

Vikas Bharati School – Half yearly update

The school has been functioning as usual this year. I have been in frequent contact with the project partner this academic year. Academic performance wise I think the kids are on the same level of performance as the previous years. Math needs improvement as the averages in the higher classes are in the 40 to 50 range.

There have been a lot of special events and occasions like August 15th, teachers' day and republic day. The students participated with a lot of enthusiasm in various activities like elocutions, essay writing competitions, Rangolis not just in Vikas Bharati School but even at events and competitions held throughout the city.

The school has also organized a couple of health camps for kids and their parents as well. There were two health camps on two different days. One was done by the government Homeopathy hospital and another one by local allopathic doctors. The children were checked for height, weight and general health apart from providing free medicines in appropriate cases. The doctors also spoke to the students about general health and cleanliness issues.



There was a science fair that was conducted in the school on Feb 27th for kids from 2nd grade through 9th grade. The kids performed about 10 different experiments (like working model of a Volcano using readily available house hold material etc) and prepared around 60 charts with elaborate diagrams and explanations.



The school organized excursions for students to various interesting places in the city. Primary class kids were taken to Lumbini park and Buddha statue and the higher class students were taken to Birla science center, Jawahar Bala Bawan and Silparamam. The total travel expenses are covered by the school.



There is a small library in the school which has been provided through Asha (by Om Prakash foundation). Currently the books are being made available on Saturday to the kids. This I believe needs to change and

books need to be made available to kids whenever they would like them. This may mean changing the library setup such that kids can check out the books they want and take it home.

School is facing some space constraints in the building the school is currently running. There are plans to move into a bigger facility starting next academic year. The budgetary details are still being worked out. The new site is just opposite to the current school building.

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