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Leaving An Impression II

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## TEACHERS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME 2017-18

Deva Matha Central School organized a comprehensive and robust Teachers Training Programme, held at Garden City University premises, on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017. A staggering number of 110 resource staff, accompanied by the two Principals; Ms Geetha Somanathan (DMCS, Banaswadi), Ms Balasundari R. (DMCS, Vidyaranyapura) and DMCS Academic Adviser - Ms. Radha K, were the main participants of the programme. The Director - Administration, Ms Vrinda Coutinho was instrumental in conceptualising the whole programme and ensuring the successful completion of the training-based, learning experience. An effective pedagogy coupled with high quality observation protocols, were the main tenets forming the crux of her training drive.

The programme commenced with the DMES Secretary - Mr. Nainan P Oommen, making the audience abreast with DMCS history and background. One of the most eminent speakers invited to the programme was Lt. General C.R Sampath Kumar PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd); his exceptional discourse on teaching methodologies/learning techniques corroborated by inspiring anecdotes, was one of the highlights of the session. He laid great emphasis on the fact that a nation's worth is hugely dependent on the quality of its teachers.

Dr. Bhavani CAO - Raghavendra People Tree Hospitals, delivered an



engaging session on the process of First Aid and Emergency aids, which are critical life saving interventions.

Other prominent speakers were Ms Khushi and Ms Rubina - Members, Proactive Health Trust; they delivered a thought - provoking session on child abuse, intricacies of the POCSO Act and even catered to queries and inputs given by the enterprising audience.

Mr. Gireesh Gopal - Managing Director, Genesis; focused on the nuances of complex topics like Multiple Intelligence with utmost lucidity. He covered a plethora of topics related to logical, visual, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal and naturalist interpretations of the former topic.

The DMCS teaching fraternity was indeed in reverence of one of the most eloquent speakers of the session - Dr. Gururaj Karajagi, Chairman - Academy for Creative Teaching (ACT). He beautifully presented the quintessential drive ingrained in the teaching

profession, by quoting - "A teacher is always a learner." He shared the yardsticks of classroom management, innovative teaching, case study analysis and constructive feedback exchange. The word "Mentor" received a new connotation, deciphered by the seasoned speaker, wherein he explained that a mentor-mentee relationship rests hugely on the precept of responsibility.

His Excellency, Dr. Joseph V.G - Honorary Consul of the Republic of Maldives, in Bangalore and Chancellor - Garden City University, concluded this rewarding session by sharing his seamless respect for the teaching fraternity and the huge responsibility incumbent on them to guide the forthcoming generation of students. He gave an endearing felicitation to Dr. Gururaj Karajagi, bringing the Teachers Training Programme to a solicited end and distinct reminiscence.

**Ms. Ranjeeta Sinha**  
- Chief Editor

# EDITORIAL

Ms. Vrinda Coutinho

Director-Administration  
Deva Matha Central Schools  
(Banaswadi and Vidyaranyapura) &  
Garden City Pre University College



Welcome back to a new school year. We are extremely excited to be starting a new school year with you.

At DMCS, we work together to create a child-centered learning community that involves each and every adult who interacts within a child's life. Acting as our students' mentor is a part we all play to ensure they reach their fullest potential. The greatest gift that we can bestow upon the children is to create an outstanding school atmosphere which will leave an enduring impression on their educational lives. It is from their first experiences of school that we will work together to foster a love of learning and the ability to build long-lasting social relationships. The skills that our children learn will lead to future success. This is only possible by adopting new teaching aids in classroom learning. To empower

our teachers, we have introduced an Academic Adviser who would give timely guidance and mentor the teaching methodology.

A well planned year is what we have to offer. We have handed over the academic and event / competitions planner on the first day of school reopening. Among the various initiatives planned for the year we have introduced UOLO app for communicating to parents on a daily basis. School portal 'My classboard' has been launched to keep abreast of your wards performance. Physical education at school takes new heights and dimensions with Scouts and Guides being introduced at DMCS Banaswadi and Leapstart sports programme launched at DMCS Vidyaranyapura.

As educators we would like to inform our parents that we look forward to educating your children, and appreciate that you

are entrusting them in our care. This is a privilege we accept with great responsibility and continue to work towards maintaining your trust.

As teachers, we hold a great responsibility of teaching our students and therefore guide our students to treasure the opportunity to study. Study hard, not just for a good salary, or a better life, or a nice house, or a car. Study hard, to be an educated person. With knowledge, with a kind heart, do something for the world. Do something for the less fortunate people who've never had the same chance as you have.

Believe in yourself, be passionate in whatever you do, and serve as if you were born to lead. Make your study and your life meaningful.

**Wish you a fabulous  
Academic year 2017-18.**

## Deva Matha Central School

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## From the Principal's Desk

### MAKE A CHOICE

What joy it is that something fresh and new brings! A new toy, a new book, a new "anything" – is it not such a pleasure to hold?

Dear children, we have a whole new academic year awaiting to unfold – many moments of joy, work, play and so many more new experiences all set to rock and roll! I am so happy to welcome you all back to school again this year. A hearty welcome to our newly joined students too!

Like every year at DMCS, this year too began with a celebratory note – with the results of our beloved outgoing students (batch 2016-17) adding another feather in our cap and doing us proud. They brought us 100% results and two 10 point CGPA. We are thankful to the Almighty for blessing the efforts of all those who contributed to this success – the students, teaching fraternity, parents and all our well-wishers.

We now look forward to a year with fun filled learning and a host of activities and programmes that we have planned

for you. Here is a glimpse of just a few of them:

'I-LEAD' programme to provide guidance and counseling to the students of classes – 5 to 10,

'Leap Start' – An innovative sports splendor.

The ISA programme – A unique learning opportunity where we undertake new projects in collaboration with students abroad and many more!

We are happy that our first batch of NCC Cadets received 'A' Certificate.

Hearty congratulations to the newly elected leaders of the Student Council. I am sure you will lead by example, keeping to the true spirit of DMCS.

Just like a happy and excited child, gifted with a purse of colourful shiny marbles, here we are at the threshold of another new beginning – with a golden gift wrapped package, full of precious moments – untouched, yet to be lived. My dear young students, let us resolve to ensure every moment is thoroughly

utilized, with meticulous care and thoughtful choice.

A few lines that I came across and wish to share with you all as you strengthen your resolve, upholding the values of our school and living by our motto **EMPHASIS IS ON LIFE-**

*I Choose...*

*To live by choice, not by chance.*

*To make changes, not excuses.*

*To be motivated, not manipulated.*

*To be useful, not be used.*

*To excel, not to compete.*

*I choose self-esteem, not self-pity.*

*I choose to listen to my inner voice, not to random opinion of others.*

*I choose to be ME.*

*- Miranda Marrott*

After all it is the choice that you make, that sets you apart and can turn precious little moments in hand, into ones that you always can look back and cherish! Make each one count!

**Best Wishes and God Bless!**



**Ms. Geetha Somanathan**  
Principal, Banaswadi

### NEW BEGINNINGS

#### New Academic year New Learning ...

"Learning is an experience, everything else is just information" - Albert Einstein  
Our world is changing, and to prepare our children for this new world we need to teach them the 21st century skills.

A new session is always exciting and is a promise of greater milestones. We welcome our students to the new academic session of 2017-18. This academic year, will continue to be a year of fun filled activities, celebrations and enthusiastic learning. Students at DMCS learn through innovation, creation, collaboration, communication and technology and this sets a stage

for a lovely beginning. The learning programme encourages students to be engaged and equips them with the skills to express their opinions and make a difference in the environment around them. It prepares learners for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We encourage students not only to think out of the box but also to shoulder responsibilities and discharge them effectively.

We believe transparency between teachers and parents can create a conducive atmosphere for teaching and learning. Every child should experience the joy of learning and not be daunted by the complexity of the learning tasks. Learning does not stop at school and partnership between teachers and parents is important to ensure learning happens even after school hours.

As educators, it is our prime

responsibility to develop curious minds. In instilling curiosity, we nurture the mind to get stronger, encouraging one to ask questions and seek answers. We focus on allowing our students to experience education through active learning, exploration of possibilities and building up of excitement.

This new session will witness many activities and experiences for our students in our continued effort to nurture holistic development. We look forward to a fulfilling year of learning for the entire school community be it faculty or students.

We focus on:

- Learning beyond the classroom
- Individual and collaborated learning
- Projects and presentations
- Experiential Learning
- Cocurricular activities
- Competitions and Celebrations

**All the best !!!**



## Literary Corner @ DMCS-Banaswadi

MY PERFECT  
VACATION

After successful completion of my 7th Grade, I was looking forward to meet my grandparents, during my summer holidays. My hometown is in the picturesque, Himachal Pradesh. I reached my maternal grandparents' house in a place called Una. I shared a

splendid time with my cousins who lived there. As the time elapsed, I started forgetting about the cosmopolitan life of Bangalore. I loved sitting outside and just gazing at the stars on a cloudless night. We could see long and consistent farms, stretching over pretty impressive distances. I even enjoyed visiting temples and getting involved in the religious activities. After about two weeks or so, I left for my paternal grandparents' house. My grandfather's house is located in a small, beautiful village called Pakhari, overlooking what seemed like an array of hills and mountains. My grandparents' house, which was less modern, was built on a hilltop among the Himalayas. The view was simply breathtaking, I could see

nearby hills covered with grove of trees and also gigantic snow-covered mountains from the mid-Himalayas. As it was the harvesting season some parts of these mountains were covered with crops of the season. I even had the opportunity to offer little assistance in the field work !Whenever I felt like engaging in it, I just went off to the fields and explored the place.

My trip to Himachal Pradesh will remain etched in my memory forever.

After all...

“An involuntary return to the point of departure is without doubt, the most disturbing of all journeys.” - Iain Sinclair

*Kritin Thakur – Std.VIII*

## Literary Corner @ DMCS-Vidyavanapura

### My Memorable Summer Vacation

During my summer vacation, I found a treasure, a treasure within me. I explored many activities like swimming, cooking, outdoor games and baby sitting. There were many activities I got engaged in, however baby-sitting was the best recreation for me.

I could also connect with my cousins, relatives and neighbors quite frequently. We went to watch movies together and enjoyed picnic outings too. Since we have indigenous mango and jackfruit plantations at our native place, we could pluck the fruits and savour the ripe and yummy taste.

In these leisure hours, I could self-



introspect; find answers to my own questions which always bothered me. I was also surprised to discover my deep interest in acrylic T-shirt painting and a few other enjoyable hobbies. It was indeed a memorable holiday.

*Jeyani Shekar - Std.VII*

# EVENTS @ DMCS - BANASWADI

## World Environment Day

Deva Matha Central School, Banaswadi observed World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 with great earnestness and elation. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms. Janet S.K. Yegneswaran, Chairman and Founder "Trees for Free" – an organisation which

inspires volunteers and companies to save the environment. A powerful Mime Show, an emphatic tree poster, theme-based writings and planting of saplings were the highlights of the day.

**Ms Anandhi N. G.**  
– Faculty Member



## International Day against Child Labour

DMCS Banaswadi observed "International Day against Child Labour" on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, with great sincerity and keenness. The Chief Guest for the day was Ms. Radha R- Social Worker (APSA and SPJA) NGO organizations, which work tirelessly for needy children.

The highlight of the programme was a theme based Street Play, focussing on disapproval of Child Labour. The group song "We are the world, we are the children" struck the right chord with the audience.

**Ms. Neelam Yadav**  
– Faculty Member

# EVENTS @ DMCS-VIDYARANYAPURA

## FIRE DRILL

The staff and students of DMCS Vidyaranyapura, had an opportunity to take part in 'Live Fire Drill' demo in the school grounds. We learnt about the three types of fire extinguishers- A, BC and ABC used for solid, liquid and electric fire respectively. Light was thrown on the various ways to douse fire; the techniques of freeing a trapped person during fire break out scenario, were also shared.

**Kalyani Warriar - Std. IX**

## Poster Making & Pencil Shading



An emphatic Poster Making competition was held on the topic "Save Earth" for DMCS children (Senior Category). Pencil Sketching competition was also organized for the DMCS Junior category of children. It was indeed the perfect way to commence the new academic session.

**S. Phebe Elisheba-Std. IX**



## World Environment Day

Deva Matha Central School, Vidyaranyapura observed World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. The Chief Guest for the day was Ms. Padma Patil- an enthusiastic Environmentalist, who enlightened the students about the hazards of "Use and Throw" thought process. She urged DMCS students to follow three golden rules- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and also to add another important R – i.e. Refuse Plastic.

Notably, the Principal took a vital decision of banning paper cups for tea/coffee for staff members and encouraged using steel/ china cups. Also, the classrooms would be provided with carton boxes to make children start waste segregation at grass root level.

**Ms. Geetha Prasad**  
– CCA Coordinator



# WHY I LOVE MY SCHOOL

Deva Matha Central School has always remained special to me for the extremely gifted set of teachers, who are very cordial, cooperative and supportive. It has a spacious campus with a friendly environment to look forward to. We are fortunate to study in digital classrooms aided by smart boards. Teaching is technology based, making the understanding of concepts very easy. I am personally very fond of the "Special Assemblies" conducted to commemorate special days or

occasions. It gives the perfect avenue to showcase our creativity and skills. Our Gems Magazine is one of our finest publications, helping us immensely, in keeping abreast with the school happenings and upgrading our linguistic skills. Our library is a huge repository of knowledge too. The Sports achievements of DMCS have always made me proud of my Alma Mater. DMCS is my home, away from home!

Karthik R. - Std. X

# AN ACT OF KINDNESS



*I believe that compassion is one of the most important human characteristic. My sister once told me "It takes more muscles to frown than to smile." If one small gesture of our kindness could bring smile on other's faces, why can't we do it!*

*The other day, I was out with my mother to buy groceries for the week. There was a dog lying on the other side of the walkway, weak and helpless. He was suffering with a broken leg. My mother helped me in carrying it to the nearest veterinary centre and the doctor examined and bandaged the leg. We gave the dog some food to eat and left him under the shade of a tree. Next week when I was passing by, I saw a canine come running to me, wagging its tail. My eyes were filled with tears to see the dog healed, moving in a playful mood.*

Sharanya S - Std. VIII

## Talented Teacher

I thank thee, as the creator,  
For having streams and valleys as my neighbour.  
As a cherry - berry love to a child,  
My love to a mankind is blind.  
But only to know me as a Tree not as a Mother!

I am in the memories of cradles,  
To their dream world of castles.  
My fruits are tastier in their muffins,  
And carry their dear ones in my coffins.  
But only to call me as a Tree not as a Mother!

I raise the beauty of woods,  
Where many creatures stood.  
I give life to lovely Motherhood,  
As much as wonders I could.  
But only to call me as a Tree  
not as a Mother!

**Ms. Nasreen Taj**  
- Faculty Member





# AHAM ARTICLE

## MY VISION

You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step: Martin Luther King Jr.

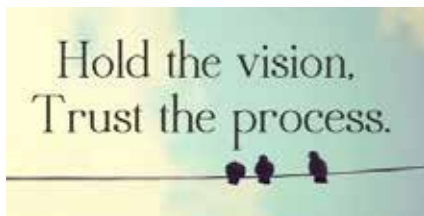


Ms. Aparna Athreya - AHAM Co-ordinator

Most of us, often interchangeably, use the terms 'vision' and 'goals' to our own liking. Vision is the destination that one visualises and wants to achieve, but the path is unknown. This is where goals come into play. They help us to set the path for the rightful achievement of our vision, acting as milestones. In order to create an effective vision, we have to free ourselves from our current reality and think in terms of possibilities.

For a vision to be meaningful and motivating it should come from taking a deep look at an ideal future, and then setting goals from that perspective. Goals usually are a cluster of checklist and are relatively short lived, after the successful completion of one, you move to another. Visions are more of a gradual process. It takes a longer time to realise your vision than your goals.

In clearer terms, one might have the vision of creating a healthy body image in the near future. In order for that to happen, they must set goals of working out and getting into shape or set goals on how he or she can bring about that change internally. Whereas, one



### WHY IS VISION IMPORTANT?

- Vision provides motivation and inspires us to keep on going.
- Vision helps to keep us moving forward and move through obstacles.
- Vision provides focus.
- Vision creates a desire to grow and improve; it gives us a sense of purpose.
- Our vision breathes life into our goals.
- It's also okay if your vision statement changes with time - different things will be important to you during different phases of your life.

can develop a vision even in the comfort of his living room couch!

#### Use these questions to guide your thoughts:

What are the ten things you most enjoy doing? Be honest. These are the ten things without which your weeks, months, and years would feel incomplete.

What three things must you do every single day to feel fulfilled in your work?

What are your five-six most important values?

What strengths have other people

commented on about you and your accomplishments? What strengths do you see in yourself?

What weaknesses have other people commented on about you and what do you believe are your weaknesses?

**"Create a vision for the life you really want and then work relentlessly towards making it a reality." - Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart.**

So, as Sukhi says, Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality!!!

## The Quality Initiative

DMCS has always endeavored to go the extra mile, to ensure quality deliverables to its student fraternity. Keeping the aforesaid thoughts in mind, the school has created a niche position of appointing an Academic Adviser for the school, dedicated fully to empower constructive, meaningful educational plans. It will be a continuous and consistent process, which will be

built upon frequent observations, contacts and reviews between the Academic Adviser and teachers. Fondly referred as, Mentor- the adviser would be entrusted with the task of monitoring the teaching and student fraternity, to ensure a holistic academic progress of the institution. Student engagement in academic as well as co-curricular activities will be the yardstick to judge their performance; the

teachers will be reviewed for teaching effectiveness followed by query resolution and prompt feedback by the mentor. The Alma mater is making remarkable efforts to upgrade the quality quotient of the school. We wish the Academic Adviser a rewarding academic session ahead!

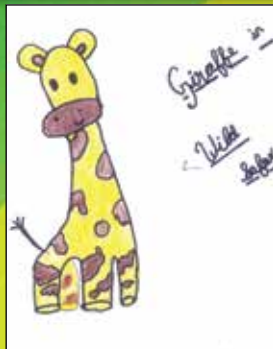
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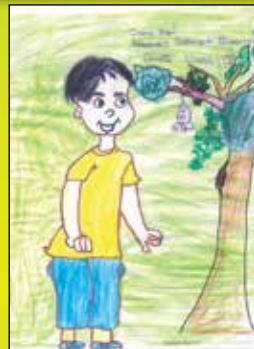
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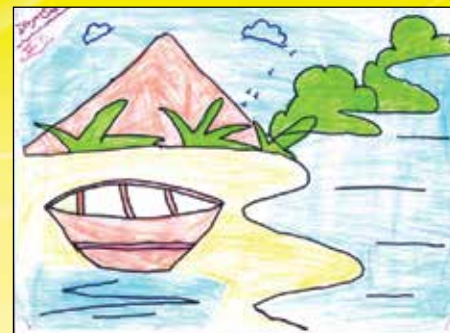
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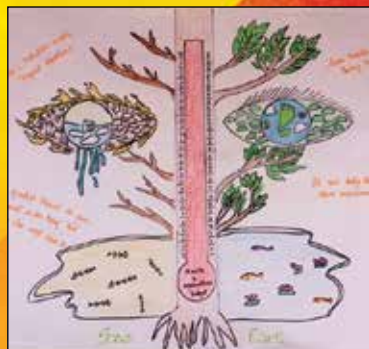
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