



## SPJ SADHANA SCHOOL

*Evolving.....*

**October 5<sup>th</sup> 2018**, was a day of great expectations. An ubiquitous ‘chat’ had sparked of interest that led to **‘UBUNTU’ an extravaganza presented by the students of SPJ Sadhana School.** **‘UBUNTU’ – I am because we are** – the idea had been around here, for a long time, and a rose by any other name.....

It all started when a ‘ping’ alerted Principal Fionika Sanghvi to ‘Ubuntu’ the latest chat in a long line of ‘lates’. As wheels turned, the staff was roped in and an idea dawned. There were many takes on its creative birth but finally it blossomed into ‘Prince Salim Ke Original Kahani’. It was agreed that this heart wrenching story would be brought back, dusted off and presented, but as a whole new ballgame. Definitely Salim could not remain a ‘Salim’ may be a ‘Salman’ but definitely not ‘Salim’. Gone were the days of coy nuances and graceful speech.

Circa 21 is the time of Space Adventure, CGI, Emojis, so why not Time Travel? And so there we have it, Salim and Anarkali were ‘beamed up’ (or down) into a delightful, ‘pot-holed’ Mumbai and of course true love triumphed. Euphoria had set in at inception. It was quirky, riotous and chancy. Were we ready? Staff and students hand in hand, jumped into weeks of hard work, drama and fun. Day by day the tempo mounted, as each hurdle was confronted and overcome. The few final days were a time of expectation and knowing. We were ready.

Needless to say the concert was a huge success. No more would the students just dance while the narrator had the punch lines. Dances, dialogues, punch lines and improvisation were all firmly grasped by the students and made their own, for a resounding encore. As for ‘UBUNTU’. This ideal would continue but with a new understanding that we have all always had each other’s back, students, staff, caregivers and Administration. This was definitely no new concept. We had lived it for 45 years.

## UPDATES FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2018

### **EVENTS**

On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 we were happy and relieved that the much awaited **Registration Certificate from the Social Welfare Department, Pune** arrived. We have been granted this license for a period of three years. We thank God for all the graces of the year gone by with all the changes that it has brought into the school. We are also grateful for the trust and support we have received from the Management, Parents and well-wishers of the school. We are especially grateful to our Donors without whose help we would not have been able to run the school according to our dreams and the tradition established in Sadhana over the years.

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018, **Teacher's Day** was celebrated with yet another first. Siblings of our students were invited to participate in various activities. The event was a resounding success as proud students and siblings bounded with each other and the classes in a unique way. In many ways, it was an eye opener for all.



On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018, it was a proud moment for the students and teachers of the Gemmology department to meet – Stalwart Arunbhai Mehta a doyen of the Diamond Trade.



The School Concert was presented by the students of SPJ Sadhana School on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The theme revolved around the social concept of ‘Ubuntu’ – ‘I am because we are’. The concert was directed by Ms. Shivani a well-known director. The event was a ‘hit’ with all students’ staff and parents.



On 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the students and staff brought in sister Pratibha Pinto’s birthday in a modest yet meaningful celebration. The students presented her with various colourful and innovative cards and wishes. The staff greeted her at a small get together after school hours.



SPJ Sadhana School celebrated **Diwali in a different manner**. For a change the Staff donned colourful costumes and performed the Story of Ram for the students. The entertainment proved to be a hilarious experience for the students who were highly amused to see their teachers in various roles.

A highlight of the event was the creation of exquisite rangolis by the volunteers of the school which were made entirely of flowers. The event was held on **25<sup>th</sup> October 2018** last day of school before the Diwali Vacation.



### ***EXTERNAL EVENTS***

**The Cerebral Palsy Association** jointly with Asstt. Commissioner, Social Welfare, Mumbai Suburban Dist, celebrated World CP day on **13<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. The Association sponsored a painting competition which was won by Ms. Hiya Jain in the Mild Category (Age Group 13-18 years).

### ***HONOUR LIST***

**S.P.J. Sadhana School, Mumbai** was ranked third in India and second in Maharashtra among Special Needs Schools in the Education World India School Rankings 20198-19 on 28th September 2018. We are truly proud.



## ***SPORTS***

Our Sports Teacher Rajashri Ghosalkar **attended Special Olympics Maharashtra Aquatics Training and Fitness Camp as Probable Coach for World Summer Games 2019 from 21st October – 25th October, 2018.**

Pooja Vira and Pooja Patel students from Office Procedure and Visual Arts & Craft department **attended Special Olympics Maharashtra Aquatics Training and Fitness Camp as Probable Coach for World Summer Games 2019 from 21st October – 25th October, 2018.**



Aparimita Singh from Visual Arts & Crafts Department **attended Special Olympics Maharashtra Athletics Training and Fitness Camp as Probable Athlete for World Summer Games 2019 from 21st October – 25th October, 2018.**



Hamza Kachwala, a student from Office Procedure class **attended Special Olympics Bharat, National Coaching Camp for Table Tennis at Andheri Sports Complex from 22nd – 25th October, 2018.**



Anvith Shetty & Harshit Maheshwari students from Office Procedure and Pre-Vocational Class attended **Special Olympics Bharat, National Coaching Camp for Aquatics** at Andheri Sports Complex from 22nd – 25th October, 2018.

Sumit Singh, Anas Kagzi, Nikunj Shah & Anvith Shetty students from Office Procedure class attended **Special Olympics Bharat Maharashtra Floor Hockey (Winter Games) State Games** on 21st October, 2018 at Andheri Sports Complex, Mumbai.



Halima Maknoji, Ishita Shah, Kimberly Nunes, Aaryaman Purandare and Anurag Juglan students from Visual Arts & Crafts, Hospitality and Catering Unit has attended **Special Olympics Bharat Maharashtra Floor Ball (Winter Games) State Games** on 21st October, 2018 at Andheri Sports Complex, Mumbai.



**7 Students from Grade I, II, III and IV participated in Special Olympics Bharat, Young Athlete Evaluation and Research Programme Phase II** on 12th October, 2018 along with Sports Teacher Rajashri Ghosalkar.



On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 16 students participated in "Astitva Ek Pehchaan 2018" athletic events sponsored by The Rotaract Club of Lala Lajpatrai College. The students won many accolades – 5 in First place, 5 in Second place and 5 in Third place. It was a great experience for all.



### ***VISITING FACULTY & VISITORS***

On 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Professors Mr Julian Vomsattel and Prof Daniella Duff Director Faculty of Social Work, Hesso University, Switzerland visited SPJ Sadhana School as part of the International Social Work Programme and in collaboration with college of Social work Nirmala Niketan.



### ***WORKSHOPS***

On 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Ms. Madhu Sajjani of SPJ Sadhana School was invited to the NGO Mentoring Session conducted by the CII Indian Women Network (IWN) Maharashtra State Chapter. The session was aimed at creating greater market awareness, enhanced strategy for NGO's.

**HAPPY DIWALI TO ALL**