



THE COMPLETE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for the delayed newsletter – we were so overwhelmed with trying to organise the Seminar and Annual Day that the newsletter was the first and thankfully, only casualty. To make up for that, we are having a bigger issue this week, because of the huge number of contributions. If the children could have their way, every little drawing that they did would be published.

The children put up a wonderful show on Friday – there was no disagreement on that one issue, at least!! Thank you, kids, for working really hard. Thankfully, even the younger kids managed to stay on stage. We were convinced that a few would stage a walk out half way through their performance.

Thanks also to the teachers and staff who worked really hard in trying to put up a 'professional' performance, with some notoriously stubborn performers, since we were particular that everyone went on stage.

SPECIAL THANKS to **Parvathi** (mother of Ananthu) who actually went to most of the Technopark offices and invited people for the show. Parvathi was also responsible for The Gurukul getting mentioned in the press and the coverage that the channels gave the programme. Parvathi had gone to all the media offices after the show with the press release and the pictures asking them to air / print it!!! Parvathi, we really couldn't thank you enough.....and in case, anyone is wondering, she did this of her own accord – we DID NOT ask / bully her.

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time and effort for the show. Thanks Bhagyalakshmi, Melanie Kauderer, Anitha Nagesh, Rathi C Mohan, Kavitha Anil Kumar and Menaka Suresh.

To those fathers who were missing from their children's performance – we will ask your kids to devise a suitable punishment!! Sending representatives is not enough. The next time around, we will definitely put out your names in print....This time, since we didn't get to warn everyone in advance, we are letting you off!!!

The CD of your children's performance will shortly be available at the school office – the studio is charging Rs. 200 per copy. Please inform Omana or Manju at the office if you want a copy.

Ms. Victoria Shepherd Rao, from Canada, has joined us and will be working with all classes from 1st Grade onwards. Today's newsletter has some of the work done by the children during her class, where they wrote about their imaginary 'special place'.

We will be working on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of this term, in order to finish our portions. 24th Jan, despite being the 4th Saturday, is a working day and 31st Jan will be a holiday. Only Grades 3 onwards will work on these Saturdays. Therefore working days will be 24th Jan, 7th Feb, 21st Feb, 6th March, 20th March and 3rd April. If we don't finish the portions, we may work all Saturdays in March. It is absolutely essential that Grades 3 onwards attend school on all working Saturdays. Portions covered will not be repeated for absentees, unless there is a valid reason for their absence. Believe me, all of us would rather sit at home on Saturdays, but we need to fulfil our responsibilities here. Hopefully, there will not be any more hartals this term!!!

The uniforms have been delivered to all the children and since a lot of parents insisted on cotton (and it is more comfortable), that is the material that we have bought. Those who wish to buy some other material and make their own uniforms; you are welcome to do so, provided the colour and the pattern is the same. Girls above 5 ft have the option of full length trousers or calf-length. Parents can use their discretion while making uniforms. Children can wear coloured clothes on Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

The Board has decided that the current Refundable Deposit will be changed to a Non-Refundable Deposit for new admissions after March 1st, 2004. Only those who have been admitted before this date will be entitled to have their deposits refunded.