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Primary School Activities



The Doon Girls School organised an Inter-School event, 'Music of Spheres', to celebrate Earth Day on 21st April 2023. The primary school choir participated in it. It was an enthralling experience for the students. A certificate of participation was given to the students by our School Head Mistress, Mrs. Sangeeta Ranjan.

*Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts. Psalm 105:2*

Hindi Elocution Competition was held at the Doon Girls School on 22 August 2023. Aradhya Yadav secured the third position in the class IV category.



On 22nd July 2023, students of Nursery to class II participated in the Art Competition. Students were encouraged and were very creative in their unique ways. The Art teacher, Mrs. Manju Topno, came to visit the little ones and appreciated their creativity.



Hindi Poem Recitation for the Pre-Primary (Nursery to II) was organised on 18th August. The little ones recited the poems very well. The parents also put in a lot of effort to prepare the props for their wards.



The Inter-House English Elocution Competition for classes III to V was held on 8th September 2023. The poems selected were varied and very enjoyable. All the participants performed exceptionally well, winning accolades for their houses. After the elocution, the judges congratulated the participants and encouraged them to continue working on their oratory skills. Sahas House got the first position, Sneha House second position and Satya House third position. The confidence, expression and talent of the young ones made the event truly memorable.

The Beekeeping Club was introduced to the students of grade V. The students found it very interesting and participated in it with great enthusiasm. A short documentary on beekeeping was showcased which was followed by a session on the process and tools used for beekeeping.





Students received certificates on 11th August for participating in Pottery, Painting, Poetry, etc. competitions at Kasiga School. It was a good exposure for them to learn new things.

To integrate skills and concepts and to express the student's innate creativity, the Inter-House Art Competition was held in the month of August in the school for classes III-V. All the young artists participated with great gusto to showcase their artistic acumen. The first position was bagged by Satya House, followed by Sahas House second position, Sneha House in the third position and Sanyam House fourth position. This art competition gave the young artists the freedom to express their innermost feelings which enlivens and fuels their creativity.



Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play, children learn how to learn.

Spelling, the art of correctly assembling letters to form meaningful words, is one of the essential components of successful writing. Keeping the same in mind, an inter-house Spell Bee competition was organized for the students of classes III to V in the month of November. It aimed at giving students a platform to learn different spellings with their pronunciations and consequently, enrich their vocabulary.

To conduct this activity, a word bank was created. Students were asked to learn the words from the given word bank for the first round. The students who spelled the words correctly in the first round qualified for the second round. And finally, the students who spelled correctly in the second round qualified for the Final Round. The objective of the competition was to enhance the spelling and literary skills of children by encouraging them to explore the nuances of the English language, expand their vocabulary and improve their communication and comprehension skills. Students participated earnestly in the competition. Their efforts and initiative were appreciated by one and all. In this competition, Sahas House bagged the first position, Sneha House second position, Sanyam House got the third position and Satya House fourth position.

The Hindi Elocution Competition for the Primary school was held in the month of December in which students from Classes III to V participated. The whole purpose of such competition is to develop an interest in the Hindi language and to foster a sense of belonging towards our national language among the students. The participants prepared and presented poems from varied topics written by several famous Hindi poets. This competition was judged by teachers from the Hindi department. Sahas House bagged the first position, Sneha House second position, Sanyam House got third position and Satya House fourth position.



The Annual Prize Day and Investiture Ceremony



The Annual Prize Day and Investiture Ceremony was held on the 13th of May, 2023. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Major General Mr. Shammi Sabarwal (Retd.). The Principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton, and the School Captains Designate welcomed him and his wife.

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.

The Master and Mistress of Ceremonies for the occasion were Suryansh Dubey and Anushka Kala. After the prayer by Simon Sunny, the Boy President, the Principal introduced the Chief Guest to the August gathering and then proceeded to present the Annual School Report. This was followed by mellifluous renditions by the school choir, all praising the Almighty. Rev. Roshyama Hrangchal, Chairman of Grace Educational Society, addressed the gathering. Charishma L read the exhortation from the Bible Colossians 3:12-17,23,24 themed: Character of the New Man.



The Junior School and Senior School prize distribution ceremony was graced by Mrs. Sumitta Sabarwal and Major General Mr. Shammi Sabarwal, followed by a folk dance presented by the senior girls. The solemn occasion was marked by introducing the Primary School Student Council. The new Student Council for 2023-24 was introduced in succession as they marched with poise and vivacity onto the stage. Proud parents placed sashes on their children, and the Principal led the Council members to take the oath of office for their new responsibilities. The Boy President for this year was Simon Sunny, and the Girl President was Shreya Angel Mani.



Dr. Mohan Chacko, Former Chairman of Grace Educational Society, led in the prayer of dedication. Rev. Roshyama Hrangchal addressed the gathering and the newly appointed Student Council students to manage their leadership responsibly. After the School Song, the Student Council marched down the aisle.



In his address, the Chief Guest complimented the principal, board, staff members, and the parent and student body on contributing to the school's success. He encouraged the students to make decisions and lead by example, whether punctuality, bearing & cleanliness. He used the analogy of the King of the Jungle to motivate parents, students, and teachers alike not to get bogged down with failures but to keep trying.

Shreya Angel Mani (School Girl President) led the closing prayer. Mrs. Nancy Farmer, coordinator 11 & 12, proposed the Vote of Thanks, and the event culminated with the National Anthem.



Grace Foundation Day

This year, the school completed 33 years of its foundation with God's abundant grace and faithfulness. A short programme was organised on 17th July 2023 to celebrate the day. The theme verse was 'For from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace', John 1:16. Mercy Smith and Advait Porwal of class 11 were the masters of ceremony. The students enjoyed the Praise and Worship and the choreography led by the Primary School students. Furthermore, Mrs. Sheeba David presented a memoir of Grace, followed by the principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton, who shared the importance of goals in one's life. He said we need to set specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound [SMART] objectives in planning, as it helps to take your plans from ideas to action.



Independence Day

On the 15 of August, the school celebrated 77 years of India's Independence with significant keenness and enthusiasm. Students enthusiastically participated in the programme in traditional dresses representing their culture. Mr. Andriyas Singh, our former Vice principal, was the Chief guest for the day. The event was marked by the unfurling of the Indian flag by the chief guest, followed by the national anthem.

Mr. Andriyas Singh addressed the gathering and said we must preserve our nation's freedom and identify our role. Freedom is God's gift to mankind, and we must protect the freedom of others who are in bondage of addiction, fear, poverty, etc. Dreams of all Indians must be honest, loving, caring, and full of integrity.

Subsequently, Mrs. Ruby Samson prayed for the well-being of the nation.

The foundation for balanced success is honesty, character, integrity, faith, love and loyalty.

For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.



CBSE Initiated Activities

CBSE organized an activity on the topic "My Favourite/Famous Personality" that was conducted on 1st May 2023. Students could think and express their views by drawing or writing a paragraph on the topic. Joel Armaan Sachdeva and Saksham Purohit wrote about Abdul Kalam and Cristiano Ronaldo, respectively.



CBSE implemented the Peer Educators Life Skills Leadership Training Program which commenced online for students across the country.

A preliminary selection round was conducted to select the students for Wiz-Quiz on 1st August. On 7th August the students were enrolled for the wiz-quiz in 3 teams: Team 1: Aniket Singh Negi and Vedika Saklani; Team 2: Ojaswin Gurang and Simon Sunny; Team 3: Nishant Singh Chauhan and Abhay Kumar. On 12th August 2023 Online Preliminary Round was conducted by CBSE in which all three teams cleared the First round and qualified for the Zonal round.

The CBSE Expression Series was organised for classes 6 to 11. The students expressed their views in the form of essays and paintings on Digitalization in daily life, Globalization and environmental concerns.

As part of AzadiKaAmritMahatsav, the Ministry of Culture organised a three-day International Museum Expo 2023 from 18 to 20th May at Pragati Maidan, Delhi. Given that, various activities such as quiz competitions, poster making, and essay writing competitions, were held for students in school. The topic for the essay was Museum Sustainability and Well-Being.

Competition is the fuel that ignites innovation

Har Ghar Tiranga, an initiative by the CBSE on the occasion of Independence Day was taken up by the school and the students took part in it with enthusiasm taking pride in hoisting the tricolour in their homes.



The Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India observed Swachhata Pakhwada from 1st to 15th September 2023. Observing the Swachhata Pakhwada in a befitting manner for focused participation resulting in cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene drive and other related activities were taken up in schools with the active involvement of students and teachers. Swachhata Shapath [an oath] was taken in the school assembly to practice cleanliness. Videos and information on hygiene and sanitation were showcased too. Students were encouraged to propagate the theme of the Pakhwada among their family members and neighbours.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways organized National Road Safety Month from 15th January 2024 – 14th February 2024 to create awareness among the general public to improve the safety on roads and to allow all stakeholders to contribute to the cause of road safety. Information on various Road Safety measures as well as documentaries were shared with the students. They were encouraged to follow traffic rules and not take their freedom for granted.

Environmental cleanliness begins with each individual who desires to be clean.

Safety First is Safety Always

The Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of the national integration of independent India, was observed as RashtriyaEkta Divas (National Unity Day) on 31st October. This is an occasion to foster and reinforce our commitment to strengthen the unity, integrity and security of the nation. This year, to mark the occasion in a befitting manner with great enthusiasm, 'RashtriyaEktaDiwas' was observed. In this regard, a pledge was administered in the morning assembly which was followed by highlighting the role of Sardar Patel to unite the nation. The students also took part in the 'Run for Unity' initiative that day.



Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.

The Honourable Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi interacted with the students on the platform of Pariksha pe Charcha 2024 on 29th January. The Honourable Prime Minister answered the questions of the students giving solutions and encouraging the students to work hard and smart. Students from classes 6 to 12 witnessed the event.



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Kalasetu, an art-integrated learning is an initiative to encourage students to express their learning in the form of art. Keeping this in mind, several activities were held in classes for the students. Class 7 made 3D models on shapes and sizes in Math. Students brought food and delicacies of different states and shared them in class. They also made puppets and organized a puppet show in class. Art Integrated activities were conducted in various subjects to enhance the creative skills of the students.



Dr. David G Fiol Inter School Debate

Creativity is seeing what others see and thinking what no one else ever thought

Grace Academy hosted the 6th Dr David G. Fiol Inter-School English Debate on 26th August 2023. The debate is held in honour of the founding principal, Dr. David George Fiol; his vision and foresight paved the way for what the school is today.

In addition to the host team, six schools, namely Wynberg Allen School, Doon International School, St. Joseph's Academy, Khrist Jyoti Academy, Scholars Home, and St. Thomas' College, participated and displayed their debating prowess—the eminent panel of judges comprised of Ms Bhagwanti Gupta, Mrs. Anupama Paul and Mr. Nadesh Kannaya.

The debates were conducted in the Turncoat and Modified Cambridge formats. All teams did their best to persuade the judges and the audience with their clever arguments and crisp rebuttals. The winning team was Doon International School, followed by St. Joseph's Academy as runner-up, and the Principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton, gave the trophies.

The best speaker for round 1 was Avnish Chauhan of Doon International School, whereas the promising speaker for round 1 was Akshat Gupta of St. Joseph's Academy. In round 2, Sayed Ghazi Abbas Kazmi of Scholars' Home and Palak Tomar of Doon International School was adjudged as best speakers and Aashwin Dev of Scholars' Home and Anindita Prabhmeher Singh Bist of St. Joseph's Academy as promising speakers. The judges congratulated the participants and shared their expertise in articulating ideas. The audience was enthralled and enriched by the speeches and the deft arguments presented, and they are looking forward to next year's debate with added enthusiasm.



You are never really playing an opponent. You are playing yourself, your highest standards, and when you reach your limits, that is absolute joy

What's the News?

An inspirational movie named 'Facing the Giants' was shown to the entire school in the second half of the 24th of April, which all the students enjoyed.



A fond farewell was given by the principal and staff to Mr. Andriyas Singh, Mrs. Zothanpui Tombing, Ms. Anvita William, Ms. Angelina Moses, Ms. Shefali Bahadur, Mrs. Roseline Gomes, Mrs. Mahima Das, Mrs. Usha Singh, Mrs. Deepshika Daniel, and Mrs. Joanna Lance. They were appreciated and thanked for their contribution to Grace Academy.



A peer appreciation activity was organized for the students where they used three kind words to describe their immediate neighbour in the class; they wrote it down and pinned the notes on their respective classroom's soft board. The students took a keen interest in it.

A kind word is like a spring day.

The student body bid a fond farewell to the vice principal, Mr. Andriyas Singh, in May 2023. The students presented cards and bouquets expressing their love and gratitude. A few students expressed gratitude and thanked Sir for helping and guiding them. One of the ex-students spoke about the humility displayed by Mr. Andriyas Singh and his desire for students to excel in what they do.



A foundation of humility will allow you to build upward more effectively.

Classes 10 and 12 students who secured 75% and above marks in the Board examination were felicitated by the Indian Christian Youth Federation (ICYF) at St. Joseph's Academy on 20th August.

*Education is the key to unlocking the world,
a passport to freedom.*

The Art club was introduced for classes 5 to 8 in the month of April. Mrs. Shweta Kanahi is the resource person for the Club along with the art teacher, Mrs. Manju Topno. The club organized an art activity on 18th April for students of classes 6 to 8 in which the students keenly participated and exhibited their creative ideas.

The Debate Club began on 21st April 2023 for class 9 students with 23 students. The resource person for the club is Mr. Manish Joshi. There were 9 sessions altogether. Every class had topics of debate to discuss where students were divided into two teams to come up with their views and during initial classes, students came up prepared and enthusiastic. Several tips on confidence building, and the content of the debate- opening lines, credibility, evidence, explanation, and respect were taught.

One could say things with colour and shapes that couldn't be said any other way - things one has no words for

On 1st September 2023, the final match was played between the top two houses, i.e., Sneha House v/s. Sahas House. Sahas House won the match by 1-0 and the Senior Boys football tournament.

On 5th September 2023, the exhibition match was played between Satya House and Sanyam House. Satya won the match in a tie-breaker (penalty shoot-out)



The Wynberg Choir Festival was held on 9th September at Wynberg School, Mussoorie. The school choir presented a song titled 'We Walk as Lions'. Ten schools from Dehra Dun and Mussoorie participated in it. It was a good exposure for the students.

On 31st October and 7th of November students of class 11 and 12 went for an educational tour to the wilderness of Kimadi to experience the Beauty of Nature, the educational tour provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn outside of the classroom setting and to gain practical knowledge that they can apply in real-life situations, broaden their horizons, and enhance their learning experience. The tour's theme of promoting scientific knowledge and environmental consciousness is evident in the choice of destination.

We're constantly shown the "real world" on our screens but we come face to face with the real world out on the trail.



On the 6th of November, students participated in Vividhanjali (Cultural Program) organized by DPS, Kalagaun. Mehak Dilawar, Palak Dilawar, Divya Rawat, and Abishai Noel Khyalie of class 11 represented the school. A total of 36 schools participated in the cultural program. The event was a platform for students to come together and celebrate the customs and traditions of India. The decorations, traditional dances, music performances, video presentations (Doon ki Khoj), display of traditional cuisine, and Graffiti, all contribute to making an event a memorable one.

The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people.

Inter School Activities

The 34th Maharaja JudhaShumshere Memorial Inter-School English Debate was organised by Cambrian Hall School on 12th August. AdiUniyal and Snna Singh of class 9 represented the school. A total of seven schools participated in the debate which was based on Oxford format. Adi Uniyal secured the first position and was praised for his confidence and composure.



*Taste the relish to be found in competition --
in having put forth the best within you.*

On 29th April, selected students represented the school in a debate competition at Wynberg-Allen School, Mussoorie.

Scholar's Home School organized the CBSE Sahodaya School Complex Inter-School Football Tournament for Boys from 4th to 10th of August 23. It was played in a Knock-out format. There were two categories: Junior (Age 15 years and below) and Senior (Age 18 years and below). Seventeen schools participated in the tournament. Both the teams played one match but could not reach the next level.



*You win, you lose,
and some get rained out,
but you've got to suit up for them all.*

Carbery Memorial Inter-School Football Tournament for Juniors was organized by Carman School, Dalanwala from 1st to 7th August. A total of 20 schools participated in the tournament. It was played in Knock-out format. The school team played against DIS, Dalanwala but lost the match. It was a good time of bonding as a team for the students.

Cambrian Hall School organized the Col. Shashi Memorial Football Tournament for Seniors from 8th to 16th August 23 in the Knock-out format. 11 schools participated in the tournament. The school team reached the Semi-Final but needed help to make it to the finals. The team showcased their talent on the field and exhibited an excellent sportsmanship spirit.

The G.I.G Maan Futsal Tournament was organized by Carman School, Dalanwala from 8th to 16th August 23. It was played in League cum knock-out format. Sixteen schools participated in it. The school team made it to the semi-final against Cambrian Hall but lost by 6-8.

Inter-School Basketball Tournament for Senior Boys and Girls was organized by Delhi Public School on the 20th and 21st of July, but the tournament was extended due to wet weather. It was played in the Knock-Out format. Altogether, a total of 30 schools participated in it. Our school participated in the girls' division and played against Universal Academy, Clement Town, Tons Bridge School, Prem Nagar, and SGRR Clement Town to reach the final. It was to be against Army Public School, Clement Town, but the match could not be played due to incessant rains, and both teams were declared joint winners.



*Always make a total effort,
even when the odds are against you.*



The Doon School organized the Doon School Junior Football Tournament for under 14 years from 28 August to 1st September 2023. It was in League cum Knock-out format. Only 12 prestigious schools were invited for the tournament. The school team played and won two matches to reach the quarter-final. We lost the match against Doon Presidency School in the tie-breaker. It was a good learning experience for the team.

Kasiga school organised a 'wholesome wonder' Inter School poster making, logo designing and photography competition on 20th July. Seventeen schools of Dehra Dun participated in it. A few students represented the school in various categories namely, Anushka for poster-making, Avinash & Aaron Ranjan -photography, Prerna Regmi & Anveeksha Rawat for logo making, Tiarenla & Sharon Kapoor for fabric painting and Stuti Rana & Rupika Pradhan for salad making. Runners up for Salad presentation and fabric painting competition at Kasiga School were felicitated in the assembly.

You don't need to be a genius or a visionary, or even a college graduate for that matter, to be successful. You need a framework and a dream.

Sahodhya Inter School Street play [Nukkad Natak] activity was held at Rajhans Public School on 1st Sept 2023. Classes,6 and 8 students prepared a five-minute play on the 'Azadi phone se' theme. Students enjoyed preparing for the activity and presented it to the students during the assembly. All appreciated it.



Aadi Uniyal and Dia Uniyal represented the school in the Inter School debate organised by Marshall School on 8th November 2023. The topic was 'India's growing population is an asset to its economy'. Both the students confidently shared their views and later were appreciated for their delivery and poise. It was a moment of joy when the Grace Academy was declared the winner of the debate and received the trophy with great pride.

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out.

The Inter-school Hindi debate was organized by DAV inter-college on the 25th of August 2023. There were 12 schools with 24 participants. The topic was 'Jansankya Niyantran Kanoon Desh Ke Liye Hitker'. Shreya Angel Mani of class 12 and Tanvi Thakur of class 11 represented the school. They bagged the third prize.

Teachers' Day

Teachers' Day was celebrated with joy and enthusiasm. The masters for the ceremony were Khushi Vasudev and Samridh Chand Thakur of Class 12. The programme began with a word of prayer and scripture reading by Aniket Negi of Class 12. Moving further, praise and worship was led by the school choir. The girls of Classes 11 and 12 performed a graceful Gujarati folk dance followed by a skit performed by students from Class 8 to 10 on the theme of education as service to mankind. The schoolboy and girl Presidents shared their heartfelt gratitude towards their teachers. Students of Nur to 2 presented a lively choreography on the song 'Gummy Bear' followed by another action dance by students of classes 3 to 5 praising the hard work of teachers. The school band enthralled the audience with a lively instrumental presentation. The student council prepared a 'Gratitude Tree' appreciating each teacher for their love and support.





Senior School Activities

Football fever is in the air with the onset of the rainy season. Considering the participation by maximum students, Inter-House sub-junior, Junior, and Senior football tournaments for Boys of Classes 5 and 6, 7 and 8, and 9 to 12, respectively, were held in the Round Robin League and Knock out format in July and August. The students were enthusiastic about these tournaments, and each house performed best on the field. Overall, the first position was bagged by Sneha House, followed by Sanyam House.



Football is like life. It requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication, and respect for authority.

An Inter-house English debate based on the Modified Cambridge Format was held on 31st July, 2023 for the students of 9 to 12. There were two debates in all where Sahas(proposition) and Sneha(opposition) debated on the topic " A regular salaried job is better than self-employment (entrepreneurship)" and Satya(proposition) and Sanyam(opposition) debated upon the topic " Humans cannot survive without Artificial Intelligence." The competition allowed the students to have a comparative point of view on the topics. Simon Sunny and Shreya Angel Mani chaired the debate efficiently with Mrs. Neha Osmond. AyushSwynenberg and SamridhiBammi were the masters of the ceremony, and the debate was judged by Mrs. Sangeeta Ranjan, Mr. Sameer DeCastro, and Mrs. MashaphiLungleng . At the end of the debate, the judges gave their respective thoughts on the proceedings and motivated the participants with valuable

advice. Sahas house bagged first, followed by Sneha, Sanyam and Satya. The individual results are as follows: Best Speaker Proposition - Aadi Uniyal, Best Speaker Opposition - Palak Dilawar, Promising Speaker Proposition - Mehak Dilawar, Promising Speaker Opposition - Sara Gania.



There is nothing wrong with intellectual differences flowing from freedom of thought as long as such differences remain confined to intellectual debates.

Inter-House Volleyball Tournament for Boys and Girls was held from 24th to 27th April 2023. It was played in the Round Robin League format. Students were quite enthusiastic about it, and each house gave its best. There was a tie between Satya House and Sneha House for the first position.



Grace Academy hosted the CBSE Sahodhoya School complex Inter-school volleyball tournament for boys and girls from 31st October to 1st November, 2023. It was conducted on knock-out bases. A total of 8 teams participated and played with zeal and enthusiasm. Dharma International School was the winner of the tournament in the girls category. Four schools participated and the trophy was bagged by HimJyoti School. Grace Academy also took part in the tournament in both categories and gave their best.

Inter-house badminton tournament for boys and girls was held in the Knock-out format from 1st to 4th May 2023. Sahas bagged the first position, followed by Sneha and Sanyam House in the second and third positions.

Inter House English Debate for classes 6 to 8 was held on 12th August. The masters of the ceremony were Vedant Chamoli and Jhanvi Sharma. Mrs Neha J. Osmond and Rachel Beero of class 9 were the chairpersons. It was conducted in Turncoat format. Two students from each house participated and shared their views on the topic. The students were quite enthusiastic and enjoyed the event.



Knowing what's right means little if you do what's right.

Children's Day

As the day came closer to celebrate National Children's Day so did the excitement grow among the children. We were able to accommodate children from classes 1 to 12 at various parts of the school to be part of the program. One could feel the lively school spirit met with fervour and the right amount of discipline.

The children's day program started with the word of prayer followed by a reading from Psalms 127. The staff sang a meaningful song "Jesus loves the little children". A short introduction of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was made by enacting, the children loved it. All the teachers joyfully got on stage and moved to two action songs with costumes. We also had a special song and dance displayed for the children to enjoy. After a word of encouragement, the program closed with a word of prayer. However, the fun was not over the children. Classes 6 to 12 watched a cricket match between teachers and students, while classes 1 to 5 watched a movie in the quad area.



Children are the future, and we must nurture them with love, care and support

This day will be well etched into the minds of the children as each child feels the love of Christ shown through the actions of their teachers.



Adiós Class XII!

To bid adieu to the Class 12 batch of 2023-2024, a farewell was organized by the students of Class 11 on 30th November 2023. The theme for the program was 'Precious and Honoured'. The masters of the ceremony were Advait Porwal, Sarah Gania and Anna Fiol. The program commenced with an opening prayer followed by a wonderful and blessed time of praise and worship led by class 11. After the Bible reading a special blessing was bestowed by the staff through the song 'God Bless Thee'. The chief guest, Dr. Nirmal Jyoti shared the exhortation from the word of God and encouraged the students to trust in the known God with their unknown future and understand the meaning of carrying one's own identity in the world with the help of God. An exhilarating and lively performance by the class 12 band with an instrumental medley filled the air with excitement. Moments of reminiscence filled the atmosphere with nostalgia and laughter as a few students of class 12 shared their experiences and memories of being in the school with everyone. After the candle-lighting ceremony and a prayer of dedication, the first part of the programme came to an end with a lively Punjabi folk dance by class 11 girls.





Thereafter, everyone proceeded to the field for the second part. The most awaited part of the program, the games, was hosted by Mrs. Karuna Tamang and her team in which all the students of class 12 participated enthusiastically. To add to the fun the students danced heartily along with the performers of the Punjabi dance. The programme finally came to an end with a Melodious performance by Mr. Manish Singh and a sumptuous lunch thereafter

We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we will take a little of each other everywhere.



Annual Sports Day

The 33rd Annual Sports and P.T. Display was held on 16th December 2023 with much fanfare. The chief guest, Dr. Raghavendra Pratap Singh (Director, IIRS) was welcomed and introduced by Principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton. The programme began with a prayer led by Rev. Suraj Chellaiah, Treasurer (Grace Educational Society). Thereafter the chief guest lit the torch and declared the athletic meet open. The Senior students opened the show with their impeccable marching led by School Presidents and Captains of various cadres. This ushered in the tiny tots of Nursery and KG who endeared one and all with their welcome dance. After this, classes 1 and 2 synchronized to the upbeat melody in the PT drill which was followed by the drills of classes 6-9 and classes 3-5 which were equally sharp and nimble to match the tempo.



Track events of 100 m, and 200m, races for parents and alumni, and the relay races had the spectators on the edge of their seats till the finish. Chief Guest addressed the gathering and he reminded everyone of the role and importance of schools in shaping the character and personality of students which was an encouragement for the students, teachers, and parents, alike. The winners were felicitated by the chief guest and the athletic meet was declared closed to the heartwarming hymn Ábide With Me.



Christmas Programme

On the last day of school before winter vacation, the Christmas programme was organised during the morning assembly.

The theme was: The Goodness of God, taken from the Bible verse: John 3:16.

Mangkipak Langel and Rashika Gurung of class 10 were the masters of ceremony. After the opening prayer by the Headmistress Mrs. Sangeeta Ranjan, and the Bible reading by Jyotiraditya Chamoli the students of 3 to 5 presented a beautiful song dressed in their colourful attire. The audience enjoyed and joined along. A brief exhortation by Mrs. Nancy Farmer, Vice Principal of academics, encouraged the students to love and share. The staff choir presented a song which was followed by a choreography by the Nursery class. There were waves of excited noises from the audience as the little ones on stage swayed with the music. For the first time in Grace, a soliloquy style was used to dramatically present the message of the Goodness of God. Several scenes and characters appeared on stage in succession. Then came children of classes KG, 1, and 2 with placards holding letters of Merry Christmas. Each one recited a Bible verse beginning with the alphabet placard that they were holding. A surprise choreography by three teachers headed on a Nepali Christmas song was amazing. The students immensely enjoyed

this traditional tinge added to the program. In the end, the senior students led the school in singing carols as everyone joined in and the spirit of Christmas filled the atmosphere.

Christmas allows us to pause and reflect on the important things around us



75th Republic Day

The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with much joy and enthusiasm. The principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton hoisted the National Flag and the entire staff and student body sang the National Anthem filling the portals of the school with patriotic fervour. The Principal addressed the gathering with his encouraging words. He wished the staff, student, and parent body for ushering in the 75th year of the enforcement of the Indian Constitution. He remembered the contribution of Indian freedom fighters and congratulated one and all for the giant leaps the Nation has taken in making its presence felt as the 5th largest economy and the leading democratic nation—the fabric of our unique diversity. The school recited the Indian Pledge as an expression of recommitment to the Indian Republic.

Students of class 11, under the guidance of Mr Amit Bahadur, presented a 'mock parliament' session highlighting the procedures and sequence of the events in the parliament. It was much appreciated by one and all.

The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.



Guidance Counselling Cell

Mental health issues among students have been a concern. Sound mental health and well-being of students create a foundational base for holistic development and assist them in their growth, self-preservation, and sustainable development.

As a part of this initiative, the Woodstock school conducted a one-day conference for High school students on "School Mental Health well-being," on the 15th of April, 2023, from 9:00 am to 3:45 pm. Sixty-five participants from 12 National and 2 International schools participated in this conference. Unfortunately, the host school had to conduct the conference virtually due to unavoidable circumstances. Ten students from Grades 9 to 12 were selected to represent Grace Academy. The students were quite enlightened by this conference, and we hope they will create a sense of well-being among their peers.



Leadership is the capacity to transform vision into reality.



It was an excellent opportunity for nineteen students of Class 12 to attend the Doon School Career Fair 2023 on 1st September. Many students from various schools were present there. Mrs. Sudepta Newton, the guidance counsellor, coordinated and escorted the students to help them navigate their future. Many universities from the USA, UK, Canada, Dubai, Spain, Australia, and India presented their college admission requirements. The informative fair benefitted the student's understanding of seeking admission to foreign universities.

All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.



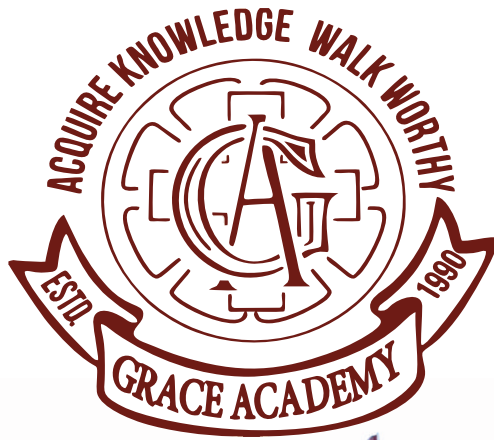
The school introduced the Grace Mindler Platform for Stream and Career Assessment for students of Classes 10 and 12. Students greatly benefited from it. The test helped students to discover their perfect career through its 5-dimensional assessment along with career counselling and guidance. The assessment evaluates Orientation Style, Interest, Personality, Aptitude, and Emotional Quotient.

The students of class 12 had the opportunity to attend an orientation on the various courses offered by the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies [UPES] on 6th September

Apart from these activities, several workshops were held for teaching staff to enhance their professional skills in Inclusive Education



Students and parents are using the services extensively provided by the school Guidance and Counselling department, headed by Mrs. Sudepta Newton and we hope that it will enable students to achieve a wholesome development and a holistic approach to education.



Looking forward to....

The new academic year 2024-25 will indeed have its share of challenges! We thank God for His guidance and wisdom to carry on our work to the best of our ability to date, this past academic year.

*“ I thank you, O Lord my God, wholeheartedly, and I will glorify your name forever. ”
~ Psalm 86:12*

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