

Message from the Principal

Are diminishing resources the by-product of what we call 'progress'? The World our children will inherit can certainly elude the inexorable should there be a conscious move towards enrichment. With this responsibility vested in every being, why not trigger this early in our children. Deens Academy chooses **'Sthairyam' (Sustainability)** as our annual theme, with a definite focus on creating an awareness and responsibility for environmental, social and economic sustainability through various activities, in a promise for a better tomorrow.

Practising Sthairyam



Grade 8A planting a sapling with our esteemed Principal, Shanthi Ma'am and respected Headmistress Hema Ma'am.



Board decorations for the theme of World Environment Day.

The students of Deens Academy Gunjur are already striving to inculcate the theme of Sustainability in their lives, through classroom activities, board decorations, special assemblies and so on. Here are a few glimpses of how we express this value through our work. Some suggestions for each of you to create a sustainable environment at home are: * Do not waste water. 2. Cycle instead of cars, walk instead of biking. 3. Do not throw garbage on the streets. 4. Plant trees. 5. Say no to plastic. 6. Segregate your wet and dry garbage. Think green! Live green!



Graphic created by Aliya from 7A on words provided by Hrehaan from 4A - who listed the most number of words on the theme 'Environment' during the intra-school Spell Bee.

International Yoga Day



The International Yoga Day is celebrated every year on June 21. This year our school also participated in the celebration. Our Yoga faculty guided us through a number of exercises and yogasanas.

We asked our teachers a few questions regarding yoga. From this interview we learnt the importance of yoga and what makes yoga different from any other form of physical exercise.

Yoga should be practised for the development of both mind and body, that is, there are both physical and mental benefits of doing yoga. Yoga makes us calm and peaceful. It also strengthens our presence of mind. A physical advantage of yoga is in making is flexible and strong. Yoga is a safe form of exercise and can be practised by anyone, irrespective of age.

Founder's Day Celebrations



Prizes handed over by dear Shanthi Ma'am for the year 2016-17.

Deens Academy was founded as a small school on 20th June, 2006. Our Founder's Day is a very important occasion for us and is celebrated with the fullest of enthusiasm and energy. This year the celebration was rather unusual. We started with a cultural dance in praise of Lord Ganesha followed by an inspiring melody sung by our school choir and ended with a humorous play; a super celebration that made it a wonderful day. The dance was an apt depiction of the various Indian cultures and was accompanied with a soothing song.

The play was a humorous interaction written by some students of Grade 6. The play was set way into the future, in the year let's say 2035, when we've all graduated and are working. What would happen if a group of friends from Deens met all those years later and reminisced about their time spent year? The play enacted one such reunion, which was quite entertaining and did capture our experience here perfectly.

Last but not the least, there was a prize distribution ceremony. Our honourable Shanti ma'am and Hema ma'am gave away prizes for the previous year. Students excelling in academics, 100% attendance and students excelling in different topics were revealed. The parents thoroughly enjoyed the ceremony and you could see this from their ringing applause. This was another successful Founders' day for us.

contributions by Amodi and Anushka, Grade 6A

Student Council Elections

The elections were coming up and the school was buzzing with excitement. It all started one SST period. Our SST teacher, Soumi Ma'am, announced one day that this year Grade 8 would be competing in the Student Council Elections for the posts of House Captain and Prefect. We were overjoyed.

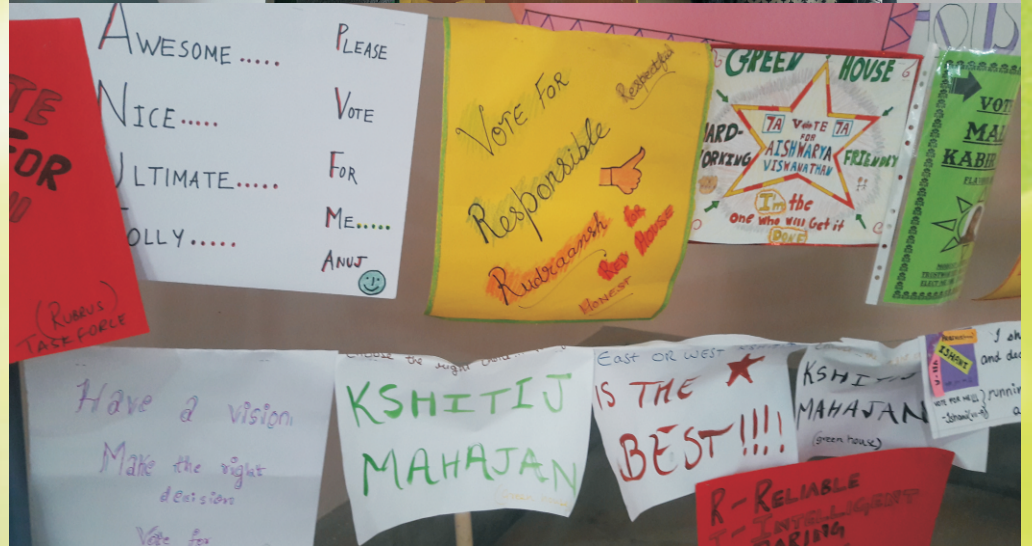
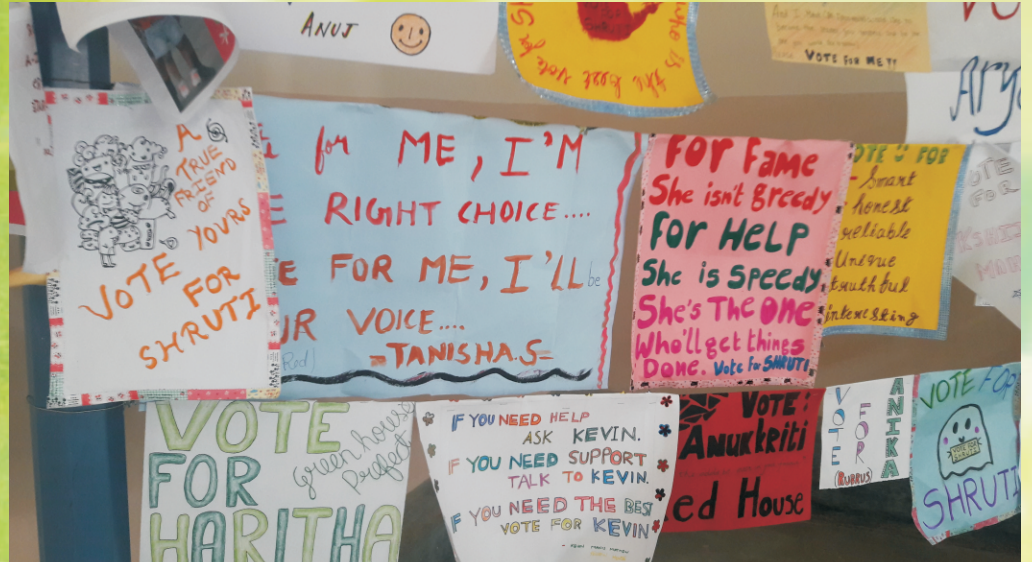
Each of us had the choice to nominate ourselves to these posts. For the nominations, we were each given a questionnaire to fill regarding leadership qualities. Then five at a time, we were asked to give campaigning speeches during the assembly time. As usual, everyone had the jitters. But eventually, it was all worth it.

We all gave our best and campaigned for ourselves in the smaller grades. The voting was done by Grades 5-7. The teachers also selected our task force members from Grades 6 and 7. It gave us much anxiety to wait as the voting process began. At last, it was done. Later the same day, Shanthi Ma'am announced the winners. We were in class at the time and listened with baited breath. We all had big silly grins on our faces when we heard our names. We were all ready to take on the challenge!

This, I'm sure will be a really good experience for me and my mates on the new Student Council. Already it has been truly thrilling! The Investiture Ceremony is coming up soon. That is the day I swear in my post and promise to work hard as a House Captain. I can't wait for the day to come.

- Mehak Kapur, Grade 8A

Election Fever!



Special Assembly Grade 6

Grade 6 conducted a beautiful Special Assembly on the theme of Conformity. This was the combined special assembly event of Grades 6A and 6B. The children presented an excellent skit, a dance and a song written by their very own classmates. The parents and teachers alike enjoyed the show thoroughly. Conformity is one of the most important values that we learn here at Deens. Conformity means conforming to the expected rules.



Kideens Red Day Celebration



The tiny tots in the school were all dressed in bright red one Thursday in June for the Kideens Red Day Celebrations. They brought red fruit in their tiffin boxes and learnt to name and identify all the red things around them.

Spell Bee



The intra-school Spell Bee Event was conducted for Grades 1-8 during the month of June. The event was conducted to spark enthusiasm in the students for the language and to enrich their vocabulary and spelling skills. The event included dictations, word scrambles, crossword puzzles and a final showdown for Grades 5-8 with a game of Scrabble. The children enjoyed themselves thoroughly and learned that spelling can also be fun!

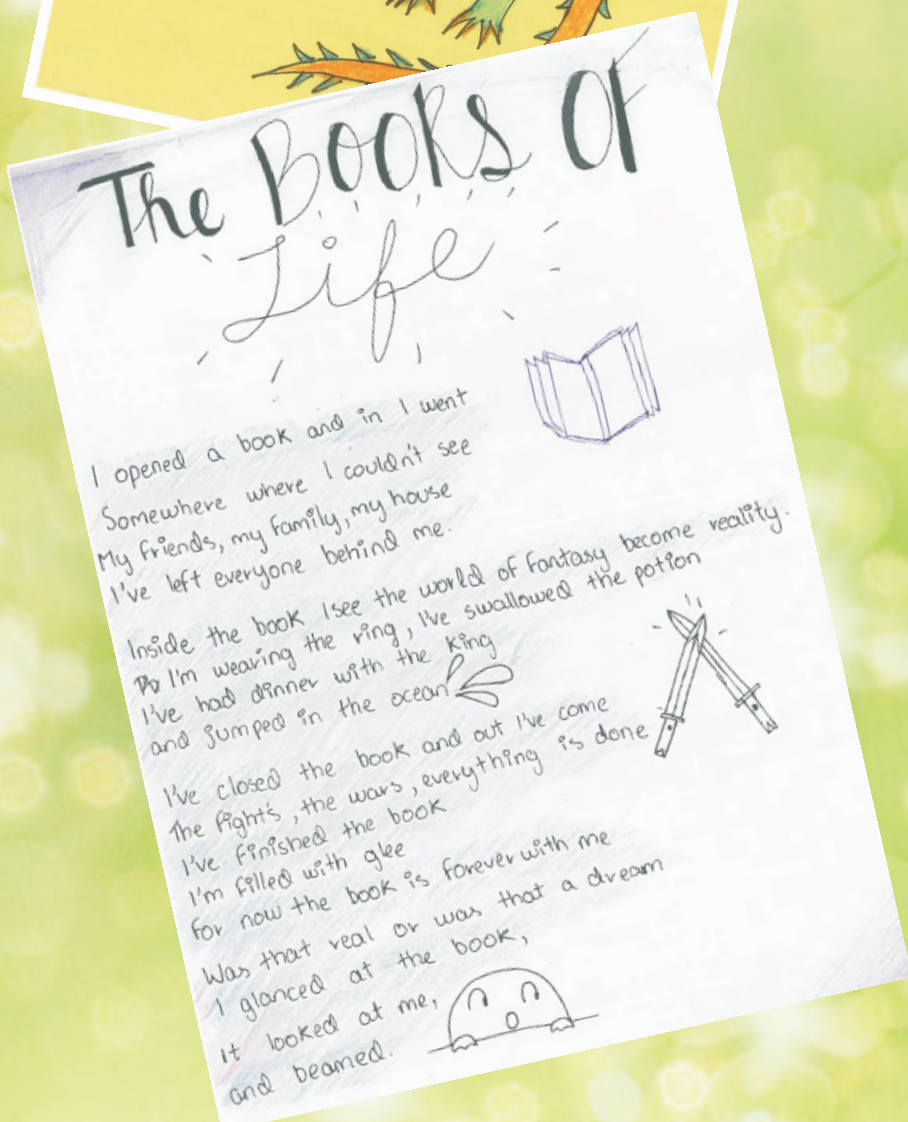
Visit to the Science Express



In the month of June, the Science Express was in Bangalore! Our school took us, the students of Grade 5-8, on a visit to the innovative train that was stationed at Whitefield Railway Station. The entire train was filled with presentations and experiments and wonderfully informative illustrations. We learnt a lot and had fun!

Art Attack!

In this section, we showcase some beautiful works of art and writings by our fellow students. Enjoy! (L to R, top to bottom: Adaa Kapur 4A, Rudraansh Ahuja 8A, Haritha Satheesh 8A, Mehak Kapur 8A, Adya Jha 6A and Shrinidhi Prabhakaran 7A.)



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