

D.A.V Public School, Thane

Celebration of ‘Vedic Saptaha’

Treading on the righteous path of Rig Veda with a pure motive of ‘**Krinvento Vishwam Aryam**’ which stands “ to make the world a noble place to live in ” D. A. V. Public School , Thane held a week long celebration, cherishing the eternal knowledge of Vedas. The celebration of the ‘**Vedic Saptaha** ’ was from 17 August, 2019 to 23 August, 2019. During the celebrations the school was honoured with the gracious presence of esteemed dignitaries, **Shri. Jose Kurian**, the Regional Director of D.A.V Public Schools, Western Region, and **Dr.Vagish Acharya ji**. Each day of the week was marked by hawan and vedic chantings which filled the entire atmosphere with tranquility and serenity. The details of the celebration are –

17 August , 2019

The ‘**Vedic Saptaha**’ was inaugurated on 17 August, 2019 by lighting a lamp which was followed by Hawan. The teaching and the non-teaching staff attended the programme. They were spell bound listening to an eloquent Gita chanting of Chapter-15 by the school staff. The fifth principle of Arya Samaj was well expounded by Sanskrit teacher of the primary section.

18 August, 2019

The administrative and auxiliary staff of the school along with the senior citizens of the neighbouring society were invited for attending Hawan. Few chapters of Bhagvad Gita were recited and a spiritual talk on practising vedic values in our life was delivered by the Sanskrit teacher of the school.

19 August, 2019

The highlight of the celebration was the august presence of **Shri. Jose Kurian**, Regional Director , D.A.V. Public Schools, Western Region, and **Dr.Vagish Acharyaji** who addressed the parents emphasizing the need for parents to motivate their children to make learning a joyful experience. He beautifully expressed that students should be considered god’s very own children and advised parents not to burden the students with their high expectations and ambitions. He won the hearts of the audience by his pearls of wisdom. The event of the day was also marked with melodious veda chanting and a mesmerizing speech by Shri Jose Kurian on the importance of inculcating vedic values for a harmonious living. In his address he earnestly urged the teachers and students to value the rich knowledge and relevance of Vedas in the modern times so that the students are guided to act virtuously and righteously.

20 August, 2019

Hawan was conducted in the presence of distinguished grandparents of Pre-Primary section. Hawan was performed followed by chanting of vedic mantras and divine songs creating a positive atmosphere which left the audience awakened. It was heart warming to witness the participation of pre-primary tiny-tots in the day's activities. Grand-parents took a great pleasure in taking part in Shanti-paat chanting.

21 August, 2019

The celebrations of the day began with hawan conducted in the presence of esteemed grandparents of the Pre-Primary section followed by vedic chanting. Vedas also emphasise development of positive relationships between a teacher and student, which is a fundamental aspect of quality teaching and student learning. Keeping this in mind, the students of class IX and X performed a **Street Play** on the theme 'Guru-Shishya Parampara' on 21 August, 2019 which was witnessed by the students and residents of the nearby society. It was meant to bring awareness to the audience that a positive teacher-student relationship promotes a sense of school belonging and encourages students to participate co-operatively. The street play took the students back to the Ancient days of the Gurukul system, then moved on to the present day schooling and took a leap into the future where education may be taken over by modern technology. The play was intertwined with very heart wrenching and ironic moments infused with entertainment.

22 August, 2019

Havan and Vedic chanting were conducted at the start of the day. The school took an opportunity to develop in students a connect to history by commemorating the 100th anniversary of Jalianwala Bagh by conducting a **Blood Donation Drive** in the school premises. There was an overwhelming response from parents, school staff and other donors. Seventy- one people donated blood in all. A Certificate of appreciation, donation card and refreshments were given to each donor as a token of gratitude.

23 August, 2019

The eventful 'Vedic Week' came to a close with hawan wherein the students pledged to read vedas, follow the vedic principles and become responsible and enlightened citizens of the country. The students participated in a drawing competition on the theme 'Save Environment'. The highlight of the day was the **Plantation Activity**. **Shri. Deoramji Bhoir, Corporator Thane**, graced the occasion and planted saplings. Students took a pledge to spread the message of making our environment cleaner and greener.

The week long divine celebration culminated enlightening people of diverse age groups; the teachers, students, parents, and grand-parents with the time honoured values of vedas. The celebration of the vedic week was successful in brimming the school with positive and peaceful ambience. The school is privileged in conducting such an auspicious and spiritual event and would eagerly look forward to join hands in conducting such events even in future as well to fulfil the mission of spreading the light of vedas.

TREE PLANTATION – A STEP TOWARDS GREENER ENVIRONMENT



TREE PLANTATION PLEDGE



VEDA CHANTING



TEACHERS ATTENDING HAWAN



SENIOR CITIZENS ATTENDING HAWAN



A MOMENT WITH OUR ESTEEMED GUEST



BLOOD DONATION DRIVE



AUXILIARY STAFF ATTENDING HAWAN



GRANDPARENTS ATTENDING HAWAN

