



Dear Well Wishers and Friends,

We welcome you to take a glimpse into the exciting and activity driven life of our girls at Reach through this Newsletter. The second half of the session 2015-16 began on a very festive note. There were various celebrations which saw the girls participating whole heartedly.

Our students got many opportunities to display their creative skills and compete at various competitions with full zeal and enthusiasm. Through various workshops that were arranged for them, our students benefitted greatly in broadening their vistas. With the excellent reputation and standing that Reach has, our institute is in great demand among parents seeking to admit their girls. This year we have got many applications and the admission process is still on.

We are very selective in terms of quality education and activities that schools provide and have been able to secure admissions for our students in some very reputed schools.

At the Reach Institute we are honoured to have on our Management Board Ms Shaida Adatia and Ms Annar Visram. Shaida Adatia brings with her immense experience in the field of Education. She has been associated with the Tariqah Board in the USA and has great in depth knowledge of child psychology and in dealing with teenagers. Annar Visram is an IT professional who is now closely involved in working towards the upliftment of the girl child and nurturing them to grow into strong, confident individuals.

The future holds great promises for our girls and with the best wishes and blessings of our well wishers their dreams will certainly become a reality.



Mrunalini Nelge & Amita Deshmukh

Striving towards Academic Excellence:

Encouraged by the constant appreciation and guidance received at the institute, the girls are putting in their best efforts to do well at academics. Most of our girls have passed third year-end examinations with flying colours.

Among the bright stars who topped their respective streams at Jr. College:

Shivani Lalani (Commerce) 92% Alisha Thobani (Science) 84%
Denisha Hajiyani (Science) 85%

Students in other grades who scored 80% and above:

Soniya Panjwani grade III 97% Rani Bagadiya grade I 95%
Suzan Solanki grade VIII 92% Nancy Kothiya grade III 90%
Saloni Lalani grade VIII 90% Nazmeen Lalani grade VIII 85%
Reshma Roy grade VI 85%

Bringing Goodwill and Warmth:

Many visitors from India and abroad brought in cheers and warm wishes for the girls. They shared their experiences and anecdotes with the students and returned with fond memories of the affection received from our girls.

Ms Azmina Jiwa who is a Happiness and Wellness coach conducted a workshop on ways to find happiness and peace within oneself. Mr Salim Jiwa explained the mantras of success and urged the girls not to give up and keep striving with determination.



Psychological and IQ tests:

A well-known psychologist Dr Yajyoti Singh conducted a series of tests for the students of grade 10 to analyse their aptitudes and abilities and select their courses for 11th grade accordingly.

Developing Sensitivity to Social Issues:

In collaboration with the Youth and Sports Board, the students of Reach undertook various activities such as creating awareness towards civic hygiene, proper disposal of garbage and following traffic regulations. They also participated in a drive to save the girl child. Our institute won 5 trophies and certificates were given to all the participants for their outstanding efforts.



Outings and Celebrations:

Students had a gala time at the picnics at two different hill stations, Mahabaleshwar and a beautiful resort called "Sanskriti".

The girls also participated in the Republic Day celebration held on 26th January 2016 and on Parents Day welcomed all parents with cards and songs.

Navroz (the beginning of Spring) was celebrated on 21st March with prayers at the Jamatkhana followed by tasty traditional meals.

The International Women's Day was celebrated on 8th March 2016 and the guest speaker was Ms. Madhu Deshmukh, who is the COO Asia Regional Office of an international NGO ICRW (International Center for Research on Women). She gave an inspiring and motivational talk to the girls emphasising on removing gender inequality and striving with determination to fulfil their goals. She urged the girls to acknowledge the role of guardians, guides and benefactors and then to give back to society, help others achieve their dreams while giving the example of Malala Yousufzai.

Widening Horizons:

At Reach it is our endeavour to ensure that further course of study is per the students aptitudes and interests. In this direction we conducted various workshops and career counselling session for our students from 9th grade to 11th grade. This will help the girls get the right guidance and insights into the different courses which are available to them once they complete their schooling, and help them make the right decisions with regards to future careers.

Scope of further studies:

This session was conducted by Ms Priya Wadhvaniya with a little help from Ms Shaida Adatia. They apprised the students about the various courses being offered at Pune University. They gave them an overview of what students would learn in these courses and the various careers open to them on the basis of these courses. They also shared names and links of various institutions offering scholarships.



Loris Parekh
with LKG & UKG girls

Career Counselling:

This highly informative and enlightening session was conducted by Mr Amin Sopariwalla. He gave an in-depth knowledge about various career options open to students after college. He explained the criteria and qualifications required for the different professions. The girls were also asked to tread the unbeaten path and chalk out new directions with confidence. Some of the non traditional careers he talked about were Water Management, Waste Management, Climate Management, Disaster Management, Microfinance, Linguistic, Pastoral care, Heritage Management, Insidious disease Management. All the girls were highly motivated after this session.



Workshop on Life Leadership and Team Building:

This workshop was conducted by Amita Deshmukh and Sukanya Biswas (Counsellor) for the senior girls. They organised a fun competition for the teams and then Amita Deshmukh spoke to the students about leadership qualities and advantages of team work.



Towards Physical Wellbeing:

Reach Institute is ensuring that our students are physically strong and fit to face the challenges of the future. In this direction a "Fitness Walk" was organised in December 2015 with the help of the Youth & Sports Board. Students were given a talk by a yoga expert on the benefits of regular exercise and walking. The event also saw the girls participating as a team in a fun challenging activity.

The institute is all set with a new coat of fresh paint to invite the girls back for the next academic year. We extend a warm welcome to all our well wishers and friends to visit our institute.

Opening of the New Library:

We are thrilled to inform our donors/sponsors that we had a grand opening of our new library on 30th January 2016. We have a rich collection of various books carefully selected by the experts. We cannot thank Ms Nazira Jamani, Ms Renate Veslehaug, Ms Amisha Patel and their team enough for having worked so hard in turning our children's dream to reality. We are also proud of our girls who have shown excellent talent in art by painting the library walls. The library has a high end wireless computer with a library software. The library is fully functional and is run by the students. There is a story teller's corner where any child can come and narrate a story to other children.



Girl of the Month

Simran is 15 years old from Vapi Gujarat. She has been living at the Reach Institute for the past 3 years. She goes to Stella Maris School and is in Grade 10.

She lives with her mother, father and younger brother studying in Grade 5. Her father is an auto rickshaw driver and earns a very minimum wage. Her mother is a housewife.

Simran aspires to become a Cardiologist when she grows up and serve the people suffering and in need. She also intends to support the girls at the Institute when she starts working because she feels the Reach Institute has helped her achieve her goals in life and has done a lot for her. Simran is also a good speaker and has hosted many programs at school.

Her hobbies are watching TV, photography and browsing the internet.



Simran Malik Khoja

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