

SRI LANKAN SCHOOL - MUSCAT

PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNIQUE 6 – (2013/2014)

I would like to wish all the students, teachers and parents of Sri Lankan School Muscat, a happy, peaceful and productive new year.

As we have completed all our sporting activities of the year, except for the closing ceremony of the Sports Festival, the school would endeavour to establish an academic culture during the remaining part of the academic year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I would like to express my gratitude to the Board of Directors who are relinquishing their duties, for the immense amount of developmental work done for the school within a very short period.

Special mention should be made of the following:

- Re-establishing the children's play area with new play equipment.
- Removing the uneven flooring and laying interlock tiles in the entire back yard.
- Re-doing the damaged seating around the trees in the backyard.
- Repairing the concrete pitch in the Cricket nets
- Purchasing an Astro matting for the Cricket nets
- Re-designing the Cricket nets to ensure safety of players
- Installing flood lights in the Cricket nets
- Installing high powered and cost saving LED lights to illuminate the front yard and Basketball court.
- Installing multimedia projectors in all key teaching stations in the school
- Installing a new state of the art lighting system in the main hall
- Installing a new powerful sound system in the main hall
- Installing a high powered multimedia projector in the main hall
- Rearranging the stage in a way conducive to safety and better use of the limited space
- Purchasing a sufficient number of computers to replace the malfunctioning machines in the ICT labs.

In addition, the ground work has been laid for the following:

- Re-flooring the Basketball court
- Shifting the guard house and gate to the centre of the front boundary of the school thereby easing off traffic congestion at school opening and closing times

These activities can be completed in the near future as the spadework has been completed and the funds have been raised for same.

I express my gratitude in no small measure to Mr. K.K.Lalith Kumara - Hon. Chairman, for his unmatched dedication to the development of the school. He spearheaded the fund raising projects in the Silver Jubilee year with such perseverance that the school has achieved unprecedented success in raising funds.

I like to thank Mr. Ajantha Madurapperuma - former Treasurer and Mr. Wasantha de Zoysa - current Treasurer for their clear vision and timely action to bring the school out from the abyss of accumulating losses to a healthy financial stability.

My gratitude is due to Mr. Palitha Premasiri - Head of Infra Structure Development Sub Committee, for the time spent and results achieved in physical development of the school within a very short period.

Mr. Dulip Rajapakse - Director in Charge of Technical Affairs of the School spent uncountable hours in the school in guiding and assisting the ICT department in delivering the best to the students.

I also would like to thank Mr Ratnasiri Jayasinghe for establishing the sense of direction, professionalism and good sense, Mr. Suranga Perera for valuable assistance in the sports sphere, Mr. Neville Kospolage for volunteering to salvage the school from a crisis situation, Mr. Ravi Dharmawardane, Mr Dunstan Sisirakumara, Mr. N.L.A.Haleem and Mr Gamini Perera for their individual contributions to the Board of Directors.

I like to wish the new Board of Directors the best in all their endeavours to take the school to greater heights and pledge unstinted support of my staff and myself.

BUTTERFLIES

Sri Lankan Guides Association has introduced a new branch for the little girls below the age for Little Friends. This programme has been recognized by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Girls from 5 to 7 years of age are able to take part in this activity which would be extremely interesting and useful. The 1st Oman Girl Guides and Little Friends Company (of SLSM) will be starting a group of Butterflies shortly.

GUIDES AND LITTLE FRIENDS CAMPING

The Girl Guides of Sri Lankan School Muscat are invited to participate in the International Guides Camp organised by the Oman Guides Association from 16 to 22 January 2014 in Barka.

The Little Friends camp will be conducted in the school compound from 9 to 12 January 2014.

PARENT TEACHER INTERACTION

The second session of the PTI will be conducted from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. on Monday 6 January 2014.

SELF SERVICE SALE

Monday 6 January 2014 in the school hall!

The following items will be displayed and will be available for the parents to select and purchase on a first come first serve basis:

- PE Kits - all sizes are now available for students of Year 1 and above
- Winter jackets - all sizes available. Personal warm clothes will not be allowed from 7 January.
- Space to Grow book covers

Parents are kindly requested to make use of this opportunity.

GENERAL PARENTS' MEETING

Parents are reminded about the GPM at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 January 2014.

REVISION OF FEES

As intimated to you by Board of Directors on 19.12.2013, the Board decided to revise the tuition fee structure of the School as follows:

Key Stage	Years	Monthly Tuition Fee (RO)	
		1 st Child	2 nd Child Onward
Foundation	Foundation 1 & 2	64.000	59.000
Key Stage 1	Year 1* & 2	64.000	59.000
Key Stage 2	Year 3 to 6	66.000	61.000
Key Stage 3	Year 7 to 9	68.000	63.000
Key Stage 4	Year 10 & 11 (O/L)	69.000	64.000
Advance Level	Year 12 & 13	97.000	92.000

* The monthly Tuition fees for Year 1 will be RO 61.000 for the first child and RO 56.000 for the second child (if any) up to 30.06.2014.

The Parents are kindly reminded that school fees are due on the first of the month and that they given a grace period of 2 weeks to pay. A fine of 10% on the total outstanding will be added after 15th of the month. However, considering the holidays and closure of the School for the winter vacation the time for fee payment will be extended till 20.01.2014 for January 2014 only.

Somabandhu Kodikara

Principal

Date: 5 January 2014

