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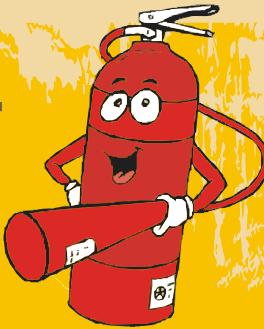


TIMES

A QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM CREATIVE HANDICRAFTS

Putting Safety First

The theme for the month of April was "Safety First". The staff and women members of Creative Handicrafts gathered together for a session on Fire Safety on the 21st of April 2014 and a session on First Aid on the 22nd of April 2014. Both these sessions were designed to be interactive with the women coming forward and demonstrating the techniques learnt. (H)



Creative Handicrafts
Women's self employment center



GOTS certification

We are proud to announce that Creative Handicrafts has officially been presented with a GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standards) Certification. This means that Ch complies with the various precautionary measures as well as diligent worker and environmental safety. We are now authorized to store and manufacture organic textile products. (H)





Ringing In the Vacations

The month of April was also an eventful month for the children associated with CH. Keeping in line with the holiday mood, various cultural competitions were held to test their skill and aptitude. A total of 120 children participated in the Drawing, Painting, Elocution, Quiz and Fancy dress competitions. Winners were awarded educational and sports material as prizes. ☺



The road best travelled

A career guidance workshop was held on the 19th of April 2014. The resource person Ms Sandhya Limaya from DISHA counseling centre facilitated the session. 30 children (8th to 12th Std) from the Child Development centre, Creche and those covered under the Sponsorship Program attended. Specific pointers were given on the various degree and diploma courses that they could opt for. The session ended with individual guidance based on their plans for the future. ☺

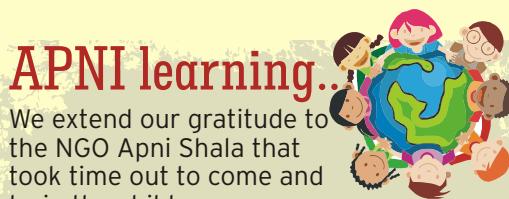
REAPing the benefits

In the last week of April, 10 teachers from Pre-school and Child Development Center attended a 5 day training workshop which was conducted by the trainers from Reach Education Action Programme (REAP). This training was very useful as trainers made all the teachers practice and demonstrate the use of all the new materials they have made and also suggested proper methods wherever needed. Teachers also learnt that they need to understand the psyche of the child in order to inculcate in them the different values and concepts. ☺



Friends from SETEM

We were happy to have with us Ms. Elena Arango, Mr. Iván López Galilea and Ms. Mireia Chacon for almost a month. We thank them for all the activities they conducted during their time here. Especially the "Snapshot Project" where the children and women associated with Creative Handicrafts were given cameras and asked to take pictures of events and moments of significance to them. A presentation was made on the last day and the groups picked the winner. All of us at Creative will miss our 3 new friends and look forward to seeing them again soon. ☺



We extend our gratitude to the NGO Apni Shala that took time out to come and train the children on communication, teamwork and cooperation. A two day workshop was conducted on the 14th and 15th of April, at the Creative Handicrafts office, with 50 children each. Their squeals of laughter and excitement and their active participation was evidence of how good the session was. ☺

Who's the boss? (Social Entrepreneurship Training)



Creative Handicrafts in association with the British Council (Delhi) conducted two trainings spanning over 6 days for women who are aspiring to begin or have already begun a small business. Aspects such as risk assessment, legal procedures, consumer and market behavior were discussed in simple terms. 50 women benefitted. Many of them have already begun businesses like jewellery, paper bag making and powder spices business. ☺