

# SRI LANKAN SCHOOL - MUSCAT

PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNIQUE 21 – (2011/2012)

## HEALTH WEEK

I presume the parents were informed by your children about the Health Week we conducted in school. It was not announced to the parents beforehand, because we wanted it to be an initiative of the students and not of parents.

The purpose for conducting the health week was to educate the children about personal hygiene which is an extremely important aspect of our lives. While most of the students attend the school well groomed, the others appear uninterested in their personal cleanliness or hygiene. These students wear dirty or unwashed uniforms and socks, unclean and long fingernails while some even carry lice.

The PE teachers, Class Teachers and the School Nursing Sister were instructed to monitor the cleanliness of all students during the concluded health week.

Now I need the support of the parents to carry it forward. Please ensure your child:

- Takes a daily bath
- Wears clean uniforms
- Keeps the hair tidy and well groomed
- Cuts finger and toe nails regularly
- Brushes the teeth and tongue
- Uses medicinal shampoo and get rid of lice where necessary

Let us 'Make Cleanliness - A Way of Life'

## PARENTS ENTERING THE SCHOOL BUILDING

Once again I appeal to the parents to refrain from entering the school building unnecessarily. We have arranged for the FS children to be received at the entrance by a teacher and the maid. Parents are kindly requested to hand over the children and let them go up with the care givers of the school. This is a part of the growing up process of the child. I have seen some parents of Years 1 and 2 also going up to the child's class every day. It is embarrassing when the school authorities have to request the parents not to go up.

## BRINGING THINGS TO BE SENT TO CLASS

Some parents are in the habit of bringing food, water, books, assignments etc. during the course of the day expecting the auxiliary staff of the school to take them up to the child's class. Please note that this is not a service that can be provided by the school, except in an emergency. Please train your child to check the school bag before he/she goes to bed the previous night. Parents are also kindly requested to prepare the breakfast and give it to the child to be carried to school.

## THE SCHOOL GATE

Please note that the school gate will be kept closed while the school is in session effective immediately. . All parents are aware that schools do not keep the gates open for anyone to walk in while the school is in session.

The gatekeeper will maintain a register of persons who come in. Please have proof of your identity when you come to school at times listed below:

- Between 8.00 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.
- Between 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

## COMMUNICATION BOOKS

It is noted with regret that the large stock of Communication Books that has been printed are not page numbered. The Class Teachers inform me that there are several students who have removed pages of the communication books with adverse notes from teachers.

I kindly request the parents to ensure that the pages are numbered with a pen. The next stock of books will be page numbered before printing.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERACTIONS

The PTI (first session) will be conducted from 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> April and the second session will be from 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## A USEFUL WEBSITE

Parents who have time, resources and the will to explore, can access [www.parentsintouch.co.uk](http://www.parentsintouch.co.uk) for a host of useful resources and innovative ideas.

## TEXT BOOKS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

The book lists will be made available to the students before the school closes this term.

Please note that the Distribution of Answer Scripts take place on 7<sup>th</sup> April and the school closes on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Students are expected to be in school on both days.

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