



tGELF International Trade Challenge

"Water is the driving force of all nature" - Leonardo da Vinci



The tGELF International Trade Challenge is a competition that promotes entrepreneurial spirit and business skills of students. During the event, students work to create international market entry strategy plans for a given product and target market. Two teams from our school participated in this event for which the theme was - "Innovative Ideas for Water Conservation in Urban Areas of Australia".

Team-I prepared a cost effective, easy to clean 'Mechanical Water Tank'. Its sensors could automatically reduce water supply when levels diminished. While their idea was not selected, it enhanced their understanding about the value of water and the need to conserve it.

Team-II innovated the 'Cacto-Pipe' that could monitor the usage, leaks and purity of water. Its stand out feature was that it could easily be integrated with existing pipelines. 'Psychological marketing' was proposed to promote this product. This idea was one of the 15 ideas that were selected for the 1st round that was held in Delhi; where our students made a presentation and faced the jury. They were disappointed in not qualifying for the finals but were quick to realise their shortcomings. We are optimistic of a better result next time.

Internal Model United Nations

"It's our world, one song for you and me"- Jacquie Lee



The Model United Nations (MUN) is an academic simulation of the United Nations where students play the role of delegates from different countries and attempt to solve real world issues within the policies and perspectives of their assigned country.

Participating students from Class VIII and above were divided into two committees - the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and the Lok Sabha. The 14 participating students of UNSC debated on the topic, 'China's Cartographic Aggression'. Delegates spoke for one minute each on the motion and were cross questioned by other delegates. The meeting concluded with a live debate. Twelve students of the Lok Sabha committee, who represented the ruling and opposition parties, had a debate on the 'Uniform Civil Code Bill'. During the zero hour, the issue of 'NEET exam paper leak' was raised by Opposition parties, drawing the Ruling party to defend itself with logical arguments.

Participation in the MUN encouraged students to think on their feet and speak extempore, thus sharpening their skills in public speaking, international relations and diplomacy.

Alumni Talk by Amandeep Singh

"So long as we learn it doesn't matter who teaches us, does it?" - E R Braithwaite



Amandeep Singh, of the 2020 batch visited our campus to speak to the Science students of classes XI and XII. He is presently pursuing a dual degree program in B.Tech and M.Tech with specialization in Computer Science from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

He intrigued the students with his opening question, *"What after class XII?"* He then elaborated on 'Engineering' as a career, speaking in detail about the JEE examination and other entrance exams. He emphasised the importance of both developing strong fundamentals and having a study schedule. Speaking to the students about himself he said, *"When we were in school, Swamy Sir advised us to study for one hour, take a half-hour break, and then study for another hour. This routine worked well for me, but you may prefer a different approach, which is fine as well. What matters is to constantly track your progress and stay focused."*

By the end of the talk, the students had greater clarity on preparing for and attempting exams. Hearing it from a senior who had gone through the process recently, has boosted their confidence and motivated them to study in a disciplined manner.

Harela Festival - Tree Planting

"Let's soak ourselves in green"



The Harela festival of Uttarakhand celebrates peace, wealth and greenery. Its' agriculture based communities consider it to be highly auspicious, as it marks the beginning of the sowing cycle in fields. On this day people plant saplings and offer prayers for abundant crops and prosperity.

To celebrate the day, the Pradhan (village head) of Purkal and some local residents visited our campus to plant trees with our students. Together they planted 15 saplings of jackfruit, lemon and mango in front of the girls' hostel and near the entrance of the school. Twenty students of Class X eagerly participated in this activity with a promise to take good care of the saplings.

Mock Interview

"You hit home runs not by chance but by preparation"- Roger Maris



On 18th July, mock interviews were organised for Class XII students to give them a feel of real time interviews. These were based around the theme of 'Staffing', a chapter taught to Business Studies (Commerce) students. Efforts were made to simulate a realistic interview environment, with the intent of assessing students' confidence, body language, communication skills and providing constructive feedback.

Students were asked to submit their resumes for one of the four departments - HR,

Finance, Operations or Production. During the interviews, students were asked about their career aspirations, strengths, weaknesses and faced situational challenges.

Following each interview, a panel of teachers gave feedback on articulation, demeanour, eye contact and overall presentation. The students were receptive to the feedback and promised to work on required aspects.

SST Inter House Competition

"The Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the Earth" - Chief Seattle



An inter-house competition was organised by the Social Studies department for classes I to XII on 27th July. They were divided into five sections as below:

Classes I and II had to make oral presentations on posters given to them. Students of Class I spoke about 'Safety Rules' while Class II students presented on 'Pollution'.

For Class III, the theme was 'Culture of India'. Students dressed up in traditional attire and spoke about the culture related to their costumes.

Students of classes IV, V and Navjeevan 6 had a live map-making competition. Each team drew the state boundaries on the map of India and located their capital cities on these maps.

Students of classes VI, VII and VIII participated in a quiz contest and while students of classes IX to XII presented skits on topics related to global issues.

Preparing for the competitions helped brush up the general knowledge of students besides giving them the opportunity to be on stage before the entire school.

Plastic Pollution Awareness

“Handle with care, plastic is everywhere”



Khushi Adhikari, an alumna from the batch of 2023, conducted a session, ‘Say No to Plastic’. The aim was to raise awareness among students about the harmful effects of plastic pollution and strategies to reduce its adverse impact.

Khushi highlighted the excessive use of plastic in our daily lives, from carry bags to the packaging of edible items. She explained how plastic, once a beneficial invention, has now become life threatening, polluting the land, sea and other natural resources. She called to attention the negative effects of plastic on flora and fauna too, which is contributing to overall environmental degradation. Concerns raised by her served as an eye-opener for the students, for they have grown up seeing plastic everywhere and had never thought about its hazards.

Such sessions go a long way in educating our students who, starting from now on, can play an important role in changing tomorrow’s landscape.

Chess Classes

"In chess, as in life, you need to think before you make decisions"



Sara Gupta, an XIth grade student from The Hockaday School in Dallas, USA, is an accomplished 16 year old international chess player. She has travelled to over 25 countries, holds the title of Women Candidate Master and has won numerous international awards.

Sara volunteered with the Navjeevan batch 6 students for two weeks. She assisted both students and their teachers with classwork and conducted chess classes after school, for hostel students. She introduced them to the basics of chess, gradually stepping up levels. The objective was to develop the cognitive and memory faculties of students.

The number of students eager to learn chess, grew by the day and Sara welcomed them all. Their enthusiasm peaked during the tournament held on campus on 2nd and 3rd July. There were 24 participants, out of which, Satish of Navjeevan 6 was recognized for his outstanding performance. All participants received certificates to encourage them to pursue the game.

Sara was helped by her mother Mrs Ashwini, who brought treats for the Navjeevan students. Sara attended Political Science, World History, and English classes with the Class XI students. She plans to offer online chess lessons to interested children, after returning home.

PYDS is extremely grateful to Sara for the time she spent with the Navjeevan students and for teaching chess on our campus.

Well-being of Students during Monsoons

"The rain is precious and so are the children"



Monsoon in the hills is harsh with incessant rains, which spur many ailments amongst students. They complained of - shoe bites, eye and skin infections, loose motions, vomiting, nasal bleeding, insect bites and so on. Two students slipped and sprained their ankle while one fractured his wrist. Those with mild problems were given first aid and treatment by the school nurse in the Infirmary. In cases where problems persisted, students were referred to specialised doctors outside of campus.

Students were reminded time and again to maintain hygiene, wear dry clothes and footwear, together with exercising caution while walking on slippery surfaces.

OTL Guidelines

“Step out in sunshine, and let the magic begin”



Twenty four students of the batch 2023-24 were helped with University admissions and fees under our *On To Life* program. All of them were called to School for a briefing session where our Career Counsellor, Ms. Meenu Yadav gave a presentation to familiarise them with topics such as scholarship guidelines, writing a good progress report etc. Students were advised to be worthy of the support provided, submit progress reports regularly and maintain both high CGPAs and standards of personal conduct. Above all, they were to be good ambassadors of PYDS in their institutions.

SPICMACAY - Flute Recital

“The song that I came to sing remains unsung to this day” - Rabindranath Tagore



The SPICMACAY promotes awareness of Indian culture in educational institutions across India. Thanks to their efforts, we were honoured to host Pandit Ajay Shankar Prasanna, an internationally acclaimed Indian classical flautist and a prominent figure of the Banaras Gharana. He was accompanied by Shri Ujith Udaya Kumar Ji on tabla.

Pandit Ji began by asking students if they were familiar with Indian classical music, practised meditation etc. He then played Raag Des on his flute, enquiring students how they felt after hearing the piece.

Progressing deeper into the recital, he played mellifluous notes that met perfect synchrony on Shri Udit Kumar Ji on tabla. The crowning point of the recital was when the famous fight between Lord Krishna and Sheshnag was personified through a duet of the flute and tabla. Pandit Ji encouraged students to sing sargams and hymns with his recital and awed the students by playing his iconic flute piece from the Mahabharat TV show.

It was a memorable and rejuvenating show for all of us. We look forward to more such events.

We applaud ...
Saheb Hemram



Saheb lives in Panditwari, Dehradun, with his wife and two daughters. He migrated to Dehradun with his family from Murshidabad, West Bengal, in search of a job. After working for a few years at various places, he joined PYDS in 2002. Everyday Saheb could be seen dusting, brooming, sweeping and carrying out similar jobs all over the campus. During the Annual Day in 2022, he was honoured for completing 20 years of service at PYDS. He is known as a polite, dedicated person who takes interest in campus activities and offers unsolicited help.

Saheb was content with his job and both daughters doing well as students at PYDS, when all of a sudden on 19th February he fell off from his bed at night. He was taken to the hospital with the help of neighbours and admitted in the emergency ward. CT scans revealed internal injury in his head due to which the right side of his body was paralysed and he could not speak. Doctors said it would take up to one year for him to recover and 100% recovery was not assured.

While he was in hospital for two weeks, members of our school staff regularly visited him and supported his family financially and logistically. Concerned about his well being, they pooled funds for his treatment.

When he returned home, his medicines and physiotherapy were to be continued. His wife, and daughters looked after him well, giving him food and medicine as prescribed. Gradually movement in his limbs improved and he began speaking in

slurs. Through his will power and family support, he was able to stand by himself within a month of his injury. Eager to get back to work, he developed a routine for himself, picking dumbbells, exercising and walking for up to 90 minutes everyday. He defied the doctor's prognosis by becoming fit enough to rework within five months of his paralysis.

The family steered through the difficult time with courage and hard work. Both daughters helped their parents without losing focus on their board exams that were scheduled within a few days of the mishap. After exams they helped with their mother and looked after Saheb, providing him emotional and physical support.

The PYDS family is happy to see Saheb back on campus and applauds his dedication towards family and work.

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