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Learning is Fun at the Pre-Primary Wing of DPSK

"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." – Denis Waitley

Children have a natural curiosity and that is the reason why they are eager learners. DPSK strives to use this latent thirst for knowledge and information to teach toddlers about colours, shapes and numbers through fun activities like rhyme Competition, poetry, Solo Dance and story telling sessions. Children learn most at the youngest age.

Schools are designed to provide space for exploration, self-awareness and connection with other kids. Our teachers encourage kids to strengthen their skills. Children in their formative years are

keen observers and eager learners. With an insatiable thirst for knowledge, young children pick up new concepts on a daily basis. Delhi Public School

Khanna provides a conducive atmosphere for children to expand their horizons.







Play-based teaching is a powerful approach to learning that centres on children's natural inclination to explore, experiment, and discover. By incorporating play into lessons, educators at DPS Khanna create an engaging and motivating environment where students can develop important cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills. Students created various designs, and art pieces with the use of clay in bright and catchy colours.

Taking tiny steps towards the holistic development of children, DPSK organised Fun activities and games for children in Kindergarten that helps them understand and respond to instructions in a well-coordinated manner. Children also played various games, which helped them to build strength and confidence in their bodies and also supports their cognitive, speech, and sensory

development. A paper tearing activity was conducted where children tore and pasted colourful paper on the walls of their classrooms and gave a vibrant look to the corridors.



Activities to Build Confidence and Public Speaking Skills

Confident children always do better. In today's fast-changing world, every child should be able to stand and express himself with full confidence. DPSK provides many such platforms to children to build their confidence. An Ad-enactment campaign was conducted for children of Pre- Primary in which kids were motivated to promote their favourite products. Each child walked confidently to the

stage and advertised his /her products. This activity proved to be a two-way boon for kids, as they spoke about their favourite product and gained confidence in doing it.



Activities that Promote Awareness and Healthy Living in Children

DPSK empowers kids to be all-rounders and creates various activities for them to encourage them to choose healthy options in life. We work to bring awareness of the social life among children. A market scene was created for children where some of them became sellers of various fruits and vegetables and a few came dressed as buyers. Children also had first-hand experience in sowing seeds on the land, to know more about farmers and farming. This activity promoted respect for manual labour and made the

students realize the

important role farmers play in our lives.

The students explored their surroundings like biologists and botanists. They gathered useful information about many plants and insects. A 'Nature Walk' to make young children more aware of their natural surroundings was organised as one of the activities of the week long Van Mahotsav.





Activities to Nurture Talent and Skill amongst Children





Dance and music are inseparable. Dance promotes neurological development, as a child enjoys music and s/he learns to dance to its rhythms. DPSK conducted Solo Dance Competition for Pre - Primary kids. They enjoyed dancing on the beats of their favourite songs. They also enjoyed reciting various poems

on rain and they carried umbrellas to enjoy a walk in the rain.



Storytelling

Enactment makes learning enjoyable and engaging, particularly for children. Fully aware of the multiple benefits of storytelling and enactment, teachers used it as a teaching method and conducted some special storytelling sessions through enactment, bringing narratives to life.







SDM Khanna Flags off Toy Train at DPSK

DPS Khanna organised a special inaugural event for its new children's park on Monday, January 29, 2024. The park, equipped with outdoor play stations and exciting rides, promises to be a haven for fun and learning for



children. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Baljinder Singh Dhillon, PCS, SDM Khanna, as the Chief Guest, who enthusiastically



flagged off the park's main attraction – a charming Toy Train.

The Chief Guest commended the school's initiative in promoting healthy childhood development through play. He emphasized the role of

such facilities in fostering physical and mental well-being in children.

The Pre - Primary section of Delhi Public School is committed towards



providing the young learners experiential learning with the aim to

make them understand a concept and connect it with the real world. Education is provided in a fun and practical way in DPSK.







Every season has its own beauty and charm so does the spring season. DPSK has its own way of saying goodbye to the winter and

Fun at DPSK 's February Fling Fiesta



ushering the spring in, with open arms and a dash of fun.
To celebrate the beauty of nature, the February Fling Fiesta was conducted which had elements of fun and frolic. The beautiful evening bought a mixed bag of a number of competitions like Friends

Forever (celebrating the most beautiful relationship of friendship), Fireless Cooking Competition (a platform to showcase your culinary skills) and of-course the most popular, Fashion Queen Contest. A number of fun games were also organised to make this event more colourful and vibrant. The ladies enjoyed the fun games such as 'Pass the Cushion' and 'Musical Chairs With a Twist'.



Ms. Tamanna Kapoor and Ms. Nikita Goyal two prominent entrepreneurs of Mandi Gobindgarh and Khanna adjudged the Fashion Queen Contest and Fireless Cooking Competition respectively.

Fashion Queen Contest was won by Ms. Angel, Ms. Shailja Verma was adjudged the First Runner Up and Ms. Ramandeep Kaur Aujla was declared the Second Runner Up. Winners of Game, Pass the Cushion were Ms. Amandeep Kaur and Ms. Deepti. The winner of Musical Chairs with a Twist was Ms. Shailja Verma. Ms. Priyanka won the first prize and Ms. Kavita won the second prize in Fireless Cooking

Competition. Winners of Friends Forever were Ms. Ramandeep Kaur and Ms. Harmanjot Kaur. Ms. Shivani and Ms. Shivani Kaushal secured second position in Friends Forever. It was indeed a wonderful day!



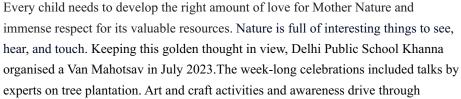








DPSK Pledges to Save Nature and Trees



dramatics, dance and music were held. A storytelling session through puppets was organised for kids, to inculcate love for nature, protecting and planting more trees. Children pledged to make trees their friends. During the week, the message of sustainability was carried to the community in a novel way as the parents, teachers and students of DPSK joined hands with the staff and students of the local Government

Girls Senior Secondary School for a tree plantation campaign on their campus. The collaborative effort emphasized the School's commitment to community service and environmental issues.













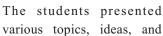






Dipsites Shine at the Student-Led Conference

Preparing children for the future and making every possible move to build confidence amongst students, DPSK organised Student-Led Conference in December 2023.





concepts through presentations and projects. Grade Pre-Nursery showcased experiments of mixing colours and concepts of day and night through charts and models. They also presented the

benefits of medicinal plants.

The highlight of the programme was 'Traffic Signals.' It was well explained by energetic children of Nursery. They enacted a role play and recited rhymes to encourage everyone to follow traffic rules. Emphasizing the importance of healthy



eating, Dipsites cited various examples to eloborate their views. DPSK equips each child with the best of soft skills, It also teaches children how to eat and behave in public, learn proper table manners. Children displayed all these skills in

a role-play at the Student-

Led Conference. It was a great learning experience for children.





Sports Achievers of DPSK

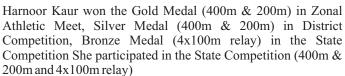
Sports time table at DPSK is always jam packed with outdoor sports matches and inter house matches. It inculcates the spirit of sportsmanship and fitness among children. Children at DPSK are always busy

in preparing for bigger events by taking small steps throughout the year.



Ananya Rao of Grade XII of DPS Khanna won the gold medal in the Karate Championship at the 67th National competition organised by the School Games Federation of India at Ludhiana. She won the gold medal in the U-19, 64-kg category in the Kumite

U-17-Girls-Janya Bhatia secured the 1st Position in the Zonal Tournament and bagged the Gold Medal in the District Competition. She also participated in the State Competition in Punjab School Games.



Harnoor also participated in the 'Khedaan Vatan Punjab Diyaan' and won the Gold Medal (400m) in the Zonal Tournament, Silver Medal (200m) in the District Competition, Gold Medal (400m) the District Competition She also participated in the State Competition.





1. An Inter-House Swimming Tournament was organised for the classes VI-VIII (Boys). All the swimmers gave their best performance. The first position was bagged by Dilbarjot Singh (Tuskers) the second position was secured by Veer Gupta (Stallions) and the third position was secured by Manan (Stallions).

2. An Inter-House Swimming Tournament was organized for the classes IX-XII (Boys). The first position was secured by Jastejveer Singh (Falcons). The second position was

bagged by Harmanpreet Singh (Panthers) and the third position was secured by Rajveer Datta (Panthers). 3. An Inter-House Swimming Tournament was organized for the classes VI-VIII (Girls). The first position was bagged by Brhamjot Kaur (Panthers) and the second position was bagged by Inaya Benipal (Panthers). The third position was bagged by Drishti Angrish (Tuskers).

4. An Inter-House Swimming Tournament was organized for the classes IX-XII (Girls). All swimmers gave their best performance. The first position was bagged by Navriti Ghai (Panthers) the second position was secured by Khushmeen Kaur (Panthers) and the third position was bagged by Rehat Kaur Kahlon (Panthers).

<u>Golf</u>

An Inter-school Golf Competition was organised, where a number of schools participated from Khanna, Mohali, Chandigarh and Bhatinda with great zeal. DPS Khanna clinched the first

Ekamjot Kaur got the first position in all the events. Jobanpreet Kular and Shaan Singh bagged the first position in category D (boys) and Category A respectively. Ekamjot Kaur who bagged the 3rd position (category -D) in Sub-Junior/Junior Feeder Tour 2023, organized by North Zone

Indian Golf Union at Kepta Golf Course, Ambala.U-11-Girls-Keerat Khanna became the winner (Putting) in Indian Oil CGS Junior Open Golf Tournament organized in Chandigarh.

U-14-Boys-Aneesh Khanna became the 2nd Runner Up (Putting) in Indian Oil CGS Junior Open Golf Tournament organised in Chandigarh.









DPS Khanna Selected as a Hub School for Hybrid Learning

Delhi Public School Khanna has been selected as a pilot school for 'Project Carte Blanche-Endless Empowerment. CBSE has selected one school from every district of India. DPS Khanna has been selected as a Hub school in Ludhiana District. Under this programme, Tech Avant-Garde (TAG) will implement Hybrid Learning, Digital Literacy, Skill Hub Initiative, Financial Digital Literacy Program, Adolescent Health Program, Health Kiosk, School & College Connect, Art Connect, School Cinema and Virtual Field Trips in partnership with CBSE, Microsoft and other partners. All the staff members have been trained by Tech Avant-Garde to



keep them updated with the 21st Century Learning Skills. They have successfully completed '21st Century Learning Design' and 'Microsoft Educator Academy' and they have been certified too.

The programme has been run under the able guidance of Mr Talwinder Singh (HOD IT) as a Project Coordinator. The teaching faculty of DPS Khanna will soon train the other faculty members and students from different schools.

The school also fulfils the requirements needed to implement this programme, such as hybrid classrooms where one section of Class VIII will be taught in hybrid mode. Computer labs will be used for the Digital Literacy Programme after the school hours.





Experiential Learning at DPSK: Edu Carnival for Primary Classes

DPS Khanna hosted a vibrant exhibition in January



2024 showcasing the talents and creativity of its primary students. The exhibition provided a platform for young learners to exhibit



their projects, artwork and models, fostering in them a sense

of pride and accomplishment.



The students of Grade I showcased projects on the plants and festivals of India. Children were made aware of the wise use of money by creating a market scene. The significance of religious and national festivals was highlighted with role play. Kids through models and charts exhibited various types of



plants and their uses.

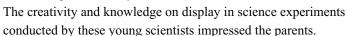
Grade II explored various topics related to their



daily life. Children came dressed as various animals and performed a role-play depicting the eating habits of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. Several activities were conducted by the students



related to the properties of air and water. Grade III presented models and charts showcasing the Solar System.





Teachers are not just individuals to impart knowledge, they are mentors, guides and role models who inspire and nurture the leaders, thinkers and innovators of tomorrow. They empower their students to dream, learn, and grow, and their impact resonates throughout their students' lives. DPSK values and appreciates all the teachers.

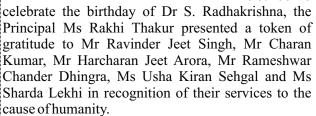
To show gratitude to the teachers, DPSK honoured some renowned teachers and social workers of the area on the occasion of Teachers Day. The day began with cheerful children carrying beautiful cards,



flowers, and small gifts for

their teachers. The school donned a festive look with inspiring quotes everywhere. The atmosphere was charged with festivity when the guests arrived.





The Chairman Mr. D.S. Bains congratulated the staff on the day and emphasized upon the need to acknowledge the unmatchable work



teachers do to prepare students for a e t t e r tomorrow. The day was marked by cheerful celebrations to make it special for the teachers.

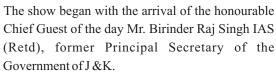
Display of Vigour and Grit at DPSK Sports Day

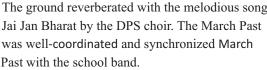
"The more difficult the victory, the greater the happiness in winning." Believing in this thought, students of DPSK always perform to the best of their abilities and bring glory to the institution. Right from school competitions to reaching the

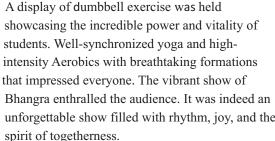
national platforms, they leave no stone unturned. Witnessing and celebrating this glory, Senior Sports Day was held on the 29th of

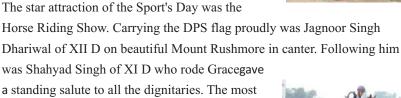


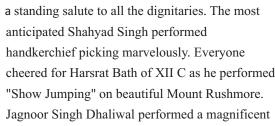
November 2023. There was a whiff of cool air as sportsmanship and camaraderie were put to show by the senior brigade of DPSK.











round of Tent pegging. Prabhtaj Singh of X A and Gurnoor Singh of IX C trotted beautifully on well-bred horses and were applauded by all. The field events were conducted for which the winners were given prizes. Sayaim Grover of XI was declared the 'Best Athlete (Boys)' and Harnoor

Kaur of XID were declared as 'Best Athlete (Girls).'







Academic Excellence of DPSK students at VVM

Believing in the power of sheer hard work and dedication, four students of DPSK have achieved remarkable success at the Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthar and were selected for the State Camp. Ananya Goyal (XC), Wahenoor Kaur (VII A), Rishit Manro (VII A and Vansh Bhambri (VII A) have brought laurels to DPSK with their commendable performance at VVM. Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan



(VVM) is an initiative of Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), in collaboration with the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM). VVM is a national level programme designed to recognize the scientific temperament for popularizing science among school students from Grade VI to XI. The school has started a special programme to identify meritorious students and to provide personalised guidance to them so that they can achieve higher goals. Success in VVM is also a testimony to school's commitment to excellence.















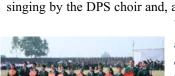
Sports Day: Fun for Tiny Tots at

Taking a step further to provide encouragement and support to the budding sports stars of the Junior Wing, the School organised the first ever Junior Sports Meet on the 25th of November 2023.

The honourable Chief Guest, Arjun Awardee Mr Gurbir



Singh Sandhu, International Shooter, presided over the event. The event commenced with the melodious singing by the DPS choir and, a captivating display of



Yoga and aerobics, showcasing the discipline, strength. and agility of the young participants. The most vibran

dance form Bhangra captivated everyone and ended with a loud cheer from students.



The honourable Chief Guest advised children to give their best in studies and sports. He emphasized the importance of participation, irrespective of winning

or losing. The most exciting moment of the day was the foundation stone laying ceremony

The day witnessed little Dipsites



Race, eagerness in the Tricycle Race, stunts in the Hurdle Race and enthusiasm in the 50m Race.

Classes I to III displayed their strength in many races like Drag the Hoopla and the 50m Dash race. Everyone participated with zeal and true sportsmanship. Children enjoyed the day immensely and this happiness shone on their



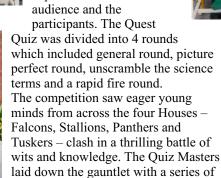
faces while receiving medals and certificates.

Science Quiz

The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge.' Thomas Berger



An Inter-House Science Quiz Contest conducted by the Department of Science proved to be an scintillating experience for both the audience and the



stimulating questions ranging across





Delhi Public School Khanna organised a one-day Mock Model United Nations on the 9th of February 2024. As many as 62 Dipsites from grade VI to



XII joined this conference under two committees of United Nations Environment Assembly and United Nations Commission on Security of

Mock MUN'24



Women. The agenda of UNEA was "Discussion Upon Ensuring

Universal Access to Affordable and Clean Energy with Special Emphasis on Developing

Nations." The agenda of UNCSW was "Deliberation Upon



Economic Empowerment of Women with Special Emphasis on Eliminating Gender Pay Gap at Workplaces." In this extra co-curricular



activity students performed a role-play as delegates to the UN,

simulated UN Committees and learnt about diplomacy, international relations, current world issues and about the United Nation itself.



The delegates also prepared a draft resolution, negotiated with supporters and tried to find solutions of the problems taking place halfway around the globe which impact our lives, our

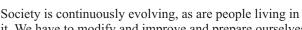


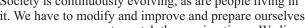
country and our communities. The event was a result of team

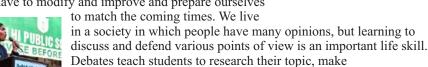
effort. The students were rewarded with the prizes of Best Delegate, High Recommendation, Special Mention and Verbal Mention.

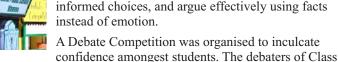
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Debates: Providing Food for Thought









IX charged the atmosphere with vigor and fervour as put up an impeccable display of fine oratory.

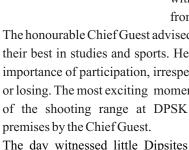
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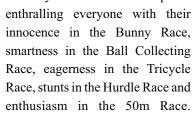
- 1. Technology has made life better.
 - 2. Social media has improved human communication.
- 3. Development of artificial intelligence will harm humankind.
- 4. Rich people and large corporations should pay more taxes. Two students spoke in each section - one in favour and one against the motion. The participants showcased excellent knowledge and understanding of the topics, presenting their



arguments in a clear and logical way. Supporting their arguments with facts and data, each debater spoke in a confident and persuasive manner. It was a great learning experience for the young debaters.

















Edu-Carnival at DPSK

An educational conference and exhibition was organised by the school as a part of the Edu-Carnival 2023. Mr. Anil Swarup, former Secretary,



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Education, Government of India and Dr. Shvetta Arora, Regional Officer, CBSE, graced the occasion and addressed the gathering comprising principals, teachers and students of various schools. Mr. Swarup also inaugurated the exhibition wherein the students showcased impressive projects on a variety of topics. A plethora of activities were performed by the students of Delhi Public School Khanna.

The Use of RO Waste Water for Various Domestic Purposes.

A Project based on Experiential Learning was showcased by students of Grades IX and XI. The theme of the Project was Water Conservation. The Project was the best example of water conservation to be practised in our day-to-day life by using this wastewater from water purifier.

Punjabi Sufi Kaav and Punjabi Heritage

To show the Punjabi culture, tradition and heritage, two corners were created. On one side, Punjabi Sufi Kaav literature promoting the Punjabi language and Sufi Kaav was showcased and on the other, children displayed the handlicrafts and cane baskets, hand fans and clay pots showcasing the unique Punjabi handicrafts. A Punjabi food stall was also put up for the guests.















Bhakti Kaal

A scene of Bhakti Kaal was exhibited in Edu-Carnival by the Department of Hindi. The students presented themselves in different roles such as Kabir Das, Tulsidas and Meera Bai.



While addressing the students and parents, Mr Anil Swarup appreciated the collaborative efforts of the students in the exhibition. He also emphasized working on improving and focusing on oneself and not blaming the surroundings. He also advised the students to work hard, improve their communication skills and not let failures and mistakes deter them. The event was a valuable

learning experience for all the participants as

they learned how to research, design and implement their ideas. They also





learned how to communicate their ideas to others. The exhibition was yet another testament to the high quality of education at DPS Khanna. We are

committed to providing our students with the skills and knowledge, they need to succeed in the 21st century.





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