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FIELD TRIP TO THE SHRI MANDIRA PARIKARAMA PRAKALPA



Connecting and Engaging with Heritage: Exciting. Invigorating. Educational. Experiential learning.

We believe children must get exposure to the syncretic cultural and spiritual legacy of Odisha and take pride in the rich wisdom of our roots. That is why, unique field trips and study tours are encouraged at The DN Wisdom Tree Global School, a school as unique as your child.

Here's a glimpse of our children's visit to the Shri Mandira Parikrama earlier today as part of the "Learning with Monuments" programme. Moments of elation in the trip when policewomen on duty smilingly applauded our initiative, and, told us that we are the first school to take our students to experience the Shreemandira Parikrama, since it was inaugurated on 17th January 2024!







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EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF LEARNING: FUN-FILLED LAB SESSIONS AT OUR SCHOOL



What fun! Lab sessions are indeed so stimulating and enjoyable. Don't we learn best when we enjoy the process; which then compels us on, towards knowing more. Hands-on, interesting and engaging academic learning makes children keen for knowledge. And to that effect, our aspiration is for children to develop a keen scientific temper even as their worldview expands and grows. We are bringing in facilities and amenities that aid this vision, and shall keep our endeavour deep and steady.



GLIMPSES OF A DAY AT THE DN WISDOM TREE GLOBAL SCHOOL

It gives us a sense of fulfilment as the school days buzz by, quietly and steadfastly on track. We are walking the talk, moving ahead every day, ensuring what we stand for. Nothing feels better than to see happy children and empowered mentors together in the adventure of learning. Children quickly grasp the keys to seeking knowledge. An enabling environment, an ambience of calm joy, and the language of love are the differentiators. At The DN Wisdom Tree Global School, a school as unique as your child, we dream to be different, we dream of making a difference, we do things differently. Slowly but surely, we are catalysing a generational transformation.











LAUDING OUR YOUNG ACHIEVERS

WINNERS OF THE DO RE MI SONG COMPETITION, ACROSS GRADES. KUDOS, DEAR CHILDREN. MAY YOU SOAR EVER HIGHER.































Group A

- 1. Shradha Deo 1st Position Grade 2B
- 2. Aaryav Kantan 2nd Position Grade 2A
- 3. Sanvi Mishra 3rd Position Grade 2A
- 4. Hritish Rout 3rd Position 1B
- 5. Adisai Nayak Consolation-1A

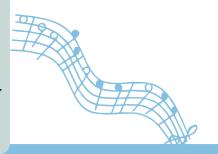
Group B

- 1. Ashna Patnaik 1st Position- Grade 4
- 2. Alisha Pradhan 2nd Position- Grade 3
- 3. Ayushman Hota 3rd Position- Grade 3
- 4. HimanishBandopadhya 3rd Position- Grade 3
- 5. Aradhya N Das 3rd Position Grade 3
- 6. Samanvi Sunkari Consolation Grade 3



Group C

- 1. Aradhya Sarkar 1st Position- Grade 6
- 2. Akshita Patnaik 2nd Position- Grade 6
- 3. Sweta Padma Mohanty 3rd Position- Grade 7
- 4. Adina Sagar Consolation Grade 6







We are delighted that Sitam Sahoo, our Sports Mentor has won a Silver (Fight) and a Bronze (Kata) at the International Karate Championship 2024 held in Jharkhand. Sayon Mandal, our Swimming Coach, is the recipient of Sports Champion Felicitation by the Young Men Christian Association (YMCA) in the Water Polo Category. Many congratulations to both our talented mentors. May you win many more laurels.

Activity 1

Shri Mandira Parikrama Prakalpa

Our children, who got a surprise holiday on 17th January 2024, listen to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik's address to 4.5 crore Odias, in order to understand the reason behind the holiday on 17th Jan 2024.







Activity 2

Our Vice-Chairperson, Panchami Ma'am, in a briefing and Q&A session with children, taking them through the finer points of the Shri Mandira Heritage Corridor project.







MAKARA SANKRANTI - KITE MAKING AND KITE FLYING ACTIVITY

Why are kites flown on Makara Sankranti?

The ultra-violet rays of the Sun are Nature's greatest germicide. In winter, the dimmed down sun does not beam adequately strong ultraviolet rays and therefore we see the onslaught of diseases from bacteria and viruses like skin infections, coughs, colds and viral fever. Because of the bitter cold, people hesitate to move outdoors, and therefore are completely bereft of the benefits of the sun's energies.

By ritualising kite-flying on this day of Makara Sankranti and thereafter, days that see the sun warmer and brighter because of the onset of Uttarayan, our ancient seers, physicians and ancestors encouraged people to stay outdoors and get exposure to disinfecting sun rays for long stretches of time as they fly kites. Apart from replenishment of Vitamin D, the intensity of long drawn infections also reduces, and people feel invigorated and rejuvenated, getting rid of the lethargy of staying indoors.

As always, our ancient rituals are backed by scientific reasoning.











IGNITING MINDS



The second session of our 'Igniting Minds' series was a presentation on Project Cheetah by Ananta Prasad, Destination Marketing Expert from the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India, for the states of Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. A tourism professional, he also has his own start-up for Experiential Tourism in Odisha and India. Ananta Prasad brought his experience from the Project Cheetah initiative of rewilding cheetahs in the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh to share with children. Our young people interacted with him in a wide ranging discussion on the extinct species and the critical importance of restoring this national treasure. Children also learnt about the relationship between the natural world and that of human beings, how each species has a specific position in the chain of survival. They discussed habitats and food, as well as the impact of human interference on wildlife. The excitement was palpable, and in closing, we had a group of youngsters who were well informed about the cheetahs and their rewilding in India.











IGNITING MINDS





We've set off on our 2024 calendar, with a fresh and robust new series - Igniting Minds, a pioneering step, as we begin mapping our scholastic and co-scholastic journey for the year. This novel programme seeks to have bright young achievers exploring new domains interact with our children, and share experiences in order that our young people get acquainted with new ideas and innovative practices. Thus, the first session was dedicated to a hands-on immersive AI experience.

Jivitesh Debata, our Resource Person is a budding young technologist pursuing his Masters at the Rochester Institute of Technology on a full scholarship, a local lad, we have seen growing and finding his wings to great credit. His academic focus lies at the intersection of AI and aerial robotics, where he explores how drones can autonomously navigate and interact with their environment using complex AI algorithms.





Jivitesh spent over two hours with students of Grade 6 and 7 this morning, and here is what he had to say after the session:

"Today, I had the enriching experience of teaching 6th and 7th graders at The DN Wisdom Tree Global School about virtual reality (VR), showcasing its potential through a hands-on demo. Teaching is always a rewarding endeavor, but the speed and enthusiasm with which these students grasped the VR technology truly amazed me. Their ideas for world building, animation, and even productivity applications in VR were a testament to the creativity of the next generation.

One of the highlights was witnessing their awe as they traveled back in time, experiencing the Konark Temple in its former glory through the immersive VR environment. They also engaged in VR gaming, facing an Al-assisted opponent who is ranked top in the world, which was both educational and exhilarating for them. Additionally, a fitness experience within VR, highlighting calorie loss, demonstrated the versatile application of this technology.

As a computer science student with a focus on AI and automation, seeing these bright, enthusiastic students push the boundaries of VR technology was a profound moment in my journey. It reinforced my belief in the limitless potential of these young minds and the pivotal role of technology in shaping a creative and innovative future."

Just one of the reasons why we say we are a school as unique as your child!



ART FOR EARTH - FROM TRASH TO TREASURE



A novel initiative of the Ila Panda Centre for Arts to promote sustainable art was inaugurated at The DN Wisdom Tree Global School on 11th January 2024. Six amazing artworks focussing on Odisha created from discarded waste by amateur artists of Team RepArt were on display. The day marked the death anniversary of Late Ila Panda, engineer, industrialist, artist, and stalwart art patron, who studied fine arts in Shantiniketan. The Ila Panda Centre for Arts has been instituted in her memory by her family to promote art and artists in Odisha. Late Dasarathi Naik, beloved teacher and inspiration, in whose memory The DN Wisdom Tree Global School has been instituted, was also remembered with reverence. Ms. Panchami Manoo Ukil, Vice Chairperson, welcomed the guests and children, and introduced the theme of the exhibition. Team RepArt, the curators, spoke about their journey of making the artworks and asked children to focus on the 3 Rs - reduce, recycle, and reuse. Children then had the opportunity of viewing the display. The exhibition was open to visitors on Saturday, 13th January 2024, from 2 pm to 5 pm. Thereafter, it has traveled on to different schools in the state.

Another innovative programme that speaks about our uniqueness - we are a school as unique as your child!





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EMBRACING OUR ROOTS THROUGH STORYTELLING

As a school that continually pursues global best practice learning systems in order to enable our students gain access to latest and the best in the field of education, yet we remain consciously and firmly anchored to our roots. We ensure that our children learn about our roots with reverence and respect because our roots are the bedrock of real wisdom.

As it was the time for Bishwa Odia Bhasha Sammilani to be inagurated, we at The DN Wisdom Tree Global School supported Bakul Foundation's BHUFESTO - Bhubaneswar Storytelling Festival that was held at four major parks in the city from 3rd to 5th February 2024. BHUFESTO gave us a charming sneak preview with an enthralling storytelling session by Meera Das in Odia.







WISDOMITE SHINES!





We are delighted and proud to announce that our Wisdomite, Sritik Kuanr (Grade 6) has found a place in the top 10 out of 50 in the SBI Spell Bee competition held at Hotel Mayfair, Bhubaneswar on 21st January 2024

We are very proud of you dear Sritik! Congratulations!





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