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PRINCIPAL

We are happy to announce the appointment of Mrs. Vimala Menon as Principal of The Gurukul. Mrs. Menon retired as the Principal of Kerala state Jawahar Bal Bhavan and is, currently, the Secretary of Cheshire Homes. She is a writer of children's books in Malayalam, and is the recipient of numerous awards for children's literature. She does programmes for Akashvani, print and visual media about women and children. She is a nominated member for District Council for Child Welfare, a member of the Advisory panel for Film Censor Board, Member of the Governing body of Jan Sikshan Sansthan, Member of the Ethics committee of Rajiv Gandhi Biotechnology Centre and a member of Kerala State Childrens film society. She will join The Gurukul on November 1st.

UNIFORMS have been getting delayed, in spite of Melanie Kauderer's valiant efforts in trying to make the system work more effectively in TVM – All of us know how difficult sometimes the simplest tasks turn out to be here, so the earliest we are looking at getting the uniforms is December. Children will be happy to know that uniforms will, therefore, be issued only for the coming academic year....till then, you will probably drive your parents and us crazy with your costumes....Melanie has been convinced to still handle the Uniform Responsibility. Thank you, Melanie.

Big thanks to Dr. Jimmy Thomas (Preethi's Dad) who worked through the Onam vacation and made a cover for the sand-pit – on his own!!! I must say we are extremely fortunate in having an enthusiastic set of parents who are volunteering their time and energy to make things a lot safer and more comfortable for our kids.

Assessments are being done this month and parents will get a chance to meet with the teachers in the last week of October. The date and time will be intimated in the Diary. (Hence the need to open your child's diary on a daily basis)

DANCE TEACHER – We have been incredibly lucky in getting an experienced dancer to teach our kids – Pratheesh has been a student of Ms. Daksha Seth for over 10 yrs and knows Bharatanatyam, Yoga, Kalari and contemporary Western Dance...He will be teaching our kids under the guidance of Ms. Seth. We couldn't thank you enough, Daksha, for giving our kids this wonderful opportunity.

A REMINDER – Please call the office for an appointment if you wish to speak to your child's teacher or any other member of the staff. We cannot disrupt the class to accommodate sudden visits by parents or visitors.

We've had a teacher in from the UK – Mosaic Williams – who has been sharing her tips with The Gurukul teachers and of course, interacting with the children and taking classes. Unfortunately, she will be with us only for 10 days. She is, however, sending out feelers to her colleagues in the UK to find teachers for The Gurukul. Wish us luck, folks.

Tuesday, 14th October – Half-day trip to Ms. Daksha Seth's Dance Studio for Grades 4 upwards. Please bring lunch as usual, since we will be having regular classes in the afternoon. (We can just hear the children groaning...)

LKG upto Class 3 spent a busy Friday at Kovalam!!! There probably isn't any need to elaborate – the adults were exhausted long before the kids. Though we had no plans of letting the kids into the water for anything more than a foot soak, they had different ideas....A big thanks to Melanie Kauderer and Kumar for looking after us so well and coming up with endless plates of French fries for the kids (and very exotic Fusion food for the adults...) The kids also visited the kitchens of both the German Bakery and Fusion Restaurant, which was actually the main purpose of the visit.

Tao Issaro has again won the Under 14 – Singles Tournament at the Trivandrum Tennis Club. Way to go, Tao!!!

