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Newsletter

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Discovering treasures

My Sunday mornings are so fulfilling. Working with these young leaders here in Chinchwad is engaging, challenging and satisfying. As I listen to them share, I often ask myself, where do they get such wisdom from?

And it is the same with each school that I teach at during the week. Sometimes the kids fight for a chance to sit next to me. Sometimes they sulk because I do not give them a turn to respond. Sometimes they are jumping out of their skin with high voltage in their eyes and hands, eager to respond. These are treasures waiting to be unravelled to the fullest.

And every once in a while, we are blessed with the opportunity to meet some pure and beautiful souls along the way, in the projects. These become the treasure of our lives.

- Reeves Rodrigues

Poveda Kids

We have 32 children in the centre this year. The nursery group runs from from 8.30 to 11.00 and the kindergarten from 8.30 to 12.00.

Alongside all the many things the children learn in their academics, the kids spend a lot of time every week in art and craft. The older kids have also started dabbling in computers.

The children took their first formal assessment in the last week of July and excelled. We had two special celebrations in July - Aashadi Ekadashi and Parents' Day.

We also convened the first parents' meeting for the year on 26th July. These meetings are opportunities for us to dialogue with the parents and address common concerns.

When schools remained closed because of heavy rains, our kids still came to us, bright and cheerful, eager to learn.

- Manasi and Pramila Didi





Zilla Parishad Schools- English Project

I am grateful for this opportunity to work with Poveda as a teacher. I have just completed one and a half months in the project. Our main goal is to educate children from low income communities. We take class for an hour every week in each school. As a teacher I try my best to create opportunities to allow all the students in my class to participate at least once in each session.

I try to use simple language, examples, actions, images and videos without turning to the use of the local language. I use teaching aids, songs and drama too. I interact with every child by asking many questions. I also take some funny games.

The confidence of students to speak in English is increasing. Some school teachers do an exceptional job during the week in revising with the children whatever we teach in class.

I am enjoying my time in Poveda.

- Dipali Jagtap.



We work with 9 schools

1. Degaon=114 students
2. Kenjal=164 students
3. Karandi= 93 students
4. Pabe= 64 students
5. Siddeshwar Nagar=33 students
6. Wagajvadi=20 students
7. Savardare=22 students
8. Umbre= 74 students
9. Hathwe=58 students

We go 3 days a week.

Our main goal is to give children the confidence to have complete conversations in English. I teach the children how to speak in English and how to practice it every day when we are not in school. I have taken many sessions in the schools and I assist Dipali didi also. I interact with the children and I ask them about their favourite colors, birds, animals and subjects which helps me understand my



- Pallavi Kakade





Zilla Parishad Schools- E Learning

In March this year, Degaon and Karandi schools received 35 tabs. A training for teachers and parents who would volunteer in the program was also conducted in the same month.

Today, the children in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Degaon and in grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Karandi are using the tabs week after week to learn, enhance their learning and practise their learning.

The bigger task ahead is to ensure that each student has equal access to the tabs, is using the tab regularly to learn and maximize their test scores and not just play games or watch videos and that the tabs remain in good condition.

While Karandi was the first school to start, Degaon has 2 students who are 'tabs in charge'.



Changemakers

Changemakers— the word itself says that I will change the world. Changemakers is a program started by Reeves Bhaiyya last year.

We regrouped after summer vacation in June with sessions every Sunday at noon. It is a class that helps children increase their confidence and develop leadership qualities in them.

We learn different brain-developing skills. We understand various activities from real-life experiences. We have group sessions about various topics like future plans, career goals, our country, our neighbouring countries, the importance of our parents etc.

We play games and conduct group activities like playing quizzes in teams, making posters etc. We also did mock job interviews with each other! We made special greeting cards for our parents for International Parents Day.

Every week we get something new to learn and homework based on topics discussed. The most important thing about this class is that it is conducted in English. It helps us improve our vocabulary and increase our fluency in the language.

- Aditya Patil



The greeting card for our parents * HAPPY PARENTS DAY * (it's we are going to write the)

Special things of our parents

For my mother

1. my mother is very hardworking

She is very kind. she makes my tiffin.

everyone's first teacher is her mother

she helps every one who

is in need. I respect her

and I help her in every way I can.

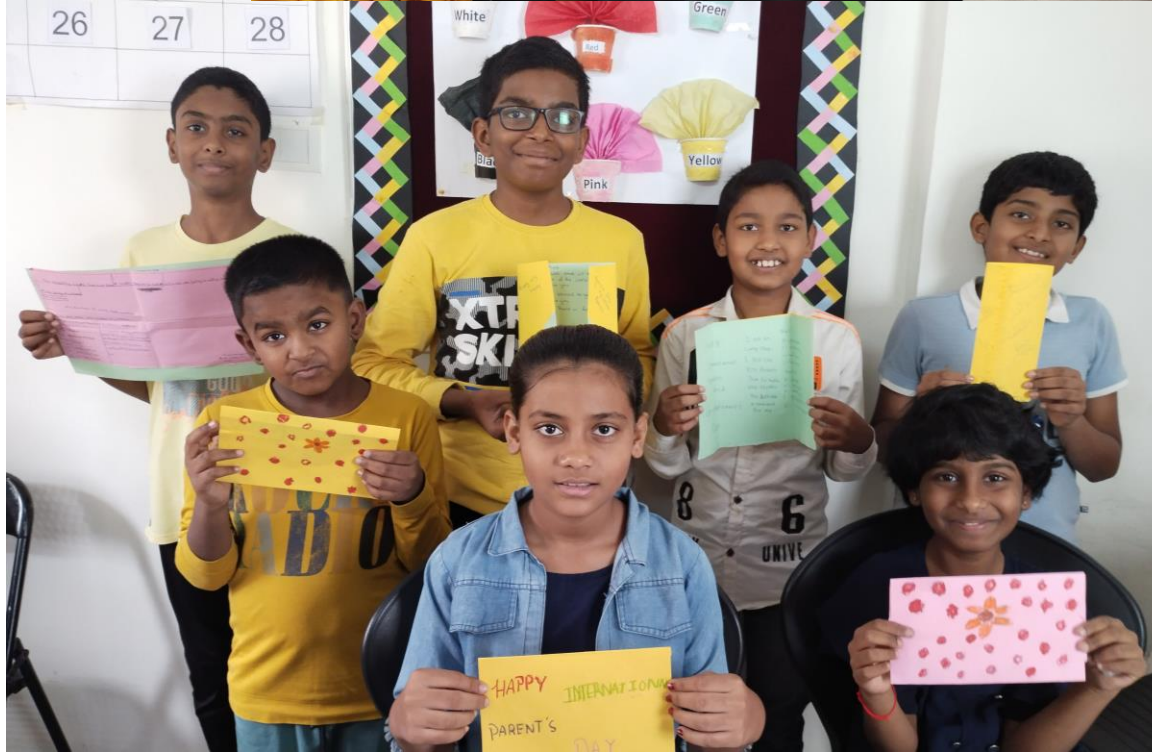
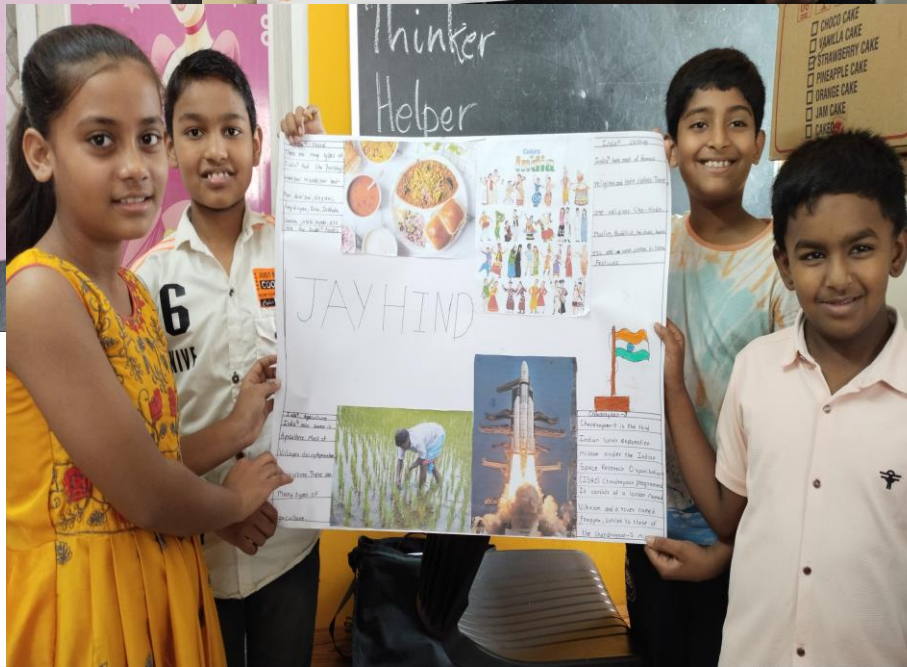
R - RARE

A - ANSWERABLE

J - JOURNAL

S - SWEET

H - HARD WORKER



Poveda Meals

We've covered all 4 Sundays in July, with 30 meals each time.

Please let us know if we can replicate the meal distribution in another part of the city.

Please let us know if there are public hospitals close to you, where we can serve meals to relatives of patients.

What we need is someone to prepare the meals and a team of volunteers that can take turns in the distribution.



Ways to contribute:

- Your time,

- 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

- 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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