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Sri Dasmesh International School



IU Day

By Anandpreet Kaur

On the fourth of July, Sri Dasmesh International School Interact Club held its very first International Understanding Day. The purpose of this event was to raise funds for autism.

The day started off with a flurry of events. Our crew were busy running around to make sure everything was in place. Decorations were up, last minute rehearsals were done and the usual jitters before the event began. Doors opened just before afternoon. The hall was quickly filled up, to our great relief. We had some 350 members of the



audience. We had fellow Interactors and students from at least a dozen schools around the Klang Valley.

Getting the students from the other schools was not an accelerative affair. Part of the plan involved the active participation of SDIS Interactors who attended their respective IU Days.

We had two main objectives when we went to those IU Days. First, we went

there to learn how they organised their event. Second, we marketed our IU Day to them. We managed to sell a good number of tickets to them too!

We had a range of performances by dance groups to boy bands. There was even a game played on 'Who Killed Jay Gatsby?' that thrilled the crowd. Overall the event was a success.

We raised RM6000 which was promptly donated to NASOM—National Autism Society of Malaysia. We hope to organise another one next year.

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Editor's Note

By Phel Kaur

During the first term holidays, students attended constructive and worthwhile camps such as the Taman Negara, SOLS and Prefect's Camp. The second term has kept students active and on their feet with various activities and events right from the FIRST ever IU DAY put together by the diligent members of the Interact Club, to serenity of the ambience of Peace Prayer Day.

SOLS Camp

By Gurjevan and Adharsh

On 16th March 2015, we made our way to Bukit Katil in Malacca for the SOLS 24/7 Outreach Programme. There were 13 of us, including a teacher. We left by bus and reached the town at noon. The journey was abuzz with excitement as everyone was eager to participate in the activities planned for the next 4 days.

On the first day, we visited the SOLS Centre and got acquainted with the officers in charge. After that, we walked around the well-known Jonker Street and had dinner before heading back to our Homestay to plan for the next day's activities.

On Day 2, we started off with Ice-Breaking activities for the kids. Then we taught English, Mathematics, Science and Art.

On Day 3, we started off with a recap for each subject. Interactive Grammar lessons, Practical Science lessons as well as Multiplication and Division for Maths were introduced to the enthusiastic learners. The kids had to present their assignments and complete worksheets before they were rewarded with outdoor playtime where we enjoyed a game of 'Catch the Ball - Monkey'.

On the final day, after cleaning up the house, we made our way to the centre. We were eager to carry out the fun activities which we had saved for the final day. Just like the saying, "Save the best for last"; that was exactly what we did! After the recap, we got on with an Art activity. The kids were each given 2 polystyrene eggs, and they decorated them to their heart's content. They left the eggs out to dry once they were done. For the third activity, our volunteers painted the kids' palms with various colours to create a 'Handprints Poster'. The final activity was a 'Water Balloon Fight', which left most of us soaked to the brim!

Once we had carried out all the activities, there was a prize-giving ceremony. The kids went home happily after receiving gifts of stationery and educational games! Before we left the centre, we thanked the officers for their hospitality and cooperation. We returned to Homestay, packed our bags and made our way to the bus station, where the bus to KL was awaiting us.

All in all, our trip to Malacca was enjoyable - we bonded with one another, made new friends and created a large bucket filled with fondest memories. We felt satisfied and proud as we were able to help the children, albeit in the smallest way possible. We were glad to be back in KL, but we definitely built lasting memories in Malacca.



Taman Negara Camp

By Harneesha Kaur

On 31st May 2015, we made our way to Taman Negara, Pahang for a 3 day 2 night camp. The bus was filled with 17 of us, and that made our journey everything but quiet.

On Day One, we trekked up Lubok Simpon we enjoyed the unique sights and sounds of the flora and fauna. We then took cool dips in the river. After dinner, we met our guide for our jungle walk. However, it started raining heavily so we had to wait for it to subside. We were warned that 'vampirish' leeches would be out on hunt, so we made sure we covered ourselves from head to toe as we did not want those little things sucking on our blood. We walked for an hour in the jungle, our guide pointed out stick insects, a large cricket, flying lizard, a huge spider and many gigantic timber ants.

On Day Two, our guide took us on a short trek to Tereseck Hill, while stopping occasionally to point out the many species of trees used by the aboriginals. Our first view over Mount Tahan was beautiful, but the second one at Bukit Tereseck with the highest point at 344m was breathtaking; the clouds had cleared and you could see way into the distance. We then embarked on the canopy walk - the World's longest hanging canopy walkway stretched over 530 metres and suspended at a height of 40 meters. It was exhilarating to be so high up in the trees.

On Day Three, we packed our things and had our breakfast. It was our last day at that mesmerising place. On the way back to school, we stopped by the National Elephant Conservation Sanctuary at Kuala Gandah in Lanchang.



Prefect's Camp

By Tan Wan Ting

On the 1st and 2nd of May 2015, 18 prefects of Sri Dasmesh International School led by the teacher advisor Mr. Gurcharan, embarked on a two-day trip to Kuala Kubu Bharu campsite for the annual Prefects' Camp. The prefects arrived at the school early in the morning for the long journey to KKB. Once everyone had arrived, we set off with some aboard Mr. Gurcharan's car while the others took the hired van.

We reached in the afternoon and had lunch that was prepared by the people of the campsite. After a hearty meal, we went for a nice swim in the clear water of Sungai Chilling. Dr. Jasbir Singh, a parent volunteer conducted a motivational semi-workshop. There were interesting activities such as a creative version of the four-legged race, a humorous ice-breaking session organized by the Year 9 prefects and a brainstorming hearing on the issues faced by the prefects in school. Finally, a captivating movie, *Interstellar*, was screened for the eager audience.

The next morning, we woke up at 6am and ate our breakfast before going for an energizing hike in the jungle behind our campsite with Gurjeevan as our helpful guide who provided great assistance and shared his knowledge about the forest.

We came back to a satiating meal to restore our energy as the fun was not over yet. Next on was the challenging obstacle course that comprised of flying fox and high ropes. We showered, snacked and packed up before leaving the campsite with valuable practical life lessons.



Annual Awards Leadership Day

By Nicole Nivetha

The showcase of leadership skills and the execution of the leadership philosophy driving the culture of the school is tangibly “seen and felt” invariably every year on Sri Dasmesh International School’s Leadership day; whereby the school opens their doors to the parents for one memorable day.



From art to science to music to language to theatre to IT, young leaders successfully manifested personal leadership and integrity to great levels as they shone at their individual booths throughout the leadership trail for the parents to witness in propria persona.

Not to forget the inauguration of the school’s Organic Farm with the motive of raising perpetual awareness on growing chemical free food. The students prepared compost and sowed seeds of varying plants which will enable them to harvest their own produce in the fullness of time.

What better way than to amalgamate the celebration of the high achievers of 2014 through the Annual Awards Ceremony on the very same day. The commemoration of student achievements of the past year was eloquently hosted by student master of ceremonies. This ceremony is not only to reward outstanding academic performances of students of both primary and secondary school but also a platform for students to display their talent. The pinnacle of the event had to be when the top scorers of the IGCSE and SPM examination 2014 strutted on stage sporting the widest grins across their faces to receive their well-deserved trophies and certificates.



All in all, the very essence of leadership was captured through the Annual Awards & Leadership Day 2015; whereby students portray potential capacity to translate vision into reality.

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