

# MONARCH BULLETIN

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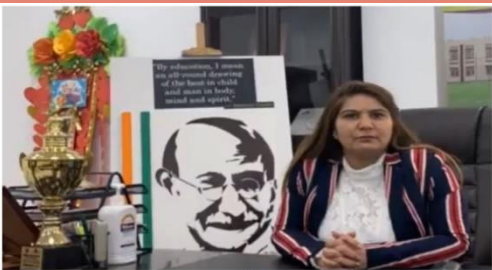
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## ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF GANDHIJI...

The 151st year of Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with a lot of zest and fervour by the learners of **DPS Monarch International School** by taking special cognizance of the virtual medium, a beautiful collage of vivid moods and expressions were presented by the learners by finely integrating the ideologies of Bapuji as the way ahead for the next generation.

It was a combined assembly of the **Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary wings**. School Principal, **Ms Meenal Bakshi** took this opportunity to share her inspiring message with the school and parents. She highlighted the need to understand and invoke the principles that Gandhiji had taught emphasising how pertinent it was in the present disturbing times when the world is desperate to restore some peace and humanity. The well planned and thought out assembly evoked the ideals of Gandhiji to keep moving onwards on the path of Ahimsa and universal brotherhood. This was beautifully invoked by the young learners as they donned on the colors of the Tricolor depicting the very sentiment of 'unity in diversity'. **Athulya Subhash** and **Vihaan Pradeep Singhal** from **Grade 9** gave awe inspiring speeches on the sacrifices made by Gandhiji during the freedom struggle for Indian independence while **Nourin Sajjin** of **Grade 9** delivered the Arabic prayer and its English translation.



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Soul stirring performances singing *Vaishnav Jan Ko* and *Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram* by the young learners of Grade 4-5 in their melodious voices were performed, **Isha Rathish** from **Grade 4 D**, **Samadrita Basu**, **Shradha Manoj Namboodiri**, **Sahasra Penumarthi** and **Sandra Santoshkumar** from **Grade 5 A**, **Varsha Sudharson** from **Grade 5 C**, **Aradhana Radhakrishnana** from **Grade 5D**, participated wholeheartedly.

The assembly also saw **Casallas Ivan Bastian** from **KG 2**, dressed up as Gandhi and singing Vande Materam with pride and nostalgia in their voices.

A short video representation documenting the journey of the freedom movement was enough to draw out the spirit of nationalism towards India, our motherland.

Click here : <https://bit.ly/3kyg5ed>



# WE ARE LITTLE SHINING STARS OF KINDERGARTEN

## ANIMAL WELFARE DAY CELEBRATIONS

*"The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man."*

**World Animal Welfare Day** celebrates relationship between humankind and animal kingdom. Animals play a diverse array of role in our lives. The distinct day was celebrated on 4th October 2020 that unites the global movement to make the world a better place for all animals. At DPS Monarch, our little ones were introduced to their significant roles towards protecting animals, their habitats and resources.

Students of **KG 1** actively participated in mask colouring activity as well as lots of other activities about animals. In our discussion we talked about the animals that we had at home and how we looked after them and the other animals in the world that we liked and why. The interactive discussion we had with the children helped them to learn about respecting the creatures as well as each other. This gave our children the opportunity to further understand the world.

Also, our students of **KG2** had held hands together supporting the movement by exhibiting different habitats of animals made of clay, colorful charts and constructive sheets besides sharing their views on the imperative substance.

Click here to watch KG1 : <https://bit.ly/2HGNoND>

Click here to watch KG 2 : <https://bit.ly/2Hy6MMV>



# YUMMIEST KIDDY'S KITCHEN

## WORLD FOOD DAY CELEBRATIONS

*‘Celebration of making tasty food is the biggest celebration as it celebrates life’*

On the occasion of World Food Day, **Kindergarden** celebrated the **Kiddy's Kitchen** Day on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. With an objective to create an awareness among the tiny tots about the importance of consumption of fruits, tiny tots made fruit salad following the instructions given by HRT's. For this activity, tiny tots kept their favourite fruits. They were delighted to wash, peel and cut the fruits while counting and sorting them. The students were elated to see the end result which was a delicious and nutritious fruit salad. They loved to serve the fruit salad and munched their handmade desert. The day was very special as all the mothers with their children too participated in this activity. The activity was a part of innovative method of acquainting children with fruits and making them understand that fruits are essential part of daily meal. Tiny tots from **KG 1** cherished the moments of joy and happiness on this special day at the Kiddy's Kitchen.

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

The Kiddies Kitchen activity was also organized for our little champs of **KG2** on 16<sup>th</sup> October, which helped the young minds to inculcate the importance of good eating habits, teaching responsibility and providing sensory and tactile learning experiences. This was also a time to express our appreciation to the Food Heroes, who during the crisis made sure food reaches from the farms to our tables. Our little chefs from Kindergarten fondly participated in the no fire cooking activity, sharing with us their cookery videos and photos, whilst opening the doors to a new hobby. Click here : <https://bit.ly/31luehG>



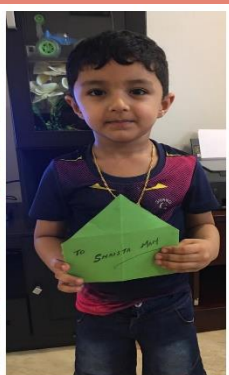
## WORLD POST OFFICE DAY AT KG 1

**World Post Office Day** is celebrated every year on 9<sup>th</sup> of October. Our Little Monarchians from **KG 1** celebrated World Postal Day by creating paper post box and envelopes.

Few students posted their cards in the mailbox, which was made with the help of their parents.

Our curriculum at **Kindergarten** focuses on community helpers. The day was used to signify the importance of Postal Department and its efficiency and prominence in developing a country's culture.

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



# THEMATIC MORNING ASSEMBLIES @ PRIMARY WING

A morning school assembly is one of the most important aspects of a school's curriculum. It powerfully nurtures the development of intrapersonal intelligence. It is vital that an assembly has an enriching quality. Keeping this in mind, the Primary school planned a range of themes for the students of **Grade 1-5** for each week. The topics given are developed in such a way to encourage pupil to reflect upon a set of universal values, such as love, peace, truth, co-operation and respect. These values act as the foundation for the development of personal, social and health education, citizenship and the spiritual, moral, social and cultural aspects.

Online morning assemblies on Sunday brought the whole class back together again after the weekend break, to re-focus upon the week in view, on its objectives and the tools that will be used to achieve them.

The assemblies conducted were based on various themes highlighting different virtues of life that are essential for one's well being.

**Grade 1 :Honesty, Discipline**

**Grade 2 :Fitness**

**Grade 3 :Discipline**

**Grade 4 :Gandhi Jayanti, Balance Diet**

**Grade 5 :Gandhi Jayanti, Balance Diet, Merits and Demerits of Internet**



## OUR CURIOUS GRADE 1 LEARNERS @ SCHOOL

*“I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.”\_ Albert Einstein*

Curiosity is the ability to seek and acquire new knowledge, skills, and ways of understanding the world. It is at the heart of what motivates young people to learn and what keeps them learning throughout their lives and activities are the best way to develop curiosity among children.

Our students from **Grade 1** were busy enjoying activities for the month of October from Origami, Listening Activity to Memory Enhancing Activity.....they had their hands full! These activities fueled the learning by stimulating creative thoughts.

**“Dressing up activity”** using the art of Origami, triggered their curiosity to design their own clothes and fold the paper accordingly.

**“Listening activity”** where the students identified sounds of different objects and animals.

**“Memory Enhancing activity”** where the learners were shown pictures and were asked to precisely observe and recall the picture stressed on memory retention and quick reflexes. Hands on simple experiments are the best way to nudge little curious minds.



# EXAMINATION BLUES!

The third week of October saw learners and their facilitators heave a sigh of relief! The Term 1 examination was successfully conducted for all the learners from **Grade VI to Grade IX** by the Secondary Section of **DPS Monarch International School** and finally it was time to sit back and relax. The run up to this event was one of nerve wracking moments even as the facilitators put in their best efforts to extend all their support to the learners for the final leap.

Intense doubt clearing sessions and strategies were discussed and revisited to allow the learners to revise the previous concepts taught and to devise foolproof plans to excel during the upcoming examinations.

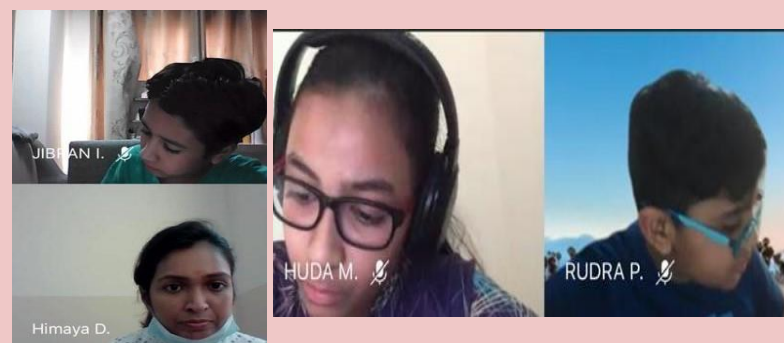
Effective assessments enable to provide a fair and a balanced yardstick to document the growth of individual learners even as they highlight the areas that require support and careful analysis. Thus it wasn't only the pen and paper tests that would deliver the final output but also Inter-Disciplinary Projects (IDPs), Multiple Choice Questioners, regular Unit Tests and Concept Recapitulation Assessments that was meant to cover the holistic spectrum of learning for the individual learner.

Amidst all of these, the learners were also given adequate opportunities and challenges through regular Power point presentations, projects and Subject Enrichment Activities to enhance and integrate their creative and analytical expressions to not just take them forward in their learning but also to question the concepts learnt and its application in real life scenarios by nurturing several important higher order thinking skills such as analysis and decision making.

Although stressful and intensive, it is a rite to passage for each learner, that is provided by the school, to take on battles and overcome the bigger and tougher challenges of life.

**“Exams have an important role in the process of learning and in the whole educational institution.”**

The month of October was a time for assessments. The Examination Cell of the Primary wing conducted Term end exams for **Grade V** to bid Term one farewell with a fair sense of completion. Assessments were conducted in two parts as objective and subjective. Students attended both the exams on the same day one followed by the other respectively. It was a fresh experience all together to give Term end exams online for our students, parents and teachers were the trust was mutually shared. The report was published on Tuesday, 27th October' 2020.



# TERM 1 PTM SESSIONS

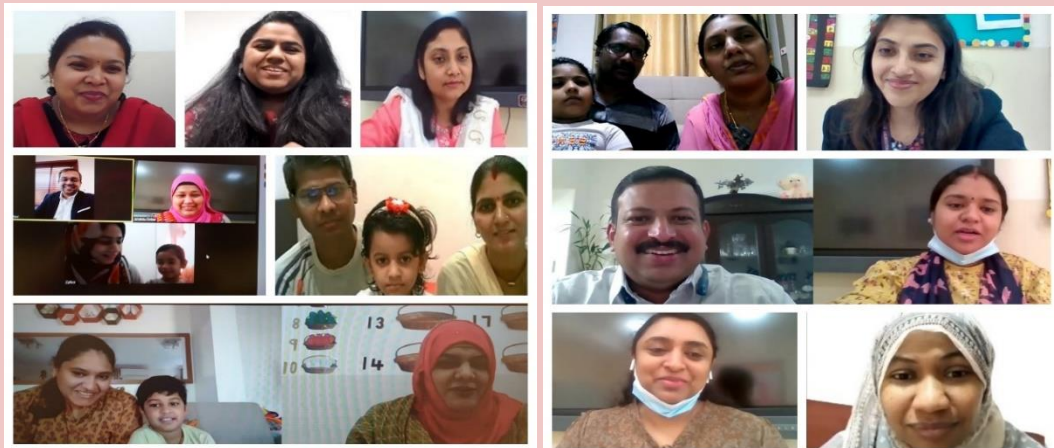
**SECONDARY WING :** The Term 1 Parent Teacher Meeting was conducted on October 25th, 2020 for the Secondary Section on the virtual platform. The school underwent the rigorous process of checking and cross checking of the mark sheets even as the Examination Cell held intensive checks to ensure fool proof result distribution for the learners. The Progress Report was uploaded on the school portal for the parents to see and review the learners' performance. The Home Room Teachers had one on one meeting with parents and shared their appreciation and feedback for the learners.

**PRIMARY WING:** As DPS-Monarch International school held the online PTM after the publishing of its first report card for the academic year 2020-2021, the school was delighted to witness the synergy between parents and teachers making it a success. Virtual PTMs were conducted through Microsoft Teams. The meeting helped teachers and parents connect virtually to engage in a transparent and open discussion on the children's needs and requirements.

Parents thanked all the enthusiastic hardworking teachers for going beyond their call of duty to transition things smoothly and also for the innovative ideas on how to keep kids busy at home during these quarantined days. The teachers shared their feedback about the student with the parent based on their overall performance in First Term. Teachers stressed on the importance of spending time reading, writing, math, creative activities and developing their passion for hobbies through many free courses available online for students to keep them happily engaged while staying safe indoors.



**KINDERGARTEN:** After the publication of Term 1 Progress Report, the PTM for **Kindergarten** was held on 29th September 2020, for the effective communication between parents and the HRTs regarding their wards' performance in accordance to the continuous evaluation of the students for the term.



Each parent was allotted a time slot for attending their ward's PTM and this served the purpose to create a common platform to enrich each student's educational experiences and discuss the holistic development of the students.

*Connecting Home and School Makes us a Great Community of Learners!*



# LESSONS OF LIFE

*“If you put yourself in a position where you have to stretch outside your comfort zone, then you are forced to expand your consciousness.” -- Les Brown*

With the pandemic that has struck the world and other forms of global crisis taking shape, it is of utmost importance that young learners are instilled with values that enable them to surge past these traumas without a falter. The fountainhead of these values is the school that ingrains the child with skills and lessons for life. Thus Life Skills becomes an integral part of the curriculum that allows the learner to not just excel through the medium of academics but also teaches the learners to build that window of hope through his/her own eyes. In these turbulent times, DPS Monarch began its journey to impart and arm learners with the vision and fore knowledge that would lay the foundation stone towards a greater enlightened future, one that comes not only with enhanced awareness but also the expertise to come up with plausible solutions on the face of the most complicated and demanding circumstances. Life Skills are abilities for adaptive and positive behaviour that enables individuals to deal effectively in the most challenging moments of life. This part of the curriculum, now introduced and taken forward in the Term 2 of the academic year, by school counsellor, **Ms. Thamarai** and wellness teacher **Mr. Abdusalam**, who shall be mentoring the learners with issues faced during adolescence - self esteem, communication, body shaming, improving social skills, dealing with peer pressure and resisting the ability to drug abuse amongst many others.

The Counselors will begin by spending time with these young minds, learning about their concerns and then suggesting ways and methods to deal with them. Not only that, they shall also be encouraged to solve problems through dialogues, discussion, discourses, plays and skits, music and dance, decision mapping, problem solving and case studies to be able to embrace and accept situations and challenges as the first step towards solving a problem. With dreams in their eyes and hope in their hearts, here's wishing these young masters on a transformational journey to mature individuals.



## CLUB IT!

Every activity performed during school life plays a significant role in development of the learner's life. On that note, **DPS Monarch International School** has gone ahead and established its host of club activities to encourage and enhance the multiple intelligence (MI) learning of the students. Thus in keeping with the MI theory, the school has now launched club activities for learners of **Grades VI to VIII** to address the Logical, Spatial, Interpersonal, Linguistics, Musical and Kinesthetics needs of the learners- thus commencing the Math Olympiad Club, the Science Club, Popping Pixels Club, Web Tech, Graphic Designing, Creative Hands, School Editorial Club, Sound and the Beat Club, the Dance, Aerobics and Dramatics as also the English and the Hindi Debating Societies, the MUN club, Blogging and Health Awareness Club and the Ecology and the Little Chefs Club.

The **Grade IX** learners too have a choice of pursuing a club of their interest. As propagated by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) the higher-grade learners are inspired to take up Social Empowerment through Work Education and Action (SEWA).

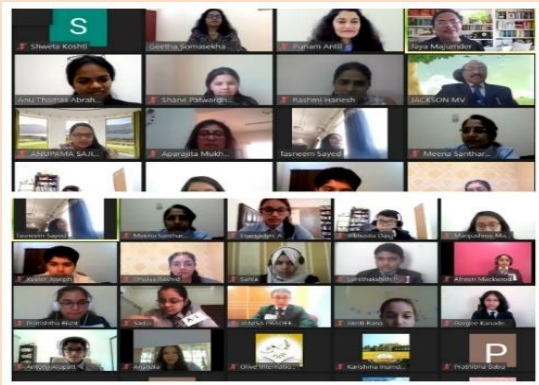
The good news is that, all the various clubs is seeing a good turnout of enthusiasts as the secondary learners eagerly await to indulge and learn the nuances of education through practical and application-based learning. The School Club Activities were officially commenced on October 22nd, 2020 with a successful, interactive session.



# QATAR DEBATE TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

The Qatar Schools Debate League (QSDL) has been regularly conducting debating workshops '**Argumentation and Refutation**' for Secondary English Teachers across Qatar Schools. The facilitators, **Ms Sweta Koshti, Ms Nausheen Ali, Ms Aliesha Arakh and Ms Saswati Sanyal** attended these intensive and exhaustive sessions that have been regularly conducted to train and augment the perfect learning pedestal for the secondary learners to nurture and enhance their debating skills both on the intra as also the interschool levels. The facilitators were taken through the rigors of effective debating even as they discussed, planned and came up with plausible arguments to the various motions proposed during these workshops. The learning during these sessions also brought about the very novel establishment of the '**Monarch Debating Society**' for the school where the learners with fluent speaking skills are being continuously trained and prepared for their active participation in Debating.

The good news is that, the Debating society is seeing a good turnout of enthusiasts as the secondary learners eagerly await to indulge their communication skills and fine tune their knowledge of current affairs. The introductory session of the Debate club was conducted on October 22nd, 2020 with a successful, interactive session.



# WORKSHOP ON SCHOOL PORTAL

A one hour workshop on **Progress Report and Dochob** was conducted by **Ms Shahana PN**, school IT admin on Thursday, Oct 01, 2020 for the teachers of Primary and Secondary wings. Teachers were trained on how to put entries and paper evaluation digitally. The same skills were later used by teachers to assess Mid Term papers and design their class report cards.

## ACADEMIC UPDATE

- ✚ NOF Junior Olympiad **Grade I – V** registration open till November 05, 2020. Link for the registration : <https://forms.gle/LFAM9JnPdQY2XfRv7>
- ✚ NOF Olympiad **Grade VI – IX** (will be conducted on November 19, 2020)
- ✚ UT 2 for **Grade V – IX** (From November 25 to December 02, 2020)

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

- ✚ Children's Day Celebrations for all grades
- ✚ Fancy Dress for **KG1 & 2**
- ✚ Senior Investiture Ceremony, Secondary
- ✚ Junior Investiture Ceremony, Primary
- ✚ Language Fest for Grade 1 to 9
- ✚ Special Day for **KG 1 & 2**
- ✚ Thanksgiving Day
- ✚ World Farmers Day for **KG1**
- ✚ Story Narration Activity for **KG2**
- ✚ Qatar National Day Celebration for all grades

