



AN EDUCATION CENTRE FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN



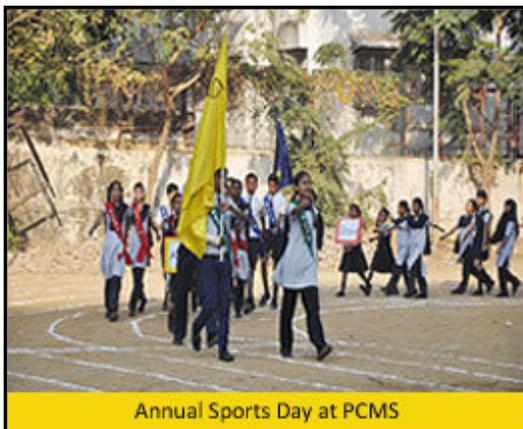
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*“I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true.
I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have.”*

- Abraham Lincoln



Annual Sports Day at PCMS



Annual Sports Day at KMS

2011 began with teams from DBS Bank Ltd, FIL Fund Management Private Ltd., HSBC Asset Management and HSBC India supporting Aseema at the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon. While our supporters ran the Mumbai Marathon our budding sportspersons in Mumbai and Igatpuri were running Relays, hopping for the Sack Race, balancing books and lemons, exercising on the Mallakhamb pole and doing cartwheels in Judo on Sports Day. All the students participated in different races, drill displays and gymnastic performances and were cheered by their peers, parents and teachers.



'Back to the Past', the innovative Annual Exhibition of students' work at the Santacruz (W) Municipal School, took the visitors through a time capsule of India's progress since the sixteenth century. The exhibition covered a wide range of topics from art to economy, from literature to technology, from sports to medical science, etc. The much admired 'Robo - Doc', a working robotic model made by our students was also presented at an Inter-school Science Exhibition, where it was well appreciated. Indian Cuisine's step into the 21st Century was brought alive by the Pre-Primary students' Pizza Stall.

Republic Day was a celebration of patriotism and cultural values. The introduction of the Hindi and Marathi festival on this day helped instil in the students a sense of pride in their regional language. To acknowledge dignity of labour and equal rights, the students celebrated Human Rights Day. Some of the children celebrated Children's Day and Christmas with eClerx India Services Ltd., G.E., Jet Airways, Mahindra Financial Services, Nivea India Pvt. Ltd. and St. Anthony's Road Residents' Association. Celebrations of festivals were made meaningful through creative activities of art and craft, singing and dancing. Our children also participated in a musical entitled "The Sound of Music" organized by Raell Padamsee and ACE Productions.



Christmas Celebrations

The Right to Education Act (RTE) has brought a positive change in the assessment patterns of MCGM schools. This new pattern will monitor and evaluate the student's holistic development and is more in keeping with Aseema's education approach. We have seen the benefits of this approach and are proud to see our first batch of children appear for the S.S.C. Board Exam in March 2011. Please join us in wishing them the very best. Our newest school, the Kherwadi Municipal School has for the first time set up a School Management Committee, a feature of the RTE. The parents are very happy to be a part of the committee and have pledged their support to the school.

Aseema's teaching approach stems from the belief that for learning to take place, there should be a bond between the teacher and child. To strengthen this bond, Aseema teachers and other staff got together at Devlali for an intensive three-day session on Nonviolent Communication. We also had a similar session for all our helpers in Mumbai. These sessions provided a wonderful opportunity for self introspection and helped the teachers understand their role as facilitators of education.



Our teachers in Igatpuri have been working hard to bring their classrooms to life with interesting teaching aids and engaging lessons. The construction of the Pre-Primary Centre of our Education Centre for Tribal Children in Awalkheda, Igatpuri is nearing completion. Your generous support has helped us make education a reality for the tribal children

in Igatpuri. We hope to see you at the inauguration of the Pre-Primary Centre in Awalkheda, Igatpuri on Sunday, 27 March 2011.

Brand new quilted bags, cushion covers, mouse pads, etc – wonderful gifts to present to the special women in your life this Women's Day – are available at our Product Division in Khar. Our sincere thanks to all corporate houses that have permitted us to conduct exhibitions at their premises, giving their employees a chance to shop while contributing towards the cause of education.

Good news for all our friends in America! You can now make donations to Aseema through aseema.seeyourimpact.org from 1 April 2011 and enjoy the tax benefits under 501 (c)(3).

We have tied up with SeeYourImpact.Org, a Seattle based non-profit which connects donors to actual beneficiaries through trusted non profits.



Our sincere thanks to all our team players - donors, volunteers, well wishers and staff members – especially to ACE Productions, American School of Bombay, American Women's Club, Arya Vidya Mandir School, Bandra Gymkhana, DB Global, Deutsche Bank, Diageo, eBay Pvt. Ltd., eClerx Services Ltd., Ericsson India Pvt. Ltd., Ernst & Young, G.E., Give India, HSBC India, HSBC Asset Management, Indus International, J.B. Petit School, Jamnabai Narsee School, Jasuben School, Khar, Jet Airways, K.C Mahindra Education Trust, Kangaroo Kids & Billabong Schools, Mahindra Financial Services, Maneck Mehta Charitable Trust, MCX India, Moet Hennessy India Pvt. Ltd., Monika and Ermanno Schinca, Mr. & Mrs. Ranjit Malkani, Nivea India Pvt. Ltd., NVC India, Oracle, PACT, Peek-A-Boo, Plan India, Radiant Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Sophia College Ex-Students' Association, St. Anthony's Road Residents' Association, Sudha Bhamidipati, Systems Plus Solutions, Tech Mahindra Foundation, The Bai Alamai & Seth Ardeshir Talati & Seth Sarosh B. Mody Charity Trust, The Franklin Schools, Tony Sleight, United Way of Mumbai and Vodafone.