

CIVIC SCHOOL HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL DAY

The Pali-Chimbai Municipal School celebrated its first annual day on Tuesday. Aseema, an NGO which runs the pre primary programme in the school and has adopted classes I to V, organised the function.

There was a prize in the memory of Reefa Shaikh, an eight year old student who died of dengue last year. Nicola Dadyburjor, a teacher from the pre-primary section, said, "We instituted a prize for academic excellence in Reefa's memory. Sushmita Agarwal, a class V student got it." One hundred children were felicitated in the prize distribution ceremony.

Dilbur Parakh, the chairperson of Aseema, said, "This is their first annual day. If children are given good education and the right opportunities, they can blossom." More corporate firms and NGOs should adopt BMC schools and the BMC should give more freedom to these bodies and not interfere at every point.

Carolyn Fernandes, educational officer for Aseema, said, "This is the first annual day for a BMC school. We organised folk dances and an English play. Teachers from private schools in Bandra attended the function."

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