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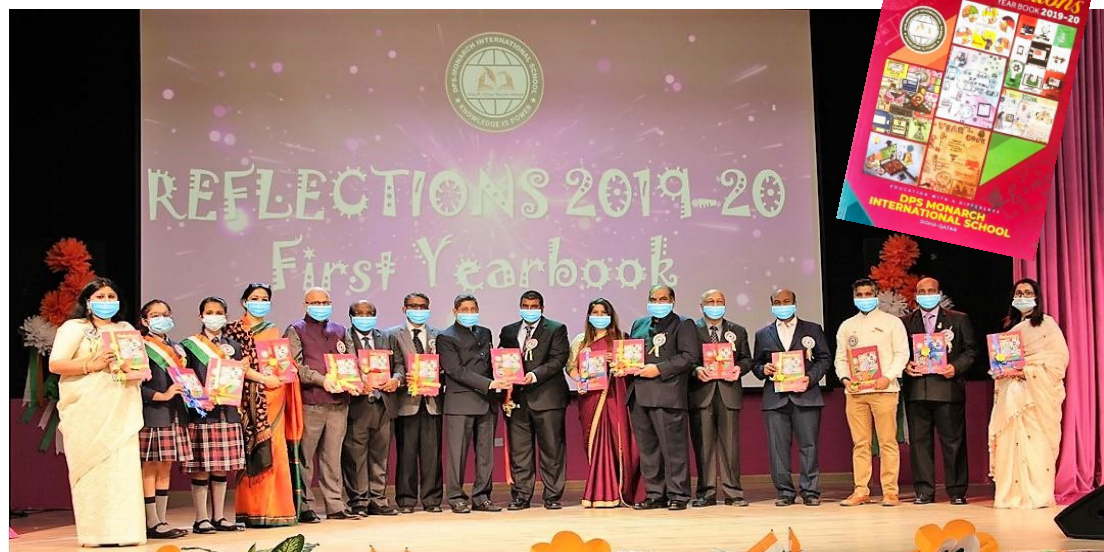
REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

DPS-Monarch International School, Doha celebrated India's **72nd Republic Day** on 26th January, 2021, keeping into consideration the directives received by MOPH.

School President, **Mr. Hassan Chougule**, and Chief Guest, **Dr. Mohan Thomas**, hoisted the tricolour flag along with Guests of Honour **Mr. P.N. Babu Rajan** and **Mr. Ziad Usman**, along with School Vice President, **Mr Yasir Nainar**, EC members, **Mr. Harish Kanjani**, **Mr. Rocky Fernandes** and **Mr Gopi Varadhan** and Council Members, **Mr Shaheen** and **Mr Sana Ullah**, School Principal, **Mrs Meenal Bakshi**, the Headmistresses, **Ms Jyoti Gupta** and **Ms Madhu Uppal**, few students, academic and non-academic staff. A special assembly was organised in the multi-purpose hall wherein all dignitaries expressed their joy and pride in the rich heritage and culture of their country.

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The Senior Council Head Boy **Abhinand Jeejith** and Head Girl **Athulya Subhash** were the eloquent Masters of Ceremonies. **Dr. Mohan Thomas** in his address emphasised on how the Indian community in Qatar needs to contribute towards the betterment of the society and exhibiting compassion towards each others should be the most important virtue of life. He also enlightened the gathering on how benevolently India has begun supplying coronavirus vaccines to its neighboring countries, keeping a balance between maintaining enough doses to inoculate its own people and the ones who need from other nations. **Mr. P.N. Babu Rajan** and **Mr. Ziad Usman** motivated the students through their inspirational words. A speech cum poetry dramatization was staged by students of the Primary wing to evoke the true spirit of the day and a beautiful patriotic rendition was sung mellifluously by the Secondary school choir. This was followed by the much awaited launch of the school's first Year Book, '**Reflections**'. The launch was attended by the eminent luminaires along with the school editorial team.

The event culminated with a vote of thanks proposed by Junior Council Head Boy, **Shauray Viraj Singh** and Head Girl, **Kavya Dharshini**.



FELICITATION CEREMONY

DPS-Monarch International School, Doha felicitated **Dr. Mohan Thomas**, recipient of '**Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award - 2021**', conferred upon him by the Government of India with a memento, in a ceremony held in the school premises on 26th January, 2021.

During the felicitation, **Mr Babu Rajan**, **Mr Ziyad Usman** and **Dr Mohan Thomas**, newly elected president of three apex bodies, ICC, ICBF and ISC were congratulated with floral bouquets by DPS group of institutes. The felicitations were done by School President, **Mr. Hassan Chougule** in the presence of Vice President **Mr. Yasir Nainar** and other Directors **Mr. Harish Kanjani**, **Mr. Rocky Fernandes**, **Mr Gopi Varadhan** School Principal, **Ms. Meenal Bakshi**, along with Headmistresses, few students and academic /non-academic staff.

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KINDERGARTEN TIMES

*“Freedom in Mind, Faith in words,
Pride in our Heart, Memories in our souls”*

Keeping this quote in mind, **Kindergarten 1** celebrated Republic Day with great enthusiasm and with lots of happiness. Students participated actively in colouring activity with great éclat. On 24th and 25th January, 2021, all students dressed up in traditional outfit. There was a patriotic dance performed by few students from different sections which was compiled in a beautiful video. It is significantly visible that our students are taking pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity. Happy Republic Day to one and all.

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It was with great joy that the students of **Kindergarten 2** celebrated the 72nd Republic Day of India on the 24th and 25th of January. Each classroom reverberated with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm by our little ones. They came dressed in cultural attire and spoke of their heroes with confidence and pride. The students were excited to make and carry back home with them a beautiful peacock pop up paper card. They departed with the image of the fluttering tricolor in their mind and heart.

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POPCORN DAY

“You can eat it, count it, color it, learn about science with it!”

Tiny tots of **Kindergarten 1** celebrated Popcorn day with fun activity. It was a great theme. The students coloured the leaves green and kernels yellow and then dipped popped pieces of corn into glue and pasted on the paper. They were very excited to do this activity. After the activity they munched on the remaining popcorn. HRT's has a good interaction with students. They were made to understand that Kernels are seeds and they do grow into corn! There were many good questions asked about this simple snack. Tiny tots had a great time learning popcorn science.

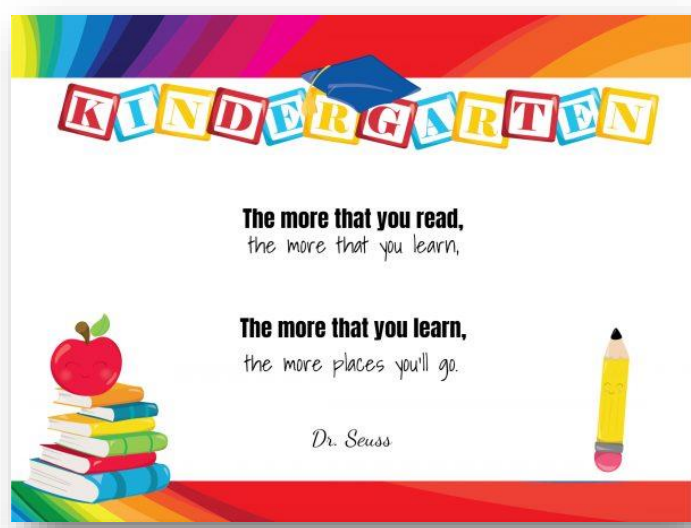
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LEARNING IS FUN WHEN....

Learning is always fun when not being taught, but when explored. **Kindergarten 2** had organized many fun filled activities to emphasize the little ones to observe, experiment and explore rather than just learn their concepts. It arouses curiosity and builds observation skills. Studies were in cooperated with many activities related to the concept taught to reinforce and understand them. Students learned ascending and descending order by sorting and categorizing, building in critical thinking and Math problem solving skills. Art works were done to underline the concept of transport. Different games were introduced as a part of learning good etiquettes, fair play, sportsmanship and focus skills and was extremely enjoyed by our little ones.



RAINBOW DAY

"Fun Day with Colors"

Colors play a vital role in every child's life and is an important part of learning during Kindergarten years. Rainbow creates a magical effect on the environment and blossoms a content smile in each and every tots. **Kindergarten 2** had a fun filled day on 21st January 2021, exploring the different colors in a rainbow and happily arranging the colored strips of papers and clouds to make their favorite rainbow. The little ones were curious to know about the seven colors and the magic word '**VIBGYOR**' to remember them easily. Teachers and students spoke about colors during class time and sang the rainbow song together.

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THEMATIC ACTIVITIES IN THE PRIMARY WING

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY HELPERS.... HIP HIP HOORAY...

A day for the unsung heroes...

Community is a space where people live in. A community can be a school, town, city or neighbourhood. Community workers are people who live and work in our communities. Community workers make communities cleaner, safer and more pleasant for other people. This topic is important as it brings home to children a thoughtfulness on how a society works. It teaches them the value of each career and how to address each person politely and with understanding. With these objectives to be achieved Community Helper Day was organized in the school for our **Grade 1**. They came dressed up as nurses, firefighters, police officers, postal workers, drivers, dentists, farmers, plumbers, librarians, mechanic, chefs, doctors as well as teachers. They presented and enacted their views happily and shared that they were proud to be dressed as community helpers and they loved their job.

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ACTIVITY A TON MAKES LEARNING FUN

Grade 3 students performed an activity in EVS period to know the directions by using a mini neighbourhood route map. Students were able to identify and plot the directions. Students enjoyed finding the directions of their own like treasure hunt. This encouraged our young learners to observe the landmarks of their neighbourhood.

The new topic in English started with lot of zeal and enthusiasm. Students of **Grade 3** were geared up and were looking forward for various activities and one of them was '**Activity of Adverbs**'. This activity was done to help students develop a definition of the role/function of adverbs. Specifically, students will be able to articulate that adverbs modify verbs by telling how something is done, when something is done where something is done, or modify adverbs or adjectives by specifying to what extent. Through the activity students learnt that Adverbs also modify or limit the action (verb) that is taking place in a sentence. Fun based activities are always the best ways to make the child learn about the importance of the concept taught. Through the activity they learnt that adverbs made the sentence more specific.



POETIC MUSINGS DIAMANTE

Grade 4 had a blast! They were introduced to a new form of poetry The Diamante Poem. Diamante poems are 7-lined poems that are used to compare and contrast two opposite nouns. It gives students valuable practice in identifying and providing examples of different parts of speech, comparing/contrasting nouns, and writing different lines of poetry.

The young poets enthralled all with their articulation of words. It was a splendid opportunity for the children to gain confidence through poems penned by them. They thoroughly enjoyed this rhythmic session and could develop their oratory and writing skills in an effective manner. Raking their brains for poetry indirectly they refreshed their grammar skills in nouns, adjectives and adverbs. Poetry is fun once begun the fun can never be undone...



TOUR DE 360°

Poetry in Geometry...

Yes, we are angels of angles

And can make you tangle the bangle

With a little wiggle and a jingle.

An angle is a form of geometrical shape, that is constructed by joining two rays to each other at their end-points. The common point here is called vertex and the two rays are called arms of the angle. The angle, usually measured in degrees using a protractor, is represented by the symbol '∠'. The word angle came from the Latin word "Angulus"... Math activity 'Angles Making' was conducted in all the sections of **Grade 5**. Students were told to make different types of angles using the 16 strips pasted randomly on the football field poles. Definitions for 4 different angles (Acute, Obtuse, Right & Straight) were written on 4 different strips with an example. 8 students from each group were divided into 4 teams, so there were 2 students in one team & one name of the angle was given to each team.



The task was to collect the four strips from different poles & make the correct definition of the given angle. The students were very excited for the activity and participated enthusiastically. The activity helped the children to recognize and define lines, intersecting and perpendicular lines and to identify obtuse, acute, right, straight angles and a circle a tour de 360°.

COMICS ARE NEVER OUT OF STYLE...

Fifth graders give Frankenstein a makeover

Students of **Grade 5** participated in an exciting English activity – Comic Strip making. The students were asked to make comic strips on Frankenstein's Monster changing the climax as per their imagination. The methodology and presentation was discussed in class to bring out the best of their creativity.

They used prewriting strategies to plan their work. They first decided how their characters are going to change and the moral and accordingly brainstormed their ideas to create a different climax.

They then began with making the comic strip frames, speech balloons, and characters in pencil. They were encouraged to take on the character's personality and voice, in which they actually excelled. This activity inculcated in them the skill of depicting a moral in a funny and pictorial way. It was a fun way of writing and even learning about the literary device '**Onomatopoeia**'. The students did a fantastic job with Frankenstein's Monster.



MEANINGFUL MORNING ASSEMBLIES BY STUDENTS OF GRADE 1 - 5

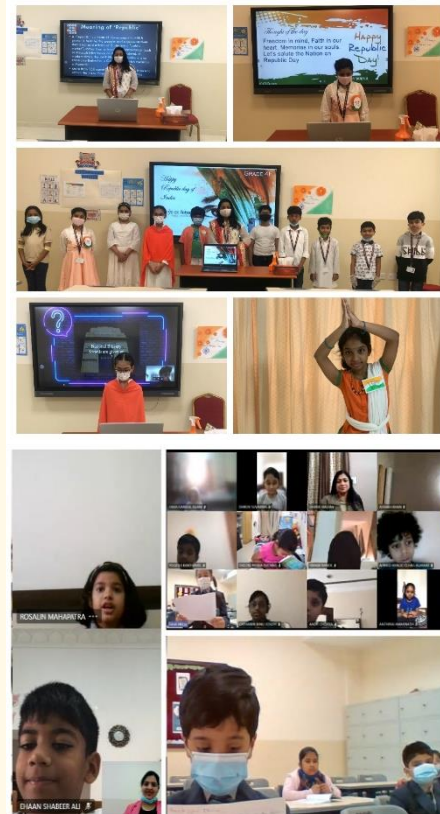
School Assemblies are extremely important for the school for two reasons: firstly, it is a day on which we celebrate our talents, individual and collective; secondly, it is an important occasion for the whole class to be together, to do things together, and to remember that we are an important and strong community. Primary wing conducts assemblies once every week on different topics to develop and inculcate an environment of team spirit and understanding beyond curriculum. A glimpse from a few assemblies conducted in the Primary wing on the topics:

Never Give Up
Taking on Challenges
Importance of Sports
Safety & First Aid
Short Term and Long Term Goals
Happiness Springs by Helping Others



FREEDOM IN THE MIND, FAITH IN THE WORDS, PRIDE IN OUR SOUL, LET'S SALUTE THE NATION ...

Keeping up the spirit of patriotism and pride for the nation, the students of **Grade 4 - 5** conducted a special assembly on 25th January 2021, dedicating Republic Day to our great leaders, the students along with their class teachers conducted the assembly with much enthusiasm. The assembly commenced by evoking **'The Almighty's blessings'** with the school prayer, followed by the thought for the day. Messages and speeches on the importance of being a republic nation was delivered wonderfully by the students in all the sections. A poem, dance and a puppet show on our leaders were performed by the students. Each Home Room Teacher appreciated the efforts of the students and conveyed their message on the occasion. Children were all excited when their Principal **Ms. Meenal Bakshi** visited each class assembly and wished the children a happy Republic Day. The assembly concluded by singing the School Song followed by the National Anthem. With hundred percent participation, every student got a chance to exhibit his/her talent through the assembly. The assembly proved that nothing can stop us. **'If there is a will, there is a way.'** The skit and the dance performance are a true example of collaboration, even when all the students are not physically together. The students keenly participated and showed their patriotism promising a strong team spirit.



WINNERS AT DR. A.P.J .ABDUL KALAM MEMORIAL ELOCUTION COMPETITION

Dr. A.P.J .Abdul Kalam Memorial Elocution Competition for Tamil Speaking Indian students was organized by QATAR TAMIZHAR SANGAM. **Kavya Darshini Rajkumar Prathiba**, Student of **Grade 5B** of DPS Monarch International School has won the second prize in the Sub Junior Category for students of **Grade 3-5**. The topic given was **'Education Leads to Growth'**. The budding talent was awarded with a certificate and a trophy for her remarkable achievement. **Sasmika Ramkumar Dhivya** student of **Grade 3D** secured the consolation position in the Sun Junior category. She was awarded with a certificate and a special gift. **Krish Gopalkrishnan** of **Grade 6 C** was also awarded a special gift in the Junior Category.

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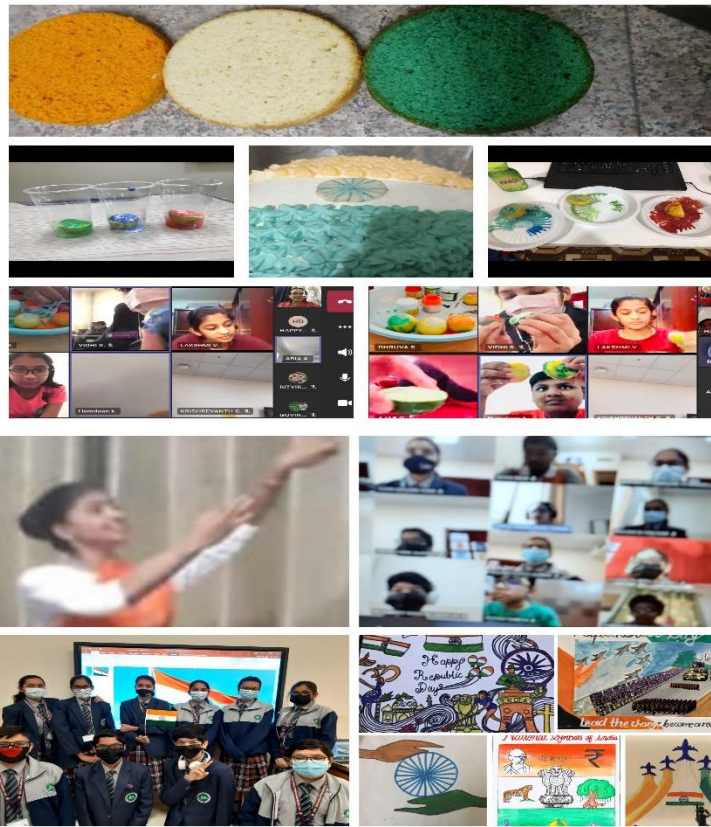
NEWS FROM SECONDARY WING

REPUBLIC DAY ACTIVITIES

Secondary wing of DPS Monarch International School celebrated the 72nd Republic day week which comprised various activities. Work Experience Clubs planned activities based on the theme '**Tricolor**'. Members of every club participated actively in this and had boisterous session. A Republic Day Class Assembly was conducted by the respective Homeroom Teachers to encourage the students to participate enthusiastically and sensitize them towards the love for our motherland. Various competitions apprising the students about the Republic day Parade, National Symbols of India, and penning down the India through their imagination were organized in the form of **Poster Making, Essay Writing** and **English Poetry Recitation**.

Warmest Congratulations to all the winners and best wishes ahead!

Results for these competitions are as given below:



Competition	Grade	First position	Second Position	Third Position
Poster Competition	VI	Hasika Pagidimarri	Shaurya Chavda	Rowel Mohammed
	VII	Lakshmi Shivani Eranki	Sreehari Vishnu Chingachamveed	Kirithik Raaj Dhanasekaran
	VIII	Azmi Fathima	Dhruvi Tiwari	-
Essay Writing Competition	VI	Tharun Shanmugaraja Meena	Mahathi Vimal	Bhavya Sharma
	VII	Dhwani Dalal	Ameey Kulkarni	Khushal Hemal Shah
English Poetry Recitation Competition	VI	Sanskriti Vikash Kumar	Arathi Subhash	Shreya Shijulal
	VII	Kush Sutaria	Kirithik Raaj Dhanasekaran	-

NOF (National Olympiad Foundation)

National Olympiad Foundation aims at cropping of academic talent and social entrepreneurship helping the talent to come out from the walls of classroom. NOF conducts one of its own GLOBAL talent search exam where the resources are utilized for children in need who are ignorant about education.

As a collaborated endeavor DPS Monarch International had more than 90 aspirants from **Secondary wing** participated for Mathematics, Science, English and French on January 25th and 27th. Around 250 students took the Maths and Science Olympiad from **Primary wing**.

SHASTRA PRATIBHA CONTEST (SPC)

SPC is an Educational program for popularizing science among school students of **Grade 6 to 9** conceptualized to identify the bright minds with a scientific aptitude among the Indian students studying in Qatar.

On 30th December, more than eleven students from DPS Monarch contested in this programme and have qualified to be one among the top 20 competing with all other Qatar Indian Schools securing I, II and III rank at school level.



YOUNG LEADERS IN ACTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Leadership is about having a vision and aim. Leaders are not born but through struggle, determination, will-power, and vision a person becomes a leader. Leadership is art without any boundaries and limits. The more you practice, the stronger leader you come out to be. DPS Monarch as a joint venture with Toastmasters international provided a supportive and positive learning experience for both Senior and Junior Student Council, in which members were empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth. A team of dynamic aspirants were selected to be the Executive committee members.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME – GRAND FINALE

The Toastmasters YLP was developed by Toastmasters International to help the young people develop their communication and leadership skills to become leaders in tomorrow's business, industry and community.



DPS MONARCH @ CBSE GULF SAHODAYA'S PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE

Our School Principal **Mrs Meenal Bakshi** participated in the 33rd online Principal Conference organized by the CBSE Gulf Sahodaya held on 30-31 January, 2021. Minister of Education, India, **Mr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** and **Dr. Kiran Bedi** were some of the eminent key note speakers among many luminaries from the education sector. The theme of the conference this year was 'Education during Covid and beyond'.



The goal is to tap into the talents and creativity of young people and help them to demonstrate these talents in speeches, conducting meetings and lead group discussions. As a joint venture, DPS Monarch International had its 'Grand Finale' of youth Leadership programme where both Junior and Senior Student Council participated, on 18th January 2021. It was a wonderful evening listening to scintillating speeches and motivating evaluations with the family members and friends cheering up for their kids.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Qatar National Sports Day (KG 1 to Grade 8)
- Friendship Day (KG 1 and 2)
- Dental Health Month - KG 1
- Rolling the Dice (Addition activity) - KG 2
- Bowling Game (Subtraction activity) - KG 2
- Practical Assessments – Grade 9
- Parent Teacher Meet (Grade 1 to 9)
- Final Term Examination - Grade 9
- Revision for final Term Examination (Grade 5 to 8)

