# SNIPPETS

# उद्यन-THE NEWS LETTER







**Grades: 1-2 Session: 2023-24** 

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# In House/External Events:

### **Events:**

- Christmas Celebration
- Wisdom of Words
- Math-o-Pedia
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### **Christmas Celebration**

### X-mas X-citement

### "It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air." -W.T.Ellis

The festival of Christmas is the celebration of the Joy of Giving. This much awaited festival was celebrated with zeal and zest at DPS, GBN. To encourage our grades 1 and 2 children get in the spirit of Christmas merrymaking, an array of activities were planned. The children were glittering in their best party outfits as the theme of the day was red and white. They were dolled beautifully with different hair accessories, fancy shoes, Santa caps and headgears. To bring the focus of our children on the learning we get from this joyous festival, grade 1 children did a class assembly and grade 2 conducted a special assembly on the topic 'Joy of giving', through which the young dipsites learnt the importance of being thankful and helping others. Children presented melodious Christmas carols, dance and a beautiful skit. Compassion, empathy and generosity are the important values that children practice when they help others in need. Hence, to extend a helping hand to the underprivileged students of 'Vidya Kendra' and our helper didis, children donated stationary items and small gifts. They turned out to be littles Santas for them. This was followed by the class party, where the little munchkins enjoyed cutting a Christmas cake with their teachers and shared their favourite snacks with their classmates. The magic of Christmas was in the air and their faces lit up as the Santa entered the classrooms, ringing his bell and grooved along with the children in the 'Jingle bells' song. The classrooms were filled with laughter and chirpy voices of the dipsites as they received gifts and candies from Santa. It was indeed an exhilarating dayas the children left for homes with beaming smiles and unforgettable memories.











### **Words of Wisdom**

The more words you know, the more clearly and powerfully you will think, and the more ideas you will invite into your mind. - Wilfred Funk

Words have a profound impact on the personality of the listeners especially if they are young minds. To increase the knowledge base of our young scholars, DPS, GBN organized a special week – The Wisdom of Words. Knowledge of language is a doorway to wisdom and hence, the students of Grades 1 and 2 got the chance to learn the impact of language in their daily lives through extremely engaging activities. Affirmative actions were lauded, emphasizing the impact of positive words. This activity gave children an opportunity to explore various aspects of the language. Children learned about the words that matter, like— cotton words means kind words which they should add to their vocabulary and harsh words— which they should erase from their vocabulary and be nice to everyone around them. Learning about the abbreviations of the titles that we use in our daily lives was also a part of special week's activities. Not only this, they were familiarized with the use of the dictionary and learned more about homophones. These activities helped the young learners to broaden their horizons and enlighten their minds with the correct knowledge of language. The week fostered a love for the English language among the young ones.







### Math-O-Pedia

"The mathematician does not study pure mathematics because it is useful; he studies it because he delights in it, and he delights in it because it is beautiful." - Georg Cantor

With the aim to foster mathematical curiosity and logical reasoning, a special week 'Math-o-Pedia' was organized for the young dipsites of grades 1 and 2. In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goal– 4 (Quality Education) children were engaged in some interesting activities to foster their interest and love for the subject. Firstly, children did the 'Number Quest' activity where they understood the easiest way for calculations in mathematics. This was a hands-on experience for children, making the concept more tangible for them. Then the creative side of the children was explored through 'Kite Unfolded Exploration' activity to make them understand about expanded forms, where they made the beautiful kits and did expanded forms on the threads of the kite. Not only this, children were also introduced to the Indian Mathematicians who have bought laurels to the country and made us proud with their unique discoveries, such as Srinivasa Ramanujam, Aryabhatta, and Bhaskara. The children had great fun and having fun while learning helps students retain information better because the process is enjoyable and memorable. These activities were an endeavor to acknowledge, encourage and nurture the progressive ways in which students learn as well as express themselves.







### **Future Scientists**

"All experiments are learning experiences, even when they don't go as planned."
- Paige Hudson

Science experiments are windows into the enchanting world of discovery. Learning through science experiments is an innovative and captivating approach that sparks curiosity, ignites young minds, and fosters a deeper understanding of scientific concepts. Students of grades 1 and 2 got opportunity for hands-on science based activities as part of their In-house WE theme "Future Scientists" in the month of December.

They explored the concept of solubility and insolubility by mixing items like salt, sugar, oil, pepper, ink, paint, cotton, sand etc. in water. Learning by doing always helps students connect theories and knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world situations. It beautifully captured the attention and imagination of our young scientists. In yet another activity, they unveiled the magic of invisible ink and started beaming with joy as they saw their invisible drawing and hidden messages, written with baking soda water changed its colour into red when it came in contact with turmeric solution. In a world filled with gadgets and gizmos, there is something wonderfully nostalgic and educational about simple science experiments. Dipsitesalso created a telephone using nothing more than paper cups and a string. As the room echoed with laughter, chatter, and the occasional "Can you hear me now?" from the young experimenters, it's evident that the string telephone activity not only taught them about sound waves and vibrations but also sparked a sense of wonder and curiosity. The 'Future Scientists' initiative provided an invaluable platform for young minds to explore, experiment, and discover the wonders of science.









## **Adjectives Adventure**

### "Nature is the source of all true knowledge." - Leonardo da Vinci

Education is no more confined to the class room, instead it flourishes more profoundly beyond the conventional boundaries of the class room, in the lap of nature. This has been proved ultimately true by the tender whispers and happiness of grade 1 children, who not only enjoyed in the park but also assimilated the meaning of adjectives by observing the nature and exploring the hidden adjectives. Along with English grammar, other subjects were also integrated in this activity, like EVS- where children learnt about their surroundings, nature and visited the neighbourhood place- 'park'. Mathematics- where young minds were engaged in the art of enumeration, counting not only the plants and leaves but also other flora and fauna present over there. Overall, in the cradle of nature, a new learning was unfolded for them. Witnessing their happiness and joy of learning was truly a feast for the eyes, and it was a serenity to see their happiness across their faces. It was an awesome experience for the children who imbibed a plethora of knowledge within nature's embrace, extending beyond adjectives to embrace a diverse spectrum of subjects. The teachers too found it to be an awe- inspiring and a novel approach to education. The whole integrated facets of NEP, 2020 has been inculcated superbly in this activity.







