

# Dasmesh Times

Sri Dasmesh International School

## We Are The Champions!

By Jyotsaroop (Y8)



Cheers and applause resounded at the Glasgow Green, Scotland on Aug 17 2019, when the Sri Dasmesh Pipe Band were declared champions (category 4B) at the World Pipe Band Championships! The victory was even sweeter when we (yes, I am a loyal band member now for years) found out that we had also won the best parade and best drumming trophies. You can imagine the shouts and screams that followed the announcement!



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This is the second time the band took part in the world series organised by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association. 195 bands from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Austria, Switzerland, Eire, United States, Belgium, England, Spain, Malaysia, Northern Ireland and Scotland participated.

The Sri Dasmesh Pipe Band also known as the Malaysian Sikh Band, was founded in the year 1986 by our directors, Mr. Sukdev and Mr. Harvinder. Together, they founded Sri Dasmesh International School in the year 2000. Members trained every Saturday afternoon in the school and this year, trained intensively even on week days. Nearing the World Championship, practices with full dress rehearsals in various venues was a norm. Practices saw band members perfecting their music theory, sight reading skills, instrument practice and marching. Our band members range from students to working adults. We are glad that we brought all Malaysians a special gift this 62<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day and that we are part of the nation's pride.

## Sayangi Malaysia Ku

By Jessveen(Y10)

Sambutan Hari Kemerdekaan telah diadakan dengan penuh kemeriahan dan semangat patriotik berlandaskan tema "Sayangi Malaysia Ku". Sambutan ini telah dimulakan dengan acara perarakan bendera Jalur Gemilang oleh ahli-ahli kelab pengakap. Pelbagai persembahan telah



diadakan - seperti tarian dan nyanyian lagu-lagu patriotik oleh para pelajar Tahun 1, bicara berirama oleh tahun 10E dan tarian kuda kepang. Pada tahun ini, para pelajar serta guru-guru dari Jabatan Bahasa Malaysia telah menyediakan bendera Jalur Gemilang sepanjang 6 meter. Bendera ini amat istimewa kepada warga Sri Dasmesh kerana julung-julung kali diadakan. Sebelum sambutan berakhir kuiz kemerdekaan yang melibatkan guru-guru serta para pelajar Tahun 4 hingga Tahun 8 diadakan bagi memeriahkan lagi majlis. Sambutan Hari Kemerdekaan telah diakhiri dengan lagu "Sayangi Malaysiaku" bagi menunjukkan semangat patriotik dalam jiwa warga Sri Dasmesh.



# Peace and Light

By Raveena (Y7)



A beautiful morning with lovely pastel colors flooding the courtyard – what a great way to start SDIS's Peace Prayer Day 2019. Our school was graced by the presence of the Harmony Village, Brickfields representatives accompanied by

our director, Mr. Sukdev Singh who works with their Inter faith leaders with hopes to unite the many races and cultures that reside in Malaysia. Scouts Members and the Dasmesh Band led the raising of the Peace Flag.



Songs on peace, poems and simple presentations by our students had the audience spellbound. The Harmony Village faith leaders shared their heart warming messages with the audience. Our Peace ambassadors, were simply remarkable as they chanted their inter faith prayers. To mark the end of the ceremony, the Year 11 students led this year's official peace song entitled 'One Love' by Bob Marley. The lower primary students were our very own Peaceful Warriors. They had everyone's spirits uplifted with their melodious rendition of "May the Long Time Sun Shine Upon You" whilst parents, teachers and well wishers formed the Peace Trail that led to the Peace Prayer Pole, placing the flowers in salutation to peace.

## Project #SDISGIVESBACK

By Sri Sanjay (Yr7)

Last year, SDIS student leaders joint hands in project *#SDIS gives back* by pooling resources to help orphanages in need in the Klang Valley. As a continuation, and in the spirit of that venture, Heads of Department and secondary class teachers synergized to organize the Year 7 to 11 community service projects this year.



Students had a chance to serve at venues ranging from recycling centres to community service gardens and the National Zoo. I had the opportunity to go to the Taman Megah Home for handicapped children and adults. We were so moved by the work done by the Home – it made us thank our lucky stars for the blessings from God that all of us take for granted. Lots of simple activities were carried out –we served them lunch, sang songs, made merry, engaged with them and donated items the Home needed. I will definitely be going back during the Nov/Dec school break with friends and family to visit and be of service.





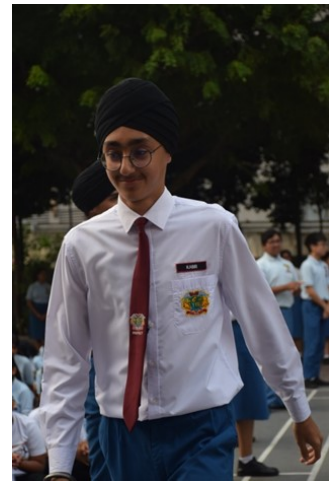
## Leaders 2020 !

By Gur Eesha Kaur (Y10)

3 Sept 2019 - The air was filled with excitement as eager faces in the courtyard waited in anticipation for the Student Leaders Installation ceremony. Students created a special pathway for our new student leaders to walk through – much like a red carpet ceremony! The event kick started with Avinash, Head Prefect 2019 and Mandev, Student Council President 2019 signing off with their closing speeches. They were grateful for lessons learnt at school and the opportunity that had been given to them to serve.



Madam Jaswinder shared words of inspiration with our student leaders. This was followed by the announcement of new Trainee Student Council members and Trainee prefects. Those who had served their probationary term were confirmed by their teacher advisors, Ms Kiran Jassal and Mr Gurcharan respectively.



The highlight of the event was the announcement of our new Head Prefect, Student Council President & Vice President. Kabir Singh from Year 10 was announced the Head Prefect amidst cheers and applause by excited students and teachers. Gur Eesha Kaur (*yours truly*), Year 10 swept the coveted post of Student Council President and Kashmeerah Navinan, Year 10 was announced the Vice President 2020. Well deserved - everyone was delighted. The Executive Committee members of the Prefects Board were also announced. The ceremony ended with the wise words of Madam Sukhbir as the leaders of 2020 stood proudly on.

## Math & Science Week

By Achreen (Y10)



The fun-filled Math and Science Week in July started off with a blast as the department teachers buzzed around as busy as bees preparing engaging activities -educational field trips, informative health, hygiene and career talks, hands-on challenges.



Years 4, 5 and 6 displayed their innovative Science projects in the Launch Pad. Year 11 were enriched with IGCSE seminars and career talks by external examiners and professionals. Year 7 went for an educational trip to experience the Bee Farm. Year 5 graced the National Science Centre. Year 8 and 10 students participated in the Amazing Race and Mind Boggling Challenges respectively. There were a variety of games and activities held for students from Year 1 to 7. Each of the winning groups received interesting prizes leaving them beaming with joy. The highlight of this event, the Teacher-Student Bean Bag Competition saw students cheering their teachers and senior students. Fortunately (ahem!) the students bagged the winning prize. To sum it all up, it was a truly great experience and eventful yet knowledgeable experience for all.

## Y11 Graduation

By Kashmeerah (Y10)

October 3rd - On this bright and cheery morning, Year 11 students were as excited as actors expecting Grammy awards as they waited in



anticipation for the Graduation Ceremony to begin. The Student Council members were a busy lot as they hustled and bustled to ensure that the Launch Pad looked inviting. The dashing Emcees from Year 11 Jorawar and Man Sanjana were amazing as they took everyone on a smooth flow of the event. Dr. Paneer Selvam



(Shivraj Paneer Selvam's Dad) shared his heart warming message and advice with our graduates –some amusing anecdotes of Shivraj's journey in SDIS and how grateful he was that Shivraj had become such a focused young man who had his priorities right.

Year 11 representatives Astara, Navneet and Sneha thanked the school on behalf of their classmates for the many happy years here and important life lessons learned. Madam Jaswinder & Madam Sukhbir addressed the audience with their uplifting messages of hope. The Launch Pad was filled with laughter and joy when the Year 11 presented their skit entitled 'A walk down memory lane'. A farewell video with special messages from teachers and students, courtesy of the Student Council was shown to the Year 11 who were visibly moved by this pleasant surprise. The event concluded with the presentation of testimonials and school leaving certificates.



## Editor's Note

By Adhya Renuga (Y10)



In all honesty, 2019 has been filled to the brim with significant, carefully constructed events which have made it an unforgettable one in the minds of students and teachers alike. The heartening, world-wide championship won by the Dasmesh Pipe Band, in my humble opinion, has been the most significant highlight of 2019 ; the school sharing in and basking in the glory as well , due to our closely knit community of directors and students who are band members. Anyway, the year 2019 is slowly, sadly trickling to an end, we are left with memories-and this is where I bid you all a final, fated farewell, as 2020 calls. Creating the Dasmesh Times was truly an honourable and unforgettable role. I sincerely do hope, dear readers, that you have thoroughly enjoyed the Dasmesh Times filled with the memories and highlights of 2019. 2020 lies ahead, filled with opportunities to be grabbed. Our school will be 20 years old...that's a wow! Till next time, this is your editor of 2019 signing off. Sayonara!



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