



Salwanians Salute The Soldiers!

Samman Diwas is organized at SPS every year since 2003 to honour the brave men in uniform. Distinguished army officers and jawans are invited to the school and felicitated. The school also decorates its illustrious alumni serving in the armed forces on this day. Upholding the motto Service before Self, the school has also been organizing a Blood Donation Camp for the Army Transfusion Centre for the last 19 years.

This year Samman Diwas was organized on 24th August, 2013. Lt. Gen. Rajiv Bhalla, SM, VSM, Director General Military Training, Col. Commandant APCC, Col. of the JAT Regiment was the Chief Guest. Maj. Gen. M K Unni, VSM, Deputy Commandant, R & R Hospital inaugurated the Blood Donation Camp. On this special occasion Dr. Prasad V. Medury, Chairman SPS paid tribute to the Founder Father Late Pt. G.L. Salwan. The school honoured the decorated soldiers and *Veer Naaris*. Parents, Members of the Managing Committee and teachers in large numbers donated blood for the Army Transfusion Centre. In addition to a colourful, cultural programme 'Desh Rangeela', many exciting games were organized for the jawans and the students.



Alumnus 1976 Batch: Ashish Nanda Joins As Director, IIM

Ashish Nanda, an alumnus of SPS has been recently appointed as the Director of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He has an impeccable global academic and research experience. He has been teaching at Harvard Business School and Harvard Law School for the last 20 years. Truly a source of inspiration for young Salwanians!



Visually Impaired Salwanians Set An Example

Ajit Singh, a visually challenged student of Class XI has been invited for an exchange programme under the Kennedy-Lugur Youth Exchange Study Programme, U.S. for the session 2013-14. Ajit is the first differently abled student who has been selected for this programme. In Class X he attained a remarkable 9.8 CGPA, with a perfect 10 CGPA in Mathematics, Hindi, Social Science and Foundation of Information Technology and 9 in English.

Also the four visually impaired Salwanians, who had appeared in the Class XII Board Exams this year, secured excellent results -- Manpreet Kaur (89.2%), Ratul Arora (89%), Hartaj Singh (88.4%) and Mayank (84.6%).

These students have proved that with strong determination and courage it's possible to rise above all adversities and realize one's dreams.



SPS Recognized for its Healthy Practices

The school has been awarded the International Felicitation for Promotion of Health Standards at School Level by the National Institute of Clinical Research and Indira Gandhi Technological and Medical Sciences University, Arunachal Pradesh.

The school has also received 'The Life Empowerment Award for Schools 2012-13' by Expressions India, The National Life Skills, Values Education & School Wellness Program. The school has won accolades in two categories-

- o Exemplary Achievement in Healthy School Environment
- o Special Jury Award in Inclusive Education

These awards were given in recognition of the school's efforts in ensuring a healthy, happy and clean environment for each child studying in its campus. We share some of the practices being followed:

- The school has a well equipped Healthcare Centre which ensures immediate attention in case of any emergency.
- The school maintains a Health Record Management System for every student that gives details of any allergy that the child may have, any recent illness or any surgery that the child has had.
- The school has a fully equipped Learning Centre that caters to 61 children with special needs and different challenges such as autism, learning disability and visual impairment. This is done with the help of a team of trained Special Educators and a Counsellor.
- The visually impaired students are also provided help and support in every possible manner like stationery material, school uniform, free lunch, etc. With the support of the illustrious alumni the school also raises funds for the fees of these children.



Grooming Responsible Global Citizens Through Cross-Border Networking

Salwanians have been a part of Youththinkgreen International Environmental Initiative for the last two years. Youththinkgreen has offered our students the opportunity to serve as responsible climate ambassadors seeking practical environmental solutions for sustainable development. The initiative is patronized by the Executive Secretary of UNFCCC, Ms Christiana Figueres, the German Chancellor Ms. Angela Merkel and Dr. Hans-Gert Pottering, former President of the European Parliament.

The climate ambassadors of SPS have been working methodically on monthly tasks based on intensive research, surveys, observations and presentations in the form of short-films, reports, videos, power-point presentations, position papers, etc. They have been trained in script-writing and film-making by renowned film- director from Germany, Mr. Thomas Frick.

To consolidate the learning outcomes of the international initiative, ten students - Aastha Kaur, Dishali Asrani, Manav Bansal, Rishab Lohiya, Jenita Dhanak, Dakshita Kapoor, Gursharan Kaur, Priya Keswani, Tanya Kalra, Robin Makkar of the School and two teachers Mrs. Mala Kapoor and Mrs. Sonia Jai Prasad participated in the 1st World Youth Sustainability Summit at Berlin, Germany from 10th May'13 to 20th May'13. Three hundred young climate ambassadors from thirty-two countries participated in the Summit.

The Salwanians mastered the theme of the Summit- 'Youth & Sustainability', by preparing well-structured comprehensive tasks. They showcased their local sustainability project The Green Carnival – a community outreach initiative. They also discussed vital environmental issues with an esteemed panel of experts. Branching out for greener change, the climate ambassadors breathed life into a Tree of Hopes made of waste material at Brandenburg Gate symbolizing the unison of the demands of today's youth. They interacted with Mr. Peter Altmaier, Minister of Environment, Federal Republic of Germany. Youththinkgreen climate ambassadors formulated a Youth Manifesto- A Declaration of Demands of today's youth addressed to the governments and the civil societies to be presented to the UNFCCC.



Student Council: Leaders In The Making!

Salwan Public School appointed its Student Council 2013-14 in a solemn Investiture Ceremony held in July, 2013. Dr. Prasad V. Medury, Chairman SPS inspired the young leaders to work sincerely and take the school to the highest levels of excellence. The head boy Jasmeet Singh and head girl Priya Keswani will head the Student Council.



The Student Council strengthens the functioning of the school by promoting discipline and teamwork amongst students and encouraging them to participate in scholastic and co-scholastic activities. Being a part of the Student Council provides an invaluable learning experience of shouldering responsibilities and developing organizational skills by inculcating exemplary leadership qualities.



Global Education Leaders' Program Team to Visit SPS

The Global Education Leaders' Program (GELP) sets out to transform education, effectively and sustainably, at local, national and global levels. It envisages education systems that equip every learner with the skills, expertise and knowledge to survive and thrive in today's dynamic world. At the heart of GELP's vision is the fostering of education through new pedagogies, curricula and assessment methods.

Many countries including Australia, Brazil, British Columbia, Canada, China, Finland, New Zealand, South Korea, USA are members of GELP.

Every six months GELP jurisdictions meet to share practices, goals and challenges as they lead transformation in their education systems. The next GELP Global Meet will be hosted by CBSE in New Delhi from October 21 to 25, 2013. During that time the GELP team will be visiting Salwan Public School.

The school's successful model of Inclusive Education and its unique concept of Public Private Partnership that exists amongst the Public Schools and the Government Aided schools of Salwan Education Trust at Rajinder Nagar with exemplary sharing of facilities, resources, pedagogies and innovative practices will be highlighted during the visit.

Breaking Religious Barriers

Tony Blair's Face to Faith Foundation is an innovative school programme, which is active all around the world. Face to Faith, promotes cross-cultural understanding and equips young people with key 21st century skills needed to live in a world of diverse faiths and beliefs. It gives students key mediation and negotiation skills to enable them to hold meaningful and respectful interfaith discussions – even if their views diverge.

Video conference - Through these conferences with various schools from different parts of the world, students learn about the varied cultures and religions.

April 10, 2013 : The senior students had an interactive video conference with schools from Italy, Jordan and India on the theme "Art of Expression". The students discussed about examples of natural beauty and man-made structures in their community. The importance of monuments and the pride that is instilled in each one of us on visiting them was the moot point of discussion.

July 31, 2013 : The second video conference on the theme "Festivals" was held with Face to Faith India chapter. The students were actively engaged in fruitful interfaith discussions, thus encouraging a secular outlook among them.



Video Conference in progress with Mr. Tony Blair, former P.M., U.K.

Project: Lemon Grass - A Great Mosquito Repellent

A research project on lemon grass has been implemented in the school. Lemon grass is known for its various medicinal uses, out of which the main is its property of being a mosquito repellent. It is planted in the Fountain Area of the school to keep the mosquitoes away. The result of this plantation drive has been fruitful with the school being relieved of the menace of mosquitoes to a large extent.

The other uses of this miraculous plant are:

- As a medicinal plant, lemongrass has been considered a carminative and insect repellent.
- It is used in herbal teas and other non-alcoholic beverages, in baked goods, and in confections.
- Lemongrass oil revitalizes the body and relieves the symptoms of jetlag, clears headaches and helps to combat nervous exhaustion and stress related conditions.



Enthusiastic Students working for a healthy environment

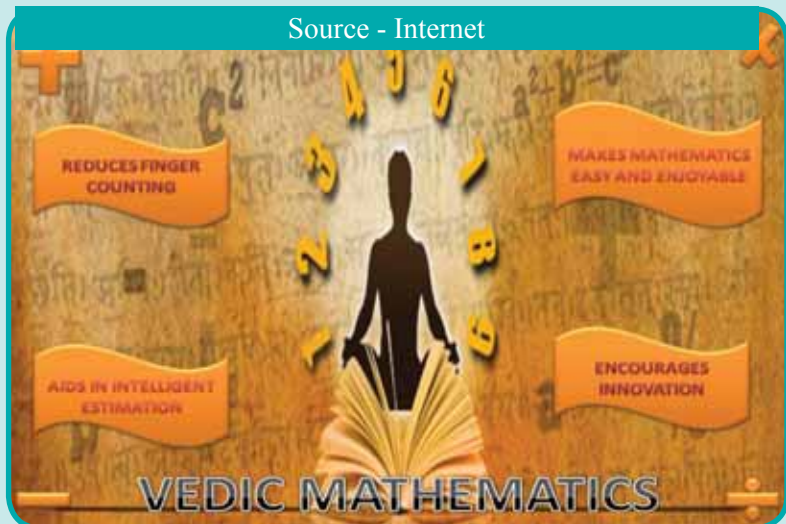
Decoding the Ancient Art of Computing Through Vedic Mathematics

The great mathematician Swami Bharati Krishna Tirtha (1884 – 1960), as a student of the Vedas stumbled upon a few Sutras (aphorisms or word-formulae), which he reconstructed as 16 Sutras and 13 Upa-sutras, using which numerical calculations became simpler and faster.

In Vedic Mathematics, unlike the conventional methods, there are many ways to arrive at a solution for a problem. This gives us the liberty to choose the technique which is most convenient for us. Vedic Mathematics can be understood easily by people of any calibre. It enhances the ability to approach and solve any mathematical problem.

As Vedic Mathematics aims to promote the traditional knowledge of Mathematics mastered by the mathematicians of ancient India, workshops are organized by SPS(A) for the students of classes VI to X to teach them the various techniques. This unique feature was also shared with our partner school in U.K, much to their delight and amazement.

Source - Internet



Global Curriculum Programme

Salwan Public School (Afternoon), recipient of International School Award (2011-2014) by the British Council for providing an invigorating and competitive atmosphere, essential for the academic and personal development of students is committed to building the students' confidence and self esteem by engaging them in a plethora of activities which inspire a love of learning and accomplishment. Towards this effort, we have regular academic exchange programmes with the Loxford School of Science and Technology which is our partner school in U. K. Mr. Pramod Shukla (Head of Maths Department) had a truly enriching experience with the students and faculty of Loxford School during his visit. He engaged them in enlightening and inspiring activities to understand Mathematics with the combined use of smart classrooms and involved student participation. The paper folding activity for Grade 7 (Year 8 – high ability group) on the topic "Law of Exponents" was applauded as it was a unique experience for them. On their part, they prepared a Business Model workable in India which Mr. Shukla had to evaluate in the context of its feasibility and profitability in the Indian economic scenario.



Mr. Pramod Shukla teaching maths at Loxford School, U. K.