

Dampura School Newsletter

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CFDC's child sponsorship program is underway. Donors are covering the full cost of educating the students to break the cycle of poverty and help the community.



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A note from the principal

I am pleased to report another great three months of activities at Dampura. We have participated in many trips, competitions and the school has had many improvements that have now been completed.

Chirag Shah, Principal

Welcome to the CFDC Dampura School newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support in helping make the changes in this update.

For new readers a bit of background, CFDC started work with Dampura School in 2015. Approximately 250 children between the ages of 5-14 attend school, situated in a small farming community in the state of Gujarat, India. The average income for most families is between 150-200 rupees a day (equivalent to £1.70-£2.30) working as farmers or labourers. At that time, the only reason for children coming to school was for the midday meal, saving their parents another mouth to feed. Much has changed since that day!

Our support network includes CFDC, the teachers at Dampura School, in particular the Principal, and you.

Together we have made many changes this year.

save the planet

On 11th February 2019 40 students and two teachers, (Pareshbhai and Chiragbhai) visited Mahisagar Van, an artificial mini forest situated on the Mahi river bank at Vaherakhadi. It was an eco-system awareness trip.

The entrance gate was very beautiful. There were many species of trees in the forest, 12 named after the zodiac signs. The signboards were very informative and they had a guide from Anand to give them further information. They walked to a hill called Kailash Tekri and saw a Bili tree (Aegle Marmelos, a tree sacred to Lord Shiva). There was a beautiful view of the river Mahisagar. The group had breakfast, tea, lunch and dinner during the one-day visit. They also saw a mythological well. The students enjoyed riding on the slides, swings, and seesaw. The group saw a video on snakes, as there are many in the forest and they had to be careful. The students enjoyed dancing and performing drama on the stage and sang songs. It was a long day and everybody was very tired.

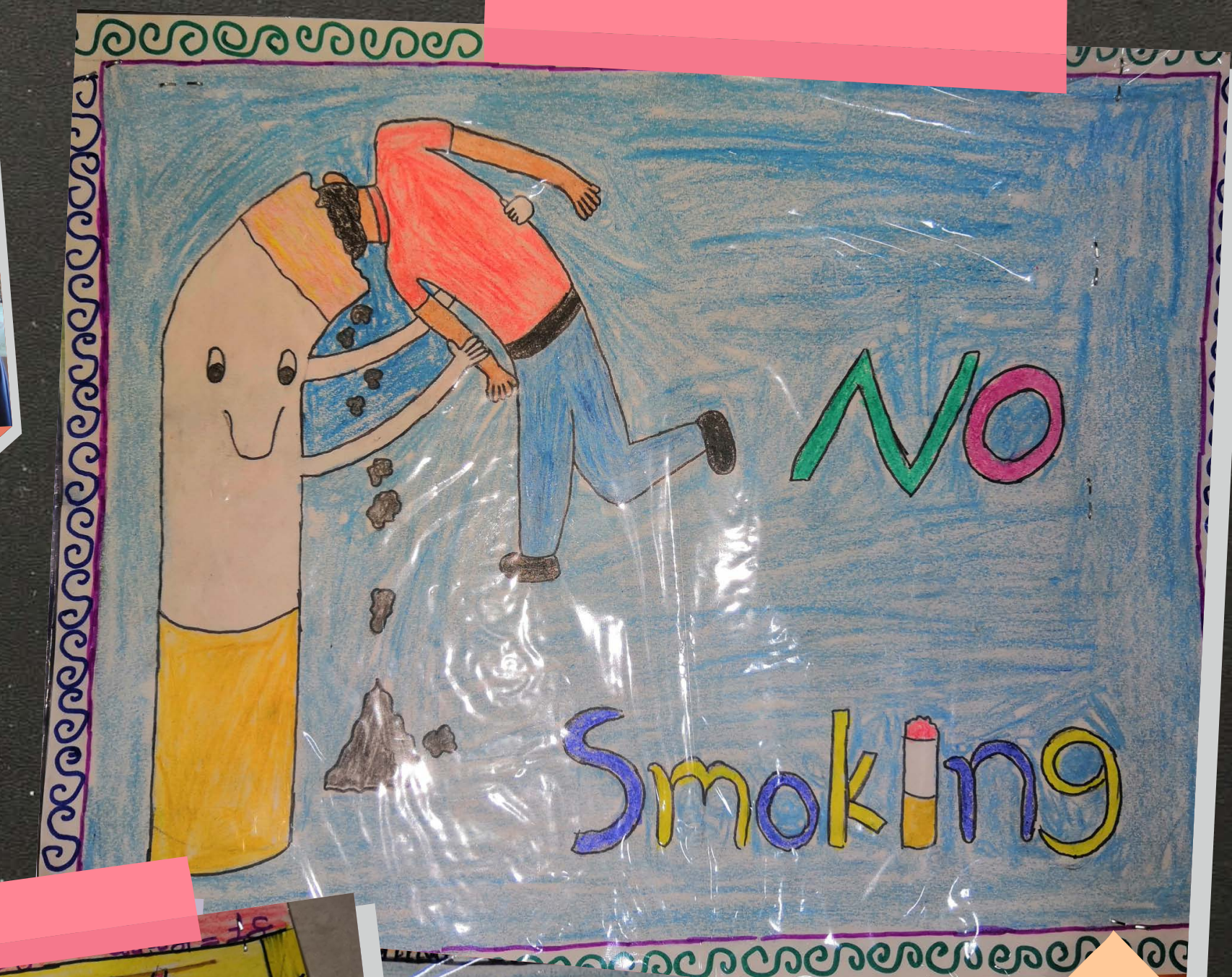
In the morning they all walked around the surrounding mini forest near the sacred riverbank, where they saw the river Mahisagar and a mythological big stone called Hathiyo Patthar. At this point the river Mahisagar and Mahi flow together. After lunch the group headed back to home.

Ohm...

Nikul, A qualified yoga teacher visited the school to demonstrate some yoga positions and talk to the students about the benefits of practicing yoga on a daily basis.

Written by Paresh Rabari





Smoking kills!

Dr. Sandip Maheshwari, a visiting health officer gave a lecture on the effects of smoking on our health, as it is going to be 'World No Tobacco day' on 31st May 2019. The Doctor wanted to promote the 'No Tobacco theme' and make everybody aware of the risk of cancer and other health issues related to smoking.

To enforce this message in the village, the school had a drawing competition to promote 'No smoking'. 44 students took part. It was a difficult task for the judges to decide the winners, as there were many excellent posters.

Finally the judge's decided on:

1st prizewinner: Bharti Kalyansinh Rathod

2nd prizewinner: Khushi Kamleshbhai Patel

3rd prizewinners: Rita Ratansinh Rathod and Toral Raysangbhai Rathod.

All the participants were given a consolation prize too.

