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**O**n Children's Day various activities were arranged by the pre-primary teachers of D.A.V Public School, Nerul. The day was dedicated to enjoyment and children. Children enthusiastically participated in numerous activities like making of finger puppets and coming up with innovative ideas using materials like marble papers, paper plates etc. The pre-primary students made sun, colourful butterflies and flowers using their own creativity with the help of the teachers. All these were the take-home activities for the tiny tots.

Another event, awaiting them, was the quiz competition held for the class III students. Children were ex-



Glimpses of Children's Day in school

cited and enjoyed participating in this competition. Children came dressed as Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, thereby paying tribute to the revered leader. They spoke about their Chacha Nehru. Teachers too took the privilege of enlightening students with some information about him. Short pocket movies about freedom, sharing and caring for others were shown to the children. There were puppet shows arranged for the tiny tots. Children enjoyed attending school as they had loads of fun activities. The celebrations commemorate Jawaharlal Nehru for his affection towards children and faith that education of children would propel the country's progress.



### DAV Public School, Thane

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**D**AV Public School in Thane, celebrated Children's Day with a two-day event. On day one, a blood donation drive was held in the school premise in collaboration with Triumph Blood Bank and Thalassemia Day Care centre- Rotary Club of Thane Hills.

According to the school principal Simmi Juneja, "Blood donation was an initiative to pay homage to the immortal soul of Mahatma Hansraj, who set up the first DAV-Dayanand Arya Vedic school in memory of Swami Dayanand. Education teaches us to be more humane, sensitive and concerned. As part-

ners in education we send appeal to all parents and our staff to share their concern for human life by donating blood."

The following day was a fun-fair and also an occasion to showcase the talents of pre-primary and primary students. Various competitions like solo dancing, solo singing, ramp walk, story telling etc was held along with fun events like puppet



Special magic show to entertain children

show, magic show and shadow theatre.

In the words of pre-primary coordinator, Archana Tiwari, "This year, we have chosen the theme on fairy tales so all the games and activities have been chosen revolving on these tales so that children can connect with these stories." The fun fair in the school actually transported children into a fairy land with classrooms decorated as per the fairy tales. Entertainment in the form of food stalls and rides like giant wheel and merry go round ensured that children had a gala time.

Games were innovatively designed for instance in the room depicting the story Cinderella, children had to match the shoe with appropriate sole. Likewise, in the room depicting the story honest wood cutter,

students who were blind folded had to pick the wooden axe. Talking about the activities, Sharad Shirsagar, father of young Atharva stated, "It is a good initiative by the school to expose children to the world of moral stories. They can enjoy and at the same time relate to the story." Shakshi Agrihari, a class VII student from the same school who had accompanied her little brother also enjoyed the games.

On the occasion, the principal Juneja said, "Children are our strength. This was a platform for children to unleash talent and at the same time we wanted to acquaint parents on the various activities conducted in the school." It was a memorable day for children.

