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DPS GURGAON: INDO-FRENCH CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 2016-17

DPS Gurgaon has successfully culminated the fifth rhythm of the Cultural Exchange Programme with its French partner school, Cite Scolaire St Exupery of the Rhone Alpes region.

This year saw twenty eight French students visit DPS Gurgaon from 21st October to 4th November 2016. They were escorted by their teachers Ms Keri Benta and Ms Sandra Gauvin. The students were hosted by their Indian counterparts who had visited France in April-May this year.

The French students attended school, where their activities were interspersed with yoga, dance, cricket, self- defence, art and sculpture classes. To give them a balanced experience of daily school life at DPS Gurgaon they attended regular classes and interacted with students learning the French language.

During their stay, the French students along with their partners visited the cities of Jaipur and Agra, and historic monuments in Delhi. Staying with their host families they learnt about Indian food, culture and lifestyle. Their visit coincided with the festival of lights-Diwali, which gave the guest students a glimpse into Indian traditions and family celebrations.

As a culmination to the exchange, an Indo-French cultural evening was organized on 3rd November 2016 at DPS Gurgaon, which commenced with the Indian and French anthems sung by the students of both countries. The Principal, Ms. Aditi Misra addressed the gathering and expressed the importance of having such exchanges as these facilitate in making the students aware and sensitive towards global diversities. The function proceeded with the sharing of experiences by both French as well as Indian students. Audio- visual presentations made by the students highlighted the unforgettable moments spent together. The parents too shared their experiences. The students sang a medley of popular songs and presented an energetic Bollywood dance. The French students left India enamoured with the richness of its heritage, warm tradition, diverse cuisine, colourful markets and much more. It was indeed an evening to remember with strong bonds of friendship forged and a promise to meet again.

