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The final exams are over. Hard work and perseverance has paid rich dividends. One milestone achieved, another awaiting. Move on with enthusiasm and hope, keeping in mind the lines said by Robert Frost, "The woods are lovely dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep  
And miles to go before I sleep  
And miles to go before I sleep"

Welcome to the new academic session 2009-2010

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our school celebrated India's 60th Republic Day. Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal and Director Mrs. Anjali Aggarwal graced the occasion. The National Flag was hoisted amidst the cheers of the students followed by the National Anthem. A beautiful cultural programme was presented by the students.

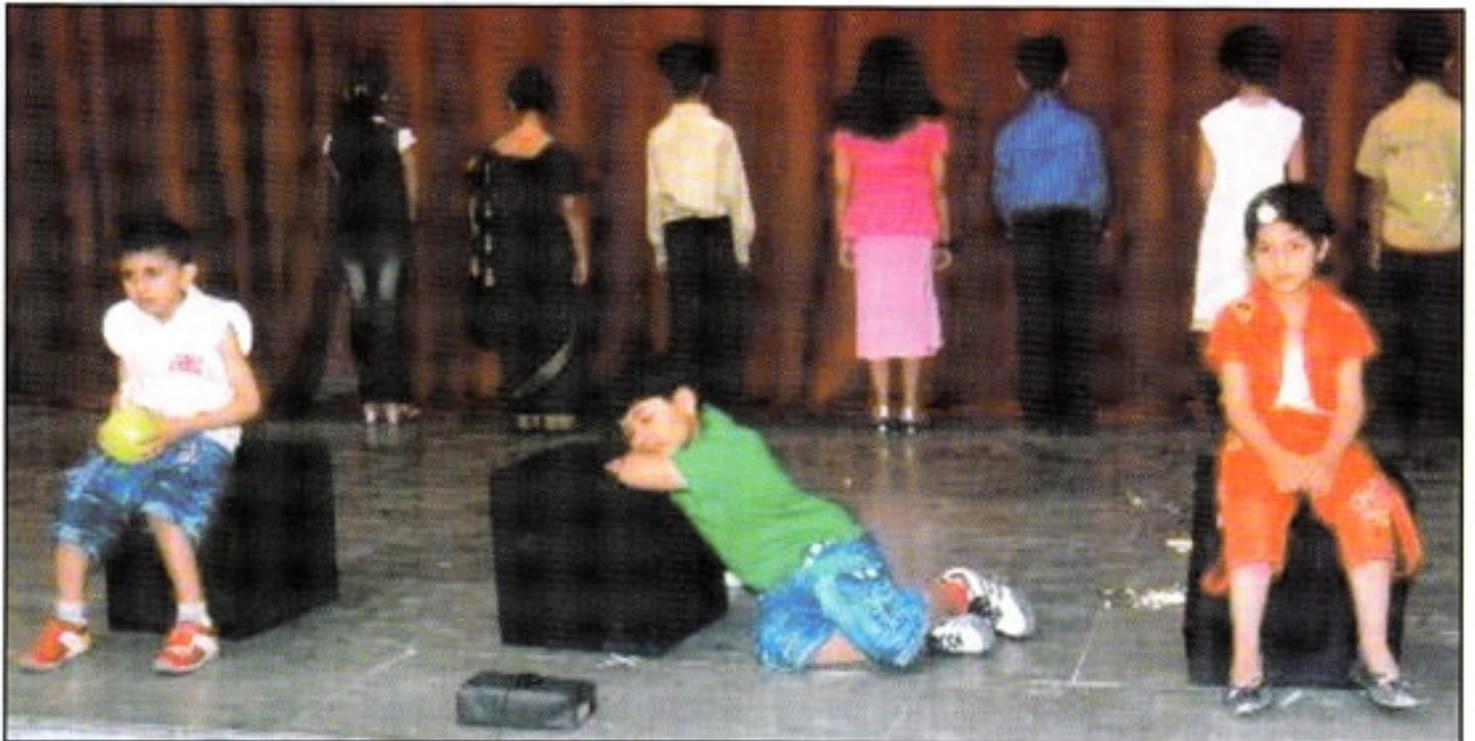


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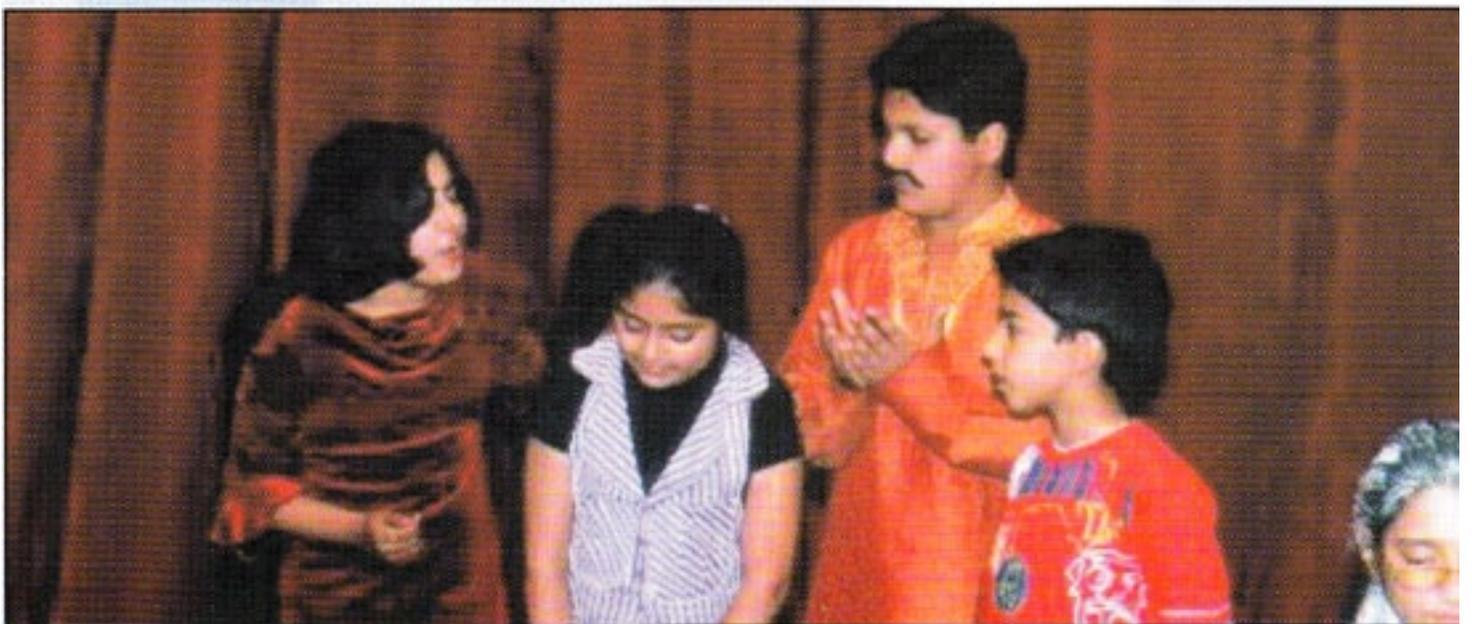
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## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE PARENTS

Our school organised an 'Orientation Programme' for the parents of students going to class I and class VI. The Principal Ms. Rama Sethi welcomed the parents and discussed with them in detail the approach to assess the mental growth, class room teaching and both curricular and extra curricular activities. The Manager Mr. L.K Rai also addressed the audience and stressed upon the need for better co-ordination and co-operation between parents and teachers. This was followed by a brief cultural programme presented by the students which included a Saraswati Vandana and the school song. The high point of the programme was a skit which emphasized the need for the parents to not just dream big for their children but also identify the problems faced by them and consult the counselor if required to find solutions. The Vice Principal, Mrs. Kher provided useful tips on monitoring and supervising the children's studies and thanked the parents for their co-operation.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



Students performing a skit on Orientation day

## FAREWELL TO CLASS XII

Man's feelings are always purest and most glowing in the hour of meeting and of farewell, and so with warmth and heartfelt wishes, our school bid farewell to the students of Class XII on 17th Feb.'09.

It was a delightful programme in which class XII students basked in limelight. They became nostalgic and were reminded of sweet memories of their childhood. The Head Boy Suprateek shared his thoughts in his inimitable style whereas our Head Girl Geetanjali appeared to be solemn and moved by the sobriety of the moment. In the eventful 'Mr. & Ms SMS Contest', everyone was pleasantly surprised when the coveted titles were bagged by Rahul Narang & Chitra while Rishabjeet Ralhan & Shweta, Pranav & Surbhi were declared First and Second runners up respectively. The Manager Mr. L.K. Rai, Principal Ms. Rama Sethi & Vice Principal Ms. Alka Kher blessed the students while conveying their best wishes.



Contestants displaying their talent



Mr. SMS - Rahul Narang and Ms. SMS - Chitra Suri

# FAREWELL TO CLASS XII



1st Runner up - Rishabh and Shweta



2nd Runner up - Pranav and Surbhi



Handing over the responsibilities



Vice Head boy Jatin Sharma taking charge from Head boy Suprateek Gulia



Vice Head girl Mahima taking charge from Head girl Geetanjali

## CELEBRATING LOHRI

**LOHRI-** True colours of Punjab could be seen during Lohri celebration. Foot tapping dhol music and bonfire set the mood of one and all. It was a thrilling experience.



Celebrating Lohri

## BASANT PANCHAMI CELEBRATIONS

A special Assembly was conducted on 30th January'09 to celebrate Basant Panchami and Saraswati Puja. On the auspicious day students of class V showed their reverence for the Goddess of Learning and Wisdom, Saraswati. The students of classes III to VI sang the Saraswati Vandana thus adding a traditional flavor to the events. Saraswati Pooja was performed by lighting the lamp and offering dupatta, sweets to Ma Saraswati. Teachers and students joined in the celebration.



Basant Panchami

### STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME FOR PRINCIPALS AT IIM BANGALURU ORGANIZED BY CBSE

Our Principal Ms. Rama Sethi attended a training programme for Principals in 'STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP' at the 'Indian Institute of Management' Bangaluru organized by CBSE. This programme in 'Strategic Leadership' at IIM Bangaluru commenced on January 27th till 31st January, 2009. It was a fully residential and intensive course which required a lot of commitment. The participants were expected to stay on campus and participate in pre-dinner sessions also. Nearly 30 principals from all over India attended this programme and shared their experiences.

The IIMB faculty members Ms. Malathi Somaiah (Director) Mr. S.Jagadish, Mr. R. Srinivasan, Ms. Vasanti Srinivasan, Mr. Mithileshwar Jha. Mr. Sindhu P. Arvindaksham were the resource persons. They touched upon the various sensitive issues e.g. Institutional building, Psychometric testing, Communicational Skills, Strategies for effective school building and Time Management.

It not only broadened the thought process but also gave everyone an opportunity to share the experiences with each other.



Principal Ms. Rama Sethi at the IIM Bangaluru (sitting 2nd from left)

## PICNIC TIME- FUN TIME

"All work and no play  
Makes Jack a dull boy"

So for bringing a change in the daily routine, the students were taken for a day's picnic for a dose of fun thrill and adventure. The students had a memorable time in the Adventure Island and Fun and Food Village



Student enjoying picnic at adventure Island

## MOTHER THE PERFECT PERSON

The best teacher, best cook, best manager in the world all rolled into one is a mother.

One who knows how to handle child's every whim and how to tackle every situation. A counselor for our tough times and guide in life. A doctor when we fall sick, a teacher to make us learn, a tough lawyer when to fight for her child, a beautiful friend when we have to share our problems and a strict judge when we do something wrong. Our mentor when we have to take important decision in life. The word 'perfect' is too small a word to define the ultimate creation of God known as mother.

Sehaj  
IV-B

Imaginary perfection is truth: science, as we call, is only the means to overcome it. Science approaches truth with empowered knowledge based on more systematic observations, which in turn are dependent on physical quantities having been derivatives of measurements. These too have been assumed as per some conditional assumptions which may be correct or else otherwise.

The unceasing flow of scientific progress: Newtonians, Galileans, Kepler's, deductive certainty, uniquely certain, logical deduction, Maxwell's, special and general theories of relativity, quantum mechanics all these have been conceptual in nature with fallible views and approaches and so called certainty paradox.

With the constant development in physics, scientific techniques have been developing giving more accurate results than ever before. So does our all round perceptions change for chemistry and biology. Owing to this we have fundamental revisions of physical and scientific theories. As Einstein replaced the Newtonian's view of the world as a well ordered machine. Finding something new and being refuted by other, makes it more interesting.. at least all are kept busy in its quest.

The facts about something based on some perceptions and previews are seemingly true but looking at another, we find some distortions and hence inaccurate. Neil's Bohr quotes "Anyone who is not shocked by quantum theory hasn't understood it."

Prolonged researches have directed scientific knowledge as statistical approximations of truth. Even this may be true of particular habitat, on switching of getting closer to the truth is the idea that scientific knowledge gets more and more accurate the way measurements get closer to the truth.

The versions of relationship between scientific knowledge and truth, if measurement is science, then we lack exact values for measurement, and so does the science. Inductive knowledge habitat.

Improvements in our knowledge has resulted such that if we can regard them as true but we are unmistakably right. Probability of enhancement increases if Le., the more we learn, the easier it becomes to learn even more, but attaining truth never seems attainable.

We can say metaphors and analogies are useful, sometimes even powerful cognitive tools are realistically helpful but all are left over baggage of failed romance between science and wishful thinking and all these continue to reach the goal of truth, but we don't know if our way is correct and would ever reach the truth that is a dilemma, an unfinished dilemma.

THAT'S THE TERRIBLE TRUTH ABOUT TRUTH

## POLLUTION

Today we are facing pollution in our daily life in many forms. It is our greed that has led to this alarming situation. We fail to stop untreated waste from flowing into natural water resources, thereby making them unfit for human consumption. We discharge the smoke into the atmosphere from our vehicles and factories; thereby making the air we breathe unfit leading to various respiratory diseases like asthma, bronchitis, etc. We also honk our vehicles unnecessarily or play music at high volumes causing noise pollution that causes hearing defects and also causes inconvenience to the young and ill alike. If we can create awareness among the citizens and punish those who violate the norms, we may be able to at least check further damage from happening. To take us back to the good old days of our grandparents, we would require more sustained efforts from both the citizens and the government. I hope and pray that this will happen during my lifetime, that I can leave a better world to my future generation than what I have inherited.

Karthik M. Panikar  
III - D

## TERRORISM

Violence! Violence! Violence! Everywhere there is this scream from within that screeches so out to that it's quite audible to people worldwide.

Terrorism!! This monster of terrorism has spread its tentacles in all walks of life. This green-eyed monster has surpassed every limit of fear amongst mankind.

People are now subjected to all kinds of terror attacks with so much brutality that the common man now has no alternative but to accept the situation with utter silence and disgust.

Even if we do raise a voice and fight against this evil, the conditions do prevail the same with not much change...

Last year, the nations world over witnessed the strong clutches of terrorism over the territories of all the continents except for Antarctica, that can still boast of to be all terror free.

Everywhere there is bloodshed with these bloodthirsty terrorists weakening us from within and breaking us from within, thereby quenching their thirst for destruction, destruction and more destruction. Blasts, hostages, massacres and death and destruction is the main aim of the terrorists and what more can we want or hope from these animals draped in human attire.

This rampant imprecation is the bane that if once can be annihilated and curbed; countries will flourish and prosper by leaps and bounds. Our probability has to be strengthened enough to eradicate this fatal disease and put a kibosh on all the terrorist activities that pauperize people, hence making our mother planet earth, in actual, heaven to live.

By- Deepanwita  
XI-B

## THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE IN DELHI

Delhi is an over populated city. Its population is increasing by leaps and bound. There are thousands of colonies both official and unofficial, approved and unapproved. There are cluster of Jhuggies where poverty, reigns supreme. Its naked dance is to be seen day and night. They are a big blot on the fair name of our capital city. I want to reduce traffic jams, hold - ups, strikes and lockouts in Delhi. Delhi does not enjoy rest, respite or sleep- It is busy day- in and day- out. Even at dead of nights, the loudspeakers are blaring for some social get -together. Whether it is Bhagwat Jagran or birthday party, the poor people cannot enjoy a peaceful night sleep after a hectic day- I think poor people should enjoy the same right and freedoms. They should not be considered as burden on society. Here corruption, black marketing, drug addiction are rife. Road walking is greatly unsafe. Any dare devil may come and gag you and decamp with your valuables which should not be there in a respectable city. Due to deforestation many animals lose their homes and due to cutting of trees on large scale, global warming takes place. I think we should grow more trees instead of cutting trees. These are the things I would like to change in Delhi.

Jaspreet  
IV-B

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

The moment one uses the term 'weaker sex' as a synonym for women, the association of 'weak' and 'women' gets established. This has to be broken. Women's empowerment signifies the establishment of financial, economical, social and political rights of women. Women have been suppressed in society for long. So the first step towards women empowerment is to make them aware of their rights, which is best done through education. This empowers women to be self-dependent, to establish their identity and stand up against injustice.

Empowerment is possible only when women start believing in themselves and their talents. For instance, the rural women of Gujarat have come together and started small scale industries. These women do not belong to rich or powerful families but have achieved this path-breaking success just because they refused to be fettered and defeated by the definition of women being the weaker sex.

Women from all over the country should take such inspiration from these examples. If we ensure equal right to education for the female child, her future is secure. Women's empowerment allows a level playing field to all, and here with their success they are able to remove biases against them.

Empowered women mean an empowered nation. People should be made aware of the fact that harassing or torturing a newly-wed bride is equal to aborting the girl child, i.e. both are crimes and the mind set has to be aborted and not girls. Women are not weak, our mind set is. Let's remove the stereotype not only from society but also from the minds of all of us who believe that it is true. So let us empower ourselves and rise above this obvious falsehood.

By- Nishtha

XI-C

## WORKSHOPS

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Workshop on Emergency Preparedness for school Health Workers was attended by Ms. Annamma held at Columbia Asia Hospital Gurgaon on 27 Feb. 2009. The emergency guidelines are meant to serve as basic information for school health provider. In order to perform safely and effectively skills should be learnt and practiced in the presence of trained Doctors specially in Asthma Allergy and Epilepsy and taking care of school emergencies.

## CAREER GUIDANCE

A workshop was conducted at Netaji Subhash Institute of Management sciences on January 28, 2009 by Mr. Jatin Chawla, Arun Broota, Aditya Jain and Narender Kaul. The objectives of the workshop were to aware teachers/counselors regarding emerging options in various careers, changing mind sets of students, new study opportunities within and outside India.

The programme was an eye opener for counselors / teachers to effectively handle students queries on career and help them be successful.

## "GOONJ" AN N.G.O. WORKING FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

S.M.S. Faculty contributed items such as stationary, woolens etc. for the underprivileged children once again this year. It is a positive step forward in sensitizing values of consideration and humanity amongst young hearts.

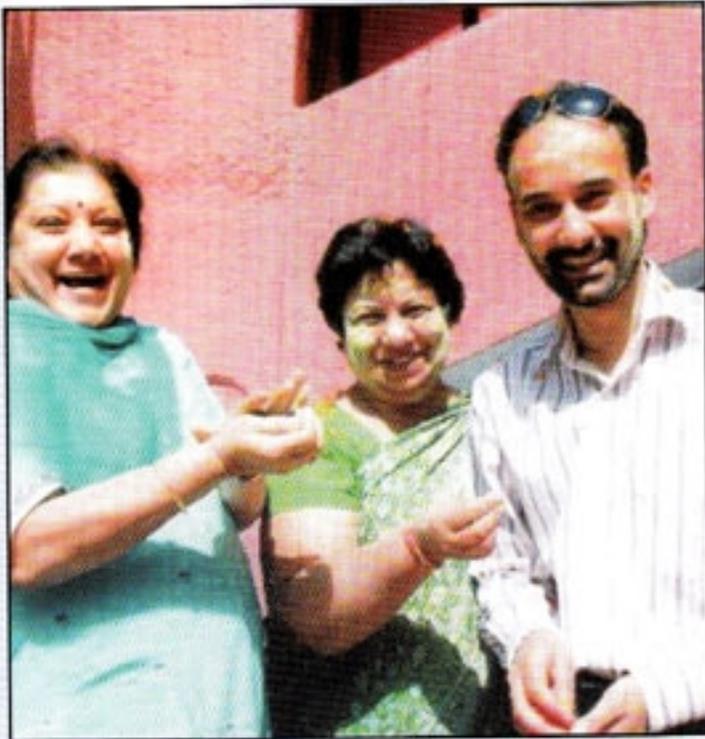
## BIDDING ADIEU TO 'GURUS'

Teaching is the most noble profession and in India the 'Guru Shishya' relationship is the most pious. After giving all their knowledge to see the children flourishing in life, the teachers come to their retirement age. A befitting farewell was given to Mrs. Manphool Uppal and Mrs. Rahi who have worked untiringly to make the institution flower and prosper. The Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal gave his blessing and appreciated their hard work



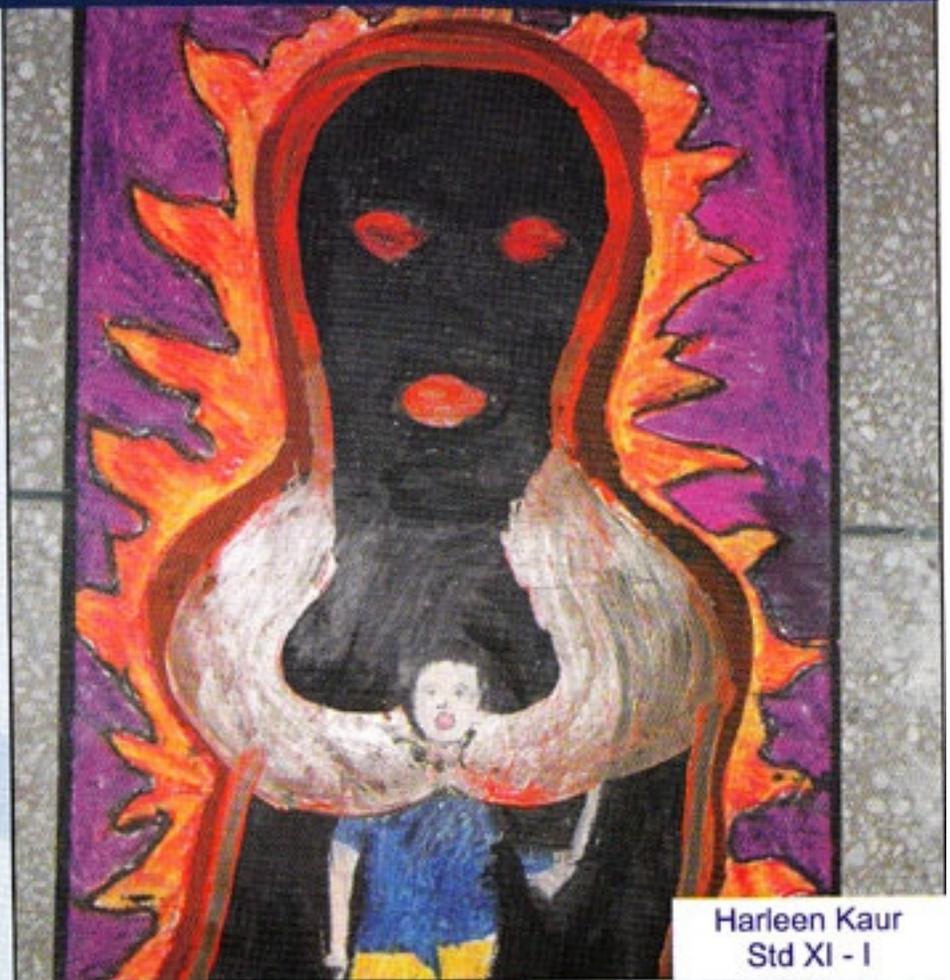
## HOLI CELEBRATIONS

**HOLI** -An eco friendly Holi was organized by the members of Eco-Club. The merriment started with the worship of "Radha Krishna" by the Director Mr. Rahul Aggarwal. The natural eco-friendly colours used were prepared by the members of the eco-club to spread awareness about the harmful artificial chemical based colours.



## 9th ON THE SPOT PAINTING COMPETITION

9th Inter school on the painting competition was held on 28 Nov. 08. Around 1900 students from 52 schools all over Delhi participated in the competition. The prize distribution ceremony was held on 16/12/2008. Our school was the winner but the host school passed the trophy to the second best school. Delhi Police Public school got the trophy for seniors and the juniors trophy was bagged by Marks Kindergarten, Meerabagh. Some of the prize winning paintings of the students of our school are being showcased here.



Harleen Kaur  
Std XI - I

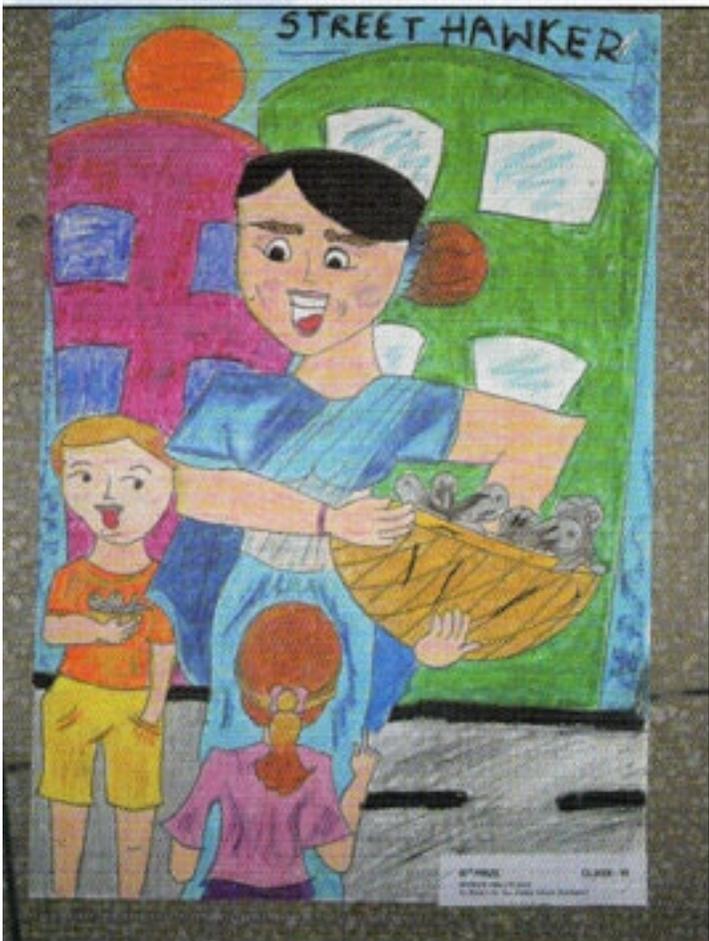
# PAINTING GALLERY



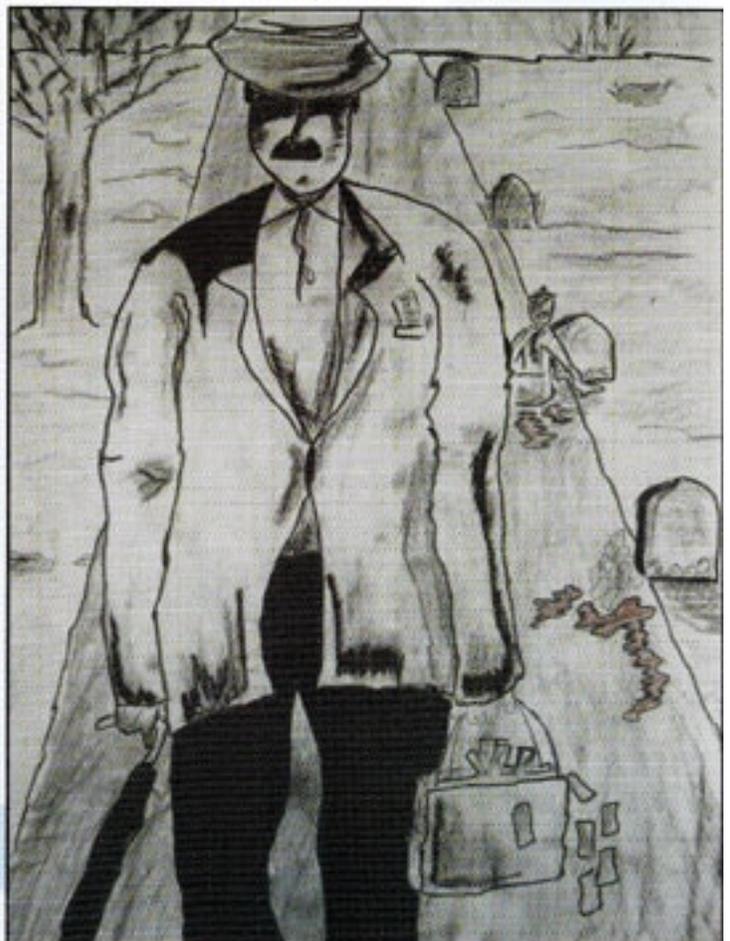
Jashardeep Kaur - Std Ist



Isha Gupta - Std IV - Ist



Simran Ahluwalia - Std VI - I



Taranjeet Singh - Std X - IInd



Anagha Pranipe - Std VI - IInd

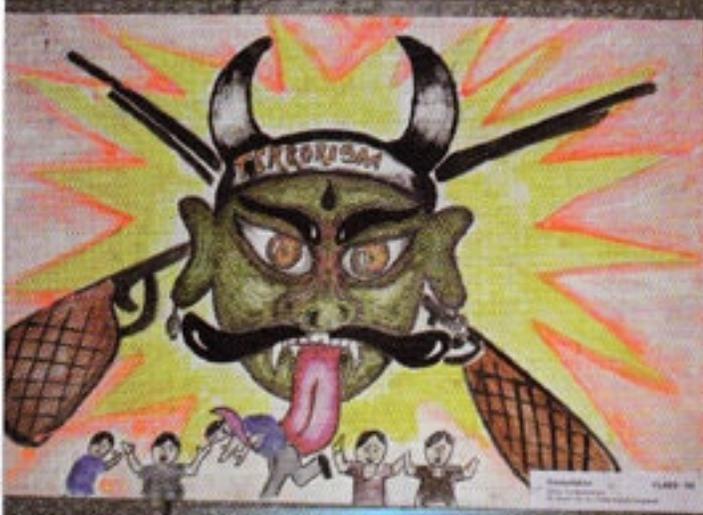


Hardik Sharma - Std II - III



Shrithy Saxena - Std III - Ist

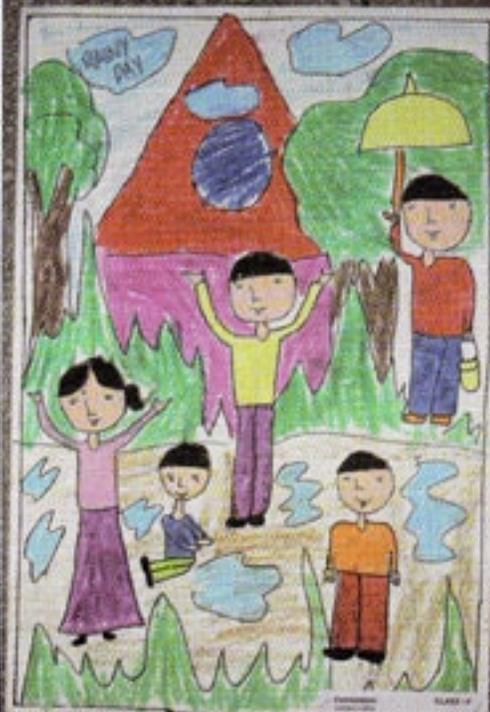
# CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS



Bhavna Manocha - Std XII



Sanjana Raman - Std IX



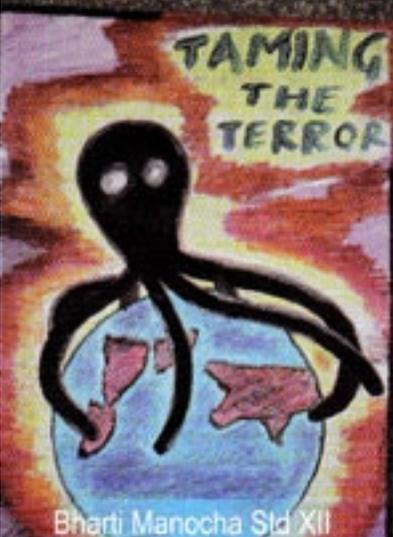
Anisha Sahni - Std II



Puneet Garg - Std IX



Medha Sharma Std. III



Bharti Manocha Std XII



Yugansu Kathuria - Std IX



Sourabh Tomar - Std XI