

DEEN-A-LOGUE

From The Editor's Desk

Presented to you by the editorial team of grade 7, this edition captures the vibrancy and exuberance of life on campus.

- Hemlata Pande, Principal

Section A- News @ Deens, Gunjur



Christmas time is one of the jolliest times of the year. It is the season of love and sharing, of spreading joy and kindness. All of us, young and old alike love receiving gifts! Even we asked some of our teachers and our friends about what they would like from Santa for Christmas. Here are some responses-

- Nidhi ma'am-good roads for Bangalore. This is the need of the hour!
- Reema ma'am-A good vacation!
- Ekta ma'am-Cakes, sweets and ice-creams, who doesn't love these?
- Mumtaz ma'am-Spread empathy, open mindedness, not judging people, accepting people for who they are.

We asked a few students as well about what they would ask Santa, if they ever got a chance. The wishes were really amusing!

Avyukth from 2A - I want an iPad from Santa.

Manmayi from 3A - I wish for a PS5, a decorated room and a bunk bed.

Rishika from 8D - I want the ability to read mind (however, I want to be able to turn it off and on!)

Samudryata from 9E - I wish for a fun filled life forever for Christmas.

Leroy from 10A - I want the power to pause time.

Salina from PU1 - I wish for lots of money from Santa.

We hope that you all got everything you asked from Santa and that your Christmas was full of joy!

-Avni Garg and Kohana Negi, 7A

December- A time to celebrate and spread joy!

As the holiday season approaches, it's that magical time of year when the spirit of Christmas fills the air. It's a time for joy, love, and connection—a chance to share happiness and warmth with those around us. Whether someone wishes to see a distant friend, meet their favourite celebrities, or get a new item they really want, we'll explore ways to spread joy and celebrate the season meaningfully.

One of the best ways to spread Christmas cheer is through acts of kindness. Here are some simple ideas to inspire you:

- **Random Acts of Kindness:** Surprise a neighbour with homemade cookies or offer to help someone with their holiday shopping.
- **Volunteer:** Consider donating your time to a local shelter or food bank, where your support can brighten someone's day.
- **Send a Card:** Handwrite a heartfelt note to friends and family to let them know you're thinking of them.
- **Charity Drives:** Organize a toy or food drive to give back to those in need.
- **Attend Local Events:** Check out nearby holiday concerts or markets for a dose of community spirit.

Christmas is more than just a day; it is a season of love, hope, and joy. This year, let us commit to spreading cheer and making meaningful connections with those around us. Whether through acts of kindness, thoughtful gifts, or cherished traditions, every effort counts. Wishing you and your loved ones a warm and joyful Christmas season filled with peace and happiness! We celebrated Christmas and the last month of the year in our school with a host of activities-

- Thanmathi Gandhi, 7B

Joy of Giving- Grade 7

As a part of Joy of Giving, we the students of grade 7 initiated and executed a plethora of activities.

Cleaning the classroom and corridors: Students took turns cleaning the corridors and our own classrooms. This activity not only taught us how to maintain a neat environment for ourselves and others but also helped us appreciate the hard work our aunts put into keeping our classrooms and surroundings spotless.

Dropping PG, UKG and LKG children to their classrooms: In this activity, Students volunteered to escort little children from PG, LKG, and UKG to their classes. Escorting the young children was not only heartwarming but also deepened our respect for the important role our aunts play.

Photo Frame: Students of Grade 7 volunteered to make custom photo frames out of cardboard and paper, and then painted them to give to our aunts, bus drivers, and all the other school staff who keep our school running. It was a fun activity that allowed us to use our creativity for a good cause.

Old age home: Students were given the opportunity to donate essential items like towels, blankets, soaps, and more to a nearby old age home. It was an enlightening and heartwarming experience to hear the stories of the residents at the old age home.

-Anagha Nair 7A and Mahati 7B





The creative minds at the Interact Club, Deen's Academy, Gunjur came up with an enthralling idea - A fun Christmas carnival where the funds raised would go to various charities, governments schools and orphanages. The word soon spread that Deen's was hosting its very first Christmas Carnival and excitement was bubbling in the air. On the day of the Carnival, an inauguration with an array of performances was conducted which rose everyone's spirits. Before we knew it, the stalls were set up brimming with fun games, delightful crafts and scrumptious food. With the students lining up and the queues lengthening by the second, the team of cashiers worked quick to direct everyone to the venue where elation had reached its zenith.

At the end of the day, we had collected a considerable sum of money for a good cause. This Christmas Carnival was a massive success and a first to many more to come!

- Akshara Madhusudhanan, 8C

Visit to Ashirwad Orphanage



At the Rotary Club, we work towards making the world a better place, little by little, for everyone to live in and feel comfortable. On that note, we the students of grade 8, had arranged a visit to the Ashirwad orphanage in Halasahalli. There we met a group of generous hearts and open minds, the volunteers at the ashram who had passed on these vital values to all the children there.

To begin the festivities, Mahalakshmi, Koutik and Karthik got out their guitars for some mesmerising music. Following was a peppy dance by our Deenites. To our surprise, a budding dancer, Bhimesh, hopped into the centre of the room and started pulling out some electrifying moves, coordinated to our playlist, unrehearsed! Applause erupted and rightfully so, for our young hero. Next came up the dance from the children in the orphanage. It made our jaws drop to say the least. Perfectly cohesive and enthusiastic!

We interacted with many kids there and engaged in many fun games like musical chairs, volleyball, and fire in the mountain. Some just preferred to have a long chat with their new friends. Time flew by and all of us were so upset to know that we had to leave then!

We took some final pictures, shook hands and reluctantly, said goodbye. We are so grateful to have got the opportunity to be the children's family even if it were just for a matter of hours. We realized how blessed we are to have a loving family. The trip was a lesson in gratitude. We are indeed privileged to have brought a smile on the faces of these children!

-Akshara Madhusudhanan, 8C

Deens Academy ,Gunjur Campus recently became the vibrant hub for environmental innovation and awareness, hosting the much-anticipated SUSTAINATHON – Sustainability Hackathon 2024. This dynamic event, organized by Atreeva Advisory Solutions, K3 Educational Trust, and the Eco-Club of Deens Academy, aimed to foster a culture of sustainability and equip students with the knowledge and skills to combat environmental challenges. The event kicked off with insightful sessions focusing on the profound human impact on our planet and ways to adopt sustainable living practices. With environmental issues at the forefront of global discourse, the SUSTANATHON sought to bring practical solutions into the hands of the youth, empowering them to think critically about the future of the Earth.

The distinguished guests, Mr. Ram Narasimhan, Founder of Atreeva Advisory Solutions, and Mr. Romel Kushalappa A U, Founder Chairman of K3 Educational Trust and mentor for Eco-Club Gunjur, set the tone for the day with their thought-provoking speeches. Their expertise and passion for sustainability were evident as they inspired the participants to challenge conventional thinking and innovate for a greener tomorrow. A standout feature of the event was the one-hour challenge, where teams worked collaboratively to propose sustainable solutions for real-world environmental issues. Students exhibited their creativity and problem-solving abilities, presenting fresh ideas that reflected their commitment to a more sustainable future. The competition was not just about winning, but about nurturing the skills necessary to create positive environmental change.

Sahana Dhanabal, President of the Eco-Club at Deens Academy, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Atreeva Advisory Solutions and K3 Educational Trust for their invaluable support in hosting the event. She emphasized that SUSTANATHON was more than just an event – it was a pivotal moment in shaping the school's commitment to environmental conservation. "Hosting SUSTANATHON was an incredible step toward a sustainable future. It has opened our eyes to new possibilities and has shown us the power of youth in driving change," said Sahana. "We look forward to continuing this journey with more events that inspire, educate, and empower students to be the environmental leaders of tomorrow."

Deens Academy Gunjur is now setting its sights on more such initiatives, reinforcing its dedication to environmental education and sustainability. With the support of forward-thinking organizations like Atreeva Advisory Solutions and K3 Educational Trust, the school is paving the way for future generations to embrace sustainability as a way of life. This remarkable event serves as a testament to the collective effort needed to address environmental challenges, reminding us of all that sustainable living is not just a choice but a necessity for the survival of our planet."



Innovation partners and Co-organiser:
K3 EDUCATIONAL TRUST

A sustainability hackathon empowers students to tackle environmental challenges with creativity and innovation. It fosters practical solutions, promotes sustainable practices, and inspires responsibility for the planet, equipping the next generation to lead a greener, more sustainable future.

SUSTAINATHON
SUSTAINABILITY
HACKATHON 2024

Hosting partners: **DEENS ACADEMY** **Eco Club DEENS ACADEMY** **Narva Siro Rama**

Innovation partners and Co-organisers: **TRAVANDRE**

Date: 17 December 2024
Venue: Deens Academy Gunjur





On 19th December 2024 the western music choir from both branches of the Deens Academy had an amazing opportunity to perform at the Athashree old age home where we were encouraged thoroughly throughout the performance and had a wonderful time. Before the performance everyone was nervous, but the warming smiles and encouragement of the people made us feel at ease. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance. First up was the story of Jesus, beautifully portrayed by the kids of Kideens followed by the performance of songs (Christmas carols) by the choir group of Deens Academy Gunjur and Whitefield. After the performance we were escorted to see the Christmas setup in Athashree which was truly beautiful. We left the venue with the true spirit of Christmas in our heart

-Muhammed Sayf Memon, 8B and Sharanya Kolanu 7B (Whitefield Campus)

The Deans Academy choir- A witty bunch of overly enthusiastic children between the ages of 10 and 16 focus on the joy of giving through the rendition of each song they sing. The songs they perform trace a part through the harmony of age-old hits to contemporary favourites.

This year the choir had the privilege of doing two spectacular Christmas concerts. They give the opportunity to perform for scientists and other eminent personalities at Athashree a retirement home at Whitefield. They also performed at the opening of the school Christmas Carnival organised by the members of the School Interactive Club. They spread warm cheers and hope through each song they sang leaving the audience filled with Joy and laughter as they brought in the Christmas spirit and even asking for more. The Choir had a fantastic time not only performing but also exploring the different emotions, traditions and styles of music this season had to offer.

- Ms. Ashwathy Merin Babukutty, Gunjur Campus



December was a glorious month for our tiny tots! Trip to the lakeside, jingles and carols around the Christmas tree, puppet shows, wishes to Santa and more! What fun they had dressing up for the Christmas special assembly! Of course, there were new things to learn in languages and science too, with 'Show and Tell', science-based activities etc. Our little ones had a December to remember!

- With inputs from teachers and Campus heads- Gunjur, BR and RH Campus

Section 4- From the Teacher's Desk- Ms. Ashwathy Merin Babukutty, Faculty – Western music, Gunjur Campus

Music plays a crucial role in children's overall development by supporting various aspects of their cognitive, emotional, social, and physical growth. Music, especially through singing, helps children with language acquisition. Rhythms, rhymes, and melodies improve vocabulary, pronunciation, and comprehension. It not only soothes them but also encourages children to remember patterns, sequences, and structures, which translates into improved memory for other subjects like math and language. Singing requires concentration, which helps children improve their ability to focus on tasks and absorb information.



Music provides a safe space for children to express a wide range of emotions. Through singing, they learn how to express their feelings and connect with others emotionally. It also helps them regulate their emotions. Singing in groups, such as a school band or choir, fosters teamwork. Children learn how to cooperate, share responsibilities, and contribute to a collective goal. Music involves listening and responding, whether through group performances, following the conductor, or understanding rhythms and cues. These activities promote better verbal and non-verbal communication. Exposure to different styles of music allows children to appreciate cultural diversity and fosters inclusivity, helping them develop respect for others' traditions and backgrounds.

Music naturally incorporates patterns of time and rhythm, which are vital for physical coordination. Children develop an understanding of time intervals, which aids in their ability to follow rhythms, beat patterns, and even synchronize with others. Creativity nurtured by music fosters innovation. As children experiment with melodies, rhythms, and sounds, they develop the ability to approach challenges in new and creative ways. Studies have shown that children who engage in musical activities tend to perform better academically, and we have witnessed that with some of our students as well.

As children learn to perform music, whether as a solo or as a group in front of an audience, they build self-confidence. The sense of achievement contributes to their self-esteem. Learning music requires discipline, practice, and persistence. These qualities help children develop a strong work ethic and the ability to set and achieve goals. Singing in a school band or choir gives children a sense of belonging and community, promoting positive mental health and well-being. Incorporating music into a child's life supports holistic development and can foster a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. Whether through active engagement like learning an instrument, participating in group performances, or simply enjoying music at home, children benefit across multiple domains of development.

Hands and minds that worked together



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Section 3- News @ Kideens

