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• GRADE 6 TO 8

Celebrating Unity in Diversity Through Rajasthani Folk Dance



On Sunday, 6 September 2026, students from DPS International School participated in the Raksha Bandhan celebration organised by the Hindu Centre Singapore, under the inspiring theme "Unity in Diversity." The students presented a vibrant Rajasthani folk dance, celebrating the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Rajasthan.

The programme was inaugurated by our chairman Mr. C.P. Kabra, who attended as the Guest Of Honour, and marked the occasion by tying a 'Rakhi' for Ms. Low Yen Ling (Senior Minister of State for MCCY and MTI).

The performance began with "Runjhun Baje Ghunghra," bringing alive the rhythmic footwork and lively beats of the ghungrus, followed by the graceful "Ghoomar." The students captivated the audience with elegant circular movements, colourful traditional attire, expressive gestures and well-coordinated formations.

Through this lively performance, our students beautifully showcased the joy, vibrancy and cultural richness of Rajasthan, while reflecting the true spirit of "Unity in Diversity"—celebrating our diverse cultures and traditions while coming together as one.





DPS CHESS CHAMPIONS SHINE AT THE SINGAPORE NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP!

12th September 2026 was a proud and memorable day for DPS International School as our young chess players competed in the Singapore National Chess Championship, displaying remarkable focus, determination and sportsmanship.

A total of 20 students represented the school, with 12 players in the U12 category and 8 players in the U10 category. Their confidence, perseverance and fighting spirit were evident throughout the competition.



The highlight of the day was the outstanding performance of our U12 Team 1, which secured 1st position in the Non-MOE Schools category. Congratulations to Janice Robert, Krish Rajkumar, Rishabh Sankar and Viaan Aggarwal for this excellent achievement.

Adding to the celebrations, Pugal Dharmarajan delivered a flawless performance in the U10 category, winning all six matches and securing 1st position among Board 3 players.

Heartiest congratulations to all our participants.

Their courage to compete, learn and give their very best made the school immensely proud!



CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE!

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our talented students in the Art Competition titled "My Favourite," where students expressed through art, their Favourite version of the future and their interpretation of freedom. Their colourful ideas, imagination and artistic skills made the competition a wonderful showcase of young talent.

Congratulations to all our participants for their enthusiasm and dedication and special congratulations to our winners for their well-deserved success. Their artwork reflected originality confidence, and remarkable creative expression.

Congratulations, young artists! Keep creating, keep imagining and keep inspiring!



Year-6 winners



Year-7 Winners



LESSONS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:

A TEACHERS' DAY LETTER TO MY STUDENTS

My dear students,

When you hear the word education, what comes to your mind? Books, classrooms, examinations, marks and report cards? These are certainly a part of education, but they are not its whole meaning.

True education is not simply about filling your mind with facts or getting the highest marks in your class. It is about learning to think, to question, to understand and to make wise choices. It teaches you not only what to think, but how to think.

Education should help you discover who you are and what you are capable of becoming. It should make you curious about the world and willing to learn from your mistakes. A truly educated person does not measure success only by achievements, but also by kindness, honesty, courage and respect for others.

Your school teaches you mathematics, science, languages and history, but life will teach you lessons that no textbook can contain. You will learn how to deal with failure, how to disagree without being disrespectful, how to help someone who is struggling and how to stand up for what is right.

So, do not study merely to pass an examination. Learn because knowledge opens doors. Read because books widen your world. Ask questions because curiosity leads to discovery. And, above all, let your education make you a better human being.

That is the true purpose of education—not simply to prepare you for a career, but to prepare you for life.



Mrs. Anita Hui
Department of English

Mofunland Speedcubing Singapore 2026

Singapore, 5 September 2026: Vijay Narayanan of 6A Atlantis delivered an impressive performance at the Mofunland Speedcubing Singapore 2026 competition, showcasing his speed, accuracy and concentration across multiple events.

Competing in the Under-13 category, Vijay secured First Runner-Up positions in both Pyraminx and Skewb. He also achieved Second Runner-Up in the One-Handed category.

His strong performance across three different events reflects his dedication and skill in speedcubing. Vijay's achievements have brought pride to the school and serve as an inspiration to fellow students to pursue their interests with commitment and perseverance.



Sidhartha Debuts as a Young Author



We are delighted to celebrate the remarkable achievement of Sidhartha, a student of Year 6A – Asgard, who has made his debut as a published author.

Sidhartha participated in the Writathon Singapore Edition, where his novel, *A Home Beyond Home*, was selected for publication. The book was subsequently launched by Learner Circle, marking an exciting milestone in his journey as a young writer.

Turning imagination and ideas into a published book at such a young age is an inspiring accomplishment. Sidhartha's success reflects his creativity, perseverance and passion for storytelling, and encourages fellow students to believe in their ideas and pursue their interests with confidence.

Congratulations, Sidhartha, on your debut as an author!

We wish you many more wonderful stories and literary successes in the years ahead.

From the DPS Cricket Pitch to the World Stage!

A proud moment for DPS International School, Singapore, as Sharvessa Pradeep Kumar of Grade 8 ICSE has been selected to represent Singapore at the World Indoor Cricket Federation (WICF) Junior World Series 2026 in Pretoria, South Africa.

What makes this achievement especially meaningful for the DPS family is that Sharvessa's passion for cricket began right here on our school cricket pitch, where his early interest was nurtured through practice, perseverance and a growing love for the game. From those first sessions at school to earning the opportunity to wear the Singapore colours on an international platform, his journey is a wonderful example of how dedication can turn passion into achievement.

Sharvessa will compete with Team Singapore from 24 September to 5 October 2026, carrying with him the hopes and best wishes of the entire school community.

Congratulations, Sharvessa! From the DPS pitch to the world stage, keep playing with courage, commitment and pride. We are cheering for you all the way!



A NEW CHAPTER FOR YOUNG AUTHOR VARNA!

We are immensely proud to celebrate the wonderful achievement of Varna, whose storybook, *Life Among the Colours*, was officially launched by Learner's Circle.

With her imagination, creativity and love for storytelling, Varna has transformed her ideas into a published storybook—marking a truly special milestone in her journey as a young author. The launch ceremony at Learner's Circle was a memorable occasion, celebrating her dedication and the joy of bringing stories to life.

Life Among the Colours reflects the beauty of imagination and the power of young voices. Varna's achievement is a wonderful inspiration to her peers, encouraging them to read, write, dream and express their ideas with confidence.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Varna on becoming a published young author. We are delighted to witness this exciting beginning and look forward to seeing many more stories and creative accomplishments from her in the years ahead.



DOUBLE HONOURS FOR SHANAYA KUMAR



Congratulations to Shanaya Kumar (Year-7B Tesla), who has brought home two well-deserved honours from this year's DAV Hindi School interschool competitions – securing the 3rd Position in both the Poster Competition and the Essay Competition.

In the Poster Competition, Shanaya's entry on "स्वच्छ व स्वस्थ पर्यावरण: हमारी ज़िम्मेदारी" (Clean and Healthy Environment: Our Responsibility) impressed judges with its creativity and clear grasp of the theme.

In the Essay Competition, she took on the topical question "कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता छात्रों के लिए वरदान या अभिशाप" (Artificial Intelligence: Boon or Bane for Students), writing with the exceptional skill and thoughtful understanding that earned her top honours a second time.



Both achievements were recognised at the Krishna Janmashtami Celebration at DAV Headquarters on 13th September 2026, where Shanaya was felicitated for her outstanding performance.

We are proud of Shanaya's creativity, dedication, and versatility across two very different forms of expressions.

Our Voice, Our World

Stories, reflections and ideas through the eyes of our students.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND YOUR PLAYLIST - WHY DOES MUSIC MAKE US FEEL EMOTIONS?

Recently, I won the Music Inter-house Duet competition for my house at school, and it made me realize just how powerful music can be. Standing on stage, I was nervous at first, but once the music started, I became completely absorbed in the song. The rhythm, lyrics and harmonies helped me forget about the audience and just enjoy the moment. It was amazing how a few minutes of music could change how I felt so quickly, and it got me curious to learn about it. Whether you're blasting heavy bass beats to pump up before a sports match or looping lo-fi while grinding a day before your exams (don't worry we've all been there), music can transform your state of mind with just a few notes. Let's explore why this happens - there is some serious science behind the scenes in your brain, converting sound waves to feelings.

Strange isn't it, how you can listen to your favorite tunes over and over again, and still vibe with the chorus? Songs build musical tensions and resolve chords, triggering our brains' anticipation systems. When you listen to music your brain loves to predict what notes will come next, and rewards itself with a burst of dopamine at the satisfying beat drop. This is the same pleasant chemical released when you eat a food you adore or win a video game!

Our brains are hardwired to observe how the other humans around us speak, so the different tones and pitches in music can cause us to feel different emotions. For example, in sad songs, the music moves slowly and drops in pitch, like the voice of someone who is feeling upset or lonely. Your brain automatically mirrors this in your own nervous system - like crying to a depressing melody. Did you know that the beat of a song influences your internal body rhythms such as your heart rate? This is why upbeat jams immediately have you feeling energized and slow music calms you down.

Music also directly activates your brain's emotional control center which includes the hippocampus and the amygdala. These parts in your brain are responsible for building and retrieving memories, and triggering different feelings. When you hear a song, the hippocampus relates it to experiences, people and places from your past - explaining that bittersweet nostalgia boost. The amygdala analyses if these are positive or negative, creating a reaction to the music and bringing back vivid feelings as if you were in those memories.

Well, the next time you open your Spotify playlist to wind down after a tiring day, do remember why you feel the way you do when it reaches your favorite part of the song. Music is a universal language that has no barriers - it connects people every single day through addictive melodies and thoughtful lyrics.

"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain."



Reet Aggarwal
Class 8 IGB