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Date: February 19, 2012.

Time: 6.30 – 8.00 am

Route: DH – Senior School – K Tree – Dairy – Diary Fields – BBT – DH

Participants: Students: Karthik, Aakash, Nirman, Niyathi .

Teachers: Santaram Sir, Sonali Akka, Jyothi Akka.

Visitors: Karen.

Karthik, Aakash, and Nirman were already playing by the swings by the time the teachers had arrived. In fact, Sonali Akka rushed with her shoes in her hands. There was chill in the air and we were wondering whether the birds would come out. So we first decide to pay a visit to the spotted owlets near the Senior School. Soon we saw and heard a few more birds – it was the start of yet another session of birdwatching on Sunday...

List of birds that were seen and heard:

Crow	Rose ringed parakeet	Red spurfowl
Female and male Koel	White headed babbler	India pitta (scrambling in the undergrowth)
Wood shrike	Red whiskered bulbul	Goldenbacked woodpecker
Redbreasted flycatcher	Spotted owlets (4 of them)	<u>Bird of the day: Grey tit</u>
Brown flycatcher	Ashy drongo	
Paradise flycatcher	Black drongo	
Grey tit (a couple)	Coppersmith	
Hoopoe (a pair nesting on a tree)	Purple-rumped sunbird	
Common myna	Small grey wagtail	
Magpie robin	Jungle crow	
Pond heron	<u>Also heard:</u>	
Cattle egret	Grey partridge	
Shikra		



A sparrow-sized bird, this can be seen on trees in the school campus, looking for caterpillars and others small insects, sometimes hanging upside down. It has cheerful call-notes and song.