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*If we succeed in giving the love of learning, the learning itself is sure to follow.*

**- John Lubbock**

Aseema's teaching approach is based on the belief that all children have an innate love for learning which grows and flourishes when there is bonding between the teacher and the taught. At Aseema, we create positive learning experiences which help students develop their own ideas, express feelings, take chances, make choices, share their opinions, and most of all, grow to be strong individuals.

The academic year started with a democratic election of the Students' Council at Pali



Mock Parliament at PCMS

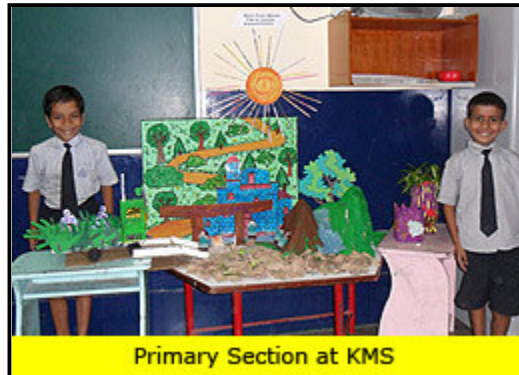
Chimbai Municipal School and the Santacruz (W) Municipal School. "Civics" was brought alive by students canvassing and exercising their right to vote. This was followed by appointment of cluster leaders, who are parents of our children who will work closely with our Community Work Cell. For the very first time, a Mock Parliament and a Students' Forum were held on Independence Day to discuss topics such as the Right to Education, encroachment of open spaces and the meaning of Freedom. The students

used these events as a platform to voice not only their observations but also issues that affect them.

It was heartening to see the students' love and concern for their environment expressed on the Environment Day and Creative Day. The students pledged to protect the environment and made creative models out of waste. Some of these models were showcased at the Annual Exhibition at Pali Chimbai Municipal School. The theme for the exhibition was 'Our World', which reflected a vibrant and interactive presentation of activities, posters and exhibits of the students' academic work..



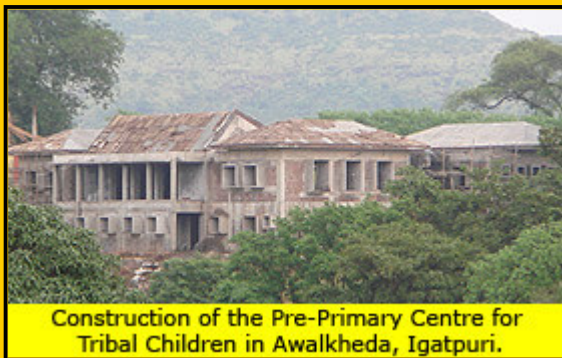
Annual Exhibition at PCMS



Primary Section at KMS

We have 293 students who delight in studying in the Pre-Primary and the Primary Sections at our newly adopted Kherwadi Municipal School in Bandra (E) under the Umeed Project. Three of our teachers have begun working with the staff of seven Anganwadis in Bandra (E) to ensure that a stimulating environment for education and health is provided to the children. A handbook of Central, State and Municipal government schemes that make education more accessible to all children is being compiled. In addition, through the Umeed Project, Aseema is also identifying out-of-school children, attempting to bring them back into the education system.

Our first batch of Std. X will be graduating from the Santacruz (W) Municipal School in April 2011. Our Secondary Section students work for two extra hours on a daily basis with a group of teachers and volunteers to strengthen their academic work. The students are very happy with the newly renovated Science Laboratory and look forward to science lessons and practicals.



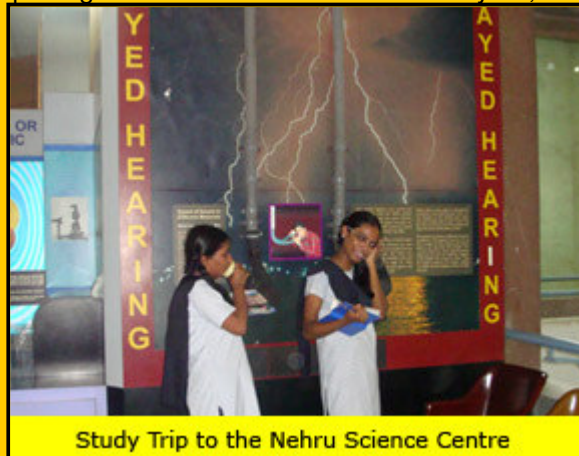
Construction of the Pre-Primary Centre for Tribal Children in Awalkheda, Igatpuri.

The construction of the Pre-Primary Centre of Aseema's Education Centre for Tribal Children in Awalkheda, Igatpuri will be completed in March 2011. The teachers at Igatpuri are undergoing an intensive training in the Aseema Education Approach as well as spoken English. The students of our Pre-Primary and Primary Sections at Jambhwadi and Awalkheda love exploring and learning through the Aseema Approach and will be introduced to English as their second language.

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Friendship Day, 'Rakshabandhan', 'Janmasthmi', 'Eid' 'Pola' and 'Navratri' celebrations across all our schools have helped in imparting social and cultural values. This year, most

of the venues for the study trips were chosen by the students – they have been on trips to the Nehru Science Centre, Nehru Planetarium, Mani Bhavan, Taraporewala Aquarium, Mahananda Dairy and the Bombay Natural History Society. To enable our older students to broaden their horizons, study trips were planned to the Tata Motors Pune Factory, the DBS Bank, the HDFC Bank, etc. Some of our students are being specially trained to participate in interschool Football and Judo competitions. The students are also learning badminton, lezim, etc. Five students participated in



Study Trip to the Nehru Science Centre

the Open Sub-Junior Judo Championship held at Lady Visanji High School and were awarded two silver medals and three bronze medals.

This year, we have introduced monthly Interactive Learning Programmes (ILPs) for all our staff across all our different Centres. These ILPs cover topics like time management, classroom management, child psychology, etc and are customized to add value to the work done by our staff.

We greatly appreciate the enthusiastic response from our staff, volunteers, donors and exhibition hosts during the Joy of Giving Week. Ms. Ashu Suyash, Country Head of FIL Fund Management Private Limited walked the ramp for Aseema at the Style for Smiles initiative organized by Toofles Foundation. Aseema was also invited to many prominent business houses to display and sell Aseema Products. Corporates and students from local schools donated stationery, story books, clothes, toys, computers, etc during this week.



Aseema Products

Aseema was the Runner Up in Sparsha Contest for our project, 'Working towards Sustainability' organized by Team Lakshya of the National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE). Aseema presented a project which focused on Aseema's goal of becoming self-sustainable through the sale of its products made from our children's artwork. We welcome you to help us attain our goal by

patronizing. Aseema products. Our Products Department has introduced a new range of products such as Greeting Cards, Diyas, Lanterns, Duppatas, Jhola Bags, Coffee Mugs, etc. These products are available at our Products Office at the New Work Centre for Women, 3, Shyam Sadan, 93 S. V. Road, Khar (W), Mumbai. Contact Person and Telephone No.: Ms. Denise Anklesaria at 2648 8034.

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