



Devasen Gupta felicitated by the Mayor

Join us dear readers and congratulate Devasen Gupta, our student from the Kherwadi Municipal School Bandra East, who won the 3rd prize at the National Level Rugby Competition! His achievement was recognised and appreciated by the Mayor of Mumbai, Shri Vishwanath Mahadeshwar, who felicitated him and awarded him with a trophy and a cash scholarship. We wish him all the very best! We also wish him a bright future. In rugby and the realization of his dream to someday represent India internationally!

Devasen has truly proven the fact- 'If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it!'



Festivals and Cultural Celebrations

Celebrations are fun especially when you're in school! The celebration of festivals and events in school is tremendously important from both cultural as well as historical aspects. Ethical as well as social values are learnt through celebrations like these. The month of July launched a spate of events and festivals this quarter making school a

lot more fun. Festivals like Janmashtami always a favourite amongst children, with the pyramid formation to reach the 'handi' taught children the importance of team work and practice. The festivals of Dusshera, Durga Puja and Diwali whilst being fun, also brought out the very important lesson of the triumph of good over evil! The celebration of festivals like Ganesh Chaturthi, Navroz, Bakri Eid among others, apart from the fun and celebrations taught children values like secularism, acceptance and tolerance. Along with these we had awareness days like Gandhi Jayanti through which children were exposed to the concept of non-violence. Independence Day and information on leaders like LokmanyaTilak and others instilled in our children a love for and loyalty to the country. These events encourage our children to grow into well-rounded personalities with open minds that are tolerant and accepting of the diverse cultures and many differences that make up our beautiful country, India.



Fun with Poetry

September 29 was a day full of expectation for the 22 students of Pali Chimbai Municipal School who attended the event 'Fun with Poetry'. It was organised by the renowned poet and author of story books Katie Bagli. A recitation of several beautiful poems was followed by a session on dramatisation of the same poems by our students. They were quite successful too! They even wrote a few two-line rhymes and read them out very proudly. The icing on the cake was the autographed book gifted to each of them by the poet!



The Singing Tree - Choral Concert 2019

33 of our children from Pali Chimbai Municipal School formed a celebrated group- They were to be a part of "The Singing Tree - Choral Concert 2019" organized by the Mehli Mehta Music Foundation. The theme this year was 'Dreams & Imagination'. The children transported the audience with their melodious tunes and voices, to a distant land where a million dreams come to life; where angels and dragons dance; where we can float on the moonlight and slide on starlight. It was a truly enchanting evening listening to them perform. The Concert ended with a magnificent performance by the choir and the instrumentalists. They displayed their versatility, both vocal and instrumental, making the entire performance come alive much to the delight of all!



Teachers' Day at the Sahara Star Hotel

Though September 3, dawned rainy and grey, undeterred by the weather, the teachers arrived for the Teachers' Day celebration sporting a variety of stunning outfits. The function was held at the Sahara Star Hotel which was hosting the celebration for Aseema. A sumptuous breakfast started off the day. Ms. Dilbur Parakh Founder and Chairperson of Aseema welcomed and congratulated the teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day. The compere, Mr. Yagnesh Malviya,

outdid himself. His ice breakers were so effective that the teachers' enthusiasm brimmed over and we ended up with several more rocking performances than planned, each more entertaining than the other. A range of talent was displayed that day, from songs to dances and skits by the teachers and the admin staff. The office team presented a fashion show highlighting unity in the diversity at Aseema. The chefs laid out their best lip smacking and delicious fare, an absolute food lover's delight! A truly well-deserved celebration for teachers who had put in their best right through the year! Our thanks go out especially to the Sahara Star Team for their role in appreciating our teachers' efforts!



Tree Plantation Drive

The soil where our school is located in Awalkheda, is rich in nutrients but very rocky. The months of July, August and September bring torrential rain to this tribal district located on the outskirts of Igatpuri. Many trees are unable to grow in such a rocky terrain as the soil is washed away year after year. In an effort to prevent this erosion of soil, we decided to organise a plantation drive and had our volunteers pitch in too. They were really enthusiastic! Ignoring the mud and rain, they helped our on-site gardeners dig, mulch, bund and plant a variety of trees like Karvanda, Nilgud, Mango,

Jackfruit, Almond, Guava, Coconut, Laburnum, Bamboo and Gliricidia. They also helped us with 'weeding' the land. They along with the gardeners and children planted about 1800 trees in the months of July and August. With this action, we hope the soil will be held together and grow firm, controlling soil erosion substantially, facilitate the retention of water and raise the ground-water level as well!



Aseema Students at 'The Rugby Spirit Festival' in Japan

The Societe Generale 'Rugby Spirit Festival' was a unique, child-focused charity programme which took place during Rugby World Cup 2019. The 3-day event was hosted by the City of Yokohama and included educational workshops, focusing on diversity and integration. Outstanding Rugby players from different countries including India shared their insights, their passion and experience with the children. For the 8 students from Aseema's schools this was a once in a lifetime experience! The highlight

of the trip- they attended the Rugby World Cup Semi-Final kick-off! In addition, they were introduced to tag Rugby after being introduced to how it was different from touch Rugby, visited a school in Japan and interacted with the children there, sharing cultures. They were even introduced to the very delicate and beautiful art of Japanese calligraphy. An excursion of the city of Yokohama and a tour of the stadium were other highlights of the trip. It was truly a fabulous opportunity and exposure for our children to another country, its discipline, culture, values as well as an opportunity for them to share that of their own country.



Sling Bag Coffee Table Tote Bag Seed Pens

Aseema launched a whole new set of 25 products for the Festive Season. These are pictures of some of the products. The environment friendly seed pens and pencils are available in packs of 5 and more. Wooden coasters with beautiful designs, teacups, trays, purses, pouches are among some of the products available. To order, contact our Product Division on: 022 26488034 or write to [products@aseema.org](mailto:products@aseema.org) or come visit our Products' Division. We are at: 3, Shyam Sadan, 93 - S. V. Road, Khar (W), Mumbai 400 052. Timing: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 6:00pm. Saturday: 9:00am to 2:00pm

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