

*Powaites enjoy a cool, bright, sunny afternoon*

## ‘Taare Zameen Par’, a drawing and crafts competition organized by Rotary Club of Bombay Powai

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The annual signature event of Rotary Club of Bombay Powai was held on Sunday, 16th Feb 2014. With a light drizzle on Saturday, there was a concern whether the event could be held as planned on the lawns of the Heritage Park. Luckily, the skies cleared and the lawns dried up just in time. The sunlight enhanced the bright colours of the flowers and cool breeze made the afternoon very pleasant.

More than 250 kids participated in this event along with their parents and grandparents. We even saw come enthusiastic grandparents try their hand at painting.

Children from NGOs like Mobile Crèche and Udan as well as our local municipal schools participated and won some prizes. Topics for painting were given on the spot. Children let their imagination run wild to illustrate My favourite sport, My vacation with the family, Fun at summer camp, India in 2025 or Save water save earth. The younger kids were given stencils and they were required only to add colours to the printed pictures. This year we included a new category in crafts. Participants were asked to use only dry, household waste creatively to make some useful objects.

The artwork produced by the kids was truly amazing. Saloni and Kala were the winners in the crafts competition in the ‘up to 12th Std.’ and ‘above 12th Std.’ categories respectively. In the painting competition, Aryan Bajaj bagged the first prize in the KG category whereas Kamalini Ramesh was the winner in the ‘1st to 3rd Std.’ Category. Vedant Bandarkar (4th to 6th Std.), Bhakti Dalal (7th to

10th Std.) Yogesh Kirpana (Jr. College to 35 years), Mona Kothari (35 to 60 years) and Mandakini Panchdhari (above 60 years) were the other deserving winners.

All the participants were given a drawing kit donated by Pidilite in addition to some yummy snacks. While the judges (Kalpana Gandhi, Bandhe Nawaz, Rohit Soni and Sudipta) were busy looking at the artwork, the kids were kept engaged by local amateur dancers. Later the kids and some parents also joined the dance floor.

This has become an annual event that Powai kids look forward to. So see you next year, same time, same place.

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