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# DAWN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, KOCHI

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## Dear Parents and Students,

The month of November and December is, as always, dominated by the “biggie” events, i.e., Annual Sports and Annual Day; yet, Dawn ably managed, as usual, to conduct its academics and other activities with élan. Let us take you on a small tour of our activities in this combi issue of our Newsletter.



# KERALA PIRAVI – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2023



KERALA: A PLACE KNOWN FOR FLAWLESS AND DAZZLING SHORELINES; A LAND WITH THE APPEAL OF CAPTIVATING WORKS OF ART; A LAND FAVOURED BY THE UNSTOPPABLE FORCE OF LIFE; A LAND CALLED GOD'S VERY OWN COUNTRY.

Kerala Day also referred to as Kerala Piravi marks the birth of the state on November 01, 1956. At DIS, a special assembly was conducted by the students of Grade 6 to commemorate this special occasion. Ms. Lekha C. S., our Malayalam teacher kick-started the celebrations with an introduction to the day's relevance and importance. This was followed by a variety of other events. Rayyan Anwar of Grade 3 delivered a speech, followed by a special dance performance by Rithunanda Ratheesh of Grade 9B. Ameya Maria Biju and Shreya Elizabeth Jomin both of Grade 7 followed suit with yet another scintillating dance item. Niya Mariya, Daksha B., Nanda Arun and Ezra Sara Eldo all from Grade 4 presented a melodious song on Kerala. Ending the event, Principal CBSE Ms. Smitha M. regaled the students with a couple of quiz questions and informative tips related to Kerala.



# MINI-EDUCATION FAIR – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2023

*“The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.” – Vince Lombardi*  
*“Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and diligence.” – Abigail Adams*



Our school conducted an on-campus mini-education fair by hosting 11 Universities, such as SRM University, Manipal University – Malaysia, University of Mississippi, Indian School of Hospitality, Drake University, etc. This novel idea, the brainchild of our young and dynamic MD Mr. Joby C. Johnson, was conducted in the School Library. The event intended to help our Grade 9-12 students, who would be in the short run exploring their higher studies options, to gain an insight into the various options available. Students were given the opportunity to personally meet and deal with the representatives of these various Universities and to plan and discuss their future college and career plans.

# TEFILLAH – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 2023

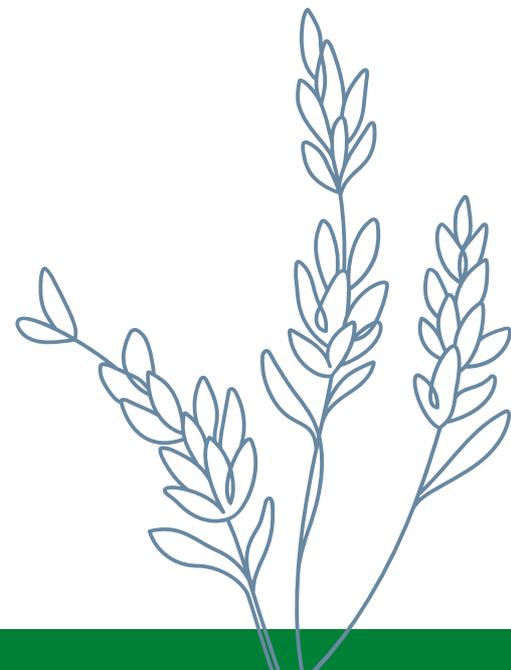


**“We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized.”  
(Hebrews 6:11)**

As our Grades 11A and 12A students prepare for their Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Board Exams, the school took on the onus of conducting a prayer for them. Prayer, which is a spiritual communication with God, was required to bless our children for their upcoming Board Exams in January; as well as to wish them success in all their future endeavours.

Keeping this objective in mind, the faculty rendered a soulful melody for their wards. Following the lighting of the lamp, the Principals Smitha Ma'am and Rani Ma'am together with their respective Class Teachers Bindhu Miss and Arya Miss motivated and encouraged them for their immediate and long-term future.

As this was their final year in school, Grade 12A students were also presented with a small token of love. The service ended and students came forward to seek blessings from their elders.



# DIWALI – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023



***“Diwali conveys the message that transcends religions: the necessity of doing good and bringing light to the world”.***

Diwali symbolises the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. It marks the return of Lord Rama after defeating the demon king Ravana, signifying the victory of righteousness. DIS celebrated Diwali with great music, dance and other joyful performances from different grades melding together, showcasing cultural diversity and the spirit of togetherness. Especially, the lighting of the diyas or lamps which symbolizes the removal of darkness and coming into the light.

The morning saw a house-wise Rangoli (a traditional Indian art form that uses colored sand or powder to decorate floors) competition, followed by a special assembly by Grade 11B. Thereafter, a narration of the Diwali story was done by Nandhini R. (Grade 6) to impress upon the students on the reason for the various traditional practices undertaken on Diwali day. As Diwali is a time to give thanks, students of Grades 6, 7 & 8 came up with scintillating dance items. The celebrations ended with yet another competition – the decoration of the house bulletin boards on the Diwali theme.



# ATHLETIC MEET - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

“Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe.” - Gail Devers



Dawn's athletic team participated in the first-ever Mini Athletic Championship organised by the Master Athletes Association Kochi. In the event, which was an All-Kerala Mini Athletic Championship, we represented with a team of 18 students both boys and girls under the category of 8, 10, 12. And we are happy to announce that most of our students entered the final, especially Akshit A. N. of Grade 3, who made our school proud by winning a bronze medal under category 12. Kudos Akshit!

# RAJAGIRI KIDS FEST – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

“Only children believe they’re capable of everything.” –

PAULO COELHO



The event was organized by Rajagiri Public School, Kalamassery as a part of their Children’s Day celebrations. The day was marked with grand splendor and fiesta as the school campus buzzed with excitement and joy for it was a day wherein fun and frolic dominated. The entire gala was carried out with enthusiasm and vigour at their kindergarten section.

Over 60 schools participated and various competitions were organised for the children. Some of the competitions were Brain, Gym, Nano Olympiad, Clay modelling, and Dance to the tune, etc. Under the able stewardship of Ms. Nisha P. Menon and Ms. Sujatha Ranjith, Dawn’s 13 tiny tots shone like stars. It was clearly a day full of joy and laughter for the students, especially as Kalyani Ramesh of UKG secured the “Best actor” award. Kudos Kalyani!

## CHILDREN'S DAY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023



**“EVERY CHILD IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FLOWER AND ALL TOGETHER, THEY MAKE THIS WORLD A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN.”**

On the other hand, DIS celebrated Children's Day with a wonderful and exuberant series of performances by our tiny tots from Pre-KG to UKG. The programme started with a prayer followed by an action song in Hindi and English, a dance, individual performances and a musical skit. The event ended with a Quiz competition. It was a sublime, brilliant and dynamite presentation of ability and endowment. It was followed by a series of competitions like dress up like Nehru, quiz for the tiny tots etc.

# **ART WORKSHOP – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

**“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”**

**—Pablo Picasso**

Our Art Department Head, Mr. Irshad K.M., took part in the Art teachers' workshop conducted by Al-Ameen Public School, Edapally. The session opened with a balloon activity and the importance and the use of art and craft among school kids. The second session was full of activities such as kit-making activity, activities using charts, how to design in different methods. This was a fun session as everybody came out with activities with different forms and designs. The third session was interesting with puppet making in easy steps. It was filled with many art works like sand art, rice powder art, sandpaper art, etc. The session ended with a stress-busting session on origami.

# ANNUAL SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023

“Stepping into the field with confidence”



With this tagline, Dawn conducted its Annual Sports Day with fervour. The day started off with the morning assembly. The Chief Guest – Mr. Asokan C. P. (Assistant Commandant of Police of Kerala Armed Police 1st Battalion and a Santhosh Trophy player) – was welcomed on arrival by our MD Mr. Joby C. Johnson, Principals Ms. Smitha M. and Ms. Rani Ranjitha, as well as a posse of skaters, who escorted him to his seat.

following the Chief Guest’s address, the torch relay commenced. The relay was started by Zara Riyaz Parambath, Captain of Passionate Planets; followed by Varsha M. N., Captain of Majestic Moons; Rohit K. Manoj, Captain of Sparkling Stars; and finally, Faris Muhammad, School Captain. The School Captain then handed over the torch to Shahim Muhammed, Sports Captain, who ignited the lamp in the cauldron. Hoisting the 2023-24 flag and releasing the balloons, the Chief Guest declared the Sports meet open.



The meet started off with the finals of the 100 mts race for all categories; followed by various displays, games for teachers and parents. The excitement ended as the meet closed with the National Anthem.

# NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2023

'MATHEMATICS IS NOT ABOUT NUMBERS, EQUATIONS, COMPUTATIONS OR ALGORITHMS. IT IS ABOUT UNDERSTANDING.'



Dawn's Maths department organized National Mathematics with much fervour. A special assembly was conducted by Grade 7 followed by two Math-related dances. The angle dance was innovative. Our Principal Ms. Smitha M. showed some memory exercises which was repeated by all students and teachers. After the special assembly, a series of competitions were conducted for all categories, such as colouring, sudoku, math chart and math puzzles. Winners of the competitions were awarded their prizes the following Monday.

# EUNOIA 2023 – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023

“Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life.” – Persian Polymath Omar Khayyam

Dawn's Annual Day-cum-Christmas Celebration was an elaborate tableau of colourful items. The family members of Dawn put in so much effort to create a spectacular and exhilarating event. The programme started at 5:45 pm. The esteemed guest for the evening was Worshipful Mayor Adv. M. Anil Kumar, Mayor of Kochi Corporation.

Under the initiative of the PTA, DIS also set up a couple of stalls under the title “DIS Kochi's Marché de Noël”. The purpose of these stalls was to give parents an opportunity to showcase and sell products from their respective business ventures among the DIS Community. The PTA also conducted a Eunoia Raffle (lucky draw) priced at INR 100/- per ticket, with a variety of prizes such as restaurant and hotel vouchers, gift hampers and so on. The evening ended with the Annual Dinner in the cafeteria. Altogether it was a memorable experience.



## SOF OLYMPIAD EXAMS 2023

Our school conducted the SOF Olympiad examinations in our campus. A total of 71 students registered for the exams, which were conducted on:

1. English on 02.11.2023
2. Cyber on 28.11.2023
3. Math on 30.11.2023
4. Science on 05.12.2023

All the exams were conducted under the guidance of subject teachers and all the attendance sheets and OMR sheets were sent across to the SOF office the same day.

## EXAMS – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2023

In the field of academia, DIS conducted the following exams:

1. Pearson Edexcel IGCSE Board Examination for Grade 10A from November 02 to 22, 2023.
2. IAL Preboard Examination for Grades 11A and 12A from November 15 to 23, 2023.
3. First Model Examination for Grade 10B from November 13 to 23, 2023.
4. Sahodaya Model Examination for Grades 10B and 12B from December 8 to 18, 2023.

**THANK YOU!**