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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

Come September and it's splendid times for us at St. Mark's. This year the month brought us happy tidings as our Vice Principal Ms. Wahi and Headmistress Ms. Sethi received commendations for their exemplary contribution to the field of education. We congratulated both of them- our pillars of strength. A host of activities at school and inter school participation, trips and excursions kept us busy in September/October. November breezed in with '**Srishti'-A Spectacular Spectrum**', the Social Science Exhibition which went beyond the structure of the subject and painted a very impressive, educative and informative picture of the Indian panorama. It was a learning experience for all the participants as 'learning' was not within the constraints of a classroom. It was a thundering success due to the hard work and commendable cooperation amongst the management, staff, parents and students of the SMS Family. We have indeed redeemed our pledge. Together we can, and we will !

'SRISHTI'-A SPECTACULAR SPECTRUM

To commemorate Pt. Nehru's birthday i.e. Children's Day our school organized '**SRISHTI - A SPECTACULAR SPECTRUM**', on the 15th of November 2003 in the school premises. The Chief Guest for this mega event was His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Islamic State of Afghanistan Mr. Masood Khalili and Ms. Daljeet Kaur, Dy. Director of Education, Dist. West, was the Special Guest of Honour. Other distinguished personalities from the field of education who graced the occasion were



Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal welcomes the Chief Guest, His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, Mr. Masood Khalili.

Dr. Y. P. Purang, former Additional Director of Education, and Ms. Tirkey, Dy. Director of Education. The Chairman of the school Mr. T. P. Aggarwal welcomed the distinguished guests along with the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi.

The Chief Guest graciously gave away prizes which were sponsored by H.T.Pace to the parents who were the winners of **MARQUIZ**- a quiz on India for the parents.

The school bore a festive look as flower petals and coloured powder (gulaal) flew in the air creating a riot of colours while the Welcome Dance was in progress. About 150 students performed the major Indian Classical dances of India, which was



The Special Guest of Honour, Ms. Daljeet Kaur, Dy. Director of Edn. Distt. West appreciates the handicrafts of a North Eastern State.



The 'Panorama of Indian dances' cast a spell at Srishti-A Spectacular Spectrum.

followed by the merging of the Bamboo Dance of Nagaland with the Dandiya of Gujarat.

Approximately 1700 students participated in this grand Social Science Exhibition. The students of the Primary Classes showcased all the 28 states of our country. Delhi, although not granted full statehood was also presented well. Neighboring countries like Myanmar, Afghanistan, Nepal as well as distant ones i.e. Canada, Spain, Egypt & Australia were also depicted.

The students of the Middle Classes staged the various events in History, right from ancient India to modern India. In addition the important events of the 20th century starting with the invention of the Aeroplane, the World

Wars and the fall of the Berlin Wall upto the millennium celebrations were enacted.

The students of Senior Classes enacted various aspects of Civics. The Legislature, Judiciary, Armed Forces, Constitution of our country with important amendments, the election system, a fascinating representation of the UN and globalization in today's world with even question hour session of Parliament thrown in was aptly performed by the students. The tiny tots representation of the various Prime Ministers and Presidents of India from independence up to date was well appreciated.



Our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal greets the Guest of Honour former Additional Director of Edn. Dr. Y.P. Purang



The picture perfect presentation of prizes for parents by His Excellency.

It was truly a wonderful day as the exhibition showcased the talents of students. What an Annual Day function cannot do, this kind of exhibition certainly does. What made this event different and exclusive was that the students enacted famous events related to their topic be it in History, Civics, Geography or Economics. It was not just a display of models but a display of talent, information and vision. 'Srishti' was truly a spectacular spectrum of art.

AWARDED



Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi receives the Dr. Radhakrishnan Award from the former Edn. Minister Dr. Narender Nath

On the 116th Birth Anniversary of former President late Dr. S. Radhakrishnan 181 educationists were awarded the prestigious Dr. Radhakrishnan Memorial National Teacher Award at Shah Auditorium on 4th of September. The function was presided over by former Education Minister Dr. Narender Nath. It was a proud moment for all of us at St. Mark's when our dynamic Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi received this prestigious award for her outstanding contribution in the field of education.

Yet another proud moment was when our enterprising Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi was honoured for her distinguished, sincere and dedicated services as a teacher by the Founder Patron of the Lions Club, New Delhi, Lion David Lal, Founder Principal and Director of St. Mary's School, New Delhi.



Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi is felicitated by the founder Patron of the Lions Club, New Delhi

TRAIL BLAZERS

On the 24th of Sep. 2003, the Junior Student Council was formed for the first time. Our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms V. Wahi and the Headmistress Ms R. Sethi presented the *Badges of Honour* to the new office bearers. A lively and colourful dance performance by the children of Class IV was part of the colourful pageant.

The young Office Bearers were administered the oath by the Senior School Head Boy Sameer Mirani. It was a pleasure to see the gleaming faces of the proud recipients of those badges. The Office Bearers of the primary section are-

Head Boy	Surmit Singh Bhui(VB)
Head Girl	Ashima Gujral (VA)
Vice Head Boy	Shiv Johri(IVA)
Vice Head Girl	Shibika(IVC)
School Captain (Boy)	Akshit Dhiman(VD)
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Vice Sports Captain (Boy)	Rishab (IVE)
Vice Sports Captain (Girl)	Disha Sethi (IVD)



Trail Blazers - The members of the Junior Student Council at their investiture

HOUSE	CAPTAINS	VICE CAPTAINS
SHASTRI	Arsh (V F)	Parul Arora (IV D)
GANDHI	Nitin Bajaj(V C)	Shubham Sareen (IV D)
PATEL	Abhilash (V H)	Shubham Arora (IV A)
NEHRU	Ishan Gupta (V G)	Tanya (IV B)

ST. MARKS MAKES IT'S PRESENCE FELT AT AN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL



Our student delegation at Odyssey-the International Lit Fest at Lucknow



Joyful Jubilant juniors receive the trophy at Lit Fest.

Fourteen students of our school participated in Odyssey 2003, an International Literary English Fest, organized by City Montessori Inter College, Lucknow from 8th to 11th November 2003. The members of the junior team were Sugandha Sharma, Gaurav Narula, Rishabh Garg, Sneha Jain, Richa Chugh, Aditi Ramdas and Dhananjay Kaushal while the senior team comprised of Pooja Chawla, Megha Tewari, Jasveen Kaur, Purna Korla, Priyanka Chandra, Bharti Bhardwaj and Jatin Anand. Under the guidance of the senior English teacher Ms. K. Mehta, the students participated in various literary events such as Debate, Elocution, Turncoat, Dumb Charades, Half-a-Minute, Dramatization of Poetry etc. Students from 52 schools from various parts of India and two schools from Nepal competed in the Fest.

It proved to be an invigorating experience and provided a wonderful exposure to the students who had the opportunity to compete in and witness events conducted by moderators of great repute such as Mr. Barry O'Brien, Mr. Carlyle Mc Farland and Mr. Ashley Burns. It was a matter of great pride for our school as the junior team lifted the trophies for the 1st and the 3rd place in Dumb Charades and Dramatisation of Poetry respectively.

The team members were also appreciated for their courteousness and good behavior.

AWE-INSPIRING PERFORMANCES



Magic created by the Chhau dancers
of Purulia



Kamal Sabriji captivates the audience with his
Sarangi Recital in School

SPIC MACAY brought to life the magic of Chhau dance from Purulia on 28th Oct. 2003 in our school. C. Mahotoji and his troupe wearing huge masks and adorned in bright and colourful costumes, presented 'Mahishasura Vadh'. The depiction of various mythological figures with their refined movements and vigorous dance steps kept the audience spell bound.

Kamal Sabriji's enthralling Sarangi recital on 29th Oct 2003 was organized as a part of Virasat-2003 under the aegis of SPIC MACAY. Kamal Sabriji accompanied by Mithilesh Kumar Jha on tabla interacted with the students, teaching them all about Sarangi.

OUR SCHOOL IN QUANTA



**Quanta - student delegation of St. Mark's at
Quanta - the international Competition for Applied Sciences.**

Seven students of Class XII of our school (Amit Khatri, Bharat Kishnani, Rohit Kumar Sahoo, Nitin Kapoor, Meenal Chabra, Mehak Malhotra & Nidhi Nair) led by Mr. B. Tangri participated in 'Quanta' the international competition for Science, Mathematics, Astronomy & Computer Science at Lucknow from 15th Oct. to 19th Oct. 2003. 56 teams from Czech Republic, Finland, Jordan,

Malaysia, Nepal, Ukraine and two teams each from Russia and Indonesia also participated. The students of our school performed very well and qualified for the finals. The myriad aspects of Science and scientific studies were well covered through a host of activities organised for the event. Our students honed their skills through the various interactions with the judges who were experts in the various disciplines of Science. The participants remarked that it was a true blend of logical sciences with innovations and creativity.

ASTRONOMY CLUB IS LAUNCHED

The astronomy club of our school '**Galaxy**' was launched on 15th September 2003. The resource person was Mr. Amitabh Pandey, President "S.P.A.C.E." a well-known astronomer and Science communicator whose views are regularly incorporated in print media. He is also an amateur astronomer and science journalist and is associated with Indian People's Theatre Association. The other coordinators were Mr. Vikas Nautiyal and Mr. Bhushan. The members of the club took part in an interactive session where they asked a variety of questions relating to the possibility of life on other planets. They clarified their doubts on various technical terms associated with astronomy. Unanimously a student's representative from among the members was chosen. Roohneet Kaur of Class VI-E who will coordinate the activities of the club was briefed about her role in providing the kit and written material to club members. The importance of knowing the night sky was discussed after which an outdoor session of viewing the planet Mars was organized on the school grounds. Though it was a cloudy sky and



'Galaxy' of SMS at an interactive session

clear viewing through the telescope was a handicap but the enthusiasm of the club members was appreciated. With an objective to pursue the activities of the club systematically the members now look forward to the next sessions.

INTER HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION

An Inter House Drama Competition was held at school for Classes III to V. There were eight presentations in total. The themes for the two categories were

Class III Any scene from the Epics of Mahabharata and Ramayana

Class V- Independence and Freedom



Our 'Epics' have manifold values to impart, believe the students of Class-III



Independence and freedom from political tensions and social vices is the need of the day-believe the students of Class-V.

Nehru House won the best presentation prize for Class III and Shastri House bagged the first prize in Class V category. .

All the enactments had brilliant performances by the children. The sets were beautiful and richly decorated. The judges appreciated the efforts of the students and commended the teachers. It was a well conducted event.

WORKSHOPS



A teacher voices her concern in the counselling session with Dr. Sameer Parikh

ADOLESCENT AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ISSUES

Our school organized a two-session workshop on 6th of September in which the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal welcomed the eminent Psychiatrist Dr. Sameer Parikh. The workshop in two phases comprised of-

1. An interactive session with the senior staff on the prevailing adolescent issues as well as the various psychological and behavioral problems of the adolescents.
2. The second session was primarily for the primary staff on the two major disorders/disabilities.
 - I. Attention Deficient Hyperactivity Disorder
 - II. Specific Learning Disabilities in the area of reading, writing and mathematics.

These disabilities are specific in the age group of 3-8 yrs. The main aim of the workshop was to help these children in their classes and evaluate them in order to provide them with remedial education. The teachers were provided with the behavioral checklists for identification of these disorders. The workshop was both interactive and informative.

THE ART OF LIVING

The Guru's of the organisation conducted an Art of Living workshop for the teachers on October 16th and 17th. They introduced us to their basic course, which included Pranyam, meditation, Yoga and many other processes that lead to a fit and healthy body and a calm relaxed mind. At the heart of the course is the Sudarshan Kriya, a powerful yet simple breathing technique that oxygenates each and every cell of the body, eliminates stress and leaves one fresh and energetic. The teachers felt rejuvenated after the workshop and were really keen to take up the course.

MATHS WORKSHOP

On 18th of October our school organized a Mathematics workshop. Dr. S.N. Chibber, Secretary of Delhi Association of Mathematic teachers and Dr. J.C.Nijhawan, District Secretary of Delhi Association of Mathematic teachers, conducted the workshop. Dr. Chibber discussed in detail the changes in the syllabus of Class X and about the new topics introduced. Dr. Nijhawan talked about typical questions from various topics of Class XII. Teachers from 21 schools of Delhi attended this workshop and were enriched by the expertise of the resource persons.



Dr. S.N. Chibber, the resource person interacts with the Maths teachers during the Maths Workshop at School

WORKSHOP ON RECYCLED PAPER

Our Eco Club conducted a workshop on recycled paper products. Ms.Anuradha and Mr.Rahul from Development Alternatives TARA conducted the workshop on 17th October 2003, which was organized by the Eco Club. It was a great learning experience as children learnt how to make paper bags, photo frames, clip boards, folders, pencil boxes and wrapping paper by block printing on hand made paper.

EXCURSIONS

JAISALMER- LAND OF FORTS AND DUNES

91 students of Classes IX and X accompanied by teachers went on an educational trip to Jaisalmer. The vast expanse of the desert and the sand dunes with sunset and moonrise as backdrops followed by an enriching experience at the Fort and the Lake left a lasting impression in the minds of all. The 'icing on the cake' was the conducted tour of the Air Force base at Jaisalmer. Fighter planes were seen at close quarters in the hanger and an officer on special duty explained all its parts and their functions to the attentive students. Three takeoffs were witnessed at a stone's throw distance. Aspirants asked pertinent questions and satisfied their curiosity. It was indeed a golden opportunity for all concerned.

A VISIT TO JAIPUR-THE PINK CITY

A group of 42 students of Class IV with their teachers left Delhi in the wee hours of 6th September for Jaipur. They proceeded to Chowki Dhani a 5-star village resort where the students were received in the traditional manner. The rooms were comfortable



Unwinding At Jaisalmer

and the food was extremely tasty and traditional. At the village fair the children enjoyed puppet shows, magic shows and traditional folk dances. The visit to Amber Fort, Birla temple, Hawa Mahal and Jal Mahal was educative and interesting.



Students of Class XII along with their teachers at Rohtang Pass in Manali

ATRIPTOTHEHILLS!

In the second and last week of September respectively students of Class XII and XI went for a trip to the beautiful hill resorts of Kullu and Manali. They also visited the exquisitely planned city of Chandigarh and Bhakra Nangal Dam. The trips were both educative as well as enjoyable. The highlight was the visit to Rohtang Pass where they viewed the higher mountain reaches covered with snow.



STUDENTS HAD FUN IN GOA.

EXPLORING GOA

Around 94 students of Classes VII & VIII of our school were totally lost in the beauty of Goa. Be it the beach or the cathedral, the Fort Aguada or Dona Paula, each place had so much to offer to the students that the students were dazzled by their beauty and serenity. No wonder they came back with heavy hearts.



Class XI jells well with Nek Chand's creations

AN EXCURSION TO CHANDIGARH

35 students of Class V were taken on an excursion to Chandigarh on the 13th and 14th of September. In addition to the famous Rock Garden and Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh they went for a lion Safari at Chatbir. The next day the students went to the famous Bhakra Dam, which proved to be a memorable experience for them.

Mrs. Daljeet Kaur

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

Dated : 9-12-03

Dear Ms. Anjali Aggarwal

The Social Science Exhibition, '**Srishti - A Spectacular Spectrum**', hosted on November 15, 2003, was a landmark of institutional development and diversification of schooling facilities to produce mature, well adjusted and responsible citizens, working assertively for global upliftment.

The Exhibition was informative and educative, dealing with rich indian heritage and values of the Global Community. The format of exhibits and the display was of high standard, pointing to the height achieved by St. Mark's School since its inception in 1990. The professional acumen of the School Principal and the quality of team work opened up vistas of learning through observation and exploration.

I congratulate you for such an event where imparting information to facilitate learning is fun.

Keep it up.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

MK
9/12/03

(DALJEET KAUR)

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November 15, 2003

Ms. Anjali Aggarwal,

Principal,

SMS Sr. Sec. School

Dear Ms. Aggarwal

I have been to your school today to see the function your school organized.

It was an excellent idea, fabulous display, very well organized. My heartiest congratulations to you, management, people behind the idea and your staff. A complete explanation of the theme in 5-7 minutes. Great work!

One important thing I would like to mention is that since most of your students were participating I am of the opinion that these students should not be the sufferers and also must be educated by this programme, as they were not able to see the programme. Please do to look into this.

My apologies as I was not able to completely specially North East India part where we are experts, it was because of my preoccupation.

With regards

S
Sandeep Vats

138, Kangra Niketan

Vikaspuri, New Delhi 110018

SCHOOL RULES

Come to school well in time
 Go for a prayer in a line
 Don't throw the wrappers on the ground
 Give the teacher whatever is found
 Wish the teacher when you meet
 And give a smile when you greet
 Bring your lock and bring your key
 And don't forget to pay your fee
 Do your homework everyday
 And in your class you should not play
 And when you are out of your class
 Don't forget to take the pass
 Follow you must, every rule
 Want to study in St. Mark's School?

Vidushi Sharma
 V G

THE NIGHT HAS THOUSAND EYES

The night has thousand eyes
 And the day has one
 Yet the light of the bright world dies
 And the dark night arrives
 The mind has thousand eyes
 And the heart has only one
 The light of the cunning mind dies
 As the feelings of the heart arrives

Prabhleen Kaur
 IX F

MY MOTHER

Oh! Mother, my dear mother
 You are so different from others
 You love me so much
 Though I make such a fuss
 You've taught me precious things
 So that I become a good human being
 You are always a friend and a guide
 Who has helped me overcome pride?
 If I am ill you feel the chill
 If I am sad you feel so bad
 Oh mother, my dear mother
 You are unlike any other

Akhil
 VI G

NATURE

So beautiful is nature
 With its wonderful creatures
 The light of the sun
 The water of the rain
 Charming moonlight
 Flows so bright
 I love nature
 I love its moods

Nidhi Taneja
 VIII C

WHO WAS SHE ?

She was alone when a man approached her and whistled. She started running away but the man followed her. She turned back and glanced but to her dismay found many more following her. She quickened her pace but the men did not give up. One of them almost reached her but she did not stop. I watched her from afar. Coming round the corner she spotted me. I opened up my arms to welcome her and behold. She was in my arms, safe and sound. Don't worry, 'she' was a football and I was a goalkeeper.

Gaurav Ahuja
 VI E

"PLEASE PAY ATTENTION"

My dear friends please pay attention
 I have a few things to mention
 When you enter the gate
 Be sure you're never late
 Then say your prayer with a pure heart
 This is how everyday must start
 Listen to what your teacher says
 This builds your knowledge day by day
 You go to school for a good aim
 To become great and make a good name
 If any teacher scolds, never mind
 It is a teaching of a kind
 Be obedient and be smart
 Then you can pull your life's cart
 These few things I wished to mention
 Thank you for your time and attention

Kanika Pahwa
 IX E

HELP ME PLEASE !

For my school magazine
 I want to write something
 So please someone help me!
 A poem I cannot write
 To write that one has to be bold and bright
 But yes the words I can write
 The simple expressions of my mind
 I am sure you can find
 If you are my kind

Sanya Khera
 V G

FOOTBALL

Football here football there
 Football football everywhere
 I can't wait for football to begin
 I just hope that England wins
 I want to see Seamon save the ball
 And Beckam bend it round the wall
 If Owen would only shoot and score
 I would say that England is not a bore
 I want the matches to continue to be exciting
 Or the World Cup would be over for me

Chirag Grover
 VIII E

GRANNY DEAREST

My grand mom used to tell me tales
 About the sun, the moon and the sky
 But the twinkling star she would remind
 Is a grandma smiling at her child?
 Now when grandma is long gone
 Herself a star in a heavenly home
 I wonder if she still smiles
 To see on Earth her little child

Kunaal Singhal
 V B

STUDIES MADE SIMPLER !**A Teacher Muses**

Rigid school curriculum, lectures galore, never-ending homeworks, assignments, class works, oral-drilling and examinations!

Ooph! The list is endless.

Students do fret and fume at times when they are required to spend more time at studies as they climb the ladder of higher classes. It's not that the students lack the ability to make it big in studies but the desire to excel, the motivation to know more about the world and the urge to come out of the cocoons of ignorance lie buried deep under the debris of disinterest.

Here the role of a teacher comes into play. A teacher is blessed with a magic wand that can change a dull class into a lively one; where there are rejuvenating lectures disguised as general class-room discussions; where formulae from Mathematics, laws from Science, historical dates from Social Science and clauses from English are taught to satisfy the 'curiosity-taste buds' of our budding Mathematicians, Scientists and Scholars. Besides the teacher's experience provides wings to the thoughts and natural abilities of our future citizens.

Bacon, the famous writer, rightly says "Studies perfect nature and are perfected by experience; for natural abilities are like natural plants that need pruning by study." In fact, studies are the tools that enable students discover the subjects and co-curricular activities that interest them most. I strongly believe and reiterate that every student is endowed with special abilities. One student may excel at studies while the other may excel at sports. So if they grab the opportunities that come their way and repose in participation, not in winning or losing, then the sky is the limit and stronger are their chances of perpetual self-growth.

It's rightly said :-

If thy means be small and thy aims be high still act; for by actions alone thou can increase thy means.

So let's keep ignorance, complacency and rigidity at bay and stride delightfully through the present into an illumined future!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. Annual Sports Day.
2. X-Mas Celebrations.
 ⊗ Attraction - Inter house Drama Competitions
3. Book Week Celebrations
4. Bidding Adieu to Class XII
5. Basant Panchami Celebrations.

About "SRISHTI" A SPECTACULAR SPECTRUM

An Excellent Exhibition and it shows the hard work of children and teachers. This exhibition also will create sense of responsibility and rationality in children. A good part of this exhibition is a good no. of students' participation. Thank and best wishes for staff and principal.

Usha Khemchandani
Mother of VI A. (Gaurav Khemchandani)

Excellent Superb, wonderful, Innovative, Educative includes lots of hard work. Congratulations and tons of best wishes for future.

Shirani Kambh
M/o
Rohit Kambh
DIT A

Marvellous show! The exhibition reflected the immense potential of the teachers & students.
With Loving

Pooja Kishor
M/o

The Globe Trotting and the Pokhara Darshan beautifully enacted by the children synergizes the concept of "Learning with Fun".

The entire performance is commendable. Kudos to all of you.

Sanjiv Nethi
P/o Dnyanesh Nethi
VA

15/11/23

Beyond Comparison. Efforts both of participants & Teachers.

Thankyou

Dr. Kishor

CAREER ACAD
P/o Kishor Akash
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रेखा लगता ही जेमे आजपुरा भारत सेहं माम्म
मे ही उत्तर आया ही सम्यवाव—

गुशी जैन

MARQUIZ - 2003



Participating parents quizzing at Marquiz

MARQUIZ

The annual Inter-House Quiz Marquiz 2003 was conducted on 6th of November 2003 at our school. The theme of the quiz was 'Events of the 20th century'. It was a fun filled and an informative multimedia quiz. Rounds like Audio, Grid Round, Choose your cup etc. enthralled the audience. The winners were

Seniors (VIII-IX)

Shastri House-Sanjay Dhawan (IX A), Adit Jain (VIII C)

Juniors (VI-VII)

Nehru House-Prashant (VI B), Aman Negi (VII D)

A VISIT TO THE NEHRU PLANETARIUM

As a part of the Astronomy Club (Galaxy) activities, students of our school were taken to the Nehru Planetarium for a show. The students were first given an introduction about the show and were shown various models put on display. Then there was a 45 minutes show on the topic 'The Solar System'. The location of various constellations, the nine planets and their characteristic features were shown. The session was interesting and informative.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

❖ Lancer's Convent organised **VISION** 2003 from 6th September to 10th September 2003. Student's of our school participated in a host of competitions ranging from Debate, Adventure, Group Singing and 'Just-a-Minute'. The school wrapped up a number of points and won the Championship Trophy. The students were well appreciated for their cooperation, enthusiastic participation and discipline. The winners of the Group

A QUIZ WITH A DIFFERENCE :

Wordsworth's 'Child is father of man' flashed in the mind's eye on 7th and 8th November 2003, when our school invited the parents to participate in **MARQUIZ**- a Quiz on India for parents. The event was held in two phases, the preliminary written round followed by the grand finale, which was an impressive multimedia presentation. It was indeed a unique experience to witness an event in which anxious children with crossed fingers were the audience and eager, enthusiastic and well informed parents the participants.

First Prize

- 1) Mr. Sumant Sinha F/O Shivam Sheel (V F)
- 2) Mr. Atul Jain F/O Arushi Jain
- 3) Mr. Rajneesh K. Sharma F/O Utkarsh R. Bharadwaj (III A)

Second Prize

- 1) Mr. S.K.Palit F/O Sombir Palit (X D)
- 2) Mr. Harminder Singh F/O Tarandeep Singh (III C)
- 3) Mr. Anshu Sharma F/O Pulkita Sharma (II F)

Third Prize

- 1) Ms. Kavita Sharma M/O Utkarsh R. Bharadwaj (III A)
- 2) Mr. Sunil Bhatia F/O Akash Bhatia (II E)
- 3) Ms. Satwant Kaur M/O Tarandeep Singh (III C)

Fourth Prize

- 1) Ms. Sangeeta Jain M/O Arshi Jain (VIII D)
- 2) Mr. B.S.Rana F/O Pulkit S.Rana (III H)
- 3) Mr. Rishi K.Aggarwal F/O Divya Aggarwal (X F)

Singing were -

Raashi Khanna (VIII A), Shweta Sandhu (X C), Bhavya (X C), Shweta Jaitley (X A), Prachi Jain (X A), Mehak Malhotra (XII D), Aditi Ramdas (VIII F), Gurleen Gandhi (VIII F), Raashi Singh (X D), Sahil Bhatia (XII B) and Sarang Mittal (IX H).

❖ Students of our school participated in the Inter School Talent Fest 2003, organised by YMCA, Delhi from 15th to 17th October at YMCA Nizammuddin. Around 24 schools from all over Delhi participated in events such as Solo Western, Western Group Song, Folk Song, Folk Dance, One Act Play, On The Spot Painting Competition and Western Dance Competition. The Western Dance team consisted of Disha Malhotra, Nidhi Gupta, Swati Rattan, Rishita Monga, Aastha Aggarwal and Kanika Channa of Class XI presented choreography 'Liberation of Women' and won the Third Prize. It was an enriching experience for the students.

❖ Science Symposium was organized at Mata Jai Kaur School. The topic for the Science Debate was '

Biological warfare is deadlier than conventional warfare,' Amrita Choudhary of our school won the Second Prize and a cash award of Rs. 100 for the best interjector. Students also participated in Science and Math's Quiz held on the same day.

❖ 5th September has always been a special day for teachers. As per customary practice and tradition the students of Class XII donned the mantle of responsibility playing the role of teachers. It was a fun day for all teachers who had a lively get together followed by lunch. The highlight of the celebration was the DJ with the foot tapping music and our teachers celebrated the spirit as they danced to their heart's content.



The Principal congratulates the prize winners of the "Maggie Quiz"

❖ Nestle India organized a **Maggie Quiz** for the students of Classes IV, V & VI in our school in which six teams participated after qualifying in a preliminary round. The winner's were-

Ist Prize Gaurav Mitra (VI D), Mani Makkar (IV E)

IIInd Prize Nikhil Talwar (VI E), Ananya (IV F)

IIIrd Prize Ajay Chhabra (VI B), Chesta Maggo (IV A)

The audience prizes were bagged by Lakshay Digari (IV D), Devansh Khurana (IV E) and Mehak Juneja (V B)

ST. MARK'S MEERA BAGH-A role model school for Eco Clubs in India

It was indeed a proud moment for our school when 38 Eco Club Nodal Officers from all states and Union Territories of India in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, visited our school on 2nd of September. Dr. Sabata, Scientific Officer, Dept. of Environment, Delhi, Mr. C.N.Pandey from Gujarat Ecological Education and Research Foundation, Gandhinagar, Dr. Ram Boojh, Scientist in-

charge from Center of Environment Education, Mr. Singh, Member Secretary, Bihar State Pollution Control Board, Mr. Tapan Sinha- Asstt. Secy. & Convener, Paschimanga Vigyan Mancha, Kolkata, were among the visitors on this memorable visit. The visitors learnt that The Snow Leopard Eco Club of our school was started on 16th September 1999 with the objective to motivate the students towards environmental awareness and the students of this Eco Club have carried out various campaigns and activities. The students showed the visitors from different states of India the various activities of the club i.e. the Paper Recycling unit, the vermicomposting pit, the sapling bank and the segregation of waste into biodegradable and non- biodegradable. The endeavours of the school were highly appreciated by the visitors who commended the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal and the Teacher in-charges Ms. M.Srivastava & Ms.N.Magotra.

The Eco Club of St. Mark's, Meera Bagh, is now a role model for all schools in India.

LAURELS

❖ Amrita Chaudhary of XII E and Nidhi Nair of XII B of our school bagged the third prize at the Debate Contest organized by S. S. Mota Singh School, on 26th September 2003. The topic for the debate was 'Patriotism is at a low ebb today.'

❖ The students of our school did their school proud as the science models displayed by them at the Zonal Level Science Exhibition was selected for State Level Science Exhibition. The science model that was selected was 'Multipurpose Bridge' by Abhinav Gupta and Ravneet Singh (X)

❖ Jasveen Kaur and Rene Verma of XI represented our school at the NIE Speak, Debate at V.V.D.A.V. Vikaspuri on 18th November 2003. Thirty schools participated in the debate where the topic in favour of the house was 'Consumerism- India's new age culture'. Jasveen Kaur was adjudged the third best speaker and the team bagged the third best prize.

SMS CHAMPIONS AGAIN

New Era Public School had organised various events in its 'Annual Inter-School Festival' from 3rd to 7th November. We participated in a number of events and gave our best shot. Our school's performance was acknowledged in the English Debate, Creative Drama, Mathemagic, Science Quiz, Website Designing, and India Quiz for juniors, Hindi Recitation, Commerce Adventures,

Commerce Presentation, Fancy Dress E-Presentation and Seniors Quiz. In Commerce Presentation, Atul Tuteja and Piyush Rasiwasia of Class XII C won the Second Prize, bringing laurels to the school. They received books, certificates and a cash prize. The overall Champions Trophy was awarded to our school.

EDUCATIONAL TRIP FOR CLASS IX

On 30th September 2003, around 125 students of Class IX of our school were privileged to visit the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Integrated Rural Energy Planning & Development at Bakoli, Alipur. For the students it was a real treat to watch models on various non-conventional energy devices like Solar Hot Water System, Biomass Energy, Biogas, Solar Refrigeration, Street Lightening System, Windmill, Solar Lanterns etc. This visit was very educative.

PEN WONDERS!

Our school excelled in an Inter-School Essay Writing Competition organized by Avantika- an NGO. The participants helped to take the School's name to the international level by bagging the 3rd position.

The Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal was awarded the "Shakuntalam award" (international level) for her sincere efforts and involvement in encouraging mass participation.

Our Vice- Principal Ms. V. Wahi received the Munshi Premchand Sahitya award and Ms A. Singhal, the teacher coordinator was also awarded the Shakuntalam award for motivating the students to participate and emerge as winners at the international level. The winners were

Kanu Shree	(XA)	Isha Verma	(IXF)
Megha Arora	(IXB)	Papiya Sinha	(XIIB)
Swati Rattan	(XIE)	Megha Chopra	(XIC)
Sahil	(IXC)	Varsha	(XD)
Prateek Ghai	(VIH)	Harshvardhan Rai	(IXH)
Noor Sachdeva	(IVC)	Nidhi Kapoor	(VIII E)
Sanyam Jain	(IIIA)	Tanya Dhawan	(IB)
Pratiksha Gulati	(IIIB)	Kashish Grover	(IIIG)
Tanpreet Kaur	(XIF)	Divish	(VIID)
Prateek Arora	(IIC)	Akshi	(VIIF)
Yuvika Arora	(IIIF)	Raghav Goyal	(XIF)
Amandeep Kaur	(VIII A)	Akriti Narula	(IXG)
Tanvi Kansal	(IXB)	Dashmeet Kharbanda	(VIIE)
Madhur Grover	(XC)	Kshitij Behl	(VD)
Hina Saxena	(XIA)	Parth Katyal	(IIF)
Disha Malhotra	(XIG)	Manvi Mahajan	(IIIC)
Rachita Singh	(VIII A)	Tarun Gupta	(VIG)

WE SHINE AT ZONALS!

The students of our school did their school proud by bagging four prizes in the Sanskrit Recitation Competitions held at Zonal Level by Delhi Admin. Zone XVII. On 29th of August. The winner's were-

Jr. Boys	Ashu Rai Marwah (VIII E)	IInd prize
Jr. Girls	Roohneet Kochar (VI E)	IIInd prize
Sr. Boys	Anshu Kumar Jain (XF)	IInd prize
Sr. Girls	Shruti Rawal (XF)	IInd prize

❖ The girls brought laurels to their school by winning the second and third prizes in Junior and Senior categories (comprising of 24 team members) in the Folk Song Competition at the Zonal level by Delhi Administration on 3rd of September.

SANSKRIT SCHOLARS

The students of our school won special prizes along with a cash award of Rs.100/- each in the Sanskrit Kavyali Competition for girls held by the Sanskrit Academy on 23rd of September 2003. The winners were Mahima Srivastav (VIII C), Rashi Khanna (VIII A), Gurleen Gandhi (VIII F), Akshay Arora (VIII B), Aashurai Marwah (VIII E) and Bhavya (VIII B).

The boys too won special prizes and cash awards of Rs.100/- each on 25th of September. The proud winners were- Abhishek Bhardwaj (VII F), Daman Kohli (VII F), Shivam Sagar (VII F), Shrey Lal (VII B), Rohit Shokeen (VII B) and Anshut Chhabra (VII B).



ROHIT NARULA

A MORTAL STAR

"Fair pledges a happy home,
why do you fall so fast?
Your date is not so past,
and you should have stayed
here more a while
to blush and gently smile,
and then go at last."

"You have left us, but in our hearts your memories linger, we shall miss your bright eyes and sweet smile"

Rohit Narula a student of Class II-E, son of Mr. Lokesh Narula and Ms. Sudesh Narula, a healthy child who fell ill and despite the best of medical attention his condition deteriorated and he left us for his heavenly abode on 18th November 2003. An all rounder, excellent in studies and proficient in co-curricular activities, he was a cheerful and friendly child. We all pray that his soul rests in peace.



The under-14 team make a mark at the DDA Paschim Vihar Invitational Inter School Cricket Tournament

VOLLEYBALL

The Sub-Junior girls were champions and defeated Bosco Public School by 2-0. The team members were Krippy Kakkar, Jyoti, Aditi, Sugandha, Anchal, Akhila Oommen and Mehak.

The Junior Boys were champions too and defeated St. Martin's Public School. The team members were Prateek Badhwar, Rohit Grover, Jaspreet, Ankit Arora, Amarinder Singh, Tarun Bhambani, Sharun Mittal, Ashmeet and Sahil Sachdeva.

BADMINTON

All the three girls teams (Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior) reached the Quarter Final level in the North Zone CBSE Badminton Championship held at Rukmani Devi Public School, Pitam Pura. It was a good experience at the national level. The team member's were-

Sub-Juniors- Krippy Kakkar, Aditi Chadha, Palak

Juniors- Ginny Khosla, Tanvi

Seniors- Arushee Diwan, Harpreet Kaur

FOOTBALL

Our school team participated in the Jatin Bedi Memorial Football Tournament held at St. Stephens College and reached the Quarter Finals

The team also participated in the Swabhiman Football Tournament held at Delhi University Grounds where we qualified for the Quarter Finals

CRICKET

Our school participated in the 2nd DDA Paschim Vihar Invitational Inter-School cricket tournament. The Under -14 team reached the finals defeating

- Doon Public School by 150 runs
- D.A.V. Shalimar Bagh in the Quarter Finals
- Ravindra Public School, PITAMPURA

Nikhil Mahajan was awarded the Best Batsman Award in the tournament

In the Ramjas Inter-School (Under-17) tournament we reached the Quarter Finals beating

- N.C.Jindal Public School by 4 wickets
- Ramjas Senior Wing, Anand Parbat by 142 runs

In the Parle-G (Under-17) Cricket tournament we reached the Quarter Finals defeating-

- Ramjas Senior Wing by 40 runs. Nikhil Mahajan took 4 wickets
- Mahajan Agarsen Public School, Ashok Vihar by 10 wickets with Nikhil Mahajan showing a brilliant all-round performance.



Shaurya Vats of Class-II - Junior Champion of Judo at Delhi State Public school meet is felicitated by the administrative heads



He did us proud. Deepak Mittal of Class-III is the Champion of Speed Skating

- Kudos to Prateek Badhwar , a shining star who represented Delhi State as a captain in 26th Sub-Junior National Volleyball Championship held at Tanduchiri, Andhra Pradesh between 14th and 19th October.

- Deepak Mittal a Class III student is the current champion of Speed Skating in the 23rd Super National Skating Championship.

PHOTO FEATURE



Students of Class IV along with their teachers at Jaipur, the Pink City.

Nehru House won the 1st prize for Inter House Drama Competition for Class-III



Shastri house are jubilant with their trophy at the Inter House Drama Competition for Class-V





Our representatives in Parliament - discuss national issues



Living up to Parliamentary Traditions



The Nine Gems of Akbar's court bask in royal patronage



Synchronised steps blend with foot tapping music to bring forth the dance from Nagaland



Glimpses of God's Own Country-Kerala shown by the students to our Special Guest of Honour Ms. Daljeet Kaur, Dy. Director of Edn. Distt. West



No one can resist the lively beats of the Bhangra- 'so come join the dancers.'

PHOTO FEATURE - SRISHTI-A SPECTACULAR SPECTRUM



The beauty of Kashmir - Paradise on Earth was exhibited impressively



Do you have it in you ? Then join our Armed Forces and serve the Nation



With dignity the tiny tots recalled the words of former Presidents and Prime Ministers of India



When North meets South. East meets West fusion rejuvenates the Indian spirit.



Members of United Nations - vote against the Armament Race at the Assembly Meeting



The social sanctity and joy of a Bengali marriage recreated by the students

PHOTO FEATURE - SRISHTI-A SPECTACULAR SPECTRUM



Down the ages - to relive the times of the Europeans in India



Children of



Our Chief Guest His Excellency, Mr. Masood Khalili, congratulates the parents who were prize winners at Marquiz-2003



Unveiling the glorious heritage of Chattisgarh the students impress the guests.



The Bharatnatyam dancers exhibit the grace and skill of the dance form



Students explain the administrative measures of the British Administration