Dear Parents,

First of all, we would like to extend our gratitude for your support and trust during these trying times. We welcomed all the children back from today and many did come. We could not help but admire the resilience of our children and be thankful for the trust and cooperation of our parents. Through this newsletter, we wish to share some of the experiences, thoughts and feelings captured throughout the first day of school after the devastation, shock and bewilderment. This is an important milestone in all our lives so we thought it would be worth sharing them with you.

Conversations during the first day of school:
Three children playing with blocks had built ‘towers’ ‘buildings’ etc.
‘If an earthquake comes, yours will also fall and mine will also fall and his will also fall down’
‘I was not afraid, but I knew the school was closed’
‘My father told me the school was closed and I was happy’
‘Mamu, you and I will sleep in the school today la’
‘I was not scared; I thought I was becoming Hulk’

It doubled our confidence to listen to these young children express their fears so candidly and gave us strength to move forward.

We would like to thank all the parents who came forward and supported us in many different ways. Mr. and Mrs. SJB Rana (Arya’s grandparents) donated NRS 40000.00 in cash and many other small items for the benefit of our didis and dais who bore loss of their families and homes
in their villages. Mr. and Mrs. Shrestha (Kalkin’s parents) donated tarpaulins for the school. Mr. and Mrs. Shrestha (Aasha’s parents) provided corrugated sheets for temporary boundary walls. We are also very grateful to all the parents who came forward and paid the fees without any questions. This made us financially capable to continue with relief efforts for those who needed immediate help as well as to repair things where it was necessary.

Please note that both the buildings were thoroughly assessed by structural engineers prior to reopening. They noted no damage and reports suggested that both buildings are structurally safe and sound. The boundary walls were also strengthened during the holidays. We would like to reassure all parents regarding safety and security of the premises of the school buildings. We are also practicing regrouping drills and continuously encouraging children to react when these activities are conducted. The daily schedule is currently in a transitional phase as we are spending more time outdoors. The regular routine will begin from next week with a few changes in classroom activities. **Please note the times for drop off and pick up will be 9.00 am – 3.00 pm for the senior groups and 9.00 am – 2.00 pm for the junior groups from Monday 08th June, 2015.**

Please also note that there some changes in the holiday list. These changes were made to make up for the days lost due to the earthquake.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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