

POVEDA Newsletter

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Our vision is a community where children empowered with knowledge and character become responsible citizens of the world.

Our mission is to impact the education and values of less privileged children.

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Poveda Kids

The Kindergarten began the new academic year on 18th June. 42 children have enrolled and the crying of the new recruits is now scanty and far and in between. There is an overwhelming response from the communities this year to the point that we have had to decline some admissions for want of space.

The teachers' team has worked all through April and the first half of June reviewing the syllabus, structuring and restructuring the year based on learning trends and challenges they have seen in the last few years.



Friday assessments help the teachers keep a track on the learning of each child and offer attention to those learning goals not met in the week.

Parents' meetings

Poveda believes that the parents are the most important partners in the program. Our parents do their best to make sure that their children have a future better than theirs. However, the parents need formation themselves.

At the first set of parent meetings this year, we offered to our mothers the possibility of running weekend classes in English and Computers for them. Almost every single mother showed enthusiasm to join these.

In our parent meetings, we have emphasized the need for the child to come on time and regularly to school and also the importance of the parents revising with the children at least a few of the many things that they learn in the centre.



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Dental Check Up

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Dr. Juby Abraham, Dr. Sindura Pati and Ms. Rani Lot organized for the children of Poveda Kids, their siblings and mothers a Dental Camp on 14th July. There was full attendance and the camp extended way beyond the anticipated time.

The Indian Dental Association through the intervention of Dr. Juby gave each child a free dental kit.

A big thank you to Dr. Juby for immediately accepting to organize this camp for us and again to her and her team for interacting with our anxious and eager parents and children with immense patience.



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Eye Check Up

Through the mediation of Dr. Nilesh Kakade, we were able to host an eye check up camp for our children on 4th August with a team of doctors from H. V. Desai Hospital, Hadapsar.

As one may be aware, paediatric ophthalmology is a specialization in itself. 3 doctors painstakingly, yet effortlessly, tested 31 of our children through the morning. 10 children have been diagnosed with special needs.



2 very important persons at Poveda-
Rahul bhaiyya and Harshada didi.

Why?

They come together every Sunday from noon to 2 to teach computers to children. 25 young minds have signed up so far for classes and more will enrol in August.

Poveda is offering 6 months certificate courses this year to the students to give them the opportunity to graduate from one level to another.

Computer Class



Teacher Development Program

St. Mary's School Jalna

A two day teacher development workshop was offered at St. Mary's High School Jalna on 4th and 5th June. 85 teacher participants benefitted from sessions that helped them gain insight into themselves, their Emotional Intelligence, the latest trends in education across the world and adapting them to their context and they also learnt many games that they could use in their classrooms.



St. Clare's School Pune

This all girls school invited Poveda to do a day long workshop with its teachers on 12th June. Topics of Emotional Intelligence and latest trends in education were presented to 40+ teachers



Vidya Bhavan College of Commerce

A workshop on Emotional Intelligence and understanding better why we do what we do as teachers was offered to the professors and faculty at Vidya Bhavan College of Commerce in Pune on 18th June

The Teresian Association, an international lay association brings together a group of young students each year from across Taiwan to engage in a volunteering project in a developing country. For the second year, a group of students came to India. For a few days, they observed and interacted with students and staff of St. Vincent's School, Pune Camp and Pratibha International School, Chinchwad. They visited Poveda too and went into the slum, meeting parents and children to experience first hand the poverty lived in these low income communities.

The group then spent 8 days at Dnyan Mauli English Medium School, where Poveda has previously engaged in student and teacher development projects. This group volunteered in classes from Kindergarten to grade 4, teaching, helping, introducing Chinese culture, language and arts to the children. They also had the opportunity to visit the villages.



International Volunteers Encounter

We are grateful to Ms. Savitha Travis, Fr Suresh Sathe, Mr. Suresh Pathare, Ms. Rosy Dias, Ms. Jennie Dias and all those who helped make these days meaningful for this group of students.

Women Program

Poveda this year begins a new journey, one with the mothers of our children in response to a question which is mutual.

The mothers want to be formed, to explore new horizons.

We want to offer a capacity building program for our mothers, to open new horizons.

This program started with an enriching encounter with Dr. Ranna, a gynaecologist, on Saturday 21st July. An eye opener for the mothers about things they took for granted, many misconceptions based on myth and common practice, issues related to their own health and hygiene, in all, a morning that was very gainful.

In the weeks to follow there will be sessions on nutrition, women's rights etc.



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