

Dasmesh Times

Sri Dasmesh International School

Sports Day 2018

By Ashmeta (Y9)

The much anticipated Sports Day was held on 17 March. It was a day to shine light on the importance of sportsmanship and most importantly, unity.

The day started off with a magnificent parade. Sports houses lined up with their colorful costumes flags and displays to showcase the tireless efforts put in by students.

SDIS students love sports and can be very competitive thanks to their training under seasoned teachers like En Iqbal and Cik Amy. The Green Voyagers bagged the Parade Trophy while the Yellow Pirates broke the record for Group C Girls in both the 100-meter and 200-meter races!

The Red Daredevils, on the other hand, set a new record for Group B Boys in the 4×100-meter race which now stands at 54.25 seconds. All in all, the very Yellowish Pirates triumphed as the winners for the second time in a row! Way to go, Pirates! The day ended on a high note with students teachers and parents alike cheering and participating with full force.



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Social Skills Week

By Man Sanjana (Y10)



The spirited Student Council of SDIS carried out Social Skills Week to raise awareness among students, regarding the importance of positive interaction with themselves and people around them and to encourage students to adhere to more amiable qualities.

Social Media Awareness was one of the activities held which stressed on the effect of social media and bullying, and the methods of overcoming such situations by perceiving them in a positive way. Short video clips and class based discussion was held during Circle Time to highlight these issues.

Vietnamese Delegates in town By Beverly (Y10)



On a beautiful Thursday morning, Student Ambassadors from SDIS including myself waited eagerly to welcome a team of 12 delegates from the Ban Mai Education Group, Vietnam. Their elegant traditional Ao Dai costumes were indeed a pleasing sight and we greeted them with the SDIS magic hospitality for which we have become well recognized.



Their purpose— to see students and teachers in action with the 7 habits and to engage in discussion on how we can work together in future.

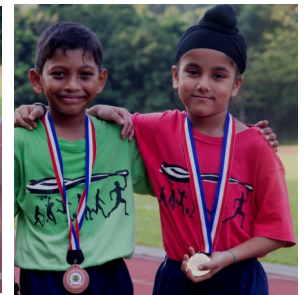
They were blown away by the vibrant atmosphere at school and the team spirit between teachers and students. We split them into 2 groups to a tour of our school. As we walked, we broke the ice by asking the delegates questions while introducing ourselves. While they toured classrooms and soaked in the school atmosphere, we felt honored to be able to share our school's educational focus with them.

The tour ended with our teachers and them in discussion, planning further visits between the 2 schools.

Cross Country 2018 by Surajh (Y8)



The day started off cold and wet, having rained right before the event. Houses began gathering in circles to warm up on the muddy



field of UM Arena. Soon, the categories were flagged off with 5 minute intervals in between categories. There were those who bolted off with a striking passion for running, and those who walked well knowing that they are not athletes but yet wanting to make sure they score a point for their house. Along the way, most runners had to stop out of exhaustion, yet there were some who endured the whole way with tremendous sportsmanship.

Despite the blistering heat which grew dramatically after the downpour, the forested environment of University Malaya was cooling and provided the perfect atmosphere for a nice, long run.

Tony Robbins Seminar by Radha (Y11)

On the 1st of February a group of students from Malaysia were given a scholarship by the Anthony Robbins Foundation based in Australia, to attend a four day seminar held in Singapore. 2 of the lucky ones were Mandev and I from Sri Dasmesh.

This event was entitled 'Unleash the Power Within' specially focused on youth empowerment. Interacting with students across Asia, this event helped me to use the most powerful resources I already have inside me - courage, faith, determination, passion and the drive to grow.

The main lesson Mandev and I took away from this seminar is that "the biggest room there is, is the room for improvement. I hope more students will be able to attend this seminar as it is truly life changing.



Meechai Bamboo School Trip

By Sneha (Y10)



On the 10th of January 2018, 19 students from Year 10 and Year 11 embarked to Bangkok, Thailand to participate in the READ 2018 Program which was organised by the Meechai Pattana Bamboo School.

We left Bangkok on the 11th of January and took a 6 hour drive to Buriram where the school is located. We were welcomed with open arms by the students there.

The participants came from all over Asia; Brunei, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore and of course, Thailand.

We were taught many different things, from how to start a social enterprise to testing water from lakes for high pH levels. The students from the Meechai Bamboo School also taught us how to use coconut husks and leaf remains to make arts and crafts.



Overall, the trip was an extremely insightful experience as we learnt many things that we can apply to better our school. We also made many new friends and experienced outdoor learning to the maximum.



Project #SDISGIVESBACK

By Trishpal (Y11)

When local newspapers highlighted the plight of many senior citizens' homes, prefects and student council members did not think twice before reaching out to help.



First, project members identified three homes which needed assistance: Canaan Caring Home Shah Alam, Rumah Sejahtera Seri Kembangan and Rumah Caring Kajang. Each home had specific requests such as electrical appliances, food items, detergents and toiletries.

Between 28th February and 2nd March, members of the Student Council and Prefects Board carried donation boxes at both the front and back gates before school started and after it ended.

There was tremendous support from parents, teachers and students alike. In the end, there was a cash collection of around RM 7000. This was used to purchase electrical items, food, homecare items, toiletries, table cloths, bed sheets and gas stoves.

Parents and students then proceeded to deliver these items directly to the respective homes.



Hello from Pakistan!

By Saranya (Y11)



Every time Sri Dasmesh gets visitors, we as student ambassadors are excited to host them. We proudly share our school which we've built through values and the 7 Habits. This time we had a friendly visit from 2 Pakistani Educators from Karachi.



They had just started a primary school back in Pakistan and wanted to gather innovative and empowerment techniques from our school to take home. Our visitors loved sitting in the classrooms to observe the way the students were interacting with their teacher. They were left in awe with the colorful and eye-catching notice boards around the school. They took pictures of nearly every board in the school!

Prefects Take Charge

By Shivraj (Y10)



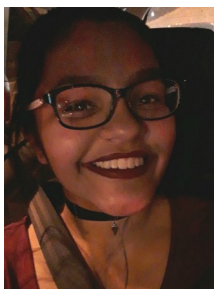
Every alternate Monday, a member from the Prefects Board shares a few words in the form of a speech on a designated topic during assembly. This speech is aimed at inspiring students to perform better at school and to eradicate the notion that learning is mundane. It also aids in cultivating better public speaking skills and confidence.

A few weeks back, I talked about one of football's brightest prospects, Lionel Messi. I stressed on how we students can learn from the myriad of feats he has achieved in his career.

Notably, we can learn to never give up hope and have perseverance in our attempt to achieve our dreams by simply overcoming all obstacles which impede them.

Editor's Note

By Simran Kaur Gill (Y10)



2018 certainly has been an eventful year so far. The school was abuzz in preparation for Sports Day. It was amazing to see everyone working together tirelessly to ensure their Sports House would be victorious. The battle of the four houses ensued fervently and the day ended with much celebration due to the whole hearted involvement and commitment of students.

2018 also seems to be the year to lend a helping hand as prefects and student council members launched Project #SDISGIVESBACK to help senior citizens in need.

Quoting Winston Churchill, "From what we get, we can make a living. What we give, however, makes a life" Let 2018 be the year we give back to society that has been so giving to us. All in all, it has been a great year so far and we all look forward to the events to come and the memories we are sure to make.

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