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A Home for Children in  
Need of Care and  
Protection

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# Shelter Don Bosco Samachar

## *Inspired by Nandita*



**I**t's not everyday a delightfully intelligent and beautiful actress takes time off her busy schedule to be the source of inspiration to children in need of such guidance:

On 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 5 boys and a staff member from Shelter Don Bosco took active part in the Achieve Together Conference event organized by **Don Bosco Development Society**. There were

three speakers from different sectors, namely **Nandita Das**, who has acted in over thirty feature films in ten Indian languages, and also in three professional plays. Nandita has a Masters in Social Work and continues to advocate issues of social justice and human rights. She was the Chairperson of the Children's Film Society, India, where she made many changes to revamp the organization.

The other two speakers were **Dr. Mukund Rajan** who is a member

of the Group Executive Council at Tata Sons Ltd. and **Dr. Sam Taraporevala** a Director at Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged (XRCVC) and the head of the Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. Our boys learnt much and were inspired. They also learnt the techniques of Drawing and acting. It was really a wonderful experience for our boys.





## Long Live Don Bosco... We Love you

Don Bosco week was organized at the Shelter from 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014. The program was planned by Bro.Sandeep Parmar. The entire 9 days were filled with games, quiz and other competitions. The boys enjoyed these competitions to the fullest. On 31<sup>st</sup> Jan on Feast Day the boys

were appreciated for their overall holistic

growth throughout the year. The 'Appreciation

Day' was well planned by Mr Datta and Bro Sandeep. Highly commendable were Masters Salman and Akram for achieving many certificates and prizes in all the fields. Overall it was a great Don Bosco week of fun.



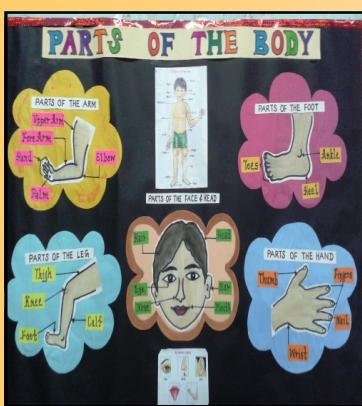
On 19th Jan, 2014 it was a historic day for Shelter Don Bosco, when ten of our kids participated in the Mumbai Marathon organized by Standard Chartered Bank. They were accompanied by

3 staff members (Mr. Hanumanta, Mr. Datta & Mrs. Grace). This participation was possible due to the efforts of Mr. Leonard D'costa and his colleagues from the Bank. The boys shared their experience

of running with this elite or so called celebrity group of Mumbai. They have promised that next year they will run the Half Marathon for Shelter Don Bosco.

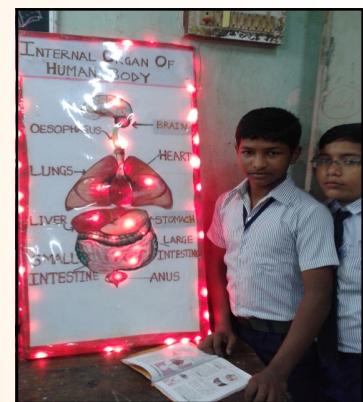
## Shelter and the Mumbai Marathon

## Science and Education Day Celebrated



From 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January, in honour of Savitri Bhai Phule, (centenary year in the memory of Savitri Bhai Phule ) the Science and Education Day was organized It was for all the 3 mediums of instructions

(English, Hindi and Marathi). Our boys took active part by preparing various projects. It was indeed a joy to see many teachers from various other schools present for the day.



## Speed Star 2

Kooh Sports organized Speed Star 2 on 9th of January at Sai Complex, Kandivali for the youngsters of Mumbai city. The theme for Speed Star 2 was: Hunt for the young flying Indian ... is back. There were four categories under 10 (60 metre), under 12, 14 and 16 (100 meters). The winners of Speed Star would receive an opportunity to train under PT Usha and Sharon Hannan as their men-

tors in Australia. There were 41 children from Shelter Don Bosco belonging to the age group 10 to 16 who participated in the Speed Star 2. The event started at 8:30 am for the group under 10 and 12 years. There was a big crowd of children who took part in the event. The 100 meters race started for the categories of under 14 and 16 at 11:00 am.

The results of Speed

Star 2 were as following: Mahesh Bhagat under 12 got into semi finals. Arjun Panjje and Mafidul got into



the semi-finals and Akram Sheikh obtained the third prize in the final! It was indeed an enriching and exhilarating experience for all the boys who participated in Speed Star 2.

## Youth Fest

One hundred and fifty youngsters from different Salesian parishes attended the Youth Fest. It was organized by Don Bosco Youth Services. The youth interacted with our boys and even gave prizes to them. It



was touching to see them listening to the stories of our boys and they went back saying, "We will never forget this day." The boys showed their many talents to them and the youth did the same. It was indeed a great day for all who attended.

## Simon's Birthday Celebrations

Simon has become very popular with the boys and when his birthday came it was a reason to celebrate: The boys had been eagerly waiting to celebrate his birthday and that evening was an evening of dance

and songs and a lot of *masti*. There was cake cutting and Simon thanked everyone. This was a first birthday in India along with Shelter boys. We are sure the boys at the Shelter gave him enough reasons not to be too homesick.





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## **Asha Daan Exposure Visit**



On 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014, 30 boys from the Shelter visited Asha Daan . It was good exposure for the boys to see other sides of the world. It created awareness among the boys to know of others pain. The visit made the boys realize they were fortunate to be blessed with many things. All the staff, volunteers (Simon) along with Bro Sandeep attended. Positive feedback came from the boys that more visits like this should be arranged. Shelter Thanks the Sisters from Asha Daan for this highly meaningful visit.

## **Republic Day Celebrations**



Bro Vincent Nigrel hoisted the flag and a speech was given by Master Shafiq. The boys shouted "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and sang patriotic songs.

## **PR Project with Mc Donalds**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of Jan the boys went to Mc Donald's and visited their kitchen. At the end of the session burgers and creamy wafers were provided to the boys. Our grateful thanks to Miss Lizanne Rodrigues and her colleagues for arranging this wonderful experience.



*Even as we so joyously express the events that the last month has brought about, even as we know you are keen, as a well wisher to know how the boys have fared, we ask you to remember them in your prayers and also every once in a while remember them when your heart is light and your wallet is heavy!*

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