

# An Endearing Visit to Guru Nanak Anand Ashram

Kanhe, Maharashtra | 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023



As a part of the annual field trip and SEWA Project for the year 2023-24, S.B. Patil Public School organised a visit to Guru Nanak Anand Ashram at Kanhe on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023. The trip was primarily for the students for Grade IX so as to make them aware of the happy and joyful lives people reside in old age homes.

The field trip was organised under the guidance of principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; and vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda. The trip started at 09:30 am from the school campus as 150 students and nine teachers travelled in four school buses. Teachers accompanying the students were: Ms. Aparna Jagdale, Ms. Amrapali Nikalje, Ms. Manjusha Nathe, Ms. Jyoti Kapur, Ms. Deepika Kannao, Mr. Dhanaji Patil, Ms. Sabitha Pramodh, Ms. Trupti Zarkar and Ms. Neha Niphadkar.



They all reached their destination at 10:45 am as the ashram was located in Kanhe Phata village in Kashala, Vadgaon, Maval, Pune - 412106. The ashram is run by Mr. Manjeet Singh Bilkhu who is also the Trustee of Gurudwara and Vridh Ashram.

As soon as they reached the ashram, students and teachers were taken to the hall wherein teachers oriented the students regarding the day's programme. Students were segregated according to their section and were allotted the tasks of interviewing the residents.



Students asked many valuable questions thus creating a positive environment. The ashram also promotes eco-tourism programmes and activities like horse-riding. Later on, students were taken to the temple which is located in the campus and the *arathi* was played.

Students chanted prayers and were later served lunch inside the temple. Post-lunch, students and teachers were taken for horse-riding. Students also performed activities of charity as they cleaned the campus and watered the plants.

As the day came to an end, the faculty and students of our school celebrated the birthday of one of our teachers, and distributed the cake in the campus. With the visit coming to a close by 04:30 pm, students again got back into their respective buses and teachers were again served tea.



Our school donated a sum of Rs. 5,000/- as a token of love and we all dispersed to our respective buses only to reach school by near 06:00 pm.

The feeling of being in their small world of the residents of the old age home, spending time with them, and seeing them happy and joyful was really overwhelming. We expressed our gratitude to the caretakers for taking such great care of these beautiful souls and for giving us this opportunity to spend some time with them.

We thank our principal, Dr. Saini; vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; our administrative manager, Mr. Manish Dhekale; and all the faculty involved for organising this wonderful and endearing trip.

