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THE DOON GIRLS' SCHOOL

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TERM II BEGINS AFTER THE SUMMER VACATION

July 29, 2024

After a refreshing, long summer break, the school campus is buzzing with excitement as Term II kicks off. The once-quiet grounds are now alive with the happy chatter and laughter of students reuniting with friends and teachers. It's a delightful sight to see children's faces light up with joy as they reconnect and share their summer stories.

Welcome back, everyone—here's to a fantastic Term II filled with learning, growth, and joyful moments!





THE OASIS - MUN

August 02-03, 2024

The Doon Girls School was invited to the third Inter-School Model United Nations (MUN) on August 2 and 3, hosted by The OASIS, and 11 of our students took part in the two-day event. Under the theme 'From Harm to Harmony,' the event saw participation from 11 schools, with a total of 125 students involved in diplomatic discussions and debates. The event began with an inspiring opening speech by Mr. Sanjiv Bathla, the School Director and Head of School, who welcomed all participants and highlighted the significance of global harmony. The simulation featured a range of

committees, from the peacekeeping United Nations Security Council to the influential United Nations General Assembly, as well as the specialized World Health Organization and the dynamic International Press Corps (IPC). Delegates engaged in meaningful debates and produced well-crafted and thoughtful resolutions. The Best Delegation Trophy was awarded to Doon International School, City Campus. It was a valuable experience for our students, as they developed crucial speaking skills and expanded their knowledge on various topics through research. The event



concluded on a high note, with participants taking away valuable lessons and experiences, reaffirming their commitment to fostering peace and understanding towards all, in a complex world.



INTER HOUSE HINDI DEBATE COMPETITION

August 05, 2024

Students of different houses participated in an exhilarating Inter-House Debate Competition, showcasing their intellectual prowess and rhetorical skills. The competition was structured into two distinct categories to cater to the varying levels of the participants:

Category A: For students of Classes 7 and 8

Category B: For students of Classes 9 and 10

The students were assigned their debate topics one hour prior to the start of the competition. This preparatory period allowed them to conduct research and organize their arguments effectively.

Category A Topic: "अनंत राधिका की शादी समाज में आदर्श।" This subject required the participants to explore and argue whether this marriage



exemplifies societal values and ideals.

Category B Topic: The topic for Classes 9 and 10 was: "आरक्षण राष्ट्र की उन्नति में रोड़ा है।" This topic challenged the students to debate the impact of reservation policies on societal

advancement and equality.

Results: The debate competition was highly competitive, with each house presenting well-researched and compelling arguments. The results were as follows:

1st Place : Robin House

2nd Place : Cuckoo House

3rd Place : Myna House

4th Place : Koel House



STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

August 06-07, 2024

Aug 06 - DPS on our campus

The student exchange programme between The Doon Girls' School and DPS Vikasnagar was a successful initiative that highlighted the importance of experiential learning and interdisciplinary education. The session held in The Doon Girls' School Campus was activity –based, promoting hands -on learning interdisciplinary connections.

There was a Flashmob dance workshop which was an energetic and engaging experience for the students. This was followed by an art session which focussed on creating polygon



shapes where students crafted diamond shapes using pre-cut pieces of paper. This was in connection to the Mathematics programme held earlier where polygons and the importance of triangular shapes in bridge construction were explained and discussed. Students were divided into groups and provided with materials to construct model bridges by incorporating triangular shapes into their designs. During this exercise, it was wonderful to see the teamwork and critical thinking involved.

Aug 07 - Visit to DPS Vikas Nagar

Upon our arrival at DPS Vikasnagar, we received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from the staff. Despite the traffic delay, they were waiting for us at the reception. The day was packed with engaging activities. We kicked off with an art class where students skilfully crafted fish from clay.

Following that the collaboration activity not only fostered teamwork but also rewarded the winning team with a storybook each – a thoughtful

gesture. During the break, DPS students generously shared their refreshments. It's heart-warming to witness such camaraderie and creativity!

After the break, they had a sports activity planned for the students, introducing them to a parachute play activity that they thoroughly enjoyed. The sports activity was followed by a music and dance class where the Indian and Western music teachers collaborated, blending both styles seamlessly. This suggestion was especially refreshing after the tiring sports session. To gather feedback on their exchange program experience, students were asked to fill out a feedback form.

As we prepared to leave for our school, students were once again offered refreshments for the bus ride. The teacher escorts, Vice Principal and Principal also received a token of thanks from the school. The DPS staff accompanied us to the gate, adding a warm touch to our departure. Overall, it was an amazing experience!





WELMUN - 2024

August 08-10, 2024

Welham Boys' School hosted the Welham Model United Nations Conference (WELMUN-2024) from August 8-10, 2024. This year's theme, 'Concordia Discordia,' meaning 'A Harmony of Discord,' captures the paradox that progress requires both collaboration and diversity. It represents the coexistence of discord and harmony, shaping the essence of existence. The conference welcomed 400 delegates from 27 prominent public schools across India and abroad. During the opening ceremony, Chief Guest Lt Gen KJ Singh (retd) addressed the student delegates, emphasizing the role of the United Nations in promoting awareness and education.

The student-led event was organized by an Executive Committee made up of seven student executive chairs. These chairs managed seven committees that simulated various UN bodies, including the United Nations Security Council, the Disarmament and International Security Committee, the United Nations Human Rights Council, the Lok Sabha, the International Criminal Police Organization, the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and the International Press Corps. The committees engaged in discussions on critical topics such as the 'Arab-Israeli War,' 'The Maritime Chokepoints,' and the 'Role of Article 356 and the Implementation of the Uniform Civil Code.'

The Closing Ceremony was honored by Pushpendra Saroj, Member of Parliament, as the Chief Guest. As the youngest person ever to serve in



Parliament, Saroj shared insights on how education has shaped his outlook and decision-making abilities. He encouraged students to appreciate diverse perspectives, actively engage with their communities, and take initiative in tackling social issues.

MUN aids in skill development and provides a platform for young individuals to engage actively in diplomatic efforts to address and resolve global conflicts.



PLP SESSION

August 14, 2024

Conducted by Mr. L.K. Bhatt and Mr. Mukesh Rana

Subject: The AI tools being used in Maths and Sciences

Mr. Mukesh introduced the following apps, which were very effective for classroom and beyond the classroom teaching:

Gemini from Google: Used to get highlights and content from a YouTube video without watching the entire video.

Google Docs: For typing with speech recognition or voice input.

Brisk Teaching: An app with many educational applications integrated into one platform.

Mr. L.K. Bhatt shared some apps, which can be effectively used by Math teachers.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

August 15, 2024

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated in school. It was a proud moment when our chairman, Mr. C. P. Dang hoisted the national flag and we sang the national anthem and patriotic songs. Our Chairman set free some pigeons along with the younger students of the school giving us an experience of what freedom looks like. This was followed by a program presented by Koel House. We learnt about the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters to make our nation a free country. The Principal's speech inspired us to become good citizens of the country.



THE DOON SCHOOL MUN

August 17, 2024

Ten girls from Classes IX and X attended the Model United Nations event at The Doon School.

From Class IX: Stuti Kanodia, Kamal Kour, Gaurangi Rastogi, Aalia, Tamreen and Shveni Jain

From Class X: Saima Arora, Saumya Nayak, Geet Saini and Kavya Chugh.



A VISIT TO POST OFFICE

August 17, 2024

Our visit to the post office was designed to provide a hands-on understanding of postal services, bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world applications. We began with a tour of the post office, where a friendly staff member explained the workflow, from receiving mail to sorting and delivering it to recipients.

Students interacted with customer service staff to learn about their roles, including assisting customers with sending parcels, purchasing stamps, and providing information on postal rates.

The students explored various stamps, learning about the famous leaders featured on them and the

significance of different PIN codes. They also discovered that savings can be made both in banks and post offices. The highlight of the visit was the opportunity for students to write postcards and drop them into the big red mailbox, experiencing the full process from writing to mailing.





INTER-HOUSE TABLE DODGING COMPETITION

August 17, 2024

The table dodging contest was held on August 17, 2024. Students from classes III to VI participated in this inter-house competition. Mental math and dodging table were given to each class and the total was compiled house wise.

CHILDREN LEARN

• **Focus and Attention:** Keeping track of sequence or order during a table dodging, requires concentration and focus, helping students develop better attention skills. Improves learning power.

LEARNING HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN STORY AT THE DOON LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

August 20, 2024

Six enthusiastic students from our school had the opportunity to visit the Doon Library and Research Centre. Their mission? To unravel the secrets of story writing and discover the magic behind crafting compelling narratives.

Instructor: Mr. Nicolas Hoffland

Focus: Understanding the “Cheat Code” for effective storytelling/story writing

The Cheat Code: Mr. Nicolas introduced the concept of a storytelling “cheat code.” According to him, every great story follows three essential steps:

Old World: Setting the stage by introducing characters, context, and the existing situation.

New World: Introducing a twist or conflict that disrupts the status quo.

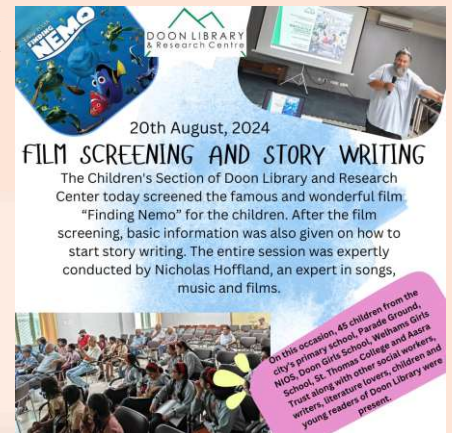
Decision: The pivotal moment where characters make choices that drive the plot forward.

Illustrative Example: Mr. Nicolas used the popular Bollywood film “3 Idiots” as an example. Students analyzed how the movie followed the cheat code, from the college days (old world) to the pursuit of passion (new world) and the decision to challenge norms (decision).

Movie Screening: “Finding Nemo”: After the theory, students enjoyed a screening of “Finding Nemo.” They actively identified instances where the cheat code played out in the animated adventure.

Discussion: Engaging discussions followed the movie. Students explored which elements corresponded to the old world, new world, and critical decisions within the film.

Conclusion: The trip to the Doon Library and Research Centre left our students inspired and eager to apply the storytelling cheat code in their own writing.



14TH INTER SCHOOL ENGLISH ELOCUTION

August 22, 2024

The Doon Girls' School hosted the 14th Inter School English Elocution competition featuring the participation of 26 esteemed schools from Mussoorie and Dehradun. This event, which encompassed both individual and group categories, provided a platform for young speakers to showcase their eloquence and passion for poetry recitation in English.

The English Elocution competition at The Doon Girls' School is renowned for fostering linguistic proficiency,

expressive communication, and cultural appreciation. As a landmark event in the academic calendar, this competition plays a pivotal role in promoting the beauty and significance of the English poem.

Distinguished Panel of Judges included renowned experts in English language and literature Ms Poonam Jaiswal (Former HOD English, Unison School), Mr. Ashford Lyonette (English Dept Selaqui International School), Dr Aloka Niyogi (an Educationist, a

Motivational Speaker, a Freelance writer) and Mr. Sameer Chopra (English Dept, The Doon School).



Overall tally

Position	School Name	Points
First	Doon International City Campus	429
Second	St. Joseph's Academy	427
Third	The Oasis	418





SPICMACAY CULTURAL JOURNEY

August 23-25, 2024

(Day 1)

Dr. Ashish K. Srivastava, an IAS officer and Vice Chairman of the Mussorie-Dehradun Development Authority, welcomed over 2,000 participants to the Spic Macay State Convention.

Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt captivated the audience with his exceptional sitar skills. Renowned singer Ms. Vidushi Sudha Raghunathan performed soulful classical ragas that deeply touched the hearts of the audience.

Students had the chance to learn from Gurus in various arts, including dance, music, painting, and theater. This immersive experience fostered cultural exchange and personal growth.

(Day 2)

The day began with a rejuvenating yoga session that set a positive tone for the activities ahead.

A renowned flutist conducted an insightful workshop on the art of flute playing.

Pandit Deepak Maharaj left the audience spellbound with his intricate footwork and expressions.

Shri Prem Hindwal showcased traditional mask dance techniques in a mesmerizing performance.

The programme featured soul-stirring Hindustani vocals by Pandit Omkar Dadarkar and a breathtaking sitar performance by Pt. Kushaldas.

(Day 3)

Vid. Parvathy Baul captivated the audience with her soulful renditions of stories about Lord Krishna.

Padmashree Malini Awasthi ji: delivered a moving performance portraying Maa Yashoda awakening Lord Krishna, leaving a lasting impression on all.

Students showcased their newfound skills learned from various Gurus,

including performances in Bharatanatyam and other traditional art forms, demonstrating their growth and learning throughout the event.

The following students participated in this State Convention : Akshaya Elapanda, Aadya Gupta, Sinaki Bhuyan, Mridini Chauhan, Saima Arora, Miraya Agarwal, Sanskriti Mehrotra, Divistha Mittal, Mishika Agarwal, and Hasrat Kaur Brar in various art forms like Kuchipudi, Tie & Die, Hindustani Vocal, Theatre, Kathak, Kangra Painting and Sikki Grass Craft.



JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION

August 26, 2024

"Divine Delight: Janmashtami Play Celebrates Krishna's Life". By Myna House.

Our school's recent Janmashtami play, presented by Myna house, was a vibrant dance drama that mesmerized the audience with its captivating portrayal of Lord Krishna's life. The event was a resounding success, showcasing the students' talent and dedication to storytelling through music, dance, and drama.

The play began with Krishna's birth, depicting the miraculous events surrounding his arrival. The scene transitioned seamlessly to his childhood antics, showcasing his mischievous yet divine nature. The students' energetic performances brought to life Krishna's legendary stories, including his triumph over the serpent Kaliya and his iconic dance with the gopis.

The play's climax featured the epic

role of Krishna's as a spiritual guide and philosopher, emphasizing his teachings in the Bhagavad Gita.

Through this play, our house showcased its creativity and teamwork, demonstrating the power of art to bring people together and celebrate our shared cultural heritage. The event was a testament to the students' hard work and dedication, making it a memorable experience for all involved.



2nd INTER SCHOOL HINDI DEBATE COMPETITION - SENIORS

August 29, 2024

The Doon Girls' School organized the 2nd Inter School Hindi Debate Competition in Category A for classes VII & VIII and Category B for classes IX to X on 29th August 2024.

22 renowned schools of Dehradun keenly contested. The children received a resounding applause for their performances by the audience.

The judges for the competition were: Smt. Vijaya Laxmi Jugran, Smt Monika Sharma, Smt. Paras Gupta and Smt Sujata Paul.

At the end of the competition, the judges gave away the certificates and

prizes to the winners and addressed the participants with some words of encouragement.

The best speakers for Category A were Navya Joshi (St. Joseph's Academy), Prakriti Chauhan (DAV Public School) and Sudhyati (Doon International School)

The best speakers for Category B were Shivanshi (Doon International School) and Samridhi Kukreti (DAV Public School)

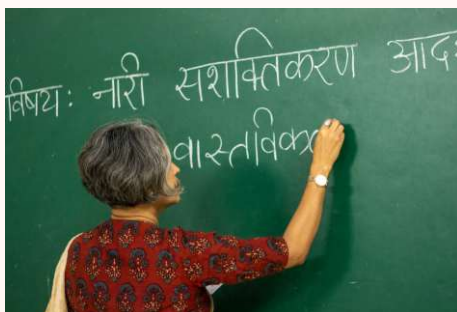
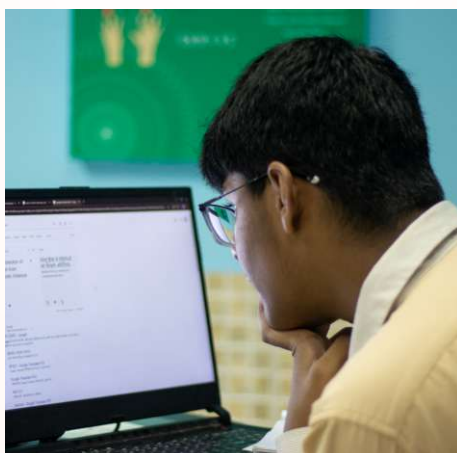
Doon International School bagged the first position with 303 points and their team included Vismaya,

Shivanshi, Eva Pandey and Sudhyati

The Doon Girls' School secured second position with 283 points and their team comprised Gaurangi Rastogi, Saima Arora, Saumya Jha and Lavanya Vishal Patel.

DAV Public School secured third position with 116.5 points and their team included Vidit Painuly, Samridhi Kukreti, Prakriti Chauhan and Ananya Panwar.

The replica of the Running Trophy was presented to the team of The Doon School who were the winners in 2023.





SPORTS SECTION



CISCE U.P. & U.K. REGION BASKETBALL GIRLS TOURNAMENT 2024

August 05-06, 2024

Host: Dr. Virendra Swarup Public School, Kanpur UP

CISCE Uttarakhand Zone Basketball Team

Girls Category U-14

Tenzin Youdon Khum, CL-VII,
Shrivali Singh, CL-VIII

These children were included in the team Uttarakhand which secured 4th

place in this competition. 11 teams competed in this competition.

Girls' Category U-19

Saumya Nayak, CL-X was included in the team Uttarakhand and the team of Uttarakhand secured 1st place in this competition. 12 teams competed in this competition.



CISCE U.P. & U.K. REGION SKATING GIRLS & BOYS TOURNAMENT – 2024

August 23-24, 2024

The tournament was held at Stepping Stone School, Gorakhpur UP

Ankita Das, CL-VII, (1000M Rink Race and 1 Lap Road Race)

Ankita Das participated in U-14 Inline speed category, representing the Uttarakhand Team.



DISTRICT TEAM SELECTION UNDER-16 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

August 26-27, 2024

DAY 1: 26/08/24

SUBHASH CHANDRA ACADEMY 1 - 15 THE DOON GIRLS' SCHOOL (DGS WON)

DAY 2: 27/08/24

SHIGALLY HILLS 10 - 20 THE DOON GIRLS' SCHOOL (DGS WON)

CJM 16 - 13 THE DOON GIRLS' SCHOOL (CJM WON)

28 Teams from Dehradun District competed in this competition. The winning team had to enter the quarter finals if they won all three matches.



NATIONAL SPORTS DAY

August 29, 2024

On National Sports Day, The Doon Girls' School came alive with enthusiasm and athletic spirit.

Various sports activities were conducted which highlighted the students' skills and sportsmanship.

