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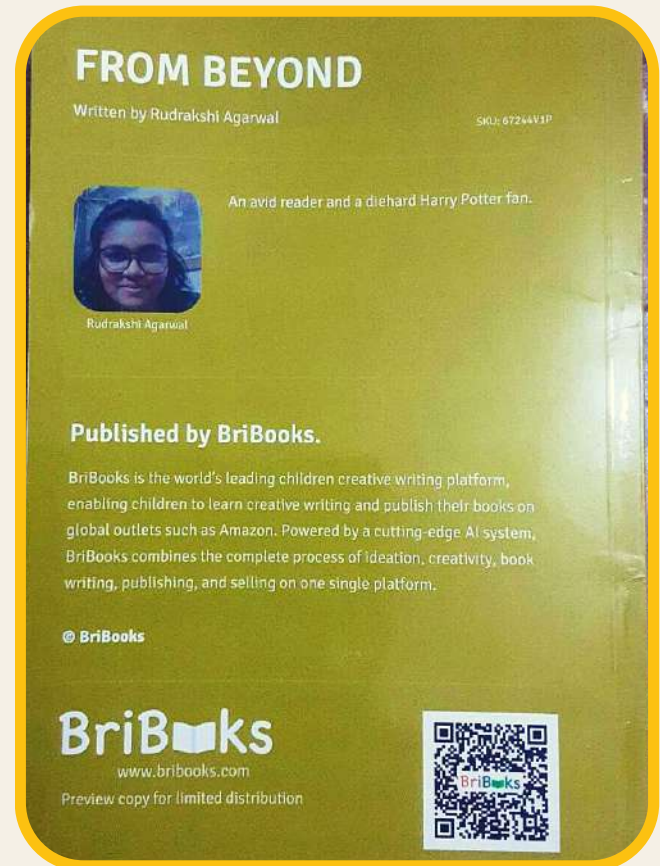


Darshan Academy strives to provide an education that embraces all aspects of a child's being, enabling students to meet challenges and lead life with a knowledge supported by wisdom, ethical values, good decision-making skills, as well as equipoise and a respect for all life.

BUDDING WRITER

"THE HARDER THE BATTLE, THE SWEETER THE VICTORY."

Rudrakshi Agarwal (grade IX), a young dynamic student from Darshan Academy, Meerut added another feather in its hat. An avid reader and a diehard fan of Harry Potter, Rudrakshi added some commendable contributions to our credit as she got her first book "From Beyond" published by the YouBooks Edtech (BriBooks) on a global outlet like Amazon. She competed in the National Young Authors Fair, the biggest book-writing competition organised by BRIBOOKS and has been distinguished as published authors with an ISBN issued by the Ministry of Education and won prizes along with authors' royalties for her book. Her powerful voice, coherent thoughts, and connection to the audience are being admired by one and all.



WELCOME TINY-TOTS

"A positive start to the school journey! Welcome new members to our Darshan family." All the new tiny-tots of the Pre-primary wing of Darshan Academy, Meerut were extended a warm welcome on 10 April 2023. The fresh buds sparkled the arena with their peppy dances, captivating storytelling, enchanting singing and poem recitation. They enjoyed fun craft activities and games as they started their new innings. The party video included awarding beautiful titles to the toddlers and serving them the juices and cookies.



FESTIVITIES OF BSAKHI # MAKING LIFE COLOURFUL & VIBRANT

To acquaint the students about Baisakhi and its significance in our culture, the festival of Baisakh was celebrated in high spirits on 13 April 2023. Well-planned activities stimulated their creative skills in gaiety. The tiny-tots of Kindergarten, dressed in colourful Punjabi traditional attires, participated in art activities depicting the harvest season. A Special Assembly was organised for the students of classes I to XII to help students understand various aspects of this festival of harvest as well as the "Unknown facts of Jallianwala Bagh" which left the audience spellbound. Students watched an audio-visual clip related to the significance of Baisakhi and how it is celebrated across the Punjab. They composed drawings on the theme incorporating the colours associated with the festival. Dhol beats and Punjabi folk music added to the excitement.



HOUSE MEETING @IDENTIFYING POTENTIALS

"Participation is more important than winning."

For the smooth functioning of CCA 2023-24, a House Meeting was conducted for all the four houses on 08 April 2023. All the House In-Charges with their respective team members as well as their students gathered on their specific locations interacted with the students and informed them regarding the upcoming activities. They motivated the students for their participation in various activities to be conducted throughout the year.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME # EVACUATION DRILL

Safety isn't expensive, it's priceless. Safety isn't just a slogan, it's a way of life."

A mock fire and evacuation drill involving students from classes I to XII and the teachers was conducted on 10 April 2023. A group of teachers and student volunteers armed with necessary paraphernalia required for firefighting and rescue operations positioned themselves at vantage points to guide and assist the students in the mock fire and evacuation drill. The students were escorted by their subject teachers to the school ground successfully within 4.5 minutes after the hooter sound. The students learnt about the fire-fighting techniques and the Rescue Operation as well as the ways to respond swiftly in times of such emergency situations.



PARENTS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

"EDUCATION IS NOT JUST ABOUT GOING TO SCHOOL AND GETTING A DEGREE. IT'S ABOUT WIDENING THE KNOWLEDGE AND ABSORBING THE TRUTH OF LIFE."

An Orientation Programme for the Parents of new students of grades Nursery to V was held on 08 April 2023 in two different slots. The programme began with the Introduction of Maharaj ji as well as the Academy. The Teacher Trainers gave a walkthrough of all the school processes and it's welcoming environment, incorporating a comprehensive idea about the School's philosophy, holistic approach in imbibing 21st Century Skills among students, Assessment Policy, a glimpse of various scholastic and co-scholastic activities organized in the school, facilities provided and safety measures undertaken by the Academy. The orientation programme helped parents to familiarise themselves with the curriculum for the Academic Session 2023-24, the teaching methodologies as well as the rules and regulations followed in the school. Parents appreciated the highlights of the Academy on the school's website and different social media platforms, and their links were shared with them. The session ended with the answering of the queries of the parents.



MOVIE SCREENING- JALLIANWALA BAGH

Reminiscence of Unforgettable Days @13 & 14 April and Unknown Facts of Indian History."

To spread awareness about the unforgettable days and unknown facts of Indian history, the students of classes VI - VIII of watched a video depicting the Jallianwala Bagh incident and understood the unknown facts of the Black Day. While the students from grades IX - XII delivered speeches to appreciate and honour Dr. Ambedkar's countless contributions in the making of the Constitution and his dedication in fighting social evils like caste discrimination and oppression. Ms Rajni Sharma, TGT - Social Science also explained the Jalianwala Bagh incident as well as the contribution of Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar in the making of present liberate and ideal India.



INTER-HOUSE TUNNEL RACE

"Enthusiastic performers display their passion and zeal to win."

Zestful Darshanites of Classes 3 to 8 displayed amazing spirit and enthusiasm as they participated in the Inter-House Tunnel Race on 15 April 2023. The entire playground echoed with their cheers as the balls crossed the pathway tunnels. The competition was stiff and the students gave their best. Apart from infusing fun into the school routine, the competition also catered to the development of their motor and social skills.



SHOW AND TELL ACTIVITY

"A good speech is like a pencil; it has to have a point."

Primary Wing talented kids performed a 'Show and Tell Activity' on 15 April 2023 to foster and strengthen the communication skills of the young minds. The students of Classes I & II brought their loving pet toy animals to describe. They participated enthusiastically in the activity which raised their self-confidence and self-esteem and built their social, emotional and language skills.



WORLD HERITAGE DAY

"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots."

World Heritage Day was graciously celebrated on 18 April 2023 with much enthusiasm. Students of grades VI - VIII enjoyed making posters on heritage monuments, bookmarks and writing slogans to live and promote Indian Heritage as it's a symbol of pride and uniqueness for every citizen of the country. The students of grades IX - XII conducted a Special Assembly to spread awareness to preserve human heritage and recognize the efforts of the organizations working for it. The day ended with a message to cherish the monuments and culture as the foretellers of the past.



FESTIVE SPIRIT @EID-UL-FITR

"Eid-ul-Fitr is a day of joy and happiness, blessing and harmony, and a moment to rejoice with family and friends!"

The Pre-Primary tiny-tots celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr, the festival that upholds the spirit of brotherhood, love and secularism with great enthusiasm on 21 April 2023. Through a role-play of a short skit, the significance of Eid was imbibed in them. Their dance performances on the tunes of songs related to Eid, and participation in various joyful and rejuvenating Art and Craft activities filled the environment with happiness and love. The kids were elated as they relished Sewaiyan to mark the auspiciousness of the occasion.



EARTHLY HUES # COMMEMORATING EARTH DAY 2023

"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks. So let's make our planet more sustainable and livable! "

To commemorate our benevolent Mother Earth on the occasion of the Earth Day, the students of enthusiastically participated in various activities on 21 April 2023. An array of creative activities were organized with a view to sensitize the children about the conservation of natural resources and to motivate them to do their bit towards making their planet even more beautiful. Intertwined with plantation, watering plants in the garden, poem recitation, speeches, quotation writing, collage making, slogan writing, craftwork with flower sticks, bookmarks and wall hangings related to Earth Day, a thought-provoking Nukkad Natak was also performed to spread awareness about the effects of global warming and how all citizens can make little efforts to reverse its effects. The enthusiastic participation of students in taking a pledge to 'Save Mother Earth', was a testimony of their commitment towards making the planet greener, cleaner and fresher.



INCULCATING DIGNITY OF LABOUR # LABOUR DAY



Students celebrated International Labour Day on 01 May 2023 with aplomb. A Special Morning Assembly was conducted by the students of classes IX to XII to enlighten all about the contribution of labourers to our society. Tiny tots celebrated the day by getting involved in fun-filled craft activity. Students of classes I to V made 'Thank You' flowers and while those of grades VI to VIII made 'Thank you cards'. Senior students organised fun games and dance performances, and distributed small gift hampers to the support staff members to fill their day with enthusiasm, love and respect. The school organised a sumptuous lunch party for them.

SPELL BEE@ LITERARY CLUB



Spelling aids reading and helps cement the connection that is shared between sounds and letters."

To give students a platform to learn spellings in different ways, an Inter-class Spell-Bee Competition was organised for the students of grades I to III on 26 April 2023. This fun-filled learning event, with different levels of activities, helped students improve their spellings, increase their vocabulary, learn concepts, and develop the use of correct English. Children participated passionately in the competition. Their efforts and initiative were appreciated by one and all.

STORYTELLING@LITERARY CLUB

"Stories always give wings to our imagination and take us to places beyond the boundaries of the physical world."

Keeping in mind that the competitions are the best way to boost the confidence of children, an Inter-class Storytelling Competition was conducted for the students of grades IV & V on 26 April 2023. Students, dressed up according to their characters, narrated stories, using facial expressions and voice modulation. To captivate the audience's attention, the young narrators used props like puppets and pictures. The oratory and presentation skills of tiny tots were outstanding. Moral of each and every story was appreciated by one and all.



ENERGY OVERLOADED@ATHLETICS DAY



One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 preaching it. Happy Athletics Day!"

In a bid to encourage sports activities and raise awareness about the importance of fitness, World Athletics Day was celebrated by the the little enthusiastic kids on the occasion of World Athletics Day on 06 May 2023. The young athletes participated in various fun activities like Hula Hoop Race, Rolly Polly Race, Balance Race, Hop Race, Water Transfer Race and Crawling Race. The athletes mesmerized the audience with their energetic performances.

REMEMBERING THE MAN OF POWERFUL WORDS @ RABINDRANATH TAGORE JAYANTI

You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water."

162nd birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore was celebrated on 06 May 2023 to commemorate his great work in the field of culture, literature and poetry. A Special Assembly was conducted by the students of classes VIII to X. The celebration began with a prayer song followed by the thoughts about cherishing the legacy Shri Rabindranath Tagore. Students shared some inspirational quotes by Tagore, narrated his biography, presented a speech, recited poems and conducted a short quiz. The Special Assembly concluded with the National Anthem.



"Mother's love — a precious GEM to be treasured!"



To celebrate the everlasting bond of love and affection, the Pre-primary and the Primary Wing at Meerut celebrated Mother's Day on 13 & 15 May 2023 with great fervour. They passionately got involved in making beautiful greeting cards for their mothers and also designed beautiful flowers for them through paper tearing and pasting activity. It was indeed a pleasure to hear them speak intensely and devotedly about their mothers. Heart-warming feelings filled the air with intimacy, gratitude, appreciation and acknowledgement as the little ones proudly echoed and enchanted the quote- "Mother will be our door to Paradise so, let's love, respect and care for our mother everyday".

INTER-HOUSE VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL MATCHES

"Kids are the future of the nation...

Unhealthy kids mean an unhealthy nation."

The five S's in sports are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit."

To uplift the sportsman spirit of the students, an Inter House Volleyball and Basketball Matches were organised for the enthusiastic players of classes IX-XII on 12 May 2023. The energy displayed by the players was commendable. All the players gave a tough front to each other. Their energy, teamwork, focus and enthusiasm kept the audience involved till the end. The event was a success. Every goal was backed by thunderous applause. The players were completely engulfed in playing. Peace House (Boys) and Compassion House (Girls) bagged the First Position in Volleyball matches while Compassion House (Boys & Girls) ranked First in the Basketball matches.



SUMMER CAMP 2023-24



KICKBOXING CHAMPIONS

The road to success is paved with consistent hard work and resilience. Remember! Opportunities don't happen, you create them."

The glorious moment swells our hearts with pride as seven (07) little champs of classes IV - V capped their consistency and added feathers to the achievements tally of the school by receiving one silver and five bronze medals in the UP State KickBoxing Championship 2023-24 held at Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut from 22 - 24 May 2023. Entire Darshan fraternity extended heartiest congratulations to the remarkable achievements. The proud recipients of the event are Advit, Shivansh, Harshit, Akshay, Swayam, M.Sumaiya.

Summer Camp is a great opportunity to explore new things or dive deep into areas you love"

To provide a platform to explore and express their creativity and accustom them to physical wellness from a young age, a plethora of activities were arranged during the Summer Camp - 2023 from 22 to 30 May 2023. They not only enjoyed participating in basketball, volleyball, skating, table-tennis, badminton, skipping, yoga, aerobics, hula hoop and drill, but also honed their skills in best of waste, fun with Science and Maths, Digi Art, calligraphy, dancing, singing, playing instruments, personality grooming and cooking without fire. Students made the camp lively by maximizing their participation in all such fitness and upskilling activities. The Principal applauded the efforts of students and teachers for such a conducive and holistic learning environment.



TEACHERS' UPSKILLING PROGRAMME- 21ST CENTURY SKILLS



Innovation is not about tools. It's about people, processes and pedagogy. "

A one-day In-House Workshop on Teaching Methodologies for teachers was held on 30 May 2023. The session began with ten minutes of meditation by all. The presenters laid stress on concept building, collaborative work, critical thinking, and problem solving among the students. Their presentations activated many innovative practices incorporating 21st century skills and experiential learning that promoted competency-based teaching and learning processes. Several activities were conducted to promote interest of the learners and enhance their conceptual knowledge. Various digital tools were shared by the teachers to make classroom teaching more interactive and effective. All the sessions were engaging and informative. They were appreciated by all.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION

***"Let's discover the sense of oneness with ourselves, the world and nature."**



The ever-enthusiastic students and teachers celebrated International Yoga Day on 21 June 2023 by performing Surya Namaskar, highlighting the theme ***"Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"** which beautifully encapsulated the collective aspiration for one earth, one family and one future. The students performed various asanas to bring out the importance of yoga in serving better mental and physical health practices. Keeping in mind the health and well-being of all, the students made posters and wrote slogans. The whole event inspired the youth to come together for sustainability and global harmony.



IN-HOUSE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME #NCF



"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

A skill enhancement session on National Curriculum Framework (NCF) was conducted for teachers on 27 June 2023. The session began with five minutes of meditation and rejuvenating souls with Maharaj Ji's blessings. The facilitators aimed at enhancing the understanding of the National Curriculum Framework. Introduction of G-20 leadership and its relativity with NCF was briefed. Discussion on multidisciplinary approach, art integration, experiential learning and competency based education helped the educators realise its necessity to attain 360 degree development of students. The session provided an organic and well framed roadmap to NCF



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