

# Dasmesh Times

Sri Dasmesh International School



## When Shadows Echo

An evening of Poetry

By Tan Wan Ting

The Student Council organised a Poetry Evening on 15 June 2016 between five to seven thirty in the evening. Aside from the couple of featured artists invited to perform, many of Sri Dasmesh's aspiring poets recited their original poems. The event took place in the launch pad where comfortable mats were laid and topped with plush toys for a cosy effect.



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One of the Student Council members, Yoghini, was the emcee for the night and it began with a wonderful musical performance, followed by various poetry recitations. There was a short break in between where the audience and performers were served with pizza, brownies and mineral water.

My favourite part of the night was seeing the featured artists perform as they unveiled a whole new definition of poetry and what it can be. Most of the poems were deep and meaningful, while others were whimsical and told a narrative. It was a surprise to see many talented students fervently present their creative compositions.



Overall, Poetry Evening went smoothly and everyone who was present enjoyed it greatly. We hope for more amazing events like this where students can showcase their talents and learn from one another.

## Editor's Note

By Priya Kamlesh

2016 started-off with a bang! We were welcomed back to school with the initiation of Annual Awards and Leadership Day. Student Council members, Prefects, in fact all students worked tirelessly to organize and redecorate the entire school for the event.

It was the most colourful and biggest Leadership Day so far. Soon after, students geared up for the much awaited Sports Day 2016! The battle of the four houses ensued fervently. What a day of celebration this was, specially due to whole hearted involvement and contribution.

Subsequently, Year 11 students participated in a Public Speaking Competition where they displayed impeccable oratory skills. Competition was stiff for top spots. We also held a Courtesy Campaign at the beginning of the year.



Not long after that, the Student Council organized an event called 'When Shadows Echo' where students came forward to present their unique compositions. Some feature poets also came to support our event. All in all, the first term concluded on a bright note.

# Annual Awards & Leadership Day

By Nirvair Kaur

On 10 March 2016, Sri Dasmesh International School held its annual Leadership and Awards Day. Academic and leadership achievements are recognised on this day.

It was an honourable and privileged moment for us as the school welcomed delegates from the Franklin Covey Organization. These delegates came from all around the world. They were astonished to see that students of all ages were using the 7 habits in their every day practices. Everywhere they turned, they would catch a glimpse of a leader in action.

Once everyone had settled down, the masters of ceremony, Parhpreet Kaur (Year 6 Edison), Sohan Singh (Year 6 Newton), Yoghini Kandasamy (Year 11) and Jasjeat Singh (Year 11), kicked off the event. The High Achievers of 2015 were congratulated for their outstanding effort in the examinations. The audience was enamoured with the spectacular performance by Year 1 students and the fluently presented speeches by Year 4 students.

School Principal, Jaswinder Kaur, delivered a heartwarming and inspiring speech. An English Play cum Musical that incorporated the 7 Habits was presented by Year 6 Edison. The Legendary Heroes segment by the Year 6 students, allowed the audience to see life from the perspective of charismatic and sincere leaders around the world. Year 10 Newton students showcased the 'muhibbah spirit' in their delightful skit titled 'Kuala Lumpur – Our Story'. School Chairman, Tan Sri Dato' Ajit Singh, conveyed his enlightening message to the school.

Vice President of Franklin Covey Education, Bill McIntyre presented his momentous speech to the audience, announcing the remarkable news that Sri Dasmesh International School is now the first Lighthouse School in Malaysia! It was a great milestone and historic moment for us.



The constant labour of making our school look more wonderful than ever, the hours of staying back to add finishing touches around the school and the daily early-morning discussions paid off! The Sri Dasmesh community feeling blessed, participated in a splendid synergistic performance of the 7 Habits' Gymrama

The vibrant day continued with parents and guests set off on the Leadership Trail. Guided by young trail captains, they watched the noteworthy performances in each class. At the 'Chabucks' tea stall, parents and guests indulged in hot creamy tea and delicious snacks. Everyone left feeling contented as the school celebrated another historic moment and all are inspired to continue Sri Dasmesh's tradition of excellence.





# Sports Day

By Keerat Kaur BH

On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Sri Dasmesh International School held their annual sports day at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Stadium which is located in Shah Alam. Thorough preparations were made by students for this event and so when the day arrived, they were more than prepared to put on a great show. This year's theme was 'Earth' therefore the houses adopted these names:

The Blue Wave Rippers, The Yellow Stormbringers, The Green Earthrangers and The Red Infernos.



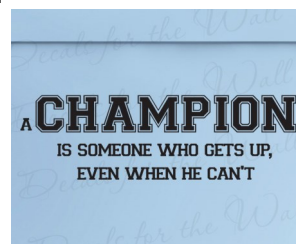
The program officially started at 7:00 a.m. but the students were there long before that; getting dressed and preparing the primary members so that they could put on an impeccable show. The program started with the march past and the judges were completely in awe with the war cries and formations of all the four houses. According to the panel of judges, it was an extremely hard decision to make. The Best March Past Trophy was jointly awarded to The Green Earthrangers and Red Infernos, who excelled in their creativity and precision. As the captains of the four houses headed towards the podium to recite the sports pledge in unison, there was a gracious silence and mood in the air honouring the moment. After this, the whole school including parents and guests participated in the invigorating 7 Habits' Gymrama.

Students were given a short break to refresh and prepare for their specific events. After that, the 100m, 400m and 4x100m races were held for Groups A, B and C. Athletes



who had without doubt begun with the end in mind displayed their remarkable prowess in the races; they were as fast as speeding bullets.

Loud roars from the supporting crowd could be heard from the stands as the winners crossed the finishing line.



A celebratory mood lingered as the audience cheered for the winners of the respective events when they were awarded their medals. For Group A, the Sportsman for the Year was Chai Jee Fong and the Sportswoman was Seetalprith Kaur. For Group B, the Sportsman was Devansh Johan and the Sportswoman was Beverly Siow. For Group C, the Sportsman was Kabir Singh and the Sportswoman was Amrita Lakshmii



Finally, the moment of terrible suspense..... Announcement of — the winning house for 2016! The sports committee kept the crowd gripping with anticipation but eventually they announced that The Red Infernos had stolen the coveted prize.

Towards the end of the day, students, parents and teachers proactively worked together to clean up the stadium. All in all, it was a phenomenal sports day.

# Public Speaking Competition

By Yoghini Kandasamy

To speak with purpose requires courage. These seven talented Year 11 students: Priya Kamlesh, Manpal Singh, Preeti Dev Kaur, Prabhjeet Kaur, Seetalprith Kaur, Anandpreet Kaur and Kimberly Siow were shortlisted to participate in the annual Public Speaking Competition held in school.



On 27 April 2016, a panel of honourable judges presided over this competition. The event was graced by Principal, Madam Jaswinder. The first speaker, Priya Kamlesh, presented her inspiring speech titled 'Be True To Yourself'. Second speaker, Student Council President, Seetalprith Kaur, presented an educative speech titled 'Stereotypes'; she was brilliant and her speech was well delivered.

Isak Dinesen quoted, "To be a person is to have a story." Third speaker, Anandpreet Kaur, encapsulated this concept in her speech titled 'Living a Life'. She was spectacular, with an amazing tone of voice and choice of words!



Manpal Singh, an aspiring and vocal leader, presented his contemporary speech titled 'Bullying'. It is true, pulling someone down, will never help you reach the top. We should learn to celebrate our differences. Head Prefect Preeti Dev Kaur, was the fifth speaker with her speech titled 'Leading a Better Life with Technology'. This topic explored how technology is a useful servant but a dangerous master. The

speech was filled to the brim with useful information.

The sixth speaker, Prabhjeet Kaur, Deputy Head Prefect, spoke passionately on gender equality and respect. Her speech titled 'Gender Stereotypes' was definitely a well addressed matter. "I am a girl, and I talk like a girl!" resonated powerfully with the audience. The final speaker, Kimberly Siow, presented her speech titled 'Power of Words'. She spoke passionately yet eloquently, on the importance of using positive language. The audience was moved by her spirit.

All the speakers presented their speeches with zest and their messages have inspired and provoked the thoughts of the audience.

The following are the winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kimberly Siow & Anandpreet Kaur
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prabhjeet Kaur
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Seetalprith Kaur

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