



DARSHAN ACADEMY

CBSE SCHOOL (AFFILIATION No. 1 130644) SCHOOL CODE - 30566

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

This Annual Report welcomes you to spread your wings to discover new horizons in the promising journey of Darshan Academy, Pune along with little angels. It will apprise you of all the events & happenings in the school. It is a narrative summary of the school's operations and achievements throughout the year. It provides a detailed account of the progress the school has made to provide high quality educational opportunities to all the students, as set out in the school plan. This Annual Report states the activities and achievements of the school during the academic year 2020-21.












ORIGIN / GENESIS

Excellent performance is not an exception but an expectation at high. Darshan Academy, Pune tries to build greater engagement with the school by the wider community-school, staff, students and parents. Darshan Academy, Pune gives priority to recognize and reward accomplishments. It provides equal opportunity for gifted and slow learners to achieve excellence in academic, cultural, sporting, civic leadership and social endeavors in an inclusive environment that supports learning, teaching and respectful relationships. With the blessings and valuable guidance of His Holiness Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj and the support of the school management, Darshanites are climbing the ladder of success day by day.

MISSION STATEMENT

Darshan Academies believe that each child is a unique individual with a variety of talents and learning needs. Students are trained for life to become high achievers and good human beings. Goal setting, time-management and selfless –service habits are encouraged. Darshan Academies are schools where students are taught to reach their highest potential: intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually. The aim is to develop the character and individuality of each student, their mind, will and soul-power. Students develop a resourcefulness and flexibility through which they can master and use new and rapidly changing fields of knowledge and technology. They are encouraged to see themselves as citizens of a global community whose prosperity and well-being depend on harmony and cooperation.

ACADEMY DISTINCT FROM OTHERS

-  Holistic Education for body, mind and soul.
-  Daily meditation and life skills through transaction of Spiritual Curriculum and life skill activities.
-  Joy of giving selfless love and service.
-  Reaching out the needy and helpless.
-  Working towards promoting Global Human Unity and Peace.
-  Evolving a working environment in the school by the teachers and students.
-  Focusing on a variety of topics such as effective teaching, communication skills, child psychology and learning styles.
-  Through Spiritual curriculum students develop an appreciation and regard for people of all religions and faiths and students grow into true human beings with strong will power and immense purity in words, thoughts and deeds.
-  Students participation in sports and games
-  Students' learn benefits of healthy vegetarian diet.
-  Project weeks held in school help the students to work in detail on the theme selected for the year.

About the Academy

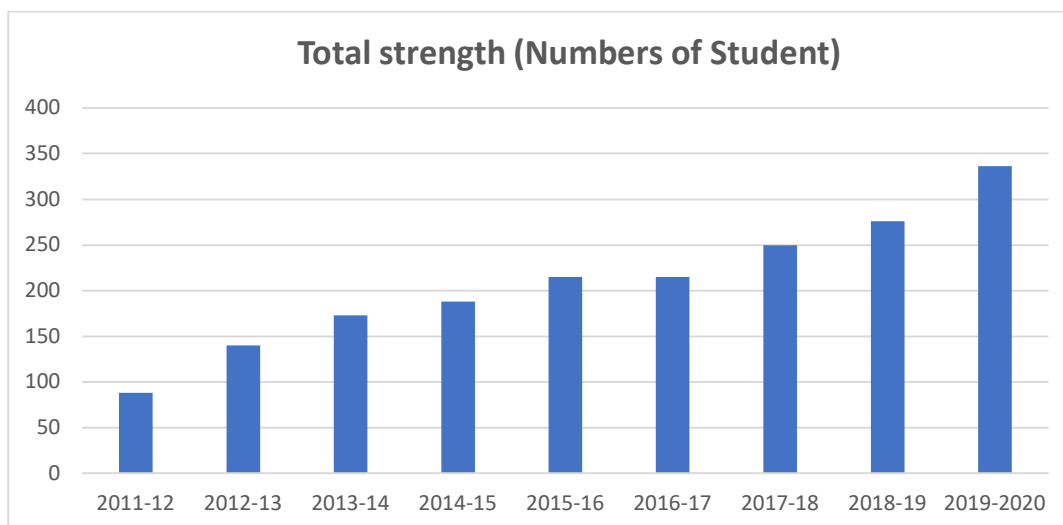
Darshan Academy, Pune is an English Medium Coeducational Secondary School affiliated to CBSE run under the judicious guidance of Darshan Education Foundation, Delhi. The school started in the year 2011. It is a non-profit organization named after the great mystic poet Sant Darshan Singh Ji Maharaj who worked tirelessly for human unity and peace. The Chairman of Darshan Education Foundation is Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj, who is an accomplished Scientist and Spiritual Master. He presents spirituality as a path of Positive Mysticism.

Year wise growth in the students' strength-

Sr. No.	Academic Year	Admission	Total strength	Students Growth %
1	2011-12	96	88	
2	2012-13	103	140	59%
3	2013-14	65	173	24%
4	2014-15	66	188	9%
5	2015-16	77	215	14%
6	2016-17	61	215	0 %
7	2017-18	92	250	14 %
8	2018-19	109	276	9.42 %
9	2019-2020& 2020-21	126 96	336	17.85 %

The graphical and tabulated representation given below shows the year wise growth in

The students' strength & admission growth



Infrastructure:

a)Area of land: 4072 Sq.m

b)No. of Rooms: 48

c)Games & Sports: Various indoor and outdoor games & sports are organized in school to enable students to attain good health, emotional and physical fitness.

(i)Area of playground: 1800 Sq.m

(ii)Facilities available for games and sports: Basketball, Football, Skating, Karate, Kabaddi, Volley ball, Table Tennis Carrom, Chess etc

(iii) Details of coaching being given to students: Special coaching for karate and skating is provided to students on every Thursday and Friday. Training for various sports like basketball, football, Thai boxing, Athletics, Karate is imparted to the students by physical education trainer for various competitions at district/State/ National level.

LIBRARY:

School Library is a mirror of the school as it reflects a lot about its teachers and students. Our school library is the indispensable part of all the teachers and students as it caters to everybody's needs. The library has about 3000 books (approx.), Magazines, comics, spiritual books, encyclopedias, autobiographies, and reference books on every subject. Each class has been allotted a library period in which they read the books and get them issued according to their needs and interests. The tiny tots also enjoy reading the colourful story books. Periodical activities according to class are conducted to imbibe the values of reading among students. A greater initiative is taken by organizing a "Book Worm

Club”. A club which organizes various events and activities promoting the habit of reading.



Activity Room:

“Learning is fun,” children at the tender age of 3 to 9 tend to learn better through informal experiences and activities than formal teaching. So, Darshan Academy, Pune emphasizes on activity-based teaching and learning by doing methods in its activity lab where kids learn things through fun and experience and are actively involved in the learning process. Activity based teaching increases comprehension, memory and retention that helps students excel in all academic areas. At Darshan Academy, Pune the activity room is well equipped with all kinds of educational toys and games which the kids can use while playing and learning. The activity room has been arranged section wise i.e. Maths section comprising number games, clocks, wooden bars of 10 dices beads, cassettes, soft toys, place values building sets, Dominos, Flashcards, Puzzle cards etc. A reading section with different story books, a shop corner ,clay table, as well as a puppet corner ,a fun house are also there in activity room for better learning and engagement of students. Activity room is furnished with activity material for children to experience small group work, so this quiet extension gives the children great opportunity to explore knowledge.

Activity room contains Maths judo gyan material such as picture dice, set of three dice, maths mat where children can develop their imagination by making various shapes like faces, train, buses, houses, etc. Picture dice is for recognition of numbers and pictures. English Activity material contains alphabet cards, small magnetic letters, wooden cursive letters, and story cut outs etc. These are used for identification of letters, sentence making, tracing, storytelling, matching etc. EVS Activity material contains Body parts, fruits, peg board, find my baby, find my food, parts of body, Domestic animals etc. These are used to identify the body parts, animals, vegetables, matching activity, stamping activity etc.



Music Room:

Details of musical instruments in Music Room and their training to students: List of instruments:

Harmonium	1
Keyboard	1
Tabla	1
Taal	1
Tambourine	1
Maracas	2
Drum/ side Drum	2
Dish	1

Students were trained to chant various shlokas in Sanskrit language. They were taught different prayers in Hindi and English languages during the online sessions. Darshanites enjoyed reading various online books during the session. Selected students were trained to play instruments.

Science Lab

Learning by doing always helps the students to grasp things for much longer time. Practical demonstration motivates the students by stimulating interest and enjoyment. It also enhances the learning of scientific knowledge. Practical knowledge of science is must and makes the subject more exciting and helps them to understand in a better way. Laboratories also provide opportunity to the students to familiarize themselves with various instruments. Darshan Academy, Pune has a composite laboratory and is well equipped to fulfil demands for secondary classes till grade 10. Laboratory is big, airy, well ventilated with working lab tables and stools as per the number of students in classes. All science activities are demonstrated by the teachers as and when required in the lab. Regular teaching is also done by demonstration method. There are Specimen, Microscopes, Models of Eye, Ear, Brain, Human Skeleton and Systems of human body. The lab also has all desired chemical apparatus such as Flasks, Beakers, Test tubes, stands, Chemicals, Reagents, Voltmeter, Ammeter, and Rheostat, Electrical and Physical balance. School is also developing Physics, Chemistry & Bio labs separately. & is working to get the upgradation done upto Senior Secondary Level.

Maths lab

Mathematics laboratory is a place to enjoy mathematics through informal exploration and where anybody can experiment and explore patterns and ideas. It is a place where one can find a collection of games, puzzles and other teaching and learning material. The material is meant to be used both by the students on their own and with their teacher to explore the world of Mathematics, to discover, to learn and to develop an interest in Mathematics. The activities create interest among students or in anybody who wants to explore and test some of their ideas & belief. Students made number of models and projects and also were able to explain various mathematical concepts. Also, a Maths Exhibition was arranged which was highly appreciated and enjoyed by students and parents.





Computer Laboratory

Darshan Academy, Pune also endeavors to create Computer awareness which is the utmost necessity in the present world. Computer education is imparted to students according to the syllabus based on the latest computer techniques. The school has 16 working Computers.



Academics

Pre-Primary

Pre-Primary Wing follows Multi-Sensory approach for teaching. A multi-sensory approach also known as VAKT (visual-auditory-kinesthetic, tactile) implies that students learn best when information is presented in different modalities (Mercer & Mercer, 1993). The belief is that students learn a new concept best when it is taught using the four modalities. A multi-sensory approach integrates sensory activities. The students see, hear and touch. It involves the use of our senses. It focuses primarily on using visual, auditory and kinesthetic-tactile elements.

The Different Teaching and Learning Techniques used for Pre-Primary, Primary, Middle & Secondary Wing:

Visual techniques: Visual learning methods include diagrams, modelling, photos and video. Anything that will display something to the student is considered visual.

Auditory techniques: An auditory learning method includes dialogue, clapping, rhymes or anything that can be heard. Teachers use clapping or tapping as means of auditory aids.

Tactile Techniques: Tactile learning includes feel and touch. Teachers use anything textured or raised to help with tactile learning such as coins, sand, dice and clay. This learning technique often engages fine motor skills so it may challenge children who struggle with this.

Kinesthetic techniques: Kinesthetic learning methods include movement and doing things (i.e. writing and anything physical). This type of learning method engages the gross motor skills. Teachers will often use 'air writing' as a method for kinesthetic learning;

Primary

- Student-centred approach is followed in Primary classes.
- Experiential learning approach is also used that involves "learning by doing" and participating in hands-on experiences.
- Usage of Smart class technology also enables students the easy method of learning by experiencing the lessons audio-visually.
- Regular class tests and assignments were given to ensure the progress of students.
- Teaching – learning process focused on how the knowledge gained by the students was applied to the real world.
- Activity based learning such as group discussions, role plays, debates in the teaching – learning process helped students to explore the concepts and ideas.

Middle & Secondary

- Active Learning-Peer instructions, Group Discussions, sharing of information, thinking on topics by students is the best method for transfer of knowledge.
- Visualisation, use of smart class modules help the students to understand better.

- Activity based learning focuses on approach to teaching by engaging students in real world problems & to explore the things.
- Teachers gave purpose and learning goals clearly to the students and also used models and examples to make the topic interesting.
- Verbal and written feedbacks were given to the children after assessing them. Also, the children were given opportunities to provide feedback to the teachers so that certain changes could be done in the teaching process.
- Teachers spent time with each other discussing the best teaching approaches to be implemented. All the teachers were positive and enthusiastic about teaching and motivating the students.

Details of experimentation and innovation with a success story

Darshan Academy, Pune had undertaken many online innovative activities in the academic session 2020-2021. Principal assigned a Project to all the students to prepare Vision Boards at home & announced for an Exhibition of each child's Vision Board in School as School would open. All the students from Class 1 to 10 prepared a Vision Board which manifested the reality of their life in future. Children beautifully presented on Vision Board their Goals of Life & what they wished to achieve in life.

Roti Bank Activity, Health and Wellness activity played a vital role throughout the year where students got the satisfaction by serving the needy people in their society. These activities helped the students understand that sparing just few hours a week and doing even the smallest bit possible can-do great wonders for the poor and needy people. The Health and Wellness Club of Darshan Academy, Pune organized campaigns for maintaining hygiene, good health, nutrition, low-cost food to create awareness amongst residents of slum area and distributed the necessary food items, soaps, detergents. English Proficiency Programme for teachers and students helped in enhancing their communication skills.

A Solar city model was developed by the students without the help of teachers. The students conducted group discussion on procedure and methods to develop and make a working model of Solar City. Students used different skills like planning, setting goals, designing, analysing, technical skills and leadership skills to accomplish the project successfully. Innovative project also helped students in understanding the value of team spirit and how to work in team.

INNOVATIONS

Robotics Activity

Students of Darshan Academy could explore a lot of things by Robotics activities conducted in school.

They worked enthusiastically on a variety of projects eg. Automatic Generator, Sharpener, Magnetic Car & Water Fountain.

Purva Gajre, Grade 3 Student explained the project of Magnetic Car beautifully. Our brilliant Darshanites showcase their talents by involving themselves in such amazing projects.

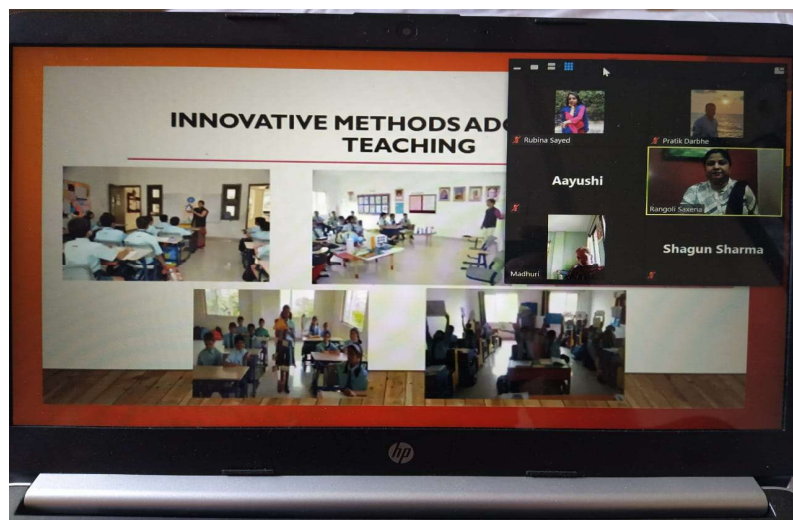
As a part of Robotics activity, Satviki Kulkarni, Grade 3 student demonstrated Automatic Sharpener and Eraser making activity & exhibited her presentation skills in an outstanding manner.

As a part of Robotics activity, Suharsh Jain of Grade 3 made a working project of Water Fountain which was highly appreciated.

Online Orientation Programme for Parents:

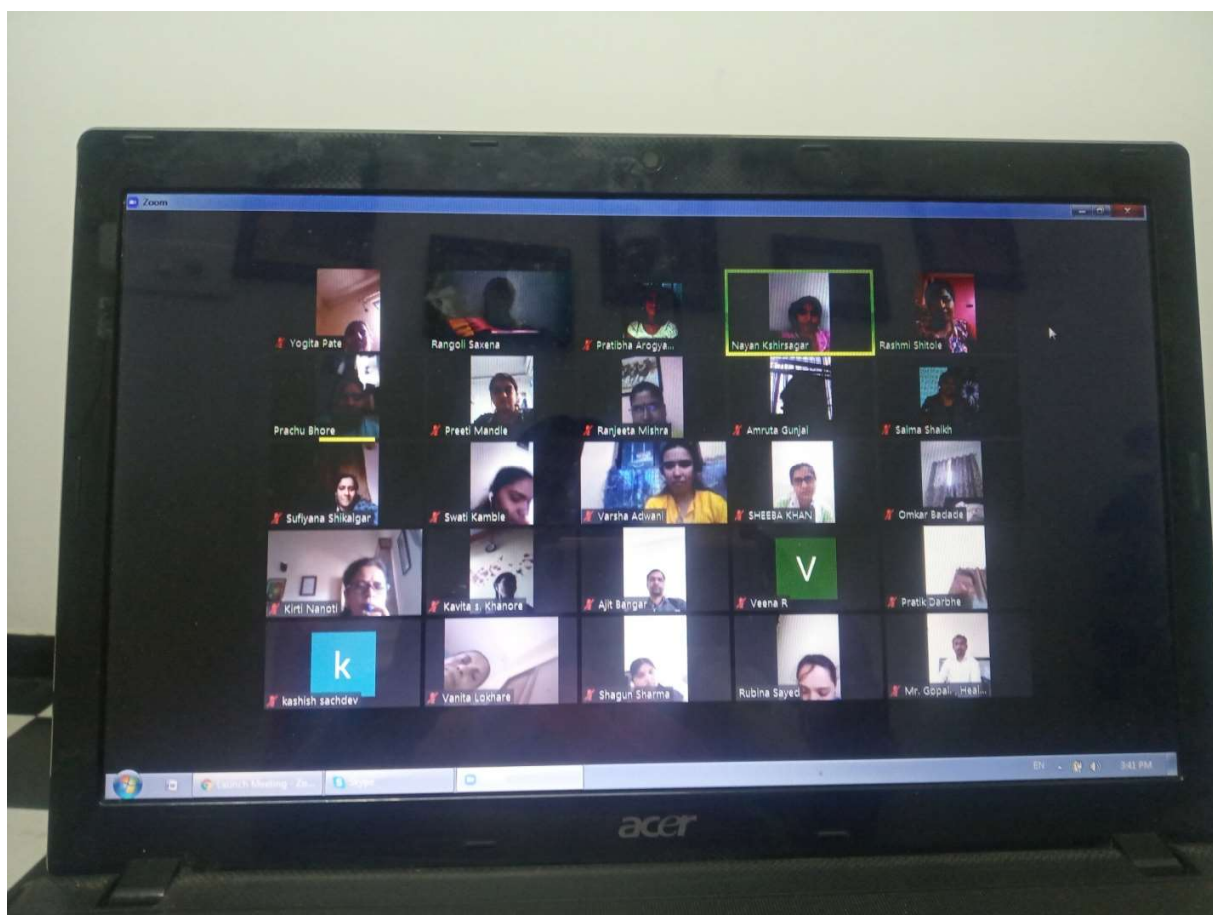
Darshan Academy organized Online Orientation Programme for new parents as well as existing parents separately on 27/3/2020 and 30/3/2020 respectively. The parents were acquainted with the school philosophy, pedagogical approaches adopted to teach, activities, rules and regulations, examination system and evaluation policy. Mrs. Rangoli Saxena, Principal welcomed the gathering online and briefed them about working of school and role of parents in nurturing their children positively. She explained the parents about school's vision, mission & latest pedagogical approaches adopted to teach students through a beautiful power point presentation. While attending online Orientation Programme parents missed the Orientation Programme of 2019-20 held in School Auditorium. The Programme proved to be beneficial for parents and was concluded with vote of thanks.





Online Orientation Programme for Teachers

Darshan Academy, Pune organized a Spiritual Orientation Programme for teachers on 1/4/2020. Resource Person for orientation was Ms. Perna. She expressed her notions on lacking of spirituality in the current generation & conducted a motivational session. In nutshell the programme filled the teachers with great zeal & zest about practical Spiritual Enhancement for day-to-day life.



Online Orientation Programme for Students:

This event was organized to mark an enthusiastic start of new Academic Session 2020-2021. Mrs. Rangoli Saxena, Principal had conducted a motivational workshop for Students which incorporated beautiful presentations and inspiring videos. Students were advised to set short term and long-term targets and to have confidence in their ability.

CLASS 10 STUDENTS OF DARSHAN ACADEMY, PUNE PRODUCE OUTSTANDING RESULT

The students of Darshan Academy, Pune made the school proud with their commendable result in class 10. The school topper Kaushek Joshii scored 96.4%. Samarth Sangolkar scored 91.8% and Sai Govardhan Sasanapuri scored 91.6%.

Many students scored above 90% marks in all subjects. Sai Govardhan scored a whopping 100/100 in Mathematics. It was a great achievement for all the students and the school. Management, Principal & Staff highly appreciated the efforts of all the students and congratulated all the students on the grand success.





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(CBSE School Nursery - Grade X)

"CREATING GENERATIONS OF PEACEMAKERS"






HEARTFEST CONGRATULATIONS!!

TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF FOR EXCELLENT RESULT

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CLASS X RESULT

				
KAUSHEK JOSHII	SAMARTH SANGOLKAR	SAI GOVARDHAN SASANAPURI	TANUSHREE PATIL	NIKITA KANWAR
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SUBJECT TOPPERS CLASS X

SUBJECT	NAME	MARKS
ENGLISH	KAUSHEK JOSHII	94
HINDI	KAUSHEK JOSHII, SAMARTH SANGOLKAR	98
MATHEMATICS	SAI GOVARDHAN SASANAPURI	100
SCIENCE	KAUSHEK JOSHII	96
SOCIAL SCIENCE	KAUSHEK JOSHII, SAI GOVARDHAN SASANAPURI, TANUSHREE PATIL	95

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Emphasis on Spiritual Curriculum

Darshan Education Foundation provides students with an education for inner and outer peace. For this purpose, it has developed a unique subject that is spiritual curriculum. It includes lessons on Peace, Conflict resolution, Goal setting, Truthfulness, Non-Violence, Vegetarianism, Sant Mat, Introspection. This special subject helps students in dealing with people around them. It also develops ethical values, communication skills, self-confidence and life skills in students. Each day students, teachers and all staff members start their day with 10 minutes of meditation. Spiritual curriculum develops an appreciation and regard for people of all religions and faiths and helps students grow into good human beings with strong will-power and immense purity in words, thoughts and deeds.

Darshan Academy, Pune : Leader in Imparting Online Education :

Date: 22/3/2020

Darshan Academy, Pune is a leading school in imparting online education to students & commenced online classes from 23rd March, 2020. All the parents highly appreciated this initiative of school. Looking into the situation of uncertainty after sudden lock down school authorities took a prompt step to impart online education to students till the reopening of school so that the studies of students could not be hampered. For online schooling students were provided with formal school time table & entire day's schedule of teaching was followed by

teachers & students. As students were stuck up at home without much activity. Online classes kept them busy, engaged, in touch with studies & enhanced their learning. Initially the Classes were started for Grade X on 23rd March, 2020 & thereafter for Grade 1 to IX also online classes were started. School started new session from 1st April, 2020 with formal online education imparted to its students. Entire system was in place for online working of school. All the students were exhilarated to attend Online Classes by Darshan Academy, Pune.

Darshan kids go online



An online class in progress at Darshan Academy

Darshan Academy, Chinchwad commenced online classes for students from March 23. Considering the present situation of uncertainty, school authorities took a prompt decision to impart online education to students until schools reopen so that students studies are not hampered.

Initially the classes were held for class X and there-

after also for classes I to IX. The school has started with the new academic session from April 1 with formal online education.

Principal Rangoli Saxena said, "For online schooling, students are provided with formal school timetable and entire day's schedule of teaching. In the present situation, students are stuck up at home without much activity. Our online classes

The experience is too good. We got to experience the new trending method of technology. I am thankful to my principal and teachers for taking such a beneficial initiative for important classes like X and for the others too, during such a difficult situation like COVID-19.

- Samruddhi Ruplag,
class X, Darshan
Academy, Chinchwad

will keep them busy, engaged, help them stay in touch with studies and will enhance their learning."

Event: Motivational Workshop for Students:

Date: 15/4/2020

A Motivational Workshop was conducted in for students by Mr Gopal Bhagat. He carried on the topic by taking examples of eminent leaders, personalities and scientists. He explained how these people managed time, circumstances and

were ahead of all odds. He narrated various instances of the lives of those people. The students were highly motivated after the workshop.

Event: Online Inter House Talent Hunt-

Date: 8/4/2020

Inter House talent Hunt was conducted at the start of the session to explore hidden talents in the old and newly admitted students. The House Parents and House Members came to know about all the students of their house by this activity. They prepared the list of students with grades. The students shared their interests, choices, and their field of expertise. According to school event calendar the student's names were selected and considered for events so that there is no eleventh-hour rush for selection. Overall, it was a preparation for various Inter House Competitions to be conducted in school.

Event: Induction and Orientation Programme for Teachers-

Date:12/4/2020

Induction and Orientation Programme were conducted for all teachers to update them about rules and regulations, general code of conduct, leave policy, Spiritual Curriculum, Meditation, and also to create more effective and productive workforce introduction of all old and new teachers was done. A Power point presentation was shown to the teachers which incorporated all information i.e. from dress code to school timings and school policies to procedures. Buddy teachers were assigned to new teachers.

Event: Hand Writing Competition:

Date : 19/4/2020

Practicing hand writing is an incredibly important exercise for children, enabling them to develop fine motor skills and confidence. It activates the brain and contributes to reading fluency. So, keeping in view the importance of good hand writing a competition was conducted for all grades. It was decided that it would be organized monthly & the students with good hand writing would be given Appreciation Certificates.

Event: Online Celebration of Maharashtra Day

Date: 1/5/2020

Special Assembly was conducted on account of Maharashtra Day and International Labours' Day. Mrs. Rangoli Saxena, Principal addressed the students & staff highlighting the significance of the day. She also thanked support staff for working hard. Her speech filled everyone with patriotic fervour. Students

performed various programmes & explained the importance of this special day. Little Darshanites expressed their gratitude towards the support staff.

Mother's Day Celebration

Date: 22/5/2020

Mother's Day is a special day, for all children and mothers as it celebrates the bond of love and affection that is everlasting. Mothers are the emotional backbone of the family, who have the magic touch to heal all wounds and make all things beautiful.

Darshan Academy celebrated this Mother's Day in a very unique way. The drawing teacher had assigned different activities to students from class 1 to 10. Due to lockdown, the students celebrated this day through online mode.

For class 1 Butterfly handprint cards was the theme in which the students made beautiful cards using their own handprints. Class 2 made greeting cards for their mothers and decorated it using paper roses.

Class 3 students made Teddy bear cards for their mother, with nice quotes written on it. Class 4 used newspapers, made small quilled rolls from it and then decorated the photo frame with the rolls.

Class 5 students made a unique photo frame using rice grains. They pasted the rice grains and also coloured it, made it look absolutely beautiful. Class 6 students were given the task of preparing Queen's dress using chart paper and were guided to gift it to their mother like a greeting card.

Class 7 students made wonderful wall décor mural painting using the waste material available in their homes. Whereas class 8 students made use of the non-recyclable plastic bottle and converted it into beautiful art work.

Class 9 and 10 students made small gifts from available material at home. Class 9 students made a splendid gift/jewellery box for their mothers and also wrote some quotes on it by using all the waste materials. Class 10 students made small basket using newspaper, thus displaying the importance of recycling.

Father's Day Celebration

Date: 20/6/2020

Father's Day is a celebration honouring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in the society. A father's selfless love is pivotal in nurturing the child and there could not be a more universal celebration than the one that celebrates the accomplishments and efforts of a father.

The students of classes 1 to 6 celebrated this Father's Day by preparing special gifts for their fathers through art and craft activities. The students made great effort to prepare special Father's Day Cards for their fathers and wrote heart touching notes expressing their feelings and gratitude towards him.

International Yoga Day

Date: 21/6/2020

The students of class 7 to 10 celebrated Yoga Day amid the pandemic in their houses. The students practiced yoga accompanied by their parents who equally encouraged and motivated them. The parents and students together performed different yogasanas to imbibe a healthy way of life to relax their body and mind.

Guru Poornima Celebrations

Date: 4/7/2020

The students of Darshan Academy, Pune celebrated Guru Poornima on 4th July, 2020 in a unique way through their online classes. The students greeted their teachers and sought their blessings for their further endeavors. The morning classes started with listening to the melodious tunes of songs based on Guru. A speech was delivered by Bhavika, Student, Class 9. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the day and the teachers too thanked their students who made them feel proud to be their teachers.

Event: Fruit Party

Date: 8/7/2020

Online Fruit Party for Pre-Primary Classes was organized at Darshan Academy, Pune with the help & support of parents. The idea was to inculcate healthy eating habits and lifestyle by emphasizing the importance of eating fruits through fun activities like fruit cutting and decoration, fruit pizza making and fruit carving. Children actively participated and thoroughly enjoyed the colourful and edible fruits display in the party. The little ones were encouraged to eat fruits every day and at the end of the party, they appreciated their peers and enjoyed fruit pizzas and salads.

Event: Inter Class Drawing Competition

Date: 10/7/2020

Darshan Academy, Pune organized an Inter Class Drawing Competition on 10th July, 2020. The Competition aimed to motivate students to express their views and explore their creativity through their art work. The drawings were judged on

the basis of perspective in line and colour and composition and presentation. All the students participated with full enthusiasm.

WEBINAR FOR PARENTS:

Date: 25/7/2020

A Webinar was organized by Darshan Academy, Pune for all the parents, students and teachers on the 25th of July on the topic, "The importance of Online Education in the current scenario." The Webinar focused on educating parents about the importance of online education and their involvement in the learning process of their child. The prominent speakers of the day were Ms. Joyce D'Cunha and Dale Edwards, the Resource Persons from Trinity College, London.

Ms. Joyce introduced to the necessary 21st Century skills that play an essential role in a child's overall development and how this pandemic has made parents sit along with their child and observe their child's development. She also discussed the challenges faced during online classes and also the importance of usage of powerful, positive, reinforcing words by parents and teachers that help students to sharpen their communication skills. She concluded her talk by defining the different learning processes. Mr. Dale Edwards summed up the session by answering the questions put forth by the teachers, parents and students.

At last, Principal thanked the dignitaries, teachers, parents and students who had attended the Webinar. She also extended her thanks to the speakers Ms Joyce and Mr Dale Edwards for an absolute informative and enlightening session. She further congratulated all the parents, teachers and students for outstanding Result of Board Exams.

Recording

STORY TECHNIQUE

Enacting a story gives children a sense of contentment, achievement and success — these positive experiences stimulate not only language learning but also team spirit.

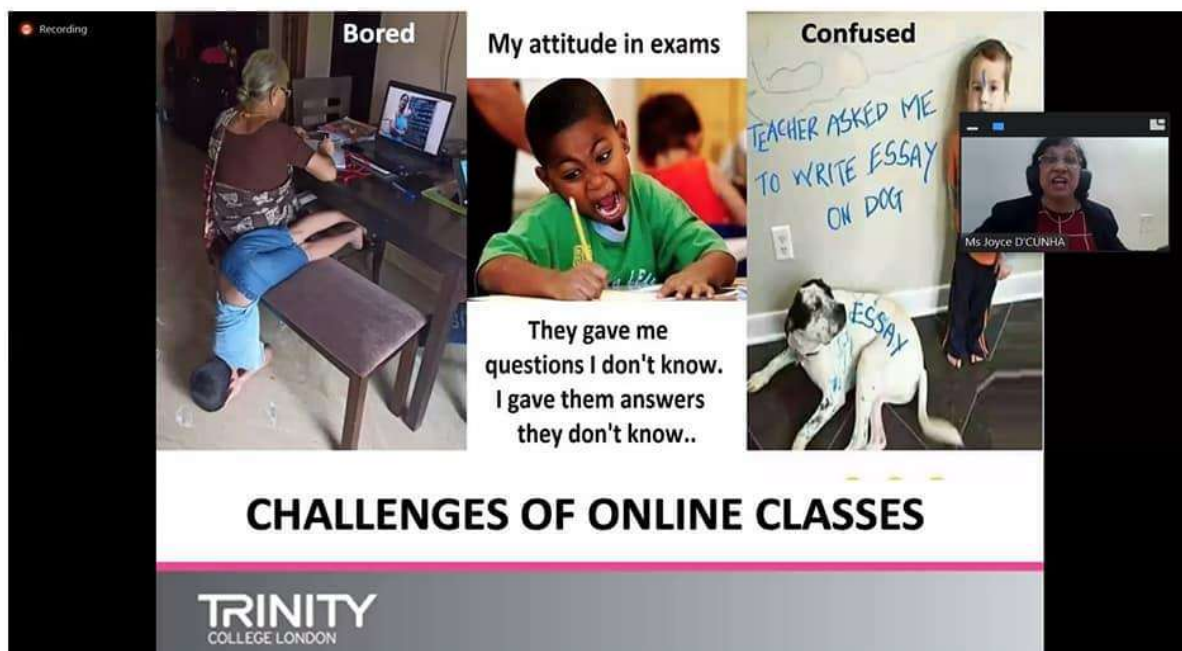


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Rakshabandhan Celebration

Date: 30/7/2020

Darshan Academy, Pune celebrated the Raksha Bandhan festival in a unique way amid the Covid – 19 Pandemic on 30th July ,2020. Students made beautiful Rakhis to be tied on their brother's wrist to show their love and affection towards them.

Janmashtami Celebrations:

Date: 7/8/2020

The students of Darshan Academy, Pune, celebrated Janmashtami in a unique way amid the pandemic through their online medium with great zeal and enthusiasm. The parents were requested to make their child attire in the garb of Radha and Krishna as a part of the day's celebration. The children were dressed up in the most beautiful attires depicting Radha and Krishna.

Online Painting Competition by DDWS:

Date: 13/8/2020

The Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, the nodal department for Swachh Bharat- Grameen established a State-of-art Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra (RSK) at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, New Delhi. On this occasion, DDWS launched the Gandagi Mukh Bharat (GMB) campaign. It was a special week-long campaign for swachhata from 8th August to 15th August.

An online painting competition was organized on 13th August, 2020 in Darshan Academy, Pune for class 6 to 8 on the theme of 'Gandagi Mukht Mera Gaon'.



Event: Cooking without fire

Date: 5/9/2020

Cooking without fire activity was conducted on 5 Sept ,2020, for students from Grade Nur to X. The Pre-Primary students were guided by their teachers and 'Bhel' was prepared by them which they shared with their parents and all of them relished eating it. The students from grade 3 to 8 participated enthusiastically and enjoyed making new fun food items with their friends. Complex food items like Rasmalai, sweets etc were possible by innovative ideas of preparation from students. The students then happily shared the eatables with their family also. Everything ended with fun, happiness and complete satisfaction in the students.

Event: Hindi Divas Celebration

Date: 13/9/2020

Hindi Divas was celebrated in DA, Pune on 13.09.2020. In a special online assembly student recited a poem in Hindi expressing the richness of the language.They expressed their views on Hindi as Rajbhasha and its importance.

Hindi teacher expressed her concern on the minimal use of Hindi language in our day-to-day functioning.

Event: Literacy Classes for Under Privileged Children:

Date: 20/9/2020

Darshan Academy, Pune started the literacy classes on charity basis for the underprivileged and needy people through whatsapp, so this pious job of VIDYADAAN started from the birthday of H.H. Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj i.e. from 20.09.2020. The Programme was titled as Padhenge Toh Badhenge. Free Literacy Classes were also held at Darshan Academy, Pune in the session 2019-20 in offline mode.

Teachers conducted the introductory session in Marathi to create interest in children as they were comfortable in that language.



Event: Workshop on Spiritual Curriculum

Date: 27/9/2020

The idea that schools have a responsibility to provide a holistic education that aims to develop more than just a child's academic ability is well supported at Darshan Academy, Pune. 27th September, 2020 was devoted for a workshop by Mrs. Perna on Spiritual Curriculum, which was followed by a huge line of activities making the teachers aware about Spiritual Curriculum. The whole day was indulged into fun loving demo classes presented by all the teachers, they learnt and experienced new Spiritual phenomena and also participated in the teaching learning process. The workshop started with 10 minutes meditation. Mrs. Perna enthusiastically gave more knowledge about the foundation, belief and positive behaviour followed at Darshan Academy, Pune.

The four agreements were as follows:

1. Be safe
2. Kind to all
3. Dedicated to truth
4. Respectful

Demo lessons on non-violence, service to all, truthfulness, kindness, etc. were taken by our teachers which were later guided by Mrs. Perna, The teachers left wholeheartedly with a positive energy and the willingness to light the lamp of spirituality present in every student of Darshan Academy.

Colour Day Celebration in Pre-Primary Wing:

All Colour Days are celebrated in Pre-Primary Wing with full enthusiasm as they help the children in identification of colours.

Yellow Day Celebration

Date: 21/7/2020

The cheerful children of Darshan Academy, Pune attired in yellow outfit were sparkling with happiness and positivity owing to the celebration of yellow day.

The motive of celebrating yellow day was to make the children aware of the colour yellow. Children spent the day with great enthusiasm. Students had yellow coloured nutritious food like Banana, poha, dhokala etc. for the day.

Orange Day Celebration

Date: 16/10/2020

Orange colour is associated with Joy, Sunshine and the warmth. It represents enthusiasm, fascination, happiness and creativity.

Tiny tots of Darshan Academy, Pune celebrated orange colour day with great zeal and zest. One of the school corners was beautifully decorated with orange-coloured objects. Children did many online classroom activities using the orange colour as a theme.

Students of preprimary section celebrated orange day with a sole objective to acquaint the little ones with the concept of this secondary colour and objects related to it. The teachers and children both in harmonious shades of orange enjoyed creating the hues and tints of this colour day by blending red and yellow. The activities helped the students in reinforcing the concept of Orange colour. The purpose of the activity was fulfilled emitting enthusiasm, vigour and zest.



Blue Day celebration

Date : 22/1/21



Blue colour is symbolic of serenity, stability, inspiration & wisdom.

Pre-Primary section celebrated Blue Day on Friday, 22/1/21. One of the school corners was beautifully decorated with blue colour objects. Teachers and students were dressed beautifully in blue colour clothes to celebrate Blue Day. Teachers conducted craft activity in online classes. Students spoke on blue colour objects. It was a pleasant and cool blue day celebration for the tiny tots. All the students were happy and enjoyed to the fullest in online classes.

Navaratri Celebration

Date-21/10/2020

Tiny tots of Darshan Academy, Pune celebrated the Navratri festival in a joyous way. Paper dandiya making activity was held on the same day. Students showed their creativity and prepared beautiful newspaper dandiyas. They also danced on the beat of music.

Teachers explained in the online classes about different forms of Maa Durga worshiped for nine days of Navratri.

Rangoli of Mata Saraswati was drawn beautifully in the reception area. Parents of all the classes participated enthusiastically in the virtual Navratri celebration and performed Garba dance. The positivity and energy exuberating out of the colorful costumes combined with the enthusiasm of dancing to the dandiya folk songs made the day fruitful.

Event: Fancy Dress Competition:

Date: 5/11/2020

Darshan Academy, Pune organized Online Fancy-Dress Competition for Nursery to Grade V. It was the most awaited event of the year, as it was a pleasure to watch the toddlers dressed up as different fruits and animals. It was overwhelming to see the little ones speaking confidently. This activity helped the students of the Pre-Primary section to overcome their stage fear, bring out their inner talent, give them a platform to build their self-confidence and explore their inner strength. Parents appreciated the way the children spoke.

Students showcased their talent cheerfully. They were smartly dressed and participated with much enthusiasm and enthralled everybody with their endearing acts.

Parents contributed by dressing their children attractively.

The dynamic show concluded with the encouraging words of Mrs. Rangoli Saxena, Principal who lauded the admiral performance of the tiny tots, parents and the teachers for the success of the event.



Event: Diwali Celebration:

Date: 12/11/2020

Grade – Nur- X

As a part of Diwali Celebrations, Darshan Academy, Pune conducted different activities for the students from Nursery to Grade X through online medium. The students participated with zeal and enthusiasm.

Paper lantern making activity was organized for Nursery, LKG and UKG students. They exhibited their creative skills and prepared beautiful lanterns.

Diya decoration activity was conducted for the students of grades 1 and 2. The students beautifully decorated the diyas with vibrant colours.

Bandhanwaar making activity was conducted for the students from grade 3 to grade 5. The door hangings were beautifully made by the students used different objects like artificial flowers, beads, paper, etc. available to them.

Rangoli making competition was held for the students from grade 6 to grade 10. Rangoli designs decked the floors of the students who drew intricate and free hand patterns using striking colours.

Event: Sharing is Caring - Roti Bank Activity

Date: 12/11/2020

Grade – Nur- V

As a part of Diwali Celebrations, Darshan Academy, Pune took up a sharing and caring drive, wherein clothes, toys and eatables were distributed among the underprivileged sections of the society. This initiative was taken by the school to render a helping hand to the needy people and also to sensitize the students to develop kindness and empathy towards the needy people.



Darshan Academy, Pune organizes Roti Bank Activity with a motive to help the needy and underprivileged people. This activity is conducted twice in a month. Roti Bank activity is conducted by the students who bring fresh roties packed in foil along with dry vegetables. During online classes parents brought roties to school. The school staff accompanied by the non-teaching staff went near Madhukar Pawale flyover Nigdi and Chinchwad link road area for distributing the roties. The school has adopted these areas for Roti Bank Activity. The joy on the faces after receiving roties was priceless.

Poetry Fest

Date: 16/12/2020 -17/12/2020:

Poetry fest 2020-21 was organized on the 16th-17th Dec, 2020 at Darshan Academy, Pune. Students had to present poetry in English or Hindi composed by Darshan Singh ji Maharaj. The classes from Nursery to Grade 10 were divided into groups, amongst which the best three students were selected on various aspects as per their performance. Students in great numbers participated, which made it quite difficult for the teachers to choose the best.

Christmas Day and New Year Celebration

Date: 24/12/2020

Darshan Academy Chinchwad, Pune celebrated both Christmas and New year on 31st December, 2020. The celebration had taken place in the school reception area. Teachers had decorated it beautifully. Principal gave her best wishes for the upcoming New year and all prayed for the permanent existence of Love and Peace in this world. The celebration started with a short audio-video clipping which depicted the whole story of Jesus Christ. Teachers sang melodious Christmas carols, students danced in online classes on the jingle bells and

everyone welcomed the new year with a prayer that 2021 fills each one of us with light, spiritual love, peace and lasting happiness.

SEWA PROJECT: Sharing and Caring Campaign

Date: 23/12/2020

Darshan Academy, Pune took up a sharing and caring drive, wherein sanitizers, clothes, toys and eatables were distributed among the underprivileged sections of the society. This initiative was taken by the school to render a helping hand to the needy people of society and also to sensitize the students to develop kindness and empathy towards the needy people. Sharing and Caring Drive was taken up under the Sewa Project initiative, wherein clothes, eatables and sanitizers were distributed among the underprivileged sections of the society. The teachers went to Empire Estate Flyover, Chinchwad to distribute the things.

Republic Day Celebration:

26/1/2021

Exuberance marked Republic Day Celebration at Darshan Academy, Pune. Darshanites celebrated the day with full patriotic fervour. Flag hoisting was followed by National Anthem. Thereafter, Principal addressed the gathering & variety of patriotic programmes were held in online & offline mode.



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ECONOMY

INDIAN ECONOMY INATED TO CONTRACT 9.6% IN 2020, GROW 7.2% IN 2021: UN

as economy is projected to grow at 7.2%

THE CAUSE

1 According to researchers, the accompanying health effects continue to get worse. The latest research says the death toll could be as high as 100,000 in India.

2 Smoking, the rising risk to life is due to the

At Darshan Academy

Darshan Academy celebrated Republic Day on January 26 with zeal. Chief guest Gurbux Kundanani and HP Saxena presided over the function. The flag hoisting was done by Gurbux Kundanani. The flag hoisting was followed by the national anthem. The Republic Day celebration was an amalgam of on-line and offline performances by the students. The tri-colour shades filled the air with happiness and patriotic fervour.



Flag hoisting ceremony at the school

Grandparents' Day Celebrations

Date: 13/2/21



Darshan Academy, Pune organized an online celebration of Grandparents Day in the school.

The programme consisted of dance, songs and speech of students to express their affection and love. The Grandparents also shared the views to enlighten us with their words of wisdom. They also felt grateful towards the school for the structured and planned methodology of online teaching-learning, conducting events and teachers efforts to facilitate the kids in their studies.

Shiv Jayanti Celebrations

Date: 18/2/21

Darshan Academy, Pune had organized an event on occasion of Shiv Jayanti in Empire Square Club House on 18th Feb 2021. - Mr. Manoj Yadav, who is a Spiritual and Motivational Speaker graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. School teachers Ms. Salma Sayyad and Ms. Yogita Pate delivered a speech on the life history of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. This was followed by a powada that was presented by Shreya Gawade, Grade 3 student. A Skit glorifying the life of Shivaji Maharaj was performed by Arambhi Kiwale and Kartik Kulkarni, Grade 2 students who were dressed up as Jijamata and Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Lastly, a wonderful composition was presented by Mr. Omshankar, Music Teacher. The program was appreciated by the audience.

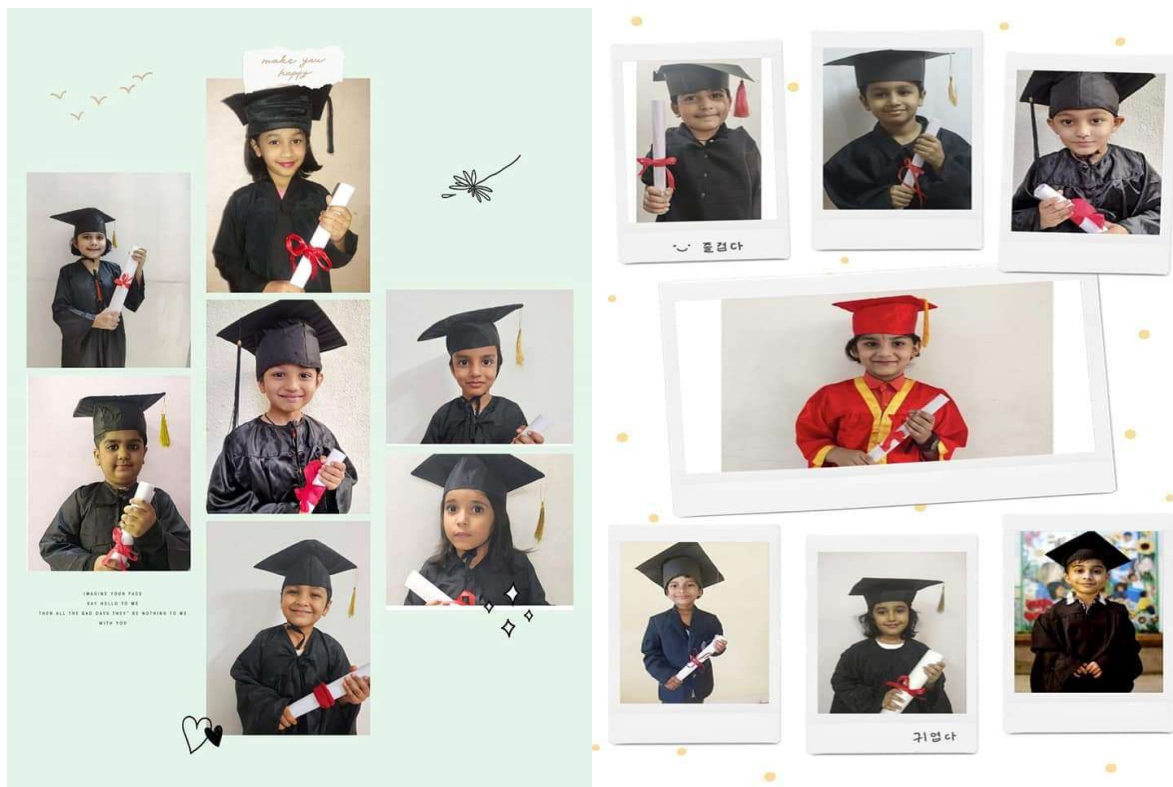
Graduation Day Celebrations

Date: 6/3/2021

Graduation day marks the beginning of the new journey of students for the next level of Formal education i.e the Primary Section.

Darshan Academy Pune celebrated the Online Graduation Day of UKG on 6th March, 2021.

The students were awarded Digital Graduation Certificates. The programme was filled with Fun activities and ensured the participation of all the students and the parents. They enjoyed to the fullest.



Earth Hour Celebration

Date :27/3/2021

Earth Hour is commemorated annually on the last Saturday in the month of March. The event is an initiative of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The event urges people to switch off their non-essential lights for one hour at 8:30 pm (local time).

Darshan Academy, Pune urged everyone to actively participate in the movement and play their part to save Mother Earth. Keep the non-essential lights off from 8.30pm to 9.30pm today. By coming together for nature this Earth Hour, Darshanites symbolically expressed their commitment to end the degradation of nature.

Sing Dil Se

Online Singing Competition:

Date: 28/3/2021



Darshan Academy, Pune organized an Online Singing Competition - Sing Dil Se to encourage the budding singers to showcase their singing talent. The response was overwhelming.

Holi Celebration:

Date: 30/3/2021

Darshan Academy, Pune presented the "Colorful Moments Competition". Students were told to make us a part of their Holi Celebrations and to send best Holi picture with name and contact number on the given Mail id or Whats app number, and win exciting prizes.

Trinity College London Exams

Date – 12/3/2021

Darshan Academy, Pune in collaboration with Trinity College, London had introduced a Spoken English Course known as GESE (Graded Examination in Spoken English). On 12th March the students appeared for the exam GESE – Grade 1 and GESE – Grade 3 respectively.

Trinity College, London – Results

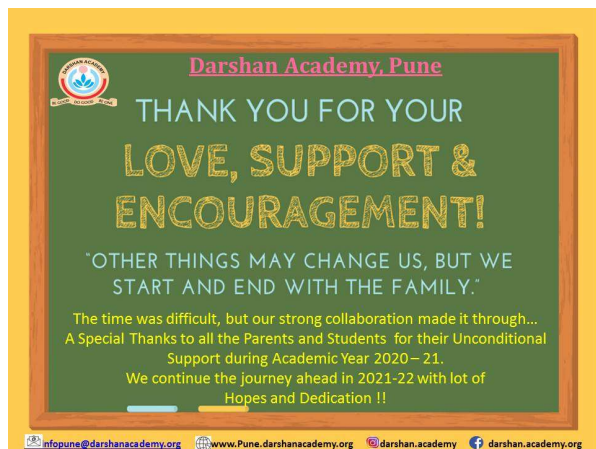
Date – 22/3/2021



Darshanites performed exceedingly well and achieved distinction in their GESE Online Exam conducted by Trinity College, London.

Thank You Note:

Date: 23/3/2020



The Principal and Staff of Darshan Academy expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards the Parents and Students for making The Academic Year 2020-21 Successful and Accomplished year against all odds.

The easy adaptation to Online Teaching-Learning Process by students filled the staff with more and more enthusiasm.

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

In Pre School children are encouraged to be close to nature. They explore the leaves of a plant, observe their shapes and colours (shades of green) and study

their parts. Teachers help them to know and observe how each plant is unique & different from the other.

Environmental Clubs –

School has 8 Clubs. In Eco Club children are taught about the three Rs: reduce waste, reuse resources, and recycle materials. The concept of 'recycling' is also reinforced with children creating posters to generate awareness about the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling.

Cleanliness Drives –

During online classes school conducted cleanliness drives where children made sure that everything is kept clean and litter free at their homes. They felt responsible for keeping all areas spotlessly clean.

During online classes students were explained importance of cleanliness and were asked to help their parents to clean the house.

Special Days Dedicated to the Environment –

Organised special events like 'create no trash day' involving parents too.

Organised tree plantation drive at home and shared importance of trees.

Environment Conservation posters created and displayed –

School has adequate space where posters, art work, etc is displayed. To make it a part of their subconscious learning. Display boards are dedicated to environmental Conservation theme where students, teachers contributed with art work.

"A good way to encourage and create awareness is to encourage children to practice what they've learnt at school at home."

REUSE ITEMS FOR CRAFT. -

Best out of waste activity was conducted in class where students used all waste materials to create best art of it.

Students were explained Identification and separation of waste items whether they are recyclable or not, and how to separate them into different categories, like cardboard, paper or tin.

Students were encouraged to switch off all appliances and lights when not in use and save electricity

Also, importance of water was explained and the students were asked to ensure that taps are closed properly after they have used them, and to use water sparingly

Students were also asked to find out the daily consumption of water in their homes and also find ways to minimize the use of water.

Special Assembly on awareness of Corona Virus and Its Symptoms

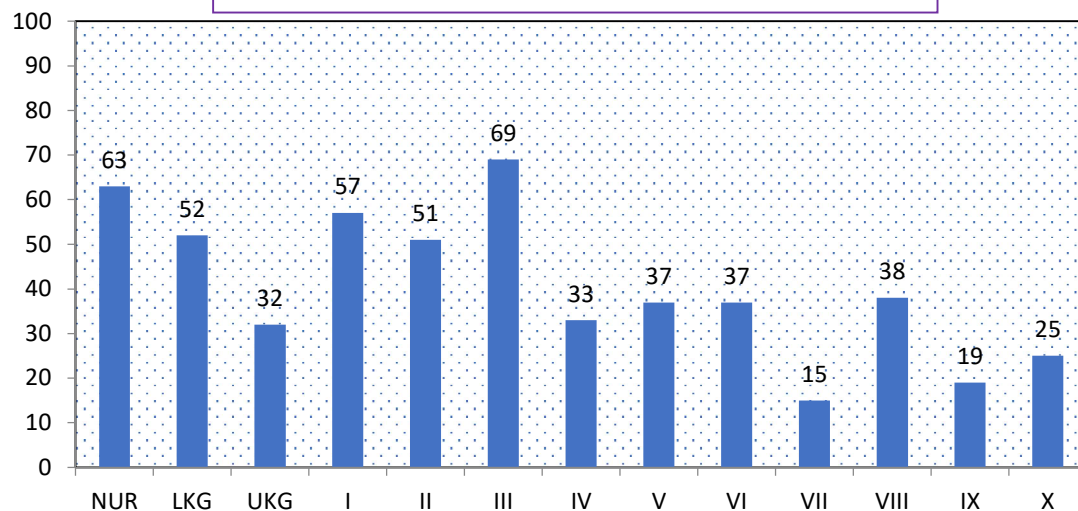
Date: 4/3/2020

Darshan Academy, Pune had organized a special assembly in the school campus regarding the awareness of the Corona Virus pandemic and its possible symptoms. A Power Point Presentation was shown to the children about the symptoms of the coronavirus its spread and precautions to be taken. The students were also instructed to wash their hands frequently with soaps and use sanitizers.

Tuition Fee Concession Class wise

Grade	No.of students availed concession	% of students availed concession class wise
Nursery	5	63%
LKG	14	52%
UKG	6	32%
I	26	57%
II	18	51%
III	22	69%
IV	10	33%
V	7	37%
VI	11	37%
VII	4	15%
VIII	5	38%
IX	5	19%
X	4	25%

**% of students who availed concession
Classwise**



Celebration of Special weeks

Event: Human Unity & Peace Week

Date: 22/07/2020 to 26/07/2020

Darshan Academy, Pune, celebrated Human Unity and Peace Week by conducting a student development programme titled 'Human Peace' from 20th July to 24th July. The entire week was filled with different activities aimed at the development of the students and to hone their different abilities to help them cope with the stressful situations amid the Covid – 19 pandemics.

The first day 20/07/2020 was the orientation programme for all the students from grades III to X. The students were enlightened by a very motivational session conducted by Mr. Gopal Bhagat, Counsellor. This programme helped the students to be guided by a positive mind and grow spiritually and mentally in building a peaceful future.

The second day 21/07/2020 had twin activities focusing on the oratory skills of our 3rd to 5th students as they had a “Story Telling” activity within their online classes. The students actively participated and narrated wonderful stories using expressions, voice modulation, intonations, etc. The second activity was “Essay writing Competition”, which was conducted from Grade 6 to 10. The students were asked to write on the topic, “Human Unity & Peace”. The essays were judged on the rubrics like vocabulary, presentation, imagination and creativity. The purpose of the competition was to encourage the students to enhance their

creative and critical thinking and writing skills. The essays were well written by the students in celebration of Human Unity & Peace Week.

The third day 22/07/2020 celebrated the poetic skills of the students of Grade 6 to 10 who gave expression to their thoughts and composed wonderful poems. Poetry can prove to be an instrumental stepping stone for young children to develop their verbal skills and polish their writing skills. Students were judged on parameters like vocabulary, presentation, creative content used and overall presentation.

The fourth day 23/07/2020 displayed the artistic and creative skills of the students as they actively participated in the Greeting Card making activity on the topic, "Thanks giving" conducted for students from Grades 3 to 9. From each class the best 2 cards were selected by Ms. Rashmi Shitole, Art teacher,

Last but not the least the fifth day was concluded by the singing activity for Grade 3 to 9 conducted by Mr. Omshankar, Music teacher who taught the students a song depicting the importance of human unity and peace. In nutshell, the entire week's celebration proved to be a stress buster for the students who were confined to their homes in lockdown situation helping them to sharpen their different skills and abilities.

Event: Love and Service Week

Date: 07/09/2020 to 12/09/2020

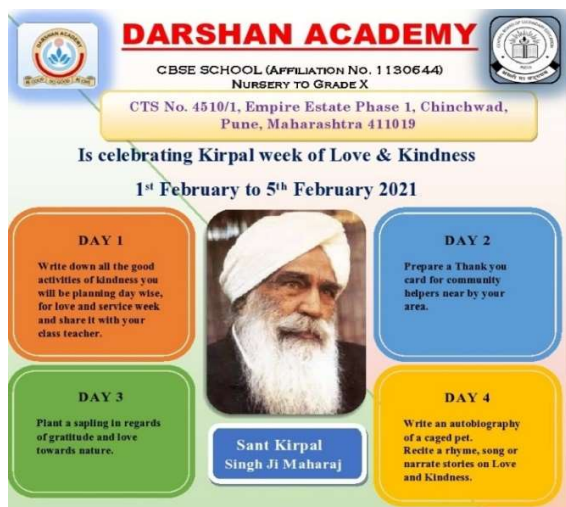
Love and Service week was observed in Darshan Academy, Pune from 7th Sept to 12th Sept, 2020. On 7 September an inspirational speech was delivered to the students by the teachers in the special morning assembly. On 11th September Grade VI students narrated poems composed by Darshan Singh Ji Maharaj. Also Greeting Card making activity was conducted under the guidance of Arts teacher and Activity teacher.

The love and service week was concluded with Thank You messages & greeting cards prepared for the support staff by the children for their hard work.

Event: Love & Kindness Week Celebration

Date: 1/2/2021 to 5/2/2021

Love and kindness are very important in our world today. One kind word or one kind act makes a world of difference to someone. In remembrance of Sant Kirpal Singh ji Maharaj on his birthday, Darshan Academy, Pune celebrated love and kindness week from 1st Feb to 5th Feb 2021.



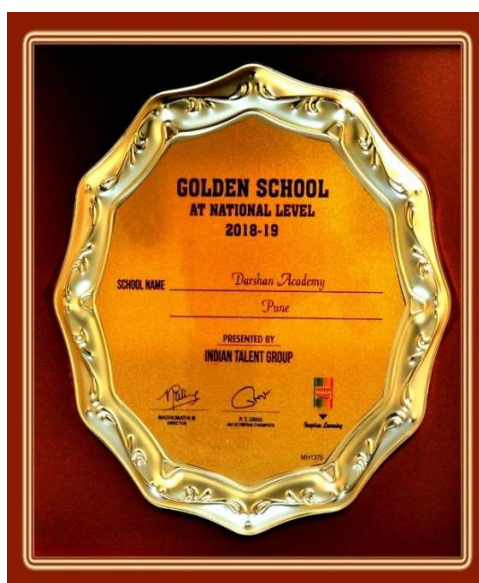
Various activities like Fancy Dress competition, Thank you Card making activity, Plant a Sapling activity and writing Autobiography of a Caged Pet were enthusiastically performed by the students. Each one of us prominently realized the importance of Love and Kindness for each other.

Awards and Accolades:

Darshan Academy, Pune Awarded with Golden School Award

Darshan Academy, Pune was awarded with Golden School Award at National Level by Indian Talent for outstanding performance of students in Academics in 2018-19 & 2019-20.

Darshan Academy, Pune awarded with Golden School Award at National level



Darshan Academy, Pune Awarded With Best School Award

Mrs. Rangoli Saxena, Principal Received Best School Award by Education Concepts, India for Commendable Performance of Students in Academics in Interschool Competition.



ACADEMIC AWARDS



Darshan Academy, Pune Received Best School Award By Education Concepts, India

SPORTS ACHIVEMENTS OF THE YEAR 2020-21

Yatharth Jajodia & Ankit Bhinge , Grade 6 students were awarded with Major Dhyan Chand National Sports Award 2020 & VIP Pass for their outstanding performance in Skating at District, State & National level & for making World Records in Skating.



International Yoga Day

21/6/2020

The students of class 7 to 10 celebrated Yoga Day on 21st June, 2020 amid the pandemic in their houses. The students practiced Yoga accompanied by their parents who equally encouraged and motivated them. The parents and students together performed different yogasanas to imbibe a healthy way of life to relax their body and mind.

Student Achievement:

1. Master Abhay Takale of Darshan Academy, Pune had participated in an inter school Surya Namaskar Competition. Out of 130 participants, Abhay was ranked First for doing nonstop 485 Surya Namaskar. He was awarded with a certificate, a trophy and cash prize of Rs. 6333/-.

TEACHERS' TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Professional development training can help teachers to become better at planning their time and staying organized.

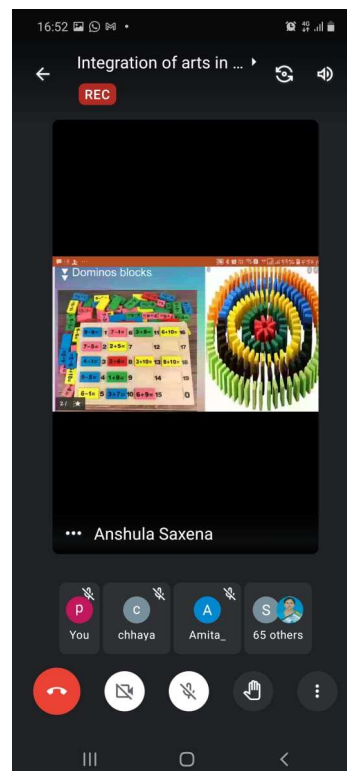
Various workshops on Spiritual Curriculum, Experiential learning, Artificial Intelligence, Stress Management, Time Management, Methodology, Pedagogy in Teaching, Language Skills, Blooms Taxonomy and many more were conducted to upgrade and motivate the teachers. Teachers attended workshops organized by CBSE, COE, SAHODAYA, DIKSHA, National level training institutes & In house workshops.

Through Workshops the teachers got to know about various innovative teaching techniques, motivational techniques which other academies are doing such as making DP of any good assignment shared by the students, innovative type of assignments in English Grammar etc. Their knowledge was enriched and they proved to be more confident by attending these meetings.

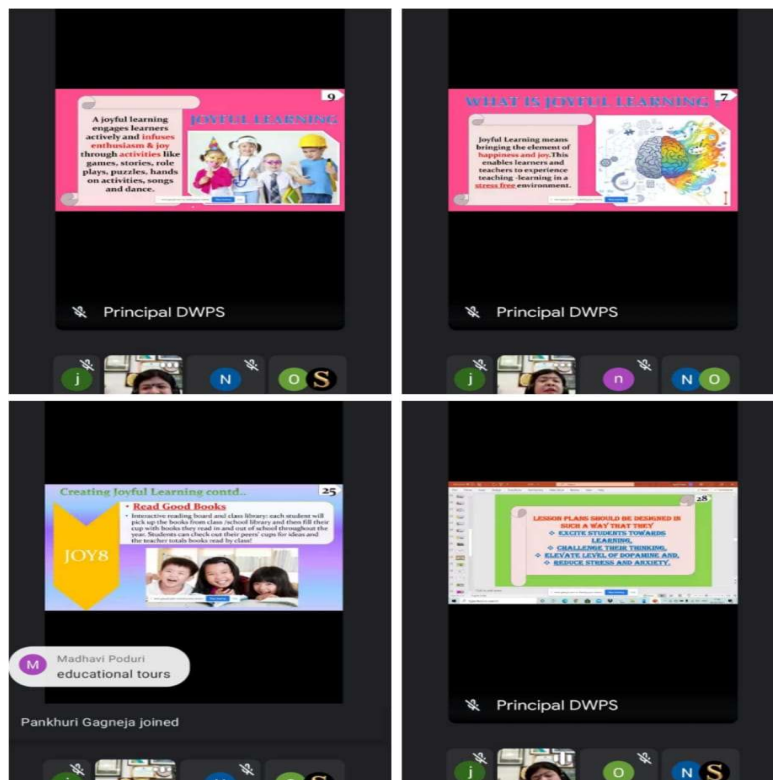
CBSE TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

Integral to the education of students is professional training for the teachers and administrators. Throughout the school year, teachers attend in-service training, workshops, seminars, and learn hands-on approaches to master new teaching techniques.

Regular workshops are conducted for the staff and students throughout the year to keep the staff abreast with the latest teaching learning processes. The educators are updated with CBSE and global trends in education by participating in training programmes & workshops conducted by CBSE, COE Pune, Training Institutes & In House Training.



The teachers of Darshan Academy have also been trained for Joyful Learning for the kindergarten students to make their learning experience more colourful, joyful and interesting.



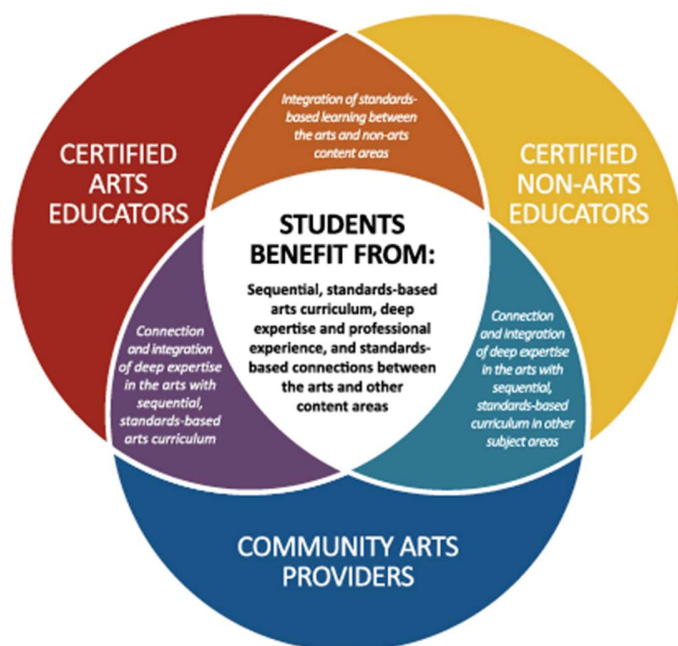
Innovations in Teaching Learning

Art Integrated Learning

Darshan Academy, Pune has effectively integrated Arts into the day-to-day learning. It helps construct knowledge of themes, subjects and concepts and creates awareness of the inter-disciplinary connections. It promotes teamwork and mutual appreciation, enhances communication skills, language skills and problem-solving skills.

Besides creating a fun and engaging way to make students learn and absorb new material, arts integration has many benefits. The art helps children develop creative problem-solving skills, motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making skills, risk-taking skills and inventiveness.

Arts integration is necessary because when Art is integrated with education, it helps the child apply art-based enquiry, investigation and exploration, critical thinking and creativity for a deeper understanding of the concepts/topics. Hence, the options in Learning through Art are huge.



CERTIFIED ARTS EDUCATORS

A career commitment to and accountability for the delivery of sequential, standards-based arts curriculum

COMMUNITY ARTS PROVIDERS

A career commitment to deep expertise in an arts specialty, connecting real-world practice to arts standards and the classroom

CERTIFIED NON-ARTS EDUCATORS

A career commitment to and accountability for the delivery of sequential, standards-based non-arts content areas

Anger Free Zone –

Darshan Academy,Pune is an Anger Free Zone where Joyful Learning is promoted.

Making school Anger-Free Zone eradicates emotions like fear, disrespect, humiliation and hurt, which are by-products of anger. This change in the school environment helps children to become mentally active and emotionally wealthy.

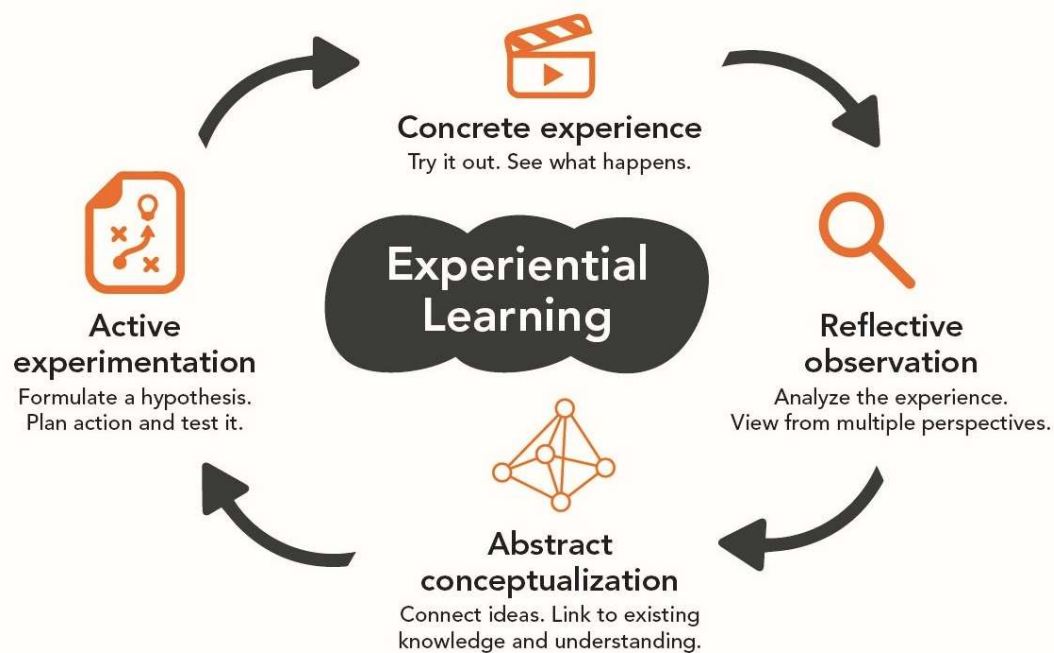
When children are able to manage their anger in school, they can initiate a similar change at their homes and urge their parents to control their anger, thereby leading a happy environment in the families.

Experiential Learning-

Darshan Academy, Pune promotes Experiential Learning in all subjects.

Experiential learning (ExL) is the process of learning through experience, and is more narrowly defined as "learning through reflection on doing". Hands-on learning can be a form of experiential learning, but does not necessarily involve students reflecting on their product.

Experiential learning is an active process which engages the learner, not a passive process that happens to the learner. In experiential learning the experience provides the platform for learning, whilst the careful analysis and reflection of the experience develops the learning



Darshan Academy, Pune promotes Experiential learning by:

1. Mock-trials or debates.
2. Organising Field trips, conducting quizzes and team-based activities.
3. Case Study
4. Make a mnemonic,
5. Blindfold Drawing, Origami, Craft related Activities.

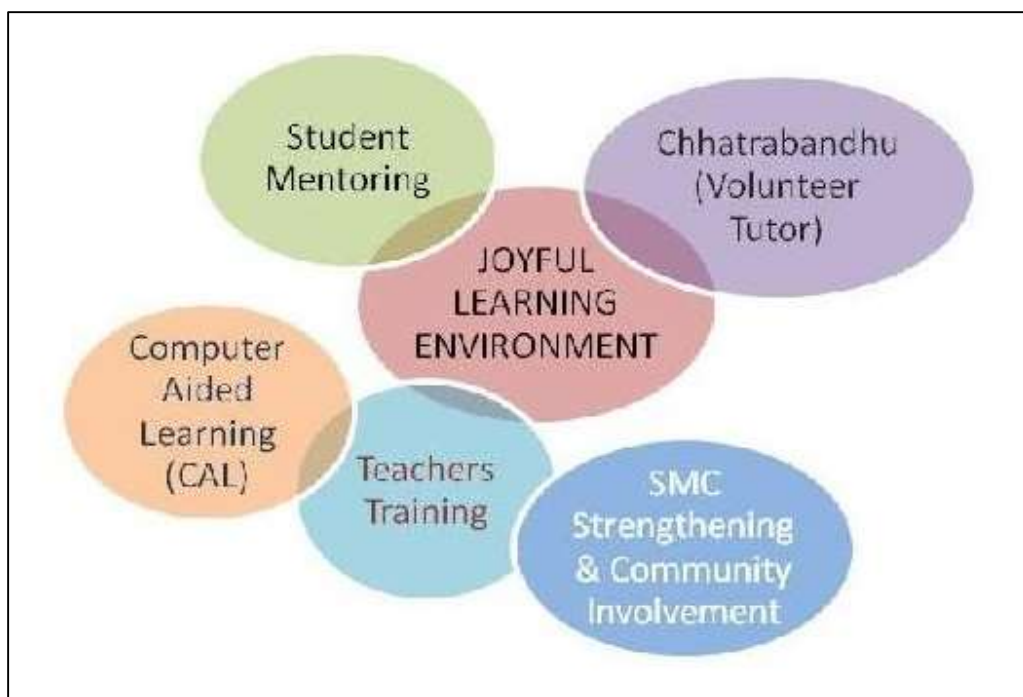
Joyful Learning-

Joyful Learning is the mode of learning in which learners are given opportunities to experience emotions of surprise in delightful ways, nurture their curiosity, while interacting with meaningful content through a supportive community of classmates / peer group and teachers.

Studies show that motivation, attention, perseverance, and creativity go up when dopamine is elevated. So, incorporating dopamine-enhancing classroom activities is a way to improve outcomes in your class. This is the basis of joyful education.

Here are some simple, actionable things that Darshan Academy teachers do to make their classroom more joyful.

1. Smile - We learn better from those we like
2. Laugh- Laughing reduces stress
3. Add Music- Music helps with retention
4. Read Funny Literature
5. Use Fun Reinforcers
6. Use Fun Call/Response Attention Getters
7. Have a Class Mascot



Alumni Speak...

Darshan Academy is quite different from other schools. Here students are not only taught academic subjects but also given all round personality development and taught an extra subject called "Spiritual Curriculum". Students learn good virtues like honesty, humility, being peaceful, respectful and helpful. Also, activities in help of humanity such as roti bank, promoting world peace, anti-cracker rally, save the environment rallies are often held. I believe that being in Darshan Academy has really helped me to change as a person. I have been able to find out the mistakes in me and improve them. I have become much calmer and more peaceful person, learnt how to deal with problems and difficult situations. Learning to meditate has been one of the most helpful and important things in my life, which happened here in Darshan Academy.

-Kaushek Joshii
Grade X
Batch 2019-20

Darshan Academy is really the best. It impresses us with its meditation practices and everyone knows the benefits of meditation. I love to attend the morning assembly as it boosts our confidence and improves our knowledge. Most loving thing that our school gives much time to read newspaper in school in order to increase our vocabulary. We love Darshan Academy because of the different

kind of activities held in the school like helping needy and poor people. Our school conducts many activities with exciting prizes which encourages the students to take part in all events. We really like our school Principal. She shares the benefits of mediation with us. Our school gives a chance to be a leader. Our school touches our hearts.

**-Nikita Kanwar – Grade X
Batch 2019-20**

Beneficiary Satisfaction (Comments of Parents)

“We like Darshan Academy because my kids are learning there in an innovative environment with a feel of safety and confidence.” My suggestion to school is that we should improvise on teacher-parent communication. It will increase the involvement level of all and help child to grow in all aspects of life.

-Mr Mahesh Shandil -Parent of Bhavika Shandil & Rushil Shandil–Grade IX

All school teachers and staff members are very co-operative. Education quality is also very nice. Management of school has improved much by the years.

-Mr. Ajay Patra – Parent of Akshita Patra – Grade IX

I like Darshan Academy because it is spiritual and activity-based school and looks after all the children to make them better. The teachers, staff of the school and school management are friendly. The great spiritual thought of the school, spacious ground that has trees and fresh environment impresses me about the school.

-Mr. Devendra Wasnik - Parent of Aayushi Wasnik – Grade – X

In Darshan Academy teachers & staff members are very supportive. Environment is too good. So many extracurricular activities are conducted that support students for their better future.

-Mrs. Arti D. Sharan – Parent of Riddhi Sharan - Grade-IX & Akshat Sharan - Grade-IV

Darshan Academy school is giving best education to children. The best thing about this school is that they are providing spiritual education to our children. I found my son is improving a lot academically and socially. Children in this school are very disciplined. The teachers have been excellent in teaching and guiding about good thoughts and habits and encouraging children towards positive attitude. The infrastructure is good for learning new things in a better way. The school is very neat and clean including washrooms. So, environment of this

school is favourable for studies of children. The spacious ground of school is also good for students. The Principal, teachers and staff are so friendly and want to hear feedback and ideas of parents to make it easier for learning and quickly respond to it. Our experience has been amazing in this school. So, my son loves to go to school every day.

**- Mr. Ramkrishna Sasanapuri - Parent of Saigovardhan – Grade – X
Batch 2019-20**

Darshan Academy is an English medium school affiliated to CBSE and it is near to my home. In addition, the school follows its unique spiritual curriculum. The school has huge playground, which is perhaps rarely seen in contemporary schools. Currently, the school is showing good performance & coordination with the Principal & her team.

-Dr. Anand Prakash – Parent of Namrata Anand- Grade-IX

Darshan Academy school firmly believes in Spirituality. They make the students follow wisdom, truth and practical path by making them regularly do Yoga, Meditation, Social, Cultural humanitarian activities like Roti bank in which they go and feed the poor and needy people, Rangoli making, Social-Awareness Campaign on roads with Rallies, Drama Competitions, Art and Crafts, Anti-Cracker Awareness. Personality development skills like inter house competitions, extempore topics in which students are made to talk on the spot on the stage on different topics, concepts on day-to-day life, due to which students grow and develop their vocabulary and speech fluency. Their discussion speed and ability to stand on the stage confidently and feel comfortable to stand in front of the huge crowd and show their mesmerizing abilities. Every special day is celebrated with the students to make them aware of own cultural heritage and its importance special days like Lung Cancer day, Watermelon day, Teachers' day, Sant Shri Rajinder Singh Ji Maharajji's birthday etc are celebrated and are followed by all the students with the support and guidance from all the teachers as well as Principal Ma'am.

**- Mr. Deepak Shetty – Parent of Tulsi Shetty-Grade-X
Batch 2019-20**

School Management Committee:

School has SMC as per CBSE guidelines. SMC meetings are organized in which the working of the school is discussed. School's future plans & proposals are

discussed with SMC members. Decisions of SMC are properly recorded & suggestions of SMC members are implemented in school.

Conclusion

Learning is a lifelong process. In this fast-changing world there are always new skills to be acquired, subjects to be mastered, risks to be taken & insights to be gained. Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations. Today, the role of a school is not only to pursue academic excellence but also to motivate and empower its students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers and productive members of an ever-changing global society. Darshan Academy, Pune has been imparting holistic education to students. Our primary purpose is all round development of every child so that students may be ready to face such challenges in their lives boldly and confidently. Providing opportunities for growth in the areas of self-esteem and personal responsibility are essential for academic excellence, a hallmark of our school. With the blessings of H. H. Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj Darshanites will make themselves stronger day by day, adding a new leaf to the grandeur of the School.

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PRINCIPAL

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