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All Provincial Secretaries of Education,
All Provincial Directors of Education,
All Zonal Directors of Education,
All Divisional Directors of Education,
All Principals,

World Children's Day Programme – 1st October, 2020

Every year, special programmes are being implemented under a specific theme in commemorating the World Children's Day fallen on the 1st of October each year. This year, the Ministry of Women's and Children's Affairs has declared "**Let's Build our Nation**" as the theme of the World Children's Day.

02. This year, 01st October, on which the World Children's Day falls is a public holiday and protective health measures should be followed due to the pandemic situation of COVID – 19. Therefore, programmes related to this theme should be implemented in every school only on 02nd, 05th and 06th of October 2020 in parallel to the World Children's Day.

03. It is the role of the teachers and parents to create an attractive world filled with love and care for children. Furthermore, it is the duty of all elders to encourage students by providing them with opportunities and necessary guidance for self-learning, observation and exploration with the aim of producing students with creativity. Furthermore, attention should be drawn towards the challenges faced by the child at present. Therefore, focusing on the above, following programmes should be implemented in schools.

- (a) Exhibition of a banner including the theme of the World Children's Day in front of the school.
- (b) Conducting awareness programmes at school level through suitable resource persons on the role of teachers and parents in relation to optimum development of student potentialities while respecting their diversities.
- (c) It is a prime social responsibility to raise awareness relating to the key challenge of protecting from the Corona virus. Therefore, making aware the students on protective measures as well as the implementation of skills development programmes for students.

- (d) Conducting events to improve creative and aesthetic skills of children such as short drama, singing, instrumental or dancing, focusing on the theme of the World Children’s Day.
- (e) Implementing programmes related to the theme “**Let’s Build our Nation**” in the morning assembly on 02nd October.
- (f) Encourage students to exhibit creations related to the theme in school wallpapers.
- (g) Conducting awareness programmes for parents on protecting students from the drug menace.
- (h) Raise awareness in parents and elders on promoting healthy local food and to avoid the use of unhealthy food with excessive salt, sugar, fat, artificial colouring and flavours.

In the above circumstance, it is expected that effective programmes will be implemented in every school focusing on the theme of the World Children’s Day

Prof. K. Kapila C. K. Perera
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