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**Another incredible year has gone by and as we wrap up a great year we would like to take a moment to reflect on our achievements and acknowledge all those people who made the programs at Shwas a great success. We would like to thank all our volunteers who have worked hard throughout the year with utmost sincerity and pure intentions to provide a bright future to our kids and all the donors whose support helped Shwas flourish so brilliantly and efficiently.**

#### **Academic Advancement:**

In the year 2014, 14 kids from 30 kids at Shwas, who previously studied at municipal schools reaped benefit of studying in private schools. With support from donors, regular tuitions and their dedicated efforts, they would continue to do so; performing successfully in their classrooms and outside. For those, who were either studying at municipal schools or dropped out, we connected them to organizations that encouraged improved participation and overall personality development through various experiential learning activities.

Apart from Academics, beautiful stories on personal front unfolded. Payal gave lessons to the younger ones on a daily basis at Shwas under guidance of our team. Jayesh everyday voluntarily taught 10 kids in his community, all on his own, absolutely his brain child. Further,

they did prayers before they started their lessons, sat in silence for a while and shared their issues in circle, exactly the agenda we follow in our classrooms. He also organized painting competition for them and took pictures of them. This makes us believe the seeds we have sown in our kids will blossom beautifully wherever our kids will be in future.



### **Astrophysics**

**class:** Tanmay Sir from Vedshala, astronomical observatory, spent some quality time introducing Astro physic to our kiddies; explaining planetary system and constellation patterns



### **Events by Aproch:**

Kids during their visit to Kankaria-Kids city were really eager to enact different professions from being a police officer to serving at fire station, from being a lawyer to radio jockey, from theatre artist to being a banker, from meeting their Chief minister for a mock interview session to learning about city governance, from being a doctor to a soldier. The entire process in fact was very engaging, introducing kids to possible scenarios at work, representing multiple perspectives. It allowed



### **Kindness event:**

We celebrated kindness week with intention of planting seeds of compassion and love. Kids did random act of kindness throughout the week, we put down those stories in form of illustrations and ended the week by sharing those stories with Nidhi, who has been supporting us since inception of Shwas and Nimo, who beautifully closed the event by sharing the spirit of love and gratitude through his songs.



### **Dental Health camp:**

Access to dental clinics



### Spirit of Christmas:

With Christmas round the corner, AProCH organized an art workshop for kids at Parimal Garden for five consecutive Sundays. Kids made stars, Christmas trees, Santa Claus from coloured papers and cotton, under a banyan tree beside a serene lotus-laden lake. On Christmas Eve they decorated the entire space and danced their hearts out.



**Heritage Walk:** We took a guided walking tour in an old part of Ahmedabad, with kids, to learn about ancient architecture, explore the walled city, its historic neighbourhood and fascinating communities.



them to learn problem solving, empathy and communication, effortlessly, while making it an enjoyable experience for them.



### Radio one with Neha:

Kids got an opportunity to be on air and share their Christmas art workshop experience on Radio for five consecutive Sundays.



Media coverage, Daily News & Analysis, December

being difficult for our children, we organized a dental health camp in their community to improve their oral health. Along with screening for tooth decays, ulcers and tumors, we informed them about the dangers of smoking and tobacco chewing and gave instructions on tooth brushing and hygienic practices. Soon after, we received a huge parcel from Shefali Aunty loaded with Tooth pastes for all our kids.



### Dinner at Mirch Masala:

For Joy of giving week, Arpita and Dhavit along with 'Mirch Masala' team invited kids to immerse in a fine dine experience at Mirch Masala.



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