

The Swaminarayan

EDUCATION IS THAT WHICH LIBERATES

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for next week

The theme for next week is “**The power to choose**”. I have written about it on the reverse of the newsletter.

Poppy Appeal

The school office will hold the poppies for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in memory of all the war dead; anyone wishing to contribute to the appeal should do so at the School Office.

S4 Parents’ –Teachers Consultation Meeting Today

The meeting will take place as usual in the Yogi Hall between 4.30-7.00 pm. Parents and guardians of all S4 pupils will have a chance to meet all the teachers and tutors. We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting.



Lions Peace Poster Competition 2015-2016

Senior 2 students have been working hard in their art lessons (and even occasionally during their lunchtimes) to complete their entries for the Lions Peace Poster competition. The competition, which is organised by the Lions Club International, encourages children around the world to creatively express what peace means to them.

The theme for this year’s contest

was ‘Share Peace’ and the students took this idea to heart, creating an array of bright and

powerful images.

Just before the half-term break representatives from the Lions Club came to judge the schools’ entries and whilst they found the decision very difficult, they eventually crowned Mya Patel as the winner from the Swaminarayan School. As this is an international competition Mya’s poster will now go to the next level



we wish her the best of luck with this!

Internal Examinations for S1-5

We had already given the examination timetable which during the week beginning Monday, 16th November 2015. These are important examinations and we hope students have been preparing for it. We wish them well.

Prime Minister Modi at Wembley Stadium

The visit of the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, has put an extra zest into the energy of all Indians in the UK this Diwali. As you are aware many of our pupils are involved in the welcome ceremony at Wembley Stadium. They will join a huge choir of singers on Friday, 13th November 2015 to sing the National Anthems of both India and UK. It promises to be a memorable day for everyone who has managed to secure a ticket for the event.

Important GCSE, AS and A Level Reforms – Postcard 6

This postcard examines the issue of grade enquiries and appeals for all qualifications. I have **published it at the back of The Swaminarayan.**

Invitation to the PTFA 5-a-side Football 2015

All parents invited.

Time: 6pm-8pm (Provisional Time).

Date: Thursday 3rd December 2015

Venue: Wembley Power League (Booking 1 week in advance, subject to change)

Please contact Mathew Thomas in the Prep School if interested.

Diwali celebrations & Senior Citizens Party 2015

This year the much anticipated Ramayan play celebrating the victory of Ram over Ravan, the end of our Hindu year will be taking place on **Tuesday, 10th November 2015**. There will be two performances of the play, the first starting at **8.45am**, for which parents are welcome to attend. The second performance will be at **11.00am** for the senior citizens, if there are any grandparents of the students who would like to attend, please contact the office to collect the tickets. We thank you for your support.

The power to choose

Think

The greatest freedom human beings have is the freedom to choose. So many children who are born into privileged circumstances throw away their lives because life is too easy for them. They have not experienced the hardships that lights the fire that could lead them to a golden future. Sometimes, when we have everything we need in life, we develop a habit of drifting aimlessly, and it is when things do not come to us easily that we learn to appreciate its value.

Feel

If you are one of those who wants to build a bright future for yourself you will have to learn to take charge of your life. You will have to stop making excuses and aspire. Today you are very lucky to live in an age when you can find out about things and learn. You have people around you to whom you can turn for help and support, yet too often we do not take advantage of these opportunities and we continue to drift.

Do

You must learn to take control of your life if you want to achieve great things because nobody will do it for you. Your parents and guardians will support you whenever they can and teach you right from wrong when you are young, but eventually a time will come when you will have to choose what you want to do with your life. If you do not choose wisely when

this time comes and seek good counsel, you will make a mess of your life. Do not waste time trying to work things out for yourself, but instead ask your parents, teachers or anyone who is in a position to help if ever you feel lost. Ask God for help. Asking is the beginning of receiving. You have the freedom to create a beautiful life. Seek help by asking questions to make the right choices, and create an extraordinary life.

Shared Transport

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Diwali and Annakut Holiday

I am sure many of you will have enjoyed the evenings of Garba dance during the Navratri Festival and are eagerly waiting for the festivities of Diwali to begin. As you are aware the school will be closed during the three days of the festive season on Wednesday, 11th to Friday 13th November 2015. Annakut Day is Thursday 12th November. As always the school will, of course, be well represented in the marquee in the Shayona Car Park.

I will not be there for the first time since the beginning of the school due to my presence at Wembley Stadium for the rehearsals of the Modi Ceremony. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff at the School to wish you all a wonderful Diwali and a most peaceful and prosperous New Hindu Year.

Yours sincerely

Nilesh Manani