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#### **FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:**

Life becomes easier when you delete the negative people from it. Getting rid of negativity is a great attempt to give yourself a good life. Positive thinking is the first step towards progress. All successful people are positive thinkers. "Never be negative" is an important point to be borne in mind when it comes to dealing with children. Being positive and appreciative are the only ways by which we can push our children up towards the pinnacle of success. A single negative word can dampen the spirit of sweet little children who have no idea of what is going on around them. Parents and teachers have to be very positive in dealing with children and must make every attempt to appreciate and applaud them for their small successes. This will pave the way for them to scale greater heights in future. Making children smile and twinkle and making them shine and sparkle are essential to our everyday life at Blossom Bluebells.

As we continue with our mission of imparting meaningful education to young children at Blossom Bluebells, we are constantly under pressure to get our children connected to character formation. In a chaotic world such as the one we are living in, there is abundance of intelligence and a dearth of character. There is so much of falsehood and very little of truth. There is a lot of love for wealth and power and very little respect for being humane and good hearted. In short, there is more of evil and less of good which forces us to live in fear. This social insecurity is slowly spreading and the need to make human life simple, safe and secure is gaining momentum.

Educating children is far less challenging when compared to educating adults. We live in a society where we are trying to teach our children about things which they can never witness. We talk to them about good manners with no illustration whatsoever. We keep talking and talking without showing them any of those things in action. This is the real tragedy. If all of us can make our life a lesson and lead by example, only then will we be able to teach our children something more meaningful and that will be the real education that we can offer our children. Text books alone do not matter. Those who teach matter more.

"If education fails our youth, everything that follows will be a failure". Let us hope that the education system will emerge more meaningful and make life better for all of us and that India as a nation will be filled with citizens of integrity and intelligence.

A.Alagappan, Director

## HAPPENINGS AT BLOSSOM BLUEBELLS:

Our school closed for summer vacation on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and re-opened for first term of current academic year on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 for nursery & June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for primary section at our new campus @ Thirukkanoorpatti. A special summer schooling for children of age group 3 - 8 years was organized at Blossom Bluebells campus with emphasis on dancing, singing, speaking, drawing & creative thinking. Several additional facilities for our children have been added in the new campus. All efforts are being taken to make our campus green and to provide a pleasant environment. Three new vans providing additional transport facilities have been put into use and we now operate four vans in our primary section named after the animals Lion, Tiger, Giraffe & Rabbit and two vans are operated in our nursery section named after cartoons Chota Bheem and Barbie. For the second consecutive year Blossom Bluebells successfully organized "**Home Visit**" in the month of July where the class teacher personally visits the home of each individual child in her class.

**Play First, Work Next** - Kids are full of energy and having them trapped in a classroom all day is not easy. We at Bluebells allow children to play for first 20 minutes of every day at Umbrella corner & Centre Court in our primary section, to keep their energy levels high throughout the day. This fun-filled approach enables our little children not just to learn but to make them like to learn. This has opened the young minds and they are all set to make a head start in their educational careers.

Yet another initiative was the launch of **JET Club - Just Express your Talents** at our primary campus to encourage and motivate children to bring out their innate talents. As part of this club Elocution and Hand Writing competitions were held in the month of July. '**I Love India**' contest was conducted on August 16, 2016 at our nursery campus. Children took part with lot of enthusiasm and bagged prizes in Singing, Recitation & Fancy Dress competitions.

**Class Assembly** is being conducted every month at our primary campus involving every child to participate and to inculcate public speaking skills. Class II - D & Class II - V have successfully completed their class assembly.

**Farm Animals Day** was celebrated in the month of July with lots of fun and frolic. Children enjoyed the bullock cart ride and display of live animals and birds in the school campus has added a lot of life and enthusiasm amongst our children besides cultivating in them the habit of loving and caring for animals. **Edusports, Froebel, Western Dance, Art/ Craft & Clay Modelling** are other value additions along with the academics. As part of Edusports, micro events were conducted and certificates/badges were provided to children.

After school activities such as **Art & Craft, Bharatanatyam, Western Dance, Vocal Music & Keyboard** has been launched at nursery campus which is intended to develop the hidden talents and interest of the child.

**Field Trip** - Children of L.K.G & U.K.G. went on a field trip to our primary campus and mobile planetarium was setup showcasing the Journey to Space & Beyond. Std. I & II children went to an Organic Vegetable Farm in Villar in the month of August, 2016. Children of Pre K.G. were taken to Hotel Parisutham for "**The Pool Fun Day**", as they enjoyed swimming in the baby pool.

**Special Days** - Fruits Day, Hand Wash Day, Veggie Wednesday and Neat & Tidy Monday were all celebrated to highlight the importance of healthy habits through play way method.

**Five Senses Day** was held on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the last working day of the first semester. **Counselling Day** - Assessment report card is prepared based on skill sets of each individual child and a discussion space is created during parent teachers meeting.

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## HAPPINESS IS IN YOUR HANDS:

There once was a very poor man living in a village who had a very fine horse. So fine, in fact, that the lord of the castle wanted to buy it. But the old man always refused. "To me this horse is not merely an animal. He's a friend. How could I sell you my friend?" One morning he went to the stable and found his horse gone. All the villagers said, "We told you! You should have sold the horse. Now he's been stolen instead. What terrible luck." "Bad luck or good luck," the old man said, "Who can say?" Everyone laughed at him.

But 15 days later the horse returned, followed by a whole herd of wild horses. He had escaped from the stable, courted a young mare, and returned with the rest of herd following behind! "What luck!" the villagers cried. The old man and his son began training the wild horses. But a week later the man's son broke his leg trying to train one of the horses. "Bad luck," said the friends. "What are you going to do now without your son to help you? You who are already so poor." "Bad luck, good luck, who can say?" the old man replied.

A few days later an army belonging to the lord of the land passed through the village and forced all the young men to become soldiers. All except the old man's son, because of his broken leg. "How lucky are you," the villagers cried. "All our children are gone to war, but you've been able to keep your son. Our sons will probably be killed." The old man replied, "Bad luck, good luck... who can say?"

The future comes to us in bits and pieces. We never know what lies in store for us. But if you always maintain a positive attitude the doors of chance remain open, and you will be a happier person.

"Remember that happiness doesn't depend on what you are or on what you possess but only on how you think." "Contentment brings happiness even in poverty. Discontentment brings poverty, even in wealth."

## HA - HA - HAAA:

A man was riding in the back of his limo when he saw a man eating grass by the roadside. He ordered his driver to stop and he got out to investigate.

"Why are you eating grass?" he asked the man. "I don't have any money for food" the poor man replied.

"oh please come to my home" said the rich man.

"but sir, I have a wife and 4 children".

"bring them along!" the rich man said.

They all climbed in the limo and half way away the poor fellow said, "Sir you are too kind. Thank you for taking us all in".

The rich man replied, "No, you don't understand. The grass at my house is over 3 feet tall!"



A guy was driving when a policeman pulled him over. He rolled down his window and said to the officer, "Is there a problem, Officer?"

"No problem at all. I just observed your safe driving and am pleased to award you a \$5,000 Safe Driver Award. Congratulations. What do you think you're going to do with the money?"

He thought for a minute and said, "Well, I guess I'll go get that drivers' license."

I had been doing this far for nearly 3 months now. I am sure you will appreciate my insight and “big heart”.

I am of course retaining the Originals that I had retrieved for the purpose of Passport verification with me, considering it as a parting gift from you. Of course, I will not pay the bond amount that I owe the company (since I am breaking the bond). But I will consider this as a parting gift from our dear company. I moving out of town since the new company is situated in another city. Also, I have changed my contact number. So you will not be able to get in touch with me, to congratulate me. But I know your blessings are always with me. Last but not the least. I also have the Rs. 12000 entrusted to me by our company’s cultural events group, for the upcoming movie event. I am sure you would have wanted me to keep it with myself as an added bonus from our company. I respect you very much, hence your wish is my command. Don’t worry sir. I am 2 years experienced now, learning so much from your company. So I will surely use this knowledge to write better programs for the new company. Someday I’m sure we will meet sometime in the future. If you wish, I will surely be glad to give my employee reference for you to apply for a job in the new company which I am joining.

Your faithful employee,  
S. W. Engineer

At the bottom of the page were the letters “PS”. Hands still trembling, the Boss read:

PS: Dearest Boss, none of the above is true. I’m am still busy working at client side. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than my “Request to reconsider my salary appraisal” attached with this mail. Please approve it and call when it is safe for me to come to our Office to discuss this.

My respect and best regards to you!

#### **FOOLISH FENCING:**

A kangaroo at the Sydney zoo kept getting out of his enclosure every night.

Knowing that mature kangaroos could hop very high, the zoo officials replaced the eight-foot fence with a ten-foot fence. He was out the next morning, just roaming around the zoo. They tore down the ten-foot fence and put up a fifteen-foot fence.

He was out again the next morning. A twenty-foot fence was put up. Again he got out. When the fence was forty feet high, a camel in the next enclosure asked the

kangaroo, “How high do you think they’ll go?”

The kangaroo said, “About a thousand feet, unless somebody thinks to lock the gate at night!”

#### **A LASTING LESSON:**

During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: “What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?” Surely, this was some kind of joke.

I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank.

Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. “Absolutely,” said the professor. “In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say ‘hello’.” I’ve never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S EXPRESSION:**

Holidays are over and now it’s back to school - “Back to Bluebells”. A new campus, new class, new books, a new bag, a new uniform. Another year of school has begun. Most children are expected to make the adjustments necessary. This is a period of transition, and if handled well, the child will have learnt lessons in adjustments, accommodation and assertiveness.

We at Blossom Bluebells begin the day with a couple of songs & allow our children to play for the first 20 minutes of their day. I think all children, if they had the opportunity of starting the day with a couple of songs & play, it could activate the learning process and perhaps perform much more effectively during the rest of the day.

‘Emotions are the engines for learning’. During the first several years of school, many children have trouble sitting still, waiting to take their turns, staying focused on their task and controlling their emotions.

Success at school won’t necessarily come naturally to every child. But beyond these typical transitional adjustments, children will likely need the help of their parents to get involved in the activities especially in completing their homework. So parents need to stay involved in their child’s educational life. This translates to regularly showing interest, being available to listen, to help brainstorm to know who the teachers are, the subjects, the books and school related issues. This doesn’t mean doing your child’s homework but helping them to develop good study habits and listening to what your child wants to tell you.

Blossom Bluebells is fully focused on its four-point formula of Happy Children, Loving Teachers, Proud Parents & Progressive Society forming the four walls of a fabulous world - a dream world. We must encourage our children to dream differently for their betterment and also keep reminding them that they have the power not only to dream but they also have the power to make their dreams come true.

May we sincerely hope to make this a reality as we move ahead into the future.

May I take this opportunity to wish all the readers of “BREEZE” a happy and fun filled life.

A.Valliappan, Executive Director

#### **SPILT MILK - STOP CRYING BUT KEEP TRYING:**

Have you heard of the story - spilt milk? Well, we all know there is no use crying over spilt milk. But this story is different. I would hope all parents would respond in this manner.

I recently heard a story about a famous research scientist who had made several very important medical breakthroughs. He was being interviewed by a newspaper reporter who asked him why he thought he was able to be so much more creative than the average person. What set him so far apart from others?

He responded that, in his opinion, it all came from an experience with his mother that occurred when he was about two years old. He had been trying to remove a bottle of milk from the refrigerator when he lost his grip on the slippery bottle and it fell, spilling its contents all over the kitchen floor - a veritable sea of milk!

When his mother came into the kitchen, instead of yelling at him, giving him a lecture, or punishing him, she said, “Robert, what a great and wonderful mess you have made! I have rarely seen such a huge puddle of milk. Well, the damage has already been done. Would you like to get down and play in the milk for a few minutes before we clean it up?”

Indeed, he did. After a few minutes, his mother said, "You know, Robert, whenever you make a mess like this, eventually you have to clean it up and restore everything to its proper order. So, how would you like to do that? We could use a sponge, a towel, or a mop. Which do you prefer?" He chose the sponge and together they cleaned up the spilled milk.

His mother then said, "You know, what we have here is a failed experiment in how to effectively carry a big milk bottle with two tiny hands. Let's go out in the back yard and fill the bottle with water and see if you can discover a way to carry it without dropping it." The little boy learned that if he grasped the bottle at the top near the lip with both hands, he could carry it without dropping it. What a wonderful lesson!

This renowned scientist then remarked that it was at that moment that he knew he didn't need to be afraid to make mistakes.

Instead, he learned that mistakes were just opportunities for learning something new, which is, after all, what scientific experiments are all about. Even if the experiment doesn't work, we usually learn something valuable from it.

Wouldn't it be great if all parents would respond the way Robert's mother responded to him?

Every memorable act in the history of the world is a triumph of enthusiasm.

Nothing great was ever achieved without it because it gives any challenge or any occupation, no matter how frightening or difficult, a new meaning.

Without enthusiasm you are doomed to a life of mediocrity but with it you can accomplish miracles.

#### **COMPLICATED CONSULTANCY:**

This is the most amusing short story I have read since long time ago I could remember. Remember not to miss the last word of the last sentence, which is the icing on the cake

A shepherd was herding his flock in a remote pasture when suddenly a brand-new BMW drives up in a cloud of dust. The driver, a young man in an Armani suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leans out the window and asks the shepherd: "If I tell you exactly how many SHEEP you have in your flock, will you give me one?"

The shepherd looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing flock and calmly answers: "Sure. Why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his AT&T cell phone, surfs to a NASA page on the internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite navigation system to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored.

He then accesses a MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with hundreds of complex formulas. He uploads all of this data via an email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-colour, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer and finally turns to the shepherd and says: "You have exactly 1586 sheep."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my sheep.", says the shepherd. He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on amused as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then the shepherd says to the young man: "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my sheep?" "The young man thinks about it for a second and then says: "Okay, why not?"

"You're a consultant." says the shepherd. "Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?" "No guessing required", answered the shepherd.

"You showed up here even though nobody called you;

you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked; and you don't know crap about my business... Now give me back my DOG."

#### **GOLDEN RULES FOR LIVING:**

If you open it, close it.

If you turn it on, turn it off.

If you unlock it, lock it up.

If you break it, admit it.

If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.

If you borrow it, return it.

If you value it, take care of it.

If you make a mess, clean it up.

If you move it, put it back.

If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission.

If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.

If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.

If it isn't broke, don't fix it.

If it will brighten someone's day, say it.

If it will tarnish someone's reputation, keep it to yourself.

#### **WORRYING ABOUT THE WORST:**

A Boss looking through his Mail Box was astonished to see a mail from an Employee who was supposed to be busy working at Client side on a critical project. It had the subject - "TaTa - Bye Bye". With the worst premonition he opened the mail and read the content with trembling hands:-

Dear Sir,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you, but I'm leaving the job. The offer was too lucrative and attractive for me to turn down. I had to abscond because I wanted to avoid a scene with the HR and you. I am sorry but I had no choice.

The project is working fine. There are only 108 issues pending, out of which only 38% issues are High Priority. Hence I am sure there is no need to worry about. The next Phase of major enhancements I have been working upon, have been completed halfway. I am sure the new person who would replace me would not understand what all I had done so far. Hence, for his and your convenience, I have taken care to remove all the work that