



COMMENCEMENT DAY

To mark the beginning of a new Academic Session 2013-14, DPS Tapi hosted the traditional Commencement Day, an inaugural gathering of the new students and parents of DPS Tapi family on 25 March 2013. This ceremony welcomes the new students and parents into the DPS Tapi family. We commenced the occasion by lighting the *Vidya Deepam*— the lamp of learning, followed by a musical presentation by the school choir and orchestra of students and teachers followed by a contemporary dance fusion, performed by the students and teachers. After the formal introduction, parents and students then interacted with the class teachers, joining hands for a new Learning Partnership connection.

Celebrating Our Feathered Friends

Keeping a close watch on the baby sparrows, feeding them and being sensitive to their co-existence in the school campus is the routine of students and teachers on campus. All the classes celebrated the **Sparrow Week** from 1-5 April 2013, in an effort to know our feathered friends better. Presentations and interactive books on sparrows were shared with the students by the teachers. Young children also enjoyed making small artifacts marking this celebration. It was learning to live with the little creatures around the campus.



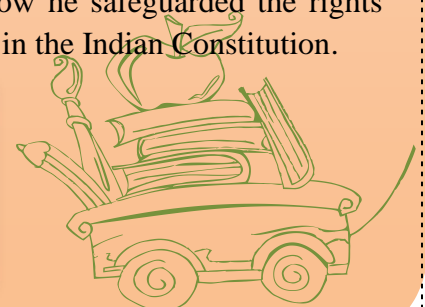
Visit to the Agriculture Farm

On 3rd April 2013 Class II went on for Experiential Learning to a local agricultural farm focusing on sugarcane and rice as major crops in this area. The students asked the farmers different questions on rainfall, soil and climate suitable for these crops.



Ambedkar Jayanti

Ambedkar Jayanti is observed at DPS Tapi on 14 April every year to commemorate the memory of Babasaheb Ambedkar. To mark this occasion, on 15 April 2013, the students of Class VI presented a skit on how Dr. Ambedkar faced the challenges of being an untouchable and how he safeguarded the rights of the underprivileged in the Indian Constitution.



World Heritage Day

World Heritage spreads awareness on the shared wealth of mankind. Protecting and preserving this valuable asset demands the collective efforts of the international community. The students of Class VII conducted a special assembly on 17 April 2013, highlighting the importance of world heritage sites in Gujarat, India and across the globe. There was also an interesting quiz on the topic. It was an interesting and informative way to start the day.



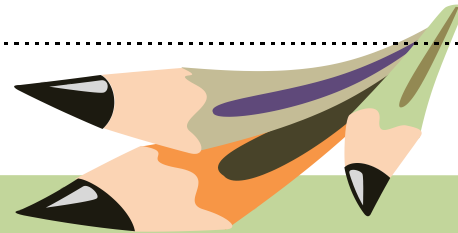
Class-Deco Competition

The whole school participated in the first **Class-Deco Competition** of the new academic session on 18 April 2013. The students worked enthusiastically, decorating the bulletin boards, arranging and re-arranging furniture in innovative ways and thus bringing new life into the classrooms. The Pre-Primary wing, Classes I-II, Classes III-V, and Classes VI-VIII were judged in separate categories. The results of the competition were:

CATEGORIES	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
PN-PREP	N-B	P-A	P-B
I-II	II-B	II-A	I-B
III-V	IV-B	IV-A	III-B
VI-VIII	VIII-A	VII-A	VI-A

Meeting Farm Animals

The students of Class I went for an Experiential Learning trip to a local animal farm on 18 April 2013. This helped them to learn about the contribution animals make to human activity and livelihoods. Teachers and students shared many animal facts and details about the animals they saw. They enjoyed all the excitement.



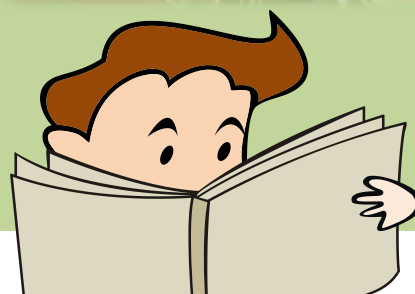
Earth Day

DPS Tapi strongly supports the conservation of nature and natural resources. Earth Day celebrates Earth's unique place in the universe. The students of Class VIII presented a skit on the values of conservation on 22 April 2013. The students also presented a song composed by Karan Garg, Shreshth Gupta, Sahil Shah and Yojit Bhasin on conservation.



Ramnavami and Mahavir Jayanti

Cross-cultural and religious awareness is an essential aspect of learning at DPS Tapi. A special assembly was organised by the students of Class III on 24 April 2013 to mark the occasion of Ramnavami and Mahavir Jayanti. The students shared the stories and significance of these holy days.





Founder's Day

Founder's Day marks a very special moment in our annual school celebrations. It is when the special talents and effort of all students from Pre-Nursery to Class VII are acknowledged and rewarded. **Founder's Day** for 2012-13 was celebrated on 25 April 2013. Our teachers awarded the certificates and trophies for scholastic and co-scholastic achievements to their students.

World Dance Day and Inter House Dance Competition

Dance channels physical energy through rhythmic and harmonic body movement. Dancers experience and express oneness in group dance. The students of Classes III-IX participated in the **Inter House Dance Competition** on 27 April 2013, doing their own choreography and presenting the result with grace and elegance. Dhatu House was declared the winner, followed by Jivam and Vayu in the second and third positions respectively. The students of Class IV also had a special assembly on World Dance Day on 29 April 2013 and recited a poem written by Lin Hwai for the 2013 International Dance Day. Congratulations on a lovely presentation!



Mother's Day

Class IV conducted a special assembly to honour their mothers on 29 April 2013. The assembly began with a prayer, followed by a skit on Mother's Day. The students also presented an acrostic poem on the word MOTHER and sang a beautiful song for their beloved mothers.



Dance Camp

All the budding dancers of Classes VI-IX participated in the six-day **Dance Camp** from 29 April to 3 May 2013. Children learned the basics of two forms of classical *Kathak* and *Bharatnatyam*. The students made a dance presentation at assembly on 4 May 2013.



Inter House Solo Dance Competition

Students of Classes III-IX participated in the **Inter House Solo Dance Competition** on 4 May 2013 and the results of the event were:

Position	House	Participants (Classes III-V)
Winner	Jivam	Jyotsana Sharma
1 st Runner Up	Bhumi	Keya Thaker
2 nd Runner Up	Dhatu	Chansi Khatri
Position	House	Participants (Classes III-V)
Winner	Dhatu	Khushi Shah
1 st Runner Up	Jalam	Bhavya Tiwari
2 nd Runner Up	Jivam	Riya Desai

Inter DPS Hindustani Vocal Music Festival

Students from Classes VI-IX participated in the **Inter DPS Hindustani Vocal Music Festival** held on 4 May 2013, hosted by DPS Gandhinagar under the categories of group and solo **performance**.

Kaushik Mahesh of Class VII participated in the solo category. The DPS Tapi group presented a patriotic song – Ekta Yahan Ki Shaan-e-watan, with the music composed by our music teacher Mr. Suman Desani. The participants of the group category were:

Participants	Class
Aakansha Ramnath	VII A
Nandini Barnwal	VII A
Sanskriti Barman	VI A
Sheily Patel	VI
Cherry Dewangan	VII
Kaushik Mahesh	VII
Pranjali Sharma	VIII
Dhruv Parmar	IX
Aneesh Kanakdande	IX



Graduation Ceremony

Graduation – unfolding new avenues! Teachers of Pre-Nursery and Classes I, III, VI and IX welcomed the students to a fresh level of challenges with special mementoes like badges, graduation caps and fun rites of passage, marking the beginning of a new Academic Session on 4 May 2013.



Father's Day Assembly

Enthusiastic students of Class V conducted the Father's Day Assembly on 16 June 2013, beginning with a special prayer for their fathers. They shared the history of this celebration and performed a skit saluting all fathers who work tirelessly for the family's well-being. No wonder, fathers remain Megastars in the imaginations of our young learners!



Music Camp

Music develops social skills, emotional skills and concentration. Learning to communicate through sound and silence, the students of Classes VI-IX participated in a music camp from 17-21 June 2013. Students enthusiastically learned different instruments and melodies. They made a presentation of their newly acquired skill in a special assembly.





Second Class-Deco Competition

The students participated in the Second Class Deco Competition on 18 June 2013. The results of the competition were:

Categories	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
PN-PREP	Prep A	PN-A	Nur A
I-II	II-A	II-B	I-A
III-V	IV-B	V-A	IV-A
VI-VIII	VIII-A	IX-A	VI-A



World Music Day

"Sangeet jivan main dukhon ko door karke, sukhon ko amantrit karta hai".

This thought was taken forward by Class III A in their special assembly on **World Music Day** on 21 June 2013. The students showcased the renowned musician of our country, A.R. Rehman. They presented a beautiful song to mark the occasion and shared information on the history of music.



Crafting Creativity

The students of Classes VI-IX participated in the **DPST Art and Craft Camp** from 1-5 July 2013. They made hobby horses and visual-puzzle painting during this camp. This camp concluded with an artistic exhibition of the camp artifacts.



Nature Club Visit

The students of Classes III-V shared an experiential learning session on snakes and reptiles with the Prayas Team on 25 June 2013. The students saw venomous snakes like saw-scaled viper and learnt about their food, habitat and special place in the eco-cycle. Medical information on snake bites was also shared.



Inter House Music Competition

The students of Classes III-VIII participated in the **Inter House Group and Solo Music Competition** on 29 June and 6 July 2013 to celebrate **World Music Day**. Jivam House was declared as the Winner, followed by Bhumi and Vayu in the second and third positions, respectively.



Dancing Showers

The students wait eagerly every year for our annual Monsoon Dance. This year, all classes from Pre Nursery to Class IX welcomed the seasonal rains and enjoyed dancing to the tunes of happiness on 4 July 2013. It was a memorable day for both staff and students.



Father's Day Out

To enable students to spend quality time with their otherwise busy fathers, we invited the fathers of Class IV students to visit school from 10-16 July 2013. Those who accepted the invitation were a great hit. Saumya's father, Mr. Saurabh Shah and Parth's father Mr. Jitendra Darshan shared their childhood experiences with the students. Mr. Shah discussed the benefits of indoor and outdoor games and played Chain, Kho-Kho and memory games with the students. Mr. Darshan discussed the importance of drinking water with the students, shared an inspiring video and played a dictation game with them. Sneha's father, Mr. Lokendra Singh talked about global warming and its after effects. Mr. Saxena, father of Anushka Saxena, shared the importance of established routine in life.



Ikebana

The students of Class IV had an Experiential Learning session on Ikebana or the art of flower decoration and making bouquets on 11 July 2013. Mr. Setiyar explained the importance of theme, colour schemes and types of flowers in making a bouquet, and the different types of flower arrangements for different occasions. The students made bouquets in different flower arrangements and enjoyed themselves as blossoming florists.

World Population Day

The students of Class IX presented a special assembly on 12 July 2013 on World Population Day. They shared the alarming outcomes of population explosion – the means to control such rapid growth. They debated on the topic of population growth and presented a song on this theme. To pay a tribute to cloudburst, declared in the hills, they also presented a dance-drama on the victims of Uttarakhand, an over-population disaster, with a beautiful poem composed by Mr. Jayesh Shukla, our Hindi Teacher.





Inter House Public Speaking Competition

To develop effective communication skills the students of Class III-IX participated in an Inter House Public Speaking Competition on 13 July 2013. The results were:

Categories	1 st Place		2 nd Place		3 rd Place	
	House	Participant	House	Participant	House	Participant
III-V	Bhumi	Neel Pandya	Dhatu	Aastha Kumar	Jalam	Panthi Patel
VI-IX	Vayu	Harsh Joshi	Dhatu	Jay Vankawala	Bhumi	VidhiJogani
VI-IX (Hindi)	Jivam	Eva Nathani	Vayu	HarshitChhabra	Dhatu	Aniket Singh

Investiture Ceremony

13 July 2013 was a very special day for all the Dip sites, as history in-the-making. Our first House Captains, Vice-Captains and Student Council Members were invested with their badges of office. They took a pledge to serve their school to the best of their ability.



The elected members are:

The nominated school prefects of the Student Council are:

House	Captain	Vice-Captain	HOUSE	MEMBER	HOUSE	MEMBER
Agni	Dhruv Parmar	Jay Patel	Agni	Sneha Kejriwal	Jalam	Harsh Ramani
Bhumi	Neha Parekh	Nishtha Agarwal		Khushi Kanodia		Bhavya Tiwari
Dhatu	Jay Vankawala	Yojit Bhasin	Bhumi	Dhruvin Kapadia	Jivam	Mitul Krishnani
Jalam	Gaurav Khurana	Kunwarvir Singh				
Jivam	Yukta Singhi	Jaimini Parmar	Dhatu	Shreya Parmar	Vayu	Achintya Joy
Vayu	Malav Patel	Karan Garg		Palak Sadh		Mohit .Kaushik

Checkmate!

Chess forms an integral part of the logical curriculum at school as it enhances the higher-order thinking skills. A **chess camp** was conducted for the students of Classes VI-IX from 15-20 July 2013 in preparation for the coming championship.



Inter House Chess Championship

Students of Classes III-IX participated in the **Inter House Chess Championship** on 20 July 2013. The results are:

Category: Classes III-V (Boys)			Category: Classes III-V (Girls)		
Winners (Jivam House)	1st Runners Up (Bhumi House)	2nd Runners Up (Dhatu House)	Winners (Jivam House)	1st Runners Up (Vayu House)	2nd Runners Up (Bhumi House)
Devam Shah	Jay Ahuja	Aryan Agarwal	Dhriti Naik	Anshika Agarwal	Shia Surani
Lavya Kapoor	Kumaran Mahesh	Samyak Shah		Anushka Saxena	Sejal Mundhra
Mann Bansal	Krish Shah	Pravek Bhoot	Devi Lavangwala	Stuti Patel	Disha Murarka
Sohamweer Patnyak	Dhruv Baranwal	Arindham Mallick		Jyotsana Sharma	Malvika Naik

Category: Classes VI-IX (Boys)			Category: Classes VI-IX (Girls)		
Winners (Bhumi House)	1st Runners Up (Jalam House)	2nd Runners Up (Vayu House)	Winners (Dhatu House)	1st Runners Up (Bhumi House)	2nd Runners Up (Jivam House)
Aneesh Kanakdande	Abhyas Narula	Mohit Kaushik	Shailly Bansal	Nishtha Agarwal	Yukta Singhi
Varun Chaudhary	Yash Lavangwala	Pavitra Pati	Shreya Parmar	Simran Singh	Riya Desai
Sahil Shah	Pranav Bhoot	Het Patel	Palak Sadh	Tanvi Luthra	Eva Nathani
Dhruvam Patel	Gaurav Khurana	Malav Patel	NA	Neha Parikh	Sanskriti Barman

Cakes and Bakes

As part of their Experiential Learning, our little chefs of Class I visited Monginis Cake Shop on 24 July 2013 to solve the mystery of baking a yummy cake. It was a fun-filled experience of learning methods and ingredients for baking and decorating cakes, pastries and biscuits. All the operations of a bakery, from purchasing raw materials to selling the finished goods were explained to the students.



The Mind's Eye

Helen Keller said, "I can see, and that is why I can be happy, in what you call the dark, but which to me is golden. I can see a God-made world, not a man-made world." Sight plays a very crucial role in our sense of well being and wholeness. The students of Class III visited the *Andhajan Shikshan Mandal* on 26 July 2013 for Experiential Learning on the expertise that nurtures visually challenged students and enables them to lead the fullest possible life. Our students were sensitized to these differently abled students, the games they played, and to the way they read, wrote and lived.

Inter House Quiz Competition

To promote knowledge, confidence and alertness through fun, DPST hosted an **Inter House Quiz Competition** on 27 July 2013 in the Sparrow Court. The results were:

Postion	Classes III-V		Classes VI-IX	
	House	Participants	House	Participants
Winners	Agni	Harshit Surati Parth Darshan	Bhumi	Varun Chaudhary Abhay Raj Mishra
1st Runners Up	Jalam	Eshaan Jariwala Ayush Savarn	Jivam	Yukta Singhi Harsh Boghawala
2nd Runners Up	Jivam	Anushka Saxena Saumya Shah	Vayu	Achintya Joy Het Patel





Hindi Saptah

DPS Tapi celebrates the birthday of Munshi Premchand, one of the most famous Hindi writers of the early twentieth century, on 29 July every year. The students of Class VII presented a skit on his story *Panch Parmeshwar* in a special Hindi Assembly to mark this occasion. A **Hindi Handwriting Workshop** was also conducted in the school from 29 July to 3 August 2013 for the students of Classes I-V.



Grace on Wheels!

A **Skating Camp** was organised for the students of Classes VI-VIII from 29 July – 3 August 2013. The students participated enthusiastically and enjoyed learning new styles and skills of skating, in preparation for the inter-house skating championship.



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