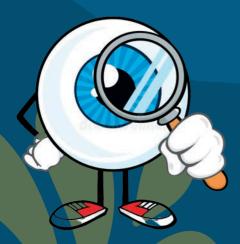


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THE INSIDER'S VIEW Classes III to VI

Hello and welcome back to the new school year 2023-24!!

We promised to make this year too an exciting and enriching one. And with those goals and aspirations in mind we brought a varied platter of activities and competitions. Here is a small glimpse into what the junior Dipsites accomplished and created.





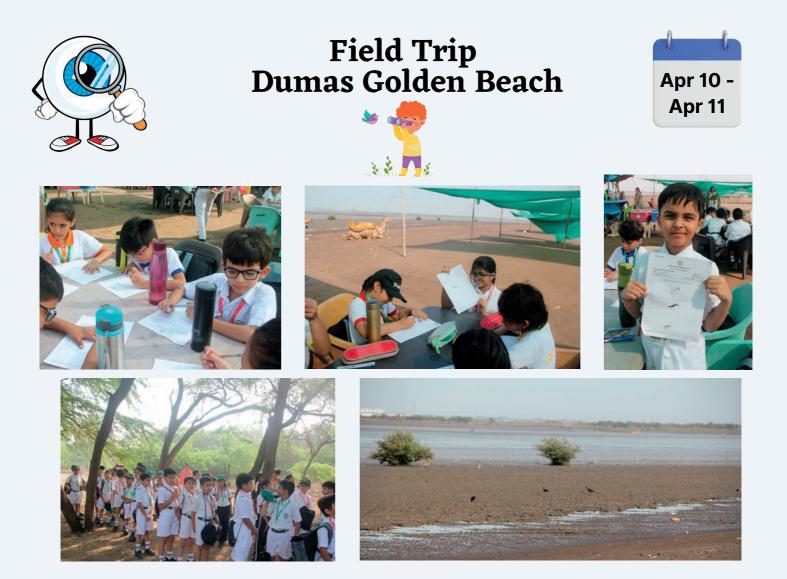
A new school year brings in new beginnings, new friends, new adventures and new challenges too! The students of Class VI A started the new academic year with aplomb when they presented their class assembly on 6th April 2023, Thursday. The prayer by the choir group gave a musical tone to the day followed by an inspiring thought for the day. Talent comes in all forms and the budding artist Kavish Shah enthralled everyone when he created an art piece of abstract form in tune with Soham Lakhani on the piano. The happenings around the world were then shared through the news report. The audience had a great interactive time when a team of quizmasters from VI A regaled them with various puzzles and riddles which were answered by the audience enthusiastically.











'Bird Watching Adventure: Hooking Children to Experiential Learning!' The Class III students went on an exciting field trip as a part of their experiential learning program on 'Our Feathered Friends.' The trip was a hook to engage the students and get them excited about the topic. The students were taken for bird observation on Dumas beach. Along the way they were thrilled to spot drongos, mynahs, peacocks and sparrows. As they reached the beach, they were amazed to witness a variety of birds such as painted storks, stilts, heron, lbis, egrets, sun birds and swift. The students were fascinated by the unique features of each bird and carefully drew and coloured three of their favourite birds. The day was filled with fun and enjoyment as the students gained a deeper appreciation for our feathered friends through this experiential learning trip.



Field Trip The Majestic Baobab





The students of Classes IV A-J went on a field trip to Adajan to behold the majestic baobab tree. The idea was to get the children hooked to the experiential learning project on 'Plants around Us'. The Baobab tree, a native of Africa is a unique plant with a distinctive appearance, featuring a thick trunk and large branches that spread out like roots. Its fruit is high in vitamin C and can be used in a variety of culinary and medicinal applications.

They are often referred to as 'upside-down trees' due to their unusual appearance.

The children observed the tree with great curiosity, recorded their observations and also drew the same. They could list the difference between the other trees and Baobab tree with regard to size of the trunk, leaves, branches and resemblance of the branches to the roots of other trees. Love for preserving nature's gift to the people of Surat and dedicated efforts for the conservation of Baobab tree by the SMC is worth appreciating, thus providing the young learners an opportunity to know about this 702 year old tree - the pride of Surat.



Parampara A Musical Journey Through Beats!





The students of Classes V and VI had a musical morning when the talented Music Department of DPS Surat continued the ongoing series of Parampara- a lecture demonstration series that seeks to instill cultural values and appreciation for music and dance in young minds. In this session they introduced the students to the importance of beats in music.

The meaning and role of beats in different genres of music whether classical, vocal, bhajan, sufi or instrumental renditions were explained with demonstrations. Students were taught to follow the beats by clapping their hands to the beats of the tabla. The difference between the solo artist and the accompanist was also beautifully explained through a Jugalbandi on Sitar and Shehnai with tabla as the accompaniment. The use of various instruments like daak, damru, congo, tumba, pakhawaj and dhol was also explained in a musical way that had the audience clamouring for more. It was a wonderful learning experience for the students!



'The Heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future.' Keeping this in mind the junior Dipsites set forth to celebrate World Heritage Day through various interesting activities. The students of Class IV B and VI J conducted an assembly on "World Heritage Day" on 18th and 20th April 2023 to promote awareness about the need to preserve our national heritage and how to pass these architectural treasures intact for the generations to come. They also took an Oath to respect our country's heritage, conserve and preserve our precious heritage, and learn its history in order to understand its mystery!

Classes V and VI celebrated it through various activities like tracing the history of numbers from Brahmi numerals to the Hindu Arabic and using Vedic Math to solve sums, the meaning and types of heritage like natural, built and living heritage. The food heritage and importance of food, ways to avoid wastage and tracing the various traditional foods of different states on a map was enlightening for the students. A story and video depicting Durga Puja, which was recently given a Heritage tag by UNESCO, the first Asian festival to be tagged, was also shown to the students. Stories from Ramayana were shown to the students through audio-visual means followed by a quiz on them. The day proved to be immensely interesting for the children!



Like art and music, the love for our earth, nature and surroundings is a common language that can leave behind social and political boundaries. And what better way to celebrate Earth Day than to inculcate a love for Mother Earth as we love ourselves. With this intention in mind, the young green scientists of Class IV J celebrated Earth Day by presenting the 'Earth Day' assembly on 25th April 2023, Tuesday. The assembly started with a depiction of the present- day condition of Mother Earth brought about by human shortsightedness and wastage. This was followed by a Nukkad Natak to create awareness about ways to make our earth a more sustainable and livable place. The choir group promised to take care of the Earth in a melodious way through the 'Promise Song'. The intention with which International Earth Day is celebrated across the world was also brought forth. A dance depicting happiness had the audience tapping their feet too!







Guest Lecture "Fuel Your Body: Nourishing the Path to a Balanced Diet"

Apr 26



A guest lecture was organized for Class VI students on 26th April 2023. Ms. Pooja Arora, an Ayurvedic doctor and professional nutritionist holding ISSA IHFA certifications in Sports Nutrition, gave a talk on the importance of a proper diet. She explained the types of nutrients and their functions, what constitutes a balanced diet, and how to swap unhealthy food for healthy options.

Ms. Arora described the various types of nutrients and their functions. She elaborated on the four types of nutrients, namely carbohydrates, proteins, fats, and vitamins and minerals. She also explained what constitutes a balanced diet and emphasized on the importance of having a variety of foods to ensure that all the nutrients are present in the diet.

She also emphasized swapping unhealthy foods for healthier options like fruits, nuts, and seeds, advising moderation. She patiently addressed queries, making the session informative and engaging.



Jya jya vase ek Gujarati, tyan tyan sadakal Gujarat! Gujarat is not just a state, it's a way of life. To commemorate the foundation day of Gujarat and to celebrate the rich heritage, vibrant culture and the remarkable progress of the state, the junior Dipsites got together excitedly on the sparkling morning of 1st May 2023, Monday. The students of Classes VI G and H presented the Gujarat Day assembly with the evergreen Ranglo and Rangli narrating the history behind the formation of this lovely state of ours. The melodious strings of the violin played by the students followed by a tribute to Gujarat by the talented musical choir lent a mellifluous tinge to the day. The nukkad natak depicting the legends in all the different areas whether the freedom struggle, the literature and performing arts, the arena of Science and Technology, space or industries like Gandhiji, Sardar Patel, Vikram Sarabhai and many more spread a feeling of pride through the audience. The dances showcasing the cultural heritage and the development of Gujarat gave a perfect conclusion to the celebrations!



An online session was organized for Class V students on 'Snakes Around Us' between 1st to 3rd May 2023 by Gerard Martin, a renowned herpetologist. The session was a combination of PowerPoint presentations, videos, and live viewing of various types of snakes, including King Cobra and Anaconda. The aim of the session was to educate the students about the biology of snakes, debunk myths surrounding them, and show why snakes are not scary creatures.

Gerard showcased various snakes, discussing their scales, fangs, and molting. Students were intrigued, asking questions he patiently addressed. He dispelled myths and highlighted snakes' ecological significance in maintaining the food chain. The session also featured live snake viewing, including feeding and behavior observation. Students marveled at feeding scenes, learning about swallowing prey and fang usage. Gerard concluded emphasizing snake respect and ecological importance, clearing student doubts.





May 5

Mom! A word that brings a potpourri of emotions like warmth, kindness and unconditional love the moment you hear it. And with all these feelings in mind, the junior Dipsites across Classes III to VI were hard at work on 5th May 2023 as they created wonderful art pieces for their beloved mothers in preparation for Mother's Day on 14th May. They poured their hearts into making wall hangings describing what they felt for their moms and the results were colourful, bright, elaborate and artistic! It was a privilege to watch the young minds and hearts at work as they thought of what their mother's would love! As one child described her art piece - 'simple yet sophisticated as that is what my Mom likes!' and yet another one -'Bright and colourful as my Mom likes happy!' Indeed a wonderful start to their summer holidays.





The words of poet Andrew W. K. Yip beautifully capture the essence of a father's love—enduring, caring, and filled with unspoken words that provide comfort and warmth. These sentiments struck a chord with the junior students of Dipsite School as they embarked on a heartfelt endeavor to express their love for their fathers through art. In anticipation of Father's Day, the students dedicated their creativity to painting lovely portraits for their fathers. On June 17th, 2023, a Saturday, the school was filled with an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm as the young artists poured their emotions onto canvas. As the young artists immersed themselves in their creative process, their hearts were filled with joy and anticipation. With each stroke and brushstroke, they attempted to capture the essence of their father's love—a love that is unwavering, pure, and steadfast. The paintings became a visual testament to the deep bond between fathers and their children.



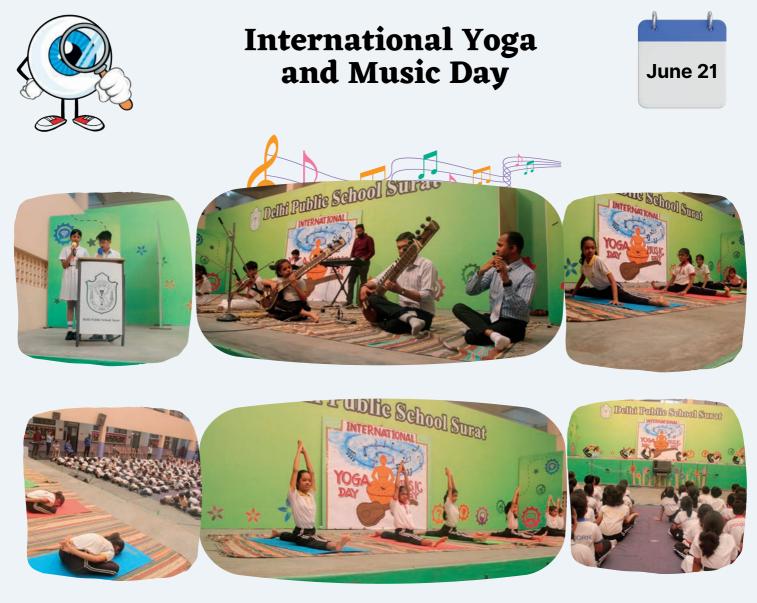
Parampara Alankar- The Threshold to Music



Alankar, also known as the "ornamentation" or "embellishment" in Indian Classical music, indeed holds great significance in both vocal and instrumental performances. The session conducted for the students of Classes III and IV as the part of ongoing 'Parampara series' on June 17th, 2023, aimed to introduce them to the world of Alankar and its role in music.

The session began with the students joining the Music department in singing the first five Alankaras. Following the vocal rendition, the students were enlightened about the importance of Alankaras in both vocal and instrumental music. The students gained an understanding of how Alankar is created and how it can be utilized to craft their own music. To encourage creativity and active participation, the students were given the initial step of an Alankar and tasked with creating their own variations from it. This exercise allowed them to explore different combinations of notes and rhythms, fostering their musical imagination and personal expression. One particularly delightful moment during the session was when the students' self-created Alankaras were played on the flute. Witnessing the joy and satisfaction on their faces as their musical phrases came to life was truly enchanting.





On the occasion of International Yoga Day and World Music Day, students of Classes III to V participated in a grand celebration. The Music department and the students collaborated to showcase their talents through music and yoga performances.

The instrumental performances featured the violin, sitar, flute, and keyboard, coming together to create a mesmerizing fusion of Raag Yaman, followed by a melodious rendition by the young vocalists on Raag Bhupali.

The students of Classes III and IV the demonstrated their expertise in yoga by performing various asanas, such as Dhanurasana, Matsyendrasana, Ghandabherundasana, Dhvajasana and many more followed by meditation.

The celebration of International Yoga Day and World Music Day at DPS Surat was a perfect amalgamation of art, culture, and wellness.



Wonder Walk to Surat Fort - A Journey of Discovery!

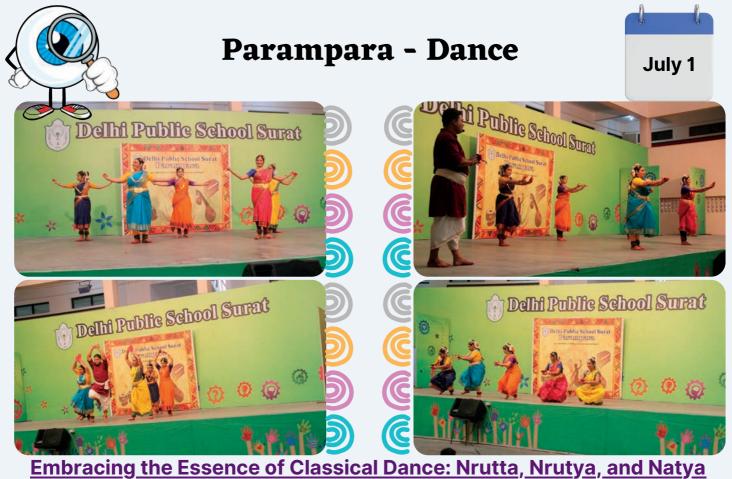


On 24th June 2023, the vibrant young minds of Class V embarked on an enthralling heritage walk to Surat Fort, immersing themselves in the rich history of their city. Led by their enthusiastic teachers, the students eagerly explored the majestic fort, with its towering walls and captivating architecture.

They also visited galleries filled with paintings, coins, arms, sculptors, ivory, textile, porcelain and the timeline of Surat which ignited their imagination. As they stepped through the courtroom, a sense of awe enveloped the students.

Throughout the walk, the students were encouraged to ask questions, fostering their curiosity and engagement with the historical site. The experience not only enhanced their understanding of Surat's heritage but also instilled a sense of pride and responsibility in preserving and honoring their cultural roots. As they bid farewell to Surat Fort, the Class V students carried with them memories of a day filled with wonder and discovery. This heritage walk served as a reminder that their city's history is a treasure worth exploring and that by connecting with the past, they can better shape the future.





As a part of the ongoing Parampara series, the Dance Department of DPS Surat organized an enchanting presentation aimed at introducing the basics of classical dances of India - Nrutta, Nrutya, and Natya to the students of Class 5 and 6. This captivating event provided a delightful window into the mesmerizing world of classical Indian dance, allowing the students to appreciate the intricate artistry, expressions, and storytelling that form the essence of our cultural heritage. Through practical demonstrations and simple explanations, the students were immersed in the beauty of all three dance elements.

Through practical demonstrations, the students were enthralled by the graceful movements, precise footwork, and rhythmic sequences of Nrutya, facial expressions, hand gestures (mudras), and body language of Nrutya and brought mythological characters to life through Natya. The program concluded with a mesmerizing presentation of "Kaliya Mardhana," a popular episode from Indian mythology. The dancers ingeniously integrated Nrutta, Nrutya, and Natya to bring this mythological tale to life. The students were spellbound by the coordinated dance sequences, vibrant costumes, and the captivating storytelling that unfolded before their eyes.



Being healthy is a success that many people forget to celebrate. The junior Dipsites took it upon themselves to remind each other of this great wealth and to honour the doctors on 1st July 2023, Saturday as they celebrated National Doctors Day. The students of Class VI researched, gathered material, made presentations and creative posters as they led the 'Health Awareness Campaign' for Classes III to V. They spoke about various aspects of staying healthy like food and nutrition, physical health and the role of exercise in it; self-care and mental health. They not only spread awareness about these important topics, but also did it in a super fun way as they ended it with various quizzes and games designed especially for their junior friends. The students of Classes III to V also made a special card for their doctors to thank them on this special day.





The students of Class III A celebrated Van Mahotsav, a week-long forest festival, on Tuesday, 4th July 2023. They organized a vibrant assembly to highlight the importance of trees and nature in our lives. The assembly commenced with the choir group filling the air with melodious tunes as they sang a lovely song dedicated to the beauty and significance of trees. It was followed by a skit and a scintillating dance performance that emphasized the need for conservation and encouraged everyone to plant more trees. To conclude the Van Mahotsav assembly, the students took a pledge to take care of the environment and actively participate in tree plantation drives. They committed themselves to preserving nature and contributing to a greener and healthier world.





July 4



Guru Purnima





अखण्डमण्डलाकीरं क्योप्तं येन चराचरम्। तत्पदं दर्शितं येन तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः।।

meaning 'Salutations to the great guru, who made it possible to realize that state which pervades the whole universe, in all living and in dead.' This is the feeling with which the students of Class VI-I started their morning assembly on Thursday, 6th July 2023 to celebrate Guru Purnima! The anchors started with a wonderful explanation of how Guru Purnima is celebrated on the birthday of Maharshi Ved Vyas, the author of Mahabharata. The choir group mellifluously sang a prayer paying homage to their teachers which was followed by a small skit depicting the importance of gurus in our lives and how they guide and teach their disciples to choose the correct path. The dance group flawlessly combined the old world and new world charm in their dance based on the importance of gurus.











Laughter is the best medicine



On the bright morning of 11th July 2023, Tuesday, the students of Class III C came together to present an engaging and insightful assembly on the theme "Laughter is the Best Medicine." The young minds began by sharing a thought-provoking message about the incredible power of laughter in reducing sickness and promoting wellbeing. The little dipsites put up a hilarious performance which had the audience in stitches. Awareness about the benefits of laughing was spread with a small speech. It was indeed a morning that was a complete package filled with fun, dance and ecstasy for the audience.













Linguistic Experts







The students of Class III and IV became linguistic experts on 15th July 2023, Saturday as they participated in Intra Class English vocabulary competition. The students of Class IV became linguistic experts on 15th July 2023, Saturday as they participated in Intra Class Hindi vocabulary competition. They tried their very best to solve the various rounds testing their vocabulary skills whether it was solving riddles, word building, crossword puzzles or word search activities.















India actively promoted the International Year of Millets 2023 as a 'People's Movement,' positioning itself as the 'Global Hub for Millets.' During the Millet Week, aimed at Class V students from July 31st to August 5th, 2023, awareness about millets' health benefits was spread through hands-on experiences. Students brought millet-based recipes in their tiffins, tasting various dishes and learning about their versatility and nutrition. Dr. Atul Ramesh Narkhede, a renowned nutritionist and diabetes educator. homeopathic consultant, highlighted millets' significance in sustainable agriculture, nutrition, and food security. He emphasized their health benefits over unhealthy junk food, showcasing their high fiber, protein, and mineral content as a solution to combat malnutrition, especially in countries like India.

The Millet Week culminated in an exciting Inter Class competition, where students showcased their talents, creativity and teamwork by creating posters on millets with captivating slogans and taglines, presented in the form of advertisements. Through this initiative, the seeds of knowledge about millets have been sown in young minds, fostering a positive attitude towards healthy eating habits.



Extempore speeches given at the spur of a moment without much prior preparation enables the students to think on the spot and increases their logical thinking and reasoning ability. It also helps them speak freely and boosts their confidence. The students of Classes V and VI had a great opportunity to practice their speaking skills as they participated in the Intra Class English Extempore Competition on 15th July 2023, Saturday. They were given various topics and had to prepare and present a speech in a specified time. Their oratory skills, the skill to make a speech on the basis of ideas developed on the spot and the confidence with which they spoke were a treat to listen to.











In an effort to pave the path of holistic development of the students and to provide myriad co-curricular activities along with academics, the students of Class VI participated in an Intra Class Mono Acting Competition on 5th August 2023, Saturday based on the lives and incidents of Freedom fighters. Unlike traditional theater performances where there are multiple actors performing together, mono acting is an act for a single actor to showcase their acting skills and abilities. The students of Class VI had a glimpse in this genre of acting when they tried their best to enact life incidents from various freedom fighters. It was an immersive and exhilarating experience for them.







'India's past shows it's rich heritage, pulsates with diversity and the future gleams with boundless potential.'

Embodying the essence of India's history, the quote resonates with its cultural opulence and vibrant diversity. Over the span of 76 years since attaining independence, the narrative of India's evolution was artistically depicted by the ingenious minds of VI grade students, adopting the perspective of a visionary film director. This assembly masterfully unveiled the resplendent saga of our freedom struggle, juxtaposed with the current digitally advanced and progressive India. Furthermore, it unveiled a future brimming with potential, where the resurgence of our youth and talents converges with our roots. As we celebrate the 77th Independence Day, let us foster aspirations for our nation to realize its fullest potential. The guest of honour Ms. Ria Chhaira, the school topper of commerce stream graced the occasion!









Junk Seller - Interaction



Aug 22

"DPS Surat introduced an innovative educational initiative to impart mathematical skills to students by welcoming a local scrap merchant on campus. This event generated a wave of excitement among the students of Class IV, as it turned out to be an enlightening and insightful experience. During this event, the students engaged in interactive Q&A sessions with the visiting junk seller. He offered a unique perspective on various categories of waste materials and shed light on the economic aspect by discussing his profits. This interactive discourse allowed the students to delve deeper into the world of scrap dealing, gaining valuable insights into the lives of these individuals. This experiential journey of transforming discarded items into valuable commodities not only captivated the students but also facilitated a hands-on understanding of financial dynamics. As the students witnessed the conversion of seemingly worthless objects into treasures, they also absorbed crucial lessons about expenditure and income. This initiative didn't just impart textbook knowledge but offered a practical understanding of recycling, economics, and the everyday lives of those involved in this often overlooked but vital trade.





Maths Mania



Aug 24

Mathematics is not just about numbers; it's a fascinating world of patterns, logic, and problem-solving. To ignite the mathematical spirit among students and promote a love for this subject, an Inter Class Competition "Math Mania," was conducted for the winners of the Intra Class competition of Class V, held earlier, which was designed to challenge and inspire the young minds. This competition consists of five exciting rounds, each catering to different aspects of mathematics. The 'Syllabus Showdown' round delved into the core mathematics curriculum. Questions based on topics covered in the students' syllabus where they demonstrated their understanding of fundamental mathematical concepts, formulae, and problem-solving techniques set the tune for a competitive day. The 'Picture Perfect' visual based round was another scintillating round where they identified mathematical connections based on the pictures. In the 'Dart' and 'Rapid Fire' rounds the students had to think of their feet under time pressure, utilise all their mathematical prowess and answer well. The students representing their class teams vied with each other to be crowned the Math Champions! Congratulations to the winners!









Aug 28

On the 28th of August, little dipsites of class 3-D took us on a captivating journey to the enchanting realm of Kerala's harvest festival, Onam. Through a mesmerizing assembly, they beautifully portrayed the essence of this joyous celebration. The assembly was a splendid blend of music and graceful dance performances, which vividly depicted the festive spirit of Onam. The highlight of the event was the Grand Carnival, where the school courtyard underwent a magical transformation into a kaleidoscope of colors and festivities. Through this assembly class 3-D managed to convey the heart-warming values of togetherness and generosity that are integral to Onam.



National Sports Day



Major Dhyan Chand, hailed as 'The Wizard', catapulted India's hockey prowess, clinching three consecutive Olympic gold medals in 1928, 1932, and 1936. His legacy of sportsmanship and excellence inspires generations. Celebrated annually on August 29th, his birth anniversary, National Sports Dav. it commemorates his monumental as achievements. The junior Dipsites enthusiastically participated in diverse sports events during the commemoration. From badminton to swimming intra-class competitions, table tennis and students showcased their skills. Additionally, displays of yoga, gymnastics, and aerobics highlighted their versatility. The highlight of the day was the Inter-house Kabaddi semi-finals and finals, igniting a surge of energy throughout the campus as students cheered for their respective houses. While participation embodied the spirit of sportsmanship, the drive to emerge victorious was palpable, with the Phoenix house claiming victory!



Aug 29



Story Sequencers

Sept 2





In celebration of International Literacy Day on September 8th, DPS Surat organized an engaging event called 'Story Sequencers' for students of Classes III to V. It provided an opportunity for participants to showcase their storytelling prowess and captivate their audience.

'Story Sequencers' was a group competition that required teams to demonstrate their mastery of storytelling techniques. Each team had to employ their sequencing skills, creativity, and narrative prowess to craft compelling and imaginative stories. The competition encouraged teamwork and challenged students to not only entertain but also engage their audience effectively.

This event emphasized the power of stories to inspire, transport, and captivate, fostering a love for storytelling and literacy among our students.







Sept 5

Nand Gher Anand Bhayo, Jai Kanahiayalal Ki!!'

The Janmashtami assembly on 5th September 2023 was a delightful and spiritually enriching event, where students of Class IV G and IV I came together to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna. The assembly started with a soulful bhajan, filling the atmosphere with devotion followed by a skit portraying the miraculous birth of Lord Krishna, captivating our hearts. A lively and entertaining medley on some of Krishna's childhood moments was showcased and then the enchanting Raas Leela dance mesmerised the audience. The rhythmic beats of the Lezim added an energetic touch to the celebration. Finally, the climax of the event was the much-awaited 'Dahi Handi' where our young Krishna enthusiasts displayed their agility and teamwork. The assembly ended with the National Anthem.

















The significance of Hindi Divas goes beyond just words and grammar. It symbolizes our cultural heritage, our values, and our shared identity as Indians. Hindi, with its vast vocabulary and expressive power, is not just a mode of communication; it's a reflection of our emotions, our history, and our faith. This is what the students of Class III portrayed through their assembly on 12th September 2023. It began with a prayer, seeking the blessings of the divine to guide us in our celebration. Following that, a beautiful Hindi poem that resonated with the soul and a skit that portrayed the cultural diversity of our nation while highlighting the unity that binds us all was presented. Last but not the least was a mesmerizing classical dance performance that left the audience spellbound, showcasing the grace and beauty that our language and culture possess.







Ganpati Bappa Moriya!





Sept 26

Ganesh Chaturthi is a festival that holds great significance in the hearts of millions of people across India and around the world. The students of Classes III E and F too ensured that the junior school block reverberated with shouts of 'Ganpati Bappa Moriya!' as they presented the assembly on 26th September 2023, to celebrate their favourite God.

The assembly started with the melodious rendition of the 'Ganesh Aarti invoking the blessings of Lord Ganesha. The small environmentalists also portrayed the importance of choosing eco-friendly materials for making idols and the harmful effects of non-eco-friendly idols on our environment through a small skit. The choir group delivered a spirited performance, followed by a captivating Ganesha Vandana dance. Pledging responsible celebration, they vowed to uphold tradition while preserving the environment.





Protecting our Wildlife Preserving our Future



Animal Welfare Day witnessed an inspiring Poster Making Competition, bringing together the young talents of Classes III and IV on Saturday, 7th October 2023. With the theme 'Protecting Our Wildlife, Preserving Our Future', these budding artists showcased their dedication to the planet's well-being. The event was a vibrant celebration of creativity and conservation awareness. Colourful posters made by the children in different teams portrayed a profound love for animals and the environment, delivering powerful messages about the urgent need to protect our precious animals. These young minds left an indelible mark, reminding us all that the responsibility to safeguard our planet rests with each one of us. Through their art, they sparked conversations, inspired change, and contributed to a brighter future for our wildlife. The group competition was a resounding success, highlighting the potential of our youth as stewards of nature. It served as a testament to the collective efforts required to preserve our ecosystem and secure a sustainable future for generations to come.



Gandhi Jayanti 姚





Gandhiji was 'A Man of the Millennium'. Every year Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on 2nd October to embrace Bapu's sacrifices and contribution to free India from the Britisher rule. The assembly began with word for the day which indeed was the most basic pillar of Gandhiji's life followed by an inspirational thought of Mahatama Gandhi and news headlines.

Later Gandhiji's non-violent approach and his deeds were very well described in terms of a beautiful song. Further few important incidents like facing racism and raising voice against the same, boycotting foreign clothes and adopting khadi clothes, indigo plantation issue, Dandi march were depicted through skits and dance. Finally India's independence was

celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm followed by the sad demise of Gandhiji. Lastly his most important teaching of -Don't see bad, don't speak bad and don't hear bad was presented through his three famous monkeys followed by the national anthem.





Junior School Sports Day Class V and VI



The spirit of perseverance echoed through the air as Classes V and VI celebrated their Sports Day on October 12th, 2023, embracing the quote, 'Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must, but never give up!' The event commenced with the honorable Principal, Mr. P. Vamshi Krishna, officially declaring the sports meet open, accompanied by the soaring school flag. Athletes, brimming with pride and determination, prepared to showcase their best. The torchbearers ignited the flames of sportsmanship, followed by captivating aerobics performances and awe-inspiring yoga displays. The ground pulsated with energy as participants competed fiercely in races and showcased their strength in shot put, stamina in relays, and grace in high jump. The day culminated with jubilant cheers as participants cheered on their peers in the Tug of War, symbolizing a shift from being cheered to offering encouragement. The victorious houses, Dragon for girls and Gryphon for boys, danced their way to the trophies awarded by Guest of Honour, Mr. P. Vamshi Krishna.



Navratri Celebration



It was a time of pure merriment for the junior Dipsites of Classes III to VI, a time to dance with boundless enthusiasm to the age-old melodies of 'Pava te gadh thi nisarya...' and the infectious rhythm of 'Sanedo, Tetudo and Khalaasi' that had ignited countless souls before them. With each graceful twirl and each rhythmic stomp, the cultural tapestry of Navratri unfolded in all its glory on Saturday, 21 October 2023. The youthful enthusiasm blended seamlessly with the profound cultural significance, creating a harmonious fusion that resonated with the very spirit of Navratri. The magic lay not just in the melodies but also in the happy faces of the junior Dipsites. Their visages shone with the luminance of a thousand stars, mirroring the vibrant and kaleidoscopic hues of their ghaghras, kediyas, and fancy turbans. They were not just young students, but vessels for the essence of Gujarati folk art, breathing life into a timeless tradition.

As the junior Dipsites swayed and spun to the rhythm and spirit of Navratri, they bore witness to the eternal truth that sometimes, what goes around indeed comes around. Not always as Karma, but often as the enchanting and vivacious GARBA, a celebration that ignites the soul, transcending the boundaries of time and age.







The Eternal Flow





From the dawn of life to the rise of early civilizations, humanity's journey has been marked by significant milestones. We've evolved, built communities, and witnessed the ebb and flow of civilizations. Amidst our progress, however, we've often strayed from harmony with nature. On November 3rd, 2023, the eco-conscious students of Classes V and VI A, B, C, D, and E presented 'The Eternal Flow!'. Their captivating performances highlighted humanity's interconnection with the Earth and urged reflection on the disharmony we've caused.

The students' mesmerizing portrayals, whether depicting the four yugas or the chaos of pollution, left the audience spellbound. Their message was clear: we can restore balance, heal the Earth, and ensure a harmonious legacy for future generations. Through their breathtaking performance, they inspired not just applause but also a commitment to mend the rift between humanity and nature. It was a powerful reminder of our responsibility to nurture and protect our planet for the sake of all life.





The Eternal Flow





















The Saga

Nov 4



The students of classes V and VI (FGHIJ) presented a captivating program for the annual day event held on November 4, 2023. The theme of their program "In Pursuit of---,"showcased a captivating exploration of the pursuit of something greater. The saga they presented wove together elements of humour and spirituality, creating an engaging and delightful experience for the audience. Through their performance, the students portrayed the excitement and challenges of pursuing something meaningful in life, highlighting the importance of determination and a positive spirit.













Have you ever pondered what classrooms would be like without textbooks? Learning extends far beyond the confines of books and bags. DPSSurat embraced a captivating approach by celebrating three book less days for children in classes III and IV from 4th to 7th November 2023. The young learners immersed themselves in a world of diverse activities spanning language, art, life skills and more.

Students indulged in a plethora of enriching activities. From the enchantment of cooking without fire to the whimsy of puppet shows, the creativity of block printing, the elegance of Madhubani painting, the democratic spirit of a mock Gram Panchayat, and the delicate artistry of flower making, they were exposed to a tapestry of experiences. It was a delightful fusion of fun and education, where students not only reveled in the joy of learning but also gained practical insights and skills beyond the conventional classroom. The initiative encouraged peer interaction, fostering social development, while engaging visual arts enhanced creative and critical thinking skills. It also promoted cultural understanding and appreciation, allowing students to express themselves and boosting self-confidence and self-awareness.





Diwali Aayi!





Diwali, known as the Festival of Lights, is a celebration that symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. On November 7th 2023, the students of Class IV F kicked off the Diwali celebrations with a special assembly. The event began with a melodious Diwali song performed by the choir group. Following the musical introduction, the students presented a short drama portraying the epic tale of the Ramayana, with students taking on the roles of Rama, Laxman, Sita, Hanuman, Raavan, and the Vanar Sena, impressively bringing the story to life. The modern and ancient Diwali traditions were vividly illustrated, culminating in a mesmerising Diwali dance performance by a talented group of dancers. Not to be outdone, the students of Class VI joined in the festivities by participating in an Inter House Rangoli Competition. The creative spirit was in full swing as the four houses created intricate rangoli art on the floor, showcasing a brilliant blend of colors, precision, and artistic expression. Meanwhile, students from Classes V and VI contributed to the festive atmosphere by crafting beautiful torans and lanterns that adorned the Primary block. Diyas, the traditional oil lamps, adorned with a myriad of vibrant festive colors, added the final touch to the overall festive ambiance.



Hindi Vigyapan



The students of Class V enjoyed a creative endeavor on Saturday, 2nd December 2023, as they took part in the Intra-Class Hindi Vigyapan Competition. The competition merged their imaginative prowess with linguistic skills, offering a platform for them to craft compelling advertisements in Hindi. This engaging experience not only allowed them to express their creativity but also showcased their growing language proficiency. The competition was a delightful blend of fun and learning, fostering a love for language and creativity among the participants.



Dec 2









It's Christmas Time..

The students of Class V A presented a Christmas festive display on 21st December 2023. It was filled with harmonious melodies of carols and spirited dances, the atmosphere resonated with joy. The highlight of the celebration was a captivating narrative portraying the birth of Jesus, unfolding like a magical storybook. It was a delightful blend of songs, dance and storytelling.













The 4-day Junior School Sports Fest for Classes III-IV, from December 26th to 29th, 2023, was a vibrant celebration of athleticism and camaraderie. Inaugurated by Principal Mr. P. Vamshi Krishna, the event symbolically began with the hoisting of the school flag. Themed as DPS Olympics, it fostered friendly rivalry and global unity, dazzling attendees with a carnival featuring intricately adorned floats representing diverse cultures.

The day brimmed with captivating performances: dances, yoga displays, aerobics, and gymnastics. Cheer girls injected infectious energy, rallying behind peers, enhancing the festive mood. Track and field events stole the spotlight with sprints, hurdles, shot put, discus, showcasing remarkable and javelin throws, athleticism and sportsmanship, drawing cheers. The climax featured intense kabaddi and wrestling, captivating the audience with skill and intensity. This electrifying atmosphere epitomized young athletes' fervor for victory. Overall, the 2023 Junior School Sports Fest fostered community and pride, promoting fitness and healthy competition, emphasizing the commitment to holistic education and well-rounded school's development.





Junior school Sports Fest







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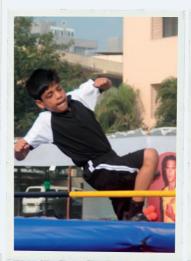


































Jan 2



- "A Glimpse into the World of
- · Braille Reading and Writing."

In a touching encounter with two students from 'Andhajan Shikshal Mandal Surat', our foray into touch and tactile literacy revealed the remarkable resilience and creativity of these individuals. The session aimed to unravel the mysteries of Braille while delving into how these students read and write, sharing their personal experiences and insights.

With confidence and grace, the students showcased their Braille skills, using slates and styluses to create tactile words and sentences. The rhythmic embossing of dots onto the pages underscored the beauty and precision of Braille. During the question-and-answer session, the audience engaged eagerly, posing thoughtful inquiries met with eloquent responses from the students, dispelling myths and offering insights into their daily lives, challenges, and triumphs.

Looking back, "Touching Literacy" transcended mere exploration; it became a celebration of the indomitable spirit of these students, showcasing that knowledge transcends visual boundaries.





Outbound Learning

"A day at Vadodara"



The students of Class IV of DPS Surat embarked on a thrilling educational expedition to Vadodara, creating indelible memories. The day commenced with a delightful breakfast at Honest Restaurant, setting a cheerful tone for the exciting adventures that awaited them. The educational journey unfolded with a captivating visit to the Fateh Singh Museum, where history came alive, capturing the imaginations of the young learners. The majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace added a touch of grandeur, leaving the students in awe of its architectural splendour.

The exploration continued with a visit to Vadodara Zoo, sparking curiosity and fascination about the wonders of wildlife. The excitement reached its peak as the children joyfully hopped aboard the Toy Train, taking them on a whimsical journey through a miniature world of delight and discovery. The day concluded with a scrumptious dinner at McDonald's, providing a perfect blend of fun, learning, and delectable moments that will undoubtedly be cherished by the students for years to come.



The Harvest



Jan 11

On the vibrant morning of January 11, 2024, the students of Classes V C and D orchestrated a delightful special assembly, celebrating the imminent Harvest season. A tapestry of cultural richness unfolded as the assembly spotlighted the significance of the harvest, emphasizing sustainable farming practices and local agricultural wisdom. The stage came alive with traditional dances and soulful songs, infusing the event with an infectious energy. Through eloquent speeches, students passionately conveyed their appreciation for the harvest season, painting a vivid picture of its importance. The assembly not only encapsulated the essence of the impending agricultural bounty but also showcased the diverse ways in which harvest festivals are joyously celebrated across the varied states of India. It was a heartwarming blend of education and celebration, leaving an indelible mark on the collective spirit of Classes V C and D.





Educational Trip to the Gurudwara



The students of Class IV embarked on an eye-opening field visit to the Gurudwara, immersing themselves in a rich tapestry of culture and tradition. This journey was not just a chapter from their EVS curriculum but a firsthand experience that transcended the confines of the classroom.

The Gurudwara welcomed our young learners with open arms, offering a glimpse into a different facet of community living. The vibrant energy within its walls set the stage for a day filled with discovery.

Guided by the spirit of inclusivity, our students learned about the various practices and rituals observed in the Gurudwara. From the serene atmosphere to the rhythmic sounds echoing through the halls, every aspect was a celebration of unity in diversity.

The heart of our visit was the langar experience. Our Grade 4 explorers actively participated in the communal kitchen, witnessing the beauty of shared meals and collaborative efforts. The lesson extended beyond the delicious flavors; it was a lesson in cooperation, compassion, and the joy of eating together.

Throughout the day, the students embraced the etiquette of the Gurudwara and langar. They learned about the importance of respecting traditions, maintaining a serene environment, and understanding the communal values embedded in these practices.

The Gurudwara visit was an experiential journey that expanded their horizons. It was a celebration of diversity, fostering a deeper understanding of different cultures and ways of life.



Unity in Diversity



Jan 24

The third-grade students of DPS Surat showcased a mesmerizing cultural program, aiming to encapsulate the essence of unity in diversity, a core aspect of the Republic of India. The program was a vibrant portrayal of the multifaceted facets that make our nation a rich tapestry of cultures. The young performers took the audience on a journey through the diverse folk music and dances of India, presenting a harmonious blend of melodies that resonated with the regional flavours from every corner of the country. Culinary delights took center stage as the students presented an array of various cuisines, offering a taste of the culinary diversity that defines our nation. The audience had the opportunity to appreciate the intricate art forms that reflect the cultural identity of different regions. The linguistic diversity was celebrated as the children showcased the myriad languages spoken across the country. Monuments stood tall on the stage, each telling a story of history and representing the architectural brilliance from different periods and regions. Religions and festivals were presented with reverence and joy, highlighting the coexistence and unity that prevails amidst diverse beliefs and celebrations. The cultural program served as a beautiful reminder of the unity that underlies the diversity in our great nation, fostering a sense of pride and understanding among the students and the audience alike.



Dholavira



Experiential Learning Expedition



John Keats aptly said, 'Nothing ever becomes real until it is experienced.' In a profound embodiment of this sentiment, Class VI students of DPS Surat commenced their 2024 journey with a transformative learning expedition. From January 1st to 14th, 2024, in three spirited batches, they embarked on an immersive exploration of the ancient marvels of Dholavira. The 'Road to Heaven', bridging the mainland to the island of Khadir where Dholavira stands, set the stage for an awe-inspiring educational experience.

Dholavira, a Harappan city dating back to the 3rd to mid-2nd millennium BCE, stood as a testament to the trajectory of human civilization. Over 3 days, students meticulously explored the Citadel, middle and lower town, guided by expert mentors. They delved into various aspects of Harappan life, from bead making to sophisticated water management systems. Visits to the museum and fossil park enriched their understanding further, connecting artifacts to their observations in the city ruins. Their excitement peaked at the sight of giant tree fossils and the serene beauty of Lake of Rann, adorned by a flock of flamingos.

The expedition concluded with students showcasing their newfound knowledge through skits, depicting life in the Harappan era. In a harmonious blend of experiential learning, reflection and creativity, they weaved together a rich tapestry of education that echoed far beyond the ancient walls of Dholavira.





Dholavira Experiential Learning Expedition























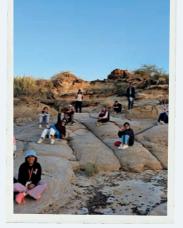














Champaner Pavagadh Archaeological Park

Jan 19 -Jan 26

Experiential Learning Expedition



On the second half of January, the Class V students of Delhi Public School, Surat, embarked on an educational expedition to the Champaner Pavagadh Archaeological Park. The primary focus of this expedition was to enhance the students' understanding of history, culture, and architecture, with a special emphasis on studying the Jami Masjid as a significant monument within the park. The day commenced with a wonder walk through the archaeological park, led by experts. Students were encouraged to observe and inquire about the various structures and artifacts, fostering curiosity and engagement. The wonder walk was followed by an exhilarating treasure hunt, designed to make learning a fun and interactive experience. The students concentrated their efforts on studying the Jami Masjid, an architectural marvel with rich historical significance. Guided by knowledgeable instructors, they explored the intricate details of the monument, including its design elements, historical context, and cultural importance. Following the educational exploration, students participated in a theatre workshop. Facilitated by experienced professionals, the workshop aimed to nurture creativity and storytelling skills. The expedition concluded with an insightful guided tour of the monument, led by the students themselves. Each group of students showcased their understanding of the Jami Masjid through skit presentations on given themes related to the monument. These performances were not only entertaining but also demonstrated the students' ability to translate their knowledge into engaging storytelling.



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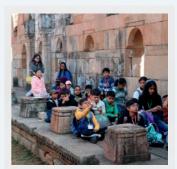












Chirps and Cheeps





Gavier Lake, a haven for migratory birds, recently became the backdrop for a delightful field visit by our young explorers. The air was charged with anticipation as they set out on a bird-watching adventure that promised a closer look at the fascinating world of our feathered friends. Guided by the bird experts from Nature's Club, the children learned to identify various migratory species. The students got the opportunity to see many different kind of wetland birds and forest birds like Comb Duck, Marsh Harrier, Purple Moorhen, Lesser Whistling Teal, Darter, Smaller Egret, Night Heron, Cormorant and many more. Majority of the birds were migratory birds. Each observation was met with gasps of amazement and whispered exchanges of newfound knowledge. This session helped inculcate the qualities like listening carefully, being observant, patience and staying calm. They enjoyed watching the birds with binoculars and Hawk- like vigilance. The students were immersed in the world of birds cultivating love for the feathered friends!



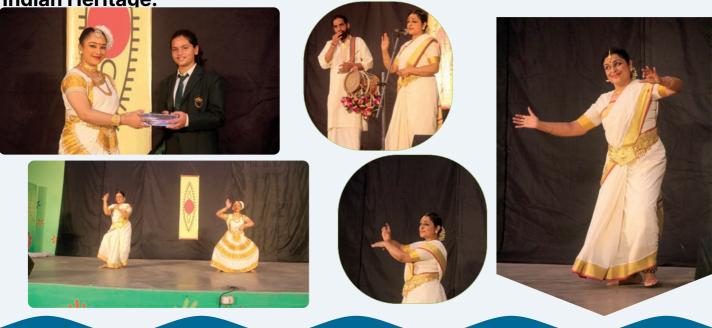
SPICMACAY



Mohiniyattam



On the morning of January 30, 2024, the students of Classes V and VI were treated to a captivating cultural experience by SPICMACAY, an organization dedicated to enriching formal education by promoting awareness of diverse facets of Indian heritage. The focus of the day's program was the enchanting classical dance form, Mohiniyattam. The distinguished Dr. Deepti Bhalla, a recipient of the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi award, graced the occasion along with her talented disciple, Hritika Anish. Accompanied by a stellar ensemble of musicians, including the skilled Vetri Bhoopathi on the mridangam, Sateesh Poduval on the idakka, and the melodious vocals of Sreerag, they collectively unveiled the intricate nuances of Mohiniyattam to the eager students. Dr. Deepti provided insight into the historical roots and evolution of Mohiniyattam, shedding light on the various hand movements, expressions, and bhaavas that contribute to the storytelling aspect of this graceful dance form. The audience was enraptured as the performers showcased their expertise through a series of classical renditions, including a poignant lullaby that portrayed the profound love of a mother expressed through the elegant language of Mohiniyattam. The entire performance left the students spellbound, with each element explained in meticulous detail. SPICMACAY, through such vibrant cultural programs, continues to inspire the youth, fostering an appreciation for the beauty, values, and wisdom encapsulated in Indian Heritage.



SPICMACAY



Rajasthani Folk Music

Jan 31

The vibrant echoes of Rajasthani folk music recently filled the halls of Delhi Public School, Surat, as SPIC MACAY, a renowned cultural organization, brought its enchanting event to our campus. The stage was graced by the illustrious SPIC MACAY team, featuring maestros such as Nehrukhan Ji, Sawaikhan Ji, Bhugadekhan Ji, Dadakhan Ji, and SakhiKhan Ji, who skillfully wove a captivating tapestry of Rajasthani folk music. Their instruments, the Kamayacha, Khartal, Morchang, and Bhapang, became vessels for the profound cultural heritage they carried. The day began with a soul-stirring performance by the music maestros, leaving an indelible imprint on students. The "Meet the Artist" segment skilfully bridged the gap between young minds and seasoned performers, emphasizing the significance of preserving cultural heritage.





A Feathered Encounter and a Day Underwater Wonderland

Jan 31

The students of Class 6 went on an educational journey to explore birds and aquatic life. They visited the Jagadish Chandra Bose Municipal Aquarium and Gavier Lake. Their goal was to learn about birds, aquatic habitats, and the importance of conservation. Accompanied by bird watching experts, the students observed various bird species and documented their observations. The experts shared insights into ornithology, enhancing the students' understanding. At the aquarium, the students explored freshwater and marine life, discussing habits, adaptations, and ecological significance. They were amazed by the whale skeleton displayed at the entrance. Overall, the trip enriched their knowledge and instilled a sense of responsibility for preserving nature's balance.





Picnic in Ambik Resort



Class III students from DPS, Surat had an unforgettable picnic filled with laughter and excitement at Ambik resort. They enjoyed thrilling activities like zip lining and a magical puppetry show. A talented magician wowed them with mind-boggling tricks, while a trampoline provided fun. The adventure zone encouraged teamwork and accomplishment. Classic games brought friendly competition, and delicious meals added to the joy. As the sun set, students left with cherished memories, making the picnic a memorable part of their school journey.



Cooking is Fun!!



On February 9th 2024, Friday, the Students of Class V embarked on an exciting culinary adventure with a 'Cooking without Fire' activity. With creativity as their main ingredient, students explored making delectable dishes without the use of any heat source. From refreshing fruit salads to savory sandwiches, healthy sprout chats to delicious dips, the young chefs demonstrated their culinary skills while learning about food safety and nutrition. Through teamwork and innovation, they crafted delightful snacks and desserts, fostering a sense of independence and responsibility in the kitchen. This hands-on experience not only sparked their interest in cooking but also emphasized the importance of healthy eating habits at a young age.

















Folk Dance Competition





In the vibrant mosaic of India's cultural landscape, where diversity flourishes and traditions intertwine, folk dance emerges as a radiant gem. It's more than just rhythmic movements; it's a storytelling journey through history, traditions, and values. Recently, the spirited students of Class V and VI embraced this legacy by partaking in the Inter House Folk Dance Competition. From the lively Khoria of Haryana to the enchanting Kalbeliya of Rajasthan, the rhythmic Kaikottikali of Kerela to the energetic Dindi of Maharashtra, each dance bore testament to India's rich heritage. As the dancers infused the stage with energy and grace, their passionate performances mesmerized the audience. Narrators, equally vibrant and confident, illuminated the significance behind each captivating dance form. Beyond the applause and accolades, what truly mattered was the dedication and perseverance of every participant. Congratulations to all, for in their steps, they carried the spirit of India's cultural legacy forward.



Vasant Panchami





Vasant Panchami, also known as Basant Panchami, marks the beginning of the spring season in India. It holds deep cultural and religious significance, particularly for devotees of Goddess Saraswati, the patroness of knowledge, wisdom, and the arts. On this day, devotees pay homage to Goddess Saraswati by seeking her blessings for wisdom, learning, and creative endeavours. The junior Dipsites too celebrated this auspicious occasion with pomp on 13th February 2024, starting with Class IV C setting melodious tunes with 'Hey Sharde Maa' followed by a wonderful play 'Vasantotsav' depicting the story of how Goddess Saraswati protected the throne of Lord Indra. They then danced to the lyrics of 'Saraswati Maha Bhadra Maha Maya Varpradra.....'. The celebrations continued as Class VI E, on 15th February. Thursday, created a mellifluous vibe as the young music maestros presented an instrumental rendition on violin, keyboard and shehnai as an invocation to Goddess Saraswati. The musical choir enhanced this with an equally beautiful prayer. The classical dance tribute on the Saraswati Vandana Strotam was a vision in itself. Vasant Panchami is also the onset of Spring, a season that symbolises new beginnings and transformations. The grand finale to these celebrations was by a vibrant and energetic spring dance on 'Aayi basant' by the exemplary dancers!



The Scientific Quiz!







The students of Class III embarked on an exhilarating journey of knowledge in the EVS Inter-Class Quiz Competition on 17th February 2024. From lightning-fast 'Fastest Finger First' responses to insightful 'Identity Insight' challenges and captivating 'Bird Bonanza' exploration, it was a whirlwind of learning. Science Charades unleashed creativity while the Rapid Fire round tested their knowledge under pressure. 'Spin the Wheel' added a chance, keeping everyone alert. Covering topics from textbooks to sports, the competition reinforced learning and encouraged curiosity. The competition fostered learning, innovation, and intellectual camaraderie, leaving a lasting impression on participants and audience alike.



Skill Exhibition







On the vibrant day of March 14th 2024, Delhi Public School reverberated with excitement as Classes III and IV showcased their Skills Exhibition, a testament to their dedication and passion for learning. The event blended academic prowess with creative expression, highlighting students' skills in English, Hindi, Mathematics, Gujarati, and Environmental Science.

In Environmental Science, students presented innovative experiments, showcasing their understanding of scientific principles and eco-friendly solutions. Language skills were eloquently displayed, reflecting fluency and confidence in English, Hindi, and Gujarati.

Outdoors, the Mathematics arena buzzed with activity as students tackled problem-solving challenges and calculations with enthusiasm. The exhibition not only provided a platform for academic display but also celebrated students' hard work and dedication, emphasizing the joy of exploration and learning. As the day concluded, proud smiles adorned the faces of students, teachers, and parents, encapsulating the spirit of learning and pursuit of excellence at Delhi Public School. Indeed, the Skills Exhibition was more than an event; it was a celebration of dreams taking flight and futures being shaped within the corridors of the school.



I can do AMAZING things if I keep trying.