

Nursery & Primary School

Bhuj, Gujarat

New Desks and Chairs



The classrooms had a whole new look on 28th January. This was the day when the new desks-chairs donated by the Asian Foundation for Philanthropy (AFP) were first used in the classrooms. The students were very excited to have them as they were previously sitting on the floors of the class. This is a great luxury for them. They can now improve their handwriting skills as well as their postures by sitting on these chairs.

Quarterly Report

January - March 2008

Mission

Our mission, as a compassionate but non-sectarian international charity, is to change lives by harnessing the compassion and commitment of dedicated staff and volunteers to deliver sustainable, high-impact, community-based services to the poor and needy.

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Republic Day Celebrations



The celebrations for India's Republic Day on 26th January 2008 took on new meaning for the students. The day was used to bring out their hidden talents. A drawing competition was organized and it was a joy to see the students eagerly using their drawing and painting kits to express themselves. The students played around with different types of colours to bring out their joy at the occasion.

The paintings of the students were then exhibited in order to encourage them to take their talents higher. The students had a great time looking at their own as well as their fellow students' work.



Hope for Soheb



Soheb's education is a beacon of hope for his family for whom tragedy has not been alien. His family has had more than its share of sorrow. On 26th January 2001, as the earthquake shook the land of Bhuj, his family were among those whose lives were changed forever. Two of his elder sisters perished in the earthquake. Shortly after this, Soheb lost his father due to a heart attack. His mother had to take over the reins of supporting the family and started selling dry fish. Presently, his two other elder sisters work as maids, two sisters study in a Gujarati medium school, and the youngest sister stays with his mother. With all these difficulties, the school offers a reason for the family to be happy. Soheb is now in senior kindergarten and will be moving on to Grade I class from June 2008.

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Visiting Friends



James Shoemark and Caroline McClellan from Edinburgh visited the school and were able to spend some quality time with the children and the staff. This was their first trip and they were inspired to see the work done in the school. They could also see the lives that were touched by HOPE foundation.

They took part in a short prize distribution ceremony where the winners of the Drawing competition held in January 2008 were given prizes. The prizes were donated by a local cloth merchant, Amarsons & Co. We are grateful to all our friends who help in bringing hope and changing the lives of so many people.

Statistics:

Primary School

Boys
177

Girls
80

Total
257

Nursery School

Boys
32

Girls
26

Total
58