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Newsletter
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It seems like the rains do not want to leave us this year. It's raining in Chinchwad and it's raining in Bhor! We have had days without seeing the sun and yet our days, with the faces our students, are as bright as ever!

You know, there is a joy that only a teacher can understand without the use of words, in seeing your children in class, eyes of anticipation on cheerful grinning faces- 'what are they going to teach us today?' and 'how am I going to participate in class today?'

Come, see what I mean, come, visit our kindergarten or a school we work with or our leadership program on Sundays.

Come, bask in the sunshine of our kids!

Reeves

‘Brothers and Sisters in White Coats’

The festival of Raksha Bandhan, traditionally celebrating the bond between siblings took a new and profound meaning at ESI Hospital Mohan Nagar. Four young members of Changemakers undertook a heartfelt mission to extend this sacred bond of protection to our modern day-warriors of action-the doctors nurses and hospital staff. Our project, ‘Brothers and Sisters in White Coats’ was conceived with a clear objective to boost the morale of the selfless medical heroes and create a feeling of community.

The project began early in the morning with us marching into the casualty ward with our hand made rakhis and thank you cards and laddoos and 2 thalis of aarti. The staff were very pleasantly surprised and happily welcomed us with great joy.

We went around from one floor to the next. We even received some gifts in gratitude. One very senior nurse told us that for the very first time in her life, she had someone tie her a rakhi.

For us, this was a reminder that the spirit of Raksha Bandhan, the bond of protection is a universal value that goes beyond family, extending to those who selflessly protect our health and well being.

Aditya Patil
Changemaker



Child Development Centre

It has been a month of celebration at Poveda Kids-

- Fruit Salad Day
- Raksha Bandhan
- Janmashtami
- Independence Day
- Ganesh Chaturthi.



The children are learning fast and how!

We also had a visit from the students of Rabindranath Tagore School of Excellence who interacted with our students on their monthly themes of fruits, vegetables and classroom objects.



Spoken English Project in Schools

Classes through August in school have helped the children learn new vocabulary, sentence structure and parts of speech.

Continuous review and repetition, peer learning and constant affirmation and encouragement are helping all the learners in class make good progress.



This is what working in groups looks like





Changemakers

Our Changemakers embarked on their first project for this year, celebrating Rakshabandhan with the nurses, doctors, support staff and security personnel at the ESI hospital in Chinchwad. It was a very heartwarming experience for them as they felt welcomed and appreciated and also humbled that they could do something for the very people who serve the communities our kids come from.



The leaders are researching and deepening in the socio-economic realities of our country. They are exploring and presenting nuances of topics such as school dropouts, status of women, missing people in India, people in jail.

All this will culminate in a final presentation in November.

The Changemakers Prem, Pari and Viraj also helped in the distribution of Poveda Meals in the absence of our regular volunteer Tanish.

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