

INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2017-18

The school conducted the First Investiture Ceremony of the student council for the academic session 2017-18. It was presided over by the Pro Vice Chairman, Mr. Sharad Gulyani and graced by the presence of Mr. Rahul Guliya.

The ceremony commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp followed by a melodious and inspiring song, 'Wave Your Flag', rendered by the school choir.

In her welcome address, the Principal emphasized that leadership comes with great responsibilities. She said that the badge signifies duty, dedication and decorum and that she hoped that the students would uphold the honour of the badges that they proudly wore. She said that there were history makers who had the good fortune to be the chosen ones as members of the first student council in the first academic year of the school.

The dignitaries pinned the badges on the newly elected school council members. The solemn oath of office was administered by the Pro Vice Chairman. The student council pledged to discharge their duties conscientiously.

The Head Boy and Head Girl shared their feelings in an emotional speech. On behalf of the entire council, they pledged to be worthy of the faith reposed on them and thanked their mentors for helping build their capabilities and identifying their potential.

In his address, the Pro Vice Chairman, Mr. Gulyani congratulated the students and exhorted them to work to their optimum in taking the school to great heights. He said that he was full of pride and satisfaction on seeing the first student council of the school. He exhorted them to discharge their duties diligently as they were the true torch bearers and ambassadors of the school. They needed to set high standards for their younger buddies to emulate.

He pledged that the management would ensure that all possible support was supplied to the students in their school journey. He urged all the students to be kind, considerate and respectful. Their duty was to be attentive towards teachers and work on polishing all aspects of their personality. He appreciated the efforts of the Principal and all staff members.

The ceremony ended with the vote of thanks proposed by the newly appointed Vice Head Girl and Vice Head Boy.



STUDENT COUNCIL 2017-18

Head Boy	Head Girl	Vice-Head Boy	Vice-Head Girl	Sports Captain
Nikhil	Muskan	Puneet	Manjusha	Jatin
Name of House	House Captain	Vice-Captain	Prefects	Prefects
Galvanisers	Dhruv	Khushi	Bhavisya	Teena
Actuators	Sahil	Kunal	Riya	Yash
Inspirators	Kavita	Daksh	Priyanshi	Chatanya
Propellers	Prayash	Gourav	Arun	Divyanshi
Harbingers	Tavishi	Askash	Sanjana	Krish
Vanguarders	Vinay	Ankita	Atirath	Shiya

BOOK FAIR

A book fair was organised in the school premises. The selection covered a wide genre of books and a comprehensive array of authors. Students purchased a number of books. Class III collectively purchased the largest number of books. The class received a set of story books as the prize for the same and were honoured in the assembly. They are using the books as a part of their class library and are developing a taste for reading more and more. Puneet of Class VII won the individual prize for purchasing the largest number of books. He received a bag and an examination board.



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SHARING OF FEELINGS BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL AFTER THE CEREMONY

Nikhil (Head Boy) – I'm very proud to have been selected as the Head boy of the school. I am happy that the Principal and teachers find some qualities in me to give me this responsibility. I was honoured to receive the badge from Pro Vice Chairman Sir. I pledge to do my level best for school. I loved the inspirational speeches given by Pro Vice Chairman Sir and Principal ma'am. The speeches touched my heart. The Tiny Tots of our school performed very well. The proceedings of the ceremony are unforgettable.

Muskan (Head Girl)- I will never forget that morning. It is a matter of pride for me because I got the opportunity of being Head Girl of the school. All the students who are a part of student council took an Oath. Later we promised each other that we will make our teachers proud of us.

Manjusha (Vice Head Girl) – I was very excited to know that I had been selected as the Vice Head Girl of my school. In this ceremony our Chairman Sir and Principal Ma'am pinned our badges. At that moment, I realized my responsibilities towards the school.

Sahil (Actuator-House Captain)- I am honoured. I loved to be a part of the march past. I have been given an opportunity with this responsibility. We took a joint oath that day. Our Pro Vice Chairman Sir explained our responsibilities. After the Investiture ceremony we held up our house flags and sang the National Anthem.

Kavita (Inspirators-House Captain)- We were selected for different posts like House Captain, Sports Captain, Head Girl, Head Boy, Vice House Captain and Prefects. I was chosen as the house captain of Inspirators house. We took the pledge to do our level best for our school and house and also that we would make our teachers and parents proud of us.

Tavishi Pal(Harbingers-House Captain)- That day was the most memorable day of my life. The student council performed the march past in front of the Chief Guests and Principal ma'am. The oath was very inspiring.

Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM):

The second parent teacher meeting of the session was held on the 26th of August 2017. This meeting is very important as it is placed in the middle of the second quarter and just before the First Summative Assessment (SA 1). Parents interacted with class teachers and subject teachers to learn about the progress of their wards. On their part, students learnt to play hosts as they had set up an exhibition of their projects and assignments. They took pride in explaining their work to the interested parents. They had also decorated their classes. The Dexterous Hands Club had prepared a thought provoking street play on 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'. They put up three performances at hourly intervals. Parents appreciated the performances. Some of them were seen clicking photos and taking videos. Many parents met the Principal and expressed their admiration on a well conducted PTM.

GLIMPSES



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

Dear Children

I can't believe how time has flown and it's already time for the second newsletter of this academic year. So much has happened since I wrote to you last. As I go through all the reports on the last few months, I marvel at how much has been done already.

Your progress and your contributions have been first class. The Summative Assessment has been held and the result declared. The first term is over. Now we are gearing up for our first annual athletic meet and the presentation by the infants of Nursery and Prep. The entire school is a hub of activity. As I walk through the school, I see little groups busy with various things: the art department is making handmade paper out of used newspapers and notebooks, the school choir is busy practicing in the music room, the dance department is on its toes (pun intended), budding actors are perfecting their histrionics, the anchors are working on their script, the sports field has our little versions of Usain Bolt sprinting with all their might to reach the finish line..... You remind me of buzzing bees with a purpose. And I'm confident you will put up a show to remember. I remind you once again that you are the history makers of DPS Pataudi by virtue of being the FIRST there. So your resolve must be to put up "a standard where a standard never flew".

I'm guided a lot by the parenting of America's ex-president, Barack Obama. He says, "(We must) pass along the value of empathy to our children... the ability to stand in somebody else's shoes; to look at the world through their eyes... Sometimes it's so easy to get caught up in 'us,' that we forget about our obligations to one another... That's why we pass on the values of empathy and kindness to our children by living them. We need to show our kids that you're not strong by putting other people down – you're strong by lifting them up."

And I'm glad to note that you children are learning to put others before 'the self'. You've done first-rate work for the environment and at the orphanage. Bless you for your strength, constancy of purpose and goodness. Keep up the good work.

Best wishes

Meera Mathur



Winners in National level Art Competition



6 students from the school participated in the 4th National Children Art, Poetry and Essay Competition organized by the Kala Mithra Foundation out of which 3 students romped home with prizes. Koyana, class VI did the school proud by bagging the Gold medal, Deepankur, class IV secured the Bronze medal and Yomesh of class III secured the merit award in the art competition. The Principal, congratulated the winners and exhorted them to keep the school flag flying. She appreciated the efforts of the Art teacher, Mr. Shanker, in enhancing the innate creativity of students and helping them to achieve this distinction at the National level competition.



TEEJ CELEBRATION

Students and teachers celebrated the bounty of nature on the occasion of Teej. All teachers dressed up in green to express connection with Mother Earth. Students put up a 'mehndi and tattoo' stall. Girls applied beautiful mehndi patterns and boys applied trendy tattoos in keeping with the theme. Infants merrily swung on swings decorated with flowers. Older students had a kite flying match in which teachers also joined in with enthusiasm. The school wore a festive air.



RAKHI CELEBRATION

Various activities were organised to celebrate the beautiful and pure festival of 'Rakshabandhan'. Students of class III to VIII prepared individual cards and rakhis. The bulletin boards of the Infant Wing looked colourful and festive as one huge rakhi was prepared per class and then used to decorate the class. Students also tied rakhis to trees and plants to celebrate this occasion.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The staff and students gathered in the school grounds on the 15th of August to honour our motherland and pay homage to our valiant freedom fighters. The Principal unfurled the tricolour flag to commemorate the sovereignty of our nation. All present sang the national anthem in unison. The Principal read out a special prayer and talked about the need to respect the courageous deeds of all involved in the 'Swatantrata Andolan'. She said that the present generation should contribute to nation building as a tribute to the braves who got us our freedom. Chocolates and handmade flags were distributed to the students. Students also participated in different cultural activities like Elocutions, Dances, Patriotic Songs, Quizzes and Role Plays during the entire week.



CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) PROGRAMME

- In continuation with the our school CPD Programme for teachers, Ms. Charu Saxena and Ms Monica Thakran attended a two day workshop on, "Inspiring Innovations in Classrooms" at the Delhi Public School Society's Human Resource Development Centre in Delhi. The workshop extensively covered the role of curiosity and creativity in learning. The teachers learned questioning techniques, using creative tools, innovative methods and the role of theatre in nurturing creativity.
- Ms. Pooja Chawla attended a workshop on "Learning to code for building 21st Century Skills" that was conducted by Next Education Limited. The workshop demonstrated the use of innovative and latest techniques in computer based learning like the "Scratch Tool" as well as the optimum use of smart boards. The key takeaway was relearning and inculcating Knowledge by reasoning and questioning.
- The Principal, Ms. Meera Mathur, conducted a workshop on "Examination Techniques and Question Paper Setting" for all the teachers. The Principal is part of the 200 ATP trainers trained by CBSE and the Centre for Assessment, Evaluation & Research (CAER), a CBSE-Pearson Foundation Initiative. The interactive session brought out the importance of aligning paper setting with learning objectives, lesson planning and learning outcomes. Additionally it helped teachers to enhance their ability in constructing valid and reliable tests and exams. As a follow up, all teachers worked collaboratively to build question rubrics in their respective subjects.
- A follow up workshop was held on 'The Optimum Use of the Smart Board as a Resource for Teaching'. Teachers gave their feedback on their day to day experiences. They raised queries about a few aspects of the usage. The resource person clarified doubts and gave further tips. Another follow up session will be held shortly.



TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Different cultural activities were organised by the Student Council to celebrate Teacher's Day. The students prepared a surprise special assembly for all the teachers. Students from different classes exhibited their talents in performing and organising memorable dances, skits, speeches and games as a treat for their mentors. Class VIII students dressed up as teachers and did practice teaching for one period. They got a taste of facing a class full of mischievous students but did their best at teaching the selected topic. The entire day was well planned and executed in a disciplined way. All the students ensured that the teachers enjoyed every minute and the teachers on their part thanked the students for a great job done.

WATER CONSERVATION DAY

World Water Conservation was celebrated by organising several activities in order to raise awareness on the importance of water in our life. Class Bulletin Boards were decorated, a Wrist Band making Competition and a Slogan Writing Competition were held to send key messages on daily attitudes and practices that contribute to conserve water.

VISIT TO AN ORPHANAGE

As a part of the school's Community Outreach programme students of the Dexterous Hands club, accompanied by two teachers, visited an Orphanage that is run by Chirag Welfare Foundation, an NGO based in Gurgaon. Preparations for this visit had begun long back. Students of all classes had collected used books, toys, shoes and stationary for distribution at the orphanage. Special care was taken that the used items were in a good condition and were fit for use. They also prepared gift hampers of items like juices, chocolates, chips and biscuits which are found delectable by most children but which are out of the reach of the inmates of an orphanage. The orphanage takes care of about 60 boys and girls in the age group of 3 to 14 years. When our school students reached, they found the inmates of the orphanage involved in different activities like playing, reading, writing and singing. They were ecstatic to receive the gifts and gift hampers. They were particularly elated when they received the stationary and food items. Our school students segregated themselves into groups and talked individually to each and every child there. They also presented a well put together cultural programme. The students interacted with the Principal when they returned to the school. Their feedback was encouraging. They said that they were taken aback to see that the items that were of no use to them, provided so much joy to others. They added that they felt grateful and more appreciative of all that they had. The visit to the orphanage was a fulfilling experience for all, as the students returned to school with special memories and also valuable lessons. A simple visit turned into a life changing experience.



LIME & LEMONY DAY

The Infant Wing (Classes Nursery to II) celebrated Lime and Lemony Day on 21 July. Lemon juice has several health benefits associated with it. It is well known as a useful treatment for kidney stones, reducing strokes and lowering body temperature. As a refreshing drink lemonade helps to stay calm and cool. Children made lemonade in their classes under the supervision of their teachers. They also learnt about different tastes by tasting the juice at different stages: sour to begin with, salty with addition of salt and finally the yummy sweet and salty taste of the finished product. They added to their vocabulary and also learnt about tastier, fresher and healthier alternatives to aerated soft drinks.



PUPPET THEATRE

Keeping the festive spirit alive, Dusshera was celebrated on 28 September. Infant wing students made finger puppets and performed the story of Rama in the Puppet theatre. It helped the students to understand the power of good over evil. Finger Puppets are not only fun and engaging, they get the whole brain involved. A lot happens in tiny seconds as children themselves manipulate the puppets. Their brains are processing "Which finger do I move with which word?", "When do I take that finger down by folding it and when do I put the next up?" and "Should I wiggle this finger or bend it up and down?" This teaches motor control, self control, enhances communication skills and is also a child centric activity.

COOKING WITHOUT FIRE

In order to encourage healthy eating habits, the Infant Wing organised 'Cooking without Fire' activity. It aimed to make the children self reliant in the preparation of simple food and to incorporate the healthy habits of eating sprouts, salad and raw fruits. The students prepared mouth watering salads with seasonal fruits, vegetables and sprouts. They learnt how to set a tray with attractive and colourful food.

ACTIVITY CALENDER FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2017-18

Month	Occasion	Activity Period	Type of Activity	S.U.P.W	Type Of Activity
October	Dussehra And Diwali	Card Making Diya Decoration Rangoli Competition Mask Making (Theme Ramayana)	All Classes All Classes Inter-House	Cleanliness- Swachta Abhiyan PPT, Painting And Book Mark Competition, Role Play, Slogan Writing, Pani Panchayat	All Classes
November	World Citizen Day	Just A Minute	Inter-House	Needle Work- Learning To Do Hemming And Fastening Buttons	All Classes
December	Christmas Day	Christmas Tree Decoration	All Classes	Cleanliness- Follow Up Of Swachta Abhiyan	All Classes

STREET PLAY



VAN MAHOTSAV- CELEBRATION OF THE FESTIVAL OF TREES

CHIPKO MOVEMENT AND TARU BANDHAN

The Chipko Andolan and Taru Bandhan are historical conservation movements to protect trees. Students were shown a PPT about the movement to spread awareness about how we need to protect our protectors. Taking inspiration from the movement, all the students and teachers tied 'kalavas' (sacred threads) to plants and trees in the campus. Even the infant wing children participated with gusto. It was a sweet and touching moment to see them crouch near the plants and tie knots to the threads with their tiny hands.



TREE PLANTATION



The Green Crusaders' Club of the school is committed to making proactive contributions for making our planet green and clean. Carrying forward this concern for the environment, students from class VI to VIII went for tree plantation to Wazirabad Bundh, Sushant Lok, Gurugram. The school has adopted the Bundh and the Aravalis as they are focal points that require hands-on greening efforts. The green crusaders of the school work in these areas in collaboration with the NGO 'I Am Gurgaon'. Under the supervision of the NGO volunteers and school teachers, the students received information about indigenous trees, their features and importance in sustainability, identification of different species of trees and their planting techniques. They were provided with the requisite gardening tools and seedlings. Then the groups got busy with planting different tree species under supervision. They planted more than 200 trees during their two hour stay there. The morning was fruitful and enjoyable as there was a sense of achievement at doing their bit for the planet. The students left the area with a promise of coming back soon to check on the trees that they had planted. They also resolved to continue their greening efforts from home as well as share the information with their families, friends and neighborhood. The Principal exhorted them to keep the Green Crusade's flag flying.

THE MATHOMAGIC CLUB – Club members worked on Vedic Mathematics in their club period. They studied different techniques and also learnt how to do mental addition and multiplication by using ancient Vedic procedures.

THE SUPERLATIVES - READING CLUB : The students learnt about different genres and styles of writing. A programme to promote the reading habit for the year was devised. Apart from stories and novels, students expressed interest in Encyclopaedias and Geographic magazines.

LANGUAGE CLUB :THE ANGLOPHILES – With an aim of improving all the spheres of language, the language club completed its first activity by playing the ever so popular game 'Dumb Charades'. Students were divided into two teams where one team enacted the words/clues given by the mentors and the other team guessed the words correctly. The students learnt new ways of expressing and enriched their vocabulary too.

THE LIMELIGHTS MUSIC AND DANCE CLUB - Students learned about Clap Dance (Khubak Eshei) which is a Tandav form, based on four beats and one stress. At the beginning of the dance the participants thanked to Almighty and then welcomed the audience by clapping. During the activity the student learned how to mould the body along with the Rhythm (Talas) and Words (Bols). They learnt to understand beats and stress as well as pay attention to rhythmic dancing.

SPORTS CLUB - THE UNCONQUERABLES : Students from classes III-VIII have been divided into groups of different Sports disciplines like Cricket, Football, Judo, Basket ball, Taekwondo as per their interest. They have been acquainted with the rules and regulations of the games. School sports team of different games have been selected from different classes. Try outs for Cricket, Football, Basketball and Taekwondo have also been done. Stretching and warming up exercises were done under supervision.

THE DOTSLASH (IT) CLUB- Students learnt the basic knowledge of the computer system, its components, number system and the design of computers.

THE CREATIVE POD ART AND CRAFT CLUB- Students learnt how to do paper craft and paper folding. They prepared crafts with origami sheets.

THE BRIGHT SPARKS QUIZ CLUB- An exciting Quiz was held on political, social and economic issues. Students brushed up their knowledge and gained an insight on weak areas. They also planned to organise quizzes during school assemblies.

INTER HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION- Inter House Sports Competitions were held in August and September. Classes VI to VII participated in the Inter House Chess Competition while III to V participated in the Inter House Carom competition.