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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

As the months roll on, the academic session draws to a close and we are forced to look back on the times gone by. The observations are divided and forked, it would mean to perfect skills learnt and improve upon others where there is a scope for improvement. Not dwarfed or overshadowed by unpredictable turn of events, we march onwards seeking joy in everything we do. Remember *'we are winners who never quit, for we know that when the going is tough, the tough get going.'*

The editorial board signs off for the present and wishes all of you the best for the forthcoming academic session.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Our school bore a festive look on 06 Jan. '03 which marked the commencement of the Book Week. It was inaugurated by our Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal. To grace the occasion were Mr. Ashwini Dhar, Regional Director Scholastic, Ms. Neeta Celly, Area Manager, NIE, Ms. Vijayanti Tonpe, a noted children's author, Ms. Leena Sareen, Area Head NIE, Ms. Sonia Dhawan, Educational Consultant Scholastic, Ms. Neeraj Wadhera, Consultant, Times of India and Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, a lover of books and dramatics.

It was privilege to have Ms. Vijayanti Tonpe to conduct a workshop on Creative Writing for the students and teachers of our school. She elucidated upon the features that divide writing skill into creative are normal. She felt that when a person is overwhelmed with ideas, and then writes, the writing is original and can be termed as creative writing. Appreciating or criticizing other stories and novels also comes under creative writing. She mentioned that the rest of the writings, essays etc, are just reports.



Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal inaugurates the 'Book Week' celebrations.

Throughout the week there were various book related activities for all age groups.

The students of Classes IX and XI displayed their artistic talent in the Banner Making Competition which was highly appreciated. Another attraction of the week was the Literary Quiz with a difference. Here groups of students of Classes VII and VIII were each given an author [For e.g. Mark Twain, Louisa May Alcott, Alexander Dumas] to research and were then quizzed on these literary figures. It was a grand success as the students secured a high score and equally enjoyed the quiz.

Other than these there were activities like design a Book Cover, make a Book Mark and paint your favourite fictional character. Students participated enthusiastically in Book Review Competition, Speak about your Favourite Fictional Character, Know an author etc.

The icing on the cake was the two workshops and Story Telling Sessions. While Ms. Prama Bhandari, a noted children's author enthralled the tiny tots with her exciting stories, Mr. Arvind Gupta taught the middle classes to make the best out of waste. The workshop on Creative Writing conducted by Ms. Vijayanti Tonpe was enriching.

The prize distribution ceremony which was the Grand Finale of the Book Week was graced by the distinguished guests, Mr. J.M. Sehgal, Senior Manager, N.I.E. and Mr. Pankaj Shukla, Marketing Director, Scholastic India, who later encouraged the students.

The Book Week ended with Ms. A. Aggarwal, our Principal, an avid reader herself, stressing on the importance of books in one's life. She also thanked everyone for their overwhelming response, especially Scholastic India for sponsoring the prizes.

REMARKS BY JUDGES

The team work by the students for making banners has to be appreciated. Their creative outputs through effective colour schemes are commendable. Book covers and book marks are eyecatching.



Banner making competition for class XI in progress.



Ms. Prama Bhandari, a prominent author captivates the young minds at the story telling session.



Students of VII and VIII being quizzed on Literary personalities.

The following children have won prizes at the 1st round of Pidilite Art Competition.

I GROUP

I Shibhangi Nath	I D
II Sagar Juneja	I E
III Rohit	I C

Consolation

Paras Gupta	I C
Pulkita	I F
Niharika	I B
Mehak	I A
Nikita I E	

II GROUP

I Priyesh Gautam	II D
II Aditi Roy	III C
III Surabhi	III A

Consolation

Siddharth	IV G
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Harsha
Devyani
Harmanpreet
Akshit

III GROUP

I Neha Kapoor	VI E
II Harshad	V B
III Ashish Pandita	VI B

Consolation

Chavi Trivedi	VI D
Jigyasa	VI D
Sona	V D
Chinky	V H
Sariya	V B

IV GROUP

I Dhananjay	VII G
II Komal	VII H
III Hitesh	VII G

IV A	Consolation	
IV A	Aman Saini	VII B
IV E	Akshit	VIII G
IV F	Meeta Gulati	VII E
	Hina Jain	VII E
	Prabhleen	VIII E

The following students of our school were the winners of the 'Frutips Disney Birthday Bonanza' for the month of

December 2002

1. Nupur Verma	V D
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January 2003

1. Surbhi Batra	V F
2. Arshleen Kaur Suri	V D
3. Vasu Aggarwal	V A

Their names were displayed on Disney Hour programme telecast on Sony T.V.

Winners of the Inter School Ballet Competition presentation—Pehla Kaam.

1. Radha Bhola (II F), Ravit Malik (II D), 3. Dhiren Aggarwal (II B), 4. Anmol Kapoor (I B), 5. Raghav Babbar (II A), 6. Karan Dua (II G), 7. Dhruv Dhawan (II B), 8. Mridul Khatri (II F), 9. Jayant Juneja (II D), 10. Aakshi Bajaj (II H), 11. Saurabh Maithani (II C), 12. Anuj Malhotra (II B), 13. Shreya Khurana (II D), 14. Anish Sharma (II I), 15. Harshik Mehtra (II G), 16. (Sahil Mahendru (II I), 17. Rohit Bhatia (II B), 18. Lakshay Suri (I C), 19. Abha Arora (II A), 20. Dhruv Aggarwal (II F), 21. Gautam Rai (II H), 22. Charvi Singh (I B), 23. Simran Malhotra (I B), 24. Amitesh Kapoor (II D), 25. Siddhant Goel (II F), 26. Sanyam Jain (II A), 27. Vanya Bhatnagar (II C), 28. Paras Beriwal (II B), 29. Ishmit Singh (I A), 30. (Ayush Pranjpi (II E), 31. Shubhankar Vain (II I), 32. Vibha Goel (II E).

PEN WONDER

Akanksha Kharbanda of class XI D won the Merit Award in the Inter School Essay Writing Competition organised by the United National Population Fund and Unnati Features. The topic was "A child is a precious gift, be it a daughter or a son."

IQF ANNUAL CONVOCATION

30 students of classes VII and VIII presented a patriotic song—on theme 'India is the leading nation of the world' at the Annual Convocation of India Quality Foundation (IQF) and the presentation was highly appreciated. The participants were :

Girls : 1. Kriti Aghi (VII E), 2. Nimisha Sethi (VII E), 3. Meeta Gulati (VII E), 4. Nidhi Kapoor (VII E), 5. Arpita Nandwani (VII F), 6. Punya Singla (VIII H), 7. Aditi Ramdas (VII F), 8. Gurleen Kaur (VII F), 9. Rashi Khanna (VII A), 10. Tanubha Sareen (VIII H), 11. Surbhi Garg (VIII A), 12. Jafreen Sarfaraz (VIII B), 13. Esha Bhatia (IX D), 14. Shruti Rawal (IX G), 15. Swati Sharma (IX F), 16. Shweta Jaitly (IX A), 17. Swati Verma (VIII G).

Boys : 1. Bhavya Arora (VII E), 2. Nishant Bhatia (VII E), 3. Ashu Rai Marwah (VII E), 4. Karan Kohli (VIII B), 5. Harshpreet Singh Mehta (VIII B), 6. Gaurav Narula (VIII E), 7. Harshvardhan Rai (VIII G), 8. Geet Sethi (VIII G), 9. Sarang Mittal (VIII G), 10. Ravi Shankar (VIII E), 11. Abhay Vats (VIII G), 12. Akshay Arora (VII B), 13. Mudit Madhwa (VII B).

CHAMPIONSHIP, RECORD SETTERS AND BEST PLAYERS

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP for the Sports Meet 2002-2003 went to the Patel House, the Runners Up were Shastri House, followed by Gandhi House and by Nehru House.

The four categories were Seniors (X, XI, XII), Juniors (IX, VIII), Sub Juniors (VII, VI) and Primary (I-V). The Best Athletes were :

Boys		
Senior	Sumit Silwal	XII E
Junior	Ashish Dewan	IX C
Sub-Junior	Vinayak Pandey	VII F

Girls	
Ripsy Wasan	XI D
Avantika Srivastav	IX A
Meeta Gulati	VII E

The Best Player for the following games were :

FOOTBALL

Senior	Sahil Rally	XI A
Junior	Siddharth Chitkara	IX E
Sub-Junior	Kunal Arora	VII A

CRICKET

Senior	Karan Wahi	XII C
Junior	Nikhil Mahajan	IX C
Sub-Junior	Sawan S. Premi	VII E

VOLLEYBALL

Boys		Girls	
		Nidhi Kachru	
Prateek Badhwar		Vandana Kharbanda	
Ishu Dabbar		Sweta	

BADMINTON

Boys		Girls	
Senior	Anish Kapoor XII	Harpreet Kaur XI B	
Junior	Chayan Kaushal IX E	Ginni Khosla IX C	
Sub-Junior	Pankaj Kapoor VIII D	Kripy Kakkar VIID	

TABLE TENNIS

Boys		Girls	
Senior	Bharat Sethi XII	Neha Mishra XII B	
Junior	Anurag Jain IX C	Shweta Jaitly IX A	
Sub-Junior	Aman Jain VIII H	Kanika Sethi VI A	

Congrats !

Ms. Preeti Sharma P.E.T. for having successfully completed the Refreshers Promotion course at OTA Gwalior. She also received the Best Drill Award and was chosen as the Pilot in the Passing out Parade.

Kudos

Sumit Silwal of class XII for his feats at the Under 17 Vijay Merchant National Trophy in Cricket, playing for J & K State. He was voted the most outstanding player of the year.



Hansit Singh represented J & K in the Vijay Merchant National Cricket Tournament (U-17).



Prateek Badhwar represented Delhi (U-17) in the 48th Sub-Junior National Tournament.

ST. MARK'S ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

Annual Sports Meet of our school was held from 13.12.2002 to 19.12.2002. Ms. A. Aggarwal, our Principal took the salute and declared the Sports Meet open. The inaugural ceremony began with the unfurling of the school flag by the Vice Principal, Ms. Wahi followed by lighting the torch by the Headmistress Ms. Sethi. The march past by the students of the primary sections supported by mellifluous music by the music department was a treat to all present. Subsequently the budding sportspersons participated in the oath taking ceremony with real zest and fervour.

Lemon and spoon race, balloon race and ball-relay were the eyecatchers among the events organized for the junior category. Cricket, football, volleyball, table tennis and badminton were the team events conducted for the senior category, which was followed, by the athletic events on the concluding day.

Highly enthusiastic participation and sportsmanspirit were on display during the sports-meet. Most outstanding player of the year is Sumit Silwal (XII E). Mayur Batra (XII E) was declared the Best Player of the year among boys and Tanvi Kapoor (XII C) among girls. Patel House bagged the Sports Championship trophy for the year.

PROCOT Information Systems organized many Quiz Competition in the following subjects :

Maths, Aptitude, Computers, Puzzles, Colours and G.K. at the Intra School level.

The following students excelled in the same and won prizes and medals.

COLOUR QUIZ (CLASS I-V)

Prizes

1. Rohit Narula	1 E
2. Vanya Bhatnagar	2 C
3. Parul Ahuja	3 E
4. Saloni Chandhok	4 F
5. Divya Marwah	5 H

Medals

1st Divya Marwah	5 H
2nd Rohit Narula	1 E
3rd Vanya Bhatnagar	2 C

PUZZLES (CLASS I-V)

Prizes

1. Vaibhav Raj	1 D
2. Kunal Mohindru	2 I
3. Amit Kaushik	3 B
4. Bhavuk Arora	4 E
5. Prashant Chauhan	5 D

Medals were won by

1st Vaibhav Raj	1 D
2nd Amit Kaushik	3 B
3rd Kunal Mohindru	2 I
3rd Bhavuk Arora	4 E

G.K. (CLASS 3-8)

List of class toppers for prizes

1. Mani Makkar	3 E
2. Aashima Gujral	4 A
3. Siddharth Rajan	5 B
4. Harshit Mittal	6 F

5. Manek Sharma	7 E
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6. Abhimanyu Chauhan	8 D
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List of school toppers for Medals

1st Abhimanyu Chauhan	8 D
2nd Aashima Gujral	4 A
3rd Mani Makkar	3 E

MATHS (CLASS I-XII)

Prizes

1. Mohit Chawla	1st D
2. Ankush Puri	2nd C
3. Gaurav Soni	3rd E
4. Ishank Jaggi	4th E
5. Dhiraj Gandhi	5th H
6. Saumy Bhargava	6th D
7. Nidhi Taneja	7th C
8. Sumit Khurana	8th E
9. Gaurav Shaw	9th F
10. Ayush Kumar	10th F
11. Navneet Jain	11th E
12. Srishti Dhawan	12th B

Medals

1st Nanveet Jain	1th E
2nd Gaurav Soni	3rd E
3rd Nidhi Taneja	7th C

APTITUDE (CLASS 3-12)

Prizes

1. Mani Makkar	3rd E
2. Ishank Jaggi	4th E
3. Akash Jethi	5th C

4. Apporva Chhabra	6th E
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5. Harshit Vohra	6th F
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6. Nishant Bhalla	7th E
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7. Rishabh Arora	8th E
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8. Shevya Jolly	9th F
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9. R. Anand	10th F
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10. Vinisha Jain	11th B
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11. Bhav Rajan	12th C
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Medals

1st Ishank Jaggi	4th E
2nd Rishabh Arora	8th E
3rd Bhav Rajan	12th C

COMPUTERS (CLASS 3-12)

Prizes

1. Parul Arora	3rd D
2. Garv Malik	4th D
3. Vasundhara Srinivas	5th F
4. Akhil Sehgal	6th B
5. Sughandha Goel	7th A
6. Rishabh Garg	8th B
7. Ankit Ahuja	9th E
8. Jatin Anand	10th G
9. Anuj S. Mathur	11th E
10. Gaurav Arora	12th E

Medals

1st Garv Malik	4th D
2nd Neetu Sharma (I.P.)	11th A
3rd Rishabh Garg	8th B

RESULT-BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS

		I	II	III	CONS.
Know an Author	Class VIII	Geet Sethi Karshni Kharbanda	Sneha Jain Sanya Khera	Nandita Srivastava Vaishali Passi	Khushboo Chopra
Draw & Paint your favourite character	Class V	Ritika Dhamija	Ruchika Singh	Shivam Sidhu	
Design a book mark	Class VI	Karan Baweja	Neha Kapoor	Mihir	
Design a book cover	Class VII	Kunal Sachdeva	Aman Manchanda	Nidhi Taneja	
	Class VIII	Gurleen Hora	Bhagyashree Dhawan	Aditi Mishra	
My favourite fictional character	Class V	Pranav Korla Siddharth Rajan	Mansi Narang	Brinda Valecha Roohneet Kochar Shubhangi Srivastava	
	Class VI	Vaibhav Dua	Daaman Kohli	Chhavi Trivedi	
Conclude the story,, the way you like	Class VII	Nupur Khurana	Sugandha Goel	Pankhuri Sharma	

Banner Making

Class XI - Team M (I Prize) : Nancy Takkar, Sonashree Saxena, Swati Singla, Shallu Singh, Aditya Tanwar
 Class XI - Team J (II Prize) : Priyanka Chohan, Puneet Kang, Kanika Bhutani, Himanshi Arora, Neha Kharbanda
 Class IX - Team A (III Prize) : Dishika Malhotra, Kanushree, Shrey, Jaisleen Jabbara, Aditya

Book Review

	I	II	III
Class IX	Ankit Bathla	Shubhra Sharma	Rashi Singh, Shweta Jaitley
Class XI	Pooja Chawla	Mansi Aggarwal	Amrita Singh Ahuja, Parul Nath

Tell a Story

Class I	Chanvi Singh	Pulkita Sharma	Rohit Raman Banerjee
Class II	Shubhanikar Jain	Kritika Relan	Shreya Taneja, Mohit Mehta

Read Aloud

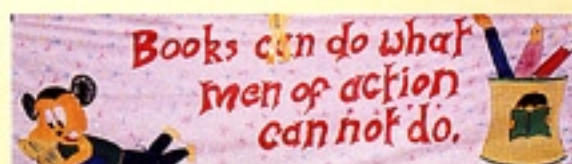
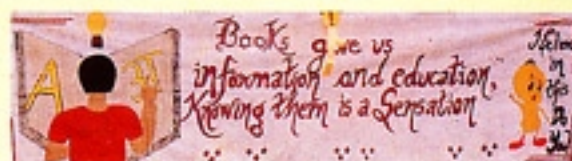
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Class III	Shibika Suresh	Tanmai Dureja	Sahiba Khurana, Shubham Sareen
Class IV	Shivam Sheel	Mehak Juneja	Priyanshi Handa, Vasu Bhardwaj

Literary Quiz

I	Alexander Dumas	Rishabh Garg	VIII
		Abhinav Bhalla	VIII
		Arshia Jain	VII
II	R.L. Stevenson	Harshvardhan	VIII
		Sanjay Dhawan	VIII
		Arunima Dheer	VII
III	Lewis Carroll	Mahima Srivastava	VII
		Sameer Kaushik	VIII
		Vinshu Arora	VIII

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SPIC MACAY PRESENTATION

Under the aegis of SPIC MACAY, a sparkling Kuchipudi Dance Recital by Guru Jayaram Rao and Vanashree Rao was witnessed by our students on 27.1.2003. Accompanied by Smt. Vidya Srinivas as the Vocalist, Shri Ganesh on the Mridangam and VSK Annadurai on the Violin, the duo danced and captured the audience with their rhythm, synchronization and supreme body control.

Starting their performance with an invocation to Lord Vishnu, they went on to educate and enthrall the young audience with their Lecture demo which included 'Nritta', 'Nritya' and 'Natya'. They demonstrated all the hand movements and explained it in very simple language meant to be comprehended by the young minds. They amazed the audience with their display of pure dance and brought a grand finale to their performance with 'Tarangam' that kept the audience spell bound as the couple danced with dexterity on the rim of a brass plate. It was indeed an exhilarating and delightful performance. A treat for the eyes and the mind !



A warm and cordial reception extended to Guru Jayaram Rao and Vanashree Rao.



An awe inspiring performance by the artistes at the Kuchipudi Dance recital.

ECO CLUB WORKSHOP

Our school was chosen as a lead school by the Department of Environment for its initiative to work with 22 other schools, conducted a training module for students and teachers on 28 January 2003.

Our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal after welcoming the distinguished guests mentioned the efforts of SMS students in this Eco friendly project banning polythene bags in the school and the separation of waste into biodegradable and non biodegradable. Mr. F.K. Srinivasan from the Centre for Science and Environment provided information on water conservation. Mr. Dharendra Jha from Development Alternatives talked about Environment Management in schools.

The highlight of the training module was the presentation given by Dr. R.K. Joshi from Lok Nayak Hospital on adverse impacts of pollution on our health.

The need to adopt an eco-friendly approach while celebrating various festivals in India was highlighted by the school's Eco Club Teacher Ms. Meenu Srivastava by showing different ways of making natural colours for Holi. The programme concluded with the dignitaries visiting the school's Vermi-composting site, Paper Recycling Unit and Sapling bank.



Our school was chosen as the lead school by the Dept. of Environment and was privileged to host the Eco Club Orientation Programme

TINY TOTS MAKE A BIG WIN !

The tiny tots of classes I and II of our school took part in a Ballet competition organized by Jagat Convent Sr. Sec. School, Paschim Vihar, titled as Innocent Flutterings-2002 held on 22 Dec.'02. They won the trophy for the best performance. The theme for the ballet was 'My dream world' and the students of our school dreamt of a world where everyone will be literate, and pledged to make it their first priority, rightly justifying the title of their ballet 'Pehla Kaam'.



Jubilations among our tiny tots, who won the Inter School Ballet Trophy.

ART OF SELF DEFENCE



Taekwando style demonstration of self-defence.

During the Delhi Police Week observed by the Delhi Police, various skills in self-defence in Taekwando style were displayed by the members of the Leo Taekwando Club at St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh on 18th Feb. 2003. A cassette displaying the achievements and duties performed by the Delhi Police was also viewed by the students. The Scouts and N.C.C. Cadets of our school actively participated in the same and learned several skills. The Guests of Honour on the occasion were Mr. Yadav, S.H.O., Paschim Vihar Police Station and Ms. Sarojini, Special Police Officer of Delhi Police. The function was presided over by our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, who also proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the programme.

ON A MISSION WITH A 'DIFFERENCE'

On 2 Feb.'2003 our students visited "Shishu Bhavan", wing exclusively for infants, run by Mother Teresa's Mission of Charity' near ISBT, Delhi. This visit was arranged by the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal on a request by the students after a lesson on Mother Teresa from their English text was taught. Spontaneous contributions by them were converted into blankets, cereals, biscuits, gripewater etc. and handed over to the Sister-Incharge there. It was a unique experience for all concerned, to witness, the dedication with which, 65 infants, under one roof were, were being looked after so well.



HT PACE WORKSHOP FOR IIT ASPIRANTS

A Mathematics modular workshop for IIT aspirants was organized by HT PACE IIT EDGE at our school for Class XI students on 20.01.2003. Mr. A.N. Khan, Assistant Professor Mathematics of HT PACE IIT EDGE conducted the workshop. He inspired and encouraged the IIT aspirants and guided them as to how they should prepare before going for different competitive examinations. He emphasized that students aspiring for IIT should be application oriented. Some thought provoking problems were also discussed during the workshop.

MODULAR WORKSHOP

HT PACE organised a modular workshop at our school for Class XI students preparing for IIT. Mr. Sharad Mishra, from IIT Roorkee, explained rotational motion in detail and cleared the basic concepts of students. He gave quick tips for solving difficult numericals and solved many questions previously asked in IIT JEE. On the whole the session was highly informative and interesting.

VEDIC MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP AT ST. MARK'S

An educative lecture on Vedic Mathematics for class XII was organized at school. Mr. Yogesh Kumar, an expert on Vedic Mathematics, conducted the lecture. Various sutras of Vedic Mathematics with English translations were explained to

expedite calculations. He explained how to multiply and divide larger numbers by converting them into smaller number using bars and doing the mathematical operations easily. He also explained an easy way of dividing the Polynomials. The students were very enthusiastic and highly responsive to solving the problems using different sutras. The workshop helped the students in solving time-consuming, tedious calculations at an amazing speed.

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On 24th Jan.'2003, our school organised MOCK NTSE for class X and MOCK IIT-JEE for class XI and XII in collaboration with Career Launchers.

The number of students who participated in this were 64 comprising, all the three class levels (X, XI and XII). The children scoring the highest marks were given certificates from Career Launchers. Class X students received packs of sample papers too. The names of the meritorious students are :

Mock NTS (Class X)

1. Kalpit Sultania	X A
2. Deepesh Khanna	X A
3. Jatin Vig	X D

Mock IIT-JEE (Class XI)

1. Papiya Sinha	11 B
2. Charu Chaudhary	11 F
3. Amit Khatri	11 E

Mock IIT (Class XII)

1. Mayur Krishan Batra	12 E
2. Ankita Jain	12 B
3. Varun Arora	12 B

NCC P.M'S RALLY

Our school participated in PM's Rally on 27th January 2003, held in Garrison RD Parade ground, Delhi Cantt. and the participants were :

1. Kanika	IX H
2. Divya Rath	VIII F
3. Richa Chugh	VIII E
4. Samya Mehta	VI F
5. Triveni	VIII K
6. Mansi Tyagi	VIII I
7. Bhavya Goswami	VIII F
8. Sherry Singh	VIII F
9. Geetanjali Malik	VIII F
10. Megha Arora	VIII B
11. Kareena Arora	VIII B
12. Heena Misra	VIII I
13. Aditi	VIII I
14. Udit	IX H
15. Chaya Malik	IX I
16. Aayushee Goel	VII H
17. Sonia	VIII I
18. Shefali Arora	VII D
19. Komal Spall	VIII H
20. Shelly Uppal	VIII E
21. Rujalla	VIII K
22. Deepti Malik	VIII F
23. Somya S	VIII K
24. Anjali	VIII K
25. Sanchita Madan	VIII I
26. Bhakti Arora	VIII A

EXPLORATION CLUB

The students of the Exploration Club (classes IV-V) visited the Police Station on 25 February 2003. The children visited the place where the recovered stolen items were kept, the cells where the detenue are kept before interrogation and saw the photographs of the wanted men displayed on the notice board. The children were also explained the importance of lodging a F.I.R. Overall it was a learning experience for all.

REPORT ON CLUB ACTIVITIES 2002-2003 (I to V)

Club meetings for classes I to V were regularly held. Children enjoyed a break from studies and actively participated in the activities.

1. Exploration club had a gala time exploring the fire station, post office etc.
2. Rhyme 'N' Rhythm club members composed lovely poems. The budding writers were very happy to do so.
3. Handicraft club members created wonderful craftwork in individual and team effort.
4. Rainbow club members splashed colours and created wonderful pieces of art using their fingers.
5. The young scientists of our Experiment club did their own individual Experiments.
6. Cook 'N' Serve club members prepared wonderful dishes with their tiny hands e.g. Bhelupuri, Sandwiches etc.
7. Do-Re-Mi club danced to their own Rhythms and self compositions.
8. Dramatics club members performed different acts and enacted little plays.
9. Mathemagic club members quizzed away using their mental ability to solve puzzles.

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY

The students of our school celebrated X-Mas in a befitting manner. They were enlightened about the birth of baby Jesus and rejoiced by singing beautiful Christmas Carols.

ST. MARK'S WINTER CARNIVAL '2002

24 Dec. '02 was a day full of joy and fun for the students, as Nehru House students organized the Winter Carnival. The House Captain Pallavi Mehta and the Vice Captain Preeti Shekhawat worked with their team under the guidance of their teacher incharges Ms. Monica Jain and Ms. Shalini Kansra and other members of the teaching fraternity to make it a complete success. The students had a gala time playing games and winning prizes. It seemed as if Santa Claus was showering prizes on each and every child on Christmas Eve.

TEACHERS VISIT JIL IT

On 22 Feb.'2003 a group of teachers of our school visited JIL IT in Sahibabad. "Bharatiyavidya" a product of JIL IT Ltd. is a teachers' aid. They viewed not only the finished products i.e., the modules but also the making of such modules. These modules were based on Maths, Science and Social Studies and the classes ranged from Std. V to X. The visit also included a meeting with Mr. Alok Rastogi, Asst. Vice President, Mr. Grover, Head of Multimedia team, Ms. Kusum Bist, Client Relation Executive, Ms. Tanuja Verma and many domain knowledge experts who were also open to suggestions. Each module was of a duration of 3 minutes.

On the whole it was a wonderful experience for all the teachers, who went with an open mind and are interested in this multimedia based Classroom Teaching Aid.

OUR STUDENTS IN TECHNO CREATIVITY

Thirty-nine students of our school emerged as winners among 210 participants in the contest held at the Intel Creativity Centre. The fortnight long contest was organized by 'Kidstuff', an event managing organization, with softwares supplied by Intel Asia Electronics, Bangalore. The winners are :

CLASS VII

1. Anchal	7 E
2. Saryu	7 B
3. Kshitija	7 C
4. Nupur Khurana	7 A
5. Kunal	7 C
6. Ashima	7 G
7. Aniket Handa	7 B
8. Sanaya	7 B
9. Arunima	7 B
10. Lakshay	7 B
11. Mannika	7 D
12. Mohit	7 A
13. Nidhi	7 C

CLASS VIII

14. Payal	8 F
15. Siddharth Sharma	8 D
16. Tanvi Kohli	8 F
17. Snigdha Srivastava	8 G
18. Aakriti	8 G
19. Bhavna	8 E
20. Suparna	8 H
21. Anurag	8 D
22. Gurpratap	8 D
23. Gaurav	8 E
24. Astha	8 H
25. Mandeep	8 B
26. Aditi Mishra	8 F

CLASS IX

27. Karan	9 F
28. Sahil	9 B
29. Divya Batra	9 G
30. Nitika	9 F
31. Priyanka	9 F
32. Saransh	9 B
33. Sugandha	9 B
34. Aneesha	9 G
35. Deepali	9 G
36. Abhinav	9 B
37. Kriti	9 C
38. Abhijeet	9 F
39. Kanika	9 B

[The toppers are Nidhi 7 C, Aditi 8 F and Kanika 9 B]

Pidite Industries Ltd. organized a variety of competitions at Summeral Jain Public School on Dec. 21st, 2002. A number of students participated and the winners are :

Bharti Minocha of class III won the 3rd prize in Group 2 category for Painting.

Akshit Pathela of class IV won the consolation in the Group 1 category for Painting.

Amrita Singh Ahuja of class XI won the consolation prize at the Talent Fashion Show.

[Congrats to Manorag Saxena of class VI A who received the prize for Swift Jyoti Program by NIIT, at the Aaj Tak Contest.]

RESULT OF THE INTRA-CLASS PARAGRAPH WRITING COMPETITION HELD ON 6.01.03

Topic—"My Favourite Story" (Class III)

I	Shibika Suresh	III C
II	Shubham Sareen	III A
III	Aashima Bansal	III C

Topic—"My Favourite Story" (Class IV)

I	Akshit Dhinan	IV D
II	Nitish Mahajan	IV A
III	Aashima Gujral	IV A

Topic—"My Favourite Fairytale Character" (Class V)

I	Brinda Valecha	V C
II	Siddharth Rajan	V B
III	Prakriti Dua	V D

Spl. Prize

Surbhi Batra	V F
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On 20th Jan. Sameer Kaushik of class VIII and Dhananjay Kaushal of class VII along with their teacher Ms. Jyoti Ramdas participated at the State Level Bournvita Quiz Competition. The team performed very well and the teacher received a number of prizes in the Teacher's Open Round.

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The Delhi Round of Limca Book of Records Quiz has held on Jan. 27th at IIPA auditorium and our school team consisting of Abhinav Bhalla of class VIII G, Sanjay Dhawan of class VIII D and Karan Kohli of class VIII B performed well and won a number of audience prizes.

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An Inter School Competition was organized by Helpage India at Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar. A team consisting of Sugandha Sharma of IX B, Sombir Palit of IX C and Anurag Jain of IX C performed very well and received certificate of merit.

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At the 4th National Science Olympiad Amit Khatri of class XI was placed 55th (All India Rank) and Varun Arora of class XII was placed 76th (All India Rank)

NIE PRESS CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG REPORTERS

Aditi Ramdas of VII F and Surbhi Batra of V F together got an opportunity to attend a Press Conference for Young Reporters held at FICCI Auditorium on 6 Feb. 2003. For the two girls it was a day to remember as they were privileged to interact with Mr. Dileep Padgaonkar, Editor in Chief, Times of India and Ms. Sabina the Editor of Delhi Times. A memorable day for the children as they learnt many lessons and were also inspired to become journalists in the future.

QUIZ O BOOK CARNIVAL was hosted by Salwan Public School. Our students participated in a variety of competition. The following are the prize winners :

Story Writing			
Gunjan Batra	IX	Priti Shekhawat	XI
Akshay Chhabra	IX	Vanrath Kochhar	VII
Anisha Singh	IX	Aanchal Budhraj	VII
Poetry Writing		Jatin Baweja	VI
Garv Malik	IV	Supriya Sharma	IV
Akash Jethi	V	Slogan Writing	
Nikhil Sehgal	XI	Shalini Gupta	XI
		Aditya Tarwar	XI

MY WISH

*As I lie on the silvery sand
Gazing at the bright sky
I dream of a wonderland
To which I could fly*

*Where no sorrows lie so deep
Where no one needs to weep
Where reigns just peace and bliss,
Which on this earth, I terribly miss*

*Then I wish for a little angel
To touch down from the sky*

*And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh*

*My eyes drop shut
And the magic begins to unfold*

*A galaxy of glistening stars
Descends like a sea of gold*

*I hear a distant sound
It is the chime of a church bell
Heralding the arrival
of an enchanting, mystical spirit
to dwell !*

*The flutter of tiny wings
That I feel against my cheek
Makes my heart skip a beat
Has it discovered what it seeks ?*

*My joy knew no bounds
As I look up in wonder
To a smiling Little Angel
Resting on my right shoulder !*

Harleen Kaur
VIII B

A DAY OF MY LIFE, WHEN I FELT MOST EMBARRASSED !

I want to share an experience of my life, which embarrassed me the most. I was coming back after shopping with my elder cousin brother in a rickshaw. Being kids we decided to tease the Rickshaw puller. We both thought him to be uneducated, so we started speaking in English, we spoke ill of him thinking, being uneducated he would not be knowing English. Till the time we reached home we kept mocking at him. We cracked jokes at his expense. We reached home and it was time to pay. We gave him less than the required amount. When he asked for the remaining money, we teased him. We repeated these words "A dumb buffalo asking for money like a foolish fellow". We turned around when he called us and said "Look children, you should never tease a person who is less fortunate than you. May be it is your luck that you have a good fortune and better parents, than me". After saying this he went away. These lines spoken by the rickshaw puller effected me so deeply that whenever I see a rickshaw puller I feel guilty. This conversation was not heard by anyone else and also I do not have the heart to tell this to anyone. But one thing is for sure, that I fell in my own eyes. I then realised, what respect is all about ? I understand that to be respected I needed to respect others.

Siddharth Raina
IX-F

A MEMORABLE MEETING

I was lucky to meet our honourable Chief Minister Mrs. Sheila Dixit on 20th Jan. 2003, as a member of the best Tiger Club of our school. There were over 85 other schools representatives who had gone to visit her. There was active interaction between the students and the CM and she answered our queries related to the Tiger Project and told us that killing Tigers is a punishable offence. I also asked her, why are Peacocks killed for their feathers even though it is our National Bird, for which she replied, she would look into the matter. Then, all the students presented her with gifts. I also presented her a card made by me using our schools recycled paper with a message "Save Tiger-Save Environment, on behalf of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh.

It was indeed a memorable experience, which I would cherish.

Aanchal Jain
VII G



St. Mark's Prep. School Janakpuri-winners of the Inter School Fairy Tale Enactment Competition proudly display their trophy.



Weaving Magic with threads—visitors appreciate the students work at the Anchor Embroidery Contest.



Seminar on Vedic Mathematics was conducted for students of class XII.



Tricolour being unfurled during Republic Day Celebrations.



"The winner takes them all", cheer the students for Patel House who won the Overall Championship during Annual Sports Day.



House Prefects of the Primary Wing being administered the Oath on Annual Sports Day.



Children have a Fun-Day Out at 'Fun-N-Food Village'



Our endearing CAROL SINGERS captivated us with their music.



Winners of the Pidlite (1st Round) Art Competition.



Congrats to the class toppers of PROCOM—G.K., Aptitude, Maths, Puzzles and Computers.



Ms. Preeti Sharma, P.E.T. was honoured when she was designated 'Pilot' during the passing out parade at OTA Gwalior.



Our teachers on their visit to JIL IT in Sahibabad.

ST. MARK'S MEERA BAGH BIDS ADIEU TO XII

On 15 Feb.'2003 the students of Class XI of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, bid farewell to Class XII. The Principal, Vice Principal and Headmistress along with distinguished guests graced the occasion. A colourful and entertaining cultural programme was presented with well choreographed dances, miming and skits flavoured with humour and a melodious orchestra. This was followed by a lavish lunch and then by very exciting games, in which the students of class XII thoroughly enjoyed themselves and won prizes. The outgoing students travelled down memory lane when they spoke of the impressions of school life which they will treasure forever.

The Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, wished these students all the best for a bright and successful future. The grand finale was the selection of students for the coveted titles of the day :

MS. SMS	DHEERA ANAND
MR. SMS	ISHU TAYAL
MS. PERSONALITY	PALLAVI MEHTA
MR. PERSONALITY	MAYUR BATRA
MS. POPULAR	NEHRA MISHRA
MR. POPULAR	CHETAN BHATIA

It was an occasion of mixed emotions.



ST. MARK'S MEERA BAGH CELEBRATES REPUBLIC DAY

Republic Day was celebrated with enthusiasm and gaiety by our school. The unfurling of the Tricolour by the Principal of the school Ms. A. Aggarwal was followed by speeches in Hindi and English and patriotic songs sung by the students. It helped to reaffirm the spirit of patriotism among the students.

ST. MARK'S FAIRY TALE ENACTMENT COMPETITION

St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, hosted an Inter School Fairy Tale Enactment Competition for tiny tots in the age group of 3-5 years on 20.02.2003. There was enthusiastic participation from number of schools and a variety of Fairy Tales such as Hansel and Gretel, The Sleeping Beauty, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and The Pied Piper were among the stories enacted.

The judges for this event were Ms. Era Sehgal (Consultant, NIE), Ms. Smitha Vijay (Editor Coordinator, HT), and Mr. Rahul (Expert in Cinema studies & Dramatics). The little performers transported the audience into the world of fantasy with their authentic costumes and excellent performances. The Best Play Trophy was bagged by St. Mark's Preparatory School, Janakpuri. The Best Actor Award was shared by Shubham Behl of St. Mark's Preparatory School, Janakpuri and Shivansh Tuli of Little Hundo-de Kindergarten, Guru Harkishan Nagar. Guneet Lamba and Unnatpreet Kaur of St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh jointly shared the Best Actress Award.

The Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal welcomed the distinguished guests and the 200 odd participants. Ms. Era Sehgal, commended the participants for their acting abilities and congratulated the host school for their flawless arrangements.



Proud winners of the coveted SMS titles; Ms SMS Dheera Anand and Mr. SMS Ishu Tayal along with our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi.



Students of class XII A along with our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi and their class teacher Ms. Vaishali Lamba.



Students of Class XII B along with our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi and their class teacher Mr. B. Tangri.



Students of class XII C along with our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi and their class teacher Ms. Kavita Mehta.



Students of class XII D along with our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi and their class teacher Ms. Poonam Sethi.



Students of class XII E along with our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi and their class teacher Ms. Ritu Verma.

Dear Ms. Anjali Aggarwal,

I take this opportunity to congratulate your school on the excellent performance of the team. They were also very sporting and disciplined and I am sure they will continue to keep your school's flag flying high in the future.

Yours sincerely

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Ms. L. Srinivas meets Ruskin Bond at Ivy Cottage :

"Your pencil is your PC and all you need is a good sharpener along with it. Isn't it?" I inserted, recalling what I read in one of his books, recently. An honest rejoinder came from him. That was an exaggeration. I need a ballpoint pen." he shows the pen in his hand.

"I am not energetic enough, nowadays, to go to schools, meet children, and talk to them; but St. Mark's School, I'll be there at the earliest opportunity" he said, as he brought us back to the sitting room.

I was on cloud nine, "Everybody at St. Mark's is eagerly looking forward to your visit, Sir" I said happily. By the way given below is the message that I wrote in the greeting card from all of us at St. Mark's."

*Hope the New Year
Makes our wish come true
We at St. Mark's are
Awaiting a visit by you.*

Message from the author :

'As modern technology and swifter travel makes the world smaller, it is more than ever imperative that we come closer together in universal brotherhood.'

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Mrs. A. Aggarwal
Principal
St. Mark's School
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New Delhi

Jan. 7, 2003

Dear Mrs. Aggarwal,

It was a pleasure being in your school yesterday, at the inauguration of the Book Week. It was an even greater pleasure for me to conduct the Creative Writing Workshop for the students of Class IX.

I was happy with the response and the articles, 43 of them speak for themselves. I hope you will be able to go through all of them—they reveal not only how teenagers think and feel—but also tell us a lot about the wide variety of subjects they wish to hold an opinion on..

I would like to make special mention of the following articles :

Stolen Bananas; My True Love; A Day Of Life When I Felt Most Embarrassed and Straight From The Heart.

Please do convey my congratulations to all the children who attended the Workshop and wrote such interesting articles in such a short time.

With the best wishes to you and your staff.

Yours sincerely,

Vaijayanti Tonpe

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Encl:

43 articles





Winners of the Inter Class Paragraph Writing Competition.



Avid readers browse through books during the Book Week Celebrations.



Fun filled-times at the Winter Carnival.



Students enjoy Games during the Christmas Party.



Its 'Santa Time' for our tiny tots at Christmas.



Three Legged Race—so girls, Rise and run, don't fall !

EYE CATCHERS



We are proud of "Procom Class Toppers"

