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“ ... It's the most wonderful time of the year ... With the kids jingle belling ... And everyone telling you be of good cheer ... It's the most wonderful time of the year ... ”

Parents and Students,

Yes, it's that time of the year again! For the world over, December is the time for partying and gaiety, and to beat the winter blues. December is the time when people take time off from their daily drudgery and give time to their families and friends. December is for holidays, adventure and travelling.

Although, December at Dawn started on a somber tone, the thought of upcoming holidays threw everybody into a tizzy and gave Dawnites that extra boost to prepare for the grandest event of the school year – Dawn Annual Day. Here, in the *seventh issue of our newsletter*, we give you in a nutshell all that ensued during the month at Dawn. So, please fasten your seat belts as the journey begins ...

CBSE Model Exams

“I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing so until the end.”

As a precursor to the impending CBSE Board Exams to be held in February, 2023, the **First Model Exam for Grades 10 and 12 students** were conducted between **December 05 and 15, 2022**. The objective was to give the students a practice session before they appeared for their real exam.

National Mathematics Day

"Math is beautiful. But sometimes, this can be hard to see, and even harder to convey to students who don't — yet — share your passion."

Calling out to students to cast aside their fear of math and to embrace the subject with love, Dawn's Maths Department celebrated **National Mathematics Day** during the third week of December, 2022.

Grade-wise competitions were conducted on **Monday, December 12** and **Tuesday, December 13** to encourage creative skills and to enhance problem solving skills.



A **Special Assembly** highlighting the importance of Maths in our day-to-day lives was held on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022**. The celebrations ended with a shape dance by the KG department and the prize distribution by the Principals Smitha ma'am and Rani ma'am.

Christmas Celebrations (The Prelude)

"... We three kings of orient are ... Bearing gifts we traverse afar ... Field and fountain ... Moor and mountain ... Following yonder star ..."



Christmas is a great festival to celebrate, especially with children, because of its beautiful spirit! It is all about giving gifts and celebrating, and helps instill the joy of giving in children and adults alike. According to Christian traditions, the practice of giving gifts during Christmas is symbolic of the presentation of the gifts by the Three Wise Men to Baby Jesus.

Therefore, Dawn conducted a **Christmas Gift Exchange** event on **Thursday, December 15, 2022** for the students. Lots were drawn and a Christmas friend chosen, to whom each child enthusiastically gave away their carefully-selected presents. The entire scenario of giving and receiving gave the children lots of excitement and delight.

To further the Christmas spirit, the school conducted an **Inter-house Bulletin Board competition** on the Christmas theme on **Friday, December 16, 2022**, which resulted in an eruption of colours as the students enthusiastically took part.

Our Christmas celebrations continued well into the next week as we prepared for Dawn's Annual Day entitled "Eunoia."

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[yoo.noy.uh] . Greek (n.) A state of good spirit and a well-balanced mind. The art of beautiful thinking.

Buoyed by this thought, Dawn conducted its **Annual Day on December 22, 2022** on a grand scale. **Honorable Justice B. Kemal Pasha, Former Judge, High Court of Kerala** graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



Annual Day – The Formal Function

The arrival of the chief guest, ushered in by our **smart student troopers**, heralded the evening that began with the formal function. Welcoming the Chief Guest and other dignitaries onto the stage with beautiful bouquets, the mellifluous voices of the school choir resonated with **“The Showers of Blessings”** as they invoked the Almighty to bless the event.

Post that **Mr. Joby C. Johnson, our Managing Director**, welcomed the august gathering. The mandatory lighting of the lamp was followed by **Dr. Johnson C. Lukose, our Chairman’s address**. Our honourable Chief Guest who addressed the gathering next gave us an eloquent speech that was inspiring as well as enriching. Acknowledging this fact, our Chairman Sir, on behalf of the Management and School, presented a token of appreciation to the former Justice.

The Formal function concluded with the **Prize Distribution ceremony**, presentation of the **Annual Report** by our **CBSE Principal - Ms. Smitha M**, deliverance of the **Vote of Thanks** by our **EDEXCEL International Principal - Ms. Rani Ranjitha** and the beautiful rendition of **“It is Dawn, we can depend” – our School Anthem** by the School choir.

Annual Day – Prize Distribution

Celebrating the school's annual day provides the school with an opportunity to showcase its achievements. This is also a day when achievers are felicitated for their accomplishments in the academic year. Some of the happy lot that clinched the various trophies and certificates were **Sparkling Stars** who took the **Overall House Championship and Grades 9A and 5** who got the **Golden and Silver Star**, respectively, for **Best Class of the Year**.



Annual Day – The Cultural Extravaganza



The excitement of the crowd intensified as the highlight of the evening drew near – **the Cultural events** that showcased the immense talents and hard work put in by our dear students for the memorable evening.

The show commenced with a bang as the **Kindergarten tots** of our school gave mesmerizing dance performances dressed up as **flowers and honeybees**. Not to be left behind, **Grades 1 and 2** rocked the stage with vigour and brilliance to perform **Bollywood Retro Dance numbers** covering a broad range of blues-



based styles developed during the 1930's to 1950's. On the other hand, **Grades 3 and 4 kids** followed suit with their **Western dance numbers** setting the stage aflame with their cool and stylish twirling, swirling and pirouetting.

Miming, the act of using hand and body gestures along with facial expressions to communicate emotions and actions is a challenging task. But it did not deter our **Grade 7** students from giving a smashing performance. **Grades 5 and 6 girls** scintillated the audience with their graceful steps and alluring looks as they whirled onstage to the enthralling music of their **Sufi and Chinese** songs.



The **Grade 6 boys** draped in military fatigues trooped on stage and captivated the audience's attention with their **Soldier Dance**. It was a through and through tribute to our Indian Army, portraying their single-mindedness to protect the country by putting themselves on the line and sacrificing their safety for the greater good. From one social message, Dawn students moved onto the next theme: **Women Empowerment**. Students of **Grade 8** paid accolades to the power of being a Woman in their fiery dance performance.



The mood then turned grave as the **Literary Club students** unfolded on stage one of Shakespeare's greatest masterpieces – **MACBETH**, which they strived to portray perfectly boosted by the intensity of the sound and light effects.

The somber mood changed as the **higher-grade students** stepped in with their programme. Under the able tutelage of Sanu sir, they gave their best to perform **Theyattam** (or commonly known as **Theyyam**), a ritual dance performance of Kerala.

Annual Day – Christmas Celebrations (The Postlude)

“... Joy to the World, the Lord is come ... Let earth receive her king ... Let every heart prepare him room ... And Heaven and Nature sing ...”



portrayal of the archetypal **Nativity skit** by the Dawn students.

“... Jingle bells, Jingle bells ... Jingle all the way ... Oh, what fun it is to ride ... In a one-horse open sleigh ... hey”

Christmas, for children, is also the time for the conventional appearance of **St. Nicholas aka Santa Claus** with lots and lots of gifts. Dawn, too, had a pleasant surprise visit from the North pole



resident, who greeted the children and distributed sweets among them.

“FelizNavidad ... FelizNavidad ... Prospero Ano y Felicidad ... I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas ... From the bottom of my heart.”



And at last, the time came for the teachers to let down their hair and wish everyone **“Feliz Navidad Próspero año y Felicidad,”** in their unique style. The **Teachers of Dawn** proved that they are a sprightly and agile lot as they performed their **dance number**, much to the delight of their beloved students.

“Carry your candle, run to the darkness ... Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn ... Hold out your candle for all to see it ... Take your candle, and go light your world ...”



The celebrations closed with a prayer service by all present. The Management, Staff, Parents and Students alike stood with closed eyes holding a lit candle, while our **Librarian, Ms Lijee**, read out a prayer seeking the protection and guidance of the Almighty as we enter the new year 2023.

Annual Day – Curtains Down

“ ... The woods are lovely, dark and deep ... But I have promises to keep ... And miles to go before I sleep ... ”

Calling it a night, the Annual Day celebrations wound up with the **School Captain, Zahra Tmren**, on behalf of Dawn International, thanking everyone present for making the programme such a resounding success. Thereafter, everyone rose for the National Anthem and then dispersed for the night.

**WISHING YOU ALL
A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED
2023!!**