

27th Vasant Valley School Drama Festival

For the last month and a half, all the students from Classes 3 to 5 have been working hard on the annual Drama Festival. The much-awaited Drama Festival is exciting for students, teachers and parents. Over the years, Vasant Valley has hosted this event and this has become an occasion to showcase creativity among Delhi schools. This year's theme was "MYSTERY REPORTS". The event was held over three days and 18 schools participated. In the intervals between plays, the audience was entertained by short dances and melodious songs performed by students of classes 3 to 5 from Vasant Valley. Ranging from interesting



plays, Rajasthani Folk dance, Tandav dance to the brilliant Orchestra, there was not a dull moment. Even being in the audience was a breath-taking experience. Finally the Big Day for the VVS play came! VVS play was a comedy with characters such as a dream-catcher, a mad scientist, a punjabi dhaba-owner, a billionaire, fickle policemen and a gang of thieves. The audience was in splits with the antics of this bunch, of which I was a part of. When on stage, with the audience looking expectantly, one can get a bit nervous. But once you get into the midst of things, one feels a spectacular sensation come over you. The Drama festival is an experience I will never forget and I dare say, I speak for most of us. *Kaavya Mukherjee Saha*

Vasant Valley Dialogue

Q1. How did you like participating in our Drama Festival?

I was really nervous but excited too as this was my first experience performing in front of such a big audience. I liked meeting new people. *Anaya Taneja (Shiv Nadar School)*

I was nervous at first but that was when I was off stage. The moment I stepped onto the stage I just went ahead and performed and forgot all



about my nervousness. I also felt very proud to be chosen to perform here in Vasant Valley School. *Pandiya (Sardar Patel Vidyalaya)*

It was a very good experience. I have never performed in such a big auditorium. The dances in between the plays were very good too. *Annaikaa (Step by Step World School)*



Taking part in Drama Festival was such a good experience. I just feel very sad now that this year's Drama Festival is over. I felt so proud to be a part of this play. This is the one chance that some children from Class 5 get, to perform in a play, in front of so many people.
Aizah Arora (Vasant Valley School)

Did you face any difficulties while working on your own play?



I faced my fears while getting ready for my play. I was very scared of clowns but now I am not so scared of them and feel good about this. I have also overcome stage fright. There were times when we could not practice and would also waste a lot of time while practicing.
Meher (Ridge Valley School)

I was looking after lights backstage and it was confusing at first. There were times when the



lights had to be put out and the stage had to be dark but with practice I became better.
Samaira Malhotra

(The Shri Ram School, Aravalli)

Voice modulation was tough and I had to keep practicing to get ready for the play.
Naina Bahl (Pathways World School, Gurgaon)

Question: This year's theme for Drama Festival is, 'Mystery Reports'. How did you all go about preparing a play on this theme?

All of us discussed and came up with the storyline which revolves around history.

We liked the theme, Mystery Reports as it gave us a lot of scope to make our story. We were also worried about our monuments and wanted to spread the message and make people aware of how they must keep the monuments clean and take pride in their history.



Harnwore (Tagore International School)

We all got together and came up with a story for our play about a killer cat. We played a lot of games that helped us to bond together. We then learnt our dialogues and practiced. Our sir really helped us too.
Pranjali Singh (St. Mary School)

Our Drama Festival does not promote competition amongst different schools. Do you like the idea of it being a Festival?



I loved the idea of a Festival as in a competition if any participating team loses they feel so

bad. Everyone works hard to prepare their play. In a Festival we perform without the fear of losing or winning.
Niranjan Nair The Airforce School

I like performing in festivals as then I don't have to worry about winning or losing. I just focus on doing my best and having a good time.
Zeeshan Akhtar (New Era Public School)

Do you have any suggestions for us, so that we can work on making our Drama Festival even better?

I feel before each play is put up one person from that school should give a summary of the story.
Omkar Chillar (Kunskapsskolan)

Next time you should give the option to another school to choose the topic for the play. You should also check the mikes as the dialogues were not very clear.

Gayatri Tripathi (Springdales School)

ड्रामा फेस्टिवल

ड्रामा फेस्टिवल की शुरुआत वसंत वैली स्कूल ने की। ड्रामा फेस्टिवल में 18 विद्यालय अपना नाटक तैयार करते हैं और उसे एयर फोर्स ऑडिटोरियम में प्रस्तुत करते हैं। एक दिन में छः



विद्यालय अपने-अपने नाटक दिखाते हैं। ड्रामा फेस्टिवल एक प्रतियोगिता नहीं है यह एक त्योहार है वसंत वैली अपने नाटक के साथ नाच

-गाना भी करता है जिसे इंटरल्यूड कहा जाता है। उसके लिए बच्चे एक महीने तक अभ्यास करते हैं। इस साल की थीम मिस्ट्री रिपोर्ट थी। यह मेरा पहला अनुभव था। मुझे कुछ अलग करने को मिला। मैंने दूसरे विद्यालयों के इंटरव्यू भी लिए। मुझे वसंत वैली और स्टेप बाइ स्टेप स्कूल के नाटक बहुत पसंद आए। ड्रामा फेस्टिवल बच्चों के व्यक्तित्व को निखारता है। **अव्वय वर्मा**

हमारे ड्रामा फेस्टिवल में हिस्सा लेकर कैसा लगा?



हमें बहुत मज़ा आया और बहुत सारी चीज़ें भी सीखने को मिली। हमने यहाँ बहुत सारे दोस्त भी बनाएँ। **गर्विका वत्स (एयरफोर्स स्कूल)**

हमें बहुत अच्छा लगा। कितना कुछ देखने और सीखने को था। **अर्नवी (रिज वैली विद्यालय)**



इस बार की थीम मिस्ट्री रिपोर्ट आपको कैसी लगी?

मुझे यह थीम बहुत अच्छी लगी। यह बहुत अलग थीम थी जिसके ऊपर काफी सोचना पड़ा। **अमृता कौर: (सरदार पटेल विद्यालय)**

मुझे यह विषय बहुत मज़ेदार लगा। रहस्यमयी चीज़ों का अपना अलग ही मज़ा है। **केनेशा कैमुएल: (न्यू एरा विद्यालय)**

आपको अपने नाटक का आइडिया कैसे मिला?

हमने बहुत सारी छोटी-छोटी कहानियाँ लिखी जिसको जोड़कर हमने एक बड़ी कहानी बनाई। **वास्वी डागा (शिव नाडर विद्यालय)**

हमें नाटक का आइडिया अपने स्कूल के डेली रूटीन से मिला।

अर्नव (कुंसकपकोलन विद्यालय)

हमें अपने नाटक का आइडिया अपने अध्यापक से मिला और हम सब ने मिलकर उसमें अपने-अपने विचार दिए। **नमन श्रीवास्तव (संत मैरी स्कूल)**

नाटक की तैयारी करते समय कुछ रोचक घटनाएँ जो आपके साथ हुईं?

बहुत सारी घटनाएँ हुईं। हम अपने संवाद भूल जाते थे, ड्रीम कैचर को देखकर हम हँसते ही रह जाते थे और तो और स्टेज पर कितनी बार गिरे भी।

उदय रेलन (वसंत वैली विद्यालय)

आपको अन्य स्कूलों में से किस विद्यालय का नाटक सबसे अच्छा लगा?

मुझे कुंसकैपकोलन का नाटक सबसे अच्छा लगा। उनका नाटक सबसे अलग था।

सबीना (श्री राम स्कूल)

हमें रिज वैली का नाटक सबसे अच्छा लगा।

रिया (श्री राम स्कूल)





इन नाटकों में आपको कौन सा पात्र सबसे अच्छा लगा? क्या आप उसका कोई संवाद बोलकर सुनाएँगे?

मुझे ए.सी.पी प्रद्युम्न सबसे अच्छा लगा और उसका संवाद 'कुछ तो गड़बड़ है दया' मुझे

बहुत अच्छा लगा।



शौर्य (स्टेप बाइ स्टेप)

ड्रामा फेस्टिवल एक उत्सव है। क्या आप इसे प्रतियोगिता के रूप में मनाना चाहेंगे या उत्सव के रूप में?

उत्सव के रूप में अच्छा है किन्तु मैं इसे प्रतियोगिता के रूप में मनाना चाहूँगी ताकि इतने सारे स्कूल के नाटकों के बीच हमें मालूम चले कि सबसे अच्छा नाटक किसका था। दिव्यान्शी (संत मार्क गर्ल्स स्कूल)

इस फेस्टिवल को बेहतर बनाने के लिए आप कुछ सुझाव देना चाहेंगे?

मुझे लगता है यदि स्टेज और बड़ा होता तो नाटक करने में और मज़ा आता।
आयन कुमार पॉल (ब्लू बेल्ल्स स्कूल)



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Step By Step School, Noida
St. Mary's School
Springdales School, Dhaula Kuan
Nirmal Bhartia School
The Air Force School, Subroto Park
Ridge Valley School
Shiv Nadar School
Pathways School, Gurgaon
The Shri Ram School, Aravali
Bluebells School International
Tagore International School
Kunskapsskolan
G. D. Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj
St. Mark's Girls Sr. Sec. School
New Era Public School
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