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Success is not a place at which one arrives, but rather the spirit with which one undertakes and continues the journey.

- Alex Noble

Back to school and to a new year ahead!

A milestone for Aseema was achieved with the declaration of the SSC Board exam results this month. Our very first batch from the Santacruz (W) Municipal School (SMS), as well as two students from our Support Centre, passed with a 100% result. Five students appearing for Std. X - NIOS Board Exam have also done well. They now look forward to pursuing higher studies and are seeking admission into reputed colleges. It is exhilarating to see the students buzzing with enthusiasm to continue their journey of learning.

Equally fulfilling was the inauguration of the Pre-Primary Centre at Aseema’s Education Centre for Tribal Children, Awalkheda, in March 2011. The children and their families can now dream of a better life through education. The children are excited to attend classes in the new school building and we look
forward to reaching out to more children.

The Amar Inam Annual Day was a colourful presentation of the children’s creativity - artistically portrayed through skits, choral recitations, dances and songs. After the performances, students received prizes for academic excellence, for being helpful, aspiring to excel, punctuality and attendance. The Dosi Vakeel Children's Camp – a summer camp held in April 2011 - provided a unique opportunity for students to acquire valuable skills through workshops on creativity, art and sports.

This summer, teachers further explored the Aseema Approach to Education. They have brainstormed and created interactive and stimulating teaching aids to promote and develop learning skills. Some teachers have attended sessions on innovative teaching practices organized by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI Assistants Certificate Course) and the Sri Aurobindo Society.

In collaboration with the Middlesex University, Aseema is participating in a photography project linked to the London Olympics 2012. A group of 16 students attended a workshop on photography and have worked on a series reflecting Olympic and Paralympics values of respect, excellence, friendship, courage, determination, inspiration and equality. These photographs will be exhibited online, and at an exhibition to be held at the Middlesex University in July 2011.

Last month, some of our children were invited to a screening of the film, ‘Ready’ organized by Being Human Foundation and were thrilled to meet their favourite actors. Our students and teachers also pledged their support towards an anti child labour movement initiated by Amole Gupte Cinema.
While our children speak up against child labour, it’s time for us to extend our support to them as well. The Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon 2012 will be an excellent platform for us to join hands and walk for the cause we strongly believe in – the education of underprivileged children at Aseema. We are counting on your support to walk or run for Aseema at the Marathon. You can pledge your support to Aseema by registering for the Marathon as well as by encouraging your company, friends and family to participate. For registration and other queries, please contact us on 2640 7248 / 2643 0185 or email us at: donors@aseema.org