

DAIS HOSTED ROUND SQUARE POSTCARD

'Music and Moods'

"When words fail.....music speaks".

One short quote by renowned musician Hans Christian Andersen was what led to the innovative theme of the fourth Round Square Postcard hosted by DAIS - 'Music and Moods'. The driving force of the planning team were their RS mentors, Ms.

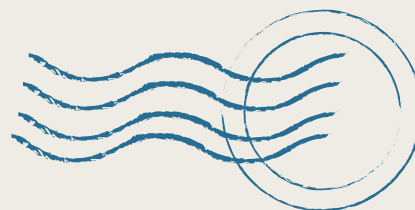
Manisha Nanda and Ms. Pratima Sridhar. The student leaders came up with the most interactive, imaginative and innovative interactions to plan the 60 minute Postcard. After almost four months of rigorous planning by student leaders from Grades 7-9, the Postcard hosted on 29th March, 2023, saw participation from 19 schools in 8 countries including Armenia, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, India, Oman, Pakistan and South Africa. With a large team of over 51 barazza leaders who successfully engaged 17 breakout rooms, DAIS was congratulated by Round Square Central for having the most number of baraza rooms and leaders in a Round Square hosted Postcard ever.

Over 175 delegates flooded the Zoom meeting for 'Music and Moods', all eager and keen to explore music and moods. DAIS student leaders hosted the event live from school, the campus buzzing with nerves and energy - full of anticipation. We were privileged as one of our Keynote speakers joined us from our campus. We welcomed the participating delegates with a teaser on the theme. Fast forward a few minutes, and we dived right into the introduction of the theme of the Postcard - a short video with DAIS students providing their thoughts on the effect of music on their moods.

Our esteemed keynote speakers, Armaan Bivji and Sanket Guha, both distinguished DAIS alumni, enthralled the young audience with insights into music along with sharing their own journey of making music their choice of career. They engaged in discussions about the current and future landscape of the music industry, and most importantly, the profound influence of music on moods.

Delegates were then transitioned into smaller Barazza rooms to connect with others on a more personal level. Organisers had come up with interactive games like 'Guess the Genre' and 'Let's Add a Twist' that included clips of music from movies or albums. Finally, the delegates moved back to the main meeting for a short reflection on the ideas of music that they learned about.

Reflection: "This Postcard beautifully conveyed the idea that music is a universal art, one that is enjoyed by all. The planning team recognized the significance of music and its profound impact on our mood."



DAIS PARTICIPATION IN ROUND SQUARE POSTCARDS

Adventure in the Centre - A Postcard from St Philip's College, Australia

The Round Square Postcard hosted by St Phillip's College, Australia, on 24th August 2022, was attended by four DAIS delegates from Grade 11 along with Ms. Manisha Nanda. The event included 45 attendees from across India and Australia. The event started with the host students introducing the theme of Adventure, beginning spirited discussions on what Adventure meant to each one of them. Through the discussions, delegates learned about the meaning of adventure and its pivotal role in our lives as students.

Soon afterward, the delegates were split into breakout rooms. The delegates continued having intense and valuable discussions in smaller groups, where they freely voiced their opinions and shared their own experiences. The delegates returned to the main meeting and shared insightful learnings from the barazza conversations. The Postcard enabled the delegates to understand the 'Spirit of Adventure', as well as the importance of taking risks and stepping out of their comfort zones.

Reflections: "It was a momentous event! I enjoyed interacting with the barazza leaders from Australia. Overall, it was a wonderful experience and an even better learning opportunity!"

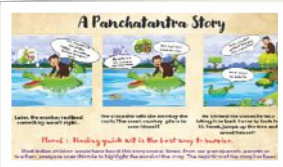
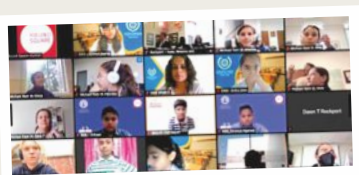
DAIS Delegates: Anishka Manawat, Aneesh Kumar, Zahra Kachwala, and Ziya Sheth.



Tall Tales and Folklore - A Postcard from Rockport School, Northern Ireland

On 15th June 2022, six students from Grade 6 along with Ms. Mitali Palav participated in a Round Square Postcard hosted by the Rockport School, Northern Ireland, on the theme 'Tall Tales and Folklore'. The Postcard explored storytelling traditions from around the world and was attended by 13 schools from 8 countries. The hosts started off by sharing examples of the rich tradition of stories and tales from Ireland. They then invited the participants to share their presentations describing popular traditions from their own countries. The DAIS delegates had prepared a presentation based on one of the many stories from the compilation, 'Tales of Panchatantra'. They chose the story 'The Monkey and the Crocodile', with a moral of how quick wit and agile thinking is the best way to survive. Participants had great fun and learned a lot about each other's cultures. They were able to understand and grasp different methods of storytelling and how to effectively present an engaging tale.

DAIS Delegates: Agastya Naidu, Nandika Ramchand, Hitansh Bhatt, Anika Jalan, Kimaya Jagtap and Tamanna Tripathi Kaur.



Poverty and Women's Rights - A Postcard from Thomas More College, South Africa

On Wednesday, 17th August 2022, four delegates from Grade 11 along with Mr. Sreeraman Ramanathan, attended a Round Square Postcard hosted by Thomas More College, South Africa based on the theme 'Poverty and Women's Rights'. Featuring delegates from across the world, including India, Pakistan, South Africa and Australia, the Postcard aimed to discuss the issues of women's rights through the lens of Psychology and Economics.

The Postcard began with a compelling performance in the form of a play by the host school, which involved inspiring spoken-word poetry on stereotypes faced by women and how to overcome them. This was followed by a stimulating keynote speech by a renowned psychologist, who discussed women's rights and its relation to poverty. The students also heard another keynote speech on Economics and the Unpaid Care Economy, establishing the relationship between economics and women's rights. These speeches were followed by a baraza session that consisted of delegates formulating solutions to treat these problems.

In conclusion, the event provided an insightful understanding of individual, cultural, historical and demographic influences on the issues of poverty related to Women's rights.

DAIS Delegates: Ishani Badala, Hrishita Shah, Advait Variyar and Sumeir Walia

