

## Independence Day Celebrations



At Deens School in Whitefield many parents and even grand parents of students arrived to witness a well curated Independence Day programme. After the national anthem and flag hoisting by the Vice Principal Mrs Sita Nanduri. The students took over the stage. They managed the entire show, including anchoring, march past, band music, dance, and music performances. The fact that they had rehearsed and perfected the programme under the guidance of teachers and seniors was visible. It was a proud moment for one and all as the audience gave a standing ovation at the end of the function. Indeed, a generation that is proud about the nation can help build India with great integrity, vision and commitment. Jai Hind!.

By Niranjan Nair – 8B

## From The Editor's Desk

- By Shanthi Maam

Our children have had an abundance of excitement this month, with competitions within and outside of school and field trips to buttress learning within their classrooms! Read on...

## Report of Guest Lecture

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, we the students of grade 6 had a unique opportunity to attend a guest lecture on "Public Speaking and Standup Comedy" by Mr. Debashish Rath. The event began with a welcome speech by one of the students of 6<sup>th</sup> grade who introduced Mr. Debashish Rath.

Mr. Debashish Rath shared a few tips on public speaking. He talked about the different methods to overcome our fear in public speaking. He shared his childhood experience when he had to speak in front of a huge audience. He described the mistakes he made and told us to not make the same mistakes in future. He also called one of our students and gave him a topic to speak on in one minute.

Mr. Debashish Rath with us his insights on Standup comedy. Everyone was listening attentively to what he had to say. He said that standup comedy is a form of comedy where a comedian tells funny stories to the audience to make them laugh. Stand-up comedy constantly requires new material and backup jokes. For this also he shared his childhood experience. He gave some pointers on how to become a Standup comedian. He even acted out one of his comedies. That made everyone laugh. He then explained the actual meaning of his comedy and said that he was just exaggerating to make the literal meaning funnier.

It was a wonderful experience for all of us and we look forward to attending more sessions like this.

We had also done this activity in HTML which we are learning in Grade 6.

- Ameya Arunlal 6E

## Design Hackathon 2024

"Innovation is seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought," said Dr. Albert Szent-Györgyi. Design Hackathon 2024, organized by DQ Labs and Deens Academy, revolved around the theme "Vikshit Bharat" (Developed India). The event challenged participants to develop innovative solutions addressing a specific problem statement related to this theme. It thrived on core values such as design thinking, empathy, and the use of ChatGPT. Design Hackathon 2024 proved to be an exceptional learning experience for everyone involved, from volunteers to participants. For volunteers, the event offered hands-on experience in managing real-time interactions and technical support across multiple platforms like Tawk.to, Google Forms, YouTube, and Zoom. This exposure not only refined our organizational and communication skills but also provided a deep understanding of the dynamics of large-scale events. Participants, on the other hand, embarked on a transformative journey as they tackled the challenge of creating solutions for the "Vikshit Bharat" theme. They greatly benefited from the advice provided by esteemed professors and industry experts, who offered valuable insights and guidance throughout the event. One of the standout moments was when a volunteer, finding inspiration during breaks, used the opportunity to create a few friendship bracelets. This spontaneous burst of creativity highlighted the event's vibrant atmosphere and the profound impact it had on everyone involved.



Design Hackathon 2024 was an unforgettable experience, captivating social media with the impressive talents of young innovators. The event not only showcased the participants' creativity and skill but also celebrated the transformative power of innovation, making it a truly memorable and impactful occasion.

- Deekshithaa Muthusamy 8D



## Rotary Club Project

### Rotary Club Activity: Month of August –

As our first project of the year, our club, decided to help the Bembala Foundation, an organization providing aid and support to abused women and children. Representing our rotary club and school, we students decided to donate a sum of money to the foundation from the stalls we had organized in our annual school fest, Volksfiesta.

Few weeks before our school fest, we gathered up few Deenites of grade 8 and found volunteers to create wonders in our two stalls the food stall and the art stall that were set up on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of August. Numerous creative artists in our grade contributed various items to our art stall such as beautiful bookmarks, trendy bracelets, eye-catching keychains and many more. While the artists were busy painting and crocheting, our chefs of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, were busy deciding what all mouth-watering items could catch the eyes of our customers. Soon after all the preparations were over, our team had collected about 250 products for our art stall and 6 delicious dishes to sell on our final days.

Despite having other food stalls set up there, our stall captured the attention of the people, and our sales sky-rocketed over the two days! The brownies and lemonade were a blast on the first day and nachos was in the spotlight on the second day. All our customers loved our food and admired the artwork, completely shocked that all the items were made by students solely.

At the end of the two days, we collected a whopping Rs.16,000! Kudos to all the volunteers who had worked so hard to make this endeavor a success.

- Mokhita Sivakumar 8D



## Bhoomi Farms Field Trip

Who knew study can be so much fun. This is what we found on a field trip linked to our Biology. Everyone was excited on the day of the field trip although we had to get up very early and reach the school at 6:30 AM. We set off for our journey to Bhoomi Farms in Hosur Tamil Nadu. The way there was very long so it took us almost two hours. We played games in bus and saw many farms along the way. When we reached there, we went inside a hall for a discussion from the farm staff on plans for the day. There was a lecture comparing benefits of Organic food over inorganic foods and the Pros and cons of both.



Then we started off by dividing ourselves into groups. Each group went to see how the farmers caught insects without pesticides. We saw that they had a plant that attracts insects thus no pesticides were used. They also had an insect pheromone trap in which insects would be attracted as it released mating pheromone. We also had a tour into the greenhouse, it was interesting how it trapped the heat, but it was also very humid. They told us that the greenhouse is designed to keep temperature and humidity trapped inside. There were many small plants inside the greenhouse and allowed us to eat some of them.



For lunch we were given multiple options like dal, rice, tomato, Sabzi, Pongal etc. for a simple but tasty lunch. We also saw a bee farm which was very interesting as there were multiple layers of the honeycombs and we could see how much honey was being collected. We saw multiple honeycombs, and they also took us on a tractor ride to see the other parts of the farm. In the bus ride back, people were playing games like UNO and some were singing songs too, but mostly a lot of the people had fallen asleep as they were tired from the ride. To experience and see concepts seen in the book being practiced in front of eyes was great learning.



- Arhan Chordia 8D

## Field Trip Report: Visit to the Gurudwara

**Date:** 28/8/24

**Location:** Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurudwara in Ulsoor

Our school field trip to the Gurudwara was an enriching experience that offered valuable insights into Sikhism and its cultural practices. The visit provided us with a deeper understanding of the values and traditions upheld by the Sikh community.

**Arrival and Welcome:** Upon arrival, we were warmly greeted by the Gurudwara's staff and volunteers. They explained the significance of the Gurudwara as a place of worship and community gathering. We were guided to the designated area for visitors and briefed on the protocols to follow, including removing our shoes and covering our heads.

**Exploring the Gurudwara:** We started our tour with a visit to the prayer hall, where we observed the community engaged in worship and prayer. The serene atmosphere and the melodious hymns being sung created a sense of peace and reverence. Our guide explained the central role of the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy scripture, which is placed prominently in the prayer hall.

**Learning about Sikh Traditions:** Our guide provided detailed information about Sikh traditions, including the concept of seva (selfless service) and langar (community kitchen). We learned how langar is offered to all visitors, regardless of their background, symbolizing equality and compassion. We were also shown the historical artifacts and the beautiful artwork depicting Sikh history and teachings.

**Community Engagement:** We had the opportunity to participate in the langar ceremony, we ate the tasty langar food and then washed our dishes. This experience allowed us to appreciate the spirit of seva and community service that is central to Sikhism. Many of us found this part of the visit particularly meaningful, as it highlighted the values of generosity and inclusiveness.

**Conclusion:** The field trip to the Gurudwara was both educational and inspiring. It offered us a chance to engage with a different culture and learn about the Sikh way of life. The visit emphasized the importance of community, service, and respect for all individuals, regardless of their background. We left with a greater appreciation for the values of Sikhism and a sense of respect for the diverse cultural tapestry that makes up our society. At the end, as an act of kindness for finishing our meals, we received towels.

**Feedback:** Overall, the field trip was a success and provided us with invaluable learning experiences. We extend our gratitude to the Gurudwara's staff and volunteers for their hospitality and for making the visit memorable and insightful.



## Grade 5 Field Trip to Curiosity

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." – Walt Disney

On 20th August 2024, a bright sunny morning, we set out from our School to The Curiosity Science Centre in Sarjapur. A day full of fun activities combined with learning awaited us.

An engaging program on Light and Illusion was planned for us. Our minds were bubbling with many questions around this. Our session began in the auditorium where the center volunteers chatted with us and helped us arrive at the answer to the question - "What Is Light?". The atmosphere of discussion was free and friendly, and we felt empowered by this process of unraveling concepts, understanding and finding answers to our questions ourselves.

After this enriching experience, we headed to the Dark rooms that provided endless fun! There were many different setups for demonstrating mixing of light, color gradation of light and various other properties of light. The demonstrations explained these various concepts to us in a very engaging and interesting manner.

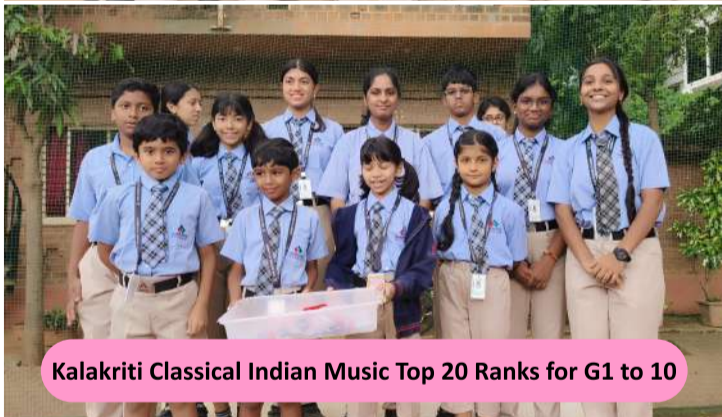
Next up was the Illusion room full of mirrors, which was even more intriguing and fun! It was a walk through a room full of mind-bending, eye-deceiving illusions where nothing was really as it seemed! I especially enjoyed the colors activity in the Illusion room.

We observed various experiments in the Labs which demonstrated and proved the different properties of refraction and reflection. The knowledgeable and friendly staff answered all our questions enthusiastically and patiently till we were crystal clear about the concepts. It was a super engaging and informative day spent with our classmates. A wonderful and fun way to get us involved in the real life concepts of everyday science! I would like to thank our teachers for this opportunity and for making it a memorable experience.

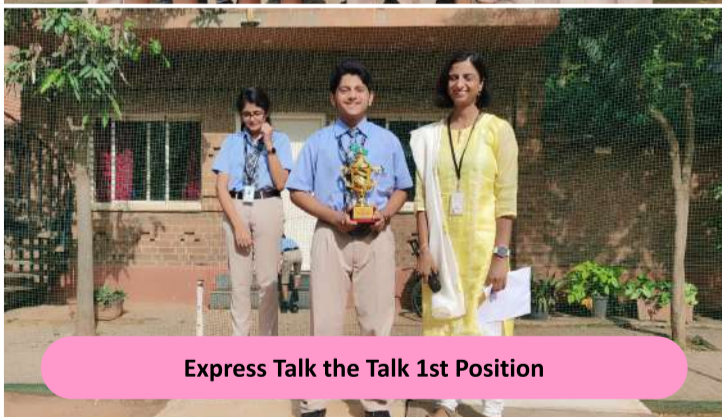
- Sahaana Shankar 5C



Vydehi Music Competition 1st Place



Kalakriti Classical Indian Music Top 20 Ranks for G1 to 10



Express Talk the Talk 1st Position



Vydehi Sports Awards



## AWARDS



Vydehi Indian Dance Competition 3rd Position



Kalakriti Classical Indian Music and Dance Overall Championship Trophy



Football Under 13 Volksfiesta 1st Place



Tiranga Alap Shishya BEML International School 2nd Place in Hindustani Classical Music



Interhouse Football Rubrus House 1st Position



Foundation School Football Runners up Trophy



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