

# NEWSLETTER

## Launch of Hindi Reading Programme

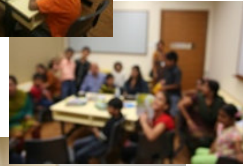
“A good reader is a better writer”.

This statement is the driving force behind the launch of our Hindi Reading Programme.

We have built up a library of Hindi pic-



ture story books for our students of Primary One to Six to provide an impetus to our efforts to enhance and enrich our young minds. Students are being encouraged to borrow and read the storybooks. During the March holidays, we launched a



ENJOYING HINDI STORY TELLING SESSIONS

Hindi Reading Programme in our office premises at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial.

Students (and parents too) came in to read Hindi storybooks while our volunteers were at hand to help with any difficulty in reading and also to conduct impromptu story-telling sessions.

We hope to kindle and maintain the interest of the students in Hindi - a most important step on the ladder of learning.



## Our New Programme of Sharing Ideas in relation to Better Composition Writing Skills

In our perennial efforts to improve the teaching and learning of Hindi language we at the Hindi Society/Hindi Centres are always exploring ideas which add value and enhance teaching techniques.

Keeping our motto (“Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya” – Lead me from darkness to light) in mind we have started a new programme for teachers. In a round-robin pattern every month ten teachers share their composition pointers and skills with the others. We are

dipping into our own talent pool and thus we are better utilising our resources. This step aims at giving a head start to our new teachers; our experienced teachers also gain a fresh perspective.

Ultimately our students benefit because they reap the advantage of many teachers’ experience. This small leap towards knowledge sharing is aimed at sparing no effort to equip our students in the best possible way.

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## *Selection of Schools with In-School Parallel Programme (ISPP)*

This is the time of the year when parents start considering the schools where they should register their children. Some of the factors which parents may consider are:

- registering in a school where there is a sibling;
- availability of facilities for the learning of Hindi in the school itself
- registering in a school sited in the same part of the island where the residence is.

As parents are aware, classrooms have to be assigned for the teaching

of the mother tongue, including Hindi, according to the time-table of the school. Schools face much constraint when classrooms are required for a variety of activities at the same time. For example, if more than one classroom per level is required for the teaching of Hindi at the same time allotment of rooms is difficult.

We have been working with the schools, over many years, regarding classrooms for the ISPP. The schools have been helpful. At the same they

have asked us to help by raising the issue of space constraints with the parents.

The request of the schools is that parents should consider other ISPP schools too, apart from the popular schools when registering their children. To help parents in this connection we have divided our 52 pri-

mary and secondary ISPP schools according to the part of Singapore in which they are sited i.e. North, South, East and

West. The list appears on our website ([www.hindisociety.com](http://www.hindisociety.com)).

*The list of our 52 ISPP schools have been arranged zone-wise on our website for you convenience*

## HOLI CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate Holi this year on 20 March. Our Guest of Honour is Mrs Cheong Ye Ling, Principal of Tanjong Katong Primary School. The school is amongst the key schools with ISPP in Hindi.



Our theme this year is 'Go Green, Save Earth'. Holi celebrations have been themed around this message and our students and teachers have all participated in the art competitions by creating things of beauty out of recycled materials.



Competitions in progress at the schools and Centres



## होली का त्योहार- एकता एवं अनेकता का प्रतीक

होली आखिर है क्या ? आइए इससे जुड़ी कुछ बातों से परिचित हुआ जाए । होली अर्थात फाग का उत्सव फाल्गुन मास की पूर्णिमा को मनाया जाता है । यह पर्व हमारी परम्परा का प्रतीक है । नाम मात्र से ही आबाल-वृद्ध, सभी के तन-मन रंगों से सराबोर हो उठते हैं । इस त्योहार में प्राचीनता के साथ नवीनता का पुट भी देखने को मिलता है । इसे बसंतोत्सव भी कहा जाता है । यह पर्व प्रेम, सद्भावना और भाईचारे का सुखद संदेश लेकर आता है । लोग जब इस त्योहार में सम्मिलित होते हैं तो अपने सारे पुराने द्वेष-भाव विस्मृत कर देते हैं ।



इस पर्व के साथ जहाँ एक ओर जुड़े प्रह्लाद, हिरण्यकश्यपु एवं होलिका सहज ही स्मरण हो आते हैं, वहीं ब्रज में कान्हा का राधा और गोपियों के साथ होली खेलने का विचार ही मन को होली के रंगों से रंग देता है । आज भी मथुरा और वृंदावन जैसे प्रदेशों में पावन होली के उत्सव पर श्रीकृष्ण की रास लीला देखने के लिए पर्यटकों का जमावड़ा होता है । ये सभी दर्शक जब होली का आनन्द उठाते हैं तो अपने धर्म, जाति एवं रंग को भुला देते हैं । लाल, गुलाबी, नीले, हरे रंगों से रंगने के उपरान्त उनकी अलग पहचान रह ही कहाँ जाती है !



आज के इस ग्लोबल युग में हम किसी प्रदेश मात्र के नहीं बल्कि पूरे विश्व के नागरिक हो चुके हैं । इस लिए इधर-उधर नज़र दौड़ाने पर हमें पता चलता है कि यह त्योहार केवल भारत तक ही सीमित नहीं है बल्कि अलग-अलग अंदाज़ में कई दूसरे देशों में भी मनाया जाता है । जहाँ भारत में यह त्योहार होलिका दहन के साथ सम्पन्न होता है वहीं जर्मनी में ईस्टर के दिन घास का पुतला बनाकर जलाया जाता है । वहाँ भी लोग एक-दूसरे पर रंग डालते हैं । हंगरी का ईस्टर भी इसी के समान है । अफ्रीका में सोलह मार्च को सूर्य के जन्म दिवस के रूप में मनाया जाता है । लोगों में उस दिन रंगों से खेलने का चलन है जिसके साथ यह विश्वास जुड़ा है कि ऐसा करने से सूर्य की संतरंगी किरणें भी दीर्घकालीन होंगी ।



इसी प्रकार होली का महापर्व विश्व के कोने-कोने में अपनी अनोखी छटा बिखेरता नज़र आता है । है न अनुपम यह त्योहार !



Our youngsters busy at work and having fun too.



Creative Writing Programmes were held for PSLE and O Level students at our office premises during the March holidays. Many students attended the 2-day workshop and found it useful.

## A Sweet Message

होली के इस पावन अवसर पर हम संकल्प लें कि हम सभी परस्पर मित्रतापूर्ण व्यवहार करते हुए सुख-दुःख में एक-दूसरे का सहारा बनेंगे। हम एक-दूसरे की भावना का सम्मान करते हुए केवल स्वस्थ स्पर्धा का हिस्सा बनेंगे।



It was a Sports Stadium.

Eight Children were standing on the track to participate in a running event.

\* Ready! \* Steady! \* Bang !!!

With the sound of Toy pistol,

All eight girls started running.

Hardly had they covered ten to fifteen steps,

when one of the smaller girls slipped and fell down,

Due to bruises and pain she started crying.

When the other seven girls heard the little girl cry they stopped running, stood for a while and turned back.

Seeing the girl on the track they all ran to help.

One among them bent down, picked her up and kissed her gently

And enquired as to how she was..

They then lifted the fallen girl pacifying her.

Two of them held her firmly while all seven joined hands together and walked together towards the winning post.....

There was pin drop silence at the spectator's stand.

Officials were shocked.

Slow claps multiplied to thousands as the spectators stood up in appreciation.

Many eyes were filled with tears

And perhaps

even God's!

All these special girls had come to participate in this event

They were spastic children.

Yes, they were Mentally Challenged.

What did they teach the WORLD.?

Teamwork.? Humanity.? Equality among all.?

Successful people help others who are slow in learning so that they are not left far behind.

If you don't use it, you lose it !

**Remember this slogan . Continue speaking Hindi and your marks will keep going up! Also remember the five \$100 prizes donated by our Principal Shri S Tiwari each year for the five students who have made the best progress in spoken Hindi. You may be one of the winners this year if you continue speaking the language**

### विद्यार्थी खण्ड

मेरी दैनंदिनी ( डायरी ) से.....

पिछले चार दिन जब चीनी नववर्ष के अवकाश चल रहे थे मैंने अपना समय गृहकार्य समाप्त करने के अलावा अपने मित्रों के साथ खेल-कूद कर तथा बाकी समय जानवरों के बारे में जानकारी एकत्रित करने में बिताया।

मैंने जाना कि उल्लू अपनी गर्दन घुमाकर पीछे की ओर देख सकता है और उसकी दृष्टि मनुष्य से सौ गुना अधिक तेज़ होती है। चिली देश की मुर्गी नीले रंग का अण्डा देती है। घरेलू मक्खी से अधिक बीमारियाँ हो सकती हैं। ब्लू व्हेल बहुत तेज़ सीटी बजा सकती है। चिम्पांजी एकमात्र ऐसा जानवर है जो आईने में अपना चेहरा देखता है। नर पेंग्विन अण्डे से चूज़ा निकलने तक लगभग दो महीने तक भूखा-प्यासा रहता है। कंगारू के रक्त में कॉलेस्ट्रॉल नहीं होता है। एक ऐसी चिड़िया भी

जिसका घोंसला मात्र डेढ़ इंच का होता है। क्या आपको भी यह जानकारी उतनी ही विचित्र लगी जितनी मुझे ?

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