



**Delhi Public School,
Srinagar**

NEWSLETTER

REATKOL

(Summer)

*Green was the silence,
wet was the light,
the month of June trembled like a butterfly.*

While the entire sub-continent was being traumatised by the scorching heat, the Valley was still experiencing the cool weather. The whole valley was a mosaic of varying shades of green rice fields, yellow mustard stretches, meadows, trees and with its lakes and waterways, a haven in comparison to the scorching heat of the plains. The beauty of the mountain slopes were enhanced by the vibrant flowers. An element of celebration and gaiety still could be seen all around. D.P.S, Srinagar however continued its pursuits of its goals, the academic excellence and the holistic growth of its students.

DPS was conceived as a noble venture in the minds of the honourable Chairpersons Mr. Vijay Dhar and Mrs. Kiran Dhar. A thought which manifested as a reality on 10th March 2003 - A reality which stands as a tangible proof of its goals! The past few months have reflected their achievement while the school continues to view education as challenging yet an enjoyable experience.

*And so with the sunshine and the green bursts of leaves growing on the trees,
just as things grow in fast movies,
I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.*





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

DPS has never been complacent about its academic performances. This year too the XII Board Results did the school proud with excellent performances. Out of 159 students who appeared for the exam, 98 % students passed. The highest scores were as follows:

▪ Science Section	Mehak Jamal	95%
▪ Commerce Section	Insha Ahad Wani	94%
▪ Arts Section	Hafsa Sayeed	93.6%

Congratulations to all, a brilliant job done!

The class X Board Results were excellent as expected. Once again they scored 100% results with 22 students scoring 10 points. **What an achievement!**

LITERARY ACHIEVEMENTS

Clean Sweep At Debating Victories

DPS, Srinagar took on its shoulder the task of grooming children not only for state level competitions but also for national level competitions.

The young Debators won the prestigious **Nano Nagle Trophy** for the second consecutive year, held at Presentation Convent. The topic of the debate was **'Electronic Media Boon Or Bane To The Youth Of**



Today.' All reputed schools of the Valley participated. The school was represented by Anika Adfar and Mukarram Wahid. The performance of the speakers was much applauded.

On 2nd June '2012, the young Dipsites added **'Yet Another Feather To Our Cap!'** A debate was

organized by the **Postal Department , Jammu and Kashmir,** in D.P.S. Srinagar with all reputed schools of the Valley including Presentation Convent, D.P.S Budgam, Burn Hall, Tyndale Biscoe, Mallinson, Army Public School who participated enthusiastically. The topic of the debate was **'Is Post Office Relevant in the Modern Era?'** Salman Shah from D.P.S. Srinagar bagged the Gold Medal. He spoke against the motion and very rightly said **"The post offices today are trying to fix a gaping wound that is bleeding."** Ria of Army Public School bagged the 1st position (For) and Kashaf-ul-Khair of D.P.S Srinagar was awarded the third position. Speaking for the motion she emphasized on the point that **'Post offices have generated revenues that have been used for building the nation.'** The participants of Biscoe were impressive too. The chief guest Mr. Samuel, the Post Master General was highly appreciative of the efforts of our school in making the programme a great success.

On 5th June 2012 on the occasion of **Environment Day** an **Inter School Debate** was held at SKICC. Twelve schools from the Valley participated in this major event. The honourable

Forest Minister of State Mian Altaf was the chief guest with other dignitaries. The topic was **'Green Economy- Does It Include You?'** Firm arguments were raised both in favour and against the motion Zainub Humayun Raina, from DPS, Srinagar emerged as the winner, and was adjudged the Best Speaker, winning the Trophy.

On 12th June 2012, DPS Srinagar made a clean sweep at the **Centennial Inter-School Debate** held at Mallinson Higher Secondary School. As part of its Centenary Celebrations, a Centennial Inter-School debate was held on the topic **"Nostalgic Kashmiriyat - an Illusion or Reality"**

Dr Midhat an expert and alumni of Mallinson School was the Interjector. Eight prominent Higher Secondary Schools of Srinagar including two Government





Schools participated in the debate.

The audience poll conducted before and after the debate indicated a tilt towards Kashmiriyat being an "illusion" in the minds of teenagers. Eminent personalities, Dr Isaac Khan, Dr. Mohammed Aslam and Dr. Adil Amin Kak were the judges on the occasion. Both awards were bagged by Delhi Public School, Athwajan. Mukaram Wahid won the best debater award for speaking for the motion and Anika Adfar won the award against the motion.

The Principal and Director, of Tyndale-Biscoe and Mallinson Society, Mr. Parwez Samuel Kaul thanked all the participants and appreciated the Human Resources Department of the Society and the 10+2 Department of the school for taking active part in the debate.

On 23rd July 2012, - An Inter DPS North Zone English Debate was held at DPS, Bhiwani. The topic was extremely challenging and abstract '**Morality is moral when voluntary.**' Thirteen schools participated making it a challenging competition. Anika Adfar and Mukarram Wahid of Class XII represented DPS, Srinagar. The magic team once again marked their presence and mesmerised the honourable judges, who happened to be senior English professors from IT Colleges. DPS, Srinagar was declared the Best Team, and was awarded the First Prize and the Trophy. Mukarram again bagged the prize of The Best Speaker. Speaking against the motion he aptly said "**Morality is based on what is truth, and truth by nature is transcendent, which is why ipso-facto, the question of morality is beyond human perception.**" The team will now participate in the National Level Debate Competition to be held on 2nd Nov'12 at DPS Panipat. We wish them all the luck!

Letter Writing Competition organized by the Dept. Of Post, Govt. Of India.

As a part of School Stamps Show, a letter-writing competition was organized among 12 schools under the topic "Letter to my Teacher". More than 10,000 students participated in the letter writing competition. Mr. Vijay Dhar, Chairman, D P Dhar Memorial Trust was highly appreciative of the school children who were involved in letter writing.

Delhi Public School too had the privilege of

conducting a letter – writing competition for all classes from 1st to Xth. For the Junior level, the subject of the letter was "**I Love my school**" and for the senior level, the subject of the letter was "**I Love My Post-Office**". For both the groups, the letter was addressed to the school teacher. A very exciting event, it mainly focused on inculcating letter writing habits which is almost non-existent now. Children participated actively in this competition and even won laurels for D.P.S Srinagar. Every child participated and the winners were chosen and awarded. The award ceremony was held on the school premises in the presence of The Chief Postmaster- Mr. Samuel, his wife and many other dignitaries. To encapsulate, DPS once again acted as a platform to chisel and glorify the literary talents of children of all ages. The innocent efforts put in by the children were praiseworthy and much appreciated. The winners were as follows :-

Senior:

1. Bazilla Ashraf (X)
2. Faisal Ramshoo (VII)
3. Manan Khan (X)

Junior:

1. Esha Malhotra (IV)
2. Taufeeq Suhail (VI)
3. Rasiya (II)

FAREWELL TO MRS HAMIDA NAZIR

5th Sept, 2012. Teachers paid rich tributes to Mrs Hamida Nazir on Teachers' Day Celebration. Modest and humble she dedicated her lifetime to teaching. She was blessed with the Gift of the Gab and her out pouring couplets in Urdu, evoked interest among students and Staff in classics and poetry. Her teaching has gone into generations. She was one of the Staff members who took Delhi Public School, Srinagar to the next level. Besides imparting education, she inculcated strong values among students. It is apt to describe her with the quote:



*'A Sunbeam to Warm You,
a Moonbeam to charm You,
A Sheltering Angel, so nothing can Harm You!'*
We wish her All the Best and Future Success in her Life .
FAREWELL MA'AM...





SPORTS ACCOMPLISHMENT



Besides the various achievements in the educational field, DPS, Srinagar students proved their excellence in sports too. Every year several sports activities are organised at the school as well as at state level. The year started with the **Badminton Championship** where DPS bagged the First Prize in U-14 and were the runners up in U-17 and U-19 matches.

This was followed by the Junior and Sub-Junior **Table Tennis Tournament**. DPS, Srinagar (Girls) were declared winners in the singles and runners up in the boys event.

From **18-23rd June, Inter-DPS Cricket Tournament** was held in the school campus. DPS, Srinagar won all the three matches.

Taekwondo Being a Much needed Respite: Our **Taekwondo** team members who represented the nation in Malaysia at the International event won medals, called on the Chief Minister, Mr. Omar Abdullah. The team was congratulated and were wished success for future events too.

The school participated at the district level **Basketball**



Tournament (under 17) held at Kargil . The Team displayed exemplary confidence and triumphed over the opponents by a massive score and were declared winners, bagging the Gold..

This year again DPS, Srinagar had the honour of hosting the KPL inauguration ceremony, with important personalities witnessing the game on the school campus. Minister for Finance, Mr. Abdul Rahim Rather kick started the phase II of the **Kashmir Premier League Chinar Cup -2012**.

Ahmad Omer Bandey of our school did us proud playing a brilliant innings. He was awarded 'The Man of the Match' award for two matches and won a cash prize of Rs.5000/-. He was selected for the (India Under 19) Camp held at Mohali between **18th June 2012 to 15th July 2012**.



The students have also been participating in **various North Zone Inter DPS tournaments** too. The school team was successful in bagging the second position in **Girl's Basketball Tournament** held in Pinjore (Haryana). The Dipsites participated in the **Table Tennis Tournament** held at Calcutta, and reached the quarter finals. Their performance in Cricket was also much appreciated.

Cross Country Run (Seniors)





In the first week of April 2012 a cross country run was organised by the school for the senior section. The children had to reach school in the early hours of morning. Enthusiastically, a large number turned up. The teachers accompanied the students in the buses to Foreshore road. The students enjoyed their run and were greeted by the Principal at the finishing line which was near Nishat Garden. As a whole the event was a successful one.

Cross Country Run (Juniors)



On 20th April 2012 the school organised a Cross Country Run with the theme 'Race for Global Peace.' Classes VI to VIII participated in the race. A medal ceremony was also held at the end of the event to felicitate the winners.

Introductory Ski Course at Gulmarg

IISM Gulmarg organized 07 days Introductory Ski course for students of DPS Srinagar. A total of 18 boys 08 girls mainly from Classes 6th & 7th class participated in the course. Two teachers of DPS Mr. Tejinder Singh and Ms. Sheema Jalali also completed the course alongwith children.

Principal IISM stressed the need of adventure training to develop an all round personality of our youth. He



said there are certain traits of the personality which cannot be developed in the protected environments of schools and colleges. Institutes like IISM help children to develop those traits of personality such as courage, determination, team spirit and technical skills which make them confident to face the world and are highly motivated to take on any challenge in life.

Col J S Dhillon, Principal IISM gave away the prizes and certificates to successful students of the course.

Adventure Camp at Gulmarg



An adventure camp was held for classes V to VII 75 students participated in this camp who were been accompanied by 5 teachers.



During this camp students were staying at the IISM institute. Students visited Bota Pathri i.e. 9 km from Gulmarg. They even visited the local school and

had on- hand experience on nomadic life. They went for trekking to Beta 2 Khilanmarg and visited the Artillery museum too.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Delhi Public School Srinagar bid adieu to the outgoing batch of class XII in the "Valedictory Function" held on 18th April'2012.

The function started with a traditional welcome of the students.

The school Principal, Mrs. Kusam Warikoo blessed the students and urged them to remember the values and principles taught at the school. She also expressed her



confidence that the students would continue to uphold the school's name and reputation.

The Students of class XI organized a cultural programme which included dance performances, solo and group songs. The school band of class XI gave a rocking performance.



The highlight of the function was the Personality Contest for the students of class XII.. Faizan Bakshi won the most coveted title of Mr. DPS Srinagar while Hafsa Sayeed was adjudged Ms. DPS Srinagar. were declared the Best Dressed Girl and Best Dressed Boy

respectively. Mehak Jamal and Zeeshan Nabi were declared 'Mr. Talented' and 'Ms. Talented'.

The school Academic Incharges accompanied by the students of class XII cut the ceremonial cake. Finally, candles were lit and passed on to the Juniors, symbolically passing the Flame of Knowledge. Students were felicitated with souvenirs and mementoes. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung in unison amidst tears and smiles bidding the seniors ADIEU!

'The time has come for closing books and long last looks must end.'

Bookaroo (Children's Literary Festival) 2012

A child holding a book for pleasure is becoming a distant dream, world over. Srinagar then is not an exception. Bookaroo – The Book Festival, has been



trying hard to inculcate reading habits in children. Speakers from across the country spread the joy of reading through their talks, readings, performances, music, craft. Bookaroo is much more than just story telling – although we had plenty of that!

The festival once again aimed at promoting children's literature locally, regionally and globally and





encourage cultural exchange and dialogue, education and development with similar organisations. Its objective being to build up a multi-lingual festival featuring national and international authors in democratic settings with a firm first come first seated policy.

The festival included workshops on everything from mathematics to cartoons, from building alien worlds to recycling paper; as well as story sessions under the banyan tree, puppet shows, and a doodle wall to let imagination take flight! The youngsters could meet their favourite authors, and well-loved children's characters – from Horrid Henry to Elmer the Elephant, from characters from the Panchatantra to Ramayana, from Taranauts to I Heroes, From Mukand to Felicia.

The authors who participated were all exceptionally creative reflecting varied interests. **Andrew Hoffland**, **Deepak Dalal** well known for adventure stories, **Feisal Alkazi**, **Ghulam Nabi Aatish** winner of the Sahitya Academy award, Cultural Academy award and Soviet Land Nehru Award, an author of Kashmiri children's books. **John Dougherty** an Irish Poet, singer and



songwriter, Jose Louies a naturalist and wildlife expert, **Parnab Mukherjee** who kept the audience spell bound by his presentation of Habba Khatoon's works through modern symbolism. **Wendy Cooling**, **Paro Anand** an award-winning author of children's books for all ages and a storyteller par excellence. **Adittya Nath Mubayi** has been quizzing since he was seven and is not looking to give it up, ever. **Mudita Mubayi**, **Robert Sabuda** the creator of intricate and magical pop-up books for children. **Sandhya Gandhi Vakil** storyteller and translator who also works with paper. **Suvidha Mistry**, **Vandana** the winner of the Noma award from Japan and the Katha award.

Neel Debdutt Paul the editor of Tinkle Digest, **Savio Mascarenhas**, **Shikari Shambu**, **Rajani Thindiath**, and finally **Shazia** a teacher who has developed



interest in Ladishah, the traditional satirical Kashmiri ballad form.

There was also a special display of children's books by Eureka, the festival bookstore where one could buy and browse and have one's books signed by their favourite authors and poets.

The wonderful event gave the children the chance to see, touch and fall in love with the best of children's books. The enthusiastic children lined up, and waited their turn and were seen browsing books and jotting down titles of their choice.

Kani Shawl Exhibition

On 2nd June 2012, an exhibition was organised on Kani Shawls by Mrs. Vidu Ganjoor and Buz Burza from Samvedana Culture and Heritage Trust based in Delhi.



A power point presentation and two short movies of 11 minutes each were shown to create an interest among students for this rich cultural heritage. They shared with the students how they had been working on Kani revival and a few shawls created by intricate workmanship were put up for display. The session was much appreciated and enjoyed.

Art Camp

An Art Camp was organised on the school campus in the month of May. It was a major attraction for the Fine Arts Faculty. Many contemporary artists were a part of this event. The students saw and learnt about the post-modern trends in the world of art. Water colour



demonstrations, charcoal demonstrations were worth appreciation. Basoli Art, the technique used and culture was deeply reflected in the eye catching portraits. Contemporary techniques of oil and acrylic were also taught to the students. It was a very refreshing and novel experience for the students.

School Stamp Show and Quiz

On the 2nd June 2012 this event was held in the school campus. The awards function was held at DPS School Srinagar. The show was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Postal Circle in various schools of Srinagar. Mr. John Samuel, Chief Post Master General, Jammu and Kashmir Circle gave away the awards.

In the **Inter School Quiz** programme various challenging questions were asked. Six general rounds on logic and reasoning G.K and two rounds on Philately. Government Boys Higher Secondary School Batmaloo were declared winners followed by Burn Hall



School with second position while as the third position was bagged by St. Paul's School and Army Public School jointly.

DPS Sends an Ambassador to Japan

Rihab of class X had the honour of representing the country in Japan from 2nd June to 12th June 2012. She was part of a 93 member delegation of students from all over the country. Under the guidance of Ms. Chicks, they had the opportunity of visiting the cities of Tokyo, Yokohama and Hamamatsu. They attended classes in different high schools and were taught the recycling process, karate and calligraphy. What an experience for the policy makers of tomorrow. **'Dom arrigato gosai musth Japan!**



STAFF PICNIC

On 10th of July 2012 School staff both academic and non-academic went to picnic at Daksum a place located in South Kashmir. On reaching the picnic spot, Principal madam along with the staff members started singing Kashmiri songs in melodious



voices. All the staff members thoroughly enjoyed the outing.



Tiny Tot's Over Night Camp

OVERNIGHT CAMP



To groom the children's personality and develop their confidence, a fun-filled Overnight Adventure Camp was organized for the little ones of class Lower KG on the school premises on On 16th July 2012. About 136 children participated in the day long camp supervised



by 63 teachers.

The day was filled with interesting activities, a big splash at the water-world, art and craft classes. some of the activities that were planned for children to teach them lessons in team spirit, cooperation, sharing and



caring. The puppet show left the children spell bound and took them into their world of Mowgli and Sher Khan. The day ended with a bonfire! The children had a wonderful experience.

CAMP AT LADAKH



13th July 2012- The summer break in July will forever remain etched in the memories of Class XII students of DPS, Srinagar, as 17 students, 07 teachers visited Leh. The lush greenery, majestic mountains, crystal clear babbling waters left them mesmerized. Ladakh is known for its spectacular natural beauty. The 15 hours long drive from Srinagar was not only stunningly beautiful but extremely risky. Students explored the local market, visited the famous monasteries, did trekking on the snow clad mountains and marvelled at the exquisite and serene beauty of the area.





The student were shown many old structures, the Palace, the museum etc. They had a good exposure to the Buddhist customs and local traditions. The grand finale of the trip was a visit to the breath takingly beautiful Pangyong Lake.

Student Work Experience Workshops

On Aug 22, 2012 a 3-day Work Experience Workshop was organized by D.P.S, Srinagar. All the students of XIIth standard participated with great enthusiasm. The main purpose of the workshop was to indulge the



students in some creative activities, to make them gain more and more experience in various innovative activities, and to bring out the best in them. The



students participated in the activities like music, dancing, wood-work, papier-mâché, recycling of paper, electrical works, cooking and baking, gardening, carpentry and the like. On the final day the students presented all that they had learnt and created

themselves. From carom boards to pottery to beautiful papier- mache artifacts to cake and pasta were displayed. The teachers at different venues graded each child. It was a great success and left the students with a sense of achievement.

Friday Activities (Middle Wing)

In order to develop different skills in children, the school organised different clubs for the students of classes Vito VIII. There were about 15 different clubs such as music, kangri- making, photography, pottery, origami, commercial art, public speaking, papier-mache and many more. These clubs were held under the supervision of resource persons. The teachers aided these instructors. The programme spread over a period of four months. The children enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot. An exhibition was



held at the end of this programme. The presentations were beautiful and much appreciated by all who witnessed it.

Student's Participation in Science Internship

A science camp termed Inspire – Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research, was held at the SKICC for the students of the Valley from 22nd August 2012. This stretched over a period of a week. The function was inaugurated by the honourable Governor and the



Education Minister. The auditorium which was the venue had excellent AV projection facility, good seating arrangement and a serene atmosphere. This was conducted specially to inculcate in the young minds values pertaining to scientific research and teaching, with a motive 'Science As A Life Time Mission.' This camp was sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi. It received an overwhelming response from all over the Valley. About 500 academically bright students had been invited from the Valley. 120 students from DPS participated with keen interest. Lectures were given on various important topics such as hydroponics and mechanics etc. Eminent personalities such as Dr. D.V. Venketashwaran, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, VSS Shastri, Mr. Khuroo and many others gripped the attention of the audience with their discourses. Students confronted the speakers with intelligent questions and were given informative and satisfactory replies. This experience will remain forever in the memories of the students.

VISITS BY DIGNITARIES

Mr. Amir Khan

In the month of February 2012, one of the leading super stars of Indian cinema, Amir Khan visited the state. The purpose was to complete his documentary **Satyamev Jayatev**, which has shaken the nation. A special assembly was co-ordinated by students and



teachers to welcome him at DPS Srinagar. He had an interaction with the young minds of the valley. A glimpse of this interaction has been captured in the

documentary itself.

Mr. Rory Stuart

It was a great privilege to have Mr. Rory Stuart a renowned professor of English Literature with a teaching experience of 40 yrs visit the school campus on the **25th of April 2012**. The interactive session with class XII students started with a brief discussion on the importance of literature. He spoke about the informative as well as the aesthetic beauty of the English Language. Literature according to him must not only be read but lived. Thinking then must be divergent and not convergent. One must focus more on creativity and innovation. It was a privilege to interact with the teacher of the late Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi.

Rama Vaidyanathan's Dance Performance

Delhi Public School, Srinagar in collaboration with **SPIC MACAY** on **12th June 2012**. The programme commenced with the ceremonial **Anjali** (a namaskara)



an enthralling dance performance of **Ms Rama Vaidyanathan**; a much sought after proponent of **Bharatnatyam**, known for her significant contribution to the field of classical dance.

Ms Rama Vaidyanathan is considered as one of the best interpreters of the ancient art form of Bharatnatyam. She has been performing professionally for the past twenty years and featured in all the major national and international festivals. She comes under 'outstanding' category with the ICCR- (Indian Council for Cultural Relations). She has performed in concerts in **India, Japan, Mexico, Panama, USA, Russia** and **Sri Lanka**. She has been conferred with the title '**Jewel of**



India' in Colombo and has also received the prestigious 'Sanskriti Award' for her achievements in the field of **'Indian Classical Dance'**.

The peacock dance was brilliant. The dance touching on the story of Lord Krishna at fourteen undertaking a journey to kill the evil king Kans was equally mesmerising.

Giving her company was **vocalist Ms Indu Nair** and instrumentalists **Mr Rama Murli, Shri Ganesh, Mr Arun Kumar** and **Mr G.S. Rajan**. The Principal, **Mrs**



Kusam Warikoo felicitated the eminent dancer along with her team. She expressed her happiness at hosting the event which exposed the students to the **rich and traditional heritage** of our country. Ramaji proved to be not only a dancer 'par excellence' but an excellent story-teller and enthralled the audience with the act during her **Lecture – Demonstration**.

An interesting **'Question and Answer'** session was held after the Dance Recital, which was a unique and enlightening experience for the students.

Mr. Rahul Bose

Well known rugby player, theatre actor and Bollywood star Rahul Bose has been frequently visiting Kashmir promoting the work of his charitable foundation R.E.A.C.H and H.E.A.L. A foundation with a vision to see a world free of discrimination of all forms. He has been organizing scholarships in the best schools for bright students from the lower income group. DPS has generously helped in creating scholarships for a few.



Mr. Bose took the opportunity of addressing the present batch of class XII in the A.V Hall. He spoke about career options and methods of generating funds to fulfil ones dreams. The session was welcomed and enjoyed by the seniors who will shortly step into the world outside.

Mr. Aftab Seth

On the 13th July 2012, Mr. Aftab Seth a retired Indian diplomat who served as Indian Ambassador to Greece, Vietnam and Tokyo, visited the school campus for an interactive session with class XII. Mr. Seth completed his schooling from The Doon School. He then went on to pursue B.A. (Honours) in History from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi where he topped the university with First Class honours. He then received a Rhodes Scholarship to study History and Politics, Constitutional History at Christ Church, Oxford. He finally did a Doctorate in Law from American College of Greece.



The session stretched over an hour in the A.V hall. Some of the topics discussed were the hierarchy in an embassy, globalization past and present, the civil services, international scholarships etc. The students asked different questions which were well answered. It was a highly informative and intellectually stimulating session, much appreciated by the audience.

Visit of Mrs. and Mr. Ray

Aug 30, 2012. It was a great honour and privilege for Delhi Public School, Srinagar to have Mrs. and Mr. John Ray – former Principal of **Tyndale Biscoe School, Srinagar** on a visit to the school. Mrs. and Mr. Ray interacted with the students and staff members of the School. They visited the Special Education Cell and appreciated and encouraged the Staff for going ahead in the noble cause. They then had an elaborate interaction with the Chairman of the School during which they were highly appreciative of the infrastructure, the schedules and discipline of the School.

