



The *DPS* Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The current academic year witnessed the unique transition to a blended learning model of home-based and traditional classroom-based education. While the impact of the pandemic was undeniable, we were delighted to also learn that our 'Happy School' is uniquely equipped to adapt to the changes and alleviate the stress and anxiety of the current times. This newsletter offers heartening glimpses of our successful engagement of families in student learning and our effort to deliver content in different ways. We have ensured a significant increase in opportunities for informal learning, offering parents enjoyable moments of shared experience with their children. Parents gladly embraced their new role and we can proudly proclaim that our Happy School has been curating happiness as a shared aim of teachers, students and parents to fulfil the broader goals of education.

COMPETITION

Scientific habits of mind ensure students' success in these dynamic times when new technological innovations are continuously overtaking the previous ones and our DPSITES have once again proved to be at the top of scientific achievements.



We are proud to share the success of our students on a National Platform.

DPS has won all the Secondary Category - Voters' Choice Awards at the Science Buskers Competition organised by Science Centre as a part of the Singapore Science Festival.



The Winning Teams are:

The Resonators Team for the Best Creative Video, The Mad Scientists Team for the Best Science Demo and the Light Benders Team for the Best On-Camera Performance.

Thank you parents for your continuous support and encouragement that resonate in our students' success story on such a prestigious platform.



COMPETITION

SONY TOY 2020



The Sony Toy competition is an annual nationwide competition for the best scientific toys conducted by the Singapore Science Centre. DPS has an illustrious record of participating and winning laurels at this event.

The Sony Creative Science Award (SCSA) is a platform where we develop and stretch student's cognitive abilities and provide opportunities for student to grow their socio-emotional skills and intellectual competencies.

Through building their toys, our students explore new perspectives, learn to cooperate, and appreciate each other's abilities. While presenting their work, the participants communicate effectively, confidently presenting their ideas in a coherent manner. They also display their creativity and problem-solving skills in the conceptualization of their toy.

This year, the SCSA program had invited our young scientists from Grades 2 to 6 to showcase their creativity and aptitude for science by inventing their own scientific toys.

The first round of selection

was conducted at school with the Science Department watching more than 50 videos of our creative stars with their toys. After long deliberations and brainstorming, 40 premier toys were selected.

These selected toys were put on display in our school at our SCSA exhibition. We were honoured by the presence of our Chairman, Mr C.P. Kabra, who took time out to not only question the students about the scientific concept but also offer tips on improving public speaking and presentation skills. He awarded Popular vouchers to each participant as a gesture of encouragement and appreciation.

These toys on display will be sent to the Science Centre representing DPS International school at the Sony Toy Competition 2020. We wish our little stars the very best to bring back the coveted prize.



CELEBRATIONS



NATIONAL DAY

9th August 2020 Celebrated by Grade 1 to 5

This year, DPS International school celebrated Singapore's 55th birthday with the yearly tradition of donning red and white and having many exciting events lined up for our primary students. Singapore National Day Commemoration is introduced in schools to give pupils a greater sense of the historical importance and solemnity of National Day.

The day commenced with activities such as, card and badge-making, sponge painting, quiz and learning about the rich culture and heritage of our Lion city. Through such activities, the school hopes to foster in students a strong sense of national identity and pride for the nation.

Overall, the celebrations were well received as every DIPSITE, experienced in their own way the spirit of universal pride for Singapore.



CELEBRATIONS

NATIONAL DAY

9th August 2020 Celebrated by Grade 6 to 12

National Day brings with it great memories of this great nation and a reminder of the founding father Lee Kuan Yew's enormous efforts to script the Singapore success story.

There cannot be a better way to celebrate Singapore's National Day other than imbibing in our students the values of Singapore.

Though we could not come together physically to celebrate the auspicious day, this year it did not curb our enthusiasm and

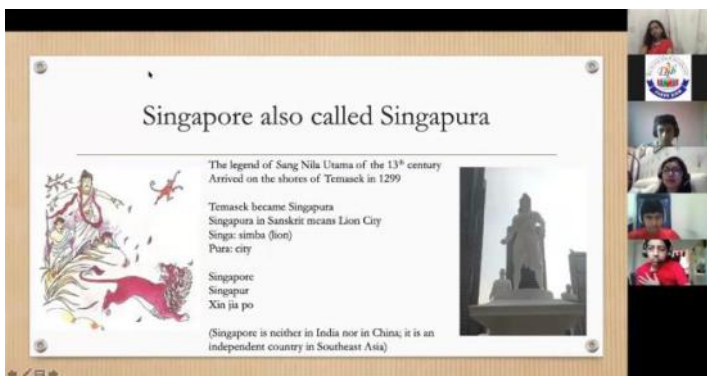


'Singapore's Values' conducted by Dr. Mustafa Izzuddin, a senior lecturer at NUS who has received his PHD in International Relations from the London School of Economics.



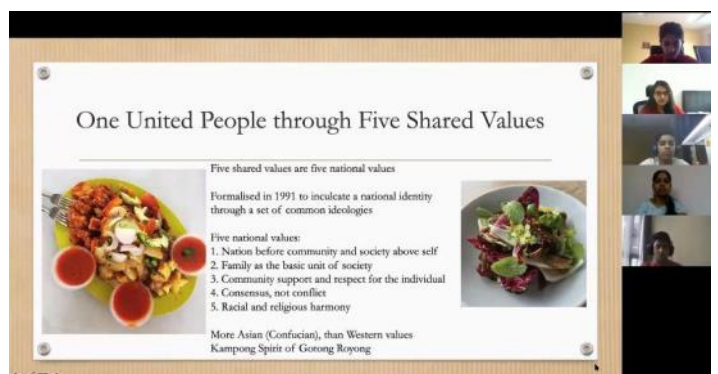
Dr Mustafa Izzuddin

The webinar paved an amazing learning path for the students as it focused on multiple aspects of Singapore its history, culture, tradition, achievements and future endeavours.



celebration.

On 9th August, DPS celebrated Singapore's National Day virtually wherein the students of Grades 8 to 12 attended a webinar on



CELEBRATIONS



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrated by KG to Grade 5

With freedom in our mind, faith in our unity and pride in our souls, we saluted our nation, India, on this auspicious day of India's 74th year of independence.



On 15th August 2020 Independence Day was celebrated virtually by students and parents. With great enthusiasm and vigour, the Kindergarteners and students from Grade 1 to 5 marked this day.



The students prepared a virtual assembly proudly speaking about the significance of the day, our freedom struggle and brave freedom fighters.



To commemorate the sovereignty of our nation, students took part in the Inter School Essay writing competition, organised by



High Commission of India, Singapore. We were extremely delighted with the results as four out of six top positions were bagged by our students. Our school choir performed remarkably at the Indian High Commission, awakening patriotic feelings towards our mother land. The students were wholeheartedly commended and acknowledged on social media platforms by the extended community as well.



Indeed, it was a day of joy, a pledge to make our nation greater and celebrate our unity in diversity.



Jai Hind.

CELEBRATIONS

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrated by Grade 6 to 12

Singing the National Anthem, watching the Flag Hoisting ceremony and pinning flags to our uniforms. Independence Day Celebrations at school is a treasured memory for all of us.

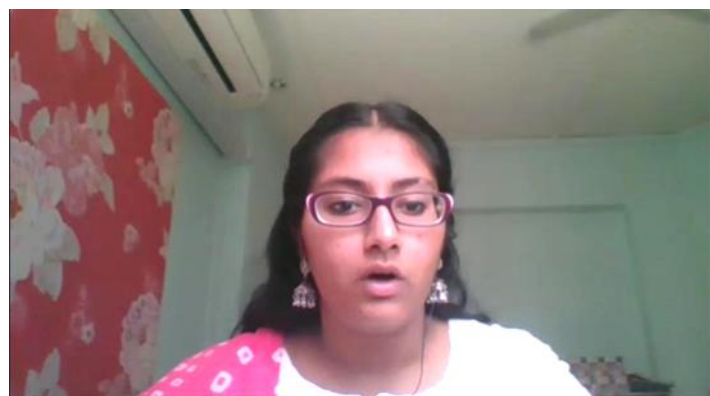


Abiding by the post-Circuit Breaker, Phase 2 restrictions, we did not celebrate Independence Day in the precincts of our school. We deployed technology to virtually honour and celebrate this important day with our students.

We at DPS celebrated, the joy of being the largest and the most vibrant democracy on the earth, by conducting a performance Poetry Inter-House Competition.

The special assembly and competition was hosted by our DPS Student Council along with the house leaders.

The celebration was an amalgamation of power of words and patriotic fervour that will long resonate in the hearts and minds of the participants and audience alike.



WORKSHOP



As we all know the golden triangle of life is the harmony between a healthy mind, body, and spirit. This thumb rule of living a fulfilling life was exhibited by our primary students of grade III, IV and V through a very engaging and interactive workshop conducted by DPS International School. The workshop was honoured to have Ms Vidya Harish, a chief nutrition officer who joined us virtually from Bangalore and gifted our students and parents with her valuable guidelines regarding good health and nutrition. The session reinforced



Reyhaan Deb of Grade 3C and Upean Setty of Grade 4E showcased their typical day filled with various indoor and outdoor activities, hobbies, healthy diet, and other essential habits that contributes to their wholesome personality. Their presentation was praiseworthy and all our students were greatly motivated. They pledged to inculcate good habits that lay the foundation of a happy life. This event proved to be very successful among parents and students and we received abundant appreciation.

PACKED LUNCH OPTIONS

- o Veg frankie + Nuts + a fruit
- o Corn Pulao + Spinach cucumber raita + a fruit
- o Stuffed paratha + curd + a fruit
- o Veg poha + a fruit + Flavoured soya milk
- o Bread upma + buttermilk + a fruit
- o Veg/ Ckn Cutlets + cheese toast + a juice
- o Roti + egg + paneer burji + a juice
- o Peas pulao + tomato chutney + a fruit
- o Pav + mixed veg bhaji + sweet lassi
- o Ckn/ Veg noodles + mango/chikoo milkshake
- o Veg rava idli+ Thick sambar + Buttermilk
- o Rolls (Roti + Methi Chicken) + lime juice
- o Missi Roti + Palak paneer + a fruit
- o French toast + a fruit + a cube of cheese
- o Veg/Chicken Pasta + cucumber + Apple salad+ lime juice



the fact that good habits set a foundation for life and with determination and practise, it is easily achievable.



WORKSHOP

PENNY WISE, POUND WISER

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for responsible living and planning for the future. It is important for students too, to be equipped with basic financial literacy as they prepare for life after school. With this in mind, the Entrepreneurs Society conducted 'Penny Wise Pound Wiser, a financial management workshop for senior school students. The Student Council had conducted a survey among DPS alumni and other college students, seeking top tips for money management and responsible living, the results of which were discussed in the session. The workshop also comprised a panel discussion by DPS alumni studying in Singapore and overseas. Our panellists, ABHYARTHANA PRADHAN, DIVYADARSHINI THIRU, NEEL PANDIT, RAHUL DUTTA AND AMISHI BAGATI shared their personal experiences and offered tips and insights to address the key issues of the session.



WORKSHOP



In an increasingly digital world of cold, hard screens, nothing matches the feeling of reading a book.

In our first, parent-child series program, a virtual workshop was conducted on the 1st of August 2020. This workshop was conducted to encourage parents to be catalysts in the process of inculcating the reading habit in young children.

We had an enthralling story presentation by our primary students, Shanaya Gupta of Grade 2A and Aarvi Sharma of Grade 1B. Both mesmerized the audience with their tales. They transported us to the dreamworld



of their stories, making the characters come alive and taking the parents back to their childhood. Our audience was ecstatic!

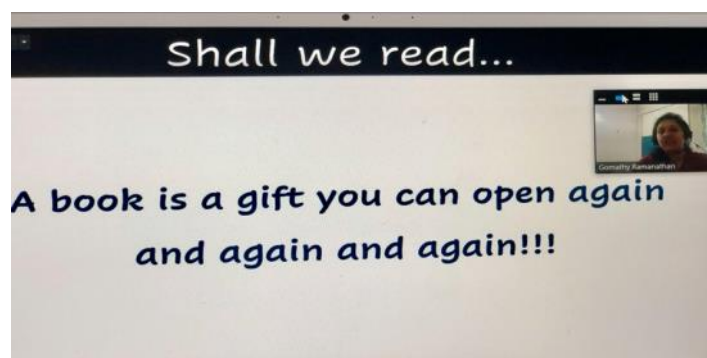
The workshop also comprise an interactive session by Ms. Gomathy Ramanathan, an

educational therapist. She threw light on how inculcating the reading habit is not a herculean task. She emphasized that reading develops the creative and imaginative skill of a person.

With citations from Roald Dahl and an interactive session, the audience appreciated how parents and children can easily bond over a book or a bedtime story.

Reading is a very vital skill and paves way for endless possibilities. We at DPS, religiously follow the **D.E.A.R (DROP EVERYTHING AND READ)** time during our daily day at school. Afterall words are the building blocks of one's personality and its correct parlance defines the person you are.

It was a fun-filled and illuminating session with numerous insights and thought provoking take away!



HBL



We started our journey of home-based learning back in April 2020 as the Circuit Breaker measures in response to the pandemic was rolled out nationwide. The DPS HBL Programme proved to be a resounding success. The positive collaboration between students, parents and teachers helped it to be seamless, coherent and of optimum benefit for our young learners.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude towards our DPS family. During the time of gloom and despondence our children's smiles and their eagerness to learn lifted our spirits.

Dipsites spread joy and delight with their active participation and enthusiasm during the HBL. Their spirit has been phenomenal!

We wish to thank our parent partners for playing the role of coach, mentor, and motivator in the course of our students' HBL journey. Your active participation and involvement in all kind of academics and non-academic activities immensely encouraged on our path of imparting

knowledge and new learning experiences for our students. From groovy dance steps to attending workshops, to turning your living room into science labs, you have done it all! Additionally, you so generously took out time from your daily schedule to pen down wonderful notes of appreciation for our educators and facilitators. Your valued feedback helped the teacher offer the child more targeted assistance during HBL.

With the introduction of Class Dojo application, teachers got a huge opportunity to work closely with parents and students. It helped us work together as a community and therefore we were able to bring one of the best learning experiences into the virtual classrooms.

We cannot thank you enough! Throughout HBL, your support has been our prime guiding force.

Now as the school has reopened, we assertively take charge of our students' safety and hygiene and continue to provide them with a safe, positive, and productive environment at school.

