

# Deva Matha Central School Gems

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## KINDERFUN PLAY ARENA-KINDER MAKERSPACE

Deva Matha Central School, Vidyaranyapura, were the affable hosts of the inauguration of Kinderfun Play Arena – the crowning glory of the school. The school wore a festive look to greet the invitees; parents and esteemed grandparents. The event began with the DMCS Anthem followed by the welcome address. The Chief Guest for the illustrious occasion was renowned- Rotarian, Ms. Meera Narayan Sankriti. She lit the ceremonial lamp, along with the dignitaries followed by the invocation dance, by the students of Class IV. Ms. Vrinda Coutinho, DMCS School Director, warmly felicitated the Chief Guest with a Memento and a sapling.

Ms. Meera addressed the august gathering and shared insightful and practical tips with the parents. She advised them not to enforce their dreams and ambitions on their wards. She thanked the school copiously for giving her an opportunity to be a part of such an extraordinary programme.

The gathering was treated to a spectacular cultural extravaganza by the tiny tots of Kinderfun, showcasing their talents in the form of group dance and action dance. The UKG students shared their profound thoughts and warm feelings about their alma mater.

Grandparents had a delightful trip down the memory lane and became nostalgic as they wholeheartedly participated in fun games like-Musical Chair and Passing the Ball. They stunned the gathering by their fortitude and vitality, proving that age is just a number. It was endearing to see the parents light up the dance floor with the Couple Dance. They shook a leg and did rock and roll



to the enchanting music, mesmerising the audience. The crowd was witnessing euphoria, as the dancing couples, cheering audience and delightful music, metamorphosed the day into festivity and revelry. The Chief Guest felicitated 'Best DMCS Grandfather and Grandmother', with DMCS sash and tiaras. The best DMCS Couple were rewarded with a magnificently decorated gift hamper of chocolates.

Ms. Meera inaugurated the Kinderfun Play Arena by cutting the red ribbon and threw open the doors of the sparkling and one of its kind, Kinder Makerspace. For the children it was a "Home away from Home" with vibrantly coloured tricycles, toy cars and tent house. They jumped and hopped in the ball pool and merrily went through the caterpillar caves, laughing all the way. The parents and grandparents were awestruck and ecstatic, seeing the happy faces of the tiny tots.

It was a day of elation and brought glittering smiles on the faces of the DMCS staff and parent fraternity.

**Geetha Prasad** – CCA Coordinator





## GRIT AND DETERMINATION

How often we humans set limitations on ourselves by settling into an apathetic state simply because we are too lethargic to move out of our comfort zone. We have heard often enough “You are no genius” or “You are incapable of doing it,” and many other demoralising statements from others. To understand that we can never know our full potential until we try, that we can never succeed until we have tried and failed, all we must do is to look at a little toddler taking its first steps. He stands unsteadily, then shakily takes a step, but falls to the ground. He gets up and tries to stand only to fall again. If he bumps himself a little too hard, he may cry a little but will the gritty fellow give up? He is at it again until finally, he takes his first steps and runs triumphantly into the waiting arms of his mother. If, as a toddler, one never accepts defeat and never gives up, why is it that as we grow older we set limitations on ourselves and give up trying before we even explore what we are capable of? It has a little to do with our circumstances and a lot to do with ourselves.

True success requires something more. It requires having a goal and working towards that goal with grit



and determination. The dictionary connotes grit as firmness of character and determination as the firmness of purpose.

So the path to success is to slate a purpose and then set about achieving it, without ever giving up. The secret to outstanding achievement is a special blend of grit, curiosity and zest. You could also call them strengths of will, heart and mind.

**Don't give up!**

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## ◆ CITYLOOK ◆

### MUMBAI



Mumbai is known as the City of 'Dreams'. Known as the biggest hub of entertainment, Mumbai is the capital of Maharashtra. On a lighter note, it has the highest number of millionaires and billionaires in the city. Mumbai is made of the seven islands, which was home to Koli people, who were the fishermen. The city has a major seaport at the Arabian Sea. The seven islands came together and formed the biggest city of the country – Mumbai. It is the nucleus of cinematic experience and is the crux on which the edifice of Hindi Cinema is based upon. Mumbai cuisine is spread across local food like chaats, bhelpuri; lip smacking sea food, Maharashtrian food and many restaurants offering continental dishes. The local language spoken is Marathi and Hindi, with the city opening its arms for people across India.

**Yukta Shetty S.** - Std.VIII

## ◆ THE QUEER ◆

### PAMUKKALE

Pamukkale - a town in Western Turkey – is known for its mineral-rich thermal waters which flow down white travertine terraces on the nearby hillside.

Pamukkale means 'cotton castle', and has also been called the White Castle because of the white soil – coloured by the high concentration of calcite in the water. Travertine sedimentary deposits have created the white terraces, waterfalls and mineral forests that make up the landscape. The 17 hot springs are heated by an underground volcano. The beautiful area of Pamukkale has been used as a spot of healing for thousands of years. The healing properties of the area drew people from all over, and the Romans built the ancient city of Hierapolis there. To help preserve the area, hotels and access roads were taken down and man-made pools were created to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of the town.

**K. Mercy Shyamala** - Std. IX



## ◆ THE AUTHOR'S ODYSSEY ◆

### SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE



Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle was a British writer best known for his detective fiction, featuring the character Sherlock Holmes. Sherlock Homes is an English consulting detective living in London. Over 125 years after his creation, Sherlock Holmes remains the most popular fictional detective in history. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is best known for the sixty stories, penned by him.

He wrote about the fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes. His body of work includes nearly 200 novels, short stories, poems, historical books and pamphlets. He works compulsively on all his cases and his deductive powers are phenomenal.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is my favourite author of all time, because of his writing style. He makes the character seem very real and engaging.

**Poorvi M. Badiger** - Std.VI

## SPOOKY CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES



### Ingredients:

Unsalted butter	150 gms
Golden castor sugar	150 gms
All purpose flour	100 gms
Cocoa powder	2 tsp
Medium size eggs	3
Milk	2 tsp
Vanilla extract	Few drops

### To decorate

White chocolate melted	100 gms
Milk chocolate melted	100 gms

### Method.

Heat the oven to 180 degree Celsius/160 degree Celsius. Put the cake ingredients into a large mixing bowl and beat, whisk; until combined and smooth. Divide the cake mix between a 12 holes muffin tin, lined with paper cases. Bake for 15 – 18 minutes until well risen and springy to the touch. Leave it to cool on a wire rack.

### Decoration:

Cover half the cake with melted milk chocolate and half with melted white chocolate. Pipe 3 concentric circles on top of each one using the writing icing tubes (use dark on white and vice versa).

*Cup cake is ready to be served.*

Sanjana B. R. Kashyap - Std. IX

## ◆ MY TORCH BEARER ◆



## Liz Murray

Liz became homeless at the age of 15; it was just after her mother died of HIV and her father moved into a homeless shelter. In such a painful situation, most people would only be able to see their immediate circumstances. But Liz would seek a better reality for herself, despite her intense limitations. She completed her schooling and was accepted by Harvard University, eventually earning her Doctorate in clinical psychology. Notably, she has written the New York Times bestselling memoir 'Breaking Night: A Memoir of forgiveness, survival, and my journey from homeless to Harvard', which was also made into a successful TV series.

Liz inspires me because she didn't let her circumstances dictate her future. Instead, she chose her own destiny and manifested it, despite overwhelming obstacles.

Murray quotes, *"Life takes on the meaning that you give it."*

Nandini – Std. IX

## ◆ DMCS INVESTITURE CEREMONY ◆

Deva Matha Central School believes in nurturing the capabilities and talents of its students. Intertwined with academic excellence, the aim of the institution is to hone their overall personality and give a thorough grounding in upholding the values of integrity and leadership. Deva Matha Central School believes in giving this opportunity to the maximum number of students; to don the mantle of responsibility and be trained in leadership skills, in a given academic year. The event commenced successfully under the illustrious presence of the School Director- Ms. Vrinda Coutinho and the respective School Principals- Ms. Balasundari R. (DMCS Vidyaranyaपुरa) and Ms. Geetha Somanathan (DMCS Banaswadi).

It was delightful to witness the previous set of leaders having successfully completed their term with aplomb, subsequently handing over charge to their successors in the second term. Departing from the norm of the first term, where the badges were conferred by the dignitaries, this time round, it was the outgoing captains who did the honours by conferring the badges and sashes to their successors.

The incumbent team of captains and vice-captains took the oath at a cordial and well organised ceremony; engagingly watched by their parents, faculty members, and classmates. The ceremony ended with a high tea session and kind words for the school.

**Nithya M.** – Std. X and **Deva Nanda Nair** - Std. IX



DMCS BANASWADI



DMCS VIDYARANYAPURA

## ◆ DMCS VIDYARANYAPURA – EVENTS ◆

### MODEL – MAKING

A model making competition using 3-D shapes was held for the students of classes V – VII. It was a solo competition. The participants made attractive models of houses, animals and other interesting items.

**Johaam Kuriakose** – Std. IX



### PARODY

Classes VIII – X participated in an Advertisement making competition. The theme was a parody of popular advertisements of well-known brands of products. It was a fun-filled afternoon, eliciting a lot of laughter and showcasing the creative talents of the students.

**Karan Singh** – Std. IX

### HEALTH CHECKUP

A Dental and Eye checkup was organised for all the students from Pre Nursery to Std X. The highly qualified Medical Practitioners offered their suggestions for the desired line of treatment and follow-up sessions, if required. Health cards were issued to the students.

**Rinnah Shaiju** – Std. VII



## ◆ DMCS BANASWADI – EVENTS ◆

### HALLOWEEN DAY

DMCS Banaswadi celebrated Halloween Day with great enthusiasm and vigour. A well thought speech signified the importance of the day. A theme based dance performance was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Halloween pictures and quotes aptly adorned the campus.

**Ms. Gizy Binu & Ms. Sudipta Saha**  
– Faculty Members



### KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA

Deva Matha Central School, Banaswadi, celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with great joy and delight. The Chief Guest for the day was Dr. S. B. Hanumantharayappa, Assistant Professor at CMRIMS Degree College. Students presented 'Janapade Geete' and showcased a tableau depicting the rich cultural heritage of Karnataka. Theme based songs and dance were enjoyed by the audience. The Chief guest spoke about the beauty and simplicity of Kannada language and encouraged students to utilise the opportunities provided by the state in adding value to the various spheres of life.

**Ms. Sujatha P. & Ms. Suchita Bhatt**  
– Faculty Members



## ◆ BRAVEHEART – HALL OF FAME ◆

### Betshwajohn Lyngdoh Peinlang

A 14-year-old boy from a remote village in West Khasi Hills received the National Bravery Award saving his three-year-old brother, Arbius Lyngdoh Peinlang. Betshwajohn's father, Disidarius Myrthong, said the two brothers were in the kitchen when a fire broke out. The house had thatched roof and soon it was on flames. Without wasting a moment, Betshwajohn plunged into the flames to save his brother.

Shreya S. Iyer – Std. X



## ◆ iLEAD ◆

### Think out of the box!

*"Education is not the learning of facts, but training of the mind to think" –Albert Einstein*

"Thinking outside the box... is a metaphor that means to think differently, unconventionally, or from a new perspective." The result of learning to think beyond the conventional viewpoint results in truly inventive solutions to all types of problems. From an educational perspective, when students learn to think innovatively from a young age, *their future is limitless!*

I asked my students, "in a class of thirty to forty, why is there only one Einstein (with same school culture and same teachers why does not the entire class become Einstein)." Well only one Einstein because only one boy from the whole class looked at the same topics differently.

3 simple steps to think out of the box:

1) Question things: Galileo Galilei is a wonderful example of a person who questioned the status quo, "The sun revolves

around the earth" that was prevalent at the time when he lived. Make it a habit of questioning things and discovering new and even better solutions or facts about things.

- 2) Trial and Error: The willingness to try things out does not only require courage but also the inner readiness to fail and to make a mistake. Mistakes are another great way to view things from another perspective, in fact: recognizing a mistake as an opportunity you can learn from in order to avoid it the next time is nothing else than outside of the box thinking.
- 3) Reframe: I really love to reframe things and to put them into another context. "The glass is half full", would be the reframed version of "the glass is half empty", with a completely different – and more positive – meaning. Reframing can also help you to step out of your box and to view things outside of the box; from another perspective.

Nisha Kalra – ilead Facilitator

## ◆ QUALITY INITIATIVE ◆

DMCS Vidyaranyapura has always believed in protecting Mother Nature and coming up with unique ideas that may benefit the environment. Keeping the aforesaid facts in mind, it came up with the incredible initiative of throwing 'Seed Bombs' in the vicinity of the Vidyaranyapura area. Under the strict vigil of the teachers and school staff, students were spotted throwing these Seed Bombs, much to the delight of the residents.

### Please Note:

Seed Bombs are a method for distributing seeds by encasing them in a mixture of clay and compost. This protects the seeds by preventing them from drying out in the sun, getting eaten by birds, or from blowing away. Seed balls are scattered directly on the ground, not planted.

Ms. Ayesha, Vice Principal – DMCS Vidyaranyapura



# CREATIVE SPACE



ASHISH THOMAS - V



CHETAN GOWDA N. - V



MANASA S. S. - VI



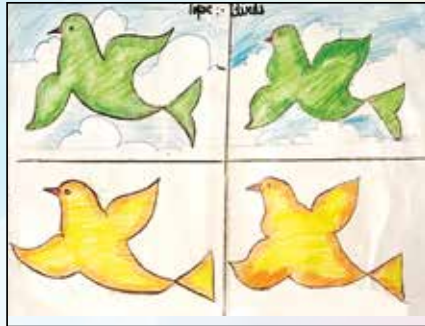
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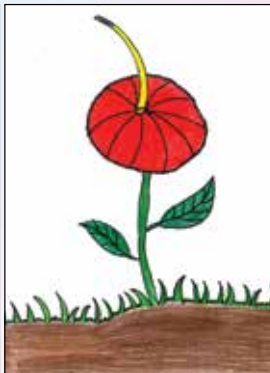
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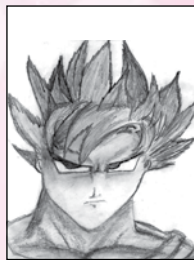
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DYUTHI HEBBAR - UKG



GEETIKA R - II



SANCHI PETKAR - VII



SHIKHA STANLEY-III



MITHIL D. - VI



KAUSTUV DEB - UKG



NUPURA S. - IV



RITHIVIK P. - II

Thank You!