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Dear Parents and Students,

October proved to be yet another roller-coaster month with a multitude of activities. Trying to balance both academics and activities for the holistic development of our students tested our mettle to the extremities; yet, as Team Dawn, we broke all ramparts and achieved our objectives. This is evident in the fifth volume of our Newsletter, which we present to you.

GANDHI JAYANTHI - OCTOBER 02, 2023



“Real education has to draw out the best from the boys and girls to be educated.” – Mahatma Gandhi”

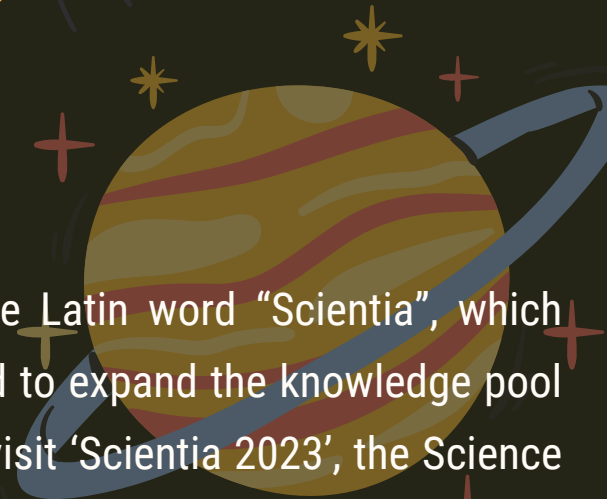
On the 153rd birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, DIS organised a special Gandhi Jayanthi programme. The celebrations on Tuesday, October 3rd kick-started with a special assembly by the students of Grades 8 and 9A. Diana Antony (Grade 8) welcomed the gathering consisting of Managing Director Joby C. Johnson, Principal Edexcel Rani Ranjitha, Principal CBSE Smitha M., staff and students of Dawn. A floral tribute to Bapuji was given by the principals and teachers in front of his portrait. Nandini R. (Grade 6), thereafter, took over to deliver a special speech on Gandhi Jayanthi, while Nanda Arun (Grade 4) recited a poem. The event concluded with a small skit showcasing Gandhiji praying and singing bhajans (devotional songs) together with his female disciples.

SCIENTIA 2023

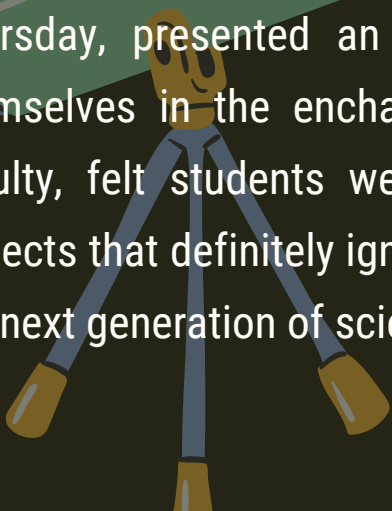
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“Scientific knowledge is in perpetual evolution; it finds itself changed from one day to the next.” – Jean Piaget



Did you know, the word “Science” comes from the Latin word “Scientia”, which means knowing something? Understanding the need to expand the knowledge pool of our kids, Grades 8 to 11 students were taken to visit ‘Scientia 2023’, the Science Exhibition organized by St. Teresa’s College, Ernakulam. Twelve diverse science departments actively participated in displaying their remarkable exhibits and experiments; in areas spanning from Chemistry, Physics and Biology to Psychology, Fashion Designing, Food Processing Technology and much more. They also had a wide array of games and handicrafts on sale. The event, which was held on a Thursday, presented an exceptional opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in the enchanting world of science. Ms. Arya, their accompanying faculty, felt students were exposed to captivating experiments and innovative projects that definitely ignited the spark of curiosity in them. The event has inspired the next generation of scientists and innovators.



KOCHI SAHODAYA KALOLOTSAV - OCTOBER 07, 2023

"IF YOU HEAR A VOICE WITHIN YOU SAY 'YOU CANNOT PAINT,' THEN BY ALL MEANS PAINT, AND THAT VOICE WILL BE SILENCED." - VINCENT VAN GOGH

Kochi Sahodaya Kaloltsav (KSK) is an annual event conducted by the Confederation of Kerala Sahodaya complexes, featuring several art competitions for CBSE school students of Kerala. The KSK non stage events, held on Saturday, October 7th at Global Public School, Thiruvaniyoor, comprised of a variety of competitions under several categories. Four students from DIS participated in the English Recitation & Elocution, Pencil Drawing and Water Colouring contests. According to Ms. Parvathy, the teacher-chaperone, KSK was a platform for students to exhibit their talents, to gain motivation and to excel in front of others. It also helps students to gain confidence and learn new skills.





TEFILLAH - OCTOBER 11, 2023

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” Bible, Mathew 7:7-8.

On October 11th, DIS conducted a prayer service - Tefillah - for its 2023-24 Grade 10 IGCSE batch, prior to their upcoming Edexcel Board exams in November 2023. Tefillah - Hebrew for prayer - is an invitation to go inward or within. On that Wednesday morning, Dawn Teachers initiated the prayer service with their melodious crooning of the popular and evocative hymn- “He makes all things beautiful, in his time.” Candles were lit and passed around symbolising the passing out from ignorance into knowledge. Teachers, then, stepped up to individually bless and pass on their good wishes for their students’ present and future well-being and success. Nava Anup, representing her classmates, conveyed their love and gratitude towards their mentors. Last, but not the least, our mentees received a cherishable parting gift comprising a pen, card and a memento. As the service ended, students came forward seeking the customary blessings from their elders.



***“TEACHING KIDS TO
COUNT IS FINE, BUT
TEACHING KIDS WHAT
COUNTS IS BEST.” –
BOB TALBERT***

‘LA NOURRITURE DE DAWN’ - OCTOBER 19, 2023

Observing World Food Day (WFD), the DIS Science department and the Student Council members teamed up to organize a spectacular programme on October 19th. WFD, which falls on October 16th, was conducted the following Thursday at Dawn. The morning started off with a special assembly by Grade 9B students, followed by a mime by Grade 11A students on the WFD 2023 theme - “Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind” - that stressed on the importance of water in sustaining life on earth, and its fundamental linkages to our food sources. Inter-house competitions, such as identifying the vegetables & fruits, cooking without fire and drawing with the vegetables provided were held post skit.

‘La Nourriture de Dawn’ - roughly translates to The Food of Dawn - was the pièce de resistance of the entire event. The Dawn quadrangle turned into a veritable fete ground as the student council and their high-school mates independently organised two live food counters, which included home-made delicacies, too! In fact, students’ excitement reached such a crescendo that all items sold like hot cakes by mid-morning. The positive outcome of this event was that our seniors learnt to manage an event from its planning to its execution stage. Kudos to our kids!

WELLNESS CAMP - OCTOBER 20, 2023



“Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have,” Winston Churchill

DIS organised a health check-up camp on Friday, October 20th to ensure the sound health of its wards. The day-long camp was set up in the multimedia room and all students present were taken down grade wise to the medical professionals. About 10 reputed doctors of the ‘Wellness Solutions Hospital’ attended to our students, which included doctors like ENT, Dental, Ophthalmology, General Medicine, Psychologists, as well as Nutritionists, Exercise Trainers, Technicians and other paramedical staff. These medicos examined our students in detail, gave them sound advice and if required were recommended for a further visit to the Wellness Hospital for any further consultation or treatment.

EDUCATIONAL / ANNUAL TOURS

"Not all classrooms have four walls." - Sonya Chappell; "A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions." - Oliver Wendell Holmes



Location: Supermarket and Fire & Rescue Station @Thripunithura

DIS took its Pre-KG, LKG and UKG kiddos for an exciting educational outing on October 17, 2023. The tiny tots, accompanied by their teachers, first visited that Tuesday morning a Supermarket enroute. They went through the premises in its entirety, exploring the various aisles and sections, especially understanding and identifying the groceries and in the process also learning about responsible consumer behaviour.

Arriving at the Fire & Rescue Station, the mini-tourists were warmly welcomed by the Fire Department personnel. The men and women in uniform apprised the school children of their societal roles, as well as gave them an engaging tour of their machines and equipment being used in firefighting. The little ones were, especially, captivated by the big rumbling fire-trucks. They also learnt about fire safety as they tried on the helmets of these charming fire safety officers. The visit ended with the children becoming more aware and appreciating the role of these entities in keeping our buildings safe.



Grades 1 to 4 students, on the other hand, were taken to Chittilappilly Square on Thursday, October 26, 2023. The 63 children were accompanied by four faculty members, who immensely enjoyed all the activities.

Location: Chittilappilly Square, Kakknad



Location: Mysore, Karnataka

The annual school trip for the Grades 9-12 students was a 3-day affair. The 35 rambunctious teenagers accompanied by MD, Joby C. Johnson and three faculty members were taken to Mysore, Karnataka between October 27-29, 2023. Preparatory sessions to impart necessary life skills were given prior to the trip. Students enjoyed their visits to the Chamundi Hills, Mysore Palace, Brindavan Garden and the Philomena Church and marvelled at the architecture of these historical sites. All tiredness vanished as the students immersed themselves in the DJ night at the end of their stay.



Location: Carmel Tourism Village @ Bhoothathankettu, Kothamangalam

Grades 5 to 8 students went on a One-day trip to a fascinating resort 65 kms away from Kochi. Refreshed from the welcoming drink that was provided on arrival, the middle graders set off to trek through the Bhoothankettu forest with a guide. Enjoying the sounds of different birds and animals as they moved, the children also quickly learned the identities of the different varieties of trees. The trek concluded with a visit to a cave, where ancient kings kept their weapons stored. The children then washed off their morning exhaustion with enjoyable rides in the resort's biopark. Post-lunch, the students visited several varieties of gardens, an aquarium and a koala joey's pet park. This was followed by a magic show, where the magician talked about snake bites. He also gave students tips on prevention of snake bites, as well as the first aid to be given in such cases. The trip concluded with the students enjoying themselves in the water games park. All returned exhausted but happy at such an enjoyable day.

HALLOWEEN
- OCTOBER 31,
2023
TRICK
OR
TREAT



"Everyone being different is what is really beautiful. If we were all the same, it would be boring. Being different gives the world color." – Nelsan Ellis, American actor and playwright.

Dawn, being a school with a difference, was prompted to celebrate Halloween 2023 in its own unique way. The modus operandi was simple. Following the spectacular success of the Food fest, the baton was once again handed over to the Student Council to plan and execute the event, albeit under the guidance of the Language Department. From the spine-chilling invite to the lively gala to the spooky bonanza at the conclusion, our school leaders proved beyond doubt their mettle. The expectant students, who changed into their varied and colourful costumes, were led to the Basketball court and formed into concentric circles. The whole school, then, began dancing around in circles in a whirlwind of colours as spooky and sombre melodies began playing.

The next event on the charts necessitated the return of the crowd to the school quadrangle. The ramp walk, which called for – 'if you've got it, flaunt it' – regaled the audience, as the Management, Faculty as well as the students themselves strutted and danced on stage flaunting their costumes. The pièce de resistance, however, came at the end. Unsuspecting students were marched to a special room, where a spooky surprise awaited them – a room that was arduously crafted and decorated in the Halloween theme along with special effects. The kudos for such craftsmanship goes to our Art Department Head – Mr. Irshad K.M., our Maintenance Assistant – Mr. Jijomon and our dear Student Council Members. The Halloween madness concluded and classes resumed post-lunch.

SECOND TERM EXAMS - OCTOBER 09-17, 2023

Dawn took a one and half week's hiatus in its activities as the students sat for their Term 2 examinations. The evaluation was conducted between October 9-17, 2023 from 9:00 -11:15 am. The school was dispersed post-lunch at 1:00 pm to allow the students to prepare for their next day's exams. The exam was conducted smoothly and without any hitch, with academics and activities resuming as the exam ended.



GRACIAS ADIOS!

