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The Hindi Centres Parivar – In Praise of Our Parents

We have worked hard over the years to build up a close partnership of seva with the parents of our pupils. Year after year, they have helped us in a variety of ways.

Their active participation in the activities of the Hindi Centres was displayed in full measure this year, during the Hindi Centres Day 2007 event. Not only did our new Cultural Team led by Ashish ji and Radha Ji and our teachers and pupils worked very hard to make the event a real success, our parents went the extra mile with their shining contributions. We provide below, a brief glimpse of how our parents went out of their way to help. I hope you will excuse us if we unintentionally missed a contribution by someone. Our sincere thanks are intended for all.

- **VANDANA - Mrs Vinita Kumari.** She made excellent arrangements for stage decoration for her item and prepared everything beforehand so that we could get the stage ready in the least possible time. She was very receptive to our feedback and generous with hers.
- **SOOPDA - Mrs Ranjini Jayasimha.** She was very flexible and reliable with all her preparations. Their group also presented their item at Bendemeer School on 7th July. Her response to any feedback and level of practice of the participants had been above reproach. She has been presenting items for our concerts for the last 4 years and has a very good idea of our requirements.
- **FUSION - Mrs Preethi Ramapuram and Mrs Raji Paulson.** Both parents have shown very keen interest. At our request they changed the song & the dress and were very responsive to suggestions. When our programme ran a bit ahead of schedule they quickly moved to get ready so that there was no time lag .
- **SURON KA SAFAR - Mrs Reena Goenka.** This parent from Naval Base Primary put up the item with 4 other parents (incl. 2 of our teachers). They actively got their props made (the shiny train, the shirt with light bulbs etc), and came by bus for the 2 rehearsals and the concert. They have also accepted our suggestions about appropriate song lyrics and were very responsive at all times. Mrs Goenka had a bit of a personal problem (her son burnt himself with hot water) a week before our programme, but did not let us down.
- **JATHISWARAM - Dr Chitra Krishnakumar.** She was initially wanting to present a solo item to a Tamil song. At our request, she worked with the dance teacher to look for an appropriate group item and got the 3 girls to work together to achieve this level of synchrony.
- **RAAS LEELA - Mrs Bhranti Mehta & Mrs Neha Trivedi.** Both parents taught the Henry Park students themselves and made necessary arrangements for dress and jewellery. From the beginning their item did not needed any suggestions for improvement.
- **SEASONS OF JOY - Mrs Shilpa Kubal.** Mrs Kubal mostly single handedly planned the songs, dresses, props and executed it beautifully. Their item had only 15 dancers but with 3 costume changes gave an impression of more. She had students ranging from P1 to P5 in her dance. She added the last bit to her item as late as 10 days before our concert and was yet able to get the children to practise well.
- **KANHA MAAKHAN KHAYO & DHOOM** was presented by our teacher Mrs Asha Gupta.
- **RESHAM KA ROOMAL** was presented by our teacher Mrs Poonam Chugh.

Here is the list of teachers who were assisting at back stage:

Stage Management - Mrs Sunita Sharma and Mrs Arpana Mishra. Arpana was assigned the duty at the last minute and yet did an excellent job.

Floor Management - Mrs Indira Agarwal, Mrs Binita Narayan, Mrs Sangita Chitre. They kept things quiet in the stage area and also got things ready when our programme moved ahead of schedule.

Refreshments - Mrs Soma Saha, Mrs Rubeena Nasreen, Mrs Ranjana Sahai, Mrs Raji Nandu, Mrs Shalini Soni, Mrs Poonam Gupta, Mrs Savita Tripathi.

Props - Mrs Udichi Pandey, Mrs Sarika Kalra, Mrs Bharti Kaul, Mr Gaurav. All of them worked very hard in not just arranging things but also moving things very fast on stage to get it ready. Each item had a different set of props to add to the variety of the show.

Backstage Management - Smt. Sapna Sunder, Smt. Premlata Tripathi, Smt. Shobhna Tripathi, Smt. Suman Kumari, Smt. Sunita Bhatnagar, Smt. Nirmala Gaunekar, Smt. Pratibha, Smt. Abha Mundra, Smt. Nupur Barnwal, Smt. Neelam Jain, Smt. Ritu Srivastava, Smt. Richa Srivastava, Smt. Asmita Kolhatkar

Items in-charge have been full of praise for each teacher assigned to them as they not only made them get ready in time but also escorted the participants to basement for their snacks.

We help our Students Further - PSLE & 'O' Level Seminars

To help and encourage our PSLE, O Level Students to improve their Hindi language skills further during the June Holidays, we conducted three days of Seminar.

- May 28th, 29th and 30th for PSLE &
- June 12th, 13th and 14th, 2007 for our O Level students .

The Seminar was very effective and was open for all PSLE and O Level student. More emphasis was given on Comprehension, Composition and Close Passage skills. Our experienced and senior teachers prepared the teaching materials. The student response was good and feed back was very positive.

Education is not merely a means for earning a living or an instrument for the acquisition of wealth. It is an initiation into life of spirit, a training of the human soul in the pursuit of truth and the practice of virtue. - Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

Mock Exams

Under our Language Enrichment Programme, we have Mock Examinations for PSLE, 'O' Level and A Level students to prepare students for the final examination. The schedule is as below:

- 22nd July and 2nd September, 2007 (PSLE/O Level)
- 2nd September & 20th Oct, 2007 (A Level)

Our Own Books

Following the increasing demand and suggestions from the parents, our teachers have prepared a very useful new '**Model Composition book**' for Primary 5 and 6 Students. This book intends to help students to express their ideas in a simple and effective way using idioms and phrases.

1. Model Composition Book for Primary 5 and 6
2. Baal Bharti Work book-Pt B for Primary 3

These books are available in our Centres or can be purchased from the Bendemeer Book Shop on Saturdays.