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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to yet another post-covid academic year! Although, we entered with slight trepidation, we have lots of hopes and aspirations. Our first newsletter for the academic year 2023-24 stands out as a mute witness to this aspect. We conducted a slew of events without lowering our standards of excellence in 'Arts and Academics.'

HEY HELLO BONJOUR GUTEN TAG!

Reopening Day – June 01, 2023

The Dawnites as well as their parents, stepped into the hallowed precincts of their school. They were bathed in the musical chant of *Hey Hello Bonjour Guten Tag* from their teachers, who banded together to welcome their pupils into the new academic year 2023-24. The school that had gone silent suddenly awoke from a two-month long hiatus and reverberated with the sounds of excitement and laughter.



The day of joy and celebration began with the formal lighting of the lamp followed by a prayer. In their formal addresses, Chairman, Dr. Johnson C. Lukose, Managing Director, Mr. Joby C. Johnson, and Principals Ms. Smitha M. and Ms. Rani Ranjitha laid much emphasis on the importance of education and the school's role in the overall development of their wards.



The Dawn faculties resplendently attired in their “royal” and “mystical” purple-coloured outfits keeping in unison with the theme and décor of the day, then stepped forward and formally introduced themselves. The introduction of the other staff members followed by other mandatory announcements wound up the morning's formal function.



The variety entertainment programme that followed thereafter showcased the grace and poise of classical dance by Ms. Arathi Sankar (Grade 12) and Ms. Shreya Jomin (Grade 7), the musical inclinations of Master Ethan Yeldo Abraham (Grade 10) and Master Jadon Cherian (Grade 10) and the mighty power of words by Ms. Nandhini R. (Grade 6). The morning enthusiasm poured into the afternoon too, as teachers spent time with their students.

BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - JUNE 05, 2023



"Let us nurture nature to have a nurturing future." Envisioning this, our Science Department put forth an awareness and hands-on package through a mélange of activities. Grade 11 students took up the onus to create a Special Assembly that focused on creating awareness on this year's theme. Seniors and juniors alike colourfully danced into the minds of their fellow students and impressed upon the beauty of mother nature and the need to beat plastic pollution. The mime by Grade 10 students effectively portrayed the aftermath on nature due to rampant plastic pollution.

The scene then shifted to the school garden, where the saplings that were handed over to students were diligently planted by students and staff alike. Environment Day came to an end in the afternoon with competitions on Drawing, Creating Best out of Waste and decorating the Bulletin Board. Winners were awarded the next day with crayons and chocolates.

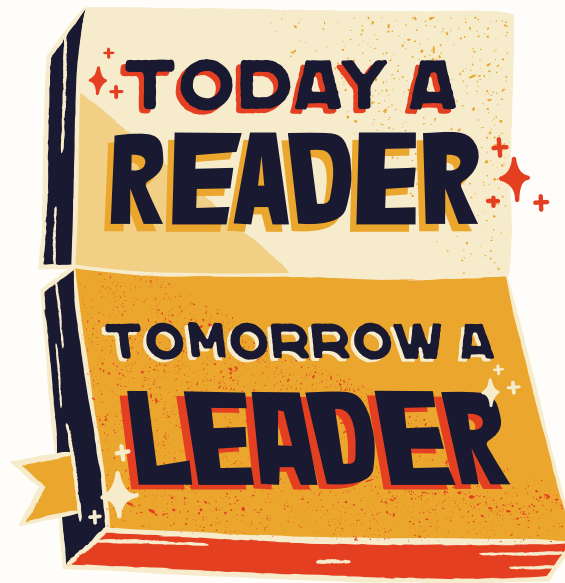


'SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL, END CHILD LABOUR!' WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR - JUNE 12, 2023



“Let us reach out to the children. Let us do whatever we can to support their fight to rise above their pain and suffering,” said Nelson Mandela. And who to do this best, but children of course! In an attempt to make this a reality, Dawn’s Social Science Wing handed over the baton to its children. Grade 10 conducted a special assembly to spread awareness on this social evil. Grades 6-8 followed suit with a tableau performance. Ms. Nandini (Grade 6) concluded the programme with a speech on Child Labour.

'A CELEBRATION OF LITERACY' NATIONAL READING DAY – JUNE 19, 2023



“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.”
– Walt Disney. Disney was, of course, talking about the power of imagination, which he relentlessly used in creating classic and cult figures like Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, etc.

Lauding the imagination of P.N. Panicker, the father of the Library Movement in India, that transformed society with his literacy movement, Dawn celebrated National Reading Day. In their Special Assembly, students of Grade 9B gave a succinct account of some books like ‘The Alchemist,’ ‘Wings of Fire,’ ‘Ikigai,’ etc. They also gave a practical lesson on ‘Book Care.’

This was followed by Nandini’s brilliant book review on ‘Goosebumps Horrorland: Weirdo Halloween’ and our little lassie Master Rayyan’s wonderful recitation of Aesop’s ‘The Honest Woodcutter’ story. Then, our budding author, Master Aryn (Grade 6), who published his second book ‘W.I.S.H.: A Sinister Shadow’, handed over a copy to the Principal, Ms. Rani Ranjitha amidst thunderous applause from his school mates.

A Book Donation Drive was conducted concurrently by our Athenaeum Wing to mark ‘A Celebration of Literacy’. And, we proudly announce the receipt of a significant number of books covering various genres and languages.

LEARNING
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'YOGA FOR VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM' International Yoga Day – June 21, 2023



Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is a Sanskrit phrase, which means 'The World Is One Family.' The Dawn family, too, participated in the 9th edition of this event. Grade 8 students commenced the programme with a Special Assembly followed by a display of easy day-to-day useful yoga postures. While, Ms. Diana explained the importance of Yoga, Grade 4 students under the guidance of our Faculty Ms. Muthulakshmi gave a practical demonstration of this ancient practice.

However, the pièce de résistance of this event came at the end, when the PE wing organized a mass Yoga session of the students and teachers in the atrium led by Ms. Arathi Sankar (Grade 12) on stage.





ELECTION - STUDENT COUNCIL 2023-24 JUNE 23, 2023



“You can’t escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today,” opined Abraham Lincoln, a person who is credited to be the greatest president for his leadership during the Civil War and the abolition of slavery.

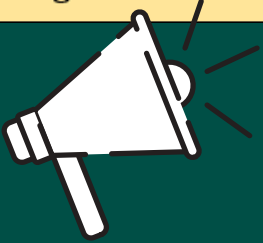
Leaders are not born, they are made. Leadership is something that can be learned with time, experience, willingness and practice. At Dawn, we provide that platform to nurture our students to become effective leaders of tomorrow. The formation of the Student Council for the current year was carried out via a three-phase process.

Under the aegis of the Social Science department, a ‘Meet the Candidate’ event was conducted on June 14. The 12 students who gave their name for the candidature were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and address the school to garner the maximum votes for themselves.

Polling was conducted in the second phase on June 16. The entire paraphernalia was set up in the Language lab and the casting of the votes started from 9:30 am and ended at 12:00 noon. Post-noon, the ballot box was opened in the presence of the Managing Director, Mr. Joby C. Johnson and Principal, Ms. Rani Ranjitha. The counting process completed within an hour by 1:30 pm. Barring seven invalid votes, 103 valid votes were counted and the ballot sheets were handed over to the Principal, Ms. Rani Ranjitha bringing the entire process to a close at 2:00 pm. The kudos for the smooth functioning of the entire process goes to our Election Coordinators - Ms. Aksa, Ms. Navya, Mr. Irshad and Mr. Adarsh.

On June 19, Managing Director, Mr. Joby C. Johnson did the honours and announced the results. The new Student Council members are:

	School Captain	FARIS MUHAMMED
	School Vice-Captain	RITHUNANDA RATHEESH
	House Captain (Majestic Moon)	VARSHA M. N.
	House Captain (Passionate Planets)	ZARA RIYAZ
	House Captain (Sparkling Stars)	ROHITH K. MANOJ
	House Vice-Captain (Majestic Moon)	NORA NIYAZ
	House Vice-Captain (Passionate Planets)	RYAN GEORGE
	House Vice-Captain (Sparkling Stars)	STINA MARIA SAGIN



The process came to its entirety at the Investiture ceremony on June 23, where the selected students were inducted into the prefectorial team. Rear Admiral P. Asokan N. M. (Rtd), who graced the august occasion, was warmly welcomed and accompanied grandly to the dais by the school management and the new prefect members.

The function began with Ms. Meharin of Grade 12-B welcoming the Chief Guest on behalf of the school, followed by an inspiring speech by the guest of honour in his presidential address. Affixing the badges onto the new leaders, the honourable guest congratulated and wished them well. Thereafter, Principal, Ms. Smitha M. administered the oath to the flag-bearers and the school captain, Faris Muhammed gave the customary maiden speech.

Acknowledging his gracious presence and as a token of appreciation, Managing Director Mr. Joby C. Johnson, on behalf of the entire school, gifted our Chief Guest with a memento. The event concluded with Ms. Rithunanda, the new School Vice-Captain delivering the Vote of Thanks and the school choir singing the school anthem.



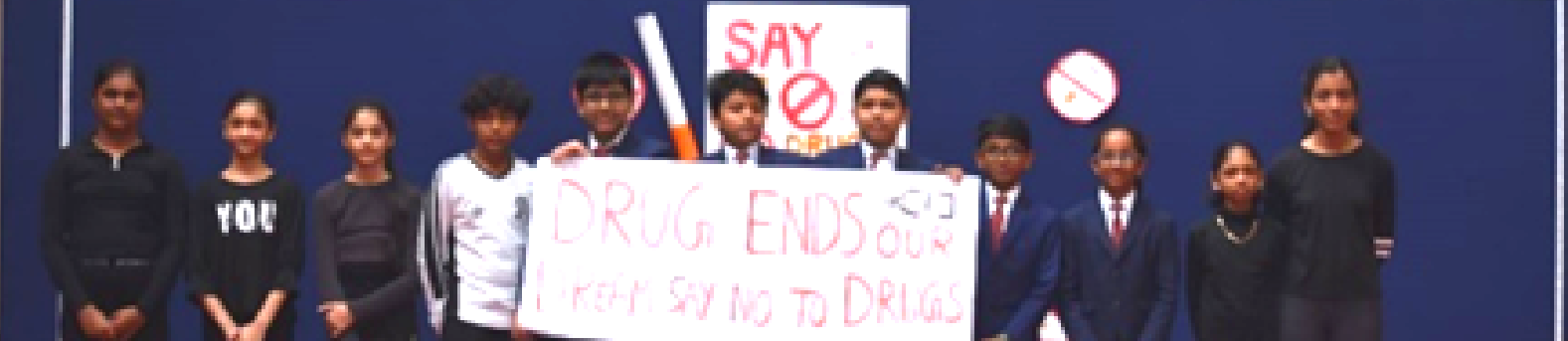
A NEW CHAPTER, A NEW BEGINNING

Fresher's Day – June 26, 2023

The famous Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Co. and Model T car inventor, once commented on Teamwork by saying, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is a process. Working together is success."

Extending a kind welcome to the newcomers – students and teachers alike, enhancing the feeling of community and encouraging their creative impulses to boost confidence, the school organized a Freshers' Day event. Ms. Annie Elizabeth (Grade 10) welcomed the freshers to commence the programme. Thereafter, the baton was handed over to our the faculties Ms. Jaise and Ms. Vishnupriya to give the clarion call to the performers. Newcomers from Pre-KG to Grade 12 to teachers descended on stage to give clap worthy performances covering songs, dance, story recitations, poem recitations and riddles. The entire programme saw a multitude of talents and capabilities. The programme ended well and on a happy note.





**'PEOPLE FIRST: STOP STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION,
STRENGTHEN PREVENTION'**

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking –
June 26, 2023

“Don't huff, don't puff; Keep away from that stuff.” The menace of drug addiction is spreading fast among the youth of India. To raise awareness about its negative impact, educate about drug use disorders and empower our youngsters, our Grade 7 students conducted a Special Assembly on that day. They also conducted a Flash Mob on this topic and concluded with a speech by Master Aadi (Grade 7) who further reiterated on the subject.



**THANK YOU AND HERE'S TO
A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD**

