

GREENERY @ SACSS (Collaboration with Parent-Volunteers)

Background

In an effort to promote greening and to become a green model school, special attention is given to the landscaping of our school. Planting of trees and flowers provides a sense of seasonal change that enhances beauty and vibrancy of the environment. However, bringing greenery into the school does more than just beautify. It allows for the expansion of teaching and learning beyond the confines of the classroom, creating 'borderless classrooms'.

The Greenery @ SACSS is a whole school-approach to introduce greening into the school. Greening adds aesthetic quality to the urban design thereby promoting a more pleasant school milieu and to soften the harsh concrete surroundings. This includes the setting up of the following places:

- (a) Evolutionary Ecological Trail
- (b) Medicinal Herbal / Sensory Garden
- (c) Ornamental (Edible Yard, Herbs and Spices, Food Crops) Garden
- (d) English Garden
- (e) Hydroponics Farm and Experimentation Room (Autopots Project)

Programme Objectives

As one of the key stake-holders of the school, parents' involvement and partnership is crucial to the school. As part of our efforts to engage with parents and partners, our Canossian Co-Educators have formed a committee that works on the Greenery@SACSS Programme.

Currently, we have a Garden Committee comprising parent-volunteers that help to look after and to maintain the plants and green areas of our school (English Garden, Herbal Garden, Ornamental Garden, Ecological Trail, Strawberry Plots, Grape Vine, Passion Fruits and many other plant varieties, on a regular-basis. The committee will be looking into ways to beautify the school grounds and create a community through our gardens so as to extend the potentials of the gardens. We are aware that not everyone has horticultural experience, however, and we welcome you to come on board to join in the gardening activities.

We have also collaborated with two organisations at present, National Park Board (NParks) and Fengshan Topaz Residential Committee, who offer their services and share gardening tips with our staff and parents. As a follow-up to the first workshop on 'Indoor Gardening – Terrariums & Dish Gardens', NParks will be conducting their second workshop on 'Outdoor Gardening' to share with parents and staff of the school on how to care for plants, on **12 May 2015**, from **2.30 – 4.30 pm**.

Programme Details for Gardening Committee

Activity Day : Every Tuesday

Time : 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Venue : School Gardens

Note : Gardening tools, plant fertilizers and plant boosters are provided, however, you may want to bring your own gloves.

Contact us

To find out more about the programme, just drop us an email at CCEsacss@gmail.com and our Programme Co-ordinator (Mdm Sangeeta Gokhale, GREENERY@SACSS) will be more than happy to assist you.