

# **SMS** News **Oasis**

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## **EDITORIAL**

*"True ease in writing comes from art, not chance,  
As those move easiest have learnt to dance"*

*- Alexander Pope*

The oasis is a platform of expression to showcase amazing talents and the creative thoughts of young minds. The horizon has no limits!! It gives them an opportunity to express freely outside the confines of the syllabus. Thoughts and creative feelings put down flawlessly and spontaneously, produce mesmerizing imagery. As you glance through the pages you actually walk through the months gone by with nostalgia and pride. Memories or moments

of achievements frozen in time past, thaws when reminisced, turns vivid and come alive !!

Choosing from piles of scribbled - on sheets, photographs, browsing blurry, as well as beautiful articles has indeed been an enriching experience. Call it a ride in a Roller Coaster or Rolls Royce, its part of the journey.

Young and impressionable minds must scale glorious heights in the year ahead and develop the zeal to excel. Happy browsing through the record of events, photographs and articles of this Kaleidoscope. We wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

## **CULTURAL FIESTA - RANG TARANG**





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A team of 8 students led by Mr. Avinash Pandey went to Lucknow to participate in all the events of Geofest International-2008. It is a regular feature of City Montessori School Lucknow. Our team comprising of Jatin Kumar & Nitin Gupta won 1st prize in Model Making Geo Display for their model on "Innovations to deal with expanding populations." They also bagged 3rd prize in Geotech where they created a website on the topic "meeting the energy crises." Our senior team comprising of Mahima, Aditi, Jatin & Nitin bagged 1st Runner's up trophy amongst the seniors. Team coordination was excellent, for which they got Special Trophy for the most co-operative team out of 72 national & International teams participating in the Festival.

### Participant - An Exposure



I am a sports person and taking part in School Level and Zonal Level sports has always been invigorating. This time I participated in Geofest an International level competition. I had never thought it would be so educative and enthralling. Many schools had come from all over the globe and the exchange of ideas was like getting a condensed and compact capsule of a lifetime growth and experience. It was really an unforgettable interaction. We had immense team work amongst ourselves and thus brought back many trophies and certificates. I would like to thank all my teachers who prepared us for this event to bring back laurels to school and giving us the confidence to think with maturity.

MAHIMAXI-E  
Vice-Head Girl  
Geofest Participant



## Spreading Wings

**Jatin Kumar, Vice Head Boy in conversation with Tejas Ahlawat, our National Player**

**Jatin :** Q. How are you feeling after playing Handball at National Level?

**Tejas :** A. I'm very happy to get a chance to play at National Level. It is a matter of great pride and honour for me.

**Jatin :** Q. To whom will you give credit of your success?

**Tejas :** A. The credit of my success goes to my coach who worked really hard with me, all other teachers who took pains with me and my team mates.

**Jatin :** Q. What are your future plans?

**Tejas :** A. I am planning to play cricket at National Level for Delhi State.

**Jatin :** Q. Why such a shift from Handball to Cricket?

**Tejas :** A. Handball is my Hobby and Cricket is my passion.

**Jatin :** Q. After missing so many classes, how do you cope up with your study?

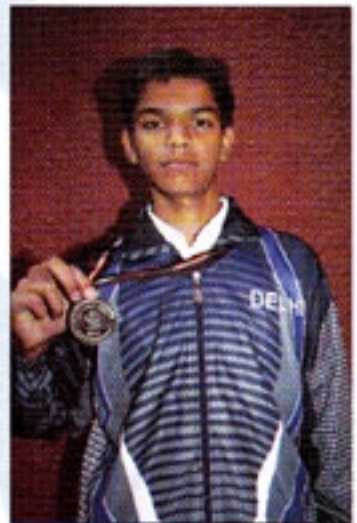
**Tejas :** A. Hard work is the key to success. After attending school and national camp, I used to study at my home. I am highly thankful to my teachers, who allowed me to take extra time to complete my work.

**Jatin :** Q. What do you mainly focus on?

**Tejas :** A. Sports, is my main focus but studies are equally important.

**Jatin -** Congratulations for bagging Silver Medal in Hand ball Nationals Best of luck for your cricket results and may you bring glory to your school and parents.

**Tejas -** Thank You



## Our Moment of Pride

Anshul Garg, Diksha Bajaj and Pallavi Gupta were awarded scholarships by CBSE. Commerce Teachers association felicitated meritorious students and teachers from Delhi. Pallavi Gupta was awarded a trophy for outstanding performance in Accountancy and Business Studies. Two teachers Ms. Vandana Shah and Ms. Preeti Tahiliani were also awarded a certificate of professional excellence.

Sanskrit Academy, a Government of India undertaking awards students who excel in Sanskrit . Akanksha Aggarwal, Vanya Diwan ,Surbhi Bansal, Shivangi Bansal, Chhavi Aggarwal , Tripti Jindal , Ankita Verma & Deepesh Kohli won cash prize of Rs. 500/- each for scoring 96% marks. Akanksha Chaturvedi and Yuganshu Kathuria got cash award of Rs. 300/- for scoring 95 % marks.





## Our Moment of Pride



Mohammed Isa Anwar of II-A participated in 4th Delhi State Gymnastics Championship 2007-2008 held from 4th Feb. to 8th Feb. 2008 at Govt. Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalya Block 4 Subhash Nagar Delhi by Delhi Gymnastics Association. He got 1st place (Gold medal) under 7 years event Gymnastics(Floor). He received a Cash Prize of Rs.2500/- from Education Directorate (Sports Branch) Delhi Govt. for this Achievement. In the Zonal Talent Search Competition held in Motinagar in September, Mohammed Isa Anwar got 2nd place and a Cash Prize of Rs.1500/- in under 10 years event Gymnastics (Floor and Vaulting).

**In the on the spot painting competition Organised by Rainbow English Sr. Sec. Public School, Janak Puri on 19th Nov. 2008 the prize Winners were:-**

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|-----------------|-----|---|
| 1) HARSHIT JAIN | V F | 1st Prize (cash prize of Rs 500/- was given)          |
| 2) ADITI SHARMA | VA  | Consolation Prize (Received a cash prize of Rs 100/-) |

## We are the Best – GAMES AND SPORTS

### ZONAL SWIMMING MEET

#### **GROUP III SUB JUNIOR (GIRLS)**

HIMANSHI	VI-D	50mts	Free style	II
ANSHIKA	VI-D	50mts	Breast stroke	II
ANSHIKA	VI-D	50mts	Butterfly	III
SRISHTI	VI-D	50mts	Back stroke	III
MAD HURI	VIA	50mts	Back stroke	III
MANSI	VII-F	50mts	Back stroke	II
HIMANSHI	VI-D	50mts	Back stroke	I
SHRISHTI	VI-D	100mts	Free style	II

#### **GROUP III SUB JUNIOR (BOYS)**

TUSHAR TOMAR	VI-F	50m	Breast stroke	II
VIBHOR CHAUHAN	VI-D	50m	Breast stroke	III
TUSHAR TOMAR	VI-F	50m	Back stroke	I
JATIN	XI-E	50m	Butterfly	II
ASHISH	XI-C	50m	Butterfly	III
PRINCE	XI-B	50m		III
KARTHIK	XI-E	50m	Back Stroke	III
ASHISH	XI-C	100m	Back stroke	I
JATIN	XI-E	100m	Back stroke	II
AKASH	IX-E	100m	Back stroke	II

#### **RELAY FREE STYLE 4X50 GROUP III-POSITION**

SANSHIT GULATI	XI-C
PRATEEK	XI-E
ABHINAV GUPTA	XI-C
AKASH	IX-E

#### **RELAY MEDLEY GROUP II POSITION**

SANSHIT GULATI	XI-C
PRA TEEK	XI-E
ABHINAV GUPTA	XI-C
AKASH	IX-E

#### **RELAY GROUP I MEDLEY 4X50 II-POSITION**

PRINCE	XI-B
JATIN	XI-E
ASHISH	XI-C
KARTIK	XI-E



#### **GROUP I FREE STYLE RELAY 4X50 II - POSITION**

PRINCE	XI-B
JATIN	XI-E
ASHISH	XI-C
KARTIK	XI-E

#### **GROUP III FREESTYLE 4X25 III - POSITION**

DAMANDEEP	VIII-C
MOHIT	VII-A
TUSHAR	VI-F
SARTHAK	II-A

#### **RELAY GROUP III (BOYS) III - POSITION MEDLEY 4X25**

MANIK	VI
TUSHAR	VI-F
DAMANDEEP	VIII-C
RISHAB	VII-D



# GAMES & SPORTS

## RELAY MEDLEY 4X25 GROUP III POSITION GIRLS

MADHURI	VI-A
ANSHIKA	VI-D
MANSI	VII-F
HIMANSHI	VI-D

## ZONALS ATHLETICS MEET

### PRIMARY ATHLETIC MEET

APARNA JHA	II-F	50m	I
DARPAN GOEL	IV-D	100m	I
RAJAT SANDAL	V-F	100m	III
OJJASWI NIRMAL	V-F	100m	II
PALAK BAKSHI	V-F	LONG JUMP	I
VINISHAARORA	V-B	LONG JUMP	III



## 4X100m RELAY (IV Std.) II-POSITION (GIRLS)

DARPAN GOEL	IV-D
HARSHITA	V-C
SIMERPREET	IV-A
SHIVANI	IV-D

## 4X100m RELAY (IV Std.) III POSITION (BOYS)

ISHMEET SINGH	IV - C
SHUBHAM DHINGRA	IV- E
HARSHITABROL	IV-A
YASH SHERAWAT	IV-B



## 4X100m RELAY (V Std.) II-POSITION (GIRLS)

PALAK BAKSHI	V-F
VINISHAARORA	V-B
PRIYANKAGHAI	V-B
KARMINDU	V-E

## 4X100m RELAY (V Std.) III POSITION (BOYS)

OJJASWI NIRMAL	V-F
RAJAT SANDAL	V-F
MAYANK SHUKLA	V-A
ROHAN MALHOTRA	V-B

## SENIOR GIRLS SKATING WINNER 1st POSTION

SHWETA	XII-B
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## ZONAL JUDO COMPETITION POSITION

MANAN BELOW	24Kg	II
HARSHIT BELOW	35Kg	I
SANCHITA BELOW	36Kg	II
AMBIKA ABOVE	61Kg	III



## ZONAL ATHLETICS MEET 2008-2009

### BOYS

KARAN TALWAR	IX-A IN DISCUSS THROW	I
PRANAV	XI-E IN HIGH JUMP (SEN.)	III



## GAMES & SPORTS

GURNEET	XI-C IN 4X400m (SEN.)	II
PRANAV	XI-E IN 4X400m RELAY (SEN.)	II
RAHUL	XII IN 4X400m RELAY (SEN.)	II
SUPRATEEK	XII-B IN 4X400m RELAY (SEN.)	II
PRANAV	XI-E IN 400m (SEN.)	II

UTKARSH	VII-D
SHUBHAM	VIII-E
GAUTAM	V



### (SUB JUNIOR GIRLS) HANDBALL I POSITION

SANCHITA	VI-A
KRITI	VIII-B
AKANSHA	VII-E
APPURVA	VII-C
AYUSHI	VI-D
MEGHNA	VI-C
AMBIKA	VII-C
CHAVIKA	VII-E
AISHWARYA	VII-E

### GIRLS

CHITRAXII	IN SHOT PUT (SEN.)	I
CHITRAXII	IN DISCUSS THROW (SEN.)	III
RIYAIX	IN DISCUSS THROW (JUN.)	II
RUPALI IX	IN 100m (JUN.)	II
RIYAIX	IN SHOT PUT (JUN.)	II
SHRUTI IX	IN DISCUSS THROW (JUN.)	II
ARZOO IX	IN 200m (JUN.)	III
SHRISTI IX	IN JAVELIN THROW (JUN.)	II
KRITI IX	IN LONG JUMP (SUB JUN.)	II

### JUNIOR (GIRLS) 4X100m RELAY RUNNERS UP

ARZOO	IX
PRERNA	IX
RUPALI	IX
TANVIKA	IX
PRAVLEEN	VIII



### ZONAL - SPORTS & GAMES

#### SUB JUNIOR HANDBALL BOYS I POSITION

RISHI SURI	VIII-B
VARUN THADHARI	VIII-D
AKSHAY BAJAJ	VIII-D
TEJAS AHLAWAT	VIII-E
ARJUN	VIII-B
MOHIT KANDA	VII-A
NIKHIL ARORA	VIII-D
PRABHJOT SINGH	VIII-C
RISHABH	VIII-D

#### (SENIOR BOYS) HANDBALL II POSITION

SARABJOT SINGH	XI-E
AMBUJ SHUKLA	XI-A
JATIN SHARMA	XI-E
ASHISH SHARMA	XI-E
SHUBHANK GOYAL	XI-E
CHAITANYAKHER	XI-C
SAMEER ARORA	XI-C
ASHISH MAHAJAN	XI-C
SANSHIT GULATI	XI-C
GURNEET SINGH	XI-C



## GAMES & SPORTS

VAIBHAVRAJ XI-E  
PRATEEK TALWAR XI-E



### (SENIOR GIRLS) BADMINTON I POSITION

DIVYA POPLI XII-E  
MAHIMA XI-E  
KRITIKA JAIN XI-A



### (JUNIOR GIRLS) BADMINTON I POSITION

SHRUTI X-B  
SHYAMLA IX  
JASMEEN IX



### (SENIOR BOYS) BADMINTON I POSITION

VARUN XI-C  
PRANAV XI-D

SAVNEET XI-D  
AKSHAY XI-D  
HARSHDEEP XI-E



### (SUB JUNIOR BOYS) BADMINTON I POSITION

DAMANDEEP VIII-C  
ARJUN VIII-B  
DIVYANSHU VIII-B  
RITURAJ VIII-B  
NITISH VIII-B



### (SUB JUNIOR BOYS) BASKETBALL I POSITION

SAKSHAM GULATI VIII-B  
RISHI SURI VIII-B  
MAYANK ARORA VIII-B  
NIRBHAY MATTA VIII-B  
VARUN SHARMA VIII-A  
SHIVAM VIII-A  
SAHIL ARORA VIII-A  
AKSHAY BAJAJ VIII-D  
VARUN THADHARI VIII-D  
TEJSAHLAWAT VIII-E  
KESHAV VIII-E  
OJJASWI VII-F



## Bearing The Torch of Responsibility 2008-2009



1. HEAD BOY	-SUPRATEEK	XII-B
2. HEAD GIRL	- GITANJALI	XII-D
3. SCHOOL CAPTAIN	- RACHIT	XII-E
4. SCHOOL CAPTAIN	- SURBHI	XII-E
5. DISCIPLINE INCHARGE	- HITESH	XII-E
6. DISCIPLINE INCHARGE	- SHRUTI	XII-D
7. SCHOOL PREFECT	- KARTIK	XII-E
8. SCHOOL PREFECT	- PRACHI	XII-C
9. SPORTS CAPTAIN	- AKHIL	XII-D
10. SPORTS CAPTAIN	- CHITRASURI	XII-D



1. VICE HEAD BOY	- JATIN KUMAR	XI-B
2. VICE HEAD GIRL	-MAHIMA	XI-E
3. VICE SCHOOL CAPTAIN	- SANSHIT GULATI	XI-C
4. VICE SCHOOL CAPTAIN	- NISHTHA PAHUJA	XI-D
5. VICE SPORTS CAPTAIN	- RAHUL DHINGRA	XI-D
6. VICE SPORTS CAPTAIN	- EKTACHAUHAN	XI-D
7. DISCIPLINE INCHARGE	- YUGANSHUKATHURIA	XI-C
8. DISCIPLINE INCHARGE	- PRATEEK TALWAR	XI-E
9. DISCIPLINE INCHARGE	- DEEPANWITA	XI-B
10. DISCIPLINE INCHARGE	- GURLEEN KAUR	XI-A
11. DISCIPLINE INCHARGE	- MANPREET KAUR	XI-A



# Bearing The Torch of Responsibility 2008-2009

## HOUSE WISE

1. VICE CAPTAIN	- GANDHI HOUSE	- VIVEK RANA	XI-A
2. VICE CAPTAIN	- NEHRU HOUSE	- ANURAG PURI	XI-A
3. VICE CAPTAIN	- PATEL HOUSE	- DHRUV CHAWLA	XI-D
4. VICE CAPTAIN	- SHASTRI HOUSE	- PRANAV ARORA	XI-D

## DISCIPLINE INCHARGE - SENIOR WING



NIMISH KAPOOR	IX-A	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE
AANCHALARORA	IX-C	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE
SUSHIRASHARMA	IX-D	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE
MALIKAAARORA	IX-E	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE
ANSHUL GOYAL	IX	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE

## DISCIPLINE INCHARGE - JUNIOR WING



SAKSHAM GUPTA	VB	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE
PREETI GOYAL	VB	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE
SIDAKARORA	VC	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE
MANSIBATRA	VD	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE
TANMAY KOCHCHAR	VE	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE
HARSHIT JAIN	VF	DISCIPLINE INCHARGE



## Triumphant Once Again



*Our Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal with luminaries of Mumbai Film World.*

Our Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, is a multifaceted personality. Besides being keenly involved in the field of education and philanthropy he is actively involved in the field of media and entertainment. Recently, he won the election a second time, with a thumping majority for the post of President of Indian Motion Pictures Producers Association (IMPPA) and Chairman of Chamber of Motion Pictures Producers. He is also the Chairman of Film Maker's Combine. His interaction with innovative minds is sure to have a positive and creative impact on all of us. We wish him all the best.

## Diwali Celebration

We celebrated Diwali on 24th October 2008, during the school Assembly. The celebration began with auspicious 'Lakshmi Ganesh' Poojan and was followed by a skit based on the theme, 'Anti-cracker Diwali' and 'Child Labour'. The school was decorated with flowers, Diyas, candles and its beauty was enhanced by 'Rangoli' at various places.





## CELEBRATION TIME

### Teacher's Day

5th September, the birth anniversary of former President of India, a great educationist Dr. Radhakrishnan, the historic day marked as 'Teacher's Day' was celebrated with great fanfare amidst cheers, once again this year. To entertain the teaching community, a movie was screened. A soulful send off was given to Mrs. Rama Wahi an old and dedicated teacher of SMS on her Retirement. Applauding her devoted, sincere and selfless service to the school, the Chairman presented her a gift as a token of school's acknowledgement and appreciation of her work and long service. The daylong celebration ended with symbolic mementoes of prosperity and growth, the fresh lush green saplings given away by the staff welfare committee to the honourable Chairman, Director, Manager, Principal and the Vice-Principal and Staff members.

### Guru Parv Celebrations

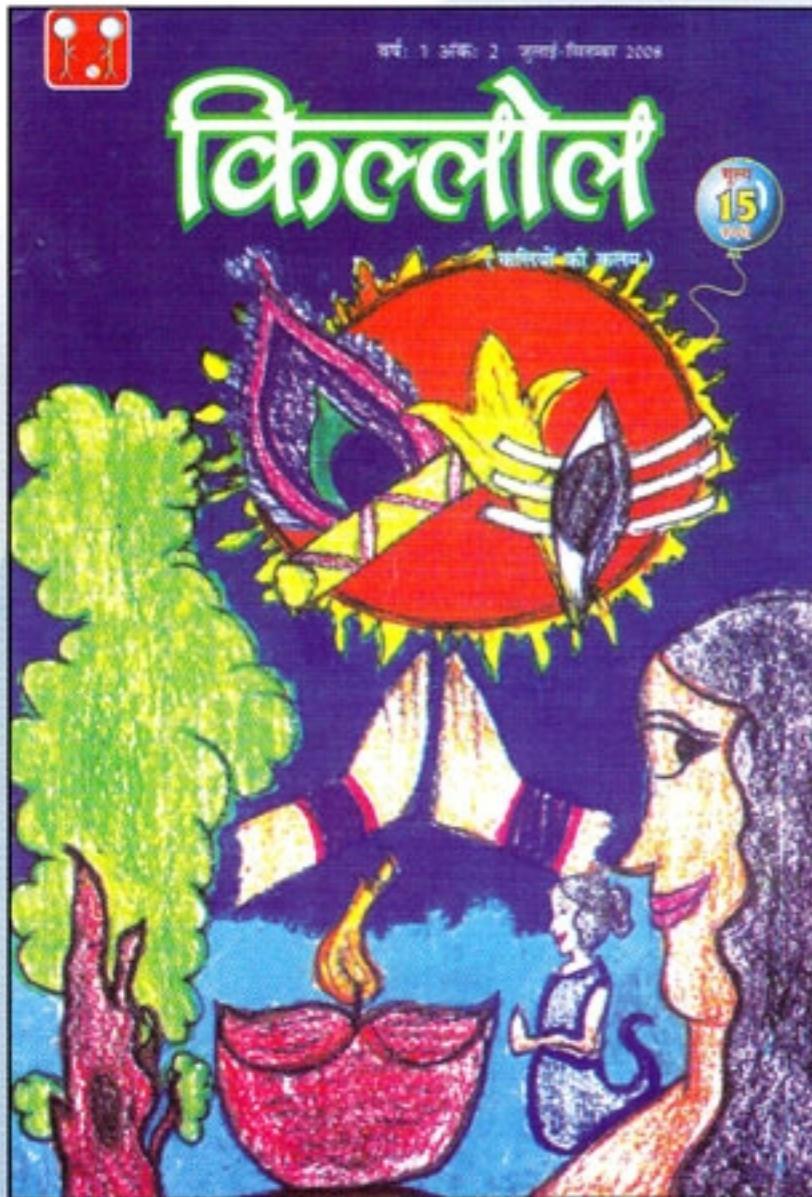
Guru Parv was celebrated in school. Presentation of Shabads by the teachers and students of the school was appreciated by one and all.

### Christmas celebrations

A Christmas Party was organised for classes I to VI on 22nd and 23rd December 2008. It was a fun party where there were games, magic show, puppet show, eats and gifts. The children enjoyed the party dancing with Santa and singing Christmas carols.







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(कलियों की कलम)

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जुलाई-सितम्बर 2008

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बाल संपादक

शादुल, साहिर, सरू, रीना, अमृषा

बाल संपादिका

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कुर्जा, अजीतगढ़, सीकर (राज.)

पुरुषोत्तम, मनोहरपुर, जयपुर (राज.)

अविरल, मनीषा, सुनंदा; शाहपुर, जयपुर (राज.)

ले-आउट डिजाइन : मणिशंकर

आवरण चित्र : पूजा शर्मा, कक्षा-पांच,  
सेंट मार्क्स सीनियर सेकेंडरी स्कूल, जनकपुरी

Pooja Sharma of Class V D a budding artist has successfully designed the Cover page of the Children's Magazines "Killol" The school is proud of her achievements

### Sweet Memories of Ms. Rama Wahi

"A happy person is one who enjoys his/her vocation and that practically my life has been-a happy and fulfilled one. Teaching and sharing broadened my outlook and helped in my growth, both as a teacher and as an individual. In this regard St. Marks helped me immensely in evolution of body, mind and soul The institution guided and channelized my energies in the most positive manner. Twenty years is a long time in a person's life and when I look back, I can smile and cherish those youthful, wonderful memories."

**Ms. Neena Chawla her colleague has dedicated a self composed poem in praise of Ms. Rama Wahi. Here is an excerpt from the poem.**

*She became a source  
of inspiration to me,  
A dedicated teacher  
and a doting mother  
She successfully passed  
her trying years*

*Patience, perseverance bears  
such sweet fruits,  
In front of me  
was this obvious truth.*



## 9th SMS on the Spot Painting Competition



9th Inter School On the Spot Painting Competition was organized for school going children of all groups on 28th NOV. '08 in the school premises. Around 1900 students from 52 schools all over Delhi participated in the competition. Prof. H.N. Sharma, Principal Sharda Ukil\_School Of Art, New Delhi was the Chief Guest while Mr. H.K. Pandey Deputy Education Officer, West Zone-18 presided over the events. Mr. Virender Singh Rahi an eminent artist & a veteran national award winner and Mrs. Aarti Prakash Khare who is into freelancing & Amination and an eminent painter were the Judges of the day. The honourable guests were welcomed by the Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, Manager Mr. L.K. Rai, the Principal Mrs. Rama Sethi and the Vice Principal Mrs. Alka Kher.

The event being a regular yearly feature witnessed a riot of colors with children giving vent to their imagination and trying to find a link between the self and the super self. Valuable human expression through art both animate and inanimate based on subtle aesthetic sense could be seen splashed all over. A gallery of previous years prize winning paintings was put up for exhibition. The Judges left their signatures as beautiful paintings on canvas as mark of their presence.



## Work Shop

### Hriday Shan

A work shop on initiation of "Get-Active" module for VI-VIII std. students was organized by HRIDAY-SHAN at the Russian Culture Centre.

The module aimed at sensitizing, educating and promoting healthy eating habits among school going children especially focusing on the breakfast which should ideally meet 25% of the total daily calorie requirement.

Mrs. Anupam Ganesh & Ms Kiran Bajpai attended this workshop and discussed with eminent professionals, dieticians & doctors from AIIMS ways to improve the eating habits of the children. The participants prepared and exchanged several varieties of breakfast options and interesting facts and tips were put forward.



It was planned that "Get-Active" module will be taken up in 3 stages in the classes with the help of peer leaders.

Later a "healthy day" was organized by the school. Poster making, Salad making and best Breakfast competition was held. Students of std VI-VIII participated enthusiastically in the competition.



### Science in Everyday Life

A workshop was conducted at N.K. Bagrodia School, Sector 4, Dwarka by Ms. Vaishali Gupta on 16th Dec'08. The objective of the workshop was to shift away from methods of rote learning and emphasize on meaningful learning by teaching the topics in an interactive manner which a child can relate to his surroundings. The objective was also to impart the learning of Science by developing the skills of observation, collection of information investigation and drawing conclusions from their experience. The workshop was attended by Mrs. Indu Jairath, Mrs. Kavita Ahuja, Mrs. C. Sengupta and Mrs Shama Tyagi.



## Space

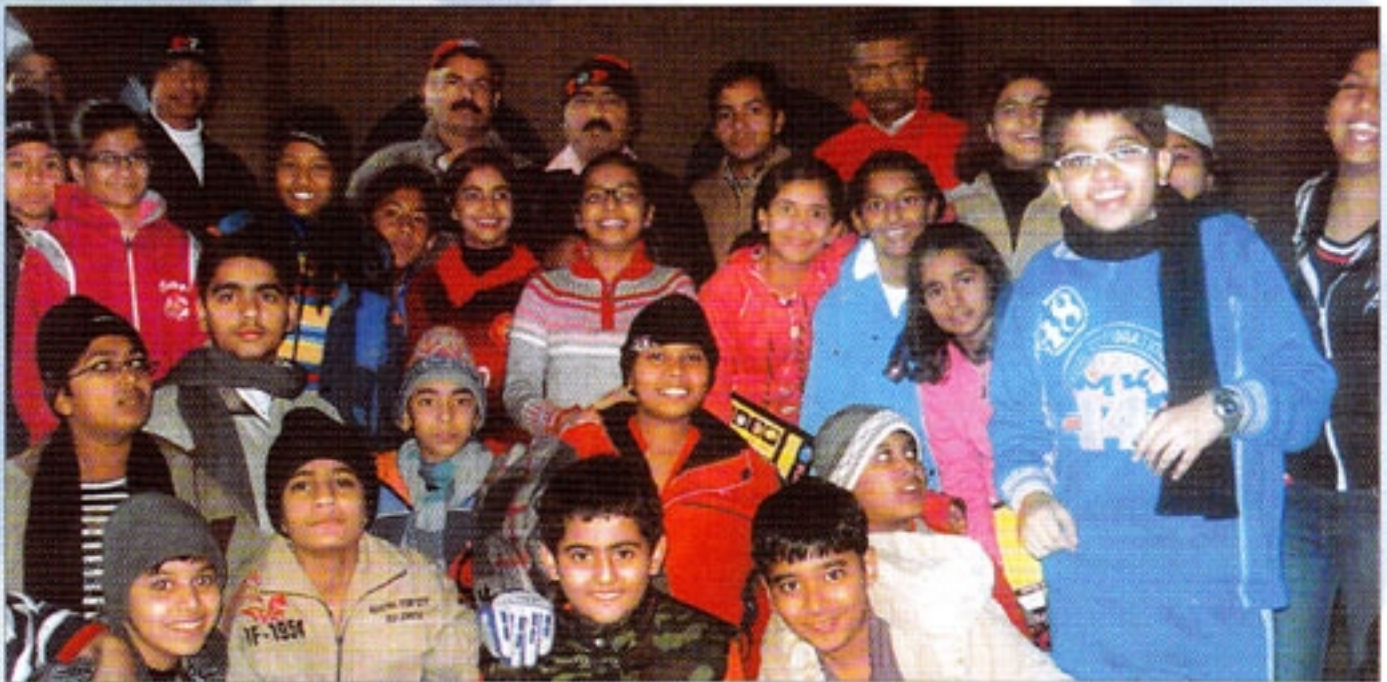
### "An insight into the Celestial World"

Away from the normal routine, on 29th Nov.'08, 27 students of SPACE CLUB (VI\_VII std.) went to Jewar for the overnight camp which was coordinated by Mr. A. P. Dubey and Mr. D. P. Singh.

Jewar is around 110 km. away from Delhi, where the space club members were allowed to stay overnight for a special experience. They were given very interesting information regarding the solar system and various constellations by the dedicated astronomers. The students observed the number of constellations such as the Orion constellation, Ursa Major constellation etc.

They were able to see number of bright stars, faint stars, their patterns and location.

Watchful round the night, at 3:00 a.m., they were able to see the meteor falling with beautiful colors. They could see the Saturn with its ring structure through a high powered telescope. A documentary film was also shown for better understanding of the constellation and the celestial bodies. It was an unforgettable educative, learning activity which is sure to leave its impact on the students.



## Story Telling

On 21 st November' 08 , a workshop was organized by a social enterprise 'Jodo Gyan', engaged in research with the perspective of developing close links between research and practice involving the pre-primary and primary level.

A story telling session was conducted by Ms. Sandhya Rao for language teachers at the primary level. She stressed upon her not being a teacher trainer, but an author, primarily catering to the level of primary children with the sole aim of giving good story and keeping in mind the psychology of the children. She has translated stories from different cultures and languages and shared her wonderful experiences with the audience.



There was an open debate on creating progressive culture of reading, writing and story telling. She emphasized on the need to teach children to read with an open mind; to give way to imagination through the usage of various triggers-like visuals, voice modulation, by emoting a situation and by reflecting over the context of the topic.

Overall the session was very informative and interesting. It was conducted with an easy to understand approach, aiming to break the cultural and international stereotype images, myths etc.

### Mathematics Workshop

Mathematics workshop for teachers was organized by Oxford University Press on 1 st November 2008.

The motive of the Resource Persons, Mr. Jose Paul (Ex- Director, Educational Planning Group, St. Xavier's School, Delhi) and Mrs. Ashalata Badami, was to make the teachers familiar with their teaching methodology that aims at the dissemination of expertise and shared experience to bring about a change in the role and attitude of teachers. They introduced the activity method of teaching Mathematical concepts which allows a teacher to take mathematics beyond the curriculum.

In this workshop the effort was made to innovate concepts to encourage children to reflect on their own learning and to pursue imaginative activities and questions. The participants were urged to recognize that given space, time and freedom, children generate new knowledge by engaging with the information passed on to them by adults. Inculcating creativity and initiative is possible if we perceive and treat children as participants in learning and not as receivers of a fixed body of knowledge. .

A large number of participants from nearly 20 schools were extremely receptive to the approach of the resource person.





## A Childs Prayer

Ere on my bed my limbs I lay,  
 God grant me grace my prayers to say,  
 O God! Preserve my mother dear,  
 In strength and health for many a year.  
 And, O preserve my father too,  
 And may I pay him reverence due.  
 May I my best thoughts employ,  
 To be my parents hope and joy.  
 And O! preserve my brothers both,  
 From evil doings and from sloth.  
 And may we always love each other,  
 Our friends, our father, and our mother.  
 And still, O lord, to me impart,  
 An innocent and grateful heart.  
 That after my great sleep I may,

Mayank Pandey V-E

## My Teacher

Teacher you are a sculptor  
 You give beauty and meaning to our lives  
 You prepare us for struggle and strife  
 Until & unless you toil  
 We are useless gold foil  
 You heat us in the fire of work  
 Your tools of anger and care  
 Put in us ability and flair  
 God placed us among the  
 million of creatures  
 But you marked us  
 with individual features  
 You give us a second birth by  
 bringing out our worth  
 We shall always be obliged  
 to you teacher  
 For you took us as your  
 own kith and kin  
 You taught us understanding  
 and humanity  
 Dear teacher, we love you.

Vardha Kharbada V D

## My School

St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School,  
 Must have been started by wise hands.  
 The whole ambience is great,  
 The students & teachers look beautiful  
 and up-to-date. Studying here I feel so proud,  
 I feel like praising it aloud.

It is a wonderful "school" to go to,  
 Every individual does his duty,  
 we are the natural beauty.  
 The Principal is all kind,  
 With sympathy in her mind.

The result of the school is always high,  
 Which makes the students, keep their head high.  
 Yes this is my school,

I feel attached to it because it is dear very dear to me.  
 It is close to my heart, so near to me.

Subhanshi Kapoor VC

## Mother

There are times when only a mother's love  
 Can understand our tears,  
 Can soothe our disappointments  
 And calm all our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love  
 Can share the joy we feel  
 When something we've dreamed about  
 Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith  
 Can help us on life's way  
 We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith  
 And a mother's stead fast love  
 Were fashioned by the angels  
 And sent from God above ....

## My Class Teacher

My class teacher is very beautiful,  
 She is very smart and dutiful.  
 Walking majestically, she enters our class,  
 She teaches and preaches for about an hour.  
 With a sweet voice and teaching power,  
 We are very grateful to her,  
 For all that she has done for us.

Rajat Mehta IV C



## Rang Tarang Feature

