Monthly report April 2016

Contact with the parents of the kids:

In many of our centres it was seen that kids were not coming daily to Apna Skool centres. To ensure the presence, teachers talked to the parents of the kids, who were irregular. They convinced them to send their kids to centre by giving various examples. In many cases, teachers were able to convince parents and if not in that case coordinator of that area tried to convince parents.

Article on 'Apna Skool' in Amar Ujala (11/04/2016)

There is an article on 'Apna Skool' in Amar Ujala, Kanpur edition of April 11, 2016. Please have a look.

http://epaper.amarujala.com/kc/my/20160411/01.html?format=img

7th April (World Health Day):

World Health Day was celebrated on our centres on 7th April. In this day teacher told about the importance of health and how we can be remain healthy. Kids were told that by doing certain changes in daily routine you can maintain your health. They were advised that we should always brush our teeth everyday, and wash our hands before and after eating food etc. kids were told that if we will not follow these habits we may get diseases.

13th April: Teachers told the importance of Baishakhi to kids. They were told that every year 13th April celebrated as the Baishakhi. It is the festival of Panjabi’s and it is celebrated because the crop is ready by this time.
Along with it, this day also have historical significance as the Jaliyanwala Baag Hatyakand took place this day. Kids were told the story of the day and also gave the brief introduction of English rule over India.

**Bharat Ratna Awardee Baba BhimraoAmbedkar’s Birth Anniversary (14th April):**

On Birth Anniversary, kids devoted garland to the photo of Dr. Ambedkar. Kids were told about Dr. Ambedkar’s valuable contribution in framing the constitution of India. Kids were also told that being a Dalit, Dr. Ambedkar went through some rough experience like discrimination against Dalits etc. He was the person, due to whose efforts in present days, Dalit communities are getting opportunities in many fields and discrimination is minimized. He was awarded with Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award of the republic of India. He was first law minister of India.

**19th April (Mahavir Jayanti):**

This day was celebrated as the birth anniversary of Mahavir. Kids were told to write lines about Mahavir and were also told the teaching of Mahavir. Some of his teachings like “don’t take life of living thing”, “don’t take somebody’s belonging without his/her permission” etc were told to kids. It was also told that he was the 24th prophet of Jain religion.

**Preparation for Annual function:** It was informed to the centers that Annual function is planned to be celebrated on 2nd May in Tatiyaganj. This annual function will contain kids from Mera, Nathupur, Manpur, Murari, Ratanpur, Gangaganj, Dhamikheda, Panki, Tatiyaganj(combined kids of Kalra-1, Kalra-2, S.P Brick Kiln, Saran, Jyaswal, Ashok, Samrat, Mariyani and Ramavinshnu). For that teachers were asked to prepare their kids to perform in the Annual Function. So for annual function, preparations were started from 18th April on centres. It was suggested that kids will practice in the second session (after having lunch) whereas in the first session classes will commence as scheduled.
**NIOS list:**

List of the kids which are going to give NIOS exam in next session for class-3 and class-5, is sent in the office for the further process.

**100% attendance:**

In the month of April following students from different centres have 100% attendance:-

- Raja, Anshu, Pooja-Ratanpur
- Roshani, Uday, Pawan, Sumit, Ashok and Rohit

**Admission of kids in nearby School:**

After giving NIOS exam for class-5<sup>th</sup> kids were admitted to class 6<sup>th</sup> in nearby school. The list of such students is as follows:-

- **Rani, Sima, Sonal, Roshani and Sangeeta**- Pt. Sri Narayan Pandey Inter College, Chaubepur
- **Anjani**- Adarsh Inter college
- **Pankaj**- Swami VivekanandVidyalaya, Lodhar

Along with NIOS kids Panki centre kids also admitted to nearby schools. This centre is going to be closed for the further session but kids will be given extra guidance as they will be provided extra coaching by ApnaSkool teacher after school.

- **Karan, Suraj, Laxmi -I ,Laxmi –II ,Shivam, Simran, Dharam, Bharatlal, Kajal, Prem, Shridha**- Mahavir School, Panki

**Teacher Training Session:**

One of our oldest teachers Hardas Ji were sent from Ratanpur centre to Maharajpur’s centres to guide new teachers about the methodology that is being used in Apna Skool for teaching.

As a part of teacher training program new activity was planned for the teachers so that they may improve their presentation skills. It was supposed to take place on Saturday the same day on which we have “Balsabha”. It was planned that each teacher will choose a topic of his/hers choice and he/she has to present that in front of other teachers. For this, teachers from 2 or 3 centres will gather on anyone of their respective centre and will have the activity. It was one hour activity. Teachers showed good participation. We are hoping that teacher will learn these skill so that they can present topics to kids in better way.

**Health related work:**

The month of April was not very good from the point of view of health of the kids. Kids almost from every centre suffered from various illnesses. Most of the kids were suffered from fever so
for that purpose some of them were taken to nearby Doctor and some were given paracetamol from our centres. Other problem that is more common between kids is stomachache for this “pudinhara pills” were given to kids. with that other problem are like regular flow of fluid from ear, chicken pox, cracks in hands and feet, measles, hand injury, vomiting etc. most of the cases were taken to nearby doctor but severe cases like kids, having problems related to ear were taken to hospital and proper medication is being provided to them.

**Visitors:**

**Abhay Jain:**

On 30th May Abhay Jain, an alumni of IIT Kanpur currently working in Mistubishi, Japan came to see ApnaSkool centre. He went to Muraricentre of ApnaSkool on 30 May. Kids sang poem and songs etc. He had small session with Vijayadidi and with other members of ApnaSkool Team. We had discussion how we can strengthen our donation receiving mechanism, how can we help kids in post-primary education etc. Kids welcomed him with hat, made from paper. He really appreciated the work we are doing and distributed chocolate cakes among the kids.

**IIT Kanpur students:**

Some volunteers(Vivek prince, Mukund etc. ) from a hobby group named PRAYAS, from IIT Kanpur visited ApnaSkool centers and observed the teaching methodology of ApnaSkool teachers. They interacted with the kids and asked them what they like and what they want to become in future etc. Kids made hat from newspaper and gave it to them as welcome present.