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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

The gentle flow of "Breeze" is expected to generate a lot of interest amongst its readers to learn more about the progress in promoting Blossom Bluebells as a model school aimed at imparting meaningful education to young boys and girls. Being a part of the Blossom family gives Bluebells the advantage of being able to use the rich experience gained in the field of education for almost 15 years. We have made a good beginning by commencing the Kindergarten classes and will be adding one class every year as we progress. Our new campus is under construction and will be ready for use in June, 2016 for the next academic year. The campus is coming up on a nine acre plot with a nice plan providing for all the infrastructure required to make the school-going experience interesting for all our children. A lush green and lovely campus with an amazing ambience is getting ready to welcome our children from Std-I onwards for the coming academic year. The full-fledged campus as per our master plan will be in place in the next few years.

India is a so-called independent nation with people who have become prisoners of the past. Real independence will see the light of the day only when our people become more self-disciplined and gain the courage to question those in the Government and the politicians whenever they indulge in wrong doing, which is perhaps what most of them keep doing most of the time. The role of our teachers in preparing and training our youth to emerge as fearless citizens with faith in honesty is becoming more significant and important in the present context. Swami Vivekananda said many years ago that "Fearlessness is the only religion that ought to be taught." The role of the teaching community in removing the fear for the Government, Politicians and Bureaucrats from the minds of the people is what can transform India into a truly independent nation. It is sad that even after 68 years of having attained independence, we are still in the clutches of a corrupt and faulty administration with a frequent fear of being victimized by a vindictive set of small minded people occupying positions of power. Education is meant to empower the youth to enable themselves lead a decent, disciplined and dignified life. Building self-esteem is the biggest responsibility when it comes to providing quality education. A fearless life filled with free thinking and preparing the youth for careers with compassion as the base has to be the objective of every educational institution engaged in nation-building.

Wishing all the readers of "Breeze" a "blissful experience" and all our children of "Bluebells" a "happy schooling"

A.Alagappan, Director

HAPPENINGS AT BLOSSOM BLUEBELLS:

Our school closed for summer vacation on March 28th, 2015 and re-opened for first term of current academic year on June 8th, 2015. A special summer schooling for children of age group 3 - 6 years was organised at Blossom Bluebells campus from March 30th to April 24th 2015 with emphasis on dancing, singing, speaking, drawing & creative thinking.

The staff of Blossom Bluebells underwent an orientation program focusing on the subject "Teaching is a challenge". This was a refresher course aimed at revitalizing the staff to perform better in the coming academic year. The Blossom Bluebells campus has now been given a facelift. A public address system, connecting the Campus Head to every class room has been installed to enable free access for conducting assembly, making announcements and singing sessions on a daily basis.

For the first time Blossom Bluebells introduced a concept called "Home Visit" where the class teacher personally visits the home of each individual child in her class and it was successfully executed in the month of July with great feedback from the parents and children. The children were very excited and were eagerly waiting for their class teacher to come home to give them a warm welcome. Home Visit created a beautiful bond between the Parents/grandparents and the class teacher which provided some private space to share a lot of useful information with a single minded goal of what's best for the child. We would like to thank all the parents for their co-operation and wonderful support.

Yet another initiative was the launch of Froebel Blocks which helps young children learn through play-way method. This addresses the needs of an individual child and accelerates his/her learning. It creates an amazing classroom environment which brings about connections between multiple topics so that the child understands the concepts easily.

We have "Mixed Day" on first Friday of every month. Children are divided into small groups and each group consists of one Pre-kg, L.K.G, U.K.G and standard I. This has developed a fresh perspective to enhance the value and quality of education. A mixed group prepares children to mingle with different age group. We witness the eldest of the group taking responsibility to lead the group and the younger ones learn from their peer group which is highly appreciable.

Clay Modelling classes are conducted once a week as the tactile nature of clay lets young children develop their imaginations while having fun. Studies have proved that playing with clay improves their fine motor skills and gives a grip to their tender fingers.

Several other initiatives for Std I were introduced such as - I love to brush - a badge was given to children who brush twice a day, Kid of the Week - Two kids are selected on a weekly basis and other children are encouraged to share their views on them. A fortnightly activity book titled "WHALE" - 'Wonderful Homework and Little Extra', 'Read a book a Week' the flagship programs of Blossom Bluebells are continued this year also with the same zeal. Farm Animals Day was celebrated in the month of July with lots of fun and frolic. 'I Love India' contest was conducted on August 14, 2015. Children took part with lot of enthusiasm and bagged prizes in Singing, Recitation & Fancy Dress competitions.

Children of L.K.G, U.K.G. & Std. I went on a field trip to Fire Station & U.K.G & Std. I children also went to Ceylon Dason Bakery-Factory in the month of August, 2015. Children of pre K.G. were taken to Hotel Parisutham for "The Pool Fun Day", as they enjoyed swimming in the baby pool. After school activities such as Art & Craft, Bharatanatyam & Western Dance have been launched at our campus which is intended to develop the hidden talents and interest of children.

SHAKE IT OFF & STEP UP!!!!!!!

Once upon a time there was a farmer who had an old mule. The mule fell into a deep dry well and began to cry loudly. Hearing his mule cry, the farmer came over and assessed the situation. The well was deep and the mule was heavy. He knew it would be difficult, if not impossible, to lift the animal out. Because the mule was old and the well was dry, the farmer decided to bury the animal in the well. In this way he could solve two problems: put the old mule out of his misery and have his well filled. He called upon his neighbors to help him and they agreed to help. To work they went. Shovel full of dirt after shovel full of dirt began to fall on the mule's back. He became hysterical. Then all of a sudden an idea came to the mule. Each time they would throw a shovel full of dirt on his back he could shake it off and step up. Shovel full after shovel full, the mule would shake it off and step up. Now exhausted and dirty, but quite alive, the mule stepped over the top of the well and walked through the crowd. A great attitude, a great way to approach life.

Too often we hold on to what has happened to us. We hold on to it for a week, a month, even years. We cannot shake it loose from our memory. It eats away at us and steals our joy, happiness and peace of mind. The past hurt can create feelings of bitterness, resentment, anger and revenge. We keep allowing these emotions to be thrown on our backs and if we do nothing, we will be buried deep in the well. Walls will be built in our relationships. We will avoid each other and the cold war begins. But, we have a choice: keep it inside and embrace the hurt or shake it off and step up. Give it a try. Shake it off and step up. Words that have been said or actions that have been done shake it off and step up. Let it go. Whatever it is: a rude comment, a past mistake, being ignored, we can stew over it all week. It occupies us all the time. The cure is to accept what has happened, try to make sense out of it, learn from it, then shake it off and step up. When you let it go you feel free and you are no longer buried in the well.

Once you are on your feet again you can take some action. You decide where you want to grow in life, the direction you want your life to take. You decide whether you will allow the hurt to make you a bitter or a better person. Learn from it! Emerge stronger!

RIDDLES:

- ❖ What has a neck but no head?
Ans : A Bottle
- ❖ Which is the smallest room in the world?
Ans : Mushroom
- ❖ Which part of London is in France?
Ans : The letter 'N'

HA - HA - HAAA:

Principal to a three-year old boy who was seeking admission in school

Principal : Well done, my boy. Now tell me, what are the names of your parents?

Boy : Mummy and Daddy

Anand : I had to quit the aerobics class because I broke a toe.

Suresh : How?

Anand : I don't know. It was not my toe.

Ramesh : How do you keep an idiot waiting?

Dinesh : I'll tell you tomorrow

Come, come sit down with me and rest.” The man sat down and the tree was glad and smiled with tears...

This is a story of everyone. The tree is like our parents.

When we were young, we loved to play with our Mum and Dad...When we grow up, we leave them...only come to them when we need something or when we are in trouble.

No matter what, parents will always be there and give everything they could just to make you happy.

You may think the boy is cruel to the tree, but that is how we treat our parents. We take them for granted we don't appreciate all they do for us, until it's too late.

LOCKED MINDS - OPEN DOORS:

Houdini was a master Magician as well as a fabulous locksmith (A man skilled in opening any lock). He not only boasted but also proved that he could escape from any Jail cell in the World in less than an hour, provided he could go into the cell dressed in street clothes. Soon, Houdini became very famous. A small town in the British Isles built a new Jail they were extremely proud of. They issued Houdini a challenge. “Come give us a try”, they said. Houdini loved the publicity and the money attached with it, so he accepted. The day of the challenge came. By the time Houdini arrived, excitement was at a fever pitch. Houdini rode triumphantly into town and walked into the cell. He proudly walked into the cell and the Big Iron door was closed. Houdini took off his coat and went to work. Secreted in his belt was a flexible tough and durable ten inch piece of steel which he used to work on the lock. At the end of 15 minutes his confident expression had disappeared. At the end of 30 minutes he was looking confused. At the end of an hour he was drenched in perspiration. After two hours Houdini literally collapsed against the door-which opened.....!...

Yes, it had never been locked..... Except in his mind..... Where he viewed it was as firmly locked as if a thousand locksmiths had put their best efforts in making the lock for it. One little push and Houdini could have easily opened the door..... But he didn't. So, don't you think... Many times a little extra push is all you need to open your 'opportunity' door. In the game of life you will discover, as you set your goals and unlock your Mind, that the world will unlock its own treasures and reward you. Realistically, most locked doors are in our minds.

WHERE IS GOD:

A couple had two little boys, ages eight and ten who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be confident that if any mischief occurred in their town, their two young sons were involved in some capacity. The parents were at their wits and as to what to do about their son's behaviour. The parents had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so they contacted him, and he agreed to give it his best shot. He asked to see the boys individually, so the eight - year - old was sent to meet him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly. “Where is God?” The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, “Where is God?” Again the boy made no attempt to answer, so the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, “WHERE IS GOD?” At that, the boy bolted from the room, ran directly home and slammed himself in his closet. His older brother, followed him into the closet and said, “What happened” The younger brother replied, “we are in big trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it”.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S EXPRESSION:

Blossom Bluebells has entered its third year in June 2015 and its worth mentioning that the progress made has been remarkable & satisfying. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all our parents for the confidence reposed in us by sending their children to Blossom Bluebells. The initial support received by them in the building of an institution is invaluable and they have inspired us to carry on with courage in fulfilling our commitment to the cause of education.

A good teacher has been defined as one who makes herself progressively unnecessary. To begin, a teacher is a guide and in the end the teacher is a spectator - seeing the results of all the teaching done inside the classrooms. The result of good education should be establishment of a good society. Education is the systematic, purposeful reconstruction of experience and the providers of education have to learn more and more in order to teach better.

Blossom Bluebells - Thirukkanurpatti campus is under construction and work is progressing at a quick pace. Our campus will be ready to occupy from June 2016 for primary children.

BREEZE - our half-yearly school bulletin, is reaching out its readers with quality information aimed at helping us understand the real meaning of life and how education should discipline each and every individual in the building of a better world. Guiding parents and teachers towards the goal of bringing up children effectively is the main objective of our school bulletin.

A.Valliappan, Executive Director

POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING:

Jerry is the manager of a restaurant in America. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would always reply, “If I were any better, I would be twins!”

Many of the waiters at his restaurant quit their jobs when he changed jobs, so they could follow him around from restaurant to restaurant. The reason the waiters followed Jerry was because of his attitude. He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Jerry was always there, telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Jerry and asked him, “I don't get it! No one can be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?” Jerry replied, “Each morning I wake up and say to myself, I have two choices today. I can choose to be in a good mood or I can choose to be in a bad mood. I always choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I always choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I always choose the positive side of life.” “But it's not always that easy,” I protested. “Yes, it is,” Jerry said “Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. It's your choice how you live your life.”

Several years later, I heard that Jerry accidentally did something you are never supposed to do in the restaurant business: left the back door of his restaurant open one morning and was robbed by three armed men. While trying to open the safe, his hand, shaking from nervousness slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him. Luckily, Jerry was found quickly and rushed to the hospital. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of

intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullets still in his body. I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Want to see my scars?" I declined to see his wounds, but did ask him what had gone through his mind as the robbery took place. "The first thing that went through my mind was that I should have locked the back door," Jerry replied. "Then, after they shot me, as I lay on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or choose to die. I chose to live." "Weren't you scared?" I asked. Jerry continued, "The paramedics were great. They kept telling me. I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the Emergency Room and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read 'He's a dead man.' I knew I need to take action."

"What did you do?" I asked. "Well, there was a big nurse shouting questions at me," said Jerry. "She asked if I was allergic to anything." 'Yes,' I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Bullets!' Over their laughter, I told them, 'I am choosing to live. Please operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.'" Jerry lived thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day you have the choice to either enjoy your life or to hate it. The only thing that is truly yours that no one can control or take from you is your attitude, so if you can take care of that, everything else in life becomes much easier.

All depends upon the choice of the force that you allow to make use of you as its instrument. And the choice has to be made at every moment of your life.

SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE:

When your child begins school, it ventures out into a world beyond her family, with new friendship, teachers and a different structure for learning. This new arena for learning is continually changing; there will be new teachers, subjects, classmates, and expectations. Continue to provide security and a predictable routine at home to create a safe place to return to at the end of each school day to maximize its learning.

Daily Opportunities to Learn:

- ❖ Encourage your child to be a good thinker and problem solver; praise these efforts whenever you see them in action.
- ❖ Look for your child's areas of interest and explore these interest together with reading, conversations, and field trips.
- ❖ Support his efforts to learn to read and write, spell and do maths. Find ways to work these activities into your at-home time. Together, count similar items in the pantry, read labels and so on.
- ❖ Begin to encourage your child to develop good study habits.
- ❖ Assume the role of "homework consultant", be available to assist in a secondary, supporting role, but let your child do the homework.
- ❖ Supplement any weak areas in your child's schooling with learning and thinking activities at home: creative projects, brain storming.
- ❖ Have lively conversations that include your child and encourage her participation and opinions.
- ❖ Give your child pats on the back for hard work.
- ❖ Be available as a good, steady listener for concerns and problems with school and peers.
- ❖ Be committed to intervening to solve significant school problems that interfere with your child's educational goals.

WORLD IS ONE & SO IS MANKIND:

There was a young executive who came home one day with a bag full of work. His five-year-old son wanted to play with him but the father said, "Son, I've a lot of work to do, I'm behind in my office". The son said, "Dad, when I am behind in school they put me in a slower group. Why don't they put you in a slower group?" The father replied, "No Son, it doesn't work that way in the corporate world." But the child didn't understand. He still wanted to play. The father finally thought of a way to keep the child occupied so that he could get on with his work. He had a magazine with a picture of the world on the cover. He pulled out the page and tore it into a number of small pieces, called his son and said, "Son, go put this picture of the world together and when you are done I'll come and play". He knew that it would take several hours. But within five minutes his son came back and said: "Dad, I am done," The man couldn't believe it till he saw it was all done." He asked "Son, how did you do it? I need to learn from you." The son replied, "Dad, it was easy. On the other side of the picture of the world, was the picture of a man. All I did was to put the man together and turn it the other way round and the world came together.

Message : 'U' & 'I' stands for UNITY and together we can scale newer heights. Uniting mankind will make the world a better place.

THE BOY & THE APPLE TREE:

A long time ago, there was a huge apple tree. A little boy loved to come and play around it every day. He climbed to the treetop, ate the apples, took a nap under the shadow..he loved the tree and the tree loved to play with him. Time went by...the little boy had grown up and he no longer played around the tree every day.

One day, the boy came back to the tree and he looked sad. "Come and play with me" the tree asked the boy. "I am no longer a kid, I do not play around trees anymore" the boy replied."I want toys. I need money to buy them."

"Sorry, but I do not have money... but you can pick all my apples and sell them. So, you will have money." The boy was so excited. He grabbed all the apples on the tree and left happily. The boy never came back after he picked the apples. The tree was sad.

One day, the boy who now turned into a man returned and the tree was excited "Come and play with me" the tree said. "I do not have time to play. I have to work for my family. We need a house for shelter. Can you help me?" "Sorry, but I do not have any house. But you can chop off my branches to build your house." So the man cut all the branches of the tree and left happily. The tree was glad to see him happy but the man never came back since then. The tree was again lonely and sad.

One hot summer day, the man returned and the tree was delighted. "Come and play with me!" the tree said. "I am getting old. I want to go sailing to relax myself. Can you give me a boat?" said the man. "Use my trunk to build your boat. You can sail far away and be happy." So the man cut the tree trunk to make a boat. He went sailing and never showed up for a long time.

Finally, the man returned after many years. "Sorry, my boy, But I do not have anything for you anymore. No more apples for you..." the tree said. "No problem, I do not have any teeth to bite" the man replied. "No more trunk for you to climb on" "I am too old for that now" the man said. "I really cannot give you anything... the only thing left is my dying roots" the tree said with tears. "I do not need much now, just a place to rest. I am tired after all these years" the man replied. "Good! Old tree roots are the best place to lean on and rest,