

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

As the year progresses into full gear and 3 month of the academic year completes, it's wonderful to see the involvement of students and teachers both in scholastic and co scholastic events. It was so apt on our part to have chosen Safeguarding and protection as the theme of the month, with torrential rains in Gujarat and diseases like dengue, malaria and flu rampant, the theme and activities seemed to have fallen well into place for general awareness and alertness for this time.

We had wonderful support from govt bodies like Surat Municipal Corporation, who gave live orientation during the assembly on how to work towards reducing increasing population of aedes and anopheles mosquito and in turn preventing malaria and dengue. Grade 5 and 6 impressed us with their skit on Safety at Innovation lab. We highly appreciate the enthusiastic parents who participated in HSS workshop. Teachers and coordinators have been doing a remarkable job of orienting and practicing safe policies at school. Let us continue to work towards making our schools as safe as we feel at our home!

## **SAFETY IN PLAY GROUND - 03/07/2017**

Teaching kids how to play safely is important. If they know the rules of the playground, they're less likely to get hurt. Safe playground equipment and adult supervision are extremely important, but it's only half of the equation: Kids must know how to be safe and act responsibly at the playground. As the theme of the Month- July is SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTION , the students were oriented on playground safety on 3rd July 17.

The Health and Safety Coordinator Ms Priyanka Rani along with the EduSports teacher Mr Amit Panwar took up an interactive session with students and teachers on how to be safe and act responsibly on the playground. Students were guided with the help of a presentation and demonstration on the safety rules to be followed before, after and while playing on the playground and while using the play equipments.

TMPIS also spreads the message to all the parents that whether the kids play at home or public playground, it's important for you to take a general look at the equipment to make sure that it is clean and well maintained and safe for the kids to play. It's also essential to have adult supervision to ensure that they are safeguarded at all times.

## **ORIENTATION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF ON SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTION - 05/07/2017**

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Protecting children from abuse and maltreatment, preventing harm to children's health or development and ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care is important. The students and staff were oriented about "Safeguarding and Protection" on 5 July 17.

The Safeguarding Officer Ms Saloni Desai along with the Safety Officer Ms Priyanka Rani took up an interactive session with students and teachers on the different aspects of safeguarding where the children were oriented on different types of abuses and how to overcome those abuses. Students and staff were also briefed on "How to respond and report about any incident that they observe around them".



## **ORIENTATION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF ON SAFE TOUCH AND UNSAFE TOUCH 17/07/2017**

An awareness program on 'Safe Touch and Unsafe Touch' was conducted at TMPIS on 17th of July 2017. The Safeguarding Officer Ms. Saloni Desai and Health and Safety Coordinator Ms. Priyanka Rani conducted the program with an aim to bring awareness among the students about how to prevent and act in certain situations like saying 'No' when being touched or held uncomfortably, 'Go' to people in their Safe Circle (parents, teachers and SG Officer) - people who could help and protect them and 'TELL' if they witness or experience any unsafe situation without keeping any secret. Students were shown the movie 'KOMAL' on Safe Touch and Unsafe touch and were explained to respect their bodies and also others. The program concluded on a positive note and lots of learning as take away.

## **CLAY MODEL MAKING COMPETITION - 21/07/2017**

TMPIS organized a clay model making competition on 21st July 17 Friday for Pre-Primary students in its premises. The little ones were all set to give their best sculpt by their cute tiny artistic hands. The main objective of the competition was to enhance the motor skills and dexterity by manipulating the clay and broadening their repertoire of actions such as squeezing, pinching, stretching, digging, crushing, hitting, shredding, tearing, flattening, rolling which makes it easier for children to use their imagination and creativity to shape their creative masterpieces. The judges for the competition were Ms Varsha Desai and Ms Shivani Shah.

## **SALAD MAKING COMPETITION - 25/07/2017**

On account of WORLD FRUIT DAY, Salad Making Competition was held at TMPIS on 25th July 17. The competition was held for students of grades 1 to 6. The objective behind the competition was to inculcate healthy food habits and awareness regarding the choice of fruit among the young children. The students' creativity was revealed through the beautiful designs and patterns formed with different mouth-watering salad. The students displayed copious types of fruit salads such as Watermelon Basket salad, Combo salad, Jumbo salad and many more ingenious salads using commonly available ingredients mixed with fruits. The participants explained the specialty of their salad and also the importance of including salad in our regular diet for maintaining good health and keeping diseases at bay. The main focus of the Competition was not only the preparation of salads but also upon their artistic presentation which carried an aesthetic aspect. Equal emphasis was given to the safety and hygienic aspects while preparing and dressing the final product.

## **SAFETY IN PLAY GROUND - 03/07/2017**

Children are our Nation's most precious resource, but as children, they often lack the skills to protect themselves. It is our responsibility, as parents and responsible citizens, to safeguard children and to teach them the skills to be safe. On this note TMPIS organized HSS workshop for parents. The parents who were present were very contented with the workshop as they came to know about the key features of HSS Policies and Practises which we follow are going to do throughout the academic year. They also gave us some suggestions.

HSS Key features highlighted were.

- 1) HSS roles and responsibility.
- 2) HSS training / orientation done so far for students and school staff.
- 3) Safety in campus.
- 4) Incident reporting procedure.
- 5) Safety in Campus, Playground, Infirmary, Transport, Canteen and Innovation.
- 5) Safeguarding and protection elements.
- 6) Orientation about different types of fire extinguishers.

Though small percentage of parents attended this workshop, we highly appreciate their enthusiastic participation and suggestions.



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