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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

A string of achievements and spirit of sheer joie de vivre were the hallmark of this session. Another year gone, the session over and time to say 'Best of luck' to the outgoing batch. Time to review our performance, time for introspection and reflection. It was indeed a fruitful academic session with lots of activities, seminars and competitions but then there is always room for improvement and we, in our institution, are always making endeavour to better our previous performance and excel, not resting on our laurels. With a promise that we would continue with our efforts year after year, we are thankful for the encouragement and support extended by one and all.

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THE RACE

*A children's race - young boys, young men -
How I remember well.
Excitement, sure ! But also fear;
It wasn't hard to tell.*

*They all lined up so full of hope
Each thought to win that race.
Or tie for first, or if not that,
At least take second place.*

*And fathers watched from off the side
Each cheering for his son.
And each boy hoped to show his dad
That he would be the one.*

*The whistle blew and off they went !
Young hearts and hopes afire.
To win and be the hero there
Was each young boy's desire.*

*And one boy in particular
Whose dad was in the crowd
Was running near the lead and thought !
"My dad will be so proud !"*

*But as he speeded down the field
Across a shallow dip.
The little boy who thought to win
Lost his step and slipped.*

*Trying hard to catch himself
His hands flew out to brace.
And mid the laughter of the crowd
He fell flat on his face.*

*So down he fell and with him hope
- He could not win it now -
Embarrassed, sad, he only wished
To disappear somehow.*

*But as he fell his dad stood up
And showed his anxious face,
Which to the boy so clearly said :
"Get up and win the race" !*

*"With borrowed will get up," it said,
"You have not lost at all.
For winning is no more than this :
To rise each time you fall."*

*Three times he'd fallen, stumbling :
Three times he rose again :
Too far behind to hope to win
He still ran to the end.*

*And when the fallen youngster
Crossed the line last place.
The crowd gave him a great cheer.
For finishing the race.*

*And to his dad he sadly said,
"I didn't do too well."
"To me, you won." His father said.
"You rose each time you fell."*

*And when things seem dark and hard
And difficult to face,
The memory of that little boy
Helps me in my race.*

*For all of life is like that race
With ups and downs and all
And all you have to do to win,
Is rise each time you fall.*

*"Quit ! Give up, you're beaten !"
They still shout in my face.
But another voice within me says :
"Get up and win the race !"*

—D.H. Groberg

HAPPENINGS

CELEBRATIONS

Christmas was celebrated with a spirit of joy and fun on 24 Dec. both by juniors and seniors. Juniors enjoyed their Christmas parties at class level while seniors were enthralled by the performances of the participants in Western dance competition organised for the day.



Any gift for me Santa Clause! Children enjoying Christmas celebrations.



Time to sing & dance : Winners of the first prize presenting their item.

SMS FETE

On 4 & 5 Jan. 2002 a grand Fete was organised to welcome the new year enthusiastically. Many stalls of fun-filled games to test the skill and accuracy of the students were put up. The bountiful gifts lured them again & again to beat the cold foggy morning. There were many hot, mouthwatering eatables which were irresistible. The crowning glory of the event was the lucky draw, with many wonderful prizes on both the days.

The prizes & the names of their winners are as follows :

On 4 Jan. 2002

Prizes

- 1) Set of 18 CDS
- 2) 30 KG of tea leave
- 3) Pair of silver glasses

Name of winners

Kanishk
Kartavya
Divya V.

Consolation prizes

- 1) Camera
- 2) Set of dinner table mats
- 3) Toaster

Zoya
Abhinav
Megha

On 5 Jan. 2002

- 1) Geyser
- 2) Computer table with chair
- 3) Study table with chair

Simardeep
Abhishek
Megha

Consolation prizes

- 1) Pearl String with gold pendant
- 2) Dinner set
- 3) Set of non-stick kitchen ware
- 4) 5 video cassettes
- 5) Cutlery set

Pooja
Paridhi
Noopur
Shashank
Sonal



Hands full ! : Winner of the first prize of luckydraw



Children having a blast in the grand SMS Fete : titled 'All the best'.

The prizes were given away by the Director Mrs. Anjali Aggarwal, Manager Mr. L. K. Rai, Principal Mrs. Midha, Vice Principal Mrs. P. Arora and Headmistress Mrs. A. Kher. The two days were full of fun & excitement.

SMS, Janakpuri celebrated its 27 Foundation Day with great zeal and enthusiasm on 7th January. A colourful cultural show was presented on the occasion. The function started with hoisting of the school flag by the Director of the school Mrs. Anjali Aggarwal in the presence of special guests Mr. Rahul Aggarwal & Manager Mr. L. K. Rai. Principal Mrs. M.M. Midha in her speech presented a glimpse of glorious past of the school throwing light on the achievements of the school in academics as well as in co-curricular activities.



Singing school song in unison : A view of celebration of our Foundation Day.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The republic day celebrations of SMS, Janakpuri were held on 25 Jan. 2002.

The Chief Guest on this occasion was the Director Mrs. Anjali Aggarwal, who unfurled the National tricolour along with the Manager Mr. L. K. Rai.

The function started with the Principal's speech followed by the colourful dance performance

'Pushpanjali' by the primary class students. Next came lovely patriotic song, followed by dance ballet depicting India's unity in diversity aptly titled "Ma Tujhe Salam".

On this occasion Mrs. Anjali Aggarwal advised the students to follow the path of righteousness and hardwork overcoming all the odds which come in their way —

and to chalk out one's own path. Manager Mr. L.K. Rai stressed upon the significance of our tricolour and the virtue of hardwork.

In the end the vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. P. Arora she thanked the teachers & students for their wonderful presentation.

Over all the Republic Day function ended on a great enthusiastic note.

STAFF PICNIC



Letting their hair down for once : teachers enjoying themselves.

It was a day out for the staff members of SMS, Janakpuri as they were taken to the lush green farm house away from the humdrum of the city on 2 Feb. 2002. Teachers took a break from their usual routine. They enjoyed the games, the food and music and dance session.

FAREWELL PARTY

Students of class XI hosted a farewell party for class XII. The farewell had a ceremonial start with the Office Bearers of class XII handing over their charges to their class XI counterparts. It was followed by colourful items, which concluded with the thumping, zestful Gidda and Bhangra. Class XI students had organised interesting games for



Time to say farewell : Winners of the coveted titles alongwith distinguished guests.

class XII students. The programme came to its grand finale with the much awaited and prestigious event of the day, Class XII contesting for the most coveted titles of Mr. and Ms. SMS - Bhavuk Arora and Dipti Kohli bagged these titles. Chandan won Mr. Personality title and Upasana won Ms. Personality. Saurabh and Vineeta bagged Mr. & Ms. Popular respectively.

SCIENCE SEMINAR

SMS, Janakpuri organised a seminar on "Effective science teaching" on 12 Jan. 2002. The

seminar was conducted by Mr. Dhiren M. Joshi, author of several science books and an eminent



Science Seminar in progress : Mr. Dhiren M. Joshi addressing the gathering.

scholar. The Seminar aimed at teaching science using group activities which are recreational and interesting making learning an extremely meaningful and joyous process. The Manager Mr. L.K. Rai welcomed the guest and the teachers from various schools such as New Era, S.S. Mota Singh, Adarsh Public School and other St. Mark's branches to the seminar. The entire workshop was highly interactive with inquisitive with active participation of the Principal Mrs. M. M. Midha, Headmistress Mrs. Alka Kher and the coordinator Mrs. Neeru Sabharwal as well.

HRIDAY - SHAN

An Intra School poetry/story writing competition for junior age level and essay writing competition for senior age level in 100 participating public schools was conducted by Hriday - Shan. The topics covered the areas such as Diet, Nutrition, Physical activity and Tobacco Avoidance. Priyanka Bhaktiani of

class XI-B was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 750/- for winning the 3rd prize.

December 15, 2001

Hriday - Shan alongwith WHO, organised Intra-school and Inter School Poster Making Competition, on various environmental themes, for junior age level (VI-VII). The

school received sum of Rs. 1000/- for conducting this intra-school competition. All the entries were sent to Hriday, for evaluation at inter-school level along with the two best entries adjudged at school. Shubra Aggarwal of VII-G and Debashree Dutt of VII-G won the 1st and 2nd prizes at Inter-school level.

SMS, Janakpuri presented a community out-reach programme under Hriday-Shan project on 31 January. The programme aimed at bringing an awareness about proper health and its close relation with clean environment, through a street play presented by class IX students Ashish, Basant, Neha, Tanvi, Ridhima, Rohan & Seema and a rally in Possangipur market and residential area of Janakpuri. The rally consisting of around 30 students of classes VII, VIII and IX classes was flagged off by the Manager Mr. L.K. Rai, Principal Mrs. M.M. Midha, Vice Principal Mrs. P. Arora and Headmistress Mrs. Alka Kher. Their presence encouraged the students who marched off



Bringing awareness through entertainment.

carrying banners and posters to relay the message of good health factors. The students were accompanied by the teacher coordinators Mrs. Anupam Ganesh, Mrs. Archana Tyagi, Mrs. Manju, Mrs. Bist & Mr. Gautam. Packets of glucose biscuits, source of energy, were distributed as refreshment to the cheering crowd.

The positive feed back obtained from the viewers encouraged the children to take part in such community based programmes.

PROJECT SUSTANENCE (PURCHASING FOR A NOBLE CAUSE)

Under the project "Sustanence" the Interact Club of SMS, Janakpuri invited two spastic societies on 9 November to exhibit their hand made Diwali decoratives and household stuff. This step to encourage those talented kids was a great success. Items exhibited were many. From Diyas to candles, from cards to folders, from showpieces to masalas, they had every-thing. The exhibition was graced by the presence of Rtn. Mr. L.K. Rai, Principal Mrs. Midha, Vice Principal Mrs. P. Arora and Headmistress Mrs. A. Kher. The response was marvellous as all the items were sold pronto in just 3 hours. Both the societies — Prerna Niketan Sangh and Muskan were filled with excitement seeing the response of the students and they went away with a wonderful smile on their faces with not a single item left unsold. The students were also extremely happy making the purchases and in a way helping these societies in their growth. It was really a great honour for the Interact Club to help these societies. Undoubtedly, it was another feather added to the cap of Interact Club of SMS, Janakpuri.



All for a cause : exhibition cum sale under the banner of Muskaan, organised by interactors.

INDUCTION CEREMONY (INTERACT CLUB)

The induction ceremony of the interactors of Interact Club of SMS, Janakpuri was held on 5 November in the conference room of the school premises. New President of Rotary Club of Delhi Janak Distt. 3010 Rtn. Dr. Mattu, Rtn. T.P. Aggarwal, Rtn. L.K. Rai, Principal Mrs. Midha, Vice Principal Mrs. Arora graced the occasion and inducted the enthusiastic interactors. Various projects to be undertaken in the coming months for the year 2001-2002 were discussed. The very first project to be taken up by the Interact Club was named "Sustenance" under which a school for the blind in Raghbir Nagar has been adopted and the Interact Club plans to visit the centre and fulfill their monthly requirements. The interactors pledged that they would perform their duties with utmost sincerity and dedication and would be active participants in all endeavours. The ceremony ended with words of encouragement from Rtn. Dr. Mattu and Rtn. Mr. L.K. Rai.



Ready to shoulder social responsibilities :
Induction ceremony of the office bearers of
Interact club in progress.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

A sports meet was organised for Classes I to V on 18th Dec. 2001 in the school premises. The meet was graced by the Manager Mr. L.K. Rai, the Principal, Vice Principal and the Headmistress of the School. The meet started with a Dumbbell-drill by students of class V. Events were held for each class where the winners were awarded medals. 'The Best Athlete' trophy for boys went to Ankit Sawhney of class V-E and for girls to Kanchi of class V-D.

The 'Best House Trophy' was won by Nehru House while the runners up trophy was bagged by Gandhi House.

There was a special race for the primary section teachers.

PROJECT SUSTANENCE (VISIT TO SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND)

Under the project "Sustenance" the members of Interact Club of SMS, Janakpuri went to Andh Maha Vidyala, Raghbir Nagar on 7 Nov. The objective of the project is that while imparting academic knowledge and providing a balanced physical, mental and emotional growth to students, the value of inculcating sensitivity and empathy towards less fortunate can't be ignored. The interactors provided the students with packets containing articles of daily use such as combs, soaps and toothbrushes contributed by the students of classes X, XI and XII. Sweets were also distributed on the occasion of Diwali. The interactors were accompanied by Chairman and Rtn. Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, President Rtn. Dr. Mattu, Rtn. Mr. L.K. Rai, Principal Mrs. Midha and teachers in-charge Mrs. Rosy Marwah and Mrs. Monika Uppal. The students may be blind but they study in normal classes and sing songs. Their vocal and artistic talents were commendable. It was truly a touching experience as the personal touch of the interactors made those students more enthusiastic and full of life.



We care for you : Our Chairman & Chartered President
Mr. T.P. Aggarwal giving gifts to the students.



Winners of an event held on junior Athletic Meet.

Shruti Khatana & Anu Sindhwani along with the Principal, Vice principal, Headmistress & teacher-in-charge Mrs. Bhatia.

ST. MARK'S SCHOOL, JANAKPURI BAGS MS-ELAN 2002 CROWN

"I think I have the looks, the brains, the attitude, the talent and the overall potential to wear the prestigious crown. I believe in competitive spirit, competing with other equally talented contestants and then above all believing in myself and putting my best foot forward."

Indeed, The confident words of Deeksha Sharma, student of St. Mark's, Janakpuri who won the prestigious Ms Elan 2002 title at the Mr & Ms Elan 2002 Personality Contest held on Jan. 6 at Convention Hall, Ashok Hotel. Jubilant principal, Mrs M. M. Midha was all praise for her. Right from class III she has been coming home victorious and she has done the school proud on many occasions. Be it a debate competition, essay writing contest, extempore or a model in science, Deeksha's name has shone on the firmament of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri.

Like any other teenager, Deeksha is an avid Harry Potter fan and loves to freak out with her friends and dance to the tunes of Indi-Pop. She loves to wear khakis with cool T-shirts, eat out in the best of Italian restaurants and drink lassi.

Setting her apart from the crowd is her strong vision and sincerity towards life's approach. Aspiring to be a successful surgeon she draws strength from Kiran Bedi, Diana Hayden and her own mother.



Deeksha Sharma : Winner of the coveted title Miss Elan with Manager Mr. L. K. Rai, Principal Mrs. Midha, Vice-principal, Mrs. Arora, Headmistress Mrs. Kher alongwith teachers-in-charge.

THROUGH LENSES



Nurturing nature; the young members of 'Vasudha' with Principal Mrs. M.M. Midha, Headmistress Mrs. Alka Kher and their teachers.



Students attending career counselling session organized by Wigan & Leigh college.



Fun and gaiety all the way : teachers presenting gidha on Children's Day.



Teachers presenting the play : Sunday costs five pesos.