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ECP Beach Cleanup

Students from 11 ISC and 12 AL participate in a cleanup along East Coast Park

DPSIS students from Grades 11 and 12 participated in a meaningful beach and urban cleanup at East Coast Park (Marine Cove), in collaboration with WWF and Stridy. Over two hours, students collected 11 kilograms of litter from the beach and surrounding urban areas—including car parks, bicycle stands, and playgrounds.

Common items included cigarette butts, takeaway containers, and tissues, along with surprising finds like broken electronics and glass pieces, showing how quickly everyday litter can accumulate and harm the environment. Guided by Stridy volunteers, students also learned about Singapore's growing waste challenge and the importance of individual responsibility. As Priyanka (11 ISC) shared, "Feed the trash bins instead of the ground."



With projections from the National Environment Agency (NEA) suggesting that Semakau Landfill could reach full capacity by 2035 if waste generation continues at current levels, this experience reminded students that small actions, taken together, create real impact.

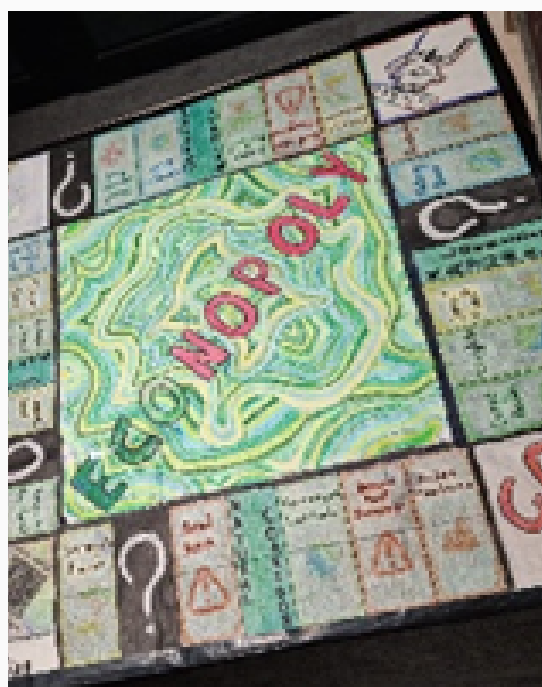


A proud moment of teamwork, learning, and environmental responsibility in action!

WWF Sustainability Week

DPS students participate in WWF's Sustainability week activities.

Students got hands-on with environmental action through a series of fun, engaging activities designed to make sustainability stick—literally and figuratively!



Problem-Solving Econopoly

A creative spin on Monopoly! Each “property” represented a habitat facing real-world environmental issues. Players proposed solutions to earn cards, while opponents could challenge them. First to collect 5 cards won—mixing strategy, creativity, and critical thinking about the planet.

Hydroponic Planting Initiative

Students rolled up their sleeves to grow edible plants like lettuce, basil, and thyme in eco-friendly hydroponic setups that minimise water runoff. It was a hands-on lesson in sustainable agriculture and nurturing life responsibly.

Waste Segregation Rally

Younger students raced against the clock to sort tubs of mixed waste into plastics, paper, and cardboard after a short briefing on global waste issues. Winning teams earned prizes while everyone learned how small actions make a big difference.

Plastic Waste Bins & Eco Escape Room

New recycling bins were installed near canteens to encourage proper disposal of plastics. Seniors faced an interactive escape room challenge themed around pollution and recycling, putting their eco-knowledge to the ultimate test.



At the end of the week, **participants received certificates** recognizing their efforts, celebrating their commitment to sustainability and eco-conscious leadership.

2026 Chingay Parade

DPS students attend the 2026 Chingay Parade.

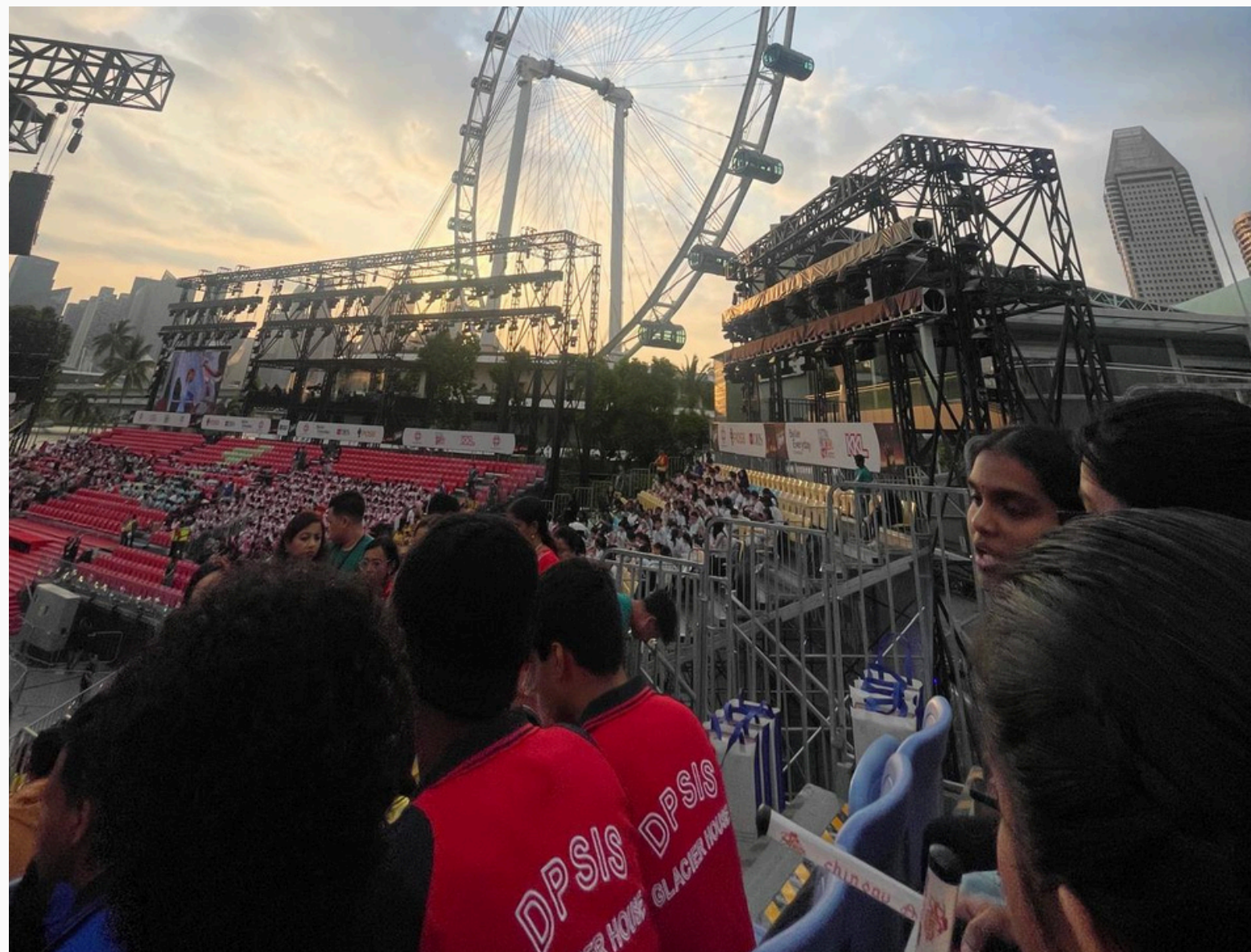
DPSIS students from Grades 12 to 10 had the privilege of attending the 2026 Chingay Parade at the F1 Pit Building on 28 February, experiencing one of Singapore's most beloved multicultural celebrations up close..



Under the theme "WISH," the parade brought together the collective hopes and aspirations of Singapore's diverse communities in a truly spectacular evening. Breaking from tradition, this year's edition introduced a ring-shaped arena with audiences seated around a circular, multi-tiered stage, creating a fully immersive atmosphere that made students feel right at the heart of the action, surrounded by colour, music, and movement on all sides

Eight acts took the stage, four of which drew inspiration from Singapore's local ethnic festivals, Chinese New Year, Christmas, Deepavali, and Hari Raya, highlighting the common values and joy that unite our racial communities. Students were struck by how seamlessly each act flowed into the next, weaving together stories from different cultures into one shared celebration. Adding to the magic, every audience member was given a lightstick at the entrance. As the arena dimmed and thousands of coloured lights swayed together, it became one of those rare moments where the audience itself became part of the performance.

Beyond the spectacle, the experience sparked meaningful reflection on Singapore's multicultural heritage and what it means to belong to a society built on diversity and mutual respect. With Singapore and Malaysia jointly nominating the Chingay Parade for UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage recognition, this was a timely reminder of just how significant this tradition is not only locally but also regionally.



A memorable evening of culture, community, and pride in action!

National library Board– S.U.R.E framework

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DPS Students from classes 11 to 10 attend the National Library Board's seminar on how to spot fake news using the S.U.R.E framework



DPSIS students from Grades 12 to 10 recently had a guest speaker from the National Library Board (NLB) visit the school for a session on media literacy and how to spot fake news.

Students were first presented with a series of news articles — some real, some fabricated and asked to decide which was which. It sparked plenty of discussion, with many students genuinely surprised by how convincing misinformation can look at first glance. The speaker then introduced NLB's S.U.R.E. framework, Source, Understand, Research, and Evaluate- a practical tool for critically assessing the information we come across every day, walking students through how each step could have helped them make better judgments in the exercise they had just completed.

The speaker also shared tips on how to detect AI-generated faces, pointing out subtle but telling signs such as unnatural skin textures, asymmetrical features, and oddly blurred backgrounds that are easy to miss if you are not looking carefully. With AI-generated imagery becoming increasingly common online, it was a useful reminder to look a little closer before taking what we see at face value.

Students are left with practical tools they can apply in their everyday lives, and a reminder that knowing how to question what we read and see online is a skill worth developing.

A useful and thought-provoking session on critical thinking and digital literacy!

Health and Wellness

Events and sessions

MASTERING FOCUS, ATTENTION & MINDSET (WELL BEING MASTERCLASS)

The mindfulness session, led by counseling psychologist and youth educator, Drishti Bhasin, addresses the modern challenges of maintaining focus amid digital distractions, detailing the decline in attention spans and the impact of technology. This briefing emphasized the importance of attention for learning and creativity, and outlined strategies such as the Pomodoro Technique and Deep Work to enhance focus. Cognitive load theory was discussed, highlighting the need to manage distractions to improve retention.

Cal Newport's 'deep work' philosophy was one of the focus frameworks suggested by Ms. Bhasin, accompanied by time blocking and other essential planning techniques students would greatly benefit from to reduce workload anxiety and procrastination. Study rituals, declutter challenges and more were introduced to help manage the issues we face daily in this digital era, a rigged algorithm that diminishes cognitive ability.



Throwback

Unforgettable festivities-
welcoming the new year

A rare and powerful combination that only appears once every 60 years. The Horse, the seventh animal of the Chinese zodiac, is a symbol of momentum, freedom, and determination. It embodies independence of mind, vitality, and boldness.



The legend of Nian was beautifully illustrated through a reenactment on stage, capturing the essence of victory over fear, marking the passage of time from a period of danger (winter) to a period of safety and growth (spring).

The students of 10-IGCSE did not fail to capture a single spectacle, from the luminous red lanterns to the marvelous fireworks. The skit was followed by a performance by the girls of 11 AS, sealing the festive spring spirit with a graceful, themed dance.

