



Round Square Activity Report

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**School Name: Dhirubhai Ambani International School
Mumbai
India**

Session: 2011-12 (October to February)

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1.	Number of students gone out on exchanges in the last 5 months	<p>None</p> <p>Three Exchange visits are scheduled between March and June 2012 at France, Spain and Czech Republic to be visited on the basis of home stay by 49 students.</p>
2.	Number of students who have visited you on exchanges in the last 5 months	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ferrina Vora has joined Year 11(IBD) for 8 weeks in January and February 2012 as a “visiting student” from Canada. 2. Village Service Project – 51 students from 8 different schools participated in a South Asia & Gulf Regional Service project held at the villages of Hasachipatti & Kumbharghar between 18th - 23rd December 2011. <p>The following is the breakup of the number of students (School-wise)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian School, Oman -7 Students • The Millennium School, Dubai- 7 Students • The British School, Delhi -7 Students • The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal -7 Students • MGD Girls School, Jaipur -7 Students • The Scindia School, Gwalior -6 Students • The Daly College, Indore- 5 Students • Mayo College, Ajmer -5 Students <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. St. Dominic’s International School – Portugal: 7 students and one teacher were with from 27th October to 4th November 2011. They worked along with our students in both the villages viz. Hassachipatti and Kumbharghar. They worked on building the computer laboratory, village path, toilet block, cement brick making.
3.	Number of students who have participated in any sort of RS Conference in the last 5 months	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The school participated in the RS International Conference – Reaching beyond our limit – in Wellington College, UK from 17th October -23rd October 2011. No of students: 6 2. SA& G Regional Senior Conference - Plus Est En Vous - at King’s Academy, Jordan from 8th -13th December 2011. No of students: 6 3. RS Young Conference -Our Feathered Friends – at MGD, Jaipur from 23rd - 25th January 2012. No of students: 6 4. RS Young Conference - Easy Being Green – at Bangalore International School from 1st - 4th February 2012. No of students: 6

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		<p>5. Senior SA& G Regional Conference – <i>Technology for a Sustainable World</i> – at CGS from 3rd -7th February 2012. No of students: 8</p> <p>6. Adults Regional Conference for Heads and Reps attended by Abhimanyu Basu and Divya Singhal from 11-14th Jan 2012.</p> <p>7. RSIS Leadership Training Workshop & Project –Cambodia from 7 -22 December 2011 - Attended by Yassir Choonawala</p>
4.	Number of students who have participated in any sort of RS Service Camp in the last 7 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>DAIS RS REGIONAL PROJECT</u> VILLAGES: HASSACHIPATTI AND KUMBHARGARH December 18th to 23rd 2011• Total Participants: 9 Schools and 69 students (including DAIS students) <p><u>Aim:</u> DAIS initiated RS Service Project aimed to help make a difference to the lives of people in these two tribal villages by empowering the villages with better amenities and educational facilities</p> <p><u>Empowerment Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction of concrete foot path that leads to the village. (Villagers have to climb 1000 feet uphill to access basic amenities) This project helped add 300 feet of the path.• Completed the construction of the computer lab in the village• Train village children in basic computer literacy through lessons in Word, Excel, Paint box, browsing the internet etc.• Completed the digging of the rain water harvesting pit and laid down the Geo Membrane.• Planted 2 coconut saplings for each house in Kumbharghar• Continued the construction work on the village toilet. The cement blocks for the toilet block were also made by the students. <p><u>Programme outline:</u> The delegates spent equal number of days at both of the village sites thus experiencing and contributing to the enhancement process. The delegates' services helped:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enhance Education Facilities- Initiate better Housing and Roads Infrastructure- Empower lives by improving living conditions

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6.	Any teacher exchanges?	None
7.	Have you paid your subscription for 2011-2012 due in July/August 2011?	Yes
8.	Any other information you would like to add	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Model United Nations – DAIS - 20th to 22nd October 2011:</u> DAIMUN (Dhirubhai Ambani International Model United Nations) Conference, which was started in 2004 with less than 100 students from DAIS, has grown splendidly over the years with participation from schools across Mumbai and all over India. The 3-day 2011 conference, which was held during 20th to 22nd October at Dhirubhai Ambani International School, was attended by about 600 students including participants from international schools abroad. The Conference dwelled upon the topic of Religious Divide, giving students an opportunity to deliberate on this sensitive subject and explore solutions to create a new world order that celebrates tolerance towards diverse cultures and religious beliefs. As these discussions are conducted by simulating the workings of the UN, students were also able to appreciate the criticality of addressing global issues in informed and creative ways with participation of all concerned. • <u>Thimun Conference – Singapore- 14- 20 November 2011:</u> Nine delegates from Grade 10 attended the THIMUN Conference where they submitted 1 resolution and co submitted 3. Some of them were acknowledged as effective speakers by their committees. They were encouraged to interact more with the delegates of other schools to make their experience more wide- based and interesting. • <u>DAIS Akanksha Centre:</u> A non-profit organisation, The Akanksha Foundation has a vision to equip all underprivileged students with the education, skills and character they need to lead empowered lives. Akanksha works primarily in the field of education, addressing non formal education through the Akanksha centres.

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		<p>We have one such centre at Dhirubhai Ambani International School Mumbai, India, which provides school premises, resources like the science and the computer labs, as well as financial support to the students. Medical check-ups are also organized annually. Student volunteers from the IB section tutor some of the Akanksha students once a week. They also arrange fun activities like football matches and dance sessions for them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>DAISight</u> <p><i>Eyes are a window to the world</i> -- This belief which was shared by the students of the Dhirubhai Ambani International School led to the conception of DAISight. It is an endeavour that brought together, in a collaborative effort, the doctors of Lotus Eye Hospital, Juhu and the World Health Organization. It was aimed at bringing to completion the Mumbai Eye-Care Campaign on 13th October, 2011; this campaign provided a thorough, expert medical examination of the eyes, completely free of cost, to people in designated slum areas of Mumbai. The camp was conducted and completed as an enormous success. Since our modest beginnings 5 years ago, DAISight has now evolved into an independent project which has executed a large-scale campaign and its success is evident in the numbers: 354 patients were screened within a span of 7 hours by doctors of Lotus Hospital! Out of these, 80 patients were diagnosed with presbyopia and reading glasses were dispensed on the spot; 64 of them required custom-made glasses and hence measurements for the same were taken, while those detected with other ocular morbidity were referred to the Lotus Eye Hospital. On 24th October, the custom-made spectacles were distributed amongst the patients in the community hall. The remaining 20 patients needed cataract surgery and the same was arranged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>School Fete – DAIS – 20th January 2012</u> <p>The Annual DAIS fund- raising Fete was held on 20th January. The event was planned, coordinated and executed by the students of DAIS. Stalls were set up for all of the 7 NGOs that the school is affiliated with, as well as 4 stalls for the DAIS-initiated projects, namely DAISight, The Village Project, Across the Road and Prakriti, all of which work with pertinent global issues at a local level, such as the empowerment of women and children, and environmental concerns. Each stall had something unique to offer in the form of exciting games and exclusive merchandise that was</p>
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		<p>skilfully crafted by the people that the NGOs worked with. The parents of DAIS helped in this endeavour by helping fund prizes, the Raffle Draw and the Auctions, while the Year 11 Art students created an art installation based on the form of an Origami bird, the symbol of good luck. The audience was treated to back-to-back song and dance performances by the members of several of the NGOs and the students themselves, with the students even organizing a surprise flash mob in the middle of the school grounds! The villages of Kumbharghar and Hassachipatti also received contribution and sponsorships for Solar cookers, School building, School stationery etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Robert Swan: Explorer & Environmentalist</u> <p>The school invited Robert Swan, OBE, a polar explorer, environmental leader and the first person ever to have walked to the North and South poles, to talk to the students about his fascinating experiences on 23rd January 2012. With his extraordinary oratorical and presentation skills, he inspired students into believing that nothing is impossible. He enlightened students on the effects of Global Warming and Pollution. He empowered them with information and tips on how to help prevent environmental damage. Through his life experiences, he impressed upon tender minds to pursue their dreams as they can very well become a reality with hard work and perseverance.</p>
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