



Purkal Winter Bulletin 2020

"The Light of Winter is the Poetry of Patience."

As the season of settling has approached, it's time to embrace the cold and focus on what couldn't be focused on in the year; taking a short break after a year of constant hurdles, and priming ourselves for a new year ahead.

It is also the time in the year to renew our spirits!

We bring you some of many pursuits of our students from Purkal's winter land showcasing well-being, rejuvenation and hope!

Keep it Humming!

Kickstarting our festivities with the joy of giving, we conducted the fourth phase of our COVID-19 relief work in October and November. Families of sixty of our students were provided support after a first-hand survey of their condition. The essential kit consists of health and hygiene items, and also included Diwali gifts (candles, diyas and a packet of sweets) this time. To date, 199 essential kits have been distributed among 112 families of our students.

Our sincere gratitude to all our donors for making this effort possible and in-house team who managed and overlooked the process of packing and safely delivering this to every family at their doorstep despite issues associated with the pandemic.



A Row of Light

As the Diwali festival knocked in, it was a time for merriments and festivities. Although the pandemic may have brought a halt to large congregations and Diwali gatherings, it didn't dampen the spirits of our students.

They participated in various Inter-Intra School Competitions which let their creativity be displayed through various eco-friendly resources.



Inter-School Competitions

Fylfot Public School, Dehradun, under 'Hubs of Learning', organized Diya Making Competition for Classes VI to VIII where Parvati Shah won the First Prize and Ananya won the Second Prize on the basis of Innovative and Creatively decorated diyas with Natural and Eco-friendly products.

Diya Making Competition for Classes VI to VIII

First – Parvati Shah of Class VIII

Second – Ananya Kataria of Class VIII

Third – Riya Baluni of Class VIII

Consolation Prize – Komal Bisht of Class VIII and Tamana Singh of Class VI

Rangoli Competition for Classes IX to XII

First – Saniya Bhandari of Class XI and Sudiksha Khattri of Class X

Second – Aanchal Tailwal of Class XII

Third – Muskan Thapa of Class X and Sakshi Joshi of Class IX

Consolation Prize – Priyanka Negi of Class XI



A family-like Diwali celebration was specially held for students on campus and staff present before the School was shut for a short Diwali break. The celebration began with the making of colourful Rangolis by the students residing in the hostel. This was followed by a few rounds of fun-filled games where amazingly, our staff members outshone our young ones. This was followed by enchanting prayers and lighting of candles. Though the evening ended with a joyous time, we did miss many of our students and staff who were not able to be with us at this special time of the year.

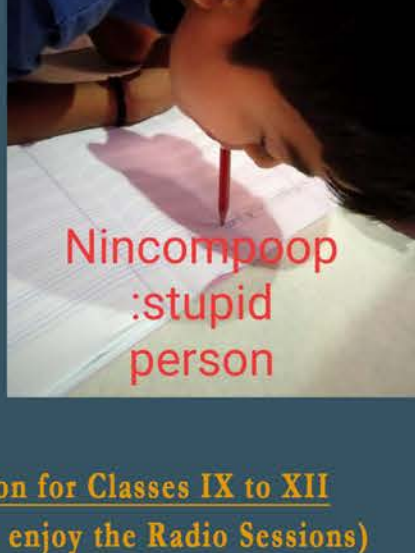
Harnessing the Sun

To help our students practice and further develop their English speaking skills and vocabulary for effective use, the Department of English conducted some interesting activities which brought about the most remarkable performances.

Story Telling Through Puppetry for Classes IV to VIII

(Click the link at the footer to watch the video)

Vocabulary Building Competition for Classes IV to VIII



Radio Jockeying Competition for Classes IX to XII

(Click the link at the footer to enjoy the Radio Sessions)

Learning Resilience During this Season

Teacher Development Program

Department of School Education and Literacy's Integrated Teacher Training Programme, NISHTHA was attended by PYDS Teachers to help them improve the Quality of School Education through Integrated Teacher Training. These were conducted from 15 October to 30 November on topics including: Curriculum and Inclusive Learning, Health and Wellbeing in Schools, Integrating Gender in the Teaching-Learning Process, Integration of Information and Communication Technology, Art Integrated Learning and CBSE Pedagogy of Environmental Science

Webinar on 'Donor Fatigue and How to Overcome It'

On 5th November, the Society's Resource Team attended the GiveIndia Fundraisers NGO+ program's webinar on Donor Fatigue and how to overcome it. The session talked about the major stumbling block of fundraising faced by the non-profits and different approaches towards reaching out to network and garner maximum support.

It also helped the Resource Team with acquiring basic skills and competencies and ideas to adopt crowdfunding as a part of our fundraising.

A Time for Indoor Crafting



Winter is certainly a season for crafting. We are inside for more time than we generally are, with no gardening to be done, much fewer venturing outside, and of course due to the icy chilly cold. Giving crafting by the woodstove a newer delight. Our little ones are elated to share with you their crafting buzzes!

Conclusion

As we embrace this winter season, we hope you find time for renewal of the body, mind, and spirit that balances your year and a lifetime. We wish that your days be merry and bright. We hope your heart is full of joy through this time and beyond.