



DLRC TIMES

August and September Edition

PRIMARY SCHOOL



On our 75th Independence Day, our youngest members turned popsicle sticks and wool into tricolored dreamcatchers so that their dreams of a happy and peaceful India may come true! Concentration, collaboration and patriotic songs held their hands throughout this colorful journey.



Did the DLRC primary students find one of the first ways to calm themselves? Yes, two of them demonstrated Om chanting and breathing for their entire class, helping everyone synchronize their energies! Our youngsters are always surprising us!

When the entire school went for a trek last week, they were in for a surprise! The students cooked potatoes, onions and corn on firewood and enjoyed a different kind of barbeque! Using cow dung as fuel for the fire, they all enjoyed their roasted goodies on a serene morning. Here is a photo of the P2 and P3 kids' trek!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

How are science and art integrated? Well, at DLRC you find ways to do so. For example, the 6th graders first learned about the digestive system, then made Maggi with facilitators and finally made comic strips, memes and illustrations to show how each strand of Maggi meanders through their systems. Whoever said polar opposites subjects such as art and science couldn't be intertwined, the grade 6 students proved them otherwise.



In social studies, students made clay seals using shadu maati to mimic the famous ones found at various Indus Valley civilisation sites. Through this, they learned the art of sculpting and the logic behind the seals. Some of them added their own names, some added gods, while others added animals in their seals.



Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated grandly in Maharashtra, but the environment takes a huge hit every year. The shadu maati, which is used to make the Ganesh idols, lies at the core of the problem. The middle schoolers were walked through the history of these idols, their problems and their solutions – one being the Punaravartan movement which aims at re-using the shadu maati to re-make idols. This cause can help us do our part to save the environment bit by bit.



HIGH SCHOOL

Psychology is most interesting when we can see it working in real life. As a part of their end-of-module lesson, the grade 12 students tried their hand at creating hilarious safety campaigns – kudos to all the “funtastic” actors, directors and prop(er)s!!



To put their creativity and skilled hands to use, the 12th graders made beautiful dreamcatchers as part of their homeroom time. This activity was facilitated by some very young students from grades 6, 8 and 9. By the end of the homeroom period, the entire classroom was adorned with delicate and multi-coloured dreamcatchers.



CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to our young artist – Knishk Patankar from grade 6! From meticulously drawing the entire map of DLRC, he has gone on to win a 2gm gold coin and Certificate for coming 1st in an art contest of Bhagvan Mahavir! This is an extremely proud and momentous occasion!



It's "hip hip hooray"s all around as 2 more of DLRC's students come home wearing medals! Gitika, from grade 9, recently participated in a 200m freestyle swimming competition as a part of the ISSO National Games 2022, coming home with a bronze medal. Jinal, another student, participated in the hoop apparatus, earning a silver medal in the sport! When it was all done and dusted, they both stood decorated with medals, making not just the DLRC community proud, but everyone watching too :)



LSOM TREKS

Korigad Fort

On 28th August, 30 enthusiastic students and parents began the leisurely 1 hour climb to Korigad Fort. While the trek itself was not too strenuous, the fort and its surroundings definitely took everyone's breath away. The pristine ponds, lush green hills and dew drops blanketing the walls entranced the trekkers. The September trek will take place on the 24th, so mark your calendars!



Rajmachi Fort

The trek took off to a slow start in the Pune Lonavala Local Train, but the jeep ride was off-roading (in the word's truest sense). Upon reaching the village, the trekkers were served generous portions of sumptuous kanda-poha and chai. While the trek up the fort was amazing, the top was surreal with lush greenery, flying clouds, a gentle breeze and a natural guppy-fish pedicure. When they reached down, the meal they ate was nothing short of delicious, but sadly their stomachs could not accept more. With fond memories, they all boarded the train back home, laughing that they had almost missed the train.





SIP

The health & fitness social impact project has 2 goals. Firstly, to create a culture of health & fitness in and around DLRC. Students who play sports at district and state level, come together to help organize this. Secondly, to spread awareness about issues which are seen as taboos (e.g mental health) and other related concerns. They even have plans to promote sustainable menstrual products!



The second social impact project is Seva. This month, they made lanterns to raise money to bring an extra ounce of light and happiness in the lives of visually impaired people by giving them walking sticks. This not only helped decorate various houses with festive lanterns for Diwali, but also helped numerous people.

Thrift stores are now becoming more and more popular. To add to this chain, the environment SIP has been working on a thrift store concept which will be reusing old, yet good quality clothes and turning them into reusable material for sale. From clothes, to notebooks, to bags, to bookmarks, to accessories and much more!



The fourth SIP is the empowerment SIP. The members have been making and working on cloth pads to help reduce the environmental waste and improve women's health. Recently, guest speakers taught them how to do it, and since then, they have begun their pad-making process!

COMMUNITY



After more than a month of hard and inspiring work, the Kids Be Kind initiative met its goal to feed the children on the streets of Pune. With help from the co-founders, facilitators, parents and students of DLRC and the Robinhood army, several hundred kids had wide smiles and full stomachs. Heartfelt gratitude needs to be expressed for everyone involved. The next donation drive will be announced soon!

Be Kind, because being nice is not enough :)



On the 75th Independence Day, the DLRC community gathered for flag hoisting, the national anthem (in sign language too!), marching, and many more songs in Hindi and Marathi. To even share some stories of inspiration, Aniket Kulkarni (from Swachand Adventures), Vedant Kaulgud and Sahil Joshi (grade 11) narrated their experiences of going to Everest Base Camp. It is a heart-warming independence day, with cheers, songs and smiles all around.



To celebrate learning, the entire DLRC community came together on 17th September. Starting with class meetings, the day progressed onto student performances (from enrichment clubs, to music lessons) and ended with a two-hour long student exhibition where each student showcased their work through demonstrations and explanations.



On 2nd September, DLRC had its very first open mic. This brought everyone together in the name of celebrating music, poetry, and comedy! The event had performances from every grade and was open to every student, parent and facilitator from every grade. All the talented and enthusiastic students planned this wonderful and successful open mic which received a great response from the audience and accommodated around 25 performances. It was a musical, melodious and marvelous event, so kudos to all the performers and listeners!



On a festive morning, each class made a different pyramid formation, with one student climbing to the top and breaking the Handi. Despite a few tumbles here and there, this was a great show of teamwork and effort from the students. Cheers to many more! A special thanks to Chetan sir and Supriya ma'am for helping all the students prepare for this day.



DLRCEs Second episode of FedTalks was done on 10th September! There were some amazingly unique talks about different aspects of nature. Just like this one was, FedTalks are open for everyone. So see you all on the 8th of October for the next one where we have some interesting surprises for you, from 3 to 5pm, at the DLRC campus.



DLRCEE
FED TALKS
SATURDAY 10TH SEPT
3.00 TO 5.00PM

TALKS:

- 3.10 PM: SRUJAN TELLS US IMPORTANCE OF INDIGENOUS TREES
- 3.30 PM: PRATHAMESH TALKS ABOUT TREE AS AN ECOSYSTEM
- 3.50 PM: ABHIRAM'S TALK ON BIRDS ADAPTIVE FEATURES FOR DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS
- 4.14 PM: VIKRAM POTDAR TALKS ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF POLAR REGION ICE
- 4.45 PM: CHAI AND CHARCHA



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Also, Namita Kichlu graced us with her beautiful and eloquent hindi storytelling on the 24th September, but if you missed it, don't feel bad! Because, you're in luck, it's definitely happening again!!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Let's take a tour in the world of storytelling and listen to some jovial stories with Namita 'Prakash' and Smriti Shrivastav. An hour of fun filled Hindi storytelling session for age 14 and above, on the 4th Saturday of the month!



DLRCEE
FED TALKS
SATURDAY 8 TH OCT
3.00 TO 5.00PM

TALKS:

- 3.10 PM: RADHA: DIFFERENT SPEAKING AND WRITING SLANGS
- 3.30 PM: TISTA: DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STORY, SCRIPT AND SCREENPLAY WRITING.
- 3.50 PM: MEGHANA: LET'S HAIKUI
- 4.14 PM: PRATHAMESH: THE ART OF LETTER WRITING
- 4.45 PM: CHAI AND CHARCHA

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Today, when Whatsapp and emails are the current age writing platforms, let's look at some old, new and different writing skills. Let's try and pick up a pen and let the words flow. A FedTalk about Writing!



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Seva Social Impact project of DLRC is making lanterns to raise money to bring light in the lives of VIPs (Virtually Impaired People) by providing walking sticks. As a part of which the group will also teach how to make a lanterns. Join us for the cause and make your own Diwali lantern.

DLRCEE
KILLA WORKSHOP
Learn how to build the beautiful forts for diwali !!!

Saturday, 15th October
2.30 to 5 pm
At DLRC Campus

BOOK NOW

Workshop Fees 500/-
Material included
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Let's refresh our tradition of making Killa for Diwali! Shivaji Mane will lead the workshop and teach us how to build miniature forts with simple natural materials. Age 8 and above, younger kids can attend with parents!