



EDITOR'S MUSINGS

*Don't limit your challenges,
challenge your limits.*

Dear Parents

Khoj is much more than just an evening away from home – it's a story of pushing your boundaries and exploring possibilities. By the end of this event, children return enriched, after having experienced a day away from their familial cocoon. It allows them to internalize the vital lessons of independence and trust. It also serves as a platform for parents to lovingly release their little ones into a safe space, where they can take their first tentative steps towards autonomy.

Khoj is about collaboration and adjustment. It fosters lifelong bonds and memories which will stay with the child for a lifetime, seamlessly weaving into the fabric of their lives.

Finally, *Khoj* is also about blending physical activity, personal discovery, social interaction and pure joy. This year too, *Khoj* has exceeded the children's expectations as the campus buzzed with energy and heartfelt delight throughout the evening.

This magical gathering has once again reinforced a crucial life lesson: that challenges are best faced one step at a time with friends by your side. I have always believed that shielding our children from difficulties is not the answer— instead, we must gently encourage them to confront challenges trusting in their inner strength. Indeed, *Khoj* has once proved to be an incubator for personal growth!

Regards
Editor

THROUGH MY EYES

The moment I had eagerly anticipated has finally arrived! Since the start of Class V, we have all yearned for this remarkable event. The anticipation of going for *Khoj* the next day kept me restless throughout the night. Upon arrival at the school, I was greeted by elaborate decorations and symbols that celebrated our cultural heritage, instilling in me a profound sense of pride. Inside the allotted room, I meticulously organized my belongings and prepared my bed neatly. The assembly was truly exceptional, featuring a compelling skit and enthralling dance performances by our dedicated teachers and talented classmates. I have realized that there is so much to appreciate and learn from our teachers and peers. My friends and I posed for a photograph in front of the Back to Roots themed backdrop, eager to share this memory with my family later. We relished delectable snacks, and the evening swiftly passed in a whirlwind of joy, games, and spirited dancing around the bonfire. The PowerPoint presentation took us to bygone days, reaffirming the richness of our bonds and memories. As night descended, sleep proved elusive. My friends and I spent the night immersed in laughter and storytelling. However, after morning exercises and walk, I felt remarkably rejuvenated. The hearty breakfast of piping hot *puri* and *jalebi* was the cherry on the cake. I am eager to recount every detail of this enchanting event to the people at home. *Khoj* may be over but the memories of this night will stay with me forever!



CAMPUS CAPERS

"The singing around the bonfire and the inter-room dance competition was awesome." Arvita Bansode V-C

"The spooky house was great fun and truly spooky at night!" Ved Kute VE

"I won chocolates for the darts game and Ma'am gave me an extra one for being a great helper." Yug Singhania VA

"It was awesome eating cold ice-cream with hot gulab jamuns sitting with my friends." Veda Marolia VH

GAIETY, GALA & GOINGS - ON

The campus was abuzz with exhilaration throughout the preceding weeks as everyone eagerly anticipated Khoj. The event quickly became a focal point of discussion among students and their families, and at long last, the much-awaited day arrived. The campus was exquisitely adorned to honor our cultural roots, instantly transporting the children into an era of stately and majestic ambience. After they settled into their rooms, the children assembled for a formal gathering presented by their teachers and peers. The highlights of the assembly were a humorous skit and spirited dance performances. The Head of School extended a warm welcome to the students encouraging them to revel in the festivities with both enthusiasm and decorum. The children delighted in sumptuous evening snacks before participating in a memorable photo session with their room teachers. Subsequently, they played a series of engaging games which had already been set up at different locations across the campus. The children enthusiastically partook in an energetic array of activities such as *Spooky House*, *Rocket Blast*, *Musical Hat*, *Treasure Hunt*, *Tallest Tower*, *Feed the Clown*, *Ball Toss*, *Ducks in a Row*, *Read the Color and not the Word*. Their exuberance was palpable as they celebrated their victories with chocolates. A nostalgic PowerPoint presentation showcased the remarkable evolution of the students—from tiny toddlers to conscientious middle schoolers—eliciting reflection and pride amongst both pupils and teachers. Amidst laughter and animated chatter, the children sang and danced around the bonfire. They awoke at dawn, brimming with vitality commencing the day with meditation and stretching exercises to rejuvenate their spirits, followed by a tranquil walk to a nearby location. The outing culminated in a yummy breakfast featuring some of their favorites, which the children relished with great enthusiasm. The event concluded with a reflective farewell assembly, during which they recounted their memorable experiences. This occasion served as a platform for the children to explore new facets of their identities while imparting essential virtues such as teamwork, collaboration, and harmonious coexistence with their peers. Each child departed laden with a treasure trove of stories to share with their families for all time to come.



They Said This

‘My child will learn independence and social networking from this event.’ - Shantanu Srivastava, F/o Anvika Srivastava, 5A

“This is my first Khoj and I am looking forward to a night of active involvement with all the proceedings.” – Labeena Kadeer, New teacher at DPS

“Khoj stirs a nostalgic longing, rekindling my cherished childhood memories.” – Zainab Jhanjhariya, Staff Parent

“I feel a mixture of emotions but I find comfort in knowing that my grandchild is receiving competent and safe care.” Rajdulari, Grandmother of Kyras Gautam V-E

Each Khoj reveals something new. The excitement it generates creates a lasting impact that lasts long after the event. - Bhavna Bajaj (JWC)