

# Every child has the Right to Education

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"The biggest mistake in helping kids is not raising the bar high enough. Children will believe if you believe in them."

- Oprah Winfrey

Our children continue to amaze us with their thirst for knowledge. It reminds us of their limitless potential and encourages us to raise the bar higher. Over the first term, we have seen them challenge themselves continuously to Project succeed. Ringtones, the Computer Language Programme has reached level higher with introduction of Fusion 360, a 3D designing software. Students at the Pali Chimbai Municipal School are thrilled



to design and print their designs on a 3D Printer.



The Vocational Training Programme at Aseema's Education Centre for Tribal Children in Igatpuri was a step forward for our children. Based on the job opportunities in the area, children will be introduced to Agriculture & Gardening, Tailoring & Embroidery. It is also proposed to have sessions on Carpentry and Electrical Work at a later date. Sessions on Agriculture and Tailoring have commenced since August 2017. Hands on learning and theory classes have proved to be fruitful. The children are currently working on a

kitchen garden sowing ginger, lady finger and other vegetables.

Deplorable road conditions and alarming cases of dengue and malaria have motivated students of the Kherwadi Municipal School to undertake a survey of the neighbourhood. They have appealed to the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai to address their concerns about having better roads and footpaths, clearing garbage and drainage systems.

Our students at the Pali Chimbai Municipal School have formed pen pals with students from P.S.

174 in New York and St. Edward the Confessor Elementary School in California, USA. The Pen Pal Programme has helped greatly in strengthening written and social skills. Irresistible excitement was evident, as students composed letters to their new global friends.

Our girls at the Kherwadi Municipal School bagged the 2nd position at the Create Trophy for



Artistic Excellence 2017. They have been learning Kathak under the committed guidance of Avantika Gupta, Deepmalika - Kathak Dance Institute. To watch their graceful performance please click <a href="http://bit.ly/2xsDKo9">http://bit.ly/2xsDKo9</a>. Girls from the Pali Chimbai Municipal School and Kherwardi Municipal School will be performing at Deepmalika's Annual Kathak Dance Performance on Saturday, 18 November 2017 at St. Andrew's Auditorium. We invite you to the performance to cheer and boost their confidence.

For tickets please write to us at <u>donors@aseema.org</u>.

20 years of Art at Aseema was portrayed through Aseema's Triennial Art Exhibition at the Cymroza Art exhibition Gallery. The was inaugurated by Art Connoisseurs, Brinda Miller and Geeta Castelino. 100 beautiful paintings inspired by masters like Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, M. F. Husain and Sakti Burman adorned the gallery. Diverse products encouraged by the children's artwork were also exhibited. Our young artists were deeply touched and



motivated to see their work being appreciated. The paintings and products are available at the Aseema Product Office in Khar.



The most rewarding achievement is our children giving back to the community. Anam Shaikh, a student of Standard VI, Kherwadi Municipal School has graduated from helping children tie shoe laces to helping neighbours in the recent fire at Garib Nagar, Bandra East. 20 families from Aseema lost all their possessions in the tragic mishap last week. Inspite of losing her home and study materials, Anam was seen helping neighbours retrieve their possessions.

Anam's teachers remark that although not academically inclined, Anam is generous with her time and resources. She is always willing to wait after school hours to work on her academic skills. Through life's ups and downs, we are sure that Anam's determination and generosity will hold her in good stead.

For providing our children with limitless adventures, our sincere thanks to -

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