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## Dear Parents and Students,

Our third newsletter showcases Dawn's raring-to-go spirit, as we cast aside gloomy July and entered August to make it more jovial and prolific. This is evident by the numerous internal and external activities that we conducted concurrently without a drop in our academic quality.

## MEMORY TEST – AUGUST 01, 2023



*Memory is the process of taking in information from the world around us, processing it, storing it and later recalling that information. Learning and memory are closely related concepts. Learning is the acquisition of skill or knowledge, while memory is the expression of what you've acquired.*

Working on this premise, Dawn's Maths department conducted a Memory Test for the entire school. The total student community was split into six categories consisting of Grades 1 & 2, Grades 3 & 4, Grades 5 & 6, Grades 7 & 8, Grades 9 & 10 and finally Grades 11 & 12. The Kindergarten memory test was conducted separately by the respective class teachers with memory puzzles. Category 1 and Category 2 students were challenged with an oral and written version of an object memorizing game, in which they had to recollect the objects that were displayed on the table for a certain time period. Category 3 and Category 4 students were stumped with their separate picture-based tests for which they had to write out answers to the 10 questions provided. Category 5 and Category 6 were equally flummoxed with their array of 21 sets of pictures and figure-based MCQs. The event wrapped up on Thursday, August 03 with Memory Tests for both DIS's Management and Faculty.



# ENHANCING SPORTS - AUGUST 04, 2023



*“Children and teens aren’t doing enough physical activity – new study sounds a health warning,” screams a headline in a recent news article. “Recent research estimates that the world could see close to half a billion new cases of major chronic diseases by 2030 if people don’t get more active,” it continues to warn.*

An education is the culmination of curricular as well as extra-curricular activities. The latter that includes activities like sports play a vital role in students’ lives in their holistic growth and development. To motivate and spread awareness on sports among its students, DIS arranged for a special talk on **‘Enhancing Sports’** on Friday afternoon in the school premises. Our distinguished speaker - **Lt. Col. Anu Shaji** broadened our students’ horizon on sports with her interactive session by threading through important topics like teamwork, leadership, accountability, patience and self-confidence. She even persuaded students to take active participation in sports as it would help them to prepare for life’s challenges and help them to work on their physical as well as mental abilities to achieve goals. She even shared her 29-year experiences of being an Indian Army veteran. This one-hour session left a great impact on the students as they understood that sports help them in building and improving their confidence level.

# RIVER BOURNE BADMINTON MATCH – AUGUST 04, 2023



Opening the way following 'The Talk,' DIS participated in the 2nd Ever Rolling Badminton Tournament organized by the River Bourne Academy. Accompanied by our Faculty of Physical Education, Mr. Adarsh N., our students Reyan Biju (10B) and Shahim Muhammed (12B) reached the River Bourne Centre at Tripunithura on an exciting August Friday morning. Participating in the U-17 doubles category, our boys proved to be strong opponents with 15-12 and 15-10 scores.

# YELLOW DAY - AUGUST 04, 2023



*White is too brilliant to be seen, so yellow is its filter, its costume, revealing that pure light has not only brightness but emotional resonance and depth," says Richard Grossinger, author of more than 30 widely acclaimed books on various topics.*

Celebrating the beauty of yellow, our tiny tots dressed up in their 'brightest and shiniest yellows' on Friday morning, together with their teachers - Ms. Nisha, Ms. Blessy, Ms. Sujatha and Ms. Preethy. The Pre-Kg, LKG and UKG classrooms resonated with the cheerful voices of the children as the day started off with a "Yellow" song. Thereafter, each child came forward with a yellow object, identified it correctly and shared their knowledge associated with it. The 'Happy Yellow Day' wound up with a photo session with their beloved teachers and Principals.

# G-20 MUN 2023 - AUGUST 05, 2023



Model UN (MUN) is a popular activity for those interested in learning more about how the UN operates. Hundreds of thousands of students worldwide take part every year at all educational levels. Many of today's leaders in law, government, business and the arts – including at the UN itself – participated in Model UN's as a student.

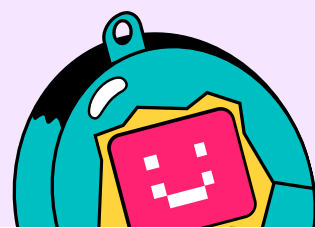
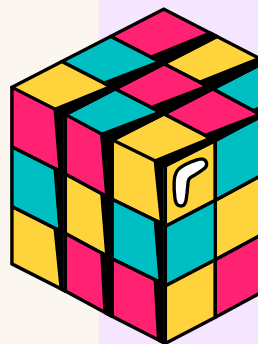
The Kochi Sahodaya in association with the Choice School, Kochi, organized a G-20 MUN session on a Saturday. A total of 31 schools, including Dawn, participated in the programme held at the Choice School. Dawn was represented by Angela Ann Joby (11B) and Arathi Sankar (12B) at the session who conducted the News Room Committee segment. It was a wonderful experience, according to teacher-chaperone Ms. Sussha Joseph.





## UNIT TEST - AUGUST 07 TO 16, 2023

Notwithstanding the numerous activities, DIS did not lose focus on its primary objective - students' academics. The Unit Test for Grades LKG to Grade XII was conducted smoothly by the respective subject teachers during their periods. The students' performances were evaluated and their results were shared by the end of the week.



# META FINANCE – AUGUST 11, 2023

Acknowledging the need to educate today's generation on financial literacy and the evolving dynamics of the financial markets, DIS in association with the Kochi-based Hedge School of Applied Economics conducted a financial literacy class for the students of Grades 8-12. The event titled: 'Meta Finance' was conducted in the multimedia room, which became abuzz for an entire day, as the four Hedge officials tried to instill financial know-how into the students. Assembling the children in groups of five and involving them in a variety of interesting interactive games that showcased practical situations, our financial greenhorns were gently nudged to think practically and make wise and apt financial choices. It was all together an enjoyable session.



According to the National Financial Educators Council: Financial literacy is the ability to understand the use of money as it applies to your personal finances. It can help you make better decisions and is a key element in improving your behaviour and planning when it comes to your personal finances and overall financial wellness.



# FREEDOM QUEST 2023 - AUGUST 12, 2023



Our children need to grow and realise their true potential by coming out of their comfort zone and giving their best to accomplish something. To veer them in this direction, DIS took its students to participate in 'Freedom Quest' - the Inter-school competition conducted by Al-Ameen Public School, Edappally. Terming it 'A venture to ignite and instill patriotism in young minds' and to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence, the inviter school organised a series of competitive programmes for the participation of students of Grades 3-12. On that bright Saturday morning, 28 contestants from our school accompanied by their teachers enthusiastically participated in the various events. We took part in the Hindi and Malayalam patriotic song competition; English Elocution with the topic - 'India @75 Nation First, Always First'; English Recitation on any poems of Sarojini Naidu; Folk Dance of Indian Culture from the North-Eastern states of India; Portrait painting and Nettipattom decoration. Even though Dawn did not win any laurels, the students who returned were a more experienced and wiser lot.

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

## – AUG 14 & 15, 2023

*"Long years ago, we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom." These are the well-known opening lines of Jawaharlal Nehru's Tryst with Destiny speech, which every Indian knows proudly by heart.*



Like every Indian worth his salt, DIS celebrated the momentous occasion over a 2-day period. On Monday, Grades 8 & 9A students, under the aegis of the Social Science Department, paved the way with a Special Assembly, followed by an Independence-day themed skit. Various house-wise competitions, such as Bulletin-board decoration, patriotic song, patriotic dance and tableau competitions were also conducted thereafter. Class-wise bulletin board competitions were also held. On Tuesday, the Principals, faculty and students of Dawn paid their respects to our great country by hoisting the Tricolour and rendering our national anthem. Thereafter, saplings of the highly-acclaimed medicinally and nutritionally valued Chaya mansa (*Cnidocolus aconitifolius*) aka Mayan cheera or Mexican cheera were handed over to the teachers for domestic propagation. The student mentors then got into their rustic and daughters of the soil avatar by getting their hands dirty and planted a variety of saplings in the Dawn Garden keeping in tune with the agricultural legacy of India.

# KICK & DUNK FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - AUGUST 16, 2023



Mr. Adarsh, then took a 17-member team to take part in the first-ever 'Kick & Dunk' football tournament organized by Sanskara School, Kochi. Our U-19 team gave a tough fight to opponents Chinmaya Vidyalaya in the 7-a-side football match. It was only in the second half that Chinmaya Vidyalaya scored with a penalty shootout. However, our silver lining came when our Sevin Thadathil (Grade 11A) was declared as the Man-of-the-Match.



# EYE 2023 - AUGUST 19, 2023



Giving a call to celebrate the International Year of Millets for promoting the wellbeing of current and future generations, Najath Public School held an Inter School mega event. The event was a remarkable showcase of talent and eloquence that brought together students of various schools in the region. DIS with a posse of 18 students and 7 accompanying teachers reached the school. As the competitions were spread out in different points on the campus, competitors were sent to their respective venues with a chaperone teacher. Our students participated in numerous events, such as English Recitation, Fancy dress, English Elocution, Poster designing, Just A Minute, Upcycling, Cooking Without Fire, Photography and Contemporary Dance with utmost fervour.

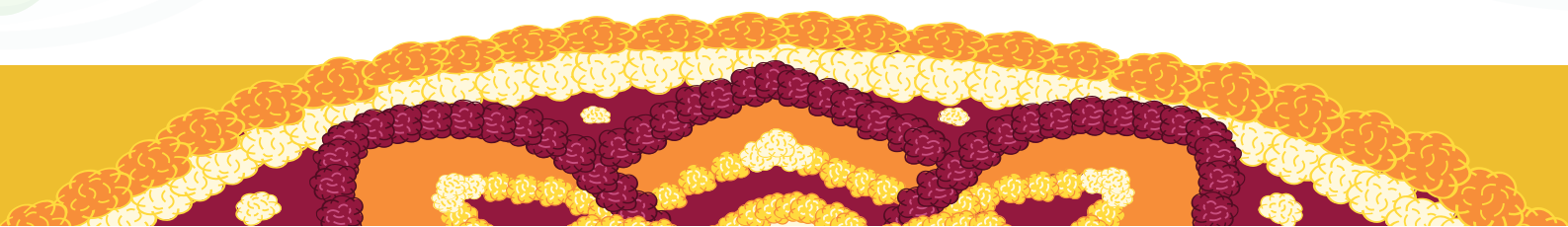


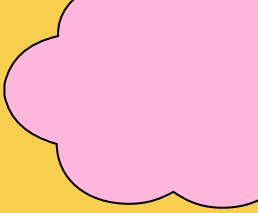
# ONAM – AUGUST 25, 2023



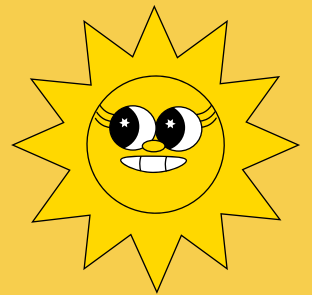
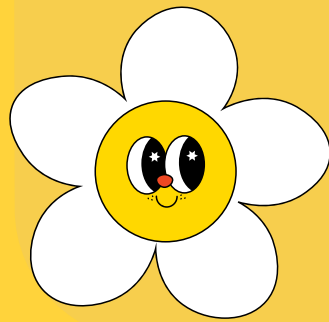
“Onam vanne ponnonam vanne, Maamalanaattile maaveli naattile, Maalokarkkulsavakaalam vanne.” The origins of Onam, the popular harvest festival celebrated with gusto by Malayalees the world over, are very ancient, but the ways in which it is celebrated in the modern era have changed a lot. Onam celebrates the homecoming of the Asura King Mahabali from the Patal Lok, who despite being a demon was said to be generous and his era was considered the golden time for Kerala.

Onam at Dawn kick-started with the three houses vying for the ‘Pookalam’ (flower-carpet) and Bulletin Board competitions. At 10:00 am, the celebrations officially began with the lighting of the nilavilakku (traditional lamp) by the Management & Student Council and the welcome speech by the School Vice-Captain Rithunanda Ratheesh. A cultural extravaganza followed suit as enthusiastic students from Pre-KG to Grade 12 presented their talents, following hours of arduous practice and training. The DIS stage burst into a series of music and colours with Thiruvathirakali, Kaikottikali, Pulikali, Vanchi pattu, fusion dance, etc. Dawn Parents, faculty and supporting staff too jumped into the fray and presented their version of Onam with a fashion show and dances. As the morning pageantry came to a closure, DIS led by our noses trooped down to the dining area to feast on the colourful and flavourful traditional ‘Sadhya’ and ‘Payasams’ prepared by our Chef Jijo and his culinary team. To help shave off the calories amassed by the double and triple helpings of payasam, Mr. Adarsh then thoughtfully led us to the Dawn grounds. Casting aside our cloak of civility just for the afternoon, adults and children alike enjoyed participating in the traditional games like Uriyadi, Vadamvali, etc. A tired but highly appeased crowd was led back into the atrium; where following the prize distribution, the curtains were finally pulled down at 3:00 pm.





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