

The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for the week

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

The “World Cup Day” at Arsenal



On Tuesday 27th March, a few boys and girls from Senior 1 participated in an Arsenal language-themed competition with the support of Year 20 in Prep school (Merci Monsieur Owens). It was Gujarati vs French. The football skills were taught in French and Gujarati before a ten minutes football match with French Team vs Indian Team.

Out of 250 schools entered, TSS pupils were one of 20 schools selected. Congratulations to the pupils. Our pupils will now attend a special “World Cup

Day” at Emirates Stadium on 8th May 2018 to celebrate languages. They will take part in fun quizzes, language and football activities and a tour of Emirates Stadium. At various stages throughout the day, groups will earn points that will contribute towards an overall score for the day. The group with the most points will win the Arsenal Double Club World Cup trophy!

Congratulations to Khush Sheth, Avi Patel, Aum Patel, Mahima Kerai, Shaivi Trivedi and Vandan Patel for the fine achievement under the guidance of their French teacher Madame Dhissi. In commenting upon their submission, the judges said, “Excellent mix of two languages and inclusion of primary pupils. Some very lively acting, nice structure and easy to follow. Could do with some explanation or commentary.”



WRITER'S CORNER Life in 2050

In this third instalment of *life in 2015*, young Avi Patel reflects on his future...perhaps a more pessimistic view of the future?

Life in 2050!? This is stretching me too far. 2050 could be like anything, such as, I will have a family of my own, going to my job, which I could hopefully get. Well, I'm here to write about my life in 2050. Let's get started. I was shocked upon this topic for an ESSAY! I feel I will be a much more independent and hard-working man in 2050, I'm not sure with all the technology arriving one by one. I feel I would have a family of my own and probably children. I would be keeping busy with my own job if I work hard in school and don't joke around. However, from my point of view, I think I will have a more competitive and hard-working society around me.

My head teacher, Mr Manani, always tells me "you will be entering a different world from the one I entered." I always ponder upon that very quote. I am quite certain there will be a much more competitive and a high achieving world in 2050. I take this in a positive manner and I always think about my family in the future. There will be much more struggle in 2050 and I must strive towards that. I feel as though this is a goal for me to achieve. Bringing up a family surrounded by technology. I predict I can be a more intelligent and capable man if I am flexible in all circumstances. As the modern era is giving us a clue, there will be a lot of electronic devices, better ones than now. I would be a huge man with of course a beard and moustache. In the most certain terms, I will be a grown up and mature male. If I can say this, I would look much older and more like an old man! According to my personality, I feel as if I would be a more ambitious human being and a little selfish which I shouldn't be. There is still a lot of time but I shall give a vow that I will try to perfect myself. It is quite obvious I will be a grown-up man and will be a mature adult. If my maths is good I will be around 44 years old.

I am by far not certain as to which job I shall overtake however, I would like to be some sort of Engineer. I do not know which. Also, if I am good enough I would like to be a professional cricket player playing for England. Only if I get that far. I do not predict I could get that far in the sport I admire the most. I have undergone my borough trials for Middlesex in which I found success. In addition, I wish I can achieve my goals in 2050, for example, be a more respectful and humble human being. I want to be a much better person by 2050 and more mature.

The new world in 2050 is going to be very ambitious. It is however, going to be hard, everyone is going to be fighting to attain a position in their job. To be honest, the world would not be peaceful. I am assuming that there will be no peace in the world. As a result, there could be more and more people, who are very cunning, and would think about ruining the peace which is left (even though it's very little). It is going to be a very hard life out there in 2050. However, there will be some people out there who are very lazy and would make drones do the delivery for their own work.

The wildlife is what keeps the life inside of us. Say if all the trees are chopped off, how will you live? Some humans are so selfish for money, they are killing elephants as ivory is really important to them. This means elephants are being endangered. Imagine if someone kills you just for money, how would you feel? Elephants are living beings too! Now, Pandas are becoming extinct as many humans are building new roads in south western China. They are cutting down the bamboo trees. Bamboo trees are what keeps the pandas alive. I do not wish Pandas and many other animals becoming extinct. This implies that by 2050, we are not going to be able to witness some innocent animals, for example, Elephants and Pandas.

Being objective with so much fake news

Think

We are bombarded with so much information everyday through newspapers, radio, television, advertisements, the internet, social media and so many other forms of communication that we do need to be careful about what we accept as truth, fake or pure propaganda. Almost all newspapers have political affiliations and the style of their articles and the messages they put out in print are often biased towards a particular political party or preference. Advertisers make all sorts of wild claims about the products they sell, often hiding the real truth in the small print.

Feel

Everything we hear, see, read and watch increasingly needs to be reviewed objectively with a clear mind. There are ways of doing this if we are prepared to learn. A well cultivated thinker will:

- raise vital questions and challenges before making any judgements
- gather and assess relevant information and use well-formed ideas before making an interpretation
- come to well-reasoned conclusions and solutions and test them against known standards
- keep an open mind with alternative opinions and be aware of the assumptions, implications and consequences of solutions
- communicate effectively with others in finding solutions to complex problems

Do

This skill to review information objectively and give a reasoned response is important for anyone who is thinking about entering higher education. Your ideas and thoughts will be constantly tested and questioned throughout your life, and the decisions made, good or bad, will be determined by your ability to be unbiased. It is a skill that can be learnt with practice and clarity in our thinking using the tools mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,

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