are not only keeping their surroundings clean, they are also taking care to keep the dustbin looking clean!! One child in Nursery 3 actually makes an effort to pick up the smallest shred of paper from the floor or from his classmates and drop them in the dustbin.

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Activities like these help hesitant children open up and establish a rich and rewarding equation with their respective teachers and volunteers as well.



Nursery No. 3

There are only 3 colors, 10 digits, and 7 notes; its what we do with them that's important.- Jim Rohn

b) All children are made aware of their surroundings and groomed to take their place in the society by their respective parents. At **Buniyaad**, we join hands with parents and the teachers to give an impetus to this process. To be able to appreciate their milieu and to impart simple general knowledge students are taught different things like importance of colours etc. One may very well wonder how can colours be taught?! The answer is - by using innovative techniques. At **Buniyaad**, each session is devoted to introduction of a new colour and related activities like, cutting a ribbon and giving it to the student to remember the colour by name and reinforce the shade of the same, getting various objects like leaves, flowers, colour paper, different cloth-material etc..

A special class-activity executed at the Nurseries was to let the children identify the colours of the traffic signal and recreate it on paper. At the time of sticking all the students were educated about the significance of the colours on the traffic signal.

We also played a game in which students had to follow the 'Traffic Signal' rules of stopping at Red, standing up at Yellow (Amber), and starting to run at Green.

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Colours are the smiles of nature.



Hey, look we know!! It's Stop, Look and Go...

Independence Day:

Independence Day was celebrated by the students of **Buniyaad** with the usual enthusiasm & vigour.



Working towards a better nation

This year we decided to make our national flag using *rangoli* colours. We drew the outline of the flag on a chart paper, put fevicol on it & the children were asked to fill in the colours orange, white & green. The children enjoyed feeling the colour powder with their fingers & were able to identify the 3 colours. Though they were too young to understand the significance

of Independence Day, they were most happy when each one of them got a flag to wave.



Singing away the high inflation rate

We then sang patriotic songs; Hum Honge Kamyab, Jahan Daal Daal Pe sone & Jana Gana Mana.



Joint efforts bring success



Waving to the future

Students were full of smiles and laughter when they were each given a small flag to wave.

Medical Camp for G.O.D.S with MBA Foundation

Buniyaad joined hands with **MBA Foundation** on August 22, 2010 for a Medical Checkup Camp organised at Hiranandani Hospital for the inmates of MBA called the G.O.D.S. by volunteering.

Rakshabandhan:

Rakshabandhan was celebrated with gusto. The volunteers explained the significance of **Rakshabandhan** in India. Although the kids were nodding vigorously, their eyes were constantly straying towards the activity-material. Each Nursery was given a class activity to undertake. They were given a cut-out of the *rakhi* and decorative materials with which to complete it. The students and the teacher participated joyously in the class activity of decorating a huge rakhi. All the students were quite enamoured of the colours and glittering decorative materials of *bindis* and sequins. After the class activity, all the students were given a personalized rakhi as well. Each child was given a satin ribbon cut to their wrists' measurement with a nice big smiley-sticker.



Our Raksha ka Bandhan



Our smiley rakhis

Volunteers noted that students who are docile or less vocal in the class were quite uninhibited during this exercise. They were in no way hesitant to grab their share of decorative stuff and eagerly followed their teachers' directions to complete the task.

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