

DPS STS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023





#### **Pre-Primary and Primary Sections celebrate Victory Day 2023**



The students and teachers of the Pre-Primary and Primary Sections of the DPS STS School Dhaka's Junior School celebrated Victory Day 2023 on 15th December. The students wore colourful dresses and also did craftwork in the classroom themed around Bangladesh's flag day. A special assembly was held with the students, teachers, Junior School's leadership, and the Vice Principal of Junior School Ms. Sumona Karim. Special songs, dances, and speeches were performed by the students and teachers at the assembly to honour the date of 16th December 1971, the day on which Bangladesh achieved victory in the Liberation War.





DPS STS School Dhaka's Senior School also celebrated Victory Day on 15th December 2023 with a special assembly and an art competition. The special assembly featured speeches and songs performed in honour of Victory Day. The special assembly came to an end with the Bangladeshi flag being hoisted at the Senior School campus by the Vice Principal Ms. Tarana Majid Ahmed in the presence of all the teachers and students. The art competition was organized by Abinta Kabir Foundation.



### Kaizen and Scholar Award Ceremony 2023-2024 held



The DPS STS School Dhaka organized the Scholars and Kaizen Award Ceremony 2023-2024 on 14th December 2023 at the Senior School auditorium. On the occasion students who showed sustained improvement of even 5% in their academic performances received the Kaizen awards. And the Scholars' Awards were given to students who received 90% or above in their examinations. Students from grades 5-12 were presented with certificates in front of their parents and teachers.

During the event, the Principal Dr Shivananda CS also announced to the present parents, that eight students from DPS STS School Dhaka's 2023 graduating year were accepted in universities ranked within the top 20 in the world, which is a massive achievement. The Principal also mentioned a few more achievements of the school, congratulated the award winners, and inspired them with motivational stories.







#### Fahmida Afreen accepted at Harvard with 96% Scholarship



We are ecstatic to share that Fahmida Afreen, a graduate from Batch 2023 of DPS STS School Dhaka got accepted into the highly prestigious Harvard University this week. Harvard University is currently ranked fourth best University in the whole world, and according to some sources it is ranked third. She has received 96% scholarship from Harvard university. She has demonstrated coherence in her interest, work and hobbies which lead her to Harvard.

Fahmida's SAT Score is whopping 1570 out of 1600. She secured four A\*s in her A' levels subjects, which were Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. With the guidance of our career counsellors, she also pursued co-curricular activities, such as taking a couple of online courses on Paediatric Health and Neurosciences from John Hopkins University and Coursera - which is an online learning platform. She also got selected as one of the attendees of Global Health Leaders Conference at Johns Hopkins University, which had a 9.9% acceptance rate, in their 2022 session. She also became one of the Student Speakers at the conference, and spoke about Disparities in Cancer Care. She also served as a volunteer for an NGO, which offers help to cancer patients in Bangladesh. She completed a two-week internship as an Infectious Disease Detective at Child Health Research Foundation - the internationally acclaimed research institute in Bangladesh that collaborates with universities like Stanford, Cambridge, Johns Hopkins, etc. She achieved 2nd Position in Biology segment from all over the country at National Digital Learning Competition 2020, which is a competition to create an outline for an academic year and conduct effective and easy-to-understand classes for the high school level. As an active alumna of the DPS STS, she is willing to guide her juniors to prepare for the elite universities in the world. She will be conducting multiple webinars for them.



## Script and Report Card showing day for Grades 3 and 4









The students of Grade 3 and 4 sat for their exam for the first time in the month of November. On Friday, 15th December 2023, they, along with their parents, were invited to the school to have a look at their answer scripts. They appreciated the chance to discuss and clarify their queries.

Showing the answer scripts to the students and holding discussion on answer scripts with them is a practice which not only improves and strengthens the learning experience of the students, but it also makes the evaluation process transparent and accountable. The students can identify their strengths and weaknesses of learning, and discuss these with their teachers . This can improve their knowledge of the subject, rectify the errors they make and advance their understanding of the subject.



## **Glimpses from the Mid-Term Parents-Teachers' Meeting at the Senior School**



The Mid-term Parents-Teachers' Meeting (PTM) for students of Grades 5-12 was successfully held on 20th December 2023. The meeting took place between teachers, students, and parents in the respective classrooms of the Senior School campus.

The parents provided the feedback to the school that they felt really happy from being able to freely discuss with the teachers about the progress their children were making in the respective subjects after the first term. The parents were also informed by the teachers about the specific things the students will have to do to improve on particular subjects and topics.







### **DPS STS holds Teachers Training for Granada School**



The DPS STS School Dhaka organized a Teachers' Training Seminar for 18 teachers of The Granada School in Manikganj. The trainers for the event were the honourable Vice Principal of DPS STS Junior School Ms. Sumona Karim and the Dean of Lower-Secondary Section and Program Leader of Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications (PDQ) Mr. Ilham Adnan Alam.

#### **First Meeting of DPS STS Young Entrepreneurs Programme (YEP)**





First meeting of the DPS STS Young Entrepreneurs Programme (YEP) took place on Sunday, 17th December 2023, at the Main Hall of the Senior School campus. Interested students from both Lower-Secondary and Upper-Secondary Sections attended this meeting.

In the meeting a TED Talk by a young changemaker and climate activist Melati Wijsen of Indonesia, was shown to the students to inspire them about taking initiatives that will benefit their community. The video was titled "A roadmap for young changemakers."

Following the video the Principal Dr Shivananda CS gave a presentation introducing YEP - a new initiative of DPS STS School Dhaka. Following the presentation, the students asked questions about the initiative, and heard a speech by Senior School Librarian Md. Sultan Kawsar, in which he discussed questions sent by students ahead of the session about the DPS STS YEP initiative.

The students have been given time until the winter break to think about the initiative and come up with entrepreneurial ideas that will benefit their community. We are excited to review the ideas that will be brought by our students.



#### **Book Display Programme to celebrate National Victory Day 2023**



The Literature and Library Club organized a "Book Display Programme" to celebrate National Victory Day 2023, focusing on the great Liberation War of 1971.

# Virtual Cultural Exchange Programme between DPS STS and DPS School of East Bangalore



On Saturday, 26th November 2023, the first introductory online meeting of a virtual exchange programme of the Social Studies Department between DPS School, East Bangalore, India, and DPS STS School Dhaka was held. A total of 32 participants attended the meeting which consisted of students of Grade 7 from both the DPS STS School Dhaka and DPS School, East Bangalore, India, along with facilitators of both schools.

Participants from both schools introduced themselves, and the main topic of discussion was "Social Media -How daily use of social media can affect the attention span of students?" Students presented PowerPoint slides and mentioned different positive and negative impacts regarding the topic. They categorized and focused on different social media platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram, Discord, YouTube, etc. The meeting concluded with an interactive Q&A session.















**Congratulations to Ms. Nasrin A Khan for completing Bachelor of Education from Royal University of Dhaka** 



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## Nasrin Akhter

ID No. 0452230013102018, a student of the Faculty of Arts & Social Science of Royal University of Dhaka, has fulfilled all requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Education in 2023. Her CGPA is **3.94** out of 4.00.

#### Mr. Emran Jamshed Taher publishes 'Reasoning Rhymes'



Here is the link to the video of Mr. Emran talking about his poetry anthology "Reasoning Rhymes": https://drive.google.com/file/d/106juvrpvlN5ZxCBeldG3t-Mc-O\_vbGrw/view?pli=1

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