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"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."

-Helen Keller-

Message from our Patron
Dr. Mohan Lal Grero



Yesterday, the world celebrated "White Cane Day".

Therefore, I thought it an opportune moment to share with you a little story I read about a remarkable lady who was not only blind, but deaf as well.

It was a cold winter afternoon in 1920. A large number of people were waiting outside an exhibition hall in the city of New York to purchase tickets. Inside the hall, the manager seemed to be highly pleased. A large number of people had arrived, many more than his expectations. A new kind of exhibition was being presented on that day.

The curtain went up. The stage was set up like a reception room in a house. A young man who sat beside a piano rose and bowed ceremoniously. He introduced a majestic middle-aged woman to the audience. It was Anne Sullivan Macy. Anne made a brief speech. Everyone listened attentively to her sweet-sounding words. Later another woman, beautifully dressed and pleasant-looking, walked on to stage. Anne clasped her hand.

She just looked at the audience and stood revealed. Later, that woman - Helen Keller - spoke. She struggled hard to let out each word. The audience too struggled to grasp what she said. Still they kept their ears strained and sharp. A long applause resounded in the hall when Helen stopped speaking. Back in the day, these two were among the most famous people in America. Anne Sullivan was a bold educationist and civil rights spokesperson. Helen Adams Keller was her deaf and blind disciple. Despite being handicapped, she had made a name for herself as a writer, women's liberation activist and a social worker.

The audience was immensely touched by Helen's speech. Her words could be summed up this way: "My teacher told you how her one word touched the darkness of my mind and how I woke up to the bliss of life. I was dumb; now I can speak. I am obliged to the hands and hearts of others for this achievement. Through their love I came to see my mind; I could see God, I could find happiness. In fact, we all live for helping others and for being helped. By remaining united we can do a lot of things. Only love can break down the walls that stand between us and our happiness. The greatest commandment is to love one another. I would like to thank God at the top of my voice for all the love, happiness and hope that would be coming to me."

Why did Helen Keller give such a message? Both Helen and her teacher needed money to live. They got ready for this show in the hope of being paid. The audience had come to get a glance of this 'living miracle' much more than hearing a lecture. Most of them were curious as if they were viewing a rare creation. But Helen Keller's glory lies in the fact that she suffered all such humiliations and fought bravely for the rights of the physically handicapped people. She declared that the physically handicapped people had the right to live like normal people.

Let us do all we can to help those who are physically challenged to live just as we do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH OF NOVEMBER - 2021

01 st Nov.	Starting Date of Science Projects
04 th Nov.	Deepawali Celebrations
06 th Nov.	Online Parent's Meeting
08 th Nov.	Junior English Singing Competition - Finals
12 th Nov.	Class Assembly of Grade 4 & 5
20 th Nov.	Sports Camp for Primary
30 th Nov.	Closing Date of Science Project

FIRST TERM FEES

We would appreciate it if you could pay the first term fees, if you have not already done so. We sincerely thank the parents who have paid the school fees.

HOBBIES

Please encourage your child to get involved with a hobby. It may be collecting pictures, post cards, stamps, coins, cards etc.





Children are like uncut diamonds. Our duty is to help them grow with their unique shine. We celebrated the Children's Day 2021 on the 01st October in a spectacular way, Organized with online games, refreshments and entertainment items presented by teachers. It was indeed a memorable day for the little Apollians.



STARTING PRE SCHOOL FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR - 2021 / 2022

Physical school was commenced for Pre School on 25th October, 2021 under strict health guidelines & protocols. The little Apollians seemed to be happily attending school after a long break.



OCTOBER MONTHLY TESTS

The October Monthly Test was held on 28th and 29th October, 2021 for Grade 4 and 5 physically and on 27th to 29th October for Grade 1 to 3 online via MS Teams.



PHYSICAL EXAM

ONLINE EXAM

ITOSU-RYU KARATEDO VIRTUAL KATA CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2nd Itosu-Ryu Karatedo Virtual Kata Championship 2021 was held in October which was organized by the Japan Karatedo ITOSU - Kai.



TRIAN CASIE CHETTY

Trian Casie Chetty from Apollo International School, Kandana was placed third in his orange / green belt category. He will be participating in the National Karatedo Virtual Championship organized by the Sri Lanka Karatedo Federation this year.

Congratulations

PRE PRIMARY SEMINAR

This seminar was held online on 09th October via Teams in order to explain the constructive information about the syllabus, teaching aids and activities that are done during lessons, which are important for the total development of a child.

READING SEMINAR - GRADE 1

The Reading Seminar for Grade 1 was held online on 24th October, 2021 via MS Teams. It was conducted by Ms. Maria Nugara.

The purpose of this seminar was to make parents aware of the importance of reading. It was a great learning experience for all.