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Opening Ceremony of new building

Delhi Public School, Srinagar celebrated the Inaugural Function of its new +2 building on March 23, 2015 with great verve and enthusiasm. The much anticipated function was held in the assembly hall. The day began with an idyllic prayer. Zainab Nissar of Class XII D was the compere of the awaited event. All the students were geared up to start afresh in the new building, which



is an architectural masterpiece in itself. The students were first addressed by Ms Rehana, one of the senior teachers, who gave an inspiring and invigorating speech that not only spoke about the feats achieved by the school but also motivated the students to leave a trail of their own.



The Principal, Ms Kusam Warikoo, congratulated everyone for this remarkable achievement and also entrusted the students with the responsibility of becoming examples and role models as the seniors of the school. It was indeed an honor to be given such an exalted status. Mrs. Kiran Dhar, the soul of the school, gave a short but touching addressal. This was followed by the chairperson, Mr. Dhar's infallible speech, which primarily focused on the fact that DPS is impervious to doom and disaster and that the incessant and inexorable growth of this institution is attributed to all the people associated with it. He also appealed to the students to make something credulous out of their life and prove fruitful to our people and state. This remarkable day felicitated the gigantic leap in the development of DPS.

Egypt Cultural Exchange Programme

"I cannot pretend I am without fear. But my predominant feeling is one of gratitude. I have loved and been loved; I have been given much and I have given something in return; I have read and

travelled and thought and written."

Appreciating diversity has always been the working principal of DPS SRINAGAR in continuity with that two teachers Ms. Romana Shariq and Ms. Syed Sumaira were privileged to be the part of cultural exchange programme held in Egypt for a period of seven days i.e from "feb 1 to feb 7 which has proved beneficial for both of us.

Egypt is a land of shifting desert sands, a land of giant pyramids, land of Pharaohs, land of the Nile, ancient civilizations and amazing temples. Our one week travel to Egypt included visit to Cairo also known as "The city of One thousand and one Minarets". The programme was planned in such a manner that we interacted with so many Egyptian women and teenagers "

This programme is a volunteer exchange programme where volunteers host other volunteers from AFS countries around the world. This programme provides an opportunity for the volunteers to develop intercultural competencies for a just and peaceful world. The volunteers are given a chance to get immersed in the life of a new community living with a host family and breaking down the barriers between cultures and people. It also helps in building bridges of understanding and mutual respect between countries and cultures around the world.



To sum up it was a programme to motivate teachers to look beyond the boundries and start working at an international platform. A way to introspect ourselves to measure our own capacities and bringing them out in the form of a good and confident person.

Our heartfelt gratitude to our Principal **Ms.Kusam Warikoo**, Chairman **Mr.Vijay Dhar**, and **AFS India** for giving us this opportunity to participate in this amazing and life changing programme.

LKG – First Day at School

Teachers lit the unlit candles , sharp ray of hope piercing the darkness and guiding towards light.....





LKG, being a child's first experience in the formal educational system, is an anxious time for both children and parents which is why special care was taken to create a warm, welcoming and cheerful atmosphere in which children feel secure and happy. The school opened for LKG amidst great enthusiasm and expectation with some kids feeling excited and some of them were a little nervous and crying too. Later, such an ambience was made so that their transition to school becomes a smooth and happy progression.

Stamp design competition on women empowerment

Stamp design competition on "Women Empowerment" organized by Department of Posts, India was held on 27th March 2015, Friday at DPS Srinagar. Students from class III to X participated enthusiastically in the event. They gave shape to their



ideas in the form of drawing. Children exhibited their talents using crayons, water colours and were found engrossed in their work. The work was amazing as the children had let their imagination run wild and create absolute magic.

Such contests are an excellent way of expressing hidden wishes, desires and dreams in the form of art.

"Plant A Tree, Save Mother Earth"

10th April was celebrated as a **Plantation Day** in Delhi Public School Srinagar where 1200 children of class (LKG-II) of TINY TOTS wing participated in an activity by planting a sapling, while being made aware of the importance of planting trees to save our beloved "Mother Earth" which proved to be very purposeful.



Children had a lot of fun planting saplings of both vegetables like cauliflower, cabbage, *Kashmiri Haak* as well as flowering plants like *Sylvia*, *Petunia* etc. The youngsters were clear that afforestation was the need of the hour. "Plants give us oxygen," said a toddler from UKG. "We have cut down trees causing floods," said another well informed class II student. This activity taught them to live a healthy life both physically and mentally and also treat plants as very important aspect of their life.

This activity marked the beginning of a long-term environmental program, engaging our students in a fun, hands on activity that reinforced their environmental science knowledge in a creative way.

All the pupils along with their teachers planted saplings in the school. Each sapling represented every student's dream of "Clean Srinagar, Green Srinagar."

Welcome party for LKG



The day was full of fun and frolic where a class party was arranged for class LKG. They had the time of their lives, wearing different face masks listening to music and danced on different songs.



Tiny Tots celebrates Jashn-e-Bahara Day

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!' Robin Williams

Tiny Tots at DPS, Srinagar celebrated the spring festival "**Jashn-e-Bahar**" on 17th April, 2015 where the idea was to enjoy the beauty of spring. Spring brings happiness, colour and hope, not



only to our campus but also to all our lives, as we move throughout the cycle of the seasons. Children were dressed up in colourful and vibrant attires which gave Tiny Tots a festive look.

The mood in Tiny Tots was festive when the celebration commenced with teachers swaying gracefully to the lyrics of **"Roshi vala meani dilbaro"** followed by a skit on the importance of flowers in our lives. Students also danced to their heart's content with their laughter and happiness reverberating in the wing. Let's hope for more joyous celebrations as the year progresses.

LKG Parent Orientation

The LKG Parent Orientation was held on 23rd April 2015 and was attended by maximum number of parents.

Surabhi Jamal, Academic-in charge stressed on the importance of attending orientation programs which help in building ties between parents-teachers and the management and said that, "It is a must attend day, not only this year, but in the years to come."

Parents were informed about the Early Childhood Education program followed in school which is prescribed by the National



Curriculum Framework document 2005 in which the method of instruction is child-centred, activity-oriented and with an informal learning ambience. These points are an integral and non-negotiable feature of teaching in our school. Assessment in both LKG and UKG would be informal in nature.

Parents were shown a short movie on the activities conducted like Mask Party, Jashne-Bahara Diwas, Plantation Day, Campus visit What's in my sandwich activity all which helped in giving each child a variety of opportunities and experiences which would all lead to the all round development of the child which includes physical, mental, social emotional well being leading to school readiness i.e. prepared for formal schooling.

LKG – First Parent Teacher Meeting held on 23rd April 2015

After the LKG parent Orientation, eager parents met their ward's home room teachers, where they were given details of their ward's first days in school. Teachers informed parents about how well their ward had settled down in class, his/her enthusiasm towards learning rhymes, action songs etc.

Learning should be a passionate and interactive process in which children are allowed to explore. While the school is committed to building such an environment, it believes that learning is not



complete without the parents commitment to the same ideals. Only then will the magic unfold.

PTMs are an integral part of communication of each child's progress and must be attended by both parents, is a belief that the school holds.

In the power point presentation that follows I would like to give you information regarding the school's history, its infrastructure as well as highlighting both the methodology used in teaching students in their first year in school as well as assessment procedures followed. Frequently asked questions on school procedures rules, communication through campus manager will also be answered.

World Book Day Celebrations

Tiny Tots – World Book Day

The Tiny Tots, classes LKG to 2nd celebrated World Book Day





on Thursday 23rd April 2015 .

It's never too early to get children interested in books, and we hope that the **DROP EVERYTHING AND READ** period, that is the DEAR period observed this day helped to introduce students to develop a life long love for books.

Books were given to each child-for the LKG students ,it was just getting them to turn the pages and look at the colorful pictures and for grade 2 students ,they were keen to read the book from start to finish.

We hope parents spend time reading stories to their children which would fire the creativity in their children in the wonder years to come.

Hope you and your child celebrates Book Day everyday as every day can be a great day for books!

Happy reading!

Parent Teacher Meeting UKG – V



The first parent teacher meeting of classes UKG – V held on 25th April 2015 was a well attended event with parents thronging school to know more about their ward's progress .

Parents were given information about the importance of various activities being conducted in the holistic development of their child-both in cognitive terms as well as in the social and emotional development of their child.

Parents were satisfied with the assessment procedures being followed which allowed learning in a play-way, child centered, activity based manner which did not depend on rote learning.

World Earth Day & Eco Rally Observed

World Earth Day was observed by Class I and II students on 22nd April 2015 where students took a pledge to save Mother Earth.

Students were given a fun activity sheet to color where the importance of saving trees, water, electricity and animals was

highlighted.

The same sheet will be laminated and used in school as a table mat which will serve as a daily reminder to conserve and protect the same.

Creating environmental awareness has always been one of the major focal points of our school. As a part of the Earth week campaign students of Tiny Tots participated in an eco-rally within school as a part of ` "I care for my environment" project to raise awareness about global warming and different issues emerging out of environmental pollution.

Students were guided to prepare relevant banners with slogans like "Save water, Don't cut trees, Don't kill animals" etc and were



asked to speak on the topic in class.

Children were charged with excitement when they took out an Eco Rally 01 May 2015 where they carried their placards with important messages on conservation of water, electricity, trees, animals and raised slogans reinforcing the same.

Not to be left behind, LKG and UKG students prepared badges on the theme of save mother earth.

It is hoped that students are sensitized early in life to take care of the environment.

Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR) Workshop

EYE MOVEMENT DESENSITIZATION & REPROCESSING – A psychotherapy involve the techniques to reduce vivid, unwanted and repeated recollection of traumatic events.





Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) is a psychotherapy developed by Francine Shapiro that emphasises disturbing memories as cause of psychotherapy. It is used to help with the symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). According to Shapiro, when a traumatic or distressing experience occurs it may overwhelm normal coping mechanisms. The memory and associated stimuli are inadequately processed and stored in an isolated memory network. The goal of EMDR therapy is to process these disturbing memories reducing their long lasting effects and allowing the person to develop more adaptive coping mechanisms. This therapy is done in eight phases approach that includes having the person recall distressing images while receiving one of several bilateral sensory input including side to side eye movements. The world health organization stated that EMDR therapy is one of the psychotherapy recommended for children, adolescents, and adults with PTSD. These techniques help people reduce vivid, unwanted, and repeated recollections of traumatic events. The basic guiding principle of EMDR is adaptive information processing (AIP) model. This model reveals that health is supported by positive and successful experiences that increasingly prepare a person to handle new challenges and that the brain is equipped to manage and process the adversity. Yet there are negative life experiences that can elude a person's brain to complete the processing of difficult memories, and results in the reduction of suffering and symptoms and the development of new coping skills that can support psychological health. EMDR includes procedures which incorporate the three prolonged



protocols of past, present, future.

Trauma Recovery EMDR Humanitarian Assistance Programmes (HAP) is a non-profit organisation that provides training in trauma focussed therapeutic approaches. All the trainers and facilitators voluntarily gave their time in training of people, so that EMDR will be available to those who need it most. Workshop of EMDR was conducted by a team of trauma recovery (HAP) the renowned psychologists which included **Dr. Dushyant, Dr. Sushma, Dr. Parul, Miss Wabhvi, Dr. Chintan** and others. During workshop they not only conducted group sessions with the different classes but as well provided the counselors of school with the training to conduct EMDR therapy with other children in order to elevate their flood trauma that occurred in September 2014. Floods of 2014 not only stroked the minds of adults but also equally affected the tender minds of children. So the counselor of DPS conducted group sessions with all the children in school from tiny tots to higher classes to help them on working their traumatic experiences. The EMDR therapy turned to be very helpful for many children by making their brains to reprocess the worst memories. EMDR consists of eight phases and each phase has its precise intentions.

Phase 1: History and Treatment Planning

Here in counselors evaluated the children history and developed a general plan for treatment. This includes primary complaint of client.

Phase 2: Preparation

The students were helped to find the ways to cope with distressing emotions through the different relaxation techniques. So that they can calm down themselves from memories that disturb them very much.

Phase 3: Assessment

In this stage the students were made to visualize an image that represents their disturbing event and describe a thought or negative cognition associated with the image. Then they were asked to develop a positive cognition to be associated with the same image that is developed in place of negative one. Children were also asked about the validity of their positive cognition using a 1-7 scale (VOC) the children were asked to focus on images, thoughts, body sensations that he/she can sense.

Phase 4: Desensitization

In this stage students were made to focus on disturbing memory in multiple brief sets of about 15-13 seconds. Simultaneously children were made to focus on dual attention stimulus, which consists of focusing on the trauma while initiating the lateral movements such as tapping on knees or doing butterfly hug. This process of personal association was repeated many times during the session until the children felt no distress when thinking of target memory or worst memory.

Phase 5: Installation

In this phase students focused on positive cognition. The students were asked to hold positive thought in mind and carry on with stimulation till the positive cognition (pc) was fully installed.

Phase 6: Body Scan

In this stage the focus remains on the identifying and eliciting any negative and unusual sensations using the bilateral stimulation technique body scan is completed when students reported no more physical or emotional discomfort.

Phase 7: Closure

All the traumatic events were not resolved within one session students were made to do relaxation techniques and overcome their trauma and bring about emotional stability.

Phase 8: Re Evaluation

At this session the work done in initial session was re-evaluated in order to decide to continue on previous targets or continue to newer ones.

The response of students from all the age groups was marvelous, students really found it helpful as it helped them to elevate their traumatic memories. Students found it very worthwhile as their worst experiences were reprocessed. Many of them before therapy reported nightmares, less sleep, physical sensations, vomiting and headache etc.,. But the therapy gradually helped them to overcome it. On overall basis it was a fantastic workshop ever conducted with the students that helped them to work on their traumatic experiences and really did wonders for students as they found themselves more relieved and relaxed after getting rid of their worst memories.

Election Process of Students Council

The election for Students Council was held on 27th April, 2015 in the Senior wing (9th & 10th).

Students from all the six houses, namely Chinar, Deodar, Maple, Oak, Poplar and Willow participated in the election with great enthusiasm.



The election was held in the post lunch session. All the candidates, in the supervision of teachers, presented their election manifestos. The students then voted and elected their favourite candidates for both House and Sports categories.

Senior School Orientation

A plus two (+2) orientation programme was conducted on Saturday, the 28th of March 2015 and for the benefit of the parents was repeated once again on 25th April, 2015 at 11:00 am. This was to acquaint the parents with the academics as well as the co-curricular activities of the school. Discipline was also an important aspect.

The programme began with a welcome speech by Ms. Saira Raza. She touched on the phenomenal growth of the school since the inception of the +2 faculty in the year 2007 from 3 sections to almost 16 sections, from one school in fine arts- 'Ehtisham Azhar' to over a hundred now. She also spoke about the desire of three girl students to be a part of humanities stream. The chairperson, Mr. Vijay Dhar rose up to the occasion and created an entire faculty for the same. With this growing demand of higher education compelled the chairperson to create another beautiful



structure to facilitate the growing demands.

The academic head, Ms. Rabia Riyaz touched on the various academic points with the help of a Power Point Presentation which included important aspects such as, choice of the subjects, 5th subject combinations, 6th subject and its importance, retest schemes, checking of bunking, requirement of adequate attendance.

Mr. Sajad, Mr. Showkat Hakim, Mr. Rafiq Sofi, Mr. Hanief spoke about the subjects and their scope in the present day scenario.

Mr. Rafiq stressed on the importance of discipline in any system without which any institution fails to give its 100%.

Ms. Azhar Khursheed through a Power Point Presentation spoke

about the activities and work experience workshops and the related grading scheme.

The counselor, Ms. Munazzah talked about the negative aspects of thrusting subjects on the children by their parents which was followed by queries from parents. The counselor readily answered.

As a whole, it was an extremely healthy and interactive session between the staff and parents. We hope it is only a prelude to man.

Friday Club Activities

Friday club activity starts with full fervor and enthusiasm. Students seem to be taking keen interest in doing the activity and enjoying being in different clubs. Clubs emphasises on the development of a child as a whole, not just the mind.... On 8th May, 2015 we started something new, something exciting it was a great day for



students as well as for teachers to do things in the right way, to make them learn how to make best use of their time and energy, all the students moved recklessly towards their assigned venues. They were eager to learn new skills related to different professions like Pottery, Willow work, Paper mache, Sculpture, Cutting /tailoring, Arri work, Embroidery, Fun world, where the resource persons teach basic skills and students pose many questions to them regarding art & craft in addition to these we have other clubs also e.g I.T, Commercial Art, Shramdan, Public speaking Theatre, Vocal/ Instrumental, Gymnastics, Batik Printing, Cooking, Origamy, Debate, Yoga, First aid, which help the students to recognize their talent and enhance performance capabilities and learning skills.

Workshop on skin related adolescent issues



DPS Srinagar was visited by a renowned dermatologist of the valley **Dr. Imran Majid**, Associate Professor Dermatology (Govt Medical College Srinagar) and his wife **Dr. Seher**, consultant cutis clinic on 13th May where they discussed skin related adolescent issues and had an interactive session with our class 7th children. They were provided with the questionnaire and were asked to give the feed back. Overall, it was a healthy session, students showed keen interest in the workshop.

Kashmiri Mehfil

Kashmiri Day celebrated at DPS Srinagar on 12th May

Daryaav (Poem by Abdul Ahad Azad)

Chalan chum shar hubaban

Iztaraban walawalan ander

Yewan chum zindagi hund soz

Safran manzilan ander



Awareness programme of Kashmiri language was organized by **Adbi Markaz Kamraz**. Some Kashmiri Scholars; **Dr. Aziz Hajini**, **Mr. Shujaat Bukhari**, **Ms. Naseem Shifayee**, **Ateeqa Banu** graced the event by their presence.

Programme started at 11 a.m with the welcome speech by Abreena from class 8th which was followed by Abdul Azad's Poem '**Daryaw**' presented in the form of a song by our little buds of primary classes. Then a group of students from class 5th namely Nauman, Maumin and Ziya performed **Laddi Shah** which was highly appreciated by our esteemed guests.

Among the guests Mr. Aziz Hajni spoke about the importance of our mother tongue and the same was reiterated by Mr. Shujaat Bukhari. Thereafter, Ms. Naseem Shifayee shared her thoughts on the topic '**Maji zeyav te Nav puyi**' cited real life examples and talked about the glorious past of Kashmir which turned out to be

very interesting for the students, at the end students were asked to pose questions regarding the role of parents in promoting the mother tongue in the present generation. They came up with beautiful questions and were given satisfactory answers by our esteemed guests. Then the Pro-vice chairman Mr. Vijay Dhar shared his thoughts with the students in Kashmiri encouraging them to preserve our mother tongue.

Beautiful nazam was recited by Ms. Naseem Shifayee at the end and Mehfil was concluded by the vote of thanks by Arbeena.

Unity In Diversity

Class I and II visit to different places of worship in Srinagar.



On 19th May students of class 1 and 2 of Tiny Tots wing of our school were given an opportunity to experience and reflect in the atmosphere of different places of worship in Srinagar which are a symbol of the rich diversity of the state. 'Unity in Diversity' was the mood which echoed amongst students while visiting a few places of worship which show the syncretic fiber of the state of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh. Students were well informed about the names of places they visited, be it *Chhatipadshahi*, *Hazratbal Shrine*, *Pokhrilal Temple*, or *Holy Christ Church*.



Children were excited to know more about the places where their friends representing different faiths come to pray. Students not only enjoyed the beauty of the various places of worship which are the cultural pride of our state but also took a pledge to show respect towards one another and celebrate each other's festivals with joy and enthusiasm.

Friday Club Activities

Friday club activities are on a progressive graph where children are working in a team building up a team spirit and channelizing





their energy in a positive direction. These activities assist our students to do things in the right way, to make them learn how to make best use of their time and energy. These all help to recognize their talent and enhance performing capabilities and learning skills. On the whole our school works for creativity, occupying the young minds fruitfully and also develop their group dynamics and instils a sense of self confidence and fosters peer learning.

“Rosul Mir” Day Celebrations

The Special Day celebrated in commemoration of the 19th century legendary Kashmiri poet 'Rosul Mir' at DPS Srinagar.

Delhi Public School on Saturday, 23rd May, 2015 paid a rich musical tribute to the 19th century legendary Kashmiri poet, Rosul Mir. An impressive function was organized to celebrate the



Rosul Mir Day by Music Department- Mr. Tariq, Mr. Bilal, Mr. Maqbool & Ms Shazia Arshid of Kashmiri Department in the school. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Vijay Dhar, Mrs Kiran Dhar & Mrs. Kusum Warikoo the principal of the school at DPS. Among the poets of Kashmir, Rosul Mir stands out as a leading versifier who wrote romantic poetry at a time when spiritual poetry in Kashmir was reigning supreme. Almost hundred students from 3rd to 5th participated in the programme.



Mir's songs like **Bahar Ava, Ha Yaar Mukhta Haar, Blends, Khaswun Nund Boun** sung by students captivated the audience. Mrs Kusum Warikoo complimented the junior wing for organizing a grand musical tribute to the outstanding poet of Kashmir. Students of 3rd, 4th & 5th classes also presented musical items based on Mir's poetry. A special Kashmiri traditional song Ladisha, was also presented by the students. The song was composed by Kashmiri teacher Ms Shazia Arshid. Mr Vijay Dhar highly appreciated the teachers for helping to keep the tradition

of Ladisha alive. Mir's famous verses like **MEY CHUE MUREY LULWUN NAAR, THAR THAR CHHAM MARA BA SHAYAD** and mesmerizing music enthralled guests. Such programmes help to keep our tradition and our poets alive. The programme ended with a vote of thanks delivered by the worthy Principal Mrs Kusum Warikoo. The event was an enlightening experience for all present.

An Overview of Burzahoma Trip (Class-VI)

Social Science faculty arranged a trip to Burzahoma on 20th May 2015 which is a Neolithic site situated towards North –eastern side of the Srinagar city on a flat kerewa near present Burzahoma village. The pre-historic sites of Kashmir push back the history of Kashmiri civilisation to seven thousand years and more. They reveal the various phases of Kashmiri culture and establish the evidence of Kashmiri's connection with the neighbouring countries and regions. Burzahoma is the first stage of settled population in the valley. We started our journey from school and reached Burzahoma sharp at 10 am. Students first observe the pit dwellings or Earth Houses which were used by the people of Burzahoma to live in. These pits were dug with sharp edged stones, which is revealed from the walls of the pits. The latest pit at the site was 2.74 metres on the top while its width was 4.57 metres at the bottom. The depth of the pit was 3.95 metres.

After observing the pit dwellings students come across Megaliths which are large stone structures or groups of standing stones located at the site. Megaliths are believed to have religious significance. After observing these artefacts of this archaeological site, a very informative and interesting lecture was delivered by the co-ordinator of social science faculty regarding the site, that it was identified by H.de-Terra and Patterson in 1935 and later excavated by A.S. in the 1960's for about ten years under the supervision of Mr. T.N Khazanchi. At Burzahoma site, four periods representing the continuous process of development has been recognized of which period I and II exclusively belong to Neolithic age. Period III to Megalithic and period IV to early historical. Excavations have revealed the domestication of agriculture by the Neolithic man of Kashmir which is proved by the presence of remains of crops like wheat and Barley. The tools found at this site, were polished and smooth. Both stone and bone tools have been found. Remains excavated have shown that the industry of bone tools was at an advanced stage at Burzahoma for making tools, the horns of Kashmiri Hangul (stag) were used. It becomes evident that Hangul in Kashmir is as old as the valley. During the second phase, not much development was observed except for the invention of pottery. The pottery obviously, was hand made, rough in structure and shape and was primarily used for storing grains and milk. To conclude it may be in the fitness of things to mention here that such trips should be organised in future because it proves very handy for the teachers in general and the students in particular.

DPS Srinagar felicitates Anika Shabir (JKBOSE Class X Topper)

With 'women empowerment as one of its cardinal endeavors, Delhi Public School Srinagar organized a felicitation ceremony on 27th May, 2015 to congratulate **Ms Anika Shabir** for her meticulous performance in class 10th JK BOSE examinations. The ceremony started with a prayer by the school choir. Mahia Bashir of class 12D was the host for the day.

Mr. Haseeb Drabu, Honourable Finance Minister J&K presided over the ceremony and conferred the '**Satya Devi Amla Award**' and the cheque of **Rs. 50,000** on behalf of the **DP Dhar Memorial Trust**. The ambience was all inspiring and edifying. Mr Drabu



addressed the problem of development in Kashmir and very aptly pointed out the need for a socio cultural 'Renaissance'. Mr Drabu broke through the façade of the lies of the land and precisely emphasized on the need of exemplifying ourselves for the future generations so that our envisioned dream of a bigger better Kashmir materializes into firm reality.

The Chief guest of the occasion, Ms Anika Shabir who secured a massive 494/500 in the examination, was accompanied by her proud father, the principal and secretary of her school, Hajahad Public school Awantipora. She expressed her gratitude and gave a rabble rousing delivery, stressing on the need to be the change we want to see in the world. With a tranquil yet resolute oration, she indeed exhibit substance and depth beyond her years.

Ms Saira Raza HOD English concluded the ceremony with the Vote Of Thanks. This was yet another initiative by DPS Srinagar to keep the wheels of education progressing. We at DPS Srinagar look forward to more and more inspiring events like this one.

Orientation Programme of Class X

Consistent with its policy of promoting transparency, the School conducted an orientation program for parents of class X on 26th May 2015. The Academic Incharge **Ms. Nowsheen Bashir** introduced the parents to the objectives of such programme stressing upon the need to bridge communication gaps between parents and teachers for a holistic development of the children. Mr Muzaffar Coordinator Social Sciences delivered a short presentation highlighting and explaining the concept, methodology and intricacies of Comprehensive Continuous Evaluation. A short interactive session followed, presided over by the Principal **Kusum Warikoo**. The parents outlined several concerns – academic and non-academic. Some major outcomes of the interaction were the establishment of remedial classes after



school for mathematics, inclusion of selected parents in the academic process as Guest Faculty and a clarification on the communicative hierarchies – Teacher - Coordinator - Academic Incharge - Principal - Chairman. The orientation ended with a vote of thanks delivered by the academic Incharge.

Traditional Dress Day Celebrations

Traditional Day celebrated at DPS (TINY TOTS WING)

"It takes an endless amount of history to make even a little tradition."

Though the world is changing in terms of trends, technology and modern discoveries, we are all strongly rooted to our tradition. Tradition includes beliefs and customs which we strongly adhere to or respect. Every government or society or country or state has their own practices which they want to preserve and pass on in hopes of keeping tradition alive. The word 'tradition' comes from the Latin word traditionem which means "handing over, passing on".



As we at, Delhi Public School, Srinagar have students from different regions and religions, 'Traditional Day' was celebrated on 29th of May, 2015 with great pomp and show. Children from LKG to 2nd standard were dressed in colourful traditional attires. Morning prayer was followed by singing a song "**Hum honge kamyab....**" sending a clear message that children of the 21st century can overcome any and every obstacle. It was delightful to visualize our youngest lot of children from Tiny Tots singing Kashmiri song "**Niyai traviv maae thaviv paniwan**". This was followed by ramp show of children presenting traditional dresses of different regions. They also danced on the tunes of Kashmiri and Punjabi songs. The atmosphere was filled with fun and frolic. It was a moment of great 'joy and pride' as we all stood united to celebrate spirit of religious harmony. Later, children exchanged candies with each other to show love and mutual respect. This was just one of the many ways the school marked the day, which aims to promote '**Unity in Diversity**'.

Dipsite Shines in Inter School Symposium

Zainab Nissar takes first prize in Inter School Symposium held at Green Valley Educational Institute on 27th May 2015.

Zainab Nissar a class 12th student brought laurels to our school by bagging first position in inter school symposium....

A symposium was organized by the Green Valley School on 27th May 2015 where students from across various government and private schools on Wednesday set the stage rocking with the debating event. The daily



Rising Kashmir in collaboration with Green Valley Education Institute, Elahi Bagh organized an inter-school symposium on 'Social Ills Afflicting Kashmir Society'. Vice-Chancellor of the

University of Kashmir (KU), Khurshid Iqbal Andrabi who was the chief guest on the occasion urged the students to have a down-to-earth attitude and work hard for excelling in different fields. Zainab Nissar spoke over the growing dowry menace, declining sex-ratio and not only extravagant marriages but death ceremonies. Our School took the first prize consisting a cheque of **Rs. 5000** and a certificate.

"Showing-off has become so rampant in our society that the most celebrated ceremonies are the death ceremony where in-laws are supposed to bring gold coins besides condolence visit," Zainab said. She had also a visual presentation for the audience while speaking on the topic. She was appreciated by the judges for her confidence and thought process.

100% Results in CBSE Class X & XII Exams

Proving its credentials as one among equals in the field of quality education, Delhi Public School Athwajan Srinagar achieved a 100% success rate in the Class X & XII results declared by CBSE. It reaffirms once again the huge investment of time and sustained effort the school makes to foster quality education. Under the able stewardship of its Principal, and the expert guidance of its dedicated faculty & management, the school has conquered yet another milestone in its decade long journey. Congratulating the students on the occasion, the Principal expressed her delight at this remarkable success. "Our students have proven they are second to none, and no adversity, no hurdles can stop their march to success", she said. The Chairman Mr Vijay Dhar also expressed his joy and extended his hearty congratulations to both teachers and students for their unbridled success.

Our **10** students have achieved **Grade Point 10 out of 10**, while as **180 (68%)** students out of **265** have got grade point between **7 to 10 in CBSE Class X examination**.

In CBSE Class XII examination, a total of **244** students appeared, out of which **187 (77%)** students have scored between **70% to 100%**.

Dipsites participate in CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CONTEST

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CONTEST- 2015 held at DPS Budgam

Zaffer Ishaq and Zoya zaffar bagged 3rd prize in CBSE Cryptic Crossword Contest 2015 – City Round held at Delhi Public School, Shiekhpora, Budgam on 1st June, 2015.



A Cryptic crossword contest was organized by CBSE in which 21 schools across the valley participated with fervor and enthusiasm. Mr. Vijay Kumar Singh (IAS) graced the occasion by his presence. He in his keynote address

encouraged students to participate in such activities as this enhances vocabulary and helps you to become a good speaker. Principal DPS Budgam Mr. Mehfooz Aslam shared his noble thoughts with the students and laid emphasis to participate more and more in such co-curricular activities to build up the confidence level to become a good orator and it will enhance your analytical and critical thinking.

'Me and My Health' month activities in Tiny Tots



In the world today where children are exposed to various kinds of food and leading a sedentary life, it is essential to train the students about a healthy life style. Thus, to create awareness amongst the students regarding importance of eating healthy food and staying healthy, Tiny Tots of Delhi Public School, Srinagar observed the month of May as health month under the theme "**Me and My Health**". A series of activities and worksheets were planned



throughout the month in order propel the children towards physical exercises and inculcate healthy eating habits. The theme culminated in celebrating "**Health Day**" on 3rd June, 2015. The students had to bring activity material related to healthy food, cleanliness, hygiene, etc. They made different charts, decorative items, etc with the help of their teachers that were later displayed in their respective classes. Short skits were presented by the students of Class I and II on the topic 'Health is Wealth'. Children from all the classes orated various health benefits of eating healthy food, maintaining cleanliness, physical fitness, etc. They also sung different songs related to said theme. Such activities helped the children to understand the nutritional values of various food items and how healthy living is a gateway to a disease free living. A panel of judges (comprising four teachers: Ms Badar, Ms Zeenat, Mr Vijay Rana and Ms Ulfat) visited every class and after taking into consideration all the points, following sections from each class i.e, LKG to 2nd were declared best classes.

- LKG: Section-F
- UKG: Section-C
- 1st: Section-C
- 2nd: Section-E

Congrats! Winners

Hats off to all classes for the enterprise shown by all.



Children returned home with a promise not to eat junk food. Hope the reiteration of the importance of health and hygiene would help raise them into adults with better living lifestyle. We hope parents will further motivate wards not to eat junk food to stay fit and healthy.

Tiny Tots Picnic



Thrilling day for Children

Bright smiles, sounds of laughter, the cacophony of excited voices, singing non-stop in buses – the babes of the school, the Tiny Tots (LKG – II) had the time of their lives on their picnic day.

CHESMASHAHI & HARVEN were soon abuzz with youngsters flitting around like colourful butterflies where students ate, played and danced to their heart's content without the drudgery of books and studies. It was great to see the young ones clean up and throw wrappers into dust bins after lunch. Kudos to you for doing your bit to keep the environment clean!

Let's hope for more outings in the days to come!

School Song written by our student, Mahia Bashir



Of hope, glory, humility
Faith, paragon, creativity
Esteem, honour, ecstasy
Persistence and verity

Blessed from heavens by almighty
Imbued by the DPS progeny
Proud we are of our legacy
For it is no mere fantasy

We dream, we aim, we light the way
Strive for the best and seize the day
God, enlighten us we all do pray
Ignorance, thus we keep at bay

In toiling tenacity we shall thrive
Hone our zeal, zest, verve and drive
Being humane is what we shall learn
The midnight oil sure we shall burn

Dipsites have and will make a difference
For learning is bound by no fence
Like roses we will leave our incense
In pure pursuit of excellence

Indeed we are the gems of this earth
The hope of the land of our birth
So pledge, dipsites will surely make peace
The world from doom and gloom release
That everything will be even
Each bud blossom in this Eden

Dispsites attend TECH FEST

TECH FEST-2015 ON 24TH MAY HELD AT GREEN VALLEY

The Tech Fest -2015 was held on 24th May at the reputed institute Green Valley. Mr. Junaid Masoodi was the chief guest of the event. The whole event was about how to create website



using latest tools and technologies followed by the question hour session. Overall the session was healthy and beneficial for all the techno people present there

"Pani Bachao Life Banao" Painting Competition

Painting competition held on 7th June with the theme "Pani Bachao Life Banao" won by the dipsite. One of our student **Arnav Arun Koul** Of class 5th B has won the "**Pani Bachao Life Banao**" painting competition organised by 92.7 Big FM at Army Public School Srinagar on 07-Jun-2015. He has received a trophy, certificate and Cash Prize of Rs. 3000/=.



"World Environment Day" Painting Competition

Painting competition on "World Environment Day" held on 9th JUNE, 2016 at Badamwari Park, Srinagar

J&K BANK organized a painting competition at Badamwari on 9th June 2015 among school children in the age group of 10 – 15 years on the eve of "**World Environment Day**" between 10:30 am – 1.00 pm. The competition was based on theme i.e "**How to save the food and other essential resources in view of increasing population.**" 17 students of classes 7th and 8th from our school participated in this competition. Out of which two girls namely Esha Malhotra of 7th B and Sandleen of 7th G won the consolation prizes, which was a proud moment for all of us. The objective of this competition was to inculcate the spirit of healthy competition among the young ones to make them carry the same instinct all along their life and above all making them environmentally



conscious citizens.

Investiture Ceremony 2015

The investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2015 was held on 15th June, 2015.

“Prefect” the title that many students yearned and worked for and finally earned.

New student council was sworn in on 15th June 2015. The programme was compered by Rehana Rashid of (XII Commerce) & Kunwarpreet Singh (XII-Non –Med.). Day started with the morning prayer. Investiture Narrative by head girl Zainab Nissar, read out her roles and responsibilities. The programme was presided over by the worthy Principal Ms. Kusam Warikoo who conferred badges on the Head girl and Head boy Zainab Nissar and Sheikh Meelad after their inspiring speech. Vice head girl Qusain Qureshi & Vice Head boy Zaffar Ishaq, delivered their speeches and were also badged by the Principal Ms. Kusam Warikoo.

The Principal of the school Ms. Kusam Warikoo delivered a motivational speech, urging them to have clear conscience while delineating their duties as future lies with the prefects of the school. She also stressed on the importance of honesty, integrity and loyalty as vital qualities for positions of dignity.



The electoral Committee headed by Omar Farooq Beigh and comprising 11 members from the Junior, Secondary and Senior Secondary blocks of the school were conferred with their badges by the Principal. The Oath was administered by Mahia Bashir of class XII where all the school Prefects from class III – XII to work for the welfare of the school and vowed to act as role models for the rest of the school to emulate. The oath was followed by conferring the badges to house & sports captains by their respective wardens.

All the class representatives from class III – XII were given their respective badges.

The event marked the felicitation of young leadership that will propel the ship of school towards peace & progress for years to come.

Head Boy: Sheikh Meelad **Head Girl:** Zainab Nissar

Vice Head Boy: Zaffar Ishaq **Vice Head Girl:** Quasain Qureshi

Parent Teacher Meeting

Parent teacher meeting was held from classes VI – X where all parents turned up to meet the homeroom teachers to know the performance of their child.

All the parents went satisfied and put forward their suggestions and praised the efforts of the teachers for the betterment of their ward. They appreciated the efforts for having started the remedial classes for IX, which is proving beneficial for all the students, it is



not only for slow learners but it is thrown open to all whosoever wants to stay back for it.

Dipsites participated in Planet Harmony Programme

Planet Harmony Programme held at Shivpuri Garwhal (Uttarakhand) from 31st May – 9th June.

Five students from our school Syed Taha, Syed Eman, Fiza Hussain Shah, Sibti Abbas, Iritiqa Imtiyaz and along with one teacher from the science faculty Ms. Aseema Ishaq (VI-VIII)



went for the National Integration Programme to Shivpuri Garwhal Uttarakhand in which students from disputed areas of India participated Chattisgarh, J&K and from the seven sisters of north east. The objective of the programme was to develop national integration in diversity. All the participants were made to stay in a buddy system setup, where lot of interaction took place among the buddy members which was healthy and much of knowing each other. Lot of various activities were planned in Adventurous Sports: Cliff jumping, rafting, trekking and Ziplining, where all the participants participated actively though being little scary but exciting. A session was conducted by Ms. Charu who is the director of anti-corruption bureau Hyderabad where students learnt how to overcome fears and troubles by seeking help from their higher consciousness. Children were told to jot down all the national issues and categorize them in the subthemes of social, political, economical and religious issues.

Ms. Charu shared her experiences with Naxalites and how different methods can be implemented to overcome such issues. A debate was held on the topic “Can violence be justified if it is for a right cause”

On the last day children took different action projects which will help in building peace and harmony among the disputed states of J&K. Our students have decided to focus on the educational sector of Kashmir to create a platform where social evils could be discussed and people could be aware of the opportunities.

Different nights were celebrated e.g North East night, Chattisgarh



night, Delhi night and Kashmiri night.

Children came to know about the cultural diversity of India.

Teacher and students prepared different Kashmiri cuisine and performed a rocking cultural dance.

On 8th June all the participants had a chance to meet **The Vice President of India Mr. Hamid Ansari** where they presented their communiqué of 'The Planet harmony' 2015 batch.

New Zealand Cultural Exchange Programme

New Zealand Cultural Exchange Programme held from 16th May – 5th of June 2015

"I travelled to the land covered with long white clouds, learnt, shared and experienced and yet my camera was not doing justice to its beauty".

AFS Intercultural Programmes promote international understanding and world peace.



No matter how much we read or research there is indeed no substitution for a personal experience. This proved true when two teachers from our school **Mr Irshad Ahmad** and **Mr Imran Beigh** of the Senior wing had the unique opportunity of participating in an **International Cultural Exchange Programme** this year organized by AFS. The three week visit to New Zealand involved studying the culture of the host country. It introduced the education pedagogy followed in schools in New Zealand. "The rich culture and tradition of that place left an indelible impression on our minds" were the comments made by the teachers.



SOME WORTH SHARING EXPERIENCES

The teachers also visited Yoobee school of designing where they dealt with graphic designing, animation, web development and 3d printing. Visiting to education ministry was also a good experience and also got chance to talk with Special education manager which was really an eye opener to us. It was nice to see how advanced New Zealand classes are and the way they use technology there for teaching purposes. Students of Tawa Intermediate school were having robotics as their subject and Mr.Imran also delivered some lectures to them about programming and then a project of robotics was given to them and most of the students grabbed the concepts so well that they

completed their projects in short period of time.

The teachers extend their special thanks to Mr. Dhar and our Principal Ms. Kusam Warikoo who gave them the opportunity to attend the Teacher Exchange Program organized by AFS India to New Zealand and also guided them with her humbleness and provided all necessary help for the processes in detail.

An Inter-School Debate competition held on 18th June 2015

An Inter-school debate on the topic **"Perseverance is more important than talent to achieve success"** was held at DPS Budgam on 18th June, 2015.

Two students of our school – Faisal Romshoo (Class X) and Hazika Bilal (Class IX) participated in the debate. The speeches of the students were well acknowledged and well received. The two students chosen were considered to be deserving of a chance, for their blossoming talent is in dire need of exposure to such events.

Online Session by US India Education Foundation Team

Session held by US India Education Foundation Team VIA (video conference) on 25th June 2015.



On 25 June 2015, the students of class 11 of our school got an opportunity to interact with the US India Education Foundation Team via video conference. The purpose of the session was to guide students about the educational opportunities in the United States of America. **Ms. Renuka** talked about the advantages of studying in the US. The trio talked about the procedure of getting an admission in any US based college and also gave students an idea about the various exams that they need to appear in for joining a college there like TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign language) and SAT(Scholastic aptitude test). They also praised the quality of education in the US and said that "the best thing about the American universities is that they are making learning fun". At the end, Ms. Anubhooti Arora told the students about the components of a good essay in which she included decent language and personalization. As the topic was of deep interest to the students, they also interacted with the team and asked various questions for which they got satisfactory answers. It was a wonderful experience for the students to interact with the experts. The session ended with a vote of thanks by **Quasain Qureshi**, the vice head girl of the school. The students and the team enjoyed the session and all the students found it informative.

Tiny Tots Friday Activity

Learning by doing actually proved here when.....

LKG and UKG made bubbles from soap and had fun blowing



bubbles and trying cool experiments to learn how bubbles are made!

Class 1 and 2 made a lava lamp by using oil, poster colours, Alka-Seltzer.....They were excited to see funky balls of lava moving around like a real lava lamp.....fun science experiment brought exciting world of science to their lives.

TechKnow 2015

TechKnow – the IT festival organised by DPS Srinagar was kick started on Sunday 10th of May. The festival is a first of its kind in the valley and it is solely conceptualised by its motley group of trained students: The Cyber Crew. The first day was an



unqualified success, and recorded a massive level of activity and interest. More than 200 participants from across the valley registered and interacted with their counterparts on the festival. Students from the DPS fraternity including DPS Budgam, Baramulla, Anantnag and Rajouri attended the festival. The festival also attracted students from other schools both within and outside the city. Schools like Doon Public School, Linton Hall School, Delhi Modern Public School, Srinagar International School and Sanctorum Public School Sopore also recorded their presence.

The participants were provided training in specially designed workshops held on six different technologies: Web Designing,



Graphic Designing & Visual Effects, Open Source & Linux, Networking & Ethical Hacking, Video Editing & Animation and PHP Programming. The workshops received unanimous appreciation and approval by the participants. Each workshop was perceived to be the right blend of fun and learning. The role of the school was highly commended, and the participants expressed their eagerness for the second day of the workshop. The two day workshop will conclude tomorrow with the Hon'ble Minister of Education Naeem Akhter as the chief guest along with other dignitaries.

Life Skills Enhancing Overnight Camp 2015 for Class 2nd



Why are 225 students of Class 2nd bursting with excitement today?

Because they are thrilled to be part of the overnight camp in school a much awaited day in their lives.

Organising camps for youngsters is an integral feature in the school calendar aimed to give students time away from books and studies.

Why are camps so important?

Camp is action!

Camp teaches kids that they can

Camp helps conquer fears

Camp is real and helps unplug from technology – When kids take a break from TV, cell phones, and the Internet, they rediscover their creative powers and engage the real world— real people, real activities, and real emotions. They realize, there's always plenty to do.

'Camp expands every child's abilities and Develops life-long skills – Camps provide the right instruction, equipment and facilities for kids to enhance their sports abilities, their artistic talents, and their adventure skills. The sheer variety of activities offered at camp, makes it easy for kids to discover and develop what they like to do.

Camp helps kids develop who they are and Grow more independent – Camp is the perfect place for kids to practice making decisions for themselves without parents and teachers



guiding every move. Managing their daily choices in the safe, caring environment of camp, children welcome this as a freedom to blossom in new directions.

At camp we play! **and have free time for unstructured play** – Free from the overly-structured, overly-scheduled routines of home and school, life at camp gives children much needed free time to just play. Camp is a slice of carefree living where kids can relax, laugh, and be silly all day long.

Camp builds teamwork **and helps kids Learn social skills** – Coming to camp means joining a close-knit community where everyone must agree to cooperate and respect each other. When they live with others, kids share chores, resolve disagreements, and see firsthand the importance of sincere communication.

So, let's begin the day with gusto and joy.



Day 02 – 14 June, 2015

GROUP PHOTOS, ACTIVITY AND SEE OFF 7.30 am – 10.30 am

After a hearty breakfast, our Lil Champs, gave their best shot when they posed for a group photo. Then they proceeded towards the atrium to draw and depict their best moments at the camp.

The overnight camp concluded with an assembly-children sang songs, performed traditional dance "Rouf", spoke about what they liked at the camp.



It was a real life experience for all the kids of class 2nd who experienced staying away from home with the friends and teachers. The environment was so energetic that all the students were completely engrossed and did all the tasks enthusiastically. It was a memorable experience for all kids, an event to cherish forever!!!

VISITS

Naeem Akhter

Hon'ble Education Minister Government of J&K

Visited on: 29.May.2015

"Schools like the DPS should act as a model for other Government Schools in the area and also help promote education among the under privileged"

Appreciating the role of our school in promotion of education, the Minister for Education, Naeem Akhtar said that "it has played the role of a torch bearer and created a niche in the field of education."



"Schools like the DPS should act as a model for other Government Schools in the area and also help promote education among the under privileged," Akhtar said addressing the students of various participating schools at the annual IT festival-TechKnow 2015.

Akhtar who was the Chief Guest of the event underscoring the importance of field visits for students to encourage hands-on learning. The Minister urged the teachers to encourage such activities, in addition to academics, to help promote field knowledge among students.

"IT has made unprecedented advances and it can help us to expand our knowledge and such events provide a clear view of opportunities and challenges of an increasingly connected world to students," he said.

The two day workshop was the first of its kind in the valley and recorded a massive level of activity and interest. More than 200 participants from across the valley registered and interacted with their counterparts on the festival. Minister distributed participating certificates among the students. Principal, Kusam Warikoo and Pro-Vice Chairman, Vijay Dhar were also present on the occasion.

Dr Haseeb Drabu

Hon'ble Finance Minister J&K Govt

Visited on: 29.May.2015



“DPS has shown that it is not only a school with head but also with heart. We have to make collective efforts for betterment of society. Young generation is our future and we want change at their level.”

With 'women empowerment as one of its cardinal endeavors, Delhi Public School Srinagar organized a felicitation ceremony on 27th May 28, 2015 to congratulate Ms Anika Shabir for her meticulous performance in class 10th JK BOSE examinations. The ceremony started with a prayer by the school choir. Mahia Bashir of class 12D was the host for the day.



Mr Haseeb Drabu, Honourable Finance Minister J&K presided over the ceremony and conferred the 'Satya Devi Amla Award' and the cheque of Rs. 50,000 on behalf of the DP Dhar Memorial Trust. The ambience was all inspiring and edifying. Mr Drabu addressed the problem of development in Kashmir and very aptly pointed out the need for a socio cultural 'Renaissance'. Mr Drabu broke through the façade of the lies of the land and precisely emphasized on the need of exemplifying ourselves for the future generations so that our envisioned dream of a bigger better Kashmir materializes into firm reality.

The Chief guest of the occasion, Ms Anika Shabir who secured a massive 494/500 in the examination, was accompanied by her proud father, the principal and secretary of her school, Hajahad Public school Awantipora. She expressed her gratitude and gave a rabble rousing delivery, stressing on the need to be the change we want to see in the world. With a tranquil yet resolute oration, she indeed exhibit substance and depth beyond her years.

Mr Drabu also inaugurated the week long Art Camp in the school premises as well.

Ms Saira Raza HOD English concluded the ceremony with the Vote Of Thanks. This was yet another initiative by DPS Srinagar to keep the wheels of education progressing. We at DPS Srinagar look forward to more and more inspiring events like this one.

Mr. Vasant Dhar

Professor and co-director for the Center on Business Analytics at New York University

Visited on: 08.Jun.2015

“Explore beyond the Google and instead of clutching on to a single career possibility, we need to widen our horizons.”

On 3rd June 2015, students of Class XI got a golden chance to meet Mr Vasant Dhar, Professor and co-director for the Center on Business Analytics at New York University and his brother Mr Dhar, a



renowned entrepreneur.

The auditorium resonated with the singing of “LAB PE AATI HAI DUA” by the choir. The students were all jittery and veracious. Zaffar Ishaq of Class XI, the Vice-Head boy of the School, very ably compered the session. On a serious note, Mr Vasant Dhar emphasized on the need to 'explore beyond the Google' and instead of clutching on to a single career possibility, we need to widen our horizons, for we live in a world where switching careers is the need of the hour. We ought to prepare ourselves for lifelong learning. Mr Vasant Dhar, befitting the aura of the session, quoted “We need to be analytically astute for the future” for what defines is how we express ourselves. Mr Vasant Dhar stressed that the beginning of this holistic learning experience is that we need to learn how to learn.

Entrepreneur, Mr Dhar spoke on the diversely and drastically changing world of entrepreneurship, wherein we need special knowledge and experience in addition to capital, to bear fruits of success. He quoted, “Business in today's world is all about knowing your customer”. He swayed the audience with his evocative words, “It doesn't matter what you do, what really matters is how well you do it.” Emphasizing the importance of Humanities, Mr Dhar said “Arts create health. Art is the need of the hour to create a better and kinder society.”

Both of the esteemed guests cardinaly focused on the role of motivation and stimulation to make the best of everything we do.

The enlightening orientation was followed by an interactive session wherein students were despoited of all their doubts and queries. Ansa Bashir, Afreen Aiman, Zoha Suzain, Adnan, Iflah, Bilquees, Fahad, Suha and Ishaan of Class XI came up with an array of questions, which proved to be all the more efficacious in making the session a success.

Mr Vijay Dhar expressed his gratitude and said that the infinite opportunities can be stolen only by motivation and encouragement.

The session ended with a brief 'Vote of Thanks' by Quasain Qureshi, the vice Head Girl of the School. The guests left the auditorium impressed and the session ended with a very optimistic note.

Nitin Desai

Visited on: 12th June-2015.

It was a great privilege to have Mr. Nitin Desai, an economist and an international civil servant in our school on 12th June 2015. Mr. Nitin Desai studied at London school of economics and went to work in UN. He was under-secretary General for Economic and Social affairs of the UN from 1992 to 2003. He interacted with the students and talked about the career planning in today's world.

He talked about how the educational needs have changed over the decade. While talking on the same topic, he rightly said that “Parents must understand that children can do good if they are given the freedom to do what they want.” He talked about the admissions in UK and the US. An interaction followed the speech in which the students asked various questions. When asked about the one thing that differentiates your application from others and makes it impressive, he said it is, “the co-curricular activities”.

According to him one should be able to write good essays too in order to get admission in any reputed college. He was very precise and efficacious and indeed despoited the students of their doubts regarding their future projections. The session has proved





to be as interesting as edifying as ever.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Dipsite bags gold medal in State Level Judo Championship



Dipsite Seher-un-Nisa of class 2nd G has brought laurels to the school and state by bagging Gold Medal in State Level Judo Championship in her group and Silver Medal in the age group under 12 years. Besides her performance she was

appreciated by all the officers and senior coaches of the association and she was honoured by giving her trophy for competing with senior age group.

Dipsite participated in International Ski Competition "Toruffa Borrufa"

TROFEU BORRUFU



"Believe you can, you are halfway there"

It was a matter of great pride that one student namely Mohammad Ibrahim Meraj brought laurels to the school by participating in the event called International Youth Ski Competition U14 and U16 "Toruffa Borrufa" held at Ordino-Arcalis Andorra from 26th Jan - 29th Jan in Spain representing India along with the Indian coach Mr. Ajay Bhatt and two other athletes namely

Yogesh Kumar and Abhisheikh Bhat. There were other 28 countries participating in the event which was worth appreciating. The athletes participated in the three races of which two were "Slalom" and one was "Giant Slalom" and put the feather in our cap by qualifying all the races.

Moment of Pride for DPS

It is a matter of great pride for all of us to announce the topper of our school Asar Majid Lone who has brought laurels to the school by securing 95.6% from humanities stream.

Through her dedication and hard work she achieved her goal and set example for others. Not only this she has been participating in every activity since she joined the school and also has been our AFS Returnee from U.S who believes in dedication and hard-work. Her ideas and thoughts are worth appreciating which will take her a long way. May she shine in all spheres of life.



Sehr-un-Nisa bags Gold Medal in J&K District Sambo Championship

Gold Medal Winner of J&K District Sambo Championship

Sehr-un-Nisa from class 2nd G put feather in our cap when she won a gold medal and trophy in J&K district level inter-school Sambo championship held at Indoor Stadium on 7th June and it was a feeling of immense pleasure when the Hon'ble Chief guest Dr. Hina Bhat applauded Sehr-un-Nisa by giving her trophy, also for her excellent performance and expressed her good wishes to Sehr in her speech among all the contestants and guests.

SEN - Special Education Needs

"Parents need to fill a child's bucket of self esteem so high that the rest of the world can't poke enough holes to drain it dry"

This session the SEN department had invited parents of our students for a tea party. The idea behind was to build a "parent support group" where they can feel comfortable to share their concerns, views and strategies with each other. It was made mandatory that parent's have to get involved with the teachers while setting the targets to achieve the set goals in the IEP (Individualized educational Plan) of a child. Teaching a child with special needs "a tripolar process", where the child, parents and teachers have to take equal responsibility in overcoming the shortcomings of the children. Discussion regarding keeping and maintaining ongoing process of communication between parents and teachers to achieve the best results. A brief speech was delivered by Dr. Nusrat, a parent counselor and a parent herself on different stages i.e. anger, denial and acceptance as a parent of a special needs child. To focus on a shift between denial and acceptance, parents needs to work on themselves. Emphasis was laid how the parents can read books and surf internet to keep themselves updated. In case the parent is ignorant or not having the provisions, it is important to ask somebody to acquaint them to help their child effectively.

As we believe children to be independent in all respects of the life, we are trying to impart and build skill sets of our students. Besides all the other vocational courses and trainings, we have introduced "Movie Arena"---- where children will be able to design their own documentaries, capturing and editing videos etc.

We have induced "contrast keyboards" for the children who are having the concerns of low vision. By using this keyboard, because the alphabets are big in size, base colour is yellow and the font colour is black, which is making the alphabets vibrant and attractive for the children to type.

To increase the attention span of the students who find it difficult to focus on an assigned task, "Colour Keyboard" has been introduced and this keyboard has a hard rubber coating which helps a student to develop his fine motor skills.

Home visits play a very important role in planning the IEP's of a student wherever required. This session we accomplished 6 home visits for 6 students and the response we got in terms of planning and enhancing cognitive and all the other personality development skills was remarkable.



