

On October 1st, 2018, a day before **Gandhi Jayanti**, the Upper Kindergarten learners of DAIS were all set with their caps and water bottles, to visit the **Mani Bhavan**, in Mumbai.

A modest two-storied building, that once housed Gandhiji and served as his Bombay headquarters, was now taking the learners through the important events of his life and his struggle for freedom, with the help of intricately crafted models. As they went past each station, they understood the significance of each item through stories narrated by the teachers. The displayed pictures depicted the letters and articles which reflected the key values that Gandhiji stood by. The little learners also had a peek into his simple life, by examining the room that Gandhiji lived in during his stay in Mumbai. They also had a good look at his 'charkhas' which were a reminder of his **Swadeshi** movement. They were quite fascinated and intrigued to know about all this on the field trip.

This also inspired their follow-up activity in school, which involved making a *charkha* out of candy sticks.

It was truly an informative and enlightening visit for our young visitors and it will hopefully inspire and encourage them to know more about and imbibe the ideologies that Mahatma Gandhi has left behind for all of us.

