



**Our toppers - Renukadevi Ghanashekar, Daniya Ansari & Dipak Mengal.**

The new school year has begun with all the excitement of returning to school, meeting friends, sharing holiday stories, new classrooms, new students, new teachers and of course the S.S.C. board examination results!!!

It is with great pride that we announce that Santacruz (W) Municipal School (SMS) also referred to as Gazdar Park Municipal School, was one of the two BMC schools in all of Mumbai to score 100% results! 83 students appeared for the S.S.C board exams from Aseema's schools –Kherwadi Municipal School (KMS), Santacruz Municipal School (SMS) and our first timers from Aseema's Bal Shaikshank Kendra (ABSK) at Igatpuri. The results are almost everything we hoped, prayed and worked for, with our children scoring 7 distinctions and 17 first classes. Top scorers in the three schools are Renukadevi Ghanashekar with 85.4% from KMS, Daniya Ansari with 83% from SMS and Dipak Shankar Mengal with 73.4% from ABSK. The children, some of them first generation learners, living in extremely difficult circumstances, worked really hard to achieve all that they have! We commend their achievements and congratulate all of them, wishing them every success for a bright and rewarding future!



**Summer Camp at Pali Chimbai Municipal School**

A Summer Camp! What a way to kick start the Summer vacations! The Summer Camp at Pali Chimbai Municipal School (PCMS) was a joyous, fun filled, learning event that lasted 7 whole days. Activities ranged from sports and games like wrestling, handball, basketball, khokho to sessions that widened their horizons. There were sessions on issues that affect the environment and global warming, Indian traditions, our world, nutrition and its importance, personality development and career options. Each session was conducted in a way that involved the children through activities ranging from dressing up, craft, public speaking, non-fire cooking and games. The highlight was a session on Haiku writing that was conducted by volunteers from the Batra Group. They were introduced to Japanese Haiku and wrote delightful Haiku poems on the person they loved. The camp ended with a party, with music, food and a talent show.



**Farewell but not goodbye!**

After the Standard X board examination, farewells were the order of the day both at Kherwadi Municipal School and Santacruz Municipal School, to wish the new graduates good luck. At a party in their honor, teachers addressed them and later a short video, of the landmark events over the years involving each of the students in Aseema, was projected. A few students expressed their feelings and gratitude in short speeches creating a few emotional moments. Then it was party time and the hosts,

the students of Standard IX, changed the mood with a musical performance, a felicitation of each student and a title distribution commending the caliber and capability of each through the year. This was followed by crowning the best all round performers with the most prestigious titles - Mister and Miss Aseema. The day came to an end while at the same time sending the young graduates off with a vital message- 'Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.'

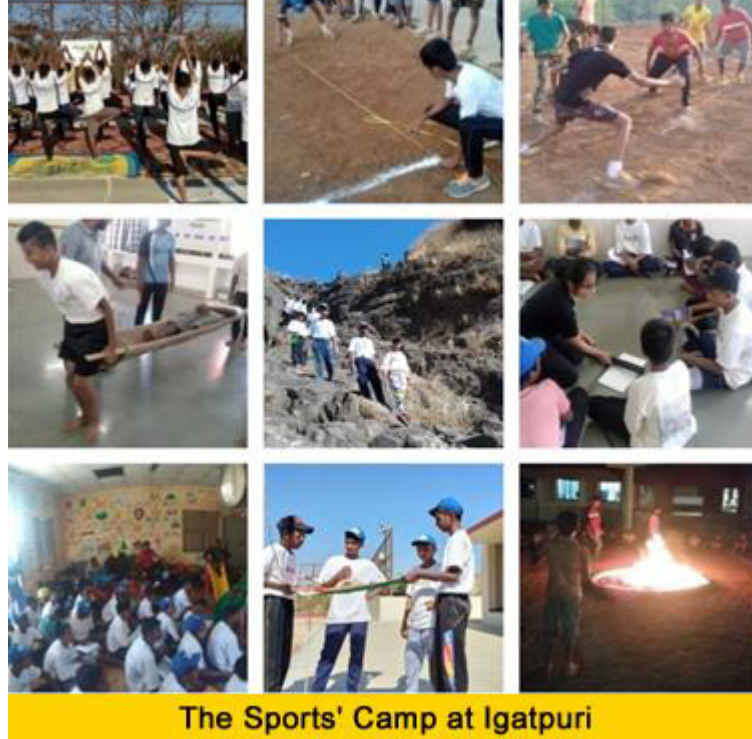


**Session on Road Safety**

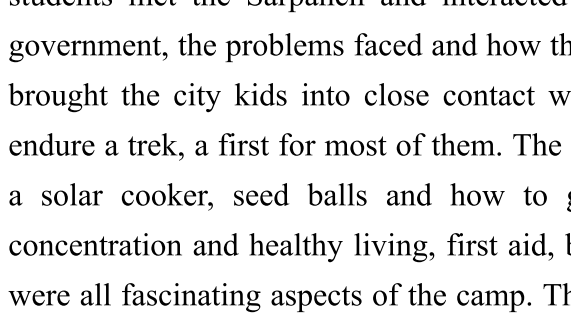
A child who learns about traffic rules and road discipline will grow up to be a law abiding citizen. In Mumbai city with the possibility of accidents on our traffic congested streets for every citizen, Road Safety is a must for every citizen. The Road Safety programme initiated by United Way of Mumbai for students of Standards VII and VIII at Pali Chimbai Municipal School, was a welcome reinforcement of the rules and regulations on the road. The activities conducted for the senior classes depicted real life situations and gave the students sufficient knowledge about road safety.

Information on the hazards of drinking and driving, crossing the speed limit, non-usage of the seat belt, driving below the age of 18 years, were discussed and shared. The students also learnt about indicators to be followed in times of emergencies. The highlight of the event was a firsthand experience interviewing the traffic police and learning how they function, the areas of work that are the most challenging and the percentage of accidents in Mumbai every year. The students enjoyed being a part of the session. Perhaps some of them will be motivated to join the traffic police force too!

A first this year -the six-day Sports cum Scouts Summer Camp for boys held at Aseema's Bal Shaikshank Kendra in Igatpuri, with 46 participants and 12 sports teachers, from Aseema's four schools! The motto 'Be prepared for everything.' What started as an experiment ended as a fantastic learning experience for both the teachers and students! Activities ranged from sports, learning new games, marking courts and the boys were enthusiastic and kept asking for more! Yet another first was the visit to the wadi where the students met the Sarpanch and interacted with the panchayat, learnt about local self-government, the problems faced and how they dealt with the same. Then a trek up the hills brought the city kids into close contact with nature, tested their stamina and ability to endure a trek, a first for most of them. The many other firsts were - learning how to make a solar cooker, seed balls and how to grow food organically, yoga for developing concentration and healthy living, first aid, bandaging and how to rescue a person in need were all fascinating aspects of the camp. They also learnt how to tie a flag knot and scout knots and their use in daily life, during emergencies as well as in disaster management. On a lighter note there were singing sessions, skits, product advertising. The camp culminated in a camp fire, with the distribution of thank you cards, and there wasn't a boy who wasn't sorry to leave his new found friends from Igatpuri and the other schools. They came away with a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience, wiser and more mature, an asset to the school and to the community!



**The Sports' Camp at Igatpuri**



**Project Ringtone - Exhibition**

The Project Ringtone exhibition held at the Pali Chimbai Municipal School saw our computer wizards showcase their animated games and stories that they created over the year. Students of Standard VII designed games like Bubbles using the software Scratch. They also recorded a Fruit song using voice modulation and animated pictures. The children were very keen to display their work and show off their talent. The teachers and visitors from Aseema's schools visited the computer lab to laud their achievements and spur them on to achieve greater things. The feedback was positive and all the visitors praised the students' presentation skills.



**International Day of Yoga**

International Day of Yoga was celebrated in its true spirit by the teachers and students of Standards IX & X at the Santacruz (W) Municipal School. Yoga embodies the unity of mind and body, thought and action and ensures holistic development. The students of Standards IX & X demonstrated various Asanas followed by Meditation. The importance of these Asanas was explained simultaneously. The celebration concluded with Shavasana for eliminating stress. Our Sports and Yoga teacher encouraged the students to practice regular yoga to remain fit and improve their concentration. Regular yoga will surely help our students achieve a better life - physically, mentally and spiritually.

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