



# DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL RAJKOT

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### From the Desk of the Principal...

Dear Readers,

The beginning of a new year is an invitation for 'Reflections' and for remaking 'Impressions'. This year saw us getting off to a great start! D.P.S. Rajkot is now taking rapid strides in the direction of becoming one of the best schools in Rajkot. Milestones were reached in the form of C.B.S.E. affiliation and starting of the Hostel facilities.

Many things are new in the school now, right from the syllabi, books, students to the building and the campus. The new campus in the lush green surroundings is ideal for academics and learning. The rush for admissions has kept us all on our toes. The number of students has already crossed 600.

Apart from the classroom teaching - learning, the teachers and students were involved in Camps, Workshops, Competitions, Training, Shiksha Kendra. The energy levels in the school campus are upbeat. I have no doubt that together we will scale the heights we are aiming. D.P.S. has truly arrived in Rajkot and making waves.

Happy Reading!  
Warm regards  
**Dr. Arun Jee**

### Visitors' Gallery

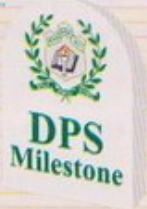
- ▶ A team of C.B.S.E. Inspection Committee comprising of **Shree Thangadurai**, Principal - **K.D. Ambani Vidhyamandir**, Reliance, Jamnagar and **Shreekumar M.N.**, Principal - **Kendriya Vidhyalaya**, INS Valsura visited the school on 8th March 2004.
- ▶ Other visitors include **Mr. Dhiraj Gosai**, Programme executive of All India Radio, Rajkot.
- ▶ **Mr. D.V. Mamadapur** - Territory Managar, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and **Mr. A.N.M. Chezhian** - Sr. Sales Officer Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
- ▶ **Mr. J. Ramteke** - Principal of Kendriya Vidhyalaya, Rajkot.
- ▶ **Mr. Hemant Mohite** - Director, Atmiya Institute of Technology.
- ▶ **Mr. Sunil Bhatia** - Associate Partner, Max New-York Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- ▶ Students and Teachers of **Sunshine School**, Rajkot.

- ▶ Principal **Mr. C. Moras**, teachers and students of **Shree Sarvodaya English School**, Rajkot.

- ▶ **Mrs. Kalpana Kamdar**, who was the Chief Guest during the '**Badge Ceremony**'

### Milestone

Delhi Public School Rajkot joined the ranks of the few C.B.S.E. affiliated schools of Gujarat as it officially got the C.B.S.E. affiliation upto secondary level (Class X) from the session 2004-2005. The affiliation no. of D.P.S. Rajkot is **430054**



### Winners All

- ▶ **Priyanka Mehta (Std. V)**, **Aprajita Singh (Std. V)**, **Harsh Hirani (Std. VI)**, **Smit Dixit (Std. VI)**, **Rhythm Katira and Richa Trivedi (Std. VII)** were selected among 300 students from all over India to participate in the preliminary round of INDIA'S CHILD GENIUS CONTEST organized by **Star World T.V.** and hosted by well - known quiz master **Siddharth Basu**. **Richa Trivedi** and **Smit Dixit** were selected for the telephonic round and **Smit Dixit** has been selected for the television round to be telecast in Sept. 2004.
- ▶ **Minakshi Sharma**, **Piyush Khera** and **Ajay Chahar** of **Std. IX** got the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes respectively in the In - School Essay Competition organized by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. to observe OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION fortnight from 15th January 2004 to 31st January 2004.
- ▶ **Mayur Rughani** of **Std. IX** was given the 3rd prize in the Inter School Slogan Writing Competition on patriotic theme organized by **Jaycees Group** of Rajkot on 26th January 2004.
- ▶ **Rhythm Katira** of **Std. VII** won the 1st prize in the Quiz Competition and **Jash Andani** of **Std. IV** got the 3rd Prize in the Drawing Competition organized by **NIIT** Rajkot as a part of their Summer Camp for the school children of the city.
- ▶ 3 Distinctions, 10 First Divisions and 2 Second Divisions of the 17 students who appeared for 10th Std. Gujarat Board Examinations.

Hi! Hi! Hurray!

## Believe it or not!

Child Prodigy **Maulin Rawal**, a student of Std. VI of D.P.S. Rajkot is all set to create history and enter the pages of **Guinness Book of World Records** with his claim as the youngest Microsoft Certified Professional of the World. Congratulations and best wishes to Maulin for his amazing feat!



## Evening Camps- parents, teachers and children interact in a unique way!

The School had arranged 'Evening Camps' for the parents of students studying in Std. 2 to 9 in the school building from 30th January to 11th February 2004.

Mr. Rajendra Kamdar, Provice Chairman, DPS Rajkot, Shri Bhadrayu Vacchrajani were present in the Camps. It was an event which acted as a bridge between parents and school.



## Reactions about Evening Camps

### Parents :

We enjoyed playing the games and even won a handful of prizes. It was a wonderful experience.

*Parents of Deepan Avalani, Std. 7th.*

Saraswati Vandana was the best. The Puppet show stole our hearts. Kudos to all the students and the school for organizing such a camp for us.

*Parents of V. Vignesh, Std. 7th*

When are you calling us back again ?

*Mr. Rajiv Shah  
(Father of Rohil - Std. 2nd & Khevna -Std. 4th)*

Such camps give the parents and teachers a chance to come close on informal level whereby complaints become requests and requests become suggestions and suggestions become ideas that eventually help the organization.

*Mrs. Rupa Gadhvi (Mother of Esha Gadhvi - Std. 9th)*

### Students :

We began our evening camp with the lighting of the lamp by our Principal and one of the Parents. The highlight of our camp - a soulful English song presented by the Class.

*Priyanka Mehta, Std. 5th.*

Parents were welcomed warmly. They were kept occupied as the students had arranged Antakshri, a one - minute game show and Khul Ja Sim Sim.

*Ankita Suraiya, Std. 9th*

When we came back from school after 12 hours of non - stop *hungama*, we were still as excited and fresh as we were at 8 a.m.!

*Richa Trivedi, Std. 7th*

We welcomed our parents in a traditional Indian way with a *tilak*. The dance competition between the boys and girls was well liked by the parents. Each child gave his/her parents a card.

*Kashyap Shah, Std. 8th*

We had a horde of events like dumb charades, musical chairs and tambola for the parents. It was really memorable. I will never forget this day.

*Avikalpa Shrivastava, Std. 6th*

## So long Farewell, We hate to say Good Bye...

The D.P.S. family had to give two farewells, The first one was to bid adieu to the outgoing Principal **Mrs. Sunila Malhotra** who was to join D.P.S. Bhatinda. We will never forget her efforts as the Founder Principal of D.P.S. Rajkot.



Secondly, all the teachers of the school and the students of Std. IX gave the students of Std. X a warm farewell. The games organized during the farewell were thoroughly enjoyed by the outgoing students and emotions ran high as they shared their experiences in the school.

## Book Lovers' Delight

A book fair was organized by **Scholastic India** in D.P.S. Rajkot from 25th March 2004 to 24th March 2004. Students and teachers of some of the schools of Rajkot visited the fair.



Story telling and book review competitions were held in the school for the students of D.P.S. Rajkot during this time.

## Our Students write and 'Wee - Wonder'

The articles and other contributions of our students are published from time to time in **Wee - Wonder**, a childrens' supplement of **Times of India**. However, **Wee - Wonder** of 24th February 2004 carried a colourful page highlighting Delhi Public School Rajkot.

## D. P.S. on the AIR !

The students of D.P.S. Rajkot recorded a *Radio Show* at Akashvani Bhavan, Rajkot reflecting the activities of the school which was broadcast on 7th May 2004.

## Shiksha Kendra-60 shining eyes, 30 bright faces and hearts full of hopes

26th April 2004 was a historic day as D.P.S. Rajkot adopted around 30 children from Haripar, a sleepy village of Rajkot to educate them and officially inaugurated the **Shiksha Kendra - Vidya. Dr. Vibhakar Vachrajani** - President, Rotary Club, Rajkot Midtown which supports this cause by providing transportation for the village children, **Mr. R.D. Vaghani** - H.O.D. Soc. Works Dept. Saurashtra Uni., **Mr. Anil Kamdar** - Trustee, D.P.S. Rajkot, **Surpanch** of Haripar village and **Dr. Arun Jee** lighted the inaugural lamp.



## After Exam Camp - A retreat

After burning the midnight oil preparing for the Final Exams, the students got an opportunity to unwind in a different way. The School had organized a camp from 18th March 2004 to 26th March 2004, where expert coaching in *Yoga, Cricket, Martial Arts, Art and Craft, Personality Development* was given to them. A *Drama Workshop* was also conducted. The Camp culminated in a trekking trip to Gir.



## Hostel Facilities - A Home away from Home

D.P.S. Rajkot charted a new territory by providing Hostel facilities from 27th June 2004. The Hostel children will get the benefit of coaches for additional teaching, computer facilities, separate dormitories, medical facilities, nutritious vegetarian food and right blend of sports and extra curricular activities.

## Parents' Teachers' Meetings

Parents of students studying in classes I to IX had an individual meeting with the teachers on Annual Report Card Day i.e. 27th March 2004.

Parents of students studying in Pre - Primary Section had an interaction with the class teachers in the first week of May 2004. Each class teacher gave the parents of students studying in her class, a broad view of the way the school functions. Suggestions from the parents were encouraged with the aim of a joint partnership between parents and school for the all round development of each child.

## Teachers' Training

Teachers of D.P.S. Rajkot participated in the Academic Camp conducted by E.M.C. from 22nd May 2004 to 30th May 2004 for teachers of Classes VI to VIII teaching in various D.P.S.

**Mrs. Asha Trivedi and Mrs. Tripti Saxena** attended the Camp for Social Studies at D.P.S. Mathura Road. **Mrs. Vaishali Andreskar** attended the Camp for Maths at D.P.S. Faridabad and **Mrs. Brenda Gonsalves** attended the



Camp for English at D.P.S. Noida. All the teachers got training for effective teaching from experts.

**Mrs. Anita Gupta** attended the Academic Camp for teachers at Primary Level which was conducted by E.M.C. from 7th June, 2004 to 11th June 2004 at D.P.S. Vasantkunj.

## Workshops for Students

**Times of India** conducted an *English improvement and Personality Development Workshop* in the school premises from 10th May 2004 to 7th May 2004.

D.P.S. Rajkot organized a Summer Camp on *Spoken English, Martial Arts, Art and Craft, Dance* for students of Classes II to X from 14th June 2004 to 24th June 2004.

## Field Trips and Outings



23rd March '04	Classes VI - XI	Gir Trekking
24th March '04	Classes II - V	Kadwani Farm House
4th May '04	Classes III & IV	Mehta Unani Industry
5th May '04	Classes V & VI	ICICI Bank
6th May '04	Classes VII & VII	Jubilee Garden
		Mahatma Gandhi Library
7th May '04	Classes IX & X	Atmiya Institute of Technology



## Special Assemblies

**26th January** celebrations with their songs and dances filled the hearts of one and all with patriotic fervour.

**Mahavir Jayanti** celebrations reminded everyone of the teachings of **Lord Mahavir**.

Special Assembly signifying the importance of life and work of **Dr. Ambedkar** was organized on **Ambedkar Jayanti**.



The sacrifice of **Jesus Christ** for humanity was remembered on **Good Friday**.

Mother Earth was paid a befitting tribute on **Earth Day**.

**Labour Day, Mothers' Day** and **W.H.O. Day** were also celebrated

### Other Activities at a Glance



#### Inter-house Competitions :

English Extempore	Classes VII - IX
Quiz	Classes V - IX
Solo and Group Dance	Classes III - IX
Kabbadi	Classes VI - IX
Art Competition	Classes III - IX
English Recitation	Classes IV - VI
Fancy Dress Competition	Pre-Primary Section

### School Calendar

3rd January '04	School shifts to the new site
12th January '04	Dr. Arun Jee officially takes charge as Principal
30th January '04	Evening Camps begin
5th February '04	Second Prelims for Std. X start
1st-15th March '04	Annual Exams for Classes III - IX
13th March '04	Board Exams
27th March '04	Annual Report Card Day & P.T.M. for Classes I - IX
01 April '04	New Academic Session begins
10th May '04	Summer Vacation Starts
8th-14th May '04	Extra Classes for the new Std. X
12th June '04	Board Results
14th-24th June '04	Summer Camp
21st-27th June '04	Extra Classes for new students

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### Students' Corner Story - Poem : The Insects' Family



In the deep underground, where there's little light and no sound, the insects are found.

I knew about an insect family, whose members loved each other dearly.

One of them was daisy who was foolish and lazy.

Time passed.

Summer it was, all time play, in the sun so gay.

Monsoon came soon, they sang of the day and moon.

Now the time was near for the season which is cold, but the insects were bold, together for food they rolled.

Now they had enough food, for the season to pass good.

All collected, except the lazy daisy who played all time in woods.

The frost came near, but the insects were without fear,

except daisy dear, who had no food at all and she could not go out as it was snowfall.

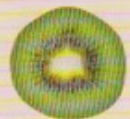
Her life was in danger, as she trembled in hunger.

She went asking for help, that was the only thing wise.

The members' advice, made her realize, that you should have fun, but be prepared for the work that has to be done.

Pranav Anadkat - Std. 8th

### Teachers' Corner



Here are some of the interesting answers that U.S. students actually came up with.

1. Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.
2. To keep milk from turning sour, keep it in the cow.
3. Germinate is to become a naturalized German.
4. The Pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects.
5. When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe you expire!
6. H<sub>2</sub>O = Hot Water, CO<sub>2</sub> = Cold Water.

**Ha! Ha! Ha!**  
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