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### FANCY DRESS AND POEM RECITATION COMPETITION

On a cool and sunny morn of 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2014, all eyes were turned to Heritage Garden, the venue of our Fancy Dress and Poetry Recitation competition.

There was excitement in the air as students, teachers & volunteers gathered at the park. The little ones trotted in with their costumes accompanied by their teachers. The theme this year was "FRUITS AND VEGETABLES".

The judges for the competition were *Mrs. Piyul Mukherjee, Mrs Varsha Pawaskar, Mrs Jayashri Shrikhande & Mrs Vaidehi Seethapathi.*

This year we organized a 'FARM MARCH' for children who were quiet and hesitant yet eager to present themselves in costumes. All of a sudden oranges, mangoes, bananas, bitter gourd, green chili, ladies-finger,



strawberries - you name it and it all came alive, rubbing shoulders and vying with each other to look the most attractive!!!!

It was difficult for the judges to decide whom to give the prize, as each was better than the other... Finally they zeroed it on the yummy watermelon and the 1<sup>st</sup> prize was bagged by **Manish** from Nur. No 6, the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize was a tie between **Arya & Vedant**, both from Nur. No 3 dressed up as Tomato and Watermelon



respectively and the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize went to **Aarthi** from Nur. No 6 dressed as Bitter gourd. "I am big and heavy, Green from out red inside, I am juicy and sweet, I am a watermelon..." dialogues such as these held the audience enthralled...

The Poetry Recitation was held alongside and the judges were charmed by renditions of different poems with eye-catching actions. Students were categorized as per the age groups of under 4yrs and above 4yrs. The poems shortlisted were



'One, Two, I go to school...', 'Listen to the big clock...' and 'Tomatoes and carrots, Cabbage and Beans...', 'Zoom, zoom, zoom; I'm going to the moon...' respectively. All the recitations were so good that we had contenders for all the top three places!! All present were extremely proud and happy to behold so many of the young students winning prizes for their efforts. Their peers and all present applauded loudly for: Winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize - **Vedant Datkhile** from Nur. No 1 and **Gauri Kasbe** from Nur. No 2, winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, **Diksha** from Nur. No 4, **Gauri Shelke** from Nur. No 2 and **Kaushal Tambat** from Nur. No 1 and last but not least, winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - **Kartiki** from Nur. No 1 and **Sumit** from Nur. No 2.



We are thankful to all the judges for contributing their time and effort. One of our judges **Mrs Vaidehi Seethapathi** summed up her experience: *It was a sheer delight to see so many innocent children showing their talent without any inhibition or reservation. Buniyaad is doing a commendable job, of educating the lesser privileged and also opening a new world of hopes and opportunities to its teachers. Kudos to the team, wonderful job...*

Congratulations to all the participants and their teachers for pepping up the students!!

For more pictures, please click on [http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities\\_fancy\\_dress.html](http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_fancy_dress.html)

### EDITORIAL INITIATIVE

As promised in the previous release, we bring to our readers the finale of Editorial

Initiative, the 'Herb Garden'. Its aim was to educate children about efficient use of soil and space by growing herbs in pots.

The kids immediately took to the plants; right from the time seeds were sowed they kept a watchful eye till seeds sprouted. The young students nurtured and nourished the plants under their teachers' guidance. Many Nurseries were successful in keeping the



herbs safe, growing them to the reasonable limits that were expected for healthy plants. We had a few casualties too, and those plants could not be salvaged in spite of repeated efforts. The

winner of this initiative is **Nursery No. 5, FilterPada**. 'Green Thumbs Up' to **Mrs. Vidya Ahire** and her 'herbful helpers'!!

For more pictures, please click on [http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities\\_hgarden.html](http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_hgarden.html)

### **HOLI and INTRAClass COLORING:**

Every year *Buniyaad* conducts inter nursery



Art and Craft competition, where in the whole class collectively pitches in to show their flair for art. This year *Buniyaad* decided to fine sieve the talent by conducting class level coloring competition. An engine needed to be colored within the stipulated time. The kids' imagination unleashed many wonderfully colored engines on the paper. If there were engines with

different colored wheels, there were some very practical and realistic children who decided to color the whole engine in a single color!! With independent charge of their own paper, children produced such colorful engines that they can be bound together to form a great coffee table book on engines!!



The colorful presentations of engines were justified because we were having *Holi* celebrations in the class. At the end of 45 mins, while submitting their artworks, they looked content. After the artwork, the kids were given colors to be applied on the face. With faces colored with *gulaal* and *peela*, some sweet and savories added to the *Holi* mood. The best-colored engine got a prize of coloring book and crayons. *Holi* had descended on the class. *Holi aayi rey!*

For more pictures, please click on

[http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities\\_celebration.html](http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_celebration.html)

### **WOMEN'S DAY:**

On the occasion of Women's Day, teachers of *Buniyaad* participated in a Cancer screening camp organized by **Vasantha**



**Memorial Trust** at their centre at *Kannamwar Nagar, Vikhroli (E)*. The Trust had organized the screening camp as part of the International Women's Day Celebration. There was a lecture by Gynaecologist **Dr. Geetanjali Amin** on types of cancers affecting women.

**ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS:**

These days knowledge of spoken English is an asset. Being aware of this necessity *Buniyaad* provides a platform to realize missed opportunities. English Conversation Classes are conducted at the premises provided by "The Byke" in *Powai Plaza, Hiranandani Gardens*. The atmosphere in the class is informal and friendly to encourage students who are "going back to school". The techniques used in the program include various sessions, assignments, role-play and assessments. The class addresses common problems faced by the students like, being able to read but not comprehending completely or not being able to express their thoughts fluently in English. One of the students said she was coming to class, so that she could speak in English with her grand kids!! Yet another student declared that these classes helped her in her college and that she was looking forward to coming back next year as well.

**INSPECTION OF NURSERIES:**

As our readers are informed, at *Buniyaad*, a yearly external inspection of the Nurseries is conducted. This year *Mrs. Jayshri Sen* conducted the inspection. Mrs. Sen holds Masters from Satyen Bose of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata and has taught Physics and Math at Hiranandani Foundation School. The Nurseries were found compliant with the system and processes set up by *Buniyaad*. We are proud to announce that this year the winner of the 'Planners and Investments Award for Best Teacher' is *Mrs. Bharti Ahire* of Nursery No. 1, Parksite!! *Mr.*



*R.S. Krishnan*, the sponsor, gave away the Best Teacher Award. Best wishes to *Mrs. Bharti Ahire* for winning this award, again...

**REPORTS DAY:**

April saw the culmination of year long efforts put in by teachers and Volunteers. The final assessments were conducted and soon the results were ready. Like every year, this year also the task of selecting best students who are all-rounders in Academics, class participation and Craft was not easy. **P.G. Sundaram Award for the Best Student, Male** went to **Kaushal Tambat** of **Nursery No. 1, Parksite** and **Swarnamabal**



**Sundaram Award for the Best Student, Female** went to **Samiksha Wadate** of **Nursery No. 3, Parksite**. These awards are sponsored by **Mr. Badrinarayan**.

'**Karthik Pillai Award for Best Academic Performance**', sponsored by **Mr. Jiju Pillai** was awarded to **Manish Dange** of **Nursery No. 6, Amrut Nagar**.

Manish's mother was overwhelmed when he received the award, and said, "Manish had benefited a great deal from coming to *Buniyaad*. We will use the prize money for admission to his new school". The time has come to bid adieu to our little ones who are ready to face another new journey called 'School'. For more pictures, please click on [http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities\\_reports.html](http://www.buniyaad.org.in/activities_reports.html) Team *Buniyaad* thanks the Sponsors for bringing an extra smile to the winners' faces, by including the monetary benefits with the Awards...



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