



**Delhi Public School
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NEWSLETTER

SOUNDTH

(S P R I N G)

*The air is cool, the breeze is light.
The clouds in the sky are fluffy and white.
The flowers open to show their
bright faces, as the garden snail alongside
paces.
The trees reveal their bright green leaves.
The spider, a silken web, she weaves.
The birds sing their notes high and clear...
Cheer up ! Cheer up !
Spring is here !!!*



Building on a decade of delivering quality education, the Delhi Public School, Srinagar celebrated this 10 year milestone to felicitate and honour the founding pillars of the school on the 8th of June, 2013. A proud moment to look back over a decade. An extremely touching ceremony felicitating 86 members of the staff which included teachers, administration staff, drivers and helpers who were a part of the school in 2003. The function was not only to celebrate past achievements, but also to look to the future as we continue to deliver leaders who can truly make a difference to the world. The chairperson, Mr. Dhar and Kiran Dhar were deeply moved reminiscing the old times narrating some sad and some humorous anecdotes of the initial difficult days. Many of the recipients expressed their gratitude at being remembered on this occasion.





First Day for LKG students - A Day Conquered !



The very first day of many many years to come! New friends, new teachers, and new challenges to overcome ! The first day of school for an L.K.G. student is full of anxiety, excitement and nervousness too. This period can be a trying time for both parents and children – it's a gut wrenching day for the parents to send their little ones away to school for the very first time and a difficult time for the little children as they have to adjust being away from their families.

The teachers helped the children embrace their new lives in a new environment and adjust to new changes positively. Children were taught to interact with each other and make new friends by encouraging them to participate in welcome activities organized by their teachers. It was indeed a big day for the school and the parents. Life is short: childhood is shorter. We believe we should cherish this precious time and its turbulent and joyous moments.



Academic Excellence

“Excellence is not an occasional act - it is a habit.”

The school fosters the spirit of excellence in children, and this attitude in our children was reflected in the Board results declared recently for students of class X and XII. We are pleased to announce that their efforts and hard work have borne fruit, with all the students successfully clearing the exam ! We wish them much success in all their future endeavours.

The list of toppers in the Class XII exam is given below.



SCIENCE

Muhiba Shabir	97.60%
Maleeha	96.40%
Duha Zaffar	95.60%

COMMERCE

Juman Iqbal	94.20%
Shafin Shabir	92.40%
Kriti Arora	92.20%

HUMANITIES

Mukarram Ahmad Wahid	94.60%
Sheena Fazili	92.20%
Saliha Bashir	88.80%

CBSE CLASS -XII RESULT PERFORMANCE

Total number of students appeared: 230

90%-100%	75%-89.9%
34	113

CBSE CLASS -X RESULT PERFORMANCE

Total number of students appeared: 291

CGPA	10	9	8
	25	78	80

On the Sports Front

Sports are an integral part of our curriculum and help our children to grow holistically. The School is constantly striving to providing training and better opportunities in the field of sports - thus, motivating the children to make meaningful contributions on the sports front. We are proud of our students who have achieved excellence in their own fields . Here is a gist of achievements in sports by our budding stars.

International Skiing



It's a matter of great pride that two of our students - Moin Sultan Shaw and Shibar Rafiq of Class VIII represented the country in an International Skiing Competition held in Korea in January 2013 and won 3rd Prize in the competition out of 150 participating countries.

National Ski Championship

19 March 2013:
Yousuf Gul Dev of Grade VII participated in the 12th State Ski Championship (under age group 10-12 yrs) on 17th -18th March 2012 held at Kongdori, Gulmarg. He also participated in the Nationals held on 24th -26th March 2013 at Gulmarg.



Kick Boxing Championship (U-13)

09. March. 2013: Afreen Hyder and Adnan Haider of Class VIII represented India at the U-13 International Kick Boxing Championship held at Thailand, Bangkok from 12th- 21st of March, 2013.

The countries participating in the event were Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Singapore, China, South Korea, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Louis, Cambodia, Finland, United Kingdom (U.K), Afghanistan, South Africa and India.

Beyond Boundaries

25. March. 2013: The ultimate victory in competition is derived from the inner strength you have in order to emerge as a winner fighting against all odds.

Faizan Nazir of Grade XII took part in the Punjab International Sports Festival 2012-13. He has also represented India in Senior Rugby matches which were played at Lahore, Pakistan.



Shoib Zahoor Mir receives Sher-i-Kashmir Sports Award

The J&K Sports Council selected 12 international players of Kashmir province for the prestigious Sher-e-Kashmir Sports Award. The council had selected the top 12 players of Kashmir from different sports categories who have represented the J&K State in various International-Level competitions. The selected players included Shoib Zahoor Mir from Delhi Public School, Srinagar (who participated in the Skiing event). The award ceremony was held at Zorawar Singh auditorium Jammu on April 16. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah distributed the prizes to the winners. Each Best Sportsperson award carried citation, certificate, a medal and cash award of Rs 25,000.

Cross Country Run - Tiny Tots



Why we do it?

To keep the children in rhythm with nature and teaching them self discipline despite the challenges involved, a cross country run is organized every year.

26. April. 2013: The day dawned clear and brimming with excitement for the 447 students of class 1 and 2 of the Tiny Tots wing as they participated in a Cross Country Race conducted by the Sports Faculty with the theme "Save Water". The venue for the run was the Foreshore Road overlooking the scenic Dal Lake. The event was flagged off by Ms Kiran Dhar, who also gave away the awards. The list of the winners is given below:

CLASS I BOYS	CLASS I GIRLS
Mohd. Hassan Pandit (1st)	Aiysha Khan (1st)
Siyam Ishtiyag (2nd)	Zoha Khurshid (2nd)
CLASS II BOYS	CLASS II GIRLS
Syed Labab Kamili (1st)	Khatija Masoodi (1st)
Hyder Khan (2nd)	Fatima (2nd)
Farees Tahir (3rd)	



Cross Country Run - III to V



"**Stop Child Labour**" was the slogan of the Cross Country Run for Classes III to V on 10th May 2013. Around 750 children participated in the race. Poplar House was declared to be the best in terms of discipline. Poplar also bagged First Position in the Boys Category, and Chinar came First in the Girls Category.

Cross Country Run - VI to VIII



"**Peace means Progress and Happiness**" - With this notion and with the slogan "**Run for World Peace**" - a Cross Country Race was held for the students of Grades VI to VIII on Friday- 3rd May 2013. 610 students participated in the race from Duck Park to Nishat Garden.

The list of winners is given below:

GIRLS	BOYS
Raqibah - Grade VII (1st)	Mirza Zuhaib - Grade VIII (1st)
Uznain - Grade VIII (2nd)	Ishaan - Grade VIII (2nd)
Sara - Grade VII (3rd)	Farhan - Grade VI (3rd)

Inter-DPS Basketball Tournament



DPS, Bathinda organized Zone-I Inter DPS Basketball Tournament for Girls (Open) from 19th April 2013 to 21st April 2013 under the aegis of Delhi Public School Society. There were eight teams from the North Zone. We also participated in the Tournament and were able to secure Third Position. The following students had participated along with Durafish Sabirah as their Captain.

Anood Wani, Nazrah Altaf, Kousain Qadri, Hadeeqah Tariq, Falah, Tanzeela, Nurein, Nimrah.

The teachers accompanying the team were Mr. Tejinder Singh and Ms. Chadrakanta.

Nazrah Altaf was declared the **Best Player of the tournament** and was awarded a **Gold Medal**.

Inter-DPS National Swimming Meet (Boys) 2013 - Held at DPS Bhilai



The Inter-DPS National Swimming Meet (Boys) 2013 organized by DPS, Bhilai Chhattisgarh was held from 12th - 14th April 2013.

Zeeshan Haider, Sohail Altaf, Inam ul- Haq, Abdul Hadi, Maqdool and Shahaan participated in the following events at the competition:

- 50m Free Style
- 100m Free Style
- 50m Back Stroke
- 100m Back Stroke
- 50m Breast Stroke
- 100m Breast Stroke.

Coca-Cola Cup National Football Championship 2013

07. May. 2013: Sheezan was selected in the Coaching Camp of U-16 Footballers prior to participating at the National level. He represented J&K State at Kalyani, West Bengal in the Coca Cola Cup National Football Championship 2013 from 14th May to 23rd May 2013.



Kids @ Activities

Blooming Buds of LKG in Red



22. March. 2013: Children love anything that is bright and colourful. On the other hand, one of the most interesting and perhaps the hardest concepts to teach a child is "Colours". To introduce the colour RED, our little angels of L.K.G celebrated Red Colour Day on 22nd March 2013. Cute little faces dressed in varying shades of red, had a lovely day full of fun and activities at School.



TRUNOUVE



27. March. 2013: Ensemble Kashmir Theatre Academy (EKTA) organised a Kashmiri play "TRUNOUVE" written by Padmashree M.L.Kemmu in the school. The play had five performing characters – Laddi Shah, Qadir Bhand, Gruoos, Farzi-Loung and Parrie Woul – all popular folk characters symbolically portraying the social caricatures. The play was a socio-political satire and at the same time portrays the common mind-set of the rural Kashmiri living in hope and despair. Students from VI to VIII attended the play. Shahnawaz Bhat was the Stage Manager.

Friday Clubs



With the aim of encouraging hidden talents in the students, the Friday Activity Club once again started off in full swing. Children participate in various activities



such as Embroidery, Batik Printing, Pottery, Indian Vocal Music, Cooking, Photography, Papier-mâché, Paper Recycling, Information Technology, Dramatics, Public Speaking, Puppet Making etc. The club activities are conducted under the supervision of teachers.

Story Telling Session

Ms. Usha visited the School and enthralled the students of class I in a story telling session. She narrated a lovely collection of stories such Goldilocks And Three Bears, Katha Tree, A Tale From Estonia, A Lady Who Ate The Spiders, The Story Of Diwali, The Bun Story using her cut-outs and glove-puppets as her medium of story



telling. Usha's tales from the Katha Tree succeeded in capturing the children's attention beautifully. Her puppets were so colourful and her mannerisms and expressions were excellent. Students listened with rapt attention, completely engrossed as she drew them into the world of her fairytales. All the stories had an

underlying moral message which was put across in such a manner as to stimulate the child's imagination. The children truly enjoyed the puppet shows and learnt a lot from her. Usha was the perfect entertainer. Her conduct was very professional and it was a joy to have her with us at Delhi Public School, Srinagar.

Overnight Camp

195 students of class II had the time of their lives when they participated in a Life Skills Enhancement Overnight camp organized by the Tiny Tots Wing on 8th and 9th June, 2013.

The camp kick started with enthusiastic students arriving promptly at 8:30 a.m. with their equally enthusiastic parents. Seeing the 7 year olds confidently



entering the Atrium with their luggage was a sight to behold. Very few were in tears when they bid good bye to their parents. Teachers presented a welcome song and a Puppet show which depicted the values of good



manners.

The ravenous youngsters then proceeded to the canteen area for a hearty breakfast. This was followed by an activity session with games like 'Tailing the Donkey', 'Musical Chairs', 'Treasure Hunt', 'Filling the Bucket' and



'Tug of War'. After lunch, students relaxed for a while. The Afternoon siesta was followed by swimming in the water world. All students splashed to their hearts' content. The Art activity session which saw children painstakingly creating beautiful things by recycling waste material like Pepsi bottles, egg trays, wool, tetra



pack covers and used paper cups. They made beautiful wall hangings, purses, glasses, wool mats which were later displayed. One parent even said, "I can't imagine that my son has made this."

The students were surprised and delighted when they were invited to a candle lit dinner in the Indoor Stadium which was decorated for the occasion. Dinner



was followed by a Bonn-Fire. The students then slept peacefully till they woke next day and proceeded for a morning walk and exercise on the ground. After breakfast, students voiced their feelings about the camp both verbally and in drawings. 'I enjoyed so much; I don't



Parents picked up their wards who very reluctantly left the school with hearts filled with sweet memories of the Summer Camp.



want to go home'. These were the comments made by all the students.



Students sang the song 'I have a dream' in perfect unison.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Nano Nagle Trophy for the Third Consecutive Year

29. April. 2013: Nano Nagle Inter-School Debate was held on Saturday, 27th April, 2013 in Presentation Convent, Rajbagh. The topic of the debate was "Materialism Corrodes the very Fabric of Our



Society". DPS Srinagar was represented by Hazika Bhat of XII (B1) and Iftikhar Hassan Samoon of XII (D) with Hazika speaking against the motion and Iftikhar in favour of it. Hazika was declared the best speaker at the debate and DPS Srinagar was declared the proud winner of the Nano Nagle rolling trophy debate for the third time in a row. The participants faced tough competition from various schools of Srinagar including Burn Hall, Tyndale Biscoe, Mallinson, New Convent, Iqbal Memorial Institute and Green Valley.

Three DIPSITES Selected for the Sri Ram Aspen Leadership School

08.May.2013: It was with much pride and excitement that three young Dipsites – **Rihaab Reyaz** (Grade-XI), **Asar Majid Lone** (Grade-XI) and **Muskaan Shafat** (Grade-IX) were granted scholarship to participate in **The Sri Ram Aspen Leadership School (TSALS)** held in Rishikesh from 18th May to 1st June, 2013. Once again Dipsites have proved their mettle by getting selected in such a prestigious programme.

Motivational Programme for Talented School Children



A Motivational contact program for talented school children was coordinated by J&K Students Welfare

Society Anantnag, catalyzed and supported by NCSTC at Directorate of Extension education SKUAST from 13th May 2013 to 18th May 2013. The main motive of the program was to attract, encourage and create interest among bright students to select research and teaching as a career in Science and Technology. Under the scheme, eminent scientists are identified who interact with the brilliant students with the objectives of transmitting some of the excitement of pursuing a career in basic sciences in terms of teaching/research.

Delhi Public School, Srinagar has selected two students from Grade XI to participate in the said training programme:

Zahid Ishaq & Mehvish Shakeel

DIPSITES won Distinction Certificates in Australian National Quiz & NSE

The Department of Chemistry, University of Kashmir organized a One Day Workshop on "Chemistry Popularization" in collaboration with Indian Association of Chemistry Teachers (IACT), Mumbai. Our students had participated in the given event. Raheel Hammad, Faariha Mastoor, Asra Shafiq, Syed Aanif Andrabi have made the school proud by winning distinction certificates in Australian National Quiz and NSE. They will be felicitated and will be awarded Certificate of merit in a One Day Workshop to be conducted by the Department of Chemistry.

Further, 27 DIPSITES have been placed among the top 10 percent in this center.



Trekking Camp



The teachers and students of grade III trekked through the lush green mountains of Gulmarg from 17th to 19th of June 2013. Children were taken out for low side trekking followed by a movie and cultural programme on the first day.



Alpha post, a high stop trek was their trekking point for the next day. Camp Fire in the evening was a relief after this long tiring day.

The last day of the camp started with a walk to the ALOO farm. The children were also taken to High Altitude Welfare School. They visited a Museum set up by the Indian Army. In the end, the students went to the children's park and enjoyed boating with their teachers.

Gulmarg with its beautiful landscapes and lush green forests was an excellent opportunity for nature

lovers to appreciate Mother Nature in close and proved a suitable destination for adventurous activities like Trekking camps.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Graduation Ceremonies



A child's development and growth can be seen with his ability to make a smooth transition from one section of the school to the other. To give this transition a feeling of sanctity, a solemn Graduation Ceremony was conducted. This was for the students from Grade 2 of the Tiny Tots Wing who were moving up into Grade 3 in the Primary Block, and the other was for students of Grade 5 moving up into Grade 6 in the Middle Wing. Certificates were handed to each child. This was greatly appreciated by the parents.

Farewell



19 April 2013 Farewell 2013 proved to be a grand event with the colours of the cultural feast unfolding themselves and blending with the beauty of the graceful evening that was waiting ahead.



Guests and some of Kashmir's most distinguished dignitaries consented to grace the occasion. They were welcomed by the compares – Hishma and Kashif and the evening went as smoothly as planned - fun, lighthearted and entertaining for everyone present. Our DIPSITES are handsome young gentlemen and beautiful young ladies - a fact which could not have been more obvious than at their farewell when they dazzled us in their lovely, colourful attire. The day began with a song by Madeeha – whose lilting voice enthralled everyone present in the hall. This was followed by Rayan and Imran who rocked the stage with their 'Robotic Dance Performance'. 'Dipsites are Multi-Talented Youth of Today - This was proven when a skit was performed on the stage by the students of class XII. The theme of the skit was to highlight the 10 Year Journey of DPS, Srinagar. After the skit, it was the turn of the school band, 'Sueen' to perform onstage - and they enthralled everyone with their rhythm and beat. Their performance gave way to the most anticipated part of the event with Titles being declared for the image they had created for themselves and the inspiration that he/she had been to their peers while in the school.

Mr Vijay Dhar closed the evening for everyone with a farewell address to the students who were passing out . His speech was peppered with anecdotes and heartfelt advice for the children whom he wished a beautiful, new beginning in their lives. Students passed a candle around and celebrated with cake - emotions were running high with many a teary eyed child and teacher seen at the venue. The junior students attending the ceremony received a glimpse of what they

will themselves experience a year later on the same stage.

Labour Day

01 May 2013 'Labour Day' was celebrated with the aim of helping the younger generation understand the dictum of 'Dignity of Labour'. The school has always acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of its real workforce - the support staff. On this occasion, a special assembly was conducted by the students of Grade III to V. The celebrations began with a speech by



Class V students highlighting the role of the support staff in school life. The students were taught the history behind Labour Day celebrations. The informative speech was followed by a melodious song and the children expressed their love and gratitude to the support staff by presenting gifts to them as a token of their love.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

Student Eye Check-up





13 April 2013 An eye check up was conducted for the children of L.K.G to II on 13th April 2013. Dr. Aliya Gul - a leading Pediatric Ophthalmologist examined around 550 students, out of whom 41 were found to have defective vision. The parents of these children were notified immediately so that appropriate action could be taken.

Parents' Orientation



An Orientation programme "Activity based Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum" was held for the parents of LKG students admitted for the Academic Session 2013. The programme gave a detailed introduction to the early childhood education objectives laying stress on developing a positive self-concept, good personal hygiene, self-confidence, physical and motor skills, language and speaking skills, thus, slowly moving towards writing readiness in young learners.

Orientation on Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE)

CCE helps in improving student's performance by identifying his/her learning difficulties at regular intervals right from the beginning of the academic session and employing suitable remedial measures for enhancing their overall learning performance. Parents were invited to school for an orientation programme on CCE. The teachers made presentations, thus, providing

them with an insight into the various techniques used in the process of mentoring, monitoring and evaluating the child's performance.

Developing Social & Creative Skills among Special Children



22 March 2013 We achieve our greatest happiness when we help others reach their potential. In order to realize this, social skills activities were conducted for the special children. Our young stars tried their hands working with paper - cutting and pasting, and also made structures with the use of blocks and grooved away to some peppy numbers. This proved to be a very successful activity learning session for the children.

Concept of Open School - A Presentation



13 April 2013 To familiarize the parents with the concept of Open School as suggested for Special Children, a presentation was given by Ms Shafaq and Ms Saba highlighting aims and objectives of the same. This was followed by an interactive session with the parents who expressed deep appreciation for the counseling given by the special educators.

Science Exhibition



Rapid developments are taking place in the field of Science and Technology today. New discoveries and findings are brought out by scientists all over the world. Such discoveries and inventions help man in many ways. To encourage our budding scientists and giving them an opportunity to present their scientific ideas, the school organized a Science Exhibition "IMPULSE" on the 13th of June, 2013. The exhibits included still models, working models, and projects. These provided a feast to our eyes. Students from classes L.K.G to XII participated in the exhibition. We



were able to see young Faradays, Newtons and Edisons among them. The Exhibits were creative and attractive.

The exhibition was inaugurated by The Principal, Ms Kusam Warikoo and Dr.Mohd. Altaf Ramzan, HOD Neurology, SKIMS was the chief guest.

We encourage such exhibitions for we realize that new ideas grow in the minds of these young children and such are the platforms where ideas begin to bloom for the development of the world.

Elections



17 April 2013 We are part of a democratic country and each one has a right to vote. This thought was brought into practice at DPS, Srinagar on 16th April 2013 when elections for the post of Head Boy and Head Girl were held. Elections have always been an event that students look forward to. The long election procedure which included debate, manifesto, colorful ballot boxes, counting and finally, the declaration of results was successfully completed in a day amidst much excitement and fanfare.

Iftikhar Asgar Samoon and Hazika Bhatt of Grade XII were elected as the Head Boy and Head Girl respectively, based on the result of the elections. Ahmed Basit and Asra Majeed of Grade XI were elected as the Vice Head Boy and the Vice Head Girl.

An Inspiring Session with Dr. Pillai



Dr. A Sivanthanu Pillai - an eminent global personality, a scientist, an author who has been rewarded at various national and international levels visited the school on 17th of May, 2013.



The session started with the Principal, Ms. Kusam Warikoo introducing Mr Pillai to the audience. She talked about how ordinary the primary education of this eminent personality had been and the heights he conquered because of his interests, determination and hard work as a brilliant scientist. She then highlighted his various achievements.

Mr Pillai then took the dias and spoke to the students about his experiences. His words captured the imagination of the students present - and he inspired their young minds to aim for the highest goals and encouraged them to opt for science as a career. He talked about the different domains of science - its practices and applications, rocket sciences, how science is extending a helping hand to the 'affected' of the society as well as on the topic 'Science as a Career' . He explained about the potential the present generation possesses and the human resources that we are in possession of, inspite of political and economic constraints.

Making the atmosphere more enthusiastic and interactive, Dr. Pillai talked about different eminent personalities ranging from Dr. Kalam to Kalpana Chawla and encouraged the children to interact with him freely by expressing their views and opinions on many queries and debating with each other on different topics. Students put forth several questions about the working of various science equipments, and this sparked off a discussion about the various issues favouring and hindering the emergence of India as the world's greatest human resource.

The session ended with the realization that the responsibility of this country and its progress lies on the shoulders of this generation. The youth of this country represent the future of India and have the power to change this country for the better.

Guests at DPS.

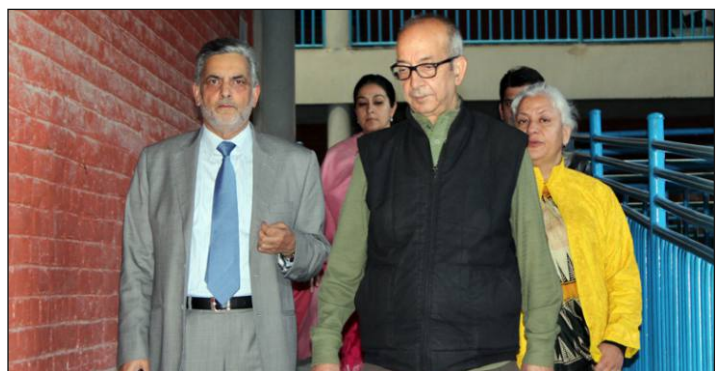
Several noteworthy dignitaries visited the school. They greatly appreciated the school infrastructure, facilities and discipline. It was an honour and privilege to host such personalities at our school.

Mr. Shailendra Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir - visited the school on 28th March 2013

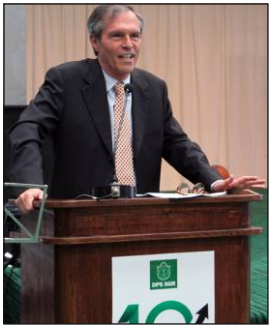


"It is a commendable institution doing a commendable job. The way the education and allied activities are taken care of is immensely praise-worthy. The entire society should recognize the wonderful contribution made by DPS Srinagar. Indeed a great investment to brighten the future of the State. Wishing them all the best."

Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad, Chairman, J&K Bank visited the School on 18th April, 2013



German Ambassador - Mr Michael Steiner visits DPS, Srinagar



"I came to Srinagar with many expectations - the reality was even more impressive. And seeing these bright, forward-looking school girls and boys was really thrilling. We will reflect how we intensify the exchange between schools from Germany and Kashmir. I am convinced that students from Srinagar would be the best Ambassadors from India. Thanks for this great opportunity."

The German Ambassador - Michael Steiner paid a visit to the School on April 20, 2013 and interacted with



the students. The visit was part of the milestone project "German in 1000 schools" of the German Foreign Office and Max Mueller Bhavan to introduce German as foreign language in various schools across the subcontinent.

Mr. Steiner lauded the manner in which he was welcomed to school in traditional Kashmiri style. He was impressed by the school infrastructure and the discipline of the students and voiced his thought on this by saying that "such disciplined classes would be a paradise for a German teacher". He also appreciated the Bhangra performance of the tiny-tots students.

While addressing the students, Mr. Steiner pinpointed a number of similarities between his native land

and Kashmir in terms of climatic conditions and geographical locations. He expressed his views by saying "he felt at home" whilst in Srinagar. He spread the message of global peace and brotherhood for which language should act as a bridge - not a barrier.

A Day Out

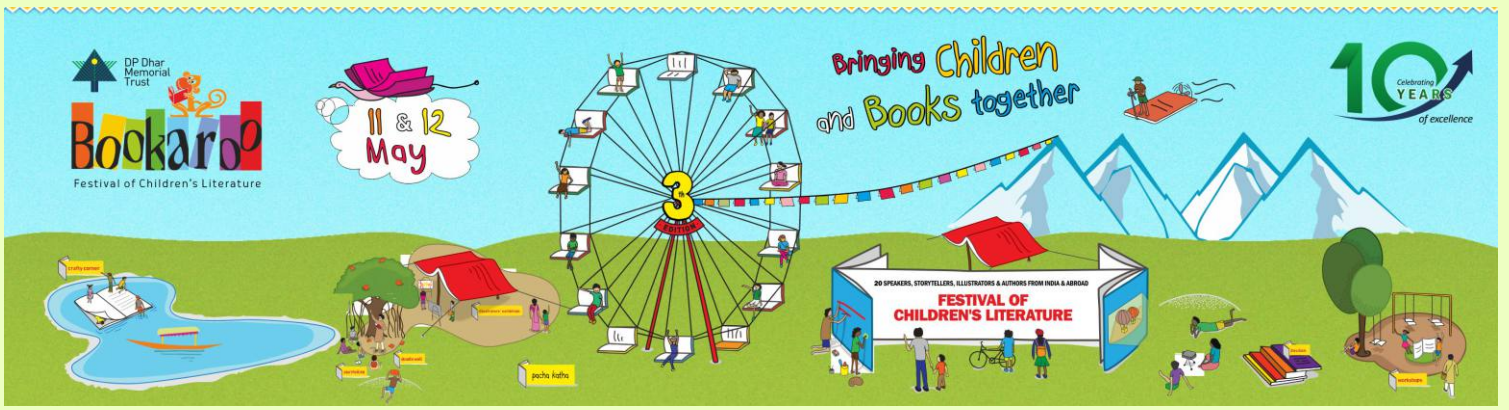


Picnics add spice to our life. They provide the much sought after relief from our daily routine. To give students a temporary relief from their studies, the school arranged picnics for them on separate days. The primary wing went to Dara Shikoh Park, Bijbehara and Kokernag proved an interesting spot for the middle and senior wing. After enjoying a picnic, the children were refreshed and returned to studies with renewed vigor.

Bridging Home and School.



The Parent Teacher Meeting is an important day in a child's life. It lets the child know that the parents care about their progress and their schools. The Parent Teacher meet at DPS Srinagar gave a chance to the parents see how their child is getting on in school, where their strengths and weaknesses lie, how they interact with other children in the classroom, playground, extracurricular activities etc. The teachers also got to learn more about the children after interacting with the parents.



The much awaited India's first festival celebrating Children's Literature – Bookaroo came to Delhi Public School, Srinagar on the May 11 & 12, 2013. The festival per se was an encouragement of reading habits in youngsters. The aim was an exposure to books for pleasure without any didactic references. This was achieved through exciting activities with story tellers, authors, illustrators and theatre artists. Not to forget was a fantastic bookshop Eureka to browse in. Both the days, the festival was organised from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. Various attractively decorated venues were used for this purpose. The children were bubbling with excitement at the thought of encountering their personal favourites. They had already been familiarised with the participating artists through various pre Bookaroo activities such as designing a book cover, collage making, scrap books with author profiles etc. Some of the authors who participated were Rosemarie Somaiah, AAbid Surti, Shamim Padamsee, Bikram Gosh, Sampurna Chatterjee

gripped the attention of these young listeners with their amazing stories, autobiographical and fictional Bittu Sehgal was very successful with his documentaries related to environmental issues. Kala Ramesh imparted the tricks of creating Haiku poetry. Ankit Chadha and Fouzia were applauded time and again for their 'Dastan-Go'. The Doodle wall, crafty corners, Mazing miscellany and the recycling corner was a haven for the ones with artistic bent. Sessions with Ajit Narayan, Kartik Sharma, Nina Shabnam, Indu, Hari Kumar left the audience spellbound. Some of our local authors were invited to participate such as Dheebea Nazir, Ayub Sabir and Inayat Gul. This was to add a local flavour to the event.

The event as a whole was a great success with each student and teacher participating with great gusto. Team Bokaroo and the school is already looking to the event next year.

