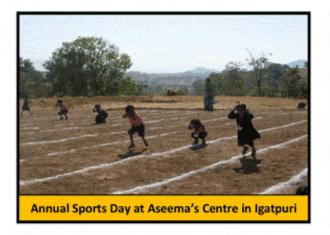


## Every child has the Right to Education

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A new year with new beginnings - At the 1st Annual Exhibition at the Kherwadi Municipal School (KMS) in Bandra East, Aseema children had an opportunity to showcase all that they had learnt this year. From skits on the evolution of life to mathematical games and judo displays - the children were most excited to explain what they knew. Another joyous occasion for KMS was that one of their students secured 1st place at the Inter-school Drawing Competition held by the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai





(MCGM).



The Annual Sports Days at the Santacruz (W) Municipal School (SMS) and at Aseema's Education Centre for Tribal Children in Igatpuri were momentous occasions for both the students and their parents. Younger children enjoyed participating in fun sporting events that challenged their coordination and motor skills while the older ones displayed their athleticism and team work. Five students from our Mumbai Centres also participated in the Junior National Selection Judo Competition, of which two students bagged gold medals.

69 individuals and 7 teams from FIL Fund Management Private Limited, HSBC India, Moet Hennessy India Pvt. Ltd., Nivea India, Nomura and Tata Motors Limited, ran in support of Aseema at the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon 2012. We are most grateful to all our runners for their enthusiasm and commitment at the Marathon. The spirit of giving continued with Valentine's Day fundraisers at Moet Hennessy India Private Limited and Nivea India. Our friends at Café Mocha, G.E., Hotel Sahara Star, Jet Airways, St. Anthony's Road Residents' Association and Tech Mahindra Limited also added gaiety to the celebrations on Children's Day and Christmas. Our children were most excited to be invited to ride in an aeroplane at the Fantasy Flight, participate in games and get delicious snack boxes. Many thanks also to the students from Dhirubhai Ambani International School, N.M. College, Oberoi International School, the Rotaract Club of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, the Trinity High School, U.K. and Usha Mittal Institute of Technology for organizing fundraising and awareness drives for Aseema.



Zena Sorabjee.

With International Women's Day soon approaching, Aseema's Product Division has introduced a wide range of new products, from household items to office stationery, accessories and gift vouchers. You can now buy your gifts online on our newly updated website www.aseema.org. Do visit the website to receive news on our latest projects or join us on Facebook, <a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/Aseema-Charitable-Trust/116130035171887?sk=wall">http://www.facebook.com/pages/Aseema-Charitable-Trust/116130035171887?sk=wall</a>

Young artists from Aseema's Art Studio - Room 13 attended an art workshop on "Portrait Painting" organized by French artist, Andree Francois at Aseema's Education for Tribal Children in Igatpuri. Under Andree's tutelage, they have painted beautiful portraits of themselves and paintings of the school and its surroundings. Another noteworthy project undertaken by our young artists involved drawing illustrations on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for a book by





While we celebrate these many achievements, we are also deeply saddened at the loss our beloved volunteer Ms. Thrity Dolykuka. Thrity's remarkable spirit, great enthusiasm and complete dedication have inspired us over the years. We are left with many beautiful memories and a tremendous sense of appreciation for all that she has done for Aseema.

We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of many of our well wishers, especially American School of Bombay, Archana Trust, Bai Freny Darab Pader Charitable Trust, Being Human - The Salman Khan Foundation, Breach Candy Swimming Bath Trust, Café Mocha, Candies, Cathedral Infant School, Charities Aid Foundation, Concern India Foundation, Create Foundation, Crescent Moon, DBS Bank Limited, Deutsche Bank AG, Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Ekta Foundation, Elisabeth Dudley, Essar Group, FIL Fund Management Private Limited, For All Our Good, Inc., GCO Technology Centre P. Ltd., G.E., Gulf Polymers, Hotel Sahara Star, HSBC India, Indian Magic Eye, J.B. Petit School, Jago Mumbai Radio 90.8 FM, Jasudben M. L. School, Jet Airways, Maneck Sorabji Mowdawala Charitable Trust, Mark Feldberg, Moet Hennessy India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. & Mrs. Ranjit Malkani, Mr. & Mrs. Xavier Lukose, N.M. College, Neeraj Gupta, Nivea India, Nomura, Oberoi International School, Promise to Act for Children Today, Plan India, Ramesh Mulye, Sharat Bansal, St. Anthony's Road Residents' Association, Sunil B. Luthria, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tata Motors Limited, Tech Mahindra Foundation, Tech Mahindra Limited, The Bai Alamai & Seth Ardeshir Talati & Seth Sarosh B. Mody Charity Trust, The Bandra Gymkhana, The Rawji Trust, The Rotaract Club of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, The Trinity High School, U.K., The Vidya Trust, Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., United Way of Mumbai, Usha Mittal Institute of Technology, Viacom Media Networks, Women's Extravaganza and Zena Sorabjee.