

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Are diminishing resources the by-product of what we call 'progress'? The World our children will inherit can certainly elude the inexorable should there be a conscious move towards enrichment. With this responsibility vested in every being, why not trigger this early in our children.

Deens Academy chooses 'Sthairyam' (Sustainability) as our annual theme, with a definite focus on creating an awareness and responsibility for environmental, social and economic sustainability, through various activities, in a promise for a better tomorrow.

## SOME OF THE WONDERFUL WORK DONE BY THE STUDENTS OF THE CENTRAL BLOCK (GRADES 1-5) ON THE THEME 'SUSTAINABILITY'





## SPELL BEE AT DEENS IN A BUZZING SPIRIT

Just another day at Deens, a day which was very memorable...

Looking at the rows and rows of empty chairs, one could not imagine that this was the sight for the spell bee competition to be conducted at Deens Academy, for the academic year 2017/ 18. But only in a matter of minutes, the place was metamorphosed into a hall of buzzing students and teachers.

Most people were having Monday morning blues and the contestants were quaking in their boots. The spell bee began with the enthusiastic participants giving their introductions. Nothing could be heard above the roaring cheers of the students rooting not only for their classmates, but all the other contenders too. And this dear readers, was the beginning of the long-awaited spell bee!

The first round began and all the teams were in high spirits. The spell bee consisted of four rounds, all of which had one or the other twist. The contestants answered all the questions confidently, and the audience was equally participative. There was a smooth flow of events, and the competition was a great success.



But the icing of the cake was when all the other competitors also joined in to congratulate the winners, and that's what made this competition exceptional!!

Here are some opinions of the participants about the spell bee.

Yuvika - 7E : I felt pleasantly delighted that I got selected for the spell bee this year. I had butterflies in my stomach before the program started but it wore down as the programme went on. The best part is that our class won first place in the spell bee!

Rucha - 7C : I was absolutely delighted in winning 2nd place in the Spell Bee this year ! My class won last year too so if I get selected next year, it will be a hat-trick.

Ayesha - 7A : It was a great opportunity to engage our spelling skills while having fun all the way! It was a great honor to be selected from so many people in my class to represent 7A.

Anshul - 6A : I was very nervous before the competition but I calmed down towards the end. It was a fun Spelling Bee and I was very pleased that I got selected.

Adwita - 7C : I am very proud that I got selected in the spell bee this year and helped my class get 1st place in the competition. It was a friendly competition and everyone had fun.

Bhavika - 7C : I am also thrilled that we won the spell bee this year and I hope we win next year too!

**By Priyamvada BP, Ayesha Khan and Akshita Tripathy - 7A**



After all the rounds were over, the audience was humming with excitement to hear the names of the champs for the day. When the winners were declared, nothing but the tremendous applause accompanied by frequent hoots of the people around were heard. The winners' faces flushed with pride and joy.



## SPELL WINNERS GRADES 1 TO 5

### GRADE 1 WINNERS



Shaurya Shah 1st



Aayush Ajith 2nd



Srivardhan S 3rd

### GRADE 2 WINNERS



Anisha Peshwani 1st



Rhea Rajesh 2nd



Daiwik Bansal 3rd

### GRADE 3 WINNERS



Jayanth R 1st



Akshit Ayan 2nd



Sridaya Sampath 3rd

### GRADE 4 WINNERS



Aditi Agarwal 1st



Mridvika Kollareddy 2nd



Aidan Remedios 3rd

### GRADE 5 WINNERS



Shrey Gupta 1st



Ashwinkumar Dh 2nd



Mahati Krishnan 3rd



## BUNNIES AT DEENS



Hi! Teachers, students and parents!! Do you know we have some new pets in our campus? Bunnies !!! They are in the cage at the entrance of the Kideens block ,the cage which we all students thought was for a leopard which may visit our school some day!!!!

There are 3 bunnies in all with different colour combinations - black and white, brown; white and grey; and some are pure white. These little creatures are herbivorous and love eating grass, cabbage and carrots. Bunnies are also called rabbits or hares .They have a friendly nature and are seldom kept as pets .They eat a lot and have sharp ears and a good eyesight. Unlike the other pets bunnies hop and don't walk.



### Some 'Cruel' Hare Trivia:

Their body is covered with a soft coat of fur, and these little creatures are hunted for their fur to make hats and coats which is considered quite valuable today, although it was once a lower priced commodity in the fur trade.



In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, in England there was a favorite sport called "hare coursing" played by wealthy people as leisure activity which involved chasing hares by sitting on horse backs and chasing dogs who chase the rabbits, till the hare is killed and displayed as an item of pride.

**Reported by: Afifa of 7B and Krithika of 7A**

## FOUNDER'S DAY - PRIMARY SCHOOL

On 10th June 2017, Deens Academy celebrated it's 11th founder's day with utmost enthusiasm. It was a moment of pride for all Deenites and an occasion to recall how they have grown from a family of few members to a strong family of more than 1500 students. What better way than to recognize the talents and hard work of all those students who had worked day and night to bring laurels to the school. The program started by honouring the little gems from the primary wing. It was a heart warming sight to see these young students with happy faces and of course, searching eyes for their parents. The parents were not only glowing with pride for their little ones but shared the joy of each achiever.

The occasion was graced by our principal Shanthi ma'am and our amazingly talented teachers without whom the event would not have been possible.

**By Ayesha Khan of Gr. 7A**

## MY HOLIDAY TO GOA

This summer I explored south Goa. My mom, my dad, my brother and I went by car. We woke up early and left .The car rides were always boring because it would take like 10 hours to reach the place but I got used to it. We arrived at hotel Lalit in the afternoon and checked in. The place was massive and we got this room, which obviously had a huge bed!! I loved it! I jumped on it a lot. There were many sport activities but this was actually the first time that we didn't do any thing except relax. We were staying for a week. Next morning we got up and we went to the coffee shop for the buffet breakfast. To start the day we went on a buggy ride for a tour of the hotel. After we got the tour we headed for sports activities and games. We played chess, carom, table tennis, badminton and my family tried squash but I was too short to play squash.

After we finished we went out for lunch and came back to go swimming! It was a huge heated pool with a bar. After swimming we got ready and went for dinner. One amazing thing in dinner is they have two guys perform a song for guest tables. When they came to ours I asked them if they could perform my favorite song and it was amazing! After dinner we left to our room and went to sleep. All the other days we went to the beach, stayed at our room and even went for walks.

This is my holiday in Goa!  
Tanika 7E

## INTERVIEW FOR DEENS NEWSLETTER

A series of questions based on the 10<sup>th</sup> grade CGPS exam were asked to various 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. Here's what a few of them said –

1 . What were your means of preparation for the exam?

Ambica Paniraj from 11 C: " I did many practice papers supplied by the Akash Institute and many provided by the school. I also practised by writing every answer atleast once. It is also important to stay organised and study for atleast 6-7 hours a day, with a few breaks in between."

Tanvi Reddy from 11 B: " I went through my school textbook and other textbooks which I bought separately."

2 . How did you manage your time and save time for activities apart from studying?

Ambica: "I studied for about 3 hours straight and then took a long break. In this break, it's good to listen to music or do anything else that calms you. It is also important to sleep adequately because if you don't catch enough sleep, you won't be able to concentrate on your studies."

Tanvi: "I made a time table and added time for walks and entertainment like TV. If you make a timetable, it is also necessary to follow the time table to the hilt!"

3 . Do you recommend going to tutions or studying on our own?

Ambica: "I recommend doing both, going to tutions and studying on your own. You should study on your own first and then go to a tuition which will be like a revision and it will help clear your doubts."

Tanvi: "I recommend studying on your own because then you can set out your own time for studying and also involve a few breaks."

4 . According to you, how difficult was the exam and if you could change anything about your preparation, what would you do?

Ambica: "According to me, the exam was not too easy but it wasn't that hard either. If I could change anything about my preparation, I would start preparing a bit earlier than I did and not leave anything to the last minute. I would also stay calm and not panic before the exam."

Tanvi: "The exam was not that hard but it wasn't very easy either. I wouldn't change anything about my preparation as I felt that I was organised and I also managed to finish all my potions on time.

**By Anindita, Anvesha and Navya VII B**



Ambica Paniraj



# Congratulations

## TO OUR GRADE X TOPPERS

### SCORING 10 CGPA STUDENTS

 ADHVAITH R.	 ADITHYA S.	 ADITYA V.K.	 ADVAIT N.	 AISHWARYA G.	 ANUBHAB S.	 ANUSHA R.
 BHARATH M.N.	 B TANVI REDDY	 C V SHYAM	 KOPAL M.	 MRIGANK K.	 NIHARIKA N.V.	
 NIRMAL G K	 PRANAV S.	 PRATEEK D.	 PUJA CHAND	 RAGHUNANDAN V.	 SHAILI V.C.	 MSL SANJANA



## THE ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY

The Deens Academy came into existence on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June in the year 2006. Since then 11<sup>th</sup> June is of great significance to us Deenites. We all once again gathered to celebrate the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday of The Deens Academy. It had started in 2006 with only 14 students and now we have a strength of more than 1500 students. Every year, student who have performed well in their academic performance get awarded with a certificates on this day.

This year also we had the ceremony. The parents of the achievers were also invited to attend the ceremony. The ceremony for grades 6, 7 and 8 started at 10:30am with a speech. Shanthi Menon, our beloved principal, Sarala Nair, our respected headmistress and Priya Manohar, our charming coordinator were all there. First the all-rounders were awarded by Shanthi Ma'am. There was one all-rounder from each grade. Next, the class toppers of each class were awarded by Sarala Ma'am. There were three toppers from each class. Then, the students who had improved throughout the year 2016-17 got awarded by Priya Ma'am. Lastly, the most regular students got awarded again by Priya Ma'am.

I, Aria Hemant Kanani also got an award as class topper (third position) for grade 6. Walking up on stage and getting an award from Sarala Ma'am made me feel very happy and proud of myself. My parents were also very happy and proud of me. I am very grateful to my teachers and parents for helping me throughout the year. It was a very memorable ceremony.

Aria Hemant Kanani - 7D

## THE LAST DAY VERSUS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

I still can't believe it's the last day of school, and all I can hear are my fellow classmates jumping and yelling in joy. But I couldn't think of anything else except how much I was going to miss my class, and how much this year has taught me. This year was great because almost everything was in place. I had practical teachers, cooperative classmates and a lot of motivation from my parents. When our class party began this thought was distracted and I could see a whole buffet of delicious food items, which obviously made my mouth water and my thoughts, disappear. The last day is always a day of mixed feelings because you've put in so much hard work and dedication towards the year, you're happy that it's finally over. Although thinking about not seeing your friends and teachers for months and some of them forever makes your heart sink!!

Nooo!!!It's the first day of school. Who likes to wake up at 6 am in the morning after a two month break??You have to get your bags packed, your uniform on point and recall all your manners. But there is always a good part about everything. You get to see the smiling faces of your friends and teachers who are ready to pull you in for a hug. Also the excitement of seeing your new classmates, thrills you. So I guess there is sadness and laughter on both these wonderful days.

By Mohna Chandra - 7E

## MY FAVOURITE CAR CHEVROLET CAMRO-17

My favourite car is Chevrolet Camaro SS. This car in this picture is Chevrolet Camaro 2017. This is my favourite car because it is very fast. Its maximum speed is 155 MPH. As you know this car is even used in Transformers as Bumblebee so this is the second reason why this car is my favourite. I like its stunning design which makes it look unique from other cars. Black and yellow colour looks good on this car.



It's one of the fast cars and it's even found in one of my favourite android racing game called Asphalt 8 Airborne. I knew this car since I was 5 years old. It's not an Indian car. It was first made during 1967. This car is a typical muscle car. It is 4840 mms long and 1920 mms wide. It is 1380 mms high. Hence, this is my favourite car and I would conclude by saying 'Chevrolet Camaro Is the Best!'

Thank You For Reading.

Avadhoot 7B

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HIGH FLIERS | |

On the cloudy, tepid day of the tenth day of July 2017, in the shade of the floral shamianahs and on the concrete stage back dropped with rose red curtain, the school award ceremony on Founder's Day took place with warm excitement and enthusiasm, in the classic 'Deens' way.

As usual, parents and students alike swarmed the basketball court, the parents all proud and delighted and the students, about forty of them, ready to receive their award. The award ceremony had four categories - Achiever of the Year, for which every class has three winners; Overall Outstanding Performance, for which one person is awarded per grade; Progressive Strides, felicitating improving and budding students and the Most Regular One, recognizing perfect and near perfect attendance. For every deserving student who briskly walked up the dais for his or her award, energetic and encouraging cheers were put forward by the audience, anchors and teachers.

Yet again on its eleventh birthday, Deens Academy had proved that it had never and will never miss any opportunity to pat the backs of students who strived towards excellence with all their might, confidence and hard work. Hearty congratulations to all the winners - continue to touch zeniths of success in the upcoming pages of life - I'm sure Deens and its teachers are always there to hold your hand and help you turn and write every page of your story, being with you always, forever.

By Tharunkumar Dhanashekharan

## INVESTITURE CEREMONY - 2017

