

## NEWS LETTER I

### Dear Parents/Guardians,

In this newsletter, I would like to take a moment to give thanks. I am grateful to be the principal in this school and work alongside wonderful students, families, educators, staff and entire KMC family.

First of all, I am thankful for our students. They come to class every day and put significant effort into becoming more skilled and knowledgeable students who can face the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They are open to new ideas, new concepts, and new experiences, and we learn from them every day. They come from different circumstances and backgrounds to learn and grow together. I am proud of them, and I am blessed to lead their school.

The parents at KMC are the most engaged and enthusiastic I have ever worked with, and KMC would not be what it is without their support and concern, and the effective partnerships we and our teachers have built with them to ensure our students' success. My teachers are the pillars behind this uninterrupted success.

What we do at KMC could never be achieved without the dedication of the admin staff behind the scenes. From our support staff to our cafeteria staff, the persistence and initiative demonstrate is uncommon, and I appreciate their dedication and professionalism.

Besides many curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities we have included quite a few school improvement initiatives from the beginning of this academic year. We are focusing ourselves to standardize our curriculum, evaluation, instructional/learning activities, and the infrastructure. I again appreciate your feedback, teachers/staff's input and strong back up from the school management and the team of Directors for their continuous support and trust.

### Special Achievements

Following the rich history, this year too, SEE result 2073 was outstanding which was only possible through common effort of scrupulous academic activities, diligent students, result-oriented teachers and supportive parents. Two of our students, Miss Ankita Gautam and Master Bikash Joshi scored GPA 3.90. Among 146 students who appeared in SEE exam, 65 scored A+, 57

scored A, 23 scored B+ and 1 scored C+. Results of Nepali Subject of KMC School in SEE was the Second Best in the Province number 3. There were 86 students who scored 80 and above in SEE. For this outstanding result, Nepali Teachers Mr. Gopal Prasad Khatiwada (HoD Nepali), Mr. LaxmiNath Marasini (Exam Coordinator and Senior Nepali Teacher) and Mr. Narayan Gautam (Senior Nepali Teacher) were felicitated by PABSON Valley Province.

### Continuous Assessment System (CAS) in Pre-primary and Primary Levels

CAS has been a popular student evaluation system in most of the developed nations because it ensures the individual learning based on the curricular objectives and the learning process.

The pre-school teaching-learning has been completely reformed based on the core components of children's development. We have focused on Cognitive Development (Languages, Mathematics, Social Science and GK), Social and Emotional Development, Creative Development, Physical Development, Practical Life Skills and Classroom Work Habits to ensure the overall growth of each child at Pre-school wing of KMC School.

Similarly, we are ensuring the students' participation in classroom activities and make them more responsible in the learning process. We also have designed a standard for teaching and learning activities, and accordingly the learning assessment will be done based on assignments, Project Works, Group Works, Classroom Participation, Unit Tests and Term Tests. We are prepared to adopt this approach right after the First Term. This approach expects a significant improvement in classroom approach for students' learning.

### Infrastructural Upliftments

This year, infrastructural changes have been our one of the primary focuses. In order to ensure safety in play areas, we have kept artificial turf (green carpet) in all the junior students' play stations. We have added a new play station for primary school kids. Pre School has undergone through complete renovation and revamp to make the school and class room area more Child Friendly and Safe. Canteen renovation and upliftment has been another major target of ours. The canteen has undergone complete infrastructural renovation in order

to uplift food quality and service provided. We have changed the menu in canteen for the students of Grade I-III. We have uplifted resources of Audio-visual labs, Language Lab, Mathematics Lab, Science Lab, Computer Lab and School Library so that the students can get more exposure to new ideas and innovations. In order to meet the demands of 21<sup>st</sup> century education and needs, we have been constantly organizing various workshops and trainings for the teachers so as to support them in their skills and professionalism. For the same purpose, we have made our Training Hall completely techno friendly. Three different audio visual rooms have been set for Pre Primary, Primary and Middle and Senior Schools. Special Mat of international standard has been placed to have martial art classes. We have finalized another Hall with better infrastructures and technologies, and we will start making use of the hall now onwards.

### **Instructional Supervision**

The school has placed special effort to provide leadership to teachers in the improvement of instruction so that we can stimulate professional growth and development of teachers. For this, the classes of the teachers are regularly observed by the principal, section In Charges and the Academic Advisor to provide support and guidance for the teachers in teaching learning activities. We do have regular In Charges' and HoDs' Meetings with Principal, Block Wise Meeting and Department Meetings to ensure smooth functioning of all the activities of the school. Exercise books are also regularly cross checked and monitored.

### **Training and Workshops**

Several teachers training workshops were held inside the school in order to boost up skills, expertise and confidence of the teachers. The academic session began with three days of intensive workshops for teachers of all levels from various experts from different spheres. The session also included motivation classes for the teachers and staff. Primary and Middle School Teachers took part in workshops that emphasized on Activity Based instructions, Classroom Management and Instructional Planning.

School Head, In Charges and HoDs went through Leadership training in Hotel Mirabel, Dhulikhel so as to hone their leadership as well as management skills. Similarly, Primary and Pre Primary Teachers had Child Friendly and Activity Based instructions and Classroom Management Workshop for four days. Quite a few teachers participated in various training and workshops even outside school. Middle School English Teachers also went through a day workshop of English Language Teaching provided by Oxford Publication.

We are working with "Pacific Hotel Management and Training Center (under the affiliation of Australian University), Maitidevi" for upgrading our kitchen. The professionals and volunteers from the Center provided several orientations to our Kitchen staff to improve the kitchen services.

We will continue such rigorous workshops and trainings in order to meet the needs and demands of modern day education.

### **International Volunteer**

This year we have started to invite international volunteers and introduced them in classes. The objective of having international volunteers is to make our students aware of international values and context. At the same time the volunteers also support students in their academic and co-curricular activities. Recently, Constance Frohly, resident of 4 Square Leroy-Beaulieu 75016, Paris, France joined us on 6 July for 4 weeks. She guided students in language and co-curricular activities in the middle school. Similarly Li Elaine, resident of Wuchuan, Guangdong, China joined us on 29 June for 6 weeks, and she has been helping students and teachers in Pre-School and Primary School.

### **Co-curricular and Extracurricular Activities**

Various intraschool co-curricular and extracurricular activities were conducted. Moreover, many of our students took part in various inter school competitions outside the school.

### **Intra School Activities**

To groom leadership qualities among our students and to select student leaders, the students went through election process in the month of Baishakh. We tried to follow the election system and procedure of the nation so as to give students real life scenario of Nepali Election System. During the same month, class-wise Handwriting Competitions were held to encourage students to write neat and clean and legible handwriting.

In the month of Jestha, we started with After School Club Activities. This year we added Martial Art and Public Speaking Clubs too. Inter House Quiz Competition was held for the classes from IV to IX in order to encourage students to look beyond their textual knowledge. Similarly, classes of VIII and IX had Essay Writing Competition on the same day. Inter-House Table Tennis Competition was also held in the same month. On 17 of Jestha, Primary School, Middle School and Senior School with initiative from Social Studies Department organized Anti-Tobacco Campaign to mark "No Tobacco Day". Similarly, on 29 of Jestha, an awareness rally was organized by Social Studies Department in the locality to mark the campaign against Child Labour.

Like every year, this year too World Environment Day was celebrated in grand manner organizing various activities. This year's theme for the day was "Connecting People to Nature". The day started with Blood Donation Camp which was organized in coordination with the Red Cross Society Nepal where huge number of participants from our teachers' community, guardians and students from different colleges of KMC Educational Networks donated blood. This year's theme for blood donation was "Give blood. Give now. Give often." On the same day, Inter-House One Act Competition as per the theme of the day was organized at school. Rupa, the winning house, staged the play at Sankhamul Chowk in coordination with the local community. Our Primary School (Grade I – III) children prepared various materials out of waste products themselves on the theme "Best out of Waste". Similarly, Grade I kids made newspaper bags and distributed for the people of the local community in order to raise awareness against the use of polythene bags. For community awareness, the students from Grades VII – X cleaned the community around the school. The students from grade I – VIII were taken at National Sports Center, Chyasal to enhance their swimming skills.

The month of Asadh too had various activities. 15 Asadh was celebrated by following cultural ritual of taking "Dahi Chiura". Elocution Competition was held for the classes from I to IX in order to build communication skills of the students with special emphasis on clear and expressive speech, distinct pronunciation and articulation. Teacher's Day was celebrated by students of various classes to appreciate efforts and contributions of Teachers. Grade X students organized Grand Teacher's Day Celebration for teachers and administrative staff of the entire school in the same venue with a wide range of activities like handing over gifts, performing dance, play and musical items.

Inter-House Chess competition was also organized for the students from Grade IV to IX. Primary School (Grade II) had "Food Sharing Programme" under Social Studies in which teachers and students of Grade II brought home made foods and shared with each other. The objective of the programme was to motivate sharing habits among the students as well as to make them realize value of foods. The ECA activity for the month ended with Bhanu Jayanti Celebration on 29 Asadh. On this day, tika and garland was offered on the Portrait of *Aadi Kabi* Bhanu Bhakta Acharya and the Ramayana recitation was done at assembly. Furthermore, Nepali Poem Writing and Recitation Competitions were organized for the classes from I to IX.

On the First of Shrawan, Primary School (Grade I-III) organized face painting programme for the students.

Teachers and students actively took part in this. The students not only had fun but also honed different art and painting skills. We also ran special Boost Up classes of 10 days for the students who needed special support in academics.

#### **Pre School Activities**

Our preschool follows play way method to teach students. Various activities are designed for the learning process. On 12 of Jestha, the students of Pre-School were taken for the Field Trip to Bouddhanath Stupa. The kids cleaned the Pre School Area and surroundings on World Environment Day. They also put on the White dresses. On 22 Jestha, the toddlers entertained Rain Dance to provoke rain. Apart from the rain dance, the children were also taken to the National Sports Centre, Chyasal for two swimming classes. As a part of thematic teaching, the students visited nearby local Nursery to learn about plants and vegetation in the month of Ashadh. They were taken to Bhaktapur for Rice Plantation where they felt the earth and the real world rice plantation process. They also had *Dahi Chiura* to mark that day. Rhymes Recitation competition was also held in this month. And in the month of Shrawan, the students celebrated Green Dress Day, Mehendi Activity and Teacher's Day.

#### **Inter School Activities**

Our students took part in various Inter School Competitions. Sujist Kunwar of Grade IX DG secured Second Position in the Inter-School Essay Writing organized by Buddha Jayanti Samaroha Samiti, Buddhanagar. The School's Football Team participated in 16<sup>th</sup> Inter School SAMB Running Football Trophy 2074. Our students also took part in the Inter-School Quiz Competition organized by Arunima Education Foundation, Bauddha. There was also participation in Inter School Oratory Competition organized by Everest English School, Bhaktapur. In Inter School Poem Writing and Recitation Competition organized by Suryodaya Education Foundation, Ghattekulo, Ashma Sharma of Grade X DG secured consolation prize. There were further participations in Inter School Poem Recitation Competition organized by School Life Magazine, Sankhamool and also in the World Wildlife Quiz organized by WWF Nepal.

#### **International Languages**

Chinese and French Languages smoothly running

Thank you for your cooperation.

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