

"Learning happens not only in classrooms,
but in every experience,
challenge and celebration.
Each month adds a new chapter
to our journey of learning and growing."

Volkfiesta Athletics Meet

Our school athletes delivered an outstanding performance at the **Volkfiesta Athletics Meet 2026-27**, bringing home laurels across multiple sporting events. The **Under-18 Boys' Basketball team** emerged as **Champions**, while the **Under-14 Girls' Football team** also secured the **Championship** title. Adding to the celebrations, the **Under-14 Boys' Football team** finished as the **Runners-up**, showcasing remarkable teamwork and determination throughout the tournament.

The success extended to the athletics arena as well, where our students excelled in various track events, winning several medals in the **200 m, 400 m, and relay races**. Their dedication, discipline, and sporting spirit were evident in every event, making the meet a memorable achievement for the school. We congratulate all our athletes and coaches for their hard work and wish them continued success in the competitions ahead.



Vanijyam

On the 25th of July 2026, The DEENS Academy once again became a centre of innovation, enterprise and strategic thinking with the successful second edition of Vanijyam, its annual Inter-school Commerce Fest. Bringing together 273 participants from 20 schools across Bengaluru, the fest provided students with an opportunity to move beyond classroom concepts and experience the dynamic world of commerce through immersive, real-world challenges. The event commenced with an inaugural ceremony that set the tone for an exciting celebration of Commerce, collaboration and competition. The sessions that followed were filled with intellectually stimulating challenges across ten unique events, each representing a different facet of Commerce. The events included Nirmaana, a dystopian resource allocation simulation; Yukti, a football management challenge; Rajya, focusing on international trade and affairs; Arthakrida, a finance-based board game; Bhaaga, a stock market simulation; Vyuh, a fast-paced heist challenge; Pramana, a moot court simulation; Samparka, an amalgamation of the concepts of psychology and marketing; Vinyasa, a commercial design thinking challenge; and Tattva, a strategic entrepreneurship event. Each event tested participants' analytical thinking, decision-making, creativity, and teamwork.

Beyond the excitement of competition, Vanijyam 2026 reflected the dedication and perseverance of its student organisers. The successful planning and execution of ten simultaneous events demonstrated leadership, coordination, problem-solving and effective communication, making the fest a valuable learning experience for everyone involved. The event concluded with a grand prize distribution ceremony, where Delhi Public School, Whitefield emerged as the Vanijyam Overall Champions, while Sri Kumaran Children's Home, Mallasandra secured the Overall Runners-up title for their exceptional performances across the events. By bridging the gap between academic learning and practical application, Vanijyam 2026 inspired participants to think critically, collaborate effectively, and embrace the spirit of innovation, leaving every student with valuable lessons and memories that extend far beyond the classroom.

- Mridula Rajesh 12C



Cherished Moments with Dad

The Grade 2 students celebrated a memorable 'Dad and Me' event on **31st July**, creating cherished moments of togetherness, creativity, and joy. The event began with a warm welcome for all the fathers, followed by a delightful action song performed by the children. The highlight of the celebration was the theme-based activity, "**Design Your Daily Tote Bag**," where fathers and children teamed up to create unique and colourful tote bags. The activity beautifully reflected creativity, teamwork, and the special bond shared between fathers and their children. Adding a heartfelt touch to the event, the children handcrafted "**Best Dad**" badges and proudly pinned them on their fathers as a token of love and appreciation. The celebration concluded with a lively father-and-child ramp walk, where each pair confidently showcased their unique bond.



Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club

The **9th Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club of The Deens Academy, Whitefield**, for the Rotary Year **2026–2027**, was held on **8th July 2026** at **9:30 a.m.** The event marked the official transition of leadership and celebrated the club's commitment to service, leadership, and fellowship. It was attended by Principal **Mrs. Shanthi Menon**, Rotary Club members, faculty coordinators, parents, students, and distinguished guests.

The programme began with an invocation song, the welcoming of dignitaries, and the ceremonial lamp lighting. A presentation showcased the club's achievements during the Rotary Year 2025–2026, highlighting its service initiatives and leadership activities. The newly elected office bearers, led by **Joanna Sara Alex**, along with Aarushi, Naomi Moby, Shamit, and the leadership team, were formally installed. The incoming team shared its vision and proposed projects for the year ahead.

The ceremony concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the Incoming Vice President, expressing gratitude to all those who supported the event, followed by the National Anthem. The occasion marked the beginning of a promising Rotary year, with the new team committed to upholding the Rotary motto, "**Service Above Self.**"



The Interhouse Cricket Tournament

The Interhouse Cricket Tournament for students of Grades 9–12 witnessed spirited competition, outstanding teamwork, and excellent sportsmanship. In the boys' category, **Caeruleus House** emerged as the champions, while **Flavus House** secured the runners-up position. In the girls' category, **Rubrus House** claimed the championship title, with **Prasinus House** finishing as the runners-up.



Making Memories with Grandparents

Our school basketball court transformed into a place of pure joy for Grandparents Day! Our Grade 1 students welcomed their wonderful grandparents for a day filled with laughter, love, and a special performance. The grandparents took centre stage, filling the court with music as they sang songs, recited beautiful poems, and shared precious memories from their own childhoods.

To mark the occasion, the children along with their grandparents created beautiful, handmade bookmarks. This special activity was aptly named *The Grand Print* project. Students used their tiny fingers and colourful paint to stamp unique fingerprint designs onto the bookmarks. It was a lot of fun for everyone involved, leaving both generations with hearts full of happy memories!



Grade 3- First Bagless Day

We had our first bagless on Friday- July 17th this year.

It was a fun and exciting day at school. We did many interesting activities like science experiments, art and craft, book cover designing, and a bookmark making. I had lots of fun with my classmates and explored many new things. One of the best part of the day was the science experiment. We coloured a picture, placed it in a ziplock bag, and traced its outline. When we put the bag in a bowl of water, only the black outline was visible. It looked like magic! I also enjoyed the bookmark activity because we learned multiplication tables in a fun and easy way. I also loved the Book cover designing activity in English that I did with my friends. It was so much fun!! No studies and yet a lot of learning made this day so memorable!! I enjoyed Bagless Day a lot and I am eagerly looking forward to the next Bag less Day in grade 3.

- Abhisri Das 3A

Grade 4 – First Bagless Day

Grade 4 celebrated its first Bagless Day with great enthusiasm, embracing the CBSE initiative that promotes joyful, experiential learning beyond the regular curriculum. The day featured a variety of engaging activities across subjects that encouraged creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. In Science, students explored the concept of capillary action through a colourful experiment using tissue paper leaves. Mathematics came alive with an exciting team challenge on number formation, place value, and logical reasoning, while Social Science students designed interactive spinning wheels to match Indian states with their capitals. In English, students created "Time Capsules" by writing letters to their future selves, encouraging reflection and self-expression.

The language, library, and technology sessions were equally enriching. Kannada activities inspired students to design creative advertisement posters, while the Hindi class introduced a bird-themed crossword puzzle that enhanced vocabulary, observation, and problem-solving skills. In the Library, students enthusiastically participated in a dictionary challenge that strengthened their reference skills and vocabulary. The Computer Science session featured an engaging quiz on PowerPoint concepts followed by bookmark-making, reinforcing digital learning in a fun and creative manner. Filled with excitement, teamwork, and hands-on experiences, the Bagless Day provided students with memorable learning opportunities while nurturing curiosity, confidence, and a love for learning.

- Niharika H A, 7A



Grade 4 Rubik's Cube competition : It is not magic, it is muscle memory and math!

When I first learned to solve a Rubik's Cube as a summer hobby, I was completely fascinated by the algorithms and dreamed of becoming the fastest solver in this intriguing mind game. When I learned about the school competition, I felt a mix of emotions. I was excited but also a bit anxious, knowing I would be competing against the top solvers. I was thrilled to clear the prelims, which boosted my confidence.

The final round was even more thrilling, all the finalists were intensely focused on solving their cubes. My muscle memory was at its peak, and my hands moved quickly to arrange the faces of the cube. Once I completed the faces, I stopped the timer and announced my result to the teacher. That's when I realized I was the first to solve the cube. The feeling I experienced was not just happiness, it was jubilation, when I secured first place. My peers celebrated my victory, and this win remains one of the happiest moments of my life. I want to thank my teachers and the school for providing this opportunity and creating such a wonderful moment in my school life.

- Ritam Muguli 4B

Inter-House Spell Bee Competition – Our Young Wordsmiths Spell Success!

Our school corridors were filled with excitement as the Inter-House Spell Bee Competition brought together some of our finest young wordsmiths. The competition began with the first round, Jumble Tumble, where participants had to rearrange a jumble of letters and correctly identify the hidden words.

The second round tested the participants' observation skills and knowledge of spelling. They had to identify the single correctly spelt word among groups of four challenging options. The excitement reached its peak in the final round, Super Spell, where the finalists competed against the clock. They had just 45 seconds to spell as many words as possible.

After an exciting display of knowledge, confidence, and quick thinking, Vikrant Mukhija of Grade 5A emerged as the winner and proudly claimed the Spell Bee Crown. Saarth Baranwal secured an impressive second place, while Sachit Mishra took third place. Congratulations to all the participants for their enthusiastic efforts, and a special shout-out to our winners for their remarkable performance!

- Kyra Aneja, 7A



Grade 5 Bagless Day – A Day of Learning Beyond the Classroom

Grade 5 celebrated its first Bagless Day on 3rd July with great excitement and enthusiasm. The day was filled with a variety of engaging, hands on activities that made learning both enjoyable and meaningful. Students enthusiastically participated in science by building rockets, expressed their creativity through comic strip creation, expanded their vocabulary through interactive word wall activities, and strengthened their mathematical skills with exciting Math games. These activities encouraged students to work as a team while developing critical thinking, creativity, and active participation.

The Bagless Day offered a refreshing break from the usual classroom routine and created a joyful learning environment. It gave students the opportunity to explore, discover, and learn through fun and interactive experiences, making the day both memorable and enriching.



Grade 5 special Assembly

In the month of July, Grade 5 presented a meaningful assembly on the theme **"Respect and Gratitude."** Through inspiring speeches, role-plays, songs, and thoughtful presentations, the students highlighted the importance of showing respect and gratitude towards our country, food, and parents. They emphasized the value of appreciating the sacrifices of our parents, honoring our nation by being responsible citizens, and being thankful for the food we receive every day by avoiding waste. The assembly encouraged everyone to cultivate kindness, appreciation, and responsibility in their daily lives. It was an engaging and impactful presentation that left a lasting message with the audience.



Guest lecture - Grade 5

Grade 5 had their first bagless day on 3rd July. We started our day with the guest lecture. Dr. Meenakshi Kalyan, a renowned doctor from Manipal Hospital, visited our school and conducted a health awareness session for the students of Grade 5. The session was very informative and taught us how to stay healthy. The doctor explained that vitamins like B1, B6, and B12 are important for the growth of our bodies and good health. We were encouraged to eat fresh fruits and vegetables every day and to exercise regularly to stay fit.

The doctor also advised us to drink more water and avoid soft drinks like Coca Cola and other cold drinks. We were reminded to spend more time playing outside instead of using mobile phones or watching screens for long hours. The session was very interesting and helped us understand that healthy habits can keep us active and strong. I enjoyed the talk and learnt many useful tips that I will try to follow every day.



Grade 6 – First Bagless day

The Grade 6 Bagless Day, held on 4th July, transformed a regular school day into an engaging and enriching learning experience. Students stepped away from textbooks and traditional classroom learning to participate in a variety of hands-on activities that promoted creativity, collaboration, and practical learning. The initiative encouraged students to develop essential life skills in a fun-filled environment while enjoying the freedom of attending school without their heavy bags. The day featured a range of exciting activities across subjects, including seasonal-themed Kannada art, Hindi skits, the traditional game of Langori in Physical Education, an interactive Geography quiz, creative geometric designs in Mathematics, and an inspiring storytelling session in Science. Students also enjoyed sharing snacks with friends, adding to the spirit of togetherness. The activities fostered teamwork, critical thinking, and joyful participation, making Bagless Day a memorable experience that reinforced the idea that meaningful learning extends beyond textbooks.

– Aradhya Jaiswal 6E



Grade 7- Bagless Day

The Grade 7 Bagless Day, held on 4th July, provided students with an engaging blend of creativity, collaboration, and experiential learning through a variety of subject-based activities. Students explored mathematical concepts by creating string triangles, expressed their creativity through Blackout Poetry in English, illustrated folk tales in Kannada, and built models of atomic structures in Chemistry. They also observed the structure of stomata during a Biology lab visit, conducted simple experiments on conduction and convection while learning to use laboratory thermometers in Physics, and reinforced their understanding of the Earth's interior through an interactive Geography relay activity. Adding to the excitement, students enthusiastically participated in the traditional game of Lagori during Physical Education, promoting teamwork and sportsmanship. They also designed vintage-style historical scrolls, combining research with artistic expression. The day's activities encouraged critical thinking, creativity, scientific inquiry, and hands-on learning, making Bagless Day an enjoyable and meaningful experience that highlighted learning beyond the classroom.

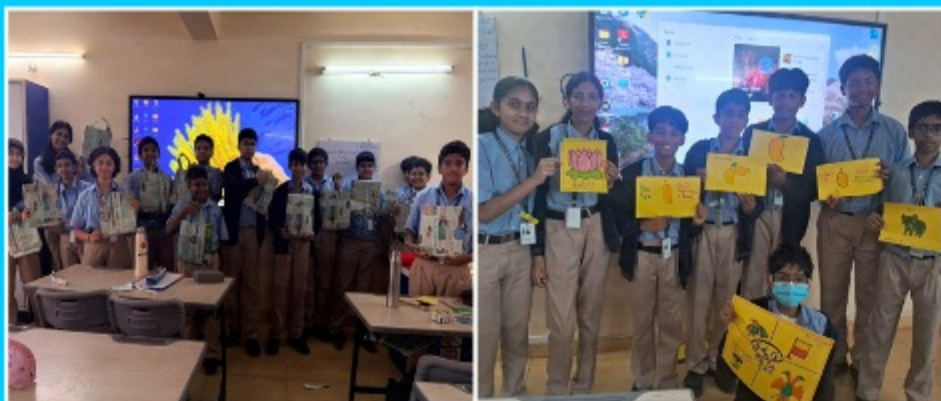


Grade 8 Bagless Day

Bagless Day was a refreshing change from our usual routine. Instead of sticking to our books, each subject planned a different activity that made learning exciting and remarkable. We began with History by participating in a debate on whether British rule was a gift or a curse to India. It was thought-provoking to hear different viewpoints supported by historical facts. In our Hindi class, we had a storytelling session. A variety of stories were shared, each carrying a valuable lesson. One of the stories was The Fox and the Goat, which reminded us to think carefully. Our Kannada period focused on Karnataka's State Symbol. We learned about its significance and illustrated it through drawings, making the lesson informative and innovative. One of the highlights of the day was the Biology lab session.

We observed microorganisms like Penicillium, Lactobacillus, and Spirogyra under the microscope. We also observed cheek cells and learned how to prepare a specimen on a glass slide. Seeing these microscopic organisms firsthand made the lesson truly fascinating. In Math, we learned a simpler method to find square roots, which was both interesting and useful. To conclude the day, our Rotary session focused on giving back to the community. We made paper bags to donate to a local grocery store, promoting an eco-friendly alternative to plastic. Bagless Day reminded us that learning is not limited to textbooks. Every activity—from thought-provoking debates and creative storytelling to hands-on scientific exploration and community service—made the day enriching and memorable. It inspired us to explore new ideas and appreciate the joy of learning beyond the classroom.

- Saisha Gakhar, 7A



An Unforgettable Adventure to Narayana Giri Betta

On Saturday, 25th July, the students of Grade 8 enjoyed an exciting and memorable trip to Narayana Giri Betta. Our day began at school, where we eagerly boarded the buses for our adventure. We first stopped for a delicious South Indian breakfast of idlis, dosas, vadas, sambar, and chutney before continuing our journey to Narayana Giri Betta. The hike was both adventurous and enjoyable. As we trekked along the scenic trail, we learned about the different plants growing in the area. Although the climb to the top was challenging, the breathtaking views made every step worthwhile. We spent some time relaxing, taking photographs, and admiring the beautiful landscape before making our way back down.

Next, we headed to Kamat Restaurant for a traditional lunch served on banana leaves. We also spotted playful monkeys climbing through the trees. Many of us enjoyed ice cream and bought a fun bird whistle that made realistic bird sounds. Our final stop was Janapada Loka Museum, where we explored fascinating exhibits depicting the lives and culture of Karnataka's tribal and rural communities. The brief explanations helped us better understand their rich heritage and traditions. As we boarded the buses for the journey back to school, everyone carried home wonderful memories of a day filled with adventure, learning, laughter, and togetherness. It was truly an unforgettable experience, and we can't wait for our next adventure!



Grade 9 - Bagless Day

Our school organized a Bagless Day for Grade 9 to give us a fun and engaging way to learn. It helped us understand our subjects better through practical learning and creative thinking. Through History, we strengthened our understanding of the Indus Valley Civilization by learning about the Indus River and its tributaries and how geography influenced the growth of ancient civilizations.

Chemistry helped us understand different methods of separation and how these concepts are useful in our daily lives. Mathematics allowed us to explore the real-life application of slopes and understand how mathematical concepts help in planning and designing structures. English gave us an opportunity to design a creative book cover for an existing or imagined book.

This helped us think about the theme of a book, express our creativity, and understand how a book cover can attract readers. Biology helped us learn more about DNA and gain a better understanding of its importance in living organisms.

Our Second Language classes helped us enrich our vocabulary and improve our communication skills through enjoyable learning experiences. Overall, Bagless Day was a fun and informative experience. It helped us understand our subjects in a more interesting and practical way while making learning enjoyable. We hope our school organizes more such days in the future.

-Aaradhya Rath, 9A

A Memorable Bagless Day

Our school recently organized a Bagless Day for the Grade 10 students, and it was one of the most enjoyable days of the year. Instead of regular classes, we took part in fun, hands-on activities. In Hindi, we created a hilarious story by adding random lines one after another. In English, we played charades, while PE gave us a refreshing break. In Math, we made clinometers and used them to estimate the heights of objects around the school, applying trigonometry in real life. During Physics, we performed experiments on limiting friction in the science lab, making the concept easier to understand. In History, we worked in groups to create and perform creative raps about the unification of Germany, Italy, or England. Overall, the Bagless Day combined learning, creativity, and teamwork, making it a memorable experience for everyone.

- Aishani Debnath, 10C



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