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Ad Infinitum

A PRIMROSE SCHOOLS EDITION

PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Greetings,

I feel extremely happy as I write to you in the culmination of the academic year 2017-18. The milestones achieved throughout the academic year required great efforts, meticulous planning and of course a good team to execute the same successfully. I thank The Mother for her guidance and blessing.

As I went around for a casual walk along the corridors of the school, deep down my heart urged a feel to appreciate and express my token of love to all my teaching and other staff who stood strong in the toughest journey of the year. As always, the year came to an end bringing the most awaited day. We planned to cook lunch at our school premises. Teachers enthusiastically came up with the menu for the day. I could see them cook for the Primrose family with lot of joy and enthusiasm. It was a delightful feel to cook and eat together, the most satisfying event indeed which made the bond for our Primrose family stronger. This day will remain close to my heart forever. The food prepared with affection in heart with utmost care did really taste good.

As the quote goes "Being told you are appreciated is one of the simplest and the most uplifting things you can hear", though words would not suffice, to appreciate the efforts of my team members I firmly believed that a word of appreciation would definitely lift their hearts high. My hopes didn't let me down, the joy of my teachers did lift my spirits high. It gave me immense pleasure for being able to appreciate the teachers and sub staff; also being appreciated by them; who was part and parcel of the achievements.

"All is well that ends well", a great end of course has marked a great beginning too; a dreamer becomes an achiever only when he is able to move further. The plans for the new academic year sounds more inviting. Wishing you all good luck for the new beginning.

Regards

Principal

POT LUCK LUNCH AT PRIMROSE SCHOOLS

The staff of Primrose Schools gathered together on the closing day of the school for the academic year 2017-18, for a pot luck lunch. Well, it was a pot luck lunch with a small difference, in a way that the staff members cooked a sumptuous lunch for everyone at the school premises itself. A few days before the pot luck lunch, there was a meeting held to decide as what items should be prepared. A wide variety of dishes were listed and some of them were later short listed by the Principal as per the requirement. A list of all the ingredients that would be required for preparing the decided dishes was also put together.

On the day of the pot luck lunch the staff was divided into two groups to finish the day's chores. One group was assigned the duty of decorating the venue for the Appreciation Day that was to be conducted post lunch and the other one was assigned the work of cooking. Arrangements were made for the cooking to be done at the open auditorium. The teachers set off with chopping, rolling, boiling, frying and the entire school started filling up with the tempting aroma of the food cooking.



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The items for the pure vegetarian lunch included plain white rice, sambhar, potato curry, appalam, vada, mor kuzhambu, rasam, chappati, kurma, payasam, curd rice and pickles. Once the cooking was done, the teachers made an announcement of the lunch ready to be served by making noise hitting the steel plates with the ladles. It was time for everyone to assemble and have the delicious lunch together. The sub-staff members helped with cleaning up the area for everyone to squat and plantain leaves were laid in rows for the teachers to sit and have the much awaited meals. The teachers said their lunch prayer together and the serving started. As the teachers started tasting the dishes one after the other, comments of appreciation were passed on how good everything tasted. There were smiles all around with people happily enjoying the hot and lip-smacking dishes. The Principal went around supervising the serving and enquiring how the food was. It was a unique way of winding up the academic year with this event of cooking together and eating together. Events like this bring the staff together on a light-hearted note and strengthen their bond even further as a second family.

THE PRIM SUPER CHEF COMPETITION



'The Prim Super Chef Cooking contest' was not about perfection; it's about the joy of striving. A panel of judges rated the dishes prepared by our teachers on taste, presentation, and creativity. Teachers participated in the cooking contest with ardent support and cheering on!



Food flavoured with affection and joy, shared among the members of Primrose family.

Panel of judges waiting eagerly to announce the results of the enthusiastic Prim Chef Award.



'THE PRIM SUPER CHEF AWARD'



Anybody can make you enjoy the first bite of a dish, but only a real chef can make you enjoy the last. Ms. Kum Kum received Prim Super Chef award.



'Best chef ever" Ms.. Metilda received Prim Super Chef award for a healthy and nutritious dish .



'Cooking is an Art' Ms. Usha received Prim Super Chef award.



'Great cooking favors the prepared hands' Ms. Chitra & Ms.Rekka received Prim Super Chef award.



'The secret ingredient is always cheese' Ms. Jenita received Prim Super Chef award.



"A good food is mouthwatering when you see it and finger licking when you eat it." Ms. Viba received Prim Super Chef award for the mouthwatering dish.

A REPORT ON APPRECIATION DAY

Having finished with the pot luck lunch, all the teachers gathered together at the venue for the Appreciation Day celebration. This is a routine annual event that is held at the school, wherein the Principal hands over certificates for each and every working staff of the institution with a special mention of a specific quality of the individual, as observed during the academic year. A small team of teachers had put together a power point presentation with candid shots of the individual staff member during the academic year as his or her name was called upon for the Principal to award the certificate with. The Principal spoke a few words emphasizing the quality appreciated of each individual before handing over the certificate, followed by a big applause by the entire gathering. Though it took quite long in the evening for the event to come to a closure, none complained as it was admitted that such an appreciation is indeed needed in an institution. A special surprise came in when Ms Sathya Devi, representing the entire staff presented to the Principal a hand-made card thanking him and appreciating him for his qualities. The Principal accepted the card and expressed with thanks his delight on receiving it.



Bharathi Parameswaran
Department of Social Science

GLIMPSES OF TEACHERS' APPRECIATION DAY



Mr. Gokul Nath receiving appreciation certificate from our beloved Principal



Ms. Ambujavalli receiving appreciation certificate from our beloved Principal



Ms. Sathya Devi receiving appreciation certificate from our beloved Principal.



Ms. Lakshmi Neeraja receiving appreciation certificate from our much-loved Principal.



Ms. Theresa receiving appreciation certificate from our dear Principal.



Ms. Sudha Banerjee receiving appreciation certificate from our beloved Principal.

ICSE RESULTS 2017-18



ICSE Results 100% Pass

Overall Topper



Meenakshi

96%

Top Scorers in Math,Phy,Chem,Bio,Comp.Sci



Meenakshi

99.6%



Harish

90.3%



Sujit

87.6%

Subject Toppers



Math-100
Phy,Chem,Bio-99
Comp.Sci-100



Eng-92
Tamil-92
HCG-93



Art-90
Hindi-87



Kannada-90

Commercial
Studies-88



Physical
Edu-92



EVS- 87

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Theatre is an age old art of expression, usually performed on stage, either to inform or entertain an audience. This is a unique art form where we witness a perfect confluence of various other aspects of creativity, such as music, dance as well as performance. At Primrose, we attribute immense importance to theatre and our objective is to use this as an effective medium to build the confidence of our children. It will enable our kids to come out of their shells and discover the joy of communication. We feel that theatre plays a crucial role in improving an individual's communication skills and so, we have made it mandatory for all classes.

In my experience, children usually take to theatre like fish to water. It is an instant hit with most of the children across all grades (Std: KG-IX). However, we do face a few sceptics who feel that it distracts them from mainstream academics. It gives me a great deal of joy to say that even these children alter their attitude once we start our classes. We kick-started the programme by beginning with a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Children began to enjoy and appreciate the many lessons they learnt through these classes. Some of the key aspects that I addressed through theatre are: creativity and spontaneity, learning the value of collaborative effort, discovering one's strengths and weaknesses, uninhibited communication, overcoming language barriers, mental and physical fitness, learning from peers, accepting failures, tolerance, inclusive learning, accepting and appreciating others – the list can go on and on!

I truly believe that theatre is a breather for today's children and parents and it makes us all snap out of the virtual world and embrace our 'real' world. Our classes will certainly help our Primbuds blossom into confident children and it will contribute to their overall growth, development and well-being. I feel very honoured and proud to be a part of this initiative.



Ms. Praveena Amalan
Teacher

FOR THE LOVE OF THOSE DEAR MOMENTS IN LIFE!

A question for you...

How many DEAR moments do you experience every day?

If you are wondering why I have opened my column with a question, I have only this to say in my defense - I am a teacher and it is second nature for me to ask questions. I probably do it in my sleep, but fortunately (for both you and me), neither of us has ever heard me!

And after beating around the bush (another thing that is habitual to us teachers), I am back to the topic of this piece. How many DEAR moments do you allow yourself in your life?

In case you are confused (very characteristic of you students) and are wondering why I persist in capitalising DEAR... let me explain. DEAR is an acronym for Drop Everything And Read. So tell me now, how many of these moments do you permit yourself?

I can hear a volley of voices (all yours) calling out to me. Some are rather frantic. They seem to candidly say to me, "SPARE ME THIS LECTURE! ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT MY LIFE IS BOGGED DOWN BY BOOKS? CAN'T YOU EVER LET US BE??"

The others, (thank God for this variety!) are more obliging. They know that they need to read more but don't know how to go about it... And well, can anyone blame them? There is so much to study, so much to play, so much to watch on T.V, so much to chat about and then so much to text about! Can't you see that despite the intent, there is simply no time?

I agree. There is a world of things to do but not a world of time to do it in. And somehow this wonderful insight that is so apparent to every school-goer is absolutely unintelligible to the retired-from-school parent or the never-to-retire-from-school- in- the-near-future teacher!

But despite your irrefutably wise arguments, let us briefly consider what reading can do for you —

Reading offers arm chair travel:

Reading is travelling sans expense. A book opens up a whole new view of the world. You can visit the most exotic sites; you can transcend the universe or travel in time. There are scores of genres to choose from. And all this can be done sitting down in the comfort of your living room! No sweat. No toil. You just need to keep your book and your inner eye, open!

Reading offers relief plus reputation:

Now imagine yourself in a place or situation among people you don't have much to say to. Instead of grabbing your mobile phone or gadget (and risk being branded an anti-social creature or a gadget freak) open a book! You will see that contrary to being 'branded' with some unflattering titles, you will be showered with generous praise! Remember... everyone admires and looks up to a person who reads good books!

Reading offers new packaging for gadget geeks:

Now, who said that books need to be big and heavy? Those of you who dislike heavy packages, can always opt for the electronic book. Fetch yourself a Kindle. This slim portable device makes it possible for you to store a few hundred books in it. Alternately, there are apps that allow you to download books on your mobile phone or gadget. Try the electronic book. It has twin advantages...you can have the time of your life and yet look cool!

You know, this happens to me all the time. I forever find myself in waiting rooms, engulfed by a flood of humanity comprising of Olympian 'texters'! I have yet to fathom who, this creed texts or what the members of this fraternity do with their lives that warrants so much texting! (This will make an interesting topic of discussion for another article, won't it? There I go again! My apologies for going round in circles and explaining everything, a tad too much!)

And going back to the topic on hand, the next time, you find yourself waiting in an airport, a railway lounge or a long queue — If you ever find yourself in some such spot, just make yourself some DEAR time. And how do you do this? Just flip the word - You will get READ. Go ahead! Read a book!



Meenakshi Nagaraj
HOD English Department

THAT MILLION-DOLLAR SMILE!

“I love people who make me laugh. I honestly think it’s the thing I like most. To laugh, it cures a multitude of ills. It’s probably the most important thing in a person.” - Audrey Hepburn

Cheerfulness stems from an innate sense of goodness. A smile can be fake or genuine. I feel we should always find one that comes from our ‘heart’! I smile and laugh a lot and trust me, it is far easier to smile than exert all those muscles to frown! And anyway, who likes to be around a grouch? No one except a bigger grouch! A smile is infectious and it is an inexpensive accessory that improves your face value.

Moreover, a smile cost us absolutely nothing. It enriches those who receive it without impoverishing the ones giving it. The memory of a smiling face makes a lasting impression. It creates an atmosphere of joy and positivity at home and fosters a sense of goodwill at the workplace. Needless to say, a smile lays the foundation for any friendship or relationship.

When we smile, it gives rest to the weary soul, brings a ray of sunshine when sad, and proves to be an antidote for all kinds of trouble! It cannot be begged, borrowed or stolen as it is worth nothing to anyone until it is willingly given away.

So, remember all the things I have said about smiling. As a teacher also, I feel that every student who meets and greets us, immediately feels at home, when we give them one of our brightest smiles! Sometimes, your friends, relatives or acquaintances maybe too tired or exhausted to smile at you. Give them one of your most generous and wide smiles as no one needs it more than a person who is not in a position to give you one.

What are you waiting for? Go ahead, give me that million-dollar smile!



R. Rajalakshmi
Science Teacher

NAME GAME!

Let us all play a game,
Each number has its very own name!
We begin with the number one,
This is going to be so much fun!
Let's go on to the number two,
Say it with me as you always do.
Next we have number three,
Say it right, three, not tree!
Along comes our friend, Mr. Four,
Learning numbers is never a bore!
Give it up for our pal, five,
Into the number pool we dive!
Come , dear number six,
There's no problem you cannot fix!
Following six is number seven,
Four more to go to meet eleven!
Say hi to number eight,
Almost done with our song, please wait!
There, there, we have number nine,
This is a song, that's yours and mine!
And finally we have number ten,
It's his favourite, our dear Ben!



R.Rekha
Kindergarten Teacher

OUR SHINING LITTLE STARS !

“Your talent is a gift from God. What you do with it is your gift to Him.” At Primrose, we truly believe that each and every child is blessed with some inherent strength, some God given talent. We were proved right when we held our KG Project Day.

The Project Day for our Prim buds was held on the 23rd of September, 2017. The themes we chose for our lower kindergarten children was the solar system and the upper kindergarten dealt with seasons. Each and every child rose up to the challenge and all of them participated with energy and enthusiasm. It was the perfect opportunity for them to showcase their talents and we can say with utmost confidence that they all made full use of it.

The entire show went smoothly but my personal favourite of that day will have to be the impressive entry made by our tiny tots. They danced with grace and fervour. The fashion parade to present the planets of our solar system was also very nicely done. As they performed, some of the little ones forgot their moves and it was absolutely adorable to watch their expressions. They stole everyone’s hearts and their innocence is what makes them so special.

Despite the short time span to prepare, the Project Day was well planned and executed. I feel very proud and honoured to be part of this whole venture and I am eagerly looking forward to 2018 when a new bunch of bright, sprightly little ones will take the stage and make it their own.



Reshma .R
Kindergarten Teacher

FORGETTING A FRIEND

I often wonder if I, in my innocence could do
A careless blunder as not understand a friendship true
Tis hard to always remember some matters till the end
So Lord, save me from the crime of forgetting a friend!

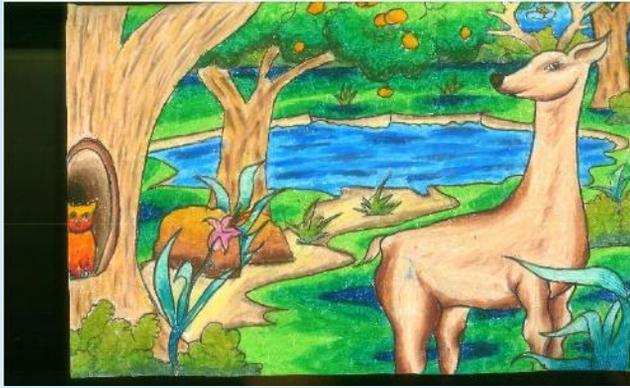
I should not sin and not begin to break a heart in two
A heart you win and live within is wealth in hands of few
A broken heart is a broken heart that tears cannot mend
So Lord, save me from the crime of forgetting a friend!

Friendship, love and affection are things beyond a price
To gather or to scatter them remains, your choice
Tis foolishness to make a mess of love that pure hearts lend
So Lord, save me from the crime of forgetting a friend!

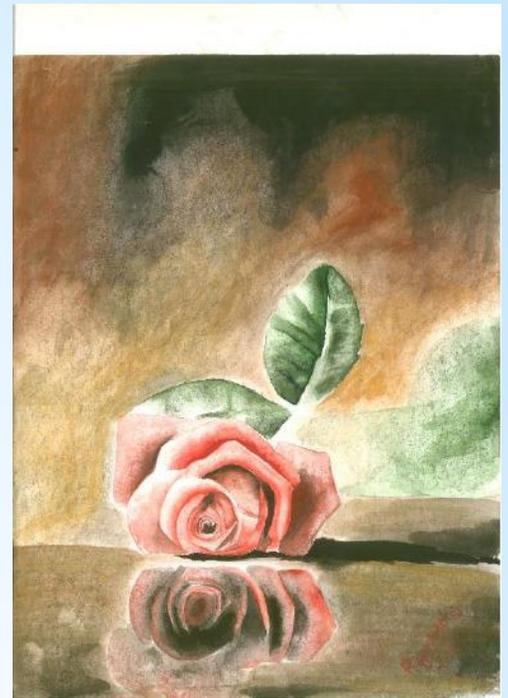


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Class X



Riya Antony
Class X



Ameya Hiranmaye
Class III



Riya Antony
Class X