**Write a letter to one of your grandparents describing how you and your friends celebrated a festival with some physically challenged children. Narrate how the experience was different and special.**

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Dear Grandpa,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. I have been fine too. It has been a long time since we have met and wrote to each other. So I am writing this letter to you to check things with you.

Another reason for the same is to share a very special experience of celebrating the festival of Holi with some physically –challenged children. We, as physically and mentally sound people would never be able to imagine the life of someone who is not. Hence as a part of the Thane Interact Club, we decided to celebrate Holi with the children of Vivekananda NGO in Thane. On the day of Rangpanchmi, some of the members of our Interact club, met and went to the NGO with some organic colours and water guns as a gift along with some sweets. We were warmly welcomed by the children themselves. After all the official procedures and introduction of the children was over, we started the celebration. Applying colours, spraying water and wetting each other, accompanied by some crunchy snacks and sweets. We had all the fun. But even in the fun we had, they had a particular discipline and hygiene to be maintained; everything was done in a very sophisticated manner.

Before going to the NGO, I felt that the life of those children would have been so difficult, but at the same time boring and inactive. But after spending time with them, I realised that, life can be so happy and joyous if we are content. Looking at them I realised the truth in the statement –

*“Happiness can be found in the darkest of times,*

*If only one remembers to switch on the light.”*

Also they were so independent. They would do anything and everything that is possible for them. Frankly speaking I did not feel like I was surrounded by physically-challenged people.

It was more like a learning and inspiring experience for us. It seemed like, not us, but they were there, to share their happiness with us. I hope to see you soon. Convey my regards to grandma.

Yours lovingly,

Navya Ganatra