



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Amazingly, a tranquil maturity seemed to have washed over the children since their return after the vacations. It seemed the appropriate time to assign them tasks of responsibility and thus the first Student Council came into being. Business like these children handle their duties, helping streamline processes and routines of the school... And the little ones are not far behind! They are settled and into the thick of exploring and learning!!! Here are glimpses of 'deen-a-logues' we have presently on the campus!

An Eventful Month

The month of July has been truly eventful, starting with the Investiture Ceremony, which was the result of a long and exciting election process. And ending with exciting preparations for Volksfiesta which you will find out all about in the August issue of Deen-a-Logue. We enjoyed bringing out this newsletter and we hope you enjoy reading it. A big thank you from the newsletter team to all you readers for your time. This month we talk about the Investiture Ceremony, a special feature on the events in our Kideens block, a page dedicated to the admin staff of our school and one showcasing the young talent here. Happy Reading!

Our First Student Council

We are thrilled to present to you the first elected Student Council at Deens Academy, Gunjur for the year 2017-2018.



Caereuleus - Captain: Arya Menon, Prefect: Chandramauli Singh, Task Force: Nethraa Manoj, Meghna Nair, Mohammed Zayaan, Joshin Mahesh; with Housemistress Sheena Koshy ma'am.

Rubrus - Captain: Anika Pandey, Prefect: Tanisha Sonthalia, Task Force: Riddhi Rajesh, Niranjana Nishore, Ananya Ramalingam, Siyona Gupta; with Housemistress Priyanka Sareesh ma'am.

Praisinus - Captain: Haritha Satheesh, Prefect: Shruti Mishra, Task Force: Amodi Kulkarni, Tharun Poonkundran, Anirudh Majumdar, Adya Jha; with Housemistress Soumi Das ma'am.

Flavus - Captain: Mehak Kapur, Prefect: R.A. Priyanka, Task Force: Varsha Polisetty, Pranav U.S., Nishita Routrey, Harshita Shetty; with Housemistress Neha Varma ma'am.



Investiture Ceremony



Deens Academy Gunjur has embarked on its third year in 2017. This is the year to witness the first ever Investiture Ceremony, which was held on July 6th. Investiture is the ceremony where various ranks and powers are handed over. For us, this was the day the badges and duties were given to the new Student Council members.

The emcees started the ceremony by introducing the members of the Student Council and they marched forward on stage to receive their badges. We started with our Head Prefect. Then the emcees also gave a description of the houses and spoke about their significance. Praisinus (green) stands for valour, Rubrus (red) represents strength, Flavus (yellow) stands for truth and Caereuleus (blue) represents integrity. After giving an introduction to each house, the council members for that house were given their badges by our esteemed Principal Shanthi Ma'am or respected Hema Ma'am. Following the pinning of the badges, the students marched forward with their house team. Throughout this part of the ceremony, the school band played in perfect unison.

The oath was formally announced by respected Shanthi Ma'am and the council members repeated it after her. We promised to carry out our duties with responsibility and respect the school values and culture. After finishing the oath, Shanthi Ma'am enlightened us with her words of wisdom and wished everyone the best of luck and a wonderful year ahead. Parents watched in the audience, faces gleaming with pride at what their child had achieved. The rest of the students also showed a lot of enthusiasm and support for their houses. The ceremony ended with a beautiful rendition of the national anthem by the school choir. The Student Council felt utterly elated and couldn't be more thankful for this opportunity.

- Anika Pandey, 8A (Captain of Rubrus house)

Kideens Showcase

July was an exciting and eventful month for the littlest of our fellow students. On this page, we will showcase some of the Kideens Events.

Dad and Me Event



The Dad and Me event was celebrated with great enthusiasm and energy by the children of UKG. This is the event when the children get to invite their fathers to join them for a morning of fun games and activities at school. Long before the day of the event, the children were very excited to have their Dads along and had been looking forward to the day for days

In today's world, when our parents are busy in office, and the kids spend most of their days in school, or hobby classes or day care centres, it is a rare treat to spend the morning together. Even otherwise, it is a chance for the Dads to experience their kids' school lives firsthand and also remember their own days of fun.

Blue Day Celebration

Blue is the colour of the sky, and clouds, water and certain birds and flowers. The children of UKG and LKG learnt to identify this colour in their surroundings during their Blue Day Celebration. They were all dressed nicely in different shades of blue and brought blue snacks along in their tiffin boxes.



Vibrant Colours of Kideens

School is an important part of a person's life and a big stepping stone for any growing child. Here at Deens Gunjur, we make sure that even the youngest of our students enjoy their time and find it worthwhile to come to school. Every day is a bright colourful day in our Kideens Block. The energy is infectious. Here we give you some select glimpses.



Fancy Dress Event

The children were dressed up nicely for the Fancy Dress Event which took place in July. The old building came to life with the different colours and costumes worn by the children. The costumes were based on different themes that were assigned according to the class.

The theme for LKG was 'In the Garden' and the theme for UKG was 'Traditional Wear' where they celebrated the culture that each of them comes from. Here are a few pictures of the event.



Admin and Support Staff Day

July witnessed the celebration of one of the most important days - The Admin and Support Staff Day, a day when we acknowledge the help given to us by the many people who run behind the scenes for the working of the school. These would be rightly called the pillars of the school, ensuring many good days for both the teachers and the students. The drivers, aunties, IT and support staff work tirelessly for our benefit and deserve a break. The Admin and Support Staff Day was celebrated with great pomp, fun activities and innovative competitions and games were arranged for our kind helpers and we presented a short programme for them.

In this July issue, we strive to get to know our support staff better and that is why we have interviewed a few familiar faces around the campus in the hope that we learn a bit more about them!

Konappa is the driver for the Deens Gunjur bus route GR-4. Another of his duties is to check all the buses before dispersal begins. He is regarded as a gentle and modest driver. **Konappa** is a respected driver with three years of experience. He is quite content in his job, though he faces some challenges. One of the major troubles for the drivers according to him is to manage time and report to school at the correct time – let's promise to save our drivers this effort by never reaching our stops late and always being punctual! **Konappa** uncle is fluent in Kannada and Telugu. On his free time, he loves to play carom and is quite good at it.



Manju Aunty is a senior staff in Deens, Gunjur. We all know her by the smile that greets us whenever we enter the old building. She is in charge of taking rounds in the old building and handles various tasks like guiding children out of the classes, taking the KG children to bed and maintaining line discipline on the ground floor. She has a wonderful personality and insists that she loves her job. Nothing is a challenge for **Manju Aunty**. She is fond of the children, all the teachers and especially fond of Hema Ma'am and Shanthi Ma'am.

At home, **Manju Aunty** likes to knit along with doing the household chores. But any boredom that she used to have at home disappeared after she joined Deens. She has been at Deens Gunjur ever since the school started, three years ago. She is fluent in Kannada, Telugu and Tamil and also converses well in English. Her presence here is wonderful, she is well respected and we are glad to have her.



Shankari Ma'am is a persistent, hard-working woman who runs and handles the accounts department along with organizing the exchange and deals with concerns of parents. She faces some challenges in answering the concerns of parents and sending important mails through Smartwork. There is a great responsibility upon her in handling the income from parents and students, along with the task of reporting to her seniors. However, she works diligently.

Shankari Ma'am enjoys her work and started working for Deens way back in 2007 at the Whitefield campus. In 2016, she shifted to our Gunjur campus where she has been ever since. Shankari Ma'am is a polyglot, as she can speak Hindi, Kannada, English, Telugu, Bengali and Tamil! In her free time, she enjoys listening to music and singing Bhajans at orphanages. She believes that India should have a more systematic structure, where people should be more educated and at peace with one another.



We do know that we have a security guard to open and close the gates, but how well do we know this person who helps us every day? Let us now acknowledge and thank our security guards.

Piyush Kumar, 32, and **Manoj Yadav**, 40, are posted as security at Deens Academy, Gunjur. Their role is to permit and authorize the vehicles which enter the campus, as well as keep count of the school buses. They also maintain the power generator and partially help in other school maintenance. Mr. Kumar and Mr. Yadav have been carrying out this duty for three years now. The challenge they face is that they have to guard the school premises in any weather. Be it rain or storm, they have to be on duty.

Mr. Kumar is a fluent speaker of Hindi and a beginner in English. In their free time, they go on patrol rounds. Both enjoy reading.



All the mess that we make everyday, have you even wondered who has to clean up all of that? Well, we have our aunties to help out with that. They are really nice and kind-hearted and do not resent us for sometimes making their job harder. One of these kind people is **Mutthu Lakshmi** aunty.

She has been working at Deens Gunjur for four months now. She has two sons of her own and used to work as a babysitter and a cook in a house prior to this. **Mutthu Lakshmi** aunty loves watching movies, it's her favourite pastime. She knows many languages like English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu. She loves taking care of children and playing with them.

Poetry Recitation Competition

On one fine day in July, the small but smart minds of Grades 1-5 were put to a unique kind of test. This was a test of language skill, pronunciation and stage confidence. Can you guess what it was? Yes, a poetry recitation competition!

Every grade had a suitable theme. Grade 1 recited poems on nature's beauty, Grade 2 on the monsoon season, Grade 3 embraced their family through their poems, Grade 4 recited poems on schools and the theme for Grade 5 was adventure.

The judges graded them on various criteria like pronunciation, expression, voice modulation and the top three winners were selected from every grade! It was a nice event for the growing kids.

Art Attack!

This month we present to you some wonderful works of art from our juniors, Raghav Singh, Geeth and Shivali Sethi from Grades 1 and 2.



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Message from the Editor

As the first newsletter team (June-July) hands over their roles to the next, here's a message from the Editor. Himashree Penchala of Grade 7A has used this space to do something we've all wanted to (we just didn't know we did.) A unique battle of schools: Hogwarts vs Deens Academy. May the best school win.



Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is the school for witches and wizards all over Great Britain. Mainly introduced to us in the Harry Potter series written by J.K. Rowling, it is one of the dream schools where many Potter fans would love to go!

And well, I suppose Deens Academy, while very popular here, is not that famous. It neither has witches turning a hedgehog into a pincushion nor wizards hexing people to hang in the air by their ankles. Deens Academy is not a magic school, after all. It's a Muggle school in Bangalore, India. It follows the CBSE syllabus and teaches regular subjects, you know, like Chemistry, Biology and Math (instead of Potions, Transfiguration and Herbology.) We love Deens Academy as well as Hogwarts, so here's a look at what makes each special in its own way...

Deens teachers > Hogwarts teachers

Here in Deens Academy, our teachers are... beyond words. They're hardworking, efficient and we can confide in them all our thoughts and feelings. They do not loathe students because of their Dad (we're looking at you, Snape) nor do they tell you your death will arrive the moment you enter the FIFA World Cup!

Our new block is safer than the castle

Fine, I agree that Deens Academy doesn't have an amazing 50-foot tall castle beside a lake, but it also doesn't have a 30-foot snake which can petrify you with its stare. At Hogwarts, the staircases move on Friday, there are doors that are not doors but just pretending to be, doors that open if we ask politely and doors that lead you to giant three-headed dogs guarding secret trapdoors.

At Deens, stairs don't move, doors are simply doors and can't pretend anything and the only creatures in our midst are the many, many butterflies near the entrance. There's only one thing we have that Hogwarts did - the huge crowd, and I mean, huge with a capital H.

Deens doesn't teach magic!

This is the main point. WE DON'T LEARN MAGIC. Oh how I wish we did. Deens doesn't teach magic, which is far more interesting than Math and English. And yet, I wonder, if a wizard never learns that 11 Galleons, 7 Knuts added to 27 Galleons 15 Sickles is 38 Galleons 15 Sickles and 7 Knuts - well then, how does he ever manage to do his shopping? I guess Math isn't that pointless, after all...

Gunjur may be far, but not as far as Hogwarts

It takes us a bit longer to reach school every day here at Deens Academy, but that is nothing compared to a school that is located in Great Britain. Hogwarts is simply too far for anyone from India, even with magical transportation.

So as you can see, Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry may be the dream school for many, but our Deens is also one of its kind. I study here at Gunjur campus and have been entrusted with many responsibilities and authorities which I never dreamed of getting. I bet that this academic year will be the most exciting and satisfying one. And here's hoping it will be just as memorable for you!