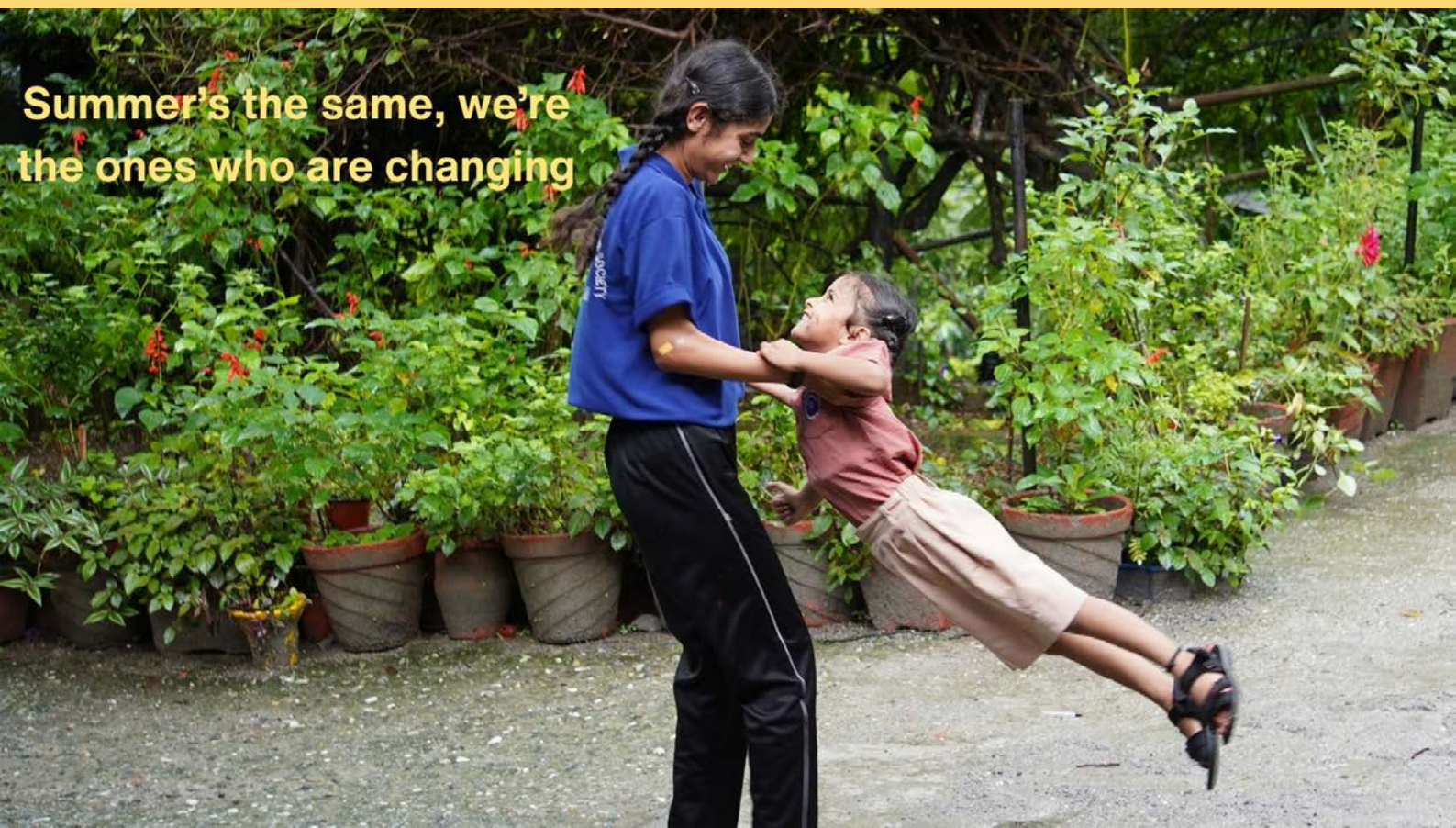


Summer's the same, we're  
the ones who are changing



# Your Purkal Journal June 2023

## Workshop for Teachers

*"Intellectual growth should start at birth and cease only at death"*  
- Albert Einstein



A Workshop was held for our teachers on 23rd and 24th June, just before school reopened for students after summer break. Mr Anoop Seth, PYDS Secretary warmly welcomed our Workshop Facilitators, Mrs Anita Maitra



and Ms Sahana Majumdar, and the PYDS teachers.

Over the next two days, Mrs Maitra, a founding member of the team that established the reputable Shriram School in Delhi, with an experience in the field of education of over three decades, held interactive sessions with the teachers on - 'Curriculum Design', 'Learning Outcome' and 'Handing Over & the Importance of Keeping Cumulative Records'. Ms Majumdar, who has been an educator for the last 33 years and retired as the Director of Educational Administration in The Assam Valley School, Tezpur, Assam, gave the teachers tips and tricks about - 'Active Learning', 'How to Study' and 'Classroom Management'. Our Academic Coordinators and Subject Teachers followed these up with a session on 'Setting Goals & Outcomes' for the junior and senior teachers

By the end of the Workshop, the teachers were equipped with tools for effective teaching, record keeping, classroom management and a clear roadmap to achieving their goals by the end of the academic year.

We are sincerely grateful to Mrs Maitra and Ms Majumdar and look forward to welcoming them back to Purkal, so we can continue to benefit from their skills and experience.

## New PTM Initiative

*"Children are world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future" - John F Kennedy*



The first Parent Teacher's Meeting of the year for classes I to V was convened to discuss matters such as behaviour, attendance, assessment, uniform and so on. Interactions were lively and engaged, enabling teachers and parents to gain insights about the children from each other. These are expected to lead to improved handling of student issues at

both ends. As the summer vacations were about to begin, workbook based activities for children to do at home were explained to parents. The importance of reading books was emphasised to ensure a habit of regular study and improvement in general knowledge.

Parents conveyed their happiness at the opportunity to visit the school, meet its teachers and understand the pedagogy being followed.

Given the relatively slower pace of development in our primary classes, a need to enhance parental interaction has been felt. Accordingly, it is decided to hold PTMs for primary classes every month, as against semiannually earlier. We are optimistic that these would help us understand our little ones better and in turn generate enhanced development and learning outcomes.

## Summer Carnival

*"Seize each glad moment. Cherish it forever"*



Our primary classes celebrated the 'Summer Carnival' with song, dance and fancy dress.

The program began with a Ganesh Vandana performance by class V students, followed by the fancy dress presentation by class I. The tiny tots looked very smart, dressed as doctors, drivers, postmen, sweepers, barbers, vegetable sellers, firefighters among others. They stepped forward one by one and introduced their role in society, thus conveying that all professions are similarly respectable and important.

'Giddha', the lively Punjabi folk dance, was performed by class V girls, while class II and III presented a skit on the 'Importance of Trees'. The carnival closed on a happy note with a Garhwali folk dance by class IV.

## The Prerna Manch

*"Drop a dream in water and watch the many ripples circle on and on"*



In spite of regular participation in competitions and programs, not all students get a chance to perform on stage. The *PYDS Prerna Manch* has been formed to give all such students an opportunity to present their talent in front of the school. We are looking forward to their performances in the coming months.

On the final day before summer vacations, an event was organised in the school auditorium for students to display their skills in vocal and instrumental music as well as by way of a Yoga demonstration. The program began with a flute recital, followed by a rendition in '*Raag Malkauns*' and a medley of various styles of Indian music. It was then the turn of a *tutti* by tabla players which energised the whole atmosphere. Finally the Yoga students held the audience in awe, with a show of flexibility and skill in performing intricate *asanas*.

When the last bell rang, students put their hands together in euphoria and participants bowed in gratitude, with a promise to themselves to perform even better next time.

## Street Play for No Tobacco Day

*"Tar the road, not your lungs"*





'No Tobacco Day' is celebrated worldwide to raise awareness about the hazardous health effects of tobacco and to advocate effective government policies to curb the use of tobacco worldwide.

To commemorate the day, the Drama Club students presented a *nukkad natak* in the morning assembly. It was titled '*Aakhri Dua*' to reinforce the message that tobacco consumption in any form leads to ill health and is often a cause of premature death.

The short, impactful presentation reiterated the ill effects of tobacco amongst spectators as well as the production team. Young students absorb information like a sponge and yes, they too can help adults reform habits.

## Bharatanatyam Performance and Workshop

*"Be proud of Indian culture. It has a lot to offer"*



A Bharatanatyam workshop was conducted in our auditorium by the young and talented, Ms Nandana Maulick. After completing post graduation, she is pursuing advanced studies in the dance form. She began by speaking about the 8 Indian classical dance forms and then elaborated on Bharatanatyam's unique vocabulary of sign language through gestures of the hands, eyes, and expressions, accompanied by music and song.

She performed a lyrical piece '*Murli Raas Rachaayo*' and thanked the audience. She reminded students to always be grateful for every opportunity to perform on stage. She conducted the workshop by explaining and demonstrating the mudras, facial expressions, posture and footwork to students. Ms Maulick's skillful performance and dedication to the art, gave a whole new and inspiring perspective to our Dance Club students.

## Summer at Doon Leadership Programme

*"The happiest people I know are those who lose themselves in the service of others" -Gordon B. Hinckley*



Through 'Summer at Doon Leadership Programme', 80 students volunteered to serve at our campus.

Under the guidance of our staff members, they set out to brighten our campus with fresh coats of paint, while pleasantly engaging with our students at the same time. Starting with the fence overlooking our stream, to the fading boundary walls of the sports field, groups of students applied paint with care. To add cheer, they coated the railings and risings of the stairway to primary classes in bright red. The visitors also rejuvenated the cupboards of the boys hostel and brightened the new generator shed. By the time the team finished coating the gate, it was time for them to bid



adieu. Enriched with memories of a short but fulfilling experience, they parted with promises to visit Purkal again.

## Summer School at BML Munjal University

*"I want to keep learning, keep exploring and keep doing more" -  
Jessye Norman*



A summer school program, 'The Learning Curves', was organised by BML Munjal University, for students from all over India, to give them an immersive, interdisciplinary university experience. Riya Chauhan and Simran Joshi of class XI attended the 5 day program at their campus at Kapriwas, Haryana.

The program featured a range of activities such as - Know Yourself, What Makes a Great Writer, Moot Court, Engineering Minutes, Management Zone, Innovation & Design Era, plus multiple sports league activities. This

was an opportunity for our students to imbibe a broad range of experience in a few days.

## **A visit to the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun**

*"India is poised to lead the world. Our time has come and our time is now"*



Our school was invited by University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES) Dehradun, to attend a musical tribute on the 16th of June. To celebrate the growing global recognition of India and Indians in multiple fields, the event's theme was - 'Sone ki Chidiya Ab Udne ko Hai Taiyar'. A short film was produced entirely by the students and staff of UPES, featuring performances in dance and music. Our Career Cell executives, as well as students who have been selected by the institute to join in the upcoming academic year, were invited to attend, enabling them to get a better understanding of their community and ethos.

## **Construction during Summer Break**





Given the absence of students, the Summer break is always a good time to undertake civil works on campus. This time too, a number of tasks were accomplished:

- In the boys hostel, i) Ageing wooden window frames were replaced with iron frames, ii) The entire hostel was repainted as the old paint was peeling due to dampness and iii) New shoe racks were installed
- The old drainage system of the kitchen had a common channel for evacuating both wastewater and rainwater, resulting in blockages on account of food waste. It was divided in two sections by installing a separate 6 inch drain pipe with 5 chambers to trap (and clean) food waste. The drain was given adequate sloping for smooth egress of rainwater. The system is working well now
- The flooring of class X-A was redone fully as it had cracked and become uneven
- The Conference Room was given a fresh coat of paint
- Tables of the Senior Library were laminated with new mica sheets as the old mica had chipped in many places

## **We are proud of...**

**Meenakshi Sharma**  
**(PYDS batch 2011)**



Meenakshi, who graduated from PYDS, is the proof of Swamy Sir's vision, 'To produce seeds of transformation'. Meenakshi lives in Noida and sponsors the education of two needy children there. Earlier, she was a regular contributor of Rs 5,000 per month to our Society. She humbly narrates her story as follows...

*"I had a difficult childhood and was at the verge of quitting education, when I was introduced to PYDS and got admission in class VIII. Swamy Sir placed me in the care of a host family, as there was no hostel facility at that time. All my academic and personal expenses were taken care of by the school. My bond with the host family grew over time and they accepted me as their own, and it is so to this day.*

*When I completed class XII, PYDS helped me secure admission in IMS Unison University for a BBA degree and even funded the fees. After graduation, I was placed as an HR Executive with a company called Global Rhymes. Fuelled by ambition, I completed my MBA along with my job. In 2015, I moved to another company, Denave and worked there for about 2 years. Presently I am working at SoftwareOne, where I have grown from Global Talent Acquisition Partner to Leader for the Systems Application & Products vertical, consisting of 500 employees. I have a team of three people based in multiple locations like India, Poland, and*



Canada. My role is to advise the business to help them make the decision to hire the right talent in the right regions and levels, and to minimise cost. As my team is based in three different continents, I often travel to Europe for work. I enjoy my work and am extremely thankful to my school and mentors who have made me the person I am today. In reciprocation, I will continue to provide financial assistance to needy students and to counsel all who want to pursue the career I am in and the careers I am aware of."

## **Funding Request for Kitchen and Dining Area Hygiene Compliance**



The PYDS kitchen caters breakfast, fruits and lunch to 509 students and 116 staff members every day, together with evening tea and dinner for the 123 hostel residents and 18 resident staff.

Hygiene has always been a priority and we have decided to step up our regimen to conform with *FSSAI* (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) guidelines.

To do so, a complete overhaul of the kitchen and related facilities is proposed as follows:

- Pest control treatment of all areas
- Repainting of the kitchen and all related rooms including their doors and windows
- Intense cleaning of banberry counter, ceiling fans, exhaust fans, freezer, insect killer machines, lights, refrigerators and window nets
- In addition the floor, wash basins, utensil racks will be cleaned with special grease removing and disinfecting agents

- Intense cleaning and disinfecting of all baskets, storage containers as well as the vehicle that brings kitchen supplies
- All machines such as the floor cleaning machine, gas burners, grinders, mixers, roti making machine, RO water purifiers and such like, will be serviced
- Some consumables such as caps, disposable gloves, food, thermometer, shoe covers will be ordered

**An expense of Rs 85,000 (Rupees Eighty Five Thousand only) has been budgeted to meet the above expenses. We humbly solicit a donation in part or in full to carry out this necessary regimen. This will go a long way in improving the hygienic environment of our kitchen.**

**Donate Now**

*As summer gives way to rains and the rain pitter patters on the panes,  
we send our best wishes to all for blissful monsoon dreams. Till we  
meet again 😊*





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