

## Pragati takes a leap - Inauguration of Mythri, Hospitality unit

Delhi Public school had been relentless with their efforts to raise funds through Fuel a dream platform for the hospitality unit at Pragati. The objective is to educate students on the best practices within the hospitality industry. Topics covered may range from learning how to properly interact with customers to *Food preparation and planning to Luxury hospitality.*



Under this initiative: *The inauguration had been by the teachers of DPS, who also got to get a taste of food prepared and served by our students*

- Tea and Snacks served - Voluntary Engagement with Intel
- Every Friday, Our trainees prepare the evening snack for the children of Anandasagar Orphanage.
- Site visit at Hotel Lalit Ashok for an exposure on Cleanliness and Hygiene, Possibilities - Wiping of plates, glasses. Laundry unit - sorting linens and clothes, use of the washer/ dryer unit etc.

steps to the aim of creating a social enterprise over a café. A number of



Digital Literacy program funded by The Hans Foundation moved further with new trainees freshly inducted to a one year program focused on photoshop and multimedia. Trainees are learning facets of designs to create cards, calendars, catalogues, brochures for a holistic print unit. Two sublimation machines were purchased and mug printing, trinkets and T-shirt printing is opening new possibilities of a livelihood. The curriculum was further enhanced with Prayas, a Computer and iPad Training Programme for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. This program will further strengthen the learning to make our young adults adept at using computer not only for design, but also as a tool for livelihood options.



**already and aiming higher.**

*Last month at Bubbles and Pragati*

**SAP labs give a facelift to Bubbles**



**SAP labs CSR initiative gives the school a face-lift and cheers**

Corporate social responsibility should be about making a forum where employees feel good and enjoy the process. Employees feel more motivated, the community has benefited, and the company earns goodwill, then everyone is a winner.

- In the month of November, SAP Labs employees gave our school a facelift by painting the corridors with a vibrant coat of colours
- Bubbles took the hues of blue with pictures and images surround the entire corridors

**Team Bubbles at National Conference, Jaipur**

A two-day national conference related to diverse issues of person with disability was jointly organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry ( CII), Rajasthan and Department of Social Justice & Empowerment; supported by Disha and Rehabilitation Council of India at Hotel Clarks Amer in Jaipur. At the conference, the issues related to needs of differently abled people were discussed through keynote addresses, panel discussions, paper presentations, poster presentations, group discussions and workshops. Bubbles and Pragati jointly had four presenters for paper & poster - Sarbani Mallick, Meena Jain , Smrithy Rajesh and Meenakshy Kavassery.

The location also offered a chance for team Bubbles to visit Bagru and Sanganer to observe and understand the processes and possibilities in Block Printing, Screen Printing and making of Paper products



### *Friday Market at Bubbles - products made by Prastuti and pragati students*

Friday market became a weekly rituals at Bubbles to sell the products made in the vocational wings.

The children at School hold market days and bread-sticks and cake sales help them learn valuable life skills and raise funds to cover part of the expenses towards raw materials. The Friday Market is also a platform for developing the entrepreneurship skills of our



### *Buddy program with Capital First -- trip to Nandi Hills with Prastuti and Pragati students*



As part of buddy program Capital First employees were buddies to our students for the day. A day filled with games, new experiences and art. Our students amazed us with transition, considerably reduced anxiety at the number of changes and their ability to adapt to new people and the new surroundings. Steps to strengthen community involvement and collaboration.

### **Some of the significant developments during the last two months**

#### **Arvind completes a two weeks internship at Café coffee day.**

**Arvind was selected as a part of DNA initiative to do a two weeks internship at Café coffee day in an attempt to check the employability of a PWD in a coffee shop and learn some of the skills associated with it.**

#### **Dhwani foundation initiative to develop NGO leadership**

**Bubbles has been selected as a beneficiary of the Nayanthara funding to develop the administration and operation of the NGOs. Under this scheme, Dhwani will invest in skill development of an operation manager in the selected NGOs. At present, a search is**

on for recruitment of operation manager.

### **Kaalangana – Bubbles participate in the Art competition**

**Prastuti students participated in an art and Yoga competition on 21<sup>st</sup> November in front of a 500 plus audience.**

**Prastuti group went to IRC in the morning. They did a group yoga in front of large crowd. They stood in the queue for a buffet lunch with 500 people and then waited for their turn which came after 50 performances. They showed great resilience and never broke into a behavior in spite of such harsh conditions.**



### **Bubbles students and their achievements in public**

- **Advaith, 9 years old won the Gold Medal for skating at Special Olympics (Karnataka State Level)**
- **Kudos to the parents who took the initiative to take their children to participate in the sports meet at Kanteerva Stadium.**
  - **Proud of Yashas, Advaith and Rachel and the parents.**
  - **Rachel and Advaith were awarded the Gold Medal in Bowling and Skating respectively.**
- **4 teachers from Bubbles were awarded 'Extraordinary Teacher' Award**
- **Ms.Sarbani Mallick is one of the speakers in the Common Purpose Leadership Development**
- **This was conducted for the teachers and staff by Mr. Godrej Rustomji (Chief Security Officer, Code 3).**







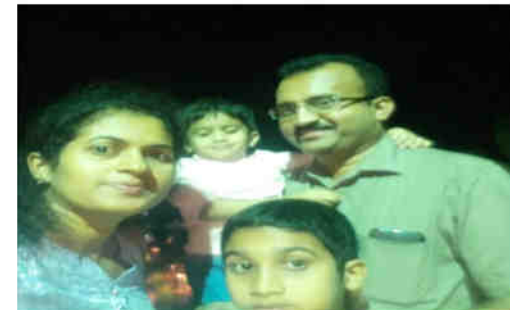
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Two bright students from the pre-vocation class had a sensitizing visit to Lalit Ashok, where they were appreciated.

### Parents, volunteer and partner's corner

#### Shwetha and Sukesh Shetty (bubbles) Laksh's mom

In 2016 we were searching for proper special school for Laksh who was 6 year old that time we got admitted him to Bubbles center for Autism after Consulting Sarbaani Madam. We are very happy with his progress .The learning methods adopted in school is Excellent. Management and staff are very Cooperative and supportive. The open house which is conducted every month is equipped with lot of information, which helps us to plan about future of the child. The workshops conducted in school has also helped us to know more about Autism and their livelihood. The six hours program in Bubbles has helped Laksh a Lot.



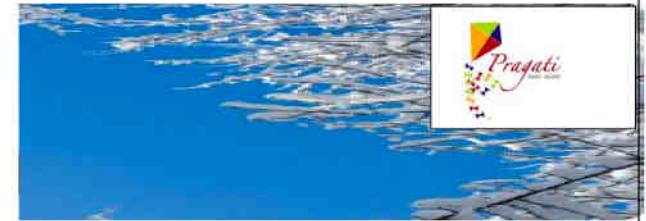
#### SMRITHY RAJESH (BUBBLES) – ADVAITH'S MOTHER



I approached Bubbles at a time when no school was willing to take my son. Sarbani Ma'am welcomed him with open arms and the affection that the team showed made me realise right then that this is the best place for my son! Advaith was 3.7 years old then and is ten now and his progress has been phenomenal. I was encouraged to do a course in Special Education and completed my practicals at Bubbles, mentored by Ma'am. This put me in a position where I could work with my son, based on inputs received during the monthly open house programmes. Bubbles empowers parents and also involves them in fun activities like festival celebrations. Bubbles makes every parent realise that anything is



# The Mustard Seeds



*The second half of December, when everything feels festive and special and you get a break from your usual day-to-day routine, is the perfect time to reflect and look back on everything you have experienced, discovered and achieved during the last 12 months. For Bubbles and Pragati, the list is endless.*

*This yearly review is also a great exercise in mindfulness of the achievements during the year and how much we moved from what we planned to achieve. . It's a way to slow down, reminisce about our favourite moments, make you sure we take the time to appreciate all the little and big things that were a part of our growth in the past year, and also to draw some conclusions about which kinds of goals we need to set for ourselves.*

*There had been a large shift from a school program and classroom learnings to a more holistic understanding of "What after 18?"*

*The PATH for Bubbles and also many of the senior students of Bubbles helped look into a solution. Surprisingly, the growth has evolved organically with donors in one hand to help us kick start the skill-building initiatives and the corporate and market place eager to give valued roles and opportunities to include person with disabilities.*

*All these had been too soon, too fast and in the coming year we will be put to test on our abilities to make a success of these endeavor. Some of the events since our festival edition are also harbinger of such goals.*

## **Icing on the festival journey - celebration of Halloween**

Fascination for Halloween is a relatively recent phenomenon and Bubbles is one of the early adopter in the celebration. It is celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> before the all Saints day. Keeping with the secular flavor of celebrating all the international festivals with as much fervor, Bubbles were all ready. This time it was the Prastuti and Pragati parents, who had been the host and organisers. Celebration included, exposure to sensory experiences, such as,

- Dancing in the dark
- Pumpkin scooping
- Decorating masks
- Decorating cup cakes
- In addition, Pragati Trainees got involved in making cup cakes for all. The party continued with full spirits and was enjoyed by students, teachers and parents.
- Calling all Ghouls, Goblins, Pumpkins, Superheroes, Pirates and Princesses – all costumes and colors were represented in the costumes and make-up to

