



Swatch Bharat Abhiyan with Sachin Tendulkar at Pali Chimbai Municipal School

1st October was a day of visit excitement at Pali Chimbai Municipal School. Mr. Sachin Tendulkar, cricket legend and Swachh Bharat ambassador for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan visited the school. He met the children, explained the purpose of the visit and motivated them to join his brigade of cleanliness ambassadors to help spread the message of cleanliness in their own neighborhoods. He also discussed the importance of living in a clean environment and the positive effects on health. Later, after having instructed the students on how to clean their surroundings hygienically using a face mask and gloves, yielding a broom, he joined the children in cleaning and sprucing up the area around the school. The children participated in the cleanup drive with enthusiasm and promised to do all they could to spread the message of cleanliness. They also played a friendly cricket match with a few children. The event will be etched in children's hearts forever and the Master Blaster's message of Swachh Bharat, Swasth Bharat resonated in the neighborhood.

"Every day brings a chance for you to draw in a breath, kick off your shoes, and dance" — Oprah Winfrey. The Create Trophy for Artistic Excellence 2018 on 30th September was an event held by Create Foundation. 8 students from Kherwadi Municipal School participated in the event and performed a dance to showcase the theme 'Education is Power'. The children portrayed the role of the social worker with the underprivileged through dance. They danced eloquently and bagged the second runner up prize and came away brimming over with confidence and happiness.



Dance performed by Kherwadi Municipal School students at Create Trophy of Artistic Excellence event

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go". — Dr. Seuss. 82 children from Pali Chimbai Municipal School and Kherya Municipal School had an enriching experience at the 'Let's Read Carnival' - an initiative aims to nurture a love for books and reading amongst children from the marginal communities. The carnival was organized by United Way of Mumbai on 4th October held at Stanislaus High School. The children enjoyed a guided experience of book selection, book reading and storytelling workshops in Hindi and English. There were refreshments too! A highlight of the carnival was the gifting of a set of 5 culturally relevant books of each participant's choice in Hindi, English and Marathi. The children were thrilled with the gifts! Teachers too had a Storytelling Training Session which emphasized the need for gestures, vocal modulation and expression that would make an effective story reading session with children. The carnival was an exciting and a truly satisfying experience!



Remembering Maria Montessori on her birth anniversary in the Pre-Primary Section at the Santacruz (W) Municipal School

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is the work of the child" - Maria Montessori. Most often, play isn't envisioned as a form of education for children. In the light of this and to promote an awareness about Dr. Maria Montessori, the Montessori Method, her 148th birth anniversary commemorated on 31st August by the Pre-Primary Section at the Santacruz (W) Municipal School. A colorful informative power point presentation of Maria Montessori's life, her work and the Montessori Method served the purpose. There was a video slideshow too of other Montessori environments in India and other countries and a photo exhibition of Aseema children over the years using the Montessori Method in class.

"Every child is an Artist" - Pablo Picasso. Santacruz Municipal School, was witness to the creative work of the children in a Ganesh Idol Making Activity organized by the Batra Group. They worked in tandem with the art teachers and a team of 40 students of Standards IX and X on 25th September. The workshop started with the guidelines to making eco-friendly Ganesh Idols and the importance of the same. The theme was open-ended and nurtured creativity. The students created beautiful idols using their skills and experience and decorated them creatively. The Batra team also spoke about Lord Ganesha's different features and why He is so special. The students enjoyed the workshop which did not just enhance their talent but also got them to appreciate the value of labour and helped inspire in them a sense of responsibility towards the environment.



Batra art workshop at Santacruz Municipal School



Aseema Students at Various Sports Events

As always, Aseema's children from across the schools in Mumbai and Igatpuri have excelled in sports at various inter-school, district, state and national levels. They participated in sports as individuals and teams ranging from judo and athletic run, throwball, volleyball, handball and kabaddi. The children played with true sportsmanship while still maintaining a friendly relation with their competitors. We are very proud of our sportsmen and sportswomen, who participate in these events and returned with medals and certificates. We bagged a total of 69 medals at various competitions.

With the festive season just around the corner, Aseema has several products which, with your patronage, can light up the lives of our children and make their Diwali brighter! Here are pictures of the products to help you decide. To order these products contact Product Division on 022-26488034 or write to products@aseema.org. Also look out for our stall at The Lil Flea Market from 2nd November to 4th November 2018 at the Jio Garden, BKC.



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Inauguration of Primary & Secondary Section at Aseema's Education Centre, Igatpuri on 15 December 2018

The teachers and students at Aseema's Education Centre at Igatpuri have been seeing their building take shape and they now look forward to its inauguration on Saturday, 15 December 2018. Our warm and sincere thanks for helping us build a stimulating and nurturing environment for them. We cordially invite you all to the inauguration and many thanks for having been through it all!

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