

The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for the week

The theme for next week is “**Reading.**” I have written about it below.

Rescheduled S3 Parents’ Consultation Evening TODAY

The Parents’ Consultation Evening for Senior 3 pupils will now take place on 19th April 2018 between 4.30-7.00 pm in the Yogi Hall. All the parents will have an opportunity to meet their child’s subject teachers including the House Tutors, who meet the pupils twice per day and keep a very careful eye on their welfare, progress and achievements.

Peripatetic lessons – Mr Oza writes:

Instrumental lessons for the piano, drums, flute, guitar and violin lessons are offered in the School by the peripatetic teachers for more than 20 years. Parents who wish to enrol their child/ren for these lessons for the Summer Term please collect an application form from Mr Oza or from the Reception and return back to us as soon as possible. Please note these lessons are offered by professional tutors during school time with an organised time table so your child/ren will not miss the same lesson more than once or twice in one whole term. This is the normal procedure in every school for the peripatetic music lessons. Peripatetic teachers also help prepare children to appear for external music examinations through ABRSM, Trinity, The Rock School etc. music examination boards which will help your child to achieve places in other schools and universities.

Reading for learning

Think

The ability to read is fundamental to all forms of academic learning. It gives you access to all written sources of human knowledge that people the world over have acquired through thousands of years of civilisation. In fact, the ability to read in this day and age is fundamental to a fruitful and productive life.

Feel

If you are planning to follow an academic path through your young life, you must master the different techniques to learn from your reading.

Do

The ‘SQ3R’ formula has often been found to be useful. It encourages a systematic active approach to reading. These are divided into five strands: Survey, Question, Read, Recall and Review.

1. SURVEY: Survey the book, article or chapter as a whole. It means examining the chapter quickly by reading the first and last paragraphs and looking at the various section headings.
2. QUESTION: Before you start to read anything, look at the title and think of some questions that you may want answered. More questions will arise as you read, but write them down and see if they are answered. The process of asking questions concentrates your mind on what you are reading and helps you to think about the author’s argument and relate it to what you already know and what you need to find out.
3. READ: Once you have identified these initial questions, you should read the whole chapter, article or essay without making any notes and make sure you get an overview of the content. You cannot get a grasp of main ideas until you have read it the first time. Once you have done this, divide the article, chapter or essay into small sections or paragraphs and read it carefully to understand its meaning.

4. RECALL: You are now ready to make notes. Write a brief statement in your own words down the side of each section about the content. Writing the main point in your own words enables you to process the information and embrace it into your own thinking, and subsequently your own writing.
5. REVIEW: Ask yourself if you have grasped the main ideas. Have the questions you have written initially been answered? Do your notes reflect this and make sense? Do you know what the article, chapter or essay is about? This process of active reading is time-consuming but ultimately very beneficial to your understanding and formulation of ideas.

WRITER'S CORNER Life in 2050

As part of our Critical Thinking lessons, Jay Patel in S1 gives his highly positive analysis of what he thinks his life in 2050 will be like. The world is changing fast. The rise of Artificial Intelligence is growing exponentially, and yet according to Jay Patel, surely it must have a positive impact on the way live, think...no war, no disease, clean environment, cure for cancer... a Utopia perhaps or the optimism of youth. I will let you judge for yourself

In 2050, we will find a cure for cancer and diabetes. We will all be kind and generous to each other because poverty won't exist. There will be no more wars because everyone is happy. The police have become more advanced so they can stop law breakers or terrorists. There will not be racism anymore because everyone will respect each other. We will discover new living things. Our technology gets better so spaceships can reach further and quicker, also cameras are much better. So we can see much easier. Our technology can fix itself because scientists have found out animals can heal themselves so they have used that feature in technology. Chemists have discovered new liquids, solids and gases. Population of the world will grow which means we will be using more resources. The technology is so advanced, it will prevent transport crashes/errors. The intelligence of people increases which makes robbery harder. The world finds a new and homeless resource to power everything. Slowing down global warming and stops destroying the ozone layer. The roads will repair themselves so there won't be traffic anymore. There will be no cyber bullying. There will be more sprinklers on buildings to make it harder to burn. More trees are grown giving more oxygen and shade. Money becomes tougher to break so no one can rip it. Have a cure for poor eyesight that is permanent. Decorations and designs are better and original. Restaurants deliver in under 5 minutes. There is no more littering so erosion slows down. Pens become more effortless to write with because all you do is speak and the pen will write by itself.

All the cars have become Hybrid so it reduces down pollution which protects the ozone layer which saves animal like arctic fox, polar bears and penguins and slows down Global warming. People are more kind and generous to people's faiths, beliefs and religion; people are more honest so they don't accuse each other of what they didn't do. The internet becomes safer so you can trust it more often and cyber bullying has stopped because it is now illegal to bully in any type of way. More zoos are opened so fewer creatures are endangered; we have found a substitute for paper so there is no more rainforest destruction; trees are important because they give us oxygen and store carbon dioxide. We have found a new liquid to destroy overfilled landfills. More buildings are built so there is more employment and less homeless people. Water has become a free resource so no one is dying of thirst; there are more free schools so no one is uneducated and they can get a good job when they grow up. We rely more on artificial resources so there is less destruction of natural resources; there is less carbon foot-print because we have stopped using fossil fuels. There is more aquariums and less pollution in the sea so marine life is safer. There is a no mining because mining releases dangerous chemicals that can cause air, water and soil pollution; there are machines that can predict accurately when a natural disaster is about to take place. The noise pollution has reduced to 25% so there is no unpleasant noise, there is no more land degradation, increased traffic.

Yours sincerely,

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