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Communique

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A word in time...

I have been very concerned about the labelling of children as ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). These labels can be very harmful to our children, especially to their self esteem. We tend to forget that as with all human beings *every child is different from the other*. It is tragic to see the futile and detrimental effects of mislabelling and misdiagnosis in many of our children who seek professional help, failing to address the true cause of their deviant behaviour.

It is a natural tendency that children are easily distracted. They like doing many interesting things (which we as adults say are disruptive) and at times they refuse to stop what they are doing to obey the teacher or parent. I do agree that some children are hard to control, disruptive, impulsive and easily distracted but the immediate solution is not to medicate them with drugs. These **natural behaviours** have been packaged into groups of symptoms by psychiatrists, and called Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Just because authoritarian parents and teachers don't like or can't deal effectively with these behaviours they are calling them "mental disorders", and are drugging children. If not, what clinical evidence do they have, that such behaviour is 'abnormal'?

There is much evidence that some undesirable behaviour patterns can be linked with boring classrooms, natural child tendencies and energy, alternate and inherent natural learning methods in some children, poor parenting, poor home/classroom environment, faulty diet, allergies, environmental toxins, etc.

Every child is born with different capabilities and to expect all of them to perform the same in all ways is very unfair to our children. I wish to reiterate that these "bundles of behaviours" are not a "disease", like cancer or Malaria, as the psychiatrists claim, and my observation is that in some cases it can be a misdiagnosis. It is not possible for a psychiatrist to decide that a child is ADD or ADHD on the sole basis of a few sittings with the child. It is absolutely essential to interact with their teachers as well, since students spend a considerable amount of time in school. Very few psychiatrists consult the school or teachers to find out about the children's behaviour patterns during school activities.

A deeper analysis is necessary before any final diagnosis and educators, physicians and parents need to be cautious about making definitive decisions on the basis of superficial or incomplete evidence.

In the Western world, some teachers have been found to initiate such derogatory labelling in order to absolve themselves of responsibility towards the labelled children. However, in India, it is gullible parents looking for overnight solutions to make their children perform well in school who are easily made to believe that their children have a neuro-chemical imbalance that needs medication. I am seriously concerned about this 'Attention Deficit' racket in our country and the way it is being dealt with by professionals and the government. Instead of taking steps to improve our schools and homes they are promoting the use of drugs which are extremely harmful.

I will speak more on the ill effects of medication given for ADD/ADHD in the next newsletter.

G.R.Sivakumar

Children of Classes III to VI were lost in the world of shapes on, 5 April. Using different geometric shapes as their tool they created beautiful well- formed and unusual designs of jokers, sceneries, flowers, aquariums and geometrical circles ,to mention a few . Well done creative kids:

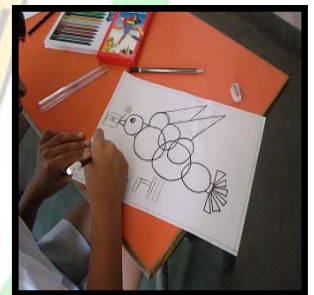
MY WORLD OF SHAPES INTRACLASS COMPETITION

| Name of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Anshul Parekh | III A | 1 |
| Shrey Desai | | 2 |
| Saanya Choksi | | 3 |
| Priyank Mehta | III B | 1 |
| Riya S. Shah | | 2 |
| Samiksha Bindal | | 3 |
| Khushi P. Patwary | III C | 1 |
| Divya Khaitan | | 2 |
| Preksha Jain | | 3 |
| Vir Patel | III D | 1 |
| Keshav Agrawal | | 2 |
| Sadhvi Mahajan | | 3 |
| Tanish K. Jain | III E | 1 |
| Sonakshi Mittal | | 2 |
| Ragini Bhutra | | 3 |
| Twisha D. Shah | III F | 1 |
| Amaan Morkas | | 2 |
| Vaibhav J. Mehta | | 3 |
| Vishesh D. Chowdhary | III G | 1 |
| Riya O. Garg | | 2 |
| Geetansh K. Marodia | | 3 |
| Tanya Kejriwal | III H | 1 |
| Evelyu Mathew | | 2 |
| Atishay Jain | | 3 |

| Name of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Chelsi Gondalia | IV A | 1 |
| Aayushi Totla | | 2 |
| Kashika Chugh | | 3 |
| Aishvi Parekh | IV B | 1 |
| Chitrang S. Garg | | 2 |
| Fagun R. Virangama | | 3 |
| Swapnil Chanda | IV C | 1 |
| Ashutosh Sharma | | 2 |
| Jainee Mehta | | 3 |
| Radhika Goenka | IV D | 1 |
| Shubhangi Jalan | | 2 |
| Anjali Gondalia | | 3 |
| Harsh Singhal | IV E | 1 |
| Tanvi Hirani | | 2 |
| Mehali Zaveri | | 3 |
| Tanvi Bazari | IV F | 1 |
| Shrishty Agarwal | | 2 |
| Harshit Tripathi | | 3 |
| Aastha Popawala | IV G | 1 |
| Kavya Vaidya | | 2 |
| Harsh Shah | | 3 |
| Prachi Bedia | IV H | 1 |
| Lakshya Kejriwal | | 2 |
| Paridhi Khandelia | | 3 |

| Name of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Aastha Rathod | V A | 1 |
| Shubham Khetan | | 2 |
| Shreshth Bhatia | | 3 |
| Rahul Advani | V B | 1 |
| Bhavya Aggarwal | | 2 |
| Viraj Bhatt | | 3 |
| Rashi Agarwal | V C | 1 |
| Yash Patel | | 2 |
| Ankita Khemani | | 3 |
| Shrishti Bhatia | V D | 1 |
| Aditya Aggarwal | | 2 |
| Khushank Goyal | | 3 |
| Divyansh Moradia | V E | 1 |
| Puroo Yadav Rohatgi | | 2 |
| Yash Mittal | | 3 |
| Shristhi Agrawal | V F | 1 |
| Megha Gupta | | 2 |
| Abhinav Jain | | 3 |

| Name of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Dhruv Gondalia | VI A | 1 |
| Akshat H. Shah | | 2 |
| Yash Bhalala | | 3 |
| Suhani Jain | VI B | 1 |
| Ayesha Nakhuda | | 2 |
| Deepti Poddar | | 3 |
| Siddharth Agarwal | VI C | 1 |
| Freya H. Desai | | 2 |
| Shishir Damani | | 3 |
| Sakshi S. Sarada | VI D | 1 |
| Chirag Jain | | 2 |
| Aashi Rathod | | 3 |
| Agnidhra Chakraborty | VI E | 1 |
| Anshu B. Jain | | 2 |
| Mohit Kedia | | 3 |



OBJECT DRAWING INTRA CLASS COMPETITION

The spirit of participation and winning could be seen in the classrooms of VII to IX on 5 April during the *Intra class object drawing competition*. This *still life object drawing* exposed the children to a new art form which enhanced their artistic skills. It was indeed a pleasure to see the concentration and the patience with which the students participated and came up with remarkably beautiful and well shaded sketches of the objects on display. Congratulations to the winners:

| Names of Students | Class & Section | Position | Names of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Darshan Lineswala | VII A | 1 | Aditya Jhunjunwala | VIII A | 1 |
| Yashi Agarwal | | 2 | Dipen Ariwala | | 2 |
| Aashna Sachdeva | | 3 | Aayushi Gajjar | | 3 |
| Trishla Surana | VII B | 1 | Arshi Raj | VIII B | 1 |
| Param Naik | | 2 | Anjane Pathak | | 2 |
| Darshit Gujrati | | 3 | Saumya Goyal | | 3 |
| Priyank Koshiya | VII C | 1 | Srishti S. Agarwal | VIII C | 1 |
| Vidhi Parekh | | 2 | Shruti Agarwal | | 2 |
| Harsh Shyamsukha | | 3 | Shreya Pokharna | | 3 |
| Shainy Raj | VII D | 1 | Dhruvi Zaveri | VIII D | 1 |
| Ayushi Agarwal | | 2 | Pooja Jariwala | | 2 |
| Ayushi R. Agarwal | | 3 | Hiloni Kamdar | | 3 |
| Pooja Sanghvi | VII E | 1 | Darsh Bakshi | VIII E | 1 |
| Yash Patel | | 2 | Priya Goenka | | 2 |
| Shreya Mandhana | | 3 | Kirtida Bansal | | 3 |
| Aayushi Jain | VII F | 1 | Hinam Mehra | VIII F | 1 |
| Kirtishree Somani | | 2 | Rutu Nanavati | | 2 |
| Sakshi Jalan | | 3 | Diksha Agarwal | | 3 |



| Names of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Rohan Ariwala | IX A | 1 |
| Purvashi Lakhupota | | 2 |
| Archie Moradia | | 3 |
| Debapriya Maiti | IX B | 1 |
| Mandar Bhatt | | 2 |
| Akshil Chauhan | | 3 |
| Binoli Zaveri | IX C | 1 |
| Shilpa Agarwal | | 2 |
| Dhruvin Thaker | | 3 |
| Aashna Agarwal | IX D | 1 |
| Shivangi Gandhi | | 2 |
| Ramadevi Tentu | | 3 |
| Shreya Agarwal | IX E | 1 |
| Harshal Maru | | 2 |
| Twisha Patel | | 3 |

HEALTH INTER CLASS BOARD DECORATION

"Health is the first wealth". Whether you are a toddler, a child or a teenager, good health enables you to perform the daily functions of life. For a student, normal health allows them to go to school, obtain knowledge and building of character. To observe the "World Health Day" which falls on 7 April the theme of Board decoration was "Health" for Classes VII to IX for the month of April. Being the first Board decoration competition the vigor and fervor was at its peak amongst students and teachers. The end result showed it all in the form of informative and multihued boards across the corridors of the school.

| CLASS | WINNERS | CLASS TEACHER |
|-------|---------|--------------------|
| VII | VII E | Ms. Manju Kumar |
| VIII | VIII C | Ms. Sangeeta Joshi |
| IX | IX C | Mr. Sameer Prushty |

FINDING AND ACTIVATING THE REAL GIFT FOR LEARNING MATHS

Be a Learner always!! That's the main mantra for everyone here at DPS. A Workshop on *Finding and Activating The Real Gift For Learning Maths* was attended by our staff member Ms. Monika Jain from April 10 to 12 at DPS - HRD Centre, DPS Dwarka. The focus was on the various Math activities which can widen the Math horizon and on connecting Math lab with class room teachings.

Children love puppets—they can say and do things with puppets that they might not say or do otherwise. And even small children can help make their own puppet. An imaginative atmosphere was built up in Classes III to VI on 12 April during a Puppet Making Competition. The children created striking innovative puppets of Animals, Gods, Humans, Cartoons and Birds using String Puppets, Stick Puppets Hanging Puppets. Their wide horizon of thoughts made them try their hands on Earth and Vehicles too. The Winners of this competition are:

INTRA CLASS PUPPET MAKING COMPETITION

| Name of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Muskaan Sethi | III A | 1 |
| Ayushi Kangriwala | | 2 |
| Mansi Agrawal | | 3 |
| Samiksha Bindal | III B | 1 |
| Priyank Mehta | | 2 |
| Aman Narsaria | | 3 |
| Ayush Kanodiya | III C | 1 |
| Shruti Rathod | | 2 |
| Chetana Lalwani | | 3 |
| Rachit Gadia | III D | 1 |
| Mehak Jain | | 2 |
| Kanishka Borana | | 3 |
| Amola Jagirdar | III E | 1 |
| Devesh Jalan | | 2 |
| Ekus Sachdeva | | 3 |
| Alina Morkas | III F | 1 |
| Aditya Agrawal | | 2 |
| Divyam Jain | | 3 |
| Ansh Mody | III G | 1 |
| Prasit Gandhi | | 2 |
| Slesha S. Shah | | 3 |
| Oorjaa Desai | III H | 1 |
| Tanya Kejriwal | | 2 |
| Vivek Lineswala | | 3 |

| Name of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Kashika Chugh | IV A | 1 |
| Muskan Nandwani | | 2 |
| Shaily Jain | | 3 |
| Urjita Vinchurkar | IV B | 1 |
| Shreyans Kothari | | 2 |
| Tanishka Gupta | | 3 |
| Takshil Jagani | IV C | 1 |
| Palak Choksi | | 2 |
| Mridul Baid | | 3 |
| Aashna Jain | IV D | 1 |
| Anjali Gondalia | | 2 |
| Yash Mehta | | 3 |
| Shreya Jain | IV E | 1 |
| Rashi Pansari | | 2 |
| Vaishnavi Reshamwala | | 3 |
| Harshit Tripathi | IV F | 1 |
| Dhvani Patel | | 2 |
| Kavya Phophalia | | 3 |
| Kavya Vaidya | IV G | 1 |
| Varisha Chauhan | | 2 |
| Jheelkumar Nemani | | 3 |
| Prachi Bedia | IV H | 1 |
| Rupindersingh Bassan | | 2 |
| Suramya Gambhir | | 3 |



| Name of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Diksha Sundarka | V A | 1 |
| Akshaya Sivakumar | | 2 |
| Sakshi Tekriwal | | 3 |
| Bhavya Aggarwal | V B | 1 |
| Rahul Advani | | 2 |
| Parth Shah | | 3 |
| Rishika Nagpal | V C | 1 |
| Khushboo Wadhwani | | 2 |
| Sarthak Chowdhary | | 3 |
| Hirak Jani | V D | 1 |
| Shrishti Bhartia | | 2 |
| Radhika Kanodiya | | 3 |
| Sayam Pokharna | V E | 1 |
| Mit Patel | | 2 |
| Puroo Rohatgi | | 3 |
| Dhruv Tyagi | V F | 1 |
| Abhinav Jain | | 2 |
| Lajja Patel | | 3 |

| Name of Students | Class & | Position |
|------------------|---------|----------|
| Shaily Kothari | VI A | 1 |
| Priyari Bhatia | | 2 |
| Dharun Sundli | | 3 |
| Suhani Jain | VI B | 1 |
| Nishu Jindal | | 2 |
| Ayesha Nakhuda | | 3 |
| Pragya Shah | VI C | 1 |
| Jugati Chalodia | | 2 |
| Shishir Damani | | 3 |
| Ruchika Agarwal | VI D | 1 |
| Kanika Gupta | | 2 |
| Pranav Patil | | 3 |
| Ashu Jain | VI E | 1 |
| Mohit Kedia | | 2 |
| Urmish Bhatt | | 3 |

BAISAKHI FESTIVAL

The tiny tots of Classes PN to II marked the arrival of the harvesting season *Baisakhi* by presenting a small harvest skit on 15 April at DPS Silent Zone campus. Our little dancers celebrated the day by performing Bhangra on *dhol* beats. This festival will definitely bring bright hopes for their future.



DEMONSTRATION
BY A COMMUNITY
HELPER



Money is a valuable entity .Yes,this is what the children of Classes PN- II learnt via a demonstration by a cobbler on 17 April. It was an eye opener for the students as the community helper taught them the value of mending things for reuse instead of replacing them with new ones. Everything broken needn't be discarded, instead it can be repaired. *Value of money* is definitely the latest talk.

RECYCLING IS FUN

INTRA CLASS PAPER MACHE MAKING

Fallen in love with your own creativity! This holds true when you see the wonderful pencil holders made by our Dipsites on 19 April as a part of the Intra Class Paper Mache competition held for Classes VII to IX. The amazing creativity used in decorating the pen/pencil holders left the judges pleasantly surprised. Winners for the event are:

| Names of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Manya John | VII A | 1 |
| Anchita Agarwal | | 2 |
| Nishi V. Shah | | 3 |
| Palak Goenka | VII B | 1 |
| Palak Patwari | | 2 |
| Shreyansh Chhajer | | 3 |
| Tanuj Roy | VII C | 1 |
| Anish Singh | | 2 |
| Priyanka Bhatia | | 3 |
| Nikunj Daruka | VII D | 1 |
| Twinkle Chhajer | | 2 |
| Ayushi Agarwal | | 3 |
| Sanjoli Gupta | VII E | 1 |
| Anuj Godhani | | 2 |
| Jiniya Agarwal | | 3 |
| Jiny Dalmia | VII F | 1 |
| Vidushi Chaterji | | 2 |
| Anas Sabuwala | | 3 |

| Names of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Kashish Lathidadia | VIII A | 1 |
| Sweta R. Khetan | | 2 |
| Dipen Ariwala | | 3 |
| Himanshu Dohan | VIII B | 1 |
| Arshi Raj | | 2 |
| Ritika Kohli | | 3 |
| Shruti Agarwal | VIII C | 1 |
| Akul Mahipal | | 2 |
| Manisha S. Yennam | | 3 |
| Nikhar Marwaha | VIII D | 1 |
| Hiloni Kamdar | | 2 |
| Shweta Kalluri | | 3 |
| Priya Goenka | VIII E | 1 |
| Himanshi Saboo | | 2 |
| Rashi Gupts | | 3 |
| Rutu Nanavati | VIII F | 1 |
| Diksha Agarwal | | 2 |
| Hinam Mehra | | 3 |

| Names of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Zil Sutaria | IX A | 1 |
| Kejal D. Gandhi | | 2 |
| Purvashi Lakhupota | | 3 |
| Mandar Bhatt | IX B | 1 |
| Aayushi Maheshwari | | 2 |
| Umesh Mishra | | 3 |
| Shilpa S. Agarwal | IX C | 1 |
| Shantam Mittal | | 2 |
| Diksha Kalra | | 3 |
| Anirudh Mittal | IX D | 1 |
| Radhu Maradia | | 2 |
| Shivangi Gandhi | | 3 |
| Vrunda Patel | IX E | 1 |
| Harshal Maru | | 2 |
| Purva Risbud | | 3 |



AN INTERACTION WITH JANET HALL

The world has constricted into a global village, even the Educational Sector has been revolutionized with this colossal alteration. As a part of the series of exchange programmes amongst countries worldwide, to facilitate teaching and learning methodology, Ms. Janet Hall along with Ms. Sukanya Chakraborty from Nand Vidya Niketan, Surat, visited our school on 21 April. The session was highly interactive and informative. Our young Dipsites projected their keen interest in the teaching-learning procedure practiced elsewhere in the world. On the other hand Ms. Hall too was updated with the interesting and innovative styles of imparting knowledge followed in our institution. She left the premises, immensely impressed by the attitude, wit and spontaneity of our students. We eagerly look forward to such educational exchange interactions.



Fires are incredibly dangerous. Damages due to fire are irrecoverable. Keeping this in mind a fire extinguisher training workshop was held on 23 April for students of Class IX by Mr. Jignesh Tailor. The workshop helped the students to identify the components and operating principles of a portable fire extinguisher; classify the types of fire and knowledge of how to operate a fire extinguisher. The expert also briefed when it is safe to fight a fire and some of the maintenance requirements for portable fire extinguishers. A couple of students got hands on experience in using the fire extinguisher. Mr. Tailor also answered the queries related to fire and fire extinguisher of the young developing minds of the students.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING WORKSHOP



WORKSHOP ON LEARNING STYLES BY NEIL D FLEMING

Neil D Fleming, best known worldwide for the design of the VARK, a learned teacher, writer of best-selling educational textbooks on Consumer Education and Economics, conducted a two day hands-on training session for the privileged staff of DPS Surat on 24 & 25 April. Teachers were completely involved and participated with great enthusiasm trying to compete each other in the *Zing Exercises* given by him. It was a fruitful workshop for our staff as DPS Surat encourages new, innovative, effective and alternative teaching strategies, so that our students learn in the best way.



CLASS VI FIELD TRIP TO SUMUL DAIRY

AN EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO DYEING MILL

Why go on a field trip? A field trip is an opportunity to get students out of their desks and away from their books, to give them direct, vivid and a sensory experience with the world around them. Students of VII got an opportunity to visit a "Dyeing Mill" near Sachin for on 24 and 25 April. The students were simply thrilled when they saw the different stages of yarn production and processing. Students were enlightened about the all stages the cloth has to go through before it finally reaches us. The proprietors of the factory answered all the doubts and queries put up by the young inquisitive minds. The students also visited their second Unit where they learnt how printing is done.

On 24 and 25 of April Children of Class VI had an educational trip to Sumul Dairy located near Surat Railway station. The students were taken around the whole dairy in all the different units and explained about milk, which in itself is a complete diet. They saw the entire process right from the collection to pasteurization to skimming to packaging. Not only had those children also visited the processing of different milk products like Paneer, Buttermilk, Cheese, etc. It was indeed an enlightening experience for the young Dipsites.

MATHS WORKSHOP

Maths is beautiful.....

It is rightly said that as your awareness expands, you will become more aware of things you previously could neither see nor understand. To spread the awareness regarding Mathematics among Primary Math Educators, a workshop was conducted by Ms. Monika Jain from Math's department on April 26 in DPS Vesu Campus. The objective of the workshop was to inculcate new perception of learning and making the subject more joyful and interesting.



LEARNING WITHOUT BURDEN

Our staff member Ms Ruchi Tandon attended a three day enriching workshop from 24 to 26 April at DPS Dwarka, New Delhi on 'LEARNING OF SCIENCE IN A EXPERIMENTAL WAY' organized by DPS Society and Council of Education Management. The workshop highlighted on Learning through Activity, Observation and Interaction and also focused on Science to be presented as a live and growing body of knowledge rather than a finished product. Many learned resource persons emphasized on Reflecting Teaching of Science. Ms Tandon came back better equipped with time and stress management which will definitely help students.

INTRA CLASS ELOCUTION COMPETITION

Voice culture and oratorical skills are decorative pieces which add charm and glamour to one's personality. Keeping this in mind DPS Surat consistently organizes Elocution competitions to develop these attributes in the students. On 26 April Classes VII to IX voiced their views in elocution competition on Environment and related issues like global warming, solar energy and use of plastics. Congratulations to winners for putting in such original thoughts.



| Names of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Aashna Sachdeva | VII A | 1 |
| Prakhar Maheshwari | | 2 |
| Darshan Lineswala | | 3 |
| Srishti Agarwal | VII B | 1 |
| Shubham Jain | | 2 |
| Siddhant Singh | | 3 |
| Ronak Chopra | VII C | 1 |
| Priyank Koshiya | | 2 |
| Meha Mehta | | 3 |
| Garima Sundarka | VII D | 1 |
| Ayush Agarwal | | 2 |
| Tarun Kaboo | | 3 |
| Samarth Shah | VII E | 1 |
| Shaantanu Pandit | | 2 |
| Ayush Chopra | | 3 |
| Chaitanya Fatehpuria | VII F | 1 |
| Aarushi Agarwal | | 2 |
| Jiny Dalmia | | 3 |

| Names of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Aayushi Gajjar | VIII A | 1 |
| Yash Mehta | | 2 |
| Raunak Khandelwal | | 3 |
| Komal Agarwal | VIII B | 1 |
| Hemil Desai | | 2 |
| Pallav Chaudhary | | 3 |
| Srishti Mohan | VIII C | 1 |
| Siddharth Dani | | 2 |
| Kaustabh Dutta | | 3 |
| Shrey Agrawal | VIII D | 1 |
| Lisha Chugh | | 2 |
| Zeenia Engineer | | 3 |
| Kirtida Bansal | VIII E | 1 |
| Akshay Jha | | 2 |
| Siddharth Loya | | 3 |
| Sayyam Khurana | VIII F | 1 |
| Sourav Majumdar | | 2 |
| Anuj Toshniwal | | 3 |

| Names of Students | Class & Section | Position |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Resham Sharma | IX A | 1 |
| Aakash Bhagat | | 2 |
| Anirudh Punjabi | | 3 |
| Manmohit Rekhi | IX B | 1 |
| Debapriya Maiti | | 2 |
| Anushree Nalgundwar | | 3 |
| Dipesh Patwari | IX C | 1 |
| Sohini parveen Sarwala | | 2 |
| Astha Srivastava | | 3 |
| Rama Devi Tentu | IX D | 1 |
| Shivangi Gandhi | | 2 |
| Ragith Kutty | | 3 |
| Keshav Phophalia | IX E | 1 |
| Sushant Sharma | | 2 |
| Rudresh Awasthi | | 3 |
| Saibi Luthra | 3 | |

AIEEE EXAMS

DPS Surat was the Centre of Examination to 697 students from Maharashtra and Gujarat Region for the first time for The AIEEE Exam held on 27 April.



GUEST LECTURE OF THE MONTH



"The young mind explores continuously. It's important to give a child a broader focus of life by helping him in his urge of exploration." To give an insight to our inquisitive maiden batch of Class XII, on April 30 we were privileged to get an opportunity to have with us two competent and updated personalities- Mr. Siddhant Bansal, an IIT from Delhi also an MBA from IIM Lucknow and Ms. Priyanka Lakhupota a II year BMS student from Jai Hind College, Mumbai. They had a very interactive session with our students of both the streams and clarified their qualms. Immensely equipped in their respective areas and absolutely with the need of the hour, the guest lecturers motivated and guided the budding entrepreneurs and medicos. Awaiting many more similar inspirational and stirring lectures to be delivered by experts from all turfs of this cut-throat epoch.

CLASS SKIT ON A CHRISTMAS CAROL BY CHARLES DICKENS

'Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited but imagination encircles the world.' A lot of imagination was put in for such a brilliant performance by young dramatists of X B on 1 May as they had performed the famous skit *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. From props to acting, powerpoint to music they used all the tools. The audience could feel the cold winds of winters, the harsh times of industrialization and the festive mood of Christmas. Students thoroughly enjoyed performing the skit and in the process learnt more about the characters.



MOTHER'S DAY

"I LOVE MOM".

These were the words printed on handkerchiefs by students of Classes I & II. Amazing isn't it? But this is exactly what students did specially for their moms on Mothers Day (2nd May '08). They did potato printing on handkerchiefs and carried it home as a gift for their moms. Nevertheless our students of PN-P made a sprouts salad in class filled with lots of love for their moms.

Children of classes III to VI celebrated Mother's Day in school on May 03, 2008. They had brought craft material and with the help of their respective class teachers, made beautiful flowers and bouquets for their mothers. It was such a wonderful sight seeing children carrying bouquets made by them for their mothers.

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers. This is so true. Isn't it....?? Mother is the first teacher, mentor, guide and next to God in every person's life. So how could our students be left behind in this to show their love and reverence to their mothers. Students of classes VII to IX made beautiful hand made cards with lovely messages for their mothers on May 3rd.



VIKAS CHAUHAN IN KIDS TODAY

Our master Vikas Chauhan of Class IV has won 'GO WILD WITH THE IMAGINATION' competition of Kids Today. He has been awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by Kids Today. Our hearty congratulations to you Vikas!!!

ALL INDIA INTER DPS TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2008 (FOR GIRLS)

There was All India Inter DPS Table Tennis Championship 2008 (for Girls) on 3-4 May 2008, held at DPS Vadodara. DPS, Surat team was 2nd Runner up in the team championship and participants were Snishtha Bhatia (VI-E), Pearl Edibam (IX-C) and Shradha Katyal (VII-A).

SUMMER CAMP

This year Summer Camp in our school was once again a hit amongst students as they learnt a variety of new things this time. They were all awestruck to know that there were 14 different activities being taught in the Camp. The summer camp started on May 04, 2008 to May 13, 2008.

The different activities included Classical dance forms of Kathak and Bharatnatyam; folk dances like Dodhiyas, Bhangra and Koli dance; Creative Drama to bring out inbuilt creativity of students by using body movements and emotions; Playing Keyboard; Mud Painting; Emboss Painting; and Physical Activities like Football, Gymnastics, Basket Ball, Skating, Swimming, Karate, Yoga and Table tennis.



ALL INDIA INTER DPS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2008 (FOR BOYS)

There was All India Inter DPS Chess Championship 2008 (for Boys) from 6-8 May 2008, held at DPS, Harni, Vadodara. Meet Agrawal (VI-C) and Abhinav Shorey (IX) participated in this championship.

PARSVNATH 22ND NATIONAL U-9 (BOYS & GIRLS) CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2008

The Parsvnath 22nd National U-9 (boys & girls) Chess Championship was from 29th April to 6th May 2008 at Bapu Samaj Seva Kendra, Panchkuian Road, New Delhi. Jeet Jain (III-A) secured second place with 9 points out of 11 points.

SCIENCE WORKSHOP



"No matter how well you taught

It is what the student learn that counts"

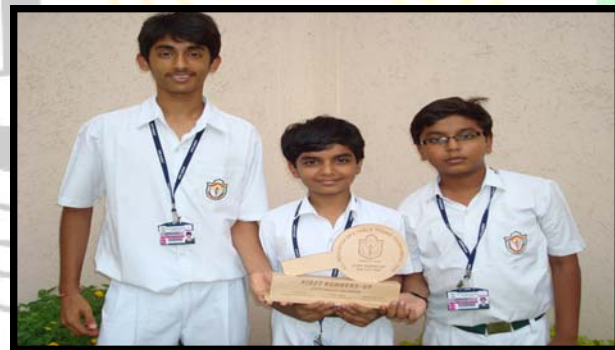
To make learning enjoyable and practical, a science workshop for science teachers was held on 6th May by Ms. Ruchi Tandon to focus and highlight various aides which can be used to make teaching science interesting. For classes 6, 7 and 8 demonstration of simple experiments, video clippings and field trips can be used. The workshop also encouraged the teachers to correlate science concepts with everyday life and not just use lecture method and books only.

ALL INDIA INTER DPS TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2008 (FOR BOYS)

There was All India Inter DPS Table Tennis Championship 2008 (for Boys) from 9-11 May 2008, held at DPS Sushantlok, Gurgaon. DPS, Surat secured second position and team members were Abhijeet Choksi (IX-B), Anirudh Mittal (VIII) and Ashwani Mittal (VI-D). In the boys singles event Abhijeet Choksi secured 3rd position.

ICS INSTRUCTOR INSTITUTE 2008

The teachers of DPS schools from all over India attended ICS Instructor Institute 2008 conducted at DPS Faridabad organised by Oracle Education Initiatives- India. It was held from 19 to 24 May. The teachers learned the PL/SQL & Data Modeling course in detail. Ms Charlie Turkings staff of Oracle Corporation, UK, cleared the queries of the participants. Our staff members Mr. Arijit Ghosh & Mr. J. Chandrasekhar attended the training sessions.



INSERVICE TRAINING COURSE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS OF CBSE

An Inservice Training Course for Physical Education Teachers of CBSE was held from 19-31 May 2008 organised by Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior. Our staff member, Mr. Chandrika Singh participated in this course.