



# Delhi Public School, Srinagar

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## Back to school



UKG, I and II received a warm welcome from their teachers in the first school assembly conducted this year. Students applauded the melodious welcome song sung and were enthralled by the lively puppet show which gave the message to behave in a disciplined manner in school.

## Our stakeholders



An orientation programme **“Activity based Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum”** was held for the parents of LKG students admitted for the academic session 2014. The programme gave a detailed introduction to early childhood education. It stressed on the importance to inculcate healthy habits, improve group socialization, stimulate creative learning process and how to enhance over all personality development of the child as part of the school program.

To make the parents more familiar with the programs of the school, an orientation was conducted on Friday 25th April 2014 for class XI.

The parents were welcomed by Ms. Saira Raza. The



orientation was given by Ms. Rabia (academic in charge), class XI-XII through a power point presentation. She emphasized on the CCE pattern of teaching, examination pattern, new dates of examination, etc. This was followed by a speech from the Principal Mrs. Kusum Warikoo, who further elaborated the points.

The programme concluded with the interaction session between the principal and the parents.

## My first day in school

It was a red letter day for the youngest students of Delhi Public School, our darling LKG students, who joined school today.

The mood was festive in the Tiny Tots department as music filled the air with concerned parents bringing their wards in. It was a sight to behold the babes of our school walking in –



some confidently, some reluctantly, some crying and some relaxed and some tightly holding their parents' hands. The staff and management give a warm welcome to LKG students.

## I have a dream

On 6th of March students from class III-V organised their first assembly. Children were excited and enthusiastic to participate especially class III children. Children started with the school prayer and then general instructions of the school were presented by few students. Then assembly was continued with the theme **“Personality”** where children spoke about the great personality **'Lal Ded'**. Children were felicitated with certificates for participating in the skiing course this winter.

Assembly ended up with the vote of thanks by the students and the children were made to do some warm up exercises by





the sports teachers where in all the teachers present, participated.

## Language Teaching Session with Dr. Aziz Hajini

The school in keeping with its commitment to teacher development invited Prof. Dr. Aziz Hajini for a workshop on methodology for teaching language skills. Dr. Hajini started



off with his anecdotal narrative of years of experience in the teaching industry and managed to rivet the staff with his humour and wit. He reiterated the importance of the mother tongue influence and how connecting a pupil's sense of identity with his native culture would make learning a foreign language more successful. He demonstrated the old age that teachers were facilitators more and guides and that in today's world of information technology, the teacher had to come down to the level of the children.

He further emphasized the need for activity based learning and also the significance of rhymes and dramatics in instilling confidence in a child. His "speak a language, live a language" became the catch phrase for the staff and he ended with the admonition of identifying creative people through language arts.

The staff was enthused with the wise words and extended their profound gratitude to Dr. Hajini.

## Save our future

Students from III-V held a rally across the school premises with the slogan of 'Save Trees' 'Go Green' 'Go Clean'.



Children were very enthusiastic about the event and had made slogan cards and charts about the theme.

## We plant to save



### 'Just as we learn ABC let's all learn to plant a tree.'

Plantation Day was observed by students of LKG to II with great enthusiasm on 26 March 2014. Students were brimming with excitement as they potted California Poppy, Gypsophila, Pansies, Antranium, Calkaria and Lunaria with their own hands. When asked why are you planting saplings today, the students answered, 'Because plants and trees give us oxygen. We can't live without oxygen.' These young guardians of nature are certainly on the right track.

## Dipsites qualify 16<sup>th</sup> Annual All J&K Division Level Talent Search Test 2013

Newlight Education & Environmental Service Foundation along with Newlight Education & Environmental Society conducted the 16th Annual All J&K Division Level Talent Search Test 2013. Two participants from DPS Srinagar, Owais Gulzar and Banu Farasat Mir of Class VIII were placed in the first 20 ranks. The school wishes them congratulations on their achievement.



NEESF-NEES is the only state govt. authorized non-academic educational project approved at 10+2 level permitted organization rendering an excellent service in education sectors specially TALENT SEARCH TEST PROJECT in division level. The method and standardization of testing system is very important for the benefit of student community, as the best test analysts of our state simplify this non-academic testing series. The analysis of this result indicates general & specific intellectual skills and other important quotients in student and facilitates the Education Department and Institutions to take necessary remedial measures as recommended by the Board of School Education.

## Cross Country Run for classes I & II

"Believe that you can run farther, farther or faster."

Cross country is sometimes a hard sport to tackle but it's extremely rewarding because you feel you have really achieved something incredible after completing a run.

Rain did not play spoilsport or dampen the spirits of 446 girls





and boys who gathered at Fishing Point, Foreshore today for the cross country race with the theme **“GO GREEN, GO CLEAN”**.

Parents dropped enthusiastic students, who today did not grumble even when they were woken up in the wee hours of the morning. The 1.2 Kms race was flagged off by Mrs. Kiran Dhar. Students put in their best efforts which was wonderful to behold. Students returned to school in a cheerful mood where the prize distribution ceremony took place. Students proved today that, “Come what may, we shall overcome!” Kudos to you! dear students.

“Runners just do it. They run for the finish line even if someone has reached it first.”

Students today all of you are winners.

## Dipsites participated in All India Open Ski Championship

The students of DPS, Srinagar participated in **All India Open Ski Championship**, held at Solang Valley, **Manali** on 7th April 2014.



Participants were:

- Esha Malhotra (6th A)
- Ansiya tul Hawra (7th E)
- Ibrahim Meraj (10th F)
- Zaid Bin Tariq (10th C)
- Yawar Altaf (10th H)
- Syed Hamiz Qadri (11th C2)
- Aisha Khan (12th C1)
- Haika Galib (12th C2)

- Haziq Zargar (12 C2)
- Sobai Altaf (12th B1)
- Yousuf Gul Devb (8th G)
- Malaika Gul Dev (5th G)

**Ibrahim Meraj** of Class 10th F and **Zaid Bin Tariq** of Class 10th C scored in the **Top Ten among Boys**. **Aisha Khan** of Class 12th C1 scored in the **Top Ten among girls**. Malika Gul Dev of Class 5th G was the youngest player to participate in the Championship.

Teachers accompanying were **Mr. Tajinder Singh** and **Ms. Qaunsar Jan**.

## Dipsites Visit Tulip Garden

*“Look deep into nature,  
and you will understand everything better”.*  
(Albert Einstein)

### Photography

An opportunity was given to the students to visit the **Gul-e-Laala Tulip Garden** on 12th and 13th of April, 2014 they were involved in different activities.

Nine students namely Hamza, Ibrahim, Janan from class VII; Manan, Waqar, Reyan from class IX; Hanan, Anwar, Amaan from class X; and a special child with hearing and speaking disability namely Javid from Hazratbal were given an opportunity to capture the beautiful scenes which they later exhibited there. **Ms. Dipti Bhatnagar** (travel journalist), **Ms. Shweta Pandit** (Bollywood singer), **Mr. Talat Parvaiz**, Director of Tourism and many others praised the work of the Dipsites.

Ms. Dipti Bhatnagar honoured them by shooting a 5 minute documentary which will be posted on her Youtube channel ([travelwithdiptibhatnagar](http://travelwithdiptibhatnagar))

### Art

To create an artistic atmosphere at Tulip Garden, an on-the-spot art competition was held among the Dipsites on Sunday. Two judges from Delhi namely **Mr. Kakkad** and **Mr. Sanjiv** judged the work of the beautiful hands. The first prize was bagged by **Fatima Abheer** from class XII, second by **Ifra Shah** from class XI and third by **Fanoos** from class VIII. The rest of the thirteen students namely Hadiqa Tariq, Malik Irtiza, Zoya Zaffar, Ahamar Hassen, Ifra Zainab, Syed Basharat Ali, Hurain Masoodi, Kashaf-ul-Khair, Mohd. Manan Khan, Misbah, Sheena Kour, Tauseef Ahmad





and Aisha Khan were presented the consolation prize from the Department of Tourism.

### Music

Nineteen students namely Basit, Seerat, Khansa, Mehvish, Hujat, Manan, Shahrar from class XII; Khytul, Duha, Suhaib, Jibran from class XI; Saqob from class X; Rohan, Anha, Hammad from class IX; Noreen, Asna from class VIII; and Tabish, Bisma from class VII; were also given an opportunity to perform in the open. Students sang melodious Kashmiri



songs written by Mehjoor and some other songs as well. The musical support was provided by the talented music staff of DPS, Srinagar. They were highly appreciated by the audience.

**Mr. Imtiyaz Ali, (Film director)** who was also present on the occasion also praised the talent of the Dipsites.

In the evening a live concert of Shweta Pandit (Bollywood singer) organized by J&K Tourism Department was held at SKICC where the Dipsites performed again.

## Dipsites won Gold, Silver & Bronze medals in 'Akhil Bhartiya Hindi Olympiad'

We congratulate all the children of classes III – V who have brought laurels to the school by winning Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the Hindi test held at the national level 'Akhil Bhartiya Hindi Olympiad' by Silver Zone Foundation.

All the children who qualified the examination are awarded with merit certificates.

This test has given the children an opportunity to prove themselves at the national level.



## We enjoy as well

The Eco Park at Baramulla resounded with the sound of music, dance and laughter when the staff both academic and



non academic spend fun a fun filling day on 10th April 2014. Teachers thoroughly enjoyed with the principal.

## Dipsites participated in Science Awareness Mela

**A Science Awareness Mela** was conducted by the **Jammu & Kashmir Students Welfare Society**, a mega event under the aegis of **National Council for Science and Technology Communication (Department of Science and Technology), New Delhi**, in collaboration with Khalsa High School, Magarmal Bagh Srinagar from 11th to 13th April, 2014 to impart scientific attitude and aptitude among students as well as teachers.

Twenty six students from DPS, Srinagar namely Azan, Faisal, Iram, Zahida, Madiha from class XII; Juzalan, Salik, Faiz, Dhuha, Ifra, Syed Ifla from class XI; Sana, Zaffar, Barha from class X; Monis Mohd., Atneep from class IX; Shaza, Aqsa, Neemat from class VIII; Soonika, Bisma, Puneet, Huriya, Zahir, Usman and Areshva from class VII, accompanied by



three Science teachers namely Mr. Ashiq Majeed, Mr Mushtaq Ahmed and Mrs. Poonam Wazir, participated in various activities like painting competition, essay writing, science quiz, science seminar and science drama and successfully bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

Once again our students have shown a healthy scientific temperament and done their school proud.



## Best class of the month

Class IV-D was awarded the best class with regard to discipline. The class maintains proper discipline while moving out from the class and well mannered and well behaved during performing any activity.



## Farewell party 2014



Farewell, 2014 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 awaiting. Guests in beautiful dresses and impressive personalities joined the hall to grace the occasion.

DIPSITES we realized again are handsome gentlemen and gorgeous ladies; this fact was never as clear. The guests were welcomed by the compares –Aarsh-Juweria and Aliyah- Shariq where they promised that the evening was going to be fun and entertaining. The event began with a welcome speech by Tuba Beigh. It was followed by Mr. Vijay Dhār's speech. He addressed the outgoing students with words full of experience and advice. In his own charming way, he waved the guests a goodbye.



The entertainment began with a melodious song sung by Rutba and Mehvish Shakeel which was followed by Hujjat with his beautiful western song. The beauty of whose voice filled and soon enthralled the hall. It was followed by a captivating dance performance by Sharik Bakshi who rocked the stage. The students amazed everyone with their on the spot Radio Show performance where Sheena from class XII acted as an RJ and few students from the audience acted as live callers. The Dipsites had arranged a delightful beverage of



KEHWA, keeping in view their culture. It was enjoyed along with a beautiful musical background by Mr. Arshid (music department).

Titles were declared with Dipsites being rewarded for the image and the inspiration that he/she had been, while in the school.

- Mr. DPS was bagged by **Afra Sayab.**
- Ms. DPS by **Hishma Nazir.**
- Ms. Disciplined by **Madiha Majid.**
- Mr. Best Dressed by **Wasiq.**
- Ms. Best Dressed by **Sadiya Javeed.**



- Best sports-person by **Mohsin Qayoom and Abrar Ali.**

Early bird by Mehrosh and Aalima.

The smiles were more seen around with the stunning dance performance by Kapish Sharma who rocked the stage. The meal was served along with a melodious song 'PAL' by Tuba and Shehran. The function geared up with the game of 'passing the bowl'. The students enjoyed the game very much. A photo documentary by (**Suzan Javid – XII B3, Syed Basharat Ali XII – C1 & Mohammad Manan Khan – XII A2**) was the highlight of the evening which captured the years of the passing-out students. This drove many of them to tears.



The grand finale was the traditional farewell song '**auld lang syne**' sung by students accompanied by **Ms. Saira Raza** and **Ms. Arusa**. Lit candles symbolic of the flame of knowledge, was passed from the seniors to the juniors.

A tearful speech was given by **Ms. Shazia Bakshi (administrator)** bidding everyone adieu as she's moving to face another sphere; new challenges. A cake was cut by the passing out students and Ms. Shazia Bakshi.

The face of the student council; The Head Girl touched the audience by her sentimental speech. Every heart cried, every eye was wet with sentiments and every face was a witness to the fact : the school which had nurtured them years long –



they were sure to miss it, terribly miss it all. The Vote of thanks by Kashaf was the last of the events that witnessed emotional accounts from every corner of the hall; guests leaving teary eyed, teachers and students hugging each other and the juniors seeing the reflection in the eyes of their seniors of what they were going to encounter a year later on the same platform.

*The entire DPS family wishes them all luck.*

## We care

In continuation with our health check ups, DPS Srinagar held an 22-04-2014 in collaboration with HOD Ophthalmology Department (Dr. Tariq Qureshi) GMC Srinagar where



screening for refractory error was carried out for our UKG class students. Out of 250 children 84 were diagnosed with refractory error who need proper ophthalmological examination for second opinion.

## Visit of Mr. Suhel Seth

Suhel Seth is the Managing Partner of Counselage India and founder of Equus.

On 8th May 2014, Delhi Public School, Srinagar was honoured to have Mr. Suhel Seth in the school. The dignitary was given a tour of the school by the Principal Mrs. Kusum Warikoo, accompanied by Mrs. and Mr. Dhar on arrival. Mr. Seth was accorded a warm welcome by the school choir's prayer followed by the Head boy – Haziq Zargar's welcome note. Mr. Seth then, held an open session with the students of class XII. The interaction with the students proved to be very enlightening and energetic. He mesmerized the students and staff with his powerful speech in the A.V Room.

The assembly was addressed with subtle humour and Mr. Seth narrated his experiences about equality, work, life and



social living which further enthralled the audience. After the delightful talk, a question answer session was held later. Students posed questions to the guest regarding various issues ranging from his contributions to his suggestions. The guest took the questions and was very pleased to advise the students about the efficient use of social media. The session concluded with the vote of thanks by the Head girl-Zahida Ishaq.

The short visit paid by Mr. Seth was very beneficial for the school and he promised to become the brand ambassador of the school. He expressed his willingness in helping set up a catering college in Kashmir, defended by his belief of the valley's famed hospitality. The session was one of the hallmarks of a stream of dignitaries visiting the school.

## Visit of Usha Vohra



Mrs. Vohra visited the school on 1st May, 2014 to grace the Bal Mela festival. She interacted with the students who had put the stalls of various items like food, crockery, clothing, gaming, books etc.

## Environmental awareness

An assembly was conducted by class VI-A on 5 May 2014. The topic of the assembly was 'Environment' and the students laid emphasis on the different kinds of hazards to the environment. They emphasized the necessity of stopping the pollution to the environment before it got out of hand or else we would have to suffer. The students also recited beautiful poems.

Following the assembly a certificate distribution ceremony was held where students were felicitated with the trophies and certificates they had bagged at different events like Skiing (Gulmarg), Mountain Skiing (Manali), Youth Exchange Program (DPS, Numaligarh Assam), Science Fair (Khalsa School, Srinagar).

## Group dynamism

Outings & picnics are an integral part of co-scholastic activities. Taking cognizance of this essential part, school organized a picnic for the junior classes (III – V) on 9 May 2014. Since this was the first picnic of the session, the students were very excited.

Students were taken to an eye-catching place of Kashmir (Dodhpathri). It is a very alluring and revitalizing spot,





surrounded by lush green meadows and towering beyond them awesome and majestic snow clad mountains. The students were mesmerized to observe the picturesque exquisiteness of the place. They enjoyed to their fullest and also played games with the teachers.

The students reached back home safe and sound.

## We know the cultures - because we know more than one language

The talented Dipsites were given a chance to be a part of the **AKHIL BHARTIYA HINDI OLYMPIAD** organized by the **SILVERZONE FOUNDATION**. 107 students namely Amandeep Kaur, Bushra Showkat, Disha Charnjot Kaur, Guneet Grover, Gursimran Kaur, Hoor Yasir Wani, Khurram Javed, Mannat Kaur, Naveed Wani, Samaah Noor, Shunndrah Shafi, Simit Paul, Adeen Ahmad Mir, Ahmed Ali Amer, Diya Malhotra, Haider Tanvir Shawl, Hamze Reshi, Huzaif Nazar, Ishaan Khurana, Jatinpreet Singh, Namit Singh, Navneet Kaur, Parasdeep Singh, Parasdeep Singh Bali, Prabjot Singh, Ridhika Jamwal, Salik Hasanani, Sanya Oberoi, Sarabjot Singh Bali, Shibral, Sifat Kaur, Tabin Dilshad, Tarundeep Singh Bali, Umair Farooq, Vishesh Khurana,



Zuha, Shubh, Adina Jaweed, Arushi Sharma, Daail Mujtaba Shah, Devasees S Oberoi, Janjot Singh, Kamran Tufale Wani, Manpreet Singh, Mir Musadiq Roshan, Tarandeep, Akhil Wazir, Amanpreet Kaur Bali, Ayush Sadhu, Esha Malhotra, Jasmeet Singh, Danish Punjabi, Raksha Koul, Ripudaman Singh, Risheek, Sabika Owais, Shakeeb Naqash, Samarth, Maleeha Aftab, Uzair Ahmad, Kinshuk Kumar, Gurleen Wazir, Monika Bhat, Navdeep Kaur, Samad Wani, Sonika Bhat, Suzain Fayaz, Ritik Bhat, Jasmeet Singh, Zainab Waseem, Mohd. Asif, Amit Kumar Maity, Shaza Dilshad KAwoosa, Umayed Tahir, Manpreet Kaur, Harpreet Singh Wazir, Manmeet Kohli, Kunwar Hargun Singh, Abrez Jilani, Amaan Aijaz, Anjali Singh, Anum Shafi, Bazila Beigh, Faiq Farooq, Gagandeep Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Harleen Kour, Hayan Lateef, Jasjeet Singh, Moin Sultan, Mushafiq Sharief,

Nivida, Sayed Iman, Taman Riyaz, Touseef Shah, Usman Mehmood, Vineet Kumar, Wani Sawlat, Zeeshan Sidiqi, Zulfiqar, Uttampreet Singh, Maleeha Bukhari, Daheem, Simranjeet Singh, Kunal Mattoo and Zaid Imtiyaz took part in the event and performed marvellously.



The Dipsites bagged **8 Gold Medals, 8 Silver Medals** and **9 Bronze Medals**.

Something that brings peace and solace to one's body and soul: SPIRITUALITY

The children of class 9th experienced this spirituality by delving into the depth of the verses by REDAS- a great saint 1388-1518. He breathed his last in Banaras. He was known for his teachings and brotherhood. Forty verses from the great saint are included in the Guru Granth Sahib.

The students actively participated in the activity and enjoyed a lot.

Rashtrabasha Vikas Parishad Pune organised writing and essay competition in DPS Srinagar. Students from class Ist to 10th participated in it. The competition lasted for an hour. The students were graded on the basis of their performance.



Three students namely Khatija Masoodi from class 2nd, Bavneet Kaur from class 10th, and Zarka from class 7th bagged gold medals whereas rest of students were awarded certificates on the basis of their performance.

## We work together

### PARENT TEACHER MEETING VI-VIII

To keep the parents up to date about the performance of their ward a Parent Teacher Meeting was held on 9th May 2014. The parents actively participated and interacted with the teachers. Suggestions and feedback were taken from the parents and the school will look forward to incorporating





them into the curriculum.

### Parent Teacher Meet For Classes L.K.G to II

The first Parent Teacher Meet for classes L.K.G to II was held today – May 9th ' 2014, where parents were updated on the



performance of their wards. All information regarding Scholastic and Co-Scholastic achievements were intimated to the parents.

### Celebration of Global Youth Services Day

A programme was organized to celebrate the Global Youth Services Day. Students of class VII were given a chance to visit an NGO, which works for the orphans and the unprivileged children.

The programme was organized on the 10th of May 2014 and thirteen children from class VII; Sonika, Arzoo, Noman, Mahrukh, Ahmad, Mehreen, Sama Fatima, Maleeha,



Munfara, Gurleen, Shehreen, Sadiya, Noreen Shah accompanied by Ms. Rajni Mattoo and MS. Syed Sumaira visited THE CHOTAY TARAY FOUNDATION,

RAJBAGH. The students actively participated in the programme. They distributed stationary items among the children, read books with them and also played various indoor and outdoor games. They held a story telling session and enthusiastically interacted with the Special children.



The Heritage Club organized a visit to the Chandhara-Heritage Village on 11th of May 2014. Twenty one students from class VII, VIII and the School Heritage Group; Tehreem, Neemat, Shahaab, Asif, Uzma Tariq, Hamza Ibrahim, Zaheen, Hafsa, Hina, Afnaan, Anfaz, Sahiba, Khalid, Rabiya along with six teachers; Ms. Poonam Bhan, Ms. Sushma Koul, Ms. Syed Sumaira, Mr. Showkat Ganaie, Ms. Farhana Shah, and Mr. Tejinder Singh paid a visit to the village. The students had organized a Cricket Match, a Kho-Kho match and a Hop scotch match with the students of the local school on the other side.

The matches were played with zest and the students depicted true sportsmanship. Reading Books and T-Shirts were distributed among the children as a participating token. The winners were awarded with the awards as well.

### Achieving heights

Today a huge red and blue balloon popped up in the morning behind western Zabarwan range carrying some children. It was DPS Srinagar who has started Hot Air Ballooning for their students. DPS Srinagar has become the first educational institution in the Kashmir Valley to start this adventure for their students.



Hot Air Ballooning is very expensive adventure activity which was earlier prerogative of only elite institutes or rich segment of the society. Balloon has a huge envelope which is filled with hot air through jet stream burners. A basket is attached to the envelope which carries the passengers. Once hot air is pumped, the basket is lifted by the huge envelope. DPS has





started this activity with the technical support of IISM Gulmarg. Adventure activities are very essential to develop those traits of personality in our children which are not possible in the protective environs of classrooms. As these are very expensive activities, only few reputed schools of the country used to undertake these activities. Hot air ballooning for school children was unthinkable so far due to high operating costs. It was on the initiative of Sh. Vijay Dhar with the active support of principal IISM, Gulmarg to bring this activity to DPS Srinagar.

Through this activity, we educate the children about a new skill of adventure and they develop courage, confidence and love for nature which are difficult to inculcate in a normal classroom. Said principal IISM who supervised the first day activity and advised on safety aspects of the activity.

School will continue this activity for the next few days depending on the demand of students as this is a volunteer activity and only those students who have consent of their parents are permitted to fly in the balloon.

With this DPS Srinagar entered a new chapter of education which will develop all round personality of their students.

## Gold medal bagged

Dipsites excel in whatever they do. This was proven by a flowering bud from class Ist B namely **Seher-un-Nisa**, who participated in the **District level Judo Championship** on



19th May, 2014 at Sheri Kashmir Indoor Stadium. She showed a marvelous performance and successfully bagged the gold medal gold medal.

## Learning beyond classrooms

On 14 May, 2014 the school organised an educational-tour

to Pari Mahal, yet another fabled place in this beautiful 'Reshi Vaer'. The trip was organised by the Social Science Faculty and as anticipated, proved fruitful for not only students but the accompanying staff as well. The students were briefed about the history, architecture, geography, economic importance and tourism value of the place. The students were divided into groups and were allowed to explore the place. Each group was asked to conduct surveys, on one of the following chosen perspectives of Pari Mahal.



- **Indo-Islamic Architecture:** Students bearing roll numbers 1-5 of each section of class 10th were asked to make a survey of the place, trying to explore the Islamic and other Indian influences on the architecture of Pari Mahal.
- **Geographical Importance:** Roll numbers 6-10 studied the location, flora, fauna, pollution, encroachment and other geographical aspects of this Mahal which gives a bird's eye view of the entire 'Shehr-e-Khas'.



- **Economic Importance:** This 'Abode of the Fairies' is located at a high altitude, and was built in the mid 1600s. It would have cost Dara Shikoh a huge amount to build this 'abode' and it would be worth 100's of crores in today's economy, not only as a palace, but also for the income it generated. Students bearing roll numbers 11-15 tried to explore all this.
- **Heritage:** Roll numbers 16-20 of each section of 10th class took a walk, within and outside this seven terraced garden, trying to get a feel of the heritage value of this place.



- **Trigonometry:** Using the trigonometric function, the students bearing roll numbers 21-25 calculated the dimensions of this historical place, studying the relationships involving lengths and angles of triangles.
- **Painting:** Pari-Mahal is worth the long steep ride, for the picturesque overview of Dal Lake, the beauty of its palace ruins, and gardens set against the lustrous, green Zabarvan hills in its backdrop. Students bearing roll numbers 26 to 30 tried to capture this fabulous view, on their drawing sheets.
- **Tourism:** Finally, students bearing roll numbers 31 to 36 interacted with the tourists who had come to see this



'Palace'. The students tried to understand their views about Kashmir as a tourist place, the culture, its people and environment of this "Jannat-e-Benazir".

Students of the class IX of DPS, Srinagar went for a visit to **Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir** accompanied by their Home Room teacher.

The Allama Iqbal Library (Central Library) is the largest library in the state J&K in terms of infrastructure, size, number of books and number of staff members. It is an impressive multi-storeyed building with forty three seminar libraries attached to respective departments of the university. It has 16 divisions, more than 6 Lac books in addition to 4 Lac online journals and digitized books.

Students of DPS greatly benefitted by this trip as they were exposed to a system that mostly work on '**Radio Frequency**' and '**WIFI**'. They also imbibed the rules and regulations and understood the relevance of this setup in our culture, not



forgetting the service centers that later to a diverse group of people ranging from scholars to layman. Last but not the least, students took a tour of the Central Asian Museum housed inside the library which enriched their minds to a great extent.

## Rights and Responsibilities

"I promise:

*to represent and serve my fellow students, to set an example in all aspects of school life, to adopt an active leadership role within the school, to encourage the extension of school spirit and love, to carry on my duties loyally and efficiently, to use the authority I've been given firmly, fairly and wisely, to be fully committed to all that the school stands for and strives to achieve. I solemnly believe in the motive of my school "SERVICE BEFORE SELF".*



This oath was taken by the Student Council of Delhi Public School, Srinagar on the INVESTITURE CEREMONY held on 17th May 2014.

The event started with the recitation of the school prayer by the students and staff. It was followed by the distribution of the badges and the sashes to the Head Boy; Hazik Zargar XII





C2, Head Girl; Zahida Ishaq XII B1, Vice Head Boy; Shahid Murtaza XI B2 and the Vice Head Girl; Ifrah Wani XI B2. This was followed by the felicitation of the school Electoral Committee (Ms. Shaista, Ms. Monisa, Mr. Fayaz Ah. Bhat, Ms. Arjumand Khurshid, Ms. Rita Bakaya, Ms. Rubeena, Mr. Firdaus, Mr. Iftikhaar, Mr. Latief, Ms. Fazeelat and Mr. Umer) by Mr. Vijay Dhar and principal Mrs. Kusam Warikoo, the Election Commissioner Mr. Umer who executed the whole process smoothly throughout the school. The house wardens and the deputy house wardens were honoured by Ms. Rabia and Ms. Shafaq. The respective house captains and the sports captains were given their respective positions and badges by their house wardens. Simultaneously, the class representatives were also given their badges by their respective Departmental Incharges.

The event wound up with the recitation of a beautiful song written by Mr. Abdul Ahad Azad and performed by the Music Department.

*"Waloo ha bagwaano, baharuk shaan peda kar,  
Phalanx gul gath kar bul-bul, tethei samaan peda kar."*

## Workshop by The Global Education and Leadership Foundation

A workshop by **The Global Education and Leadership Foundation** was held on the 23rd and 24th of May, 2014 for students and teachers respectively.

An interactive session was held respectively for all the sections of grade VII on 23rd May, 2014 where students experienced different activities. The resource person enthusiastically pushed the students to be lively through the



workshop and through their routine classes as well. The students actively participated in the workshop and enjoyed a lot. A questionnaire session was also held before winding up.

Following this a workshop '**Ethical and Transformative Education Programme**' under the aegis of **TGELF** was held for the teachers of grade VII on 24th May, 2014 where teachers from different schools of the valley namely DPS, Budgam, Presentation Convent Hr. Sec. School, Khalsa Girls High School, Imamia High School, Caset Hr. Sec. School were invited. The workshop was held by Ms. Reha and Ms. Mahvash.

The workshop was very interesting and all the teachers were involved in different activities. The workshop emphasized on

the growth of ethical knowledge among children through activities. Different activities were done and all the participants actively participated. All the attendees were awarded certificates of participation and two teachers Ms. Shazia Majid and Ms. Fazeelat Yasin from DPS, Srinagar were presented with a small token from the organizers for showing a brilliant performance throughout the workshop.

## Touring Kashmir

Train Ride On

*Chhuk! Chhuk! Chhuk!.....*

And off we go!!

Today was a fun frolic morning for the blooming buds of L.K.G and U.K.G. It was a pleasure to behold the youngsters going on their first thrilling "Train Ride" from Budgam - Baramulla - Budgam.

The very moment the train moved on, the children in



excitement began to sing "Rail Gaadi Chhuk! Chhuk! Chhuk! Station bole Rukh! Rukh! Rukh!"

Their trip included the views of beautiful Budgam and Baramulla meadows.

The first rail journey was enjoyed by all.

## Healthy future

To spread the awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco a '**SAY NO TO TOBACCO**' week was observed in DPS, Srinagar. Students laid emphasis on all the harmful effects of using tobacco through different activities.





Students of class VIII rallied raising slogans and displaying placards through the campus and finally addressed the masses in the school ground. They stressed upon the different diseases caused by the rise of nicotine levels in our body. Cigarette smoking is not just fatal for the smokers but passive smoking is also the leading cause for many cancers around the world, according to certain studies conducted in Universities.

Simultaneously, class VI sang 'Thematic Jingle' they had prepared and tried their best to convey their message.

*We all share the same air  
Best we can do is care  
Life is precious and rare  
Don not smoke my dear*

## Stop bullying and start respecting

A rally was organized by the students of class 5th under the slogan "STOP BULLYING and START RESPECT." on 25th and



26th May 2014. Children were holding banners and charts to make their message clear to all the children. They went to every corner of the school campus to give the message of their rally. Children were enthusiastic for the rally. Some of the students were also carrying banners of "NO TOBACCO".

## "Dance to Connect" workshop by The Battery Dance Company

"Dance engages the fundamental movement skills required for day-to-day functioning while unlocking deep-seated emotions that may be difficult to process and express. The study and practice of dance or arts is able to develop creativity and expression."

Founded in 1976 in New York's financial district The Battery Dance Company came to Srinagar. "Dance to Connect" held a three day seminar culminating in a beautiful performance by DPS Students here in late April 2014.

Participating students were able to channel their creative ideas, with the help of Sean and Robin, the two Dance to Connect teachers, who choreographed these ideas and moves into an electrifying performance of contemporary dance. The teachers also treated DPS students and staff to an amazing dance performance.

## Bal Mela



Music, food, swings, noise, crowd.....this was the scene at DPS,Srinagar on 31st of May. A day full of fun and frolic.

The school organized a fun fair for the students where they



were given a chance to enjoy themselves at the fullest. Different stalls like food items comprising of – Barbecues, biryani, shawarma, kulfi, dress materials, jewellery, swings, game parlours, etc. were set by the students under the



supervision of the vigilant staff. Parents were also invited to the event.

The event turned out to be a great success with parents hoping that this tradition would continue.

## Art exhibition inauguration

DPS, Srinagar in keeping with its mission to promote art and artistic talent hosted an art exhibition. The school was honoured by the presence of the Mrs. UshaVohra in the school campus on 31st May, 2014. The First Lady inaugurated



the Art Exhibition in the school indoor stadium. Various artists from outside Kashmir exhibited their art work. The students of the school also showcased their works and paintings.

Simultaneously, students of class XII presented their work-experience artifacts, which they had kept for sale. The First Lady was very pleased with the work of the students and also



honoured them by purchasing a wicker basket. The students also interacted and explained the craft they had learned during their work experience.

Later, she also attended the theatre presented by class XII students who passed a powerful message against ragging and bullying with a performance titled 'STOP BULLYING'.

A report of the Chandahara (A village adopted by the school) was also presented to her by the school Heritage Club.

The visit of the First Lady was a great boost for the school and she voiced her appreciation by quoting that she sees a very bright future for Kashmir.

## DPS, Students Continue Social Work

The Heritage Club of DPS, Srinagar, Vyeth Chh Pakaan continues its work at the heritage village Chandhara for the second consecutive year. The club has taken up the responsibility of up-gradation of educational infrastructure. By the latest, a local school has been identified and its



constructional work has been accelerated by putting on concrete roof (1500 sq. feet) to the newly constructed school building.

On 11th May, 2014, under Global Youth Service Programme,

an under sixteen cricket match (boys) was organized in the local play ground and awards and trophies were distributed. Besides it, Hop Scotch and Kho-kho matches (girls) were also organized and the participants were encouraged through awards.



The students of DPS, Srinagar distributed T-sheets to the participants on the occasion.

In continuation to the work on Habba Khatoon Spring, plinth for alternative washrooms (30x7 feet) has been laid separately to ensure purity of the spring after working on it.



There are many other activities in the pipeline that the club is looking forward to take to the finish line.

## School alumnus make us proud

I recently won an essay competition organized by the British High Commission in collaboration with the University of Kashmir. The topic was 'How can youth empower Multiculturalism'. The prize was a week's trip to the United Kingdom.

When I first read the topic, my initial thought was about what the administration should do to empower the building of a multicultural society. I soon realized that unintentionally, the atmosphere we are brought up in, develops some kind of racism in our minds. In fact I am sure that most of the times our elders do not even realize that they are developing this kind of prejudice in our minds. Realizing this changed my whole thought process about the topic and instead of writing about the reforms that can be done to achieve a multicultural society, I decided to focus on a very basic but important idea





i.e. home. Home, where we first learn to see things and schools, which are our second home, are the two places that are responsible for shaping the perspective with which we see things around us. It was this basic idea which won me a trip to London and Scotland. This trip to a completely multicultural society changed the way I used to see things and also provided me with a lot of exposure. The visits to various NGOs brought forth new issues that need to be addressed in our society.

I owe my success not only to my hard work but am deeply

indebted to the years of hardwork and efforts of my teachers, especially my English teacher Ms. Rehana ,my homeroom teacher, Mr. Showkat Ahmad Ganai who have inspired and supported me at every step.

I was also fortunate to study in one of the best schools of the valley where I continue to get love,support and excellent mentoring from my ex-teachers.

No amount of thanking would do justice to everything my school has given me in terms of good values,confidence and motivation.

## SEN - Special Education Needs Activities

### Visit to Kiln

The team of SEN teachers along with 40 students got the opportunity to visit a Kiln located at Lasjan. The name of the place was Samarbugh. Although the road was dusty but the visit was a lifetime experience, getting to know how basic unit of every home a "brick" is made. Children made bricks themselves which was very exciting for them, they also learned about the whole process from moulding the clay to making bricks. It was a fruitful visit for all of us as we came to



know various facts about the kiln like fire is continuously burning for three months without any break, the temperature inside the furnace in average is 1100°C and bricks made per day are 35000. The best part of the trip was that every student's face reflected the enthusiasm and



enjoyment they felt. There were few new students also along with us and they equally enjoyed the trip.

It was fun cum learning exposure for the learners. This trip helped us to achieve various objectives like we have five students who are really good photographers and they took some nice photographs.

### Dipsites shine in Open School Examination

Open School - A ray of hope for the students who believe in 'I can't learn the way you teach, can you teach me the way I learn'.



Education in today's world has changed the definition of regular schooling. It has opened new windows for students who find it hard to cope with the regular school. Earlier such students' development got arrested or they were not allowed to be in the school premises but today to overcome these loop holes, education has given birth to a new system; perhaps not quite famous with the schools and parents but a new ray of hope in transforming lives. Open school is that kind of schooling in which a candidate can qualify his particular class in five years. The school management took an initiative to introduce open schooling for the students with the special needs. In the year 2013, the SEN department introduced National Institute of Open School (NIOS) one for 10th class and second for 8th class. School provided full support to these students as far as the teaching learning process was concerned. First achievement which the school has achieved in the year 2014 is that two of our students have successfully qualified their 8th grade examinations in one go with all the five subjects. The school wishes them a beautiful and bright future ahead.

### Shifting to new building

As the needs of the students are growing and the number of





students are increasing in SEN day by day, the department has been expanded and shifted to new building. The teachers have been provided with their respective cubicles with the least restrictive environment to provide one to one correspondence for effective teaching learning process.

### Introduction of touch screen technology

We have introduced capacitive touch screen technology to some of our students. The basic idea behind this is to provide an alternate source to use mouse while working on a computer and as the world is becoming sound technologically. We are trying to make the students capable of using the latest technologies.

## First managing committee meeting of the year 2014

The managing committee meeting which was chaired by Vijay Dhar, Chairman and the principal Ms. Kusam Warikoo, all committee members, academic incharges was held in march 2014. In the meeting all events which had taken place in the previous sessions were highlighted in power point presentations by the respective incharges.

Noteworthy to mention were the Chandhara Project adopting the village Chandhara providing facilities to the town people; the SEN (Special Education Needs) wing which now has 65 students enrolled making the school the only inclusive school in the valley. The various activities conducted in the Junior, Middle and Senior Wing were highlighted.

## Ski Camps in Winter Break



Delhi Public School has striven to include holistic development of the children. In addition to their academics, the co-curricular activities get a lot of boost through the encouragement of the coaches and staff with inputs from the supportive parents. Therefore, very proudly we announce the inclusion of our champs of our National Skiing Team DPS in the recent Skiing Events held in the Winter Break. Aisha Khan of Class XII C1 participated in the Senior National Skiing Event at Gulmarg which was held from 22 Feb to 24 Feb. Mohammed Ibrahim Miraj of Class X F; Yousuf Gul Dev of Class VIII G and Ansiya Zul Hawra of Class VII E



participated in the Junior National Skiing Event at Utrakhand from 1 March to 4 March. A congratulatory note to the parents of the participants who encouraged the students to enroll for the event under the able guidance of Mr Tajinder Singh, Coordinator, SPORTS FACULTY, DPS.

## US Student Exchange Programme

Two of our students Haziq Ahmad Qari & Asar Lone successfully completed one year exchange program to US.

