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An artistic fiesta at The Somaiya School – Little Picasso Art Mela 2015

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7th December, 2015, Mumbai : To encourage the artistic expression amongst budding artists and students The Somaiya School hosted a unique event called the [Little Picasso Art Mela 2015](#) on Saturday on the Somaiya School Campus.

The event saw a wide range of stalls from fruit carving, origami, warli painting, socks puppet, finger puppet, pottery, tie and dye etc. The students were especially enthralled by socks puppet and finger puppet workshop and aerosol spray painting session. Students from pre-primary to 8th grade were part of this grand artistic fiesta.

Speaking on the occasion Ms. Kavita Karve Vaidya, Principal, [The Somaiya School](#) said that, "It is important to inculcate a sense of aesthetics and tradition right from a young age. An event like Art Mela helps the children to understand and develop their own perspectives about various art forms. Our students also had a great opportunity to conduct workshops for elders which has infused immense confidence; also getting students involved in the logistics of an event like this exposes them to entrepreneurship as well".

Ms. Parveen Shaikh, Head of Primary and Pre-Primary, The Somaiya School said, "Arts promote growth in nearly all areas of development. Most research confirms that young children learn best through experimentation, exploration, and multisensory activities. Art encourages all of these things; hence art should be an important and integral part of the curriculum".

To sum it up, in the words of Mr. Samir Somaiya, President, Somaiya Vidyavihar, said, "Art has truly come alive. If everyone was taught art in this manner, nobody would be doing anything else except Art!".

The Art Mela saw a fabulous response from the crowd with over 3000 visitors including, students, parents, educators and art teachers visiting the event. The paintings and art work created by students were sold out in a flash with multiple bidding for some art pieces. The money raised through this event will be donated to local NGOs.



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