

Supporting Elementary Children's Social Development

It is important to know that as children progress into the elementary years (ages 6–12), their world expands beyond the family circle into friendships, peer groups, and community life. Social development during this stage is just as important as academic growth, parents play a crucial role in guiding children as they learn to interact, collaborate, and form healthy relationships.

Social growth is seen as a natural process that unfolds through experiences with others. In this stage of development, children are especially drawn to working in groups, solving problems together, and exploring fairness and justice. Their developing sense of empathy and belonging makes social learning central to their growth.

Rather than seeing social skills as separate from academic ones, Our curriculum integrates them: children learn courtesy, cooperation, and respect in the same way they learn math or reading—through practice, experience, and modeling.

How Can Parents Support Social Development at Home?

1. Encourage Independence and Responsibility

⇒ Real confidence comes from doing meaningful work. Chores do not only build practical skills but also nurture responsibility and respect for shared spaces.

2. Model Respectful Communication

⇒ When parents model calm listening, empathy, and respectful disagreement, children learn how to communicate thoughtfully.

3. Provide Opportunities for Collaboration

⇒ This help children experience teamwork and shared responsibility. Imagine your child enjoying a meal they helped prepare?

Guide, Don't Dictate

⇒ When conflicts arise, instead of immediately solving the problem, parents can ask questions to allow children to reflect on their behaviour.

6. Balance Freedom with Limits

⇒ Much as it is important for children to be allowed to make independent choices, it is also paramount to make sure that limits are set. This balance gives children both autonomy and security.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER, 2025: WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

⇒ Teachers around the world , celebrate their work on this day. We kindly request you to demonstrate your love towards your child's on this special day.

6 - 10 October 2025 - MID TERM ASSESSMENTS

⇒ Please make sure your child does not miss school this week, unless otherwise.

13 - 17 OCTOBER 2025: MID TERM BREAK

⇒ School shall be closed and reopen on Monday October 20.

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER, 2025 POTLUCK DAY

⇒ All Parents and Guardians are invited to this event

⇒ Dress code for the parents is their National Attire. Please remember to bring your national dish to share.

⇒ Children will dress up according to the groups they will be allocated to for their performances; to be communicated soon.

SPECIAL SUPPORT

The school has engaged the service of Mr. Gladson Silungwe, a Special Needs Therapist and Medical Technician who is supporting children who have learning and social challenges.

He sees the learners every Monday and Wednesday.

Please note that Mr. Silungwe is only supporting learners whose parents have given a consent and are aware that their children really are in need of this service.

The aim of this service is to make sure that no child is left behind.

NB: To continue providing enough support to the learners, the school has added two new teachers as follows:

Mr. Alfred - Science teacher for Grade 3, 4 and 5

Ms. Edda - She is teaching in Grade 2 alongside Ms. Clara.

We also have Ms. Staci supporting in Grade 1.

