

## Van Mahotsava Week



In an earnest attempt to lend a green touch to the school environment and sensitize the community about the green and clean environment. D.A.V. Public school Dwarka celebrated Van Mahotsava week. An array of activities spanning for a week involved all the students of school. On the very first day, special assembly was organized. Addressing the students Principal Monika Mehan urged the students to be the ambassadors of environmental awareness.



Children staged a street play on 'save trees'. This was followed by a speech by Aanchal Dhyani of 9th std. on the importance of Van Mahotsav. Thereafter all the students took the pledge vouching to preserve environment by adopting eco-friendly way of life. Tiny tots of Pre-school and pre-primary participated in coloring competition conveying the message 'save trees'.





First and second std. children played a magnificent role in spreading awareness in society after the badges, conveying the worthy message, were given to the visitors in school. The second day of the week also bustled with lots of activities. Standard IV students expressed their love, care and belongingness by tying **self designed Rakhis** around trees. **Bookmark making** for children of std. VI was highly applauded. Messages on the book marks left everyone to ponder over and raised awareness about the benefits of plantation. **In paper bag** making activity students were found highly engrossed and sensitized as they declaimed against the disastrous consequences of deforestation and using poly bags.



Manager of school Sh. Nanak Chand and Principal Ms Monika Mehan initiated the plantation drive by planting “**BUDDHA BAMBOO**” within school precincts. Workshop in association with National Afforestation and Eco Development Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt of India was organized for students on the third day i.e. 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014. As a part of workshop Std V students participated in **slogan writing** and IX and X students participated in the **Environment**



**Quiz.** Class V students showed their care & reverence to “**ARJUN TREE**” the oldest tree in the school campus by pasting lofty messages on it. Visit to **NAVDANYA ORGANIC FOOD COUNTER** at **Delhi Haat** by Eco –Club students on the Fourth day of the week sensitized students about the benefits of being close to nature and natural products. There the students themselves cooked and prepared a variety of lip smacking cuisines from traditional millets. Besides undergoing the culinary experience students also learnt about the nutritive value of different species of grains.



The week **Dedicated to Trees** culminated with **Fancy Dress Competition** for Std. III students and **Fabric Painting** for classes IX & X students. School’s alley from main entrance to the reception was in its glory decorated with the art of fabric painting. Displaying riots of colours and children’s creativity this activity stimulated awareness and encouraged attention to “**Conserve, Restore ,Relive A Greener Earth**”.On the whole the week replete with fun , excitement and activities was a great success.

### **Earth Day Celebration**





Sanjeevani, the environment club of DAV Dwarka celebrated Earth Day by holding a week long Earth Day celebrations. The week witnessed a plethora of activities revolving around preservation of our mother earth. Students from classes Pre-Primary to X were involved in an array of activities. A 'Tree of Hope' made with waste paper was made by the students on which Principal Ms. Monika Mehan put the first leaf with a message to conserve nature. It was then followed by other students of the school wherein they also put the leaves on the 'Tree of Hope' and pledged their commitment in raising the level of awareness to spread greenery and protect the planet. A colouring competition on Earth Day was held for primary classes.

A bicycle rally was organised for students of classes VI to VIII, wherein students moved on bicycles carrying placards and slogans to spread the message to the society about the need of safeguarding the earth by reducing pollution and use of non-renewable sources of energy. As a prelude to the rally, a placard and slogan making competition on 'SAVE EARTH' was held for classes VI to VIII.

A workshop and presentation on organic farming was organised for students of classes IX and X in association with NAVDANYA, an NGO that promotes organic farming. A kitchen garden was also set up in the school area where students themselves mulched the soil and sowed the seeds of variety of vegetables like tomato, brinjal, gourd pumpkin and cucumber etc. The students of environment club were also taken to an educational trip to organic farms in Mehpa, a village in Meerut, UP. Students also gained knowledge about effects of using genetically modified fertilisers and chemicals. They relished fresh and healthy fruits and vegetables of the organic farms.

The pursuits of Sanjeevani, the environment club were highly appreciated by the principal and were indeed a great success in propagating sensitivity towards mother earth.

### **FREEZE FOR CHANGE**



We cannot imagine life without movement but students of D.A.V Public School Sec-VI, Dwarka without moving successfully conveyed message to conserve resources like water, electricity, trees and petroleum in FREEZE FOR CHANGE activity organized by SANJEEVANI, the environment club of the school. They made formations, used props and sang self composed songs to depict the theme.

## Anti Cracker Campaign



**Sanjeevani, the Eco-club of DAV Dwarka** organized anti cracker campaign. It began with **poster making and slogan writing** competition for classes III to X. Main highlight of the day was anti cracker rally which was flagged off by **Dr. B. C Sabata , Sr. Scientific Officer, Dept of Environment.**

The rally covered the surrounding areas of the school. The students enthusiastically participated holding the banners, placards and shouting slogan sand giving the message of not using crackers on this festivals of lights. Street plays were also organized Principal, Ms. Monika Mehan congratulated the efforts of children and motivated them to celebrate pollution free diwali.

## E-Waste Exhibition





**Sanjeevani, the Environment Club of DAV Dwarka** recently organized an exhibition on **E-Waste** followed by E-Waste collection drive. Parents, students and teachers actively participated in school's effort of saving nature by putting old mobile phones, video games consoles etc in E-waste collection bin. The school also conducted a workshop in association with an NGO CHINTAN to spread awareness about the same. **Principal Monika Mehan** highlighted the need to dispose off the E-Waste properly and applauded the efforts of these students.

## **Herbal Garden**



Sanjeevani, the environment club of DAV dwarka in association with the department of environment and an NGO DEEKSHA has set up a herbal garden in the school. The garden has about 35 varieties of medical plants like brahmi , Ashwagandha , Amla , Tulsi , Aloe vera , Insulin , Ajwain and lemon grass etc.

Two students have been associated with each plant and they have complete information about the appearance, uses, methods of propagation of their respective plants

## Nature Camp At Aravalli Biodiversity Park,



Sanjeevani, the environment club of DAV Dwarkaorganised an overnight nature camp at Aravalli Biodiversity Park, which is a forest area developed in VasantVihar, New Delhi. This camp was sponsored by the Department of Environment and WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature). A group of 22 students with 3 teachers attended the camp. The stay at the camp was full of activities which brought everyone close to nature. Many varieties of plants, birds and animals were sighted during nature trails and a lot of information was provided on them by the facilitators. The fascinating part of the camp was the Butterfly Park and the Orchidarium. Many other activities for children like clay modeling, quiz, group discussion and nature games were also a major feature of the camp. Movie shows on butterflies and the history of the Aravalli Biodiversity Park were a delightful and learning experience for the children. They also rejoiced by singing and dancing around the bonfire at night. Along with some posters and literatures on wild life as take -aways from the camp, the best was the message that children got i.e. to try to have minimal footprints in the ecological areas of our lives to preserve nature. Overall, the camp was a rejuvenator for all and a great opportunity to stay amidst nature, that too in the city itself.



## Project Bird



A project bird was organized in the last week of November 2013 for primary classes. The students made nests by using straw, dry leaves, cotton wool etc and placed them on the trees in and around school to help Birds in laying and hatching their eggs. This activity sensitizes the students towards the need to care for birds.

## Workshop On E-Waste Awareness





**Sanjeevani Eco Club of D.A.V. Dwarka** in association with 'Chintan' a group working on environmental issues, organised a workshop on E-waste awareness. The students were shown a documentary depicting the ways in which e waste is handled now a days.It also elaborated the harmful effects of e waste and the ways of recycling it through various interesting games.

### Visit To ARAVALLI-The Bio Diversity Park



**SANJEEVANI - the eco-club of DAV DWARKA** recently organized a visit to ARAVALLI-the Bio diversity Park at Vasant Vihar. It was exciting, adventurous and enriching experience for the students. They enjoyed a lot and felt very close to the nature there. The students got a chance to know about the different varieties of trees, medicinal plants and their uses in Allopathy, homeopathy and Ayurveda . They visited the ORCHIDS Conservatory and butterfly conservatory which provided them an opportunity to see hundreds of Butterflies, hovering over the beautiful flowers without fear and relishing nectar.