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SCHOOL AWARD 2014-17 THIS IS TO CENTURY THAT

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. - Nelson Mandela

Modern learning environment being built today promote and support a range of pedagogies including delivering, applying, creating, communicating and decision-making. They support strength-based teaching and can offer students flexibility, openness and access to resources. Providing students with an open, flexible learning environment can lead to the development of a robust, continuously improving community. Modern learning environments that align better with what we know about the brain and student learning can facilitate traditional pedagogies such as direct instruction if needed, but they typically offer students much more. This edition will be in the hands of the readers when a new academic year has dawned and our students have set their 'best foot' forward to ensure that they will excel in all the

opportunities that come their way, not just in academics but even outside it so that the modern learning environment that our school provides is exploited to their advantage and make both, the parents and the School, proud.



Orientation programme for the parents of Class I students - new members to the fledging St. Mark's family was held on 21 March. Ms Inderpreet Ahluwalia, the Educational Supervisor, welcomed the parents. Principal Ms. Rama Sethi laid out the road map for transforming their wards from tiny tots to capable teenagers, ready to embark on their chosen career and becoming a good global citizen. For us in St. Marks this

is imperative, which we expect the parents to grant. Vice Principal Ms. Alka Kher shared her views on responsible parenting. The other highlight was a cultural programme presented by our energetic junior students. The parents also had an





## CULTURAL CORNUCOPIA - DANCES & FESTIVALS OF THE WORLD

#### **CULTURAL CORNUCOPIA**

## 'Earth is but one country and Mankind its citizens.'

St. Mark's family has a vision to provide holistic education that encompasses knowledge, values, confidence and above all metamorphose its students into citizens having a heart full of love for humanity and a desire to serve the society. In shortready to face the world in the 21st century. As part of this preparation, on 09 Mar and 10 Mar, students of our Primary Section presented a medley of dances and festivals celebrated across the world - the Cultural Cornucopia. It provided a platform to the students to express freely outside the confines of the syllabus. Little ones of Classes I and II portrayed Folk Dances of the World- the famous 'Paso Doble' of Spain, 'Tarantella' of Italy, 'Sau Sau Bafona' of Chile, 'Bucheachum' of Korea and many more. Apart from dances, students of Classes III, IV and V also showcased the most celebrated festivals of the world -'May Day', 'Inti Raymi', 'Chinese New Year', 'Day of the Dead', 'Valentine's Day', 'Mardi Gras' and the colourful Indian festival - 'Holi'. Cultural Cornucopia was truly an amalgamation of Music, Dance, Festivity and Culture. The Programme started with a welcome speech by our Principal, Ms. Rama Sethi. Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, members of the Managing Committee and the parents were highly appreciative of the efforts put in. Our Director, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal while delivering her keynote address after the performance mentioned that she was short of words to appliad the efforts put in by the little ones. She also specially thanked the parents of the students who performed , for their unstinted support and cooperation, without which such a grand show would not have been possible. Ms. Anjali Aggarwal also mentioned that it had also facilitated the participants as well as the audience to enrich their knowledge on hitherto unknown cultures from across the Globe. Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia, Educational Supervisor (Primary Section) while proposing the Vote of Thanks echoed the sentiments of our Director, while pointing to the fact that amongst the 650 students who were part of the show, most of them were on stage for the first time, which called for a special round of applause.



Engrossed in the Performance-et al



Narrators - weaving the Plot



# **CULTURAL CORNUCOPIA**



The Jarabe

Mexican Hat Dance-portrays the courtship of a woman by a man (I-D)



Tarantella Italian traditional dance played at weddings and celebrations (I-A)



German Bavarian Dance traditional dance of the Alps (I-F)



The Paso Doble traditional Spanish couple dance (I-C)



Sindhi Dance - Ho Jamalo - a dance eulogizing the valour of Sindhi warrior 'Jamal' while defending his motherland (I-B)



Subli Folk Dance ceremonial worship dance of Philippines honouring the Holy Cross (II-A)





The Bucheachum- Korean Fan Dance- little angels taking 'all' through a make-believe garden of flowers (II-F)



Dhaanato - Somalian Dance – This dance song was used to raise the morale The Espirit de Corpse – of soldiers in the battlefield (II-C)



Corridinho- Portuguese Peasant Dance (II-D)



Hawaiian Hula Dance a tribute to the Volcano Goddess Pele (II-E)



Holi - Indian Dance celebrating onset of spring





May Flower Dance



Morris Dance

## MAY DAY

Traditional spring holiday in many European Cultures.
Dances, Singing and Feast are usually part of celebration.



Spring in full bloom



May Pole Dance



Nian scaring the Chinese Villagers





Aztec Ritualistic Performance - Celebrating Death

Mexican Dance



Celebrating Valentine's Day - Tango

Valentine Party Dance



St. Valentine's Magical Touch





Worshipping the Sun God

Fire Dance



Celebrating the Sun God

## MARDI GRAS

A carnival having its origin in Venice and now celebrated across Europe and America. It starts on 'Epiphany' and ends on 'Mardi Gras' i.e. a day before the devout Christians go to the privations of the Lent.



Priest Sermonising

Lyrical invite to the celebration

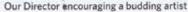


Celebrating Mardi Gras - Samba Dance

Carnival of Binche









Holy Child School bags the Rolling Trophy

## INTER SCHOOL PAINTING COMPETITION - CULMINATES WITH PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Prize distribution for 15th On the Spot Painting Competition held on 21 Nov 2014 was ceremoniously held in the school premises on 2 Dec. The programmme started with the colourful show of various hues of Art in Nature, which was followed by the prize distribution by our Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, Principal Ms. Rama Sethi and Vice Principal Ms. Alka Kher. Individual prizes and rolling trophies were given to the participants from 41 schools at the Primary and Senior Secondary Level. At the "Primary Level" - Shish Bharti Shikshayatan, Karol Bagh was awarded the Rolling Trophy and at "Senior level" - Holy Child School, Tagore Garden bagged the Rolling Trophy. D.A.V. Public School, Sec. 6, Dwarka and S.S. Mota Singh Sr.Sec. Model School, A4/C, Janak puri were collectively declared winners for "Collage Making Competition". A Vote of Thanks was proposed on the note that the colourful feast will once again reveal the expression of art in the years to come. Students of our school who won prizes were:

NAME PAINTING	CLASS	PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	PRIZE
Parth Katoch	I-B	Consolation	Suhani	IV-F	Consolation	Ekansh Verma	V-D	Consolation
Aditi Pandey	VII-C	Consolation	Jashandeep Kaur	VII-B	III prize	Hardik Sharma	VIII-A	Consolation
Naman Kumar	VIII-B	Consolation	Shreya Jain	IX-D	II Prize	Rahul Beer	XI-C	III Prize
Pooja Sharma	XI-B	Consolation	Abhishek Kar	XII-C	Consolation			
COLLAGE MAK Simran Kaur Ah		XII-B   Prize						



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY PRINCIPALS

Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia, Education Supervisor (Primary) participated in 7th International Conference of Pre-Primary & Primary Principals from 31 Jan. to 3 Feb. at City Montessori School, Lucknow organized in collaboration with Adhyayan Quality Educational Services on the theme, 'The Building Blocks of Education – Universal Values, Global Understanding, Excellence in all things, Service to Humanity'. She was also part of the jury for the paper presentation held during the Conference.



#### Ms. Inderpreet Ahluwalia at 7th ICPPP

#### **MODEL UNITED NATION - 2015**

**MUN** is a student run simulation of the United Nations. Student delegates representing various UN member nations, address specific issues of current interest, through debate and negotiation. Students of our school participated in M.U.N. in various colleges of Delhi University and brought laurel to the school.

Vardha Kharbanda (XI-A) secured Special Mention Award in the respective events organized in the following colleges:

A. Hindu Model Indian Parliament at Hindu College

B. Cross Model United Nation at Guru Gobind Singh College for Commerce

C. Gargi Model United Nation at Gargi College

Other students who participated at various colleges of Delhi University and received 'Participation Certificate' were:

Himani Anand (XI-A) : Gargi College, Jesus & Mary College,

Hindu College

Harsh Beniwal (XI-A): Hindu College & Gargi College

Paras Gupta (XI-B) : Gargi College Navya Malik (XI-D) : Gargi College



Ambassadors in the making

#### 6th INTERNATIONAL YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS' CONVENTION

A group of 6 students from Classes X & XI from our school, led by mentor Ms. Manisha Kapoor, participated in the 6th INTERNATIONAL YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS' CONVENTION entitled IYMC - Mathematica-2014, held at City Montessori School, Lucknow, from 2 to 5 Dec.'14. Its endeavour was to bring together brilliant young minds from all over the world to demonstrate their technical, logical and creative skills while collaborating and learning from each other's knowledge and experiences. Distinguished mathematicians and experts from all over the world were invited to conduct and judge the competition. It was an event in which 21 International Schools & 51 National Schools participated in various mathematical events like Solve-e-thon (Relay round), Math Wiz (Individual Test), Math Quiz (BINGO), Mathmania (Team contest), Dexter's Math-a-torium (Mathematical Fair). Under the Junior Team Category in Math Wiz (Individual Contest) Shubham (X-A) won Silver medal, Sehaj (X-D), Manan Shori (X-F) bagged Bronze Medals & Aakash (XI-B) bagged Bronze Medal in Senior Category. In the Mathmania (Team Contest) our Junior Team consisting of Shubham (X-A), Sehaj (X-D) and Manan Shori (X-F) bagged the Silver Medal.



#### mi-KAT - 2014

In My Individual Knowledge Assessment 2014 held at National Level, Parth Katoch of Class I-B was awarded Certificate of Excellence and received a total cash prize of Rs. 2750/- for securing the III position in Aggregate (Rs 1500), III position in English (Rs 500), II Position in Maths (Rs 750/-). Gunjan of Class III-E secured I position in English and was awarded Rs 950/-.

A Pride Moment for Parth



#### DEBATE AND DECLAMATION COMPETITIONS

Debate Competition was organized by Rainbow English Sr. Sec. School, Janakpuri in the month of January 2015. Siddharth Saha (XI-C) was awarded I prize and Rs. 1000/- for debating on Topic 'Relevance of Gandhi today'. On the same day a Declamation Competition was held for VIII Std and Eshita Mehta (VIII-A) was awarded III Prize.

# ON THE SPOT PAINTING COMPETITION

To create awareness amongst the students about the "Conservation of Energy", Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Govt. of India) had organized an On the Spot Painting Competition for the students on 30 Sep. 2014. The competition was held at two levels: Category A comprised of the students from IV, V & VI and Category B consisted of the students from VII to IX. Students of our school had participated enthusiastically and won merit certificates. The winners were the following: Ekansh Verma (V-D), Shresth Saxena (VI-E), Srishty Saxena (IX-E), Shreya Jain (IX-C)



Painting for a Cause - Conservation of Energy

Our students participated in Rainbow English Sr. Sec. School 'On The Spot Painting Competition' held on 12 Dec.'14 . Following are the Prize Winners:

NAME	CLASS	PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	PRIZE
Parth Katoch	I-B	Consolation	Ishika Chhoker	V-B	Consolation	Vansh Kumar	V-B	Consolation
Ekansh Verma	V-D	11	Nitin Malik	V-D	II	Hardik Sharma	VIII-A	1
Nimish Guglani	VIII-C	II						

Apart from a shield, cash prize @ Rs. 1000/- for I Prize, Rs. 750/- for II Prize and Rs. 250/- for Consolation Prize was also given to respective winners.



## INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE OLYMPIAD - 2014

Commerce Teachers Foundation conducted International Commerce Olympiad - 2014 on 27 Nov in Accountancy and Business Studies subjects. Commerce students of Classes XI and XII participated, **Nikhil Keswani** of Class XI-E scored 96.5% and **Parikshit Khanna** of XII-E scored 94.7% and were the school toppers for respective classes. Both got Award of Excellence for outstanding performance in the Olympiad.

## **SOF OLYMPIAD**

SOF Science Olympiad was held on 12 Nov. 2014. 62 students of our school appeared for the exam. The following students qualified for the second level online exam which was held on 7 and 8 Feb. 2015:

Manan Shori, X-F Dhruv Singh Negi, IX-B Samdheesh Mahajan, IX-A Palak Aggarwal, VII-B Saksham Gupta, VI-G

## MAXX ENGLISH WIZARD

BRITISH COUNCIL awarded Merit Certificates to Nikita Arora(I-D), Prakriti (IV-B), Disha Goyal (IV-B), Manas Ishwar (V-C), Manisha Varma (V-A) and Kumar Shrey (V-F) for being a Maxx English Wizard.

## CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITON

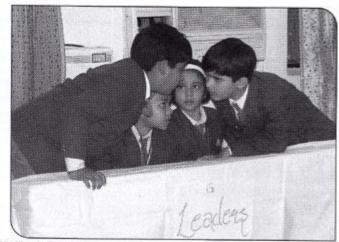
Creative Writing Competition was organized for students from Classes III-V on 30 Jan. The prize winners are as follows:

	l Prize	II Prize	III Prize	Special Prize	Special Prize
Class III	Mouli Sharma, (III-E)	Drishti Verma, (III-A)	Harshit Bahl, (III-B)		Diya Chawla, (III-D)
Class IV	Ansh Singh, (IV-A)	Daksh Khuttan, (IV-A)	Sagar Singh, (IV-D)	Divneet Kaur, (IV-D)	Sanya Khera, (IV-E)
Class V	Manisha Varma, (V-A)	Ojasv Nakra, (V-E)	Bhavya Srihari, (V-C)	Ekansh Verma, (V-D)	

## INTER HOUSE G.K. QUIZ COMPETITION

General Knowledge Quizzes provide an impetus to sharpen the mind of children so that they can develop a personality of their own and can be more creative, aware and confident. Our school conducted Inter House General Knowledge Quiz for Classes I and II on 6 Feb. and for Classes III, IV & V on 19 Feb. The participants had to go through two different rounds - Preliminary and Final Round. On the basis of Preliminary round, two teams from each house were selected for the Final Round. There were 15 interesting and brain storming rounds, testing student's scientific, analytical, quantitative and reasoning skills for Classes I and II. Patel House, comprising of Parth Katoch (I-B), Paanvi Gupta (I-C), Pari Kataria (II-E) and Pulkit Sakhija (II-F), won the 1st Prize. The Final Round for Classes III, IV and V consisted of 3 rounds. Each round tested the quizzers on different topics like, inventions, mental maths, technology, famous personalities, popular quotations, music maestros etc. Patel house participants Rajnandini (III-E), Nischay (IV-G), Vansh (V-B) were declared the winners in this category. The second position was secured by Gandhi House participants Mridul (III-F), Abhinav (IV-C), Lakshit (V-C). Several questions were also passed on to the audience to keep their interest alive. The quiz turned out to be a fun and a learning experience for all the students.





Our Quizzers - Putting Heads Together

#### WHIZ KIDS COMPETITION

Whiz Kids Competition was organized in the school for Classes III-V on 20 February. Two students per section were selected. The topics for the competition were given to the students on the spot. Class III used Microsoft PAINT program and the topics were - Landscape, Holi scene & My School. Classes IV & V used Microsoft POWER POINT program. The topics given to Class IV were - My City, My Country & My School and for Class V - Festivals of India, Costumes of India & Tourist Places of India. Students participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed creating paintings and PowerPoint presentations. The prize winning pairs are as follows:

	I Prize	II Prize
ClassIII	Swastika Maity & Abhiraj Sharma, III-B	Khushi Sharma & Maitreyi Mishra, III-A
ClassIV	Amitoj Singh & Anubha Suhag, IV-B	Saina Parveen & Bhumit Goyal, IV-D
Class V	Harshita Singla & Sannidhi Arora, V-E	Manisha Varma & Shreya Arora, V-A

## SINGING COMPETITION

Sakshi Taneja of Class IX-E got 1st position in Inter-School Devotional Solo Singing Competition held at Rainbow International School on 12 Dec. 2014. She received a trophy, a certificate and a cash price of Rs. 1000/-.

## **SOLO SINGING**

The Solo Singing Competition for Classes I and II was held on 26 February. The ability to sing well is a divine gift bestowed upon a lucky few, and the competition saw 24 such extremely talented and gifted young singers. The participants were high on confidence and enthusiasm, and it was a tough competition. The judges had a challenging time while deciding the following winners:

Position	ClassI	Class II
First	Suhani Singh, I-C	Jasmine Verma, II-D
Second	Srijan Saini, I-C .	Yuvraj Marwatta, II-A
Third	Paavni Gupta, I-C	Bhavya Kumar, II-D
Special Prizes	Parth Katoch, I-B & Driti Gupta, I-F	Lavanya Kapoor, II-A & Kavyani, II-E

#### LEXICON

The Primary Wing participated in the Poetry Recitation Competition in **'LEXICON'** - the 'literary and language extravaganza' organized by St.Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera bagh on 18 Feb 2015. Different themes were given to each class - like mother, animals, humour, nature and patriotism. The competition helped to develop a lot of confidence in children in terms of public speaking and they learnt to appreciate poetry. Our children won many prizes and brought laurels to the school.

The following were the prize winners:

Dhriti Gupta, I-F	Special Prize	Jasleen Kaur, II-A	Special Prize	Manyata Suryan, II-F	Special Prize
Samarth Sharma, III-D	Special Prize	Suhani, IV-A	II Prize	Manisha Varma, V-A	Special Prize

In the Middle Wing, the students of Class VII participated in 'Poetry Dramatization' and the following pair won a special prize – Aniket Goyal (VIIA) and Arya Jha (VIIB)

## ROBOTICS

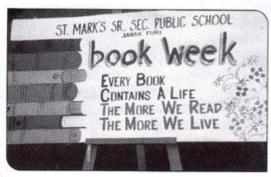
Dhimant Khuttan (IX-C), Rajat Sharma (IX-D) and Nelson Paul (IX-A) participated in Robofest – Training and competition organized at Maxfort School on 9 Feb-10 Feb. On the first day participants were given an extensive training on the assembling and construction of a Robot. It involved dabbling with Mechanics, Electronics and Programming of a Robot. The Robot was then ready to surmount the various kinds of obstacles given in sets I, II and III. On the second day of competition the students used ultrasonic sensors and touch sensors to detect obstacles with precision and reaching from the start point to the stop point. Our team performed well and was applauded for their efforts of introducing a sound alarm wherever the Robot encountered an obstacle. They were given participation certificates for their performance.



Amalgamating Artificial Intelligence with Mechanics

#### **BOOK WEEK**

A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies; the man who never reads lives only once. Embodying the same thought, our school organized the annual "Book Week" from 16 Dec to 19 Dec to inculcate the love for reading amongst students. Various activities were conducted for Classes I to X. This year's Book Week was celebrated with a special theme of Flora-Fauna & Facts wherein most of the activities were based on plant and animal life apart from reading. On 16 Dec the Book Week started with an Art Competition for Classes I to V and an Essay Writing Competition on the topic "Imagine a world without animals" for Classes IV and V. On 17 Dec, Class I students, dressed up in their favourite animal character and spoke a few lines on the



same; Class II students made colourful bookmarks and Class III students made various innovative book jackets, Classes IX & X had 'Book and Shelf Talker' and 'Documentary Screening' activity. On 18 Dec, Class IV students made attractive advertisements to sell a story book on E-Bay and Class VI were enthralled and mesmerized by Mr. Sanjay Muttoo, the eminent story teller, who narrated charismatic stories using his unique voice modulation and special gesture. On 19 Dec, Class V students created Comic strips based on their favourite stories. and Class VII had Spin a Yarn: Story Creation activity and Class VIII had 'Adopt a Book' activity. Overall, the students participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed their respective activities The Prize winners of the activities are as follows:

ACTIVITY	1 Prize	II Prize	III Prize	Special Prize	Special Prize
Animal Character	Suhani Singh (I-C)	Stavya Viswani(1-8)	Akshara Madan (I-E)	Parth Katoch (I-B)	Kushagra (I-B)
Book Mark	Gaurav Saluja (II-C)	Phalak Rajput (II-C)	Rajat Gupta (II-A)	Sidhi Bhushanlal (II-C)	Bhavya Kumar (II-D)
Book Jacket	Pranshu Arora (III-C)	Harshit Bahl (III-B)	Aarav Arora (III-B)	Divya Kapoor (III-E)	Sanskriti (III-E)
E-Bay Ad	Hardik Mehta (IV-G)	Yajeya Wadhwa (IV-C)	Krisha Sahni (IV-G)	Uddeshya Arun (IV-D)	Sania Parveen (IV-D)
Comic Strip	Ekansh Verma (V-D)	Karan (V-E)	Rishi Kumar (V-A)	Arpit Jain (V-B)	Bhavya Srihari (V-C)
Spin a Yarn:	Tanya Gupta &	Vanshika Gupta &	Devansh Sharma &	Riya Bhagat &	Parnika Bhatia &
Story Creation	Anushka (VII-D)	Tanushvi Garg (VII-D)	Jayati Garg (VII-E)	Anish Panjwani (VII-A)	Aniket Goyal (VII-A) Anubhav & Aditi Gupta (VII-A)
Adopt a Book	Mitali Arora & Gautam Lamba (VIII-C)	Muskaan Arora & Arush Shukla (VIII-C)	Shivam Balwani & Gaurav Gangwani (VIII-B)	Kartik Barrot & Ansh Kher (VIII-C)	Riya Gulati & Anisha Şahni (VIII-D) Konark Sama & Chetan (VIII-E) Rhythm & Kashish Jain (VIII-D)
Book and Shelf Talker	Prachi Choudhary, Samiyah Khan (IX-C)	Prema Channa, Harshita Mathur (IX-D)		Muskaan Aggarwal, Kriti Verma (IX-A)	Ishita Sajwan & Tanya Arora (IX-B) Tanya Jain & Ria Gupta (IX-D) Purwa Sethi & Rhea Wadhwa (IX-E)
Documentary Screening	Mahima Narang & Pratishtha Pal (IX-D)	Simran Singh & Jhanvi Dutt (X-A)		Sakshi Rohtela & Drishti Arora (X-A)	Saksham Kukreja & Sagar Sethi (X-A)



Inculcating Reading Habits - Catching them Young



Winging Thoughts

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Team Connections organized Alumni Meet on 21 December 2014 in an unconventional way. For the alumni it was a day back to their school 'as students'. All the students along with Principal Ms. Rama Sethi, Vice Principal Ms. Alka Kher and Educational Supervisor Ms. Anupam Ganesh met at ground zero. The event began with a morning prayer conducted by Ms. Ritu Behl. Principal Ms. Rama Sethi expressed her feelings and thought on this occasion and also conducted meditation. The students entered their classes where they were taught by Ms. Alka Kher and Ms. Geeta Pathak. The students had their time of techno-learning when they also learnt through the smart boards. It was followed by the sharing of the lunch where they remembered their good old days. The friendly matches of football and cricket were also enjoyed by both the alumni and the teachers. The event came to a close with the address by our Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal who appreciated this spirit of bonhomie amongst the Ex-students and congratulated the Team Connections for organizing this memorable event. The ex-students loved to be a part of the event and enjoyed every moment of this 'make believe' school days!

## I-TECH CHALLENGE

Students of Class IX participated in I-TECH Challenge Techtronics Competition held in Amity International School Gurgaon. They interacted with teams from 16 different schools and made Robot with a gripper fitted to it. This robot was capable of picking up articles such as ball and carry it from one place to another. Their efforts were lauded and the team won participation certificates in recognition of the spirit of competitions.

## ANNUAL TEACHERS MEET BY HT

Annual teachers meet organized by Hindustan Times was held on 17 March 2015 at Hyatt Regency, wherein all Teacher Coordinators from various schools across the capital were invited. The theme of this year's annual meet was on 'yoga' and its relevance in everyday life. **Dr. Chauhan** of JIVA Institute was the Guest of Honour, who spoke about 'Stress' and various 'body types' and how the two can be harmoniously interrelated. An interactive session followed towards the end in which teachers were able to clarify their doubts about health and stress related issues. The 'Icing on the cake' was the beautiful rendition of "Saare Jahan Se achha" - by Steven Rudolph, of the JIVA Institute.

#### **HRIDAY SHAN**

## Get Active - My Fruit Funda

Get Active - My Fruit Funda - a HRIDAY SHAN activity, was conducted in three phases in our school. In first phase, a workshop was conducted for Peer Leaders explaining the importance of fruits in our daily meal. In second phase, Power Point Presentation on the importance of fruits was conducted by Peer Leaders in their respective classes. In third phase, a follow-up Questionnaire was conducted in all the classes from V to X by Hriday Shan to assess the knowledge gained by the students on ways to include fruits, quantity to be included in our meal.

nutrients and pigments present in fruits etc.

#### No More Tobacco in 21st century

Hriday Shan along with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India (MoHFW, Govt.) and Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), launched a campaign for Tobacco Control and announced Mr. Rahul Dravid, Indian Cricketer as its Ambassador, in schools of Delhi. Students of Classes VI to VIII participated in the campaign 'No More Tobacco in 21st century' through Slogan Writing on a flex board graffiti wall set up for this purpose. They put their messages and sketches to spread the awareness regarding harmful effects of tobacco. This activity was conducted in the month of Feb 2015.



Spreading awareness on harmful effects of tobacco

"To keep the body in good health is a duty...

otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear" - Buddha

### IN-SERVICE TEACHER'S TRAINING PROGRAMME

Workshops were organized in our school as part of In-service Teacher Training for teachers on January 14 & 15, 2015.

# AFFECTIVE DOMAINS IN CLASSROOM TEACHING

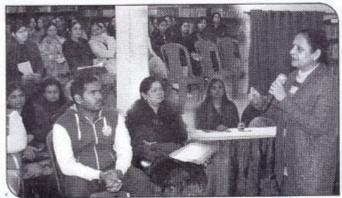
Workshop on topic 'Affective Domains in Classroom Teaching' was conducted on 14 Jan. by 'Yes I Can Solutions' organization. The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Tripti Sakhuja and Mr. Tripesh Sakhuja. The main focus of the workshop was on providing insight on how to enhance classroom teaching. They discussed about the 4c's of Affective Domain which are Connection (belongingness with the student), Capability (appreciating each child and acknowledging the diversity), Count (treating each child equally) and Courage(respect each child's feelings).



New Vistas in Classroom Teaching

# BEHAVIOURAL ISSUES AMONGST STUDENTS

The topic 'Behavioural Issues Amongst Students' was well presented by Ms. 'Anu Singh from N.I.E. (Newspaper in Education) on 14 Jan. More than 70 teachers from primary and senior wing attended the informative workshop. Ms. Singh discussed various predominant behavioural issues manifesting in a classroom, as well as their solutions. The Resource person laid stress on the basic requirements for overall development of present day students. She also briefly discussed about slow learners, how to identify them and how to deal with them through positive attitude.



Ms. Anu Singh giving tips on caring our assets

## THEATRE WORKSHOP

A Theatre Workshop was conducted on 14 Jan. by Mr. Kuljeet Singh. Mr Kuljeet emphasized on team work and on finer points of theatre presentation. Mr. Kuljeet divided the staff members into groups and each group was tasked dramatization. During dramatization Mr Kuljeet focused on the types of intonation, voice modulation, sense of liveliness and its importance. He then linked it with real teaching and learning process in the classroom. Overall it was an interesting and engaging workshop.



Teacher's imbibing the nuances of theatre from Mr. Kuljeet Singh

#### MOTIVATIONAL WORKSHOP

A Motivational Workshop, in collaboration with Pearson Education, was conducted by Mr. G. Balasubramanian on 15 Jan. The teachers (more than 120) who attended the workshop, were in full zest and zeal after the 3 hours spent listening to the motivating and knowledgeable session of Mr. Balasubramanian. He discussed interesting facts and situation in classroom management as well as their possible solutions. He also laid emphasis on traditional and modern methods of teaching. The workshop had projected interesting methods to bring positivity in classroom atmosphere, which would genuinely create wonders and facilitating the process of learning. It was an enlightening experience, wherein all the facilitators had a participative discussion and realized the inner joy of teaching with a thought provoking message of BEING A FACILITATOR NOT A TEACHER.



Mr. G. Balasubramanian - Motivating the Motivators

## A SESSION WITH MR. BARRY O'BRIEN

Language is a communication tool; its mastery is imperative for success in any endevour. Teachers help students gain proficiency in the Language. To equip the teachers and enhance their professional capability a workshop on English Language was conducted by **Mr. Barry O' Brien** at St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meerabagh on 13 Dec. 2014. The resource person stressed upon the importance in recognizing and nurturing different special qualities within children. He also impressed upon using humour; right pitch, pace and volume to control the class. A teacher being the role model for students' is required to demonstrate appropriate conduct and attitude at all times. He also imparted important tips on how to keep pace with the time and making good use of technology in teaching to the extent possible. As a parting advice Mr. Barry O' Brien conveyed that communication is the key to building good teacher-student relationship.

## TERI- SECOND CLUSTER WORKSHOP

Ten students of our school (Classes VI to VIII) participated in the Entrepreneurship and Sustainability Workshop held at DPS Vasant Kunj on 28 Jan. Our students actively participated in phase VI of project SEARCH and were applauded for showing active participation, and gave PowerPoint presentations. This was followed by the projection of movie "Bamboos Boys", which highlighted the message 'when the going gets tough, the tough gets going.' **Ms. Mridu** (founder of 'Nirvaha' organization) explained to the participants about the importance of organic products and social enterprise, facilitating them to gain in-depth understanding of Social Business Entrepreneurship. The workshop concluded with a presentation of 'Vasundhra' wherein children had made 'Chowkis' using recycled material and sold them at Rs. 500 each thereby, making the concept of 'Social Entrepreneurship' clear to the students.

## WORKSHOP CONDUCTED BY CBSE

On 16 Jan. a Workshop was conducted by CBSE on Open Text Based Assessment (OTBA). Around 15-18 teachers from different schools were invited for each subject. The teachers were divided into two groups and were asked to frame questions for both the themes of OTBA. Teachers Ms. Annie Joseph and Mr. Manoj Aggarwal represented our school for Biology and Economics respectively.

## TEACHER'S WORKSHOP AT DILLI HAAT

Our teachers attended the Macmillan Publications workshop 'Expressions' held at Dilli Haat, Janakpuri on 13 Dec. 2014. The resource person **Ms. Preeti Ahuja** stressed on the importance of English in the modern day scenario. She explained the four skills- speaking, listening, reading and writing, by citing examples and giving tasks to solve. She even explained the importance of team work and effective communication.

## **ACTIVE LEARNING WORKSHOP**

A workshop on Active Learning for primary teachers, organized by the Forum of Public Schools on 14 Feb. was attended by our teachers. **Ms. Neeru Chopra** was the resource person. The workshop emphasized that Active learning involves providing opportunities for students to meaningfully talk, listen, write, read and reflect on the content, ideas, issues and concerns of an academic subject. A technique in this regard called the AMP was explained. AMP stands for - ACTIVE MENTAL PARTICIPATION. The other points stressed were that a teacher should not just teach the subject but rather teach the student. Also a child should not be judged only by the marks he gets but rather by the effort he puts in.

## STORY TELLING WORKSHOP

A workshop on the art of story-telling was conducted by the British Council on 1 Feb. The resource person - Ms. Sarah Rundle-a professional story teller and actor based in West London, shared the magic of telling and creating stories, using our voice and body. She also gave tips, challenges and guidelines to help us create our own story-telling activities. All the participants had gained insight into what is oral story-telling, learnt the basic, but important techniques, for effective story-telling and all were encouraged to share their stories with others.

## SANSKRIT WORKSHOPS

Making Sanskrit language more appealing for the Hi Tech generation.....

Sanskrit language workshop was organized by Mount Carmel School, Dwarka on 6 Dec. 15 and was attended by two teachers from our school. The Resource person **Mr. Upender Kumar** highlighted the need for making Sanskrit language more popular

among the students. In this regard he taught various user friendly techniques for teaching this ancient Oriental language. The main stress was on problem solving so that the students are at ease with the language. The teachers benefitted immensely from this workshop.

Our Sanskrit teachers attended a Sanskrit Workshop on 30 Dec 2014 conducted by **Mr Dhananjay Shastri** at Shri Virjanand Gurukulam, in Arya Samaj Mandir, Hari Nagar. The visit was meant to familiarize them to use Sanskrit Language for word processing in MS Office and become Computer savvy. Dr. Usha Lal finding the experience useful spent an entire fortnight, upto 15 Jan 2015 gaining expertise in using 'Shree lipi' in MS Office, thus gaining proficiency in word processing, typing and teaching Sanskrit through Computers. She was given a Certificate, as a token of appreciation.

## HINDI WORKSHOP

To make Hindi language user friendly for the present day net savvy generation.....

Two teachers from our school attended Hindi language workshop organized by Pragati School, Dwarka on 6 Dec. The Resource person **Mr. Vinod Prasoon** provided tips for making Hindi language more popular among the students. He taught various user friendly techniques for teaching this Oriental language. The workshop stressed in identifying methods to solve problems of the students so that they are at ease with the language.

# ACCOUNTANCY AND BUSINESS STUDIES WORKSHOP

A workshop was conducted on changes in curriculum and paper design of Accountancy and Business Studies by Mr V. Wasan, a renowned author and academician on December 8, 2014. It was attended by Accountancy teacher Ms. Vandana Shah for professional enhancement and growth.

## **ACCOUNTANCY WORKSHOP**

A workshop in Accountancy was conducted by  $\mathbf{Dr}$ .  $\mathbf{Balbir\ Singh}$  on 25 Feb 2014 for the students of Class XII. He reviewed and summarized the important concepts and changes in Accountancy subject and gave tips to perform better in the Final Exam.

## VEDIC MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

Teachers were reintroduced to the concept of Vedic Maths when they attended a workshop on Vedic Maths in S.D.Public School on 26 Feb. The two principal resource persons **Dr. D.G. Dhall** and **Mr. S.N. Chibber** focused on various methods of multiplication, divisibility rules, operations in algebraic expressions and finding squares & square roots. The teachers found the workshop immensely beneficial.

## **BRITISH COUNCIL INTERACTIVE SESSION**

Our librarian visited British Council Library on March 19, for an interactive session with **Mr. Brain Gambles**, Director of the Library of Birmingham. Mr. Brain stressed on new models of functional library in changing times and changing communities. He elaborated the role of library from transaction to transformation, delivery to engagement and information to learning where data turns into information with the outcome of learning, knowledge and wisdom. He also laid emphasis on the role of library staff as interventionist, encourager, motivator, creative reading enthusiast and creator of contents as well. He also encouraged the Delhi Librarian Community to have a library that delivers social capital and community engagement through different examples of extension services of the library of Birmingham which serves the community as an archive, event space, corporate venue, social meeting place, business meeting place and many more. The session concluded with the vision of 21st Century library by connecting people to people, people to ideas, idea to ideas and co-producing services and events.

## MOULDING YOUNG MIND

A Programme "Moulding Young Mind" was conducted in our school by the School Counsellor **Ms. Shikha Khandpur** for students from Classes VI-VIII from 24 March 2015 – 31 March 2015. The activity aimed at providing additional impetus to students physical & mental well being and for channelizing their energies. During the one week programme students indulged in various sport activities and hobby classes such as Art, Music, Dance & Instrumental. They also attended various Life Skill classes such as Classroom etiquette, Decision making, Peer Influence etc.

## IN THE SPORTS ARENA

## **PM RALLY**

Twenty girl cadets from our school participated in Annual PM Rally held under the aegis of NCC, Delhi Directorate. 700 cadets from various schools of Delhi showcased their spectacular performances. Cadets from our school showcased their mental and physical fitness by performing the breath taking Aerobic Exercises. The highlight of this event was the ribbon dance performed by our cadets to the rhythm of the Indian tune.

The entire event was appreciated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi.

#### SCOUTS & GUIDES CAMP

The Hindustan Scouts and Guides organized State Award Camp on 17 Feb. 2015, at Rukmani Devi Public School, Rajpura Road, under the patronage of Mr. I.P. Arora, the Headquarter Commissioner of Delhi State. The Camp was very successful, memorable and morally enriching for the scouts and guides. Tanishq Bajaj of VII D was declared as the 'Best Scout of the Year'.

#### JUDO

In the CBSE National Judo Championship (2014-15) held at Shanti Niketan Vidyapeeth, Meerut from 2 to 6 Jan., Vanshika Garg of Class IX E won Bronze Medal in Below 55 kg. Girls Category and Kriti Gupta of Class XII A won Bronze Medal in above 65 Kg. Girls Category.

#### JUNIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

Neha Sharma of IV-C participated in Sports Gala 2014 at Dwarka Sports Complex and was declared winner in Singles Category (girls), under 10 yrs. She also participated in Junior Badminton Championship and won a certificate of Merit for reaching the Quarter Finals.

### **60TH NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES**

Shaurya Chikara of X-B represented our school and Delhi at the 60th National Games in the Netball, Boys Under-19 Category, held from 2-8 Jan at N.C.T of Delhi. His team stood first and won a gold medal.

#### HANDBALL

## 31ST OPEN NATIONAL SUBJUNIOR GIRLS HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Shagun Kumari (VIII-D), Nimisha Setia (VIII-B), Dhwani Kochhar (VII-E), Janvi Kalra (VII-A), Muskan Kandwal (VIII-D), Tripti Verma (VIII-D) represented Delhi in the 31st Open National Sub Junior Girls Handball Championship held at Manchariyal, Telangana from 18 Jan. to 23 Jan.15.

## PATIENCE, PERSISTENCE AND PERSEVERANCE PAYS OFF -A NEW STAR ON THE HORIZON

Cicelia Mohan Thomas represented Delhi team at 35th National Games - 2015, held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, from 31 Jan. - 6 Feb.in Women Beach Handball event, which won 1st Position, a Gold Medal. Cicelia will be awarded Rs. One lakh cash prize by the Government of India, in recognition of her achievements in the game of Handball during the past 7 years. Sixteen year old Cicelia has made St.Mark's Janakpuri family, Principal Ms. Rama Sethi and School Management proud by her winning ways. Starting at a very young age of 9 years, Cicelia has been winning consistently in many State Level Competitions. She captained the Delhi Team in the 30th Sub Junior Girls Open National Championship, the 57th, 58th & 60th National School Games. During the year 2014-15 Cecilia bagged 1st Place in the 60th National School Games held in Pitampura, New Delhi, in under 17 years Girls category. Her team also won the 1st position in the 25th Delhi State Handball Championship (Men & Women) at Pitampura, New Delhi. In her interview after her recent glorious success at Kerala, she modestly gave the entire credit to her Coach Mr. Yogesh, the School and her ever supportive parents for constantly encouraging her. Kudos to the young Icon in her journey! Cicelia has proved that "the strong survives but the Sporting Icon - Cicelia courageous triumphs" !!

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#### ASTRONOMY SPACE CLUB

#### **Hydro Rockets Launched**

Astronomy Space Club organized activities on 17 Jan and 21 Feb in school premises. Around 16 students of the space club of Classes VI – X participated in it. On 17 Jan the activity planned was launching of **Hydro-Rockets**. One of the educators from the Astronomy branch guided the students regarding the principle and working of Hydro-Rockets. Two Hydro-Rockets were launched from the school ground successfully and it covered around 200 m distance. The activity planned on 21 Feb was based on Safe Solar Observations where the students



Pursuing Rocket Science

learnt various techniques to observe Sun, such as using solar goggles, projection method etc. The students made their own pinhole projectors to see the Sun. All the students enjoyed viewing the Sun using their telescopes as well as the bigger telescope too. It was an enthralling experience for the students regarding the safe solar observation. The activity besides providing students lots of fun was very much informative too.

## SAVE ELECTRICITY

To sensitize and advocate judicious use of electricity and resources, our school started a 'Save Electricity' drive in the month of August. The students were encouraged to save electricity at home and at school and were also asked to involve their family members in this endeavour. A student from each class was awarded for topping in saving electricity. Students along with their parents were felicitated at a special function held in the month of Feb 2015. The scroll of honour included:

Ankush Goel (I-C), Ishita (II-B), Neha (III-D), Dev Khullar (IV-D), Aanya Babuta (V-E), Tushar Gupta (VI-G), Drishti Juneja (VII-F), Rohit Beer (VIII-D), Yash Nirwan (IX-A)





Appreciating a good effort

## WALK MORE DRIVE' - TERITRANSITION CAMPAIGN

As part of Teri Transition Campaign a 'Walk More Drive' was organized by our school on 23 Feb. Students of Classes IV – VIII walked from school to the nearby areas distributing pamphlets to the residents and those passing by; sensitizing everyone about benefits of walking and the importance to conserve fuels. The aim of this entire activity was to spread awareness and focus on reduction in use of fossil fuel.



## **ENGLISH PLAY COMPETITION**

Given a chance to exhibit his / her acting abilities, every child is a star. When these young talents present their masterpieces of entertainment before us, we admire and praise the liveliness, stage presence, powerful dialogues and expressions. Students of Class V gave their best at the English Play Competition organized on 6 Dec. Artists got under the skin of the characters and performed to their utmost perfection. The **Best Play Trophy** was bagged by **Class V-C** for the play **'The Canterville Ghost'**. The other plays staged were 'Jane Eyre', 'Fearless John', 'Oliver Twist', 'Julius Caesar' and 'Adventures of Tom Sawyer'. On the whole, it was a good platform for the students of Class V to showcase their dramatic and acting skills. The performers who stood out were -

Best Actor (Male) Ishabhpreet Singh (V-E) Best Actor (Female) Aratrika (V-E) Best Stage Presence Sanchi Arora (V-C) Special Prize Uday Meena (V-F)



The Canterville Ghost, V-C

Julius Caesar, V-B



Fearless John, V-A



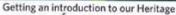
Jane Eyre, V-E



## VISIT TO JAMALI KAMALI AND OUTUB COMPLEX

Class VII students visited Jamali Kamali and Qutub Complex for Educational Excursion in co-ordination with 'ITIHAAS FOUNDATION'. Students were educated about history of Qutub Minar, Iron Pillar, Jamali Kamali by the coordinators of ITIHAAS. They participated in a lot of activities through which they were made aware of the significance of historic places.







Creativity at the Heritage Site

## VISIT TO AKHIL BHARTIYA NETRAHIN SANGH (BLIND SCHOOL)

Our school organized a visit to Akhil Bhartiya Netrahin Sangh, Raghubir Nagar for the members of Interact Club from Classes IV & V on 6 Feb. The purpose of the visit was to sensitize the students about the ways a visually challenged cope with life. The supervisor of Akhil Bhartiya Netrahin Sangh, Ms. Poonam, welcomed our students and divided them into two groups, each accompanied by a teacher of ABNS and were explained about reading (Braille) and writing methods (slate and stylus) used by school children. They were briefed about the computer education given to the visually impaired by special software JAWS 11.00 (screen reading software) with demonstration by two of their students. Students were also made to hear the listening software used by them. The visually challenged have a special taste for music- vocal and instrumental. They showcased their singing talent by singing several patriotic songs. Our students were very motivated and thanked them through a song "Together We Can Change The World". The entire visit was extremely touching and insightful. It gave our students an experience they would cherish for a long time to come.

## VISIT TO SANSKRIT GURUKULAM

Sixteen students of Class IX A and twelve students of Class X F, pursuing Sanskrit as second language, visited Shri Virjanand Gurukulam, in Arya Samaj Mandir, Hari Nagar on 02 Feb and 05 Feb respectively. They spent entire day, from 9 a.m to 5 p.m, in the Gurukulam., witnessing the activities of the inmates. They well spent the time by playing Sanskrit games, singing Sanskrit songs, reciting Bhagwad Gita slokas partaking breakfast and lunch. The students returned gaining valuable information about our rich cultural heritage.



Present meets Past - Day Scholars with Gurukulam inmates

#### VISIT TO TRAFFIC PARK

It needs no emphasis that our public road users needs to be educated about the do's and don'ts while travelling, because even those who hold valid license to drive motor vehicles are seen rampantly disregarding Traffic Rules, putting theirs as well as other road users', especially pedestrians', life in danger. Our school, as part of Road Safety Week, took 23 students from Class VIII on an excursion to Traffic Park Punjabi Bagh, on 16 Jan. The Traffic Park has a Helicopter, toy Train and Metro service to enthuse the children, so that while they take rides the important information on safe road usage for self and fellow travellers are imparted, as flex board on Traffic Rules, Signages are placed at all vantage points to catch the eyeballs of students. A lecture on road signs and traffic rules were given by a coordinator. Students understood them well to impromptu enact real life scenario while on road, depicting observance of Traffic Rules and signs, as well as the consequences when they are violated.



## **BASANT PANCHAMI**

Basant Panchami signifies the onset of spring. This day is also dedicated to Goddess Saraswati - The Goddess of Knowledge and Learning. To mark the occasion a puja was conducted on 24 January in our school. Our Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal graced the occasion. Children and staff members invoked Goddess Saraswati and sought Her blessings. As yellow colour is associated with Basant Panchami, all staff members turned up in yellow coloured attire, adding fervor to the celebration.



Invoking Goddess Saraswati

## **CHRISTMAS**

Classes I – VI celebrated **Christmas** in the school premises. Students of Class IV presented a wonderful play 'The Star of Wonder' depicting the birth of Lord Jesus in a unique and interesting way. Students sang Christmas carols, played various games and were given gifts by 'Santa Claus'. In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the whole school wore a festive look and was tastefully decorated.



Singing HIS Praises



Welcoming Jesus



## **BIDDING ADIEU**

#### Love, Laughter And Longing For The School...

The annual ritual of bidding adieu to Class XII students was held on 30 January, in a colorful and inspiring ambience. The soon to be alumni were accorded a royal treatment. Prior to the Farewell Party a Citation Ceremony took place wherein 12 outgoing students were given apt titles, and they passed on the light of 'Loyalty, Truth and Honor' by lighting the candles. A Power Point Presentation with melodious background score took students down the memory lane. It was a nostalgic moment for the students to once again re-live their journey from childhood to teenage. The Head Boy and The Head Girl spoke about their experiences and thanked the school for bringing the best out of them. The gathering was addressed by the Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal who blessed the students and wished them all the best for their exams. Inspiring messages were also given by the Principal Ms. Rama Sethi, Vice Principal Ms. Alka Kher and respective class teachers. A sumptuous feast and dance on foot tapping numbers kept the party alive till late evening.



Being at Crossroad does not dampen 'OUR' Happiness

#### ST. MARKS BONDS WITH BHUTAN

As part of expanding Global Collaboration - through Educational and Cultural Exchange Programme, St. Marks has joined hands with Bhutan-the land of pristine beauty and innocence. **Ms. Archana Tyagi**, our Global Project Co-ordinator, was instrumental in getting support for this project from the members of Ministry of Education, Royal Government of Bhutan, Ms. Kezang Choden Dorji, Director, Department of Curriculum, Research & Development and Mr. Karma Tenzin, Chief Program Officer, Scouts Division, Department of Youth and Sports. Besides bringing closer bonding between two neighbouring countries, this collaborative venture between two oriental civilizations has a vision to provide a platform for our students and students from our partner school Yangchenphug Higher Secondary School, Thimphu, which was established in 1965. This platform is expected to provide cerebral, geographical and cultural growth of students of both the schools. Ms. Archana Tyagi visited Bhutan and presented a memento and a letter of collaboration between the two institutions to Vice Principal Ms. Sita Pradhan and to the Exchange Program Coordinator Ms. Thinley Lhazom, thus giving birth to a new and exciting era of love and friendship.





Winners of Declamation and Debate Competition



Whiz Kids Winners - Class III



Whiz Kids Winners - Class IV



Whiz Kids Winners - Class V



Creative Writing Winners - Class III



Creative Writing Winners - Class IV





Maxx English Wizard Winners - Juniors



Maxx English Wizard Winners - Seniors



GK Quiz Winners - Classes I & II



GK Quiz Winners - Classes III, IV & V



Solo Singing Winners-Class II



Solo Singing Winners -Class I



## PICTURE GALLERY



Triumphant Handball Team



Astronomy Club activity



Eating Right - Class Assembly (I-C)



Team Work - Class Assembly (I-D)



