

## **Investiture Ceremony held for Primary Section at Indian School Salalah**

The investiture ceremony held for the newly elected team of office bearers of Indian School Salalah-Primary section 2016-17 in the school auditorium was filled with an aura of pride and unified zeal. Excitement was all over in the air as the junior block (classes 1 & 2) was all set to begin the first event of the academic year 2016-17. The ambience was all set for THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY.

The function started with the rendition of prayer song to pay obeisance to the Almighty and seek his blessings on the school and the children. The function was presided over by Principal Mr.T.R. Brown with the gracious presence of Vice Principal Mrs. Omana Mathews, Asst.Vice Principal Mr. Srinivasan and the proud parents.

The students of class 2 performed a graceful welcome dance. After the welcome address the most awaited moment unfolded in front of the audience of students and parents- The Investiture ceremony. It was a wonderful sight to see the future leaders march smartly and confidently to receive the badge from Principal Mr. T.R.

Brown. As each one of them received the badge and were announced as the members of the students' body council the joy and pride was evidently seen on the faces of the parents.

Mast. Surya Dev was elected as the Junior Boy Captain, Miss Zaina Fathima as the Junior Girl Captain , Mast Aditya Verma as the Junior Vice Boy Captain and Miss Adrika Zaara Arun as the Junior Girl vice Captain. The new office bearers then took the oath that they would discharge the duties entrusted to them with utmost sincerity and loyalty. The gleam in their eyes and their confidence gave the audience a very clear message that they understood every word of the oath and they mean to follow it and adhere to it.

Principal Mr. T.R. Brown addressed the gathering and spoke about the duties of a leader. He highlighted the ways good leaders are known. He also shared an anecdotal story from the life of Mahatma Gandhi expressing his greatness as a leader, he further expressed his joy on seeing the office bearers standing with him and being a support pillar to the school.

The ceremony further moved on with the students putting up a short skit on a parable depicting the proverb "Unity is strength". The song sung by the school choir "together we can" was well applauded as it was a song apt for the occasion. The junior Boy and girl captain in their speech thanked everyone and assured that they would do their best to shoulder the responsibilities entrusted to them and make the school proud of them.

The investiture ceremony for classes 3& 4 began with the welcome address by Miss. Insha Kamaran of class 3F and Miss. Rachel Jeanna Meeran of Class 3E. They extended their whole hearted welcome to the distinguished guests Dr. Debashish Bhattacharya (Chairman C.C.A subcommittee of SMC), Mr. Jonathan Solomon (Chairman Infrastructure subcommittee of SMC), Mrs. Dhanya Nair (Member, SMC) and proud parents who were accompanied by Principal Mr.T.R.Brown, Vice Principal Mrs. Omana Mathews and Assistant Vice Principal Mr. Srinivasan to the august gathering.





The C.C.A incharge for class III Mrs.Simi Moideen elaborated on the importance of C.C.A and the motto for this year “C.C.A offers an opportunity to mould your potentials into credentials in the pursuit of excellence.” The C.C.A incharge Mrs.Palak Takar for class IV introduced all the new house mistresses for the current year and invited them to announce the names of the office bearers and associate teachers.

Dr. Debashish Bhattacharya pinned the badges for the primary boy captain Mast. Muhammed Shamlal, the primary girl captain Miss. Pavitra Manoj and the

Vice captains. Mr. Jonathan Solomon, Mrs. Dhanya Nair, Principal – Mr. T.R. Brown, Vice Principal- Mrs Omana Mathews did the honour of investing the four house captains and prefects.

The primary school boy captain ceremoniously administered the oath to the newly- appointed leaders. The girl captain administered the oath to the students. They took an oath to obey and help their newly appointed leaders in doing their duties. The melodious “Congratulation song” sung by the school choir then created a unique ambience. Mast. Vijey Vikas Raj and Miss. Sandrine Mary Sunil delivered the speech of acceptance. It was followed by an entertaining skit with the theme of unity and a musical mime depicting how special each child is in this institution of learning.

Dr. Debashish Bhattacharya, member school management committee and chairman C.C.A subcommittee congratulated the new office bearers and exhorted them to imbibe virtues to be a good leader and expressed his immense happiness on being present on such an occasion. He also inspired the students to work diligently and to never give up.

Vice Principal, Mrs.Omana Mathews addressed the gathering. She congratulated the newly appointed office bearers and advised the students to help and support their leaders.

Principal – Mr. T.R. Brown congratulated the newly invested office bearers and expressed his love for the students. He narrated an inspiring story of Mahatma Gandhi to motivate the leaders “to be true to their words”. He underlined the importance of student leaders to set examples for others to emulate.

Mrs. Dhanya Manoj –Parent, congratulated the newly appointed office bearers and expressed her happiness on being invited on such an occasion.

‘Leadership is not a position or title, it is an action and example.’ said Miss. Eishrat Jahan of class 4 A and Miss. Avani Harish of class 3A as they delivered their formal vote of thanks. The solemn ceremony came to a close when the whole gathering joined in unison to sing the National Anthem.