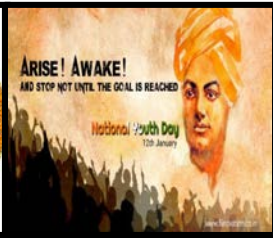


"Every child is gifted; they just  
unwrap their packages at  
different times"

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Dear Parents

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." – Jimmy Dean

It's greatly cheering to step into the threshold of New Year with abundance of optimism, aspirations and dreams by bidding adieu to the bygone year. Well, it's an ideal time to retrospect ourselves and move ahead valiantly to face the challenges with indomitable spirit and tenacity. **New Year's Day** is widely celebrated all across the globe on January 1 with pomp and splendour. A New Year's **resolution** is a decision to **do** or not **do** something in order to accomplish a personal goal or break a habit. It comes at a time when **people** look back at the past year and **make** an effort to improve themselves as the New Year begins. The New Year is slowly nearing, and with the holiday season already upon us many people are indulging in retrospection and re-evaluating some of their life choices.

- ❖ **Stop procrastinating:** Once you get used to procrastinating it's difficult to snap yourself out of it, so you'll need to put in a lot of work to change this bad habit.
- ❖ **Become more confident and take some chances.** A good dose of self-confidence will help you lead a much happier life overall. Don't hesitate to get some input on ways to boost your morale.
- ❖ **Become more organized:** It doesn't matter how much time you have on your hands if you can't manage it properly.
- ❖ **Read more:** Books are an excellent way to gain a lot of knowledge on a huge variety of topics, and are also a great exercise for your brain.
- ❖ **Improve your concentration and mental skills:** People have been trying to find ways to improve their focus and cognitive capacities for thousands of years.
- ❖ **Meet new people:** When we get stuck in a rut, we usually end up staying at home most of the time, missing out on a lot of interesting opportunities for networking and having fun.
- ❖ **Become more polite:** Good manners have always been an important part of a civilized society.

Wishing you all a very blessed, healthy and successful New Year!!!

Warm Regards,  
Principal

## GLOBALLY IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE MONTH

**New Year (1)** is the time at which a new calendar year begins. Many cultures celebrate the event in some manner and the 1st day of January is often marked as a national holiday.

**Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (9)** is celebrated to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India. The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa in Bombay on 9 January 1915.

**Jayanti Guru Nanak Gurburab(5)**, also known as Guru Nanak's Prakash Utsav, celebrates the birth of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak. This is one of the most sacred festivals in Sikhi.

**Republic Day(26)** honours the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on 26 January 1950 replacing the Government of India Act (1935) as the governing document of India. 26 January was chosen as the Republic day.

### CAMPUS CLANDESTINE

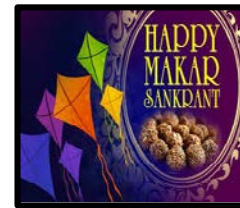
The month of December was welcomed with lots of cheers as the anticipated winter break was just around the corner. The activities related to the theme and the project kept the children on their toes as they were related to "Playtime". The children were able to appreciate the fact that time spent outdoors in the sunshine would keep them hale and healthy. Through the project, the children were familiarized with different types of balls used for different types of games - football, basketball, volley ball, cricket ball, golf ball, etc. The spirits rode high with the Major Co-Curricular Activity "Get Set Go". It provided an opportunity to correlate terms like "Team work", "Team Spirit" and "Co-ordination." As the month came to an end, the air was filled with Christmas cheer and the children bid adieu to 2017, to welcome the New Year with a fresh start. Happy New Year 2018!

**National Youth Day (12)** is celebrated on the birthday of Swami Vivekananda. In 1984 the Government of India declared the day as the National Youth Day and since 1985 the event is celebrated in India every year.

**Lohri(13)** is a popular winter time Punjabi folk festival, celebrated primarily by Sikhs and Hindus from the Punjab region of Indian subcontinent the festival commemorates the passing of the winter solstice.



**Makar Sankranti (14)** marks the first day of sun's transit into the Makara (Capricorn), marking the end of the month with the winter solstice and the start of longer days *Makar Sankrant*.



**Pongal (15)** is a four-days-long harvest festival celebrated in Tamil Nadu, a southern state of India. The harvest festival, Pongal, falls typically on the 14th or the 15th of January and is the quintessential 'Tamil Festival'.



## SYLLABUS

### ENGLISH

Phonic drill, Cursive writing(j-r), all,ee,oo words, Vocabulary

### MATHS

Oral : Counting 1-100

Written: 1-50, Introduction of subtraction, Introduction of Greater than ,less than(>/<)

### HINDI

मौखिक एवं लिखित-सयुक्त अक्षर-क्ष-श्र। क-श्र। (-ई) मात्रा से संबंधित

मौखिक ज्ञान प्राप्त करना। सक्षिप्त शब्दों और वाक्यों का मूल भूत ज्ञान।



### Ingredients:

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/4 cup oats
- 1/2 cup milk
- a pinch of nutmeg powder
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon powder
- 1 1/2 tbsp powdered sugar
- 1 tsp oil
- a pinch of salt
- 2 1/4 tsp oil for greasing and cooking

### For Serving

- 2 tbsp honey
- 1/2 cup orange segments

### METHOD

Combine all the ingredients, in a bowl and mix well to make a batter of pouring consistency using enough water. Grease a non-stick mini uttapa pan using 1/4 tsp of oil. Pour 2 tbsp. of the batter in each of the 7 uttapa molds and spread it evenly to make a 67mm. (2 1/2") diameter circle. Cook the pancakes, using 1 tsp of oil, till they turn brown in colour from both the sides. Repeat steps 4 and 5 to make 1 more batch of 7 pancakes. Serve hot with honey and oranges.

### TONGUE TWISTERS



### THEME OF THE MONTH – PETS

A pet is an animal kept primarily for a person's company, protection, or entertainment rather than as a working animal or livestock. The children would get a clear understanding of different animals - wild, domestic and farm animals. Furthermore, they would be able to recognize the sounds of different animals, names of their young ones and their shelter/homes. They also would learn to show empathy towards animals. Through discussions the children would get a better insight into how animals play an important role in maintaining the delicate balance of life on earth in their respective ecosystems. The them would help the children develop a responsible attitude to animals by showing respect and compassion to them.



### PROJECT OF THE MONTH – PARROT

Birds have many attractive qualities, but parrots are truly unique amongst them due to their ability to repeat human speech and have ensured their popularity for many years. Parrots have captivated many people for hundreds of years, offering beauty, affection, and intelligent companionship to people all over the world. Even those who don't profess to be bird lovers can rarely resist the charms of a well-behaved parrot.



### PARENT PLUS

**Talk to your child** - Ask your child to talk about his day at school. Encourage him to explain something they did, or a game he played during recess.

**Say silly tongue twisters** - Sing songs, read rhyming books, and say silly tongue twisters. These help kids become sensitive to the sounds in words.

**Use your child's name** - Point out the link between letters and sounds. Say, "John, the word jump begins with the same sound as your name. John, jump. And they both begin with the same letter, J."

### RHYME AND FUN



Little poll parrot  
Sat in his garret,  
Eating toast and tea;  
A little brown mouse  
Jumped into the house,  
And stole it all away.