

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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

- Ms. Hemlata Pande, Principal, Gunjur Campus

Section 1- Theme of the month- My India, My Pride- celebrating the month of independence through landmarks and places relating to the freedom struggle.

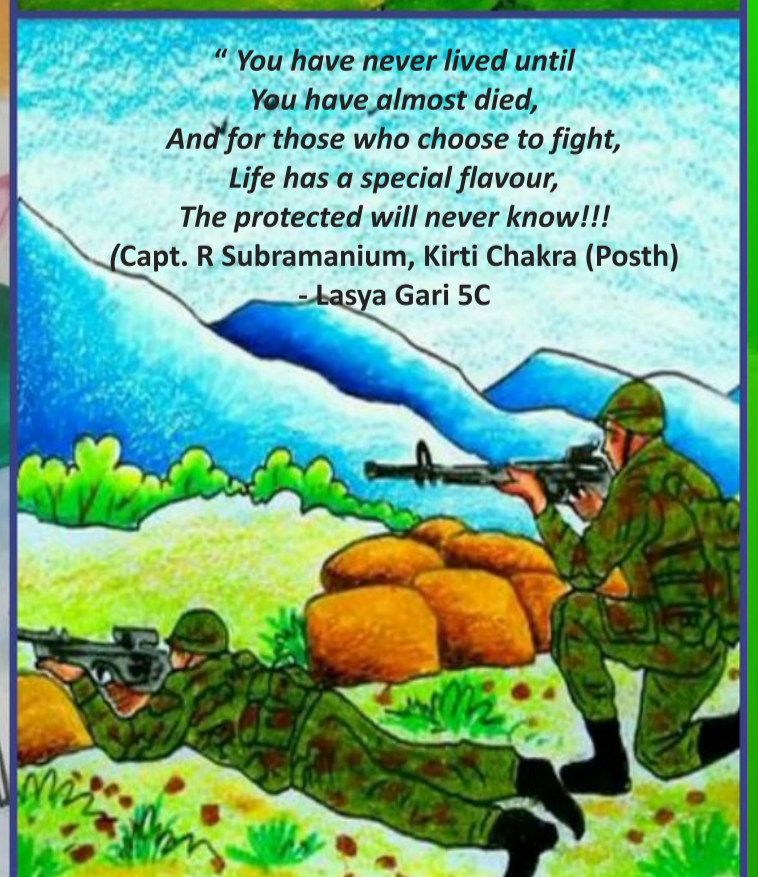
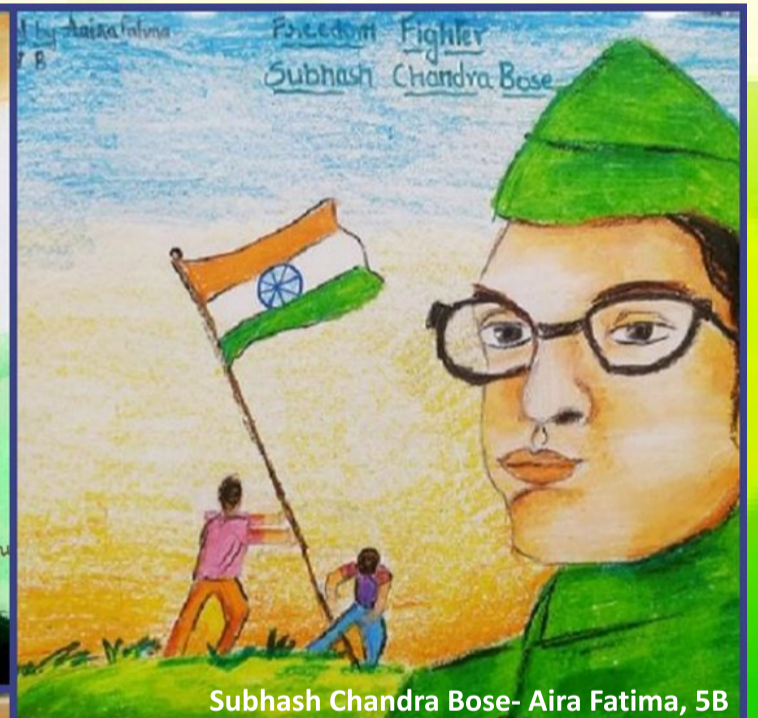
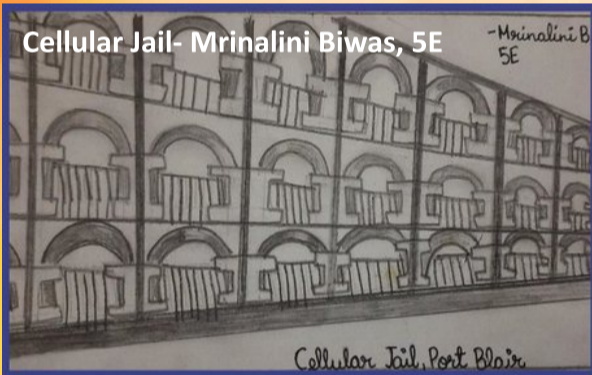


1.1- Different Strokes

A STRUGGLE

A struggle our soil will never forget
 All those years of torture and tears
 All the innocent lives taken
 And all the battles fought
 The soil of our motherland will remember it all
 She will remember the brave people
 Who gave their life for her
 Who were killed for wanting a free life
 She will never forget those fighters
 Nor will she forget those monsters
 Who came from overseas
 Who tortured her family and left a stain of blood
 Those people who crumpled her
 She will not forget those black days
 When her family was slowly killed
 But what she remembers the best
 Is when our Tiranga was raised
 The national anthem was sung
 Her family had won
 And the black days were gone
 It was time to rejoice
 And celebrate those revolutionaries
 Who gave us the biggest gift of all
 A free and independent life

-Tanisha Bose, 7C



1.2- Plassey (Palashi, as called in Bengali)

On the east bank of the Hooghly River lies a village so peaceful that it is unbelievable a war once occurred here. This is Palashi, well known for the Battle of Plassey, or Palāshīr jud'dha in Bengali. This village gets its name from the palash' plants. Here, amongst peaceful mango orchards, stands the golden statue of Siraj-ud-Daulah. It was the year 1757. Bengal was the richest province of the Mughal Empire, producing rice and textiles, with busy seaports and nawabs earning from land revenues. It was ruled by the Bengal Subah, whose capital was Palashi.

The Battle of Plassey was a victory of the British led by Robert Clive over Nawab Siraj-ud-Daulah and his French allies on 23rd June 1757. This was possible only because of the betrayal of Mir Jafar, the Nawab's commander in chief and Rai Durlabh. In 1757 CE the Nawab's and the company's army battled on the banks of the Hooghly River. Mir Jafar, being a traitor, did not help. This led to Siraj-ud-Daulah's defeat, who fled. A trusted general, Mir Madan was struck by a cannon ball, killing him. Mir Jafar was crowned the new emperor but was merely a puppet in the hands of the British. Siraj-ud-Daulah then attacked British controlled-Calcutta, for which he was executed on 2nd July 1757 on Mir Jafar's orders. This battle led to a chain of battles, such as the Battle of Buxar and the 7 Years' War. Over 500 were killed and wounded in this bloody battle. When you visit Palashi, just wonder once, 'What happened in these mango orchards 265 years back?'

- Sharanyaa Biswas, 5C

1.3. Freedom to be

What is life,
Without the feeling of truly being free?
If I had known,
What an awful life it would have been.

What would life be,
If my wings were clipped.
And all that I had known and loved,
Started to contradict?

For if the freedom I felt,
Had disappeared,
I don't think that,
My eyes would let me form tears.

For the world where;
My mouth didn't reflect what my mind would say,
Would be the same world,
Where I wouldn't want to stay.

- Ananya Napa, 10/8/22

1.4 The Brutal Freedom Struggle

Have you heard about the freedom struggle,
In 1865?
It was a great battle
For which soldiers gave their lives.

Like the massacre of the people
At Jallianwala Bagh
It was a peaceful protest
But the General ordered his men to fire.

Let us not forget,
About the Sabarmati Ashram
Where the Dandi March was led,
To march against the salt law.

The freedom struggle was brutal,
But its outcome was good
So let us thank our freedom fighters
And admire how strongly they stood.

-Stuti Dutta, 5C

1.5- My India, My Pride

India is my pride
Once also known as "GOLDEN SPARROW"
Don't let this lovely country
Be shattered by egos, greed and fanaticism.
Stand up, unite & pledge for making this
beautiful nation rise to towering heights.

Stand against the evils of society
don't hold yourself back
speak your voice & make this nation proud by
broadening your outlook...
may be the GOLDEN SPARROW" rise again...

- Arnav Srivastava, 5B

1.6 - A New Dawn:

In the minds of the British, a midnight froze
In the minds of the Indians, a dawn awoke
All thanks to those who went to struggle and strife
For our independence they traded their life

Today is the day we acknowledge their efforts
And all that they did to make India better
They showed us that we had nothing to lose but our chains
For the joy of our motherland, they faced great pain

But they never quit, they never complained
And they freed our country from British reign!!
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!

-Anagha Nair 5A

1.7- Did you know this?

There are many places related to India's freedom struggle. Few of them are: -
Kolkata- Kolkata was the centre of activity in the early stages of the Indian independence movement. After exactly 100 years, when Bengal lost in the battle of Plassey, Kolkata saw the beginning of what is called the first independence movement of India.

Chauri Chaura:- The Chauri Chaura incident occurred in Chauri Chaura, in the Gorakhpur district, in the United Provinces (now Uttar Pradesh), in British India. The police there fired upon a large group of protesters participating in the Non-Cooperation Movement. In retaliation, the demonstrators attacked and set fire to a police station, which killed all of its occupants. Mahatma Gandhi halted the Non-Cooperation Movement on the national level on 12 February 1922 as a direct result of the incident. Despite Gandhi's decision, 19 arrested demonstrators were sentenced to death and 14 to life imprisonment by the British colonial authorities. on 4th February 1922, when a large crowd of peasants set fire on a police station and killed 22 policemen. And then, Gandhi ji was called off the Non-cooperation movement.

Amritsar: - On 13th April 1919, The Jallianwala Bagh massacre took place. A large, yet peaceful crowd had gathered at the Jallianwala Bagh, to protest the Rowlett Act and arrest of pro-independence activists Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew and Dr. Satya Pal. In response to the public gathering, Brigadier general, Dyer, surrounded and fired indiscriminately at the protestors, killing over a thousand people. This incident shocked Rabindranath Tagore to such an extent that he renounced his knighthood.

- Gnana Bomanna, 6B

1.8. Pride for the nation is inevitable!

There are some things certain to happen,
No one can make these spirits dampen,
Some feelings are evitable; they are,
Yet some are seemingly bizarre.

Love for nation is something no one can crush,
It is as sweet as the song of a missel thrush,
The pang of satisfaction you achieve,
Is when in patriotism you believe.

Our flag which soars high in the sky,
Is the same as the martyr's cry,
With determination we move on,
As elegant as the flight of a swan.

Together we protect our nation,
It's god's best creation,
It makes us proud with lively sensation,
Unified as we stand; like a train with bogies in a station.

Pride is a thing which gives everyone a mania,
No one can critic this criterion,
Together, we are greater than Olympia
or even - our country India-Jai Hind!

- Aatrey Rath, 6A

Section 2- Independence Day Celebrations

Independence Day was celebrated with great zeal in our school, on 15th August 2022. The students assembled to watch the march past, led by the student's council, followed by the house captains and the school band. Our honourable principal, Hema Ma'am hoisted the flag, followed by the singing of the national anthem 'Jana Gana Mana'. This was followed by a music and dance performance. India is a country of diverse religions, vibrant cultures, and traditions. This was beautifully captured in our celebration, a first after the pandemic.

- Dhruv Vishwakarma, 7C



Section 3- Volksfiesta-2022

Our school celebrated one of its unique festivals in a very prestigious manner, after 2 years of online school, on 26th and 27th of August. The festival started with the opening ceremony in which there was a dance by the Deens ECC campus and there was a choir performance by the Deens Gunjur campus chi. After the opening ceremony, people were free to go to the food stalls. There were many food stalls and 2 of them were run by our own fellow students. Some students had also run a stall for selling miscellaneous items. The events were conducted in different classrooms, such as, "Tol Mol ke Bol", "Nuova Lyrica", "Shark Tank", "Stamp It", etc. The atmosphere in the school was fun and festive. The fiesta ended with a fabulous closing ceremony and awards function.

- Pradyumn Goel, 7C



Section 3- Inter House Debate Competition

Category 1 - Grades 5-6	Category 2 - Grades 7-8	Category 3 - Grades 9-10	
Winner	Prasinus	Rubrus	Rubrus
Runner 1	Rubrus	Caeruleus	Prasinus
Runner 2	Flavus	Prasinus	Caeruleus
Best Speakers	Anwita Prasad - 6A	Advay Sreejith - 7E	Dhruva Srinivas - 9B
Overall Best Speaker	Dhruva Srinivas - 9B		

Debate and divergence of views can only enrich our history and culture-Ibrahim Babangida. Our Deenites displayed their debating prowess in the inter house debate competition, held on 8th August. The topics ranged from science and technology to current affairs.

The speakers were well prepared and presented their arguments in a confident manner. The judges had a tough time deciding the winners. It was a well conducted event, and the participants took home valuable tips from the judges.

Section 4- Grade 3- Special Assembly



The special assembly was the program which every single 3rd grader looked forward to. The theme of the special assembly was respect for people, country and surroundings. It included a special welcome song, Kannada and English skits and a patriotic song. The students and teachers worked hard to present a perfect performance. The parents enjoyed the fun-filled program, and its theme touched everyone's heart.

- Aarav Jain, 7C

Section 5- UKG Special Assembly



The value of freedom and patriotism is instilled in our Deenites from a very young age. The students of UKG had their special assembly on the theme of independence, under the guidance of their teachers, Ms.Srinka and Ms. Annam. They presented a variety of programs to enthrall the audience.

Section 6- Kannada recitation competition-Grade 1-5

The objective of the recitation competition was to develop an interest in Kannada and encourage students to learn new poems. More than 50 students from grades 1-5 participated in this competition. Poems selected for recitation included 'Shishu geethe', 'Makala geethe', 'Janapada geethe' etc



Winners of the recitation competition –

Grade I

- a) Aditi Nair (I B) – I Place
- b) Sharleen Kaur (I D) - II Place

Grade II

- a) Prakruthi (II A) – I Place
- b) Niharika (II C) – II Place

Grade III

- a) Rishabh Burra (III A) – I Place
- b) Vandana K. R (III E) – II Place

Grade IV

- a) Vedant Bellanki (IV A) – I Place
- b) Yashwanth (IV A) – II Place

Grade V

- a) Anagha Nair (V A) – I Place
- b) Mugdha Banerjee (V B) – II Place

Section 7- WOW Moments In The Classroom

7.1. Grade 5- English- Puppet Making



The students of grade 5 love reading books by Roald Dahl. The story, The Big Friendly Giant was thoroughly enjoyed by them. To give them a taste of storytelling, the children were asked to make their own hand puppets, based on the characters of Dahl's novels.

7.2 Grade 5 -Hindi -Mask making activity.

Grade 5 were on a roll with yet another art activity when they made their own masks in the Hindi class, based on the chapter “Dhobi ka kutta na ghar ka na ghat ka.”



7.3 Grade 6- Social Science-Activity

India- Our Country- Unity and Diversity-The students of grade 6, under the guidance of their teachers, Ms. Neelam and Ms. Saranya, celebrated the diversity and rich heritage of our country with an activity in social studies. The activity helped them understand different cultures, languages and festivals of different states of India.

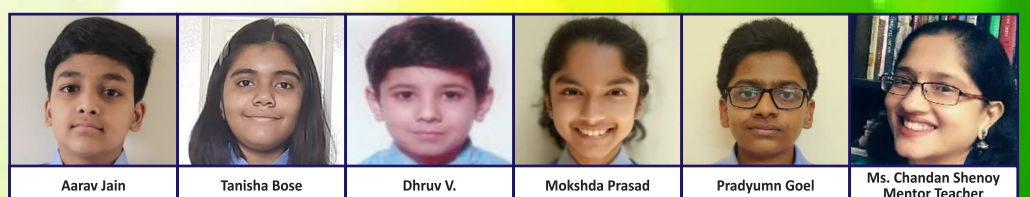


7.4 KIDEENS- LKG/ UKG

The tiny tots love school and why not! they had a fun August with Fancy dress competition on community helpers; they celebrated the vibrant yellow colour with Yellow Day, not to mention fun with math and learning about India.



Hands and Minds that Worked Together



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