DPSIS Spark

- OCTOBER 2026
- GRADE 6 TO 8



GREENING OUR CAMPUS:
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA VISITS DPSIS

DPS International School was honoured to welcome His Excellency, the High Commissioner of India, to the campus as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign. The visit brought a powerful message of cleanliness, sustainability and environmental responsibility to the school community.

In his address, the High Commissioner spoke about the importance of planting trees, keeping our surroundings clean and nurturing greenery in the spaces we share. He reminded students that caring for the environment begins with simple everyday actions and that every individual has a role to play in creating a cleaner, greener future.







The school's sprawling grounds provided a beautiful setting for the occasion. The carpet of fallen trumpet flowers drew special attention, highlighting the natural charm of the campus. The High Commissioner also appreciated the range of facilities available to students and remarked on how fortunate they were to learn and grow in an environment that includes extensive open spaces, a football ground and a cricket pitch.

The visit concluded with a special tree-planting ceremony, during which a sapling was planted on the school grounds. The initiative reflected the spirit of Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam and served as a meaningful reminder that small acts of care can grow into lasting change.

The sapling will stand as a living symbol of growth, responsibility and collective action. The visit strengthened DPSIS's commitment to sustainability and inspired students to value both the natural environment around them and the opportunities their school campus provides.



DPSIS FAMILY FIESTA: A CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER

DPS International School hosted its much-awaited Family Fiesta on Saturday, 3 October 2026, bringing together students, parents, teachers and families for a joyful celebration of community and togetherness. The occasion was graced by Chairman Mr. C. P. Kabra, Mrs. Jyoti Kabra, Principal Ms. Shobha Shekhar and the Guest of Honour Mr. Anirban Banerjee Mr. Ghanshyam Ahuja and Swami ji Samachittananda whose enthusiastic participation added warmth to the festivities.

From the moment registration opened at 9:00 am, the campus was alive with activity. Children enjoyed the Safari Bouncy Castle, Ring Toss and Ball Toss, while parents joined in the fun with spirited games of pickleball and table tennis. The lively atmosphere reflected the warmth and energy of the DPSIS community.

Food, fashion and craft stalls added further colour to the event. Visitors enjoyed a variety of delicious treats, festive shopping and beautiful henna designs, making the Fiesta a feast for both the senses and the spirit.





















The morning reached a joyful high with the Garba performance. Soon, students, parents, teachers and guests joined in, dancing together to the rhythmic beats and creating a wonderful picture of community spirit.

The Fiesta concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks. We extend our sincere appreciation to the families, staff, students, volunteers and vendors whose enthusiasm and hard work made the event such a success. More than a celebration, the DPSIS Family Fiesta was a reminder of what makes our school community special – connection, participation and shared joy.

The cultural programme was equally vibrant. A graceful Ghoomar performance opened the celebrations, followed by ECA showcases that gave students an opportunity to display the talents they had been developing throughout the year. The Achievement Showcase recognised student accomplishments, while a lively quiz brought parents into the spotlight with plenty of friendly competition and laughter.



GRADES 6-8

SPELLING STARS TAKE CENTRE STAGE!

The DPS International School Spelling Bee 2026 brought together enthusiastic young spellers from Grades 6-8 in a competition that tested accuracy, confidence and composure. The event began with a written round for all students, after which the top 10 from each grade advanced to a more challenging second round.



From there, the best five in each grade moved into the Championship Round. The final included a phonics stage followed by a 60-second individual oral round, which determined the top three positions in each grade. The progressive format kept the excitement building and gave students several opportunities to demonstrate both knowledge and confidence under pressure.







Grade 6

1st - Havisha - Avalon
2nd - Samrhita - Oceania
3rd - Ria Yadav - Asgard

Grade 7

1st -Swathi Sunil - Galileo
2nd - Ashrit Menon Vivin - Newton
3rd- Vidhurkrishnan Alwan - Aryabhatta

Grade 8

1st - Aniruddha Bose - 8IGB
2nd - Augustine - 8IGA
3rd - Ayaansh - 8IGB

Congratulations to all our finalists and winners for spelling their way to success and for showing wonderful perseverance throughout the competition!

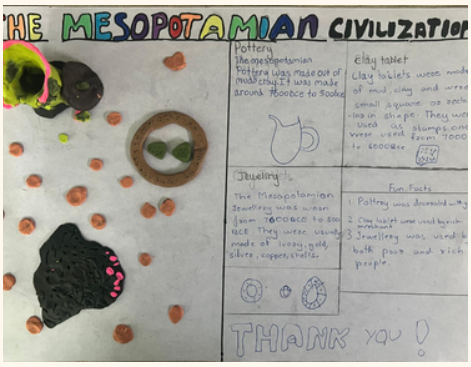
A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME, CULTURES AND CONTINENTS

History came alive, cultures crossed borders, and curiosity took centre stage as DPS International School celebrated Social Studies Week 2026.

Grade 6 students became young historians through Civilisations Through Artefacts, crafting objects inspired by ancient societies and sharing the stories behind them.









Grade 6 young historians and their artefacts from the Greek, Chinese,Mayan, Indus Valley, Mesopotamian, Egyptian and Roman civilisations





Grade 7 turned into editors and explorers with Time Travellers, a magazine tracing Singapore's journey towards SG60 and examining climate change, natural disasters and emerging technologies.

Grade 7's Time Travellers magazines

Meanwhile, Grade 8 transformed cultural discovery into an adventure with Culture Passport. Through stations featuring countries such as Italy, Spain, Germany and France, students explored distinctive traditions, festivals, food and greetings.





Grade 8's Culture Passport stations: England, Germany and France

Together, these experiences revealed how geography influences cultures, how societies evolve over time, and why understanding different places matters. More than a celebration of Social Studies, the week was an invitation to investigate, create, collaborate and see the world through fresh perspectives, inspiring students to become thoughtful, curious and globally aware learners.






T-MINUS 30
WHEN THE SATELLITES WENT SILENT!
GRADE 8 ASSEMBLY

Grade 8 students brought science, humour and imagination together in an energetic assembly titled "T-Minus 30." The presentation explored a fascinating question: What would happen if the satellites we depend on suddenly stopped working?






Through a lively skit, students showed how everyday life could quickly become chaotic without GPS, accurate digital time, weather tracking and other satellite-supported services. From lost maps and confused phones to unexpected weather worries, the performance kept the audience entertained while revealing just how deeply space technology is woven into modern life.

The assembly balanced laughter with learning, encouraging students to think critically about technology we often take for granted. The finale delivered a memorable message: the world may not stop without satellites, but our daily routines would certainly become far more challenging.

Halloween with a Message: Face Your Fears!

Grade 6 brought Halloween to life with a lively assembly on "Fear, Courage & Imagination." Moving beyond costumes and pumpkins, students explored the fears we all face—failure, judgement, change, the future and being different.

Through engaging characters such as Fear, Courage and Imagination, the assembly showed that courage does not mean being fearless; it means moving forward even when we feel afraid.

A colourful dance, bold placards and an uplifting finale filled the stage with energy as students transformed fear into hope, confidence and action.







A Special Assembly on Awareness and Mindful Living

DPS International School hosted a meaningful special assembly centred on awareness, calmness and mindful living, keeping the focus on values relevant to every student.

Addressing the students, the speaker, Namadeo ji Maharaj, emphasised the importance of awareness—being aware of one's own conduct, own thoughts and own surroundings. Students were encouraged to pause, observe themselves and understand how greater awareness can lead to calmer choices, better focus and more balanced responses to everyday situations. He encouraged the students to make meditation a daily habit, recommending 10 minutes of meditation in the morning and 10 minutes at night to cultivate mental clarity, emotional balance and overall well-being.The session also reinforced the idea that education is not only about knowledge, but also about learning to remain calm, thoughtful and empathetic.

The session became especially memorable when students actively participated in moments of quiet reflection and focused breathing. Gentle music was used as a means of concentration, creating an atmosphere of remarkable stillness. For a few moments, the school surroundings seemed transformed into a sanctuary—the soft music, birdsong, rustling leaves and a gentle breeze together created a peaceful setting that encouraged students to slow down and simply be present.

The speaker also highlighted the value of a well-informed and disciplined mind, explaining that awareness can help students develop clarity, emotional balance and a deeper understanding of themselves.

The assembly left students with a quiet but powerful message: in a world full of noise and distraction, awareness can help us pause, focus and respond with greater thoughtfulness.





Together, we made a difference!

From 15 September to 8 October 2026, DPS International School came together for our Food Drive in collaboration with Care Connect, the student-led initiative that empowers young people to make a positive and meaningful impact in their communities. We are delighted to share that it was a wonderful success, and we owe it all to you.

To every student, parent and family who contributed: Thank you. Your donations of staples, beverages, condiments, spreads, snacks and canned food filled our collection points at A Block and B Block, and each item will help bring comfort and support to families in need. We are especially grateful for the care you took in following our donation guidelines, making sure every item was unopened, properly sealed and well within its expiry date, so that families receive food that is safe and ready to enjoy.





A heartfelt thank you also goes to the Care Connect team for leading this initiative with such dedication, and to the staff who supported the collection and sorting of donations.

This Food Drive reminded us that every donation, big or small, truly matters. Together, you showed what kindness, compassion and community spirit look like in action. Thank you for giving back, and for helping us live out our school's spirit of Carpe Diem, seizing the chance to make a difference.

A New Chapter: My Journey to Singapore

My name is Augustine. I am 13 years old. I am from Nigeria, West Africa. I have 2 siblings; an elder brother and a younger sister. Their names are Venantius and Zita respectively. My family and I moved to Singapore a month and 3 days ago. We live in Edgefield plains, Punggol. My journey to Singapore was an interesting one and I'd like to share it with you.



Augustine Onuorah
Grade 8 IGCSE A

But first, let me go back to the beginning. I had recently finished my national level promotional exam. These exams are written by the Junior Secondary 3 students (Grade 9) to graduate to Senior Secondary School 1 (Grade 10). Because of this, the school asked all JSS 3 to stay at home. My siblings had just come back from school when my father gathered us together in a room. He and my mom told us they had good news. We knew the good news would be him getting a new job in another country, but we didn't know it would be Singapore. We were to move in a certain period of time. Weeks and months passed and the time came for us to go. On 26th of August, 2026, we bid farewell to our friends and extended family members and set off to the airport, where we boarded a plane to Lagos, the former capital of Nigeria. That was a very emotional day.

On the 27th of August, we went to the International airport in Lagos to board a plane to Doha, Qatar. The trip took 6 hours and some minutes. We arrived in Qatar at around 6pm (Qatar time). That same day, we boarded a plane from Qatar to Singapore. That trip was longer; 7 hours and over 40 minutes. But don't worry, during such journeys, you can watch TV or movies, play games, listen to music and even adjust your seat to a bed (business class), and of course, there's food. We arrived in Singapore on the 28th, at about 8:00am, got off the plane, and waited for the bus that my dad booked. According to my sister, it took us 16 minutes to reach our home. There it was, Edgefield plains, our new home.

My Opinion on Singapore

For me, I think Singapore is a great country. Singapore is very different from Nigeria, and I have already discovered many things here that are new and very exciting to me. In Singapore, I've seen things I haven't seen before like automatic trains and automatic vacuums. It's a place that provides more opportunities for our family, and the technology here is better than that of Nigeria. And my neighbourhood, it's the best place for foreigners like us to be. The people there are friendly, welcoming and lots of fun. At first, I worried that people might avoid us because we were new and came from a different background, but I was pleasantly surprised by how friendly and welcoming people have been.



DPS? Well let's just say I'm doing my best. DPSIS is a great school with good strong academic standards and values, but sometimes I wonder, is the educational standard too high for me? Will I ever cope or adapt? Will homesickness get the better of me? Only time will tell.

In conclusion, my journey to Singapore may be over, but my journey in Singapore is only beginning. I am yet to see the wonders of my new home, this foreign land.

EXCURSIONS

Grades 6 & 7 Explore Singapore's Cultural Story



Students from Grades 6 and 7 enjoyed an enriching educational visit to the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre, where they explored Singapore's rich Chinese heritage and multicultural identity.

Through engaging exhibits and interactive displays, students discovered how traditions, stories and cultural practices have shaped life in Singapore. The visit helped them connect classroom learning with real-world experiences while encouraging curiosity and thoughtful observation.

The excursion was both enjoyable and meaningful, leaving students with a deeper appreciation of Singapore's diverse cultural heritage and the many traditions that make the nation unique.















Exploring a Greener Future at Marina Barrage



Grade 8 students enjoyed an exciting learning journey to the Sustainable Singapore Gallery at Marina Barrage on 9 October 2026, where sustainability came alive beyond the classroom.

Through colourful, interactive exhibits, students discovered how Singapore manages water, energy, waste and urban spaces. A major highlight was the Marina Barrage model, which showed how engineering helps control floods and create a freshwater reservoir.

The students also explored ideas for greener transport, cycling paths and liveable neighbourhoods, while learning how everyone can help care for shared spaces.

The visit ended on a cheerful note with a photo stop at the futuristic "Sustainable Singapore" mural, sparking lively conversations about the role young people can play in shaping a greener tomorrow.

It was a fun, inspiring and memorable day of learning!





DPS Choir Brings Timeless Melodies to Life At Swaranubhuti's Musical Evening

The DPS International School choir added a soulful charm to a memorable evening organized by Swaranubhuti on 24th October 2026 at RELC International Hotel, Orchard. The evening also featured the launch of Matinee Magic, released on stage by the Guest of Honour, Mr C. P. Kabra and Mrs Jyoti Kabra.







Dressed elegantly in black and gold, the choir performed much-loved melodies with live guitar and drum accompaniment. Their confidence, harmony and enthusiasm filled the auditorium with warmth and earned generous applause.

A special highlight was Nand Anand Dhamelia's solo performance, supported by harmonium, tabla and keyboard. His poised and expressive rendition drew warm cheers from the audience.





It was a cheerful evening of music, memories and celebration, and a proud moment for our young performers.

A Century to Remember

Shanaya Kote Shines as Player of the Match!





A remarkable achievement for Shanaya Kote of DPS International School, Singapore, who delivered a sensational performance for the SportyGo DPS Vixens on 3 October 2026.

Shanaya scored her first-ever century, remaining unbeaten on an impressive 107 runs off just 68 balls, including 14 fours and 4 sixes. She also contributed with the ball, taking one wicket.

Her outstanding innings helped the SportyGo DPS Vixens post a commanding 247/6 in 25 overs, defeating the Crickingdom Queens, who finished on 197/10. The Vixens secured a convincing 50-run victory, with Shanaya deservedly named Player of the Match.

A spectacular performance and a memorable milestone for a young cricketer!