



Changing lives. One child at a time.



LPSSS / Every day in March

We are happy to share the LPSSS bulletin for March. The purpose of this report is to highlight the excitement that each of our children displayed throughout the month.

EVENTS

a) Anita Bhogle's Visit

"Don't let what you cannot do come in the way of what you can do."

- Anita Bhogle

This valuable quote by Ms. Anita Bhogle resonated with our students & changemakers alike during our first edition of LotusDialogues at Lotus Petal Sr. Secondary School campus in Dhunela on 3rd March. During an enticing dialogue with our co-founder, Ms. Saloni Bhardwaj shared her journey and mantras-how the right attitude is a recipe with work ethic, preparation, discipline & integrity as its ingredients. She also engaged in candid conversations with the students and changemakers present. During her tour Ms. Bhogle planted a Gulmohar plant. It was overall a successful event and inspired our students and changemakers as well.



b) Ms. Shanthi Ganeshan's Visit

On March 10, USA Board member, Ms. Shanthi Ganeshan visited our campus. She was warmly welcomed and then given a tour of the campus. She watched activities taking place in jeevika labs, computer labs, and hybrid spaces. She interacted with grade 7 students after their examination. The session was beautifully captured and the students expressed their gratitude for the day.



c) Smita Suchde Gruetter's visit

We're privileged to host Ms. Smita Suchde Gruetter, at Lotus petal Sr. Secondary school. She founded Hemlata-H100 which works on creating equality and equity for women/Empowering girls with dignity. HEMLATA's H100 Impact Academy is committed to creating sustainable impact by identifying talented girls, (H100 Scholars) from India's lower socio- economic strata and providing them support through its 5 pillars of sustenance - Scholarships, Mentorship, LifeSkills, Interdisciplinary learning and CareerSkills. She interacted with a few female students and talked to them about their future goals. Our goal in offering the best possible education is to enable our Scholars, the first in their families to receive a quality education, to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty, and to ensure that they live a life of self-worth and dignity.

d) Urvee Juneja's Visit

Lotus Petal Senior Secondary School was honored to have Urvee Juneja, a Senior Strategist, who has multi-industry exposure in Banking, Technology and Aviation at our campus on March 31. She has worked in the UK, USA and India and has led Strategy functions at Citi, ICAP and ADP in New York. She was warmly welcomed and engaged with our pupils. The youngsters were ecstatic about the meeting and thanked her for showing up.



e) **Sarovar Hotel**

"Sarovar Hotels has always believed in giving back to society, and to integrate business and employees' values. We believe in creating opportunities for society."

- Nihar Mehta, General Manager - Human Resources, Sarovar Hotels Pvt Ltd.

Sarovar Hotels has been associated with the NGO for more than half a decade, to support the vision of the foundation to aid Children in the area of Education, Nutrition, and Livelihood. Not only for today but also for the future. The occasion of World Charity Day was celebrated with the kids of Lotus Petal Senior Secondary school on 31st march. It was an enriching experience to have them interact with our students and share their valuable insights. The team engaged and gave a presentation which provided our students with a glimpse into the workings of the hotel industry; from the workings of various departments to the challenges and opportunities that arise in this field. The team also shared their experiences and knowledge, which left our students inspired and motivated. After that they distributed bags to the students. It was overall a successful event and promised to collaborate in future ahead.





f) Kitchen Inauguration

The kitchen at Lotus Petal Sr. Secondary School, Dhunela was inaugurated by Mr. Ajay Singh, Director, GTPL and Mr. Anil Bothra, CFO, GTPL, on 25th February 2023. It has a seating capacity of 2000 students and a capacity to prepare 10,000 meals per day. "Mid-day meals act as a stimulus for children to come to school and continue their education". It has always been our endeavor to reach out and serve more children. 600+ students enjoy nutritious meals every day freshly cooked in the school kitchen. These children come from underprivileged backgrounds, and many of them showed clear signs of nutritional deficiencies. The school meals have helped them with proper nutrition which has resulted in fewer sick leaves and better school attendance. The food is prepared hygienically and according to a weekly menu plan that takes into account the nutritional requirements of the students and includes a well-balanced mixture of grains and pulses. The kitchen is equipped with convenient machinery that makes the movement of large quantities of food and cleaning of the kitchen and equipment easy for the staff to ensure the utmost hygiene.



g) Sports Event

"Every job is a self-portrait of the person who does it. Autograph your work with excellence."

- Jessica Guidobono

If there is one field of life which teaches us the most valuable lessons about perseverance, patience in fact what constitutes a perfect character, it is sports. Thus on 25th March 'The Annual khel yatra track and field event' was held at Tau Devi Lal stadium in which 16 students participated with great fervor and manifested their athletic skills with an unimpeachable finesse. The list of events for the same is as follow :

- 100 meters
- 200 meters
- 400 meters
- Long Jump
- 4x100 meter relay

The entire event was a clear example of how team spirit leads to the entire team performing beautifully. The audience watched all the events with bated breath, the heroic efforts of all the athletes. It was truly a day of excitement for all the sport lovers that graced the event.





EXAMINATION

“Self-belief and hard work will always earn you success.”

Exams and tests are a great way to assess what the students have learned with regards to particular subjects. We believe that exams are a part of our life not only as a student, but as adults too! It develops thinking, logic and makes quick decision-making. In our school they come at regular intervals with a time table. Final term examination was held from 1st March to 10th March. Every student prepared themselves well and attempted the examination and most of them tried to prove themselves better than other students, they tried to get a higher score.



WORKSHOPS

a) Teachers Workshop : POCSO

In order to ensure safety of students and create awareness about sexual assault and sexual harassment, Lotus Petal Sr. Secondary School organized an awareness workshop on 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) on 2nd March. The objective of the workshop was to spread awareness about child sexual abuse and POCSO Act. It was conducted, guided and supervised by Rohini Maheshwari who spoke in detail about the prevalence of child abuse in our society and emphasized on the significance of identifying symptoms that might be the cause of behavioural changes in students (regarding mental or physical abuse within the realms of society). The teachers were also made aware about the various actions of sexual harassment that are often overlooked and the workshop also provided information to all the teachers such as how to deal with various themes of sexuality; preventive steps to be undertaken; identifying signs of abuse and the relevance of POCSO Act. All the information was imparted in the form of short videos, activity and discussions.





b) AMR Superbugs

It isn't easy to imagine today's world without antibiotics. However, there has recently been an increase in deaths caused by infections, as bacteria are developing resistance to these drugs and evolving into 'superbugs' that are hard to treat. The World Health Organization declared Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) as one of humanity's Top 10 global health threats. Some of the main contributors to AMR include overprescribing antibiotics. A unified approach is required to



combat the fast- spreading antimicrobial resistance. Therefore, Appropriate Use of Antibiotics (AMR) by Centrient Pharmaceuticals and Superheroes against Superbugs hosted two workshops at LPSSS on 28th and 29th March. During the workshop, the children reflected on the relationship between humans and the natural world, studied the different types of microorganisms and diseases caused by them, and learnt about the basics of antibiotics production and use. The children were then invited to discuss antibiotic resistance through creative and fun hands-on activities, empowering them with

knowledge on the issue. The 2 day workshop saw our young superheroes use their creativity and imagination to draw incredibly thought-provoking and informative comics on antibiotic misuse in disposal.



c) Parents Orientation



"The foundation for a good parent teacher relationship is, frequent and open communication, mutual respect and a clear understanding of what is best for each individual child." Keeping this in mind, Lotus Petal Sr. Secondary organized an Orientation Programme 2023-24 for the parents with a goal to ensure a positive atmosphere for learning as well as building up the healthy relationship between the parents, teachers and students. Mrs. Guneeet and Mrs. Suman familiarized the parents with the curriculum, rules and regulations of the school, teaching methodologies and the co-scholastic activities. The Parents were

given an insight of the teaching system, achievements and activities at LPSSS through a PowerPoint presentation. They also emphasized on giving a disciplined environment, opportunities, and responsibilities to children so that they can deal with the situation in a positive manner. She urged the parents 'to work with the child rather than working on the child' and be a role model for their kids. The parents were satisfied and appreciated the valuable tips of the speaker. The orientation programme proved to be a sincere effort made by the school in educating the parents to look after and guide their children in a proper manner.



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"Education is not the learning of facts, but training of the mind to think."

Parent teacher meetings are a prominent and notable feature of the school curriculum. The motive is close interaction of parents with teachers with regard to the progress shown by their wards and finding workable solutions to the problems coming in the way of development of their ward. LPSSS organized the Final Term Parents Teachers Meet of classes 2nd to 8th. The main purpose of the meet was to create a common platform where teachers and parents come together to enrich the students educational experiences and discuss all around development of the students throughout the year. It was a great

interaction between teachers and Parents for the development of their children where they discussed both strengths and areas of improvement. Parents were happy and satisfied with the progress report of their child. LPSSS congratulated the students and wished them good luck for a great future ahead.



DAILY ACTIVITIES

a) Special Assembly

"Think differently but be the same....Let's reopen the mind blocks. Unlock the invisible locks...Break the Chain with the vain...Deal difficulty with the ease...Be clean with clear mindset.. Keep calm with no harm.. It is an reopen alarm"

To make the beginning special, LPSSS conducted a welcome assembly on March 27, 2023. Order and discipline are an integral part of our daily lives and are an essential ingredient in the recipe for success. To be well disciplined we need to follow certain rules and regulations. Therefore, rules ought to be a part and parcel of our lives. The assembly commenced by recalling the rules to be followed at School as well as in our daily lives. The teachers presented a skit, as students we are responsible for...



It was based on five key elements

- a) Discipline
- b) Respect
- c) Gratitude
- d) Inspiring our friends
- e) Dedication and Determination.

Each teacher on stage played his/her part well. Our principal Ms. Ruchira addressed the assembly. She encouraged the children and reiterated the importance of discipline. She emphasized that students must perform their best to bring laurels to themselves, their School and their teachers. Being positive, disciplined and dedicated was the happy refrain.



b) Notebook Set Making

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

- Phil Jackson

Working for an NGO offers more chances to do various types of work. Our changemakers volunteered to make sets of books, notebooks and stationery for the students of grade 2 to 9 for their next session.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Student's Workshop
- Inter-House Competition
- Science and Analytical club
- Social Welfare Club
- Eco Club
- LPSSS Foundation Day
- Subject Enrichment Activity
- Notebook Checking Day