



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

'There is sprightly Spring in February air  
everything to hope for and nothing to regret.'

### ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

An Orientation Programme was organised for parents of new admission students on 21st January 2023. The objective was to give the parents an opportunity to experience and understand the world their child explores in school.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome note by a Kindergarten student followed by prayers. Ms. Sangeeta Bagchi, Headmistress Elementary Years Programme, addressed the gathering. She began the session with an engaging activity that encouraged the creativity of the audience. The activity highlighted the importance of parenting and the 'Trinity Triangle' for the holistic development of the child by being compassionate, understanding and caring in their developing phase. It gave the parents a synopsis of how our curriculum is an amalgamation of various subjects with multiple intelligences, Design Thinking and Sustainable Development Goals. Ms. Bagchi further explained the importance of igniting curiosity in young minds with a variety of examples.

Thereafter, the parents were given a walk-through of the curriculum integration methodology of the school, showcasing various subjects like English, Mathematics, Hindi and Thematic Learning along with the co-curricular and hands-on activities. It helped the parents to understand that when the integration of subjects is done well, it has the potential to widen and deepen students' learning experiences and ensure the holistic development of the child.

The orientation programme was a great platform for both the school and the parents to share and understand the best practices which can be followed to prepare children for life.



## SESSION CONDUCTED BY MR VIKAS VIJAY, THE 'ACCOUNTS GURU'

Dr. Vikas Vijay, the 'Accounts Guru' and India's leading CBSE Commerce student and teacher's trainer, held a session for Commerce students of Grade XII to advise them about the upcoming board exams and to strategize in order to achieve a great result. He shared various tips for the students from past experiences and went through the paper pattern in great detail.

He inspired the students to focus, believe in themselves and study to the best of their abilities in this last month of board preparation. His extroverted and humorous nature along with personal anecdotes made the session very engaging and the students appreciated it.

His approach towards altering our mindset and believing in our potential to become the best version of ourselves sparked the need to look within ourselves and get past the barriers that are holding us back. Not only were his methods fascinating but also entertaining as there wasn't a moment during the session where the eyes were not on him. He kept the students as well as the teachers engaged through various games and pop culture references like an accountancy spin-off on "Kaun Banega Crorepati", using moments in cricket to elaborate on goal setting and scenes from motivational movies like "Bhaag Milkha Bhaag" to further support what he was teaching. All in all, it was a phenomenal seminar from start to finish, one where all felt included and walked out with the mindset of a topper. One of his opening lines that this would be a session we would remember for a very long time, and by the end of it everyone agreed.



## ECONSPIRE

'ECONSPIRE', an inter-school event, was organized by DPS International School, on 4th February 2023. Suncity School secured the **Overall Rolling Trophy**.

- Mahika and Gauriika of grade XI- Secured the **first** position in 'Econbiz - Designing a logo'
- Saanvi Dhingra of grade XI - Secured **Runners up** in 'Econpoll - Speech'
- Shivika, Harshita, Prithvi of grade XI- Secured the **third** position in 'Econtention - Parliamentary Debate'
- Bhavyaa, Siddharth, Swaraj of grade XI - Secured the **third** position in 'Econquiz - Multimedia quiz'

## ARPAN 2023

'ARPAN 2023'- An online inter-school competition was organised by DAVPS, Delhi on 6th February 2023. Our students won prizes in almost all categories.

- Aryan Jain, Parth Dubey, Dhruv Mullick, Divyansh Prashar, Gyanav Nand Jagdish of grade XI- secured the **first** position in **Natural Beats (Band)**
- Noyonika Chatterjee, Preesha Aggarwal, Mihika Batra of grade XI secured the **second** Position in **Inspire a melody**
- Arnav Khandelwal of grade VIII secured the **second** position in **Be a Crusader**
- Saranya Verma of grade VIII secured the **third** position in Strip a Comic.

## INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ EVENT

Inter -School Quiz -'PRATIBHA KI KHOJ', was organised by School Quiz League, regional round was held in DPS, on 25th January, 2023. Birnimit Singh and Kevin Suchdev of grade VII secured the **second** position in the junior category.

## INTER-SCHOOL LITERACY QUIZ EVENT

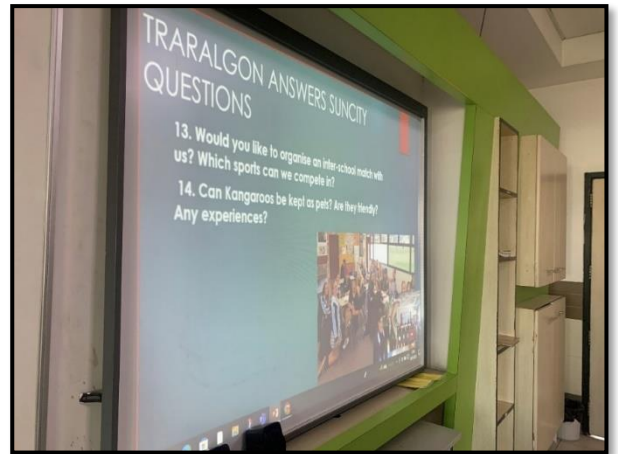
Arnav Gupta of grade VII B won the 'TCS Ion Intelligem Financial Literacy quiz' in the senior category. He emerged as the All-India winner after going through three rounds of evaluations and an interview with an honourable jury. Video Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcbYVgPRmuA>

## VIDEO CONFERENCE BETWEEN PARTNER SCHOOLS, TRARALGON COLLEGE, AUSTRALIA AND SUNCITY SCHOOL

A video conference was held between partner schools, Traralgon College, Australia and Suncity School, on 8th February 2023. The objective of the conference was to have an ice breaker for the students to get acquainted with each other's school life and also to answer questions that had been exchanged previously between the two schools.

It was an engaging session wherein both the schools answered shared questions in alternate rounds. Students from Grade VII participated in the video conference session. There were a mixed blend of questions, both humorous and educational. The next project is to share virtual school tours of the partner schools.



## NATIONAL SCIENCE EXHIBITION 2022-23

National Science Exhibition 2022-23 was held by CBSE at Lotus Valley School, on 8-9<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Selected students of our school visited the NSE on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Models and projects were displayed in the stalls that were put on the school ground. Winners of the CBSE zonal round participated in the exhibition. Models were made on the themes such as Advancement in Information and Communication Technology, Transport and Innovation, Mathematics for us, Health and cleanliness, Eco friendly materials, Environmental Concerns, Historical development with current innovation.

Our students got the opportunity to observe and learn from various projects on different themes. Students were inquisitive, asked questions based on their scientific attitude and logical understanding. All students were happy to visit the National Science exhibition. It was an enriching experience for them which would help them to develop innovative ideas and enhance their scientific skills.



## EDUCATIONAL OUTING TO RED FORT

The students of Grade VI went for an educational outing on 17th February to Red Fort which is famous for its historical legacy and Sunder Nursery. Two subject experts also accompanied the students and provided the details about its historical background. The students got to see the Diwan-e-Aam, the private chambers, and the Diwan-e-Khaas, the public chambers of the Emperor. The students were quite intrigued and fascinated by the structure and the beauty of the place.

After the visit to Red Fort, the students went to Sunder Nursery which is flanked by the World Heritage Site of Humayun's Tomb (Above) on the South and the historic Purana Qila. They enjoyed the natural beauty of the place and also had their food, sitting in groups. The students got an opportunity to play in the play area which they really enjoyed.

It was an interesting educational outing which provided for learning and enjoyment.



## NIGHT OBSERVATION AT ASTROPORT, SARISKA

A trip to Astroport, Sariska, was organised by Space India, for learners of the Astronomy club for an overnight observation on 16-17<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Twenty students from Grades VI-VII and three teachers participated in the observation. The students learnt about how a microscope is different from a telescope and more about Stellarium, a software that shows realistic sky in 3D.

They learnt about Planisphere reading and tracing stars and constellations in the sky and also the basics of Astrophotography. The learners saw Mars and Jupiter on the telescope too. It was a fun-filled experience full of learning.





## LEPROSY AWARENESS SESSION (AN INITIATIVE BY SEWA)

Students of Grades VII-VIII had an enlightening session on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 on Leprosy Awareness. The session was conducted by

Ms. Chhavi Sharad and Mr. Subhojit Goswami, our special guests from the Leprosy Trust Mission India, New Delhi

The speakers informed the attentive audience on how this disease is spread and who the most affected people in society are. Many of those affected don't complete treatment or don't receive it at all, even though the WHO has a programme that provides free treatment. Due to the continued stigma against people with this situation, they may not seek help when the first symptoms appear, causing delay in diagnosis and development of disabilities. Girls and women affected by this, face the added issue of gender and social discrimination, which may also delay detection of the disease.

Overall, it was an informative and enriching session.



## VISIT TO AMRIT UDYAN , DELHI

The students of grade VII visited Amrit Udyan, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 during school hours. The Mughal Gardens at Rashtrapati Bhawan were renamed 'Amrit Udyan' keeping in mind the theme of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. In order to help the students to understand the practical application of the topics like area and perimeter, uses of a variety of herbal and medicinal plants, symmetrical patterns, a visit was organised to the Amrit Udyan which intended to create a representation of an earthly utopia in which humans co-exist in perfect harmony with all elements of nature.

Some of the typical features include pools and fountains inside the gardens. They also saw specially cultivated tulips of 12 unique varieties which are expected to bloom in phases, 120 varieties of roses and a variety of hyacinths, marigolds, dahlias and other flowers. The highlight of the garden is a 200-year-old Sheesham tree. There were QR codes placed in the Garden next to each variety of plant which was scanned by the educator to get more information about any particular flower, plant or tree and were discussed with students. This luxurious garden is divided into three sections namely Pearl Garden, Butterfly Garden, and Circular Garden. The entire garden space consists of rare to rarest species of flowers and the greenery is so lush that one cannot take off their eyes inside the complex. The students observed that the garden is divided into 36 squares by a grid of water channels and paths.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the sprawling 15 acres of greenery featuring herbal plants, medicinal plants, decades-old bonsais and patches full of fresh blooms in myriad colours and varieties.





## SNIPPETS FROM THE SPORTS ARENA

### SPORTS DAY 2023

Suncity School hosted the much-awaited Annual Sports Day on 24<sup>th</sup> January'23 on the sprawling grounds of the school. The morning was filled with great zeal, excitement and a frolicsome atmosphere. The Annual Sports day was held for grades V, VI, IX and XI. The event began with the juniors of grades III and IV participating in a great amalgamation of track and field events and some interesting yet fun races. They tested their strength in various events such as 50, 100, 200 meters races, three-legged races, Hula Hoop races, Relay races, Balance the coin, Sir Walter Raleigh race, The hockey stick and the Ball race and Cycling race.

Next, was the turn of the seniors from grades IX and XI. The energetic and nimble-footed participants performed and won the various events with flying colours. It was a wonderful display of agility, coordination, strength and stamina by the Suncitizens in various events such as the 100, 200 and 400 meters track events, Relay race for girls and boys, and the 800 meters boys open event for grade XI.

The zealous audience comprising of our students, gathered in large numbers, and constantly applauded the enthusiastic young sports stars.

Our Director, Mrs Rupa Chakravarty, rewarded the winners with medals and certificates and congratulated them for their victory.



### INDIAN HOUSE EMERGED AS THE WINNER!

The event continuously laid the emphasis of sports in a child's life and physical and mental development. It was a day filled with sportsmanship, enthusiasm and memories to cherish.





### CBSE NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Students, Veera Prathambir of grade IX-G and Tarini Khatri of grade XI-E, participated in the CBSE National Swimming Championship held at Rajkot, Gujarat from 23rd to 27th January 2023 and Veera made us proud winning a Gold and a Bronze medal.



## KARATE COMPETITION

Aarav Roy of grade VI-A made us proud on being awarded 'Star of the year 2022- 2023' at Karate India Organization on 12th February 2023 held at Bharat Karate Academy Gurgaon.



## INTER SCHOOL MAHARAJ HARI SINGH MEMORIAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

It is a matter of great pride that our soccer U-15 category boys team participated in the Maharaj Hari Singh Memorial Football Tournament organized by DPS Sushant Lok.

The tournament was presided over by Shri N.K Singh, chairman 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission of India, President of I.E.G, New Delhi.

The students made us proud by putting their best in the game amongst more than 30 teams and winning the Winner's trophy. They won the match defeating their opponent team, Shiv Nadar School.

Our teams put up a great performance.



## HARYANA NATIONALS TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Sanjana Verma of grade IX-C represented Suncity School at the National level in Table Tennis Haryana state at Allepy, Kerala from 19th to 24th Feb'23.

She could make it to the quarterfinals with an excellent display of stamina, strength, and skill.



## NATIONAL AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Ekam Singh of grade VII-G participated in the National Amateur Chess Championship on 22nd February 2023 held at Sangrur, Punjab, and made us proud by securing 49th rank in the event.

He qualified for Asia and World Amateur Chess Championships and played wonderfully breaking the speculations by the top chess analysts.



The academic session of 2022-23 is at the threshold of closure and new beginnings of the session 2023-23 are just around the corner. Suncitizens are all engrossed and engaged with the final summative assessments. Best wishes to our dear students for their final exams in March!

**'March, when days are getting long, Let thy growing hours be strong to set right some wintry wrong.'**

**— Caroline May**