



## SPJ SADHANA SCHOOL

### UPDATES FOR JANUARY 2019

#### **EVENTS**

On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019, SIMSREE – Sydenham Institute of Management Studies – invited SPJ Sadhana School to participate in ‘Drishtikon’ a social conclave on ‘Attaining Equalities’. The event aimed at creating awareness and highlighting the cause of equality especially for persons with disabilities. The school was represented by Ms. Madhu Sajjani and Ms. Jasmine Sajjani.



On 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Members from New India Assurance Company Limited organized a Poster Making Competition on “SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN”. The students produced innovative and to the point posters which were appreciated to the extent that the organizers will be displaying them in their company. There were 3 winners from each level – Formative Years, Intermediate Level and Vocational Training. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL. !**





## ***EXTERNAL EVENTS***

On 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, the Principal Ms. Fionika Sanghvi, the coordinators, Ms. Priya D'souza and Simida Correia and Ms. Tanvi Patel attended the **Orientation Programme of PlayPal Development Felicitation Programme** which has been introduced in the School. Play Pal is a widely acclaimed programme which aims to harness the potential of children with disabilities through sensitive, empathetic and motivated movement therapy.

## ***INTENSIVE INTEGRATION PROGRAMME (IIP)***

### **Formative Years –IIP**

The formative years **Grade I, II & III** were given the experience of travelling on public transport on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, when they visited 'Sanyas Ashram' at Andheri. The students were agog at the different modes of transport which involved a train ride, a rickshaw ride and a trip by Uber. They took all three in their stride without any incidents.





**Grade II also visited the Historical Section of the Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya - Prince of Wales Museum** to study the life size specimens of birds and animals displayed in their own natural habitat. The day trips served to open their understanding of the fauna and create a bond with Nature.



**On 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019, in continuance of their studies, Grade II visited the stables at the Mahalaxmi Race Course** revelling with the horses and learning in a playful way of their habitat, functions and routine.



## ***SPORTS***

On 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019, the Sports instructor Ms. Rajashri Ghosalkar arranged and executed training of the **Special Olympics Bharat Young Athlete Programme in Harigoan, Ahmednagar**. The intensive programme was attended by both staff and students of **St. Theresa Primary School / St. Theresa High School (Girls)**.



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

11, B.Ed. Special Education (ASD) trainees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Year and 7 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, of the **Suvidya Centre of Special Education** visited **SPJ Sadhana School** on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Their purpose was to study the infrastructural facilities available, to discuss IEP with the teachers and observe the teaching of children in their classrooms.

On 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019, **Prof. Steve Corbeil and Mrs Kaori Tirthani** from the **Sophia University Tokyo** visited **SPJ Sadhana School**. Prof. Corbeil and Mrs. Tirthani were very impressed with the Art Work created by the Students and by the work in general.





On 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Sr. Mariaelena and the trainees from the Community Training Centre for Women's Development, Torpa Jharkhand visited the School.



## ***VOLUNTEERS***

### **Volunteer Aman Dalal**

SPJ Sadhana has consistently invited catered to and worked in close communication with volunteers of all ages. Aman Dalal a junior undergraduate student at Boston University, studying neuroscience, recently volunteered in the Math Lab and left us with a heart-warming tribute.

*"I have worked as a volunteer at Sadhana for a short time, and I was very impressed with the curriculum, faculty members, and students. As the students engage in a variety of courses such as visual arts & crafts, math, hospitality & catering, and more, there are endless opportunities for students to excel and develop their potential. Although, Sadhana's students have disabilities, this doesn't prohibit them from learning and achieving their goals. Sadhana's faculty members ensured every student is attentive and able to grasp the information being taught. Topics were taught in a simple manner and enforced multiple times to allow students to independently solve problems and assess the given scenario. Also, it was delightful to see the kids every day. I was always greeted by their smiling faces, namaste's, and friendly gestures in the mornings, during classes, and at recess. Sadhana empowers its students to be independent and achieve wonders in whatever future endeavors they pursue."* **Thank you we deeply appreciate your commendation.**