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Message From Hon. Principal Madam



“The best way to predict future is to create it”.

The development of a Nation depends upon the educated individuals of the next generation. I believe that education is priority for fine and meaningful existence. In tandem with school’s mission, I lead from the forefront to nurture the global students into men and women, who will be leaders of distinction, committed to the spirit of excellence through high quality education imparted by experienced and caring teachers, building strong virtues and values while focusing on an all-round development, creativity and entrepreneurship.

We are proud to announce that we have achieved 100% result in CBSE Board Examinations 2016.

For success, attitude is equally as important as ability. The school understands the technology and ensures that students have given the necessary resources to keep up with changing times. The school is associated with the British Council and we are the proud owners of the International School Award (ISA) received from them. We are also associated with University of Cambridge and our students are exposed to international exams according to their age and class levels.

Every year the secondary section students participate enthusiastically in PUNE-MUN (Modern United Nations) which gives them an exposure to represent a country as a diplomat in a simulation session. It is beneficial to an individual because each participant has to research and investigate international issues, debate, consult and then develop the solution to the world, which builds up their confidence in language, critical thinking and solving the international issues.

Education for life means to inculcate the basic elements of value education, perseverance, humanity , the virtue of patience and the idea of global citizenship so that they may be able to compete with challenges of the world.

To conclude -

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can!

*Ms. Leena Bhosale
Principal*

Students of City International School, Satatra Road have come out with flying colours by achieving 100 % result in CBSE Board Examination for Std. X.

Grade	CGPA	Total No. Of Students (63)
A1	9.1 to 10	09
A2	9.0 to 9.9	14
B1	8.0 to 8.9	17
B2	7.0 to 7.9	15
C1	6.0 to 6.9	16
C2	5.0 to 5.9	03

School Toppers



Ms. Mukta Wagle
Rank - I
98.4 %



Ms. Aditi Shelke
Rank - II
97.4 %



Ms. Ananya Damodare
Rank - III
95.2 %



Ms. Mansi Kulkarni
Rank - IV
94.6 %



Mast. Kartik Bhutada
Rank - V
94.0 %

STUDENT NAME	PERCENTAGE	PHOTO
DEWANSHI BHARDWAJ	93.60 %	
SHIVANI MOTAGI	92.60%	
RISHABH SINGH	91.80%	
KAUSHAL PUROHIT	91.00%	



PROUD WE STAND !!!

STUDENT NAME	PERCENTAGE	PHOTO
SIDDHANT SANGHVI	90.00%	
PRADNYA MUNGI	89.00%	
SHON CHOPDA	88.80%	
SHREYA JAMSANDEKAR	87.40%	
CHE TAN SONI	87.40%	
SHITAL BHISE	87.20%	
GAYATRI PRABHUMIRASHI	87.00%	
SHAIL SHINGADE	86.00%	
SHIVANGI SINGH	85.80%	

Subject Toppers

STUDENT NAME	SUBJECT	MARKS
MUKTA WAGLE / ANANYA DAMODARE	English	98/100
MUKTA WAGLE	Hindi	97/100
MUKTA WAGLE / ADITI SHELKE	Mathematics	99/ 100
MUKTA WAGLE	Science	99 / 100
ANANYA DAMODARE	Social Science	100 / 100

COMMITTED COMMITTEES ACCOMPLISHING THEIR TASK



First Parent Teacher Association Meeting was held on 2nd July 2016 for Primary and Secondary Section. It started with a big bang when Principal Madam announced that the School has achieved 100% result in CBSE std. X Board Examination.



All the teachers and PTA members were introduced. Principal Madam mentioned that the vital role of PTA is to build strong working relationships among parents, teachers and school in support of students. The main intention is to facilitate parental participation in school.

Emergency Response Committee (ERC) meeting was held on 30th June 2016. The secondary supervisor Ms. Vaishali Palve explained and gave information about the immediate action to be taken against any disaster or natural calamities. Principal Ma'am instructed that ERC should conduct evacuation drills in this academic session



Transport Committee Meeting was held on 21st June 2016 in presence of Ms. Leena Bhosale (Principal), Hon. Mr Babar (Police Superintendent), Mr. Sharad Yadav (Educational Officer), Mr. Jedhe, Transport Representative, Mr. Patil (RTO Officer) and PTA members. The main aim of the meeting was to ensure safety and security of students while travelling to school and back to home. For the same purpose, all the authorized vans and buses were inspected by committee members.

IN SERVICE OF THE SCHOOL

*“If your actions inspire others to dream more,
learn more, do more and become more, then you are a leader.”*

~ John Quincy Adams.

An election is a formal decision-making process by which people choose an individual to hold public office. Elections are organized in our school so that the students can understand the process, protocol of election as well as importance of election in democracy. Elections are held in school to select captain, vice-captain of the school for current academic year. Leadership has always been necessary for a right path. The student council acts as a bridge between teachers & students. It has to work in a team to ensure development of the school as a whole.

The school conducted election campaign on 1st July, 2016. The nominees of the elections deliver the speech and put forward their ideas for the growth of school and ask to vote them.



Elections were held on 1st July, 2016 in school library. The first precious vote was casted by Hon. Principal Madam. All teachers from Primary and secondary section and all students from std. VI to X had casted their vote.



The students from the Traffic Patrolling Club took the initiative to maintain discipline and order during the entire process.



STUDENT COUNCIL FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17

On the fine morning of 8th July, 2016, deserving young talents of our School were bestowed with the responsibility of leading their School from the front with their commitment, confidence and competence. The Investiture Ceremony thus marked the inaugural of the junior and senior student council for the academic session 2015-16.

Mast. Keshav Uthada was announced as the “**Head Boy**” and **Ms. Sae Siddheshwar** as “**Head Girl**”.

New Council stood upright with their head held high and their hearts filled with pride. Thereafter, the Principal- Ms. Leena Bhosale pinned up the sashes and offered badges to each council member.

Principal Madam administered the oath of office and the members of the council pledged to adhere to the values and principles upheld by School. Apart from their duty towards School, these representatives also pledged their service to the nation’s larger environment.



<i>Name of the Student</i>	<i>Duty Incharge</i>
Mast. Shreyas Battul	Sports Captain
Ms. Saniya Damle	Discipline In Charge
Ms. Sharanya Dumbre Patil	Cultural Activity In Charge
Mast. Nabeel Khan	Emergency Response Committee In Charge

<i>House</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Vice Captain</i>
Avanee (Green)	Mast. Sankalp Nagoankar	Ms. Tanaya Devdhe
Nirmitee (Blue)	Mast. Rohit Iyer	Ms. Shravani Kherde
Tej (Red)	Mast. Rajas Deshpande	Ms. Isha Abhonkar
Urja (Yellow)	Mast. Yash More	Ms. Nishi Shah

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION TOWARDS HEALTHY LIFE STYLE



Yoga is a mental, spiritual and physical practise that originated in India and needs to be carried everyday. It aims at transforming the mind and body. The *“International Yoga Day”* was celebrated on 21st June 2016 to bring harmony, happiness and success to every sole in the school. This was a great opportunity to imbibe the value of discipline. Our students got the chance to know how Yoga embodies unity of Mind and Body. The students of std. I to X performed Yoga. Various asanas were practiced and the session finally ended with Pranayam and Meditation.



BLUE DAY CELEBRATION

Pre Primary section celebrated Blue Day to introduce colour "blue" in the most enticing manner. To make the activity more inclusive, children and teachers were dressed up in the blue attire. In the assembly blue colour was seen through various activities which involved adding blue colour to water, showing blue colour balloon, blue bag, and blue color cap and so on. Children sang rhymes of colour blue. Activities like jute dabbing, vegetable printing and colour scribbling was taken up in all pre primary classes on the cut outs of blue bells. The whole day proved to be fruitful and fun filled as children got recognition of colour blue and activities ended with beautiful smiles on tiny tots of pre primary.



KIDS WORLD



I am in pre-school

I am not willing to sit still,



Let me Play!!!



FUN IN THE RAIN

Yes! finally the rain God answered our prayers and showered happiness to over little ones. CPS Children welcomed the rain in the most enchanting and enticing way. Children with colorful umbrellas and raincoats appeared like rainbow descended on earth. Teachers sung the rain songs and activities like vegetable printing was taken up on the cutouts of mushrooms, umbrellas etc.



Teachers of Junior KG organized puppet show on the theme of “Save Water” which was fully enjoyed by the kids of Pre Primary giving a soft yet strong message on saving water in our daily routine. Teachers and kids danced on the beautiful beats of rain drops. The entire premise was rejuvenated and rejoiced the Peter Pater day.



RELIGIOUS CELEBRATION - ASHADHI EKADASHI

Oh! The sacred saffron waves in the air and the aroma of Tulsi and beats of “Taal” added a sanctified scent everywhere in the premises. The little ones and the teachers of Pre Primary section decorated Palkhi in the most magnificent manner. The Palkhi Procession was taken very systematically and enthusiastically in the school. The little girls carried “Tulsi Vrindavan” while boys were reciting holy name of “Lord Vithal”. Everyone wore traditional Maharashtrian attire and got adorned with ancient alluring ornaments. The “Mauli showered happiness and blessings in the form of light rain showers and the entire premise felt blissful and blessed



WORSHIPPING GURU – GURU PORNIMA CELEBRATION

Guru-The Guide, Guru- The one who dispels knowledge is known to have equal pedestal to Almighty. Guru Pornima is the day to show gratitude towards Guru. Our Pre-Primary section celebrated this Guru Pornima in a very fascinating way. Teachers of Senior KG performed a wonderful skit on teacher-student relationship which is accorded paramount importance in our culture. Children got beautiful handmade cards to greet their teachers and continued the tradition of paying obeisance on this special day. Teachers will always endeavour to make our little students reach the abode of infinite bliss which is the hallmark of happiness.





UMBRELLA MAKING COMPETITION



Primary Section children had lots of fun during Umbrella Making competition held in CIS on 28th June 2016, creativity was at its best when the students made colourful and innovative umbrella models. Different ideas and ways to make unique umbrellas were awarded certificate . All students were appreciated for their creative contribution.

AMACHE WAKARI !!!



On 5th July, 2016, our little 'warkaries' performed a spectacular dance on the enchanting of the religious words "Mauli Mauli" during the morning assembly. The performers carried a beautifully decorated 'Palkhi' to mark the Ashadi Ekadashi celebration. The dancers looked lovely in the traditional attire . All the students in the assembly also joined in the praising of God Vithhala enthusiastically .

WELCOME ASSEMBLY



All students and teachers assembled on the ground for the welcome assembly on 14th June 2016 when the school reopened after the summer vacations. A beautiful welcome dance was put-up by primary students from Std. IV D. The red costume and bubbling actions were just appropriate to welcome everyone back to school !! The Principal Madam also spoke a few words and welcomed everyone. The welcome assembly was just the right start to a wonderful academic year ahead!!!!!!

HEIGHT OF ENTHUSIASM : YOGA AT SIACHEN

Soldiers took part in a yoga session at Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battle ground, to mark the second Yoga International Day on 21st June 2016. Over 4 lakh armed forces personnel were among millions of Indians who stretched, twisted and performed breathing exercises. PM Narendra Modi, who himself performed yoga among a crowd of over 30,000 enthusiastic at Chandigarh's Capital Complex, said yoga was not a religious activity and provided "Health insurance at zero budget". The rest world joined in too, with enthusiasts participating in mass sessions at New York's Time Square, in front of the Eiffel Tower at the EU Parliament and on the great wall of China, among other iconic locations.

Mast. Krish Panchal
V B



THE FARMER AND THE GENE

It was a crop season and a farmer had activated his farm. He came to sow seeds. No sooner had the farmer sowed his seeds, birds block onto his field and pecked at them. The crops were thus destroyed.

The farmer had a really bad time managing with his problem. He had lost almost all his seeds with the birds.

Finally the farmer spread some net all over his field in protection of his crops.

The birds came flying as usual, but the all got caught in the net.

A poor crane also caught in the company of the birds. Though the crane pleaded with the farmer that it had nothing to do with crops, the farmer replied "You were found in the company of bad birds so you shall also be punished".

Moral : 'Friendship with bad people leads to trouble'

Ms. Anushka Gupta
V B



OUR YOUNG POET

OH !! BEAUTIFUL KASHMIR

*Oh beautiful Kashmir, How beautiful are you?
You are blessed with nice white snow,
Beautiful rivers and lakes, large and taller mountains around
you!
You are big and have a variety of clothes, people and food.
You have different places to visit your area!
You have big long and cold breeze!
How did you got all these blessing!!!!!!*

*Ms. Swapanaja S. Yadav
V D*



LIBRARY

*Come in come in!!
Said the library door
I opened it wide
And saw books and more
Tall skimpy books
Up high on the shelves
Little fat books
That stood by themselves
I opened one up
And sat down to look
The pictures old stories!
What a wonder book.*

*Mast. Archit B.
IV D*



THE ROBIN

*Robin sang sweetly
When the days were bright
'Thanks, thanks for summer'
He sang with all his might
Robin sang sweetly
In the autumn days
There are fruits for everyone
Let's all praise
In the cold and wintry weather
Still hear his song
'Somebody must sing' said Robin
'Or Winter will seem long'
When the spring come back again
He sang 'I told you so
Keep on singing through the Winter
It will always go.'*

*Mast. Aditya Komati
V D*



GROWING FRIENDSHIP

*Friend is like a garden
Of flowers, fine and rare
The new and lovely blossoms
With each new day appear
For friendship like a garden
Grows in beauty year by year
There is happiness in little things,
There is joy in passing pleasure,
But friendships are from year to year
The best of all life pleasure!!*

*Ms. Anaya Patil
IV B*



WATER IS LIFE

“Ma’am, can I fill my bottle? this is the sentence, every child asks the teacher during break time. Especially, on hot summer days. We all need water. the term ‘Jeevan’ is used for water in Hindi and Marathi. In simple wards Water is life. But nowadays, nobody seems to be concerned about this ‘life’. Due to this ignorance scarcity of water is increasing day by day.

In some villages , drought is a severe problem. The small and unnoticed villages have to buy water ! Deforestation, Urbanization, change in agricultural methods are some of the causes.

Farmers have turned to modern agricultural methods. Instead of allowing the soil to rest by planting different crops they grow sugarcane every year. It needs about 4-5 times the usual water. They pump out necessary water from rivers and ground water level decreases. They show no signs to start rainwater harvesting too.

Lack of self awareness is also a problem, and another principle cause. People now a days use water in any way. They dirty it with garbage, chemicals etc. and misuse it. If they need water and pray for rains why do they misuse the available clean water? Nobody ever thinks of this. But we have to. We have to find out a solution for water crisis. If we want a better future, We must take steps on saving water and make the world a better place to live in.

*Ms. Aishwarya Rajput
VII A*



SAVE TREES - SAVE ENVIRONMENT

Who in this world does not know the significance of trees? The trees helps in many ways such as to giving fruits, medicines , Flowers ,wood etc. Trees give shade in summer to many people. Animals use to make their shelter with help of trees. Trees work endlessly without a seconds break. Trees absorb harmful carbon dioxide gas and exhale pure oxygen. Trees helps in controlling temperature of the environment. Please don't cut the trees.

*SAVE TREES
SAVE ENVIRONMENT
SAVE LIFE*

*Ms Anushka Kangukar
VII A*



A TRUE STORY - AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A LEOPARD

When I was born, I was left alone. One forest officer found me in jungle and took me to a snake park and handed over to 'Nilamkumar Khaire' because of their belief in Khaire. But he gave my responsibility to Baba (Prashant Patwardhan) so he handed over me to Baba saying "I will guide you". Baba was also happy and excited for the new experience in his life

In evening I went with baba to his house because it was not safe for me to live in snake park. At night I used to sleep with Baba in his bed. That night I felt now I am safe. Next day onwards I used to be with Baba in Snake park and come back with him in cloth carry bag.

During some of my early days I was not able to come down from bed. In other words I was imprisoned on bed. In next two three days Baba understood my problem and made stairs from gunny bags and trained me to come down from bed with help of that gunny bag. Then I Felt very happy and used to roam throughout the house. I also enjoyed playing with other family members.

When I became adult, according to the rule I was not allowed to live in snake park so I was sent to Peshwe Park. I was missing snake park but more than snake park I was missing Baba a lot. I was not knowing anyone so I was not interested in eating food too. I was feeling isolated without Baba. So I did not eat anything for eight days. Then someone called Baba. I did not responded even when he came. He came near me, hugged me and convinced me to have my food. Slowly I felt comfortable. "BUT I NEVER FORGOT BABA"

Years passed, I was old and weak. so I was sent again to snakes park's orphanage. I understood my death was near. But I was happy because I could see Baba till my last breath.

Ms. Shreya Patwardhan
VII C



LAUGH OUT A LOUD

One day a boy was standing near the field.

A farmer asked him "Why are you standing there?"

The boy said "I am standing here for a Noble Prize".

Farmer said, "How will you get Noble Prize by standing there?"

Boy said, "I have heard that the people who received Noble Prize are said to be standing out for various "Fields".

Ms. Mansi Kakde
VII C



BUDDING MUSE

Education

*Education is the weapon
Which leads to perfection
all the illiterate,
Need to educate.
By hook or by crook
Everyone must get a book
A farmer who sows seeds
Must learn to write and read
All the young and Old
Will become very much bold
And if they dont get a right
They are ready to give a tough fight
With knowledge in our head
Our family will be well fed
We will get a good job,
And also be on the top
We will not stamp our thumb
We will not be called dumb
We will achieve freedom,
And lots of Wisdom
We will study in schools
We are not fools
We will learn in colleges
and not clean the drainages.
Geography ,English, Hindi
Math, Science and History
We will have a good name,
Also gaining lots of fame.
You did not earn.
This mistake shouldn't be repeated.
Your children should be educated*

*Ms Neeraja Nene
VII A*



One Day

*One day,
I wanna fly like a bird
And give a colour to my world
Give a colour , to my world
La,La, Loa
One day,
I wanna held my wings
Up in the air
And chase the clouds I wanna feel the
clouds
And go through rainbow
I wanna fly , wanna fly
To the, top of the highest mountains
Ever in the world
La,Laa
I wanna go into the space
I will go through the earth
and bump into the moon
Slide to Venus
And swing from mercury
And reach the sun
I will touch the sun and fly
Towards the moons of Jupiter
One day....*

*Ms. Purrva Bothra
VI B*



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT — CLASS EDGE WORKSHOP



The Tata Class Edge Workshop was organised on 8th June 2016 & conducted by Ms Sumana Chatterjee.

The session commenced by introducing the new term 'MLEX' i.e Multiple Learning Experience. she touched all three points of it such as Multimedia Printables & Kinesthetic Activities. She explained how the 'Resource' option should be used to facilitate difficult terms to the students. She emphasized on the usage of 'Plug-point' 'Dictionary' & 'My Notes' options.

This one day seminar ended with an explanation on 'How to create a Presentation' & 'White Board' option followed by teachers demos. The motive behind arranging the workshop was to apprise the teachers with all the options of Class Edge.

PARENTS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



On 16th April 2016, City International School, Satara Road, Pune had organized "Orientation Programme" for the parents of std. IX & X. It was based on Evaluation System for std. IX & X. The parents were also given information about Integrated Project, Assessment in Speaking & Listening (ASL). A presentation based on Time Management was presented to the parents which guided them with the tips for effective time management.

CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP



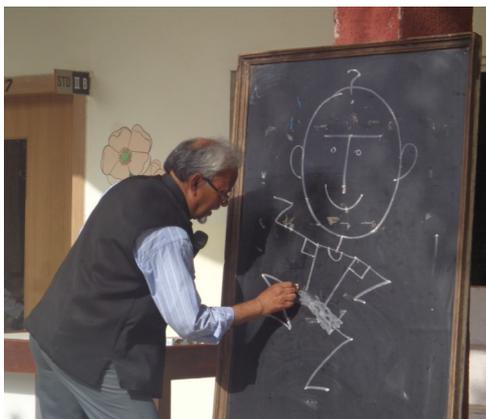
Today, our lives are heavily influenced by various electronic gadgets and software that run these fancy gadgets. We are totally addicted to these and spend a lot of time using them. The social media is just a virtual Earth! We read, like, comment and share on the social medias like Facebook, Google Plus, Instagram etc. But our activities on these sites may be observed by someone totally unknown and it may prove to be fatal.

On 16th June 2016, a workshop was arranged in CIS, in order to create awareness among the teenagers. Mr. Raj Nene from Cyber Security Branch, Swargate Police Station had spent his valuable time with the students of CIS. He told about fake accounts, email spam, unwanted posts and also about a case he had solved. The workshop and its guidelines really helped us to see the social media with a different perspective of safety. We all are thankful to Mr. Raj Nene & our Principal Ms. Leena Bhosale for highlighting the cyber threats through the workshop, with a promise to be careful while surfing the social media.

*Ms. Madhura Joshi
IX B*



NIE WORKSHOP



Cartoons are very effective medium of communication. Everyone had a joyful time in the assembly when the school reopened after summer vacations. An artist and a cartoonist, Mr. Mukhim Tamboli, a Resource Person, Times of India - NIE Edition, came to CIS and talked to students during morning assembly. He made children make funny voices, he drew different cartoon characters on a blackboard using numbers, alphabets and shapes. One experience, that he shared with all, was of a student who had drawn a cartoon of a lion. The students had also written lines of a song from a Hindi movie. Through this cartoon he tried to convey a strong message to "Save Tigers". Learning became a fun as all the students present in the assembly enjoyed as well as learnt new concepts to reduce and cope up with stress more effectively.



*Mast. Ved Kulkarni
X B*



VISIT TO DOMINOS



The Dominos Pizza had invited students to visit their local store to learn how to make pizza. In the month of April, CIS students of Std. VI and Std. VII had visited Dominos Pizza, Satara Road outlet to take a first hand experience of making pizza. This visit proved to be very exciting where the children had a fun and educational experience. The children learnt all about making of pizza with different toppings. They got a chance to get to grips with dough and make their own pizza.

TASTY TADKA



'Tasty Tadka' competition was organized for students of Std. VIII on 21st April 2016 and for students of Std. VII on 22nd April 2016.

The theme for the competition for Std. VIII was 'Nutritious Breakfast' and the theme for Std, VI was 'Sprout based snacks' where students were asked to prepare different snacks without using gas.

All the students from VIIIA, VIII B, VIII C and VI A, VI B, VI C enthusiastically participated and prepared delicious, mouth-watering and innovative snacks for breakfast. Children explained the recipes along with the ingredients and the nutritional values. This was the fun based learning experience for the students to boost them for the upcoming academic session.



NOTHING IS WASTE IN THIS WORLD WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



Every year 22nd April is celebrated as “**International Mother Earth Day**”. It is celebrated to support “**Environmental Protection**”.

To mark this day a workshop for students of classes VII to X was conducted in our school on 22nd April. The topic was “**Waste Management**”.

The guests Ms Ananya Prabhawalkar and Ms Shailaja Avalkar from KKPKP Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad, an association of garbage pickers, spared their valuable time and explained the students the concept of waste management.

The workshop included discussion on different types of wastes, their segregation and treatment. Importance of composting was also discussed. A short movie based on Consequences of dumping garbage was also shown. All the students participated actively in the workshop and all their queries were answered well by the honourable guests.

Waste is inevitable. This means waste cannot be avoided. There is always some waste produced in some or the other way even if it is in a little quantity. This waste has to be managed. But how can we do this? The 3R’s principle, that is, **REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE**, can be used to manage the waste.

In this way we can manage the waste produced and keep it under control.

Ms. Meghana K.V.S Kumar

Std. IX A



IN SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TEACHERS

CBSE WORKSHOP ON LIFE SKILLS



On 10th June 2016, CBSE workshop was organized in CIS, Wanowrie. The resource persons were Ms. Pramiti Mehra and Ms. Mamta Singh. The workshop aimed at building capacity for evaluation on co-scholastic aspect of CCE which includes life skills, attitude, values and health and wellness. Through this, teachers were enlightened about this method of evaluation adopted by CBSE. Teachers were informed about varied forms of tools that should be adopted during assessment of complete co-scholastic aspect of a child and how these tools could be used in an effective manner which helps both the child and the teacher to acknowledge the areas which require rectification and improvement. This workshop was very insightful as well as informative for all the teachers. Throughout the session they shared their individual experiences in class and discussed the best possible solutions for them.



Students of Std. IX & X are supposed to do a group project as a part of their evaluation system which includes all subjects from Scholastic and Co-scholastic areas. The students collect information based on the theme given to them and compile the same in the school. It inculcates team work and co-operation among the students. This year, students from std. IX are working on “जल है तो कल है”, a theme based on water crisis and students from std. X are working on a theme “Save Tigers”



MESSAGE FROM COUNSELOR

Human psychology is a vast topic and applicable to persons of all ages. Proper attention at the right stage can definitely help to solve psychological problems in time. Some traits need more attention, especially during the developmental stages that coincide with the school life of children.

Age 7 to 12 is the time for Primary schooling, where the child is expected to handle lot of academics, matured behavior, under the label, “You are grown up!!!” Child is not yet ready because the child’s basic needs of being loved and cared for are incomplete.

Children doing well have a comparatively smoother journey as they are appreciated but those who find it difficult are labeled as slow, uninterested in studies, lazy, lacking concentration, hyperactive, fidgety, distracted, and sadly, the list goes on and on. . .without actually trying to identify the root cause. Then the child is sent for tuition . . . again misguided, unknowingly that the child does not need to improve but the surroundings need to change!!! In most cases such decisions are taken without diagnosis or assessment.

Years pass by and the little child now enters pre-teens/teens. This is a beautiful time for children – neither too young, nor too old – wanting to do everything their own way. At this stage, parents need to play a very important role, that of a friend, providing independence, instilling confidence to take lead and yet be supportive. Children need confidence from parents so that they have faith that if they go wrong, their parents will support them.

Unfortunately this does not happen in every household. Actually, Std. IV onwards itself, parents need to encourage children to do certain things independently, which will help the child towards developing a strong and healthy personality. When the child starts doing such activities independently, there is a marked development in the child’s observation skills, responsibility taking attitude, logical thinking, time management, ratio proportion and overall confidence.

Onset of puberty brings about a lot of changes within body, hormonal, and the child goes through lots of emotional changes. Children experience tremendous emotional ups and downs – some feel nervous about the physical changes, some are excited, and so on. Parental support and guidance is very important at this stage as parents have already experienced this stage in their own life.

Moreover, due to a wide range of external sources, varied versions of information is available to children. Such information could be misleading and could put the child in an awkward situation. Hence, it is best for parents to take their children into confidence and communicate with them candidly, in an age-appropriate manner. Talking to children at this stage is extremely advantageous. It helps to strengthen the bond between the children and parents.

Another trait or typical behavior observed during this stage is that some children are hesitant to share information with parents. In such cases, parents start getting a feeling that their child is either telling lies or hiding information and does not have respect for the parents. This is not always true, because children at this stage want to experiment. This is a typical teenage trait of risk taking, where they do something without fully understanding the risks involved or what the outcome could be. In case they are successful, they are proud to share the information with their parents and friends, but in case they fail, they go into a shell and likely depression. Another side of this behavior is they know their parents are not going to accept, either they will be scolded or punished.

We all go through above stages in life and with age everyone gains experience. Basic requirement of every human being is need of acceptance, appreciation, if these needs are fulfilled, we can overcome any difficulty/challenge. Transition from baby to teenage, is beautiful phase of life. It is time for setting foundation. We need to be more careful, humble and confident.

Mrs. Pratima S Khandekar
School Counselor



CAREER COUNSELING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

On Saturday, 16th of July 2016, Career Counseling Workshop was arranged for the parents of Std. X students by Potter's Earth. The session was very informative and the two resource persons Ms. Anamika Dasgupta Sharma, Founder and Ms. Anchal Sant, Marketing Head at Potter's Earth made the session very interactive and interesting. At this turning point when our children need to make choices about their career, the counseling was definitely helpful to the parents to understand their children's inclination, desires and passion towards a particular subject. The statistics about various job opportunities, the changes in the job scenarios and the need of today's hours were put forth in easily understandable form. The session also helped the parents in understanding how we should help our children to look into their inner self and try to find out their aim in their future education. The entire session was filled with energy and enthusiasm blended with some serious thinking over how the situation around us has changed over a few years and how dynamic it is currently. It was also helpful as it made us aware of the different career opportunities in this fast growing world, jobs which would suit the changing economy of the world. It also made us ponder over the basic difference between the skill and the qualification one has to achieve and maintain a job. Overall this workshop was a much needed guidance and counseling as a parent of a teenager who is going to face new challenges in just few months to come. As a parent the workshop taught us what to expect from the child, how to help him choose his passion in the form of a career so that he is satisfied in what he studies further. The efforts taken by City International School, Satara road are highly appreciable. I sincerely thank Potter's Earth for the guidance and also big thanks to the Principal and Management and staff of the school for arranging such an informative session.

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