

The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for the week

The theme for next week is “Take measured risks”. I have written about it on the reverse of the newsletter.

Help Needed!! – Ms Parshotam writes:

As you will all be aware, for the past couple of years, we have been running a successful cake stall at the Summer Fair, which has always been stocked by the donations of parents’ baking on behalf of the school! We request that anyone who can to please bake a cake or some biscuits for the fair to please contact Shilpaben Shah on shahshilpa72@gmail.com.

TSS Summer Fair

Saturday, 18th & Sunday, 19th June 2016

Parents & Friends wishing to book a stall, place an advertisement in the fair magazine or display banners should contact the school office.

Wisdom of India 8

Qualities to Develop through education...

buddhist

Physical, Mental, Social and Emotional development



To develop a positive sense, respect for others, social skills and a positive disposition to learn.



*Greatest achievements of ancient India in education -
The University of Nalanda, 4th century BC*

The World's first university was established in Takshila in 700BC.
More than 10,500 students from all over the world studied more than 60 subjects.



A Day of Sanskrit Lessons for Senior 3



On Tuesday this week twenty pupils from Senior 3 had the privilege of learning Sanskrit from Professor and Mrs Pande of Gujarat University. Professor Pande promised that all the pupils in the class would be able to speak in Sanskrit by the end of the day. Not only did he deliver on his promise, but a few hours before the end of the day. This was a rare opportunity for the pupils which may never again be repeated. They now have the foundation upon which to develop their confidence in this most ancient of languages. My challenge to the students is

that they should teach what they have learnt to one other person. Our sincere thanks to Professor and Mrs Pande for honouring us with their visit to the school, and Mr Ragvani for supervising them throughout the day. Professor Pande was absolutely right when he told the pupils that it has been one of my dearest wishes for Sanskrit to be included in the curriculum for all the pupils in the school. I hope this is the first step in that goal.

Take measured risks

Think

Every time you do something you take risks. Taking risks is part of life and the more you try something you have never done before, the more challenges you face and the greater will be your chance of accomplishing something extraordinary. Nothing in this world was achieved by people who capitulated at the first sign of a problem. You can reduce your chances of failure if you learn to take measured risks. When you want to go somewhere you would never do so without planning the journey. You would find out the address, look up the map and check if the destination can be reached by using public transport or whether it is easier to drive there. If you are driving you would plan the journey on your Sat Nav. Yet there is a risk in your journey; you might have an accident; the car, train or bus may break down; but it should not prevent you from making the journey because if any of these things happen there are alternative solutions to overcoming them. You will be careful throughout the journey, be watchful of all the hazards, traffic conditions, pedestrians crossing, etc. You may get to your destination late, but you will get there.

Feel

The same applies to anything you want to do, achieve, make or build. If the plan is well thought out, all the risks are carefully considered and alternative solutions planned for and you have sought advice from the right people then there is a good chance you will achieve your goal.

Do

Risks become increasingly higher when you try to do something that no one has ever done before. Mount Everest was not climbed at the very first attempt but each time people learnt from their experience and others found better ways to overcome them, and eventually the summit was reached. Dutch teenager Laura Dekker would not have become the youngest person to sail solo around the world had she not trained for all the difficulties she would have to overcome. Thinking about the possible problems before you begin your task but know that preparing or training for it is as important as planning for it. This is called taking measured risks. By so doing you increase the chances of success.

Yours sincerely,

Nilesh Manani

Volunteering For Your School – Summer Fair 18th & 19th June

Every year schools up and down the country hold summer fairs that raise funds to contribute towards equipment or facilities, etc. for children at their school. Please visit some of the fairs at your local school and you will see how these fairs/events are brought together with a mixture of enthusiasm and fun by a team of volunteers and parents from each class who take up an allocated task to man a stand or run an activity.

It is the one time that you can really contribute and get involved to help the school. The children are so proud to see their parents helping out (outside of the school trips). This collaboration builds the relationships between all members of the school and the families, as they enjoy coming together on these events - together...hopefully in the sunshine!

Our fair is like NO other! We attract a huge crowd over the 2 days! For this, an army of manpower is needed. We are always grateful to the Mandir for supporting us with additional volunteers to help us at our fair, however, would love to see more of our parents host the activities or help in any other way. Our parents have vast talents, skills, contacts etc. that can help bring even more to the fair and to the school community as a whole. This is where YOU can help make a difference! Every year we work hard to build up the number of school volunteers to make it a great experience for all our visitors.

This year ...a heartfelt request please to help us take the hard work out of building the volunteer teams and come forward and sign up as a volunteer for either or both days for as little as two hours to as much as the whole day. Whatever works with your commitments, we are confident that with the 300+ parents we have at the school, if we all do a little bit, then we will exceed our target of recruiting 200 parent volunteers for the weekend. You can sign up on the tear off slip at the bottom of this newsletter or email admin@tssuk.org

SUMMER FAIR VOLUNTEERS 18th & 19th June 2016

Name:.....Child's Class.....

Times Available (between 1-9pm).....

Days Available (Saturday and/or Sunday).....

Email Address:.....Mobile Number:.....