



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"When we tackle obstacles, we find hidden reserves of courage and resilience, we did not know we had. And it is only when we are faced with setbacks do we realise that these resources were always there within us. We only need to find them and move on with our lives" said our former beloved President **A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**. The Deenites have been just that 'Resilient' and have decided 'To move on' and what spectacle it was to behold the Deenites, after two years of confinement due to the pandemic, appear in full strength in the school campus, to celebrate the Founder's Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. Now there is no looking back. We are the 'Resilient Deenites' and we move on.....

## FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Friday, June 10, 2022, marked our beloved school to be 16 years old. The Deens Academy was founded and set up in May 2006 by the Deens Educational Trust.

Founder's Day brought much delight to students and faculty alike. The most vivid and colorful streamers and balloons were hung up around the campus, showcasing the energy and positivity our school radiates. Snack boxes were handed around the students, which significantly uplifted our moods. There was much anticipation for the clock to strike 10:30 and signify the beginning of the much-awaited Founder's Day assembly.

When it finally did, the entire school assembled in the football field. Shuffling feet and shouting voices predominated the assembly for several minutes until everyone was settled. And then, much to our surprise, a rather young school student took over and managed to captivate us all with her sweet voice and charm.

As much as we'd learnt to expect the unexpected from our extremely talented peers, the entire campus was shocked when students from all grades performed a most spectacular dance to the melodious beat of 'Beat It' by Michael Jackson. It was a truly phenomenal show that we all watched with great enthusiasm. And that is not where the fun ended.

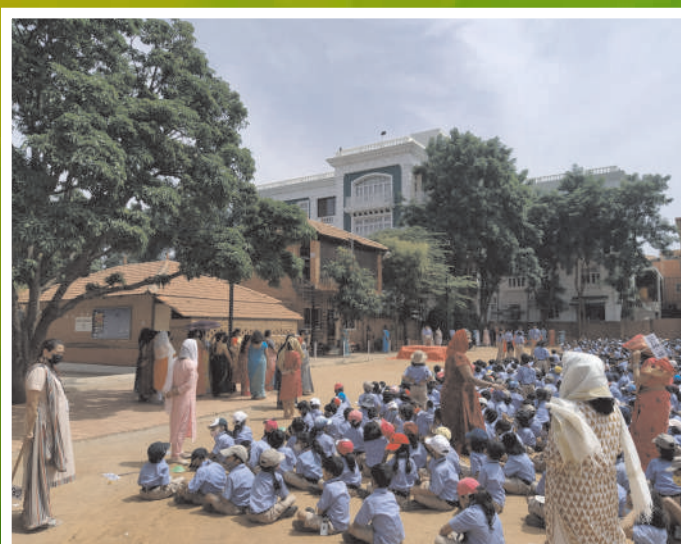
You could look hard and not find a soul as talented as the ones fostered in our school. It is the beauty in the rarity that good acting possesses that makes us cherish every moment spent in the theater, and the high school students managed to put on an act so incredibly amazing that for a second, we might as well have been in a theater. It is only understandable that their play was based off of being stressed but bouncing right back – the school's theme for the year is 'resilience' after all.

After the performance, the school's beloved principal Ms Shanthi Menon announced the majority of the academic year's Student Council. The cheers and applause for each and every one of our Council members suffice to say that the responsibilities of this year are in great hands.

The assembly ended soon after, which was, all in all, bittersweet. The temptation to stay in the field and miss another class or two was strong, but the urge to get out of the heat of the blazing sun was stronger. The school dispersed.

It was, in short, an exceptionally enjoyable day.

- Anushka Singh 8E





## INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2022

Investiture Ceremony 2022 is a very prestigious formal event hosted in our school where the elected student council is sworn into office and officially take up their respective posts. The event commenced with the elected student council marching to the synchronized drum beats of the band. The council portrayed great discipline and conduct while marching forward. The president and vice-president of the student council were called upon on the stage and were assigned their badges by the esteemed founder of our school, Mr. S.A.R. Adil. They were then handed over the flag of our school, Deens Academy and conferred with the responsibility of wellbeing and discipline of the Deenites.

The captain, vice-captain, discipline director and prefects of each house were then called upon the stage and vested with their responsibilities. Ceruleus house symbolizes calmness, serenity and discipline; Rubrus house symbolizes strength and intelligence; Prasinus house symbolizes wellbeing and growth; Flavus house symbolizes warmth and prosperity. The student council then solemnly took a pledge to diligently execute their duties and do their best for the wellbeing of the school and society. This was followed by a motivating speech by our esteemed principal, Ms. Shanthi Menon and a delightful song by the school choir. The event closed with the national anthem sung by the students of the primary section. We are sure that this year's student council will do their best and help keep us on the right path while maintaining great discipline and order. It was an honour to be able to witness the Investiture Ceremony and become familiar with this year's student council.

- Khushi Bansal, 8C

### YOUNG LEADERS OF DEENS

John Maxwell, the author of the famous 360-degree leader once said that "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way". On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, the freshly elected Student Council of Deens Academy stood proudly on stage with determination in their eyes and grit in their minds. In the previous week, Deenites from grades 5-12 had cast their vote and elected their leaders. With the vibrant and witty posters and the memorable speeches, it was probably one of the most intense and exciting elections held at Deens.

Well, after all it had been two years since offline elections had been held, so the excitement was more than ever! The Deens Student Council elections was truly an example of the true working of democracy from campaigning to the Investiture Ceremony. Most importantly, we had a first-hand experience of what we learnt about the election process in a democracy. The Investiture Ceremony of 2022 was one to remember! The march past, the choir, the band... it was all wonderfully planned and executed!

- Syna Sharma (9E)





## THE ART OF RESILIENCE

As Nelson Mandela once said, do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

Resilience. Being resilient is to let go the difficult situations successfully and adapting to it. It gives people the strength needed to process and overcome hardship.

For instance, you are ready with a PowerPoint presentation that took day and night to prepare. The day of your presentation arrives. You decide to wear your lucky t-shirt and enter the classroom with full confidence. You are sure that you worked really hard and do your presentation with confidence. When you are done, expecting an applause, your teacher says "That's it?". You feel a sudden pinch of disappointment and try to cover it with an awkward fake smile. The set back is an opportunity to be resilient, instead of a fake smile, be calm and don't let it affect you because you know that you gave your best!

Make friends with the word "temporary". This beautiful world is made of nothing more than temporary things. Connecting with temporary will make you realize that all the difficult situations are temporary and will pass. You'll recognize there's always new openings for change, wherever you're & whoever you're with!

Dr Ginsburg, child paediatrician and human development expert, proposes that there are 7 integral and interrelated components that make up being resilient – competence, confidence, connection, character, contribution, coping and control. These points are really easy to apply in your daily life, making you resilient

I would like to end this write up with a quote - "You may have to fight the battle more than once to win it." — Margaret Thatcher

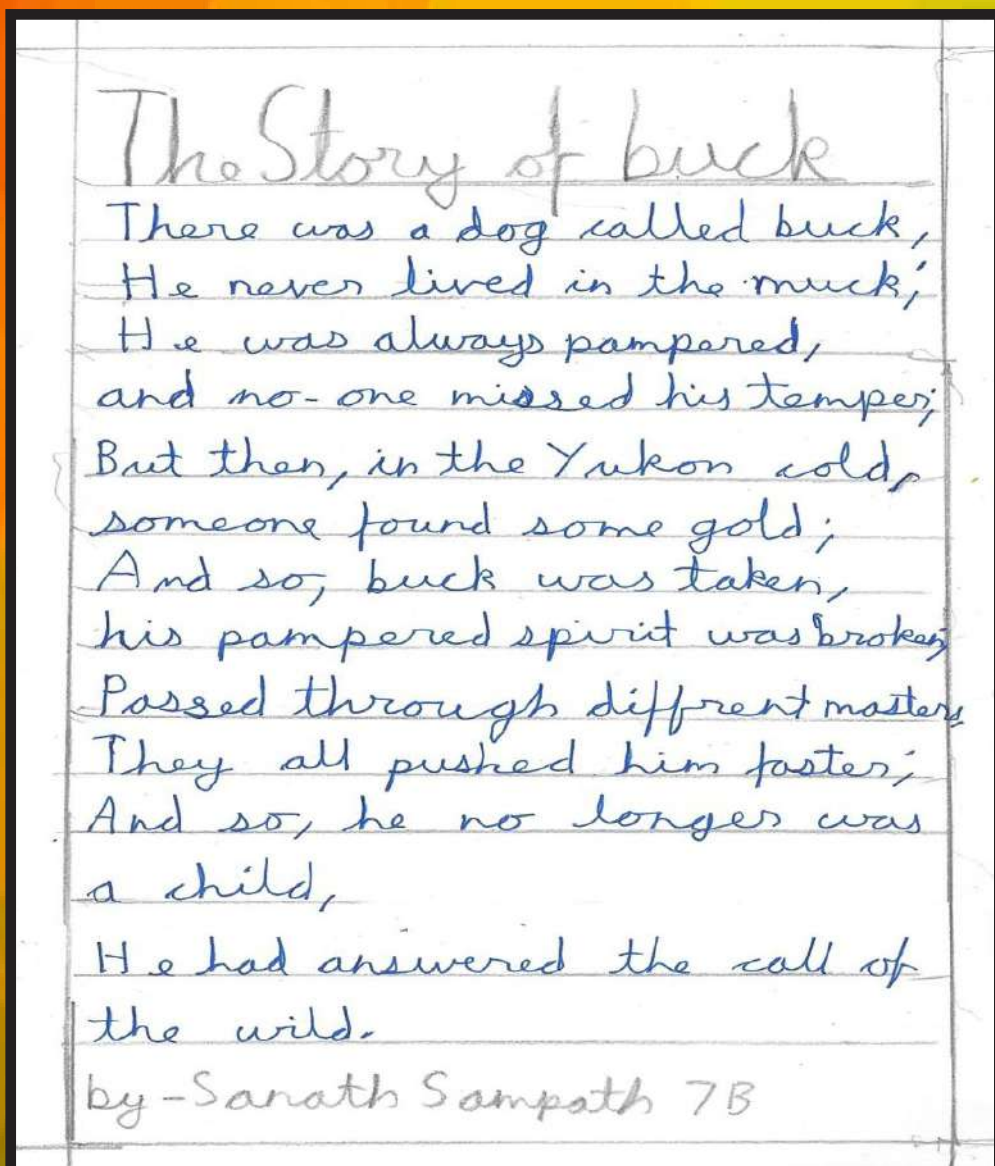
- Anhad Kathoor 8E

## A BOLT FROM THE BLUE

When I woke up the first thing, I noticed that I wasn't in my house. I was terrified and oddly, at the same time intrigued by the place. The room looked stuffy and smelled of kerosene oil, was made out of teak and, looked sort of outdated. I managed to take a glance out the window, that showed nothing but a deserted tree. I started getting flashbacks of how I ended up here in the first place, and guess what, I was kidnapped! everything started to make sense. I was playing at the central park that night when I saw a guy with a ski mask rush towards me, with a sack in his hand.

I was too dumbfounded to make a move and boom! After trying for half an hour to escape, I started feeling hungry. Fortunately, I found a dry orange and started to eat it, and within a few seconds, the door burst open. It was someone familiar, it was my best-friend, Tina! she said panting, "I'm here to rescue you, come on don't just stare at me like that, we have a rescue mission to do!". That evening Tina explained how she knew I was here and how she managed to pull off the plan. Rest is history, for she was the kidnapper pulling off a dumb prank.

- Anhad Kathoor 8E



## RESILIENCE

Have you ever wondered, what resilience means? The capacity to recover from difficulties or toughness is known as "Resilience". When corona started it was hard to adapt in the new environment.

We had to stay home to stay safe, we had to attend online classes which were no fun... wearing masks while going out... HOW SUFFOCATING! I decided to bring in some new hobbies which I could do like skating inside the house, painting and singing.

After finally facing all the hardships... the school reopened! Imagine how happy we were on the first day of school. Resilience for me is all about... having the power to face adversity and come out stronger, to face the world...

- Tanishi Barpanda 5A

Let no one steal your dreams  
Let no one tear apart  
The burning of ambition  
The tearing of resilience  
Let no one steal your dreams  
Let no one tell that you can't  
Let no one hold you back  
Let's be strong together  
Set your goals and keep them fixed  
Let no one steal your dreams  
Your only limit is the mind  
Let no one steal your dreams  
follow your heart, follow your soul  
For only when you follow them  
Will you feel truly whole  
Set your goals and keep them fixed  
Make your goals the highest priority  
Let no one steal your dreams  
Your only limit is the mind.  
-NALIN SHRIMAL 5C



## MY WOVEN CHART PAPER MAT

In Science were learning the 'History of Clothing' based on which we did an activity. First, we made thin strips of chart paper. After making two sets of strips with different colours, we weaved the strips one over the other and made a paper mat.

- Samveda BP 6E





## A NEVER SURRENDERING SPIRIT

Working his fingers to the bone,  
Dear rubber band steps out of his comfort zone!  
To achieve the impossible,  
Oh, how remarkable!  
Give him pressure,  
Yet he does his job with pleasure!

Anyone may lose temper and not understand,  
but not our thoughtful rubber band!  
If he refused to accept change,  
his shape may get deranged!  
but our happy little guy,  
Keeps pushing his capacity high!

Be like our rubber band,  
Anything it can withstand!  
hurdles after hurdles,  
a million struggles,  
Don't let it keep you captive,  
For each day gives you an opportunity to live!

- Japleen Kathoor, 8C



Krishna Anand - 8C

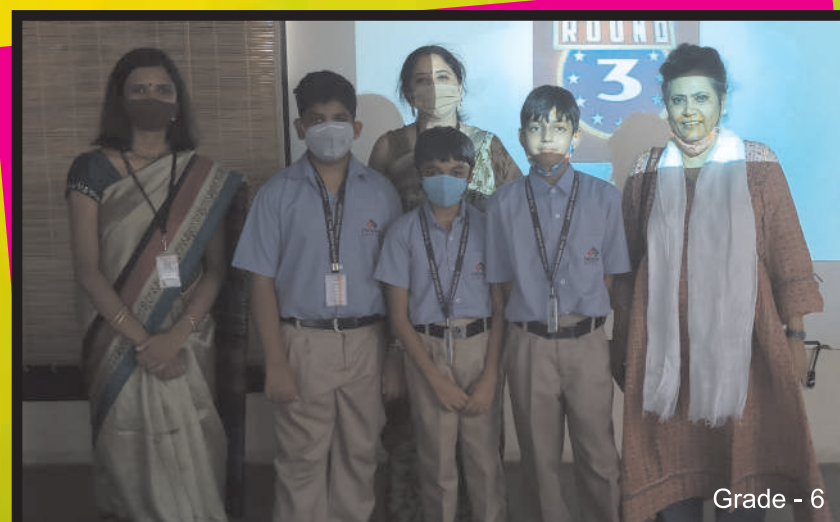


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## SPELL BEE 2022-23 WINNERS AND FINALISTS



Grade - 5



Grade - 6



Grade - 7



Grade - 8

