



Message from the Principal

On this Teachers Day, I acknowledge my sincere gratitude to our entire teaching faculty for their dedication and commitment towards our school and its children. Deens Academy wishes to continue this beautiful journey and hopes that the years to come will be as enriching as they are colorful.



*A true teacher is like gold in a mine
She brings out your character
Makes you shine.*

*A motivator, an inspirer and a counselor too
Our gratitude to them is well overdue.*



*A tender teacher can work wonders
She is one in many others
Who touches the soul
In ways unknown*

And strives to help us reach our goal.



*A kind teacher is hard to come by
She is the one who tries to pacify.
When our heart is heavy in defeat
She calms us with her soothing words
And helps us achieve any feat.*



*A teacher is like a mother to us
She is love in disguise
Only now do we pay the price
For ignoring her advice.*

Oh teacher!

*You give me courage I never knew I had
And have ridden me of all that is bad
So I would like to take this moment
And wish all the teachers present.*

Written by Kavya Arun - 7A



An interview with the Principal

Akshita - Good Morning Ma'am. Thank you so much for taking your time out for us. Could you please tell us a little about your childhood?

Shanthi Ma'am - I had a very normal childhood like any other school student. I did well academically and used to hate Maths and Physics but loved English. I used to get punished very often and was a State javelin player. I am a DIY (Do It Yourself) person and I loved to paint.

Stuti - What motivated you to become a teacher and who was your idol?

Shanthi Ma'am - Well, this is a funny story. So, when I was young, I had a teacher who used to live right above my house. Often she used to call me from her window and give some work to do. She chose for most of the stage performances since I was very good at them. So I used to think she was a very powerful lady. As I grew up, I thought, "If I also can become a teacher, I would also have that power". Later I realized that being a teacher was not about having the power but also having fun with children. My father who was in the services has been my idol all my life.

Akshita - What can we find you doing when you're not in school?

Shanthi Ma'am - I used to paint a lot and loved craft work. Whenever any guest used to come to our house, you would always find me in the kitchen making something. I also learnt Bharatnatyam when I was young. I feel reading fantasies or fictions reduces stress, as they take you to a realm imagined by yourself.

Stuti - Tell us what you like the most in us as students of Deens Academy?

Shanthi Ma'am - The impeccable love and warmth given by the students, not only to other students but as well as the teachers and the staff.

Akshita - How do you hope to see Deens in the future?

Shanthi Ma'am - Wherever our Deenites are, I hope they carry the name of the school and people around the world are able to recognize our school name.

Stuti - Tell us what do you think are the five most important qualities that students must have during their schooling?

Shanthi Ma'am - The five most important qualities would be self-discipline, humility, good communication skills, respect for all living things and good values.

Akshita - We spend more quality time with our teachers than parents. How do we improve teacher-parent communication to benefit a student?

Shanthi Ma'am - When a student feels comfortable with the teachers and does not hesitate to open up with her, the parent-teacher communication also improves.

Stuti - Do you think naughtiness is accepted?

Shanthi Ma'am - The naughtiness is accepted as long as you know you do not hurt anybody verbally and physically and naughtiness also should not be self-destructive. You know I was a very naughty student myself. So my self and the boys of my class were a small gang who were often punished and scolded. We played pranks on the teachers.

Akshita - Could you please tell us a few pranks played by your gang?

Shanthi Ma'am - There were a lot but my favorite was this one. We had our classes in groups of 80 to 90 students. So when the teacher turned her back towards us to write on the board, the students used to slip quietly out of the class by the door right next to the seats, so by the end of the period, the class will be half empty and the teacher would not have realized that. I was a front bencher. Me and my friends used to place dusters on top of the doors. So when the teacher opened the door, the dusters used to fall on her and she used to be covered in dust. We also used to spray ink on the teacher's habits to check whether they change their habit every day, but to our surprise they always wore the same habit throughout the week.

During my tenth grade, on the day of the Board exam, we asked the invigilator to step out of the class so we could manage the exam on our own as it was a very tough paper. The invigilator actually went out and then one of the students took her notes out and dictated the answers while the whole class copied it down. We still laugh about it.



Another incident was when me and my school friends went back to our school for our reunion and took a picture of ourselves standing on the benches in our old classroom holding our ear. Believe me, the school days are the best part of life and I would never trade my schooldays for anything.

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Inter-house Quiz

In the recent inter-house quiz competition, which was conducted by Shalini Ma'am, Caeruleus house bagged the maximum number of points, by winning 2 out of the 4 final rounds conducted across the grades.



For smooth functioning, Ma'am decided to club few grades, such that one student from each grade for each house was selected, thus four students from each grade were selected for the quiz. As a quiz teacher, Shalini Ma'am selected students during her monthly classes. Questions were asked in various fields such as English Grammar, Sports, Current Affairs, Entertainment. Visual and oral rounds and MCQs were some of the ways questions were asked.

Grades	Winning House	Team Members	Points
4th & 5th	Flavus	Navya Rastogi & Soham Ali	17
6th & 7th	Caeruleus	Tejas Murthy & Aditya T	16.25
8th & 10th	Caeruleus	Arush G, Krishna & Shreyas G	10.5
11th & 12th	Rubrus	Gaurang & Ritajit	8.75

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Worth Their Knowledge in Gold

Why have we forgotten how important teachers are to us? Why do we not give what respect the teachers deserve to them? Teachers give more than knowledge to us; they shape us into what we are. Why is it that we give less to teachers than what we take?

Even in India, we don't care or know about the value and importance of teachers. In the Mahabharata, praises are sung about our teachers did. Drona, the legendary archer and general, taught Arjun to shoot in the dark, he gave Yudhishtira his unfailing sense of justness and truth. In the Ramayana, it was Vashishta who gave Rama his warrior skills and the motto, Truth, Honor, Dharma. Teachers were almost gods earlier, people knew their value. When a child was to be sent to be educated, he would actually live with his teacher, or as they were also known, their gurus. The guru and the student had a symbiotic relationship, in return for his guru's knowledge, the student would take care of his guru and almost become part of his family. As such, a guru's house would always be full of students. But now, a student doesn't even have the courtesy to wish a teacher, let alone respect them.

A teacher's profession is not appreciated or wanted, in fact, there are less teachers than required. If there are more teachers, more students can be educated and more knowledge can be passed. In India, more than 30 percent of children cannot read or write, and an even larger percent don't go to school. Why? Because getting educated costs so much. Why? Because we don't have enough teachers. If we have more teachers, the cost of education would be decreased.

We need to bring back the importance of teaching. We need to realise that teaching is no mean feat and requires huge amounts of patience, hard work, determination and ingenuity. A child might not understand a concept, but a good teacher will not stop trying to help the child to understand. A good teacher always finds new and different ways to make learning fun. If you hadn't had a good teacher, I sincerely doubt that you would have the knowledge you have now, your understanding of things and your literacy.

So, in a nutshell, what is a teacher? Is a teacher a second parent? Is a teacher someone who guides you through your life unfailingly and unerringly? Is a teacher a modicum through which you learn and understand? Or is a teacher a soul who is looking out for you?

A good teacher is all this and much more.

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Psychology Quiz

Our school participated in a national psychology quiz held at Fortis hospital in the beginning of September. This was one of the first ever national psychology quiz held in India. This competition invited over 250 schools from all over India to participate. The event was conducted by the mental, health and behavioral sciences department of Fortis Healthcare.



The main aim of this quiz was to raise awareness about the subject of psychology as it is relatively new and many people do not know about it. It was a very challenging quiz and many questions were taken from the undergraduate textbook. Despite that our school came second in the south zone. The first round was conducted online in school premises and consisted of multiple choice questions. Deens was one of the schools from the south zone which passed this round and went on to the zonal round. The questions comprised of crosswords, rapid fire and buzzer round as well as MCQs. Our team lost by a whisker in the tie breaker but still made our school proud by coming second.

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Inter-house Cricket Match

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy ". Taking this proverb in mind in the mid - September ,the students had a break from intense studying to enjoy a mesmerizing Inter- house cricket match held in our school .In Seniors , Flavus House and Caeruleus House went head to head in the Finals . The Flavians defeated the Caerulians in the mind boggling match . In the juniors match the Flavus House and Prasinus House went head to head . This match did not only find the champion out of the two teams but , was testing the friendship of two good friends who were the captains of their teams . Prasinus seized their victory against the Flavians earning merits to the house .

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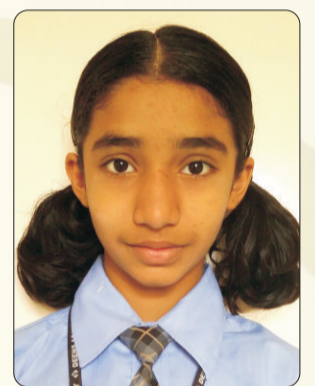
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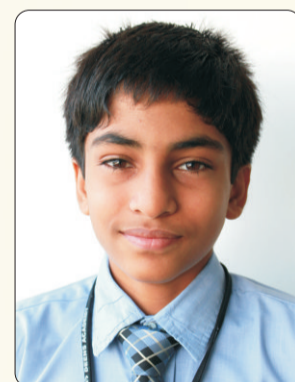
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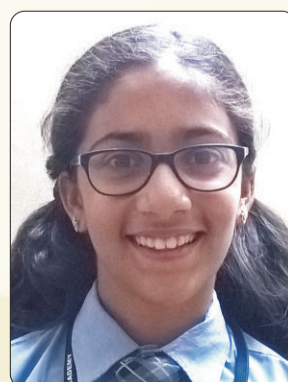
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