

TWINNING PROGRAM BETWEEN TOS AND KRIYA VIDYALAYA,BALEWADI (2015-16)

The Twinning Programme at the Orchid school was a great initiative where in students of Class V visited Balewadi Stadium and interacted and played games with the students of 'Krida Vidyalaya' a residential school which caters to students from an underprivileged background and provides them with intensive training in sports along with free education.

The programme was conducted on the 9th, 10th, 11th of February 2016. The objectives of the Twinning program were to get to know the students of Krida Vidyalaya, to learn about the skills they use on the ground, to discover that there are similarities of childhood though we are all from different backgrounds, to learn to respect and not underestimate people from the lower economy and to encourage our children to step beyond our comfort zone in terms of language and familiarity with people, spaces and situations.

This was the **fifth year** that the two schools met as a part of the Twinning Programme and the three days were full of learning, sharing and fun. The students from both the schools were divided into groups and under the guidance of the sports teachers were involved in playing games like Dodge ball, Football and Houdini Hoops. On the last day the children sat in groups and wrote on chart papers as to how they felt, what they learnt and how the entire experience was for them.

At the end of the third day, the students from Krida Vidyalaya and their accompanying teacher shared information about their daily routine with emphasis on the importance of self-discipline, hard work and perseverance. Our children did seem to be in awe of the sports persons.

After a few days some students of Class V conducted a special assembly presentation for the children of class 1st -5th about the Balewadi Twinning Programme where in they shared all what they learnt over 3 days and their experience.

Students of Class V would surely agree that it was a wonderful opportunity for them to get to know the students of Krida Vidyalaya, learn from them and interact with them. It was definitely a unique and a memorable experience.