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National Sport Day



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A HEALTHY MIND DWELLS IN A STRONG BODY... SO, LET US PLAY SPORTS!

In Celebration of Qatar National Sports Day, tiny tots of Kindergarten were encouraged to participate and involve in various sports activities on 7th Feb and 8th Feb, 2021. The event was full of fun and entertainment. Events chosen for tiny tots were safe and easy to participate. Our Principal **Ms Meenal Bakshi** and Headmistress **Ms Jyoti Gupta**, joined the students for the fun activities. **Kindergarten 1** Sports Day provided ample opportunity to be active and healthy.

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The students of **Kindergarten 2** celebrated the same on 3rd and 4th of February. The Day aims to highlight the importance of values and health benefits, which is instilled in the young ones for a healthy future through many games and exercises. It was a relishing day for the tiny tots with the fun activities prepared by the Sports Department and spending a cheerful day with their friends and HRTs. They enjoyed the running race, zig zag runs, hopping, hurdle jumps and finally kicking the ball into the net with lot of giggles and merriment, conducted by respective HRTs.

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Qatar's National Sport Day is a national holiday held annually on the second Tuesday in February, with the main objective of promoting a healthy lifestyle nationwide. Qatar is one of the few countries to dedicate a day for sports, and Monarch has embraced this holiday through special physical activities and festive programming that combine the objectives of Sports Day with our commitment to educating our students on its importance.

On the 9th of February Monarchians from **Grade 1 to 5** held special assemblies on Qatar National Sports Day. Children presented speeches, songs and debates. It was amazing to see the enthusiasm among the students while they discussed about their favourite sports activity. It was an enlightening moment for all, when the students showed their passion for games. The students were urged to make exercise a daily habit to build a better physique and personality.



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CROSS COUNTRY RUN_SECONDARY SCHOOL

“For a youth, sporting and sprinting is the epitome of hard work and dedication”

With this golden thought in awareness DPS Monarch, to commemorate with the Qatar National Sports day celebration, organized **“A Monarch School Cross Country Run”** for the boys and Girls of **Grade 6 to 8** on First of February. The event was conducted abiding the social distancing rules.

Being outside on the fresh air offered an emotional boost to the vibrant youth of DPS Monarch. They gained a passion for running and treasured the pace on the track and some kids got really good at it, that’s cool too!

Hearty Congrats champions!

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Grade	Name of the Student	Position
Grade 6 - Boys	Mohammad Arham Aziz	First
	Muhammed Fazal Shaikh	Second
	Sidhanth Chande	Third
Grade 6 – Girls	Zaynah Tabrez	First
	Perna Dhumal	Second
	Zunairah Tajul Khan	Third
Grade 7 - Boys	Chris Binu Joseph	First
	Shreekanth Nadar	Second
	Havish Sai Sripada	Third
Grade 7 – Girls	Aditi Sinha	First
	Yara Shamsudheen	Second
	Nashwa Rahoof	Third
Grade 8 – Boys	Rishikesh Dennis	First
	Karun Jayakumar	Second
	Aayush Chande	Third
Grade 8 – Girls	Yukta Chavan	First
	Yashvi Celeste Kumar	Second
	Zaara Grace Prem	Third



FRIENDSHIP DAY

"A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart, and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words."

Friendship Day is celebrated every year to show the students, how to respect each other, be kind with each other and how to play together in harmony. Due to this pandemic, Kindergarteners didn't enjoy together physically in school with their friends but **'Happiness is also - meeting online with your friend squad'**. So for this years **'Friendship Day'**, a small chit-chat time was given to the tiny tots of **Kindergarten 1** to stay connected with their friends on 11th February 2021. Tiny tots prepared friendship flower mentioning the names of their friends. They watched video which made them to understand sharing, no hitting or no teasing and being respectful to each other which also helped them understand the value of friendship, trust and loyalty. This fun-filled virtual good time with their friends made their day extra special. Click here : <http://bit.ly/3aZ7L5a>



To have a best friend or to make friends is one of the best gifts one can ever have. True friendship is a positive relationship where one can share the happiness, sadness and most importantly helps yourself to be uniquely you. **Kindergarten 2** celebrated **Friendship Day** on 11th February 2021, where the values of true friendship were discussed and they learned to make friendship bands to gift their friends as a token of love and trust they share. Students enjoyed the activity immensely and happily returned home with their friendship band to gift their friends close to their heart.

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ROLLING THE DICE FUN WITH ADDITION

18th February 2021 was a delightful day for the **Kindergarten 2** students as they were excited to explore more about addition using a set of dice. They experienced the fun elements to practice Math using their favorite play object. The seasoned little ones, following the instructions given by the HRTs, rolled the set of dice, took down the numbers on their worksheet and added them to get their sum. Each time they rolled the dice, widened their eyes, eagerly waiting to see the number they acquire and very interestingly jotted it down to sum up and share with their friends and HRTs. Click here:

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HANDS-ON DENTAL HEALTH

"A healthy smile begins with a child"

February is Dental Health Month. Kindergarteners are just beginning to form healthy habits. The early years in a child's development are the best time for a child to learn about oral health and to develop a positive attitude about good dental habits. Tiny tots from **Kindergarten 1** were explained that healthy teeth give us happy smile. We explored Dental Health sorting activity on 18th February during the class that emphasized the importance of brushing teeth. Tiny tots learned about nutrition for teeth and classified that some foods are good for our teeth and other may harm our teeth. They also learned about the people in the community who help with dental care.

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SUBTRACTION WITH BOWLING GAME

Students learn a lot through games, which makes them curious to explore and keep them engaged in learning without even knowing they are actually learning which is always a win. This encourages them to stay active and find ways to solve their doubts more independently. In **Kindergarten 2**, on 28th February, the bowling game activity was conducted for the little ones to enable them to have a better understanding of Subtraction, where the paper cups were arranged in the form of pyramids, and the students counted the total number of cups and bowled down few cups with a ball, which made it more interesting for them, and then they counted the left over balls and learned that Subtraction is to find out what is 'left.'

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PRIMARY SCHOOL : CULTIVATING JOY AND WONDER

MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Where we listen, share and aspire..

DPS-Monarch believes that the students should become global citizens while retaining their community values. Keeping this in mind, each week a different theme is selected and along with that all the important international days and festivals are celebrated in the school through special assemblies. The essence of these themes are portrayed through **dance, music, mime, role play, and audio visual presentations.**

Primary wing conducts assemblies every week on different topics to develop and inculcate an environment of team spirit and understanding beyond curriculum.

Weekly morning assembly topics concluded in the month of February were:

- ✚ **Inventions and Discoveries by Children**
- ✚ **Hobbies**
- ✚ **A sound mind in a sound body**



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH! SO DRAMATIC...

Lights! Dialogue! Action!

Theatre, is a great way of establishing deep connections with the students that you cannot do behind a desk or in a classroom. In Theatre, students take risks and gain confidence in their ideas and abilities, making them more than what they believed they could be. Previously, Drama used to take the side-lines of a curriculum and today, globally, Drama is being recognized and the **'heart and soul'** of education. Across the globe, classrooms adopt theatrical methodology into their teaching skills, from elementary, all the way up to high school. Through theatrical performances, students learn to work collaboratively as a team, develop a sustained focus of their mind, body, voice. They learn to trust through social interaction with others, trust in themselves, others and in the process and journey of the production.

Whether it was a scene of bursting humour or an emotion-filled, heart-touching dialogue, these actors really put their heart, soul and of course, loud voices into this performance!



A humorous and thought-provoking adaptation of **The Pied Piper of Hamelin**, was put on by the talented students of **Grade 5**. Whether it was a scene of bursting humour or an emotion-filled, heart-touching dialogue, these actors put their heart, soul, and of course, loud voices into this performance! The play was directed by our very own, much-admired, junior student editor **Shradha Manoj**, the cast included **Sandra Santhoshkumar, Christiya Reejo, Samadrita Basu, Arsh Arora and Zafir Sabir Shaikh**. A marvellously assembled plot that touched every aspect of keeping a promise.

Grade 4 : While **Grade 5** stressed on the importance of keeping one's word **Grade 4** went for the thought '**kindness is always returned ten fold**'. Students play acted the story '**Androcles and the Lion**' by the famous Greek storyteller Aesop.

Grade 3 : *We follow the steps of our seniors...*

Our little big actors of **Grade 3** performed '**The Happy Prince**'. They participated with great zeal and zest adorning costumes and props bringing life to the characters **The Prince and the Swallow**.

All the world is a stage but our children are well rehearsed.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

'The Flag Green Project'

At DPS-Monarch, we teach our students to be environmental and cultural advocates, so they can be active collaborators towards positive change. Through relevant exposure, they develop a sense of respect for the environment, both in terms of understanding individual and collective impacts, and as agents of change toward a healthier and more sustainable planet. Developing practical knowledge, especially with children, will keep the future in capable and well-informed hands. Keeping this in mind a series of activities were in place for **Grade 1 to 5**.

Grade 1 students acquired knowledge on various parts of the plants by dressing up as leaves, flowers and fruits. Experiments were conducted in Environment studies session to make children understand how leaves help plants to breathe. They learnt germination of seeds by practically undergoing through the whole process which helped them master the art of taking good care of plants. What is flora without fauna? Animals kingdom was explored by the tiny tots as they made different types of animal masks. This project brought up their creative skills thus providing more knowledge of wild and domestic animals around us.

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This month, we had our **Grade 4** focusing around the theme, "**the three R's.**" All students from **Grade 4** worked on issues or problems they felt were important in reducing pollution. Reducing waste recycling and reusing were the best ways to ensure a planet to share with the future generations. Children came up with many innovative ideas and projects using waste plastic cups, wooden sticks, plastic bottles, woollen thread, colour paper, dried leaves, tissue boxes etc. The children reflected that through research they were able to see how our direct or indirect actions affect the environment

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OUR WORLD AND BEYOND

Grade 3 students performed an activity in EVS period to know the location by using a grid map. Students were able to identify and plot the locations. They enjoyed finding the locations of their own. Students were introduced to the concept of grid.

Grade 2 children did a very interesting activity on solar system and what affects day and night. Children were very excited to learn about space, the milky way, the universe, atmosphere and what causes day and night. They were delighted to draw and talk about the solar. Children made beautiful solar system through their imagination including their size, description and other details.

They also learned about day and night, season and the changes happen during the seasons also depicting in their pictures.



MATH-E-MAGIC

As young learners, it is important for our students to think about how rules and formulas are formed through first-hand experience. Math is all practical and results can be seen and our students did the math and solved the mystery and saw why what they learn is so. Our **Grade 1** didn't let measurements weighing on them. Measurement concepts were explained in maths wherein students made a weighing balance using a hanger, cotton thread and plastic plates. This classroom activity enhanced their understanding of heavier and lighter items. It provided them insight about how things are measured practically.

"Currencies Around the World" hands-on activity was a great opportunity to talk about currency exchange rate and demystifying the Math that goes into it. The **Grade 3** had a great time pasting pictures of Flags of different countries, noting down the names of the countries by identifying the flags. They also wrote the currency names and symbols of those countries in accordance. Dynamic discussions between students and teachers took place after each presentation, instigating young learners to apply their knowledge in a convincing and creative manner.



THE INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

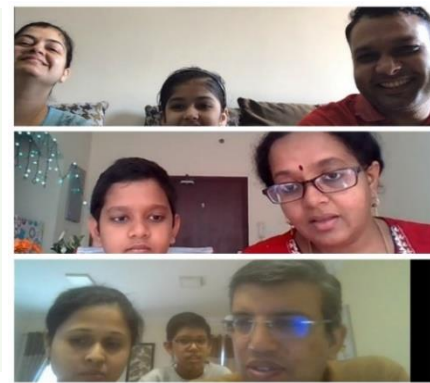
Monarchians celebrate The **Indian National Science Day** to honour the great Indian physicist **Dr. C.V Raman** through an array of different scientific activities on 28 February, 2021. **Grade 4 and 5** involved themselves in a documentary titled **"The International Space Station and How it works?"** followed by an interactive session with their Science teachers. This invoked a feeling of curiosity and love towards Science and Technology. Our noble laureates in the making from **Grade 2 and 3** were busy with their exploration and creativity. They visited the science lab, whizzed their brains, used their imagination mixed up everything and created a poster. It had the little brains whirring and little hands drawing and the little minds bustling. A day well spent. Just as energy being gained from light by molecules each student of **Grade 1** imbibed a certain urge and enthusiasm as they watched **Sunita Williams** giving tour of orbital laboratory. Children start to dream at this age and it is our duty to give them wings of fire. Let those dreams be a guiding beacon towards success. As **Dr.A P J Abdul Kalam** said **"Dream is not something that you see while sleeping. It is something that does not let you sleep"**. The students of the primary wing were also taken to the science lab where they got information about basic laboratory apparatus and models.

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PARENT TEACHER MEETING

Monarch parents are key members of the DPS-Monarch family and community. Sharing the perspectives and views of parents allows the teachers and school administration to receive consistent feedback and ideas. Keeping this in mind the Parent teacher meeting for the second term was held on the 13th February for **Grades 1 to 8**. Virtual PTM was 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.



The teachers shared their feedback about the students based on their overall performance and areas where they have to focus before the term end exams. As our Principal **Ms. Meenal Bakshi** says "One of the greatest gifts that parents can give their children is education. You have given your children the gift of Monarch. We are a school that has much strength because we encourage and develop a sense of belonging and a sense of family were their wings are not clipped to stereotype rather nurtured to fly high. It is their preparation for the future and the key to success."

BUILDING CAPACITY

INTERACTION WITH CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATION, CBSE

Ms Madhu Uppal and **Ms Jyoti Gupta**, Headmistresses of DPS Monarch International School, Doha attended an online Interaction with **Dr Sanyam Bharadwaj**, Controller of Examination, CBSE, New Delhi, organized by CEIR Global for the Gulf CBSE schools on 27th February, 2021. The webinar focused on forthcoming **Grade 10 and 12** Board examinations. The session was very insightful and lot of clarity regarding how to conduct examination in the school as well as CBSE initiatives for conduction of examination during pandemic were discussed. Regarding practical examination and internal assessments, a lot of flexibility will be offered to schools by CBSE which was much appreciated by educators all over the gulf.

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INDIA TOY VIRTUAL FAIR 2021

#Be Vocal for the Local Toys

To instill this important thought in the young and budding minds of our young learners from **KG 1 to Grade 9**, the students participated whole heartedly in an endeavor by the Government of India titled '**India Toy Fair 2021**' starting from 27th February 2021 to 2nd March 2021, on a virtual platform. The fair was inaugurated on a virtual platform by Honorable Prime Minister of India, **Mr. Narendra Modi**. Toy clusters from various states joined him for the inauguration showcasing their creativity and uniqueness. A variety of handmade toys, toys illustrating the current pandemic situation and precautions to be taken for the same, caught special attention of our young learners.

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PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA WITH HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER

The Government of India has launched 'Pariksha pe Charcha' - an initiative for the students of **Grade 9 to 12**, Parents and Teachers. Following this, they have organized several competitions from February 18th to March 14th, 2021. Selection of 2000 participants (including students, parents and teachers) for the PPC interaction program with Hon'ble PM will be done through this contest. Many students, parents and teachers from secondary section have given their consent to participate in this programme.



WEBINAR ON 'STANDARD-SETTING AND ACCREDITATION FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION'

Ms Jyoti Gupta, Headmistress (KG & Primary) attended an interactive webinar on 'Standard-setting and Accreditation for School Education' by **Mr. Anil Swarup, Retd. IAS, former Secretary, Education.**

The session highlighted on the following key points:

- What are the guidelines given by NEP for Standard-setting and Accreditation for School Education?
- How can schools become centers of excellence with fair, transparent, and trustworthy policies for all stakeholders?
- How can we build a happy, just, and compassionate society through Schools?

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CONGRATULATIONS!!! NOF SCHOOL TOPPERS

National Olympiad Foundation constitutes docking 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. Headquartered in Indore, NOF has fetched students from all over the globe bringing them on a common platform. A uniform platform, distinguishing students based on subject, perception and age. The monarchists of DPS Monarch, Doha, Qatar participated and brought colourful feathers to our school's crown.

NOF JUNIOR

TOPPERS 20-21 (DPS Monarch International School, Qatar)

Syeda Aminah	Grade 1 TOPPER
Saatvika Uralath	Grade 2 TOPPER
Evan Kuriakose	Grade 3 TOPPER
Bhadra Nithin	Grade 4 TOPPER
Shaurya Viraj Singh	Grade 5 TOPPER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Online Graduation Day – KG 2
- ❖ Parent Orientation for the new academic session – 2021-22 (KG1 to Grade X)
- ❖ PIRLS Assessment for Grade IV B
- ❖ Term II Examination (Grade V to VIII)
- ❖ Unit Test 4 – Grade 1 to IV
- ❖ Grade X new academic session starts on March 14, 2021



NOF NATIONAL OLYMPIAD FOUNDATION

TOPPERS 20-21 (DPS Monarch International School, Qatar)

Yugandhara Bhupendra Chavan	Grade 6 TOPPER
Sadia Yassmin	Grade 7 TOPPER
Karun Jayakumar	Grade 8 TOPPER
Sarang Puthanpurayil Sathees	Grade 9 TOPPER

