

## Kremlin Urged to Teach Children About Russia's 'Fight Against Corruption'

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Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev Yekaterina Shtukina / TASS

Russian officials <u>are being urged to hold special talks</u> with local schoolchildren in a bid to "better educate" them on the government's fight against corruption.

In a letter to Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, the Russian Academic Fund called on the government hold dedicated open days for children in grades five to 11.

The organization — headed by the nephew of Russian President Vladimir Putin — said that children should meet regional leaders and learn how their decisions "improve the quality of life for Russian citizens."

"We would advise paying special attention to explaining anti-corruption policies," the letter said.

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Thousands of Russian demonstrators — including a large number of students and schoolchildren — took to the streets last Sunday to protest against Kremlin corruption.

The rallies followed an investigation by <u>opposition leader Alexei Navalny</u>'s ■ Anti-Corruption Fund, which accused Russian Prime Minister Dmitry ■ Medvedev of masterminding a vast corruption scheme.

The meetings took place in more than 80 cities across Russia, often without permission from the local authorities.

Russian President Vladimir Putin<u>Scondemned the protests on Thursday,</u> comparing them with the beginning of the Arab Spring protests, or Ukraine's Euromaidan demonstrations.

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