

DANNY SPENDS TIME WITH SLUMDOG...KIDS ON THEIR SPORTS DAY

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Danny Boyle, director of the 'Slumdog Millionaire' and producer Christian Colson were the chief guests at the fifth annual sports day of Aseeema, an NGO that works with underprivileged children, held at Apostolic Carmel Convent playground on Thursday.

The children competed in races, and various other events. Two of the children acting in the film, Rubina Qureshi and Azharuddin Ismail Sheikh are studying in Class I at the Pali-Chimbai Municipal School, which has been adopted by the NGO Aseema. Shares Rubina Qureshi, "Even though my role in the film was very small i loved working in it. It was nice to see Danny Sir here on our Sports day."

Azharuddin Shaikh, who won the 50-metre race also showed Danny Boyle around his school, "Danny sir asked me show my school. He was very much interested to see our classroom. He was also very impressed with our education pattern."

Danny Boyle says of his visit and time spent with the children, "These children are very special and extremely talented. Having worked in Mumbai and watched these children closely, i would definitely like to make them part of my team. All of them have a bright future."

Christian Colson adds, "Mumbai is a real city. I have seen a lot of Indian cities but Mumbai is special and unique. People here are special, whether rich or poor, they have the same attitude in life. I really enjoyed my two-day stay in Mumbai."

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