

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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GRAND OPENING !

Deens Academy: The new campus at Kathriguppe, Gunjur

Third June 2015, marked a special day for the Deens family with the inauguration of the new Kathriguppe Gunjur Campus. The Kathriguppe Campus is a spectacular campus with amazing facilities like modern classrooms, science park, football and cricket grounds, children's play area, tennis court et all.



The chief guest of the programme was Dr. Gururaj Karajagi, a renowned educationist, who has several achievements to his credit. To quote a few he has founded over 50 schools, published 22 International research papers and conducted over 2000 training programmes. The programme started with an inspiring song, a fusion of Indian and Western music, “Khwab Ko Pankh De, Sapno Ko Rang De.” It captured beautifully the Deens Academy's vision of “Giving wings and colours to your dreams.” Good job choir! Then our respected principal Mrs. Shanthi Menon welcomed the new children and their parents to the Deens family. She explained the various school activities and “The Deens way of life.”

Next our dear students enacted “The Spirit of Deens” dance. It was a beautiful medley of Indian and Western dance which established the ideals of “Integrity, Confidence, Versatility, Empowerment and Independence. Next was the address by our head mistress Mrs. Hemlatha Pandey. Ma'am congratulated the parents for choosing Deens as their school and said that it was an honour to have their child in Deens. Our beloved president of Deens Educational Trust, Adil Sir, spoke about the organizational vision of Deens. The chief guest Dr. Gururaj Karajagi gave a truly inspiring speech. He told several interesting anecdotes. He said that we identify a good school by the happiness content of a child.



"A Newspaper is not just a piece of paper, but a product of the hard work of many people working overnight to deliver news right to citizens' doorstep.", this is what I learnt about the Newspaper industry. The Times of India (Bennett & Co.) organized a summer training-cum-workshop during the month of April. Deens Academy along with 60 other schools got a chance to send one of their students to this once in a lifetime opportunity training programme. Lucky enough, I got selected by my teachers and I was ready on the 6th of April in the MG Road office of TOI, ready to learn about the newspaper industry. On the first day was the ice-breaking activity - I, Me, Myself. We had to write about ourselves and boast as much as we could, so that we could come out of the isolation shell. We also learnt about others, their likes, dislikes and how each and every one is different. We also got to know a lot about Ms. Santrupti, who organized our workshop for the entire session. On the second day, we continued with this activity and once we were done, we started off with the aspects of Reporting. We learnt about the 5Ws and 1H rule in reporting. We also did a few exercises with errors in sample reports and where we had to correct them. Day three was all about the post of copy-editor. Ms. Santrupti told us about how the reports get filed in and how the CE's work begins. She also told us about how news stories get circulated throughout the various editions of TOI in India. After a brief look into the Reuters, she explained the work of a CE. On the fourth day, we started an assignment - Create your own Newspaper's front page. We were assigned groups and we started making the paper. The newspaper was indeed hard to make and we understood the difficult job of the paper-setting team. Uneven gutter spacing, improper distribution of text and uninteresting headings were some of the challenges we faced. In order to fill the page, we got information from real-life contacts and not just Wikipedia. During this activity, we also learnt how to ask people for information and how to jot the points down together in a sequence. Out of all days, the 5th day was the best. That is because we got to visit the press of TOI at Bommasandra. We got to know about the process of printing and the various machines used. In fact it was just like a normal inkjet printer, only magnified at each stage. It was indeed interesting to see the next day's headlines and tell it to others as an astrologer! After the evening snacks we received in the state of the art facility, we returned back. After a hectic week, it was nice to have a 2 day-break. The 6th day marked the beginning of the Advertising, Circulation and RMD department talks. The Head of the Research and Marketing Development (RMD) talked to us and told about the Marketing schemes that TOI uses. On the 7th day, the manager of Circulation department told us about circulating thousands and thousands of newspapers in an area of 50km*50km before 6 AM. It was then we understood the importance of time and planning in a newspaper industry. The Advertising head told us about the ratio between editorial content and advertisements and what sizes of advertisements are available. She then gave us a task where to get a clear understanding of marketing and advertising, we had to try to sell BBC Knowledge subscriptions. It proved out that I got the 2nd most number of subscriptions and got the Silver trophy. You never know what you are great at unless you try. The last day saw the end of the 8-day TOI NIE (Newspaper in Education) summer training camp. We all received pencil holder cases, a few goodies and a book which was compilation of short stories. The winners also received their trophies today.

I realized at the end that Newspapers were not only about reports and editorial matter; it also consisted of many different aspects. The way I viewed a newspaper changed completely. I would really like to thank my teachers for giving me this opportunity.

Report by Dhruv Jha, 8C

Every year our school, Deens Academy, holds the Investiture Ceremony at the beginning of each academic session. The members of the student council, who were elected by the students the previous year, are awarded their badges and sashes in this event. This year, like always, the Investiture Ceremony was celebrated in a grand manner. It started with the master of ceremony, Shashi Ma'am, welcoming the students, teachers and the parents of our young leaders. She talked about the leadership qualities and the responsibilities that the student council would take up. She also added that they are the representatives of the school and they should maintain discipline. Then, the student council, looking dashing in their navy blue blazers, began their march past followed by the band. They were led by the Head Girl Nimisha Prakashan. The house captains, vice captains, event co-ordinators and prefects, were then called up on stage, according to their house to be presented with their badges, by Maya Ma'am, Hema Ma'am and Sita Ma'am. The Head Girl, Nimisha Prakashan and Sports Captain, Sanjana Shandilya, were given special sashes by Shanthi Ma'am. The names of the House Mistresses were also announced and they led their houses to the final position. We asked the Flavius (Yellow) House Mistress how she felt and this is what she said, "I am feeling very happy and proud. I always want my house to win. If we will be positive then the rolling trophy will be ours." We also interviewed the Prasinus (Green) House captain Indulekha Tharun and she quoted, "I am pretty happy that I am captain. I will try my best to make our house win this year!" The ceremony came to an end with the student council taking an oath to fulfil all their duties, and Shanthi Ma'am spoke a few encouraging words congratulating them. This was followed by the National Anthem. Overall, this was indeed a memorable event!

Report by Roja Sahoo, News Reporter 7B



The Student Council Workshop

We, the student council of The Deens Academy had a workshop on the 6th of June conducted by our counselor, Ms. Sama Adil. The workshop was about improving ourselves to become better leaders.

We came to know a being a leader is not an easy job. Being a leader, we become the centre of attention. Thus people start making all sorts of assumptions about us. Be it good or bad! We learnt how to overcome these situations. We learnt how be confident, bold and zealous.

However, the most important thing we learnt from this workshop was to have a strong bond between us despite of our house colour or our post. This, I must say was our biggest take-away of that day.

Report by Riya Kalra G-8A



The student Council members who took part in the workshop.

Founder's Day

Deens Academy came into existence on the 11th of June, in the year 2006. We all are here again to celebrate the 10th birthday of Deens Academy. All the students from grade 6 to 10 gathered together at the basketball court. The first event for this day was a skit performed by a few students of grade 8. They were incidentally the Tulip Branch 2006, students who had joined the school from its inception.

This skit was about how the Tulip Branch grew up in this school. During the event, the Indian and Western choir presented the fusion song. There are some teachers in this school who have been here from the beginning. They are Hema Ma'am and Amrita Ma'am and they were felicitated by Shanthi Menon. Then a cake was cut by the members of the Student Council. This event ended with a short speech by Shanthi Ma'am, the school principal, about her journey in the Deens Academy.

Report Navya Govil, News Reporter 7B



Special Assembly G6

Special assembly is conducted monthly by all the sections of a grade. The topic of the month is given by the school. The first opportunity of conducting a special assembly was given to the 6th graders. The topic of the month was "I clean". All of the 6th graders performed in the special assembly. They presented small skits, music and dance. Parents of the 6th graders were also invited to watch the show. One of the proud parents remarked, "We are really enthralled to see scintillating performance put up by them. Keep up the good performance." The 6th graders concluded with keeping the surroundings clean. Congratulations to the 6th graders and the teachers.

Report by Varenya Pathak News Reporter G-7B



Inter House Football Final

Inter House Football Finals took place on 26th of June. The boys' juniors' result was 3-1 in penalties. The match was between Flavus and Prasinus. Prasinus won.

The girls' seniors, Flavus VS Caeruleus. There were many spectacular saves and goals scored by Flavus and Caeruleus. During half time, the score was 2-1, Flavus leading. In the end, Flavus won a spectacular victory of 3-1.

In the boys' seniors, the match was also Flavus versus Caeruleus. The match consisted of such good play from both teams that the audience was glued to them. Both teams kept the audience entertained till the end. Caeruleus did not give up even though they were outplayed by the confident Flavus players. One talented player of Flavus named Vidur, even managed to score a hat trick of goals. One of the players also scored from Caeruleus. Vedant Paikray, a seventh grader from the Flavus team said he really enjoyed the match and was content with his participation. Darshan Dinesh, a seventh grader from Caeruleus house said he can improve for next year, he feels Flavus played well. He said his team lacked passing the ball to each other.

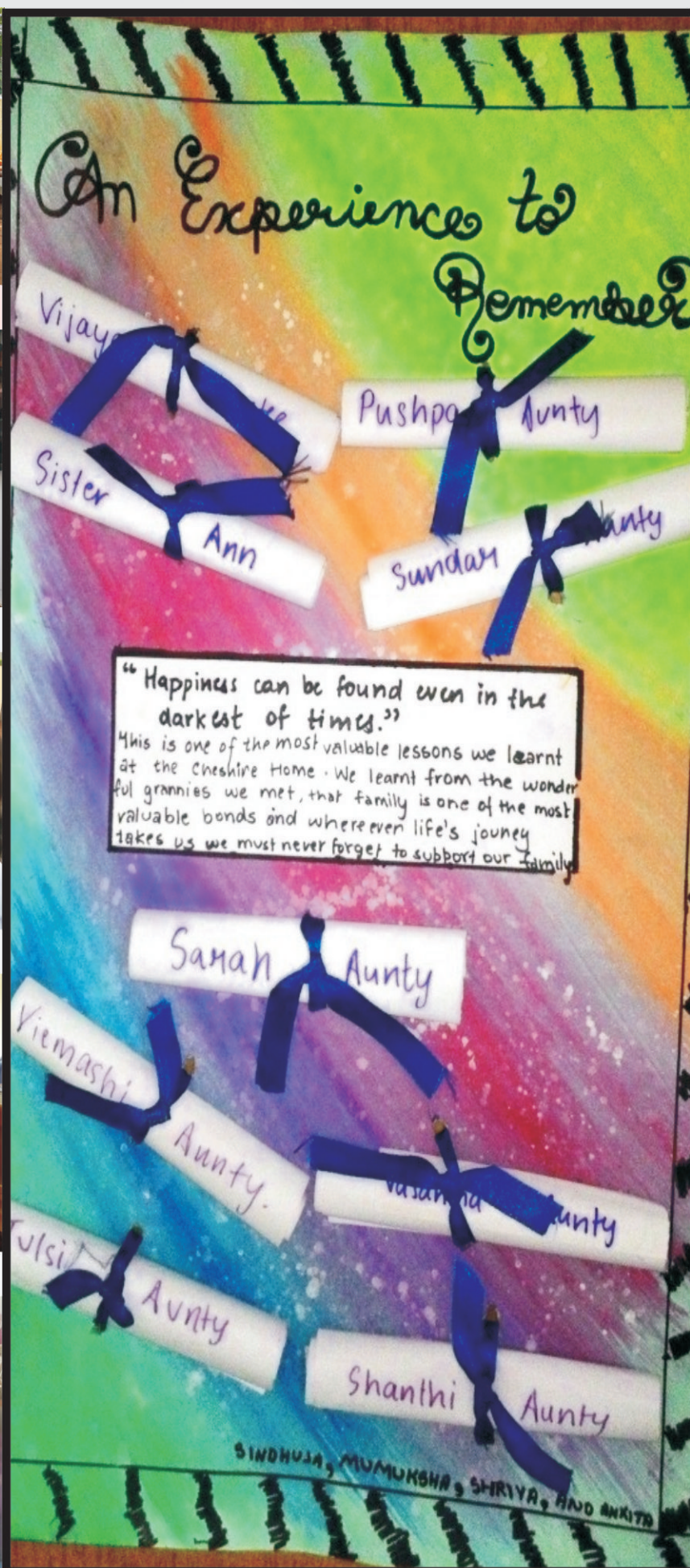
Report by Anish Narain, News Reporter, 7B



The spectacular display by the students of 7A, Bidisha Madam's class on the theme of the month 'SPAIN'



Puneeta Ma'am takes Grade-9 to Cheshire Home



Token of Appreciation

Students of Grade 8 distributed sweets to the aunts to show their appreciation for getting their classrooms ready for the New Session. The money for the sweets was collected during the Resonart activities last year.

Smrita Menon









Congratulations!

Outgoing
Batch of
Grade 10










 Abhijit Balaji 8.6 / 10	 Abhishek J. 8.2 / 10	 Adarsh Pradeep 9.2 / 10	 Anvit Garg 10 / 10	 Himanshu S. 10 / 10	 Jahnavi P. 10 / 10
 Janaki Syam 9 / 10	 Kartik C. 9 / 10	 Komal U. 9.6 / 10	 Kshitij M.G. 9.2 / 10	 Meha P.S. 10 / 10	 Monish P. 10 / 10
 Nikitha P. 9.8 / 10	 Priyanka U. 8 / 10	 Rakshanda B.R. 8.4 / 10	 Rohan K.G. 10 / 10	 Rohan C.J. 7.6 / 10	 Saarthak P.K. 9 / 10
 Sahana S.N. 8 / 10	 Samrin Sajid 9 / 10	 Sanoli B.C. 8 / 10	 Sayan Bose 7.6 / 10	 Varun Srikanth 9.2 / 10	 Varun Ullanat 10 / 10





Congratulations!

Outgoing
Batch of
Grade 12

 Jahanvi 94.4%	 Aditya 94.2%	 Haya 90.4%
 Aadvick 88.2%	 Shreyas 80.4%	 Manisha 88.4%
 Priyanka 88.4%	 Sushrut 75%	 Sumeet 88%

5th June World Environment Day

The World Environment Day was marked by two very important events in our campus. Mr. Bagrodia spoke to the students of the senior school about some very effective and simple ways by which people have made a positive difference to their immediate environment.

He made the lecture immensely interesting and engaging as he showed the students various examples which they could easily appreciate and even put to use. Mr. Bagrodia also initiated the sapling planting activity by the students of grade 9, in the school and the ECC campus.

Baljeet Kalha



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