

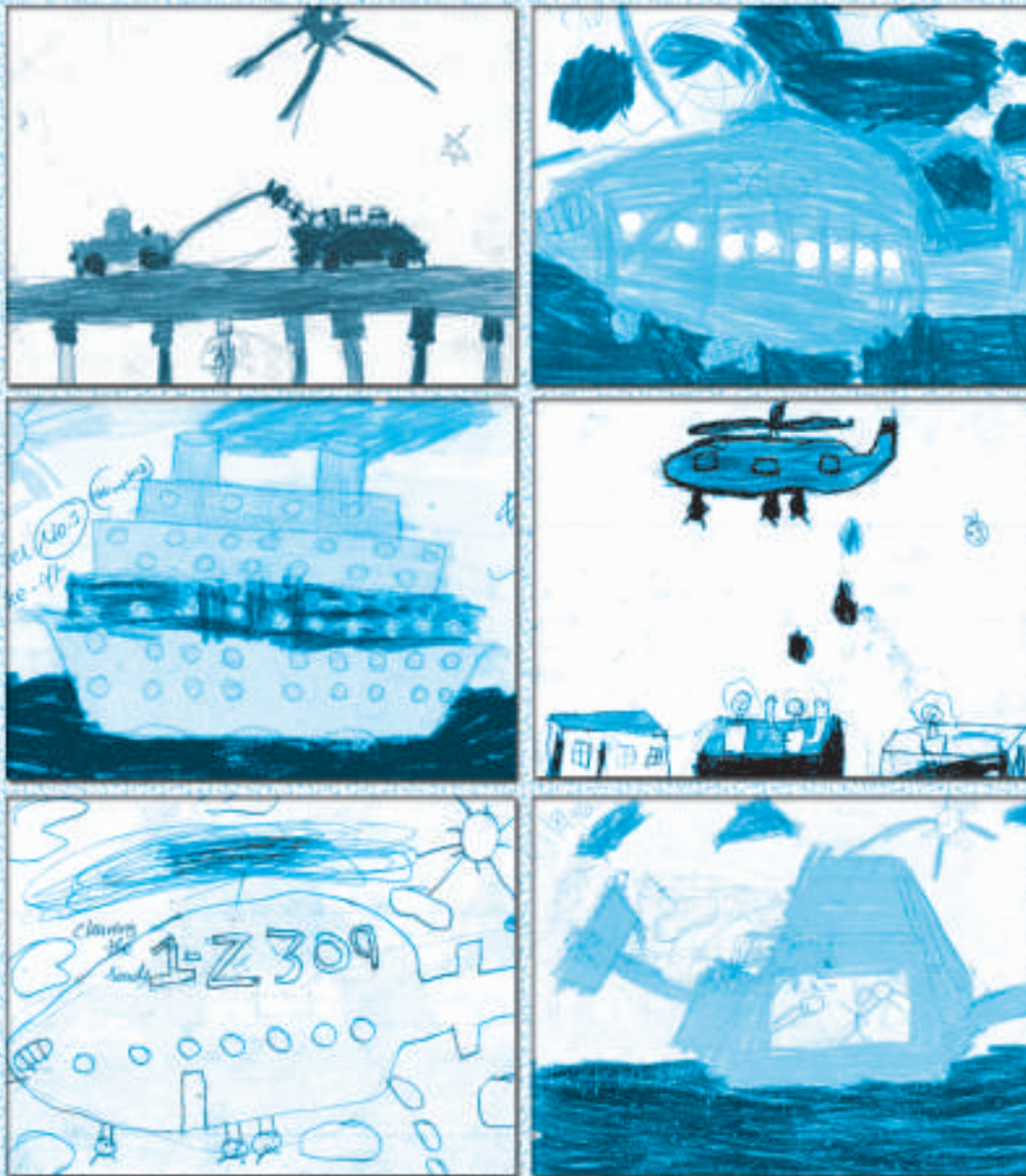


# Communiqué

THE DPS SURAT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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*This Issue of the DPS Surat Communiqué is dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives in the Great Flood of Surat and in its aftermath of disease and expresses solidarity with those who have suffered*



*bereavement and severe financial loss. We Surtis are survivors, but the shadow of this calamity will not pass soon from living memory.*

## A word in time...

The recent flood and its aftermath have left many people of Surat shattered psychologically and financially. While my heartfelt sympathies are with all of them at this difficult time, I am also wondering about the impact it has had on our children.

The UNESCO report of the International Commission on Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century chaired by Jacques Delors talks of the four pillars of education; viz., Learning to know, Learning to do, Learning to live together and Learning to be. I have concerned parents asking me about the syllabus and how we are going to make up for lost time. Well, as I have said earlier, we will try to make up for this over the rest of the academic year as best as possible without straining the powers of our students. However, I believe that these floods have taught us a lot of lessons, much more than any text book can – especially, the importance of the third pillar of education, Learning to live together.

The children have learnt more valuable lessons than any educational institution can teach. I realized how sensitive and concerned they were to the needs of their community and its people. Students came up to me and asked if we could involve them too in organizing relief for needy and affected people. I also know that they have been following the flood and its effects very closely as evidenced by the vividly evocative picture project that one of our students, Pranika Agarwal, has prepared covering the Surat flood.

There is more awareness amongst them about viral and communicable diseases, their causes and preventive measures – and this, even with very young students. I am happy with their progress for it is in tune with our educational philosophy that learning takes place more effectively beyond the four walls of the classroom. This is where the focus of the Multiple Intelligences theory scores over the traditional IQ based monolithic intelligence concept.

At DPS Surat we have already started incorporating this in a phased manner into our curriculum, keeping the long term needs of our children in mind. I look forward to your support as parents in this essential project. After all, this is a three way teaching-learning partnership between staff-students-parents, and all members of this

trio need to contribute equally to the success of the programme. We try to provide the right atmosphere in school to support this kind of learning which will take care of our students' emotional, social, physical and academic needs.

*Sivakumar G.R.*





## ■ GROWING UP EQUAL

Members of staff - Ms. Anita Rawat, Mr. Jude Fernando and Ms. Nrupal Panchal attended a seminar in DPS Jaipur from 31 March 2006 to 2 April 2006, on awareness of Gender Equality. Our children should grow up with this



knowledge that is so necessary for true enlightenment. The Head of Council of Health and Media, Ms. Parul Dwivedi, and Resource Persons Mr. Vivek (DPS Vasant Kunj) and Ms. Shubha Chandrashekhar (DPS Rohini) had a very liberating workshop on the Missing Girl Child in India with the participants which included 11 schools from throughout India. The film, Matrubhoomi was screened. The Secretary General AITA, Mr. Anil Khanna, was present for the Valedictory Function.

## ■ INDIA-PAKISTAN FRIENDSHIP CUP 2006

Our Head of PE, Mr. Chandrika Singh, Captain of the Indian Darts Team, played to win a set of 9 games by 5-4



with his team on 7 and 8 April 2006 at Jaipur. The tournament was organized by Rajasthan Darts Association under the auspices of All India Darts Association

## ■ INTRA CLASS ENGLISH HANDWRITING COMPETITION

This competition is an annual event to emphasize our ongoing concern with neat and legible presentation of work by our students. With the onset of electronic print media, handwriting is in danger of becoming a lost art when this generation takes its place in future society! Hence, we must do our bit to preserve the craft of writing which marks such an important phase of our civilization and is also, they say, an index of our individuality. On 8 April 2006, the participating classes were III to IX and our congratulations go to the winners who are as follows:

Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Risha Agarwal	III-A	1
Aastha Rathod		2
Maitri Pachchigar		3
Vanshika Agarwal	III-B	1
Ankita Khemani		2
Shivani Iyer		3
Chirag Chawla	III-C	1
Bhavya Aggarwal		2
Anubhav Varshney		3
Yash Vaghashiya	III-D	1
Siddhi Malani		2
Princy D. Thakkar		3
Megha Gupta	III-E	1
Aesha Mehta		2
Yash Lalitkumar Vaghashiya		3
Agidhro Chakraborty	IV-A	1
Bhavika Madaan		2
Naina Gupta		3
Rashi Sulatania	IV-B	1
Vaibhavi P. Mukhtyar		2
Smit K. Topiwal		3
Anuj Agarwal	IV-C	1
Nikhil Choksi		2
Tanvi Mittal		3
Meet Agarwal	IV-D	1
Urmish Bhatt		2
Freya Desai		3

Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion	Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Pallavi Patwari	IV-E	1	Riva Ranka	VII A	1
Nirali Trivedi		2	Arusha Dubey		2
Debleena Mondal		3	Shilpa Agarwal		3
Shreya Mandhana	V-A	1	Abhijit Choksi	VII B	1
Chahal Goenka		2	Binoli Zaveri		2
Shrey Mangawa		3	Diksha Adukia		3
Riva Patel	V-B	1	Shreya Agarwal	VII C	1
Yashvi Desai		2	Kritika Mohata		2
Anwasha Sarma		3	Saibi Luthra		3
Shabnam Ghasia	V-C	1	Shreya Agarwal	VII D	1
Palak Goenka		2	Ankita Singh		2
Bhavya Patel		3	Vrinda Kabra		3
Shainy Raj	V-D	1	Ria Karmakar	VII E	1
Aarushi Agarwal		2	Gunjan Kabra		2
Komal Poddar		3	Archie Moradia		3
Pooja Sanghvi	V-E	1	Vrinda Agarwal	VIII A	1
Ishrita Khaitan		2	Shilpa Bhura		2
Nishi Shah		3	Laxman Marothia		3
Aditya Jhunjhunwala	VI A	1	Aayushi Zaveri	VIII B	1
Dhriti Roy		2	Aishwarya Katyal		2
Anshika Arora		3	Sejal Bansal		3
Hinam Mehra	VI B	1	Jhalak Jain	VIII C	1
Khushboo Goyal		2	Radhika Saraf		2
Abbas Lokhandwala		3	Anurag Dalmia		3
Rachita Jain	VI C	1	Drashti Thakkar	VIII D	1
Jinal Jain		2	Faiz Poonawala		2
Isha Dangi		3	Juhi Gupta		3
Yash Mehta	VI D	1	Devanshi Agarwal	IX A	1
Himanshu Dohan		2	Pranika Agarwal		2
Akshita Narang		3	Juhi Kothari		3
Priyanka Jariwala	VI E	1	Megha Goyal	IX B	1
Shikha Shah		2	Chintan Sanghavi		2
Arshi Raj		3	Aamir Godil		3
Shruhi Desai	VI F	1	Niyanta Patel	IX C	1
Aayushi Kabra		2	Vishakha Agarwal		2
Arshia Saraf		3	K. Snehlata		3

## DID YOU KNOW

*Animals that carry their young ones in natural pouches on their abdomen are called marsupials. The commonest marsupial is the kangaroo. There is another marsupial found in the same region that is amphibious and is known as the Duck-billed Platypus. Marsupials are mammals and give birth to young ones.*

## ■ NATIONAL INTER DPS TALENT SEARCH

Staff members Mrs. Indumathy and Mrs. Anita Rawat attended a programme in DPS Srinagar from 12 to 17 April 2006, conducted for grooming potential talent among primary teachers as the role models of DPS teachers. 108 teachers from 54 schools all over India participated in this talent search event. The event was headed and judged by the Principal of DPS Srinagar, Dr. Neeru Suman, Head of CEEC, Mrs. Suleena Sapra and Pro Vice Chairman of DPS Srinagar, Mrs. Vijay Dhar.

## ■ ISO 9001:2000

Member of Staff, Mr. Jude Fernando attended a seminar at the Ahmedabad Management Association Institution, conducted on 13 April 2006 for the Schools and Colleges by ISO discussing its meaning and functions in the context of education.

## ■ ORIENTATION

The Orientation programme for new admissions to Classes Pre Nursery to Preparatory was held on 14 and 15 April 2006 on the New Campus of Delhi Public School,



*Parents engrossed with the programme*

Surat near Silent Zone at Dumas. It was a successful induction into our system and a beginning of the interaction between the teachers and parents, with over 350 students and their parents attending the functions.

## ■ INTER DPS ENGLISH DEPARTMENTAL WORKSHOP

Member of Staff, Ms. Deepa Shah attended a five day workshop conducted by DPS R.K.Puram from 14 April to 17 April 2006. About 100 teachers from all the branches participated in discussing and learning innovative techniques of teaching prose, poetry and drama, testing and evaluation methods in classes XI - XII, Value Education and the role of an English teacher, stress management, planning and organizing co-curricular

activities and more about the administration of an English Department.

## ■ INTRA CLASS HINDI HANDWRITING COMPETITION

On 15 April 2006, Classes III to V competed to see who wrote the best devnagari script of all and our congratulations go to the winners who are as follows:

Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion
अक्षिता कौंटिया	III-A	1
ऋषा अग्रवाल		2
शिवानी रगडवाला		3
शिवानी पाठक	III-B	1
वंशिका अग्रवाल		2
अंकिता खेमानी		3
प्रणव पहवा	III-C	1
सृष्टि भारतीया		2
महिमा गुप्ता		3
दिया सुरानी	III-D	1
सिद्धी मलानी		2
श्रेया सुरेका		3
खनक इच्छुदा	III-E	1
आदित्य अग्रवाल		2
कुनाल बराडिया		3
विशाल सिंग	IV-A	1
सिमरन खुराना		2
भाविका मदान		3
राशी सुलतानिया	IV-B	1
पुन्या कक्कर		2
श्रुती न्याती		3
रिया अग्रवाल	IV-C	1
इशा संघवी		2
हर्शिता अग्रवाल		3
मित अग्रवाल	IV-D	1
तारनी मेंदीरता		2
अयेशा नखुडा		3
देवलीना मोन्दल	IV-E	1
सौम्या रॉय		2

Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion
प्रज्ञा शाह		3
श्रेया मन्धाना	V-A	1
श्रेय मंगवा		2
शुभम जैन		3
अन्वेषा शर्मा	V-B	1
अनुशी शाह		2
मेहा सावुवाला		3
समर्थ शाह	V-C	1
श्रेया वैद		2
दर्शित गुजराती		3
आरूषी अग्रवाल	V-D	1
शैनी राज		2
कोमल पोददार		3
पूजा संघवी	V-E	1
प्रशम शाह		2
प्रतिका रंगवानी		3
Mihir Gajjar		1
Tania Punjabi	VI A	2
Manioha Agarwal		3
Khushboo Goyal		1
Hinam Mehra	VI B	2
Keshav Gupta		3
Rachita Jain		1
Poorvi Gupta	VI C	2
Kinjal Lakhupota		3
Yash Mehta		1
Mauli Jariwala	VI D	2
Arushi Gupta		3
Anju Jariwal		1
Shreya Jain	VI E	2
Ashutosh Maskara		3
Vansh Mendiratta		1
Kirtida Bansal	VI F	2
Ashima Khanna		3
Aarushi Budhraj		1
Shilpa Agarwal	VII A	2
Arusha Dubey		3
Binoli Zaveri		1
Shivangi Gandhi	VII B	2
Sakshi Kokra		3

Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Kritika Mohta		1
Shreya Agarwal	VII C	2
Aayushi Agarwal		3
Ankita Singh		1
Resham Sharma	VII D	2
Vrinda Kabra		3
Mayank Jha		1
Saras Bansal	VII E	2
Smit Choksi		3
Astha Bhartia		1
Palak Chhparia	VIII A	2
Garima Pandey		3
Akshaya Kharbanda		1
Sejal Bansal	VIII B	2
Gunjan Jain		3
Samir Kedia		1
Akash Agarwal	VIII C	2
Vasu Tailor		3
Sneha Singh		1
Rashi Nemani	VIII D	2
Rishika Lekahadiya		3
Urvi Baheti		1
Pranika Agarwal	IX A	2
Devanshi Agarwal		3
Aamir Godil		1
Megha Goyal	IX B	2
Akshat Agarwal		3
K. Snehalata		1
Vishaka Agarwal	IX C	2
Niyanta Patel		3

## ■ TATA GROUP PRESENTATION

Also on 15 April 2006, Class IX students were shown a documentary on the role of TATA Group of Industries in the last century of economic development of India. This was followed by a quiz based on the movie. The winners were gifted a complimentary comic on J. R. D. TATA.

## ■ WELCOME

On 17 April 2006 our newest and youngest members of DPS Surat made their tentative and hopeful entry into the New Campus, making the school ring with the sound of young voices and small pattering feet. They returned home with gifts of Smileys and matching wide grins on their faces. School's not a bad place after all!

## ■ INTRA CLASS STORY WRITING COMPETITION

Children from Classes III-V let flow their creativity on 22 April 2006, in composing an original story of about 150



*Students about to embark on their 'yarn' spinning...*

words. Though the originality criterion was not very rigidly followed, the creativity was there all right. Our congratulations go to the winners who are as follows:

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Aastha Rathod	III-A	1
Risha Agarwal		2
Vivek Iyer		3
Vanshika Agrawal	III-B	1
Shivani Iyer		2
Gaurav Sofat		3
Bharg Mehta	III-C	1
Mohit Mantri		2
Shlok Gandhi		3
Ayushi Huria	III-D	1
Yashvi Desai		2
Raj V. Daruwala		3
Sarthak Jariwala	III-E	1
Dhruvil Jain		2
Priyangana Seth		3
Shaily Kothari	IV-A	1
Priyal Bhatia		2
Zeel Patel		3
Arpit Bahety	IV-B	1
Vaibhavi Mukhtyar		2
Punya Kakkar		3
Manasvi Narwani	IV-C	1
Isha Sanghvi		2
Tanvi Ajmera		3

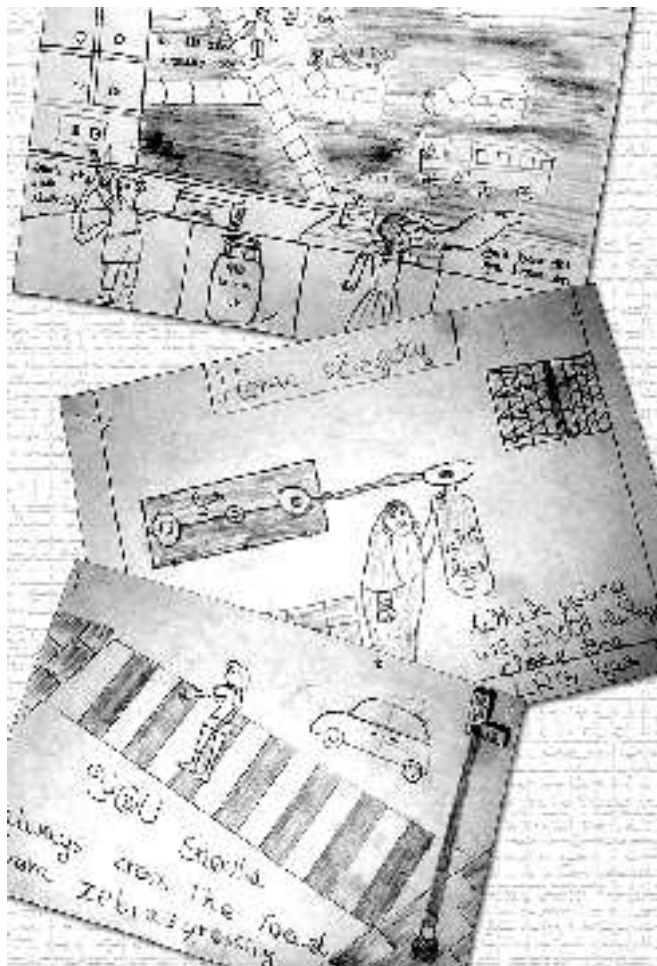
Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Freya Desai	IV-D	1
Parnasha Mehta		2
Meet Agrawal		3
Aakash Savita	IV-E	1
Anuj Talwar		2
Anushka Dhabuwala		3
Praachi Jain	V-A	1
Divya Sharma		2
Shrey Mangawa		3
Darshan Lineswala	V-B	1
Mitchell Dua		2
Shikhar Saxena		3
Anushka Jain	V-C	1
Shreya Vaid		2
Aayushi Jain		3
Mausam Desai	V-D	1
Parishi Dave		2
Srishti Agarwal		3
Pratika Rangwani	V-E	1
Meha Mehta		2
Harsh Shyamsukha		3
Avni Sanghvi	VI A	1
Meha Choksi		2
Khyati Vaghashiya		3
Parnasi Khator	VI B	1
Devanshi Mandalaywala		2
Vishal Shroff		3
Kinjal Lakhupota	VI C	1
Akul Mahipal		2
Rachita Jain		3
Apoorva Anand	VI D	1
Hiloni Kamdar		2
Urja Jain		3
Varun Karulkar	VI E	1
Aakash Kherajani		2
Aditya Desai		3
Manisha Mishra	VI F	1
Vansh Mendiratta		2
Anuj Goenka		3
Astha Kabra	VII A	1
Riva Ranka		2
Umesh Mishra		3

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Ragith Kutty	VII B	1
Binoli Zaveri		2
Avni Apte		3
Dhwani Rath	VII C	1
Kamakshi Baid		2
Jayit Ghosh		3
Dhruvi Bhakta	VII D	1
Ankita Singh		2
Nikita Gulwani		3
Anushree Nalgundwar	VII E	1
Ujjwal Kaboo		2
Smit Choksi		3
Adhira Chordia	VIII A	1
Shrey Sadhani		2
Garima Pandey		3
Saloni Dhingra	VIII B	1
Saurabh Goyal		2
Srijita Sarkar		3
Sameer Kedia	VIII C	1
Darshita Shah		2
Utkarsh Bhatla		3
Rishika Lekhadia	VIII D	1
Fatema Lokhandwala		2
Dhrashti Thakkar		3
Rishabh Gupta	IX A	1
Juhi Kothari		2
Archit Agarwal		3
Sukrit Sharma	IX B	1
Megha Goyal		2
Sejal Chandak		3
Siddarth Mapara	IX C	1
Debarun Sarkar		2
Manav Mehta		3

- The other participants were Aishwarya Katyal (VIII B) and Radhika Iyer (VIII C).

### ■ INTRA-CLASS PENCIL SKETCH COMPETITION

On 29 April 2006 Classes III-V made very relevant and topical sketches in a world fraught with dangers,



*Some of the sketches propogating safety*

illustrating the theme, Safety. Congratulations to the winners who are as follows:

### ■ WEST ZONE INTER DPS GIRLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

This tournament was organized by DPS Vadodara on 23rd April 2006. DPS Surat did quite well and our congratulations go to the participants whose achievements are as follows:

- Shivangi Rungta (VIII A) won the Bronze Medal in the 50 metre butterfly stroke.
- Lakshi Mehra (VIII B) won the Bronze Medal in the 50 metre breast stroke.

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Risha Agarwal	III-A	1
Sheen Warikoo		2
Aastha Rathod		3
Vanshika Agrawal	III-B	1
Devansh Patel		2
Rahul Kejriwal		3
Bharg Mehta	III-C	1
Mahima Gupta		2
Harshit Gajjar		3



Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Siddhi Malani	III-D	1
Ayushi Huria		2
Chhavishree Somani		3
Priyanga Seth	III-E	1
Sachita Nishal		2
Khanak Ichhuda		3
Simran Khurana	IV-A	1
Naina Gupta		2
Kasvi Dawer		3
Arpit Bahety	IV-B	1
Jugati Chalodia		2
Aman Tripathi		3
Anushka Maheshwari	IV-C	1
Soujanya Mukherjee		2
Riya Agarwal		3
Parnasha Mehta	IV-D	1
Khusbu Savla		2
Freya Desai		3
Suamya Roy	IV-E	1
Ayush Gupta		2
Shagun Gambhir		3
Shreya Mandhana	V-A	1
Tarun Kaboo		2
Ankita Narang		3
Darshan Lineswala	V-B	1
Chaitanya Fatehpuria		2
Shree Patel		3
Anushka Jain	V-C	1
Aayushi Jain		2
Monil Shah		3
Shaantanu Pandit	V-D	1
Yashi Agarwal		2
Aashna Sachdeva		3
Harshul ShyamSukha	V-E	1
Pratika Rangwani		2
Meha Mehta		3
Aditya Jhunjhunwala	VI A	1
Anshika Arora		2
Dhwani Khanna		3
Hinam Mehra	VI B	1
Khushboo Goyal		2
Devanshi Mandalaywala		3
Shruti Agarwal	VI C	1
Vrishank Shukla		2
Hemil Desai		3

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Srishti Agarwal	VI D	1
Apoorv Anand		2
Arushi Gupta		3
Vardan Rathi	VI E	1
Aditya Desai		2
Arshi Raj		3
Shruhi Desai	VI F	1
Mayank Jain		2
Kirtida Bansal		3
Riva Ranka	VII A	1
Shreya Srivastava		2
Sachi Patel		3
Sunanda Narwani	VII B	1
Bharvi Chauhan		2
Ashna Agarwal		3
Aakash Bhagat	VII C	1
Twisha Patel		2
Shreya Agarwal		3
Purvashi Lakhupota	VII D	1
Vrinda Kabra		2
Surabhi Mandhani		3
Rudresh Awasthi	VII E	1
Vaishvi Mistry		2
Ria Karmakar		3
Krutika Lal	VIII A	1
Palak Chhaparia		2
Laxman Marothia		3
Saloni Dhingra	VIII B	1
Gunjan Jain		2
Aayushi Zaveri		3
Darshita Shah	VIII C	1
Dharmdev Joshi		2
Madhulika Singh		3
Janish Patel	VIII D	1
Sneha Singh		2
Sanjana Agarwal		3
Urvi Bahety	IX A	1
Rishabh Gupta		2
Akshita Agarwal		3
Aamir Godil	IX B	1
Akshat Agarwal		2
Subi Tibrewal		3
Ayushi Agarwal	IX C	1
Sonal Kumar		2
Niyanta Patel		3

## ■ 'JAGRIT' AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Sukrit Sharma (IX B) and Sonakshi Agarwal (IX A), escorted by Mr. Jude Fernando and Mrs. Shilpee Verma attended this significant event organized by DPS Gurgaon from 4 to 5 May 2006. AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) has become a crucial problem in modern India - even drawing the young and innocent into its fatal wake. Awareness of biological causes and effects this dread disease has consequently become a must for our adolescents. It is also essential that they focus on the socio-psychological side-effects of AIDS, developing a sense of empathy for aids victims. As intelligent and socially conscious youth of our country, they will be able to play a leading and positive role in dealing with AIDS in the future.

## ■ MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION



*Display of filial devotion on Mother's Day*

On 5 May 2006, children of Pre Nursery - Class V made Mothers' Day cards and photo frames for their beloved mothers and solved crossword puzzles on this theme. The day was marked as tribute to the most important person in a child's (or adult's) life.

## ■ SAFETY AND FIRST AID

A workshop on was conducted by Dr. Paresh Shah and Dr. Ketan Bharadwaj on 6 and 7 May 2006 on life saving measures on and off campus, as well as necessary First Aid to be given in case of burns, wounds, cuts, poisonous bites, high grade fever, epilepsy, morning nausea in children, etc. There was accompanying health advice to go traditional in your food habits for an ideal diet and say no to plastics for a pollution-free environment. **(Add a couple of lines here)**



*At the First Aid workshop*

## ■ ALL INDIA RANKING DARTS TOURNAMENT 2006

Our popular Head of PE, Mr. Chandrika Singh, was the Semifinalist in this tournament organised by AP Darts Association, Hyderabad at the SAAP Stadium from 6 to 7 May 2006. Congratulations, Sir! We are proud of you.

## ■ LEARNING DISABILITY

This work shop was conducted by Dr. Dharmesh Shah, Psychiatrist, on 8 May 2006 to help us all identify the causes and symptoms of LD and the behavioural changes manifested as its effects. The teacher's role in identifying such children and establishing rapport with them was outlined, together with the dangers that lie ahead if such students are not channelised towards a positive career. The facilities provided by CBSE/ICSE for such children while taking exams were also highlighted.

## ■ SUMMER CAMP 2006

This favourite summer respite took place from 8 May 2006 to 27 May 2006 on the DPS Surat campus for Classes I-V with two activities out of the following for each participant:



*Dancing away the summer blues*

Activity	Conducted by
1. TT	Mukesh Patel
2. Gymnastics/Yoga	Kalpesh More
3. Music (Key board)	Jasraj Shastri
4. Swimming	Chetan Sarang & Ankur Sailor
5. Basketball	Alexy Thomas & Amit Soneji
6. Taekwando	Harshad Solanki
7. Skating	Imtiaz Ansari
8. Dance (Kathak)	Kakoli Chatterjee
9. Music (Wind instrument)	Adrian Peter Delvi
10. Dance (Folk)	Kakoli Chatterjee

The camp ended with an enjoyable showcase of all the activities learnt by the participant students.

### ■ ALL INDIA INTER DPS GIRLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

Shivangi Rungta (VIII A) participated in this tournament organized by DPS Bhatinda from 12 to 14 May 2006. Well done, Shivani, for representing DPS Surat - and keep it up!

### ■ JSTS ACADEMIC CAMP 2006

Ms. Ritu Huria escorted a group of 23 students from Class IX to this unique camp organized by Junior Science Talent Search at DPS RK Puram where, from 14 May to 31 May 2006, they completed the entire IX & X course syllabus in theory and practice - within only a fortnight! When their time comes, we do, of course, expect this group to top the Boards.

### ■ ALL INDIA INTER DPS BOYS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

Vins Shah (IV-E) and Aniruddh Panjabi (VII-A) participated in this tournament organised by DPS Ludhiana from 17 May to 20 May 2006. Well done, boys, for representing DPS Surat - and keep it up!

### ■ SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP

Ms. Remya Panicker escorted students Ketul Shah (VIII B), Radhika Saraf (VIII C), Debarun Sarkar (IX C) and

Garima Pandey (VIII A) to DPS Ahmedabad for this interesting event which took place from 18 May 2006 to 25 May 2006. There was a workshop on the theme, Young scientists in action followed by excursions to Science City, Energy Park, Hall of Science, ONGC and to the Space Application Centre.

### ■ INTER DPS SANSKRIT DEPARTMENTAL WORKSHOP

Member of Staff, Mr. Sushanta Panda attended this workshop at DPS Noida from 22 May to 28 May 2006. He joined discussions on the modernisation of Sanskrit, Sanskrit communication skills, relevance of Sanskrit today, language games for Sanskrit, designing syllabii for Classes VI - VIII, designing bulletin boards and more about testing and evaluation, paper-setting and marking schemes. He also participated in a competition on Shloka recital and attended a book exhibition of new trends in teaching Sanskrit. Other highlights of the workshop included puppet-making for Sanskrit drama and cartoon shows in Sanskrit. Theatre personality Ms. Heema Khureshi from British Council introduced participants to the various components of acting.

### ■ SURAT DISTRICT OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT 2006

Congratulations to Megha Gupta (III E) who won the 2nd Place in this tournament organized by the Surat District Chess Association at Sharda Yatan High School from 22 to 23 May 2006.

### ■ INTER DPS MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

Member of Staff, Ms. Monica Jain attended this workshop at DPS Faridabad from 22 May to 28 May 2006 along with teachers from 85 schools. Their common target was to make Maths believably interesting and no more a subject to be dreaded.



## ■ TENDER FEET TO SCHOOL

Member of Staff, Ms. Shilpi Kumar attended this workshop on Inter DPS English Language Teaching for Primary Teachers from 5 June to 9 June 2006 at DPS



*Enhancing English teaching skills at a workshop*

Mathura Road, along with teachers from 95 DPS schools of India. They outlined the basic framework of an amiable classroom. Professor Gunashekhara from CIEFL discussed modern interactive methods of teaching English, Ms. Vandana Vadhera, Presenter at All India Radio taught voice modulation, while Sonu Sood and Surbhi Bhatia held sessions on positive attitudes which determine life.

## ■ HYPER INVITATIONAL OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

Our students participated in this event organised by the National Skating School, Ahmedabad from 10 to 11 June 2006, with the following achievements:

- Aditya Dalal (IV-E) won the Silver Medal in Rink Race 2.
- Prachetan Bansal (III-D) won the Gold Medal in Road Race and Two Silver Medals in Rink Races 1 & 2.

Our congratulations go to the participants - and keep it up!

## ■ INTRA CLASS LEAF ZOO COMPETITION

On 24 June 2006 our students from Classes III - V constructed an artistic mini-zoo of animals and scenery out of dried grass, leaves, sand, twigs, cotton and recycled material. Our congratulations on their creative talent to the winners who are as follows:

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Aastha Rathod	III-A	1
Kushboo Wadhwani		2
Param Desai		3



*Quite a pretty penguin!!*

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Vanshika Agrawal	III-B	1
Shaurya Garg		2
Rahul Kejriwal		3
Bharg Mehta	III-C	1
Ishan Bhatia		2
Naman Modi		3
Yashvi Desai	III-D	1
Dhruv Pandya		2
Preeti Agarwal		3
Parth Bansal	III-E	1
Megha Gupta		2
Naman Sadh		3
Sanchi Dalmia	IV-A	1
Aditya Patel		2
Priyank Indrawat		3
Arpit Bahety	IV-B	1
Punya Kakkar		2
Kasturi Choksi		3
Harshita Agarwal	IV-C	1
Anuj Agrawal		2
Bhavya Maniyar		3
Aditi Kompella	IV-D	1
Freya Desai		2
Anurag Sundarka		3
Aakash Savita	IV-E	1
Shivam Agarwal		2
Sakshi Sarda		3
Anchita Agrawal	V-A	1
Pratyush Jagirdar		2
Priyanka Bhatia		3
Garima Sundarka	V-B	1
Ruhzad Gandhi		2
Darshan Lineswala		3

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Vidhi Parikh	V-C	1
Vidhushi Methwani		2
Monil Shah		3
Parishi Dave	V-D	1
Mausam Desai		2
Shainy Raj		3
Pooja Sanghvi	V-E	1
Trisha Daruwala		2
Apurva Pansari		3
Tania Punjabi	VI A	1
Manisha Agarwal		2
Dhriti Roy		3
Devanshi Mandalaywala	VI B	1
Dhruvi Zaveri		2
Partha Dadhich		3
Rashi Gupta	VI C	1
Hemil Desai		2
Jinesh Jain		3
Akshita Narang	VI D	1
Hiloni Kamder		2
Krishna Sharma		3
Anwesha Panda	VI E	1
Aditya Desai		2
Khushboo Suneja		3
Ashima Khanna	VI F	1
Arshia Saraf		2
Jhanvi Shah		3
Mansi Patel	VII A	1
Sudarshan Mundra		2
Shilpa Agarwal		3
Anirudh Mittal	VII B	1
Shivangi Gandhi		2
Ragith Kutty		3
Kritika Mohata	VII C	1
Pritika Mundra		2
Shashank Dalmia		3
Nikita Gulwani	VII D	1
Shreya Agarwal		2
Astha Srivastava		3
Harsheen Nagecha	VII E	1
Archie Moradia		2
Tejaswini Jha		3
Zeal Khandwala	VIII A	1
Laxman Marothia		2
Aman Bafna		3
Shivani Agarwal	VIII B	1

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Saloni Dhingra		2
Gunjan Jain		3
Vasu Tailor	VIII C	1
Radhika Iyer		2
Dharmdev Joshi		3
Rishika Lekhadia	VIII D	1
Dhrashti Thakkar		2
Fatema Lokhandwala		3
Smeet Shah	IX A	1
Urvi Bahety		2
Juhi Kothari		3
Varun Agarwal	IX B	1
Aamir Godil		2
Miloni Shah		3
Disha Agarwal	IX C	1
Manav Mehta		2
Sonal Kumar		3

### ■ INTER HOUSE IKEBANA COMPETITION

Also on 24 June 2006, students from Classes III to IX represented their houses by making beautiful flower



*Busy giving final touches to their lovely creations...*

arrangements in the Japanese style. Our congratulations on their artistry to the winners who are:

Ctgry	Name	House	Class	Position
1	Darsh Bhatela	Gryphon	V D	1
	Dhwani Mehta	Dragon	V D	2
	Parnasha Mehta	Unicorn	IV D	3
2	Harsh Sultania	Phoenix	VII C	1
	Sakshi Kokra	Dragon	VII B	2
	Rajeshwari Kejriwal	Phoenix	VI C	3
3	Zeal Khandwala	Unicorn	VIIIA	1
	Pranika Agarwal	Phoenix	IXA	2
	Sonakshi Agarwal	Unicorn	IX A	3



Our congratulations also to the Houses, whose positions in this event were as follows:

House	Points	Position
Unicorn	3822	1
Gryphon	3790	2
Phoenix	3774	3
Dragon	3526	4

### ■ NATURE DAY

On 26 June 2006 students from Pre Nursery to Class II dressed in fancy dress based on environmental themes—



*Expressing solidarity with Mother Nature*

giving wild rein to the imagination—to show their special affinity to nature. Classes I - II also sowed saplings and did some gardening in their very own plots with their teachers on 21 June 2006.

### ■ ARCHD SCIENCE CAMP

From 26 to 27 June 2006, Prof. R, Kapadia and his team from Action Research in Community Health and



*Unraveling the mystery of Science*

Development Centre at Dharampur conducted a no books, learn by doing science camp. The children enjoyed this respite from the desk bound stereotype of notebook and chalk-board. We look forward to seeing more of this fun learning method in the classroom as well.

### ■ LET'S GO GREEN

To subvert the prevalent view that our Surat is on its way to become a “concrete jungle”, students from Classes I - IX decorated their classrooms with potted plants on 28 June 2006, in their attempt to make their immediate environment as eco-friendly as possible. Students from Pre Nursery to Class II did a variety of craft work involving raw material from nature and learnt the names of various plants.

### ■ KNOW OUR HOME: PLANET EARTH

Students from Pre Nursery to Class II focused on learning



*Greening the school campus*

to keep Our Home clean by keeping the environment pollution free through a spectrum of craft, skits and presentations on 29 June 2006.



## ■ INTER HOUSE TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On 1 July and 8 July DPS Surat held its inter house table tennis matches. Our congratulations to all players—keep the sportsmanship spirit alive. The results are as follows:

### Category-3 (Classes VIII & IX) Group—Boys

Position	Name of the Student	House
Winner	Utkarsh Bhatla	Gryphon
Runner-up	Shetal Mehta	Phoenix
3rd Place	Akshat Agarwal	Unicorn

### Category-3 (Classes VIII & IX) Group—Girls

Position	Name of the Student	House
Winner	Rajvi Shah	Unicorn
Runner-up	Aishwarya Katyal	Gryphon
3rd Place	Baishakhi Saha	Dragon

### Category-2 (Classes VI & VII) Group—Boys

Position	Name of the Student	House
Winner	Smit Choksi	Phoenix
Runner-up	Aman Agarwal	Phoenix
3rd Place	Anirudh Mittal	Gryphon

### Category-2 (Classes VI & VII) Group—Girls

Position	Name of the Student	House
Winner	Pearl Edibam	Dragon
Runner-up	Tanya Punjabi	Phoenix
3rd Place	Janhvi Shah	Gryphon

### Category-1 (Classes III, IV & V) Group—Boys

Position	Name of the Student	House
Winner	Ashwani Mittal	Dragon
Runner-up	Meet Agarwal	Unicorn
3rd Place	Aayush Jain	Phoenix

### Category-1 (Classes III, IV & V) Group—Girls

Position	Name of the Student	House
Winner	Priyanka Dani	Unicorn
Runner-up	Divya Maheshwari	Gryphon
3rd Place	Shivangi Arora	Gryphon

#### Overall House Position

- 1st — Gryphon
- 2nd — Phoenix
- 3rd — Unicorn
- 4th — Dragon

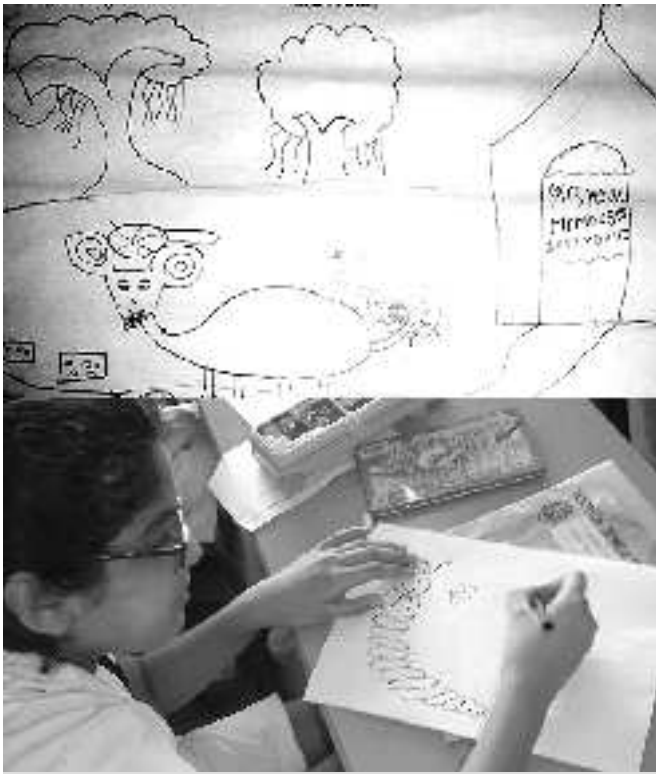
## ■ INTRA CLASS CARTOON DRAWING COMPETITION

Students from Classes III-IX were given short comic verse and asked to illustrate it with a cartoon on 1 July 2006.

Our congratulations go to the artistic winners who are as follows:

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Harsh Kumath	III-A	1
Rashi Agarwal		2
Antariksh Roy		3
Netraa Dave	III-B	1
Gaurav Sofat		2
Shivani Iyer		3
Khushali Gandhi	III-C	1
Shrishti Bhartia		2
Bhavya Aggarwal		3
Anmol Beria	III-D	1
Ayushi Huria		2
Rajav Soni		3
Parth Bansal	III-E	1
Kunal Baradia		2
Megha Gupta		3
Dipti Poddar	IV-A	1
Aditya Patel		2
Mumukshu Shah		3
Kasturi Choksi	IV-B	1
Rashi Sultania		2
Krunal Mangrola		3
Isha Sanghvi	IV-C	1
Divyesh Patel		2
Shantam Agarwal		3
Mishika Arora	IV-D	1
Ruchika Agarwal		2
Anurag Sundarka		3
Debleena Mondal	IV-E	1
Mayank Agarwal		2
Shivam Agarwal		3
Jiny Dalmia	V-A	1
Priyanka Bhatia		2
Tarun Kaboo		3
Garima Sundarka	V-B	1
Darshan Lineswala		2
Aditya Rangrej		3

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Vidhushi Methwani	V-C	1
Shikha Patel		2
Kirtishree Somani		3
Aashna Sachdeva	V-D	1
Param Naik		2
Shainy Raj		3



*A budding R K Laxman at work*

Pooja Sanghvi	V-E	1
Nishi Shah		2
Meha Mehta		3
Avani Sanghvi	VI A	1
Aditya Jhunjhunwala		2
Anshika Arora		3
Khushboo Goyal	VI B	1
Hinam Mehra		2
Devanshi Mandalaywala		3
Shruti Agarwal	VI C	1
Akash Kanago		2
Rajeshwari Kejriwal		3
Kuldeep Atodaria	VI D	1
Apoorva Anand		2
Hiloni Kamdar		3

Names Of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Siddhant Jain	VI E	1
Vanya Binani		2
Lehar Vij		3
Arshi Saraf	VI F	1
Vansh Mendiratta		2
Shruti Desai		3
Arusha Dubey	VII A	1
Shreya Shrivastava		2
Eesha Gupta		3
Aditya Parekh	VII B	1
Bulbul Thakaria		2
Shivayu Vaid		3
Sohini Parveen	VII C	1
Kritika Mohta		2
Diksha Kabra		3
Ankita Singh	VII D	1
Shreya Agarwal		2
Rashmi Mohindra		3
Pooja Parikh	VII E	1
Ria Karmakar		2
Rudresh Awasthi		3
Krutika Lal	VIII A	1
Vrinda Agarwal		2
Palak Chhparia		3
Nishit Shah	VIII B	1
Hiral Mangrola		2
Aishwarya Katyal		3
Krupali Patel	VIII C	1
Megha Jain		2
Radhika Iyer		3
Fatema Lokhandwala	VIII D	1
Sree Harsha		2
Nancy Agarwal		3
Vrutika Chopra	IX A	1
Urvi Bahety		2
Pranika Agarwal		3
Chintan Sanghavi	IX B	1
Megha Goyal		2
Sejal Chandak		3
Vaibhav Patharia	IX C	1
Sonal Kumar		2
Aditya Agarwal		3

### ■ 3RD ASIAN GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

On 7 July 2006 the students of Classes III - IV took part in a drawing competition to promote this event and the best drawings on Celebration, King of Jungle and Sport were contributed to the Asian Gymnastic Championship Association.

### ■ INTER CLASS BOARD DECORATION COMPETITION

The FIFA World Cup 2006, Germany found unique portrayal in the corridor boards decorated by students from Classes III-V from 7 July to 22 July 2006. A special commendation to Mr. Tejovadan and Class V C who won the highest points. Our heartiest congratulations to the winners who are:

Class	Winners	Class Teacher
III	III B	Ms. Indumaty
IV	IV E	Ms. Hema Grover
V	V C	Mr. Tejovadan

### ■ SURAT DISTRICT U/14 CHESS TOURNAMENT 2006

Our students participated in this event organised by the Surat District Chess Association from 7 to 8 July 2006, with the following achievements:



*Our own little grand master!*

- Jeet Jain (I C) won 1st Place in the Under 14 category.
- Megha Gupta (III E) won 2nd Place in the Under 14 category.

Our congratulations go to the participants - and keep it up!

### ■ INTRA CLASS LIMERICK COMPETITION

On 8 July 2006 students from Classes VI to IX were given sheets of Edward Lear's limericks and they competed in



*Limerick-making brings some cheer!!*

writing limericks to match his comic muse. Our congratulations to the winners who are:

Name	Class & Section	Position
Meha Choksi	VI A	1
Manisha Agarwal		2
Aditya JhunJhunwala		3
Shivani Mittal	VI B	1
Akash Zunda		2
Khushboo Goyal		3
Vrishnk Shukla	VI C	1
Arpita Golyan		2
Kamal Chibrani		3
Setu Mangukiya	VI D	1
Shrishti Agarwal		2
Arushi Gupta		3
Aditya Desai	VI E	1
Shaheen Ghasia		2
Pranshu Sharma		3
Shubh Panwala	VI F	1
Shruhi Desai		2
Yesha Rajani		3
Riva Ranka	VII A	1
Chaitanya Vakharia		2
Arpit Kanodia		3

Name	Class & Section	Position
Sakshi Kokra	VII B	1
Avni Apte		2
Ragith Kutty		3
Falak Vora	VII C	1
Kritika Mohata		2
Aayushi Maheshwari		3
Dhruvi Bhakta	VII D	1
Siddhant Jain		2
Shailee Patel		3
Ria Karmakar	VII E	1
Rudresh Awasthi		2
Anushree Nalgundwar		3
Shilpa Jain	VIII A	1
Aman Bafna		2
Anuj Gandhi		3
Sejal Bansal	VIII B	1
Lakshi Mehra		2
Shreyans Kokra		3
Radhika Iyer	VIII C	1
Gagandeep Singh Chawla		2
Pradipta Dutta		3
Abhi Thakkar	VIII D	1
Ansh Sehgal		2
Shree Harsha Nagasai		3
Juhi Kothari	IX A	1
Yatiraj Mundra		2
Devanshi Agarwal		3
Dhrumi Kothari	IX B	1
Aamir Godil		2
Chintan Sanghavi		3
Sarvesh Agarwal	IX C	1
Vishakha Agarwal		2
Hema Premjani		3

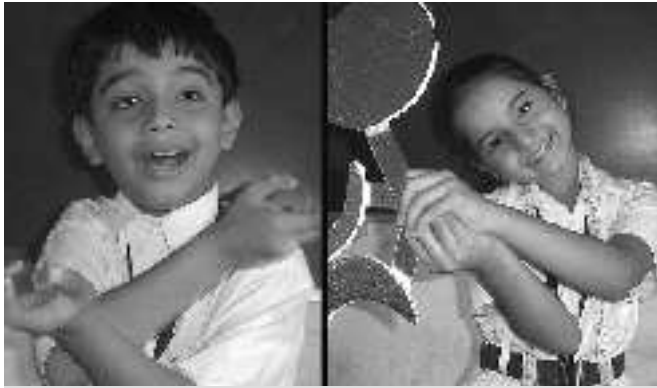
### ■ INTRA CLASS HINDI COMIC POEM RECITATION

Also on 8 July 2006 Classes III-V recited poems to an audience convulsed with laughter. We love them best who make us open our hearts in laughter. Our hearty congratulations to the winners who are:

Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Jainil Dave	III-A	1

Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Manvi Bansal		2
Maitrai Pachchigar		3
Vanshika Agrawal	III-B	1
Rahul Kejriwal		2
Viraj Bhatt		3
Batul Tohfafarosh	III-C	1
Supreet Singh		2
Samarth Gupta		3
Prachetan Bansal	III-D	1
Yashvi Desai		2
Utkarsh Agarwal		3
Megha Gupta	III-E	1
Sachita Nishal		2
Bhasker Agarwal		3
Snishtha Bhatia	IV-A	1
Bhavika Madaan		2
Dipti Poddar		3
Vaibhavi Mukhtyar	IV-B	1
Punya Kakkar		2
Devaunsh Shah		3
Isha Sanghvi	IV-C	1
Nikhil Choksi		2
Soujanya Mukhopadhyaya		3
Meet Agrawal	IV-D	1
Sakshi Singh		2
Naincy Jain		3
Namrata Mohindra	IV-E	1
Saumya Roy		2
Vins Shah		3
Kunal Jain	V-A	1
Rishabh Dua		2
Trishla Surana		3
Sanchaita Mitra	V-B	1
Yashvi Desai		2
Siddhant Singh		3
Shreya Vaid	V-C	1
Vidhi Parikh		2
Shabnam Ghasia		3
Mausam Desai	V-D	1
Prakhar Maheshwari		2
Aashna Sachdeva		3
Prerak Shah	V-E	1
Pooja Sanghvi		2
Meha Mehta		3





*Laughter is indeed the best medicine...*

### ■ GUJARAT OPEN RANKING TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2006

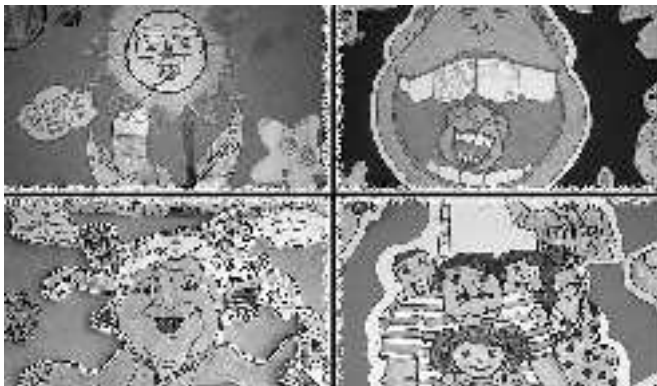
Our DPS Surat team, consisting of Smit Choksi (VII E), Utkarsh Bhatla (VIII C), Abhijit Choksi (VII B), Anirudh Mittal (VII B) and Ashwani Mittal (IV E) participated in this tournament organised by the Rajkot Table Tennis Association from 10 to 11 July 2006 and made their presence felt.

Our congratulations go to the participants - and keep it up!

### ■ HANSO AUR HASAO

This Inter House Board Decoration Competition took place on 14 July 2006, with a bonanza of cartoons and caricatures and texts in Hindi, satirizing politicians in particular and human vagaries in general. Our congratulations to the houses on their sense of humour. Their achievement follows:

House	Points	Position
Dragon	374	1
Gryphon	369	2
Phoenix	338	3
Unicorn	338	3



*Another laugh riot*

### ■ INTRA CLASS MASK MASTI COMPETITION

Students from Classes I-IX made masks to create alter personae and make everyone laugh when they wore them to assembly on 15 July 2006. Our congratulations to the winners who are:

Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Aastha Rathod	III-A	1
Akshaya Sivakumar		2
Kushboo Wadhvani		3
Rahul Kejriwal	III-B	1
Shivani Iyer		2
Shaurya Garg		3
Bhavya Aggarwal	III-C	1
Supreet Singh		2
Shrishti Bhartia		3
Ayushi Huria	III-D	1
Deeya Surani		2
Prachetan Bansal		3
Sachita Nishal	III-E	1
Priyangana Seth		2
Jenisha Budhani		3
Agnidhro Chakraborty	IV-A	1
Dipti Poddar		2
Priyal Bhatia		3
Vaibhavi Mukhtyar	IV-B	1
Rashi Sultania		2
Priyanka Dhani		3
Harshita Agarwal	IV-C	1
Radhika Gupta		2
Pranav Patil		3
Ruchika Agarwal	IV-D	1
Anurag Sundarka		2
Mishika Arora		3
Saumya Roy	IV-E	1
Pragya Shah		2
Shivam Agarwal		3
Kunal Jain	V-A	1
Priyank Koshiya		2
Anchita Agarwal		3
Garima Sundarka	V-B	1
Anushi Shah		2
Twinkle Agrawal		3

Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Dig Shah	V-C	1
Monil Shah		2
Samarth Mistry		3
Shainy Raj	V-D	1
Twinkle Bhagaria		2
Nandani Sultania		3
Apurva Pansari	V-E	1
Aditya Mittal		2
Zenisha Lakhani		3
Aditya Jhunjhunwala	VI A	1
Anshika Arora		2
Pooja Bhura		3
Keshav Gupta	VI B	1
Hinam Mehra		2
Partha Dadhich		3
Akul Mahipal	VI C	1
Rajeshwari Kejriwal		2
Samay Gonadalia		3
Srishti Agarwal	VI D	1
Krishna Sharma		2
Apoorva Anand		3
Varun Karulkar	VI E	1
Ayush Sutaria		2
Rutu Nandwani		3
Shruhi Desai	VI F	1
Kirtida Bansal		2
Aayushi Kabra		3
Shilpa Agarwal	VII A	1
Riva Ranka		2
Neha Puri		3
Shivangi Gandhi	VII B	1
Binoli Zaveri		2
Sushant Sarma		3
Shreya Agarwal	VII C	1
Twisha Patel		2
Dhwani Rathi		3
Nayan Kamath	VII D	1
Ankita Singh		2
Saurabh Mandhani		3
Harsheen Nagecha	VII E	1
Vaishvi Mistry		2
Mandar Bhatt		3

Names of Students	Class & Section	Postion
Shilpa Jain	VIII A	1
Garima Pandey		2
Vrinda Agarwal		3
Shivani Agarwal	VIII B	1
Saloni Dhingra		2
Ritesh Lahoti		3
Darshita Shah	VIII C	1
Radhika Saraf		2
Dharmdev Joshi		3
Harsh Gondalia	VIII D	1
Nancy Agarwal		2
Ansh Sehgal		3
Archit Agarwal	IX A	1
Pranika Agarwal		2
Urvi Bahety		3
Priyanka Shah	IX B	1
Vishal Kochar		2
Sejal Chandak		3
Rahul Devnani	IX C	1
Preeyal Shah		2
Ayushi Agarwal		3



*Masked Musketeers*

### ■ LONGEST LAUGH

Students of Classes I - II tried out the therapeutic properties of laughter by indulging themselves to their hearts' content on 18 July 2006.

### ■ ODD DRESS DAY

Students from Classes Pre Nursery - IX offered a suitable ovation to the universal funny bone by confronting - and overcoming ridicule. They dressed in unimaginable ways to arouse laughter - the louder the better - to prove the invincible spirit of humour. They say it takes fewer muscles to smile than frown, but definitely laughter



*Odd Day Out*

proved to be the strongest of human emotions on 19 July 2006. Teachers have confided their plans to join the hilarity next time around!

### ■ MY FAVOURITE CARTOONS

From 20 July to 22 July, students of Classes I - II enjoyed themselves watching cartoon films and then they crafted their own special My Favourite Cartoon Character badges which they wore proudly home.

### ■ TRIP TO POST OFFICE

Students from Classes I - II had their field trip on 21 July and 22 July 2006 to learn all about the functioning of the G.P.O at Nanpura.

### ■ INTER HOUSE COMIC MIME

On 22 July 2006, the Spirit of the Humour Month came to its peak amidst torrential rains as students from Classes III - IX pantomimed these themes - Once Upon a Time, Smile, Happiness and Laughter, Granny Nanny Speak Funny and Chuhiya ki Shaadi. Our congratulations to all the houses whose respective positions are as follows:

House	Position
Gryphon	1
Phoenix	2
Unicorn	3
Dragon	4

### ■ COLOUR WEEK

From 24 July to 28 July 2006, students from Pre Nursery to Class II wore a different coloured dress to school every day and went home carrying tantalizing craft gifts in matching colours.

### ■ GUJARAT OPEN RANKING TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2006

Smit Choksi (VII E) was the Semifinalist while Utkarsh Bhatla (VIII C) had an unprecedented win over Vedant



*Colourful kids with colourful gifts*

Joshi (Gujarat No. 4), in this event organised by the Surat District Table Tennis Association and Surat City Gymkhana from 26 July to 30 July 2006. Shetal Mehta (VIII C), Abhijit Choksi (VII B), Anirudh Mittal (VII B), Ashwani Mittal (IV E), Deepank Agarwal (VI C), Aman Agarwal (VI C), Urvi Bahety (IX A) and Rajvi Shah (IX C) were the other players in the DPS Surat team. Our congratulations go to the participants - and keep it up!

### ■ PARENTS DAY

Children from Pre Nursery to Class II remembered their parents with love and gratitude and paid special tribute to their families with loving hand made cards on 27 July 2006.

### ■ GAJERA VIDYABHAVAN OPEN DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

DPS Surat participants were right on target for this event which took place from 29 to 30 July 2006 at Katargam, Surat. Their achievements follow:

- Varun Iyer (VII D) won 1st Place in the Under 12 Years age group.
- Shivam Arora (VIII D) won 3rd Place in 12-15 years age group.

Our congratulations go to the participants - and keep it up!





## **The Changing Face of Terrorism**

**T**errorism used to be limited to political entities. This is not true anymore. Recent times have seen more people killed in the name of religion or other fanatic creeds by terrorists than by any other cause. Terrorism is used as a weapon of mass destruction. It is used to create fear in the minds of innocent people.

Religious fanaticism is getting out of control. India and the USA who are the

world's largest democracies are bearing the blunt of it. Terrorists are succeeding in causing damage, chaos and fear. We are forced to ponder whether this will be a sequel to the medieval crusades and push the world back the Dark Ages or lead us to World War III. This war is played with unknown characters and the whole world is its theatre.

✘ *Nirja R. Parekh, VII A*

## **THE RAGING DEBATE**

### ***In Favour of Reservation Based on Caste***

**R**eservation means to ensure that the less privileged members of our society get their Constitutional rights to education and employment. The Government wants to introduce a Bill for Reservation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in university education and some vocational courses. The SC, ST BC and OBC represent the poorest and marginalized sections of Indian society, even more than five decades after Independence. This should also be introduced at the school level.

Reservation has many positive effects. It helps to uplift the weaker section of our society. Without reservation how can the poor dream of a chance to study in good schools? Giving a chance in this way to the poor will in return help our country one day. And if the literacy level in India increases, India would gain a lot in terms of economic progress in the future. It will be able to compete with the developed economies of the world. Reservations will provide a scope to brilliant but poor students to show their skills in various fields. They would become engineers, well qualified doctors, etc. and change the outlook of India.

If these students get interested in politics they would join the government and make better decisions for the poor because they themselves have gone through the tragedy of being talented but poor. No country is perfect but it can be made so with balanced policies like Reservation. Reservation would give confidence to these students to look up and walk with pride in the society. Kudos to Dr. Ambedkar!

✘ *Juhi Kothari, IX-A*

### ***The Case Against Reservation Based on Caste***

**A**ll the world is a stage...and the reservation is nearly an Act put on it. To gain political mileage our government has again come forward with a Reservation Bill.

The fatality of the reservation quota is proven by its indifference to the average middle class. To get into a good school, the skilled and the average children are put to a lot of trouble and pressure while an Other Backward Class (OBC) just has to get 45% to get admission. This will indirectly lead to a depression wave amongst the people that would kill the life in them. Brain drain will follow inevitably which has been comprehensively over looked by the government. The most skilled shall start looking for opportunities available in other countries, which shall lead to a loss in the Indian economy. Finally, it will not be wrong to say that the country shall be run by people who are incapable and do not have the right skills to do their job efficiently.

Reservation brought in at any stage shall kill the spirit of competition, as the path of growth for a few incapables has already been planned and frozen. It will not be wrong to say that, when the deserving candidates do not get their dues, it may even lead them to end their lives, which was witnessed in the aftermath of the Mandal Commission in 1990.

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## Informal Assessment

Informal Assessment is an alternative method of assessing an individual's ability. It is the best means to find the potential of a person's skill. It is a broad process that measures the learner's over all ability and any one unusual incident of luck or misfortune will not have any kind of impact on the assessment. It is a system in which an individual is never put under undue stress—for students do not have to prepare specially for weekly tests and terminal exams.

Every day is a new opportunity and every moment full of fresh energy! There is no need to prepare for a single event and so there is more time for other tasks and projects. So I feel that informal assessments and performance grades should be there in a child's schedule - so that students are always alert and aware to face the surprise element of the future world which is very competitive.

✧ Vrinda Agrawal, VII D

### An Ideal Teacher

A teacher is a true architect of the nation. A teacher is the salt of the earth. His/her profession is the one that gives and gains respect from everyone. A teacher is the one who is the best to create an ideal citizen and able to teach future citizens of India. S/he is the source of inspiration to the society as a whole and spreads ideals everywhere. An ideal teacher looks upon teaching as a mission and dedication. A teacher tries to shape and mould the character of his/her students and is efficient in his/her subject. A teacher with qualities of head and heart and ability to make the students understand is respectable. Thus, to be a teacher is nothing short of a blessing in disguise. S/he has devotion, nobility of heart, purity of character and honesty of purpose.

✧ Aarusha Dubey, VII A



## Formal Tests, Exams and Marks

Nowadays, students feel overburdened before an exam. But if they know the real motive behind it, they would not feel so. The motive behind exams is simply to increase our knowledge. Knowledge is the backbone of our development. The only way to access this, is via formal tests conducted at short intervals. These tests not only measure knowledge, but also maintain regularity in studies. It is only because of formal tests that children stay attentive in class and give importance to studies.

Exams are the tools to test students' knowledge. Marking and grading are the two types of assessments. In the marking system students know their potential clearly and therefore it forces early and thorough analysis and understanding of the required inputs. The curiosity to know the marks also increases. It also allows the teacher to match the assessment more closely to both the curriculum and to the individual student. It is not only helpful for the teachers but also for the students as they learn to manage their time. In the grading system we do not have our exact marks and thereby we may not work hard and thus become inactive as well as inattentive in class.

If students come to know their exact marks in each and every subject, it becomes helpful in choosing their future academic career too. This kind of evaluation is not only beneficial at school level but also in competitive exams. With regular tests students fare better in competitive exams too. In highly competitive situations, formal examinations are usually preferred because these allow greater standardization of tasks and conditions. With the marking system, accurate comparison of results can be made. Even the analysis can be done with complete specifications, and the results are then less ambiguous. These exams are also cost and time effective.

Tests and exams are necessary, but they will be more valuable if we students know our exact marks indicating our potential as well as the exact fruit of our hard work.

✧ Madhulika Singh, VIII C

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Discrimination and Reservation is already creating a wide gap between general category and reserved classes. Soon a time will come when there will be price tags for fake certificates claiming the reserved, sorry - privileged - category, leading to corruption and bribery .

Lastly, wasn't reservation meant to bring people on to a common platform? This would again come forward at the time of employment where the OBC would have an unfair edge over better qualified candidates - or wouldn't they?

It is my firm belief that the beginning of Reservation marks the end of our country's progress.

✧ Sukrit Sharma, IX - B



## QUALITIES OF A GOOD STUDENT

It is said that "A man without knowledge is like an animal." I feel this statement to be completely true. The main aim of being a student is to gather information and knowledge from the teachers. So what does a good student mean? What are his qualities? According to me, a student who is intelligent and regular in his studies, one who tackles every difficult situation easily and who is a very kind and good person can be considered a good student. Having the qualities of a good student is a feather in one's cap.

A good student regularly attends school, concentrates when the teacher teaches in the class and always does his homework in time.



He doesn't believe in just being a book worm but also enjoys himself in reading a variety of novels and other magazines. He enthusiastically takes part in various activities like painting, music and also in sports because he genuinely believes in the proverb, "All

work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

A good student is never proud of his abilities and his behavior shows friendliness and consideration for others. He is always ready to help the slow learners and has great pride in his country and cares for its natural environment. He believes in simple living and high thinking. He considers any work or challenge to be his cup of tea.

In short, acquiring academic skills is not the only criteria for a student to be called good, but humility, respect for others and self discipline make him a good student.

✧ Parth R. Gheewala, VII B

### The Best Dress Code for Students

The best dress code for students is the school uniform. Uniform represents the school. When we are in uniform others can identify us and our school. It shows equality, whereas if we wear civil dress, the rich students will dress up in fancy clothes and the poor in simple clothes and this is where discrimination between the rich and poor begins... and division and intolerance breed.



The uniform brings out unity amongst children whichever religion they may belong to, and they dress just the same, no matter what their caste, culture or language, whereas in civil dress, the differences rather than unity is emphasized.

I like the DPS dress code or school uniform that is worn by DPS students all over the world. It is white in color and its belt and monogram with the school motto is in green. White looks bright and depicts purity and peace. Green gives the message of an eco-friendly green environment. Both colours are found on the national flag. It is the best dress code for students.

✧ Sanyam Khurana, VI D

### I Sent a Letter to My Mother ...

Once I wrote a letter to my mother who was in Chennai for a conference. I used a good pen and wrote on a neat sheet of paper. I wanted to write a very neat letter as I love her very much. First, I asked



about how Chennai was and how the conference was going on. I also told her how much I missed her. I wrote about my achievements while she was not here. I had got the highest marks in my test. I made her feel a bit homesick as dad and I had eaten pizza for dinner the night before! I was really missing her when we were eating pizza. She must have missed me too.

But right now she's just beside me and we are playing a game called "describe the moment when you missed me a lot!" Well I just want to say that a letter is even better than ringing the absent person. That will increase your writing skills and you know that's for your own benefit.

✧ Varun Karulkar, VI E

## TEACHERS

*Teachers are best,  
They never rest.  
Our future they build,  
With prosperity filled.  
They clear every doubt,  
Without ever a shout;  
And if we go wrong  
They make us strong.  
If we fail,  
They help us again.  
They give us happiness,  
And reduce our stress.  
So teachers are the best,  
As they never rest.*

✧ Sakshi Kokra, VII B

## How Can Anyone Be So Cruel?

*How can anyone be so cruel -  
And destroy one's mother?  
How can anyone be so acquisitive -  
And not ponder over the future?  
How can anyone be so selfish -  
And fulfill all so-called needs?  
How can anyone be so  
calculating -  
And be yet unable to count  
one's misdeeds?  
How can anyone be so cold  
blooded -  
And create heartbreak through  
killing?  
How can anyone be so callous -  
And achieve chaos only by willing?*

✧ Aamir Godil, IX B

## FLOWERS

*Flowers are my best friends  
They give me nice company  
I like to stand and watch  
Flowers of colors so many  
So many colors and shapes  
They give us pleasure and delight*



*Hours and hours can be spent  
With flowers at every sight  
Flowers that have fragrance  
And some that have beauty  
All give me pleasure  
To grow more flowers is our duty*

✧ Vedant Dalmia, VI-F

## Terrorism

One who kills a single human,  
kills entire humanity.  
Terrorism has no religion,  
but affects every region.  
It is spreading like AIDS,  
controlling life's shades.  
It is like a thief,  
stealing humanity's peace.  
Time is knocking to wake up humanity,  
to fight back globally against these monsters.  
Unitedly we should fight back,  
bringing back mankind a secure future.  
United we fight,  
Divided they fall.

✧ Ushma Vakharia, VI E





## The Story of a Story

Once upon a time...don't we remember these lines too well? Well, we all have heard of stories, in fact a number of them when we were small. But have we ever looked back at those stories and analyzed how they have left an impact on our personalities and helped in shaping our future? No, we never scrutinize that way, but believe it or not, these stories have shaped our lives - if not all, then a few of them.

If we go back in History we would find that almost every great personality that existed has been inspired by a story. One of our great national leaders, the late Ms. Indira Gandhi, was inspired at an early age by the army of monkeys which she had read about in the Ramayana. Inspired by the story, she even formed her own army of small children and named it vanar sena. The same vanar sena helped in the freedom fight by distributing

pamphlets, carrying important messages and singing patriotic songs.

A story can be a work of fiction or real. Many a time even we adults feel scared of going into a dark room... why? Because we still remember the story of the wicked monsters that mom used to tell us, when we got naughty. Those monsters still haunt us.

So friends - make your stories meaningful, for they may mould your young ones, for good or bad. And for you, children - every story carries a message for you, remember it if it's good. You never know, it may turn you into one of the greats and your life may become a story of inspiration for future generations to come.

How's that for a story?

✧ *Shilpi Kumar, Department of English*

## यस्य उभयं साधु ...

“यस्य उभयं साधु स शिक्षकानां धूरि प्रतिष्ठापयितव्यः।”

एक आदर्श शिक्षक की परिभाषा बताते हुए कवि कालिदास कहते हैं कि आदर्श शिक्षक वही होता है जो प्रतिपल अध्ययनरत रहकर अपना ज्ञान आधुनिकतम रखने प्रयत्न करता रहे। साथ ही जो नई नई अध्यापनविधियों का अवलंब कर छात्रों तक यह ज्ञान पूरी गहराई से पहुँचाने में कुशल हो।

विद्यार्थियों के शिक्षण अधिगम की दृष्टि से यहाँ दूसरी विशेषता अधिक मायने रखती है। अध्यापन एक कला है। बच्चों का बौद्धिक स्तर रूचि एवं उनकी विभिन्न क्षमताओं को ध्यान में रखकर अध्यापक किस तरह कुशलता से उन्हें पढ़ाई के लिए प्रवृत्त करता है इसी पर इस अधिगम की परिणामकारिता निर्भर करती है। साथ ही जल्दबाजी करना सुनने की इच्छा का न होना अविनम्रता एवं अनुशासनहीनता आदि सभी छात्रगत दोषों का समाधान भी इसी अध्यापन कौशल में निहित है।

विभिन्न अध्यापनविधियों का उचित समय एवं उचित स्थान पर प्रयोग कर शिक्षक कोई भी विषय चाहे वह कितना भी कठिन क्यों न हो अत्यंत ही स्वाभाविक एवं रोचक ढंग से पढ़ा सकता है। उदाहरण के तौर पर बच्चों के पूर्वज्ञान पर आधारित प्रश्न पूछते हुए सही स्थान पर हेतुकथन ह्य पाठ की विषयवस्तु से बच्चों को अवगत करानाह कर

यदि पाठ की शुरूवात की जाए तो बच्चे अपने आप ही उस पाठ में रूचि लेने लगेंगे। यह और ऐसी सभी छोटी छोटी बातें इन छोटे बच्चों के शिक्षण अधिगम में अत्यंत ही महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका का निर्वहण करती हैं।

दिल्ली पब्लिक स्कूल इन सभी बातों पर हमेशा से ही विपेश ध्यान देता आ रहा। यहाँ समय समय पर भिन्न भिन्न विषयों पर शालांतर्गत एवं आंतरशालीय कार्यशालाओं का आयोजन कर अध्यापकगण को शिक्षाक्षेत्र में चल रही सभी गतिविधियों से एवं अपनायी जा रही नई नई तकनीकों और संकल्पनाओं से अवगत कराया जाता है। कहा गया है कि इस संसार में ज्ञान समान पवित्र और कुछ भी नहीं है।

न हि ज्ञानेन सदृशम् पवित्रम् इह विद्यते।

भगवद्गीता ३३४

क्योंकि ज्ञान से ही हमें परब्रह्म की प्राप्ति हो सकती है। ज्ञान ही परब्रह्म एकमात्र अस्तित्व है। दिल्ली पब्लिक स्कूल इस ज्ञानमंदिर का सच्चा उपासक है।

✧ सचिन वरवंटकर  
हिन्दी विभाग

# Seize the Moment

It was a quote written on a bumper sticker on someone's car. I usually do not pay much attention to such quotes, but this one washed over me like a sea wave on a sandy white beach and awakened me from my slumber. It set me thinking...

Like most people, I mull over the past and worry about the future, the former of which cannot be changed and the latter, beyond our immediate control. It is only when we let go of those two eternities that we permit ourselves to enjoy the gift of the present moment.

Each day dawns, full of hope and fear. Each day, we wonder if our

tomorrows will be anything like our yesterdays - with all our faults and blunders, wrong things said and wrong things done...

We hope and pray for something good to happen; for happiness to fall on our very laps; for opportunities to blossom like flowers on a spring day and we are disappointed when things don't go our way. We forget that our life is in our hands and we have all the power in the world to make our lives the way we want them to be. We must shed our inhibitions and move boldly in the direction of our dreams. Mistakes and setbacks are all a part of this great journey and we must not let them bog us down.

It is important for us to do our very best and even take a few risks now and then. After all what is the worst that could happen? Impossible is just a word and today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. Let us not let a single day pass without doing something to make our dreams come true!

Life is too short to be wasted on introspection. So what are we waiting for? Seize the moment! After all, you may not get another one like it again!

✧ Kusum Gulwani,  
Parent of Nikita Gulwani (VII D)

## अन्तर

इतिहास की कक्षा में  
पुरातन काल के बारे में  
समझाते हुए  
आई कुछ ऐसी मजबूरी  
कि मैंने वच्चों को समझाने के लिए  
मिटा दी पुरातान व नवीन युग की दूरी।  
मैंने समझाया कुछ ऐसे  
जैसे समाज में उच्च वर्ग में आने के लिए  
मानव बन गया है भौसभक्षी  
वच्चो उसी प्रकार खेती बड़ी की अज्ञानता स  
मांस उनकी भी थी आवश्यकता कभी।  
जैसे नवीन युग की कन्याएँ रहती हैं आजकल नग्नहाल  
आदिम युग की कन्याएँ भी तो लपेटती थीं  
वृक्षों की छाल।  
समाज की तो क्या तुलना करें ॐ  
आदिम युग व नवीन युग के समाज में  
कुछ अन्तर ही न रहा  
न नियम न कानून  
कमजोरों ने ही सब कुछ सहा।  
और धर्म ॐ  
पुरातान काल में मानव जिससे डरता था  
उसी की पूजा करता था जैसे अग्नि वर्षा और पवन  
और आज भी मानव उसी को पूजता है  
जो करता है उसका दमन।  
✧ निम्मी गुप्ता अभिभाविका/अंकित गुप्ता

## समय की सीख

वच्चो ॐ मैं हूँ वह जो प्रतिपल चलता ही रहता हूँ  
नई सुबह नई आशाएँ लेकर आगे बढ़ता हूँ।  
करते सदुपयोग जो मेरा आगे वे बढ़ जाते हैं  
जो मूर्ख समझते हैं मुझको वे जीवन भर पछताते हैं।  
वच्चो ॐ मैं हूँ बहुत कीमती तुम समझो मेरी ताकत को  
मैं बलवान समय हूँ सदुपयोग करो तुम प्रतिपल को।  
एक वार जो जाता हूँ मैं पुनः नहीं फिर आता हूँ  
बढ़ना मेरा काम है मैं आगे ही बढ़ता जाता हूँ।  
✧ अंजू गोयल अभिभाविका/श्रिया गोयल

## Only One Mother

Hundreds of stars in the pretty sky,  
Hundreds of shells on the shore together,  
Hundreds of birds that go singing by,  
Hundreds of lambs in the sunny weather,  
Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,  
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,  
Hundreds of butterflies on the dawn,  
But only one mothers the wide world over.

✧ Sangeeta Ranka, Parent of Grishmi Ranka (VII D)



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