

SRI LANKAN SCHOOL – MUSCAT

PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNIQUE 2 – (2011/2012)

TEXT BOOKS

As I mentioned in my first communiqué, the issue of books has not been perfect due to delays caused by the original supplier. To minimize the effect of it, we issued photocopies of the relevant pages to all students who did not have the text books. We are yet to receive the books ordered direct from the publishers, due to the failure of the original supplier to supply some books.

We do not have the following books yet in the book shop.

- (a) Abacus Evolve work Book 2 for Year 1, (b) Abacus Evolve Work Book 2 for Year 4 (c) Nelson English Non Fiction Book for Year 6

Last week we asked all parents who ordered books before the deadline in June, to collect their books from the bookshop. I assume that they have been issued all their requirements except the books not received.

I am pleased to inform you that we have now received 95% of the set of text books ordered through our second supplier. He has promised to deliver the remainder this week.

Parents who placed their orders after the deadline, can pay for the books now. We will issue the new delivery on a first come first serve basis.

The Selection of Poems for Year 7, Selection of Short Stories for Year 8 and the Song Books for all classes are being developed by our own teachers. These will be available in due course and parents need not worry about the delay, as the teachers will not be using the books until they are ready.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The prize lists are displayed on the school notice boards now. Parents of students who are probable prize winners, are requested to check the lists and bring to my notice if there are any errors or doubts. The prize lists have been drawn based on the school policy document posted on the school website.

As a result of the Chicken Pox epidemic that took place at the end of the last academic year, a very significant number of students could not attend the second term tests. We discussed this matter at length among the senior management team in the school and with the concurrence of the Board, decided to issue a certificate to any student who has got the highest marks in the parallel grades at the first term test, for a particular subject, but missed the second term test due to genuine reasons acceptable to the school.

This does not prevent the student who sat for both tests and achieved the highest aggregate, from getting the Prize, the Certificate and the Glory at the Awards Day. It only gives the consolation and

psychological boost to another student, who could have won the prize, if he/she did not miss the second test for reasons beyond his/her control.

THE PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS DAY

I like to kindly inform the parents that, an Academic Reward is an educational tool, used and practiced all over the world. Achieving a prize at the school awards day, gives several messages to the mind of the recipient. Appreciation of hard and systematic work done is one them. It also works as a motivating factor for others, who are capable of reaching the same standard or above, to strive for it.

Awards given at school are not for self aggrandizement of the individual or to satisfy egos of adults. This attitude is counter-productive to the purpose and harmful to the child. Parents are kindly requested to read the above statement carefully and understand it. Any parent who has any concern is kindly requested to communicate with me.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE PRINCIPAL

For the benefit of the many new parents, please allow me to reiterate this matter.

Parents are kindly requested to bring to my notice, any concern that they have on any aspect of the school directly and as soon as the concern arises in the mind. I will take corrective action immediately, be mindful of things that could go wrong in future and most importantly respond to your query as soon as possible. This would help resolve minor matters and prevent them from becoming major concerns.

To communicate with me kindly use my new email address: principal@sism.edu.om

I am available in the office on Mondays after school to meet any parent who wishes to see me. Please call the office and get an appointment. Depending on the importance of the matter, you will be able to meet me on any other day too.

You may call me on my direct number 24811007, only if it is urgent.

UNWELCOME GUESTS

On my return from Sri Lanka I found two playful puppies in the school yard. Though they look adorable it is not possible to rear them in school. I request any kind parent to volunteer to save the lives of these two lovable puppies.

PARENT TEACHER INTERACTIONS

9th October – 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. for Parents who have more than one child

10th October – 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. for all others

Somabandhu Kodikara - Principal