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Principal's message

"An investment in knowledge pays the **best** interest. The function of **education** is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true **education**. **Education** is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Albert Einstein

A resounding Congratulation and Adulations to all PYP parents, as PHIS is now PYP authorized school.

Making us the fully IB accredited school. It is your faith, cooperation and trust all the way. It is a moment of great pride and joy for all of us.

We moved deep into the session since we last updated you. It just has been a very busy and happening quarter.

Entire gamut of curricular and co-curricular activities has kept each one very busy. The celebration of Thanks Giving, Deepawali and Halloween not only educates the children in true sense of being international minded also gives all an opportunity to learn and partake in the cultural diversity. Greetings, celebrations, fun and food are the very essence of it all. Before we left for the vacation our children put up an excellent Victory Day celebration. It is always Nation first and our children are the true patriots in the making.

Our PHIFT 2018 was a remarkable success. We had more than 20 teams participating and two full days of best defense and best goals we saw. There were many new schools this year. It gives us so much encouragement when we see this huge demand for the sport. The DOFE students had an enthralling experience at the base camp.

Our first ever effort with the Ad Bag competition was a huge success. Everyone not only participated with great vigor but actually surprised us with their talent and performances.

After a very rejuvenating winter break everyone was back on campus to be ready for more learning and more fun. Once the holiday tasks were submitted the practices began for Inter-House dramatics. In spite of the cold conditions increasing every day, children were practicing and preparing late in the evenings.

Healthy competition always leads to good learning and improved camaraderie across classes. This is what we learn so much in the boarding school. All this could not have been possible without the indefatigable efforts of our children and staff. Collaborative efforts always produce better results and joy is well distributed and shared by each one of us.

Best Wishes to our DP students, as they get busier with their preparations and submissions of the coursework.

Being guided by the Almighty in all our efforts it shall be another busy and overwhelming quarter.

Enjoy reading till we update you all further.

~ Ms. Meenakshi Ahlawat (Principal)

JOURNEY TO PYP AUTHORIZATION CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!

Pledge Harbor International School is now became the first



Boarding School in Bangladesh to offer all the three International Baccalaureate programs vis-a-vis PYP, MYP and DP.

On 13th & 14th October 2018, IB authorization team visited PHIS to see the program standard and practices. During the visit, team members met all the stakeholders to see the understanding of the program and observed the teaching practices within or outside the classroom.

On 15th January, 2019 Pledge Harbor International School has marked another milestone when it has been formally declared by IBO as PYP authorized school.

Great news to rejoice.

~ Neelam Khanduri (PYP Coordinator)





POIN

In the night, I heard some sound,

I searched everywhere,
But nothing was to be found.
As I crept into bed,
I heard someone laughing,
I opened the window,
And couldn't believe my eyes,
Snow like cotton balls falling!!

It snowed the whole night,
Next morning was all white.
I went out and gave a big shout,
Everyone came running without
any doubt,

To play with snow and have great fun,

Winters are the best for everyone!!

~ Ilham Islam Raaihn (Grade 5)



MY SCHOOL

A breeze of fresh air over the cricket field.

Where birds fly across the campus in pride,

Children play in the indoor complex,

Students decide what games they want to play,

In a nut shell, this is my school.

Swimmers swim in the pool,

Most corners in the school are

quiet,
Academic building is alive until
children are gone,

Dorms get noisy when students rush in after school,

Trees sway and dance in the air, I love all this, this is my school.

~ Abdulla –Al Khalid (Grade-6)



IB PYP AUTHORIZATION PARTY

"Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence." The quote of Colin Powell is absolutely came true for us on 16 Jan, 2019, when Pledge Harbor International School has been authorized for IB PYP. It has added a great value in the history of this renowned institute. The success of being authorized of IB PYP has led PHIS to become the only full-fledged Boarding IB School in Bangladesh. On this ground, we have celebrated a BBQ party on 21 Jan, 2019 in our School Campus. It was a wonderful event rejoiced by every teacher and student of PHIS. The BBQ night was celebrated with a musical show, games and DJ, where the entire PHIS community has participated to stuff beautiful moments in their thoughts and has made it a fruitful event. The winners of the games have been awarded too as a part of their enthusiastic participation. The presence of the Principal, Ms. Meenakshi Ahlawat, Head of School & MYP Coordinator, Mr. Juned, DP Coordinator, Mr. Aabid and Head of Admin, Mr. Reza inspired the PHIS community by their care and affection. The BBQ party has been sponsored by the IB PYP Coordinator, Ms. Neelam and IB PYP Assistant Coordinator, Ms. Surovi in respect of all teachers and students especially for the Head of School, Ms. Kaniz Zareen whose guidance and inspiration made the team to achieve the desired program.

The celebration of IB PYP authorization has ended ecstatically and strengthened the confidence among the PYP teachers. We are hoping to carry out the accomplishments of IB PYP program with more dedication and confidence.

~ Ms. Surovi

The Place I like Most in My School!!

It's the indoor that I like most in PHIS. There are many facilities especially the fitness center. Here we can do lot of fitness activities. We have Gym, football court, Cricket enclosure, basket-ball court, table tennis room and the most favorite place of all, the badminton courts. I like to spend most of my play time here in the indoor because it's very peaceful and there are lot of activities taking at the same time. There is lot of hustle and bustle in the indoor during evening games time and



when we have inter-house or inter school matches. All the students make full use of this beautiful indoor sports center. ~ Nafiz (Grade -7)

A Visit to a Shopping Mall

We went to Basundhara Shopping Mall at 10:00 am, on a Sunday on the 9th of



December, 2018.We went there for shopping. I went with my parents and brothers. The weather was sunny. I was very excited to buy a doll. We travelled by a car.

It took three hours to go to Basundhara. My journey was good. I didn't see anything interesting on the way. When I reached there I saw so many shops the shops that had clothes, dolls, jewelry, food, bags and toys. I also saw some dolls wearing beautiful wedding dresses. I was excited to buy a new pretty pink dress. I was there for six hours. We ate delicious food, I had a lot of fun at the gaming zone, driving cars and playing with toys. I enjoyed myself because I bought many lovely new dresses. I was very tired when I had to return home. The day was excellent. The best thing was that I spent time with my family. I want to go there again because I want to buy more clothes. I will never forget the lovely dolls that I saw there.

~ Tanzin Tabassum Suchi, (Grade-4)

My Winter Holiday

I think my winter vacation was the best holiday ever! I went to Malaysia with my schoolmates to play cricket and we had lot of fun while travelling and staying together. Although we lost all the games yet I played very well and even got an award. After I came back from Malaysia, I went through some hard times, however, I managed to over-come that phase. I kept my focus on cricket and spent most of my time playing outdoor games. I played against my friends and won some matches. I would like to play good cricket and

have a name in the batting ranking. I spent time with my relatives and friends too. Whenever I got time, I played badminton at night. That's how I spent my winter break!



~ Arian Hossain (Grade -7)

As we all know that winter is very



important because it controls the earth's temperature and we have less diseases in winter. However, winter also has some disadvantages like, we have to take extra care of our skin and body. My mom had a tough time heating water five times a day but she ensured that

I enjoyed my winter break a lot by drinking hot drinks such as green tea, coffee,

everyone got hot water.

hot chocolate milk etc. I also enjoyed the bonfire with my grand ma around. During the day, I played badminton with my cousins and helped my mother with house hold chores. I worked on the computer researching for my school assignments and projects and spared sometime to watch T.V. It was my brother's birthday during the vacation and we decorated the house. We had a big celebration and surprise for my brother. One of my cousins came from Canada and we had great fun! In countries, where it snows, people enjoy iceskating and also play ice hockey. People make snow man and throw snow balls at each other. Most people enjoy white

Christmas and have big celebrations on this day. I went to Dhaka for the New Year eve celebration and we spent our last day of 2018 in a big way. It was a

memorable winter break this time!!

~ Tajria Islam (Grade -5)

Youtube's Soliloguy



Ohh! Now, today I got to do a lot. Let's first call creator studio. Hello, creator studio! Right now, create a thumbnail with an old textbook and an

old coffin with a huge crusty beard on top. Hello guys! This is the most wanted and the most famous social media in the city, YOUTUBE. So do you know what happened??? Mr. Textbook, the King of huge legacy of books, the old man with long beard that is filled with crumbs, has been murdered! Shocking! Right? And his murderer is still unknown to all. Who knows??? May be I murdered him or maybe you murdered him. But still I think it's a great news because the new generation is having a craze of social media. Who cares to read boring books in this new ERA of Internet...? So, CHILL Youngsters!!! No more books!!! I will be back with more happening news in my next video...till then hold on and keep logging in to you-tube. Oh yes, please don't forget to like,

subscribe and comment in the box below. Much love and peace! Au Revoir!

Mr. YouTube

~ Arian Hossain (Grade -7)

Tremors, the world's smallest werewolf

The author of this Novel is Stephen Bowkett and the illustrations are done by Stephen Player. The main characters are Mr. Garou, Tom, Ellie & Louis. Now I am going to give a brief story of the book. It is the summer holidays and Tom and Ellie are visiting their pen pal, Louis who lives in the wilds of Scotland. It was the first time that they were going to meet each other. But when they arrived everyone seemed wary of them. The entire town was in uproar at a visiting funfair where Tom and Ellie saw the World's smallest werewolf all caged around big bars. The book also talks about how Tom and Ellie escaped from the men armed with sticks and firebrands at the fair and how werewolves come to their rescue. The fun and spooky part I shall leave for you to read and enjoy. The story seemed 50% unbelievable & 50% believable. I liked the characters because they do some stupid things like me. The illustrations and words beautifully explain the story. I would like to recommend this book to those people who

have interest in werewolves and are not scared of monsters and Vampires. I would like to give this book five stars!!

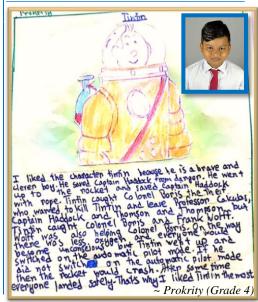
~ Md. Saiyaf Reza (Grade-3)

Diary of Robinson Crusoe

September 30, 1659 I am poor and miserable. I am shipwrecked, I am caught in a storm, and I have landed on a shore of an unfortunate island, which I call the island of despair. All other ships have drowned. I am almost dead. The rest of the day I was in dismal circumstances. Currently I have no food, no shelter, and no change of clothes nor do I have any weapons for protection. There was no relief, but only to wait for the slow and suffering death before me. The wild animals might devour me. I slept

on a tree out of fear of the wild animals, but even on the tree was failed to give me shelter as it rained all night leaving me soaking wet.

~ Zahid (Grade 9)



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Corner

The way we greet (KG-2)

Everyday a greeter is selected by the homeroom teacher, the other students select a way of greeting. The greeter then welcomes everyone to school with a warm hug, a hi5, a shake or a wave. It is a small gesture and step towards caring one another.



Grade 4 Jingle

The students of grade 4 were inquiring into the Transdisciplinary Theme- 'How the World Works' with the central idea "Different expressions help people to communicate." They came up with innovative ideas of original products and created posters and ingles to advertise the same.



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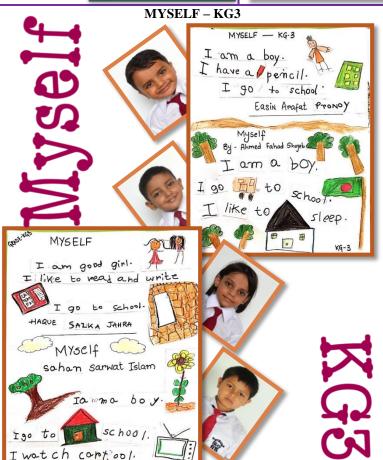
Save your health with Smart Bottle Device. Save your health with Smart Bottle Device. Smart Bottle Device. Smart Bottle Device.

Save your life.









CAS at PHIS

On 23rd January, 2019 Grade XI students of PHIS donated sweaters for winter to our PCS team as a part of their CAS activity and service. With the guidance from our CAS coordinator, Mr. Keshab, we organized the event in our school. All the students worked as a team, put the ideas

together and collaboratively organized the event of distributing sweaters. Good communication skills made it possible to decide and come to one



conclusion on ethics of choices & actions. As the temperature in Sreepur is relatively low during winter, we chose to donate sweaters to those in need. We were able to donate 20 sweaters in one day! The money required to



purchase the sweaters was collected from our CAS stall that we had organized during PHIFT on Nov 2018. ~ Abrar Ishaat

Safi (Grade 11)

Extra Curricular Events

Inter-House AD-Bag Competition

Ad-Bag? This is basically an opportunity to flourish the creativity of oneself and come up with a unique product and ways to market it. The Ad-Bag competition was held in November, 2018. It was a competition among all the houses (Jupiter, Mars, Neptune and Pluto). The students were given one week to prepare their products. When the day of the competition finally came, all of the houses put up a great show! It was a strenuous competition as the four houses came up with such brilliant products that put the judges in a huge dilemma in deciding the well-deserved winner. As the decision had to be made, Mars house was declared as the winners of the

competition. The requirements were to describe the product and talk about its benefits and its buyers. It was a small but



realistic step for the students to think about a business or product



they will be able to invent in the coming generation. The students made their products and designed them.

This is a competition, which gives students the opportunity to experience what it is

like to work in advertising by creating their own marketing

campaign. It made the students to brainstorm with their house members and come up with different amazing products. It gave students a chance to reflect on themselves by showing their talents



and show what they are capable of doing for our future. I personally



appreciate Pledge Harbor for giving us a chance to show our talents and knowing ourselves about what we are thinking for our future generation.

~ Tasnia Areej (Grade

My visit to The Novo Theatre

I visited the Novo Theatre in the month of December. I watched two



shows in the Novo Theatre. The first show was about Science and the second show was about Bongobondhu's life. The first show described how the scientists became successful in reaching the Moon and

Mars. The scientists first made a small space ship and they selected a small dog for the mission but unfortunately, the mission failed. After few years, the scientists created a spaceship called [Apollo 11] and for that mission astronauts were selected and they were Neil Armstrong and two others. They finally succeeded in the mission.



In the second show, they portrayed the struggling life of Bongobonhu. In1970, Awami League won the election, but the Pakistan Prime

Minister cheated and he kept his power. In 1971, the Bangladeshi leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman called the Bangladeshi people to fight



for the nation and helped them achieve their freedom. After 9 months of long war, on 26th March, 1971 Bangladesh finally got its

independence. ~ Md. Ibrahim (Grade-3)

Celebration of the Month of Victory

December is the month of pride for all the Bangladeshis around the globe because this is the month, when we have earned our victory. The month of victory is celebrated with great jubilation by each and every Bangladeshi. The victory day is on the 16th of December but due to the winter vacation starting from 7th of December, our Pledge Harbor family celebrated the victory of Bangladesh on 6th December 2018. The students of Pledge Harbor flaunted their talents up on the stage with their cheerful dance performances throwing the colors of joy to the audience. There were also some singing performances where the euphoric chorus flooded the auditorium with their beautiful voices and patriotism. Wonderful poetries were also recited by the students. At the end of the cultural show for the month of victory, there was a small exhibition of photographs from the freedom fight of 1971 arranged by the head of our Bangla department Mr. Abir. This truly reminded us about the dread that the people of the country had to face and how we fought with all our might and achieved our long awaited victory. With all that, the cultural program came to an end and most of the students went to pack their bags for winter break with a happy note while some other students had to sit for the rest of their exams before the school ended for winter holidays. But either way the end of the celebration of the month of victory was a happy start to the winter holidays.



Pledge Harbor Showcases the IB Curriculum

EAST WEST

Students of East West University of
Dhaka's Education Department
visited our

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY

campus in order to experience the aspects of the IB Curriculum. They arrived in the morning of 21st Nov, 2018, and enjoyed Pledge Harbor's hospitality for the majority of the day. The university students were exposed to the IB curriculum in two different ways. Firstly, they formed small groups and participated in the classes of two different departments. As witnesses to how different classes taught their material following IB guidelines, the university students were able to get a full picture on how versatile and rigorous the IB curriculum endeavors to be. Our PYP, MYP, and DP sections were all a part of helping to enlighten the university students during the classroom demonstrations. In addition to this, the students also attended a seminar on the intricacies of the IB system. Conducted by our honorable Coordinators, Vice-Principal, and Principal Ma'am; this seminar explained in-depth both the mission statement and philosophy of the IB curriculum. After having attended both the classroom demonstrations and the instructional seminar, the Students of Dhaka's East West University were able to develop a thorough understanding of what it means to be a part of an IB school. It is critical to remember that the most important reason of their visit is not, by any means, to show off our school. Each and every child, including our wonderful students at PHIS, are our future. Since our students are our future, it is vital that we have the infrastructure to help develop our students into to thoughtful and caring adults. The IB curriculum strives to do this, and by embracing it we can be one step closer to our goal. Additionally, although the IB curriculum can assist us in raising our students, it is just a medium. The most important part of the school is not the curriculum, but the educators who teach and transfer knowledge. As such, even though it is important to raise our students, it is equally as valuable to prepare our future educators stringently. Thus, we hope that by immersing themselves into PHIS and the IB curriculum for a day, that the students of Dhaka's East West University will soon become the greatest educators of tomorrow.



IIMUN

IIMUN stands for India's International Movement to United Nations. Last IIMUN Bangladesh was held in Bangladesh International Tutorial on 25th of October 2018.

IIMUN

The MUN continued for the next three days. Some of our MYP

and DP students participated in that MUN very actively- some as delegates and some signed for other voluntary activities like photography. The first day was mainly for the opening ceremony and the

registrations. In the next two days the selected ten students from the school actively participated and learned passionately from others in their different committee sessions. By the end of the second day, when it was time to go back to school, all of us were rich in experience, as it was the very first MUN for all the students. We might have not achieved any awards, which would also be very strange to expect from all the first-timers but what matters the most is the

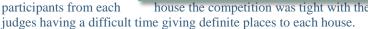


enrichment of knowledge of these students because of this very MUN.

~ Mahfuza Laohe Rumman (Grade 11)

Inter-house Debate

Going into the second year of inter-house debate, students prepared vigorously to win 1st place for their house. With two



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The participants from Mars house were Mahfuza and Rifat both from Grade 11. From Neptune house the participants were Ishaat from Grade 11 and Tanzim from Grade 10. Pluto House participants were Aubidur from Grade 11 and

Ishrat from Grade 10. Last but not the least, the Jupiter house participants were Angshu from Grade 8 and Khalid from Grade 6. The rules were simple, two participants from within each house will debate against each other, one member will be for the prompt and one will be against. Each house will have a different topic. The participants who were going for the prompt went first followed by against. There were no rebuttals. After



nearly an hour of debating with each of the sides giving strong valid arguments from their side in their speeches a winner was declared. Coming in

place

was Jupiter House. 3rd place was Neptune House and 2nd place was Pluto House. That leaves Mars House to take the 1st place. The competition was tough but when Rifat talks about something he is passionate about, there is no stopping him.

~ Aubidur Rahman (Grade 11)



Malaysia Cricket Tour



Cricket, a sport so dear and close to the heart of many PHIS students. Students train hard on the pitch to defeat teachers in students versus teachers' matches. They train hard to defeat the cricket players from Mawna. Yet they all faced a new challenge, a challenge of defeating a team from another country, and this time they trained even harder. Students started preparing to be able to join the selective team of 15 weeks in advanced. The final 15 students chosen by the respected coaches, Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed and Mr. Nur Mohammad were, Shafin Zaman Nafiz, Arian Hossain, Koki Wakamtsu, Mahin Safwan, Rohan Haque, Emon Abdul Aziz, Towfique Hassan, Tanzim Aryan, Shahadat Ahmed Wasi, Nahid

Hassan, Tawhidul Hakim, Safat Sarker, Mahadi Rahman Arian. Aubidur Rahman, Rifat Bin and Maruf.

Accompanying these students on their trip were Mr. **Imtiaz** Ahmed,

Mr. Nur Mohammad, and Mr. Vivian Das. These 18 PHIS family members flew out representing not just the school, but in essence, the country. Leaving on 11th December and returning on 18th December, the one-week trip was full of not just competition but also fun and enjoyment. The students enjoyed sight-seeing at some of Malaysia's most popular

tourist destinations including a Chinese Temple, The King's Palace, Independence Square, Genting Highlands, Harriston Chocolate Factory and The Petronas Twin Towers. Everyone also got a



chance to go shopping at Malls such as Sogo, Mid valley, and KLCC. Fun aside, the students played fiercely at the cricket grounds of Kelab Aman, playing a four-match series against one of the best local teams. Sadly, the other team trained harder and defeated our PHIS team in 3 out of 4 matches. With these defeats in mind, the team flew back home with the thought of victory on their minds for the upcoming such events.



~ Aubidur Rahman (Grade 11)

PHIFT (Football Tournament)



Pledge Harbor International School hosted the much-anticipated annual

PHIFT (Football Tournament) on our lush, green campus in Mawna, Gazipur, on November 2nd and 3rd, 2018.

The programme was opened by Saidul Alam, Founder Mr. Chairman of PHSA and Special Guest Ms. Tazeen Masud Sinha, Head of **Planning** Administration, PHIS.

A total of 25 teams from 16 different schools participated in the PHIFT 2018. There were two categories: Under 14 and Under 19. There were schools from DISA (ISD, Turkish Hope Chittagong, AUSIS, SSK, etc.) as well as non-DISA schools who participated like Manarat, BIT,

RAJUK, Don Bosco, etc. Both the PHIS teams Under 14 and Under 19 reached the Semi Finals.

The Final took place on Nov 3, 2018. The closing Chief Guest was our very own, Head of School, Ms. Kaniz Zareen. Don Bosco School won the





Under 14 Cup. The Under 19 Cup was won by International Turkish

School Hope

Chittagong.

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Vote

Closing Speech and Thanks given by Mr. Chowdhury, our Vice Principal. He thanked the Team Lead of the Programme, Mr. Juned Rabbani, our



Secondary, all the students, the student volunteers, participants, the teachers and staff for their collective efforts to making this a successful PHIFT 2018.

Looking forward already to PHIFT 2019!







Head



Inter-house Cultural Program 2019

On 17th of January, the inter-house Cultural program was held, where all the houses had their opportunity to present their talents in dance, song and drama. We also had the chance to prove ourselves in fields of choreography, script writing, directing etc. Every house seemed very excited. We got an entire week to prepare ourselves for everything. Each house was giving their best efforts to come out on the top. While the PYP kids were preparing to rock the stage with their dancing skills, the MYP and DP students were getting ready to make the best act possible and the singers were set to mesmerize everyone with their voice.

As our art teacher had some health issues, we also had to make our own props and back-drop, which turned out to increase the hype of the cultural program.

At the day of the event, each house got half an hour for the auditorium practice where they rehearsed for the show and got themselves perfectly ready to make the program a huge success.

The program started at 11:30 am. And as expected each house gave their best and with the help of our honorable principal, vice principal, IT department and everyone, the program was a huge success. There was a lot going on the same day. The judges, along with the audience were awestruck by the amazing talents displayed on the stage. Despite of the difficulty in making the decision to declare the winner of the competition, the judges had to do it anyway. Hence, Jupiter house was announced as the 4th place holder, Mars house took the 3rd place, Pluto got the 3rd place and last but not the least, the champion house was Neptune house. Neptune house happened to win most of the awards. They won the best backdrop award and also Ishaat from Neptune house achieved the best actor award. The best choir and the best dance performance awards were won by Pluto house. And Mars house won the best play award.







Pledge –E-thon 2019

The much-awaited Annual Pledge-E-Thon was held today the 24th January 2019, with great zest and zeal. It was one of the brightest winter mornings with the warmth of the sun that brought all the fun and frolic amongst students. The program began with our Principal Mrs. Meenakshi welcoming the chief guest Mr. Adnan Chowdhary who graced the occasion. The Principal welcomed all the coordinators, the students, the faculty and the HR administration department along with the gathering.

The meet began with the march past flagged off by our honorable Chief Guest. He inspected the parade and the contingents saluted in honor. It was a matter of immense glory and pride to see our young students marching with the impressive music of the band. The parade was led by individual House Captains. The sports leader Shahid carried the school flag with great reverence and honor. He administered the oath after which the sports meet was declared opened by our Chief Guest Mr. Adnan, Principal, Coordinators and Head of HR.

The most fascinating was to watch our PYP waving off their colorful house bands while marching past to cheer the crowd. They wore their house color ribbons and the house colored Tiaras. Their smiles were captivating; each wanted to be a winner. They looked majestic while waving to honor our chief guest and cheer the gathering.

The students of PYP, MYP and DP participated in events races and sprints. The crowd cheered the most at adorable kid's races the marble and spoon race, the Biscuit race. The Tug of War added to the enjoyment each one cheering for their houses. The Relay Race was another much awaited race for the seniors. The victory stand has witnessed the finest competitors of the day. At the end the Mars House bagged the Champion's Trophy Pledge -E -Thon 2019. The day came to an end by the sumptuous lunch laid out for all . The days chatter was only about competition, participation and



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