



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL RAJKOT REFLECTIONS

Volume-35

Haripar, Survey No. 12, Kalawad Road, Rajkot-360 005.

September 2013

DPS Rajkot reaches villages through Cycle Rally



"India lives in its villages" said Mahatma Gandhi. Therefore, the change we want to see in our country must begin at the grass root level i.e. in our villages. The students and staff of the school decided to reach the villages and organized a cycle rally on 14th September 2013. They covered three nearby villages of Ishwariya, Haripar and Munjka with the objective of spreading in the villages the noble messages i) Grow more trees ii) Stop using poly bags and iii) Save fuel. The rally was flagged off from the school by the Senior and Junior Head Girls Riddhima Shrivastava and Kuhuk Patnaik respectively. Parent Representatives Ms. Mounmita Nag and Mr. Richard Nag also joined the rally which was led by Principal, Mr. Manoj Dubey.

Even the cloudy day and impending rains could not deter the enthusiasm of the Dipsites as three teams of students, staff and parents reached the villages on their bicycles. The students interacted with the Sarpanchs and other members of the villages and gave them plant saplings. They explained to them the importance of saving fossil fuel and harmful effects of using poly bags and distributed non poly bags in the villages. The students also gave banners with the school's message to the Sarpanchs to be displayed in the villages.

Felicitation of Board Exams toppers and students with 100% attendance and Merit Certificate by CBSE

The toppers of the school in the Board Exams 2013 from Classes 10 and 12 and the students with 100% attendance in the academic session 2012-13 and their parents were felicitated on 24th August 2013 in a special assembly.

13 students of the school who secured A1 Grade (10/10 CGPA) in all subjects in Class 10 Board Exams received merit certificates from CBSE and have done us all proud!



Students' Exchange Programme



Isha Doshi of Class 11 Commerce visited France in the months of May and June 2013 as part of the Students Exchange Programme of the Interact Club of Rotary Club Rajkot Midtown. Marie Francois, a French student visited the school in the month of June 2013 as part of this exchange programme.



Shramdaan - Dignity of Labour

The students of Class 10 and staff participated in Shramdaan activity organized in the school on 19th September 2013 and joined the 'Clean the School Campus Drive' organized as part of this activity.



Best Dancer of the School Competition

Best Dancer of the School Competition was organized in the school on 27th July 2013 to recognize the Best Dancing Talents in the school. 24 students of the school were selected for the final round after auditions. The students presented a variety of dance forms like folk, classical, contemporary, fusion and Bollywood and regaled the audience. The parents of the participants were invited. Eminent dancers and choreographers Ms. Shreya Acharya and Ms. Pooja Pattani decided the winners. Ms. Raj Rani, Ms. Dapinder Kaur and Mr. J.P. Sharma, Observers from CBSE for the CTET Exam held in the school on 28th July 2013 were the Guests of Honour.

The top three position winners in each category- Group A-Classes 3 to 5, Group B- Classes 6 to 8 and Group C-Classes 9 to 12 were given certificates by the guests. The 'Best Dancer of the School Trophy' was given by Mr. R. K. Jain (Eminent Industrialist) to the joint winners Kuhuk Patnaik (Class 5) and Ricardo Goncalves (Class 11 Commerce).



(Classes 3 to 5), Group B (Classes 6 to 8) and Group C (Classes 9 to 12) were given certificates. Mohit Chauhan (Class 7 A) who received overall highest points from within all the three categories received the 'Best Singer of the School' trophy.



Investiture Ceremony



Investiture Ceremony for the members of the Students' Council 2013-14 was held on 1st August 2013. The ceremony started with a cultural programme which included a prayer song and instrumental music performances.



The Chief Guest, Punita Kanvar, Principal I/C, K.D. Ambani School, Reliance, Jamnagar gave away the badges and administered the oath to the Council members.



Best Singer of the School Competition



Annual Singing Contest was organized in the school on 17th August 2013 to recognize the talented singers from the school. 28 students were selected for the final round after auditions.

Brigadier S.S. Raghav, Group Commander, 2nd Gujarat Bn. NCC, Rajkot was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Dr. Jay Sevak and Ms. Kinjal Parmar, well known musician and singer of the city respectively, decided the winners.

The students presented some old and new Hindi movies, albums and folk songs based on themes like patriotism, devotion and philosophy of life.

The top three position winners in all three categories- Group A.

Snapshot



Fun Ride

Students preparing for a camel ride in the school !

Going Green - Environment Week



'Go Green' was the feeling that reverberated in the campus as the school celebrated its Environment Week from 10th to 16th July 2013. The Environment Week was launched with the plantation of a sapling by Mr. Rajendra Kamdar, Pro- Vice Chairman of the School and a special assembly presented by the students on the occasion. Inspiring thoughts, songs, instrumental music pieces and article on ways to conserve the environment were presented by the students in the assembly. Plantation is an ongoing activity in the school. However, within the week itself 100 saplings and trees were planted in and around the school campus. Members of the Rotary Club Rajkot Midtown, NCC, Parent Teacher Council and Principals of eminent schools of Rajkot joined in the plantation drive. The students made thought provoking posters and a beautiful model of Earth which were displayed at various places in the school. The senior students were shown the award winning documentary film 'An Inconvenient Truth' during the week. The students wrote articles on the issue of environment conservation during the week.

Independence Day



A special programme was organized in the school to celebrate Independence Day. The Chief Guest Lt. Col. K. D. Sharma from NCC Unit Rajkot unfurled the tri-colour after the March Past by the NCC students.

The students presented a colourful cultural programme on the occasion. Well-known speech by Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru' Tryst with Destiny' and songs and instrumental music based

on the theme of patriotism were presented by the senior students. The tiny tots of Pre- Primary Section presented famous slogans and thoughts by the national leaders in addition to the songs and poems befitting the occasion. They came attired as national leaders and paid tribute to the great leaders of India in their inimitable style.



Interact Club - Investiture Ceremony

The students (office bearers) of the Interact Club of the school (2013-14) took their oath in presence of the members of the Rotary Club Rajkot Midtown during the Investiture Ceremony held for them on 6th August 2013.



Talent Show - Class 8



The students of Class 8 presented their Talent Show on 22nd June 2013 which included Bhangra and Rajasthani Folk dance, seasonal and prayer songs, instrumental music, science experiments, speeches, skit on right to education, art on computer and pyramid formations.

Talent Show - Class 5



The students of Class 5 presented their Talent Show on 29th June 2013 which included dances, songs, instrumental music, science experiments, speeches, humorous skits, art on computer and pyramid formations.

Talent Show - Class 7



The students of Class 7 presented their Talent Show on 6th July 2013 which included Goan and Marathi dance, prayer songs, instrumental music, science experiments, speeches, skit on tourism, art on computer and pyramid formations.



Teachers' Day



Teacher's day was celebrated with a special programme put up by the students for the teachers which included dances, songs, interaction, instrumental music and giving of mementos to the teachers. The teachers felt truly touched at this gesture. Thereafter, the pupil teachers taught the students in the classes and experienced how it is being a teacher for a day!

Hindi Divas



Hindi Divas was celebrated in the school on 14th September 2013 to promote Hindi. A special assembly was held on the occasion. A *Kavita Sammelan* was organized by the students in which they presented self composed poems.

Tour to Mt. Abu and Shanku's Water Park



50 students from Classes 10 to 12 participated in the tour to Mt. Abu and Mehsana Water Park from 14th to 17th August 2013. The students had a wonderful time exploring Mt. Abu visiting historical

places like Gurushikhar, Delwara temples

and other sight- seeing places like the Sunset Point. Trekking and boating in the Nakki lake were some other memorable activities for the students. The students also thoroughly enjoyed the thrilling water rides at Shanku's Water Park at Mehsana.

Visit to Devalia Park - Gir

89 students of Classes 3 to 5 went for an educational trip to Devalia Park Lion Sanctuary at Gir in Junagadh on 14th September 2013. The children had a wonderful time watching the king of the jungle from up and close. They also visited the crocodile park located in the sanctuary.



Interhouse Competitions

Interhouse English Creative Writing Competition was held for Classes 4 to 7 on 19th June 2013 and for Classes 8 to 12 on 21st June 2013.



English Recitation and Debate Competitions were organized for Classes 4 to 7 and 8 to 12 on 3rd and 5th July 2013. The students enthralled everyone with their debating and recitation skills.



Quiz Competition was organized for Classes 8 to 12 and 4 to 7 on 12th and 17th July to put the general knowledge of the students to test!



Hindi Recitation and Debate Competitions were held for Classes 4 to 7 and 8 to 12 on 24th and 26th July 2013. The students impressed everyone with their debating and recitation skills.



Group Song Competition was held for Classes 3 to 12 on 19th July 2013 which provided opportunity to the budding singers to show their talent.



T.T. Competition was held for Classes 6 to 12 on 7th and 9th August 2013.



Chess Competition was held for Classes 6 to 12 on 14th and 16th August 2013.

Cricket Competition was held from 11th to 13th September, 2013 for Classes 6 to 12. Jhelum house emerged the winners in both the middle and senior groups.



Community Service - Timely help



In association with the Rotary Club Rajkot Midtown, the Community Service Club of the school celebrated the 'Joy of Giving Week' from 17th to 23rd July 2013 and invited contributions in the form of food grains which received overwhelming response from the students and staff alike. The food grains collected during the week were later sent to the Rotary Club for distribution to the needy.

In the wake of the Uttarakhand tragedy, the students and staff of the school responded promptly and made generous donations. The amount of Rs. 45000/- thus collected was donated to the PM's Relief Fund to be used for the welfare of the Uttarakhand victims. The Prime Minister's Office sent a letter acknowledging the contribution.

CTET

The school was the Centre for CTET exam held on 28th July 2013. The Principal was the City Co-ordinator for the exam.



Group Discussions

Group Discussions were held from June to September 2013 as per the following topics:

Class :7 Glamourizing Cricket has adversely affected other sports especially our National Game.

Class : 8 Growing Big- A Bane or a Boon?

Class : 9 Small is Beautiful.

Class 12 Content on the Internet should be censored.

Class 11 Criticism is good.

Class 10 Do we Indians really lack patriotism?

Class 6 Uttarakhand tragedy- a man-made disaster.

Class 5 Having English as a language of communication in the school campus helps build personality.

Class 3 Should we keep animals as pets?

Class 4 Rain water harvesting should be made compulsory for all.



NCC

The students of Class 9 interacted with Subedar Major R.M. Yadav from NCC Rajkot and learnt about the activities of



Devanshu Solanki of Class 9-A attended Thal Sena Camp (TSC) at Junagadh in the month of July 2013.

Articles in The Times of India

- An article 'Enough is Enough' on the Devi case written by students of the school was published in NIE and Rajkot Plus.
- An article 'Uttarakhand - A Lesson to be Learnt' written by the staff and students was published in NIE and Rajkot Plus.
- An article 'How can India be a happy nation?' by Ricardo Goncalves (Class 11 Commerce) was published in Rajkot Plus.
- An article 'Rendezvous with Ruskin Bond' by Akshadha Easwar (Class 11 Science) was published in NIE and Rajkot Plus.
- Poem 'Tribute to Gandhiji' by Mahek Vekariya (Class 10A) was published in NIE and Rajkot Plus.
- Poem 'Life is a Journey' by Riddhisha Chitwadgi (Class 8A) was published in NIE and Rajkot Plus.
- Poem 'Life' by Gazal Saini (Class 11 Science) was published in Rajkot Plus.
- Article 'My French Connection' by Isha Doshi (Class 11 Commerce) was published in NIE.
- 'DPS Rajkot goes green' a report by Anshuman Panda and Charmy Zalavadiya (11 Science) was published in NIE and Rajkot Plus.
- The 'Uttarakhand Trauma' poem by Hetvi Jethwani (Class 8 C) was published in NIE.
- Poem 'Summer' by Guntaas Luthra (Class 8 C) was published in NIE.
- Poem 'Rain' by Mayank Roy (Class 8 B) was published in NIE.
- Article 'Books-our best friends' by Nikita Tank (Class 10A) was published in NIE.
- Poem 'Emotions Recollected' by Utkarsh Chaddha (Class 8 B) was published in NIE.
- Article 'India in Space' by Akshadha Easwar (Class 11 Sci) was published in Rajkot Plus.
- Poem 'Life' by Juhi Vaishnav (Class 11 Science) was published in Rajkot Plus.
- Painting 'Save Tiger' by Vasu Makadia of (Class 5) was published in NIE.

CCE Workshop

The Principal attended the CCE Mentor's Workshop organized by CBSE at Gandhinagar on 3rd August 2013.

Teachers' Training Workshop

Mr. Raja Mishra and Ms. Asha Trivedi attended Workshop- Effective Class Room Management Primary Level Batch II by CEM, DPS Society at DPS Dwarka from 30th July to 2nd August 2013.



Inter DPS Competitions

9 students from Classes 6 to 9 participated in the Inter DPS Dance Festival - Nriyanjali held at DPS Udaipur on 17th August 2013.

Merit certificates were awarded to the students of the school who had participated and were among the top 70 rank holders (from among 52 DPS and 5241 students) in the Inter DPS IT Technology Festival organized by DPS R K Puram on 20th July 2013.



Two students participated by sending entries in the Inter DPS Literary Festival - Eternal Lines to be hosted by DPS Panipat City in November.

Olympiads and other exams

IAIS by Macmillan India Ltd. was held on 7th September 2013 for Classes 3 to 12.

Cyber Olympiad by SOF was held on 19th September 2013 for Classes 2 to 12.

Guest Speaker Programmes

Noted doctor of the city Dr. T.K.M. Easwar was invited to give a talk to the students of Classes 11 and 12 on dengue and the precautions to be taken to avoid dengue on 11th September 2013.



Dr. Sitaram, scientist showed some scientific magic tricks to the students of Classes 4 to 9 on 9th September 2013.

Guidance in IIT JEE preparation was given by faculty members of TIME institute to the students of Classes 11 and 12 on 18th September 2013.

igenius Creative Writing Contest



Hetvi Jethwani of Class 8 C was selected in the second round of the igenius Creative Writing Contest organized by Max Life Insurance in the month of August and September. She was among the few students selected for this round from Gujarat.

Computer Hardware training

As part of CCE, Computer Hardware Maintenance Training has been introduced for the students of Classes 9 and 10.

Hindi Competitions - Classes 1 to 3

Hindi Handwriting Competition was held for Classes 1 and 2 on 10th July 2013 and Class 3 on 14th August 2013 to motivate the students to write beautifully in Hindi.



Hindi Recitation Competition was held for Classes 1 and 2 on 24th July 2013 to provide an opportunity to the tiny tots to recite poems in Hindi.

Parasailing



Parasailing activity was organized for the students of Classes 1 to 5 in the month of September to remove acrophobia - the fear of heights among the students.

Drivers' Day



To appreciate the role of the drivers of the school and to motivate them to provide better services, a unique concept was introduced in the school - the celebration of Drivers' Day on 17th September 2013. Principal Mr. Manoj Dubey, Vice Head Girl Akshadha Easwar and Vice Head Boy Ricardo Goncalves talked with the drivers and thanked them for their services and informed them about the safety measures to be followed. They felicitated the drivers with badges. Thereafter refreshments were served to the drivers.

Rakhi Making and Decoration



Classes Nursery to 3 had Rakhi Making and Decoration Activity on 14th August 2013. The beautiful rakhis made by children with lot of love and joy were later displayed on the school softboards.

Joint Family Visit

The students of Nursery had a Joint Family Visit on 10th July 2013. This visit was an attempt to inculcate the values of familial love and bonding in the children. They visited the family of Harshiv Parsana (Nursery -A).



English Rhyme Time Show

English Rhyme Time Show was held for Nursery Class on 25th and 26th July 2013. The students recited the rhymes they had learnt with actions.



Self Introduction Show

Pre-Nursery and Class Prep Class had the Introduction Show on 27th July and 19th September 2013. The students introduced themselves in their inimitable style.



Show and Tell

Show and Tell activity was organized for the students of Classes 1 to 3 on 7th August 2013 and for Class Nursery on 23rd August 2013. The students brought some items like plants, toys, magic balls, favourite books to show their friends and described these items before their teachers and friends.



Janmashtami Celebration



Janmashtami was celebrated in the school by the students of Classes Pre Nursery to 4 on 24th August 2013. The children came dressed up in traditional attire. Matki Phod and Garba Raas activities were organized to celebrate the birthday of Lord Krishna.



Happy Periods Days



Happy Periods Day was organized for the students of Classes Pre-Nur. to 2 on 22nd June 2013. The students enjoyed Puppet Show, Reading Time, Fun with Art, Personality Development, Horse Riding, Story Telling and Smart Class activities.

Happy Periods day was organized for Classes 3 to 5 on . The students enjoyed doing activities like 'Make and eat', horse riding and visit to the Biology Lab.

Fruit Salad Making



Fruit Salad Making activity was conducted for Pre-Primary Section on 16th September 2013.

Watering the Plants Activity - Class Pre-Nursery



Snapshot

Sports Round up

Participation in District/State level events

✍ Gujarat State Skate Ball Association conducted Roller Skating Championship 2013 on 8th and 9th June at Balbhavan, Race Course. Rachit Upadhyay of Class III-B secured First Position in Roll Ball Boys, and Roller Cricket Boys and Second Position in Relay Race and Speed Skating.



✍ 12 students of our school participated in Open CBSE Saurashtra Zone Swimming Competition hosted by K. D. Ambani Vidyamandir, Jamnagar on 6th July 2013. Brinda Joshi (Class 8I) and Hetal Vaya (Class 12 Science) were declared Best Swimmers of the Tournament.



✍ Our U-19 Football team (Boys) and U-17 (Girls) were Champions in District Level Subroto Mukherji Cup. 5 Boys and 7 Girls participated in State Level Competition at Ahmedabad. 2 Boys (U-14) participated in State Level Competition at Bhiloda.



✍ One student participated in State Level Squash Competition at Rajkot.

✍ Two students were selected for State Level Karate Competition.



✍ Our school U-19 Handball team - Girls was Runners Up in School Games held in July 2013. 5 students of the team were selected to represent State Level Competitions.

✍ Our school U-19 Basketball Team (Girls) was Runners-up in School Games. Six students were selected to play in State Level Competitions.

✍ 5 Table Tennis players U-17 (Girls) of our school participated in State Level Competition at Rajkot. 12 players (Boys and Girls) had participated in the District Level Competition.

✍ The U-17 and U-19 Volleyball and Athletics (Girls and Boys) teams of the school were selected to play at District level after playing at Taluka Level.

✍ One Boy participated in U-19 State Level Chess Competition at Ahmedabad. Three Boys and three Girls participated in U-17 State Level Chess Competition at Ahmedabad.

✍ Two Boys and one Girl participated in State Level U-17 Badminton Competition at Baroda.



✍ Two Boys and Four Girls participated in State Level U-14 Swimming Competition at Surat. One Boy and one Girl participated in State Level U-19 Swimming Competition at Navsari.

School Games hosted by the school



The school hosted the District level Chess and Athletics, Kho-Kho and Volleyball Competitions as part of the School Games Competitions on 7th and 24th August 2013 respectively. Around 12 schools of Rajkot district participated in Chess Competition and 5 schools participated in Athletics, Volleyball and Kho-Kho.