

# Lotus Leaves

Autumn 2012

Extracts from  
DrukSkat  
school magazine



**Our aim:** "To create and develop students - or rather world citizens - as good human beings. Once they graduate from our school, they should be proud ambassadors of the school, equipped with outstanding etiquette and knowledge, and a great sense of discipline, appreciation, happiness and selflessness. They should be respectful to their elders, families and peers and, above all, benefit all others."

His Eminence Kyabje Thuksey Rinpoche

*Chair, School Managing Committee*



**Education:** Students sat the mid-year exams in July. 371 students in classes 2-7 achieved an overall pass rate of 96%. 40 students in class 8 sat externally-set exams with a 100% pass rate. Class 10 students are approaching matriculation at the year end and sat mock exams in July, which provided valuable experience. Students enjoyed numerous field trips over the summer. The Parents Committee met in July to discuss current activities. The second edition of the school magazine, DrukSkat, has been published and is available online at [www.dwls.org](http://www.dwls.org), or on request (Tel: +44 20 8468 1339).



**Pastoral Care:** Staff work with children facing difficulties, whether academic, social, behavioural or emotional, and with gifted and talented students. The staff conduct counselling, integrate the student council into the functioning of the school and conduct sessions on life skills, leadership and livelihood opportunities. These activities help students discover themselves and realise their potential.



**Sports:** Druk White Lotus School organised and hosted the Gesar Athletics meet, at which about 20 schools competed in track and field events over three days. There are plans to hold the event annually and we hope it will allow government and private schools to showcase students' sporting talents and help them absorb the spirit of competing, winning, losing and striving for excellence. We won the 'best-school trophy' in the middle section.



**Facts and Figures:** Druk White Lotus School, Shey, has 662 students: 335 girls and 327 boys. There are 325 residential and 337 day students. The school has 38 teachers, of whom 17 are Ladakhi, 14 Tibetan and 7 from elsewhere in India. There are 34 non-teaching staff. The branch school in Khachey, Kargil District, has 33 students up to class 2 and two teachers.



10th  
Anniversary  
celebration



Gardening  
competition



Mudslide  
defences



### Stop Press

Druk White Lotus School has won the prestigious Emirates Glass LEAF Award 2012 for Best Sustainable Development.



**Capital Programme:** The priority has been to complete the mudslide defences to protect against any future events similar to the August 2010 disaster. **The Capital Programme is aiming for completion of the Secondary School by the end of 2014.** The final classrooms and Residence 4 are under construction, and completion of the Central Courtyard and an extension of the Dining Hall are planned for 2013. **We need just £118,000 / US\$ 183,000 / EUR 148,000 to reach our goal.**

A new Facilities Management Unit will start functioning from 1st November 2012, to take charge of the operations and maintenance of school buildings, infrastructure, gardens and landscaping. The unit will be financed by revenues generated from the Visitor Centre and other commercial activities as well as school fees.

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