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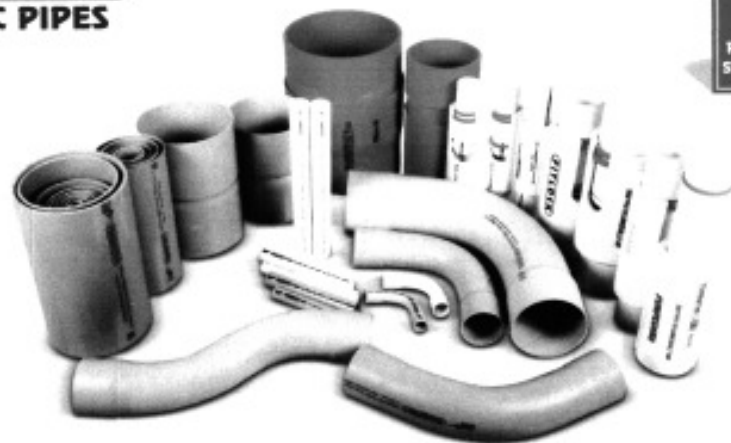
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

I am reminded of Lord Buddha's saying: "The quality of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts". Improving the quality of thinking amongst human beings is the most important purpose of imparting education. To make people right thinking and to make moral values a must in life are extremely essential to enhance the quality of life.

What is taught inside the classroom has no relevance to what prevails in the community outside. This disconnect between what is being taught in schools and what is being practiced in the daily life is dangerous for the future of mankind. Making men right thinking is the only purpose of meaningful education. Being righteous in your thoughts and deeds is what determines whether we are truly human or not. Education must enable the youth to distinguish between the right and the wrong and also be determined not to engage in wrong doing. This is what will pave the way for a civilised society.

Blossom believes in bringing up children with respect for human values and ethics. We would like our children to grow up to become good human beings. We hope to instill in young minds the feeling that we have not come into this world just to make money or acquire power but to lead a life filled with meaning and a purpose to become truly great by being really good. Goodness is that will lead us to greatness.

Moral Science, as a subject, may not find a place in the marksheet that our children will carry with them. But Moral Science has to find a place in every act in life all through. Parents and teachers have to practice what we wish to preach to our children. Otherwise, there will be a lack of credibility on the part of adults to expect the youth to emerge disciplined.

The academic year 2016-17 was another eventful year. Several value addition programs to enhance the curriculum have been planned for the coming years. All efforts are being undertaken to enhance the quality of teaching and learning at Blossom. We sincerely hope to make a progressive approach and make education interesting and useful for all our children. Wishing all our Blossom Bluebells children and parents a happy summer vacation - a time for you to strengthen family bonding and to spend quality time with your children.

A.Alagappan, Director

HAPPENINGS AT BLOSSOM BLUEBELLS:

Little Chef's Day, Blossom Bonanza, In-House Sports, CURIO CITY - a talent exhibition, Honey - Home of Nurturing Energetic Youngsters, Bubbly Buds, Community Helpers Week were held. All the children, parents and teachers were fully involved in the programmes making our campus lively.

Special Days - Floral Friday, Yoga Day, Transport Day, No Moon - Full Moon Day, Oral Hygiene Day, Pet / Wildlife Day & Youth Day were all celebrated to create an interesting learning environment.

To make our Pre-KG children colour conscious, a colour scheme in dressing them was followed for a week during the month of February, 2017. Class photographs covering all the children were taken during first week of March, 2017.

Children's Day competitions such as drawing, colouring, reading & dancing were held in the month of November for our nursery children. Dazzling Dancers, Sizzling Singers & drawing competitions were held as part of **JET club** activities for our primary children. Christmas & Pongal celebrations were held in the campus to highlight the importance of these festivals.

Opening of Blossom Bluebells Nursery & Primary campus @ Thirukannurpatti was held on Saturday, 11th February 2017. Parents, Grandparents & our well-wishers were invited to have a look at the new campus.

The annual Day of our school, named "**Bubbly Buds - 2017**" was celebrated on 18th February, wherein all our children under the able guidance of our teachers performed on stage much to the delight of our parents and grandparents. Outstanding performers both in academics and extra-curricular activities were recognized on this occasion.

Bluebells Garden - A unique concept of involving our primary children to grow their own vegetables was started from the month of December. Spinach, Pumpkin, Double Beans, Bottle Gourd, Rigid Gourd & Ladies Finger were grown, harvested and distributed among them equally. This showcases the importance of organic farming and healthy eating habits among our children.

Class Assembly is being conducted every month at our primary campus involving every child to participate and to inculcate public speaking skills. Class I - K, P & PR have successfully completed their class assembly.

A year end one-to-one meeting of all Pre-K.G. parents along with the concerned class teachers to review the progress of every child was held during the end of this term. This important and interactive session is aimed at understanding every child better and is focused on framing the future with a firm conviction - people at home viz. parents and the people at school viz. teachers have to work in close co-ordination in handling the children with great care and concern.

Our school closes on Friday, 24th March, 2017 and re-opens for the first semester of the academic year 2017-18 on, 5th June, 2017 for our Thirukannurpatti campus children and Thursday, 8th June, 2017 for our Arulanandha Nagar campus children.

Compiled by: V.Sivagami, Academic Coordinator

The moral: Many of us, after experiencing setbacks and failures, emotionally give up and stop trying. Like the shark in the story, we believe that because we were unsuccessful in the past, we will always be unsuccessful. In other words, we continue to see a barrier in our heads, even when no 'real' barrier exists between where we are and where we want to go.

100 WAYS TO PRAISE YOUR CHILD:

- * Wow * Way to Go * Super * You're Special * * Outstanding * Excellent * Great *
- * Good * Neat * Well Done * Remarkable * * I Knew You Could Do It * Fantastic *
- * I'm Proud of You * Super Star * Nice Work * * Looking Good * You're on Top Of It *
- * Beautiful * Now You're Flying * * You're Catching On * Now You've Got It *
- * You're Incredible * Bravo * * You're Fantastic * Hurray for You *
- * You're on Target * You're on Your Way * * How Nice * How Smart * Good Job *
- * That's Incredible * Hot Dog * Dynamite * * You're Beautiful * You're Unique *
- * Nothing Can Stop You Now * Good for You * * I Like You * You're A Winner *
- * Remarkable Job * Beautiful Work * * Spectacular * You're Darling *
- * You're Precious * Great Discovery * * You've Discovered the Secret * Bingo *
- * All Right * You Figured It Out * * Fantastic Job * Magnificent *
- * Hip Hip Hooray * Marvelous * Terrific * * You're Important * Phenomenal *
- * You're Sensational * Super Work * * Creative Job * Super Job *
- * Excellent Job * Exceptional Performance * * You're A Real Trooper *
- * You Are Responsible * You're Exciting * * You Learned It Right *
- * What an Imagination * What A Good Listener * * You're Fun * You Care *
- * You're Growing Up * You Tried Hard * * Beautiful Sharing *
- * Outstanding Performance * You're A Good Friend * * I Trust You * You're Important *
- * You Mean a Lot to Me * You Make Me Happy * * You Belong * You've Got A Friend *
- * You Make Me Laugh * You Brighten My Day * * That's Correct * You're A Joy *
- * I Respect You * You Mean the World to Me * * You're A Treasure * You're Wonderful*
- * You're Awesome * A+ Job * * That's the Best *
- * You're a Leader * My Buddy * * You Make My Day *
- * You're my darling * * You're a real hero *
- * Keep up the good work * * You're gifted *

She is constrained by the fire on the one side & the flowing river on the other & boxed in by her natural predators.

What does she do?

She focuses on giving birth to a new life.

The sequence of events that follows are:

- Lightning strikes & blinds the hunter.
- He releases the arrow which zips past the deer & strikes the hungry lion.
- It starts to rain heavily, & the forest fire is slowly doused by the rain.
- The deer gives birth to a healthy fawn.

In our life too, there are moments of choice when we are confronted on all sides with negative thoughts and possibilities. Some thoughts are so powerful that they overcome us & overwhelm us. Maybe we can learn from the deer.

The priority of the deer, in that given moment, was simply to give birth to a baby. The rest was not in her hands & any action or reaction that changed her focus would have likely resulted in death or disaster.

Ask yourself,

Where is your focus?

Where is your faith and hope?

In the midst of any storm, do keep faith on the Creator always. He will never ever disappoint you. NEVER.

SHARK BAIT:

During a research experiment a marine biologist placed a shark into a large holding tank and then released several small bait fish into the tank.

As you would expect, the shark quickly swam around the tank, attacked and ate the smaller fish.

The marine biologist then inserted a strong piece of clear fiberglass into the tank, creating two separate partitions. She then put the shark on one side of the fiberglass and a new set of bait fish on the other.

Again, the shark quickly attacked. This time, however, the shark slammed into the fiberglass divider and bounced off. Undeterred, the shark kept repeating this behaviour every few minutes to no avail. Meanwhile, the bait fish swam around unharmed in the second partition. Eventually, about an hour into the experiment, the shark gave up.

This experiment was repeated several dozen times over the next few weeks. Each time, the shark got less aggressive and made fewer attempts to attack the bait fish, until eventually the shark got tired of hitting the fiberglass divider and simply stopped attacking altogether.

The marine biologist then removed the fiberglass divider, but the shark didn't attack. The shark was trained to believe a barrier existed between it and the bait fish, so the bait fish swam wherever they wished, free from harm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S EXPRESSION:

The expectations of the student community from the teaching fraternity are very high, hard and intense. The teacher, like a mother is expected to provide on a platter wholesome diet of the subject with creative learning, knowledge and wisdom accompanied by side dishes of attention, understanding, love, kindness, tenderness and gentleness garnished with sense of humour and genuine words of appreciation for a job well done.

It is in the classroom students draw the road map of their lives; it is in the classroom that explosions of their aspirations take place; and at this point of time words of appreciation alone can drive them to epoch - making achievements and dreams. Words of wisdom, encouragement and appreciation uttered by the teacher at the right time, on the right occasion can overhaul a child overnight for the better.

I wish to place on record the good work done by all our teaching, office and support staff and to thank all our children and parents for helping our school make progress through their active participation in all our programmes and events. It has been a long but lovely journey, a hard but happy experience, a strenuous but satisfying proposition. Blossom Bluebells, to all those who are part of it, has been a bountiful blessing and a beautiful bouquet from the hands of God - our guide to goodness - the one and only one who will help us fulfil our promise of promoting a reasonable and reputed school. Team Bluebells is a trustworthy team of involved individuals and motivated men and women fully focused on taking Blossom Bluebells to greater heights.

Wishing all our children a happy summer vacation and all our parents a lovely time with our little ones as Blossom Bluebells awaits the arrival of June, 2017 to start bubbling again.

A.Valliappan, Executive Director

A DISH OF ICE CREAM:

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?"

"50 cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it.

"How much is a dish of plain ice cream?" he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient.

"35 cents," she said brusquely.

The little boy again counted the coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed.

When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were 15 cents - her tip.

THE OBSTACLE IN OUR PATH: ▼

There once was a very wealthy and curious king. This king had a huge boulder placed in the middle of a road. Then he hid nearby to see if anyone would try to remove the gigantic rock from the road.

The first people to pass by were some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers. Rather than moving it, they simply walked around it. A few loudly blamed the King for not maintaining the roads. Not one of them tried to move the boulder.

Finally, a peasant came along. His arms were full of vegetables. When he got near the boulder, rather than simply walking around it as the others had, the peasant put down his load and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. It took a lot of effort but he finally succeeded.

The peasant gathered up his load and was ready to go on his way when he saw a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The peasant opened the purse. The purse was stuffed full of gold coins and a note from the king. The king's note said the purse's gold was a reward for moving the boulder from the road.

The king showed the peasant what many of us never understand: every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

THE DEAN SCHOOLED THEM: ▼

One night four college kids stayed out late, partying and having a good time. They paid no mind to the test they had scheduled for the next day and didn't study. In the morning, they hatched a plan to get out of taking their test. They covered themselves with grease and dirt and went to the Dean's office. Once there, they said they had been to a wedding the previous night and on the way back they got a flat tire and had to push the car back to campus.

The Dean listened to their tale of woe and thought. He offered them a retest three days later. They thanked him and accepted his offer that time.

When the test day arrived, they went to the Dean. The Dean put them all in separate rooms for the test. They were fine with this since they had all studied hard. Then they saw the test. It had 2 questions.

1) Your Name _____ (1 Points)

2) Which tire burst? _____ (99 Points)

Options : (a) Front Left (b) Front Right (c) Back Left (d) Back Right

The lesson: always be responsible and make wise decisions.

THINKING OUT OF THE BOX: ▼

In a small town, few years ago, a small business owner owed a large sum of money to a loan-shark. The loan-shark was a very old, unattractive looking guy that just so happened to fancy the business owner's daughter.

He decided to offer the businessman a deal that would completely wipe out the debt he owed him. However, the catch was that he would only wipe out the debt if he could marry the businessman's daughter. Needless to say, this proposal was met with a look of disgust.

The loan-shark said that he would place two pebbles into a bag, one white and one black.

The daughter would then have to reach into the bag and pick out a pebble. If it was black, the debt would be wiped, but the loan-shark would then marry her. If it was white, the debt would also be wiped, but the daughter wouldn't have to marry the loan-shark.

Standing on a pebble strewn path in the businessman's garden, the loan-shark bent over and picked up two pebbles. Whilst he was picking them up, the daughter noticed that he'd **picked up two black pebbles** and placed them both into the bag. He then asked the daughter to reach into the bag and pick one.

The daughter naturally had three choices as to what she could have done:

Refuse to pick a pebble from the bag.

Take both pebbles out of the bag and expose the loan-shark for cheating.

Pick a pebble from the bag fully well knowing it was black and sacrifice herself for her father's freedom.

She drew out a pebble from the bag, and before looking at it 'accidentally' dropped it into the midst of the other pebbles. She said to the loan-shark;

"OH, HOW CLUMSY OF ME. NEVER MIND, IF YOU LOOK INTO THE BAG FOR THE ONE THAT IS LEFT, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TELL WHICH PEBBLE I PICKED."

The pebble left in the bag is obviously black, and seeing as the loan-shark didn't want to be exposed, he had to play along as if the pebble the daughter dropped was white, and clear her father's debt.

Moral of the story: It's always possible to overcome a tough situation through out of the box thinking, and not give in to the only options you think you have to pick from.

A PREGNANT DEER: ▼

In a forest, a pregnant deer is about to give birth. She finds a remote grass field near a strong-flowing river. This seems a safe place. Suddenly labour pains begin. At the same moment, dark clouds gather around above & lightning starts a forest fire. She looks to her left & sees a hunter with his bow extended pointing at her. To her right, she spots a hungry lion approaching her.

What can the pregnant deer do?

She is in labour!

What will happen?

Will the deer survive?

Will she give birth to a fawn?

Will the fawn survive?

Or will everything be burnt by the forest fire?

Will she perish to the hunters' arrow?

Will she die a horrible death at the hands of the hungry lion approaching her?