

On January 16th, we revisited Mahuva and met with children in our educational support program attending Hanumanth and Happy Kids Primary schools.

Happy Kids Primary School is a new school aiming to provide a higher-quality education than other schools in the area. It currently accepts children from age 3 for pre-primary education up to Fourth Standard. Each year, they plan to add one or two additional standards to have all 12 Standards in the next 3 to 5 years.

While meeting with the children's parents, we learned that most had interracial marriages and had little to no formal education, which is a challenge as the children need someone to help with their homework. We are considering private tutors for these children, but it is costly and will require additional funding.



*The photo shows a few of our sponsored program kids at the Happy Kids School. We have 13 kids studying here.*

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The school principal and the board trustee are eager to provide quality education, including extracurricular activities, to the children. They have instructed teachers to look for specific interests and talents in each child and explore them with them. Once they have identified these talents, each child can receive additional instruction. Currently, the school provides supplementary music and dance opportunities by bringing in a private dance instructor for 2 hours twice a week to teach group lessons to interested students.

Here's a clip of some of the students learning to dance.

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*Students Interested in Dance are Learning To Dance at The Happy Kids School.*

The school's principal and trustee showed a lot of care for the students and shared plans to make the school one of the top schools in the region. This school will allow us to raise the standard of the children's education and provide a nurturing and positive environment for them from a very young age. We look forward to continuing our work with Happy Kids school and enrolling more students here.



*Shukhar Foundation volunteers with the school principal and the trustee.*

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We also met with the Mukhi-Kamadias and some volunteers who had come from Rajula, which is about an hour away from Mahuva, to meet with us. The Mukhi-Kamadias are the Jamaat's caretakers, and they have a duty to help meet their needs. They identified education as one of the needs and requested that we start an education program in Rajula. They have a good English medium school in the area, but it is more expensive than other schools where we have placed students. We will find out more about that school before starting a program there.

The Shukhar Foundation is looking for additional donors to support more children. Please email or contact our office if you are interested in donating or sponsoring a child.

Our next newsletter will cover interviews with the welfare recipient seniors in Bhavnagar and insights from our meeting with the local council members and the regional vice president Navroz Gangani.

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