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The Trivia Page!

We update these with every new volume. Check out our general knowledge refresher on *page 7...* Our final segment of this week's volume.

Quote of the Week

"Come out into the universe of Light. Everything in the universe is yours, stretch out your arms and embrace it with love."

- Swami Vivekananda



Diwali Special

Diwali is widely known as the 'Festival of Lights.' This special occasion is celebrated across 4 days, with each day having a special significance.

The origin of Diwali is still unclear. Different parts of India celebrate the festival based on different mythical stories. It has been suggested that in Ancient India, Diwali was celebrated as a harvest festival. In some places, it is believed to be the celebration of the marriage of Lakshmi with Lord Vishnu, whereas, in Bengal, Diwali is celebrated to worship Mother Kaali, the dark Goddess of strength. However, the most famous story of Diwali is the commemoration of the return of Lord Rama from his 14-year exile from Ayodhya, during which he vanquished the demon king, Ravana. In joyous celebration of the return of their king, the people of Ayodhya illuminated the kingdom with earthen oil lamps and lit fire crackers. In Jainism, Diwali has the added significance of the great event of Lord Mahavira attaining the eternal bliss of 'Nirvana.;

Each day of the 4 days of Diwali has its own tale behind it. The first day of the festival, 'Naraka Chaturdasi' marks the defeat of the demon Naraka by Lord Krishna and his wife Satyabhama. 'Amavasya,' the second day of Diwali, marks the worship of Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth in her most benevolent mood, fulfilling the wishes of her devotees. This day also has another story, the story of Lord Vishnu, who in his dwarf incarnation of Vamana vanquished the tyrant Bali, and banished him to hell. Bali was allowed to return to earth once a year to light millions of lamps to dispel darkness and ignorance, and spread the radiance of love and wisdom. It is on the third day of Diwali - 'Karthika Shudda Padyami' that Bali steps out of hell and rules the earth according to the boon given by Lord Vishnu. The fourth day is referred to as 'Yama Dvitiya' and on this day, sisters invite their brothers to their homes.

The Festival of Lights indeed is a way to welcome the new and prosperous year. So enjoy this year's Diwali on 13th November! May this year be a fruitful year for all...

Junior Annual
Day review next
week!

Annual Day Review

Annual Day is one of the most eagerly awaited events on our school calendar because of the fun rehearsals and the opportunity to learn something new from our special teachers. This time, we had the brilliant Mr. Suraj and Mr. Vikram teach us drama and dance to put together a extravagant show for you to watch.

The practice sessions, despite being long, hard, and grueling, were very enjoyable because of the opportunity to learn from the experts from Anupam Kher's 'Actor Prepares' academy, ably assisted by our school teachers. Each rehearsal gave us more to learn and, of course, we wouldn't want to pass up any opportunity to miss a few classes, right?

The choir group was as disciplined, yet as spectacular as ever. These group of students always seem to be able to amaze under the guidance of the ever-ambitious Amit Sir and Anand Sir.

Annual Day 2012 commenced with the prize distribution ceremony. Scholar badges were awarded to students, among other prizes and awards. Soon, it was time for the first segment of the show - 'Rishtey.' 'Rishtey' projected the importance of the various relationships between human beings - such as 'Husband & Wife,' 'Father & Child,' 'Man & Nature' and 'Man & Soldier.' The play also features music in the form of hip-hop and jazz, and beautiful contemporary dance.

At the end of 'Rishtey' was a 20-minute interval for the audience following an assured performance from the students. Following the interval was 'The Jungle Book,' performed by around 50 students specially trained by Mr. Suraj and Mr. Vikram from the 'Actor Prepares' academy.

The introduction was enough to take the breath away. Students playing the animals entered from the darkness, through the aisles and onto the stage stealthily. Applause from the audience ensued. The overall performance provided much enjoyment to the audience with its blend of action, emotion, drama and humour.

The choir group re-entered from the flanks to commence the Grand Finale. All the participating students joined in to mark the end of the show. An address to the audience by Principal Sir, accompanied by Mr. Anupam Kher and the Deputy Commissioner was the final segment in an enthralling day. The brilliant performance from all involved sparked huge applause from everyone present. Needless to say, Annual Day 2012 was a massive hit and ended with a positive note.

Re-election...

On 7th November, 2012, the American people displayed their faith in Barack Obama. Again. "Four more years," tweeted a jubilant Obama. He joins an elite club of American Presidents who have been re-elected into the White House.

- George Washington - The first President of the United States of America was also the first to be re-elected by the American people. Assumed office in 1789. Re-elected in 1792.
- Thomas Jefferson - He was a Founding Father of the America we know of today. Jefferson was the 3rd President and served from 1801-1809.
- James Madison - Hailed as 'The Father of the Constitution;' Madison was the 4th President of the United States of America. Assumed office in 1809. Re-elected in 1813.
- James Monroe - Last President who was a 'Founding Father.' He was also the third of them to die on Independence Day, and the last president from the Virginia Dynasty and the Republican Generation. He served as president from 1817 - 1825.
- Andrew Jackson - He was the 7th president of the USA and the first to be elected by men of all classes in 1828. Served from 1829 - 1837.
- Abraham Lincoln - He was elected in 1861. However, he was assassinated and could complete only 42 days of his second term.
- Ulysses S. Grant - He was the 18th president of the United States and served between 1869 and 1877.
- Grover Cleveland - He was the 22nd and 24th president. He is the only US president to serve two non-consecutive terms.
- William McKinley - He was the 25th president of the USA. His election marked the second period of dominance of the Republican Party in US politics. He was assassinated six months into his second term after completing his first.
- Woodrow Wilson - He was the 28th president of the USA, serving from 1913 to 1921. He led America through World War 1.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt - He was elected as president for four terms (the only exception) but died in office, during his 4th term. He served from 1933-1945.
- Harry Truman - Successfully guided USA through World War II. The Cold War era started during his presidency which span between 1945 and 1953.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower - He was the 34th president and occupied office from 1953-1961.
- Richard Nixon - He resigned from the post during the second term, following the Watergate scandal. Held office between 1969 and 1974.
- Ronald Reagan - The 40th president of the USA held office from 1981-1989. Before presidency, he was a radio, film and television actor.
- Bill Clinton - He served as the 42nd president of USA. Under his presidency, the USA went through the longest period of peacetime economic expansion in American history.
- George W. Bush - Bush was president from 2000-2008. Eight months into his first term, the 9/11 attacks occurred. In response, Bush announced the War on Terror.
- Barack Obama - Elected in 2008, and now re-elected in 2012, Obama is the first Black president of the USA. He has 4 more years to repay the faith shown by the American people.

Stats & Facts	Party	Stats	Facts
This week, Facts about U.S Presidents who have been re-elected.	Republican	7 presidents re-elected.	18 republican presidents in total.
	Democrat	7 presidents re-elected.	16 democratic presidents in total.
	Democratic-Republican	3 presidents re-elected.	4 democratic-republican presidents in total.

Use a QR code reader to view the videos.

Culture Hub

YouTube: (Our favourite content from YouTube this week!)



A video montage of Thierry Henry's best goals in an Arsenal shirt. The prolific striker was the arch picker of opposition pockets. He plundered 228 goals for 'The Gunners.'



A great video by Chris Pirillo, on the 'Lockergnome' YouTube channel, in which he talks about the value of apps, relative to day-to-day items. Check this guy out. He's a tech geek and hosts some of the best tech videos on YouTube.



Here's an awesome video by YouTube celebrity and megastar 'MysteryGuitarMan.' In this video, he plays 'Magic Flute' by Mozart by blowing into root beer bottles.

Paintings: (Best artistic creations over the years.)



The *Starry Night* was painted by Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh. Although van Gogh only sold one painting in his life, the aftermath of his death is enormous. *Starry Night* is one of his most famous paintings and has become one of the most well-known images in modern culture. The painting shows the village of Saint-Rémy under a swirling sky, in a view from the asylum towards north. The cypress tree to the left was added to the composition. Since 1941 In the collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.



The Sistine Chapel ceiling, painted by Michelangelo between 1508 and 1512, at the commission of Pope Julius II, is one of the most renowned artworks of the High Renaissance. The ceiling is that of the large Chapel built within the Vatican in Rome. Central to the ceiling decoration are nine scenes from the Book of Genesis. Among the last to be completed was the Creation of Adam in which God the Father breathes life into Adam, the first man.



Completed in 1642, at the peak of the Dutch Golden Age, *The Night Watch* is one of the most famous paintings by Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn. It depicts a city guard moving out, led by Captain Frans Banning Cocq and his lieutenant, Willem van Ruytenburch. For much of its existence, the painting was coated with a dark varnish which gave the incorrect impression that it depicted a night scene, leading to the name *Night Watch*. This varnish was removed only in the 1940s.

Messages from contributors!

Principal Sir

My compliments to the entire Newsletter Team for taking time out and continuing to publish the newsletter despite the hectic schedules due to various academic tests and examinations.

The response to the newsletter has been overwhelming in more ways than one. The composition, creativity and a mature amalgamation of expression and variety speaks volumes particularly when considering the limited exposure of the students in the field of journalism.

Sonali Ma'am

The launch of a student newsletter has been a source of great pride and satisfaction. From its inaugural issue it has won the hearts of all readers. It's the pulse of the student community and offers interesting insights into the thoughts, interests and values shared by our young Dispites. We look forward to witnessing its journey in the years ahead.

Priya Ma'am

I am very proud of my dear students who have brought out a beautiful newsletter. It combines entertainment with regular information, through pictures, articles, polls and other interesting features. I look forward to the future volumes.

Anand Sir

The newsletter is a revolutionary step taken by the students. It has done really well to promote school unity, but work could still be done in bridging the gap between junior students and senior students. Overall, the newsletter has been a huge success.



Check out the new Facebook Page!

"Our mission is to encourage cooperation among students, to promote school unity, and maintain its integrity and high standards across the globe."

The newsletter page intends to keep students and teachers updated about the latest happenings and events of school. The newsletter is based on content provided by students, so we hope the Facebook page makes it easier for students to contribute their material as well as provide us with valuable feedback. This page also serves as a medium to keep students and teachers up to date with the latest pictures and trivia about our school.

Like our page at www.facebook.com/thedpsnewsletter

We would like to thank Principal Sir, all the teachers and students for helping us make this newsletter a success. We hope to see many more student and teacher contributions in future volumes!

Many thanks to Ketur Sir, Arvinder Sir and Shravani Ma'am for helping us deliver the newsletter to you every Monday!



Facts about Diwali

- 1) Diwali is the largest and most famous holiday celebrated in India. It marks the Hindu New Year.
- 2) Diwali is celebrated over a period of 5 days beginning in late Ashwin and ending in early Kartik.
- 3) Diwali is celebrated as 'Kali Puja' in West Bengal by worshipping Goddess Kali.
- 4) In Northern India, with the diminishing use of Sanskrit, the word 'Deepavali' was contracted to 'Diwali.'
- 5) Gambling during Diwali is believed to bring good luck and prosperity in the year ahead.
- 6) In Hinduism, Diwali is celebrated to mark the return of Lord Rama after a 14-year exile according to North Indian traditions, but down South, the death of the evil Narakasura at the hands of Lord Krishna is the main reason.

What I love about

DPS:

"DPS is my alma mater. I get wealth in the form of knowledge and excellence. I will always cherish the memories I made here and the great support I receive from my teachers."

- Aishwarya (IX IG)

"The approachability of teachers and staff, and my eventful 8 year association with the school, make DPS more of a family than just an institution."

- Sahaj (XI AL)

"The teachers in this school are like a lamplight, guiding us all the time through the pathway to success. DPS's uniqueness lies in its skill of managing both academics and extra curricular activities. This is why I love DPS."

- Rajalakshmi (IX IC)

DPS's Graduates

School is a place that teaches us things both on purpose, and by accident. It's this combination of book learning and life learning that gives us the foundation for all that we become. DPS has played a really crucial role in my life. Even though I have only spent 2 years here, they were, without doubt, the best two years of my life. It has not only prepared me in terms of career but also in other aspects of life. I have gained skills that cannot be taught. The teachers have always been approachable which is why learning has always been a pleasant experience. IGCSE has therefore always been engrossing. I have also made friends whom I will treasure for life. Therefore I would like to express my deepest gratitude to DPSIS for being a part of my life.

Aishwarya Singh (IGCSE Batch of 2011)

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