

Pushpanjali Times

Global Initiatives Special

Principal's view



"In the long history of humankind... those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed."

~ Charles Darwin

One of our school's goals is to nurture and support a student's intrinsic interests in the international environment. We aim to inculcate the understanding of the historical, social, economic, scientific, environmental and technological components of the global age. International and collaborative projects at our school campus equip young people with the necessary knowledge, values, attitudes and behaviour for tomorrow's world. These international projects & activities

have a huge potential to make a sustainable impact on future generations. Winning ISA award proves our genuine efforts for the welfare of education and the world. This edition highlights these ongoing efforts in our school campus. Enjoy reading!



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International Coordinator's view

"Collaborative cultures accelerate the evolution of ideas, because they nurture cross pollination. Competitive cultures slow down the rate of evolution by locking their ideas away."

~ David Hodgson

International collaborative projects and activities can greatly enhance a student's interpersonal skills and give him/her a broader perspective. Experience of working as part of an international team is useful for students in their future roles. Having people from different backgrounds working together on projects and reviewing each other's work also helps to minimize bias. Research shows that heterogeneous groups are more creative than homogenous groups. Heterogeneous groups tend to consider issues from a broader range of perspectives than homogenous groups and so generate a wider range of ideas. Understanding of a broad array of phenomena is enhanced and deepened through examination of the cultures, languages, environmental situations, governments, political relations, religions, geography and history of the world. Our school has won lot of awards and accolades certifying our commitment to the cause of global welfare as we regularly collaborate with our partner schools, their teachers and students from different countries of the world. Not only this our projects are integrated with school curriculum, subjects and global issues. They enhance both scholastic and co-scholastic areas of a student's personality. This newspaper showcases such efforts at a glance. I hope it will enlighten you about our efforts!



- Preeti Sharma, International Coordinator,
DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Enclave

Our Global Activities at a glance -

School Enterprise Challenge

The Commonwealth School Enterprise Challenge is a unique international business competition for school students, aiming to identify and reward the social entrepreneurs of tomorrow. This challenge is supported by TEACH A MAN TO FISH, an international education charity.

Stand Tall - A DAV Pushpanjali Enterprise

It is a great effort of our school students and teachers. They meticulously developed a business plan, launched it, became a part of every aspect of business from market research, production, finance, advertising, sales, HR etc, in the school premises itself. They earned a profit and got an opportunity for fulfilling their social responsibilities of promoting welfare of the planet and its people, especially - Welfare of a Girl Child. The students distributed stationery, uniform to the needy female students of the school. We are proud to share that we've bagged the Top Global Prize of 5000 USD and Ms. Preeti Sharma has won Inspiration Teacher runner up award.

This enterprise is promoting empowerment, self actualization and development of following 21st century skills like - Ambition, persistence, creativity, risk taking, tolerance, personality, communication, leadership, adaptability (adaptability to technology, market trends, financial pressures, customers/members etc.), intuition & vision.

With the present unemployment scenario, we students should learn how to run our own business, earn and employ others in future. So this activity is helpful for the nation as a whole.

It is very interesting to be a part of the global community of entrepreneurial school and competing with so many schools spreading across 70 countries of the world. For more information please visit our school enterprise blog

Blog address - <http://preetiwins.wordpress.com>

Our partner school in this enterprise activity is New Horizon International School, Cameroon located in the continent of Africa. Their business enterprise is related to making & selling Garri & Water Fufu.



Collaborative Website

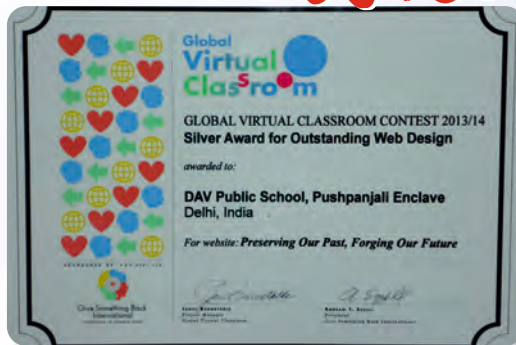
We are a member school of Global Virtual Classroom (GVC) – A project of Give Something Back International, USA. We participated in WEBSITE DESIGNING COMPETITION promoted by the organization and won the silver award,

for making a website in collaboration with two schools. Our team covered three different continents .Asia ,Europe & North America. We intend to fulfill our social responsibilities with this endeavour and promote restoration of sources of our history through this project. For this project we are collaborating with Liceo Classico Giulio Cesare ,an Italian school and St. Paul Lutheran Schools ,USA.

Our website is also promoting cross cultural comparisons , understanding and skills amongst our students as they are a part of lot of field activities planned for the competition.

Visit Our website

<http://sites.google.com/a/gsbi.org/gvc1311/home>



Schools online community & Connecting classrooms project



Schools Online brings the world into the classroom and encourages our students to develop as global citizens. It has interesting resources for teachers and students and provides project space and helps in finding international partners and promoting professional development of teachers.

We regularly participate in interesting programmes offered on this platform for example- 100 words , Annual Inter-school Drama festival ,Debating Matters etc.

The British Council offers funding for partnerships between schools in the UK and other countries. Our school is a grant winner and we have designed interesting projects with our partner school – Torpoint Community College ,UK.

The whole school is involved in this project integrated with different subjects and standards. The teachers and students have visited each others campus and they got a chance to collaborate directly with their international peers, bringing challenging global issues to life and creating meaningful cross-cultural relationships.



D.A.V. Pushpanjali hosted teachers from its partner school in the UK Ms. Karen Horner and Ms. Victoria Gilbert from Torpoint Community College, Cornwall U.K. They were welcomed by the school chairman Dr. R.S. Sharma and the Principal Mrs. Rashmi Raj Biswal. As commonwealth games 2014 are scheduled in Glasgow, Scotland, the collaboration of the schools focused on widening students' knowledge about the commonwealth nations. The project undertaken integrated different subjects at different age levels giving the students exposure of different culture, religions, geographical aspects for a greater understanding of worldwide diversity. The primary students staged a dance drama on the theme 'Unity in Diversity'. Pupils from CBSE-I wing had a group discussion with the U.K. teachers. The teachers were on an exchange visit from 18th April to 23rd April. Ms. Preeti Sharma our International Coordinator had also visited the Torpoint community college, Cornwall U.K. during the summer break. She had come back enriched and had shared her knowledge and experience with the whole school through a power point presentation given by her.



We are also UKIERI (UK India Education and Research Initiative) award winners .Our teachers visited Old Dalby COE Primary School ,Melton Mowbray,UK and their teachers visited us in February and shared their teaching practices and took charge of each other's classrooms. The programme enhanced capacity of teaching staff to further cascade and implement the learning from each other's education system.



ISA Award winners

Our school is British Council ISA (International School Award) – 2013-16 winner.

The British Council International School Award (ISA) is an accreditation scheme that recognizes and celebrates exemplary practices of internationalism in schools. We develop an yearly action plan and implement international activities throughout the year, and collaborate with overseas schools to create a rich learning experience for students through use of ICT, creative pedagogical practices and real context for learning integrated with school curriculum and different standards. Our school ISA story was selected as the best at the ISA award ceremony.



Face to Faith



Face to Faith is an innovative schools programme for 12-17 year olds, which is active in 18 countries and growing. Face to Faith connects students worldwide via a secure website where they interact. The programme features facilitate videoconferences where students discuss global issues from a variety of faith and belief perspectives. Through Face to Faith, students gain the dialogue skills required to prevent conflict by breaking down religious and cultural stereotypes.

Association with the programme has promoted cross-cultural understanding- equipping our students with key 21st century skills needed to live in a world of diverse faiths and beliefs amongst our students. It provides our students with the knowledge, skills and competencies needed

for meaningful inter and intra-faith dialogue across a range of cultures, containing diverse and often conflicting views. Our student members showcase mediation and negotiation skills so that they are able to hold meaningful and respectful interfaith discussions-even if their views diverge.

We regularly participate in almost all the activities promoted by this platform. We were a part of the following activities :
Inter –school video conferences , UN Day video conferences ,Intergenerational video conferences
Celebration of World Peace Day ,Where's The Malaria Net? Campaign ,Human Rights Day celebrations
Photo competition , collaborative Blogs & Solidaritea

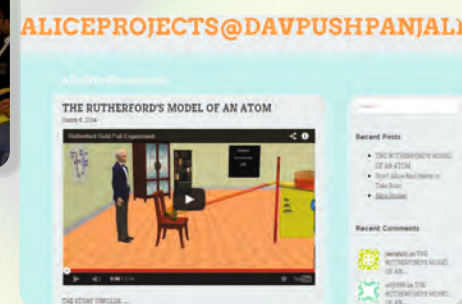


GTA Winners

Our GK Club coordinator Ms.Preeti Sharma conducted Action based research supported by British Council Connecting Classrooms and Cambridge Education Foundation. Her research topic was related to evaluate the efficacy of techniques to enhance the knowledge of current affairs amongst the students and her paper got published by the same organization .She was successfully awarded the GTA (GLOBAL TEACHER ACCREDITATION 2013) for the same by the British Council at Connecting Classroom Conference on 'Supporting Action Research and Reflective Practice' in the Classroom" ,held on 17th Nov'13 in Kolkata. Reflective practice and action research by skilled teachers is the way forward in keeping schools relevant in a changing world. Our teachers feel inspired to reflect and review their innovative practice in the classroom and never hesitate in sharing their ideas with the world.



Oracle Academy



Oracle Academy supports 1.5 million students in 95 countries, with more & more services for schools and a new Java offering for hundreds of thousands of students. We are active members of the academy programmes and have conducted workshops for professional development of teachers at our school campus to make games and stories using Alice and Greenfoot softwares. Our students and teachers actively make educational stories and games related to school curriculum using Alice and Greenfoot . Our students also get involved in video conferences with Oracle Academy facilitators and schools of the world on important and relevant topics like Cloud Computing etc.

Kindly visit our Alice stories and projects blog -
Blog Address - <http://aliceprojectsdavpushpanjali.wordpress.com/>

International Partners – Views & contribution



Mrs. Leanna Johnson

– Teacher at St. Paul Lutheran Schools ,USA.

"Skills in working effectively in global or cross-cultural environments, and using information from different sources around the world are very important for teachers and students. The joint activities with DAV helped to develop perspective and tolerance, which are some of the most important life skills we can give students to prepare them for their future."



Claudia

– Student at St. Paul Lutheran Schools ,USA

"We are so happy to work with such kind, hardworking people around the world esp -DAV."



Ms. Maria Genovese

– Teacher at Liceo Classico Giulio Cesare ,Italy

"An assigned team can do good things; a self-organized team can accomplish great things." ~ Kare Anderson

My students were highly motivated to interact with the Indian students of DAV learning about new cultures and traditions. I can state that this experience has been extremely rewarding so far in many different aspects and has been highly stimulating too.



Frederico

– Student at Liceo Classico Giulio Cesare ,Italy

Working with my DAV friends is quite interesting and a great learning experience



Mrs. Pushpa Ratnayke

– Teacher at Nugawela Central College ,Srilanka

International collaborative projects and activities have enhanced knowledge of other world regions & cultures; and Familiarity with international and global issues has enhanced in the school campus. Working on a Chemistry project was so interesting with DAV teachers and students, we shared games and prizes too and students learnt a lot.



Tharindi

– Student at Sirimavo Bandarnaike Vidyalyaya Colombo, Srilanka

My friends at DAV Pushpanjali have enhanced my personality and I really enjoyed doing collaborative activities related to my curriculum.



Ms. Andrea Hazeldine

– Head Teacher , Torpoint Community College ,UK

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" -Helen Keller

We have an interesting bond with teachers and students of DAV Pushpanjali. Our commonwealth project is an innovative project and we are proud of our partnership which is of mutual benefit for both the schools, parents and our communities, countries and the world.



Mr. Steve Cliff

-Head teacher , Old Dalby COE Primary School, UK

Individually, we are one drop.

Together we are an ocean. -Ryunosuke Satoro

Our teachers visited each others school and we have gained in every aspect of school education by collaborating with DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Enclave



Ben

- Student at Old Dalby COE Primary School, UK

Teachers of DAV visited our school campus and we learnt so much from them.



Kamal Peter

– Senior Program Manager, APAC, Oracle Academy

DAV Pushpanjali is always ahead wherever education technology is concerned. They often facilitate workshops for professional development of teachers. Their students make stories and games using Alice and Greenfoot and participate in international video conferences organized by Oracle. We are proud to be associated with this school.



Ruchi

– Student at DAV Pushpanjali

We are thankful to our school for providing us with the opportunity of becoming a part of lot of collaborative projects. We participate in lot of field work and fulfill our social responsibilities and work in projects to find solutions to the global problems .

Mafah Kuta Cornelius

– Teacher – New Horizon International School ,Cameroon

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.
– H.E Luccock says

We both schools shared our views on our business enterprise and enjoy reading each others blog .Presently we are also doing a Schools online project together.

Molly

– Student at Torpoint Community College ,UK

We completed a lesson together with students of DAV and we learnt a lot about their country and culture.

Ghanapriya

– Coordinator – Face to Faith

DAV Pushpanjali students and teachers regularly and effectively participate in Face to Faith projects and activities and video conferences. It is very interesting to see their UN International days celebrations.

Student Activity

Commonwealth Flag challenge- How many of these can you work out?



Participate in this Commonwealth Quiz.

“And so this is Christmas...”

...and what have you done? Another year over, a new one just began. That's how **John Lennon** sung in 1971 in his *Happy Xmas (War Is Over)*. Even back then Christmas, with its festive atmosphere, but also of peace and reconciliation, has inspired dozens of musical artists to celebrate it, remember it, sing every single shade of it in pieces of music full of power, from the energetic *Thank God It's Christmas* by **Queen** to the sentimental *Last Christmas* by **Wham!**. And so here are, for all those who want to be completely filled with Christmas atmosphere, some of the most important Christmas albums ever released till date.

First, among all, is *Merry Christmas* by the timeless **Mariah Carey**, later followed by the sequel *Merry Christmas II You*. The singer transports us in a very vivacious world, made of sentiments and laughter; even today her hit *All I Want For Christmas Is You* is sung and loved worldwide. Alongside with Mariah, two other ballad queens have challenged themselves with two Christmas albums. One is **Céline Dion**, with her *These Are Special Times*; the unforgettable vocalist shows herself off with ballads full of elegance, creating a timeless atmosphere. The second is the now gone **Whitney Houston**, who offers us *One Wish*, a work not less remarkable than the previous two. The mixture of her massive voice and dreamlike and hypnotic atmospheres creates a perfect masterpiece to remember one of the greatest voices in music history. Also **Christina Aguilera** has left us a Christmas album, *My kind Of Christmas*. The insuperable *The Bold and the Beautiful* interpreter gives us jaunty, mainstream-pop songs, but still not less meaningful. Like her, **Jessica Simpson** has also provided us with not less than two works: *Rejoice: the Christmas Album*, and the most recent one *Happy Christmas*. A sweet, soft voice, and an almost childish atmosphere makes it a work perfect for everyone. Not to forget the queens of RnB, the **Destiny's Child**, and their *8 Days Of Christmas*. Here Beyoncé Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams incarnate perfectly every joyful and wishful teen-ager willing to fully appreciate every second of the Christmas days.

Among the male voices, the first among all is the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, or maybe his juvenile band, **the Jackson 5**, who sing Christmas in their historical *Christmas Album*. The vivacity of the five boys can't be described, you just have to listen to it. The idol of every teenager, **Justin Bieber**, and his *Under The Mistletoe*, should also be remembered. In the classical Bieber style, we see romance and sweetness, alongside of course with a great feeling of love towards the whole world. In the end, we should give the right welcome to two New Entries **Kelly Clarkson**, famous for her warm and scratching voice, who gives us her *Wrapped In Red*, and **Leona Lewis**, who gives us a great Soul disc with her *Christmas With Love*.

Every one of these masterpieces, accompanied by the laughter of friends and the sound of greetings, is the perfect soundtrack for the best time of the year; and we hope that it will always follow, year after year, these magical days.

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