Think left and think right and think low and think high.
Oh the thinks you can think up, only if you try.

Dr. Seuss

At Aseema, we celebrate the all encompassing nature of education and believe that it enables our children to think, question and explore their limitless potential.

Over the last few months we have tried to facilitate multiple opportunities for our children to showcase their diverse strengths and shine.

A toast to the incredible talent and creativity of our children, the Aseema Art Exhibition held in September, showcased the exquisite and original art of our young artists. Our alumni, volunteers, well wishers, patrons and supporters congregated in large numbers to cheer and encourage our children. They were amazed by the range of projects on display including art inspired by the styles of Henri Rousseau, Senaka Senanayake, Gond art, Kalighat art and many others. The highlight of the event, though, was seeing our excited, confident and extremely happy children explaining the nuances of their art and their inspirations to all present.

Another important event was the Singing Tree Concert presented by the Mehli Mehta Music Foundation. Weeks of practice culminated into a magical evening when our children performed at the National Centre for the Performing Arts, Mumbai. The children had the privilege of undergoing intensive training with the acclaimed choral conductor Michael Bawtree from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. The final event was a truly riveting musical evening and a great platform for our little ones to shine. Their determined expressions were heart-warming to see, as were their beaming smiles when they received generous applause.

It is not only in creative pursuits that our children did us proud, but in Sports as well. Aseema children participated in the Mayor’s Cup Judo Competition and walked away with a whopping 47 medals. The children also
participated in the Inter BMC Wrestling Competition winning 10 medals and in a YMCA Marathon winning 7 medals. These events are testament to the focused efforts put in over the past six months to improve the fitness and health of our children.

In addition to a much stronger sports programme, our schools have been working to improve nutrition and offer prompt medical attention. Health camps have been organized in each of our centres and follow up is being done to ensure all minor and major ailments are attended to in a timely manner.

This year, we have also introduced a new remedial education programme across two of our schools. With guidance from experts in the field, our Special Education team has been working diligently to help children with academic difficulties learn in a manner that is easy and fun.

The last few months also saw celebrations of various festivals take place at the schools. Such celebrations play a pivotal role in sensitising children and developing in them an appreciation towards different cultures and traditions followed across our country.

The children at our Education Centre for Tribal Children at Igatpuri celebrated the local bull worshipping festival – Pola along with the community. The bulls were decorated with various ornaments and flowers and their horns were painted in vibrant colours. The occasion was marked with a procession of the decorated bulls accompanied with singing and dancing.

Our staff and students also honoured the tribal heritage of the community by celebrating ‘Adivasi Day’.

In Mumbai, on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Aseema children made colourful rakhis and pledged to protect the environment by tying rakhis to trees within school premises.

Our corporate partners and well wishers reached out to us on numerous occasions. Through art events, meal distributions, diya painting and exhibitions of students’ projects, the employees of various companies had the opportunity to interact with our young ones. The students enjoyed all the attention they received and were most pleased to show visitors around their school.