



Him Jyoti School Dehradun

Events, October 2017

Principal's Note: It is a matter of great privilege to present the events for October, 2017. Him Jyoti was buzzing with activities and festivities the entire month. For children, it was a month filled with joy and celebration. For me and the staff, the shiny and joyous faces of our children brought a sense of immense satisfaction and peace. We are happy to share a few of the precious moments of the month with you. Happy reading!

Performance by Spic Macay

On 2 October 2017, the Spic Macay team visited Him Jyoti School to present three different dance forms, namely Sambalpuri, Karma and Dhap. They also imparted valuable information about their unique instruments, costumes and props. The students enjoyed their skillful performance and were fascinated by their skill and attention to detail.



Cleanliness Drive

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Him Jyoti School conducted a cleanliness drive in the school campus. Different classes were allotted different areas to clean. The campus entrance, playing grounds, academic block, dining hall, guest house, porch and the washing area were among the many areas left spick and span. Students from classes 11th and 12th along with the residential teachers were divided amongst different groups to pursue the cleaning activities. The campaign not only helped in maintenance of the campus but also instilled dignity of labour in the young minds.



Homage to Mahatma Gandhi

On 3 October 2017, the girls of class IX conducted an assembly on Gandhiji's and Lal Bahadur Shastriji's birthdays which were a day before. The girls rendered speeches on the lives of both the freedom fighters and presented a skit that was followed by the song 'Mati Pukare'. Later, questions were asked from the lives of the two great men.



Stone Painting at The Doon Girls School

On 5 October 2017, Babita Beria of class XI and Draksha of class IX visited The Doon Girls School to paint stones for the cause of an Environmental Awareness Program under the 3rd World Wildlife Week. The program was held in collaboration with The Times of India and was attended by 11 schools. Babita Beria's contribution to the art form was appreciated by all present.



Harmony Street Play

On 6 October 2017, five girls of Him Jyoti School went to The Doon School for Nukkad Natak Competition. The topic of the competition was 'Acche Din Ayenge'. It was organized by tGELF and hosted by The Doon School. Our school bagged the 2nd position. The play was appreciated by all present there.



History Quiz at The Doon School

On 7 October 2017, Harshita Bisht, Sonia Rawat, Jyoti Kanwal and Neha Dharmi of class XI went to The Doon School for the Nispaksh History Quiz. The organiser of the quiz was Mr. Vidhukesh. A total of four schools participated in the quiz. The quiz consisted of three rounds. The first round was about medieval history, the second was based on pre-independence history and the last was about post-independence history. 10 points were presented for each correct answer. **Him Jyoti won the quiz and emerged as winner.**

Workshop at The Doon School

On 7 October 2017, 12 girls of the Him Jyoti School attended a workshop on the game of Bridge at The Doon School. It was organised by Mr. Joyjit Sersarma, a famous Indian Bridge coach and Mrs. Rinku Singh. The students were briefed about the rules of the game and were informed that the game will be played in the forthcoming Asian Games 2018. Bridge is known to sharpen mental ability and aids in improving concentration and focus.

The students enjoyed the session and developed a keen interest in the game.

Harmony Debate

On 7 October 2017, six Him Jyotians visited The Doon School for both the Debate and Chess competitions. Four girls participated in the debate- Sense, Reason and Intellect organised by tGELF. The topic for the debate was 'Supreme Court Ruling of Playing the National Anthem in Cinema Halls is Divisive and Forced Patriotism'. In the second round of debate between The



Doon School and Him Jyoti, the former emerged as the winner. It was a very close defeat as Him Jyoti lost by just one point from the Doon School, which is indeed commendable. They stood second and Shalini Balodi was awarded the title of the 'Best Speaker'. Simultaneously, two girls of Him Jyoti School participated in the Chess competition organised by the tGELF.

Mehandi Competition at the Him Jyoti School

On 7 October 2017, the Mehendi Competition was organized at the Him Jyoti School. Girls from different classes participated in the competition and displayed their knack for intricate designs using powdered henna leaves.



They applied mehendi on the hands of their classmates as well as their teachers on the auspicious occasion of Karvachauth. Their flair for the ceremonial art form was undoubtedly remarkable. The most creative artists were given a token of appreciation.

District Junior Volleyball Tournament

On 7 and 8 October 2017, the two volleyball teams of Him Jyoti School went to Tula's International School for the District Junior Volleyball Championship. Both the teams of Him Jyoti exhibited sheer talent during the matches against various schools. On 7th October, Team A played their semi-final match against KVS and bagged a soaring victory. The final match on the following day was played against the Parade Ground Girls' team. Him Jyoti girls put up a great show as they won the Runners up Trophy and Himanshi Rana of Him Jyoti School was awarded the Best Player Trophy.



A Youth Leadership Workshop

On 7th October 2017, the students from PYDS and Him Jyoti School attended a Youth Leadership workshop by 'The Global Education and Leadership Foundation' (T-GELF). The workshop was conducted by Mr. Rahul Augustine. It commenced with a video clip by United Nations highlighting the 17 sustainable goals. After watching it, the students discussed how they could accomplish these goals. It was an interactive session. The children also played memory and brain games. The workshop proved to be an eye opener for all participants.

Learning Social Responsibility at Mayakund Slum, Rishikesh

On 9th October 2017, a few students of Him Jyoti School visited the Mayakund slum area at Rishikesh to participate in the social-service activities organized by Seva Child, India. The 2nd Annual Mayakund Health Camp conducted a drawing competition for the younger kids living in the slum. Him Jyoti School performed a street play based on health and hygiene. This was combined with the distribution of Vitamin A to all the children below the age of five. At lunch hour, the Him Jyoti girls were seen ardently helping in distributing food and spreading smiles. The camp gave a much valuable lesson in social service to the students.



Painting Competition at Vivekananda school

On 11th October 2017, a painting competition was organised at Vivekanand School. There were four participants from our school. Topics were Digital India and Women Empowerment. Babita Beria of class 11 won the second prize.



Supporters' Day Celebration

To honour and highlight the dignity of labour, a prayer service and a short cultural event were organized on 18 October, 2017. The support staff was greeted by teachers and children both. They were made to feel that they too are an integral part of school and their dedication is appreciated by all. The students presented a short colourful programme, which included a lively dance. Students conducted a number of games in which the entire support staff participated enthusiastically.



Diwali Celebration

On 19th October 2017, Diwali was celebrated with a lot of vigour and fervour in the school. The school cultural committee organised Rangoli making activity for the junior wing. The participants showed their artistic skills through skilful use of colours and hues. In the evening, the cultural function commenced in the school atrium, wherein students put up various performances highlighting the importance of Diwali. The students enjoyed this great festival by having a wonderful dance party, followed by a mesmerizing display of crackers. The students were delighted to get school bags as Diwali gift.



HJS MUN'17

To groom young minds, the senior girls of the school organised its first ever, maiden venture of HJS MUN on 20 and 21 October, 2017. There were five committees- SPECOL, UNCSW, UNHRC, UNODC, and LOK SABHA. Each committee was presided over by its respective chairperson and deputies. There were total 115 participants from classes 7 to 12. The students participated enthusiastically and drafted resolutions for the problem put forth by each committee. It was indeed an enriching experience for the girls and a stepping stone to participate in MUNs organised on a large scale.



Lesson in Horticulture

On 22nd October 2017, the students of classes 9 and 11 took the initiative to prepare the fields behind the boarding house for horticulture. Organic vegetables would be sown by the students, once the fields are ready. It provided students an opportunity to learn teamwork and to develop the sense of dignity of labour.



Annual Sports Meet-2017

The Annual Sports Meet of Him Jyoti School was organised on 30th October 2017. The Guest-of-Honour for the day was Mr John Mason, an eminent educationist and The Head of the Academic Committee. The meet was declared open as soon as Mr Mason unfurled the school flag followed by the March Past. The students participated with full zeal and vigour in various athletic events. The highlight of the day was the Yoga Display, which received a lot of appreciation from Mr Mason. There were also some fun races for the junior section like the three legged race and the spoon-lemon race. Mr John Mason thereafter felicitated the winners. Panchachuli House emerged as the Overall winner while the Runners-up trophy was bagged by Nanda Devi House. Mr Mason congratulated the winners and advised the students to take more interest in sports and other co-curricular activities.



Felicitating the 'Best Staff Members – Oct.'17'

On 29th October 2017, the entire staff of Him Jyoti School gathered to formally felicitate the "Best Staff Members" for the month of October. The following staff members were felicitated by the Principal, Ms. Monika Arora:

Best Teacher - Ms. Madhuri Ramola

Best Non-teaching Office Bearer - Ms. Sakshi Tandon

Best Member of Mess Staff – Mr. Narender

Best Member of Supporting Staff – Mr. Sabal Singh

