



# SHISHUR

(Winter)

*"Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence.  
Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance.  
Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence.  
Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance."*

The falling of leaves in autumn hail the arrival of winter in the valley. Shades of green which were a reverie in summer are pushed to the background by oranges and reds heralding autumn. The Chinar trees which bloomed heedless to the worries of the world now stop. The arrival of the cold white sheets which would drape all the living things reminds the rule of the survival of the fittest.

The lush green rice fields would now lie fallow. The fertile mother earth would look helpless under the blanket of snow which would soon veil her. The cries of the children would be hushed by the frost. The chirpy songs of the birds would lie silent for a long while to come. The Dal Lake which was bustling with activity would wear a forlorn look and the women folk would quietly work their way in the evenings.

But the shades of white cannot dull the spirit of the mortals and other living beings. If nature is cruel, the living beings have also stood to the test of time. The daily hustle and bustle might slow down for a while but it will never totally freeze. Life is an on going process and each one determinedly plays a part to make it a success.





## The Scholar's DOMAIN



### DPS STUDENTS RECEIVE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT



Academics is the backbone of an educational institution. The students of DPS have time and again put their best foot forward to strengthen it. DPS Srinagar is proud to announce the merit list of the students who appeared in Senior Secondary Examination (Session-2011-12). The school has had the distinction of having a maximum number of students who have received a certificate of merit by the CBSE. Below given is the list of achievers who have brought laurels to the school in academics.

S. NO.	ROLL NUMBER	CANDIDATE'S NAME
14.	2714715	Murakeen Kaiser
15.	2714716	Sheikh Nadeem Qasim
16.	2714720	Yameen ul haq
17.	2714726	Mushafiq Hassan Bhat
18.	2714730	Bisma Ishtiyak
19.	2714737	Ibtisam Mumtaz
20.	2714738	Danish Mattu
21.	2714743	Mehak Hameed Chaku
22.	2714744	Jasirah Wani
23.	2714750	Rahi Akhter Rasool
24.	2714752	Syed Dawood Bini Salam

### D.P.S. BAGS THREE PRIZES IN ESSAY & PAINTING COMPETITION ON WILD-LIFE CONSERVATION



**03.Oct.2012:** An Inter School Essay and Painting Competition was organised at the Dachigam National Park on 29th September, 2012. Mukarram Wahid secured the 1st position in the essay writing competition entitled "**WILD CONSERVATION – CAN WE AFFORD IT?**". In the painting competition Syed Basharat Hussein of Class X secured the 2nd position while Muhammad Manan Khan of Class X won a consolation prize. The theme for the painting competition was also related to Conservation. The prize distribution ceremony for the same was held at SKICC on 3rd October, 2012.



## SPORTS Feats

### DPS REACHES THE QUARTER-FINALS



**09th Oct, 2012:** Delhi Public School, Srinagar reached the Quarter-finals in the prestigious T20 Cricket World Cup for boys (U-19), at Aligarh, hosted by DPS Aligarh. They lost the quarter final match by the net run rate. The tournament was held from 5th October to 15th October 2012.

### AHMAD OMER BANDAY SELECTED FOR NORTH ZONE U-19 CRICKET TEAM.



Ahmad Omer Banday of Grade XII has been selected for North Zone U-19 Cricket team. The All-India level Tournament will be held in Punjab.

Ahmad Omer had earlier qualified for U-19 Cricket Nationals where he represented Jammu & Kashmir and has now qualified for the U-19 Zone level.

### INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION 2012

**11th Oct, 2012:** An Inter School Swimming Competition was held between 8th to 12th October at Nehru Park, Srinagar. DPS Swimmers brought laurels to the school as they came home with gold, bronze and silver medals.

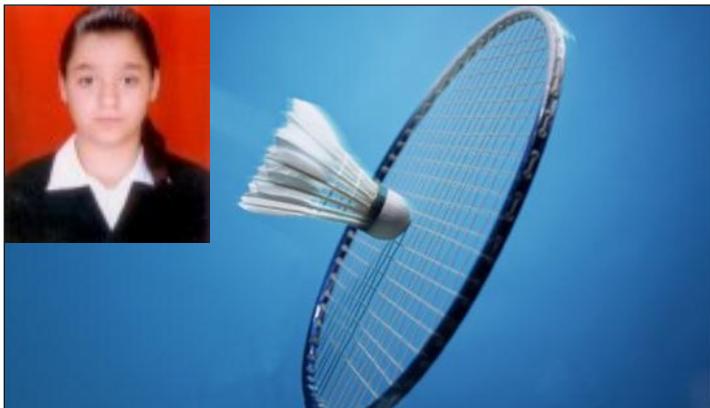
S. NO.	NAME	AGE CATEGORY	METRES	EVENT	RESULT
01.	Adnan Ashfaq	U/19-U/19-U19	200-100-50	Free Style-Free Style-Breast Stroke	Gold-Gold-Gold
02	Ali Agha	U/17	200-100-50	Breast Stroke-Breast Stroke-Breast Stroke	Gold-Silver-Silver
03.	Salib	U/14	50	Breast Stroke	Bronze
04.	Mumin	U/19	200-100	Breast Stroke-Breast Stroke	Gold-Silver
05.	Maqdoor	U/14	50	Free Style	Silver
06.	Hamiz	U/17	50	Free Style	Silver

### UMAIR AKRAM WAS SELECTED FOR RUGBY NATIONALS HELD ON 30TH OF NOV. 2012 IN DELHI.

Umair has also represented J&K Rugby U-14 held in 2011 organized by SwanSagar in Kashmir. Apart from this, he represented the Rugby Senior Team in Pakistan and is currently playing in J&K Rugby U-19 team and J&K Darkwolves Rugby Club.



## YOUNG DIPSITE QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP



Sehar Masarat, a student of Grade VIII, won the sub-junior State Badminton Championship and has qualified for the Sub-junior National Championship to be held at Patna.

**Her aerobic stamina, agility, strength, speed and precision, has also helped her win the State Badminton Junior Championship, U17 category. She will represent J&K in Junior National Badminton Championship to be held at Imphal.**

Apart from this, Sehar has also participated in the finals U17 held at Jammu and achieved a convincing victory. Her scores were 21-8 and 21-9 in straight sets.

## JUBILATION

### TINY TOTS ANNUAL DAY.



**29th September, 2012:** The right time to mould clay is when it is wet. The young minds of the tiny tots of

DPS were given a shape when they gave performances on different social issues concerning our society during their annual show. The tiny tots of Delhi Public School, Srinagar (Tiny-tots wing) enthralled the audience with their wonderful performances on the Annual Day, which was held on 29th September, 2012.

The programme began with a Prayer song which was followed by some marvellous performances like Welcome note; Senorita dance; Hockey-Pockey dance; Formations of Tent, Peacock and Lotus; and skits with social and environmental messages like conservation of forests and wildlife, virtue of brotherhood, and abolishment of Dowry from



our marriage system. The parents were thrilled after watching the mind-blowing performances of the children.

### EID-UL-AZHA

A Special Assembly was organised on the pious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha on 25th of October, 2012 at DPS, Srinagar. Sundas and Taha of Grade VII were the Master Comperes of the Show. The Assembly began with a prayer followed by a Kashmiri song and the folk dance "Rouf". A Godly Thought was delivered by Bareen of Grade VII and the significance of the Holy festival was highlighted by Tehleel and Atneeb. Ms. Roohi Fayaz, Class Representative of Grade VII was the Teacher-Escort.



The Program ended with a speech delivered by the Principal, Ms. Kusam Warikoo where she wished Eid Mubarak to the students and the staff as well.

### GIVE THANKS TO ALLAH FOR THE MOON AND THE STARS.



**26th Oct, 2012:** To commemorate the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, the students of Grade III presented a show enlightening the students about the spirit behind the festival. The Programme was anchored by Azif and Arya of Grade III. A refreshing thought was shared by Asra. Naqia and Aisha recited poems on this festival. Usman, Sufhan and Safeena spoke on Eid-ul-Azha ('Festival of Sacrifice'), which remembers the Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when God ordered him to. This was followed by soothing Urdu and Kashmiri chorus comprising of the primary students. Kashmiri Rouf was the main attraction of the event. The Principal addressed the students accentuating the fact that most religions perpetuate similar tenets and wished "Eid Mubarak" to all.

### DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

**12th Nov, 2012:** The Special Diwali Assembly was conducted by the Middle wing of the School on Nov. 12, 2012, which was hosted by the students of Class IV. The Assembly was initiated by lighting the lamp by Ms Yusra, the Incharge of the Middle Wing.

The young Anchors of the Assembly were Ahmad and Mirrali of Class IV. The programme started with the Bhajan by a group of students of Class IV. After the Ram Bhajan, Kushi of Class IV threw light on



the significance of the festival. A poem in Hindi on the Festival of Lights, was recited by Fatima. The melodious Diwali Song was followed by the foot-tapping Dance performance by a group of Students of Class IV.

The Assembly concluded with Mr. Vijay Dhar's address and his interaction with the students about the festival of lights. Mr. Dhar wished all the students and the staff a "Happy Diwali".

### CHILDREN'S DAY



**14th Nov. 2012:** The Tiny-tots were entertained by the mind-blowing performances given by the Teachers on



Children's Day on the 14th of Nov 2012. Miss Rehana, the Home-room of Class L.K.G (H) anchored the Assembly. The Assembly started with a speech by Miss Rehana and Mrs. Aasifa. This was followed by a group song. The kids also joined in while their teachers were singing. The next performance was a puppet show by a few teachers in which the puppets sang Kashmiri and Hindi Songs. The puppets also asked the kids about the significance of Children's Day and Chacha Nehru. The puppets then explained the reason of celebrating the day. The puppets and the kids wished each other "Happy Children's Day" and the kids in the end promised the eldest of the puppets (Daddu), they will always love their parents, teachers and peers. The children enjoyed a lot as it was their favourite show.

The Assembly concluded with a melodious Riddle-song (Ichak Daana, Beechak Daana) by a group of teachers and the children went on answering the riddles in between the song.

It was a delightful Assembly which once again reminded the kids how much they are loved by their teachers.

## STUDENTS ENTHRALLED BY THE SENSATIONAL VOICE OF MR. WAHEED JELANI

**15th Nov, 2012:** On the auspicious occasion of Children's Day, DPS acres was visited by a renowned artist, the Voice of Kashmir, Mr. Waheed Jeelani. The Guest visit was arranged by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

The programme started with a melodious song sung

by a group of DIPSITES which was immediately followed by a beautiful ghazal by Yamin.

Mr. Waheed Jeelani was then handed over the stage along with a group of musicians and artists from the Valley and an appreciating and inspirational speech was delivered by him followed by his stage performances. Mr. Jeelani presented a melodious Kashmiri song in the beginning. This was followed by an unending list of song-requests by the students which Mr. Jeelani fulfilled with his mesmerizing voice. After his performances, a few students sang some Ghazals and were all highly appreciated by the great



personality.

In the end, Mr. Ayaz Rasool Nazki, Regional Director ICCR expressed a combination of joy and astonishment on the talent of the Students of the School in the fields of Art and Music. Mr. Nazki also expressed his view of facilitating the Students of DPS, Srinagar to be trained in Art, Drama, Theatre, and Music in different parts of the World.

At the end, the student-performers were awarded with books by Mr. Nazki on behalf of ICCR.

Mr Nazki and Mr. Waheed Jeelani also visited the Art rooms and Music rooms of the School and highly appreciated the School for the way it is grooming the young buds in the fields of art and music.



## Dignitaries @ DPS Acres

### MRS. PAMELA CHOPRA.



**6th Sep, 2012:** “Wonderful faculty and energetic small kids of tiny-tots wing. I have always been fond of kids. So, it is really a great pleasure to have visited here and being able to interact with such wonderful kids.”

It was a great pleasure and honour for Delhi Public School, Srinagar to receive a guest, Mrs. Pamela Chopra, wife of Mr. Yash Chopra, on 6th of September, 2012. Mrs. Chopra visited the Tiny-tots wing of the School in particular. She also had the overall glimpse of the School infrastructure and functioning.

The students of the Tiny-tots wing performed some dance and group-songs. Mrs. Chopra interacted with a number of students. The students also requested Mrs. Chopra for future visits. At the end, Mrs. Chopra visited the School Canteen and Art room and encouraged the students to work hard and be dynamic to cater to the existing needs of the times.

### MAFFY KING, ANJULA ASOKAN, AND SABITA JUDGE.

**13th September, 2012:**

*Maffy King: "Inspirational - I can't find adequate words."*

*Anjula Asokan: "Such a great idea to relate about."*

*Sabita Judge: "Wonderful Project. Good Luck."*

Delhi Public School, Srinagar was visited by some International dignitaries including Maffy King, Anjula



Asokan and Sabita Judge on 13th of September, 2012. Maffy King, who is an International Banker, along with the other two reputed personalities, after viewing most of the aspects of the School, appreciated it and wished the best for the future of the School.

### MR. NAVEEN CHAWALA

*“I have been associated with many Schools, but D.P.S, Srinagar is special. To have 4000 children in an atmosphere that is tranquil, is a story by my friend, Mr. Vijay Dhar who has overcome many obstacles to create an Institution that is more remarkable. I enjoyed the interaction with Class XI students on "Elections in India".”*



Mr. Naveen Chawala, former Chief Election Commissioner of India visited D.P.S, Srinagar on 25th of September, 2012. Mr. Naveen Chawala interacted with the students of Class XI, wherein he briefed the students about the electoral processes of India and the challenges faced by the office of the Electorate.



The students sat through the whole session and attended the session very seriously and enthusiastically.

## MR. DHANANJAY KAUL.

*"I am more than delighted to be in the School. I am proud to see the aesthetic culture and taste of the staff and the students. I wish everyone success and a great future for the School."*



**25th September, 2012:** Mr. Dhananjay Kaul, a renowned Kashmiri singer, visited Delhi Public School on 25th of September, 2012. Mr. Kaul trained in Classical music had given his first stage performance at the age of nine and passed the radio audition at the age of twelve. He has performed in a great number of national and International shows and is also associated with various T.V. and radio channels. He mesmerized the students and the staff with Kashmiri songs and Urdu Ghazals in his melodious voice.

## MS. BIMLA RAINA

**10th October, 2012**

*"Schools like DPS can only be found in heaven. Students, teachers and Heads are most disciplined. Small kids have a homely feeling. The School is very neat and hygienic. Teachers are most tolerable. The principal of the School is very disciplined and typically like the very caring Grandmother for the students."*

Bimla Raina, one of the most exciting contemporary poets in Kashmiri, visited Delhi Public School, Srinagar on 10th of October, 2012. She met the students of



Class IX and spoke to them on Lal Ded and Sufi mystic poets. Students interacted with her and she explained the Vakhs of Lal Ded, the Sufi Saint poetess of 14th century.

Bimla Raina has published a number of books on mystic poets of Kashmir. Her most recent publication is "Lal Ded Meri Drishti Mai" which is the most significant recent additions to studies on Lal Ded.

## MR. SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE

**13th October, 2012**

*"I happened to visit this School at the invitation of my brother, Vijay Dhar. I could not believe that he has such a beautiful School in India. For some time, I felt I was in a Foreign Country. I interacted with the boys and girls. They are wonderful, clever and most disciplined. I wish the School Progress in every endeavour."*



The Minister for Home Affairs, Honorable Sh. Sushil Kumar Shinde visited DPS, Srinagar on the 13th of October, 2012. His visit began with a detailed round of the School Campus followed by an interactive session with the staff and the students. At the outset,

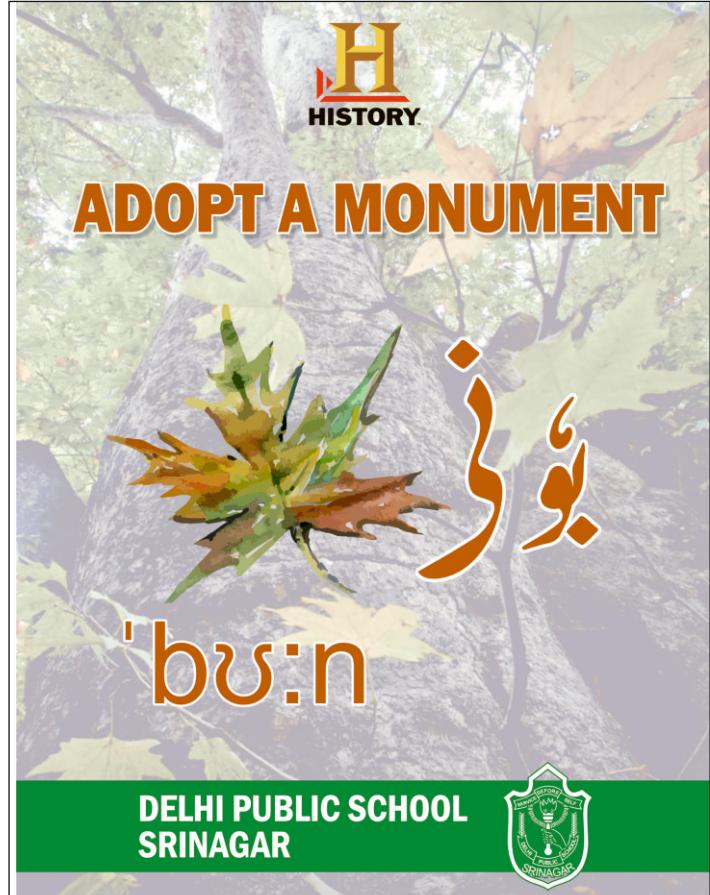


Ms. Surabhi delivered the Welcome Speech in Marathi which was indeed a touching moment for Mr. Shinde who hails from Maharashtra. Ms. Shafaq highlighted the achievements and touched upon the history of the School. Then the Senior students asked some questions to the Honourable Home Minister which he answered and enjoyed the discussion with the young generation, in his words "The Future of India". Mr. Shinde, while addressing the gathering, congratulated the School for the wonderful work it has done. He also expressed his contentment over the crucial role played by Mr. Vijay Dhar in providing quality education in Kashmir. He further quoted that he was delighted to see the facilities being given to the students in the School. Mr. Shinde finally ended his Speech saying that he is aware of the problems faced by the people of Kashmir and will provide an unstinting support for the all-round development of education system and development of the School. At last, the Principal of the School, Ms. Kusam Warikoo gave the vote of Thanks and thanked Mr. Shinde for being kind enough to visit the School.

### **BOUNE –A DOCUMENTARY BY DPS SRINAGAR.**



Chinar, known as boune in Kashmiri language, is an integral part of the culture of Kashmir. With its



botanical name as *Platanus Orientalis*, it has become part of Kashmiri heritage over last seven centuries rather it is now a symbol of Kashmir and its lush green environs. Almost every village in Kashmir has a chinar tree. One can experience a cool breeze under the shadow of this majestic tree which is conducive to health. Whenever someone talks about a majestic tree the immediate idea that strikes the mind of a person is that of chinar .It is a towering deciduous tree with huge and spread out branches with maple leaf like leaves. The tree can grow upto 250 feet in height and it's girth could be 50-60 feet average. Its charm increases incredibly during autumn as its leaves start changing colours from green to reddish brown and then golden brown before falling.

To know more about chinar and its cultural history , thirty six volunteer students of DPS Srinagar set out on a journey to visit the two possible oldest chinar trees in Kashmir and adopt one of them as their monument. Guided by the teachers on 17th October 2012 ,the students headed towards Bijbehara town of



South Kashmir where a chinar tree which is believed to be about 400 years old exists .On October 18th ,2012, the team proceeded further to visit another oldest chinar tree in Kashmir with a girth of 75 feet planted by a Muslim preacher Syed-Abul Qasim Shah Hamdani about 638 years ago in Chatargam , Chadoora ,Budgam somewhere in 1347 AD. The students measured the trees themselves and interacted with the local crowd to figure out the truth behind the controversy the 'oldest chinar'.

DIPSITES chose chinars as core subject for their survey and made a documentary on the same as chinars have undergone the heritage of Kashmir and are themselves an integral part of it. Many people relate to them with their own diversified folk tales and thus act as a representative of each and every chinar in Kashmir.

Chinar is nature's best gift evolved over centuries that has been bequeathed to us by our ancestors From Greece, Balkans, Turkey, Iran the majestic tree has come to us over a period of time which we can't afford to neglect. Infact we can't even think of Kashmir without the chinar as it has become part of our lives ,culture,history,geography and heritage.

## COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY AND NON-STRUCTURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION WORKSHOP



**08th Sep, 2012:** Geo Hazards Society (GHS), a non-profit organization working on Earthquake risk Mitigation aspects since 2004 along with its partner

organization GeoHazards International (GHI) focuses on Schools, Hospitals etc. in Earthquake prone regions in and around India. It conducted a two-day 'Comprehensive School Safety and Non-Structural Hazards Mitigation' at Delhi Public School, Srinagar on 7th and 8th of September, 2012.

The GHS staff also trained the Trainers (Teachers) in Basic Disaster Awareness and Earthquake Preparedness. Trainers were taught how to prepare themselves, their families and the students for Earthquakes and other disasters, and how to train others to do so. It surely was an eye-opening experience followed by an interesting question hour session, on both the days.

**DROP, COVER and HOLD** was the crux of the whole seminar where 280 teachers and more than 30 Class IV employees, inclusive of Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians and Drivers participated and were given very important tips on how safety of children is more important than any other thing else. Evacuation Drill for the whole school was modified. The key focus areas to be looked into are Children and School Safety, Training of Special Children, Structural Risk Mitigation, Falling Hazards Mitigation etc. The Two Days Workshop came to a culmination with a pledge that Children Safety and Initiatives for Disaster Risk Reduction will be our priority.

## SESSION ON INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS & STUDENT ADVISING



**24th Sep, 2012:** A two-day session for International Admissions and Student Advising for Standard XII



Students, started at D.P.S, Srinagar on 24th of September, 2012. The Chief Guests of the Session were Sarah H. Leavell (Denison University); Shirley Fei Yen Be (Sarah Lawrence College, NY); and Mr. Arjun Seth (ED-Brand).

Sarah has 24 years of experience in dealing with the International Students. She has travelled most of the countries advising and counselling the students regarding Liberal Arts and interviewing them. She is of the view that there is a deep and intimate relation between the staff and the students. She is also associated with the various activities of her University like dance, concerts, music, etc.

Shirley is also associated with the International admissions and Student Advising. She travels to talk to the students around the world. She helps them in getting Visa-forms and also deals with non-traditional (older) students. She is also associated with the Liberal Arts.

Mr. Arjun Seth is associated with Independent Service Counselling. His main focus is to coach the students from Classes X to XII to take ownership of their college admission journey. His main motive is to change the mind of the students and direct them towards more appropriate and flexible system of education as in the US system.

The main aim of the session was the transformation of the candidates towards the study of Liberal Arts. They look for the vigour and spark among the students. The personnel also talked about the financial aids and scholarships for the International Students in various colleges of US. The students attended the session very enthusiastically and energetically.

## **NATIONAL ART AND NATIONAL TRIBAL-ART CAMP INAUGURATED.**

**15th Oct, 2012:** A seven day National Art and National Tribal-Art Camp was inaugurated at DPS, Srinagar on 15th October, 2012. The event was inaugurated by the Chairperson, Mr. Vijay Dhar. The



participants included four Tribal artists from Baster and Gund who displayed their creativity through their work. Others were students from MFA hailing from Karnataka, Faizabad, Ferozepur, Bhopal, Kolkata, Ladakh, Kanpur, Patna and Nagpur. Depictions of folk-art and Indian tribes was the main feature of this camp cum exhibition. The participants who have contributed to this mega event are:

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| 01. Shama Sondhi        | 02. K.K. Gandhi       |
| 03. Mr. Neeraj Yadava   | 04. Shikha Deo        |
| 05. Bharti Singh Parmar | 06. Anil S. Ijeri     |
| 07. Bandana Kumari      | 08. Rajendra K. Vikey |
| 09. Chandra Kali Pusham | 10. Dubu Baria        |
| 11. Rigzin Paljor       | 12. Harish Ojha       |
| 13. Sohan Billawria     | 14. Chandhan Balu     |
| 15. Heman Trao          | 16. Satya Dheer Singh |
| 17. Pankaj Sharma       | 18. Manish Morya      |
| 19. Maheshpal Gobra     | 20. Yusuf             |
| 21. Vishram Gahadwa     |                       |

## **LET US DO OUR BIT**





The Students of DPS, Srinagar visited the Frislan fire victims on Dec. 6, 2012. They donated clothes, blankets, quilts, etc. to the sufferers as they have lost everything right from shelter to clothes during these days of intense cold.

DIPSITES took this initiative to provide immediate help to the fire victims in the hour of need.

The students were accompanied by Mrs. Kiran Dhar, Principal – Ms. Kusam Warkoo and the staff members.

## THE STUDENT'S VISION

Eleven volunteer students took an initiative towards developing a spirit of enthusiasm and belongingness amongst all the members of the school - students, teachers and administration. A presentation focusing on the effective functioning of the student council and house structure was given by them. The committee recognized the fact that a student initiative alone is most likely to be futile. Therefore a framework was suggested that would include the administration and teachers. The mission says that the school seeks to provide an environment of education that allows children to understand ways of making their life meaningful, to contemplate on issues that matter and to engage in constructive dialogues. It is important to note that the school shall not focus on providing answers but the endeavor should rather be to allow children understand the different ways of making their life meaningful. The emphasis should be on providing

a platform to the students where contradictory world views can be discussed and understood.

The core areas covered in the presentation were the Challenges faced by the School, Vision and Working of the Student Council, Members and Representatives and the Selection process. The entire effort put in by the Student Committee says that the emphasis is not on the Institution, but on the Values that it stands for.

The presenters were *Saqib Shawe, Maboor Shaw, Fariya Tahir, Anika Adfar, Maryam Qadri, Mukarram A. Wahid, Wamiq Reyaz, Maumoon Ahmad, Salwa Neyaz, and Iftikhar Hassan Samoon*.

## TIME TO EVALUATE

Evaluation is universally accepted as an integral part of teaching and learning. It is one of the basic components of any curriculum and plays a pivotal role in determining what learners learn and what the teachers teach in schools. Its purpose is to analyse the effectiveness and outcomes of the entire year of hardwork. It is important to periodically assess and adapt activities to ensure they are as effective as they can be. December 2012, Our students appeared for the Final term examination where they were evaluated on the basis of certain parameters set by the school. The teachers concerned further discussed the remedial measures to be taken with the students as the areas for improvement were identified which would ultimately help them realize their goals more efficiently.

## Student Vision

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