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Bi Annual Newsletter of
Delhi Public School, Srinagar



It is rightly said by APJ Abdul Kalam, *"Dreams are not those which you see during sleep, dreams are those which will not let you sleep."*

So to achieve a dream you need to work day in and day out. The same dream was conceived by Late Mr D P Dhar in early 70's. His dream was to open up a school of great caliber. It was carried forward by Ms Kiran Dhar and Mr Vijay Dhar. Finally, in 1997 the idea to formulate this dream into reality came into being. In October 2001, the construction of the school started and the school was opened for children from Class I to VI in March 2003.

In the following year the Junior Block was built which is considered as the best Junior Block in the whole country. The school is affiliated to CBSE, being the first private school in the entire valley.

The valley being termed as a disturbed area for more than two decades, it was the need of the hour to have a proper education system in the valley and DPS Srinagar helped in the revival of the educational system. The objective of DPS Srinagar was to provide the best for every child and to develop a culture which would promote the holistic development of a child.

The focus of the school is to let the teachers who are well qualified, caring and humane, enable the children to discover and pursue their goals and dreams. Develop their full potential which will help them to make their dreams achievable.

We are still on our path towards perfection, striving to improve at every step.





Bidding farewell to **Mr. K.K Sharma**



Mr. K.K Sharma had been the principal of the school for 4 years. He was a force behind strengthening the foundations of DPS, Sgr. He led the school to achieve great heights and become one of the top schools in the valley. Thank you very much sir for being a corner stone in the development of DPS.

Welcome to **Mrs Kusam Warikoo**



"Without change life would end in absolute stagnancy"

Changes are always for a good reason. Mrs. Kusam Warikoo, the new principal of DPS Srinagar with an experience of more than 35 years in the field of education. We hope that madam will take the school to greater heights and will achieve a new milestone.

We welcome you mam and we assure you that we will achieve greater heights together for DPS, Srinagar.

Our Infrastructure

"We shape our buildings; therefore they shape us."
– Winston Churchill

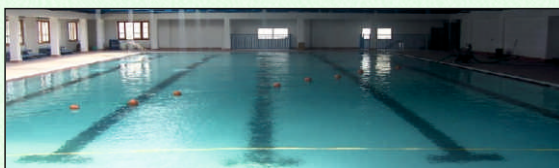
Our mission is to help the children grow mentally strong and physically tough. Our infrastructure includes:

Water World



Which is the first of its kind in any school of this country. To enhance the proper physical development through playful activities, the water world caters the need for the same for small children from Class LKG to III.

Swimming Pool



The school has a swimming pool which is half the size of Olympic swimming pool and is used for leisure activities and competition preparations for senior students.

Indoor Stadium

Highly spacious indoor stadium in which 1000 people can be accommodated. The stadium has a





basketball court, 4 badminton courts, 12 table tennis tables, a billboard and a pool table. It is also used for addressing various gatherings.

Medical Centre



We have highly trained and qualified doctors to take care of the children and staff. The medical centre is multi specialty centre for general practice, dentistry and ophthalmology. The medical centre receives consultation from specialized doctors of their fields.

Library

"Libraries are not made; they grow."

The school library is a continuous dynamic process which keeps on growing based on recent



advances in the field of science and technology, art & culture, literature etc

Junior library has collection of 14000 books mostly fiction. Senior library has collection of over 30,000 books including reference, text, fiction and non fiction.

Sports

"Good sportsmanship is not inherited but is something which everyone can learn and practice everyday." – SriJogenua

We have the best sports facilities in the whole country comprising of both indoor and outdoor



games. We have a mini golf course of 150 yards which was inaugurated by Ex-Chief Minister of J&K, Dr Farooq Abdullah in 2009. We have two cricket practicing pitches, basketball courts, volleyball and throwball courts.

Practical Labs

We have the best practical labs in the whole valley comprising of English Lab, Maths Lab, Physics Lab, Home Science Lab, Chemistry Lab and Biology Lab. Our labs are having facilities like audio-visual aids and slide shows for effective learning process. The English lab emphasizes to enhance the speaking and listening skills of the students of Delhi Public School Srinagar with 70 workstations and well equipped microphones.

Central Heating

The valley witnesses a tough and harsh winter. So to have a proper working atmosphere, the school is centrally heated, the first of its kind in the whole





country.

Art & Culture

"Art is a faithful mirror of the life and civilization of a period." – Jawahar Lal Nehru



We have well qualified and creative art teachers in our school who help to nurture the hobbies of the students. Renowned artists from all over the world visit our school and share their knowledge and skills with our students. Various art camps are held in the school campus and the artists exhibit their work.

First day of LKG students & their parents' orientation

21 MAR The start of each school year represents new beginning for parents, teachers and especially students. At DPS Srinagar, our



goal is to prepare each child for the 21st century and this is done in partnership with the parents. Amidst all the learning, we are aware that we must provide ample opportunities for our children to be just.



On 21st March, 2011, it was a beginning of new era for some beautiful kids who came out from their homes / playschool into the world of reality to create niche for themselves in this beautiful world. The kids looked graceful in their fresh uniforms like penguins walking on snow. The environment of the school was full of emotions, some faces happy, nervous, anxious and enthusiastic. The school staff welcomed the toddlers and the school also organized an orientation cum interactive session on effective parenting skills for two days with LKG parents. The resource person for the program was Ms Ismat Ahmad who talked about physical, emotional and social development. The orientation program was a great success as 225 parents participated in the program.

Disaster Management Skills

24 MAR On 24th March, 2011, the emergency bell rang once, twice and thrice! Oh my God three times. All the students started



running towards their assigned paths to evacuate the building and assemble in the ground. In ten minutes, the whole school came out for safety purpose and realized it was an emergency





evacuation drill.

In this drill 2900 students and 123 teachers participated. DPS Srinagar conducts such emergency drills twice a year. The school has well planned exit paths which can be used in case of emergencies by the students and the staff.

Academic Excellence

Delhi Public School, Srinagar has always strived towards academic excellence and this year we again proved that our students can achieve good results.

We had 98.6% result in 12th class CBSE examination with 6 students scored above 90% and 40% students scored above 80%.

Iqra Altaf topped medical and non-medical streams with 96.6%. Sehar Manzoor topped medical stream with 93.4%. Abu Bakr topped commerce with 90%, Samrah Manzoor topped non medical with 88.6% and Anam Mushtaq topped Arts with 83.4%.

Toppers of DPS

Name	Stream	Percentage
Iqra Altaf	Med/Non-Med	95.6%
Sehar Manzoor	Med	93.4%
Abu Bakr	Commerce	90%
Samra Manzoor	Non-Med	88.6%
Anam Mushtaq	Arts	83.4%

Our academic excellence was again proved by Class X with outstanding results. Out of 222 students, 32 scored 10 points and 67 scored 9 points on 10 point grading scale.

87 students of our school proved their mettle by qualifying various prestigious examinations.

52 students qualified for AIEEE, 12 qualified JKCET, 23 cleared the entrance examination of various medical colleges outside the state.

Our students proved that they can qualify at international level and six of our students got selected in various universities of USA. Mehak Jamal (Ex Student of DPS) received scholarship in Economics from Yale University, USA. Abdul Rabbani (Ex Student of DPS) got selected for Computer Engineering in the University of California, USA.

The story does not stop here at DPS Srinagar. We believe academic excellence is a continuous process and we try to strive from best to best.

Sports

The students of DPS have taken part in all the sports activities be it Kho Kho or football, table tennis or badminton, cricket or basketball. The students have proved their excellence in adventurous sports like Taekwondo or Taegsodo.

The second State Taekwondo Championship was held at DPS in which 500 participants from 28 schools took part. DPS Srinagar bagged 17 gold, 15 silver and 11 bronze medals.

The biggest ever 7-20 tournament of the state





(KPL) was held for the first time in the school in which all the districts participated and winners got a price of 5 lacs.

The second interstate invitational Taekwondo Championship was held at DPS in which 458 participants from 9 different states took part.

DPS Srinagar also participated in National Taegsodo Championship at Maharashtra in which the school bagged 11 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals.

A mega event U-19 T-20 Championship was held in September in our school in which two teams from South Africa and two from valley took part including DPS Srinagar.

In third GTK Tangsoodo International



Championship, DPS Srinagar won 7 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals.

DPS Students took part in marathons which were held on special days like Women's Day and special themes like 'Save Dal' and 'Keep Earth Green'.

One of our student Momin Manzoor was selected for U-14 National Cricket Camp bringing laurels to the school by being the first student to achieve such a feat. Our students also participated in National Swimming Camp at Goa and received guidance from National level coaches in the school swimming pool.

In U-19 Girls Basketball tournament (CBSE Cluster XII 2011), DPS was runner up.

Health Care Professionals

For the first time in the valley, a team of world famous doctors visited DPS in collaboration with Medanta Medicity under the leadership of Dr Naresh Trehan, world famous cardiologist. A free medical camp was organized for children and their relatives. The team of doctors was comprised of world famous doctors like:

Dr Naresh Trehan	Cardiac Surgery
Dr Yatin Mehta	Critical Care
Dr A S Soin	Liver Transplant
Dr V K Chopra	Cardiology
Dr Surinder Bazaz	Cardiac Surgery
Dr Arun Garg	Neurology
Dr Attique Vasudev	Orthopaedics
Dr Aditya Gupta	Neurosurgery
Dr Azhar Pervwaiz	GI Surgery
Dr J S Wasir	Endocrinology

Around 700 patients were seen by doctors during two days free medical camp.

The medical camp was really appreciated by the parents and they also stressed the need of such medical camps.

"A jolly doctor is often better than all his pills."
– J Maurus

Events

Bal Mela



"After all, we must have some fun in life. Life is getting too serious, people don't have enough fun."

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Students really need to have some fun, when the fun is happening around in



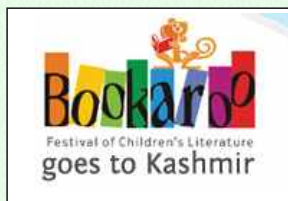


school, its really exciting and heart filling with all your friends around. Balmela, the event for which the whole school keeps on waiting and yeah it happened on 18th June 2011 with different stalls of games, clothes, toys, jewellery, balloons and swings all around. All the stalls were put up by students jointly. The ground was covered with shamiyanas. The game stations were obviously looked up by boys and girls were taking care of clothes, jewellery and toy stalls. We had giant wheel that was the main attraction and all the children wanted to have a ride. Doing something modern is always welcomed and we had our school DJ who played very nice songs and fulfilled every single music request. The main attraction for girls was the Mehendi and Jewellery stall.

Bookaroo Literary Festival

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."
– Mark Twain

Bookaroo Literary festival held on 7th & 8th May was a new beginning. For the first time in the



history of Kashmir, this festival was being organized by Delhi Public School Srinagar. 25 authors participated in the festival where they had different sessions with children. It was fun time for children listening to stories, music and interacting with authors.

The event was two days of non-stop action and excitement with books, famous writers, illustrators, story tellers, actors and magicians. The excitement of the event could be visualized in the whole school as all the venues were completely busy with students, some listening stories, some learning comic drawings and some busy with Doodle Wall testing their painting skills and some creating art at crafty corner, but most of the students were busy reading books.

Art Camp

Art camps were organized in collaboration with Jamia Millia Islamia in which artists participated



and exhibited their work. It was a beautiful experience for our students to learn and interact with the artists.

"Art is the difference between seeing and identifying." – Jean M Norman

Grand Parents Day

8th October, the day which every grand parent of our students look forward. The day is fully



dedicated to grand parents which remind them of their young days. It is the day when grand parents bless the school with their blessings and in return their grand children entertain them with variety show and fun games.

Adventure Camp

The school organized two days in-campus camp for blooming buds of ours school i.e. students of Class LKG – II. During these two days, students went on field trip, had a train ride and enjoyed different games and sports in the school. For senior students, other camps were conducted covering activities such as drawing, dancing, yoga, vocal music, various crafts, rock climbing,





mountain hiking, cricket and football coaching.

Three trekking camps were conducted for students of different classes in association with Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering at Gulmarg.

Our students participated in two Skiing camps held during winter at Gulmarg in collaboration with Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering and came up with medals.

The school is trying to hold winter camps as well. The details will be given later.

Ladakh Adventure Camp

Students from classes 11th & 12th went on an adventure trip to Ladakh. During the tour, which



lasted for seven days, students had a tour of Leh city besides visiting freshwater lake, Pangong (on Indo-Chinese border), Nubra Valley (famous for double humped camels), Chang La (third highest motorable road), Khardung La (motorable high mountain pass), Leh Monasteries & Shanti Stupa (white-domed Buddhist stupa).

Sports Day

“Almost every normal man desires to be

proficient in one sport or another.”

– Dr Wibur Bohn



Sports activities are integral part of the education system, be it school / college or university. Sports are essential for overall development of the children. Pre-participation practice started before a week and students participated in their particular event. The events included performances and presentations by school clubs at individual and group level.

During the week long preparation for sports day, the students looked bright and elegant in their house uniforms.

Children enjoyed 3-legged race, lemon and spoon race, while some enjoyed eating banana which was a part of the race. With the inclusion of yoga, aerobics and gymnastics, the event was made more energetic and attractive.

Farewell 2011

“Sweets to the sweet, farewell.” – Shakespeare

It is always sad to bid farewell but we need to move ahead in life for the best. A grand farewell was organised for outgoing 12th class by 11th standard students. All the students were dressed up in their best attire. The juniors performed various dances and fashion shows for their seniors. The outgoing batch were blessed by their teachers and we wish them all the best for future.

