## D.A.V.PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE VEDIC CHETNA SHIVIR

D.A.V.Public School, Thane always strives to impart education along with vedic values so that our culture remain deep rooted in the minds of children. To prepare the future generation face the dynamic changes of the society, and to empower thinking out of the box, the school organized "Vedic Chetna Shivir" on the 12 th of November, where students of STD VIII participated in a number of activities to unearth and boost their latent creative skills catering to the interest level of each and everyone.

The day started with the hoisting of "Om Dhwaj" by the principal of the institution Ms. Simmi Juneja. In her inaugural address, she advised the children to seek knowledge and explore by kindling the thought process. The divine morning also witnessed Yoga Display for the physical and mental well being, Hawan for the well being of society followed by an array of competitions like Solo Dance, Instrumental Music, Shloka Recital, Drawing and Painting, Role Play, News Anchoring, Craft Making, and Tongue Twisters catering to the interest level of all learners.

Documentaries based on Hard work leads to success, Truth Alone Triumphs and Caring for the elderly were screened and Quiz was conducted on the theme of social reformers and their contributions. Preaching of vedic values and upholding the virtue of righteousness was narrated by Mrs. Usha Sundaresan, an active member of 'Chinmaya Mission', Thane. The session was attended in pin drop silence and fun games were organized to break the monotony of the day.

The post lunch session too kept the children on toes by involving them in philanthropic activities. The children were divided in to two groups. One group visited the old age home, and the other group visited an orphanage. The time spent there was worth mentioning as it made the children realize their duties towards elderly grandparents and the contribution of their parents in their life. Sharing gifts and fantastic memories the children were brought back to school for 'Bhajan Sandhya'. Members of the parents community were also invited to witness the event. Bhajans were sung praising the Almighty for the well being of all forms of lives and the programme ended with vote of thanks. The soulful rendition and the discipline exhibited by the students were praised by the audience. The day, though packed with a number of activities in tight schedule, left a mark in everyone as students were made to realize how fortunate they are for being born as humans and how better placed they are to serve humanity.

