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EDUCATION WITH A DIFFERENCE

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CISCO ACADEMY COLLABORATION WITH DPS MONARCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The Cisco Academy Membership with DPS Monarch International School was a proud moment for the school. It is a milestone in its achievements. As DPS Monarch is the first school in Qatar to come with a membership agreement to incorporate the customized topics from Cisco to all the students from the early years to secondary school. This collaboration gives students an opportunity to learn and earn Information Technology industry certification, while having an advanced knowledge and hands on real world experience. The event was presided by **Mr Mohamad Al Hashimi**, CTO for Qatar.



The event was graced with the presence of the school president **Mr. Hassan Chougule**, Vice-president **Mr. Yasir Nainar**, IT director, **Mr. Sreedharan Kuniramath**, Principal **Ms. Meenal Bakshi**, and other EC members of the School. The day is a memorable day in DPS Monarch's journey towards developing a more technology integrated education for the students of the school.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK 'REFLECTIONS 2020-2021' RELEASED...

DPS-Monarch International School released the Yearbook 2020-2021 edition titled '**A year like no other**' at the Primary Annual Day Function on Saturday, November 28. Chief guest of the event **Shri Sachin Dinkar Shankpal**, First Secretary Embassy of India and Guest of Honour **Ms. Priyanka Bajaj Sibal**, Mrs India Queen of Substance officially released the Yearbook '**Reflections 2020-2021**' in the presence of the school management, staff and students.



Shri Sachin Dinkar Shankpal received the first copy of the Yearbook. **Mr. Shankpal** appreciated the students and teachers for their incessant hard work during the pandemic '**a year like no other**'.



A DAY THAT UNITES PEOPLE': DPS-MONARCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING DAY

"Be present in all things, and thankful for all things."- Maya Angelou

DPS Monarch International School organised a beautiful Thanksgiving Ceremony on 25th November 2021 with the aim of teaching children the value of gratitude. Children are never too young to learn the value of everything they have in life and for being thankful for it. The support staff of an organisation is its integral part and showing gratitude to them was felt very appropriately on Thanksgiving Day. Almost 175 staff members were felicitated by Principal, **Ms Meenal Bakshi**. **"It's just a wonderful day to celebrate the community, to celebrate who we are and what we're together. We are also grateful to the parents for being a part of this thanksgiving ceremony for our beloved support staff recognising their continuous arduous work and support."** said Principal **Ms. Meenal Bakshi**. Students at our school expressed their heart felt affection and gratitude towards them by organising for food and other presents to commemorate the event. These were collected and presented to the support staff during the ceremony as a token of love.

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CHILDREN'S DAY WITH UNLIMITED FUN!



"There is no garden as beautiful as childhood"

14th November marks the **"Children's Day"**, the most treasured day of our school, celebrating our children in campus after the long wait of the pandemic, was filled with lots of excitement and fun. The celebrations started with the class assemblies where the HRTS explained the soul significance of the day proceeded by the children's speeches, songs, and presentations. Our Principal, KG and Primary Headmistress and Academic Coordinators joined the students in the celebration sharing warm wishes on the day. Post the assembly the students enjoyed various games with their HRTs. Later, the children experienced a power packed performance specially arranged by the primary teachers. Teachers gave various performances for the students to exhibit the love and appreciation for their dear students. The whole of Kindergarten and Primary was buzzing with joy and excitement seeing their teachers performing for them.



To highlight the importance of the day, HRTs spoke about **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru** in their respective classes. The students also had fun during their movie time and played various games in their classes. The day ended with distribution of chocolates and a gift as a token of love and wonderful memories lingering in everybody's mind.

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“Children are the future so nurture them right. In the end, they are the one who’s going to bring change to the world and make it a better place.”

The **Children’s Day** is dedicated to commemorating the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Secondary section of DPS Monarch International School, organized and performed various cultural events for the students. The celebration started with the earnest welcome of the Principal, **Ms. Meenal Bakshi** and Headmistress **Ms. Madhu Uppal**. In her address, the Principal wished students for the best hope for a bright future. The Headmistress addressed the gathering and wished them all the very best in the long run of their life. Following this the Academic Coordinator, **Mr. Sujith Kumar** shared his wishes which was followed by the glad tidings of all the teachers. The teachers of the Senior Section performed a vibrant dance and a euphonious song, which echoed the hall with the applause of the students. Head of Arabic Department, **Mr. Nasrulla** recited the solemn prayer. **Ms. Radhika Pradeep** – Faculty of Social Science gave away the updates of happenings in the school and announced the House Standings. Head of ICT – **Ms. Indira Dev Roy** hosted the program which came to a closure with the closing remarks of the Activity Coordinator **Ms. Shweta Koshti**. Students were given sweets and takeaways as a memory of the day.



KERALAPPIRAVI CELEBRATION

The 65th Keralappiravi Day was celebrated in DPS Monarch International School by the Malayalam Department on 1st November 2021. The program was graced by Principal - **Ms. Meenal Bakshi**, Middle and Secondary school Headmistress – **Ms. Madhu Uppal** and Coordinators. The celebration paved the way to remember and honor the culture of Kerala and Malayalam Language. Cultural fiesta displayed in the school premises was evident through a beautiful Pookalam laid down by our students. There was a traditional folk song of Kerala performed by the Choir. Various competitions including quiz on facts about Kerala, poster making competition, and Malayalam Calligraphy etc. were conducted by the Malayalam Department. Results of the same are given below:

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QATAR NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



The slogan for Qatar National Day 2021 is **"ANCESTRAL MEADOWS: A MATTER OF TRUST"**. This year's slogan is based on the poetry of the founder of Qatar, **Sheikh Jassim bin Mohammed bin Thani**, may Allah rest his soul. The verses of the poem illustrate:

*"Oh, how many caravans have passed by,
Leaving behind vestiges of the fluctuations of the times,
Abodes our sights are accustomed to as the seasons slip by,
Our meadows ornamented with herbs."*



QND 2021 slogan represents the strong relationship of the people of Qatar to their environment since time immemorial, in it, they grew up and were affected by its characteristics, so they coexisted with its nature, sea and land, in all its seasons, and they probed it until it formed an important and influential part in strengthening their identity.

Principal **Ms. Meenal Bakshi** said **"the slogan calls on all of us to consider our environment as a core issue in our world's sustenance because environmental balance is the need of the hour"**.





In the build-up to Qatar National Day 2021 on 18th December DPS-Monarch celebrated our love for Qatar with several special activities including assemblies, Model Souqs, Qatari Food, class events and Plantation drive. Our students had many opportunities to find out more about Qatar and the country's vision for a sustainable future. The class assemblies commenced with the Arabic Prayer, followed by the thought for the day and the news headlines. The students had put up mesmerizing dance performances and mind blowing songs.

Little ones dressed in Qatari costumes with accessories added beauty to the event. It was a pleasant morning on the campus of DPS Monarch International School, which was fully decorated with colours of Qatar flag. The assembly culminated with the rendition of the School song and Qatar National Anthem. The Qatar National Day assemblies were fantastic celebrations of the Qatari culture and traditions. Our talented tiny tots performed their roles with poise and great dignity. The celebration of Qatar National Day was held in a mesmerizing way in the campus. It was undoubtedly a result of the immense efforts put together by students and their teachers. The students created magnificent paintings on their favourite places in Qatar. Young Monarchians enthusiastically portrayed the National Symbols of Qatar. Children enjoyed the day while getting acquainted with the culture and heritage of the Qatar and their hearts filled with love and respect towards the country.

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TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

Like every year DPS Monarch International School celebrated the national day with the flagship initiative as **'EACH ONE SOW ONE'**. Each one, sow one, is an initiative in accordance with the Qatar National Vision 2030 wherein the government of Qatar intends to grow 1 million trees by the end of this decade. Trees provide us with many benefits necessary for survival, including clean air, access to clear water, shade, food, a hope and insight, and courage to persevere and teach us to stay rooted while soaring to great heights. Driven by the enterprise of this vision, DPS Monarch international school gestured to plant a thousand trees triggering a Green Revolt in the desert.

The Tree Plantation Ceremony was adorned by the presence of **Mr. P. N. Babu Rajan** an eminent community leader and President of the Indian Cultural Centre as the Chief Guest for the Day, the school directors School directors **Mr. Rocky Fernandes** and **Mr. Harish Kanjani**, Principal **Ms. Meenal Bakshi**, Secondary headmistress **Ms. Madhu Uppal** and Acting Head of KG & Primary **Mr. Sujith Kumar**. The ceremony was led by **Ms. Saachi Dhadwal**, the Secondary School Head Girl.

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The Principal Madam welcomed the gathering, introduced the chief guest and felicitated the chief guest with a memento. The chief guest delivered a special address and appreciated the initiative. Following this the students planted more than thousand saplings in the campus. We express our gratitude to the parents who supported their wards by sending Plant Saplings for this this venture.





KINDERGARTEN MONARCH FITNESS FIESTA



Yet another set of joyful days to treasure for our young Monarchians. DPS-Monarch International School Kindergarten section celebrated their Annual Sports day, Monarch Fitness Fiesta 2021 on the 13th and 14th of December. The event kicked off with the welcome speech followed by the prayer. Our adorable little speakers welcomed our Chief Guest **Mr. Ahmad Hassan Mussa** and Guest of Honor **Mr. Rocky Fernandes** and were much privileged to be addressed by them. Our Principal felicitated our honorable guests and addressed the event. The day was spectacular with the opening ceremonies of flag hoisting, balloon releasing and the torch lighting followed by the mass display of our **KG2** students. Furthermore, our little ones enjoyed the day with relay and balloon races that filled the day with lots of giggles and laughter.

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FARMER'S DAY; A TRIBUTE TO OUR FARMER'S

Kindergarten celebrated **Farmer's Day** on Dec 1st, 2021, to connect our budding citizens of tomorrow to the toiling food providers of the world. They were familiarized with the hardships of a farmer and the process of cultivating and harvesting food for us. Teachers explained the concept to students with the help of PPT. They also organized the plantation drive at school, where the little ones were dressed up as farmers. Apart from this, some stalls were also arranged to make them understand fruits, vegetables, grains, sowed seeds of different vegetables and medicinal plants whilst encouraging them to surge their interest in farming. Teachers of kindergarten assembled a model farmhouse to give their students a hands on experience of the farm. Teaching children about agriculture not only helps them understand that food doesn't magically appear on grocery store shelves but also strengthen their overall development and ultimately the development of our community.

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HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT WITH INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

The little ones in **KG2** learnt about the plants and trees with Art integrated activities in the EVS period, made it more fun for our students. They drew a colourful plant and said the parts aloud confidently. Being the part of Qatar, our students of **KG2** were familiarized to various places of importance in the country and the national symbols. They drew the National Flag demonstrating their skills in Art, again integrated with Qatar History. They did the hopscotch game for the Directed Play, again Math integrated with games, made them more thorough with their numerical skills and improving their gross motor and balancing skills. 'Passing the Ball' was also introduced, integrated with rhymes, fostering singing and listening skills, enhancing hand-eye coordination and cognitive development.



SHOW AND TELL

Descriptive skills are bound to have a definite place in the early years of a child's life. To cater our students with a learning environment according to their needs and abilities, being the prime motive and to upskill the concept of vegetables, the **SHOW AND TELL ACTIVITY** was conducted in **KG2**. Students participated bringing different vegetables and describing them, their nutritional values and importance in the diet. The activity also served to bring in awareness of the health benefits and encouraged them to try vegetables in their portion plate. The day facilitated them to foster confidence in public speaking, linguistic and descriptive skills making it an interesting event, providing fun and comfortable learning arena for all.



KINDERGARTNERS BRING ACCOLADES HOME

We, at DPS Monarch International School, encourage our little ones to explore their true potential by awakening their passions and cultivating their talents. No doubt, they would be more self-assured in this global world of expanding opportunities, but to blossom into peak performers we create the stepping stone by encouraging them to participate in interschool competition. At a recent one such platform, our little Monarchians of **KG1 & KG2** bagged many laurels in various categories organized by Birla Public School, which was held virtually on 13th of November.

We would like to take this opportunity and proudly announce the winners:

Apparel – KG1

1. Anaika Vishal Jambhulkar- second prize
2. Amaya Anoop – KG1 – Consolation prize

Story Telling – KG2

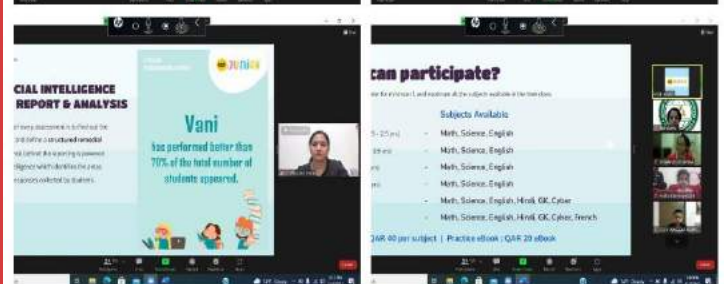
1. Zunairah Iqbal – Consolation prize

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NOF JUNIOR ORIENTATION

An orientation for the NOF JUNIOR, the only Animation based International Olympiad, was organized for the parents of our **KG2** students on 7.12.2021, foreseeing the caliber of our budding geniuses of **KG2**, which would be a stepping stone for the young minds to get prepped in this competent world of wide opportunities as the objective of the assessment is to find out the learning gaps and define a structured remedial plan. **Mr. Sandesh Vyas**, the program specialist of NOF, explicated the process of the online test, the benefits for our students, the subjects offered and the method of artificial intelligence-based report and analysis which helped the parents to have a better understanding of the measures involved. **Ms. Bhuvana Suraj**, the **KG2** Academic Coordinator, thanked **Mr. Sandesh Vyas** and the parents who took time out to participate in the orientation.

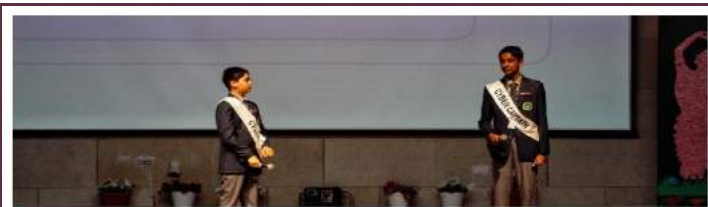




PRIMARY WING

CHEERFULNESS AND EXCITEMENT MARKS DPS-MONARCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ON CAMPUS PRIMARY ANNUAL DAY

DPS-Monarch International School Doha Primary Wing celebrated the very first annual day on November 27, 2021, with great zeal and enthusiasm. The very first annual day of the Primary Wing was well adapted to the present situation as an offline and online programme keeping in line with the COVID protocols. The evening began with the Masters of Ceremony officially welcoming the guests of the day. **Shri Sachin Dinkar Shankpal**, First Secretary (Culture & Education) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and **Priyanka Bajaj Sibal**, Mrs India 2021 Queen of Substance was the Guest of Honour. The dignitaries gracing the function included **Hassan Chougule**, President of DPS-Monarch and DPS-MIS schools, **Yasir Nainar**, Vice-President, school Executive Council members **George Thomas**, **Harish Kanjani**, **Rocky Fernandes**, **Gopi Vardhan**, and **Sreedharan Kunniramath**, **Asna Nafees**, Principal, DPS-Modern Indian School, **Bimalendu Nath**, Principal, Milestone International Education - Savitribai Phule Pune University, **Dinesh Bakshi** Head of Administration, Milestone International Education - Savitribai Phule Pune University, Principal, **Meenal Bakshi**, DPS-Monarch International School, Headmistress of Kindergarten and Primary Wing, **Jyoti Gupta** and Headmistress of Secondary wing, **Madhu Uppal**.



Parents, students, and teachers virtually attended the function. The event was streamed live on the school Facebook page and YouTube channel. The delightful evening began with evoking the blessings of Almighty reciting verses from Holy Quran and translation in English. Principal, **Meenal Bakshi**, addressed the gathering and expressed her gratitude to the management and the entire DPS family. Principal took this opportunity to give a glimpse of the Primary Years Programme covering the students curricular and cocurricular activities at DPS-Monarch Primary Wing.

This followed the annual day theme play **'Hansel and Gretel'** as a tribute to our community. The curtains unfolded the much awaited first production from DPS Monarch primary wing **"Hansel and Gretel"**, a mystical tale of bonding and belief. Tucked amongst the fantastical characters and magical worlds and profound truths **Hansel and Gretel** story enactment by the children of primary wing left the audience captivated. The interwoven vivacious dances with the fairy tale theme and mellifluous songs mesmerized the august gathering. The attractive props, audio - video effects, was a treat to the eyes and ears. The vibrant colours of spirit and happiness have touched hearts.



Music is the strongest form of magic and to add charm to the day, the school choir performed a melodious song. The whole auditorium was resplendent with its ambience and to add charisma to the breathtaking dynamite journey culminated with a spectacular grand finale dance by the characters of **Hansel and Gretel**. The one and half hour of fairy tale realm kept the guests spellbound. The choreography, editing, stage and costumes amazed its viewers, bringing to life the Grimm's Fairy Tale. The play took the audience through a journey of laughter, excitement and awe culminating on a message of hope, perseverance, friendship, and resilience. A tale of survival. Chief Guest **Sachin Dinkar Shankpal** released the school Yearbook, **'Reflections 2020-21'**. **Sachin Dinkar Shankpal** praised the outstanding initiatives of the school towards the holistic development of its students. **Priyanka Bajaj Sibal** Guest of Honour for the evening highlighted the importance of perseverance and hard work. **Mr. Hassan Chougule**, President of the school cherished and appreciated the students and their parents for their support and cooperation. In her Vote of thanks **Ms. Jyoti Gupta**, Headmistress of Kindergarten and Primary expressed her gratefulness to the Government of Qatar and the school management for their unceasing support. She lauded stakeholders for their efforts and resilience shown to carry forward the scholastic and co-scholastic programmes without interruption during these testing times caused by the pandemic. She thanked the entire staff and student fraternity for the well organised flow of events witnessing a participation of 200 students.



The wonderful evening concluded with the rendition of the National Anthems of Qatar and India by the school choir.

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CULTURAL DRESS DAY

Wearing centuries worth of traditions!

Cultural clothing symbolizes identity and harmony. It is the dress which our ancestors have been wearing for a long time in history. Our cultural dresses show a lot of importance to the diversity and customs followed. To commemorate the Arabs national attire and to reflect on those memorable events from the history **Grade 1** of DPS Monarch International celebrated "**Cultural Dress Day**". The children were seen dressed in various Arabic dresses like thobe, jalabiya etc belonging to various regions like Qatar, Saudi etc. The little ones were seen fascinated with the Arabic Clothing. Special mention to all the parents who took efforts to prepare headgears and jewellery. The entire section of **Grade 1** was lit up with their cuteness.



MY FIRST AID KIT

To reinforce the promptness during an emergency or an injury an activity was conducted in **Grade 1** called as "**My First Aid Kit**" this activity helped the little minds of **Grade 1** to understand the term "**First Aid**", the items included in the kit, their uses and the way in which those items are used. The teacher facilitated the session by presenting the first aid kit present in the school, she then explained uses of each item present in the box. The kids were then given an opportunity to talk and present their first aid kit. The children were seen very enthusiastic while the whole activity. This activity broadened their knowledge on the same. The Primary and Kindergarten Head Mistress **Ms. Jyoti Gupta** appreciated the efforts taken by the tiny tots to raise awareness on the same.

NOT ALL SUPERHEROES WEAR CAPES...

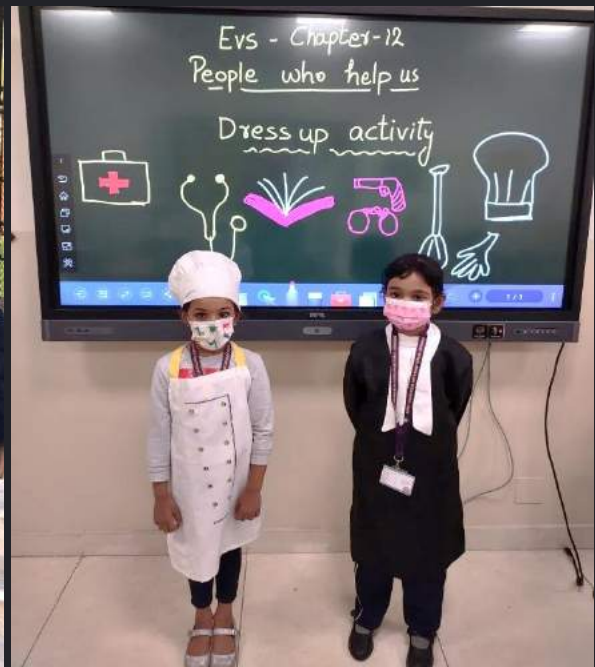
THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY HELPERS

"To become a better you, remember to be grateful to people who have contributed to making you who you are today."



The ultimate success in community leadership will only be achieved if it stimulates participation by others who are also to be seen in their own way leaders and not merely helpers. Community Helpers are an essential part of the society.

Grade 1 learnt about community helpers through a Dress up activity. Our aim through this activity was to create awareness about the role of helpers in our day-to-day life and their importance in helping shape our community. The tiny tots enacted various community helpers and spoke about the services provided by them to make our life easier. The **Grade 1** section was seen filled with cute doctors, adorable teachers, smart soldiers and many more. Their colourful costumes and wonderful speeches acted like a silver lining to the learning outcome. **Grade 1** Coordinator **Ms Soniya Kakkar** was full of praises for the efforts taken by the children and the parents. The teachers emphasized on the importance of being thankful to these helpers in our society and reiterated that when any opportunity arises the children should convey their gratitude to these helpers. The activity was a package of wonderful memories, cuteness and awareness. Community Helpers make life easy for the people. To teach the importance of community helpers we at **Grade 2** conducted a role play which was lead by our little stars. They shined through this role play and we wear able to bring out the actors in them. We also made a thankyou card for the helping staff at school. The staff and the children were very happy with this activity. Through this activity we were able to imbibe the importance of community helpers in the children. Also it was encouraged and appreciated by our headmistress ma'am which gave an extra boost to the children to participate in the activities conducted in school.

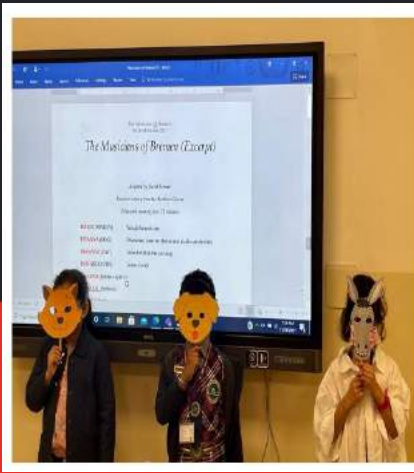
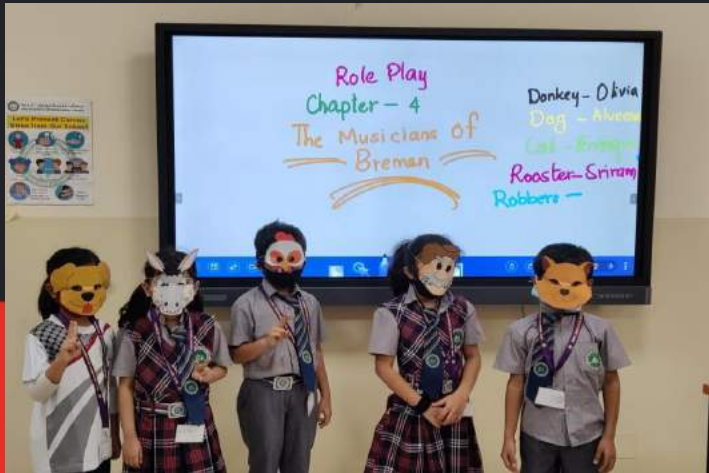


ROLE PLAY – THE MUSICIAN OF BREMEN

“The essence of Role Playing is that it is a group, co-operative experience.”

Role play can help kids learn and grow in number of ways. It’s a fantastic activity for teaching the little ones more about the outside world and prepare them for the experiences they may face in future. Role play helps the child fuel his imagination skills also make them more empathetic towards the characters present in the play. Teachers from **Grade 1** used this teaching technique to make their lessons come to life and resonate with children.

The Musician of Bremen a popular German Fairytale the story tells us about the aging domestic animals, who after a lifetime of hard work were abandoned by their masters, they then move to become the town musicians in the city of Bremen. The tiny tots of **Grade 1** enthusiastically enacted the domestic animals using face masks as their props. The session was thoroughly enjoyed as the little ones added their own cuteness and innocence to the characters and dialogues.



“CAN WE HAVE SOME BUTTER FOR THE ROYAL SLICE OF BREAD?” ...

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. Students of grade 4 play acted the poem ‘The King’s Breakfast’ with great enthusiasm.



DAYS OF THE OLYMPIADS ARE HERE...

It's a matter of pride for **Grade 1 to 5** students to actively participate in the Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) Exams 2021 in our school premises. It's a Nationally/Internationally acclaimed level of exams, fostering academic competition and assisting development of competitive spirit among the students. It aims at promoting scientific attitude and temperament through innovative activities and use of IT in learning process that involve school students across the globe in Science, Mathematics, Computer Education, English, Social Studies and General Knowledge. International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO) and International English Olympiad (IEO) has been successfully conducted.



The qualifiers of this level of exam will go to the 2nd level. The winners will be awarded with GOLD/SILVER Medals and Certificates. The recognition of merit at an early age is bound to infuse a certain sense of achievement that encourages them to do even better as they advance in age.



MY CHANGING BODY: AN INFORMATION SESSION ON PUBERTY

Puberty brings lots of changes in a child. The child is transitioning to an adult, and they may feel uncertain about the changes. On the occasion of International Children's Day on 21st November 2021 the school organized a session on Puberty for both girls and boys (Separately). The resource persons were **Dr. Joseph Johnson** Pediatrician for boys and school counsellor **Ms. Thamarai** for girls. The session was tailored for the age group of 9 to 13 to give them a better understanding of the physical, emotional, social and cognitive changes that occur in children during puberty. The session gave the students an opportunity to let go off their inhibitions and anxieties and a an open floor to clear their doubts.

FUN WITH SCIENCE

I HEAR AND I FORGET. I SEE AND I REMEMBER. I DO AND I UNDERSTAND.

Participating in back-to-school science activities and experiments is an excellent way for students to learn how to collaborate with others while building their observational, problem solving, and critical thinking skills. These traits are vital for success in the science classroom and beyond. Experiment is a learning experience, even when it doesn't go as planned.

Grade 4 students understood the difference between soluble & insoluble substances by conducting a minor experiment in the class. They added coffee & sand in the water to realize the difference between solvent & soluble. They enjoyed making the solution with coffee & sand. Students of **Grade 5** performed three different methods of removal of insoluble impurities from water i.e filtration, sedimentation and decantation and explained the process for their classmates.



DEKHO APNA DESH - EMBASSY QUIZ

Quiz competitions are always interesting and informative, which provide excitement among students. As part of Children's Day celebrations on 14 November, ICC organized a "Quiz for diaspora children" on the theme of "Dekho Apna Desh". The main objective of the event was to make them aware of our nation 'India'. The quiz includes interesting questions related to Indian historical figures and independent India. The quiz was conducted on Thursday, 18th November 2021 during the first 2 periods. There were 46 questions with four options and teachers in charge showed the questions on the interactive panel.



The students of **Grade 1 to 5** enthusiastically participated and showcased their brilliance by rapidly answering the questions. Though some of the questions were very tricky, the students tried to answer them with confidence. They found this quiz very informative and knowledge enriching.

BOOK BUZZ AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CLUB

"Today a Reader tomorrow a Leader"

To create a pathway for young people to discover the broader world through reading for pleasure and discussion. Our book clubs help children develop character, communication, social and leadership skills. These skills will help young people to do well in school and life. Moreover, the book clubs demonstrate how reading for pleasure provides an escape from everyday concerns. To inculcate the reading habits in the children at a very young age, **Grade 1** students conducted Book Buzz Club in November. The club also had an amalgamation of General Knowledge by conducting an oral quiz drill. The tiny tots of **Grade 1** enjoyed the club activity and were looking forward to the further sessions of the same.



A WALK IN THE NATURE AND TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

"To walk in Nature is to witness thousand miracles."

Nature is God's most beautiful creation. It felicitates the growth, development, and nourishment of all its creatures. Considering the manifold benefits of ecological life around, **Grade 1** integrated a tree plantation drive and nature's walk along with their daily concepts in environmental studies.

In order to sensitize students towards the need to preserve our environment and ecology, this activity was arranged by the primary wing of DPS Monarch International School. The main aim of this activity was to direct the tiny minds in constructive activities with a positive outcome through the facilitation of contributing to society. The students brought various saplings and participated in the drive. During the nature's walk, the children were given a close look up towards the different parts of the plants and the teachers also explained to them the various functions of the same. Such little steps taken together by the school and the tiny tots will surely help in fostering a strong ecological balance.



THEMATIC MORNING ASSEMBLIES @ PRIMARY WING

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 is 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 November and December were:

Friendship

Unity

Honesty

Children's Day

Qatar National Day



SCHOOL CLUBS

It's time to go clubbing...

Every Sunday first two study periods are dedicated to student clubs. These student clubs were created to give our students an opportunity to identify and perfect their talents and to prepare them for intra and inter-school competitions. These club activities not only help students to shape their interests and hobbies but also improve their communication and interpersonal skills.

That's Me

Our club activity for this month was all about illusions where the children had to write their names and then highlight it using different color markers. With the help of this activity children were able to Improve fine motor skills, critical thinking, and bold use of colors. It also helped them in enhancing innovation skills.

Pen A Story

Writing is the most powerful way to put ideas to the world. Writers see the world differently. Every voice we hear, every face we see and every hand we touch could become story fabric. To bring out the writers in our children we motivated them to weave a story based on the picture given. Writing stories will enhance their vocabulary, writing skills and broaden their imagination. Children enjoyed this club activity and constructed outstanding stories which kept the speechless. With this activity we as teachers also realized that a little push could go a long way.



SECRET SANTA

It's not about how much you give, but how much love you put into giving.

Secret Santa - The tradition of giving anonymous gifts at Christmas has its roots in Scandinavia. It is a beloved gifting tradition that got the whole **Grade 1** smiling. To instill values of sharing and giving, **Grade 1** celebrated the western cult favorite tradition of "**Secret Santa**". The teachers facilitated the moral science session by emphasizing the concept of "**Joy of Giving with**", winter holidays being around the corner the teachers encouraged the children to participate and involve themselves in the joy of giving activities. Happiness does not come from what we get from what we give, keeping the same in mind the tiny tots got gifts for their classmates. The whole activity lifted the spirits of happiness, sharing, and bonding.



EXAMINATION BLUES!

The second week of December saw learners and their facilitators heave a sigh of relief! Periodic Tests were successfully conducted for all the learners from **Grade V to Grade IX** by the DPS Monarch Examination Cell and finally it was time to sit back and relax. Intense doubt clearing sessions and strategies were discussed and revisited to allow the learners to revise the previous concepts taught and to devise fool proof 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.



SECONDARY

CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION

“Constitution is not a mere lawyers document, it is a vehicle of Life, and its spirit is always the spirit of Age.” - Dr B.R. Ambedkar

Constitution Day also known as ‘**Samvidhan Divas**’, is celebrated in our country on 26 November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. On 26 November 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect on 26 January 1950.



As a part of the celebration, Secondary section of the school planned for activities to highlight and reiterate the values and principles enshrined in the constitution. Activities undertaken by the Social Science Department under the able leadership of Headmistress, **Ms. Madhu Uppal** involved reading the Preamble, PowerPoint presentation by the students on Fundamental Rights and Duties of the citizens, slogan making, and a quiz.



READ INDIA CELEBRATION

‘Read, Think, Act as a process for growth.’

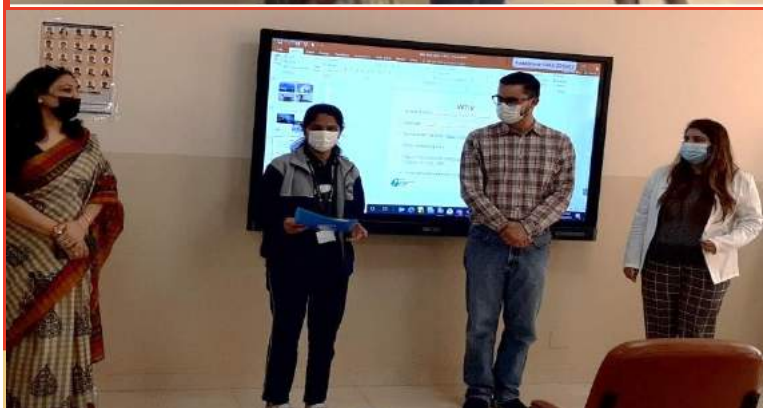
The journey to growth and success begins from practical reading. Reading books initiates us into KNOWLEDGE, reading our own SELF and reading SITUATIONS. Read India Celebrations is an initiative to enhance, empower, enable the **READ, THINK, ACT** process in students. We take in pride in announcing that Anaswara Anil of **Grade 7C** has made it to the Grand Finale of RIC 2021 (International) in category II. She ranks at Second Position amongst the participants in the Semi Finals. We wish her all the good luck for Grand Finale which is slated to be held in the month of December.



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WORKSHOP

As an act of constructive gesture that **“The Earth is what we all have in common and it is our duty to protect it”**, the Secondary wing of DPS Monarch International School conducted an Environmental Awareness Workshop for the students on 24th November 2021. **Mr. Jose Saucedo**, an environmental activist and director of DEAP – (Doha Environmental Actions Project) was the resource person on the occasion.

He enlightened various ways to commence a sustainable journey in the planet earth. He explained the Fauna and Flora present in Qatar and the need to protect them. He suggested various methods to recycle products and fight against plastic pollution. This enriching session influenced students and induced them to create a sustainable future. The guest was introduced by our beloved Principal **Ms. Meenal Bakshi**, **Laarya Mathew** of **Grade 9C** welcomed the gathering and the programme ended with the sharing of gratitude by **Elizabeth** of **Grade 9A**. Our dynamic Headmistress Ms. Madhu Uppal and Activity Coordinator **Ms. Shweta Koshti** graced the occasion with their presence.



QATAR DEBATE

Debating is an art, an art developed through perseverance and patience.'

Adding up yet another golden feather in the hat of our school as our secondary students participated in the debate tournaments for Preparatory and Secondary schools conducted by QatarDebate. The Secondary Boys and Girls Debate Team comprised of **Elizabeth Binu Alapatt, Aileen Mukherjee, Azmi Fathima, Antony Binu Alapatt, Karun Jayakumar, Rakesh Raja, Rithu Raja, Ganesh Senthil Kumar, and Subbulakshman Prabusankar**. The Preparatory Boys and Girls Debate Teams included **Gowshik Vetrivel, Archit Pankaj Shingote, Vamsheedharan Sankarakrishnan, Aditya Anil, Tharun S Meena, Chetan Nayunipatruni, Devashish Nilesh Rapte, Anaswara Anil, Shreya Shijulal, Sanskriti Vikash Kumar, Purva Manishkumar Patel, Seyora Jayaraj, Anjali Girish Rao, and Mahek Manoj Jadhav**.

Qatar
Preparatory
Schools Debate
League – Girls
Team



The debaters were mentored by the QatarDebate Coordinator, **Ms. Shweta Koshti** and Debate Coaches **Ms. Nausheen Farha Ali**, **Ms. Radhika Pradeep**, and **Ms. Ibthisam Abdul Majeed**. Coaches **Ms. Radhika Prasad** and **Ms. Ibthisam Abdul Majeed** received the 'Certificate of Appreciation for Running and Coaching a Debate Club' from QatarDebate. We are delighted to announce that **Anaswara Anil** is ranked at the First Position in the Preparatory Debate. Other debaters ranking in the Top Ten Positions include **Mahek Manoj Jadhav**, **Shreya Shijulal**, and **Sanskriti Vikas Kumar**. The Headmistress, **Ms. Madhu Uppal** congratulated all the participants and encouraged them.



AN INSPIRATION TO MANY.

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, known as the Missile Man of India, contributed not only to science but also served as the 11th President of India and was widely regarded as the 'People's President'. As an honour to this great soul, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's memorial Elocution competition is conducted by QTS "Qatar Tamizhar Sangam", a Socio-Cultural organization affiliated to Indian Cultural Centre under the aegis of Indian Embassy.



The competition is an open event for Tamil speaking students of all Indian Schools in Qatar. In the preliminary round conducted on 26th November. We are proud to share that **Harini Kaviyasu** of **Grade 5 D** and **Krishrevanth Gopalakrishnan** of **Grade 7 C** are qualified for the Grand Final.

Wish you all the success students!

QATAR CHILDRENS' SCIENCE CONGRESS

Science India Forum (SIF) is a platform that helps students to unleash their creativity with the perfect blend of science & technology in education under the patronage of the Indian embassy in Qatar. A research project under the theme "Design, Development and Modelling Science for Sustainable Living" for the school students of all nationalities was conducted. The following students **Azmi Fathima** and **Tejasshree Bisht** of **Grade 9 B** under the guidance of **Ms. Mehnaz Daroge** have submitted their project on the topic "Comparative Study of Thermal Performance of Traditional and Concrete House".



Similarly, our Junior students, **Phalguni Pradeep** and **Ovee Bhonsle** of **6 C** presented their project on the same theme “**Science for sustainable living**” under the guidance of **Ms. Nisha Kiran**. Their research project named “**CITRABOOST**” focused on “**How to grow crops organically and make barren land fertile**”. The idea to help Qatar with good productivity of crops during summer season drove the attention of judges and the project got selected for the third round and the team is awaiting the fourth round in December

Congrats students!...Hats off teachers!...

Keep up the good work you've started!

A JOURNEY OF MILES WITH SMILES – FIELD TRIP AFTER THE PANDEMIC

On the onset of Qatar National Day, the Department of Private Schools Affairs organized the 11th “**Maritime Festival**” at Katara Heritage village. Using this opportunity to educate the children about the culture and traditions of Qatar, an Educational Field Trip was arranged for the Senior Section Students of **Grade VII to IX** on Wednesday and Thursday. The students were delighted to witness the traditional fishing techniques and heritage artifacts that were displayed. The students also enjoyed boating in the Ocean, and they were enthralled by this visit as it was the first trip outside school with friends after the Pandemic.

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A VACATION WITH A VOCATION

Stirred by the words “**Cleanliness is indeed next to Godliness**”, as a part of the Environmental Awareness initiatives under CBSE - SEWA, DPS Monarch International school organized a Beach Cleanup Campaign for the students from **Grade 7 to 9** on 18th December following the ‘**Environmental Awareness**’ workshop conducted on Wednesday 24th November by **Mr. Jose Saucedo**, Director – DEAP Qatar.

The drive was organized in collaboration with Doha Environmental Actions Project, Qatar (DEAP, Qatar). **DEAP** is run by a Mexican – American industrial Engineer turned full-time volunteer and environmental activist, **Jose Saucedo**, a resident of Qatar.



DEAP is a volunteer organization that focusses on beach cleanups and leading fight against plastic pollution in Qatar. More than 30 students of senior section and teachers (Ms. Madhu Uppal, Ms. Ajitha Sreevalsan, Ms. Neethu Balan, Ms. Nisha Kiran, Mr. Sujith Kumar, Mr. Jamal Yousuf and Mr. Sarvesh Tiwari) volunteered and cleaned the Madinat Ash Shamal Beach with self-motivation and purpose. They were joined by the enthusiastic team of parents. The campaign aimed at educating the public about the importance of keeping Qatari beaches clean.

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BOARD EXAM GRADE X

“Self-belief and hard work will always earn you success.”

True to the quoted words, the **Grade X** students were set to venture through the Term I Board Exams since 20th of November at DPS Monarch International School. The exam was carried out very diligently in an amicable way without any hassle and bustle under the supervision of Principal Madam and the Headmistress. The school had to face multifaceted challenges in strictly adhering to the Covid protocol by the Ministry of Public Health and the guidelines by the CBSE. We wish you boundless luck for your exam, dearest children. We know you will make us proud with a great result.

Best wishes!

TED-ED STUDENTS TALK

“Speech is power: Speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

The TED-Ed Student Talks Program supports students as they discover, explore and present their big ideas in the form of short, TED-style talks. With a vision to enhance and pioneer the public speaking skills in our students, the school organized Auditions for the TED-Ed Public Speaking competition in collaboration with Camp K12. Two of our students **Namitha Girish Nair** of **Grade 7** and **Yohann Jacob** of **Grade 6** were selected to represent DPS-Monarch International School at the TED-Ed Public Speaking competition.



SHINING STARS

Students of DPS-Monarch brings home accolades at Ezperenza 2021, an inter- school fine arts competition conducted by Birla Public School.

Congratulations to our shining stars!



ESPERENZA – 2021 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

COMPETITION NAME		INDIAN PATRIOTIC SONG	
CATEGORY	STUDENT NAME	CLASS	POSITION
Junior Grade III to V	Isha Rathish	Grade 5	Second Position
Intermediate Grade VI to VIII	Samadrita Basu	Grade 6	First Position
COMPETITION NAME		WESTERN DANCE	
Junior Grade III to V	Ruhi Thobani	Grade 1	Third Position
Intermediate Grade VI to VIII	Adhwaya Oshen	Grade 7	First Position
Senior Grade IX to XII	Shivam Kishorebhai Gohel	Grade 10	Second Position
COMPETITION NAME		WESTERN MUSIC	
Junior Grade III to V	Keerthana Rao Gunayathi	Grade 3	Second Position
Intermediate Grade VI to VIII	Yara Shamsudheen	Grade 8	Second Position

INTER HOUSE BULLETIN BOARD COMPETITION

The secondary Section of the school conducted an Inter-house Bulletin Board competition on the theme '**Qatar Then and now**'.

Glad to announce the winners:

First Position: House of Honesty

Second Position: House of Loyalty

Third Position: House of Peace

Fourth Position: House of Integrity

Congratulations to all the students and teachers for their efforts!



A WORKSHOP ON ADOLESCENCE & ADOLESCENT HEALTH

Another initiative in regard to helping our students develop age-appropriate perceptions in a healthy way, the Secondary section of DPS Monarch International School conducted a workshop on Adolescent Education for the students of **Grade 6 to 9**. The workshop was conducted by **Dr. Joseph Johnson** and **Dr. Bebisha**, who have extensive experience in dealing with issues related to adolescence in students. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to interact with the Resource persons and know more about proper diet, self-esteem, and other related issues. The children understood and coped up with the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty while acknowledging and addressing their curiosity and related concerns about growing up. Areas covered during the session included:

- Body Positivity
- The human physiology
- The difference between puberty and adolescence 2
- Understanding the function of reproductive system in brief
- Identify physical and emotional changes experienced during puberty specific to boys and girls
- Changing interpersonal relationships
- Self-care during puberty
- Safe touch Vs Unsafe touch Vs Unwanted touch
- Circle of safe adults
- Body safety rules on how to keep oneself safe from child abuse



The topics were disseminated through self-reflective exercises, activities, and open discussions. This helped in establishing a warm rapport with the students throughout the session and encouraged active listening on their part. Emphasis was placed on answering children's concerns about the subject and sharing of their experiences. The students were introduced to strategies to address issues related to puberty with empathy and combating peer pressure. The students found the workshop very engaging and informative. The session was conducted in a hybrid set up separately for boys and girls during school hours. The session ended with our beloved Principal extending thankfulness towards the end.

MY VISION FOR INDIA 2047 – POST CARD CAMPAIGN

The Department of Posts (DOP) in coordination with Department of School Education and Literacy organized a 75-lakh Postcard Campaign under the title '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)**' to commemorate 75 Years of Independence. More than 200 students from the senior section of DPS Monarch International School wrote to the Prime Minister on their innovative vision to India.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HOD'S MEETING

"Together we learn, together we grow"

With the intention of growing together, Qatar Chapter- Principals Forum came up with a common platform where the respective subject HODs can meet and discuss together. On 29th Nov 2021 Science HOD meeting was hosted by Bhavan's Public School and **Ms. Gisha Anil** from Bhavan's lead the gathering.

The meeting started by a general introduction of all the HOD'S present. The discussion majorly focuses on Teaching methods and Assessment Strategies, Challenges in teaching Science, Concern regarding CBSE exam pattern, Examination Question paper pattern, Syllabus and Art integration in Science. Various views and opinions are suggested by everyone which are taken into consideration.



MY VALUES DRAW MY IDENTITY

The workshop **"My Values Draw My Identity"** conducted by MOE on 18.11.21 from 10am to 12:00pm was attended by Upper Primary Academic Coordinator **Ms. Harsha Bhatia** from primary wing & HOD of Qatar History **Ms. Jyoti Mohanty** from secondary wing. The Ministry of Education and Higher Education has launched a project to enhance the national identity and Qatari culture in private schools and kindergartens under the slogan **"My Values Draw My Identity"** in the academic year 2021-2022.

"My Values Draw My Identity" project targets school students, teachers, school leadership, supervisors and parents, and is based on strengthening the spirit of belonging and loyalty to preserve the principles and authentic values of the State of Qatar and enlightening the school community groups about the importance of Arabic language as an identity for individuals of the Qatari society. The main objective of this project is to increase the programs and activities that enhance Qatari values, heritage and identity, and the respect for other peoples and cultures in all stages of private education, as well as to raise the level of awareness and interest among students' parents about the values and heritage of Qatari society. Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education Affairs at the Ministry Omar Abdulaziz Al Naama indicated that private schools and kindergartens will implement various activities and programs in this aspect, stressing that the project places the activities within an integrated educational framework.



FIITJEE WORKSHOP

S.M.A.R.T. (Science, Mathematics Aptitude & Reward Test) test was conducted by FIITJEE INTERNATIONAL for DPS – Monarch International School students from **Grade V** to **Grade IX**. S.M.A.R.T. test is to check the raw potential amongst the students in the field of Science and Mathematics. The test helps to evaluate one's aptitude in the subjects. The toppers from each grade will be awarded trophies and certificates.

CBSE WORKSHOP

Quality concerns in the school education is the prior concern of the Central Board of Education. One of the major objectives of the Training Unit of the CBSE is to organize various capacity building and empowerment programmes for the school leaders. This life skills education paradigm helps in evolving responsible and empowered leaders in school education. True to the words that **“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other,”** our beloved Principal and Senior School Headmistress attended a webinar titled **“Launch of Adolescent Peer Educators Leadership Program in Life Skills, Holistic Health & Wellbeing.”**

The initial orientation program series was implemented with the four modules mentioned below on 23rd of November.

1. Introduction -the journey from core life skills to 21st century skills
2. Building resilience for coping and capacity building
3. Growing up healthy, importance of nutrition and hygiene
4. Family bonding and caring communication-emerging paradigm

The programme was decked with dignitaries like Shri. Manoj - Chairman CBSE, Dr. Joseph Emmanuel – Director, Academic CBSE and Dr. Jitendra Nagpal – Senior Consultant Psychiatrist.

Our Salutations Dear Leaders!



ENGLISH WORKSHOP

Rajagiri Public School organized a workshop under the aegis of Qatar Chapter’ Principals’ forum in the name **‘AVANT GARDE 2021’** on the topic **‘Innovations and Collaboration through Leadership’** on 27th November 2021. It comprised 21 participants including the organizer.

Mr. Manuel Robin, HOD, Department of English and **Ms. Sajna Anas**, English Faculty represented DPS Monarch International School. The session commenced with a wonderful brainstorming session to develop an interest in the participants which can be easily applied on our students. The first agenda was on best teaching practices in English. All the participants actively participated and conveyed their views on how to improve the language skills and the practices which they are doing in their schools.



The session was really informative and interesting. The second agenda was Board examinations – General Trepidations followed by formation of a cluster of English Teachers. All the teachers shared their views on the new pattern of the board examination and how to prepare the students for the same. The major challenges of the English language teaching were discussed. The discussions brought out some new points which will be useful in the classroom both from the point of view of teaching as well as assessment. All the participants were very open. The discussions were very sharp and engaging. The connections between agenda were well established. The workshop was well structured, with enough flexibility for discussion.

SAUDI SMART SCHOOL SUMMIT

A two day international smart school summit was organised by the IBE Forum (International Business and Economic Forum) on the 1st and 2nd of December on the importance of Integrating technology in schools. Educationists and It business professionals from the Middle East, Europe and Asia spoke on the need of enhancing learning experience and innovative thinking by digital transformation in the areas of teaching and effectively substituting the traditional learning confined to four walls. All our teachers attended the event and were able to get an expert opinion on the digital transformation process taking place in the world education sector.



SECRET SANTA AT MONARCH MP HALL...

Playing secret Santa around the holidays and having the opportunity to exchange gifts with a friend or a colleague is one of the highlights of the season. Come December; this is one of the most looked forward to events. Our staff had a fabulous time shopping for Christmas gifts for their colleagues. They carefully wrote tags and placed their gifts ready in the MPH, ready to surprise and to be surprised. One thing about teachers is the fact that we are relatively easy to please and it was a scene to behold at the MPH each one holding on to a gift having a smile to brighten up the holiday season. A huge thanks to the Staff Club: **Ms. Meenal Bakshi, Ms. Madhu Uppal, Ms. Bhuvana Suraj, Ms. Celeste Francis, Ms. Nasima Khan, Ms. Pooja Arora, Ms. Zakiya Farah, Mr. Sujith Kumar, Mr. Afzal, and Mr. Renji Jacob** for organising this fantastic event. Everyone received some very thoughtful and unique gifts from their colleagues, secret Santa.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Winter Break
- Pre-board Examination 1 for Grade 10
- Story Narration for KG 1&2
- International Heritage Week for Primary
- Science Fest for Grades 6 to 8
- Field Trip for Grades 1 to 5
- Republic Day Celebrations

