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EDUCATION WITH A DIFFERENCE

PARENT ORIENTATION-2020

Parents were shared a pre-recorded 45-minute video titled, 'Parent Orientation 2020' on May 09, 2020 by their respective HRTs. The video on our YouTube channel, is an attempt towards a virtual parent orientation session that highlights:

- *School Vision and Mission
- *School Management
- *School Academic Team
- *Messages for Parents by School Principal, Headmistresses and Coordinators
- *Detailed Description of the School System
- *Virtual Tour of the School

Please click on the link below to watch the video:

<https://youtu.be/t7k4J9zmowI>

We hope through this mode of our communication, you will be able to connect with our systems better, further strengthening our Home - School Partnership.



WINNERS @ QATAR E-NATURE SCHOOLS CONTEST 2020



**Ehaan Shabeer
Ali
Grade 2 A**



**Mohammed Owais
Junaid Iqbal
Grade 6 C**

DPS Monarch International School, Doha leaves its imprint on the landscape of school education by bagging first positions in two categories at the recent declared Qatar e-Nature Schools Contest 2020 Award Ceremony held on May 16, 2020.

We take immense pride in sharing that Ehaan Shabeer Ali of Grade 2 A and Mohammed Owais Junaid Iqbal of Grade 6 C bagged the first positions respectively for Grade 1 and Grade 5 online quiz contests. This contest that was organized last year, had more than 12000 students participated from various schools in Qatar. Our winners will receive vouchers for a full board one-night stay at Sealine Regency Camp for a family of four. Kudos to our young Monarchians!!

Click here : <https://bit.ly/2ZpafEk>

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Inter School Webinar for Grade 9 upwards
2. World Environment Day Celebrations (KG 1&2, Grade 1-9)
3. Spelling Bee Activity (Grade 1-9)
4. Online Quiz 2 (Grade 1-9)
5. PTM (Grade 1-9)
6. Father's Day (KG 1&2)
7. Orange Day (KG 1)

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MONARCHIANS CELEBRATE THE JOY AND WARMTH OF EID

Students of **KG 1** thoroughly enjoyed coloring their worksheets based on the theme Eid Festival. Meanwhile, students of **KG 2** made wall hangings, paper lanterns and vibrant cards, with the help of their parents. Students of **Grade 1** made their own wall hangings to decorate their houses for Eid. The beautiful crescent moon, hanging lanterns and intricate designs were a beauty to behold.

They displayed their creatives at home, adding to the decoration of the festivities. Together the tiny tots echoed the spirit of Eid with us all!

“Share the happiness with your Lord,
Enjoy the happiness with your friends and relatives,
Make the happiness double the quantity!”



Click here to see the following links

KG 1 : <https://bit.ly/2zdH4cV>

KG 2 : <https://bit.ly/3d5tLtA>

Grade 1: <https://bit.ly/3daWZaA>

DISTRIBUTION OF EID-UL-FITR GIFT CASH VOUCHER TO SUPPORT STAFF

Ramadan is the month of brotherhood and giving. A small token of appreciation for their relentless support was awarded to our support staff by the **Principal Mrs. Meenal Bakshi** and her team of teachers and admin staff. This was a subtle way to express our sincere admiration for the amazing effort put forward by each one of them at their workplace, every day.



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

“There is no velvet as soft as a mother’s lap, no rose as lovely as her smile, no path so flowery as that imprinted with her footsteps.” — Archibald Thompson
Mother’s Day is the special time of year when you get to celebrate your first best friend and the person you always turn to when you need advice.
Mother’s Day is also a great time to show your love for the wonderful woman in your life.
Mother’s Day was celebrated in high spirits and gaiety on May 10-11, 2020 from **KG 1 & 2 to Grade 1-9**.

KINDERGARTEN WING :

It was a pleasure watching the super excited moms with their dynamic and energetic children preparing something unique and special to show their love and gratitude for each other. The outcomes of their effort were marvelous. Mothers hold a special place in the hearts of children. Keeping this bond in mind, the tiny tots of **Kindergarten -1** were seen doing household chores in video clippings to show love and respect to their mothers. They also got involved in making beautiful palm print cards for their beloved mothers. Teachers assembled all the video clippings and produced a breathtaking video which was shown to all the mothers during the session, the unconditional love for their children could be visible on their faces. Students of **Kindergarten 2** actively participated in various activities to honour their moms.

Some children created Mother's Day Greeting Card using creative ideas. Some parents shared videos of how their children were helping their moms in their daily routine. We also witnessed children speaking about their mothers in short video clippings.



PRIMARY WING: Students of the Primary wing with their mothers had a splendid time on Mother’s Day.

The following activities were conducted classwise:
Grade 1: Badge - Making and Singing Mother’s Day Song

Grade 2-3: Making and Decorating Wall-Hangings

Grade 4-5: Making Greeting Cards

Students sent photographs of their works holding their creations in hand and having a big smile on their faces standing next to their proud mothers. The outcome of their efforts was marvelous and it showed their love towards their mom and commitment towards the teachers.



SECONDARY WING: “When you are looking at your mother, you are looking at the purest love you will ever know.” — Charley Benetto”

To mark this important eve of Mother’s day on Sunday, 10th May, 2020, the students of DPS Monarch International School from **Grade VI to IX** amazed their mothers by expressing their love, care and appreciation by **giving greeting cards, writing poems, preparing non-fire dishes, making video clips, craft items, dancing and much more**. The students actually wanted to tell their mothers on this special day, that they are their superheroes and biggest supporters, but usually are unable to tell them enough how much they’re loved and appreciated. Mothers were overwhelmed with joy on seeing the efforts taken by their child to convey their immense love for her.

Click here to watch :

Grade KG 1: <https://bit.ly/2AfV8CR>

Grade KG 2 : <https://bit.ly/2XIEhRg>

Grade 1 : <https://bit.ly/36CsgAy>

Grade 2 and 3 : <https://bit.ly/3daYTrK>

Grade 4 and 5 : <https://bit.ly/3eif7iG>

Grade 6 to 9 : <https://bit.ly/2zCU6AO>



THE JOY OF LEARNING @ KINDERGARTEN

'RED' DAY CELEBRATIONS

Kindergarten 1 students made the town red with their apparel. They all bloomed in red. Red colour signifies love and compassion.

With the objective of cherishing Red colour and making them understand the concept of Primary Colours, the students of **Kindergarten-1** celebrated “**Red Day**” on, Thursday, 14th May 2020. To mark this day very special, students and the teachers were dressed in red attire. Students made their own crowns and wore them throughout the online session. The White Board in every HRT's room was decorated with red balloons and red objects to teach children more about red colour. Students actively participated in ‘**Tearing and Pasting Strawberry Activity**’ during the session and ‘**Thumb Printing Activity**’ post session.

Click here : <https://bit.ly/36aQBGM>

Students were thrilled to watch ‘**Red Riding Hood Story**’ and got an opportunity to speak about their favourite red object. Overall, it was a fun and everlasting learning experience for the students. Smiles on the faces of kids can be seen from the attached photographs.



MAKING 'BODY PART' PLAY DOUGH ACTIVITY

Making play dough body parts is so much fun and a great way for kids to learn about their body while developing fine motor skills. It is perfect for a **KG 1 'Body Parts' theme**. One way to encourage hands on learning is by offering kids dough to use. Tiny tots were delighted to do body parts activity and made a beautiful doll. The tactile learning was enjoyed thoroughly.



PARENT TEACHER MEET KG 1 & 2

Online PTM sessions for **Kindergarten-1 and 2** were conducted by the **Headmistress, Ms Jyoti Gupta** and Coordinators and respective HRTs. The sessions were scheduled from May 10- 14, 2020 for **KG 1** and from May 17- 31, 2020 for **KG 2**. The PTM started with a welcome speech by Headmistress and continued by coordinator who briefed about the school functioning, timings, books, learning outcomes and official modes of communication. Lastly, the house was open for parents queries to be handled by the Headmistress.

Parents positively took part and gave their feedbacks. We are happy to witness that both parent and school community have common goals. And we were able to build up their faith and have happy conversations with our parents!



“Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly”.

'YELLOW' DAY CELEBRATIONS

The online classes of **Kindergarten 2** were bright and luminous on 6th May 2020, as it started with fun-filled introduction about the colour 'Yellow'. Students and teachers were dressed in yellow as everyone celebrated 'Yellow Day'.

Students were made aware of the colour and its significance with improving their fine motor skills with various theme activities. 'Tearing and Pasting Activity' with Yellow colour paper along with watching step by step demonstration on 'How to draw a Sun' with the help of circle and triangle shapes was done.



The color of wisdom had positive vibes on our tender tots. Focusing on the theme, students were asked to 'Show and Talk' about their favorite yellow objects which helped improving their speech and vocabulary.

Click here : <https://bit.ly/3cLrPWW>

MAY WAS VERY MERRY FOR PRIMARY

As young learners and leaders of tomorrow, it is important for us to think how the little ones acquire their knowledge and understanding of life and world around them. Keeping this in mind the teachers of our primary section came up with many activities to keep their students interested, involved and focused.



'Family Tree Activity' was done to make students of **Grade 1** understand the concept of Family, Family Members and their Relatives. Students were able to understand that they are a part of a larger tree and are supported and helped by every other member in one way or the other. This way they slowly extend and understand their involvement and commitment towards their society.

The month of May kept the students very busy with many social activities. Along with these a few subject-oriented activities were also carried out.

IMAGINE. DRAW. PAINT. CREATE

Involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skill. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork. DPS Monarch International School believes in the wholesome development of the child and that is the reason art is not left behind in any way during online learning. Our students of **Grade 1-9** through their art and craft classes have been advancing their artistry in different areas.



Colour concepts, shapes, colouring techniques with different mediums, recycling art using newspaper/magazines, still life drawing and creative landscapes are to name a few. Through these art classes students learn to explore their imagination and express themselves. Take a glimpse of the art classes that took place in the month of May.



THE POWER OF COLLABORATION @ SECONDARY

MONARCH @ E-COLLOQUIUM (An Intra – School Webinar)

We at DPS Monarch have consistently striven to ensure that our learners, the academic team and parents have a befitting platform for interacting with myriad orators, providing an inimitable opportunity to not only win an argument amidst an exchange of ideas, but also at the same time to enable learners to hone the essential skills of life.

It was a proud moment for the Monarchians when fifteen students of **Grade IX** participated enthusiastically in the first Intra-School Webinar titled, ‘**Monarch E-Colloquium**’ on the topic ‘**Online Learning During The Pandemic**’, on **Thursday, 14th May, 2020 via Zoom platform.**

The moderator and host of the event, Ms. Saswati Sanyal, a Faculty Member from the English Department welcomed all the school dignitaries, judges and student participants and reminded the participants about the guidelines to be followed during the webinar.

Vice President, Mr. Yasir Nainar, Principal, Ms. Meenal Bakshi and Headmistress of Secondary School, Ms. Madhu Uppal motivated all the participants by welcoming them and giving their words of wisdom.

Ms. Jyoti Gupta, Headmistress of KG and Primary School, along with, Ms. Nausheen Ali, HOD (English Dept.) and Ms. Alisha Sonal Arakh, a Faculty Member of the English Dept. were the judges in the panel. The judges asked questions to each participant to know the understanding of each student about the topic. The students put forwarded their views and concerns about “Online learning during Pandemic.”

The aim of hosting this conference was our vision to build a universal platform for budding orators/communication experts and the leaders of tomorrow to express themselves without fear and favor and deliberate upon some profound situations during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.



Students captured the minds of the judges and viewers by expressing their views through thought provoking speeches and asking counter questions to the Principal, judges and their co-presenters to make the concepts more clearer.

The most impressive points were proposed by Mohammad Saad, who was very clear in his speech and delivered the content very fluently. **Mohammad Saad** will now be a participant of the Inter School Webinar which will be conducted next month.

The webinar was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Himaya Dennis, a Faculty Member of the English Dept.

Click here to watch the video : <https://bit.ly/2TIPlwb>



HRD MINISTER OF INDIA GOES LIVE STUDENT WEBINAR

Students as well as teachers from DPS Monarch International School participated in the live webinar conducted by the **HRD Minister of India Mr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** from his official Twitter site to interact with students about NEET, JEE and other problems regarding the educational scenario nowadays due to lockdown.

Highlights of the webinar were:-

1. Declared new NEET 2020 exam date which is July 26.
2. JEE 2020 to be conducted from July 19 to 23.
3. Addressed internet problems in rural areas blocking education and its remedies.
4. Availability of free NCERT books via online.
5. Reduced syllabus for the new academic year.
6. HRD Minister tells parents to not pressurize children.
7. Class 11 students can use govt. portals to begin their studies at home.
8. Pending college exams to be conducted in July and new session to start off in August, 2020.
9. A website is being created with all the common queries and students can consult the same for further queries.



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FIITJEE E-WORKSHOP

A step to improve students' Maths basic concepts!

A Mathematics E-Workshop for **Grade VII** was organized by FIITJEE faculty on Saturday, 2nd May, 2020 to empower students to gain knowledge of basic Maths in a faster and easy way. Around 15 students attended the workshop.

The purpose of the E-Workshop was to teach students about:-

- What is speed Maths?
- What are the various techniques of speed Maths?
- How will it help in Competitive Exams?
- How to gain knowledge of basic Maths in an expeditious way.

The workshop made students understand that, the easier the method you used to solve a problem, the faster you will solve it and there is less chance of making mistakes. Whereas, the more complicated method you use, the longer you take to solve it and greater are the chances of making mistakes.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

WORKSHOP ON FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT AND INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT

With the aim to strengthen our capacity, an informative online workshop on Formative Assessment and Interdisciplinary Project was conducted by the School Principal, Ms. Meenal Bakshi, through Zoom video conferencing. This interactive session was attended by all the teachers of Primary and Secondary wings as well as the FIITJEE faculty of DPS Monarch International School.

The school will be conducting diagnostic and formative assessments on a regular basis and refrain from any summative assessments until students start attending classes in the school premises.

A complete overview on Interdisciplinary Project including how to create rubrics for assessments was shared by the resource person. Ms Bakshi concluded her session by emphasizing on the Bloom's taxonomy to be kept into consideration while planning lessons, assigning projects and designing assessments.

Click here: <https://bit.ly/3esc9IO>

ONLINE QUIZ AS A TOOL OF ASSESSMENT

Teachers of all the subjects from **Grade 1 to 9**, conducted with their respective students an online quiz. The quiz was prepared using Microsoft Forms and the link was shared with the students at the prescribed time of the quiz. The syllabus and time-table was shared with the students via school portal a few days before so that the students get enough time to prepare.

The quiz was conducted in MCQ form. The motive behind conducting this online quiz was to assess the knowledge and understanding of the chapters taught by the teachers so far. All teachers were trained to create online quizzes for their respective subjects using Microsoft Office in an online workshop conducted by Ms Shahana, a Faculty Member of the IT Dept.

IUEF WEBINAR

International United Educationists Fraternity (IUEF) conducted a virtual webinar series 10 on Saturday, 23rd May, 2020 on the topic 'Academic Challenges Post Lockdown School Operations' enlightened by Shri. Anurag Tripathi, IRPS, Secretary, CBSE.

Our **Principal, Ms. Meenal Bakshi**, was one of the active participants of this webinar amid hundreds of other principals of schools across the globe.

Mr. Tripathi focused the need for parents and teachers to connect, train and groom them mutually. He also discussed on child centered learning and the benefits gained by the students, parents and teachers as well. The motive of this webinar was to encourage teachers to offer research based projects and develop analytical and innovative skills in their students.

INTER-SCHOOL TEACHERS DISCUSSION FORUM

An initiative to address remote learning challenges and opportunities of the current day was organized for the various schools in and around Doha by Shantiniketan Indian School on Saturday, 2nd May 2020 via Zoom virtual conferencing. There were expert panelist from twelve Indian Schools of Qatar.

The Teacher Discussion Forum was attended by our **Principal Ms. Meenal Bakshi, Head Mistress Ms. Madhu Uppal, teachers Ms. Maha Khan, Ms. Soniya Kakkar, Ms. Boovitha, Ms. Gurpreet Kaur Rewari, Ms. Gunjan Paramjeet and Mr. Zuhaib Datey.**

Mr. Zuhaib Datey, Head of ICT Department, as a panelist presented a paper on Digital Equity in Remote Learning. The forum was a quite useful for the teachers to discuss their concerns and queries related to online sessions.

SCIENCE INDIA FORUM WEBINAR

Science India Forum had taken an initiative to organize a Webinar on "Changing Face of Education: E-Teaching during and post COVID-19" by Mrs. Mayuri Dutt on Thursday, 28th May, 2020 wherein many educators from the state of Qatar had participated.

DPS Monarch International School had given an opportunity to its teaching faculty to be part of this great learning where various techniques and methods of teaching in modern age and with changing environment like 4Cs, 8Cs, creative thinking, selecting right method of teaching and learning pyramid were discussed. Many teachers from the Secondary wing attended the webinar.

CYBER-SAFETY AT SCHOOL : DURING AND POST COVID

In the wake of current affairs and concerns raised regarding Cyber safety, our teachers attended a webinar on Cyber-safety at School: During and Post COVID with cyber experts and academicians on 29th of May 2020. The panel included Mr. Rakshit Tandon advisor Cyber Crime Government of India, well known academicians Dr. M.M. Pant, Dr. Ruchi Seth, Dr. Roma Kumar and Dr. Sudha Acharya. Other than the cyber safety, the panellist also shed some light on the upcoming career paths for students in the field of cyber security. The workshop was highly informative and a great learning experience.

Click here : <https://bit.ly/2XKDDSZ>