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## Investiture Ceremony

'A leader is one who knows the way goes the way and shows the way' - John C Maxwell

The Investiture Ceremony of our school for this academic session was held with great pomp and splendor. The event was presided over by Major Santhosh C - Team Commander (Training and Operations), National Security Guard - Chennai along with Parent Guests of Honour Mr & Mrs. Suresh Milton. Also gracing us with their esteemed presence were the dynamic trio from our Infrastructure partners - Vivarthana Ventures comprising of Mr. Cyril Anand, Mr. Rajesh Navaneethan & Mr. Jitu Koshy. Ms. Hyacinth Mary Cruz, Vice Principal, DPSMIS, Doha added fervor to the festivities.

The school choir dazzled one and all with a terrific rendition of a motivational song 'If you desire' composed by our talented Music Educator Mr. Paul Dawson. The swearing-in ceremony was preceded by a spectacular dance performance by our student troupe. Capturing the theme of overcoming obstacles and emerging victorious, the vibrant dancers of our school enthralled the audience with their delightful execution of complex moves.





Head Boy Saathvik and Head Girl Teertha Madhu as well as other elected members of our students council were conferred with badges and sashes by the honourable Chief Guest and the team of dignitaries. As the oath was administered by our Principal Ms. Asma Nainar, the student council took the pledge to uphold the mission and vision of our school. Donning the mantle of accountability, they also vowed to discharge their duties to the best of their abilities and act as role models to the fellow students. Our Chief Guest Major Santhosh C in his address reminded the students the responsibilities that come with the post held by them in the school cabinet. He recounted short tales brimming with nuggets of wisdom and urged all the students to prepare for a career in the Armed forces. Our Chairperson Mr. Yasir Nainar motivated the students to keep pushing themselves and face the challenges head-on. As he shared the blueprint for the new building to accommodate the Cambridge Wing for the next academic year, he reinforced our shared commitment to nurturing socially responsible leaders of tomorrow. It was a proud moment for all the Parents to witness their children being invested with great responsibilities while embarking on a new journey as leaders. 'Art corner' was the final cherry on the ice-cream as the day ended on a collective high with the parents enjoying a short gallery walk to cherish the artistic efforts of our children on display.



## 'FuN' MATH

Shape recognition forms an important building block in a child's overall development because it forms a part of visual perception- a skill needed for reading and mathematics. Our fourth Graders comprehended this by using playdough and toothpicks in a classic hands-on activity to learn about shapes on a 2-dimensional level to form Polygons. Discovering the concept of Geometry is so much more fun while playing.



## Debating!!

A debate is known to instill critical thinking within the learners. A debate was conducted in social science where the 7th graders spoke for and against the service rendered by the government in ensuring health care of the society who are the resources of a country. The children who belonged to heterogeneous societies were sharing their personal experiences and understanding about the role of the government in public health. The outcome of the activity was achieved due to the active participation of children.



## Miniature Government

Grade 4 was divided into two groups representing two political parties. One student became the election commissioner and nomination was given by the chosen leaders of the two groups. The leaders spoke to the children as what were their plans for the class if they are elected as the leaders of the class.



It was then time for the leaders to go for canvassing. They went asking for votes and it was followed by the casting of votes, which was not a secret ballot method. At last, the results were declared by the Election Commissioner. The children were excited by this role play as they could literally step into the process of election and the functioning of the government.



## Time to make a difference

The school tour enables children to observe things around them and involve themselves in all the events that happen. Student of grade 8 was allowed to move outside the class where she observed the wastage of resources and was asked to give a feedback on how to check this situation. This ignited a sense of responsibility within the child.



## Tiny Tots in Action

Our Kangaroo kids can be seen giving extempore speeches and conducting the assembly every Tuesdays.



## Expert Advice

Ms. Hyacinth Mary Cruz, Vice Principal, DPS-MIS, Doha flew to Chennai exclusively to witness our Prefectorial body take up their roles in leadership. As she was in the school campus she interacted with the teachers of our school and was seen to be sharing her wisdom and knowledge from the years of experience acquired by her in the field of education. It was a benefiting interaction as the teachers were able to get expert advice from Ms.Mary in terms of providing the best during learning sessions.



## Guinness World Record

Our students Hiran Kumar, Yashika and Ovi patel were honoured with the Guinness world record for being a part of The largest Bharatha Natyam dance performance that consisted of 7,190 participants. This record was achieved at Sri Sivakama Sundari Sametha Sri Anantha Nataraja Moorthi Temple, in Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, India, on 3 March 2019.



## Symmetry Squish Painting

Our fifth graders love to paint and they are constantly on the excuse to grab their rushes. What better topic than symmetry to incorporate it into a beautiful painting project? As the learners took to splashing and painting on one side of the paper, the room was abuzz with delightful exchange of ideas. Once the kids were satisfied with their painting they folded the paper on the line of symmetry they originally created and pressed and rubbed it all over. Voila!

Slowly peeling the halves apart to see their Symmetry squish painting, the kids were amazed to see how the two halves are the same and that the line of symmetry divides mirror images.

Making math fun really helps to consolidate the learning of young minds.



## Global Integration

We have a guest teacher from another country Ms. Kailin Mundt, who is specialized in education and international affairs. Ms. Kailin an American national has been teaching our students the nuances of English Language, American History and is also conducting fine arts classes as she is a playwright and an artist herself. Watch out for articles featuring her sessions in the upcoming Cherries.

