



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The vibrance of the offline school, a testimony of our resilient Deenites, is brought to you in this first edition of the year. Presenting the newsletter compiled by the young editors of grade 7.

- Ms. Hemlata Pande, Principal, Gunjur Campus

SECTION 1- WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



"Let today be the start of something new!" It was with thought that Deens Academy welcomed the students onboard a new academic year. The school corridors and classrooms were buzzing with the voices of our brave Deenites, who faced the challenges of online learning and came out victorious. The day which we all had been waiting for had finally arrived- We

were back to school!

The day began with our honourable Principal, Hema Ma'am, addressing the teachers and the students, applauding them for their resilience in the pandemic and encouraging the students to give their best in this new academic year.

"WE ARE THE RESILIENT DEENITES- WE HAVE SURVIVED, WE WILL THRIVE!"



SECTION 2- THEME OF THE MONTH- RESILIENCE - SURVIVE AND THRIVE! 2.1 COPING WITH COVID

I know there are times that are tough,
When you storm off with a huff
But if you open your eyes, and behold
Everything is a new story; neither experienced nor told
Covid-19 is being cruel,
Using us as a tool

When the universe breaks down,
We must stand our ground,
We must fight back!
No matter what we lack!
We have sources
To strengthen our forces!

I know that the Covid times have been hard,
As if you were poked by 101 glass shards
Ever noticed a queen bee coming out of her hive?
No matter how many losses she's experienced, she still strives
We must do the same!
Until Corona is tamed!

-Dhun Agrawal 5B

2.2. VANQUISHING THE VIRUS

You said, 'Oh look! There's a danger out there!'
Alex looked around and said, 'Where?'
'Shall we slay it?' she said.
You nodded and said, 'Let us get it dead'.

You rummaged around your items, in your chest,
You got your stuff and you guys left.
Looking at your target, holding your swords,
You were ready to kill the one who robs.

Filled with sadness, you told Notch the story,
He was just as curious as Dory.

He said, 'Don't lose hope,
Just come with me, stop acting like a dope.
You will find diamonds, you will find gold
Get some armor and go!'

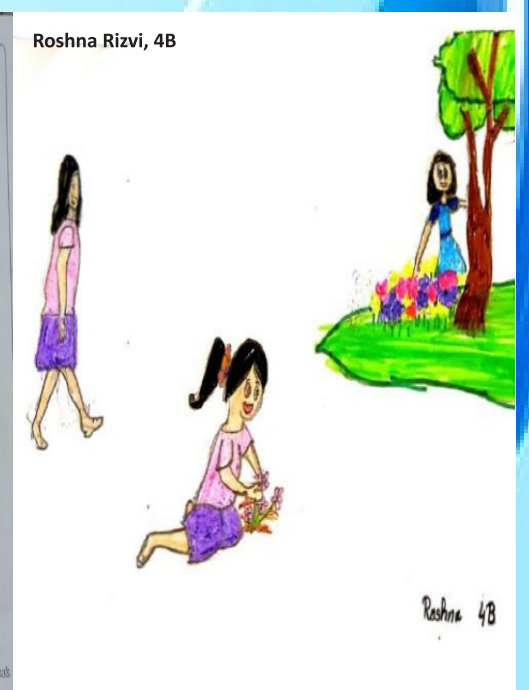
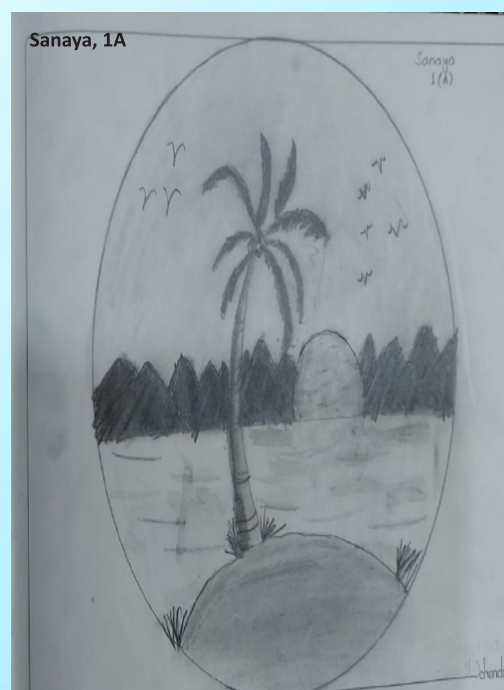
You had prepared, you had trained and got your tools,
You were ready to kill the fools.
They waited for you, and in the wink of an eye,
They're all dead, and they go bye-bye.

-Thanmathi Gandhi - 5D

2.3- Sometimes there is no time to wait for the sea to calm down. If you must reach your target, let your voyage start and let the storm be your path- Mehmet Murat Ildan



Hope is the thing with feathers- Picking Positivity





2.4- Resilient Roaches

Let me introduce to you the creature abhorred by all and whose mention sends a shiver down most spines -the cockroach. Few of us know that the cockroach has been around since the Triassic period i.e., more than 250 million years ago! Various research studies claim that cockroaches were present even before the dinosaurs ruled the Earth.

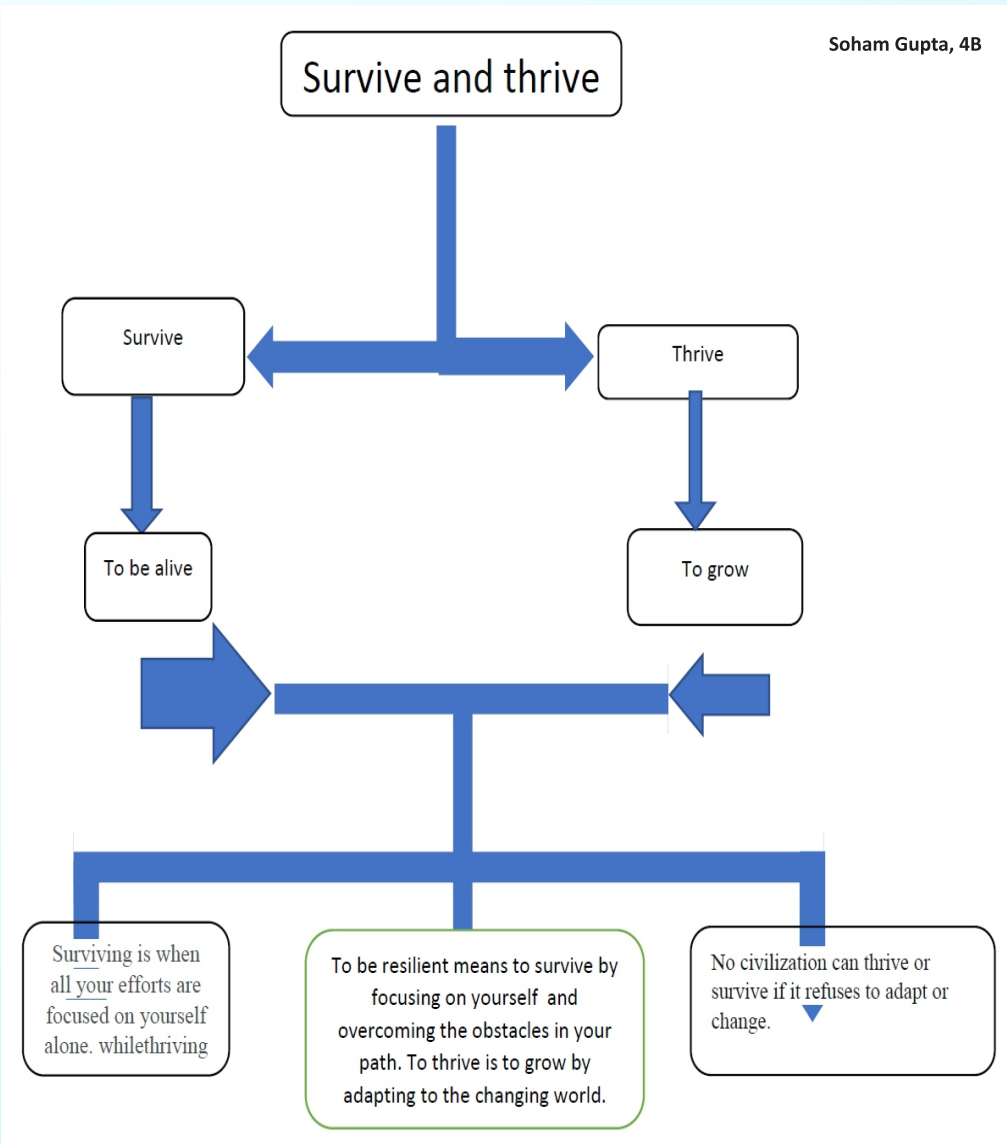
Mother Nature has its own way of teaching things. One of the best lessons in Resilience – to survive and to thrive can be found in the tiny little cockroach. Check these facts-

- 1. A cockroach can live for a week without its head and hold its breath for 40 minutes.
- 2. Cockroaches can run up to three miles in an hour.
- 3. Newborn cockroaches become adults in as little as 36 days and a baby cockroach can run almost as fast as its parents
- 4. The world's largest cockroach is six inches long (found only in South America)
- 5. There are more than 4,000 different cockroach species worldwide
- 8. Cockroaches can live without food for one month

I hope you found the above points interesting and informative. These facts prove that cockroaches are some of the most adaptable creatures on Earth, which makes controlling and eliminating them a challenging task.

-Ikshita Sharma IV B

2.5- Survive and Thrive



2.6 - The Resilient Person

You will think how inconsequential it is to know
About a person so unnecessary, trivial, and slow
But his deeds give me delight
For the deeds are brimmed with resilient light.

This trivial person who I knew
Came across a mountain once,
With a wind that blew
Like a ship with a noisy crew

This trivial person who I knew
So insane that he still walked
With his tiny feet he climbed it
Through the mist and wind that blew

This trivial person who I knew
Fell off the contour in the mist
Though bruised and injured a lot
Stopped he did not.

This trivial person who I knew,
I saw him down the hill,
With his hat and stick, still,
And his face looking new

This trivial person who I knew,
Will have some mountains where he will travel,
But though a mountain is so high, he shall not slow
For he is resilient - and not trivial.

-Arnav Gujar, 6A

Section 3- Student Council

The pandemic may have put us indoors, but we never lost our spark! The Student Council remains a big part of our school. After the rigorous campaigning, the voting was conducted on Friday, 10th June, and today, we finally have the leaders who will show us the path - We wish them all the best!

This year was full of old and new faces for the council.

Kushi Halyal of 10 A , will lead us in this academic session. For sports captain, we have **Mohamad Afraz Naveed** of 10 A. As our editor, we have chosen **Jyotsna R** of 9A and to help her in her journey, we have the sub-editors, **Poorvi Sarkar**, and **Saanvi Singh** of 9C and 10 B .

The house captains, discipline ministers, cultural ministers and prefects for the houses were also elected, in the spirit of democracy.

- Anjali Jain, 7A



Section 4- Founder's Day

The Deens Academy was founded on the 10th of June 2006. This year, we celebrated this momentous day with an inspiring speech from Founder Principal, Ms. Shanti Menon, and a jaw-dropping series of dances by students from various grades, choreographed by our own very talented and amiable Bala sir. To commemorate this special day, there was also a tree planting ceremony, to signify hope, resilience, and growth for our beloved institution.

We wish all the resilient Deenites the best for this academic year!

- Prapti Chougule, VII

Section 4- Founder's Day



Grade 7- Spell Bee Winners



Section 6- Reading Week- Grade 1 to 5

Grades 1-5 celebrated the Reading Week from 20th –24th June, 2022. Activities undertaken during this week helped students to enhance their reading skills and develop an interest in reading. The activities ranged from dressing up as favourite book characters, fun quizzes, art and craft, creating comic strips etc.

Sahaana from 5A- "My favourite part of the reading week was the Ruskin Bond quiz. it was a fun and new experience."

Sandra from 5E- "I loved the quiz."

Ayaan from 5C- "I can't choose, all the activities were amazing!"

-Nikhitha Tyagaraj, 7 A



Section 5- Spell Bee Grade 6 to 8

As all of you know, the 'Spell Bee' is a competition full of buzz! Every year Deens Academy conducts the Spell Bee competition for grades from 6 to 8. This year's competition was special, as it was the first Spell Bee conducted on campus, after a gap of two years. The preliminary round was conducted on June 23rd and the final round was held on 27th June.

All the students from grades 6 to 8 participated in the preliminary round with great zeal. Students were given a set of questions based on their grade level knowledge of spellings and vocabulary. The top two scorers from each section of the grade were qualified for the final round.

In the final round, the most exciting of all, each participant was given one minute to answer the maximum number of right spellings. In this round, the teachers announced three winners from each grade. It was a sensational day!

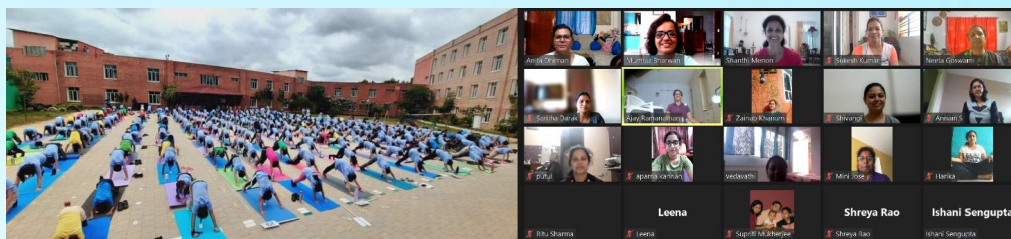
WINNERS

GRADE	PLACE	NAME	HOUSE
6	1 st place	Aarav Rastogi-6B	Flavus
	2 nd place	Akilan Nagarajan-6B	Prasinus
	3 rd place	Arnav Gujjar-6A	Caeruleus
7	1 st place-	Navneet Narayan-7A	Caeruleus
	2 nd place-	Advay Sreejith-7E	Rubrus
	3 rd place	Nikhilesh Kumar-7B	Flavus
8	1 st place	S. Mohammed Aaqil, 8D	Flavus
	2 nd place	Shaili Dutta-8C	Caeruleus
	3 rd place	Sahana Thawani-8C	Prasinus

- Parvathi.PL (7A)



Section 7- International Day of Yoga



‘योगो जननी योगो जनको
योगो गुरुर्पि हितकारी
योगो बंधर्योगो मित्रं
योगोस्माकं सर्वस्वं’

This quote means that yoga is our mother, our father, our guru who guides us, our friend, and our family. Yoga is everything.

To spread awareness and knowledge about yoga, the International Yoga Day has been celebrated on the 21st of June since 2015. This year, it will be held in Mysore, Karnataka with the theme 'Yoga for Humanity', to show to the world how yoga has helped us to be resilient and remain strong during the tough times of the pandemic.

At Deens Academy, too, we celebrated Yoga Day through an assembly wherein the yoga teacher, Mrs Meera Narayanan guided all the students to perform asanas and pranayama, that would help them achieve the balance of mind, body and spirit. Our teachers also participated in a special Yoga session, conducted by Meera Ma'am, to help them cope with the rigours of their noble profession.

- Samudyata Shandilya, 7A

Section 8- Grade 6 –Special Assembly

After two years of lockdown, we are finally able to resume our special assemblies starting with grade 6. Special assembly includes multiple activities such as dance, skit, and singing along with a finale at the end. It is a fun and engaging activity for young Deenites.

It is a time for students to show their talents on the stage. Many students I have met say it was a fun activity. Akshara, from 6B, was in singing and sung “Ashayein”, a song that emphasizes on to achieve one's dreams. Manavi, from 6E, was in Indian dance. She danced to Kerala Bod. Trishna, from 6A, was in the finale and her main song was Vishal ovakam.

Overall grade 6 special assembly was a big success. The pictures prove it all!

- Nikhitha Tyagaraj, 7A



Section 9-Extempore – Grade1-5

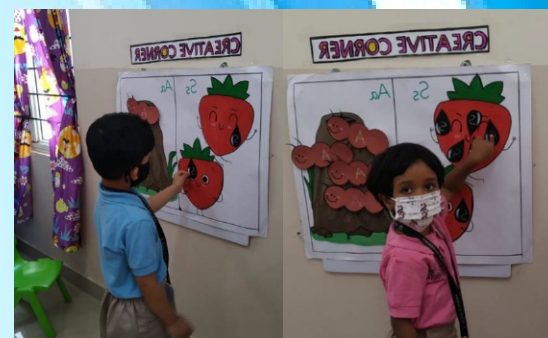
Extempore competition was also held across grades 1-5, to enable our students to not just improve their speaking skill but also to enhance their ability to think on the spot, improve communication skills, build confidence and develop logical and analytical thinking skills. While it was an activity for grades 1-3, The preliminary rounds for grades 4 and 5 took place on 27th and 28th June and the finals on 30th June. We are proud of our budding orators!

GRADE	Place	NAME
4	1 st place	Siya Tiwari, 4B
	2 nd place	Prisha Agarwal, 4E
	3 rd place	Avneesh Panda, 4D
5	1 st place	Siddharth Marela, 5B
	2 nd place	Priyanshi Singh, 5D
	3 rd place	Kohana, 5A

10- WOW MOMENTS FROM THE CLASSROOM LKG B, CLASS TEACHER: THILAGAM KULANDAIVEL

Talented Toddlers

It's been only the first three weeks of school, and the classrooms of Deens Academy are already brimming with young talent and creativity. Our Kideens students are enjoying circle time and creative corner activities. It is delightful to see the little ones enjoying in their classrooms, despite the pandemic. We hope they grow up to be wonderful, proud Deenites.



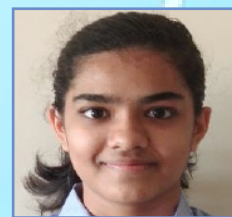
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