



**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL  
GANDHINAGAR**

# Spectrum

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Readers,

Having a positive mental attitude is asking "how something can be done rather than saying it can't be done". We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are. An attitude that would overtime become more and more stable so that I could not only look at the world in a positive way during good days but also in tough times.

I'd like to share 11 of the best, smartest and most effective habits for doing so :

1. Find the optimistic view point in a negative situation.
2. Cultivate and live in a positive environment.
3. Go slowly.
4. Don't make a mountain out of molehill.
5. Don't let vague fears hold you back from doing what you want.
6. Add value and positivity to someone's life.
7. Exercise regularly and eat / sleep well.
8. Learn to take criticism in a healthy way.
9. If something still gets under your skin, then know what to do.
10. Start your day in a positive way.
11. Mindfully move through your day.

Building positivity in life is not a one day process and requires a lot of effort and work. Even if today you felt like you could have done better but didn't, don't let it stop or discourage you. Every inch of the mile counts, and all the little steps will take you to the place and person you need to be.

We should always work on ourselves, inside and out. All the good wishes for my beloved students to make a new beginning in 2018-19 with a positive approach towards life.

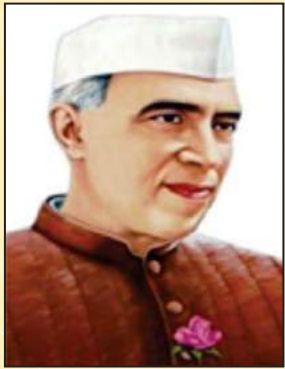
Regards,

**ATANU RATH**

Principal



## IT'S CHACHA'S BIRTHDAY



14<sup>th</sup> November is celebrated as Children's Day all over India because of the birthday of the first Prime Minister of Independent India, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. His fondness for children earned him the title of 'Chacha' and his birthday became Children's Day. Special Assemblies were organized by all the three wings of the school and the teachers presented a motley of programmes, right from prayer to skits, to song and dance sequence and games, to entertain the children and to express their affection for them.

Senior Wing too enchanted the students by presenting a special assembly, Quiz on Chacha Nehru and a skit depicting the great Statesman. Adding to their joy, students from classes VI - X were taken to watch a motivational movie "Neel Battey Sannata". The students of classes XI, XII (Commerce) visited EDI, Bhatt Road & NID Ahmedabad respectively. Students of classes XI- XII (Science) visited Torrent Pharmaceuticals.





## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION DAY



The serene morning of 26<sup>th</sup> November saw the students celebrating Indian Constitution Day during assembly time which was conducted by the students of classes VIII D & E and IX D and E. A quiz on Indian Constitution and a pep talk were the highlights. The Principal, Mr. Atanu Rath reiterated the importance of the day.

## JINGLE BELLS ....JINGLE BELLS

The Pre-Primary, Primary and Secondary Wings of the school wore a festive look on 22<sup>nd</sup> December as shades of red could be seen all around to mark the celebration of Christmas. The Pre Primary students dressed in red and white party wear enjoyed several activities, viz. Decoration of soft board and making of cards etc..

In the Primary wing, the Atrium was embellished with Christmassy buntings and Christmas carols reverberated through the corridors. Santa Claus (Ms. Prachi-one of the teachers) too made an appearance infusing sheer excitement in the audience. Children broke into a jig with Santa Claus. Secondary wing, too conducted special assembly wherein students melodiously sang Christmas Carol 'Joy to the World' and presented a short skit to spread the message of charity and lending helping hand in distressed times.



# SCHOOL FUNCTIONS





## ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

*"Sports serve society by providing vivid examples of excellence" - George F. Will*

There were displays of such excellence in plenty when Delhi Public School, Gandhinagar held its Sports meet for the Pre-primary, Primary (18<sup>th</sup> Dec.) and Secondary (16<sup>th</sup> Dec.) grades of the school.

The Chief Guest of the day Mr. Kamlesh Nanavati, a swimming icon and recipient of First Sardar Patel award and the Guest of Honour Ms. Rebecca Devasiya, an athlete of international fame, Mr. Pradeep Kumar Alok, a veteran in the field of athletics, a member of Indian University Team and winner of many Gold and Bronze medals at National and International level were accorded a warm welcome by the Director, Ms. Rani Choudhry and Principal, Mr. Atanu Rath, Ms. Manju Dabhi - HM Secondary Wing and Mr. Rakesh Kumar Bhagat - HM Primary Wing.

For secondary and senior secondary students, various track and field events like 100m, 200m, 4x100m Relay, Tug of war, Mini Marathon, Kabbadi, Shot Put etc. were held amongst much ardour and cheering by the respective House Representatives.

The tiny tots of the Pre-primary wing participated in big numbers in highly entertaining races like Get ready to Party, Treasure Hunt, Hurdle Race, Beach Ball race etc.





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The Primary Wing too kept the children on toes in a variety of races.

Our equal stake holders in education, the parents, too participated in varied sport events with contagious zeal and expressed their gratitude to the management for keeping them in the loop.

Track events were also organized for the teaching as well as administrative and supporting staff. All the events were a huge success and the winners were felicitated with medals and certificates.





# SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

## WE ARE THE BEST !

In a bid to infuse healthy competitive spirit and positive reinforcement of desired behavior among students as well as teachers, the Principal, Mr. Atanu Rath introduced a Rolling Trophy for the Best Class. The yard stick to stake a claim comprised of Academic Record, Discipline, Communication Skills, Cleanliness, Behaviour towards teachers and Soft-Board Display, Participation in CCA activities etc. In Primary - I A, II G, III E, IVA & VD were the lucky ones to be honoured on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. with the Trophy and a Certificate. In Secondary wing, VI-A, VII-G, VIII-D, VIII-G, IX-G and X-E bagged the 'Best Class Rolling Trophy'



**Class : I-A - Class Teacher : Ms. Madhu Singh**



**Class : II-G - Class Teacher : Ms. Ketna Naik**



**Class : III-E - Class Teacher : Ms. Depinder Saini**



**Class : IV-A - Class Teacher : Ms. Fatima Tinwala**



**Class : V-D - Class Teacher : Ms. Jaya Shukla**



**Class : VI-A - Class Teacher : Ms. Nisreen Kakkai**



**Class : VIII-G - Class Teacher : Mr. Laxman Mali**



**Class : VII-G - Class Teacher : Ms. Urvi Taylor**



**Class : IX - G - Class Teacher : Ms. Neerja Sahni**



**Class : VIII-D - Class Teacher : Ms. Archana Sood**



**Class : X-E - Class Teacher : Ms. Neeraj Kaushesh**



## BOOKS - MY BEST BUDDIES



Library Week was observed in the school from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018 in a bid to revive waning reading habits in children. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Muttayya Kaganuramath, (Senior Professor of School of Library & Information Sciences) in Central University of Gujarat, in the presence of the Principal, Mr. Atanu Rath, Head Mistress Ms. Manju Dabi & Head Master Mr. Rakesh Kumar Bhagat.

The exhibition saw the participation of students from classes VI to IX. Altogether, Books of fifteen genres were displayed in an impressive manner. Models, posters, authors on air were displayed artistically re-presentive different genres. Quizzes, games, were the most fun loving activities for students.

Mr. Muttaya encouraged the students to develop regular reading habits, highlighting the advantages of reading and interacted with students and quizzed them about the activity.

## KAI POCHE

*"Up in the air, See the kites fly like colourful birds, In the wind - whipped sky."*



Come Uttarayan and you see the sky dotted with colourful kites, at times diving down and at times soaring high. Celebrated with much exuberance on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Jan., across the state, Uttarayan a harvest festival, is the harbinger of spring season. It is celebrated with different names pan India. The Primary wing conducted special assembly on 13<sup>th</sup> January to mark the festivities - sang foot tapping numbers and also cautioned everyone to fly kites safely.



The festive fervour of Uttarayan was at its peak on the cricket ground. The students accompanied by their teachers had a gala time flying kites. The students of the Art club, made a huge kite measuring 6ft x 6ft to mark the festival of uttarayan.

## BASANT PANCHAMI

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 the day of "Basant Panchami" dedicated to Goddess Saraswati, the symbol of knowledge, wisdom and speech was celebrated with all gusto. To mark the occasion, students and teachers came dressed in yellow clothes, offered yellow coloured flowers to the Goddess and also brought yellow coloured sweets to share with each other. Saraswati Vandana by teachers, display of drawings based on the day and rendition of shlokas were the highlights.

Special assemblies were held in Pre-Primary, Primary and Secondary wings.

After the assembly puja was performed at the reception area to seek the blessings of Goddess Saraswati.





## 13TH ANNUAL DAY- DPSG FEIER 2017-18

The School celebrated its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Day - DPSG Feier on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2018 at Town Hall Gandhinagar with much aplomb.

For Primary Wing, the big day was on 29th. The programme was based on the belief, "Change is Beautiful" and cut across sub-themes varying from Festivals to Nature and from Beginning of Life to Dashaavtar.

Dazzling costumes, finely choreographed song and dance sequences were truly a visual delight. The Chief Guests on the occasion were- Mr. Bhagyesh Jha (OSD), Communication & PR, Chief Minister's Office, Govt. of Gujarat and Mr. R.K. Sharma Ex-ED, ONGC, Ahmedabad,. They emphasized on the need to allow children to express themselves freely and be close to nature.



For Secondary Wing the celebrations dawned on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. Pabitra Narayan Roy Choudhry, (Retd.) Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat. He is currently Executive Director with Adani Foundation. Mr. Dhruvil Mawani, Radio Jockey with Red FM 93.5 was the Guest of Honour. Ms. Manju Goenka (Trustee) and Ms. Rani Choudhry, the Director of the school too, graced the occasion. After the auspicious lighting of lamp, the Annual Report 2017-18 was presented by the Principal, Mr. Atanu Rath.

The selection of the theme, "Save Rivers, Save Life" revealed the sensitive nature and high level of consciousness among students about environmental issues. Rich social composition and cultural heritage were conspicuously integrated in folk dances and traditional songs.

All the dignitaries were highly appreciative of the theme and its depiction. The effusive response of the parents was a great moral booster for the participants. Ms. Manju Goenka too expressed gratification at the way the school is growing from strength to strength.



# SCHOOL FUNCTIONS





## GURU NANAK JAYANTI

The Pre Primary wing celebrated Guru Nanak Jayanti on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017, an important Sikh festival. The Resource Room was decorated with flowers and bore an air of piety. A short documentary film was shown to children on the life of Guru Nanak followed by a Power Point Presentation on His preachings. Shabads (Hymns) from Guru Granth Sahib were sung by the teachers. The celebration was meant to remind children to respect all religions.



## CLOWNING AROUND



9<sup>th</sup> November was meant to be happy and make others happy too. Little stars of Pre Nursery came dressed as clowns to celebrate Clown Day. Children doubled with joy on seeing the corridor bustling with so many clowns. Their teachers impersonated as clowns, was a double bonus for them. Activities like, vegetable printing in clown shaped pictures and palm printing to make faces of clowns kept these vibrantly clad clowns cheerfully engaged.



Children recited rhymes on circus along with their teachers.

## BETTER LEARNING IN OPEN AIR - INDRODA PARK



The children of Pre-Nursery broke the monotony of learning in their classrooms and visited Indroda Park at Gandhinagar on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The children holding hands explored the park, where flowers, fruits, trees, herbs and other plants grow round the year. Children were apprised about dinosaur's eggs, foot prints and the time period of their existence on the earth. They had a rollicking time rolling on lush green grass. Beautiful chirping birds, snakes and jackals presented a fascinating sight to the children.

## BE COOL & COMFORTABLE - IT'S JEANS DAY

The Pre-Nursery sections observed "Jeans Day" on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.. Children looked smart and confident in their favourite jeans, T-shirts, jackets, caps and tops. Several art and craft activities were planned as the little ones decorated different mini images of jeans with smiley stickers, glitters etc. The idea was to get familiar with different types of fabric.



## JUST COLOUR MY WORLD

To tap the creativity in young minds and bring it to the fore, a Colouring competition for Pre Nursery children was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. It was wonderful to see the children happily engaged in the activity. Badges were given to the best five students from each class as a token of appreciation.





## CHALO KAHANI SUNEY

Show and Tell activity was held on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November for the Nursery students. All the participants came well



prepared with various items and toys like car, tree, mirror and doll etc. They all exuded appreciable creativity and confidence while speaking about their possessions. Talk about Stage fear! What's that?

## FROM FARM TO PLATE

A vegetable market offers multi-hued and multi shaped vegetables and fruits inviting one and all. The kiddies of Nursery visited the local vegetable market on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. to get a first hand feel of veggies and fruits they eat day in and day out. After their experiment with germination and growing plants, their knowledge was reinforced. The kiddies of Preparatory too followed suit and swarmed all over the market interacting with vendors and in the process learnt the trajectory of food from farms to their plates. Needless to say, eating colourful and nutritious food was simultaneously emphasized upon during the visit.



## IT'S CUCKOO CALLING !



Winter comes and it brings with it tidings of the year ending and another beautiful one beginning.

The air had turned crisper and so it was only fair that the teachers of little tots of Pre-Primary ventured out to breathe in mouthfuls of it. A field trip to Kuku's nest was organized for Pre Nursery students on 19<sup>th</sup> December to explore different types of plants, trees, herbs, shrubs and roots of plants.

A leisurely walk in open green spaces, shaded by scores of trees followed by a yoga session

complemented the day. Children collected some of the fallen leaves and flowers and made a souvenir.

## PUZZLED BY JIG-SAW?

*"Never Give up, Great things take time."*

Jigsaw puzzle play can build children's physical, cognitive and emotional skills. The tiny tots of Pre-Nursery participated in "Jig-Saw Puzzle Competition" on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. The puzzle was related to animals and they thoroughly enjoyed solving the puzzle board. Five fastest puzzle solvers were declared the winners and awarded with Appreciation Badges.



## UNBRIDLED IMAGINATION

*"Every child is an artist"*

To explore the creative potential in our Preparatory children, a Drawing competition was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> January. The theme given was 'Nature'. Children came up with amazing artwork. Best five children from each section were awarded prizes on the basis of overall presentation.





## GETTING FAMILIAR WITH SHAPES

It was a day of fun with shapes for the Pre Nursery students on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Tiny tots enjoyed bringing creative and attractive props of different shapes. Various activities and games were planned to revise basic shapes. Children realized that shapes can be seen all around us. Appreciation badges were given to the students who came with the best idea with shapes.



## IT'S STORY TIME AGAIN.....

Story Narration is the best way to enhance the language and communication skills of children. Thus, a Story Telling session was organized for the little ones of Preparatory from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February. Children participated actively and narrated their favourite story in English. All the stories had an important moral to convey. The criteria for judgement was introduction, content of the story and voice modulation. Best five students from each class were selected and appreciation



badges along with certificates were given.

## ARTISTIC BEND

Drawing pictures is the most enjoyable way to explore creativity. To tap children's imagination and creativity, a Drawing Competition was organized for Nursery students on 14<sup>th</sup> February. It was a sight to behold to see little ones drawing their perception of "Nature". Best five students from each section were felicitated with badges and certificates.



## PAIRING BLOCKS



***"A brain that is active and stimulated by pairing puzzle is a brain that will function well at work."***

Pre-Nursery toddlers were engaged in a stimulating activity of Pairing Blocks on 15<sup>th</sup> February, which helped them to sharpen problem solving skills, memory and eye - hand coordination. Fastest five students were selected as winners. The winners were -Prisha Kumari, Hency Patel, Ruhi Patel, Durva Joshi and Vraj Thakur from class Pre-Nursery A. Vihaan Desai, Jiya Tomar, Jiaa Raval, Krishana Parmar and Hitanshi Balbhadra from class Pre-Nursery B.



## INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH POEM RECITATION COMPETITION



*'Poetry is rhythmical  
creation of beauty in words' -  
Edgar Allan Poe"*

An Inter-house English Poem recitation competition for the students of class III was held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The topic for the competition was 'Beauty of Nature'.



Bansi Patel of Sabarmati House aced the competition. Second position went to Angad Vashist of Tapti house and Third position to Abhinav Jha of Sabarmati house.

## 'BRAIN TEASER'



The more we use our brain, the sharper it becomes. Hence a 'Brain Teaser Competition' was organized for the students of classes I & II on 14<sup>th</sup> November. The students were divided into four different groups

and questioned on topics related to Environmental studies, Mathematics, English, General Awareness etc. Winning teams from each class were adjudged by the respective Class Teachers and were awarded Certificates.

## LAUGH OUT LOUD



Studies intertwined with tickling of funny bone can be the best combination for learning process. An Inter House Hindi Hasya Kavita competition was held for the students of classes IV on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. All the participating students enthralled the audience with recitation of various humorous poems with a message. First Position went to Avani Sinha from Narmada and Vaanya Rawat from Sabarmati House, Second position to Nishtha Agarwal from Sabarmati and Kahaan Shah from Tapti House.

## SPIN THE YARN

A competition to 'Spin the Yarn' for students of class V was organized on 8<sup>th</sup> December. It was all about English Story Narration. Students of all the four Houses exhibited their creativity both in narration and usage of props.

The winners were : Ananya Singh (Mahi House), Probrisa Boro (Narmada House) and Samriddhi Tripathi (Sabarmati House)



## MATHS ALIVE

*'The only way to learn mathematics is to do  
mathematics' - Paul Halmos*

To identify young geniuses and provide them with a unique competitive platform where they can prove their mathematical talents, 'Maths Alive' competition was organized for the students of classes I to V on 12<sup>th</sup> December. The competition turned out to be a huge success with great participation and enthusiasm shown by all the students. The winners were awarded with certificates.





## CYBER WIZARD GRAND CHALLENGE

The Department of Computer Science organized an Inter-House 'Cyber Wizard' Competition on 20<sup>th</sup> November for the students of Class III, IV and V. The result was declared in the month of December and the best three students from each class were declared winners. A total number of 36 students participated in the contest. The performance of the students was excellent.

## LET'S KNOW OUR BANK

Providing learning opportunities beyond school campus to the students, is a regular feature at DPSG.



The destination for the students of class IV on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. was Bank of Baroda at Motera.

They were welcomed by Mr. M.K. Bijlani, the Executive Manager. The branch team acquainted the students with a comprehensive explanation of banking- deposit and pay- in slips and cheques, ATM, debit and credit cards. An informative trip, that surely will prove to be of great help in future.

## ALL FOR KIDS PRESENTATION

Drama and performing arts provide an avenue to develop cognitive abilities that compliment study in other disciplines. To build self-confidence in public



speaking, a programme on public speaking was introduced three years ago for the students of Primary wing, in collaboration with All for Kids. Students showcased their skills in a presentation on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. where in the parents of these kids were the audience. The parents too, presented a short skit. The efforts made by the school were highly lauded by the parents.

## SHOP & MANAGE MONEY

How to handle money and make financial decisions are important life skills that can be taught as soon as children can count, along with the difference between a "want" and a "need." A visit to D-Mart was organized for the students of class II on 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February. All the students were exposed to the concept of budget, expenditure and savings. Students were instructed to bring 50 Rupees to purchase food items and stationery items, which they did quite confidently, and paid cash, took care of balance amount with the bill. And Boy! How proud they felt!





## OLYMPIAD WINNERS



Students of Primary section received accolades for their appreciable performance in NCO and IGKO and were felicitated by Mr. Rakesh Kumar Bhagat- HM, with certificates and medals on 6th Feb.2018.

## FLORA & FAUNA

The school organized an Educational Trip to Indroda Park for the students of class I on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The purpose of this trip was to give the students a platform to explore their aesthetic, intellectual, cognitive as well as spiritual skills towards nature. The students enjoyed observing the bones,

eggs and other precious fossils of one of the extinct species - Dinosaur, massive skeletons of sea mammals like crocodiles and blue whales. They enjoyed various sections of the park dedicated to different varieties of flora and fauna. The trip was very informative and provided fantastic learning opportunity to the students.

## ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

*'Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude.'* - Nigel Hamilton



Keeping in line with this positive thought, students of class II very enthusiastically made cards on 'Thanks Giving Day' on 22nd February to express gratitude to their teachers. It also

was an opportunity for the young students to give wings to their imagination.

## GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Primary Wing organized the Graduation Ceremony for the students of class V on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the School Atrium. Organized to celebrate the coming of age of class V students, who would soon move on to the Secondary wing, the ceremony focused on the theme - 'Importance of Education'.

All the students of Class V were given 'Congratulations Cards' rolled up like Graduation Degree. The present student council handed over responsibilities to Class IV students. The Head Girl thanked all the teachers in her speech. All Class V teachers were felicitated with a thank you card and a token gift. The Principal, Mr. Atanu Rath complimented the student council for their outstanding work. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the HM, Mr. Rakesh Kumar Bhagat.





## MY HEALTH IS MY WEALTH

The age old proverb 'Health is Wealth' can never become irrelevant. But we conveniently ignore this timeless advice. Thus, in a bid to reinforce health and safety culture among the students, 'Health and Safety Week' was observed in the school from 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November.

The week long events kicked off right from the morning assembly featuring informative sessions. During the week a pep talk on Human Eye : Health and Care was conducted for the students of classes VI and VIII by Dr. Pradip J. Yagnik, Shalakya, Consultant in Goenka Ayurveda Hospital.

To cope with medical emergencies, Dr. Dhaivat Vohra and Dr. Arvind Singh, from Goenka Hospital Gandhinagar conducted a demonstrative session on First Aid including emergencies like burns, cuts,

bleeding, sunburns, fits/convulsions, eye injuries, nose bleeding etc. A thorough dental check-up was conducted by a team of seventeen doctors led by Dr. Tej from Goenka Dental Hospital. A session for the girl students was conducted by Dr. Anuradha Dhawan MBBS, DGO (Obstetrics and Gynaecology Ultrasound) and Dr. Kirti Nahar MBBS, MS (Obstetrics and Gynaecology Ultrasound). Apart from physical well-being, a 'Fire safety Drill' was conducted by a team from ONGC led by Mr Soumitra Bhattacharya (CE), Mr Dharendra Gaikwad, M V Rathwa and Mr. S S Rathod.

## INTER HOUSE CYBER WIZARD COMPETITION

'Cyber Wizard' an Inter House Competition was organized for the students of classes VI to X from 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. to 01<sup>st</sup> Dec.

Altogether 56 students participated in various categories. The technical skills of the students were greatly applauded by the judges. "The Best Three" students from each class were declared winners.

## WHAT DO I DO AFTER XII ??

To provide an array of career options after class XII, a career counselling session for the students of class XI- Science and Commerce stream was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The session was conducted by renowned career counsellor Mr.

Rohit Garg, a postgraduate from IIM, Kolkata and a certified aptitude trainer.

Another session for the students of class X was organised on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Mr. Prashant from Career Launcher spoke about different aptitudes required to clear varied competitive exams. Diverse career options available today, viz., Law, Hotel Management, Adventure Tourism, Mass Communication, Data Scientist and Event Management were discussed. Names of good colleges were also given to the students. The importance of studying in a good school was emphasized.

## NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

National Youth Day is celebrated every year on 12<sup>th</sup> January to commemorate the birth anniversary of youth icon Swami Vivekananda. In the Special Assembly a motivating speech on "Role of Youth as Agents of Change" in India's Development was delivered by Sreeraj Nair (class VIII). Besides, an act depicting power of words and significance of strong character was presented.





## WALKING THE TALK WITH METRO HEAD



Yet another new practice has been introduced by the Principal Mr. Atanu Rath with a view to further hone communication skills of students and providing them learning opportunities beyond the school campus. Two students, Varun Chaturvedi of X D and Veda Dutt of IX E, along with Ms. Sarabjeet Singh, HOD-English, interviewed Mr. I. P. Gautam (Retd. IAS Officer), MD, Metro Project Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2018. The interview was conducted at Karamyogi Bhavan in Gandhinagar.



Mr. Gautam was very forthcoming and explained the criteria set by the government for launching the Metro in a city and other challenging aspects of this project.

## COME CHOOSE YOUR CAREER

To provide the students of classes IX-XII with a variety of career options, a career fair was organized on 2nd and 3rd Feb. in the school premises. The main player was Western India Institute of Aeronautics Pvt.Ltd, that has Indus University under its umbrella offering wide range of courses both in Science and Commerce. The university offers Undergraduate and Post Graduate Programme in Management, Dual Programme Degree BBA + MBA, B.Tech and M.Tech Programmes in all disciplines together with Integrated MCA and M.Sc. and Ph.D. Programme. Career Launcher, another education corporation had on display options available in Law. Vivekananda Institute of Management offered venue in hospitality sector, i.e. Hotel & Tourism Management in Gujarat. Parents explored all the possible options very patiently.





### IT'S SAYONARA TO CLASS XII STUDENTS

Just like gold and diamonds are uncovered from the earth, the highly skilled, full of good deeds and sharp minded students are uncovered from school. In an emotionally surcharged environment in the school auditorium, the management, staff and the students of class XI, bid adieu 'Never to say good bye' to the students of class XII on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Present on the occasion were- Mrs. Rani Chaudhry, Director DPSG, Principal Mr. Atanu Rath, Head Mistress Ms. Manju Dabi, Head Master Mr. Rakesh Bhagat and Accounts and Admin-in-charge Mr. Vikash Agarwal.



Seventeen special titles, to name a few - Eidka Chand, Laughing Buddha, Ms. Chirpy, Mr. Tell me Why, were bestowed upon the students. Neha Mankani of XII D and Rahul Saha of XII B were adjudged as Ms. and Mr. DPS and Dhimahi Vasavada of XII A and Rahul Saha were adjudged as Ms. and Mr. All Rounder respectively. Video film shot by class XII students on a day in DPS won accolades and touched an emotional chord in all. Ananya Sharma of class XII C and Rahul Saha in their heart touching speech, expressed their deep love and gratitude to the teachers. The programme ended with presenting of mementos to the outgoing batch and the dignitaries wishing them a bright future.

### VORACIOUS READERS

Reading skills of the students of classes VI to X were assessed throughout the year during Library periods on the basis of Discipline, Reading habits & number of books issued during the session 2017-18. One Best Reader from each class was selected and felicitated with certificates and books in the assembly.



### INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



International English Olympiad (IEO) was conducted in the school premises with approx. 375 language enthusiasts taking the test on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017, out of which 20 students qualified for the second level of examination.

Prize Distribution for rank holders from classes VI to XII was held on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. Eight students were awarded Medals and certificates of Distinction, seven Gold and Silver and six Bronze medals.



### INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD OF SCIENCE

International Olympiad of Science was conducted on 6th December 2017 in our school. 90 students from classes VI to XII appeared for the Level-I exam. Out of which 12 students cleared Level-I and they will be appearing for Level-II exam. Out of 90 students, 6 students bagged gold medals, 5 students got silver and bronze medals.



### BLESSING CEREMONY' FOR CLASS-X

To infuse confidence and motivation among the students of class X, who will be appearing for the Board Examination in March 2018, a blessing ceremony was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> February in the school. A brief cultural programme was presented by Class IX students. Class X students fondly expressed their gratitude to the teachers. The principal, Mr. Atanu Rath urged the students to pursue their goal with determination and passion. Valuable tips regarding preparation for board exams were given by HM, Ms. Manju Dabi. Mrs. Rani Chaudhary, Director of the school emphasized on written practice and revision for achieving high grades in the board exams. The ceremony ended with presentation of mementos of best wishes.





## S.G.F.I NATIONAL LEVEL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

63<sup>rd</sup> National School Games Basketball Girls Under-14 was held at Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November. Gujarat Basketball team under -14 secured 4<sup>th</sup> position out of 26 states at National level. Ishani Bisht of class VIII-D was one of the players of the Gujarat team. She secured her place in the State team after performing brilliantly at district and state level.



## INTER HOUSE TENNIS COMPETITION

Inter House Lawn Tennis Competition for class-V (Under - 12 Boys & Girls) was held on 18<sup>th</sup> November at School Lawn Tennis Court. Eight Boys and sixteen Girls participated in this competition. Dav Vrat of VC, Narmada House won in the



Boys category and Tanishka Nair VD, Yashica Mutha VC, Bhavini Sinha VB and Kashvi Rathod VA, from Tapti House won in Girls category.

## INTER HOUSE CRICKET COMPETITION

An Inter House Cricket Competition for Class IV (U-10) was held on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. at school cricket ground. The budding players showcased team work, sense of responsibility and discipline. Mahi and Narmada house emerged as winners in the first semifinals against Tapti and Sabarmati house. Final match was played between Mahi and Narmada house in which Mahi house won the match by 23 runs.





## INTER HOUSE BASKETBALL COMPETITION UNDER-12 BOYS & GIRLS

First Semi final match was played between Narmada and Tapti house and Narmada House won the match by 08-02 Points. Second Semi final match was played between Mahi and Sabarmati House in which Sabarmati House won by 13-04 Points.

Final match was between Narmada and Sabarmati House resulting in Narmada House as the victorious House by 12-07 Points.



## INTER SCHOOL SPORTS FIESTA CRICKET TOURNAMENT



Inter School Sports Fiesta Cricket Tournament For Boys Under-17 was held at school premises from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November. Six teams from Gandhinagar participated in the tournament and from our school, team 'A' and 'B' participated. Team B won the semi-final match against DCIS School by 112 runs. Final match was between Podar International and DPSG Team A, wherein the latter won the match by 34 runs. Kushan Lamba of class XI-C was declared **The Man of The Match** for his all-round performance.

## INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING & VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

DIVINE SPORTS FEST -2017 was organized by Divine Child School Mehsana on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.2017. There were 18



participants from our school in Inter School Swimming & Volleyball Competition for different age categories. Our swimmers walked away with a booty of 4 Gold & 3 Silver Medals. Viha Vyas - VI A, Bhavya Sharma-VII -E and Eesha Barot of XI C won Gold Medals. Vartika Pathak - II-G won two Silver medals in two categories. Esha Barot grabbed a silver too, in Back stroke.



### SWAMI VIVEKANAND HILL-SHIELD RURAL

Swami Vivekanand Hill-Shield Rural (District) level Inter school cricket tournament for boys under-19 was held at Sports Authority of India, Sector-15, Gandhinagar on 26th January 2018. The tournament was played on knock out basis. Our team played finals against Ved International School and won the match by 52 runs. The whole team got selected to play for the zonal level.



### AHMEDABAD OPEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Ahmedabad Open Badminton tournaments was held at Subo Youth Club, Bopal, Ahmedabad on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Dion Rodricks of class 7<sup>th</sup> D and Vimal Kumar of class 8<sup>th</sup> E participated in Doubles in this Tournament and won first position in under-15 age category and second position in under-17 age category.



## DEFINING MOMENTS

### EXTERNAL AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

The students of Primary Wing brought laurels to the school by winning several external competitions beyond school campus. The winners were felicitated on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. by the Principal, Mr. Atanu Rath. Mehar Chaudhary of class I-D secured fourth position at State Level in Under -7 International Chess Tournament held at Chess Academy, Ahmedabad on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017.



Another young champ of class II G Vartika Pathak won Silver medal in Swimming U- 11 category held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017. She was awarded with trophies & certificates in two categories, viz., 50 m Butterfly and 50 m Backstroke.

Nistha Agrawal of class IV G, a brilliant speller won the Interschool Round with a gold medal in MaRRS Spelling Bee Competition held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Saanvi Jain a young artist of class III E won the second prize in International level Drawing Competition organized by Dnyandeep Vikas Sanstha, Aurangabad



held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The Best Art Teacher award was also bagged by Mr. Umesh Mistry for his fascinating and awe- inspiring art work. He was honoured with a trophy and a certificate Dnyandeep Vikas Sanstha, Aurangabad.





## ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE

A "National Level Inter School Drawing Competition-2017" was organized by Faber Castle Pvt Ltd. in July 2017 for the students of classes III to X. Students sent their drawings according to the class and category. In the first round, three best students (Sreshtha Lahiri of VI-F, Nancy Goreja of VIII-G, Muskan Makhija of VII-G) from each group were given prizes as well as certificates. In the final round, paintings of 12 students from all over the country were selected and published in Faber Castle's Yearly Calendar. Sreshtha Lahiri of VI-F was awarded with a Certificate of Excellence and gift hampers.



## CREATIVITY AT IT'S BEST

An International level Drawing competition was organized by "DNYANDEEP VIKAS SANSTHA-AURANGABAD" on 28<sup>th</sup> November. Two hundred and forty two drawings of students (III- VIII) were sent. The creative expression of our students fetched them six awards and certificates. Avni Menaria of class VIII won the first prize and has been awarded with "Kalaratna Award" - Certificate of Appreciation and a cash prize of 1000/- Besides, the Principal -Mr. Atanu Rath too has been honoured with "Ideal Principal Award" and the school has received 'The Best Creative School' award. Mr. Hasmukh Chauhan (Art teacher) was also awarded the prestigious "Kalashree Award".



## READ TO LEAD 2017

Redbricks School, Shilaj, organized 'Read To Lead Young Readers Conclave 2017' on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. . Ten students from our school participated in the event under four categories and added laurels to the school. In the first event, 'Twist in a Rhyme', two students Vidhatra Patel of II-C and Anushka Singh of III-A won First Position.

'In Touch and Feel Book Making' competition three students, viz. Anushka Rath of I B, Anant Saxena of II G and Ekagra Maheshwari of III B won First Runner Up Trophy. In yet another category of 'Booker's Quiz' (Mega) three students of Class IX E - Prem Patel, Haard Vyas and Harshamallika Bandaru bagged Second Position. The competition was based on the works of the renowned authors.

In 'Critical Reading Workshop' wherein two participants of our school, Aayushi Bayond and Arko Chatterjee both of class XII B were declared the 'Best Speakers'





## INTER-SCHOOL DRAWING COMPETITION

A poster making competition was organized by "Indian Coast Guard-Gandhinagar" on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan '2018.

The creativity of three of our students brought accolades. Aayushi Vora of Class - Vii, Himangi Boro of Class- IX, Shreshtha Laheri - Class- VI won the first prize and received gift certificates.



## ARTISTIC EXPRESSION OF "SWACHH BHARAT"

An International level Drawing competition was organised by "ALL INDIA SWACHH BHARAT ART COMPETITION-2017" On 28<sup>th</sup> November. Our students actively participated by sending drawings of 406 students from classes I to VIII out of which twelve students received Gold Medals.



Khushi Chaudhary of class VI and Shrutee Lagdive from class VIII won the first prize and have been awarded with Gold Medals and certificates.

The Principal, Mr. Atanu Rath too has been awarded with "BEST PRINCIPAL AWARD" & Mr. Hasmukh Chauhan {Art teacher} with the prestigious "BEST ART TEACHER AWARD".

## INTER SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION

In its pursuit of stimulating quest for knowledge among the students, DPSG provides platform to its students to participate in different competitions outside the school.

Participation in Inter school Quiz Competitions 'Energy Mania' was one such endeavour, where 31 students from classes IX & X participated. The competition was organised at PDU-Gandhinagar campus on 3rd November, 2017.

The Quiz comprised of three rounds. Fifteen teams were formed by pairing students in a group of two. Seven teams of the school cleared Round -1. Four teams cleared Round - 2 and in Round-3, students contested brilliantly and bagged third prize.





## Creativity Galore



**AARUSHI KUSHESH : 9-G**



**AVANI THAPLIYAL : 8-H**



**DIVYA PANCHAL : 10-D**



**JANKI JOSHI : 9-E**



**HAARD VYAS : 10-A**



**KHUSHI PATEL : 10-A**



**NISHTHA PATEL : 9-F**



**PRASHANSHA ROY : 9-G**



**RAHI PATEL : 9-G**



**SHASWAT JATAKIYA : 9-G**



**VAIDEHI : 9-G**



**VIRAL PATEL : 10-A**



## My World My Mom

Its only yesterday I saw her  
With glazing eyes and  
An imperishable faith in me  
But it now does often occur  
Why I couldn't give her the time  
She asked humbly

It's just a few years' time  
I need to spend, before  
I could happily join her in heaven  
It's just late - timing realization  
Which slithered into my mind  
When I cried often  
She was very pleased with my deeds,  
Consumed in me, usually ignoring  
Her deeds  
The misjudgment is mine, happy with  
her satisfaction, I carried on with my mind  
The sickness grew like a weed hidden in a farm  
Not knowing how many crops it will kill and harm

Suddenly a day the pump stopped and she  
collapsed, frantic my mind concerned towards  
The loss it led  
Till now I hear her calls, just for me  
And laughs and cheers just with me  
Her special noise of bangles,  
Our plans and appreciations and  
All that tinkles  
Our talks and sound of her footsteps.....and all that I miss  
I know from heaven its only me whom She miss  
No one knows the importance of a Person,  
until he / she is sent by God into heaven  
In my dreams, I see her, in a World where I could keep her alive Forever



**SRESHTHA LAHIRI**  
**CLASS-6-F**

## Who's Superman

"Who's Superman?" A little kid had asked me  
I thought about the question asked so boldly.  
Is Superman really the hero that everyone believes?  
Or is he just some criminal that only deceives?

Is that red cape he wears only for show?  
And that killer smile just to boost his ego?  
I thought and I thought until the answer was clear  
Then I went down on one knee and said in his ear,

"Superman isn't real" I said to the child,  
Not knowing the mind I had just defiled.  
"He's just a character with some strange powers  
Actors play them like other characters.

With a little special effects, and a pulley rope system  
Everyone suddenly thinks he's awesome  
The man isn't real, he's just made up  
His comics and movies are a huge cover-up."  
The little kid looked up to me with those big bright eyes,  
Then asked me something that took me by surprise.  
"Who will help us when we are all in trouble?"  
I was dumbfounded, not feeling like a role model.  
My eyes widened at the mistake I made  
But I had to answer the question, unafraid.  
The kid stood patiently, waiting for my reply,  
I had to answer fast so I could clarify.

"Well you see Superman isn't the only hero on Earth  
Everyday, every hour, a new hero is given birth.  
Those twinkling lights in the sky are stars  
Each represents a man who fought in wars.

They all wear dog tags instead of capes,  
So people will know who they are from the fakes.  
Instead of unitards, they wear their uniforms proud  
Saluting and vowing to be justice out loud."

"Is that all?" The kid asked in disbelief  
Not showing a single sign of relief  
I eyed the kid in dismay at what he just said  
I told him my answer and this is what I get?  
"While you're too busy playing video games,  
People save lives and no one knows their names  
Everyday someone in this world dies  
Everyday someone in this world saves lives."

So who's Superman, is the question you ask?  
You could be the hero, only just unmasked.



**MANAS MAHAVEER**  
**HEAD BOY -XII A**



## LET'S GET UPDATED

Ms. Varsha Thakur, the school counsellor conducted teachers training workshop on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Dyslexia (Reading disorder). She shared tips about handling students with ADHD and more importantly how to energize them to do better in classroom. Teachers were also given an insight into Dyslexia, and apprised the teachers about help rendered by CBSE to such students. She also tried to understand the daily problems that teachers face while dealing with these students and offered suggestions. A checklist was provided to the teachers to enable them to identify symptoms and send such students for counseling.



## SHARPENING THE AXE

A recurring trend in DPS Gandhinagar is to make the teaching staff abreast with all the mandatory skills required to impart quality education and make the school environment congenial for this purpose. Hence, a workshop on 'Soft Skills' was conducted for forty two teachers from Pre-Primary and Senior Secondary wing by Ms. Sarabjeet Singh, HOD-Eng



## GET ARMED FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education settings offer an opportunity to provide children with a solid foundation in all areas of their development. To improve the quality and efficacy, a workshop on "Enriching Early Childhood Education" was conducted by Ms. Sharmista Parmar on 5th December 2017 for the teachers for Pre-Primary. After a recap of what Early Childhood Education is, its purpose, importance and advantages were discussed. Some very enriching, interesting and practical ideas were given to deal with young learners.





## BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS IN CLASSROOMS

A workshop on 'Dealing with Behaviour Problems in Classroom Situation' was conducted by Dr. Nivedita Ganguli on 23<sup>rd</sup> December at DAV International School, Ahmedabad. Ms. Nidhi Uniyal and Ms. Vimmi Sethi were the attendees from our school. The aim was to examine the conception of students' misbehavior in classroom and to identify the common disruptive and unacceptable behaviour from teachers' perspective. Understanding the personal problems, being positive in body language and tone and raising self-esteem of children etc. were some of the measures suggested to handle such situations.



## THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF GEOGRAPHY

*"Geography is the subject that explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future"*

A workshop on Teaching and Learning of Geography was organized by the Council of Education, Management DPS Society, Dwarka, New Delhi from 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 for educators of VI to VIII, under the supervision of Director-CEM, The DPS Society & Director I/C HRDC Ms. Vinita Kher

Fifty four schools, including Mr. Kirti Singh from DPSG participated in the workshop. The workshop focused on learning GIS, Cartography, the Integration of Subjects and Concepts etc. The workshop was yet another endeavour to walk the teachers through technological approach towards subject like digital mapping of space and place using internet.





In the wake of all pervading media, it has become imperative that educational institutes and parents work hand in hand in making the students use media judiciously and safely. Thus, a very well thought out initiative was taken by the Principal, Mr. Atanu Rath. Parents were invited to mail essays expressing their views on '**Media Literacy for Kids**'.

The response was beyond our expectations. Best three entries were declared the winners. Ms. Ratna Majumdar being first, Ms. Shipra Vasisht (M/o Shinay Vasisht III-D) second and Dr. (Ms.) Madhabi Prashant Bhattad (M/o Harshita Prashant Bhattad V-B) . We are glad to reproduce the the essay sent by Ms. Majumdar.

### **Media Literacy for Kids**

When we talk about Media Literacy, I mean having the skills to access, understand, question, critically analyse, evaluate and create media, like television, DVDs, apps, photographs, print and online content.

Children and teenagers who are media literate are more aware of the way media content is made, where it comes from and what its purpose is. They're more confident about voicing their opinions about media. They're also safer online and less likely to be manipulated by the media.

My son often gives a sharp cry whenever there is a flashy advertisement about a newly launched car in the television. Those car commercials are, unfortunately, the easiest thing for me to explain to my son. What's difficult is explaining why advertising can be purposely misleading. Telling my son that people lie to make money is taking a little bit of their innocence. On the other hand, I don't want my kids to be naïve forever and I do want to encourage them to be critical thinkers.

According to a recent study, 8-18-year-olds devote an average of 7 hours and 38 minutes to using entertainment media in a typical day - more than 53 hours a week. With all of this time spent taking in what the media offers, isn't it important that our kids understand what they're seeing?

According to my simple theory of children media education is to teach them that "**Seeing is Not Believing**" ..... The first step in teaching media literacy to your child is explaining the difference between fantasy and reality. This may seem like a basic concept but "many younger children cannot discriminate between what they see and what is real." Children are inherently innocent and believe what they are told. Therefore, it's going to take time to get them to see things critically. We can start off simply. When you see a commercial featuring a man or woman, point out that the person in the advertisement is an actor and that he or she has been paid to participate in that ad. Begin pointing out flaws in advertising such as products or places you have tried and been disappointed in: Or foods that are being advertised as delicious or healthy when you know they are not. This will get your child thinking and questioning the messages around them, which is a great way to start raising a critical thinking, media-literate kid!

What is important to understand is that media literacy is not about "protecting" kids from unwanted messages. Although some groups urge families to just turn the TV off, the fact is, that the media is so ingrained in our cultural milieu that even if we turn off the set, we still cannot escape today's media culture. Media no longer just influence our culture. They ARE our culture. Thus we can say that Media literacy, therefore, is about helping students become competent, critical and literate in all media forms so that they control the interpretation of what they see or hear rather than letting the interpretation control them. Also a questioning attitude can help your child sort out facts from opinion, identify advertising and product placement, understand bias, be aware of the misuse of statistics, make judgments about quality, and identify media scams.

You can encourage your child to ask questions about media content especially newspaper or magazine. For example:

Is this newspaper article a report or an opinion column?

- Who paid for this magazine page about this new product?
- What sources of information did the author use in putting this piece together?
- What is the author's intention?
- Are there other points of view that have been left out?

It's important for your child to be aware that the media and a lot of internet content is owned, and the person or organization that owns the media influences the content and points of view that are published.

You can help your child get media benefits by being involved with your child and her use of media - for example, you can visit quality websites together, encourage your child to use educational software, and watch TV shows that offer extra learning opportunities.

When you're watching TV and movies together, try discussing how the plot works, how your child feels about what's happening, and what would happen in real life if you behaved badly or illegally.

You can also talk about how the people are actors, and how special effects make things seem to happen. How FACEBOOK, TWITTERS, INSTAGRAMS are social networking platforms which can be utilized wisely and with proper consultations. Children are exposed to sexualization, violence, bullying, marketing of unhealthy foods, alcohol and tobacco, and unhealthy body images and gender stereotyping. Media consumption influences children's behavior and can contribute to aggression, violence and bullying, depression, body image issues, obesity, substance abuse, and other negative effects on physical and mental health.

The only way to counteract all of these negative effects is to teach our children to look at what they are watching with a critical eye.

**Ratna Majumdar**

M/o Deepan Majumdar, IX D



## BRIDGING THE GAP

The students along with the CSR Team went to a rather humble destination on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. and the destination was an 'Orphanage (Children's Home). The aim was to celebrate Children's Day with them. Bereft of parental love and care, their heartwarming welcome took our students by surprise. The students played games with them and enchanted them with their cultural programme. The winners in various games were awarded prizes, thus making the day very special. The students interacted with the kids in the orphanage which made them feel wanted by society.



## WE ARE ALL ONE !

**Sports Day Celebration :** The CSR team invited children from the slum area of Sector 13 to be a part of Sports Day celebrations. The objective was to make the day special for them by providing them a platform to showcase their skills in various sports. Thirty children participated in different sports activities like Tug of war, Lemon and spoon race and Sack race. The excitement of these children knew no bounds. Light refreshment was provided to all. Gifts were distributed to all the children as a token of remembrance of this special day.



## WE CARE

In the cold winter nights, people don the best of woollens to beat the cold and enjoy the season. But for some, the onset of winter means sleepless nights without a shred of warm clothing. Children in the slum area in Sector 28, Gandhinagar, learn the lessons of life the hard way. The students of classes V and VI took the responsibility of distributing blankets and woollens to these children on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. Kites too were distributed among them on the festival of Uttarayan. The smile on the faces of these children was priceless and this completed the motive of sharing our joy with the less privileged section of society.





## CSR ACITIVITY

To be a part of the nationwide movement to 'Save the Girl Child'. A programme was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in a Primary School at Koba Village, Gandhinagar. Women and girls of the village were invited by the Koba School Principal Ms. Niruben Patel so that they could be educated in this regard.

Dr. N. K. Patel a gynecologist at GRIDS delivered a speech to spread awareness on decreasing number of girl child. A street play was also organized on this occasion by the students of class IX. Mr. Nailesh, PTI and students of class X DPSG demonstrated self-defense techniques to the girls present there.

A Poster Making Competition too was organized on the same theme, for the students of class VIII. Essay writing for classes VI & VII and Poem Writing Competitions were conducted for IX, X & XI classes. The event culminated successfully. The winners of Essay Writing competition are -

I- Anwesika Rath (VII A), II- Annika Vashist (VII G) and III -Anshika Chhabra (VII G). The Best three poem were composed by Vidhatri Mysore (XI B), Khushi Panchal (XI ) and Saumya Adhana (XI )



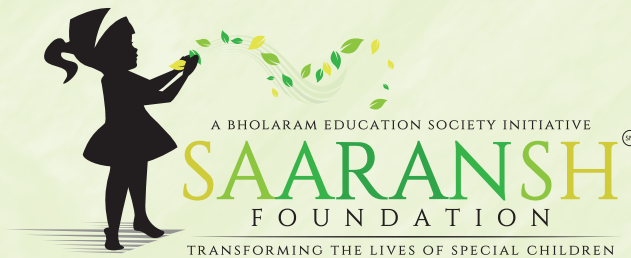
## THE DEADLY 'C' MONSTER

Cancer Awareness Day was observed on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. at DPSG for the House Keeping Staff and the Transport Department in two different groups. On one hand Dr. Soumik Raval appraised the house keeping staff (female) on Gynecological Cancer and on the other, Dr. Darshan Doshi, Head and Neck surgeon for Oral Cancer updated the transport department on oral cancer. The sole purpose of this cancer drive was to create awareness and to educate them about its causes and preventive measures so that they may contribute to spread awareness about this fatal disease.

The display of slides and videos by Dr. Soumik Raval and Dr. Darshan Doshi, Head and Neck surgeon for oral cancer, rolled out statistics to prove the alarming increase in cancer in the recent years highlighting the correlation between lifestyles and cancer. They also suggested few Govt. schemes which offer free checkup and treatment in good private hospitals at minimum cost.







## DIWALI

Celebration of Diwali started with a new concept of Diwali Bazaar in Saaransh Foundation. Packets of snacks, each worth Rs 10 were displayed by their teachers. Children chose from them and bought them independently. Happiness of purchasing on their own was quite observable on the faces of our children.



## CHRISTMAS

On 22<sup>nd</sup> December, the spirit of Christmas and New Year was celebrated with great joy and cheer. The whole corridor was decorated with balloons, snow man and lots of pictures of Christmas - trees. Celebration was full of Music, dance, cakes, chocolates and gifts. Children were beautifully dressed for the occasion.

No Christmas is complete without Santa Claus. To amaze the children and make the event memorable, the Santa for the day was the Chairman himself, Mr. Apoorva Goenka. The gifts were given to the children by Mr. Apoorva, Director Mrs. Rani Chaudhary, Principal DPSG Mr. Atanu Rath, Headmistress Ms. Manju Dabi, Headmaster Mr. Rakesh Bhagat and HOD of Accounts Mr. Vikash Agarwal. Everyone moved to the beats of music. The day was made more special by children as they prepared pizzas and cakes for the party.

## INAUGURATION OF PEHCHAN

An add on to the joy of Christmas, a new initiative "**Pehchan**", a vocational rehabilitation unit was inaugurated on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017 by Mr. Apoorva Goenka in the presence of Mrs Rani Chaudhry, Mr. Atanu Rath, Headmistress Ms. Manju Dabi, Headmaster Mr. Rakesh Bhagat and HOD - Mr. Vikash Agarwal.

Pehchan aims at providing medical, Psychological assessments, rehabilitation counselling to students and parents. Above all, vocational training plans will be designed as per the Individual Vocational Plan (IVP) based on strength and interest of each child by highly qualified team of professionals. Pehchan will also provide help to underprivileged and specially abled children. Training will be given in jewellery making, textiles, art and craft, and baking to help them in choosing their course of interest.

## ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

Children of Saaransh Foundation took part in the Annual Sports Meet 2017 on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

The children of classes Picasso, Tagore, Beethoven and Einstein participated in 7 athletic events especially designed for them. The school witnessed tremendous enthusiasm, sportsman spirit, determination, an attitude of overcoming challenges and an amazing bond of friendship among the children. The Director and the Principal felicitated the children with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.



## UTTARAYAN

Uttarayan too was celebrated with full zeal on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.2018. It was exciting being in the midst of all these festivities, seeing the kites soar, blanketing the crisp winter sky in colourful specs. The sky was changing colors like a rainbow in the glittering sun after the rain and bask in the glory of Uttarayan. Every child and teacher showed their talent in kites and balloons flying. The celebration concluded with sharing mouth-watering chikkies.



## BASANT PANCHMI & REPUBLIC DAY

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January, we at Saaransh welcomed spring and celebrated Basant Panchmi and Republic Day with full vivacity and joy. The chief guest for the day was Chairman Mr. Apoorva Goenka.

All the teachers and staff members and children were dressed in yellow and orange. A floral rangoli in front of the idol of goddess Saraswati with the fusion of flag decoration was quite a spectacle. Sweets, notebooks, pens and corridor full of floral fragrance, what more is needed to make the day perfect?

After welcoming the Chairman, a melodious song was presented by children. Later Goddess Saraswati's Pooja was performed by the entire team.

To keep up the feeling of patriotism, a rocking dance performance was given by children on a parody. The celebration concluded with encouraging words from Mr. Apoorva Goenka.



## VALNETINES DAY

Children of Saaransh adopted a unique way of celebrating Valentines Day (14<sup>th</sup> Feb.) and way of showing love and gratitude to the people who always shower unconditional care and affection on them. The celebration started with presenting handmade flowers to Chairman Mr. Apoorva Goenka, Director Mrs Rani Chaudhry and the most unique moment of this day was when the support staff, school nurse, bus drivers and conductors were presented handmade flowers by the children.





## HOLI CELEBRATION

To keep the tradition of celebrating festival of colours "Holi" and to fill the hearts of kids with colourful, radiant and vibrant sentiments, a Holi Mela was organized at Saaransh in the presence of Director Mrs Rani Chaudhry. All the children were made to purchase eateries of their choice from the counters displaying Biscuit toppings, Juice and handmade chocolates prepared by the children themselves at school. The eve was made even more joyous when students enjoyed splashing eco-friendly colours on one another.







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