EDITORIAL

When the going gets tough - the tough gets going.

It is always the energetic, enthusiastic and sharp young minds that help accomplish the vision of the senior, experienced advocate of progress. Our nation is now moving towards globalization. The promise of new India by 2022 is not far-fetched anymore. The educated youth is leading the march towards success with the new concept of digitization. Students are tech-savvy and they use it for maximising their horizon. This would help them facilitate others to learn the new concept to lead a comfortable life. It today’s sharp minds and yesterday’s intelligence and experience join hands, then who can stop the progress of this nation...

Effective guiding torch is the need of the hour to ignite the latent talent in sharp minds of the youth. So, dear students arise, awake and pledge to yourself that you shall abstain from all misdeeds and follow the path of hard work, righteousness, and disciplined good behaviour. The Editorial team wishes you good luck for the new academic session.

FROM OUR EX-PRINCIPAL - Ms. RAMA SETHI

LIVE YOUR DREAMS TO FIND SUCCESS AND HARD WORK IS THE KEY TO IT...

Leadership in 21st Century faces many challenges including continuous change, school improvement, decision making, building school community and accountability. Being a Principal I was made responsible to shape up the minds of children, promote academic success and to be sensitive towards the needs of people - which for me was possible only under the able guidance of Mr. T P Aggarwal – a great visionary, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal – my role model, who always motivated and inspired me throughout my administrative career and Mr. Rahul Aggarwal – a good communicator, a flexible thinker and an innovative practitioner. Today, if I look back and see what I have achieved in the past four decades is - Self Satisfaction. In an era of reform I could successfully and effectively lead because of the full support of my seniors and the school management. My hunger for success was fueled by the deep passion I had towards my profession.

Being a people’s person I believed in “OPEN DOOR POLICY” and One to One connect - be it students, parents, teachers or my seniors.

Principals are at the front line of implementing educational change whether it is moving to common core, conducting teacher evaluations and using data to drive learning. Only a Can-do Attitude enabled me to make my teachers and students understand the new teaching skills and implementing new strategies. Becoming a school Principal helped me to take my career in education to the next level where I had to fulfill several roles - Role of a disciplinarian, handling student’s issues and offering a listening ear to them, updating teachers, innovating new methods of learning, inculcating proper relations between the teachers and students, encouraging team work, daily tasks and even counselling the parents.

When it comes to parent’s involvement and support - parents should value the education imparted by the school teachers and always support the efforts of the school.

I get upset when I know a student has potential to excel but not the motivation to do so. Parents need to contribute their bit for the progress and all round development of their child. We at Saint Mark’s believe that all children are entitled to be happy in school through love and make every kid feel special. We instill moral values and inculcate confidence in them, in order to contribute to a more peaceful and prosperous world.

“The function of Education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically, Intelligence Plus Character - that is the goal of True Education”

- Martin Luther King Jr.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK
Greetings to all!
Hearty good wishes to all my dear students.

You all are in the most beautiful phase of life - childhood. Each day is a learning curve - a stepping stone to build your career. Whatever you imbibe shall go a long way not only in moulding your future but also the society where you live and the country at large. So children, choose and decide carefully - your words, your deeds, your temperament and the company you keep. Do respect and follow the advice of your parents and teachers who are your well wishers. In today's world of intense competition, you can be a winner only if you work hard with sincerity and keep yourself abreast with the latest developments across all facets of life.

Take a pledge to learn something new everyday that will take you closer to your dream and make you a better human being - sensitive to the environment, flora and fauna. Nothing is unattainable if you decide to work hard in the right direction. I pray to Almighty for your success in all your endeavours.

Keep you under His loving care always!
Ms. Alka Kher

CLEANLINESS AWARD
National Institute of Cleanliness Education and Research (NICER) conferred our school with the 'World Cleanliness Educational Award' for areas related to cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation.

INTERNATIONAL FELICITATION
Women's Agency for Generating Employment conferred the 'World Girl Child Education and Empowerment Award' to our school on the occasion of International Women's Day.

INTER SCHOOL DEBATE
Our students brought laurels to the school by displaying their oratory might and debating skills in the 21st Inter School Debate Competition organized by Ramjas Public School. In this competition more than 60 schools from Delhi participated out of which only six teams got selected for the final round. Even though the competition was intense and argumentative, our team won the most coveted winner's trophy in both English and Hindi categories. Karthik M Panikar (XI-C) and Samdeesh Mahajan (XI-C) of our school won the 'Champion's Rolling Trophy' besides being adjudged as the Second Best and Fourth Best speakers, respectively, for their individual performances in English Debate Competition. They were awarded with trophy, certificate and cash reward of Rs. 1500/- & Rs. 500/- respectively. In Hindi Debate Competition Muskan Grover (X-F) & Bhavya Gupta (X-E) won the 'Champion's Rolling Trophy'. Muskan Grover won the Third Best Speaker Prize comprising trophy, certificate and cash reward of Rs. 500/-. The efforts of the students and their mentors were appreciated and applauded by Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal and Principal Ms. Alka Kher.

Lifting the trophy - Ramjas Inter School Debate Competition
42nd Foundation Day of our School was celebrated on 7th January, 2017 with great zeal and enthusiasm. The management, staff, students, parents and alumni participated to express their love and respect towards the founder Chairman and the school.

The celebration commenced with the hoisting of school flag by the Founder Chairman Mr. T P Aggarwal. Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Manager Ms. Rahul Aggarwal and Principal of St. Mark's Girls St. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, Ms. Sheena Kalenga greeted the guests. Mr. Y P Purang and Mr. L K Rai, members of school management shared several anecdotes related to school with the august gathering. The oldest retired staff member Mr. Nageshwar was present on the occasion and he shared his memories and experiences amidst emotionally charged atmosphere. Mr. Mittal, one of the oldest parent was also present with his daughter who took admission in the school in 1975, the very year when the school came into existence and he too got overwhelmed while talking about his memories related with school. The atmosphere became electric and exciting when the guests enthusiastically stepped into the arena to participate in various fun filled games specially organized for them. It was followed by cutting of the ceremonial cake by the Chairman Mr. T P Aggarwal and Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal. Our Principal, Ms. Alla Kher conveyed the Management's deep appreciation for the enthusiasm and whole-hearted participation of each and everyone, which made the event a grand success. Everybody enjoyed a sumptuous lunch. It was indeed a nostalgically memorable fun filled day which ended with the promise to meet again.
INDIA-DENMARK ONLINE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Mr. Soren Mikkelsen – Deputy Head Master and Ms. Ditte of Vorsild School, Kolding, Denmark, visited our school to discuss about the ongoing Online Projects between the two schools. They were given a warm welcome by Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal and Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal. They enjoyed the Sports Day in the School and witnessed the Republic Day celebrations. The innovative ideas were shared between Deputy Headmaster of Vorsild School and our Global Project Coordinator Ms. Archana Tyagi. A Memorandum between both the schools was signed by Mr. Soren Mikkelsen and our Principal Ms. Alka Kher which was the precursor for the future ‘linkage programmes’ for Collaboration for Online Projects.

SKYPE SESSION

GVC Secondary Team of our school had another interesting Skype Session on 26 December with the students of Tajrobawi Girls High School, Herat, Afghanistan. The students of both the schools discussed about the different subheadings for their website theme ‘21st Century Skills’ which is in process. The session proved quite significant as it gave a clear picture to the students about the activities of both the schools as to how to go about the entire theme. Our participants were:

Prachi Tiwari, XI-A
Ritika Arya, XI-A
Anisha Sahani, X-A
Nalini Lalwani, X-A
Riya Gulati, X-A
Aayush Garg, X-B

Rhea Washwah, XI-A
Sonal Tamang, IX-B
Naman Malhotra, X-A
Raj Rajeshwar Singh, X-A
Markirat Singh Sahra, X-C
Jashandeep Kaur, IX-D

Naman Kumar, X-E
Sahil Uppal, X-E
Shirin Das Gupta, X-E

Akshay Kumar, X-F
Tushar Garg, IX-F

VISIT TO LITHUANIAN EMBASSY

Ten students of our school along with Education Supervisor Ms. Interprettor Kaur Ahluwalia and primary teacher Ms. Ritu Khurana visited the Lithuanian Embassy on 14 January for the traditional fire kindling ceremony to celebrate the country’s national unity and remembrance of the victims of the Soviet aggression of 13 January 1991. A presentation on the project ‘Mission Siberia’, which was launched in 2006, was shown. As part of this project, expeditions comprising of youth travel to various locations in Siberia, where thousands of Lithuanian deportees – victims lay buried. The members clean up the cemeteries and restore them. Students who went to Lithuanian embassy were

Chimant Khuttan, XI-C
Charanjeet Singh, X-B

Ritik Aggi, IX-D
Sahil Nischal, XI-A

Topsi Goyal, IX-D
Ishita Dhir, XI-A

Tanya Gupta, IX-E
Riddhi Das, IX-C

Yansh Mahajan, IX-D
Anish Parjwani, IX-D
ACROSS BOUNDARIES

INDO - LITHUANIA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

In the second phase of Indo-Lithuania Cultural Exchange Programme 8 students from Radviliškio Lizdeikos Gymnasium, Radviliškis, Lithuania along with their teacher coordinators Ms. Skirmante Petraitienė, Vice Principal and Ms. Gražina Vasiliauskiene visited our school from 25 to 31 January. In tune with the graceful Indian hospitality, our esteemed guests were given a befitting welcome. The visiting delegates witnessed the musical and cultural extravaganza presented by the students of Class VIII during Republic Day Celebration on 25 January and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Our Lithuanian guests showcased a Lithuanian wedding ceremony, which was in three parts - first two parts by way of enactments on stage and third part through a detailed video presentation. A meeting with the Lithuanian Ambassador to India H.E. Mr. Laimonas Taštė Kelpsa was arranged for both the host and the visitors. Our guests were taken on a conducted sightseeing tour of Delhi - visiting places of worship and historical places. The visit to one of the seven wonders of the world - Taj Mahal at Agra was icing on the cake, where our guests got to familiarize the inspiration behind the monument coming into existence. It also provided an impetus to both partners of the exchange programme to explore even deeper into each other's culture and heritage during the course of future exchange visits.
INDO-Poland Exchange Programme

In the first week of December a group of 9 students of Zespół Szkol – Lubliniec, Poland, led by School's Director Joanna Walczak and the Teacher Coordinator Ms. Monika Ziaja visited our school under the Cultural and Educational Exchange Programme. They were given a traditional and warm welcome by our School Chairman Mr. T P Aggarwal, Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal and School Principal, Ms. Alka Kher. As a mark of remembrance mementos were presented to their Project Coordinators. The Exchange Programme included conducted city tour to places of worship and historical places of Delhi. The exchange enriched the students with a global outlook and gave them loads of memories to carry back.
"If we are to preserve culture we must continue to rejuvenate it."

Students of Classes I to V collaborated to organize a spectacular exhibition 'GLOBE WALK' on 4 February. The aim was to provide a panoramic view of landmarks, culture, cuisines of various countries, adopted by these classes through colourful live and static models and cutouts, collages, wall illustrations and charts. The countries depicted were India, Japan, Russia, United Kingdom, Germany, France, USA, Mexico, Brazil and South Africa. The exhibition was enlightening and educative for both the students and the visiting parents.

Our Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal quizzed the students who were explaining their exhibits to visitors and provided them more in-depth information, which value added their quest to gain knowledge. The parents visiting each room were overawed by the standard of the exhibits on display and information therein disseminated by the students. They eagerly penned motivating comments in the feedback forms.
ON THE SPOT PAINTING – PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

17th Inter School On the Spot Painting Competition "Celebration of Life on Earth - now and hereafter" organized on 26 November 2016 had a grand culmination on 20 December, when the Prize Distribution Ceremony was held in the precincts of our school. It was the 17th time, that creative imagination was rightfully judged with students of various schools from Delhi and international platforms being felicitated at various levels individually and group wise based on points. At the junior level the Rolling Trophy was awarded to Shishu Bharati Shishchayatan, Karol Bagh while the trophy for Seniors was bagged by Delhi Police Public School, Safdarjang Enclave. The trophy for Collage was bagged by St. Mark’s Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri but the trophy was passed on to Modern Public School, B.M. Block, Shalimar Bagh as the host school does not keep the trophy.

International Online Painting Competition which had received very good participation yielded prizes for students from Denmark, Hungary, Philippines & Poland viz 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes while participants from Croatia & Malaysia bagged Consolation Prizes respectively. Teachers from various participating schools and parents of our students were also awarded prizes for their interpretations of 'Celebration of Life' through their nuanced objectivity. Parents Mr. Raj Kumar, Ms. Churu Bassi, Mr. Anita Gupta were awarded 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes while Ms. Sonu Mehra, Ms. Kanchan Nanda, Mr. Vinod Kumar were given consolation prizes.

Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal and Principal Ms. Alka Kher awarded the prizes to the winners. The whole event was to remind the young artists that the world of imagination is boundless and that they should explore & disseminate the beauty of every luminosity to excel in this field of evolution. The following students of our school won the prizes: 

**Second Prize**
- Ekansh Verma, VII-D
- Namish Kumar, X-A

**Third Prize**
- Aditi Pandey, IX-C
- Praleep Singh, IV-A
- Harshit Dubey, V-B

**Consolation Prize**
- Manas, I-A
- Jashandeep Kaur, IX-C
- Suhani, VI-E
- Yansh Kumar, VII-D
- Isha Gupta, XII-C

As part of the Inter School On the Spot Painting Competition, Collage Making was also organised by our school. Harshita Mathur (XI-D) & Aastha Jain (XI-A) won First Prize in the XI-XII category and Namish (X-C) & Anshul (X-A) won 3rd Prize in the IX-X category.

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Welcoming Director, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal

Welcoming Manager, Mr. Rahul Aggarwal

Swagatam Dance

Western Dance
STUDENT’S CORNER

Our Painting Competition spreads worldwide, gets media coverage in BAJAI TV Channel, HUNGARY

Shush Bharti Shishiyatan, Karol Bagh with Rolling Trophy for Juniors

PARENT’S CORNER

Mr. Raj Kumar;
F/o Vansh Nasa (V-E)

Ms. Anita Gupta;
M/o Saumya Gupta (VII-D)

Ms. Sana Mehra;
M/o Manisha Mehra (III-A)

Ms. Kanchan Nanda;
M/o Krishiv Nanda (III-A)

Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh with Rolling Trophy for College Making

Delhi Police Public School, Safdarjung Enclave with Rolling Trophy for Seniors
हिन्दी दिवस
हिन्दी भाषा राष्ट्र की भाषा
प्रजातंत्र के राष्ट्र की भाषा
हमारी राष्ट्रीय भाषा के उपलब्धि में 'हिन्दी दिवस' प्रतिवर्ष 14 सितंबर को
मनाया जाता है।
गर्मी के दिनों में इसे अच्छा समय नहीं होता जिसमें पढ़ने-लिखने का काम भारी
होता है। लेकिन इस सौराष्ट्री के लिए हिन्दी भाषा के बारे में इसे अंग्रेजी से
अवगत करवाया जाता है जिससे हिन्दी का स्वागत होता है।

बारिश की बुझे भी छोटे ही कोटी ले... लेकिन उनका लम्बाय करका बहुत अपराजी होती है... वैसे ही हमारे छोटे-छोटे प्रवाश भी भिंडों में बड़ा पारितिन ला सकता है...
SPORTS

SKATING
Our students competed in the Pusa Roller Skating Championship held at Pusa Institute Faculty Club on 05 February. In Quads (300M) Category Aryan Gandhi (VIII-D) won First Prize and Kartik (VI-C) secured Third prize.
Dynamic Roller Skating Championship was held in Dwarka Sports Complex, Sector 11 on 24 January. Utkarsh (IX-C) secured Second prize in the 500M Category and Aryan (VIII-D) secured Third prize in Quads (300M) Category.

HANDBALL
Our school Handball teams (U-19 and U-14) participated in the Inter Zonal Handball Tournament held at FU-Block, Pitampura from 6 December to 16 December 2016. Both the teams won the tournament and were awarded cash prize of Rs 5000/- each and trophy. The winning team members of U-19 category were: Anjali Solanki (XI-A); Harshita Joshi (XI-C); Darpan Goyal (XI-E); Achint Kaur (XI-A); Cenicile M. Thomas (XII-B); Muskan Kandwal (X-C); Nimisha Sethia (X-E); Shagun Kumari (X-E); Rhythm (XI-E); Dhwani Kochhar (IX-B); Jarni Kalra (IX-D).
The winning team members of U-14 category were: Sania Singh (VIII-F); Khusi Kandwal (VIII-C); Shagun Shukla (VII-C); Deepika (VII-A); Ananya Gupta (VIII-E); Shruti Kandwal (VIII-B); Pak (VII-A); Yamini Solanki (VIII-C); Bhavya Junoja (VIII-D); Yashika (VII-A).

62nd National School games for Under 19 was held at FU-Block, Pitampura, Delhi from 2 January to 8 January. Five students of our school represented Delhi state Handball team in the national championship. Delhi state Handball team won 1st position. Students who participated were: Cenicile M. Thomas (XII-B); Anjali Solanki (XI-A); Harshita Joshi (XI-C); Darpan Goyal (XI-E); Achint Kaur (XI-A).

62nd School Games for Under 17 was held at Devanahalli, Bengaluru from 4 January to 8 January. Three students of our school represented Delhi state Handball team in the tournament. The Delhi state Handball team won 3rd position. Each participant was rewarded with cash prize of 87000. Our students who participated were: Nimisha Sethia (X-E); Shagun Kumari (X-E); Muskan Kandwal (X-C).

‘Khelo India’ National Tournament was held at SAI centre Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat from 27 January to 1 February. Three girls from our school were selected to represent Delhi state Handball team. Delhi team secured fourth position. Our students who participated were: Nimisha Sethia (X-E); Shagun Kumari (X-E); Muskan Kandwal (X-C).

The following students participated in National Handball tournament, which was held at Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh from 4 December to 8 December and their team secured 4th position: Sania Singh (VIII-F); Yamini Solanki (VIII-C); Shruti Kandwal (VIII-B); Ananya Gupta (VIII-E); Khusi Kandwal (VIII-C).

West District Zonal Competition for U-14 Boys was held in our school premises and the team won the third position. The members were: Tushar Mahna (VIII-D); Chayan Sehgal (VIII-D); Milind Sharma (VIII-D); Aman Rajput (VIII-C); Aryan Singh (VIII-C); Bigiot Singh (VIII-A); Dev Solanki (VIII-F); Yash Solanki (VIII-F); Anshu Kumar (V-F); Sagar Singh (VI-E); Ankush (VI-B); Abhishek (VI-A); Aditya (VI-B); Ansh (VI-C); Anurag (VI-B).

West District Zonal Competition for U-17 Boys was held in our school premises and the team won the first position. The members were: Deepanshu Solanki (IX-F); Lakshay Sandal (IX-F); Bharat Malik (IX-D); Keshav Mahna (IX-B); Anirudh Rajput (IX-E); Ishu Singh (IX-B); Rianb Prakash (VIII-C); Rakshit (X-C); Samarth Khera (IX-B) and Mayank Thakur (VIII-C).

WORKSHOPS
EMBRACING NEW TECHNIQUES
Mrs. Indipreet Kaur Ahluwalia Educational Supervisor (Middle) attended the ‘National Summit of School Principals’ organized by Institute of Counsellor Training Research and Consultancy on 12 December 2016 at India Habitat Centre. The theme of the conference was ‘Principalship in the New Millennium – Challenges’’. Eminent speakers spoke about changing landscape of school education and the challenges faced by the school leadership in the rapidly changing educational environment.
Technical session focused on the strategy and practices of school leadership and role of guidance based education and counselling to overcome these problems.

IVECA LIVE CLASS
In today’s time, where technology is required at every step, the students of Classes VI and VII got an opportunity to engage in IVECA Virtual Class room which is an online portal. IVECA gave a chance to our students to connect with students of Bellows Free Academy, Vermont, USA on 31 January, 2017. The session started with the teachers and students of both schools introducing themselves. Students of both schools gave presentations on the topic ‘World Cultural Tour’ followed by OX Quiz, Inter-Cultural performances, which included songs, cancans and costumes and gave an insight to the cultures of both countries. Farewell letters were read by students to bid adieu to their partners.
Principal Ms. Alka Kher, St Mark’s School, Janakpuri and Principal Mr. Thomas Walsh, BFA appreciated the projects undertaken by both the schools and extended their best wishes for all their future endeavours.
GEARIN UP TO EXCEL IN BUSINESS STUDIES
A workshop ‘Gearing up to Excel in Business Studies’ for Class XII was conducted on 16 December by renowned author and resource person Sh. R. K Mahajan. He gave tips to the students on attempting question paper, handling case studies, etc. He clarified their concepts and briefed on differentiating between confusing concepts. He also motivated the students with a couple of motivational videos. Sh. Mahajan has been associated with Commerce Teachers Foundation (CTF), as a resource person and executive member.

IN SERVICE TRAINING
Importance of Happiness
The phrase was aptly exemplified in the lively and fun loving interaction cum workshop on 13 January, conducted by Dr. Rajiv Sharma, alumni of our school. He is a psychiatrist, specialist in dealing with depression, anxiety and stress management.
Dr. Rajiv explained an easy and simple way to a happy, healthy and successful life through pictorial presentations. He gave a detailed roadmap for monetary savings to secure our future. He enumerated various aspects of being happy and healthy. During the course of discussion he busted various myths associated to a healthy life. Resource person emphasised on having a healthy diet which includes organic and raw food items.
He cited his example of being a marathon runner, who has participated in numerous races, to motivate all the participating teachers to adopt his healthy lifestyle in order to stay happy. His happy go lucky and down to earth approach to life won a lot of appreciation from the participants.

Yoga
‘Healthy mind in a healthy body’
As a part of In Service Teacher Training, teachers of our school participated in a Yoga Session conducted by a renowned Yoga practitioner Ms. Himmat Singh on 14 January. The session commenced with warm-up exercises followed by various Yoga asanas namely Surya Namaskar, Pranayam, Bhujang Asan, Dhanur Asan, Shav Asan and Bandhas. The session proved to be really beneficial for the teachers and led them to realise the importance of yoga to lead a stress free and healthy life.

Meet The Author
“The true alchemists do not change lead into gold...they change the world into words.”
The pleasant morning of 14 January brought with it an opportunity for the faculty members of our school to meet one of the renowned wordsmiths who had portrayed our beautiful world through his awe-inspiring words. It was an over-whelming experience for the teachers to have a ‘Talk’ with Mr. Inder Raj Ahluwalia, one of the most honoured and prolific travel writers, whose punch line is:
“Travelling leaves you speechless...then turns you into a storyteller.”
He is a renowned travel writer who has been crowned with several International and National awards. Being a prolific writer and a storyteller himself, he shared his inspiring experiences with the teachers and shared anecdotes from his journey as a traveller. The teachers asked him several questions and discussed the journey of the travel writer’s life. After the ‘Talk’ the teachers bought the autographed copies of his famous book ‘Meet me at the Border’.

CBSE WORKSHOP
A workshop conducted by Prabhaav Learning Pvt. Ltd. held on 21 January at Green Park on the topic ‘Framing Value based question papers’ was attended by teachers Ms. Manisha Kapoor and Ms. Seema Chhiri. The workshop was meant to benefit the participants in framing questions that incorporate values and help the educators to expand their capabilities in delivering to the best of their knowledge. The main point discussed in the workshop was the concept of incorporating value-based questions in question papers of all main subjects, as introduced by CBSE recently. Emphasis was laid on the desirable good qualities that a student should possess. The purpose of value-based questions is to make students aware of how ‘values’ are required in analysis of different situations and how students need to recognize the importance of these values in their daily life.

SANSKRIT WORKSHOP
A Sanskrit workshop was conducted by Manav Rechna Publications at N K Bagrodia School, Sec 4 Dwarka on 24 December. Ms. Saroj Gulaat was the Resource person. The workshop focused on making Sanskrit language more interesting and easier for the students to grasp. The teachers recited poetry, enacted skits and narrated stories to make learning of Sanskrit more joyful for the students. Ms. Usha Lall and Ms. Sunam Vashisth participated in the workshop and they had a very enriching experience. Also, at the end of the workshop the teachers were given certificates by the organizers.

GRAMMAR THROUGH STORY TELLING
A workshop on the topic “Grammar through Story Telling” was conducted on 28 January by Ms. Neelam Narang in collaboration with Scholastic for Primary and middle wing English teachers. The main focus of the workshop was to familiarise effective techniques of integrating grammar while teaching the language. Teachers were given strategies and techniques on an inductive approach for teaching grammar through stories for better concept development. The workshop helped in providing the potential to acquire knowledge about the language by giving teachers a framework to understand the link between play-way and activities method. This is the most effective way to induce learning since seeing is believing and doing is retaining. Overall the workshop was motivational, inspiring, communicative and effective. It was an enlightening experience for all the participants.
COMBATING NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
A workshop was conducted at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital for the teachers and students on the topic “Combating Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) at an early Age” by HRIDAY, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), NCD Child-GRHospital, Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) and the Association for Adolescent and Child Care in India (AAACC). The aim of the workshop was to motivate schools to adopt health promoting policies through initiatives to follow healthy lifestyles on preventing NCDs from early age in school. The workshop was quite motivating as it suggested various methods to be followed to combat obesity, Hypertension, Respiratory diseases etc. which may occur later in the lives of school children. Teacher Ms. Rosy Marwah and Aksa Anujan, a student of VIII D attended this workshop.

9TH NATIONAL SEMINAR ON PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY 2017
United Schools Organization in collaboration with Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai organized the 9th National Seminar on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy for schools on 9 and 10th February at USO House, New Delhi. The main aim of this two days seminar was to make everyone understand the importance of peaceful uses of Atomic Energy which is of key importance in the development of the country and to bring awareness among school students by incorporating different activities in school program. The opening keynote address by Mr. Ravi Shankar, the Head of Public Awareness Division of DAE, Mumbai dispelled many myths related to this tremendously powerful source of energy. The seminar worked as a great platform in bringing school teachers and leading scientists together to exchange knowledge on this subject. Teachers Ms. Anupam Ganesh and Mr. A.P. Dubey attended the seminar with the aim to understand the relevance and implications of Nuclear Energy in today’s world.

HRIDAY-SHAN
HRIDAY is collaborating with the World Health Organization in undertaking a key project on ‘Emerging Form of Tobacco use and Legal framework for its regulation’, understanding the potential hazardous impact of e-cigarettes and hookahs specially in young generation. A focused group discussion with our school teachers was conducted by Ms. Prachi Katkar, coordinator from HRIDAY on 16 February. The aim of the discussion was to gauge perceptions of multiple stakeholders such as parents, teachers & youth on e-cigarettes and hookahs and to develop strategy to empower and build capacity to identify direct and indirect advertising and promotion of these items at selling points. The focused group discussion was informative and relevant in bringing in awareness about the potential dangers of these hazardous substances. A brief capacity building session was also inaugurated with selected group of boys and girls as future youth health ambassadors. A brain storming discussion was taken up with them on how the tobacco industry targets the young children to initiate them into using e-cigarettes and hookahs and their such like strategies. The aim was to build their self efficacy skills to identify and thwart misleading practices. A few students conducted a survey in the local market for monitoring sale and advertising of these hazardous tobacco products for observation and feedback. Aaditya Arora (X-E); Shirin Dasgupta (X-E); Rishabh Singh (X-A) and Sanyam Grover (X-A) took part in the monitoring session.

JOURNEY OF A BOOK
Ms. Pritika from Scholastic India conducted a workshop, organised as part of Book Week activity, for students of Class VI on December 01, 2016. Resource person stated “Everyone has a book inside them but do you get it out”, is the predicament. To explain she took help of an illustrative PPT presentation titled “from a thought to a complete book”. The journey begins with the idea “germinating” in the author’s mind. Then he presents the story to the publisher, where the editor reads the manuscript and decide whether they would like going to publish it as a book. Once the publishers says yes, the author signs an official contract. The editor, the marketing manager, the designer, the sales manager and the production manager all get involved in the publishing house. After deciding the cover design and illustrations added, the story comes to life. At the printer’s desk, the sheets of paper are folded, gathered, bound inside the cover and trimmed to the right size. And now the story has “hatched” into a real book. The books are packed and delivered to various stores from where everyone can buy the book. Overall it was a very informative session for the students and added a lot of new words to their vocabulary.

UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM & ENERGY STUDIES
Teachers Ms. Ruchika Paul and Ms. Anushree Ghai from our school participated in the workshop conducted by UPES (University of Petroleum & Energy Studies) on 19 December. The purpose of the workshop was to address the issue of bridging the gap between the skills of the modern graduates and the ones sought by the employers. The first part of the session was conducted by the Director group HR, JINDAL STEEL AND POWER LTD. Mr. Rajeev Bhaduria. He emphasized the importance of understanding that the younger workers will change and the modern learners must prepare themselves for not just academics but also a flexible personality which will help them to adjust to the changing trends. The second session was taken by Mr. Kirti Raneja (Director, career services; UPES) who further discussed the specific skills required to prepare for the future digitalized society and the newer avenues to choose as a career.

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
A sensitization workshop on ‘Energy Conservation And Disaster Management’ was conducted in our school on 16 December by ‘Tata Power Club Energy’. The students of Eco Club from Classes VI to VIII attended the workshop. The resource person, Ms. Parminder Kaur explained the importance of energy conservation with the help of a power point presentation. Various steps of disaster management were also discussed during the workshop. It helped creating awareness amongst students about the importance of energy conservation. All students were asked to calculate the energy consumption in their respective houses as a follow up activity. The workshop was very informative and interesting. Students thoroughly enjoyed the session.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME
A Capacity Building Programme on Accountancy was held on 26-27 December 2016 at CBSE Centre of Excellence, Gurgaon. Resource persons Mr. S.S. Sahrawat, Retired Deputy Commissioner, K.V.S. and Ms. Sugandh Sharma, Additional Director, CBSE, explained the techniques to improve teaching, preparation of Question Paper Design, Concept Building and Application of Concepts. It was attended by teacher Ms. Vandana Shah.
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जीवन का आवाज है पानी।
गभरे से हम फिलकरा
हर प्राण की गाय बुझाना
अनुभव को दूर भाला
कि आगे कितना दूर बाल करता।
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जीवन का किरसाह है पानी।
बादल बन अमृत भरसला
बन इतना यह सवार भाला
नदीया बन यह कल बल गला
सीमा का यह गोती बन जाता।
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राजका पावननार है पानी।
चेतों को विराजली देता
जीवन को जीवन
धरती को खुशीलाली देता
करता सव्वम पावन।
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लगना एक दिन आगा
जब पानी ना बन पाएगा
धरती का हर प्राण।
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लोकपात, क्रोध, ५-६

वचनपन
जब हम चर्चा थे, धोड़े बच्चे थे।
धोड़े बच्चे थे, पर अच्छे थे।
धोड़ी नदनी, धोड़ी गैतनी।
धोड़ी नदनाली, धोड़ी शिवानी।
धोड़ा श्रदेह, धोड़ा जीव।
धोड़ा रंग, धोड़ा अमर।
जब हम चर्चा थे, धोड़े बच्चे थे।
धोड़े बच्चे थे, पर अच्छे थे।
भी मी फिरी पैट, मी सुला मैडन।
भी मी फिरी की बुटाई बनके फूटम।
भी मी धुप से गयी, मी बारिश चिपक।
भी मी पैद पर जोगना, मी गिरना धाक।
जब हम चर्चा थे, धोड़े बच्चे थे।
धोड़े बच्चे थे, पर अच्छे थे।

लेटियों
विविध की झूंड सी बचावती है भेटियों
पांडवियों पर गौरीं-गौरीं आवा रहती है भेटियों।
आवा की तुलसी बन पर को माफ़करे है भेटियों।
पानी सी लिखते-लिखते नाचते है भेटियों,
पाणी की आवा को मुनामाती है भेटियों।
हेता हुए सरका मन बहावतो है भेटियों,
फिसी की मगन को घर बचावती है भेटियों।
आदर्श सिख, ५-६
OUR COUNTRY

Our country is a country of diverse religions, cultures and traditions. People of different religions and communities live together in harmony. Our country has a very rich heritage; also it has a variety of cuisines. Our country is also a famous land of festivals. I am proud of my nation and I love my country a lot.

Yashvi Goel, IV-D

TIME

To waste your time,
Is the biggest crime,
    Time and tide waits for none,
So don’t waste your time in just having fun
Hands of clock on and on they go,
Not waiting for what you suppose
    Time once wasted never come back
So it’s better for you to be on track
Time comes with hardships and pain
And then goes off from us again
    Time is supreme, time is gain
Which decides when its sunny and when it rains
Time is a thing that leads us to darkness and lets us shine
Time is a thing that I can’t define.

Mayank Madan, V-B

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is all about trust
This need to be strong as the Earth’s crust
This relationship doesn’t need any class,
It’s a life exam which needs only understanding to pass
    It maybe too fresh or too old,
But whatever it is, it’s precious as gold
Sweet things like conversation late at night
It changes your life to a colorful rainbow from
Boring black and white
However some people can’t understand it’s fragrance
When they lose it they realize its importance
So to have a happy and good life,
You need friends who will stop you from picking up the knife.

Mayank Madan, V-B

EXAMS

The session began,
And so did the exam
In the middle of the session,
We had some exams
At last the session ended,
But that also with exams
Exams! Exams! Exams
Oh! These dreadful exams
Our school session begins
And ends with exams
Exams! Exams! Exams
The big devil of exams
Is making us mad
And dull and sad
    The necessary evils of exams
Is building up like dams
Blocking our freedom
To sing and dance
Exams! Exams! Exams
These terrifying exams
When will they end?
Just tell me when?

Chirag Kapoor, IV-A

A POEM FOR MOM

When I think of you,
I remember flower’s fragrance
    You are better than rest,
Mom you are the best
Your kindness gives loving care,
To us and our hearts
    When I think of you.
I think of your kindness and your love
Being a mother is hard
That’s all I gather

Bhavya Gulati, IV-C

OVERNIGHT

I peeked through my door
To find sweaters of snow
Snuggled in spruces
That seemed to grow
    In darkness as I dreamed
Last auto winter night
Someone flicked a switch
And orange turned white.

Divya Sharma, Vll-F

Wind wove a tapestry
Of tiny flakes in flight
Quiet quilts of snow
Piled pillows soft and deep
My town became a snow globe
Like magic in my sleep.
NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
Students of Classes I-VIII participated in the 19th SOF National Science Olympiad (Level I) and the following were the prize winners:

**GOLD MEDAL**
- Navya Pandey, I-A
- Lakshay Sharma, I-F
- Pranshu Aggarwal, IV-A
- Dhruv Sharma, VIII-G

**SILVER MEDAL**
- Ananya Kumari, II-F
- Anisha Dewan, IV-B
- Anubhav Deepankar, VIII-D

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Divya Rajput, II-F
- Armaan Taneja, IV-A
- Mayank Tomar, VIII-G

**INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD**
10th SOF International Mathematics Olympiad (Level I) was conducted in the school premises on 01 December. Following were the prize winners:

**GOLD MEDAL**
- Ishita Vashisht, I-A
- Pranshu Aggarwal, IV-A
- Saksham Gupta, VIII-G
- Divyanshu Pandey, I-B

**SILVER MEDAL**
- Divya Rajput, I-F
- Gunjan Sharma, V-E
- Divya Royal, II-F
- Ashtosh Avasthi, V-D

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Ishita Vashisht, I-A
- Pranshu Aggarwal, IV-A
- Ansh Singh, VI-F
- Mayank Tomar, VIII-G

**FRENCH SPELL BEE COMPETITION**
French spell bee round 2 was organized by Frehindi Education Pvt. Ltd. on 16 December for intermediate level (Classes VII and VIII) in the school premises. 45 students of Class VII and VIII actively participated in the oral and written examination after qualifying round. It was informative and interesting for students who got an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and vocabulary.

French National Spell Bee competition was organized by Frehindi Education Pvt. Ltd. on 22 January at C.D. Ambedkar Auditorium. 2 students from Class VIII actively participated and showcased their flair for French language and it was a golden chance for them to enrich their vocabulary. Thereafter, participants were rewarded with certificates, medals and gifts for their excellent performance in the whole competition. It was a great learning experience for the students.

French Spelling Bee zonal round competition organized by Frehindi organization was held on 27 December at Khaitan Public School, Noida. Rupal Goel and Ruheena Guglani of Class VIII-G competed and bagged 2nd prize at the zonal level for the school, while individually Ruheena Guglani won Silver Medal and Rupal Goel won Bronze medal. Besides medals they were rewarded with gifts and certificates.

**FRENCH OLYMPIAD**
State level French Olympiad Competition 2016 which was organized by Prayatna Educational Society in collaboration with Alliance Francaise De Rouen, was held on 5 October 2016. Our students gave an outstanding performance. The winners of state level, who were awarded with medals were as follows:

**GOLD MEDAL**
- Siddhi Sachdeva, VI-G
- Shivak Seth, VIII-F
- Hardik Sharma, X-A

**SILVER MEDAL**
- Nishchay Jungra, VI-F
- Keshav Goyal, VIII-F
- Jaskaran Singh, X-A

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Sanj Gupta, VI-F
- Ayush Pant, VII-F
- Sarthak Kedar, X-A

National Level Competition French Olympiad ‘Roman Rolland’, 2016 was organized by Prayatna Educational Society in collaboration with Alliance Francaise De Rouen from 19 Dec 2016 to 21 Dec 2016. This competition was based on French language & civilization which focused at enhancing the listening skills of students. 16 students of Class VI, 32 students of Classes VII & VIII and 11 students of Class X participated actively in the online French Olympiad for the levels A1, A2 and B1 and received certificates and medals for their brilliant performance. It was informative and interesting for the students who got an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and linguistic skills. Among the 59 participants Hardik Sharma of Class X-A secured 4th position all over India.
COMPETITIONS

WHIZ KIDS COMPETITION
Intra class Whiz Kids Competition was organized for Classes III to V from 30 January to 01 February. The topics were given on the spot to the students. Students participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed the digital creative activities.

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TATA INTER SCHOOL ENERGY Q QUIZ-2017
The knock out round and city finals of Tata Inter School Energy Quiz 2017 was organized by Tata Power Club at Cambridge Foundation Senior Secondary School, Rajouri Garden on 19 January. Teams from 20 schools had participated in the event. Aditya Verma, Shivok Seth and Vibhor Srivastava of Class VIII-F won the first position and became eligible to take part in the National Level Quiz Competition, which is going to be held in Mumbai during next academic session.

CALLIGRAM WRITING CONTEST
Taking part in co-curricular pursuits not only makes a student’s experience stimulating time but can also provide them opportunity to indulge with skills and interests beyond the curriculum, which will also be beneficial to them in future. Citi Montessori School, Lucknow organized essay writing, collage making and calligram writing contests based on the theme “PULSE”, as year 2016 was declared the international year of Pulses by the U.N. General Assembly. Aditi Pandey (IX-C), who participated in Calligram Writing, brought laurels to the school, as she won First Prize competing against thousands of contenders from many schools.

INTERHOUSE GK QUIZ
"The best advice I ever got was that knowledge is power and to keep reading." - David Bailey

Besides curricular knowledge, honing general knowledge has a great relevance in today’s competitive world. It adds a very important dimension to one's personality and helps one gain that extra edge to win the tough challenge faced in everyday life. With an aim to develop an interest in general knowledge among our students, Inter-House GK Quiz Competition for Classes VI to VIII was organised on 19 December and for Classes I to III on 16 February. For Classes VI to VII, 2 teams comprising of 3 students participated from each of the four Houses. There were 8 rounds in all, which included an array of questions on different topics, viz. General Awareness, Literature, General Science, Identify the Famous Person, General Mathematics and Around the World. Students got to prove their mettle on all topics and gave stiff competition to their rivals. For Classes I to III, the Prelim round was a classroom round open to all the students. Top scorers from each house were selected to represent their respective House in the final round. The Final Round was a multi-media round covering a vast variety of topics like famous monuments, personalities, countries their culture, flags and currency etc. The winners were given trophies by Principal Ms. Alka Kher. The winners and runners-up are:

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ART AND CRAFT COMPETITIONS
Ekanah Verma, VII-D won the first prize in Drawing Competition organized by Kalpurksha (Health Group). He was awarded with a trophy on 30 January at Dilli Haat, Janakpuri.
Frabhpreet Singh, II-A; Tejasy, II-D; Ayush Utsav, III-A and Harshit Dubey, V-A participated in the Inter-School 'On the spot' Painting Competition organized by J M International School, Sector 6, Dwarka, which was held on 22 December. Ayush Utsav, III-A, won IIIrd prize and Harshit Dubey, V-D won consolation prize.
On 09 December Best out of waste competition was held at J M International School, Sector 6, Dwarka. Chirag, IV-A; Jasleen, IV-A; Tushar Kumar Jha, V-D; Rajnandani, V-E and Harshit Dubey, V-D participated in Class IV-V Category.
Ananya, VIII-G; Chehat, VIII-A; Shreshit, VIII-F; Yatharth, VII-F and Ayushil Singh, VII-A; participated in Class VI-VIII category. Anshul, X-A; Ansh, X-C; Saranshi, X-C; Namish, X-C; and Namran, X-E participated in Class IX-XII category. The activity was accomplished using materials like crepe paper, newspaper, tree branches and mount boards.
Jasheendeep Kaur, IX-A won Second prize in the Painting Competition held on 17 February at Bharti Mahila College, Janakpuri.
Students of our school participated in the Inter-School 'On the spot' Art and Painting Competition - Budding Artist' organized by St. Mark’s Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh, which was held on 03 February. Ananya, XI-A; Naman Kumar, X-A; Jasheendeep Kaur, IX-A; and Ekanah Verma, VII-D won First prize; Suhani, VI-E and Hardik Sharma, X-A won Special prize in their respective category.
SOLO SINGING

Music is the universal language of mankind and transcends geographical boundaries.

Intra class Solo Singing Competition was held for Classes IV & V on 25 January and for Class I on 10 February. Two students from each section competed. The participants sang evergreen classic English numbers. The songs were presented well by all the competitors. The audience and the judges were enthralled by the presentation. The prize winners are:

**I PRIZE**
- Aaricia Saroha, I-A
- Lavanya Kapoor - IVA
- Gunjan Sharma, V-E

**II PRIZE**
- Manal Goswami, I-A
- Riddhima Chopra, IV-B
- Mayank Madaan, V-B

**III PRIZE**
- Asmita Rana, I-E
- Bhavya Kumar, IV-D
- Navya Sharma, V-F

**SPECIAL PRIZE**
- Arohi Goel, I-B
- Jasmine Verma, IV-D
- Maitreyi Mishra, V-A

**SPECIAL PRIZE**
- Riya Goyal, I-E
- Rama Chauhan, IV-E
- Aarav Dua, V-C

RECITATION COMPETITION

Intra-class English Recitation Competition for Class I was held on 14 February and for Class II was held on 15 February. Students recited some of the most influential and timeless poems on different themes like celebrating childhood, school life, humour and sports, encouraged them to love poetry. The competition helps the students to delve into language and come up with thought provoking ideas. The prize winners were as follows:

**I PRIZE**
- Aaricia Saroha, I-A
- Anika Dewan, II-A

**II PRIZE**
- Angel Prashar, I-B
- Kaustabh, II-A

**III PRIZE**
- Aarachya Sharma, I-D
- Pratyaksh Verma, II-C

**SPECIAL PRIZE**
- Sana Juneja, I-F
- Salimnana Parashar, II-D

**SPECIAL PRIZE**
- Tavishi Sharma, II-F
CELEBRATIONS

BASANT PANCHAMI

Basant Panchami is a Hindu Festival worshipping Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music and art. People all over India celebrate this festival by wearing yellow garments and eating yellow rice. Class III students presented songs and speech explaining the relevance of the festival. Principal Ms. Aika Kher along with the teachers performed the Aarti worshipping Goddess Saraswati and yellow rice was distributed as Prasad.

HOLI

Management and staff of our school celebrated Holi, the festival of colours, on 11 March, in an eco-friendly way, with flower petals of different hues and naturally made colours using henna, turmeric, flour, sandalwood powder, saffron, water etc. The whole ambience was a reminiscence of inner joy and happiness signifying oneness in the very essence of life, in true bliss of happiness and love. The whole hearted participation was joyful and set the tone for its celebration with family and friends on 13 March. Hampers containing eco-friendly colours and pamphlets explaining the dangers of using commercially marketed chemical combination as Holi colour were distributed amongst the teachers and students.

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas celebrations were held during the week preceding the Christmas Day. Entire event was organized and hosted by students of Class IV. The program included the ‘Nativity Play’ depicting the birth of Jesus Christ. Along with the play there was a lively choir singing Christmas carols, and a group of dancers that enraputed everyone with their dances. A group of young skaters were also a part of the program, who enlightened everyone with the true meaning of the word ‘Christmas’. The décor was enchanting and had a festive feel to it. The program was followed by a Christmas party organized for students from Classes I - VI. The party was filled with fun and frolic, with the students dancing on their favorite soundtracks and playing prize winning games. The party concluded with refreshments and Santa Claus giving away X-Mas gifts.
LOHRI

School management, teachers and staff celebrated Lohri on 13 Jan, a popular Punjabi folk festival. Amongst the legends about the Lohri festival, it is also believed that the festival commemorates the passing of the winter solstice. Lohri marks the end of peak winter season, and is a traditional welcome of longer days and sun's journey to the northern hemisphere. It is observed the night before Makar Sankranti. During the celebration in the School, traditional bonfire was lit and the revellers had a joyous time singing, dancing and 'devouring' groundnuts and 'revdi gajak'.

REPUBLIC DAY

Men apart, every soldier is a hero

Our school celebrated the 68th Republic Day of our nation on 25 January. Dedicated to the backbone and the unifying factor of our nation, the soldier of the Indian Armed Forces, the celebration was a fitting tribute to their colours of glory and bravery. The celebration was witnessed by the esteemed members of the School Management and the delegates of Exchange Programme from Lithuania and Denmark. The celebration began with the wreath laying ceremony by Director, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal on a symbolic Amar Jawan Jyoti, the eternal flame of the fallen brave hearts; followed by flag hoisting. A dance performance showcasing the ethos and spirit of the Indian soldiers Long Live our soldiers; Long Live our Motherland was presented by students of Class VIII. It portrayed the enthusiasm of the Indian soldier who is always ready to lay his life in heat and cold, in pleasure and pain, for the dignity and unity of our nation. It was a proud moment to watch the students dance like a dream and spread the essence of tricolour wrapped in emotions and pride for our motherland and its protectors, the soldiers.

It is said that there is an end to everything but we believe that there is never an end but only a pause before a better beginning...
HT-PACE Annual Teachers’ Meet

A trusted partner of schools, HT-PACE, conducted its Annual Teachers’ Meet on Wednesday, March 29, at Adventure Island-Metro Walk, Rohini, Delhi. This event, held exclusively for teachers, and our School was also represented at the meet by a teacher. As in the past, the meet included innovative and motivational seminars by eminent speakers as well as meaningful plays and performances. This year HT PACE presented a fun-filled, interactive and entertaining event for teachers in partnership with Adventure Island. The show included stunning dance performances, electrifying acrobats, amazing magic show and lucky draw. It was followed by unlimited rides and lunch. The gathering was appreciative of the fun and went back with a pleasant experience.

CLASS PICNICS

Students of Classes I and II visited Fun n Food Village for a fun-filled day. Aapna Ghar was the destination for students of Classes III-IV. Students and teachers of Classes V-XII had their share of fun and frolic when they entered the portal of the fun city “WOW” World of Wonder. Students tried their hands on every ride. They especially enjoyed the rides like Twister, 360, Disco, free fall, feedback and fast forward. The teachers also enjoyed the day. The day culminated with groovy dance session in which the students performed enthusiastically and bid goodbye to this fun city with a promise to come again. A break from routine was much needed and thus enjoyed whole heartedly by all.

31ST ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET

Sports is an integral part of school curriculum. It not only helps develop a healthy body but also helps to inculcate team spirit and discipline.

31st Annual athletic meet (2016-2017) was held on 23 January for Primary Wing and 24 January for Senior Wing. During the opening ceremony held on 23 January, the school flag was hoisted by our Director Ms Anjali Aggarwal, which was followed by march past by primary wing contingent and senior wing contingents of Gandhi house, Nehru house, Patel house and Shastri house. Our Manager Mr Rahul Aggarwal took the salute. This was followed by lighting of ceremonial torch by Vice Sports Captains Nishchay Mohanty and Srishti Saxena. The oath was administered by Srishti Saxena. Different drills like Skating Drill, Wave Drill, Basketball Drill were displayed by students. The students enthusiastically participated in the sporting events.

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BEST HOUSE (PRIMARY) : GANDHI HOUSE
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### Best Athletes - Boys - Devansh, VIII-D

- Raj Singh, VIII-F (Gandhi)
- Sanya Singh, VIII-C (Shastri)
- Siddarth Ashwani, VIII-A (Gandhi)
- Neha Sarkar, VIII-C (Shastri)
- Aditya Sami, VIII-A (Nehru)
- Neha Sarkar, VIII-C (Shastri)
- Dhruv Sharma, VIII-D (Nehru)
- Yamini Solanki, VIII-C (Patel)
- Raj Singh, VIII-F (Gandhi)
- Ananya Gupta, VIII-E (Patel)
- Tushar Mahade, VIII-D (Nehru)
- Shagun Shukla, VIII-C (Pate)

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### Best Athletes - Girls - NIMISHA, X-E & KANAKI, X-C

- Akshay Gupta, IX-F (Patel)
- Himanshi Sharma, IX-D (Shastri)
- Ashwin Murli, X-F (Pate)
- Bharat Malik, X-D (Gandhi)
- Mukan Kandwal, X-C (Patel)
- Dhruv Kapoor, IX-C (Gandhi)
- Prachi Kakkar, X-C (Shastri)
- Lakshya Sandal, X-F (Shastri)
- Komal Sharma, IX-B (Patel)
- Lakshya Sandal, X-F (Shastri)
- Himanshi Sharma, IX-E (Shastri)
- Lakshya Sandal, X-F (Shastri)
- Ansh Kher, X-C (Nehru)
- Shagun Kumari, X-E (Shastri)

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### Best House (Sub Junior, Junior & Senior) - Shastri House

- Wave Drill
- Skating Drill
- Gen-Next Drill
ITIHAAS ANNUAL ADDRESS BY HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

Fifteen students of Classes IX-XI accompanied by Ms Deepa Harurray attended the Annual Itihaas address by His Holiness, Dalai Lama on 6 February. To create and nurture leadership in the field of cultural heritage, Itihaas provided a platform where youth of India take charge and become responsible proactive citizens of India and the world. He enlightened the students about constant war, anger and fear in the world and suggested that love, peaceful and compassionate mind can solve worldly problems. Corruption based on class system, religion, politics and business is more due to lack of compassion in the minds of people. Youth of 21st century has to solve the problems of the world by education, determination, which will pave way for the long-term prospects of international peace, disarmament by mutual dialogue. People need inner strength and intelligence to play an important role to attain eternal peace, thoughts and happiness. Our students who were privileged to be enlightened by the thoughts and wisdom of His Holiness, Dalai Lama were:

- Parth Madaan, IX-C
- Vansh Babbar, IX-C
- Jashandeep Kaur, IX-D
- Somay Mendiratta, IX-F
- Dishita Gupta, IX-F
- Sakshi Neeraj, IX-F
- Haridik Sharma, X-A
- Nallini Laiwani, X-A
- Bhavya Gupta, X-E
- Shirin Das Gupta, X-E
- Parul Katariya, XI-A
- Navdeep Singh, XI-C
- Mohit Aggarwal, XI-C
- Yash Nirwan, XI-C
- Yashveer Singh, XI-C

TRIP TO JAIPUR

Holidays or vacations are words that bring joy to everyone. Same was the case with the teachers, when during the winter break - 9 to 11 January, Chairman Mr. T P Aggarwal, Principal Ms. Alka Kher and Supervisor Ms. Inderpreet Ahluwalia accompanied 24 staff members on a memorable trip to Jaipur. It was a fantasy come true occasion as ‘all play and no work’ became the norm for three days. They enjoyed the magic of the ‘Pink City’ - Jaipur - through visits to the historical City Palace, the picturesque Amber Fort, the rustic Chokhi Dhani and the vibrant markets. Teachers were mesmerized by its rich heritage and colourful culture. The stay at the Hotel Man Singh Palace was an added privilege, not to forget the in-house evening get-togethers. All the teachers had loads of fun and immensely enjoyed every bit of the tour to Jaipur, as for a change they were taken care of instead of other way round.

BIDDING ADIEU

The batch of 2016-17 Class XII students were given a warm send-off on 29 January 2017. The Headboy Shubham and Headgirl Muskan thanked the management and staff for the loving care and facilities provided to them in their formative years. They enjoyed the games organised by the teachers and a melodious song sung by their batchmate Dipen Gupta. Principal, Ms. Alka Kher wished and blessed them success in all their future endeavours in life.
ORIENTATION

"People with goals succeed because they know where they are going" Earl Nightingale

Saying goodbye to the kinder phase and stepping into the primary school is an important milestone in a student's life. The academic year 2017-18 is being faced with new avenues for the students to explore and abundant goals to achieve. Our school organized an Orientation programme on 31st March for the parents of the new members of St. Marks family, who are stepping into Class I. The objective of the programme was to harness maximum involvement of parents and to work in tandem with the school, in guiding their wards towards a bright future. The Orientation programme commenced with the school song, followed by two folk dances and welcome address by the Principal. A few do's and don'ts on effective parenting and ways to reduce anxiety seen amongst parents were highlighted. Tips on how to prepare their wards to smoothly accept the changes from pre-primary to primary days were reassuring for parents. Education Supervisor (primary) and Class teachers were introduced. The enriching session helped the parents to familiarise themselves with the school requirements. Parents interacted with the respective class teacher of their wards. This interaction gave them more clarity as they embarked on this new phase along with their ward. The programme certainly provided a headstart to this new beginning of learning and knowing one another!

ROCKSPORT DAY ADVENTURE CAPSULE

Having a little time away from regular studies is beneficial for 'mental health' of the children. Therefore, as the academic session 2016-17 is at homestretch, our school organized a day adventure camp in the school premises on 7 March for 360 students of Classes I-III. Such Camps facilitates kids to grow socially without parental oversight. The camp started with an assembly and group discussion. Various exciting and thrilling adventures like Commando Net, Burma Bridge, Magical Maze, Zip line, Hamster Wheel had children participate enthusiastically. Activities like 'Tug of War' 'Hamster Wheel' and Body Zorb were activities that inculcated team spirit in the students. The camp was conducted under the supervision of the school teachers and professional instructors from Rocksport. Sumptuous and healthy meals were served. The camp concluded with an interesting magic show followed by DJ music and dance by the students. Certificates were awarded to the students by the organizers.
CLASS ASSEMBLIES

School Assemblies are an important feature of school's routine. A Section of a Class being assigned the exclusive responsibility to conduct the morning assembly serves to instill a sense of unity and team spirit amongst the classmates in particular and the student community in general. Besides, it provides an opportunity to each and every student of the class to be on the stage, thereby, a platform for the uninitiated and stage-shy students to gain confidence in facing audience in a less daunting situation. Class Assemblies are conducted on a wide spectrum of topics which may not be a part of the curriculum and as such are crucial for personal and social education, by incorporating motivational, cultural and moral aspects. The special assemblies conducted during this quarter were:

On 13 December, students of Class II-F conducted the assembly on the topic Navy Day. It started with the role of Indian Armed Forces and importance of Navy Day in India. It was concluded by the March Past by the soldiers; Students were dressed as martyrs to remind us about their supreme sacrifice. The students of Class III-A conducted the assembly on 14 December. The topic for the day was Appreciating our teachers. A teacher affects eternity; one can never tell where their influence stops. Yet after putting in much hard work, it pains to see their efforts sometimes going unappreciated. The students conducted a talk show (interlaced with short enactments) portraying how much the teaching methodology has transformed over the period of time. This was followed by rendition of a beautiful poem by Malisnka Bhammbi describing the relevance of a teacher in our life. The programme concluded with a melodious song, sung in appreciation of their teachers.

On 19 December, students of Class III-B conducted the assembly on the topic Forgiveness. The assembly began with a forgiveness prayer and talk on forgiveness, followed by a melodious group song on forgiveness. The topic of the assembly conducted by the students of Class III-D on 26 December was Grandparents Day. They emphasized the importance and care one should give to one’s grandparents through a skit. This was followed by a poem on grandparents recited by Mehek Vashistha and a song dedicated to grandparents. The poems were penned by in-house budding poets Aparajita and Mehak.

The assembly on 18 January was on the topic World Nature Day, and was conducted by students of Class III-F. A short enactment was presented depicting a lush green forest with all types of animals cohabiting happily, how it was raided by hunters and turned into a barren land. Assembly concluded with a talk on World Nature Day and followed by a tree plantation.

The students of VI-E spread the message – Eat Healthy and Stay Healthy while conducting the assembly on 20 December. They showcased various healthy food items and junk food items and how healthy food is important for us. Students sang a beautiful song on the theme, supported by their own orchestra.

Students of VI-F showcased the importance of prioritizing time during the assembly on 19 January. The topic chosen was Time Management. The students presented an enactment showing the importance of scheduling and classifying important aspects of time management.

The assembly on 6 February showcased the Importance of Teamwork. Class VI-G had conducted the proceedings. The students presented a skit based on the famous story of Panchatantra, ‘The old man and the bundle of sticks’. They also recounted many beautiful quotes on the topic. The motto of the special class assembly was “Together everyone achieves more”.

Class II-F - Navy Day

Class III-F - World Nature Day

Class VI-F Time Management