In keeping with our policy to absorb innovations elsewhere into our system, Shri Laxmi Kant Shukla, our Co-ordinator and Shri Mohit attended a Teacher training program, developed by Rama Popli, Principal Kislaya Vidhya Mandir, BITS Mesra campus Ranchi. They also had an opportunity to observe methods employed at this Institution, meant for disadvantaged children in tribal districts of Ranchi.

- **Health Programs**
  - Apna Skool children in all centres were administered Vitamin B, C tablets as well as Vitamin A drops
  - Periodic referral to doctor whenever situation warranted is a continuing program.

- **Video Show**

  In order to motivate and empower the parents of the children as well as to make them realise their rights and duties, we conduct Video programs at various Brick kiln sites, where Apna Skool centres exist. These activity also doubles up as our feedback on the teaching programs for our children and the impact it generates on the parents and the community.

- **Extra-curricular Activity**

  Ushering in the New Year, Apna Skool greets everyone, particularly Friends and Donors of Apna Skool for the purposeful best for all. Children drew a number of New Year Cards and picturesque Calendar for the year 2012. They were reminded that this year is a Leap year with 29 days in February.
• **A Sad News**

*Sarita*, an Apna Skool child for many years was diagnosed four years ago to suffer from defective heart valve and thanks to timely intervention, generous contribution by IIT student community and Apna Skool family and a skillful operation and medical treatment by Dr Devi Shetty of Narayan Hridayalaya, Bangalore. She unexpectedly developed an ailment, that lead to an emergency operation of the abdomen on December 16 at the Hallett Hospital. Despite valiant efforts by the doctors, post-
operative complication set in and Sarita succumbed as a result on 18th Dec 2012 at about 10PM.

Apna Skool fondly remembers Sarita and offers heartfelt condolences to Sarita’s parents.

- **An Alumnus turns an entrepreneur**

  We are proud to present Shri Dhujram Sahoo, erstwhile alumnus of Apna Skool late nineties, who has become an entrepreneur in Bilaspur, Chattisgarh, trading in fabrication and welding. While his parents were migrant labour, seeking work in Kanpur when we had Dhujram attend one of the Apna Skool centre, his firm “Satya Kabir” now is job provider for quite a few! Dhujram will ensure, he says that his sibling younger sister will study as much she wants and he will be surely a role model for many in the society.