While academic skills are essential to learn, social skills account for a vast amount of success in the workplace. School is the ultimate opportunity to gain experiences and the understanding of life. Children are exposed to diverse cultures in the classroom that they may not be exposed to at home. It is a place where children are encouraged to respect and support one another in their learning. The Joy of Giving Week was one such platform that enabled children to enhance their learning and development through social interactions. Living the ‘Giving’ module of ‘Aseema’s How to Live Programme’, children discovered many ways in which they could give. Acknowledging people they interact with at school and home, complimenting their peers, looking after younger children, etc. The ‘giving’ experience was further enriched by volunteers from BNP Paribas, Tata Trent and Wipro. From teaching academic and co curricular subjects to preparing educational aids and planting trees, these volunteers willingly and enthusiastically shared their knowledge, time and skills.

Team Coordination – the theme for the Sports Programme at Aseema this academic year saw children working with each other leading to inculcation of social skills and
team spirit. A victory at the Interschool BMC Football Match was a proud moment for the team at the Santacruz (West) Municipal School. Students from the Mumbai Schools also participated in various Judo Competitions bagging 11 gold medals. Two girls from the Kherwadi Municipal School won the District Level Judo Competition.

The Fire and Safety workshop conducted by the Bandra Fire Department of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) was both practical and a great learning experience. Students from the Hindi and Urdu mediums of the Kherwadi Municipal School also attended the workshop and made the most of this great opportunity. The workshop enabled the students to learn and understand the basic elements of fire safety.

Students from the Pali Chimbai Municipal School enthralled the audience with their lively musical rendition at the Mehli Mehta Music Foundation’s (MMMF) annual choral – the Singing Tree Concert. Thanks to MMMF, four musicians from the Australian World Orchestra performed the ‘Diwali Story’ for our children. Belinda McFarlane and her fellow musicians left the students completely spellbound and captivated. The students were particularly fascinated by the percussionist player, Troy Greatz with his many instruments. Older girls from the Santacruz (W) Municipal School were introduced to an Indian Classical Dance form by Deepmalika (A Kathak Dance Institute). Over a short span, the girls worked hard to perform gracefully at the Radha Krishna Kathak Show held at the ISKCON Auditorium.
On the auspicious occasion of Dussehra the foundation work for the Primary and Secondary Sections of Aseema’s Education Centre for Tribal Children at Igatpuri was undertaken. Prior to the monsoons, the site was excavated and levelled. We sincerely look forward to your continuous support to complete this construction which will enable us to provide the finest quality of education to the tribal children. Please write to us at donors@aseema.org for possible collaborations and branding opportunities.

“If you can’t fly, then run, if you can’t run then walk but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward!” Zeenat Shaikh, a four-year old from Aseema’s Pre-Primary Centre taught her peers to strive hard despite obstacles. When Zeenat joined Aseema, she could only say the sound “A” aloud and used gestures to communicate her needs. With tremendous patience and persistence, her teachers and counsellors encouraged her to speak words, rather than using gestures. Zeenat worked very hard on building her vocabulary. It is heartening to see her now confidently helping the younger children in class. We are sure that Zeenat with her continued perseverance will achieve greater milestones in the years to come.

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