

## A message to walkers

It has been the philosophy of PSBB to impart to students, besides academic knowledge, the skills to develop empathy, compassion and responsibility towards the community. Students are given several opportunities to positively engage with society and contribute in their own small way.

On 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 40 students of Class Two and a few students from Classes 5,6 & 8 had a wonderful opportunity to perform at Natesan Park, Venkatanarayana Road on “Sun safety rules” & “Importance of Tulasi”.

With placards of the sun, sunglasses, tree, sunscreen lotion, cotton shirt (accessories required for protection from the sun) and the 5S – Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek & Slide, students exhibited energy and enthusiasm that brightened the otherwise cold, dull morning (6:45 a.m.) The purpose was to create awareness on “Sun Safety” rules to the walkers and joggers at the park. The excited chatter of the children had a lot of curious walkers wondering why they were there in their school uniforms on a Sunday morning. The short, powerful play that advised the public how to be careful and avoid sunburns as well as a foot tapping song was a visual treat to all.



Children of Std II creating awareness on “Sun Safety Rules”

This was followed by a “Talk show” on Tulasi by students of grade 5 to 8 both in English as well as Tamil. The students spoke about the traditional, medicinal and cultural value of Tulasi and also its significant use in modern times. Later around 15 Tulasi saplings were gifted to the walkers as the children marched around the park, singing the “Sun Safety” song.



Students explaining the significance of Tulasi at Natesan Park.



Children distributing Tulsi saplings to the Walkers and Joggers

While the performance on sun safety was an attempt by the young children to share their understanding of the same, the talk as well as the presentation of Tulsi plant was an appeal to people to develop reverence towards nature by reviving ancient practices of worshipping plants.

The morning was well spent as the students were appreciated for their performance and the school was commended for its initiative to train students to become responsible members of the society.

Mr. Gopal, Natesan Park Secretary said” I should thank you for giving us this opportunity. Everyone is happy and satisfied with the performance of the children. They are the symbol of excellence for which PSBB stands for. Happy that Thulasi plants were distributed through the silky hands of the children and our senior citizen brothers and sisters conveyed their blessings to the children. Hats off to the teaching staff led by the respected VP, parents and children!”

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