



Round Square Activity Report

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<p>1.</p>	<p>Number of students gone out on exchanges in the last 7months</p>	<p><u>L’Ermitage School at Maison-Lafittes –France :</u></p> <p>During the spring break, a group of 18 students and 2 teachers took part in the school’s annual exchange visit to Paris from Mar 21-30.</p> <p>We were hosted by parents and teachers of L’Ermitage School at Maison-Lafittes, a residential suburb of Paris. The participants benefited greatly from the cultural exchange, particularly French B and French Ab Initio students who were able to practise their language skills while staying with their host families and during their trips to central Paris. Each day, the teachers accompanied the students on visits to world-famous sites, such as the Eiffel Tower, the Beaubourg area around the Pompidou Centre and the Arc de Triomphe, as well as the Louvre museum, the Musée d’Orsay and the Palace of Versailles. L’Ermitage also invited them to a meal at a typical French “crêperie” and all managed to do some shopping in the rue de Rivoli. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the teachers of L’Ermitage School for extending a warm welcome to us and for making this a successful and enjoyable exchange.</p> <p><u>SekCiudalcampo, Madrid , Spain:</u></p> <p>18 DAIS students with 2 teachers were hosted by the Spanish families .</p> <p>The exchange was very enriching as the Indian students got a first-hand experience of the Spanish way of living. The students got an opportunity to participate in the adventure activities, thus they worked towards the action component of CAS. They hiked for 10 kilometers approximately in extreme climate conditions (Snow and wind). There were 83 challenges in the trees and 20 zip lines distributed over 6 adventure circuits. The four language skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing were fully explored hence benefitting the students academically. The interaction with Spanish students and schools is a golden opportunity to build relationships and live the IB philosophy of internationalism.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Number of students came to you on exchange in the last 7 months</p>	<p><u>L’Ermitage School at Maison-Lafittes -France</u></p> <p>18 French students and 4 teachers from the Ermitage School were in DAIS from March 8-15. They had an opportunity to stay with the students of our school and also participate in the Village project at Kumbharghar where they were involved in a service project</p>

		<p>initiated by DAIS. In Mumbai, they had an opportunity to taste the Indian way of life – food, sightseeing, culture, clothes, family life, etc. In turn they presented to us various aspects of their trip in India at an Assembly in school.</p> <p><u>Open Gate School, Babice, Czech Republic</u></p> <p>7 Czech students and 2 teachers from the Open Gate School, Prague were in DAIS from Mar 6-16. The focus of the Czech trip to India was primarily on CAS and specifically on Service. The school-run Village Development Project was an opportunity for the students and teachers alike to engage in the type of hard, manual work that they wouldn't necessarily have access to back home. We also made arrangements for the students to join us on our other service activities in school, such as teaching children and interacting with children at Akanksha andMuktangan. The Czech students were also given a tour of Mumbai city.</p> <p><u>Godolphin & Latmyer School, UK :</u></p> <p>2 students and 1 teacher from Godolphin and Latmyer School in UK were in DAIS from August 16-29. The focus of the trip to India was primarily on CAS and specifically on Service. They were involved in teaching English, Computers etc. to the children or working on building the village path and teaching the villagers some skill set to empower them. We also made arrangements for the students to join us on our other service activities in school, such as teaching children and interacting with children at Akanksha andMuktangan. The British students were also given a tour of Mumbai city. They were hosted by the DAIS families.</p>
3.	Number of students who have participated in any sort of RS Conference in the last 7 months	<p>Global Leadership Service Conference at Wellington College, 12th August to 24th August 2013</p> <p>4 DAIS students and 1 teacher participated in the Global Social Leaders (GSL) programme organized by Future Foundation at Wellington College, an IB and Round Square school in Berkshire, England. Future Foundation is a British organization that aims to help students all over England to be better citizens for the future. This was FF's first international programme and students from 5 other countries- Jordan, Singapore, Thailand, China and Australia joined us. We attended several lectures on Integrative Thinking, Appreciative Inquiry, Social Entrepreneurship and Creative Campaigning which were aimed in helping us create a community of young people who</p>

		<p>will be able to support each other in their journey towards becoming leaders of tomorrow. Project planning and several activities in the form of games like Toxic Dump and Holey Pipe not only built on our teamwork skills but also made us apply the skills learnt in an authentic environment. Working with students from different countries helped develop cultural competence and awareness enabling us to appreciate other cultures. In the end, the conference helped us start the journey of personal leadership anchored in the ethos of social responsibility and commitment to service.</p>
4.	<p>Number of students who have participated in any sort of RS Service Camp in the last 7 months</p>	<p>The Doon School Dehradun, 5th June 2013 to 13th June 2013. Service project was organized in Ganeshpur Village of the Uttarkashi District, Uttarakhand, India. Number of Students – 5 Number of Accompanying Teacher - 1</p> <p>Ladakh 'RSIS' Service Project at Lamdon Model School in Thiksey, near Leh. July 2013 Number of students: 1</p> <p>Canada 'RSIS' Service Project – July 2013 Number of students: 1</p>
5.	<p>Has your school had any cultural, service or sporting contact with any other RS schools?</p>	<p>Singapore International School Mumbai Cultural Event 'Confluence' Date: 13th & 14th September 27 students and 3 teachers Day 1-Creative writing, Debate and public speaking Day 2- Dance ,Drama and vocal & instrumental music</p> <p>Attended G 20 conference for Heads hosted by Daly College in February 2013. Attended G 20 conference for Deputy Heads hosted by Wellington College.</p> <p>DAIS hosted a RSIS training programme on 18th and 19th of August 2013. This programme was conducted by the Liz Grey. The participating schools included Doon School, Daly College, Sanskaar Valley School- Bhopal, Welham Boys, All Saints School, Singapore International and DAIS.</p>
6.	<p>Any teacher exchanges?</p>	<p>2 teachers spent 2 weeks at SekCiudalcampo, Madrid , Spain.</p>
7.	<p>Have you paid your subscription for 2012-2013 due in July/August 2013?</p>	<p>YES</p>
8.	<p>Any other information you would like to add</p>	<p>HMUN organised by MUN Cafe at the Hyderabad Convention Centre, 15th August to 18th August, 2013. Number of Students: 13 ; Number of Accompanying Teacher – 1</p> <p>Inter-school Cultural festival at Jamnabai Narsee School, Mumbai- CASCADE 21 Date: August 24th and 25th Number of Students- 36</p> <p>SEEDS of PEACE : Victoria School Tardeo, Mumbai Date: September 14th and 15th Number of Students- 5</p> <p>On 24th May 2013, Class 6 planned and conducted a session on Internationalism. We invited two expatriate teachers working in</p>

our school to interact with our middle school RS group. They were Mr. Nicholas Pillow, from the United Kingdom who teaches English and Drama in our school. We also interviewed Mr. David Ogaro from Kenya who teaches mathematics. Both of them shared their wonderful experiences in their country and told us how it would be like living over there. Overall it was a fun experience interacting with both of them.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

Sparrow Shelter by PRAKRITI Group

The Prakriti Group (CAS Environment Group) was actively involved in environmental issues in Mumbai this term. As part of the Earth Day celebration, the group joined hands with an NGO, called Sparrow Shelter. The organization works at conserving the sparrows in and around the city of Mumbai. Sparrows are fast disappearing in Mumbai, due to varied reasons such as urbanization, deforestation and also possibly due to radiation from mobile towers.

The funds needed for this project was raised by the students themselves through activities organized during the CAS fete held in February 2013.