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Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

I feel proud to state that the Editorial team is bringing out the second edition of 'Podar Pearls' of this academic year. I thank them for making efforts and expect them to continue their contribution in shaping our students future.

Time is an important factor in everyone's life. We should ask the value of a minute to a person who missed a train by a minute and value of second to an athlete who lost the race by a second. It is therefore, very important to inculcate the value of Time among the students & teachers. Time and tide does not wait for anyone and hence everyone should say 'There will never be another now – I will make the most of today.' As the time of this academic year passes by we have been having lots of activities which generated ample opportunities for all our students to allow themselves to groom, to mold so that the holistic development could take place every minute. It is the duty of every student therefore to come forward and grab the opportunity that has been created for his/her self-development. It is said, 'we can take a horse upto the water, but the act of drinking water has to be done by the horse itself.' We hope that all our students are a part of this growth process and benefit to the fullest.

Hope you will appreciate this edition and look out for your suggestions and guidance.

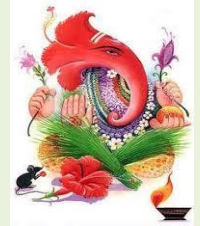
Regards,

*Mr. Agnel Carvalho
Principal*

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GANESH CHATURTHI



In the assembly explanation of the significance and symbolic meaning of all the elements of Lord Ganesha was done. Ganpati stotra was recited and explained. Idol was installed already as it was a holiday on that day. Different days, were allotted for Aarti and Pujan of Lord Ganesha. Those five days were full of enthusiasm. On the 5th day immersion of idol took place after the colorful and vibrant procession. This celebration ended with the Principal Sir's message of tolerance and secularism.





FIELD VISITS



Theme 'Be Smart, Be Safe' prescribed Field visits to make the students understand the functioning of Agencies which work for community's safety. Under these our students were taken to Fire Station, Police Station. They were given information about weapons and demonstration of sniffer dogs and their working by the police officials. Children were really inspired by this visit. Principal Sir thanked the authorities for their courtesy and guidance to us.

At Fire Station, children were shown the demos of using fire extinguishers, different ways to put off the fire. Mr. Vasant Koli, In-charge of Fire Station also guided our students how to deal with the problems at domestic level.





SAFETY FAIR



The most innovative part of the theme “Be Smart, be Safe” was the organization of ‘Safety Fair’. Students from Grade I to VIII participated in it to display their safety skills during the time of emergencies and disasters. Mrs. Fegde inaugurated the exhibition. Mr. Ashwajit Gharde, fire officer from Municipal Corporation guided the students. Parents enjoyed and appreciated the efforts of students, teachers and the innovative projects in the fair.

Inaugural Assembly skit, Poem writing competition, Jr. Marshal safety quiz, Extempore, Wall Talk competition were some other activities conducted during this theme.

JOY OF GIVING



First week of October marked the beginning of new theme “Joy of Giving”. The theme was launched by an inaugural assembly, which included speech on the relevance of the joy of giving. Grade wise different activities were carried out. Std I to IV – Fun and Craft Activity & Std V to VIII – Essay Writing.

The students were asked to donate the things to poor and needy people. House – wise score was calculated to find out the winner of the Donation Drive.

Field Trip – 40 students for Grade 7 & 8 with school staff visited Mahila and Balkalyan Orphanage (Remand Home). Our children experienced the first hand joy of giving. They presented a small entertainment program for those less fortunate children.

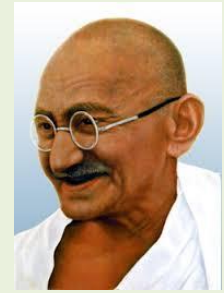
Closing Assembly – students from Grade 7 & 8 shared their feelings and experiences to the school. Principal Sir Mr. Agnel Carvalho closed the theme formally addressing the children that this process of Donation should not be up to limited period but should be carried forward throughout the life and should become a habit.



Blossoming Minds !!!



LETTER TO BAPU, ON HIS BIRTHDAY, FROM OUR GENERATION!



Dear Gandhiji,

You left us more than 60 years ago. If you would still be there, you would have been 140 years old. However, we've not forgotten you. Infact, not at all! You are everywhere-right from the bank notes to the prestigious roads in every city. Seriously, you would be impressed at how much we still adore you.

However, there are some things that won't make you proud. You spent all your life making India free is yet far from being free. True, the whites have gone but there are still millions of poor people. After 60+ years, we are still amongst the poorest nations of the earth. This lack of money leads to a lot of problems in healthcare, infrastructure and education. Many children still don't go to school, those who go, don't get into good colleges. And those who get into colleges don't get good jobs. We need to get rich, and fast. Not only to make schools and colleges but also because all Indian problem are related to money. Yet it is considered 'bad' to think that way!

The young generation, which thinks in this term are considered materialistic and greedy? The older generation considers themselves to be on the moral high ground and consider slowness in work as having 'patience', non-stop discussion and no action is considered "careful consideration and lack of improvement (in anything) is claimed the need to live with 'discipline'. And yes, in many (almost all) cases, people who speak like this claim to be your fans!

The younger generation wishes that you could come down for one day and clarify these points. We want to know – Is change bad? Is a desire to see my Country as rich as some other nations materialistic? Getting things done faster, impatience? If you would bless our purpose, the things would become just so much easy.

The youth power is the biggest myth going on in our Country right now. Of course, the youth has spending power, but we don't have power to change things. We are wooed, but seldom heard. If you came down, you could unite us. You could use the amazing technology that we have now.

With our purpose blessed, enemy identified and the youth united, we could take the first step towards Indian Revolution. But we know that it's not possible for you to come back and we need to try bringing about the change ourselves. If we can be inspired to do that, we can say we have not forgotten you and understood the meaning of your Birthday.

*Lots of Love,
The Younger Generation.*

*By Gauri Malhara
Std IX*



Dear Mom



*You held my hand when I couldn't walk,
you understood me although I couldn't talk.
you shared my joy , you shared my success,
you held me in your arms when I was depressed.*

*You corrected me and taught me things that are right,
you were always there by me in the night filled with fright.
Although now I am far and apart from you,
I know you are with me guiding through.*

*I am proud of you MOM for everything you do,
I don't say it very often but I really Love You!*



By Sakshi Jaiswal

Std VII - Pearl



Racial Discrimination

The Racial Discrimination is the ill-treatment rendered by one set of people to the other on the basis of considering their race as superior or higher. This has been happening all over the world in smaller or greater proportion. Recently, in Australia it was found that many Indians were assaulted. There was attack on Indian students who go for higher studies practically every day in different parts of country. One student who had gone by taking huge amount of loan in-order to pursue studies and make a carrier lost his life for being an Indian. There was hue & cry made by Indian Government and the media about it. The Australian Govt. apologized on this issue and assured to book the culprits. But life lost cannot be regained.

Regionalist tendency is the root cause for this kind of moment that takes place. The Australians are thinking that Indians are occupying major posts and are multiplying. They want to put break on it and hence want's to create panic in the minds of Indians. But what the local people do not realize is that the Indians are very peace loving and hardworking people and are ready to work at odd hours and even on weekends. In relation to it the local Australians are contrary to it. Australians are unable to see the progress made by the Indians and hence the hatred is generated. However, this view is not prevalent among all the Australians but only in the frustrated unemployed youth of their country. These disgruntled youth does not realize, that they cannot be blocking the foreigners coming for higher studies to their country, as their universities survival depends on foreign students. Government needs to run certain programs of inculcating value of tolerance, respect for human race among the disgruntled youth.

By Sonal Zope

Std IX

