



DRUK PADMA KARPO SCHOOL, SHEY NEWSLETTER 2022-PADMA PETALS

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A note from His Eminence



I am very optimistic that with the blessing of his holiness the 12th Gyalwang Drukpa and with the support from all our well-wisher, the school will be very soon up graded to a secondary standard and eventually to university level. I, on my part will do my utmost best to realise the vision of His Holiness and pray for his holiness long life and good health.

I congratulate the entire team. I wish and pray for all success in the future.

His Eminence, Kyabje Thuksey Rinpoche

A note from the Vice Principal



Julley to Everyone!
It gives me immense pleasure to write for this edition of 'Padma petals' a yearly newsletter of Druk Padma karmo school. I am thankful to

teacher, parents and students for their support to bring school under normalcy to achieve scholastic and co-scholastic activities. When given the right opportunities and platform, can outshine any adult's imagination. I congratulate literary committee to make their efforts to put forward this newsletter be a medium to express vibrant event of school that happened throughout the session. I also like to thank our volunteers, sponsors and well-wishers to help us provide education to the students in need. However, every award comes with greater responsibilities and higher hopes from the school. I am confident that session 2022-23 will be more fruitful and much successful. All the best dear dragonites!

Sir Anil Kumar

A GLIMPSE TO THE CO-SCHOLASTIC AREAS

School opening after pandemic

As a part of the "Back To School" program, the entire family of Druk Padma Karpo extends the heartiest welcome to our loving, curious learners after a long gap of two years owing to



the pandemic. The curiosities among students are intact rather got manifolds because of being kept indoors: their enthusiasm and playfulness are really worth seeing and worth sitting among them. The day spent playing, laughing, enjoying with our students has never been a wasted day in our Dragonite's history.

This auspicious moment is being graced by the presence of the deputy chairman of the school, the principal among others to welcome graciously our students.

Birthday Celebrations of our founding fathers



The birthday celebration of our founding fathers, His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa and His Eminence Kyabje Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche has been celebrated with much gusto and zest at holy place Naro Photang, Shey Leh Ladakh (UT).

This auspicious moment has been observed by Druk Padma Karpo School in collaboration with Young Drukpa Association Ladakh, Nuns Druk Gawa Khil, Snondro Tsogspa and the Naropa Fellowship.. All guests have been enlightened with biographies of His Holiness Gyalwang Drukpa and His Eminence Kyabje Thuksay Rinpoche by the student of DPKS and the program was graced with cultural performances by YDA, Naropa fellowship and the teachers and students of DPKS.

On this auspicious day, we all pray for the long life of His Holiness and His Eminence and for the benefits of all sentient beings.



The Student's Investiture's Ceremony

One of the historic moments has come to pass as "The Investiture Day" of school students council in Mandala(Courtyard) with the presence of Mr.Sanket Gaikwad,the chief airport security officer (CISF),Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Airport ,Leh as the chief guest.Mr Jigmet,an officer(CISF) as the guest of honour,the principal,all staff and students.

To uphold the visions and values of DPKS ,the head boy ,the head girl have taken their solemn oath among the heads of various designations such as sports, discipline, culture and also the heads of the four houses.

School Annual Picnic



"Food, friends and sunshine", in our case little drizzle. Picnic is a time to enjoy good food, dance to your favourite tunes and have a blissful time.

After two long years gap of covid,on 12 August,2022 the students of DPKS from Grade 2nd till 10th enjoyed their annual school picnic at Village Sakti where they had a fun-filled day.

Different games like cricket, football, badminton were played by the students. Teachers also had fun playing Tambola. Gatherings like picnic bring everyone together and create moments of joy and happiness. Overall it was a day filled with love, laughter and merriment.



The Annual Prayer



The Annual Prayer at Druk Padma Karpo School to have a successful year ahead.

"Spiritual practice and spiritual knowledge have to be present " His Holiness The Gyalwang Drukpa. The annual prayer was led by the august presence of His Eminence Chosam Rinpoche. There were about 25 monks and nuns for the completion of the grand prayer with the burning of 'Torma' (a structure made of woods , colourful threads crisscrossing one another) to shield us from being a victim of circumstances and for glorious days.



Founder's Day





The commencement determines the finality and the 22nd Founder's Day reflects the mindful proclamation of the start of the Odyssey of our beloved school, Druk Padma Karpo under the great blessings of our founding fathers. This year celebration has been organised with much gusto under the much-needed guidance of His Eminence Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche. It has been envisaged by Him to marshal the event with complete consideration given to our rich traditional culture. All performances have been prepared and showcased in conjunction with our culture and tradition which is parallel to our school's vision.

Teacher's Day



The influence of teachers extends beyond the classroom, well into the future ~ F.Sionel Jose
 Teachers' day is celebrated every year on 5th September, 2022. Students express their gratitude and appreciation for their teachers on this day. At Druk Padma Karpo School, teachers' day was celebrated with lots of enthusiasm. H.E. Skyabje Thuksey Rinpoche blessed the occasion by his presence and dedicated an overwhelming song to the teachers which was composed by Rinpoche ly himself. Students performed on variety of songs, games were also organised by them and as a token of love they distributed gifts to all the teaching, non teaching and support staff. Gratitude and love was showered by alumni students also who brought cakes for all staff. It was indeed a great gesture on their part. It was a successful event organised by the students of grade 9th.

DPKS Annual Athletic Meet, 2022



Three days athletic meet concluded with much gusto and memories as in this inter-house competition our outgoing batch has also participated while representing their houses and their

zest and calibre for their houses never got dimmed. Along with students, all staff partook in various track and field event like 200 mtr relay, 100 mtr race, long jump, discus throw, shot put, relay race, tug of war and so on. Thereafter, principal distributed certificates to players ranging from junior to senior sections.



Children's Day



A great moment: Children's Day. When it comes to showcase zest, passion the teaching and non teaching staffs are second to none as they stole the hearts of our children through their charismatic performances. The weather being cold, we continued the celebration with much gusto.

The teachers along with their cultural performances distributed the small though love-filled gifts to the students filling the luncheon at basketball court.

The event formally concluded with the jamming session before all dispersed.

In hostel, Madam Principal and hostel warden (Gyenly) also observed this great day with a cake cutting ceremony and a special dinner for hostellers.



The Annual Parent-Teacher Conference



The Annual parent-teacher conference was divided into two sessions and was held in Naro Photang on 24th and 25th August 2022 for classes Nursery upto 10th. His Eminence addressed the major topics viz. behaviour and etiquette of the students and how it is pivotal in a student's life.

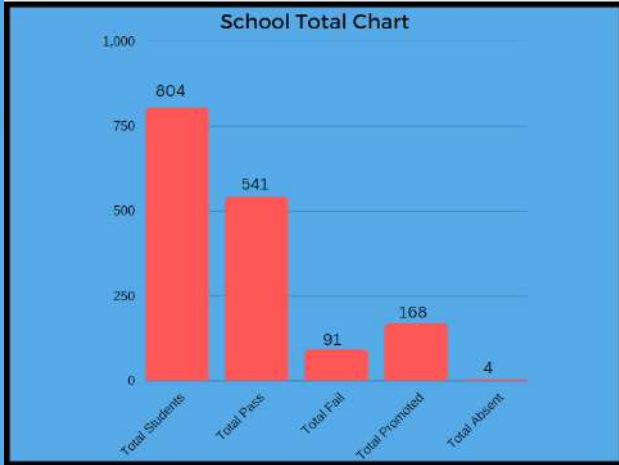
The Principal gave an annual report of school and achievements of the students. The section heads gave an overall report of the student's performance in the term paper. The PTM came to an end with the conclusion that joint effort, mutual understanding and cooperation of parents and teachers is seminal for the proper nourishment and progress of students. After the meeting, the parents met their Ward's class teacher for the result. Accordingly, their suggestions and grievances were duly noted by the respective subject teachers.

DPKS Annual Proclamation Day-2022

On the Proclamation Day, all parents along with their children gathered at school Central Courtyard to know the annual results of all classes except for 8th and 10th. The event was graced with the presence of our respected Chairman, His Eminence Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche, Principal and entire staff of the school. His Eminence conferred on certificates to class wise position holders with especial motivation to not lose their ground whether they are position holders or not. On this very day, our old section heads were released of their duties as new section heads were appointed. His Eminence expressed thanks on our behalf to the former ones and wished his good luck to the new ones with khataks. On the proclamation day, the best house has been announced and it goes to none other than 'WISDOM' house under the captainship of Miss Jigmet Chosdon (9th) and Master Samchok Gyatso (8th). Thereafter, parents got the annual report card from the respective teachers.



Annual School Result



The Value Corner

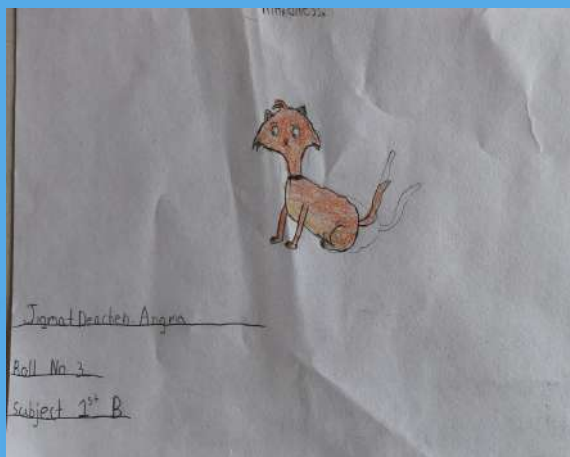
Eating together is a welcoming social activity- it gives the message 'All are welcome' .And yes ,eating together tends to promote more sensible eating habits. Students here have been practising this habit for so many years. They are taught with preparing their lunch mat by themselves and taking responsible for that too imbibe a sense of self reliant. After all,Education should make every kids capable physically, mentally and intellectually.



Values Education is an essential element of whole-person education which aims at fostering students' positive values and attitudes through teaching of various Key Learning experiences such as clothing oneself in traditional attire on every Wednesday and devouring their customary food on that day and many more.



Human nature itself is compassionate but one growing up, we tend to forget the importance of kindness and compassion. Therefore, from very early age, we try to bring out that seeds of compassion which is hidden somewhere under ourself by introducing see learning. While giving them chance to draw their emotions they usually project strong sense of compassion. It clearly depicts that kindness and sense of caring is deeply rooted within us, the only thing is to nurture and nourish them in prope way. These values are so important that should introduce from kindergarten.



Student's Corner



My stay at hostel has been a crucial phase of my life. I'd say it was the turning point of my life not only regarding studies but also about the life skills, moral and ethical values that I won't have learnt otherwise. Specially being a part of DRUK HOSTEL gives me immense sense of pride and honour.

Here, the people are like your own family who care for you so much and their sense of magnanimity is way beyond words. Here, every little effort counts. People belonging from different regions get the chance to make their stay together. We get to learn and know about each others tradition. It's a confluence of different traditions & cultures, languages, lifestyles of different regions of Ladakh.

Being a part of Druk Padma Karpo School made me know my worth, taught me how to stand, to speak up my voice. It was my fate or good fortune to be a member of this blessed institute and it's also because of my parents who opted this institute for me. This phase of my life will be forever special to me and I'll always cherish the days spent here. This place will always have space in my heart and it'll eternally remain close to my heart.

Cordially

Sonam Lanzes (Garkone)

Headgirl

10TH 'B'



Life has been nothing less than unusual since the time I stepped out of DPKS in 2013. It was a fortune to be a part of the first batch of such an esteemed institution in the picturesque landscape of Ladakh. I wasn't aware of the experiences that awaited me outside the school I happened to stumble upon hurdles, climb up mountains, seek content, and sway away with opportunities till I got my candidature accepted at Naropa Fellowship in 2021. It was a stepping stone in my career's trajectory. The post-graduate, academic program focused on creating and nurturing agents of change who will work towards fostering an ecosystem of entrepreneurship and growth while preserving the cultural heritage of Ladakh and the Himalayan region. The curriculum drove the spirit of experimenting and learning new things immensely. I got to hone my leadership and speaking skills dramatically during the course of one year.

It not only made me a professional in terms of delivering work but also paved way for my Entrepreneurial Venture – RiYul Hydroponics which aimed at making fresh vegetables available to one and all in Ladakh even during the harsh winter season. As the norm states, Once an entrepreneur, always an entrepreneur, I definitely plan to drive the project further in future as well.

Several other social impact startups came through since the inception of the fellowship which left indelible imprints in Ladakh and Himalayas such as Siachen Naturals, Ladakh bites and My Pahadi Dukan. The one aspect we all share in common is the fact, to be the young leaders who aspire to be changemakers.

I wish all the readers a prosperous future and loads of opportunities on the way.

Stanzin Thinly

Ex Student

First batch



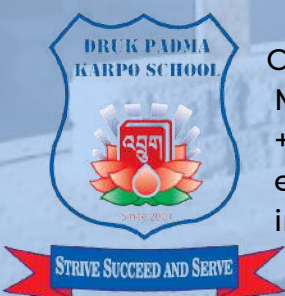
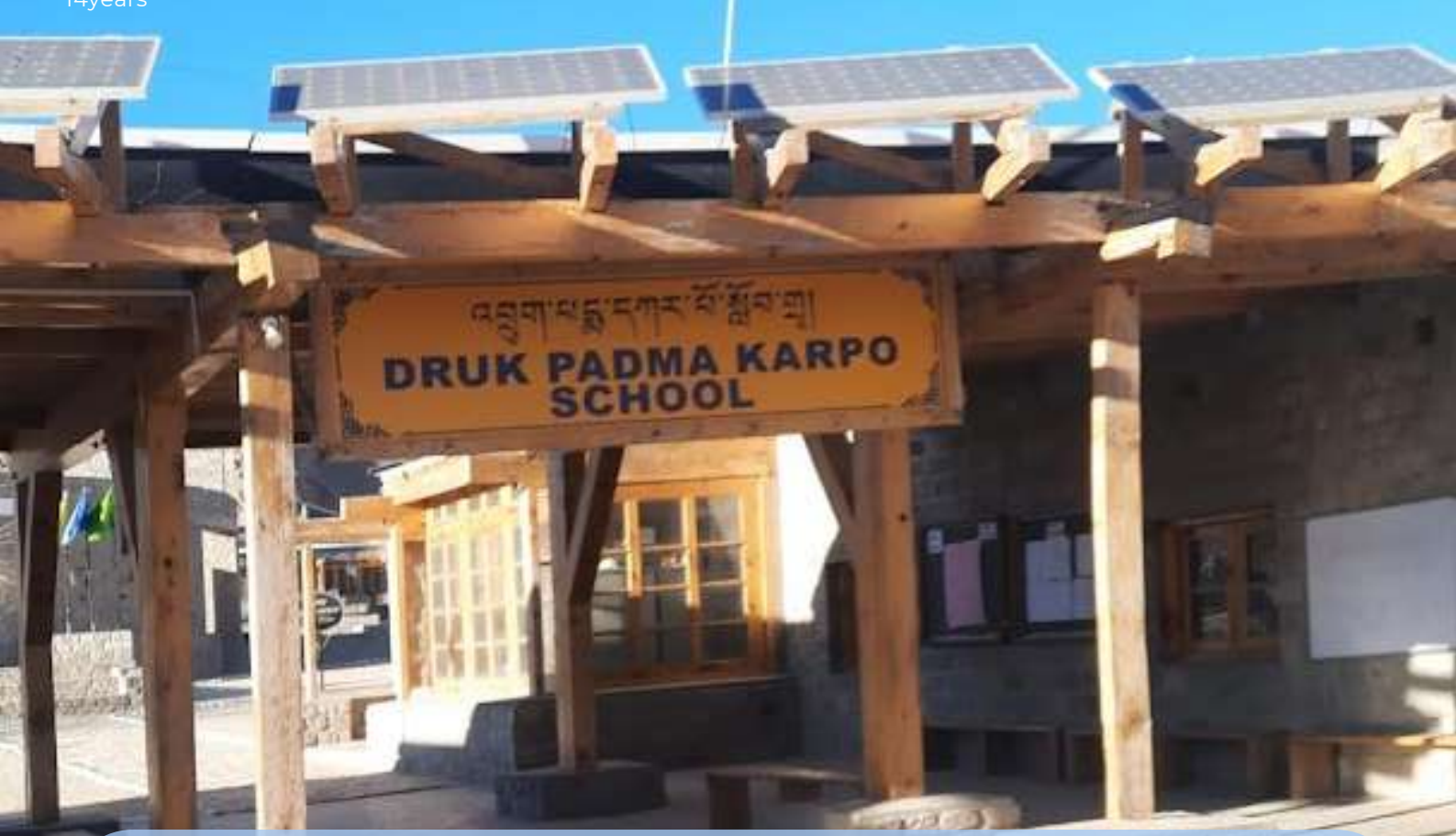
Ladakh is a region situated in the Himalayas of India. Ladakh is famous amongst the people for its picturesque locations, rich culture and its refreshing nature. Though India is one country but people living in it has different ways of living. People of Ladakh also have a different way of living. They are satisfied with their small life and small earnings. I think this is what I love about the people in Ladakh, that they live a stress free life. Ladakh is a region with deep histories about kings, land of Ladakh, livelihood etc. By knowing these histories, it feels very bizarre how the ancient Ladakh has changed so dramatically to the present modern Ladakh.

Like other regions, Ladakh is also not far from modernisation. But in this modern period, preserving our culture has been a great motive of the people of Ladakh. By keeping this in mind Ladakh celebrates 'Ladakh Day' every once in a year by which people portray their love, respect and importance towards our culture. Tourism plays a very crucial role for the economic development of Ladakh. There are certain places in Ladakh which attract the tourism like Pangong Lake, Khardungla, Tomorrow, Zaskar ranges, sand dunes valley and 2 humped camels of Nubra valley and many more. The mighty Indus river also plays a huge role in Ladakh's fame. In early ages, education was something considered trivial in Ladakh because in earlier periods people used to make their children focus on agriculture and cultivation as these were the main source of livelihood during that time. That is why the majority of old-aged people in Ladakh are illiterate. Comparing to that period, present Ladakh is way too thrived in case of education.

These days every parent makes sure to give their child even a low quality if a high quality education is not affordable for them. Ladakh celebrates many festivals throughout the year which the foreigners find fascinating and they enjoy this rapturous moment. We can notice plenty of tourists in Ladakh because I think it is one of the finest vacation spots in India. Coming towards the animals we have a diversity of flora and fauna. There are some particular animals and birds which are also the reason why Ladakh is famous. Hemis National Park is a high altitude National Park in Ladakh globally famous for its snow leopards.

This park is home to a number of species of endangered mammals including snow leopard. Ladakh is a region where people find peace they search for in this chaotic world. Apart from the city, there are some remote places in Ladakh where people live in harmony with the nature and live in idyllic lifestyle. It is a place where nature dwells in its purest form. I won't say Ladakh is a place where everything is perfect but the thing that matters is that it is a small region where we experience small developments on a yearly basis and those small developments will indeed lead to a very great success someday. I am proud to live on this land and to call it my home.

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