



Ramblings

April-June 2017

With the new session already long underway, we at DPS, Mathura Road bring to you the latest issue of Ramblings, the school newsletter.

Inside this issue you'll find news pertaining to all activities undertaken in the school to further the all round development of not only students but also the staff. From intra to inter-school competitions, from exchange trips to teacher workshops, we hope to keep you abreast with new updates every quarter.

Read on to explore the multifarious phenomenon that is DPS, Mathura Road!

Special points of interest:

- LITERATI
- ORATORIO
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- ADYOPANTH
- SPORTS



WORLD HEALTH DAY: SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

On the occasion of World Health Day on 7 April 2017, a special assembly was organized for the students of classes VI-VIII. The Principal, Mr. Manohar Lal welcomed the students to the new academic session and briefed them about the latest developments and positive changes in the school which include high boundary walls with panic alarms, new furniture, installation of fire-fighting system, solar panels, windmill, Smart Boards in all classes and installation of a 65 feet national flag of India which is the first of its kind and is the pride of our school.



Dr. Kamal Gupta addressing the gathering

In keeping with the spirit of World Health Day, special guest for the assembly, Dr. Kamal Gupta addressed the students and emphasized the need to maintain good health and personal hygiene as poor health can lead to setback in studies, psychological trauma and financial losses. A health camp was also organized in the school clinic by Indraprastha Apollo Hospital for the staff of the school.

**Calm mind brings inner strength
and self-confidence, so that's
very important for good health.**

Dalai Lama

MUSICAL AFTERNOON AT DPS INTERNATIONAL, SAKET

Ten students of class XI went to DPS international on 17 April 2017 accompanied by Ms. Alka to witness a soulful musical performance presented by Ms. Saskia Rao , a renowned cello player from Netherlands.

Born in Holland Ms. Saskia Rao was influenced by Indian Classical music at a young age and hence practiced under Pandit Hari Prasad Chaurasia . Her grandfather used to play the cello and so she selected it as her instrument. She calls it the Indian cello and it is the only cello that has more strings than usual. She was accompanied by a tabla player. Their solo and duet both were beautiful. Also interaction with the students was as enjoyable as the whole performance.

ITIHAAS : CELEBRATING HERITAGE

Itihaas- Indian Traditions and Heritage Society and Archaeological Survey of India organised an Inter School Poster and Slogan-Writing Competition on 18 April 2017, on the occasion of World Heritage Day. Twenty five students of our school from classes VI, VII, VIII, IX and XI participated under three categories. The competition was held at Safadurjung Tomb, Delhi.



The topics were History, Beauty in the Stones and Policy and Heritage. Around sixty schools from Delhi and NCR participated in this grand event. Our students performed well and beautifully depicted history and heritage in their art works.

MUNQSMUN INTRA 2017

The Model United Nations Quiz Society (MUNQS) organised its annual intra event on **19 April, 2017**. The competition saw students from class IX to XII display extraordinary diplomatic skills, immense knowledge of foreign relations and clever negotiation tactics. Two committees were simulated this year in the form of **United Nations General Assembly** and **United Nations Security Council**. With over seventy students, representing seventy different countries, the event became a platform for practical exposure to the working of the United Nations Organisation. Proper discussion and effective solutions were offered by the delegates, seeking to avert the crisis in Syria and Europe. **Vice Principal (Administration), Ms. Asha Tuli** felicitated the Best Delegate, the High Commendation, the Special Mention and the Best Newcomer.

RYAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, MUN 2017

The Model United Nations and Quiz Society of Delhi Public School, Mathura Road participated in the prestigious **Ryan International School Model United Nations 2017**. The conference witnessed participation of more than thirty schools across the Delhi-NCR region. The home team bagged the **Best Delegation trophy for the sixth consecutive year**. The following students brought laurels to our school:

- Sankalp Mishra- Vice President, The Council of Hamas
- Akshat Chopra- Vice Chairperson, UN General Assembly IV
- Shivam Shorewala- Vice Chairperson, UN Human Rights Council
- Vibhav Khandelwal- Vice President, Historic Meet of the IMF
- Aayush Anand- Vice President, The Council of Fatah
- Ridhima Gupta- Best Delegate, UN Human Rights Council
- Saharsh Panjwani- Best Delegate, UN General Assembly IV
- Akshat Goel- Best Delegate, UN General Assembly IV
- Naman Gupta- Best Delegate, Historic Meet of the IMF
- Aman Karim- Best Delegate, The Council of Fatah
- Aryan Dua- High Commendation, UN Security Council
- Raunak Chopra- High Commendation, IAEA
- Raghav Bhatia- Participation, 1860 National Meet of Princely States
- Upmanyu Magotra- Best Cartoonist
- Ananya Sharma- Best Photographer

GOWARDHAN DASS DECLAMATION CONTEST 2017



Speaking to convince

The 51st Gowardhan Dass Declamation competition was held at Springdales School, Pusa Road on 21 April 2017. The competition bearing an extempore format saw participation from twenty-six reputed schools from in and outside of Delhi. It was adjudged by Dr. Nirmalya Samanta, (Associate Pr-

ofessor of English, D.U), Dr. Maneesha Roy (Assistant Professor of Political Science, DU), and Professor Chandrachur Singh (Assistant Professor of Political Science, DU). Delhi Public School Mathura Road was represented by Anushtha Shukla (12 F), Khushi Bajaj (12 L), Akshat Chopra (12 D), and Vitti Joshi (12 M). The topics in the competition were associated with varied subjects such as current issues, Science, Social Studies and Technology.

INTER-SECTION ENGLISH DEBATE : CLASS XII

The Debating Society of Delhi Public School, Mathura Road organised the Inter Section English Debate for class XII on 21 April 2017. Able and aspirant debaters of class XII addressed their views on the topics like – ‘Patriotism is on the Wane’, ‘The Limelight on Social Media is Nothing but a Temporary Bubble’ and ‘Censorship: A Spoke in the Wheel of Creativity’.

The panel of judges included Ms Kunjan Kacker, Incharge, English Debating Society and Ms Manisha Varma, Incharge, Activities Council. Ms Asha Tuli, Vice Principal (Administration), Ms Rajini Dhingra, HoD English, Ms Reema Sharma (Academic Coordinator) and Ms Poonam Gupta, Incharge English Debating Society, motivated the participants with their presence.

Students presented thought-provoking arguments with Himanhi Bahl and Yousuf Khan bagging the first prize. Ishhan Imam and Shivam Shorewala were the first runners-up and Sankalp Mishra along with Manvee Bansal took away the second runners-up prize. The award for the Best Interjectors was shared by Anushka Gupta and Dhruv Khurana. Heeba Afaf and Samay Goel were given the Consolation Prize.

LITERATI 2017

"Only the very weak-minded refuse to be influenced by literature and poetry."

- Cassandra Clare

At Delhi Public School, Mathura Road, it is ensured that every child truly holds their idiosyncratic baton up. *LITERATI*, a three-day literary fest and an important annual feature on the school's calendar is a step in this very direction. It was held this year from 26 to 28 April 2017, for Classes VI – XII, witnessing enthusiastic participation from over 1800 students.



Keeping up with the legacy, *LITERATI* 2017 was a colossal success. Students portrayed zest and vigour – displaying the vibrancy in talent that the school holds.



LITERATI 2017

The events, Poet's Shack, Parchment and Ink, Wandering Lens, and Doodle Me, all put the best minds of the school to work at creating magic with their literary and artistic skills. Spell Bee aided in sharpening spellings and understanding everyday uses of complex words.



Four new events were introduced this year to keep up with the tradition. Comic Strip and Newspaper design gave students a brand new platform to express their creativity sprinkled in with general knowledge and story building.

Limericks added a hint of humour to the festival, where Talk It Out, a short interactive debate, kept up the intellectual pillars.

The Principal, Mr. Manohar Lal along with the Vice Principals, Ms. Deeksha Khera (Academic) and Ms. Asha Tuli (Administrative), visited the venues and motivated the students with words of inspiration. Students and teachers alike enjoyed being a part of this illustrious event.



LEGAL LITERACY - NATIONALS ADYOPANTH

Atmabodh, a non-government organization organized a national level street play competition. The preliminary round was held on **25 April, 2017** out of which only five teams qualified for the finale. Delhi Public School, Mathura Road participated and successfully qualified for the finals and managed to grab the **first spot in the nationals**. The **final round was held on 29 April, 2017** at rooftop Pallika Bazaar which aimed for a real stimulation of Nukkad Natak. The myriad talent of our team showcased the plight of women, with special emphasis on rape, acid attack, sexual offence and domestic violence victims. The honorable judge (____ name __)- Director Human Rights Commission ended this community welfare venture on an inspirational note. It was no surprise that the trophy came home and our students not only had a share in something which is par excellence but also nurtured an innate sense of community service. The following students participated in the nationals-

- Jasleen Kaur Allagh XII-L
- Ananya Jha XII-A
- Sanyam Jain XII-I
- Khushi Bajaj XII-L
- Sonakshi Chaturvedi XII-L
- Nishit Mathur XI-J
- Nishant Sharma XII-L
- Manvee Bansal XII-L

TRIVENI'17 (Under the aegis of DPS Society)

Our school participated in the Inter DPS Triveni'17 Festival held at DPS Bulandshahr on 29 April 2017. Students from thirty-eight schools had participated from all over India in Zubaan-e-Urdu Qawwali Competition. Our school participated and successfully managed to grab the **third position**.



Our budding musicians at TRIVENI 2017

The following students participated in the event: Avi Krishnan Mittal (VIII A), Avni Luthra (X A), Tashifa Shakeel (X A), Anandita Mittal (X B), Souromi Dhar (X B), Rushan Salim Suri (X C), Aman Abdul (X F), Aditya Chauhan (X D), Durgesh Nandini (X D), Amos Paul (XI G).

QUIZEBATE'17

Modern School, Vasant Vihar organised an Inter-School Competition, 'QUIZEBATE', on the 4th and 5th of May 2017. The competition comprised two main events- quiz and debate.

The students of our school participated and qualified for the semi- final round in the quiz. **Vitti Joshi of class XII-M** secured the **first position** in the debate competition. The event proved to be a resourceful insight in the world of quiz and debate and helped the students in gaining confidence with their oral expression.

INTER SECTION ENGLISH DEBATE- CLASS VIII

The English Debating Society organised the Inter Section English Debate for Class VIII on 5 May 2017. The young debaters were given the opportunity to express their opinions on the topics 'Pay the price and you are a success', 'If you want peace, be ready for war', and 'Urban Loneliness makes Facebook a trusted friend.' The competition was adjudged by Ms. Kamini Dhody, senior teacher of the English Department, and Ms. Rajni Dhingra, Head of the English Department.



The first position was bagged by Shourya Bajjal of VIII-C, followed by Anna Abdin of class VIII-H who stood second, and the third position was shared by Vibhuti Malhotra of class VIII-F and Pranavi Poddar of class VIII-H. Motivational Prizes were given to the following students: Riddhi Jaggi of class VIII-H, Baani Bhatnagar of class VIII-E and Arpita Arora of class VIII-B. Best interjector was awarded to Noor Fatima (VIII-F) and Jahnvi Pande (VIII-G).

THE
YOUNG
DEBATERS

SEVENTH INDO-GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Fourteen students from classes VIII to XI participated in the Seventh Indo-German Exchange Program with Johann Schoener Gymnasium, Karlstadt, Germany from 15 June, 2017 to 30 June, 2017, accompanied by Mrs. Renu Bibra and Mrs. Seema Misra. The programme was organized under the aegis of D.P.S Society in collaboration with the Goethe Institute (Max Mueller Bhavan). All the fourteen students stayed for two weeks with their German host families and the two teachers also stayed with their counterparts. The theme of the project this year was “Youth Culture” and students of both schools worked together for this project in Germany.



Cultural Bridge



The trip to Algaü was a memorable one as students and teachers were taken round a lake with some time for trekking along its trails. The over-night stay in Austria was another adventure of sorts. The bus journey along the Alps and the visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, which is also called the Taj Mahal of Germany, was a splendid experience. The Neuschwanstein castle is the inspiration for the castle in Disneyland.

SEVENTH INDO-GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

German as well as Indian students were involved in the Art Workshop wherein they learnt the Linol art and made beautiful prints of various pictures. Students were also taken for mini golf in Karlstadt itself. A session on German Cooking was another interesting feature of the programme. The Indian students learnt how to make German breakfast.



The Indo-German evening was celebrated with full fervour and was attended by the families of the host students and teachers and some members of the neighbourhood. The musician Mr Bob Emsden was especially invited for the preparation of a combined performance by Indian and Germans on the Indo-German evening. A recorded message from our Principal Mr. Manohar Lal was played for the gathering. The Indian students presented dance and songs, which were very much appreciated by the audience. The students also gave a brief narration of their German experiences.

The two week stay was an enriching experience with visits to castles and churches and enjoying the natural beauty of the countryside. The students had a good insight into the social and cultural diversity of Germany as their hosts took them to neighbouring cities like Munich and Frankfurt . It was indeed a very useful learning experience.

ORATORIO 2017



The Western and Indian Music Club of the school organized the most awaited event of the year, ORATORIO'17, the annual intra-school music competition. The Indian and Western legs of the event were held on 18 and 19 May 2017, respectively.

The event, which was open to students of Class VI-X, began with the lighting of the lamp, followed by the Principals' address and felicitation of both the judges which was followed by a performance by the current presidents of the music club.



The event was also attended by the ex-students and former members of the music club. Listening to them talk about their experience filled young minds with immense joy. For all the music enthusiasts, the two-day event was a grand ball.

With the co-operation and support of our respected Principal, Mr. Manohar Lal, Vice Principal (Academic) – Mrs. Deeksha Khara and Vice Principal (Admin) – Mrs. Asha Tuli along with other school authorities, ORATORIO'2017 truly lived up to its legacy.



TEACHER WORKSHOPS

A Capacity Building workshop was organized for the teachers of the Senior School on 29 June, 2017, by eminent CBSE Counselor, Master Trainer and Psychologist, Ms. Geetanjali Kumar on the topic “Effective Classroom Management”. The emphasis of the workshop was on the peaceful and positive disciplinary measures to handle students with diverse needs in the classrooms; to be role models for the students; to go beyond the textbooks and to create an interest and love for their respective subjects.

Special emphasis was on teachers developing counselling skills, listening skills, empathy and above all, developing effective ways to manage their own emotions, stress, anger etc. and to be able to handle children with love and care. Special care needs to be taken in case of children from underprivileged sections and children with Learning Difficulties, so that Classroom Modifications can be done for Effective Learning; Peer Mentoring and Parental Interventions for the Holistic development of the child. Children with severe behavioural issues must be referred for therapy and professional counselling.

A workshop on “Inclusive Practices in the School Setting” was conducted for the senior school teachers on 29 June 2017, by Ms. Indu Wadhwa, Life Coach and eminent Teacher-Trainer from the organization, ‘Aspiring People’ (Achieve your Potential).

The emphasis of the workshop was on the intrinsic meaning of the word ‘Inclusion’ and the modalities and modifications to be made in the classrooms for effective learning for children with diverse needs.

She stressed on the need for love and compassion and a caring attitude; to give special attention to these children; planning a specialized curriculum; providing peer mentors/buddies in the classrooms; creating a caring and sharing attitude and removing barriers of discrimination, stigma and labelling, to pave the way for the holistic development of these children.

It was suggested that the PTA members and Parent Volunteers could assist these groups of children in their academic and mental health development by enabling them to develop strong communication skills and build greater confidence and

SPORTS

CHESS

The All India IPSC National Chess Tournament (Boys) 2017 was held at Emerald Heights international School from 9 to 11 June 2017. The U-19 Boys team from our school bagged the first position while the U-14 team came a close second. Rushil won gold medal in U-19, Kartikey won silver medal in U-19, Dheeraj won silver medal in U-17 and Arnav won gold medal in U-14. Our school won the overall championship.



TABLE TENNIS

Our under 18 girls Team B won gold and Team A bronze medal. Ishita Gupta came out as State Champion in Bosco Delhi State Table Tennis Tournament held at Thyagraj Stadium from 24 to 28 April 2017.

TENNIS

Raghav Wadhwa won a gold medal and Jannat Kaur Anand a bronze medal in the All India IPSC Tennis Tournament 2017 held at Emerald Heights International School from 9 to 11 June 2017.



CRICKET

Our school U-19 Boys Cricket Team won silver medal in the Scindia Cup held at The Scindia School, Gwalior, held from 30 March to 4 April 2017.

KARATE

Gehna Bansal of class 10-A won gold medal in the thirteenth Kotaka Cup held at Talkatora Stadium on 30 April 2017.

SPORTS



SWIMMING

Tanmay Das of class 9-D won gold in 50 metres and silver medal in 100 metres back stroke in Junior Aquatic Nationals held at Pune from 3-6 July 2017. He has also been selected to represent India in Junior International Swimming Meet to be held at Uzbekistan in September 2017. Robin Sen of Class VI won gold in 4x50 metres medley relay, silver medal in 50 metres butterfly and

4x50 metres free style relay in Sub-Junior Aquatic Nationals held at Pune from 28-30 June 2017.

STAY TUNED...

- ★ Independence Day Assembly
- ★ MUN@SMUN INTER SCHOOL 2017
- ★ Teacher's Day Celebrations
- ★ And many more in the next issue!

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