

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead

DAV Centenary Public School, Paschim Enclave observed 'Swachhta Pakhwada' with full zest and enthusiasm. All the teachers and students actively participated in 'Sawachh Pakhwada' as per the schedule between September 1 and 15, 2018 to spread the message of cleanliness, not only among the students but also in surrounding areas.

Under the able guidance of Principal Ms. Manju Malik, various events were organized in the school with a view to sensitize everyone to adopting the methods or ways of sanitation and cleanliness in their lives. The following events were initiated by the school during Swachhta Pakhwada 2018.

Date	Event
1.9.2018	Swachhta Shapath Day
2.9.2018 to 4.9.2018	Swachhta Awareness Day
5.9.2018	Green School Drive
6.9.2018	Swachhta Participation Day
7.9.2018	Hand Wash Day
8.9.2018	Personal Hygiene Day
9.9.2018 to 10.9.2018	Community Participation Day
11.9.2018	Swachhta School Exhibition
12.9.2018	Swachh Water Day
13.9.2018	Water Harvesting Day
14.9.2018	Letter Writing Day
15.9.2018	Prize Distribution Day

PLEDGE TAKING CEREMONY (1/9/2018)

Swachhta pledge was taken by the students, which was led by the President of School Parliament. The students pledged to remain committed towards cleanliness and keep their surroundings clean. They enthusiastically promised to take the initiative to sensitize and encourage hundred more people to propagate the message and participate actively in this campaign. A Signature Campaign marked the beginning of the Swachhta fortnight. The response of the children was very promising and overwhelming.



Swachhta Awareness Day (2/9/2018 to 4/9/2018)

Succeeding the oath for cleanliness taken during the pledge taking ceremony, an interaction session on importance of cleanliness was organised. A meeting of PTA was congregated where various suggestions were taken from the parents and teachers on how to maintain cleanliness and hygienic environment in and outside school premises. Moreover, Cleanliness Drive was organized in the school that took place in the zero period in collaboration with class teachers. The zealous students and teachers took vital efforts to clean their classrooms and surroundings as they cleaned the college lawns, corridors, desks, smart Boards, doors and also cleared the walls taking down posters and banners to replace them with new ones.







Green School Drive(5/9/2018)

To take this mission a step forward, Tree plantation drive was held in the school lawns. Students of school parliament, members of Eco Club along with the volunteers came together to plant various saplings in the garden area and vowed to nurture them and keep the campus green. A rally was conducted to create awareness in the neighbourhood where the students carried placards and charts with slogans like Go Green, Plant more trees etc. to spread the message of “Clean India, Green India”. The highlight of the day was the street play on ‘Save trees’ which brought life to the walls of the schools by the resounding voices of the students. It was followed by planting of saplings in the area.







Swacchta Participation Day (6/9/2018)

To mark the eventful day, a special assembly was held in the school, which aimed to sensitizing the learners towards their role in saving our precious planet. A thought-provoking skit 'Save Trees, Save Earth' was presented by the students of Class IV, emphasizing making our nation cleaner and greener. In their sweet but firm voice, the young earth warriors urged everyone to lend a hand in making Earth a better place to live. Furthermore, senior students presented thought-provoking speeches and poems highlighting significance of trees in our lives. The Art Department of the school carried out poster-making competition for classes VI and VII wherein the children came up with great ideas and they participated with great fervor and zeal.





Handwash Day(7/9/2018)

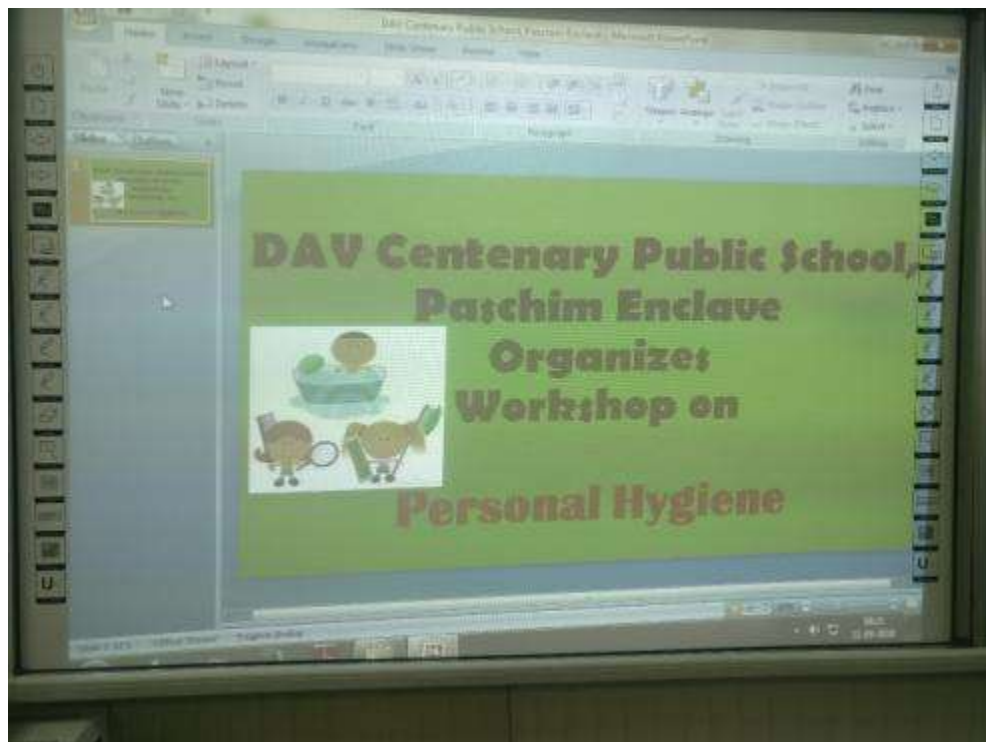
With a view to inculcate good health and hygiene habits among the young learners, a special assembly was held in the school lawn to demonstrate the 6-step hand washing technique to the students. The students were also briefed about the importance of maintaining the healthy hand washing habit to ensure proper hygiene. It was, undoubtedly, an effective way of reinforcing hygienic habits among the children.





Personal Hygiene Day(8/9/2018)

The junior wing of DAV Centenary Public School, Paschim Enclave observed Personal Hygiene Day. To sensitize the learners towards the significance of personal hygiene, a workshop was organized for the students. The workshop focused on healthy hygiene habits such as bathing daily, washing hands before and after meals, eating clean and healthy food, trimming hair and nails regularly etc.





Community Participation Day (9/9/2018 to 10/9/2018)

A cleanliness drive was carried on and supervised by the class teachers wherein they shared some of the easy and effective ways of keeping their surroundings clean. The students carried out a Dengue Awareness Rally. The children, with their striking slogans and banners, exhorted the onlookers to be wary of stagnant water and the breeding mosquitoes. Sharing some useful tips to prevent falling prey to these diseases, the children encouraged people to end the menace of mosquitoes through caution, cleanliness and community participation. The school counselor, Ms.Divya Chawla presented a value talk on Preventing Dengue by keeping the surrounding clean which highlighted the ways of how to stop the breeding of mosquitoes.



Swachhta School Exhibition (11/9/2018)

To motivate the students furthermore, the school held an exhibition, wherein the aesthetically made posters, stressing need for cleanliness attracted the audience with their catchy and motivating slogans and colour play.





Swachh Water Day(12/9/2018) and Water Harvesting Day (13/9/2018)

This event was initiated by the In-charge of school's Gardening Club, Ms. Vimmi Kalra, wherein the students were enlightened about the process or technique of collecting, filtering, storing and using rainwater for irrigation and for various other purposes. They were shown water channels, natural filtration and collection tanks which prompted them to plant one in their houses as well.





Letter Writing Day (14/9/2-018)

After the plethora of above-mentioned activities, the students wrote informative letters to their parents telling them about the things that they have learnt about cleanliness. This event served as a tool to assess the awareness amongst the students about cleanliness.

Informal Letter

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Verna Enclave, Nangla
New Delhi - 11

September 14, 2018

Dear Parents,

I am fine and hope that you are also fine. I am writing this letter to inform you about 'Swachhata Pakhwada' week organised in our school from September 1, 2018 to September 15, 2018 in which various activities were organised not only in our school but also in the nearby area of our school to maintain cleanliness and greenery everywhere in our surroundings. Under the 'Swachhata Pakhwada' week, the students of our school took a pledge in the assembly to keep the environment neat and clean. Cleanliness drive was organised. Besides that rain water harvesting system was also set up in our school. Exhibition etc. was also organised. All the students of our school participated in this week with great enthusiasm. We all were very happy and our hearts were full of joy. We all learnt many things. Students were also given prizes for their hardwork and their excellent work that they did to keep the surroundings neat and clean. Some students of our school also participated in nukkad

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of sweepers. Do citizens have no role in this? We have to change this mindset. The whole country is our home & it's our responsibility to keep our home clean. You should spread awareness about importance of cleanliness. We should plant a tree monthly to make our surroundings pollution free. Our government has taken measures like odd-even, Swachh Bharat Mission but it doesn't work if the citizens will not take it seriously. We should not litter our surroundings. Some people think that if they'll clean their surroundings, it'll hurt their self-respect but this type of thinking is narrow-mindedness. I hope you'll understand my points. I'll try to meet you in the clubhouse break.

 Thanking You
 Yours Faithfully
 Shweta

Prize Distribution Day (15/9/2018)

To give a fitting end to such a grand event, the students, who participated and volunteered in various activities like speech, poem recitation, skits and cleanliness drives, etc. were felicitated by the Principal, Ms. Manju Malik. It was, indeed, a proud moment for all the winners and the school to be a part of the 15-Day Cleanliness Campaign.





This initiative was very effective, thought-provoking and insightful as it reinstated the importance of a clean environment and motivated all to take necessary steps on an everyday basis to move towards a cleaner and greener tomorrow.