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There is something so mysteriously magical about an umbrella, in the way that it can shield you from the rain, the joy of walking closely together with someone under it and the manner by which it can just disappear into a handy bag and not be seen.

A few years back, I had a girl- Dhurva, run up to me in school with a colourful umbrella while it was pouring. Just last week, another child accompanied one of us to the car while it was pouring again.

And while we still enjoy the monsoons here in Pune, may be we can ask ourselves-  
Who is the umbrella in my life?  
Who do I share my umbrella with?

And may be, just take that walk in the rain!

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# Poveda Kids

It has been a month filled with celebrations at Poveda Kids and we are happy to share with you some images of these festivities. Each celebration is an opportunity to build vocabulary and language concepts in the children.











Students from Bharati Vidyapeeth Rabindranath Tagore School of Excellence came to our centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August as part of their community outreach program. They will continue to come to Poveda once a month for the rest of this school year. On their first visit, they planned and organized interactive activities with our children. The time was well spent for two reasons:

- Our children could actually converse in English with someone other than their didis and
- The interaction boosted the confidence of our children to just talk and laugh and engage in creative activities freely with older kids.





# Zilla Parishad Project

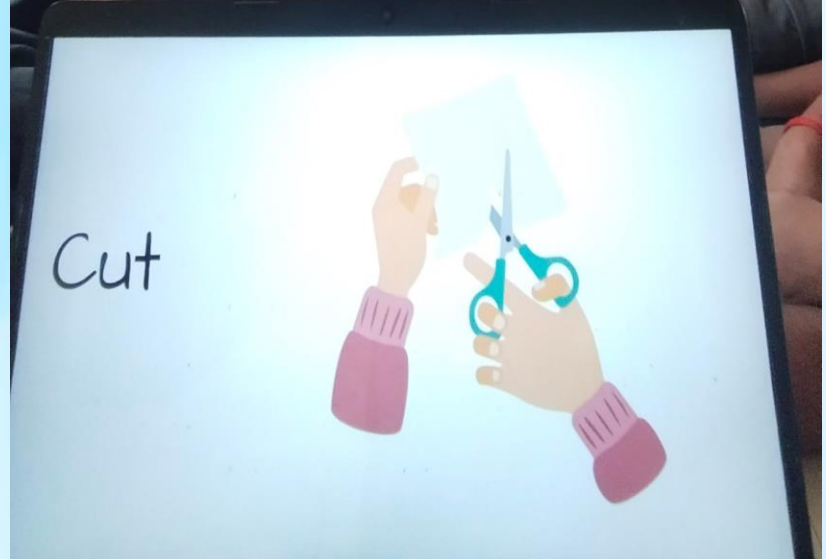
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Poveda is now present in 10 schools across 3 talukas- Bhor, Velhe and Haveli. Some schools have one learning group, some two and some 3 learning groups.

With greater clarity on the year end objectives for each group, and the context and reality of each school being different, fun and engaging lessons are constantly being developed. It gives us great joy to see that teachers in some schools invest a lot of time every day of the week, revising with the children what we teach them and so we are able to make greater and more rapid progress in these schools.

At the end of the month, we were able to bring notebooks to the children of the Katkari community in one of our schools, thanks to the generosity of the members of St. Joseph's Church, Akurdi.







## Poveda Meals

The monsoons, especially like the way we've had them this year, can be a deterrent to finding people on the street. Yet, we've continued distributing meals on all Sundays of August with our young volunteer Tanish, braving the rains and stepping out of the car with a smile on his face and packed meals in his hands.



# Changemakers

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We have 2 more kids join the program this month. The group continues to meet on Sundays. In a very special way in this month, did a research project on India. They also had a module on friendship- who are our friends and why and, who aren't our friends and why.

In the last module, they discussed about our common home- mother Earth. Each child chose a theme that they identified with- e.g. deforestation, the wastage of food, poverty and what our families and we do to add to the problem and in what manner can we minimize the negative impact. The group sharing, like always is very profound, real, honest and inspiring.

## Ways to contribute:

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### - Your time,

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- As a teacher or volunteer or resource person at our kindergarten, school project, Changemakers, Sakhi,
- As a volunteer at the office or with Poveda meals

### - Your resources

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- Rs. 1500 for 30 meals on a Sunday
- Rs. 10000 towards the ZP project staff monthly salary
- Rs. 10000 towards school fee scholarships

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