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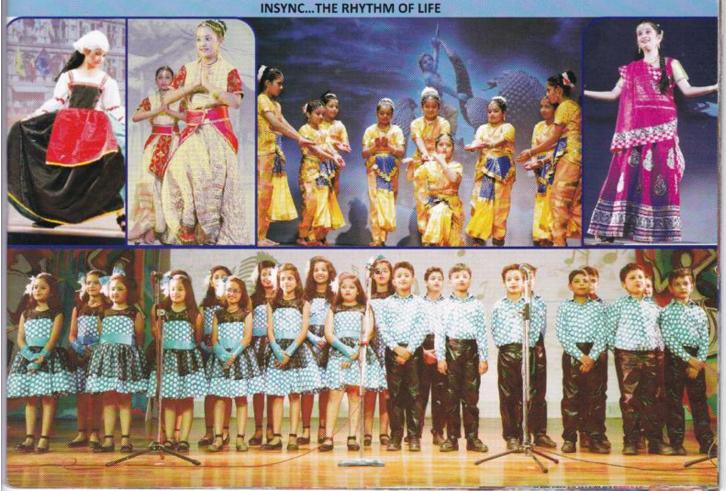
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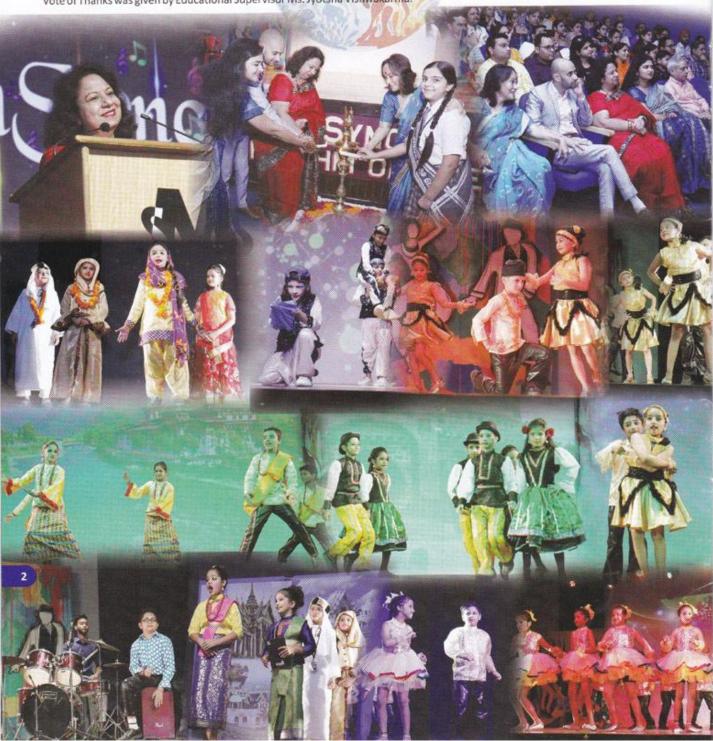
# **EDITORIAL**

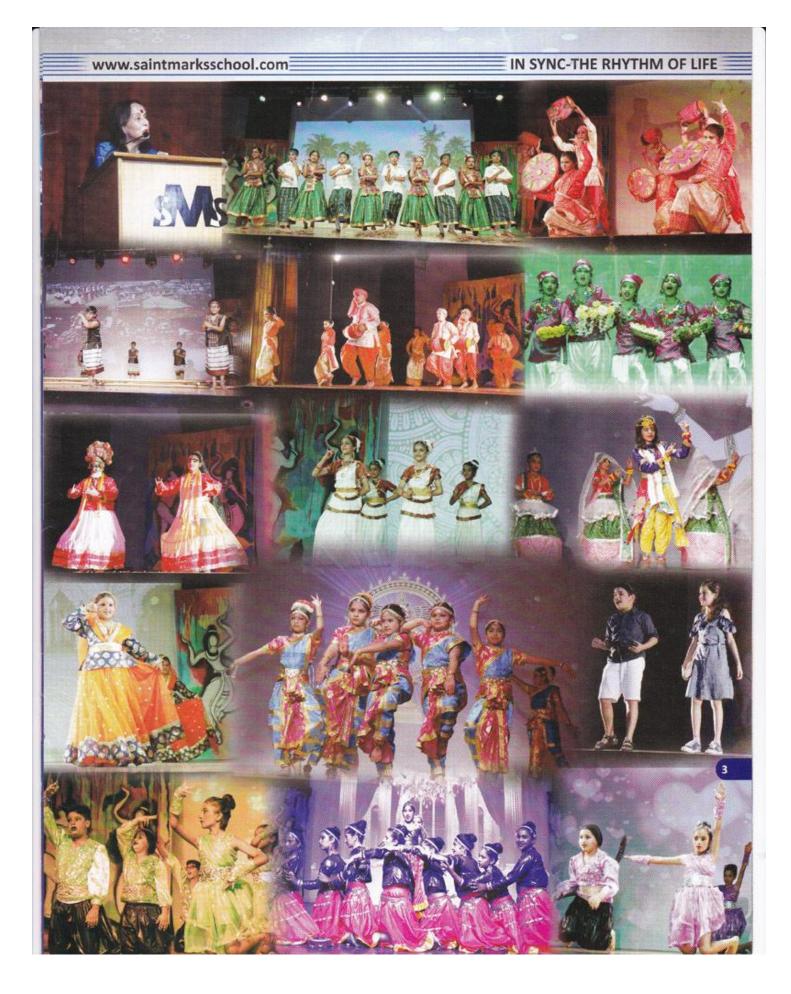
The constant vigilance and preparedness to work is the price we have to pay for success in life. Nothing worthwhile is ever easy. Work is a privilege and a pleasure, the idleness is a luxury that no one can afford. Afterall, man, in the first place, came into being for work and labour. He, like steel, shines in use and rusts in rest. Action and activity are the law of nature. Great degree of satisfaction can only be derived when one achieves through the sweat of his brow. The fruit of such labour is bound to be only and solely sweet.



# **INSYNC...THE RHYTHM OF LIFE**

There's a quest to embark on a journey inside all of us. We were born with it. It's sewn into the fabric of our souls. Parents of Classes III, IV and V were taken on a journey across India and abroad by their wards, who gave a scintillating performance of classical, modern and folk dances drawn from various states of India and foreign land during the cultural programme 'Insync... The Rhythm of Life' staged at St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh Auditorium, on 19 October. Around 400 students staged the performance, which included 8 Classical dance forms of India and folk dances of Kashmir, Rajasthan, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Bengal, Assam, Mizoram, Kerala, Bhutan, Poland and Belgium. A few other modern dance forms- twist, salsa, hip-hop, belly dance and contemporary were also presented. The programme was set in motion by the melodious song sung by the school choir. The occasion was graced by the School Director, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal and School Manager, Mr. Rahul Aggarwal. School Principal, Ms. Alka Kher welcomed all the distinguished guests and parents. Parents appreciated the efforts put in by the students and the teachers who mentored them. The Vote of Thanks was given by Educational Supervisor Ms. Jyotsna Vishwakarma.





# SMS-ON THE SPOT PAINTING COMPETITION

Our school organized 20th Annual Inter School On The Spot Painting Competition on 19 November successfully this year. The event received an overwhelming response with the participation of over 50 schools across Delhi. Sh. Mohinder K. Puri, an eminent and renowned artist graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He has received lifetime recognition for contribution to Indian Contemporary Art and has also been a recipient of various awards like National Academy Award, Senior Fellowship by Ministry of Culture and Sahitya Kala Parishad Award. Our Director, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal felicitated the distinguished guest. She encouraged the young artists to express themselves freely and declared the painting competition open. Vice-Principal, Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia welcomed the august gathering, and talked about how the medium of art allows the young minds to explore their own thoughts and imagination. She also reminded us that the year 1999 marked the beginning of this beautiful journey in our school and how this event has grown with time, especially, when in 2016, the school had taken the competition to an international level. This year too, the school took the legacy forward and received online entries from countries like Poland, Czech Republic, Spain, Philippines and others. The international presence was warmly appreciated, which was witnessed by our delegates from Netherlands, Mr. Niek Bogaard and Mr. Ronald de Knegt. Artists Mr. Nitin Kant, who is the recipient of the prestigious Sahitya Kala Parishad Award and Mr. Tutu Pattnaik, who has won the 'AIFACS' Award, Vice Chancellor Award, Lalit Academy Award, were the esteemed judges for the event. The Chief Guest along with the judges gave their trademark strokes as remembrance for the grand event. Everyone, including the guests and participants from various schools, appreciated the efforts put in by the Management and Staff in organizing the event.



# **CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

A student exchange programme is one which not only unites two school groups but also leads to discovering the beautiful cultures of the two countries. Exchange of Cultures makes us more inclusive. The thinking and interpretation of the world outside alters and reshapes itself positively in their eyes and mind. It broadens the horizon, thereby, opening frontiers, hitherto unknown to them. Keeping that in mind, our school continues to help our children explore the outside world by providing them opportunities for various educational and cultural exchange programmes.

#### INDIA-SPAIN

A group of 12 students from IES Vecindario, Gran Canaria, Spain, accompanied by School's Vice-Principal, Ms. Angeles Cabrera and their Administration Head, Mr. Miguel Esparza; visited our School from 30 September to 10 October. During their visit, the delegates spent a lot of time in New Delhi, exploring various places of significance like Lotus Temple, Birla Mandir, Bangla Sahib, Agrasen Ki Baowli etc. Apart from their visit in and around New Delhi, they visited Agra, to see the beauty of Taj Mahal, as well as visited Jaipur, to see the City Palace, Amber Fort, Jal Mahal, Chokhi Dhani and the beautiful art village of Sanganer. While at our School, the delegates attended various classes that were organized by the school, like art, dance, sports, cookery and language. A cultural programme consisting of beautiful dance and music presentations was organized where our School Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, welcomed the group. Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal also graced the occasion. The visiting delegates gave a presentation on their culture. Our Principal, Ms. Alka Kher, gave Vote of Thanks to all the participating members of the exchange for making it a huge success. This exchange was culturally enriching for the members of both groups, the Spanish as well as the Indian students.



# INDIA- CZECH REPUBLIC CULTURAL EXCHANGE

## VISITING CZECH REPUBLIC

A twelve-member delegation led by Vice Principal Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia alongwith Teacher Coordinator Ms. Archana Puri and ten students - Amandeep Singh XI A, Narinder Pal Singh XI C, Akshit Anand XI C, Himanshu Nagpal XI D, Dev Solanki XI E, Yukti Ahuja XI E, Vansh Sharma XI F, Riddhi Das XII A, Nikhil Kapoor XII C and Keshav Mahna XII F visited the Stredni Zdravotnicka Skola, Pardubice, Czech Republic from 4 to 14 October. Our delegates were accorded a warm welcome by Principal Ms. Monika Maslova. They had an exciting day at school giving presentations, performing the folk dance Bhangra and attending Nursing and English language classes. Being part of their Sports Afternoon gave our student delegates an opportunity to learn and enjoy Kinball- a team sport. They also witnessed a scintillating Flying Acrobatics performance by one of the Czech students. The group undertook a guided tour of the Kuks Hospital which houses the original Baroque pharmacy from the 18th century, an ancient Herb Garden and allegories of Virtues and Vices sculpted by renowned artists. The teachers and students of both the schools created an atmosphere of bonhomie in the classroom, where the students of both nationalities taught and learnt each other's native languages. The evenings were spent understanding their lifestyle and enjoying the hospitality of the host families. Visiting Prague is the main attraction in the itinerary when in Czech Republic. The group explored the historical city of Prague witnessing the changing of the royal guards at Prague Castle, a boat ride along the river VItava, the enormous Astronomical Clock and capturing beautiful views from the famous Charles Bridge. The last two days of the educational trip were spent exploring Budapest - the capital of Hungary. The delegation toured the most fascinating and popular sights of the ancient city - St.Stephen's Basilica, Buda Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church and Heroes Square. Watching the city illuminated at night from the cruise across the Danube river was mesmerizing. Overall, the India -Czech Republic educational and cultural exchange program taught our students integration into another family and led to development of life-long friendships, fostering an appreciation of home and family.



### **HOSTING CZECHS**

"In diversity there is beauty and there is strength." - Maya Angelou

Cultural differences between countries do not separate us from each other, but rather cultural diversity brings a collective strength that can benefit all of us. Believing in this ideology, we at St. Mark's School Janakpuri accorded a warm traditional welcome to the student-teacher delegation from Stredni Zdravotnicka Skola, Pardubice, Czech Republic. Our Chairman Mr.T.P. Aggarwal presided over the event and the school mementos were presented to the guests. Vice Principal Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia and Educational Supervisor (Primary) Ms. Jyotsna Vishwakarma also extended a warm welcome to the Teacher Coordinators- Ms. Ivana Hornikova, Ms. Pavla Berankova and the seven Czech students. The Czech students gave PowerPoint presentations to acquaint us with their country and school. Students of our junior wing presented a short cultural programme. Reliving the wonderful time we spent together in Pardubice, our students too presented a beautiful photo-story of those precious moments. Our guests took a school tour, meeting the faculty and getting a glimpse into our education system. They attended yoga, meditation, music, dance, art and sports classes as well. Out for Dilli Darshan, our friends from Czech Republic couldn't help falling in love with Delhi with its historic lineage coupled with modernity. They enjoyed visiting Qutub Minar, India Gate, Bangla Sahib Gurdwara, Agrasen ki Baoli, Lotus Temple and Dilli Haat. They indulged in shopping of Indian tea, spices, handicrafts, etc. They had a glimpse of rural India too when they accompanied Class XII on a picnic to Pratapgarh farms. Also our guests from the Czech Republic visited Agra . "Perfect symmetry, a beautiful love story and throngs of people... there's nothing quite like the Majestic Taj Mahal!"...is what they said. Goodbyes are not forever Goodbyes are not the end. It simply means we'll miss you until we meet again. So, it was time to bid farewell to our students-teacher delegation from Czech Republic. Our Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal awarded certificates to all the students and teachers who were part of the India-Czech Exchange Programme. Our Czech friends gave presentations and also performed a lively folk dance of their country. It was an evening of fun n frolic as everyone enjoyed a number of games followed by potluck dinner. Vice Principal Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia and Czech Teacher Coordinator Ms. Ivana Hornikova spoke about all the lovely memories made during the exchange and wished this bond of friendship to further strengthen in the coming years.



### INDIA - NETHERLANDS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

The beginning of alliance between St. Mark's Janak Puri and Comenius College, Lijstersingel began with the welcoming of Mr. Nicolaas and Mr. Ronald to our school. This cultural and educational exchange programme between St. Mark's School, Janak Puri, New Delhi, India and Comenius College, Lijstersingel, The Netherlands was started in 2018. Mr. Nicolaas Wilhelmus Maria Quirinus Boggard and Mr. Ronald de Knegt visited us for a 5-day stay in Delhi to set up the India-Netherlands Cultural Exchange Program. A traditional welcome was accorded to the guests and momentos were given by our Chairman Mr. TP Aggarwal, Director Ms Anjali Aggarwal and Vice Principal Ms Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia. A PowerPoint presentation was given to provide them a brief glimpse into the educational journey at St Marks, Janak Puri. They were taken for a school tour to enable better understanding of Indian educational system. Our guests also went for Delhi tour visiting places of historic and religious importance and enjoyed Indian hospitality. They also took the opportunity to be a part of our Annual On The Spot Painting Competition. We hope that the India-Netherlands exchange initiated this year will strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two schools and will continue to be a success year after year.



## SCHOOL ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

The School Enterprise Challenge is a global business start-up Awards Programme run by the educational charity Teach A Man To Fish. The competition supports teachers and students to work together to plan and launch a profitable business which also creates a positive social and environmental impact.27 young enthusiastic entrepreneurs of Class XI from our School, headed by the Principal Ms. Alka Kher, started a business venture 'ECO THREADS'. For the session 2018-19, Eco Threads Venture introduced a new product to their existing product line i.e. Customised T-Shirts. 27 more young entrepreneurs from present Class XI joined this year and the entire team of 54 students enthusiastically raised funds for their business through reward based crowd funding. The first meet for the business started with the group discussions held by the subject teachers with the students making them understand the significance of this business venture in their commerce based subjects followed by division of the students into various departments, mentoring sessions by the previous year members and having interactive sessions with our potential customers as well as parents. In today's era, networking and connectivity plays a very integral role in spreading know how of any business and exchanging ideas for further growth. Keeping this in mind, the student heads along with the Lead Teachers Ms. Monika Uppal and Ms. Shubham Arora participated in the Skype Session with eight other schools on 13 July 2018. It was an engrossing and enriching experience for the students as well as the teachers. It is a matter of great pride that the hard work, dedication and will to succeed on the part of our students, ably supported by the Principal and the teachers has been acknowledged by the global body and our School Enterprise Challenge Team has been bestowed with the Gold Level Award for setting up and successfully running the business venture 'Eco Threads' for the year 2018-19. All the students as well as the Principal along with the teacher coordinators were awarded Gold Level Certificate. Principal Ms. Alka Kher and Vice Principal Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia gave one T-shirt each to the students as a reward for their efforts.



### MICRO LEVEL GOVERNANCE

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. - Warren Bennis

The Investiture Ceremony of our school was held with grandeur and ceremonial dignity on 01 October, when newly selected office bearers from Classes V, IX and XI took pledge to hold the school motto of 'Loyalty, Truth and Honour' in high esteem. The event was presided over by our School Chairman Mr. TP Aggarwal and School Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal. The ceremony commenced with hoisting of the school flag followed by the school song. The office bearers were pinned badges by the dignitaries along with the Principal Ms. Alka Kher, Vice Principal Mrs. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia and Educational Supervisor (Primary) Ms. Jyotsna Vishwakarma. Mr. Rahul Aggarwal congratulated the office bearers and advised them to be impartial and honest while discharging their responsibilities. He also exhorted them to uphold the values and develop into good citizens of the country. Principal Ms. Alka Kher also appreciated and congratulated them. She reminded them that with position comes responsibility towards themselves, their school and peers. She advised them to be role models and make sincere efforts to ensure discipline in the school. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

Vice Head Boy: Shouryya Veer Monga XI B

Vice Head Girl: Aayushi Jain XI C

Vice School Captains: Chaitanya Sharma XI A , Tiya Sharma XI F Vice Sports Captains: Aman Bhalla XI A ,Ananya Gupta XI F

Vice House Captains: Tushar Sethi XI C (Gandhi ), Ananya Tiwari XI C ( Nehru ), Raashee Babbar XI E ( Shastri ), Komal

Sachdeva XI D (Patel)

Vice Discipline Incharges: Nishita Yadav XI C, Tanisha Kapoor XI A, Shivek Sethi XI E, Sarthak Goyal XI B, Mridul Aggarwal XI F,

Kashish Goyal XI D, Dhruv Sharma XI B

Discipline Incharges: Akshita Kumar IX A, Ayas Kumar Rungta IX B, Hardik Mehta IX C, Suhani IX D, Saina Bajaj IX E, Akshat

Sachdeva IX F, Ansh Girdhar IX G

PRIMARY

Junior Head Boy: Lakshay Sharma V F Junior Head Girl: Anika Dewan V A

Junior Discipline Incharges: Kaustabh V A, Ayushi V A, Khwahish Makkar V B, Navya Dewan V B, Ipshita Malik V C, Kartik Chawla

V C, Vanya Sharma V D, Sainaman Prashar V D, Aastha Yadav V E, Pranjal Jindal V E



# "The biggest reward for a thing well done is to have done it." Voltaire

### JUDO

CBSE Judo Championship (Delhi region) was held from 4 to 7 October in Lilawati Vidyamandir Sr. Sec. School. It's a matter of great pride that three of our judokas not only won prizes in the Delhi Regional Championship but were also selected for the National level Competition. The prizes they won in the Delhi region Championship were:

Under 11 yrs category Nidhi Kashyap, V C - I Prize Under 17 yrs category Mudra Rawat, XI C - II Prize Under 19 yrs category

Saumya Virmani, XII D - II Prize

A feather in the cap of we St. Markians as **Nidhi Kashyap** was also adjudged the 'Best Judo Player' in the Under 11 yrs girls category.

In CBSE National Judo Competition held at Asha Modern School, Saharanpur (U.P) from 18 to 22 November, Mudra Rawat bagged the Bronze medal in the Under 17 yrs girls category.

Interzonal Judo Competition was held in Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School, Badli in the months of October – November. Saumya Virmani, XII D and Aditya Tanwar, VIII A won Bronze medals in the Under 19 yrs girls and Under 14 yrs boys category respectively.

Our judokas also won medals in **Aadharshila Interschool Judo Tournament** held at Aadharshila Vidyapeeth, Pitampura, on 28 Sept. Kanika VII A and Paras Sukhija VII D won Silver medal. Nidhi Kashyap V C, Manyata and Sanskriti VII C and Liyansh VII E won Bronze medal.





### HANDBALL

Sub Junior Open National Tournament was held in Uttarakhand from 9 October to 13 October. Team Delhi secured 3rd position. The following students of our school were part of the team:

Shruti Kandwal, XI-F

Khushi Kandwal, XI-F

Shagun Shukla, X-A

Bhumi Chand, VIII-C

Vidhi Goyal, VIII-D

Gungun, VII-B

Payal Bhattacharya, X-E

Our school participated in CBSE Handball Tournament held at Lovely Public School, Ghaziabad which was held from 10 October to 12 October. Our school secured 1st position in Senior Girls category and secured 2nd position in Junior Girls and Senior boys category. The team members were:

#### Senior Girls:

Shruti Kandwal, XI-F Sania Singh, XI-C Anshika, VII-E

Junior Girls:

Gungun, VII-B Deepali Sharma, VI-F Senior Boys:

Bhumi Chand, VIII-C

Tushar Mahna, XI-D Vaibhav Bahl, XI-D

Ankush, IX-E

Devansh Sharma XI-C

Ananya Gupta , XI-F Yamini Solanki, XI-A

Parnavi, VI-F

Vidhi Goyal, VIII-D Vedika, VII-B Ananya Bhalla, VII-B

Chayan Sehgal , XI-D Abhishek Thakur, IX-C

Ishaan, X-E

Khushi Kandwal, XI-F Janvi Kalra, XII-F

Raashee, XI-E

Tushali Kakar, VIII-C Tanya Chaudhary, IX-E Yashasvi Solanki, VII-D

Riyansh Prakash, XI-B Raj Singh, XI - E Uday, X-E Shagun Shukla, X-A Disha Meena, IX-B

Payal Bhattacharya, X-E

Sejal, VI-F Eva, IX-B

Shalini, IX-D

Dhruv Sharma, XI-B Ansh Rajput, IX-D Sourav, IX-B





Shruti Kandwal was declared the 'Best Player' in Senior girls and Ananya Gupta was the 'Best Keeper' in Senior girls. Tushar Mahna was declared the 'Best Player' in Senior boys. Bhumi Chand was the 'Best Player' in Junior girls.

Our school participated in Interzonal Hand Ball Tournament held at F.U block, Pitampura, from 7 November to 26 November Our school secured 1st position in Junior category, 2nd position in Sub-Junior category and 3rd position Senior(Girls) category. The team members were as follows:

Shruti Kandwal, XI F
Ananya Gupta, XI F
Khushi Kandwal, XI F
Disha Meena, IX B

Junior (Girls)

Yashasvi Solanki, VII D Sania Singh, XI C Kashish VI F Shreya VI C

Shagun Shukla, XA
Yamini Solanki, XIA
Tanya Chaudhary, IX E
Tapasya, VII D
Disera VII D

Sub -Junior(Girls) Bhumi Chand, VIII C Vidhi Goyal, VIII D Tushali Kakar, VIII C Gungun, VII B Vedika, VII B Sejal, VI F Ananya Bhalla, VII B Deepali Sharma, VI F Parnavi VI D Anshika VII E

Senior (Girls) Janvi Kalra, XII F Gauri Aggarwal, X B Eva, IX B Suhani, X F

### SKATING

Skating championship was held at Bal Bhavan, I.T.O New Delhi on 24 November. Naysa, III-D won First prize and Gauri, IA won Second prize in the 300 m event.

### YOGA

Individual Yoga Competition was held in Aadharshila Vidyapeeth School. Satyam Kumar, IVE bagged a bronze medal.

Zonal Primary Athletic Meet was held at G.S.K.V A Block, Janakpuri on 13 November. Priya Jha, IVA won second prize in 50 m Flat race and Nakul, IID won third prize in 50 m Race.

Boys Athletic Meet 2019-20 was held on 9 and 10 October at I.G.I.P.E S.S., Vikaspuri. The athletes who won prizes from our school were:

NAME	EVENT	MEDAL	NAME	EVENT	MEDAL
Abhishek, IX-C	100 m	Silver	Ishaan Rana , X-D	600 m	Bronze
Anshu, VIII-C	400 m	Bronze	Keshav Mahna, XII-F	Shotput	Bronze
Ankush, IX-E	200 m	Bronze			

Zonal Athletic Meet was held in I.G.I.P.E.S.S. Vikaspuri on 21 and 22 October..

I PRIZE		II PRIZE		III PRIZE	
Name Bhumi Chand, VIII C Bhumi Chand, VIII C Ananya, XI F	Event Shot Put Discus Throw 100 m race	Name Vidhi Goel, VIII D Shruti, XI F	Event 100 m race Shot Put	Name Vidhi Goel, VIII D Shruti, XI F Shruti, XI F	Event 400 m race Discus Throw
				Ananya, XI F Khushi, XI F Sania, XI C	4x100 m relay

### **GYMNASTICS**

Arnav Garg, IIF won a bronze medal in gymnastics U-8 floor exercise competition, held by Vibgyor Viva, at Vibgyor High, Gurugram on 30 November.

### CRICKET

Interzonal cricket competition was held in Bharat Nagar Sports Complex in the month of October . Aryaman Godayal, VIII B and Yagya Bhatia, IX B from our school were part of the team that won the II position .

### GENERATION GLOBAL VIDEO CONFERENCE

Students of our school along with Mahatma Montessori Mat Higher Sec. School, Tamil Nadu and Poltava School #38, Ukraine participated in Generation Global Video Conference, on the topic 'Peace And Reconciliation'. Students from all three schools explained where they see both peace and conflict in their communities, and what brings them together. Students also talked about their roles in the process of building peace using personal examples of actions they have already taken and actions that they hope to take. Engaging in such dialogues gave the students a platform to upgrade their conversational skills and gain experience they need to resolve differences peacefully.

## **GEEK-A-HERTZ**

The annual Inter-School Computer Tech Fest 2019 was organized by St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh on 22 November. 23 students of our school took part in various events like 'Markian's League', 'Snapshot', 'Designapk', 'Web Coders', 'Minicomp Wizards', 'Imagica', 'Decrypter's Dilemma','Jr. Techies' etc. Rudra Saini & Nishit Nayan IXC were awarded Third Prize and Siddhant Deshwal & Saahil Kappor IXC bagged consolation prize in Android app designing competition 'Designapk'. Rohan Kumar, IXG & Bhavika Lalwani, VIIIA were awarded consolation prize in website designing competition 'Web Coders'. It was a great learning experience for the team members and they got an overwhelming response from the organizers.

### MOCK ELECTIONS

'A country cannot be truly democratic until its citizens have the opportunity to choose their representatives through elections that are free and fair.'

Free and fair elections play a critical role in political transitions and to teach the students how unbiased elections are carried out, our School organized mock elections. 'Mock election in a Democratic Government' was conducted by the students of Class IX with great enthusiasm. It was organized to introduce young pupils to the concept of elections before they reach their voting age.

The experience of the mock elections played a role in stimulating future young voters to cast their vote. Students cast their vote in the EVM's in the mock election. Few of them played the role of polling officers and rest of the students were the voters. It was an interesting and thought-provoking activity.



### MUN

Model United Nations was organized in St. Thomas School, Dwarka on 23 and 24 October. Nine students of our school participated in different committees like UNHRC, AIITPH and UNSC Different issues and international problems were discussed in the committees. Drishti Juneja XII A, Tiya Sharma XI F and Tulika Sharma XI F got an award of special recommendation in the event.



### **DEBATES**

Debate is one academic activity that gives students creative room to express themselves. The impetus gained through this by the students in their quest to acquire knowledge is simply unparalleled. An inter-school debate competition was held at JM. International School, Dwarka. The event was named as 'Mudda Debate Forum'. Seventeen Schools took part in the competition. The motion set was 'Juveniles should be tried as adults on committing adult crimes'. The participants speaking for both 'for' and 'against' the motion debated enthusiastically. Chaitanya Sharma (XIA) spoke for the motion and bagged the 5th best speaker award.

Chaitanya Sharma of Class XI A and Angel of Class VII A won the First and Second prize respectively in the 21st Gyan Devi Memorial Inter-school English DebateCompetition organized by Adarsh Public School, Vikaspuri on 23 November. The topic for the senior category was 'Emotion is more powerful than intellect' and for junior category was 'Artificial intelligence: a threat to human civilization'. Both the speakers exhibited their oratorical skills of high order and gave a tough competition to the participating speakers from 38 other reputed schools of Delhi.

# ON THE SPOT PAINTING

On the spot painting competition was held on 27 November in Rainbow English School. Bhavya Gupta, II A won first prize (₹ 1500 cash prize & shield) and Soumya Gupta of XI E won the third Prize (₹ 750 cash prize & shield).

Times of India (NIE) colour splash was held in Guru Sharan Convent School, Paschim Vihar on 29 November. Aatifa Shoaib, V A won special prize.

# VANIJYA 2019

The Commerce students of Classes XI and XII of our school participated in Vanijya-2019, the Annual Commerce Festival organized by New Era Public School, Mayapuri on 16 October. Sameeruddin XII D and Mohita Pal XI E participated in 'Market Kshetra - A CSR Initiative' and won third prize.





# COMPETITIONS

### **AURA 11.0**

An Inter School Fest 'Aura 11.0' was organized by Maharaja Agarsain Public School, Ashok Vihar, on 13 October wherein more than 40 schools of Delhi and NCR participated. The participants had to design a website on the topic 'Periodic Table' and our students Anant Aggarwal & Karan Kumar X D bagged the First Prize. The students of Classes VI-VIII had to design an interactive app on the topic 'First Twenty Elements of Periodic Table'. Vinayak Aggarwal, VI I F & Tanmay Mehndiratta, VIII E bagged Second Prize. The Fest gave the students exposure on inter-school level competition in software applications and certainly boosted their confidence.



# PI QUIZ

The Pi-Quiz '19 was organised in this year's edition of 'ATHARV' - IIM Indore's Annual Fest for children of classes 9th to 12th. It is a talent hunt to find children with creative and ingenious ideas. The National Level Competition (First Round) was held on 25-26 August 2019 in which 2500 students of 47 schools participated from all over India. Four of our school students- Saksham Gupta, Mala Jain, Tanishq Pathak from XI B and Sarthak Monga from XF were out of the 60 who qualified for the second round of The Pi Quiz '19 which was held on 6-7 September . These students got an opportunity to go to IIM- Indore along with their Teacher Incharge Ms. Sowmya S. Lohit. Here, the cre'me de la cre'me selected from all over India competed against each other, displaying their critical thinking and analytical skills. The fest brought out in children the skills of logical reasoning and group coordination through various games. The events were based on Game Theory, Probability, Stocks, Marketing as Buyer and Seller where the participants had to outsmart each other. There was also a workshop on Public Speaking which was quite informative. After the Elimination Round, only 20 students were selected. Three of our students - Saksham Gupta, Mala Jain and Sarthak Monga made it to the Final Round. Our children carved a niche for themselves by securing the following positions in the Second Round: Saksham Gupta -2nd , Sarthak-5th and Mala Jain-9th These students were accorded with Medals and Certificates of Merit. Bagging the Second Position out of 2500 students from all over India, Saksham Gupta was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000.

# WONDERFUL WORLD OF LITERATURE

"Literature speaks the language of the imagination."

'Wonderful World of Literature' - an annual Inter School Literary and Cultural Competition was organized at St. Mark's Girls Sr. Sec. School, Meera Bagh on 24 October . Our students who won prizes were :-

Anupriya Sharma, ID won Special Prize in English Poetry Recitation.'Life is Colourful' - a Skit presented by students of Class IV won Special Prize. Sainamam Prashar, V D and Khwaish Makkar, V A also won Special Prize in Pouriquio Tale. Our Principal Ms. Alka Kher and Educational Supervisor (Primary) Ms. Jyotsna Vishwakarma congratulated the winners.



### SKYPE SESSION

The GVC Secondary team of our school had a Skype session with the students of TED Ronesans College, Turkey on 24 October. The students of both the schools introduced each other and discussed various sub-headings for the theme of their website 'Artistry of Living'. It was a nice learning experience for the students as they interacted with each other; thus, enhancing their communication skills, knowing each other's culture and getting to know each other better. The students who were a part of the Skype session were Bhumit Goyal IX C, Tanmay Mehndiratta VIII E, Sakshi Kumari IX A ,Disha Goyal IX A, Harshit Dubey VIII D, Rohan Kumar IX G, Aarav Dua VIII D, Akshita Kumar IX A and Anubha Suhag IX A.

### MIND WARS QUIZ

Mind Wars Quiz is a daily online competition conducted by ZEE entertainment. Ayush Utsav VIA was one of the participants among 2,60,000 students who competed. Ayush won a prize for being among the top five quizzers and was acknowledged for his enthusiastic participation.

### **PSYCHOLOGY QUIZ**

'We don't grow when things are easy, we grow when we are faced with a challenge.' We are so proud to announce that Divya Kohli, XIA won Third Prize in the National Psychology Quiz conducted by Unique Institute of Behavioral Sciences. Our school received the award for 'The Best School Psychology Department 2019' and Ms. Anushree Ghai received 'The Best Psychology Teacher Award'. Heartiest congratulations to Divya and Ms. Anushree for bringing laurels!!

### SHOW AND TELL

"That's not how you do it...Let me Show you and Tell."

Show and tell is an important part of children's learning development and helps them to organise information, enhances vocabulary and builds their confidence. It's a great way to develop the student's interest in any topic and it also provides them a chance to indulge in 'Out of the box' thinking. This activity is a powerful tool for developing the language and communication skills of students.

Show and Tell competition was held for the students of Class I on 27 November. All the participants brought posters, models, objects related to different festivals and spoke with immense confidence and voice modulation. Educational Supervisor (Primary) Ms. Jyotsna Vishwakarma appreciated the ideas and efforts of the tiny tots. The winners of the

competition were:-FIRST PRIZE SECOND PRIZE Anupriya Kaur Druhi Khurana

(I-E)

THIRD PRIZE Ayaansh Mendiratta (I-E)





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SPECIAL PRIZES

Prachi Jain (I-B), Abhayam (I-B),



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# हिंदी रसधारा

देश को एकता के सूत्र में बाँधने वाली हिंदी केवल एक भाषा नहीं बल्कि भावों की अभिव्यक्ति हैं। १४ सिंतम्बर १६४६ को हिंदी को राष्ट्रभाषा का दर्जा दिया गया इसलिए हर साल १४ सिंतबर को हिंदी दिवस के रूप में मनाया जाता है। हमारे विद्यालय में भी १४ सिंतबर २०१६ को हिंदी रसधारा अंतर विद्यालय प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। इसमें प्राथमिक कक्षाओं के छात्रों के लिए काव्यपाठ, सुनो कहानी, वाचन पठन, कहानी बुनें, मेरा प्रिय लेखक आदि प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया। हमारे विद्यालय के अध्यक्ष माहोदय श्री टी० पी० अग्रवाल, निदेशिकाजी श्रीमती अंजलि अग्रवाल, प्रधानाचार्या जी श्रीमती अल्का खेर, उपप्रधनाचार्या जी श्रीमती इंन्द्रप्रीत कौर आहलुवालिया, पर्यवेशिकाजी श्रीमती ज्योत्साना विश्वकर्मा ने छात्रों को प्रोत्साहित किया व उनके प्रदर्शन की सराहना की।

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# संस्कृत काव्य पाठ प्रतियोगिता

हमारे विद्यालय में संस्कृत दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में संस्कृत काव्य पाठ प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन दिनांक 8/11/2019 को किया गया तथा इस प्रतियोगिता में कक्षा छह से आठवीं तक के प्रतिभागियों ने हिस्सा लिया। इस प्रतियोगिता में विद्यालय की प्रधानाचार्या श्रीमती अल्का खेर जी, उप-प्रधानाचार्या श्रीमती इंद्रप्रीत कौर आहलुवालिया जी एवं निर्णायक मंडल में श्रीमती आदर्श आहुजा एवं श्रीमान नारायण दत्त मिश्र रहें। प्रतियोगिता का प्रारम्भ संस्कृत श्लोक उच्चारण द्वारा माँ सरस्वती के सम्मुख दीप प्रज्वलित करके किया गया। प्रत्येक कक्षा से तीन छात्रों ने इस प्रतियोगिता में पूर्ण उत्साह के साथ भाग लिया। सभी प्रतिभागियों के काव्य - पाठ पूर्ण होने के पश्चात् निर्णायकगण द्वारा छात्रों का मार्गदर्शन किया तथा परिणामों की घोषणा की गई। उप-प्रधानाचार्या श्रीमती इंद्रप्रीत कौर आहलुवालिया जी द्वारा सभी विजेताओं को पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया तथा प्रतियोगिता के समापन हेतु उन्होने अपने विचारों को प्रकट किया विजेताओं की सूची इस प्रकार हैं-



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# WORKSHOPS

# **ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2019-20**

One of our PTI attended the launch of School Road Safety Awareness Campaign 2019-20 conducted by the Delhi Police. Teachers from different schools were briefed about various traffic rules that ought to be followed in order to maintain safety on the roads. The workshop was very useful, as it helped spread awareness and create traffic ambassadors who shall further spread the message of obeying traffic rules and ensuring road safety.

### INNOVATIVE PAATHSHALA

'Teaching is the greatest act of optimism.'

All teachers cherish the feeling of being with their young learners and the thrill of inspiration that comes from motivating others. To enhance this feeling by devising interesting teaching ideas, a workshop 'Innovative Paathshala' was conducted by Sri Aurobindo Society at Venkateshwar International School. Our TGT English teacher attended this workshop. The resource person Mr. Manas Ranjan Tripathi talked about how a teacher's life is always surrounded by problem solving situations and the best way of life for them is being friendly, empathetic, patient and tech savvy. As the title implies, the workshop taught how to make our classrooms innovative and interesting by using methods like MCQ, Seating Arrangement, Meditation and Warm-up Exercises, Learning through Comics, Art and Concept Mapping. The importance of 'Rang Manch' and Games was also highlighted as vital methods of teaching. All these methods have been found as very effective at the same time zero-investment solutions by teachers. It was an interactive session and all the participating members got a chance to exchange their ideas and learn from each other's experience.

#### STORYTELLING

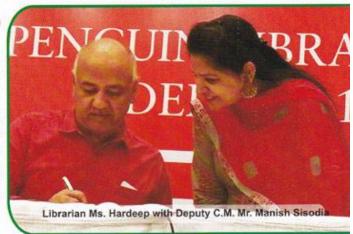
Stories are like gifts, the more we share - the more we have!

An interactive workshop on storytelling activities, conducted by Oxford University Press on 28 September was attended by two teachers from the primary wing of our school. The resource person, Ms. Mala Palani, an experienced English language and literature teacher, discussed the various ways in which the art of storytelling can be integrated with subjects like Hindi, English, Science and Mathematics. The workshop included various engaging activities like 'Hey, what are you doing?', 'Building your own Story', Story Narration etc. It was an interesting and enriching workshop with the objective of facilitating students' education holistically.

### LIBRARIAN MEET

"Librarians save lives by handing the right book at the right time to a kid in need"—Judy Blume

Penguin Random House India organized "The Penguin Librarian Meet" on 22 November at India International Centre for all the school librarians. The programme was attended by our school librarian. The event commenced with a very informative workshop by Ms. Andrea Bowie on 'Dream Big: Bringing Stories to Life'. As the meet progressed, there was a panel discussion on the topic 'This Book is not for Me': How and Why Do We Select Or Reject Books. The Highlight of the event was Mr. Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister of Delhi, who shared his view on the role of librarian in the school and appreciated everyone for their contribution in the education system.



# **ACCOUNTANCY**

One-day Orientation Programme for Accountancy teachers was held on

11 October at Mount Abu Public School, Rohini. It was attended by our PGT Accountancy. The resource person Prof. D. K. Goel discussed a variety of questions from all the units and sample question papers issued by CBSE for 2019-20. He further explained the changes in the Question Paper pattern. It was an enriching session for the teachers.

# **CAMEL TEACHER SUMMIT**

Kokuyo Camlin conducted a workshop in Columbia Jr. School, Vikaspuri on 30 November. Three of our Art and Craft teachers attended this workshop. The teachers gained knowledge and practical experience on the different types of colours that can be used, new art products and latest art techniques.

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

A workshop on Artificial Intelligence was conducted on 24 September in Universal Public School, Preet Vihar. It was attended by two teachers from our school. The workshop was conducted in two sessions- the first session 'Landscape of Artificial Intelligence and Education' was led by Professor MM Pant, a pioneer in the field of Artificial Intelligence. He explained the need and importance of AI to be incorporated in the school curriculum and thus, making students ready to face the future. The second session 'Practical Aspect of Artificial Intelligence' was conducted by Educationalist, Mr. Shashidhar Bhat. He introduced various platforms for building AI applications and tools available.

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### CREATING AWARENESS ABOUT ILL EFFECTS OF SMOKING

One of our physical education teacher attended a workshop on 16 October 2019 at Venkateshwar International School, Dwarka. This workshop created awareness about the ill effects of smoking, tobacco products and ENDS (Electronic Nicotine Delivery System).

#### OXFORD WORKSHOP

A workshop on ELT and Assessment Strategies in the Changing Scenario was held on 30 November at The Park, New Delhi. The workshop was organized by Oxford University Press. Two teachers from our school attended the workshop. The resource person, Ms. Gayatri Khanna, enlightened everyone regarding the changing assessment and evaluation patterns that have been introduced by CBSE. She highlighted the significance of ASL activities and provided innovative ideas to conduct those activities. She also gave ideas to inculcate reading habits in students, the foremost being to supply them with such reading material that would evoke curiosity in them to turn the leaf, so as to know what happened next. Mystery and suspense keep the reader glued to the story and urge them to finish it. It was indeed a very enriching, informative and engaging workshop.

# CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

PGT Economics of our school, Mr Manoj Kumar Aggarwal attended two days Capacity Building Workshop at DAV Vasant Kunj on 25 and 26 September 2019 organized by CBSE. The resource persons Mr J N Mehra & Mrs T Benjamin discussed and elaborated in details about various topics. They talked about interesting and effective methods of classroom teaching to make teaching-learning a fruitful and pleasurable experience.

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

"Access to computers and the Internet has become a basic need for education in our society." - Kent Conrad

With the same notion, CBSE, in association with Microsoft, organized a 3-day Training Programme on 'Improving Access To And Use of ICT In Schools' at Vikas Bharti Public School, Rohini. One of our Computer Teacher attended this workshop, which was conducted by Microsoft Certified Trainer, Ms. Niti Dwivedi. On Day 1, the training commenced with Introduction to Office 365 and its tools like OneNote, Sway, Teams, Forms, Minecraft and so on. The agenda of Day 2 included Introduction to Microsoft Educator Community, Artificial Intelligence and Al in Office 365. On Day 3, the workshop concluded with an overview on Al curriculum for students followed by OneNote presentation by each participant. The best part of the training programme was experiential learning and hands-on session on Office 365 tools.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION SUMMIT 2019

"If we do not learn to grow and evolve with time, we will become irrelevant, just like the dinosaurs."

The School Counselor attended School Education Summit 2019, which was organized by Assocham, India in association with Jitin Chawla Centre for Career Development. The theme for the summit was "Development of School Education under NEP 2019: Messages for Promoters and Leaders". All the speakers concentrated on the huge gap between schools and the industry, which was mainly due to the lack of skill based knowledge being offered in schools. Hence, it is important to create curriculum to enhance those competencies required by industries. Mr. Shashidhar Bhatt, founder of *Greenworkforce.in* highlighted the Japanese concept of 'ikigai' and its application in Indian schools. The need of the hour is to evolve the schools and education system lest they become irrelevant.

# ITIHAAS

Monuments reflect our history. They help us to understand and respect people who lived in different eras with different habits and traditions. Therefore, preserving and restoring the old buildings is very important. 'ITIHAAS - Firing Minds', a series of lectures, was organized at St. Thomas' Girls Sr. Sec. School, Mandir Marg on 30 September. The lectures were delivered by Mr. Aman Nath, a famous writer, hotelier & architectural restorer. It was attended by students of Classes IX and X who learnt about the importance of our heritage and ways to restore our monuments and heritage sites for the future.

## CAREER COUNSELLING

A workshop was conducted by Mr Nitesh Gupta from IMS regarding Law and Management as Career options in India for the students of Class XI (Humanities+Commerce). The workshop introduced the students to various courses available to them after Class XII as well as the colleges that offered them along with the eligibility criteria. Further, tips were shared on how to crack entrances for some of the top Law and Management colleges of India.



# HOW TO PREPARE FOR BOARDS

A workshop was held with the students of Class X by members of the Times of India Education Department. They shared with the students some great tips and tricks to make maximum use of the time that is left. From creating schedules to finding the perfect hour to study, with input from the students, everybody was able to take away something useful from the session.

### MAKING EXAMS STRESS FREE

Ms. Divya Malhotra, a representative of Cello Pens, conducted a workshop on making exams stress free for the students of Class IX. She provided them with the tips and tricks to aid their memory and recall, which in turn, could reduce stress. Further, she also taught a few exercises to help deal with the pain that often arises in our hands when writing during a lengthy examination. The students had a great interactive session.

# IMPROVING HANDWRITING

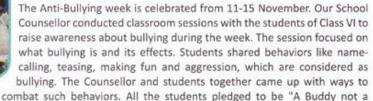


Ms. Divya Malhotra, a representative of Cello Pens, conducted a workshop on how to improve handwriting for the students of Class IV. Great handwriting is a combination of both beauty and speed, and Ms. Divya taught various exercises to achieve this goal. She also shared knowledge about the kind of pens each student should use depending on the type of their fingernails. The students were extremely excited to write with pens for the first time.

### HOW TO AID MEMORY AND RECALL

Ms. Mehr Lungani and Ms. Shalini Sharma provided various tips to students to aid their preparation during exams. Better preparation leads to less stress which often boosts memories and leads to better scores. Techniques like mind-mapping, mnemonics, and using color during preparation were discussed with examples.

### **ANTI BULLYING**



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# **LEAD ON**

School Vice Head Boy Shouryya Veer Monga and Vice Head Girl, Aayushi Jain participated in LEAD ON 2019, an annual event which brings together heads of student councils of different schools in Delhi and NCR, organized by Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar. The forum gives an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and exchange ideas on challenges faced by society. The theme for this year's session was: Audere Est Facere: To Dare Is To Do. The morning session began with ice breaker activity "How the tables turned". This was followed by the main event of the day, Biohazard, a 3 hour crisis solving activity. The school heads were divided into teams and were required to think, negotiate and take on roles of leadership. Finally the challenging Treasure Hunt around the school left the participants excited. In the afternoon, question and answer session was held in which participants interacted with Salman Khurshid and Mohit Chauhan which brought the event to a positive end.

### HOW TO MAKE A GREAT FIRST IMPRESSION

Anti-Bullying

'Time' and 'First Impression' are two aspects of our life which remain irretrievable: '.

A workshop was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Amit Seth on 'How to Make a Great First Impression' for the students of Class XII. The Professor discussed the importance of a first impression and how it often ends up being the last impression. The students were informed about various tips like being on time, dressing well, and having a firm handshake that can contribute to making a good impression. Students learnt a great deal about how a first impression can work wonders.

### ISSUES FACED BY TEENAGERS

A workshop was conducted in the month of September by Dr. Sunil Bhatnagar on the issues faced by teenagers. It was an interactive session where the students had a chance to put forth their queries and receive appropriate guidance. The topics that came up during the session were friendship, teenage relationships, bullying and how to deal with aggression.



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## G.K QUIZ

"Knowledge is a treasure and practice is key to it."

Patel

To engage and enlighten the students, Inter house G.K Quiz Competition was held for Classes I to III on 30 September and for Classes IV and V on 22 November. The teams were quizzed on intriguing and exciting topics, through various interesting &challenging rounds. The knowledge of participating students was put to litmus test. The students participated with lot of enthusiasm and answered the questions with confidence. The audience also got a chance to participate on rebound, i.e. when the teams answered incorrectly. The quiz was a success, as the children enjoyed a lot while gaining knowledge. The evolving curious minds that emerged as winners were:-

I Prize Shruti, IF Harditt Ashan, II E Kamakshi, III A Harshit Kirola, IV E Pratyaksh Verma, V C II Prize Agrim Pal, I F Dhairya Deswal, II E Nitika, III A Ishleen Kaur, IV B

Vanya Sharma, V D

III Prize Gauri, I A Ravnoor Singh, II F Ananya, III A

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### SPELL BEE

Spelling is important because it aids in communicating correctly. It helps to cement the connection that is shared between sound and letters. Therefore, it is important to gain this trait while at the threshold of student life, as they say 'catch them young'. First Round of Spell Bee competition for Classes I and II was held on 3 September to give the students a platform to learn spellings and to augment their vocabulary. Children participated earnestly in the competition and it was a wonderful learning experience. From every section three top scorers were selected and the final round was held on 6 September. The result of the competition is as follows:-

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II Prize III Prize I Prize Special Prize Amitabh, I A Agrim Pal, IF Shruti Sahoo, I F Anaya, I B Anupriya, I D Akshita Agnihotri, II D Darsh Rajput, II F Nayma Pahuja, II F Ashmeet Singh, II E Vehaan, II E

# ANTI PLASTIC COMMITTEE MEET

The Anti-Plastic Committee Members of our school had a meeting with the School Principal in which the student members gave a presentation highlighting the plastic usage in our school and how to fight this environmental demon. Our Principal Ms. Alka Kher acquainted the students with how plastic came into existence and how it has become a serious threat to our world. She advised students to reuse and recycle the resources. The students felt greatly motivated after the discussion and made utilitarian items like containers, gift bags, pouches, sling bags, jholla bags using recycled paper, t-shirts, socks etc.



# FIT INDIA PLOGGING RUN

FIT India Plogging Run was organised on 1 October for the students of Classes IV to VIII. Vice Principal, Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia delivered a speech to impress upon the students to discourage the use of single-use plastic and discussed the downsides of its usage. Facts and figures were shared with the students, highlighting how plastic has become a major source of pollution and how it is impacting our biodiversity. Students took a pledge to completely shun the use of single-use plastic. A Drawing competition was also conducted on the theme 'Single-use Plastic and its Hazards'. A lot of zest and zeal was seen in the students, to spread further awareness among the masses. Students, teachers, parents and volunteers gathered early morning in the school premises to participate in the FIT India Plogging Run organized on 2 October. They all jogged on the Janak Puri Marg, a stretch of 2 kilometers, picking up plastic waste and distributing pamphlets to bring awareness in the neighbourhood. The Run was carried out in full swing promoting 'FIT India'.





# COMPETITION

### SOLO SINGING AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

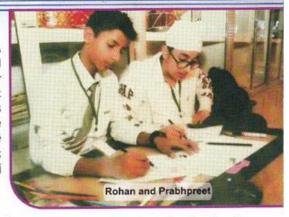
Music is a universal language. A good melody is something that everyone enjoys. Solo Singing and Instrumental Music Competition was organized for Classes VI-VIII on 1 November. Students presented many melodious numbers from different genres and bands. The competition was held on three categories - Hindi vocals, English vocals and instrumental. The participants were judged on the basis of presentation, coordination with pitch and coordination rhythm. The occasion was graced by the esteem presence of our Principal Ms. Alka Kher, our Vice Principal Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia, Mr. Brigen Tamang (Music Teacher) and Mr. Harsh Vardhan (Musician, Music Producer) as judges. Students sang with expertise and displayed to the best of their competence in playing of instruments. The winners were:-

Category I Prize II Prize III Prize Special Prize **English Vocal** Divya Chawla, VIII D Maitreyi Mishra, VIII D Suhani Singh, VI D Gunjan Sharma, VIII D Dishti Kaushik, VIII D Hardik Bisht, VIII A Hindi Vocal Gauransh Sindwani, VIII E H. Madhavan, VIII E Swastika Maity, VIII F Aditri Negi, VIII E Instrumental Music Aditya Dhirendra, VI F Brahamjot Subhjinder , VII E Piyush Ravi, VI F Utsav, VIII F Ayush Utsav, VI A



# **GEO FEST 2019**

Our school participated in Geo Fest 2019 at City Montessori School, Lucknow, LDA Branch. The activities at the fest included Collage Making Competition, Traditional Folk Dance Competition, Gel-o-mime and 3D Soft Board making Competition. Our team comprising of 10 students got the Judges Choice Award for presenting the Best Traditional Folk Dance. Students got an excellent platform to interact with various national and international teams and learnt to be global citizens by adopting the philosophy of Jai Jagat- 'Victory to the World'. It was an enriching experience for the entire team. The team members were Lavanya Kapoor VII F, Prabhpreet Singh VII C; Jasleen Kaur VII A, Rohan VIII B, Saksham Chhabra IX F, Kanishka Sarohiya IX E, Sahej Sahni IX G, Rashee Babbar XI E, Jayantika Rawat XI A and Tiya Sharma XI F.



### CONSTITUTION DAY

Constitution Day, also known as National Law Day, is celebrated in India on 26 November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly. To mark the 70th anniversary of our Indian constitution, the students of senior classes assembled in our school ground for a special assembly. The students gave some insightful information about our Constitution and its framers. Students spoke about the great work done by Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. The students and teachers present during the assembly were told about our evolving Constitution. After reading 'The Preamble', they took a pledge to perform their fundamental duties. Admiring our constitution, our Vice Principal Mrs Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia shared her views and spoke about the struggles faced by innumerable leaders to make such a splendid constitution.



### VISIT TO NPL

Fifteen students of Class XI (Science Stream) visited National Physical Laboratory on 30 September. They got to learn a lot of facts in Physics and other topics like atomic clock, thermometers and other measuring instruments being used. It was a valuable experience of learning for them.



# **FESTIVE FERVOUR**

#### DIWALI 2019

Diwali- the festival that marks the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, hope over despair and knowledge over ignorance was celebrated with a lot of fervour in our school on 25 October. Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal along with Principal Mrs. Alka Kher, Vice Principal Mrs. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia and Educational Supervisor (Primary) Mrs. Jyotsna Vishwakarma seeked blessings from Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Ganesha during the ceremonial aarti.

A Diwali Exhibition was also held in the school premises on 24 and 25 Oct. to contribute to the welfare of children in NGO's- Muskaan and Prema Niketan. The exhibits included various festive items like diyas, candles, rangoli making kits and many more. The Diwali products on display were prepared by people with intellectual disabilities and the money obtained will be used for their welfare. The students as well as staff and members of the management enthusiastically purchased attractive items. The exhibition was a success and was an exciting start to the festive feeling. Trying to do our bit for the society, a campaign was

Laxmi- Ganesha Puja

held to generate awareness against pollution. Students from classes 1 to 5 were shown videos on how firecrackers pollute the environment. It made students aware of different aspects of air, water and land pollution that is caused due to bursting crackers. The video also talked about how crackers are made and how it gives rise to child labour and other problems in the society. The students realized the hazardous work environment and life-threatening conditions these young ones work in. The students also participated in a number of other activities like diya decoration, making beautiful Diwali cards, Poster-making and Quiz-Time, without forgetting to advocate the message of celebrating a cracker-free and Eco-friendly Diwali.



# **GANESH CHATURTHI**

Om Gan Gan Pataya Namah

Vighanharta Lord Ganesha's festival Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated by the students of Class II on 6 September 2019. The programme was started by reciting pious shlokas followed by melodious Ganesh Vandana. Spectacular lazium dance was also presented. The programme ended with arti and prasad distribution. The programme was attended by class II students, Principal Ms. Alka Kher and the Educational Supervisor Ms. Jyotsna Vishwakarma.



# **CELEBRATIONS**

### **GURUPURAB**

Guru Nanak Devji preached the masses about the wisdom of being human. To mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, students of grade V participated in a majestic assembly. Chairman of the school Mr. T.P Aggarwal, graced the occasion with his presence. The celebration commenced with the soothing chants of "Ek Omkar" and its explanation by the students Trisha and



Tavishi. Further Guru Nanak's teachings and preachings were told to students in an efficacious manner. The school premises reveraberated with peace and tranquility as the sound of Shabads and Gurbani was sung by the choir group. An aura of euphoria was created as a religious procession was taken out led by the saffron – robbed "Panj Pyaare". Sikh students displayed their martial – art skills like "Gatka" during the procession. This was followed by a message from the Vice- Principal ma'am to the students to follow the preachings of Guru Nanak and spread the message of love and compassion. The celebration culminated with the "Ardas" for the well being and prosperity of all and the distribution of the "Kadah Prasad". An aura of bliss and joy was created in school.



## **GANDHIJAYANTI**

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

Mahatma Gandhi, preached non-violence and highlighted its importance. A chief spiritual and political leader in the Indian Freedom Movement as Gandhiji was, he is best known for his words of wisdom on God, life and religion. Born on October 2, 1869, Gandhiji led the independence movement against the British. He played an instrumental role in challenging the British rule. The United Nations also celebrates 2 October as the International Day of Non-Violence to honor Gandhi's belief in peace and non-violence. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the students of our school watched a documentary on his life, teachings and his vision for free India. The Father of the Nation, fondly called 'Bapu' continues to be an inspiration for many across the world even today. Let the spirit of truth and non-violence stand apart today and always.







