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School Annual Day, 2014

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MCS,Vidyaranyapura observed its Annual Day -Ekta on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Rev. Father Thomas Thennady - Principal, Claret College Jallahalli; in the presence of the Secretary - Shri. Nainan. P .Oommen, School coordinator, Ms.Vrinda Coutinho - Principal DMCS, Banaswadi Shri. Prabhakara G.S and Principal DMCS, Vidyaranyapura, Smt. Balasundari.

The programme began with the official function in which, students were awarded by the esteemed guests for their remarkable performance in academics. C.C.A toppers, 100% attendance and Best House award were the other awards for the day.

Our Chief Guest in his address highlighted the importance of better parenting and the career options available today. He also emphasized on motivating and guiding children to choose the right subjects to excel in life. Our school coordinator conveyed the message from our Honourable Chairman, His





Excellency Dr.Joseph V.G. - Chairman, Garden City Group of Institutions and Deva Matha Central School; Honorary Consul of the Republic of Maldives. He stressed on the commitment of the school in instilling and imparting quality education to the students. Our Principal highlighted the achievements of the school in her Annual report.

The Cultural programmes were a bonanza for the audience which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by one and all. The theme "Ekta "showcased the culmination of culture in a global scenario. It stressed on the message of spreading love, joy and peace.

The highlights were the dance-drama by the Kinderfun students of a jungle scene, the colourful dance performances on National Integration by the students of Primary and Middle school and a theme based performance on paying rich tributes to the soldiers of India by the students of High school. An impressive drama highlighted the power of unity and the fact that it is only the narrow minded people who create a difference among themselves. All the performances highlighted "Strength in Unity".

It was a wonderful evening. The programme concluded with warm greetings for Christmas and forthcoming New year.

#### EDITORIAL

#### Politeness

Ms.Nisha Girish - Faculty Member

Man is the only **animal** that **learns** by being **hypocritical**. He pretends to be polite and then, eventually, he **\_becomes**\_

polite.

Jean Kerr

Politeness is the practical application of good manners or etiquette. It is a culturally defined phenomenon, and therefore what is considered polite in one culture can sometimes be quite rude or simply eccentric in another cultural context.

While the goal of politeness is to make all of the parties relaxed and comfortable with one another, these culturally defined standards at times may be manipulated to inflict discomfort on a designated party. 'Politeness' may be defined as dexterous management of our words and actions, whereby we make other people have better opinion of us and themselves. So, cultivate the value of Politeness.

# School Activities & Events Comer

## World Disability Day

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014



December 3<sup>rd</sup> is observed as 'World Disability Day' or 'The International Day of People with Disability' throughout the World. It is a day that has been promoted by the United Nations since 1992. The aim of "Disability Day" is to encourage a better understanding of people affected by any disability and by working together to help them understand their rights and live with dignity.

Students from III-VII std presented a skit during the morning assembly. On this special day, they highlighted the achievements of differently challenged famous personalities, and their contributions in various fields. Students, later actively participated in various activities like collage & poster making.

Class -VII



Navy day was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 to commemorate the magnificent achievements and role of the naval force of our country. Students of class VIII dressed up in their white uniform to commemorate this day.

The importance of this day and the contributions made by the naval force was briefed by the students in the morning assembly. A visual presentation

on functioning of the navy was presented to the students of class V, VI and VII.

Students were very excited to know about the history of the warships, aircrafts and their units. They felt very proud of the challenging duties the naval officers carried out in protecting our long coastline from any kind of threat.



A New Year always ushers a sense of resurrection- a complete rekindling of the purpose of establishing a scholarly, sporting and educational centre like Deva Matha Central School. We once again welcome the new year for pursuing our current goals and expanding the desired accomplishments for the future. Our Annual Day celebrations was a huge success- everyone has put in their best efforts and contributed to the beautiful cultural programmes. I congratulate each of you for achieving this wonderful feat.

The month of January proudly reiterates the beautiful tapestry of Indian history -when our Indian constitution came into force on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1950. It is a day which has always reminded to appraise us as responsible citizens of a remarkable country like India. There are innumerable ways in which children can be resolute to serve the nation and excel in their deliverables towards the mother country. Whether you are serving the army or a humanitarian; whether an environmentalist or a sportsperson -your role and responsibilities should be amply distinguished in your actions. A very fine example of the above connotation is Shri Kailash Satyarthi- Nobel Peace Prize winner, 2014 "for his struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education." He has served as a torchbearer for millions of Indians for comprehending the fact that there are several resilient ways in which we can serve the nation and do our bit for the advancement of our country and region.

Engaging in the process of nation building can also be started at a grass root level by parents, wherein – small measures like saving electricity, using garbage bins, respecting public property can be small yet powerful ways of serving the motherland. Notably, the magnitude of responsibility inherent in a teaching profession is tremendousteachers are doing an exceptional task of serving the nation by guiding and directing the students towards their pursuit of learning. The teaching workforce has been crucial in reseeding the student community with the highest ideals of nation building, we will always remain beholden by the exemplary body of work of our teachers and educationalists.

Let's make a promise today! –A promise to beautifully transform each of us into conscientious citizens and more importantly to live by example, so that the principles refurbished by us today are reflected in our conduct tomorrow.

Jai Hind!

Dr. Joseph V. G.

CHAIRMAN

Deva Matha Central School &
Garden City Group of Institutions





Principal, Vidyaranyapura

Time flies and so do the years! Here's welcoming another promising new year! I am sure all of you must have enjoyed a great time celebrating Christmas, New Year, Harvest Festival and Republic Day. It has indeed been a season of festivities, isn't it?

Dear Children, all the festivities, the celebrations, in some way or the other signify the onset of joy, goodness, victory over evil and the benevolence of time and nature. They truly reaffirm our faith in the Patience and tolerance are virtues mercifulness of the Almighty!

In the midst of all the goodness, joy and celebrations, we are also

saddened by the fragments of news and untoward happenings in certain parts of the globe - far and near - anti-human and antisocial activities causing loss to human lives and possessions that bring grief to all of us.

Intolerance and misunderstanding of one's own faith is the cause of most of the disasters mankind witnesses. With the dawn of this New Year, let's take a pledge to practice tolerance for each other. that go hand in hand. Whatever causes you anger, whoever irritates or offends you in any way,

be patient. This does not mean you put up with all the offences that come your way endlessly. But act with patience and wisdom. An eye for an eye does not resolve any issue, it only worsens it. Being patient, tolerant and acting wisely will go a long way in shaping your path to success. It not only assures you success but also moulds you into a responsible citizen that the world is very badly in need of today. Be the change, a better tomorrow is waiting for!

Wish you all a Happy, Peaceful and Purposeful year ahead!



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## A New Year Resolution



A New Year's resolution is a tradition, most common in the Western Hemisphere but also found in the Eastern Hemisphere, in which a person makes a promise to do an act of self-improvement and something nice.

The ancient Babylonians made promises to their Gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts.

The Romans began each year by

making promises to the God Janus, after whom the month of January is named.

In the Medieval era, the knights took the "peacock vow" at the end of the Christmas season each year to re-affirm their commitment to chivalry.

At watch night services, many Christians prepare for the year ahead by praying and making these resolutions.

There are other religious parallels

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to this tradition. During Judaism's Rosh Hashanah, New Year, through the High Holidays and culminating in Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), one is to reflect upon one's wrong doings over the year and both seek and offer forgiveness. People may act similarly during the Christian liturgical season of Lent, though the motive is more of sacrifice than of responsibility, in fact the practice of New Year's resolutions partially came from the Lenten sacrifices. The concept, regardless of creed, is to reflect upon selfimprovement annually. So, if you haven't made one for yourself till now, please do it.

Viswanathan "Vishy" Anand (born 11th December, 1969) is the Indian chess Grandmaster and the former World Chess Champion. He has been described by the grandmaster and chess commentator Lubomir Kavalek as one of the most versatile world champions ever. Anand has won the World Chess Championship five times (2000, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012), and was the undisputed World Champion from 2007 to 2013. Anand was

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Anand became India's first grandmaster in 1988. He was

also the first recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 1991–92, India's highest sporting honour. In 2007, he was awarded India's second highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan, making him the first sportsperson to receive the award in the Indian history.

He held the FIDE World Chess Championship from 2000 to 2002, at a time when the world title was split. He became the undisputed World Champion in 2007 and defended his title against Vladimir Kramnik in 2008. He then defended his title in the World Chess Championship 2010 against Veselin Topalov and in the World Chess Championship 2012 against Boris Gelfand. In the World Chess Championship 2013 he lost to his challenger Magnus Carlsen and again to Carlsen in the World Chess Championship 2014.

Anand is one of the eight players in history to break the 2800 mark on the FIDE rating list. He occupied the number one position in several rating lists between 2007 and 2011.

The golden monkey is one of the most beautiful and rare animals in the world. It is unique to China. The golden monkey has a soft pelt, a round head, short ears and a tail as long as its body length. A pair of bright and beautiful eyes sparkles on its azureblue face. It has a small snub-nose and a sarcoma at the corner of its mouth, which becomes bigger and harder with time. Its long tresses resemble shiny, gold wool.

The golden snub-nosed monkey (Rhinopithecus roxellana) is an Old World monkey in the Colobinae subfamily. It is endemic to a small area in temperate, mountainous forests of central and Southwest China. They inhabit these mountainous forests of Southwestern China at elevations of 1,500-3,400 m above sea level. The Chinese name is Sichuan golden hair monkey. It is also widely referred to as the Sichuan snub-nosed monkey.



Of the three species of snub-nosed monkeys in China, the golden snubnosed monkey is the most widely distributed throughout China.

### The Serengeti National Park

The Serengeti National Park is a Tanzanian national park in the Serengeti ecosystem in the Mara and Simiyu regions. It is famous for its annual migration of over 1.5 million white bearded (or brindled) wildebeest and 250,000 zebra and for its numerous Nile crocodile.

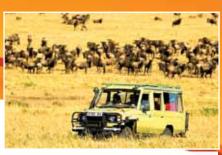
The Maasai people had been grazing their livestock in the open plains of eastern Mara Region, which they named "endless plains", for around 200 years when the first European explorer, German Oscar Baumann, visited the area in 1892. The name "Serengeti" is an approximation of the word used by the Maasai to describe the area, siringet, which

means "the place where the land runs on forever".

The Serengeti gained more fame after the initial work of Bernhard Grzimek and his son Michael in the 1950s. Together, they produced the book and film" Serengeti Shall Not Die', was widely recognized as one of the most important early pieces of nature conservation documentary.

To preserve wildlife, the British evicted the resident Maasai from the park in 1959 and moved them to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. There is still considerable controversy surrounding this move, with claims made of coercion and deceit on the

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part of the colonial authorities.

The park is Tanzania's oldest national park and remains the flagship of the country's tourism industry, providing a major draw to the Northern Safari Circuit encompassing Lake Manyara National Park, Tarangire National Park, Arusha National Park, and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

## **Sun Temple, Konark**

The Sun Temple at Konark was built in about 1250 AD by the East Ganga king Narasimhadeva. It is thought he built the temple to commemorate military successes against Muslim invaders.

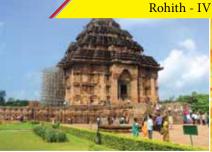
According to local legends, the temple has a great aura of power that comes from two very powerful magnets said to have been built into the tower magnets that allowed the king's throne to hover in mid-air.

European mariners sailing off the coast used the temple's tower for navigation, but dubbed it as the Black Pagoda, for the frequent shipwrecks that occurred along the coast. They attributed the disasters to the legendary magnets' effect on the tidal pattern.

Konark was sacked by the Muslim Yavana army in the 15th century. The central statue enshrined in the temple was smuggled away to Puri by priests, but the Sun Temple was badly damaged in the attack.

Nature took over the destruction from there. Over the centuries, the sea receded, sand engulfed the building and salty breezes eroded the stone. It remained buried under a huge mound of sand until the early 20th century, when restoration began under the British.

British archaeologists uncovered the lower parts of the temple that had remained well preserved beneath the sand and restored what they could of the rest of the ruins. Trees were



planted to shelter the temple from the damaging winds, and a museum was opened to display whatever sculpture wasn't left in situ or sent to Delhi, Calcutta and London.

In 1924, the Earl of Ronald shay proclaimed the newly-revealed temple to be "one of the most stupendous buildings in India which rears itself aloft, a pile of overwhelming grandeur even in its decay".

# **EVENT @ GCC**The Placement Storm Hits GCC

On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014, Garden city college witnessed placement program called Rendezvous (meeting point) organized by the Alchemist Group, a HR Consultancy firm found in 2008. This is the third year that they are conducting the program and this time they chose Garden City College as their venue partner. It was a two day programme in which the final year students from many South Indian colleges took part.

Tata Docomo was the main sponsor. Media Partners were Business World, Fashion Partner-John Players and Radio Partner being 92.7 Big FM.

After the registration process, Manish Porwal, the Managing Director of Alchemist through his speech boosted the confidence of the students to attend the interview. Anujita Jayan, CEO of the company also spoke to the candidates. Presentations from different companies were showcased, JARO Education and Bajaj Capital Limited being among them. This was followed by an interactive session between the members of the company and students explaining their growth, present position and job profile. Application forms were then collected from the candidates, followed by lunch







break, group discussions and personal interviews went on till 7.00 pm. Twenty six students were selected from Garden City College for the third phase of placement.

Only after getting through the preliminaries such as skype interview and written test, candidates were qualified for the group discussion and personal interview.

On day two, other companies such as Vodafone, Dish T.V, Puma, Magic bricks came for the placement and the same process was followed.

Eighteen colleges and twelve companies across India took part in the event; around two hundred and fifty candidates attended the selection process.

While conversing with Manish Porwal,

about his experience in Garden city college, he said that the college has a very good infrastructure and people here are very hospitable hence they considered Garden City College as their venue partner. He continued saying that, "I am extremely happy that many candidates enrolled for the interviews and our expectation from this event was successfully met".

Out of two hundred and fifty applicants, fifteen students from Garden City College were selected for the final interviews by various companies. The program ended with the felicitation of the delegates by the Principal -Prof.N. Bharathi and thanksgiving ceremony for the volunteers.

### EVENT @ DMCS- BANASWADI

Annual Day – Kalanjali 2014

Celebrations add colour and charm to students in their school life. The 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 were very significant dates for our school as we celebrated the Annual Day, during which the entire school wore a festive look. The theme for this year was "Kalanjali" that emphasized on Indian culture, its various dance forms and costumes.

The Chief Guest for the function on 19th December, 2014 was a classical dancer and a student of GCC, Ms Kirthana Devarakonda. She was accompanied by Mr. Nainan P Oommen -Secretary of Deva Matha Educational Society, Ms. Vrinda Coutinho-School Coordinator, Mr. Prabhakara GS - Principal, Banaswadi ,Ms Balasundari Principal, DMCS Vidyaranyapura ,Ms Roopa Lakshmi, Vice Principal, DMCS Vidyaranyapura. At the onset, the Principal, DMCS Banaswadi delivered a speech in which, he welcomed the Chief Guest and detailed the Annual Report for the academic year,2013-14. The Chief Guest was then requested to distribute prizes to the deserving students. The cultural programmes commenced with the Chief Guest performing a classical dance, which completely enthralled the audience. This was followed by songs and Christmas carols sung by students and the tiny tots tapping their foot to some of the all time favourite numbers. Students from Kinderfun to class 2 performed various dance forms and skits that showcased the best of their talents. To end the programme, a vote of thanks was delivered along with the National Anthem as a mark of

respect to our country.

The second day of Annual Day celebrations (20th December, 2014) was graced by His Excellency Dr Joseph VG, Chairman of Garden City Group of Institutions and Honorary Consul of The Republic of Maldives in Bangalore. He was accompanied by our distinguished Chief Guest Mr. Steven David, an award winning journalist and a member of the GCC Governing Council.Mr. Nainan P Oommen -Secretary of Deva Matha Educational Society, Ms. Vrinda Coutinho-School Coordinator, Mr. Prabhakara GS Principal, Banaswadi ,Ms Balasundari - Principal, DMCS Vidyaranyapura ,Ms Roopa Lakshm, Vice Principal, from DMCS,

Vidyaranyapura & Ms.Gomathi - Welfare

Sesha Girija & Ms Regina - Faculty Members



Officer, DMCS Vidyaranyapura were other special guests to grace the occasion. The function began with the School Anthem and Lighting of the Lamp, which was followed by presentation of the Annual Report 2013-14. Felicitation of our Honourable Chairman, releasing of GEMS magazine and Prize Distribution ceremony were the other highlights of the event. Students from class 3-12 delightfully displayed their talent in the form of various cultural activities like skits, different forms of dances and a fashion show. A Vote of Thanks speech was delivered by one of the students to mark the end of the Annual Day celebrations. DMCS Annual Day celebrations were indeed a memorable experience for each of us.



# **Recipes**



#### Kids Pizza

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#### **Ingredients**

- 1 medium head cauliflower, chopped
- 1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1 large egg
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- For the pizza topping
- 1/2 pound lean ground meat
- 1/4 cup shredded yellow squash
- 1/4 cup shredded zucchini
- · 1 clove garlic, minced

- ¼ teaspoon dried oregano
- Freshly ground black pepper (to taste)
- ½ cup tomato sauce
- 1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- Optional toppings
- 16 cherry tomatoes (halved)
- 3 tablespoons sliced almonds
- ½ cup chopped broccoli florets
- ½ cup sliced mushrooms
- Several leaves of baby spinach

#### Method

- Line a large baking sheet parchment paper.
- cauliflower into very small pieces.
- Transfer to a microwave-safe bowl In a large sauté pan over moderate and microwave until tender, about 4 minutes. Let the cauliflower cool for several minutes.
- Wrap the cooled cauliflower in a kitchen towel and squeeze out any excess liquid.
- In a medium bowl, combine the cauliflower, mozzarella cheese, egg, • Assemble and bake the pizzas:

garlic powder, oregano, and salt.

- Stir to combine.
- Divide the mixture into 8 equal parts and form each one into a ball.
- Press and flatten the balls into circles or fun shapes.
- Place them onto the prepared baking sheet.
- Bake the pizza crusts for 15 minutes.
- Flip crusts over and continue baking for another 15 minutes, until firm and light golden brown.
- Remove the crusts from the oven, but leave the oven on.
- In a food processor, pulse the While crusts are baking, make the toppings:
  - heat, cook the ground meat, yellow squash, zucchini, garlic, oregano, and pepper.
  - Stir to break up the meat and continue cooking until the meat is cooked thoroughly, about 8 minutes. Drain any excess liquid.

