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The Illuminating Sessions

Dreamz Education and University Visit

Zahra Khan- Student Grade 12

The previous three months turned out to be particularly rewarding for the DP students as experts from universities from various parts of the country were kind enough to visit our school and shed light on the extensive scope of possibilities there is, both in terms of courses and colleges.

We were also made aware of what colleges look for in ever more competitive applicant pools and the courses of action that we need to start working on if we want to set foot in top-notch universities like Bennett, Ahmadabad University, OP Jindal, Ashoka, and the NMIMS. They illuminated us about multidisciplinary learning, fee structures, aptitude tests, placements, and last but not foremost: scholarships.

EPS also signed an MOU with Dreamz Education, an established Career Counseling institute for Abroad Education, Scholarships and entrance exams. Parents had their first interaction with the experts on November 2 to understand and realize that abroad education being expensive is a myth and if we planned effectively, most students would get affordable and high-quality education abroad. This would be the first of many sessions and interactions of Dreamz Education with EPS.

Stay open-minded. Things aren't always what they seem to be.

Afreen Zaheer - HRT 1 C

Benjamin Franklin knew he was smart — smarter than most of his peers — but he was also intelligent enough to understand that he couldn't be right about everything. That's why he said that whenever he was about to make an argument, he would open with something along the lines of, "I could be wrong, but..." Saying this puts people at ease and helped them to take disagreements less personally. But, it also helped him to be open to new ideas.

Open-mindedness is a characteristic that involves being receptive to a wide variety of ideas, arguments, and information. Open-minded people are willing to change their views when presented with new facts and evidence. It is a necessary ability to think critically and rationally. Learning how to be more open-minded is possible, but it can be a bit of a challenge.

Thus to throw light on the importance of being open-minded, students of grade 1 C presented a skit on the story of Red Riding Hood from a "different" perspective!

The assembly started with an old version of Red Riding Hood and ended with new-age Red Riding Hood where the wolf and Red Riding hood along with their families lived happily ever after. Through their cute presentation, they gave a very strong message of being open-minded and accepting other perspectives.

Students also performed on a very enthusiastic song "Keep an open-mind" that emphasizes being fair and keeping an open mind. They also connected it with one of the learner profiles of IB- "Open-minded."

The spontaneous performance of the junior-most grade of PYP took the hearts of everyone who witnessed the assembly.

High-spirited Performances





To be Surprised,
to Wonder,
is to Begin
to Understand.

Enlightening performances marked the first-ever Qirat Competiton @EPS Arshi Shahab - ISP Coordinator

"And indeed we have made the Quran easy to understand and remember; so is there any who will remember (or who will take heed)?" (Al-Quran: S.Qamar - 32)

For the first time, Anjuman Tahseen'ul Qur'an-Quran recitation Program was successfully conducted on December 4 at Eastern Public School. It was one of the most memorable events, wherein 27 students were selected through a rigorous, 2 months selection process for the final performance, from Grade 6-9. The criteria of the performance included Memorization, Recitation, confidence, knowledge related to Tajweed. The performance of each participant left the audience spellbound. Finally, the winners were awarded trophies and medals. Our DP students were also honored with Juz Amma memorization certificates. It was an attempt to prepare the students for this life and hereafter. We are thankful to our Qur'anic studies team for their efforts. May Allah guide us to learn, understand and apply Qur'anic teachings in our life.

OUR EPSite's JOURNEY OF JUZZ AMMA MEMORIZATION:

“ The Juz Amma journey - since my Early Years in EPS has been an exceptionally incredible experience for me. Memorizing all the 37 surahs is truly nothing less than an achievement not just for myself, but rather for all the students. Personally, the best part of this journey was learning the Tafseer (meaning & translation) of the surahs. Honestly, understanding them, enabled me to enhance the quality of my salah as even though I could understand and retain little, it forced me to contemplate on the words I was reciting. (Khizra Taj - Gr.11) ”

إنجمن تحسین القرآن

وَرَقِلَ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيلاً (Al- Quran 73: 4) -

**QURAN
RECITATION (QIRAT)
PROGRAMME 2019**

“ Allah SWT has blessed me with a thousand different blessings, but probably the biggest of them all was that I got the opportunity and the guidance to memorize a part of the Qur'an, that will always and forever stay with me, no matter where in the world I go. The support from all my teachers throughout the journey has been commendable, and I appreciate all the efforts that they put in day in and day out. The constant support from the teachers throughout has helped me emerge as a better person, and I cannot ever thank them enough. (Madiha Arshad - Gr.11) ”

“ Understanding and memorizing surah of Juz Amma was made interesting and easy for me at EPS since my Primary years. I feel proud of myself that I am learning Islamic knowledge and my worldly education all together at the same time. May Allah SWT guide me to practice this knowledge in my life and bestow His blessings on my teachers. (Mariyam Zafar- Gr.11) ”

“ Quran is the word of Allah which helps and teaches the true meaning of life, which Allah (SWT) has sent through our Prophet (SAW). Alhamdulillah Allah(SWT) has given us the chance to memorize a part of it. Successfully we have memorized Juz Amma this is the learning which will help us in the hereafter. ”

“ Part of growing up spiritually is learning to be grateful for all things, even our difficulties, disappointments, failures, and humiliation. " During my entire journey of 14 years at EPS, I have seen myself grow to become a person different from who I would have been if I were somewhere else and I am extremely grateful to every teacher who helped me become who I am. I was not taught the knowledge of this world alone but more importantly the theoretical and practical understanding of Islam which I could not have done by myself. Thank you so much EPS!!! (Tasneem Khan - Gr. 11) ”



By the students,
of the students and for the parents
- PYP SLC 2019 went off well

Mahira Khan - Grade 2C

The Student-Led Conference aka SLC is a way of expressing the learning of students to their parents. It makes children learn something new. We worked on chrome books and shared our learning with parents through e-portfolios. We displayed the work of two units of inquiry- Creativity and Machines. In English, we showed creative writing and other concepts to our parents that we studied in this term.

The math work was a must-watch for the parents as we discussed the mathematical concepts with each other and our parents were enthralled to see our work. This is not all; we had some fun things for the parents as well. We played language and math games with our parents. The games were based on nouns, pronouns, and shapes, place value, ascending and descending order. We played with geo-boards and made shapes on it using rubber bands. Then we enjoyed a delicious treat. SLC is quality time with parents, teachers, and classmates.

Scientia potentia est:
Knowledge is Power.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest" - Benjamin Franklin.

Maryam Khan - Grade 9A

The junior general knowledge quiz was held on November 16, that tested the knowledge of 8th and 9th graders. Middle School teachers Shahab Khan and Sabina Jamshed were in the judge's panel.

The quiz comprised of intriguing questions from sports, history, geography and current affairs as of which every question put forth the teams made the audience go "WOW". Khizra Taj, Madiha Arshad, and Tasneem Khan zealously anchored the quiz and with their energy electrified the show.

Beyond the shadow of a doubt the audience was full of beans and participated exuberantly. The quiz heated up when Blue and Red found themselves in a tie, the tiebreaker decided the outcome. Blue House secured the first position followed by Red, Yellow and the Green House. The quiz was enriching, updating everyone's knowledge of current affairs.



Enthusiasm, Knowledge, and Teamwork
- All about PYP Islamic Quiz

Usaid Umar - Grade 9B

students portraying such great knowledge of Islam with a lot of fervor. The judges for the quiz were Haider Ali from the Islamic Department and Faheem M Khan from the Sports Department. Notably, it was an inter-house quiz competition. Interestingly, an inter-house tag to any event elevates the stake. As the quiz continued the interest of the audience and the teams also increased.

The most interesting part of the quiz was the recitation of Quranic verses by the audience. Even the judges were amazed to see such enthusiastic participation by PYP kids. At last, there was a tie for the second position between yellow and green house. Then the fun part came with a tie question. As the greenhouse tapped first, they were asked to answer the question but unfortunately, the answer was incorrect allowing the blue house. The team members played intelligently and bagged the first position grabbing applause from the audience.

There was a very tough competition between all the houses but finally, Blue House (Hazrat Uthman r.a.) took the glory home followed by Yellow House (Hazrat Umar r.a.), then Green House (Hazrat Abu Bakr r.a.) and Red House (Hazrat Ali r.a.) respectively. The quiz left us with many new learnings, made us knowledgeable and gave us some Islamic core values.



Impressive display of TRUE SPORTSMANSHIP

**Win or Lose;
it's always participation that matters**
Faheem Mohd Khan- Head PHE Department

What a sight it was to see the EPSites entering the school campus in full swing for the annual sports day on December 23. The winter morning turned out to be the most exciting one for EPSites and audience as the Eastern Public school observed its Annual Sports Day on December 23, 2019, just before the winter break in the beautiful school campus. This year's sports day witnessed the enthralling performances and hard work put-up by all. To begin with the enthralling day, Head of School Javed Khan motivated the students and declared the sports meet open. The event began with the energetic Grade 1 performance, wherein they presented physical training exercises. This is not all, but the little tots also presented stunts making the audience go wow.

The day was followed with Maths Relay by junior grades, races tuning the fine motor skills along with demonstrating gross motor movements. The event was more fun with the races like relays, 100 m, 200 m, spoon race, 3 legged race, sack race, house events like tug of war, relay and skating competition to name a few. Parents distributed the prizes to students after each segment and the spectators continuously cheered the participants and made the event enthralling.

This event also culminated the house competitions for the year, with houses standing neck to neck, differing with meager points. There is a great importance of games and sports in EPS for the students making sports an essential part of their lives. Sports is a great way to teach discipline to the students. They also develop the spirit of sportsmanship and suddenly derive a lot of pleasure by playing games. It also inculcates the quality of team spirit in them. The students learn the qualities of leadership and working united.

In the end, a participant may win or lose but learns to accept both victories and defeats with grace.



Mistakes Allow Thinking to Happen

Areeba Imran - Grade 6A

The most awaited and the most frolic event, the inter-house Math Relay was held on December 22. It was an alluring event and was full with excitement.

Math Relay gave students a chance to challenge themselves; to know their own ability and also helped everyone to overcome the fear of Mathematics. Math Relay is all about speed and accuracy.

The Relay was divided into three categories. Category I consisted of grade 1 to 4. Category II consisted of grade 5 to 8. Grades 9 to 12 were in Category III. The commitment with which each participant worked was appreciable. Everyone participated with enthusiasm and zest.

The smart heads of each category made everyone more enthusiastic for the Relay. In Category I, the First position was secured by Green House, followed by Blue House. In Category II, Blue House was the first and second was Green House. In category III, Green House took the first position, while blue House took the second position.

Over all, it was a very successful and a very accomplishing event. Each participant showcased their talent and brilliance in each round, grabbing applause from the audience. The Math Relay was appreciated by many people and everyone loved to be a part of this Relay. It was a magnificent event and is undoubtedly remembering.