The newsletter has been an important source for news on all the events that have taken place in our school.

We chose “The Beat” as the new name because we wanted to bring forth the newsletter as an essential part of DPS. The Beat pulsates with the rhythm of DPS; the way our hearts beats in time with our existence.

This year, a new team takes over the position of the DPS Newsletter Editors. We aim to make the newsletter not just few pages filled with news, but also a work of art. In our first edition of “The Beat”, we have covered events that have taken place in April and also the new school appointments.

We are looking forward to a new year, a new beginning for the newsletter.

Thank you,

The Editorial Team
As a part of the annual “Art Week”, a fresco painting competition was organized for the students of classes 8 & above as an inter-house activity.

The wall painting was to embody the theme “New Beginnings.” The four houses: Glacier, Lake, Oasis and Spring, went head to head in a duel which lasted three hours. In the given time, the teams of 5 or 6, transformed an ordinary wall into an eye-catching and lively showpiece.

After much deliberation and thought by the judges, the close contest ended with Oasis house emerging victorious as the winners and Spring house, the runner-ups. Glacier followed in the third place, while Lake occupied the fourth position.

Oasis house chose to depict the birth of a newborn to represent the start of a new life. They also portrayed the flight of bird, which symbolizes the beginning of new day & adventure.

Spring house's fresco adopted the theme of friendship by displaying four friends watching the sunset together. It is also incorporated a tree with falling leaves to illustrate the dawn of a new season.

In the end, irrespective of the results, all teams left cheery with satisfaction after seeing their hard work brighten up the halls.

-Sruthi Pillai (XI AL)
On the jubilant milestone of Founder’s Day, our school organized an Inter house Dance Competition from Classes 4th to 11th. It was a rapturous and transforming experience not only for the participants but also for the audience as they saw their peers transfigure into dancers.

On the day of the performance, the stage was lined up with anxious students who were gleaming in their enticing costumes and make-up. The theme for the seniors was ‘A New Beginning’; for the juniors, ‘Friendship’. The houses were expected to prepare posters which would harmonize with their dance and assist in broadcasting their message to the audience.

The first house to perform was Glacier House. Glacier’s interpretation of the theme revolved around a performer who had lost her courage when she broke her leg on the day of her performance. She is then helped by a team of passionate dancers to do her best.

Last year’s dance competition winner, Oasis House, used feminism as their take on a new beginning. The house portrayed the suppression of women by the society effectively through their dance. They then showed the women starting their lives anew by surmounting suppression and evolving into more confident and valiant figures.

Spring House narrated the story of girl, through their graceful dance, who was demotivated and subdued by the society. When she realizes her importance, she decides to turn her weaknesses into strengths and thus develops into a headstrong person.

Lake House exemplified the idea that everybody’s perfect and nobody needs to change anything about himself due to any mere person or situation. Their team was divided into three groups. The group rain were characterized as delicate and diffident individuals who were ambiguous about the situations that surrounded them while the group Sun overcomes insecurity and shyness motivating the rain group to start afresh. The thunder team were the antagonists in the dance acting as obstacles in the way of the team rain.

When the time to announce the results of the competition arrived, everyone cheered heartily for their house. Oasis grabbed the first place title for both the junior and senior categories. Lake seniors came in first as well, tied, while the Lake juniors came fourth. Spring juniors bagged the second place, their seniors procuring second place as well. Both the Glacier teams secured third positions.

- Amishi Bagati (IX IG)
"EVEN FROM MY SICKBED, EVEN IF YOU ARE GOING TO LOWER ME TO THE GRAVE AND I FEEL THAT SOMETHING IS GOING WRONG, I WILL GET UP."

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The assembly started off on a solemn note, as we were having a special segment in the remembrance of Singapore's late founding father Dr Lee Kuan Yew. My friends Nikita, Pallavi, Shubhangi and I had the opportunity to share with the school about Dr Lee Kuan Yew's tremendous contributions to Singapore. A minute of silence was also observed, where everyone in the school stood still in silence as a mark of respect. The Singapore flag was also raised whilst the Singapore national anthem was playing.

The emcees then proceeded to announce the newly appointed leaders for the houses - Glacier, Lake, Oasis and Spring and the new Student Council of 2015. They mainly comprise of students from 9th grade and 11th grade. The captains of the house were dressed in their house T-shirts while the student councilors were dressed in full uniform.

As their names and positions were announced, each one of them walked towards the stage with confidence and a warm smile on their face. The rest of the school gave them a thunderous applause as they knew that all the new appointees were carefully picked and would play key in bringing the school to greater heights.

Another important segment of the assembly was celebrating Helper's day to acknowledge the Helper's tremendous contribution in keeping the school clean and hygienic. Some students who have been in the school for many years shared with the other students, how the helpers were ever so friendly and always working so hard to keep the school so clean.

The helpers were then given certificates of appreciation and flowers as a form of gratitude for their endless service. The amount of help they do is truly beyond their limits as most of them are aged, that's why everyone in the school has to do their After his departure on 23rd March 2015, a segment of the assembly held on 30th April 2015 was dedicated to pay tribute to a great national leader, the founding father of Singapore, Dr. Lee Kuan Yew.

Singapore had a week of national mourning for the demise of the great soul. He toiled laboriously for his whole life, with strict discipline, for the growth of Singapore.

Thousands went to see the departed at the Parliament, representing various Organizations, schools, institutions etc. Community Centres at various regions on the island allowed the public to express their sorrows by writing down condolence messages and paying their final respects.

Having done so much for Singapore, the students of class 11 A-Levels initiated a special assembly in remembrance of Dr. Lee. The assembly was held on April 30 2015.

The class of 11 A-Levels took nearly a week in preparing for the assembly.

The whole class was occupied in performing their respective duties for the assembly. On the day of assembly, rain fell from the skies as they cried. The assembly started with a minute of silence. Then we had speeches delivered by some of the students from class 11 A-Levels and by our Principal. The assembly ended off with the flag raising ceremony, in which the national anthem of Singapore was played.

This was the least that DPSIS was able to do for the great soul for his endless contributions to Singapore and the world. May his soul Rest In Peace.

-Shanmugam Thirupurasundharam (XI AL)

-Niharika Karanam(XI AL)
The 13th of March proved to be no ordinary day for the young Dipsites—the most awaited soccer tournament had arrived. After weeks of rigorous and back-breaking training, all their efforts were about to pay off. Prior to the commencement of the event, the four teams were all briefed on the basic rules and regulations and soon after the games began.

Unlike the earlier Playoff set up, our coach Julius sir had organised a league-style tournament wherein every team would play the other. Mixed feelings of nervousness and excitement were felt at all four camps as the fixtures were announced.

The competition kicked off with the first match between Glacier and Lake. Both sides were evenly matched but after a nail biting finish, Glacier pulled through 2-1. Following this, a series of matches were played. Most matches were very close and went right down to the wire while a couple were one sided.

After the league games were over, the scorekeepers revealed the final results. Glacier and Oasis were thrilled and overjoyed to have made it to the Final, but Lake and Spring still would battle it out for the third spot.

The 3rd place qualifier began with both teams fighting with a competitive spirit not willing to give in. The scorecard was finally opened when Lake’s striker was able to find the net through a well-crafted free kick. The match ended with Lake emerging triumphant while there was still applause for Spring who fought well.

After having settled the 3rd place battle, it was time for the final match. Kick-off happened with a bang with both teams launching fierce and creative attacks but none being able to gain any ground. The deadlock was broken when Oasis house was able to find the back of the opposition net taking the lead through their play. Glacier continued to push on. They were finally rewarded when Arvind’s free-kick equalized the score resulting in wild celebration.

The game continued and in the end it was Oasis who netted the game changer off a free-kick. The feat of again catching up proved to be too much for Glacier and after a scintillating game; it was finally the green team who clinched the champion’s title.

-RISHABH JOHN (IX IC)
The DPS family, has given me so many valuable relationships, opportunities, and memories for me to cherish in the short span of 5 years I’ve been here. Having almost only a year of schooling left, it’s my turn to give back to this family.

Being elected School Captain is a privilege and wouldn’t have been possible without the guidance and support of all the teachers and members of faculty, my team-mates at Glacier House, and most importantly the most valuable encouragement and advise from my friends. I understand that it comes with a number of responsibilities and that there a several expectations to be met. Taking on the reigns of the Student Council that organized numerous successful events in the last academic year, is not an easy task. We want to safeguard and progress the work of the previous council. With some amazing new ideas, and new methods of conducting events from a brand new team of Student Council members, we promise to work together for you, giving you several participating opportunities, and making this year a truly extraordinary one!

-Krithika Lakshmi (School Captain)

Ten long years at DPS have raced past swiftly, yet they just didn’t seem enough. Well, now I have solely a year or so of school life left to bask and revel in and make the most of, and I fathom that this short period will slip by even before I realize it, like water escapes from a tightly clenched fist. My teachers have been kind in considering me worthy of the post of the School Co-Captain, and my friends, unflagging pillars of support. I have witnessed our seniors striving to enhance our experiences at school each year, and now to be handed that very responsibility is overwhelming. And so, I look forward to a bright and spiritful academic year, perhaps the best of my schooling, working hand in hand with the student council and our mentors; for the students, and for myself.

-Vinuthna Kovvuri (School Co - Captain)

I feel privileged and honoured to be selected as the sports captain for the following academic year. It came to me as a surprise and I wasn’t expecting to be chosen as the captain. My aims would be to ensure that there’s discipline on the field and everyone plays fair in all upcoming house events and to ensure the proper use of the sports equipment. I thank the teachers who have appointed me to this position and I won’t let them down. This opportunity would help me become a better leader, and foster impartiality and correct judgment in my character. I will try my best to fulfill the expectations as a sports captain. Thanks again to everyone who has helped me to reach here and I hope to make them proud.

-Vridhii Urs (Sports Captain)
Prasha Maithani  
**Literary Society Captain**

Being appointed to be the head of the literary society is a privilege. The Literary Society will strive to nurture a love for books - textbooks and literary works alike - in every student, because reading and writing are essential for our existence.

Ananya Saxena  
**Green Thumb Committee Captain**

As a part of the DPS family since its inception in 2004, I was elated when I was elected as the Green Thumb Committee Captain.

I envision a clean and hygienic friendly atmosphere to benefit all fellow students. There will be various events and awareness campaigns held in order to achieve this. I am looking forward to an avid response from all students.

Devi Ishwarya  
**Visual Arts Captain**

Visual Arts Club offers students with interest in visual arts to come together. The Visual Arts club creates a platform for students to showcase their talent and expand their knowledge in art and art-making through different mediums such as painting, digital art, sculpture and etc.

Through various exciting competitions I hope to bring out the artistic talents of the students and introduce them to a broader audience. So come and join us!

Nikita Vattas  
**Performance Arts Captain**

The arts are truly one of the most beautiful means of expression that we are gifted with. They call us together and invite us to look at our surroundings in a different perspective; in a creative way with an open mind.

The PA Club at DPS seeks to bring out the hidden talents of the school, be a group with the same passion for the stage burning in their hearts and express themselves through dance, drama and music.

Vinay Viswanathan  
**Performance Arts Captain**

Music’s a passion. Something which soothes the heart, and radiates and resonates you really are. Me being chosen to be the one to bring that out of others? Ecstasy turned to marvel turned to responsibility. And here we are, me ready to answer the call of duty. The call of what I’ve always wanted to do.

Sherin Varghese  
**Entrepreneur Society Captain**

It is an honor to be part of the Student Council and I am euphoric to be the Head of the Entrepreneur Society.

The Entrepreneur Society focuses in conducting various business related activities through which it can raise fund for charity and for other events organized by the Student Council. The conducted activities will surely be enriching, interesting and memorable. I look forward for active participation from all Dipsites.
House Posts 2015-16

Rishabh John - Vice Captain
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Shubhangi Mani - Co-Captain
Sanjana Pingali - Co-Captain

Lavanya - Co-Captain
Pallavi Sharma - Vice Captain
Kaushik - Captain
Shanmugam Thiru - Co-Captain

Shagun Bansal - Vice Captain
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Shrish Roy - Co-Captain

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Football Sr. Competition - 29th May
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