

**Message from  
Director General  
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It is with immense pleasure that I am addressing primary school pupils, educators and headmasters. Since 2003, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has been partnering with key stakeholders namely the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, school administrators and educators in the fight against corruption and in the promotion of a culture of integrity.

In the primary education sector, the ICAC focuses essentially on the promotion of anti-corruption values to make pupils become responsible citizens so that they mature as anti-corruption champions. We need to equip our children with the right values to be able to face the challenges of corruption and combat the social ills in our society.

In this context, the ICAC has since 2003 triggered a number of initiatives at primary school level, such as rainbow newsletter, poem competition, story writing competition, poster competition, values week, integrity day etc. to promote an integrity culture among the school community.

According to A.P.J Abdul Kalam, former Indian President 'If a country is to be corruption-free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, mother and the teacher'.

Hence, I would like to make an appeal to school administrators, educators and parents to model the right behaviour and act with integrity to foster an integrity culture i.e doing the right things and accepting the consequences (results) of your actions; always acting with fairness; honouring your commitments and making no lame excuses or blaming others when things go wrong.

Through this newsletter, we wish to develop and maintain a permanent dialogue with the school community. I hope you will appreciate the value-based articles and you will find this newsletter useful. I thank all contributors to this newsletter and look forward to your support for the forthcoming issues.

Let's work together towards a corrupt-free society.

# Newsletter

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**PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

## "Reinforcing values education"

EDUCATORS' CORNER



The key to a successful fight against corruption in a country is all about bringing a change in mindset of the population. Schools have an important role to play and the role of educators is vital in moulding the character of our children. The latter must be raised as role models through the inculcation of values right from their young age.

Role plays, dramas, the use of songs, poems, drawings, short stories, creative writing, value games, and other activities reinforce values and direct pupils towards character building. These initiatives transform conventional classrooms to smart classrooms where learning and teaching of anti-corruption values can end up being fun. It turns abstract ideas into colourful, concrete examples that are bound to arouse the interest of young pupils.

In these activities, educators join hands with the pupils together to make the process of learning more pleasant. They play a very important role in the inculcation of values and work towards making children become responsible citizens. As rightly said 'If a teacher is able to play his/her role well, then a whole nation will transform'.

Educators have an important role in shaping the opinions and behaviour of pupils. They are the most influential role models in preparing children to serve as good leaders now and in the future.

## Anti-Corruption Poem Competition 2019

This year, the ICAC organised an Anti-Corruption Poem Competition on the theme 'Promoting honesty and responsibility for a corrupt free society'. The competition was open to all Grades 5 and 6 pupils of Mauritius, Rodrigues and Agalega.



It was an opportunity for headmasters, educators, pupils and parents to reflect on the dangers of corruption and the most effective strategy in fostering an integrity culture. The competition mobilised the whole school community and the support provided by educators and parents was indeed remarkable. We can safely say today that there is far more will and commitment from very many schools to engage children in the promotion of the right values not just in words but in actions. The competition no doubt provided the participants with an opportunity to unleash their creativity and hidden talents. In all, 74 primary schools participated with a total of over 700 entries.

The winners of the competition are:

### Grade 5

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| ✳ 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | - | Ilaria Larue - Mohabeer Foogooa Govt School           |
| ✳ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | - | Dosieah Jigisha - Mohabeer Foogooa Govt School        |
| ✳ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | - | Rachna Goorwappa - PCK Aryan Vedic Hindu Aided School |

### Grade 6

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| ✳ 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | - | Mirav Bundhoo - Hugh Otter Barry Govt School     |
| ✳ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | - | Manasi Durbarry - Seegoolam Torul Govt School    |
| ✳ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | - | Maanas Beegadhur - Shri Shambhoonath Govt School |

We are pleased to present here contributions from Primary School Pupils. Others will be inserted in our next issue. Our thanks go to all of you for your hardwork, commitment and invaluable contributions to this newsletter. Your views and suggestions will be appreciated.

## WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

TO BE A RESPECTED CITIZEN OR A DISHONOURABLE ONE?

TO LIVE IN A HONEST AND ETHICAL SOCIETY OR AN UNFAIR AND CORRUPT ONE?

TO GET FAVOURS THROUGH BRIBES AND HAVE A DISTURBED MIND  
OR GET THINGS BY YOUR OWN MERIT AND HAVE A PEACE OF MIND?

WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THAT CORRUPTION IS A GOOD PRACTICE  
OR A BAD ONE?

TO PROMOTE JUSTICE BY REPORTING INCIDENCE OF CORRUPTION OR  
TO BE SILENT SPECTATOR?

WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

TO WALK WITH CORRUPTION OR TO SCORE A GOAL OF HONESTY  
AND INTEGRITY?

TO WATER THE TREE OF CORRUPTION AND LET IT GROW

OR TO STOP NURTURING IT AND LET IT DIE?

YOU ARE THE ONE WHO HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE THE SOCIETY BY  
ACTING AGAINST CORRUPTION

REMEMBER HUMAN BEINGS CAN PROSPER IN RIGHTEOUS SOCIETY

AND COLLAPSE IN A CORRUPT ONE

YOU ARE THE ONE WHO HAS THE POWER TO CURE THE SOCIETY  
FROM THE AILMENT CALLED CORRUPTION

The time is **NOW**  
Make a **CHOICE** and **ACT**

HOW  
CAN  
WE

**STOP**

**CORRUPTION?**



*Mirav Bundhoo  
Grade 6, Hugh Otter Barry Govt School  
1st Prize Winner  
Anti-Corruption Poem Competition 2019*

*“Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling,  
truth speaking, truth living, and truth loving”.*

## GIVE HONESTY A CHANCE

Corruption .....

Already it sounds like something bad

Why would you even think of considering it?

Would you trick your mum, or trick your dad?

Give it a thought, Even just, a little bit

It's not right, to take something that is not yours

This is call stealing, you know that! I know that!

How would you feel behind steel doors?

With no friends and family, and then so what?

I think it is time to give a chance to honesty

Make it a must, make it your responsibility

Let it flourish for the love of our society

For growth of our country

Teach it to our children, even to a new born baby

Let corruption fade away, put a full stop to unwelcomed bribery



*Ilaria Larue  
Grade 5, Mohabeer Foogooa Govt School  
1st Prize Winner  
Anti-Corruption Poem Competition 2019*

## 8 LINES ON HONESTY



1. Honesty refers to the quality of a person being truthful, faithful and sincere in actions, speech and appearance.
2. Honesty is the quality which is inherited from the parents, family values and belief system.
3. It is also learnt from situations and surroundings with patience and continued efforts.
4. If a person has honesty, faith and discipline then he will surely succeed in achieving his goals.
5. A honest person can always be trusted under any circumstance.
6. A honest person is always regarded as a role model in the society.
7. Honesty is always standing up for what is right and true.
8. A honest person always takes the responsibility of his/her mistakes with courage.



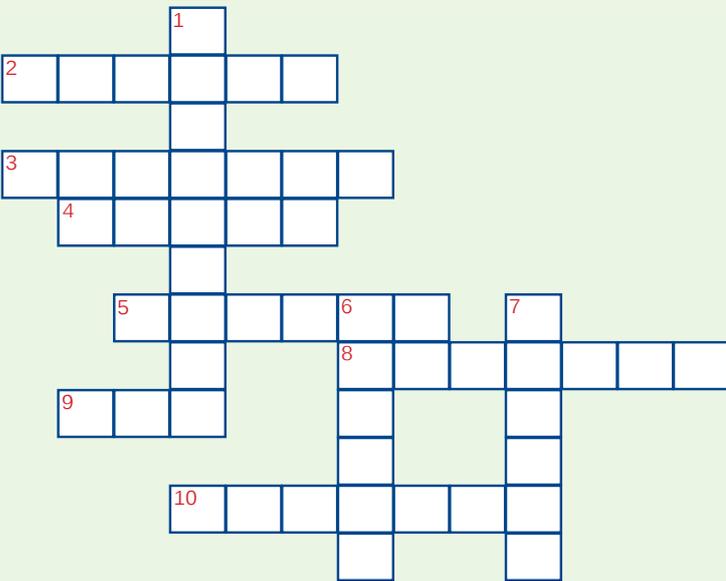
# CROSSWORDS

## HONESTY/VALUES

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 V C Q M H R N R R A F T V Q P U E E O N I L E W  
 B A O M Y E A H V C R E A T I V E X Q G F N C Q

Adventure	Attitude	Bold	Caring
Creative	Curious	Daring	Diligent
Educated	Fair	Fame	Friend
Friendship	Fun	Goals	Happy
Helpful	Honest	Honesty	Kind
Leader	Loving	Loyal	Open
Popular	Respectful	Responsible	Spiritual
Wealthy	Wise		

## INTEGRITY



### Across

- Respect is \_\_\_\_\_ not given.
- Speak with \_\_\_\_\_ think with sincerity act with integrity.
- Do the right thing because it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of integrity is knowing the right path to take.
- Treat people the way you want to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ to integrity is having the courage to say no.
- Have the \_\_\_\_\_ to face the truth.

### Down

- \_\_\_\_\_ is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain.
- Do unto \_\_\_\_\_ as you would have them do unto you.
- Talk to people the way you want to be \_\_\_\_\_ to.

## HONESTY Test

- You find a wallet on the ground that contain a Rs 200 note, the owner's driving license and a phone number. What will you do?
- Someone offers you a very beautiful pencil case but you know that this is a stolen property. What will you do?

# GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE CHERRY TREE



When George was about six years old, he was made the wealthy master of a hatchet of which, like most little boys, he was extremely fond. He went about chopping everything that came his way.

One day as he wandered about the garden amusing himself by hacking his mother's pea sticks. He found a beautiful young English cherry tree, of which his father was most proud. He tried the edge of the hatchet on the trunk of the tree and barked it so that it died.



Sometime after this, his father discovered what had happened to his favourite tree. He came into the house in great anger, and enquired who the mischievous person was who had cut away the bark. Nobody could tell him anything about it.

Just then George, with his little hatchet, came into the room.



'George' said his father, 'do you know who has killed my beautiful little cherry tree in the garden?'

This was a hard action to answer, and for a moment George was staggered by it, but quickly recovering himself he cried:

'I cannot tell a lie, father, you know I cannot tell a lie! I did cut it with my hatchet.'

The anger died of his father's face, and taking the boy tenderly, in his arms, he said:

'My son, that you should not be afraid to tell the truth is more to me than a thousand trees! Yes - though they blossomed with silver and had leaves of the purest gold!'

(Source: [www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/presidents-day/george-washington/short-http/](http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/presidents-day/george-washington/short-http/))

## Worthy goals are those reached by proper means

Why are you so down Charlie?

We lost the game

Did you play a good game?

Yeah, we played our hardest

There is no shame in losing a game when you have done your best and the other team just played better. Hold your head high, son!

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

## Parents

Children learn values by watching our actions and the actions of other adults they respect.

Pay close attention to whether you are modelling honesty and integrity in your day-to-day interactions.

Notice when your actions don't align with the messages you are sending.

Nobody is perfect all the time.

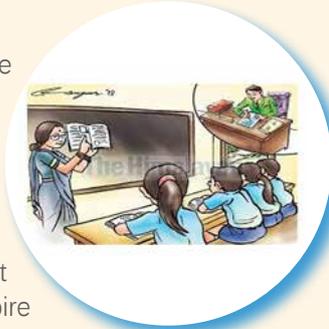
Acknowledge these moments and use them to model honesty and self-awareness.

*Visitation RCA School*



## We can make a difference

It is a great honour for me to be the headmaster of the Day and I enjoy the challenge that this new day brings. The well-being of every child within our happy, vibrant and nurturing environment is at the heart of everything that I will do. My dream is to inspire teachers, parents and the whole school community to work towards making our children become responsible citizens. We set out to see if we could help children to develop a language of values. I have noticed that many people are fully aware of the importance of values such as responsibility, respect and integrity but unfortunately they do not live those values.



Values are meant to be practiced on a daily basis. Let us all

- Walk the talk
- Set good examples
- Be models for our children

Together, we can make the difference!



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# ATTITUDES - AM I RIGHT ?



## Negative Attitudes

### • CORRUPTION

- Crime
- Offence
- Risk
- Robbery
- Unlawful
- Prison
- Tears
- Irrespectful
- Obstruction
- Nepotism



## Positive Attitudes

### • INTEGRITY

- Intelligence
- Nice
- Trust
- Engagement
- Good
- Respectful
- Inspiring
- Truth
- Youpi !!!

## PRAYER AGAINST NEGATIVITY

Heavenly Father,

Embrace me with your tranquility and

Love so that my mind can be at ease.

Break every chain of negative thoughts

And speak prosperity and positivity into

My life, for life and death are in the power of the tongue.

Therefore, I declare and decree that

Every stronghold in my life produced

By negative thought patterns are broken

In God's mighty name

*(Visitation RCA School)*

## INTEGRITY

