

# SMS News Oasis

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ST. MARK'S SENIOR SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOL, JANAKPURI  
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## EDITORIAL

*It was an action and performance packed schedule for us at SMS, Janakpuri. Various events and activities were organized and hosted by the school, bringing out latent talent of our students.*

*It is also right time to say Good luck to Class X & XII students who are earnestly preparing for Board Exam.*

*We also extend warm welcome to Mr. Rahul Aggarwal as our director. We are sure school will progress leaps and bounds under his guidance.*

**Peace !**

## MESSAGE

Coming back to St. Mark's School, Janakpuri, has just been a home coming for me. I have been a part of this institution earlier as a student and now again to work for the growth of the same where I grew up.

The role may change, but the feelings and inclination remain the same. I am sure that we all will be moving towards still better performances both in the field of academics and co-curricular activities and thus giving a rich and more meaningful education to our students.

Alongwith the school growth, let us all be sensitive to the world around and do our little bit through our teaching experience and our institution where

we work, it was this very thought that gave birth to the concept of "Sambhav". I appreciate the zeal shown by the staff and students and wish the same to continue.

**Cheers !**



Our Director Mr. Rahul Aggarwal addressing the school.

## KUDOS



Our Principal Mrs. Midha receiving Anamika Dr. S. Radha Krishnan Rashtriya Seva Shikshak Samman 2003 from Mrs. Shiela Dixit, Chief Minister of Delhi State.

## INDUS QUALITY FOUNDATION

Students of classes IX to XI went for an IQF workshops near Pachkuian Road. The workshop was on Personality Development. All the students really enjoyed the workshop. It was for two days. On the first day, the workshop started with a speech by Mr. Devender on personality development. Then all the students went for meditation with Swamiji. That one hour was very refreshing. All the students felt fresh & strong after the meditation session. Then there was a yoga session. The boys were taught different yogasanas which would make their body strong. After the yoga session, came back to school. On the second day, the workshop started with a meditation session to refresh the minds followed by a personality development film. Then again, the students went for the yoga session followed by a lecture by Dr. Desai on Personality Development & how could a person become smart. After the lecture, there was a brief discussion on Personality Development & the question answer session took place. The students came up with good questions. Thus the workshop was a great success & the students enjoyed it a lot.



Members of IQF interacting with Swamiji.

In the Inter-School Recitation Competition organised by St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, held on 17th August, 03 in the school premises, St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri, won the trophy for the Best School with 38 prizes to its credit. It was a great moment for St. Mark's School, Janakpuri staff and students, when our school was adjudged "The Best School". The trophy was handed over to the Manager Mr. L.K. Rai and the Vice Principal Mrs. Arora, by the D.D.E.-West Zone Mrs. Daljeet Kaur.

"We are sure to be one among the BEST and keep our school banner flying high"—said the prize winners.



Winners of Inter School recitation Competition with Principal Mrs. Midha and teachers incharge.

## HAPPENINGS

Around 50 students participated in 'Samsung Digiwiz'. The competition was held in the month of August, 2003 with Series of Events on its agenda.

Students showed their excellence in Extempore, Jam Session, Debate, Web Designing and exhibited their talent in choreography and fashion show. In all these events, our students qualified for the finals.



Students exhibiting their talent in choreography.



'We are the best', cheering team of our school.

CITY MONTESSORY SCHOOL, Lucknow organised an International literary fest – ODYSSEY. It was a 6 – day programme which included activities for both junior and senior category. Junior category included activities like quiz, dumb charades, dramatisation of poetry, debate, painting, creative writing. Sr. category included activities like painting, creative writing, quiz, play, half-a-minute, quiz, spin-a-yarn, turn coat. A team of 14 students from classes IX to XII accompanied by teacher-in-charge, Mrs. Anupam Ganesh participated in this event. Shilpa Tiwari of class IX F bagged a special prize in the painting (Jr.) category. 55 schools had participated including two schools from Nepal.



Student delegation at Lucknow.

## NOBLE CAUSE

17th October, 2003 was an important day in the academic session of SMS, Janakpuri when two spastic societies "Prerna Niketan Sangh" & "Muskan", were invited to exhibit and sell their various handmade Diwali decoratives. It was a step to encourage those talented and God-gifted kids to expose their talents & also to help these societies in their growth. SMS believes that through such activities if we sensitize even one child to the needs of other less privileged, we would consider ourself to be a true St. Markian. A helping hand was given by the teachers incharges Mrs. Rosy Marwah, Mrs. Monika Uppal & Mrs. Neetu in making it a big success.



All for a noble cause.

## PARTICIPATION IN DEBATES

### 1. RAMJAS INTER SCHOOL OPEN DEBATE COMPETITION

**Topic :** 'Child is the Boss in Today's world'

**Participants :** Shweta Tyagi—XII—for the motion  
Seema Sharma—XI—against the motion

Around 50 schools participated in the competition.

### 2. ST. FRANCIS DEBATES - INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION

**Topic :** 'Vocation, not Invocation is Salvation'.

**Participants :** K. Puja for the motion  
Neha Rawal against the motion

Around 35 schools participated in the competition.

### 3. GYAN DEVI MEMORIAL INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION AT ADARSH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

**Topic :** 'Privatisation brings prosperity'

**Participants :** Manisha XI for the motion  
Nupur Mehta XII against the motion

**Result :** Nupur Mehta got Best Speaker (first prize) award. A trophy & Rs. 500/- cash prize was awarded to her. 19 schools participated in it.



Winners of NIE debate.

Times of India, NIE had organised a debate on "Television cannot Match the power of press", on 30th Oct.'03. Seema Sharma of XI D spoke against the motion and Anubhav Gaur of XI F spoke for the motion—out of twenty teams—Anubhav won the 3rd Best speaker prize while the school team won the third Best school prize for their combined efforts.

## SCHOLARS IN HINDI

The Hindi Academy organised a poetry and story writing competition on 3rd August. Shubhra Aggarwal won the first prize and Himanshu Bhandari won the consolation prize. The prizes comprised of a trophy and Rs. 900/- and a certificate and Rs. 500 cash and a certificate respectively.

Hindi Academy awarded 58 students of class X for scoring maximum marks in Hindi. The students were given a cash prize of Rs. 300/- each along with certificates.



Shubhra Aggarwal and Himanshu Bhandari with Principal Mrs. Midha & Hindi language teachers, Mrs. Bhatia & Mrs. Asha Mahajan.

## KALA RATNA AWARD (TEACHER'S AWARD) (People for Environment, art, culture and education)

Mr. Deepak Saxena (Art Teacher) and Mrs. Ritu Khurana (Primary Teacher) were awarded ANAMIKA KALA RATNA AWARD on the occasion of Anamika award ceremony held on 13th Nov.'03, organised at the Hindi Bhavan, New Delhi. They were awarded for their exemplary contribution towards nation-building and development of Art, culture and preservation of Environment under the programme of ANAMIKA INTERNATIONAL PAINTING AND ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION for the year 2003-2004.



Mrs. Ritu Khurana—Asst. Teacher receiving Anamika Kala Ratna Award-2003 from Dr. Bhisham Narayan Singh and Dep. Director (Edu.) Mrs. Daljeet Kaur along with Anamika President Mr. R.K. Gupta.



Mr. Deepak Saxena—Art teacher receiving Anamika National Painting Competition from Dr. Bhisham Narayan Singh and Dep. Director (Edu.) Mrs. Daljeet Kaur along with Anamika President Mr. R.K. Gupta.

## AKHIL BHARTIYA NAGRIK VIKAS KENDRA (ALL INDIA CITIZENS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE) (AURANGABAD) DRAWING & HANDWRITING CONTEST – YEAR – 2003

**Award Winners are :**

Inder Prakash	II A Kalaratan Award (Drawing)
Ankush Mehra	V F Kalaratan Award (Handwriting)
Gaurav Matta	V E Kalaratan Award (Handwriting)
Mr. Deepak Saxena	Art Teacher, Best Teacher Award (2003)
Mrs. Manpreet Ghandiok	Primary Teacher, Best Teacher Award (2003)

## ANAMIKA PAINTING & ESSAY COMPETITION-2003 NATIONAL LEVEL

ANAMIKA – A group of National Artists, media persons and intellectuals Organised a National Essay writing and Painting Competition in the year 2003. Around 22,000 students from 271 schools of Delhi had participated in this All India competition. St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri achieved 4th position at National level and 81 students bagged gold, silver and bronze medals.

Teachers incharges were Mr. Deepak Saxena and Mrs. Ritu Khurana



Winners of Anamika Painting and Essay Competition Year-2003.

## MAKING WAVES

St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri, hosted Volley ball matches (boys) at Zonal level, for zone 18, Distt. West B, from 25th August to 19th Sept.'03. 63 schools participated in Sub Junior, Junior and Senior categories.



Our Director Mr. Rahul Aggarwal being introduced to members of a team.



Young achiever Neha Singh

Neha Singh of Class VI B was awarded Gold Medal in Kyukya (Breaking) and silver medal in poomsae (forms) championship for participation in the positive Taekwondo Promotional Muye Championship – 2003 in under 12, Red/Black Belt category held at L-Block, Community Centre, Ilarki Nagar, New Delhi. On 9th Nov.'03. Organised by ASTRA TAEKWONDO GYMNASIUM, DELHI TAEKWONDO ACADEMY & VASANT TAEKWONDO AND WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF DELHI (Regd.)



## FROM NEW DELHI TO NETHERLANDS

The recently concluded World Cup Championship in NETHERLAND (ROTTERDAM) from 18th Oct.-9th Nov.'03, the 16 member Indian Team included Ms. Rashmi Dorothy Nath physical education Instructor in St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public school, Janakpuri, who donned the National colours with much pride to represent Indian Team.

"If there is one game that removes discrimination between the sexes, it is Korfbal", Feels an enthusiastic Rashmi.



Miss Rashmi Dorothy Nath



Dhruv Sharma

## IV SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL KORFBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT ROHTAK

DHRUV SHARMA of class VIII A was selected to represent Delhi Korfball Team which was held at Rohtak (Haryana) from 26th to 30th Nov. 2003.

## TRAINING OF N.C.C. (A.N.O.)

Mrs. Manju Wadhwa a physical education teacher was selected for training of N.C.C. (A.N.O.). She completed her training at Gwalior (M.P.)

## AT A GLANCE

Achievements in Zonal Cultural & Sports Competition 2003-04.

Mono Acting (Junior)	Vipin	3rd
Folk Song (Junior)	Vipin	First
Folk Dance (Senior)	Consolation	
Recitation (Junior)	Yadu Shourie	2nd
Hindi debate (Senior)	Mithila	
	Nupur	Best Team
Hindi debate (Senior)	Mithila	Best Speaker
Hindi debate (Senior)	Nupur	Best Speaker
Hindi debate (Junior)	Rhythm Manan	2nd
Hindi poetry recitation (Senior)	Poonam	First
	Shweta Tyagi	

Badminton		Table Tennis		Cricket
Senior Girls	Winners	Sr. Girls	Runner's Up	Junior/Sub Junior boys— Runner's Up
Junior Girls	Winners	Sub Junior Girls	Runner's Up	
Sub Junior	Winner			



Winners of Debate Competition (Juniors & Seniors) at Zonal Level.



Principal Mrs. Midha, Sports teachers Mr. Girish & Mr. Ravi with winners at Zonal Prize distribution function.

## ST. MARK'S GROUP OF SCHOOLS CELEBRATE 'SAMBHAV'

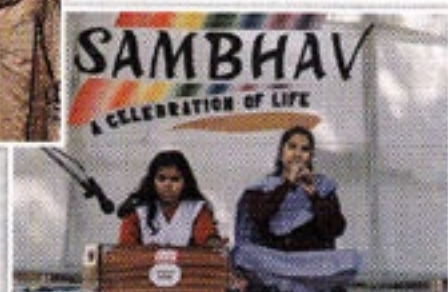
'Sambhav-A Celebration of life' was a wonderful experience for speech, hearing & visually impaired children of various schools as they participated in various activities and competitions in St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri on 21st & 22nd November. Visually impaired students sensing the receptive atmosphere participated enthusiastically in the solo singing competition accompanied by Dholak, Tabla & Harmonium. Speech & hearing impaired students danced gaily and happily to the beats of Rajasthani, Punjabi & Haryanvi folk songs. It was heartening to see many in the Fancy Dress Competition. Lots of students also successfully translated their ideas and concepts on paper in colour in the Drawing & Painting Competition.

In the field activities, both 100 mtrs and 200 mtrs races were well contested and at times these speech & hearing impaired Athletes, especially in Sr. Sections gave a glimpse of budding runners. The 'never say die' spirit of the junior group to run to the finish left everybody with a feeling of elation. In these two days' activities more than 200 students from various schools & Institutes for Speech, Hearing & Visually impaired students participated.

Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, Director-Convener of the activity expressed his desire to reach more schools even in the neighbouring states in the future and promised that St. Mark's Group of Schools will make it a regular Annual Event.

The occasion was graced by Mrs. Daljeet Kaur, Deputy Director of Education, District West 'B', Mr. T.P. Aggarwal Chairman of St. Mark's Group of Schools & Mrs. Anjali Aggarwal, Director, St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri.

Awaaz Special School, Kirti Nagar, N. Delhi, bagged the Best School Trophy for the year 2003-04 for maximum prizes in all the activities & competitions.



## HAPPENINGS



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Deputy Director of Education

Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi  
Directorate of Education  
District West-B  
G-Block, Vikas Puri  
New Delhi-110 018.

D.O. No. 1774

Dated : 9.12.03

Dear Mr. Aggarwal,

The Director and the Management of St. Mark's Senior Secondary Public School, Janakpuri, deserves honest appreciation and recognition for imparting education to the 'less blessed children of God', the children with speech, hearing and visual impairments.

I congratulate them for organising '**Sambhav-A Celebration of Life**', a fiesta of singing, dancing, painting and athletic competitions for these differently abled children from various Societies and Institutions, held in the school premises. It was like opening up the world of opportunities to enjoy and discover their innate qualities and excel in manifesting these qualities.

The children, who participated in the competitions and the teachers who worked with them, tutoring and motivating them to compete in '**Sambhav-A Celebration of Life**', receive kudos from the undersigned.

Looking forward eagerly for Sambhav-2004.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

(DALJEET KAUR)  
DY. DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
DISTT. WEST-B

Mr. Rahul Aggarwal  
Director  
St. Mark's Senior Secondary Public School  
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## 38TH YOUTH PARLIAMENT CONDUCTED IN ST. MARK'S SR. SEC. PUBLIC SCHOOL, JANAKPURI

In the presence of an impressive gathering, 38th Youth Parliament was presented by the students of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri. A very well coordinated and organised show, was much appreciated by the distinguished guests of the day, Shri Ramchandra Vikal, Former Member of Parliament, Mr. P.V Barapatre—Deputy Director (Population and Adult Education), Mrs. Reva Rani Under Secretary parliamentary affairs. Chief patron of this activity, Mrs. Daljeet Kaur - Deputy Director of Education – zone 18, along with the Education Officer Mr. Sarman graced the occasion. Contemporary and relevant subjects and issues like reservation in women, terrorism and effects of Cancun meeting were debated by the members of the Youth Parliament. Construction of Metro in Delhi was another topic of interest discussed among the members. Environmental pollution which is worrying the Delhiites was a matter of hot discussion. Questions were raised to clarify the action being taken in regard of DDA Scam. Overall it was a huge success. Individual prizes were announced. Vipul Agarwal, who played the role of the speaker bagged the First Prize. Three members were awarded, the second Prize—Radhika, Meetali and Shefali. In all, 10 prizes were announced. The judges were highly appreciative of the presentation of the Parliamentary procedure in the right perspective; and how the legislative should work exhibiting controlled emotions & respect for the House. Enthusiastic students and teachers incharge, Mrs. Preeti Tahiliani and Mrs. Deepa Haruray were appreciated for the wonderful show.



Scenes from Youth Parliament.

## INTER HOUSE FOLK DANCE COMPETITION

Inter House Folk Dance Competition was organised in SMS, Janakpuri on 1st Sept.'03. The competition was divided into two groups—juniors & seniors. Each group had four dances—one from each house. The programme was very entertaining as it had various types of folk dances—Himachali, Gujarati, Rajasthani, Assamese, Bengali etc. which depicted our diverse culture in a beautiful manner. Participants in different costumes made the programme very colourful. Students took part in the competition with great enthusiasm and performance of all houses was excellent.

Judges, teachers and students—everyone enjoyed the programme. Our Director—Mrs. Anjali Aggarwal, Director—Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, Distinguished guest Mr. Alex, Manager—Mr. L. K. Rai, Principal—Mrs. M.M. Middha, Vice Principal Mrs. P. Arora and Headmistress Mrs. Kher, graced the occasion with their presence. It was very difficult for the judges to choose the best performance as all the students had performed well. The result was as follows :

In Juniors — Shastri House was declared the winner. Their dance was on the Song—'Chahe Bik Jaaye'.

In Seniors — Gandhi House won the First Prize. Their dance was on the song – 'Gun Gun Tujhe Dil Pukare'. The programme was enjoyed by one & all.



Winners of Inter House Folk dance (Sr.) Competition performing.

Drama is an instructive and enjoyable way of learning and teaching. It helps students in becoming confident and interactive; and therein lies the significance of English Drama Competition which was organised on 30th Oct.'03 for the students of class V.

The occasion was graced by our Director Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, Manager Mr. L.K. Rai, Principal Mrs. M.M. Midha, Vice Principal Mrs. P. Arora and Head Mistress Ms. Alka Kher. The judges for the same were Mrs. Rosy Marwah and Ms. Geeta Pathak. Mrs. Anjana Verma organised this competition.

In all 31 students participated in the competition. The students staged three interesting plays touching contemporary issues like unemployment, political influence on young minds etc. The "Best Direction" trophy was bagged by the play "Mind Games" Mrs. Pushpa Madhusudan and Mrs. Kawal Singh were the teachers-in-charge.

Following students were presented awards for various categories.

Rounaq Juneja	Best Actor
Barkha Neota	Best Actress
Mayank Gulati	Best Supporting Actor
Disha Atwal	Best Supporting Actress
Aayush Parwal, Chhavi Khurana	Consolation

Sakshi Chopra and Varun Gorawara bagged the special prize. Head Mistress Mrs. Alka Kher proposed vote of thanks followed by National Anthem.



Winners of Drama Competition.

The 'Music and Dance' department of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School strives to spot sparkling talents and provides them with appropriate platform to surge ahead. Keeping in line with this an 'Inter House Junior Folk Dance' competition was organised on 26th of September. A number of folk dances attached to the lives of common people with ever vibrating joyous spirits were performed confidently by students of class I to IV.

There were two categories, comprising of class I and II in category I and class III & IV in category II.

The following graced the function with their presence Director Mrs. Anjali Aggarwal, Co-Director Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, Manager Mr. L.K. Rai and Principal Mrs. M.M. Midha. The judges for the event were Mr. Pawar and Mrs. Johri. In the first category the best dance Trophy was awarded to 'Shastri House' for Bengali Dance and in the second category the best dance trophy was given to 'Patel House' for performing a 'Malayali Dance' with perfect step movements and rhythm. Each group participated with great enthusiasm, with excellent choreography in tune with scintillating music.

Co-Director Mr. Rahul Aggarwal appreciated and encouraged the participants. Vote of thanks was proposed by our Head Mistress Mrs. Alka Kher.



Patel House members who bagged the Best Dance Trophy in the second category (Class III & IV).



Members of Shastri House (Class I & II), Winners of Inter House Dance Competition.

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VASUDHA – the Eco Club of our school received an appreciation letter from the residents welfare association C Block Janakpuri appreciating the efforts of the club by taking up cleanliness drives on & off, in the district park Janakpuri and spreading the message of 'Say No To Plastic'. The club has been invited to care for the park in their block with promise to share the responsibility of parks maintenance by the local residents.

As an Annual feature Eco Club members of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri went for cleanliness drive in the District Park on 7.11.03. Enthusiastic members armed with gunny bags, gloves, pick rods marched off early in the morning walking the distance to the district park. They had banners with slogans asking the society not to litter, segregate the wastes etc. thus spreading awareness & sensitising people to be eco-friendly. The park was cleaned off the poly-bags, the plastic bottles and paper litter. After the cleanliness drive, paper bags made by students of class VI were distributed to people in the neighbourhood. This was initiated by our Manager Mr. L.K. Rai, Principal Mrs. M.M. Midha & Vice Principal Mrs. P. Arora. Students & Teacher co-ordinator Mrs. Archana Tyagi & Mrs. Supriya Bist explained the need to replace plastic bags and tried to educate people by practically showing them the possible positive alternative to this plastic menace. The club plans to distribute in the near future jute bags not only to members of the staff of the school but also to the public in general.

## PARAGRAPH WRITING COMPETITION

An English Paragraph Writing Competition was organised for classes III to V on 15th Sept.'03. Winners of Paragraph Writing Competition were :

CLASS III	CLASS IV	CLASS V
A Shubhangi Bhargava	A Ritu R. Krishnan	A Sanya Chawla
B Sonali Tomar	B Richika Goyal	B S. Srivathsan
C Kanika Joshi	C Akash Dewan	C Ishita Arora
D Anisha Dua	D Saloni Suri	D Subarna Sengupta
E Vaibhav Gogia	E Malika Arora	E Chhavi Khurana
F Drishti Mittal		F Saloni Gupta

## ON INNOVATIVE WAYS OF TEACHING MATHS FOR PRIMARY & MIDDLE LEVELS

A workshop for the teachers of West Delhi, Schools was held in St. Mark's School, Janakpuri on 25th November. The resource person was Mr. J.M. Thomas who is the Principal of Yuva Shakti Public School. The workshop was co-ordinated by Mrs. Sowmya S.Lohit under the banner of the Maths Club "Raise to Power".

## WORKSHOPS : (ORGANISED BY NIE (TIMES OF INDIA) & PACE) HINDUSTAN TIMES

Coordinator	Mrs. Anupam Ganesh and Mrs. Sunita Hakku
16.4.03	NIE Introductor workshops for HIV-AIDS awareness by resource Person—Ms. Anu Singh
17.4.03	NIE Magic Show by Mr. Ronnie for class IV
22.4.03	NIE Adolescent Issues for VIII by Ms. Anu Singh
24.4.03	PACE—Communication skills for IX Resource Person—Ms. Smriti
25.4.03	PACE Make—making for VII & V Resource Person Mr. Suresh
17.7.03	NIE Floral Decoration for VI Resource Person
18.7.03	NIE Nutrition for IX, Debating Skills for XI
21.7.03	NIE Know yourself for XII
22.7.03	NIE First Aid X, Clay-modelling for IV
23.7.03	NIE – Theatre VIII Res.-Mr. Kuljeet
24.7.03	NIE Pottery VI
25.7.03	NIE Pottery VI
25.7.03	PACE Theatre for IX Res. Person – Mr. Neeraj
28.7.03	PACE – Key chain for V, VII (Delhi Theatre from group) By Mrs. Pooja
31.7.03	PACE Public Speaking for VII by
25.8.03	PACE – Ribbon arrangement for gift wrapping for V, by
29.8.03	PACE Book binding for IX, by Ms. Sanya
18.9.03	PACE Paper-folder for V & VII by Ms. Jaya
13.10.03	NIE Doll making for IV, by Ms. Zina Mangat
15.10.03	NIE – Rangoli for VIII, by Ms. Dimpy.
16.10.03	NIE – Cord – making for VI, by Ms. Kaveri Arora
	Listening-skills for VIII, by Ms. Richa Arora
16.10.03	PACE Papier machine for V, by Mr. Chakradhar
29.10.03	PACE Papier machine for VII, by Mr. Chakradhar
4.11.03	NIE Dental check for IV, VI
2.12.03	PACE Antique by foil for V by Namish & Shweta

**IMPRESSIONS**

"I went to a Temple, they said to worship idols,  
 I went to a Mosque, I worshipped Allah,  
 I went to a Church, they said to worship Christianity.  
 One day, I was sent to school, there I was told a truth,  
 Truth, that God is one,  
 Yes, this is what I learnt in My School.

For thirteen years in the school, I have not only been taught to be a good student but also a good citizen of our country. Students in our school are taught to respect our teachers, our elders, our nation. St. Mark's Senior Secondary Public school, tries to explore the talent of each and every child and makes him/her a capable and confident child in every field. Every year our school comes out with one of the best performances both in academics and co-curricular activities. As a student as well as the head girl of the school, the best out of so many things that I like about my school is the staff and the teachers and the guidance, knowledge, encouragement, cooperation and the moral values that we get in our school by our teachers. The students genuinely take interest in studies and the teachers put in their best efforts to enlighten and brighten the children. With such efforts by teachers, students take initiative, work harder and gain confidence. It is because of the support of teachers of my school that I find myself capable of being the Head Girl.

**Head Girl**  
**(Deepanshi)**  
**Class XII**

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Eleven years back—When I first entered the premises of St. Mark's, Janakpuri, I felt as if I had encountered a strange & new world, I was completely bewitched by the calm & silent atmosphere of the school. I started crying as I was afraid of being left alone in this new world, my mother tried to console me & handed me over to my teachers. They comforted me with a warm and radiant smile which melted all my fears. My heart was filled with a sense of being at home. I was no longer afraid of the new world called "School".

The best thing I like about my school is its teachers. Their teaching skills, intelligence, smartness, dedication, love and care are simply out of this world. They are well qualified, able, efficient, hard working and most importantly, good human beings. They care for students as their own sons & daughters. They render such love & affection to students that it's really fun being taught by them. They always listen to students' problems and try to help them in any way that they can. They fully understand the school's motto—loyalty, truth & honour—and try to inculcate these feelings among the students. They always inspire us to reach for the stars and never differentiate among us. It is very difficult to say who among them is the best as they all are equal by all standards. Thus, I would like to conclude by supporting the thoughts of a wise man who said that—Teachers are the builders of a nation.

**Ritesh Thussu**  
**Head Boy**

## A MEMORABLE VISIT TO GOA

The educational trip to Goa in the month of September was the holiday of a lifetime for classes IX & X. The memory of lush green hills, valleys and a wide choice of beautiful beaches and the boat cruise on river Mandavi is still green in the memory of the students. They were impressed by the Cathedrals and churches, including the famous Bon Jesus Church. Goa is a remarkable mixture of Indo-Portuguese culture. The Mangesh temple is also a great attraction for the visitors.



Holidaying in Goa—land of Sun & Sand.

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## EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO CHANDIGARH

The school organised a trip to Chandigarh in the month of September for students of class V. About 30 students went for the trip accompanied by two teachers and the co-director Mr. Rahul Aggarwal. It was a two day trip where the students were shown places of interest in Chandigarh and were taken all the way to see the Bhakra Dam. The students enjoyed a lot with good food, a nice comfortable place to stay and an evening full of dance and a puppet show.

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## TRIP TO JAIPUR

A group of 50 students of classes III and IV along with their teachers visited Jaipur in the month of September. The trip to city of forests was educational as well as entertaining. Overnight stay at the ethnic village 'choki dhani' was an exciting experience for the group. The night mela was a new experience for them. Children enjoyed variety of rides such as camel ride, bullock cart ride and elephant ride. Colourful folk dances of Rajasthan made the trip very enjoyable and musical. Children went around the Pink City visiting Amber Fort, Birla Temple and the city Museum. Colourful culture of Rajasthan left an impact on the children's mind. Fond memories and cherished moments spent there were carried back in each and everybody's heart when they came back to Delhi.



Walking over the sand dunes; students enjoying scenic beauty of Jaisalmer.

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## CLASS PICNIC

The students of class I went to a Picnic alongwith their teachers to Azad Hind Gram, Tikri Kalan on 24th Nov.'03. They had some very adventurous activities. They took a camel ride, saw the working of potter's wheel, watched a movie on the life of Subhash Chander Bose, Kathputli Dance, Snake Charmer and on top of all this they had a river crossing activity. It was a very memorable and exciting experience.



Ready to take on the responsibilities, newly inducted office bearers alongwith members of the management, teacher incharge and their seniors.



Pen is still mightier, strong crowd that scholastic week attracted proves the fact.



Gandhi Quiz was held in the month of October. Participants seen here with Manager Mr. L.K. Rai, Principal Mrs. Midha & teacher incharge Mr. Devender.



Participants of Value Education Programme organized by R.K. Mission under IQF.



Participants and Winners alongwith Principal and teachers incharge, of Painting Competition held in Salwan Public School.