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BOOK-WEEK

Wander into the wonderful world of books!

Our School, bore a festive look to mark the beginning of the New Year and the 'Book Week' celebrations (5.01.2004 to 10.01.2004)

Our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, inaugurated the Book Week. Ms. Vineeta Krishnan, the noted children's author was the Guest of Honour. The children of Class III beamed with joy as they enjoyed a 'Story Telling' session with her. During the week the children displayed their artistic talents in competitions like 'Banner Making'

EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

Pleasant months have rolled by and now January gives way to February and March. The academic year draws to an end and once again we have to face examinations. The very mention of the word has the students, teachers and parents holding their breath, biting their nails and then heaving a sigh of relief when it's over. Within three hours the student is put through a regime of testing-knowledge, understanding, skill and memory. But have we really tested the child? This method of rote and write is accompanied by stress and strain that can drain the energy of even the strongest. The teacher is regarded as the potter who moulds the clay but is disheartened when the beautiful craftsmanship breaks due to pressure. The teacher knows that the child has understood the topic and knows the answers but cannot express himself due to poor self-worth, which even the best child may face during an examination. Young friends, now look at it from the teacher's point of view. The many hours a teacher spends on preparing the 'perfect' paper, on invigilation, checking and other examination related duties seem tiresome too. Parents! What about them? They seem to be a bundle of nerves too and feel that they are taking an examination along with the child. The whole atmosphere is thick with worry and tension.

Yet there is a light at the end of the dark tunnel. Yes! There is hope for all despairing hearts. As one would gather C.B.S.E. is in favour of a 'grading system'. This process of continuous assessment will encourage the students build up on their strengths and correct the faults within. We can look forward to a congenial process of learning and testing.



Ms. Subhadra Sen Gupta, a noted author talks to the students on the 'art of writing'.

Our Principal Ms.A.Aggarwal inaugurates the 'Book Week 2004' celebrations in the presence of a distinguished gathering



'Design a Book Cover' and 'Paint a Character'. The students of Class VII enjoyed a workshop with the noted cartoonist, Mr. Ajit Narain, who explained the art of caricature and cartooning.

The Book Week strengthened the bond between children and books as they participated in hordes of literary activities like 'Word Magic'; 'Story Game'; a 'Literary Quiz' for both Juniors and Seniors; 'Book Review'; 'Extempore'; 'Know an Author' and 'World of Words'. The Book Week drew to a close with an interactive

session with Ms. Vineeta Krishnan, the noted children's author, who was Guest of Honour, addresses the students

session with Ms. Subhadra Sen Gupta, the author who combines history with fiction, who alongwith Mr. Gilroy Tills of Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd. gave away the prizes to the prize winners.

Throughout the week teachers and students browsed through the attractive display of books by Scholastic India. The Book Week ended with the message, 'Reading strengthens the mind' and 'Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders.'

(Detailed report on pages 13 to 16)



A colourful display of books at the Book Fair held at school blends well with colourful banners

PRINCIPAL AWARDED

Our Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, was recently honoured with the PTA award for her exemplary services in the field of education. She was presented the award by Dr. Shahid Mehadi, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Milia Islamia in presence of former Vice Chancellor of Hamdard University, Professor Mohd. Amin, Father T.V. Kunnukul, former chairman CBSE and the former Dean of NCERT Dr. Shrivastava. The function was held at the Constitution Club on 7th of January 2004.



Proud winners of Class XI for Book Review along with administrative heads and the Guest of Honour, Ms. S.S. Gupta and Mr. Gilroy Tills of Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd



Our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, receives the PTA National Award for her exemplary contribution to the field of education from Dr. Shahid Mehadi, Vice Chancellor Jamia Milia Islamia

ST. MARK'S BIDS ADIEU TO XII

On 31st Jan. 2004 the students of Class XI bid adieu to their seniors of Class XII. As per tradition the programme commenced with the candle ceremony, which symbolizes the handing over of the mantle of responsibility of Office Bearers of Class XII to Class XI.

Class XII was treated to a cultural bonanza, which consisted of an ideal message song, choreography on the theme of 'celebrating life', a rib-tickling skit and a wonderful fusion of dance and music from the Indian Panorama. The presence of the Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi was very encouraging for the students. Class XII honoured the teachers with titles and this was followed by a delightful lunch. The most eventful part of the evening was



A Kodak moment, the skippers of the SMS team with the proud winners of the coveted SMS titles



Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, receives a befitting title of 'The Captain of the Ship' from the outgoing Head Girl and Head Boy the contest for the coveted title of Mr. and Ms. SMS. The contestants did their best at the various rounds. The winners of the coveted title are

Ms. SMS	Pooja Chawla
Mr. SMS	Shashank Behl
I Runner up	Megha Tiwari
I Runner up	Sameer Mirani
II Runner up	Amrita Singh Ahuja
II Runner up	Anuj Mathur

The Chairman and the Principal encouraged the students to perform well in their Board exams and assured them that they would be successful in all their endeavours with the blessing of all well wishers at St. Mark's. The day's programme ended with the presentation of mementos by the Principal to the students of Class XII.

ECO CLUB



The Green Ambassadors of SMS in action

ECO CLUB TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAMME

On 3rd Jan. 2004, our School, being one of the lead schools for Eco Clubs, held an Orientation Programme in which various schools of the educational zone participated. The programme started with the School Eco Club incharge Ms. M. Srivastava speaking about the efforts of the School's Eco Club in paper recycling, segregation of waste, vermi composting etc.

The highlight of the workshop were presentations by Ms. Deepti from Development Alternatives who spoke about paper recycling, minimizing the use of paper by avoiding consumerism and going for the three R's i.e. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Mr. Paramjit Sinha, an eminent environmentalist from Chintan, advised the audience on Waste Management by specially reducing the use of plastics and stressed on self-motivation of an individual towards environment conservation. This informative training programme concluded with an interactive session.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The primary section of our school had their Christmas celebrations from 21 to 24 Dec. Like every year, this year too the children had loads of fun playing exciting games, dancing and eating lots of goodies. The arrival of Santa Claus with presents for every one added colour to the party. It was heart warming to see the faces of tiny tots brimming with joy. The wonderful attractions were the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, the 'Snowman' and the melodious carols sung by the choir.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

An Inter House Drama Competition based on the stories



The spirit of Christmas comes alive at St. Mark's



A betrayal of the Divine- 'The Last Supper'.

from the Old and New Testament of the Bible was held at our school for Class IV on 24-12-03. The 'Birth of Jesus Christ' and the 'Last Supper' was presented remarkably well. From the Old Testament, were stories such as 'Joseph and his brothers' and 'Moses and the plagues of Egypt'. The presentations added to the spirit of the Christmas season. The sets for the plays were apt according to the requirements, while the selection of the costumes truly transcended the audience to the bygone era. It was a closely contested competition, with each house vying for the first position. The winning team however was Shastri House, which presented 'The Last Supper'.

The judges and the audience appreciated the efforts of the teachers and students.

SPIC MACAY - SHEER MAGIC OF DANCE



Our students at a workout preliminary exercises with the disciples of Ms. Kiran Segal

The performance began with 'Manglacharan', a 'Trikhanda Pranam'. Next, her disciples presented the 'Sthais' which depicted different hand and body postures of the 'nayika'. It was followed by a solo performance by Ms. Kiran, which was the enactment of a poem written by the Odiya poet Banmari Das. She recreated the 'abhinaya' of Lord Krishna, Radha and the poet himself. The finale was the 'Parigam' in which she also involved twenty boys who were made to do some preliminary exercises demonstrated by her disciples. It was indeed a treat for all who had the privilege of witnessing her performance.

On 7th Feb. 2004, once again, the students of our School had the rare opportunity of witnessing the enthralling Odissi Dance Recital by Padmashree Kiran Sehgal, under the aegis of SPIC MACAY. Her lecture demonstration was inspiring, educative and interactive. Accompanied by Sh. Satyanarayan as the Vocalist, Sh. Vijay Kumar on the Flute, Sh. Prashant Maharana on 'Mardala' and Sh. Ravi Narayan Maharana on 'Manjeera', she kept the young audience captivated by her 'nritya' and 'abhinaya'. Her three disciples Ms. Anuradha Verma, Ms. Shreyasi Bhowmik and Ms. Mahyama portrayed her excellence as a 'Guru'.



Padmashree Kiran Segal interacts with the students at the SPIC MACAY session

BONDING WITH THE BEST

ST. MARK'S WITH MR. RUSKIN BOND

The members of ODYSSEY-Readers Society of our School, led by the Principal Ms.A.Aggarwal celebrated Valentine's Day with a difference, in the company of the eminent author from the hills Mr. Ruskin Bond, during the 16th World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan. They had the privilege of witnessing the release of his latest book 'THE INDIA, I LOVE' and his receiving of the N D Mehra Memorial Award for his



With placards in their hands Reader's Society students invite Mr. Ruskin Bond to school



Members of Odyssey bond with Ruskin Bond at the World Book Fair

significant contribution in the field of Literature in the august presence of Union Minister Sh. Murli Manohar Joshi, eminent author Mr. V.S.Naipaul, distinguished poet, lyricist and movie maker Gulzar and bureaucrat Mr. Natwar Singh.

Mr. Ruskin Bond, 'The invader of classrooms' as fondly called by his readers said, "even if I am not published, I would continue to write".



Mr. Murli Manohar Joshi obliges our students at the Book Fair



Our Principal requests Mr. Bond to autograph copies of his book for the school library.

REPUBLIC DAY

The hoisting of the National Flag, followed by the National Anthem, marked the Republic Day celebration at school. Amidst the showering of flower petals and release of colourful balloons, was the proud moment when all the students and the staff sang "Saare jahan se accha...." the song that every Indian identifies with.

The Principal Ms.A.Aggarwal drew the attention of the students towards the need of their nation. She reiterated



The vibrant colour of Dandiya.

JOY RIDE

Our School provided a rare privilege to its students. Around 260 students from Classes III to IX got an opportunity to fly in a Hot Air Balloon. The balloon ride was adventurous, thrilling and very exciting for everyone. Amidst the fog, the students felt as if they were walking in the clouds. A rare treat and a not to be missed activity, so much so that even teachers could not resist the temptation and ascended in the the air in the Balloon.

ANNUAL PICNICS

As the weather becomes pleasant in the city, it is time for picnic outings, trips and excursions at St. Mark's. Like the previous years the students are treated to picnics-which means loads of fun and excitement. This year Classes VII, VIII, IX and XI went to The Garden of Five Senses where the students viewed a host of solar related gadgets and activities. The landscaping lent colour and beauty to their learning process. They stopped for a yummy lunch at Nehru Park. The Junior Classes enjoyed an exciting ride in the Metro, plying from Inderlok to Shahdara, and back again. The children relaxed in the beautiful Japanese Park and played a lot of games.

VISIT TO THE POLICE STATION

Our young friends of Class V joined the Delhi Police in celebrating their Raising Day on 16th Feb. 2004. The children visited the police station and learnt of the various activities of the men in uniform. The various types of guns shown to them impressed them. The trip was educative and informative.



The school gathers to mark the celebration of Republic Day that the student community must understand their responsibility and guard the rich heritage of the nation. Chesta Aghi (XI) and Ishank Jaggi (V) traced the historical evolution of the Indian Republic through their speech. The students of middle section performed a spectacular and colourful 'dandiya raas', a folk dance from Gujarat, to add to the festive mood.



A ride to remember. Hot Air Balloon takes off

SHORT PLAY ENACTMENT COMPETITION

Students of our School made a commendable display of their acting skill in an Inter School Short Play Enactment Competition organized by the Forum of Public Schools, Delhi on 5th Feb.2004 at Shah Auditorium and bagged the First Prize in the English category and the Third Prize in the Hindi category. The theme was "All the world's a stage" for the English plays and "Naach na jaane aangan teda" for the Hindi plays. Sh. Arvinder Singh Lovely, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of N.C.T. Delhi, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The entries were adjudged by eminent personalities from the theatre arena, namely, Mr. Abdul Latif Khatana, Director 'Theatre in Education' who is an Associate Professor in the Dept. of Acting, National School of Drama; Mr. Ashok Sagar, Associate Professor Dept. of Theatre Architecture; Mr. V.K.Sharma, founder member of Khilona Theatre and Mr. Kuljeet Singh, N.I.E. Consultant (Times of India) for Theatre Workshops for school students. It was indeed a commendable effort and a new beginning, providing a platform to the budding actors. A treat for all who witnessed the event that lasted for more than seven hours.



Proud winners of Hindi Short Play Enactment receive the third prize

READING TOGETHER

OUR FAMILY READS TOGETHER

On 5th Dec. 2003 the entire family of St. Mark's read together. Each individual be it a student, a staff member or any other employee belonging to our school took the opportunity to read a book. It was just a half an hour exercise but a very satisfying one as everyone was glued to a book.

To add to a cause came a noted film director Mr. Anwar Jamaal who read a story to the students of Class VI. Mr. Jamaal chose to read 'Idgah' written by Munshi Premchand. The story of 'Hamid and his love for his grandmother' touched every student's heart. So much so that one student of Class VI went home and narrated the story to his grandmother that brought tears to her eyes. Surely, reading does touch, move and inspire you..



Jubilant winners of St. Mark's School receive the 1st prize for enactment of English Short Play.

The Chairperson Ms.A. Aggarwal welcomed the guests and the Hony. Secretary Mr. S.L.Jain explained about the efforts taken by the Forum of Public Schools in improving the standard of education with Inter School competitions, co-curricular activities and in-service training programmes for its member schools.

THE 'BARD' REMEMBERED

Learning is fun and so it is for the students of our school. The students of Class VII have 'The Merchant of Venice' in their syllabus and so a few enthusiastic students guided by their talented teachers enacted the court scene of play. It was a very unique way for the students to know Shakespeare, the playwright. It was also a very exclusive manner of teaching 'The Merchant of Venice' to the students.



The court scene of Merchant of Venice recreated when the 'Bard was remembered' at SMS

CONGRATS TO !

Sidharth Sohal of Class II A has secured 85% marks and stood First in the annual 'On the Spot Painting Competition' organised by the Amarpal Welfare Trust, Guru Harkrishan Nagar.

SPORTS

The Annual Sports meet of our School was held from 18 th December to 23rd December 2003. Our Principal Ms. A.Aggarwal declared the meet open. Our Headmistress Ms. R.Sethi lit the torch and our Vice Principal Ms.V.Wahi unfurled the School flag. A colourful ball drill by the students of Class I and a spiral drill by the students of Class II followed. The spectacular display by the tiny tots was followed by various recreational games for the students of Classes I to V, such as ' Balloon Race', 'Banana Eating', 'Balloon Bursting ', 'Three Legged Race' etc. The students participated in all the events enthusiastically.



Athletes, Sportsmen & Leaders ! We have them all at SMS

and team events and the best players in each category (games and athletics) proudly received their respective medals and trophies from the Principal Ms. A.Aggarwal and the Vice Principal Ms.V.Wahi.

'Nehru House' was declared the Overall Champion of the Annual Sports Meet 2003-2004.

Pratweek Badhwar of Class IX-C was awarded the trophy for ' Excellence in Sports' and Hansit Singh Premi of Class XII-D bagged the 'Best Player of the Year' award.

The following players received trophies for their performance.

CRICKET

Senior Boys	Abhimanyu Pruthi	Patel
Junior Boys	Sushant Sharma	Gandhi
Sub Junior Boys	Shivam Sagar	Nehru

FOOTBALL

Senior Boys	Ankit Mehta	Patel
Junior Boys	Saurabh Rattan	Gandhi
Sub Junior Boys	Gautam Vaid	Nehru

VOLLEYBALL

Senior Boys	Rohit Grover	Shastri
Junior Boys	Sahil Sachdeva	Nehru
Sub Junior Boys	Rohit Shokeen	Nehru
Senior Girls	Shweta Sethi	Patel
Junior Girls	Mehak Awtarmani	Shastri
Sub Junior Girls	Chestha Uppal	Patel

BADMINTON

Senior Boys	Udit Chawla	Shastri
Junior Boys	Arjun Thukral	Shastri
Sub Junior Boys	Lakshay Bhambri	Nehru
Senior Girls	Arushi Dewan	Shastri
Junior Girls	Tanvi Thareja	Nehru
Sub Junior Girls	Bhawna Gulati	Nehru

TABLE TENNIS

Senior Boys	Anurag Jain	Nehru
Junior Boys	Aman Jain	Nehru
Sub Junior Boys	Sarthak	Shastri
Senior Girls	Deepti Shokeen	Nehru
Junior Girls	Arushi	Patel
Sub Junior Girls	Parul Jain	Patel

BEST ATHLETES

Senior Boys	Ashish Dewan	Gandhi
Junior Boys	Akhil Dikshit	Shastri
Sub Junior Boys	Divyanshu Sethi	Gandhi
Senior Girls	Dipsy Wason	Nehru
Junior Girls	Kripy Kakkar	Shastri
Sub Junior Girls	Chhavi Sardana	Patel

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FOR JUNIORS

Prize Distribution Ceremony (Juniors) for the various co-curricular and sports events held during the academic session 2003-04 was held on 21 st Feb. 2004. Children were awarded prizes for excellence in Sports, Dance, Drama and Art. Procom prizes for various activities were also given. Our Principal Ms. A.Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and Headmistress Ms. Sethi graced the occasion and gave away the prizes.

The Championship Trophy for Sports (Juniors) was won by Nehru House.



The Middle Section girls at their sporting best

The events for the Senior students followed on 20, 22 and 23 December 2003. On the first two days the students of all the houses competed in the following games- Volleyball, Football, Cricket, Badminton and Table Tennis, in the Sub Junior, Junior and Senior categories. The last day was kept for the athletic and track events. The young athletes, with a lot of zeal, competed in events like Long Jump, Shot Put and various track events including the 800m race and the 4 x 400m relay race.

The grand finale of the Annual Sports Meet was the prize distribution ceremony. All the winners of the individual



Hansit Singh Premi

ADMISSION BLUES

Every year the beginning of new session brings problems for parents. My younger brother Shashank was to be admitted to Class I. Parents are also interviewed with the students. So, both mum and dad were preparing themselves and making him learn the likely G.K. questions.

On the day of the interview everyone had butterflies in their stomachs. At the school it was the turn of my teddy brother. He went in and came back in a few minutes along with the teacher. Giving a cold look she said "You may go". Parents had their hearts in their mouth and were drenched in sweat. But with a smile she said "don't worry, your diamond has been....selected". Happily we went back home.

But it was a riddle to us that mom and dad were not called in. Father asked Shashank what happened there. He said "I wasn't asked anything". This was all the more surprising. He then added in his semi barbaric language "when I went in I saw a toffee on the floor. I picked it up and gave to the teacher. She told me to keep it. But I refused because it was someone else's. she then brought me out".

This made it crystal clear that the boy's honesty had sailed him through...

(This article was published in Hindustan Times)

Anshul Kumar Jain

Class-X

GROWING UP

When I was seven
We went for a picnic
Up to a magic
Forestry place
I knew there were tigers
Behind every boulder
Though I did not see one
Face to face
When I was older
We went for a picnic
Up to the very same
Place as before
And all of the trees
And the rocks were so few
That they could not hide the tigers
Or me any more

Mayank Jain

II-B

TESTS

Tests are here
Teachers are scolding too
My mother is saying
That there is no play time for you
I am studying
My friends are playing
"We are enjoying a lot"
My friends are saying
I can only study
I cannot play
I have to study
All through the day
I want to watch television
I want to enjoy
To play with my friends
To play with my toys
I want to dance
I want to sing
But I don't get time
To do such things
But still I say
The tests are best
Priyanshu Handa
V-C

PAST

Never think of your past
Of something which has gone
And can never come back
Past! Something that can't be repeated
Yet it can be remembered
Be it sorrowful or good
Instead think of your future
For each future becomes a past
As the days pass by

Karan Gupta
VI-C

MY PET

Every child wishes to have a pet. Even I wish to have a pet. On my last birthday my father gifted me a pet dog as a birthday gift. It was the best gift of my life. My pet's name is Skipper. I take care of my dog very much. He always waits for me to return from school and shows his happiness by waving his tail. Both of us like to play with each other. I throw the ball and he gets it back. I take him for a walk twice a day. His colour is golden brown. He is fond of me and also very fond of eating non-vegetarian food. I am very fond of Skipper.

Bhavna Sharma
III-C

A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

Writing poems and stories was not an experience for me. But after an interactive session through the Readers Club with the famous well-known author Ms.S.S.Gupta I have learnt many new things in my life. Now story writing and writing poems is not that difficult and I have started writing them. The credit for all this goes to her. I have attached a poem, which I wrote after that day.

THERE IS A LOT OF HOMEWORK TO DO

There is a lot of homework to do
And I also have to watch Scooby Doo
English here Hindi there
Sanskrit in the air
And S.Sc. is to be done with care
Maths is so difficult
Science always confusing
And what not to do
What to do
This makes me so confused
The very next day I got scolded
From my teacher on this issue
That opened my mind tissues
And I decided to do
My homework on time
Which now makes me shine
This is the advice of mine.
Always do your homework on time

Surbhi Batra
VI-F

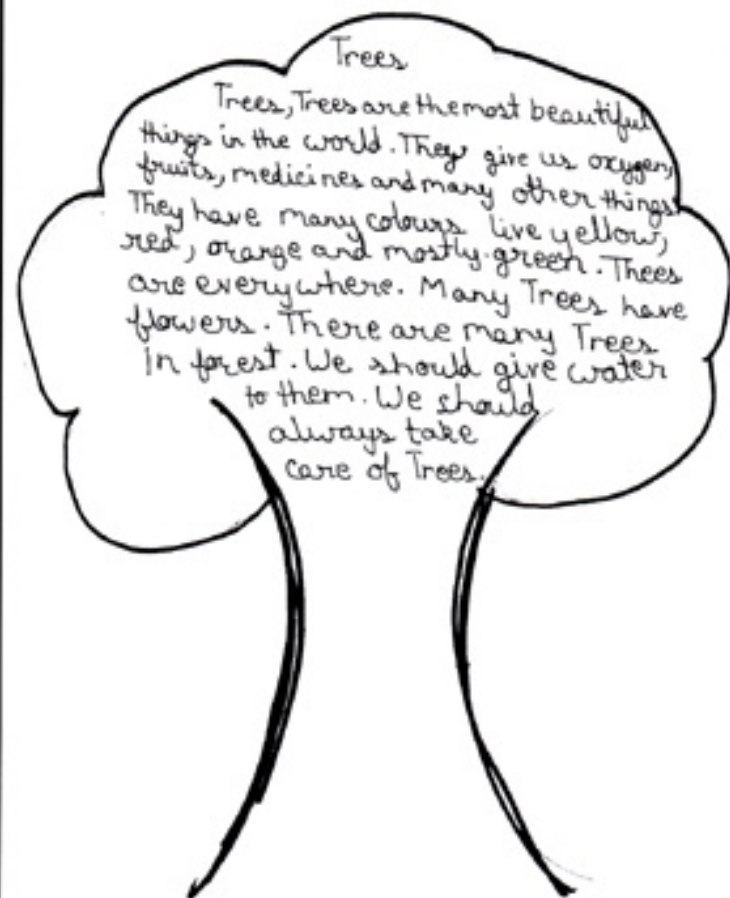
CONGRATS TO !

✦ We are happy to announce that the following students have cleared the 6th National Science Olympiad for the final round with a good state ranking.

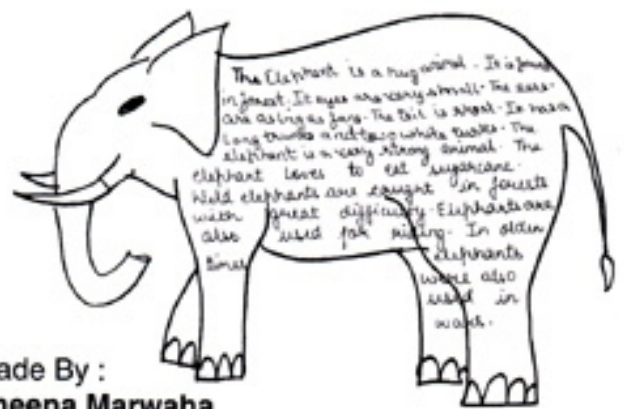
1. Lakshay Kumar (III)
2. Purneet Singh (III)
3. Rishabh Garg (IX)
4. Amit Khatri (XII)
5. Navneet Jain (XII)

✦ Special Merit Certificate has been awarded to the following students by the United School Organisation of India.

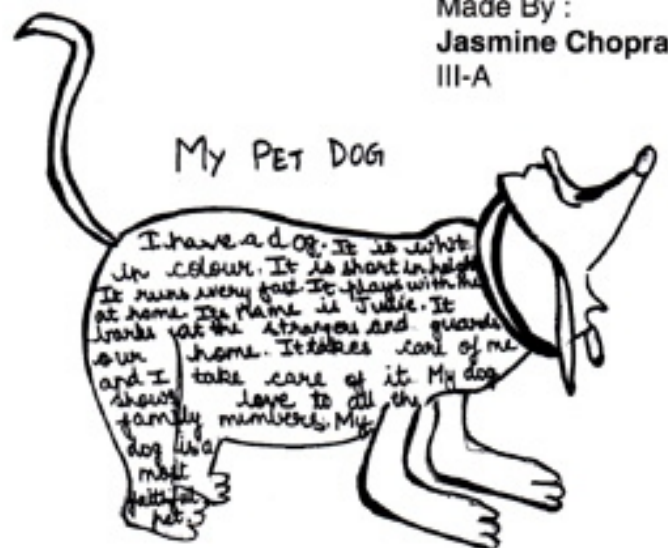
1. Shweta Sachdeva (IX)-6th position (Senior)
2. Neha Kapoor (XI)-6th position (Senior)
3. Varun Malhotra (XII)-6th position (Senior)
4. Tanvi Raghuvanshi (IX)-6th position (Senior)



Made By :
Kriti Dhingra
III-A



Made By :
Sheena Marwaha
III-A



Made By :
Jasmine Chopra
III-A

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

"Oh! How happy I was and so excited that I was going to meet Ruskin Bond. Imagine my joy when I presented him with a bouquet of flowers and was also photographed with him. So the visit to the book fair was the cake and the icing on it was the meeting with Ruskin Bond. 14th Feb. was indeed a special day".

Siddharta Rajan, VI B

"14th Feb. 2004 was Valentine's Day but it was special for SMS students as we met our favourite author Ruskin Bond. I was one of the lucky few who got a chance to talk to him and I asked him what inspired him to write so well. He answered very humbly that it was nothing else but some of the most interesting parts of his life that he wrote about in his books".

Arshia Jain, VIII D

"It gave me great pleasure to meet Ruskin Bond at the World Book Fair and I found him to be a polite and gentle person. I was lucky to get an autograph in the book written by him. He wished me all the best for my examinations. I could also meet Mr. Murli Manohar Joshi, cabinet minister and Gulzar the well-known personality. All this was a wonderful experience for me.

Harshleen Kaur, V E

"I found myself staring into the most marvellous blue eyes in a well lit face with a cherubic smile. Yes, it was an eventful meeting with Mr. Ruskin Bond, nature's author who has invaded every classroom. This chance interview with the winner of the N.D. Memorial award and being a part of an august gathering for the release of his book 'The India I Love' are moments I shall always cherish".

Aditi Ramdas, VIII F

WORKSHOPS

JIL'S WORKSHOP AT ST. MARK'S

JIL IT Ltd. conducted a workshop at our school on 21th of Jan. 2004. The workshop conducted by Ms. Tanuja Verma was attended by 26 teachers of our school. The objective was to get a feedback from the teachers who had used the multimedia for classroom teaching to enable effective and enjoyable learning. . The school will now have modules for Classes IX and X according to the CBSE syllabus.

SEMINAR ON TEACHING OF COMMERCE

On 27th and 28th Dec. 2003, commerce teachers of our school attended an orientation programme for Accountancy organized by CBSE at J.D.Tyler School, Delhi. Educationist Dr. Balbir Singh and Dr. S.C.Garg conducted the seminar. Dr. Balbir Singh provided guidelines to teachers on the recently introduced Project work of 20 marks as a part of Accountancy syllabus for Class XII. He also discussed accounting standard 3(revised). Dr. S.C.Garg explained the latest versions in syllabus related to Bank Reconciliation Statement, rectification of errors, issue of shares and issue and redemption of debentures.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

ACTIVITIES OF ASTRONOMY CLUB- GALAXY

Members of the 'Galaxy' have had an eventful Astronomy Club Sessions. From the day it was launched the students have been a part of the ongoing mission to find an answer to the question 'Are we alone ?' They have done a fruitful exercise of watching the night sky as well as conducted experiments of measuring distances between celestial bodies. They now look forward to the Vamana Project.

Visit to Nehru Planetarium

4-11-03

Solar Walk

This session was about the distances of the planets from the Sun and correspondingly an estimate of the size of the universe was made

29-01-04

Seasons and Time

It was about how seasons depend on the position of Earth with respect to sun and why time is measured in hours, minutes and seconds.

16-02-04

Measuring the circumference

It was about measuring the circumference of the Earth by measuring the shadows.

Project in the offing- Vamana Project- Venus Transit 2004

The project is termed as an experiment in cooperation with the objective to understand the distance between the Earth and Sun by observing with sufficient accuracy the distance between Venus transit and the Earth.

BOOK WEEK-REPORT

JANUARY 5, 2004

The school ushered in the New Year with a bang, giving a novel message that 'Progress lies in Reading'. Eye-catching banners made over the last two years by our art loving students were displayed, heralding the Book Week. Our Principal Ms.A.Aggarwal declared the Book Week open. To grace the occasion were Ms. Vinita Krishnan, a noted author of children's books and Mr.L.K.Rai, Manager of St. Mark's School, Janakpuri.

BANNER MAKING

A total of 15 teams comprising of 5 members each from Classes IX and XI made exquisite colourful banners to spread the message 'Progress lies in Reading'. The winners of this competition were:

Team O	First	Disha Malhotra, Shruti Khanna, Nupur Pahwa, Deepshikha Malhotra, Neha Bhargava
Team L	Second	Pooja Khanna, Kanika Pahwa, Aakriti Raswant, Suparna Chawla and Snigdha Srivastava
Team I	Third	Sakshi Gupta, Neena Aneja, Nidhi Sharma, Sakshi Wadhawan, Kamna Bhagchandani



Artists at their best ! Banner making competition in progress

BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION

The students of Classes IX and XI reviewed various books read by them. A few of the books were the all time classics like 'Wuthering Heights', 'David Copperfield', 'Hard Times', 'Little Women', 'Pride and Prejudice', 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn', as well as recent insights into the magical world of Harry Potter. The eminent judges Ms.Ahluwalia and Mr.Rai felt that the students had reviewed the books after reading them carefully. The winners were :-

Class IX - Manvi Sareen (I), Geet Sethi (II), Surbhi Garg (III)
Ish Abbi (Cons.) Class XI - Shreya Gupta (I), Nidhi Gupta (II), Alanksha Khanna, Prerna Korla (III)



A student shares impressions of her favourite author

STORY TELLING SESSION

The students of Classes III were mesmerized by the stories told by Ms. Vinita Krishnan. Ms. Krishnan with a Masters in Child Development has worked with Pre-School and handicapped children for the past 20 years. She is also a director of 'Tamanna'. Her published works include Hindi text books for Classes I and II., short stories and picture books for children. Two captivating Story-Telling sessions by her kept the children yearning for more.



Students of Class III listen with rapt attention to an avid storyteller Ms. Vineeta Krishnan



The ace designers of SMS along with their prize-winning creations
January 6, 2004

PAINT A CHARACTER

The students of Classes III and IV made colourful posters of their favourite characters Garfield, Mickey Mouse, Mother Teresa, Donald Duck, Pokemon etc. The winners were:
Class IV- Surbhi Inamdar (I), Kritika Goswami (II), Bhavik Goel (III)

Class III- Mayank Goel (I), Arvita Kapoor (II), Sameer Narad (III)

COMPLETE THE STORY

The students of Class IV let their imagination run wild as they had the liberty to conclude a story which started like this: 'As usual Ravi went out for a walk at night. It was very silent...' And they enjoyed it.

The winners were: Gurkirat Singh (I), Shibika Suresh (II), Tanya Khanna (III)

QUIZ (V AND VI)

The students of Classes V and VI were asked to research on eight authors- Enid Blyton, Mark Twain, Lewis Carol, Jonathan Swift, J.R.R. Tolkein, Daniel Defoe, Ruskin Bond and L.M. Alcott. The teams did their homework well and scored good points

Class VI: The team of Poets, comprising Siddharth Rajan, Damanpreet and Harshad Marwah scored full points(100), followed by the team of Rhymers comprising Vasundhara Srinivas, Shruti Seth and Prabhakaran Singh.

Class V: The Bookworm team stood first. Its members were: Garv Malik, Shweta Sharma and Kushal Thareja. The poets team was second and comprised of Piyush Kalra, Ashu Grover and Surmit Bhui.

QUIZ (IX AND XI)

The students of Classes IX and XI were clubbed together into eight teams. They were quizzed on 21 authors including Guy de Maupassant, A. Christie, W. Shakespeare, P.G. Wodehouse, A.C. Doyle, O. Henry, Jane Austen, C. Dickens, L. Carroll, L.M. Alcott, Tagore, Ruskin Bond etc. The teams had researched well as was evident from their respective participation in all the rounds.

The Epic team, which consisted of: Abhinav Bhalla, Nandita Srivastava and Jatin Anand were the winners.

The Drama team came second. The members were Lakshay Arora, Ankit Chugh and Ayush Kumar.

It was indeed a learning experience and a good exposure to the world of authors.



An interactive workshop with the well-known
Cartoonist Ms. Ajit Narain

WORKSHOP WITH CARTOONIST MR. AJIT NARAIN

Another attraction of the day was an interesting workshop for the students of Class VII with Mr. Ajit Narain, a freelance Cartoonist/Illustrator with Scholastic India who has written an interesting book on simple steps of making cartoons.



Students of Class VI breaking the spell of word magic

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WORD MAGIC

To add to the fun was the magic of words. The students of Classes V and VI participated wholeheartedly adding to the fun and excitement of the game. The excitement was at fever pitch in the 'Picture round' and the 'Homophone round'. In 'Guess the Word', clues were given and the teams had to rack their brains to arrive at the correct word. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activity and competed well.



Our very good vocabulary magicians at work

Class VI

The Mark Twain team consisting of the following members came first: Vanesh Mehta, Swati Narang and Vanshaj Singh. The Dickens team came second and was comprised of Jagrit Ahuja, Rhythm Raswant and Maneet Kaur.

Class V

The Dickens team was first: Lakshay Bhambri, Shrishti Mittal and Shraddha Nayak.

The Thomas Hardy team was second: Gurteg Singh, Aanchal and Varun Tandon.

READ ALOUD COMPETITION

The students of Class V were exposed to the world of good books through the 'Read Aloud Competition'. The students read stories and were marked on the basis of Clarity, Pronunciation, Expression and Confidence. The winners were: Megha Juneja (I), Sumedha Ahuja (II), Harshleen Kaur (III). Ms. Ahluwalia and Ms. Gera gave the valuable judgement.

DESIGN A BOOK COVER

The students of Classes VI and VII made lovely book covers of their favourite books, which were judged by Art teachers of other schools- Ms.Nisha, of St. Mark's Girls School and Ms. Shalini Verma of St. Martin's Public School.

The following student's book covers were adjudged to be the best:



Made by Neeraj Taneja VII-C

EXTEMPORE

The students of Class IX got their chance to cook up interesting stories/ anecdotes in the Extempore Competition. The judges were Ms.Kher, Ms.S.Arora, and Ms.V.Bisht. The students who won prizes were: Harshwardhan Rai (I), Divya Rathi (II), Ashish Kaul and Jayant Nasa (III).

Neera Taneja (I), Alik Pahiya (II), Prachi Mago (III).

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THE STORY GAME

The whole story of 'The Story Game' was quite simple. Each team comprising of five members from Classes VI and VII were required to cook up a story. The first member of the team started the story. He/She spoke for 30 seconds, and then the second member was required to continue for 30 seconds. So the story was to go on each member getting 30 seconds to put in his words. The winners were:

Class VI: Roopam Jain, Dheeraj Gandhi, Roopnayan Alagh, Harmon Singh, Shreya Mahajan

Class VII: Mohit Rathi, Ankit Razdan, Priyanka Gulati,



The 'Story Game' in progress during the Book Week celebrations

Munish Kumar, Chhavi Trivedi.

KNOW AN AUTHOR

The students of Classes VIII and XI got a platform to speak on their favourite authors like Emily Bronte, Charles Dickens, Rudyard Kipling, G.B.Shaw, Leo Tolstoy, R.L.Stevenson, Jeffery Archer, Jane Austen, B.C.Chatterjee, Anita Pratap, R.N.Tagore, Oscar Wilde, O.Henry, W.Shakespeare, R.K.Narayan, Mark Twain and Daniel Defoe.

The winners were:

Class VIII - Arshia Jain, Arushi Gambhir, Aditi Ramdas(I), Kanika Bhutani (II) Rashi Khanna, Ashna Narang (III)

Class XI - Bhawna Bhardwaj (I) Poorva Verma, Rene Verma (II), Jasveen Kaur, Kanika Miglani (III).

The judges were Ms. Ahluwalia and Ms. Aggarwal

THE WORLD OF WORDS

The students of Class VIII ventured into the magical world of words, where clues were given and the students had to form words. It was a game show with a difference- fun-filled as well as a learning experience where the students became familiar with certain new words and figures of speech too. The teams competed well but at the end there was a tie for

the 1st place.

I PRIZE + Homophone team-Ruchika Ahuja, Ashu R.Marwah, Nidhi Kapoor, Kriti Aghi, Ashutosh Babbar.

+ Anagram team-Gurpriya, Karan Punj, Jasdeep, Kunal, Prasanjit.

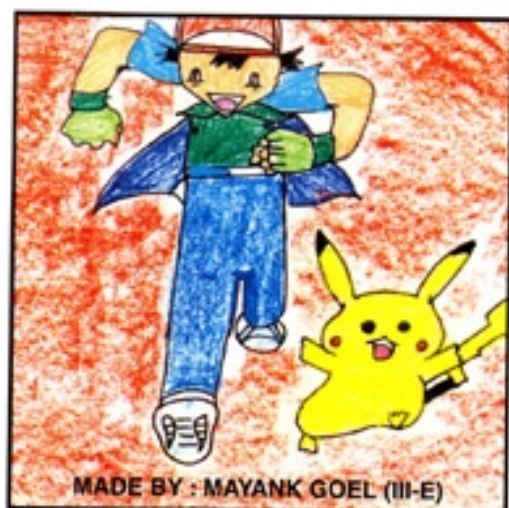
II PRIZE + Acronym team-Aanchal Jain, Krippy Kakkar,



Students unscrambling letters to form words at the 'World of Words competition'



Our enthusiastic members of Odyssey- Our Readers Society interact with the well-known author Ms. Subhadra Sen Gupta



Welcome to the 'World of Words' at SMS

Saurabh Arora, Rajat Kaushal, Rohit.

January 9, 2004

INTERACTING WITH AN AUTHOR

The last day had its share of excitement with two things in store- an exciting interactive session with the author Ms.Subhadra Sen Gupta, who is a consultant editor and writer of children's books. She has authored more than 20 children's books over the last 20 years, of which five have been published by Scholastic India. Her books have also been published by Rupa Publications, NBT, Puffin etc. It was a treat for the Odyssey Book Club members who asked innumerable questions ranging from her education to her choice of career etc.

The next best thing was the grand finale where the guests of honour were Ms.S.S.Gupta and Mr.Gillroy Tills of Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd.

Principal MsAggarwal also spoke on the occasion and encouraged the students to participate in great numbers and to keep reading. Vice Principal Ms.Wahi proposed the Vote of Thanks.



The 'Bookworm team' - the proud winners of literary quiz for Class V and VI

PHOTO FEATURE-FAREWELL



The students of Class XIIA alongwith our Principal Ms.A.Agarwal, Vice Principal Ms.V.Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R.Sethi and their Class Teacher Ms. Gesu Chandra



The students of Class XIIIB alongwith our Principal Ms.A.Agarwal, Vice Principal Ms.V.Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R.Sethi and their Class Teacher Mr.B.Tangri



The students of Class XIID alongwith our Principal Ms.A.Agarwal, Vice Principal Ms.V.Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R.Sethi and their Class Teacher Ms. Poonam Sethi



The students of Class XIIC alongwith our Principal Ms.A.Agarwal, Vice Principal Ms.V.Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R.Sethi and their Class Teacher Ms.Kavita Mehta



The students of Class XIIIE alongwith our Principal Ms.A.Agarwal, Vice Principal Ms.V.Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R.Sethi and their Class Teacher Ms.Nishu Sharma.



The students of Class XIIIF alongwith our Principal Ms.A.Agarwal, Vice Principal Ms.V.Wahi, Headmistress Ms. R.Sethi and their Class Teacher Ms. Ritu Verma.

PHOTO FEATURE - PRIZES GALORE



Winners of the 50m dash at the (Jr.) Annual Sports Day



Class toppers and subject toppers of various categories of Procom in the Senior section



Winners of Procom computer contest



Junior Procom winners in different categories



Prize winners of Art competitions



Winners of the 'Orange Eating Race' - Annual Sports Day (Jrs.)

PHOTO FEATURE - SPORTS



The Primary Marching Brigade at the Annual Sports Day



Winners of the team event celebrate the moment alongwith Principal Ms. A.Aggarwal and Vice Principal Ms. V.Wahi.



Nehru House (Jr.) champions at Annual Sports Day with their trophy aloft.



Watch them tumble and trip in the sack race.



We catch them young at SMS, a cricket match in progress

'PROFILE OF A SPORTING STAR'

The SMS family is proud to be associated with Shikhar Dhawan who studied at St. Marks Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, from Class I to X. Starting at a very young age of 12, he has done his school and state proud by his "batting strokes" in the under 14, under 16 and under 17 category. Rated as the top scorer of North Zone he has represented India in the under 17 Asia Cup Tournament. He has matured with every game and the "Dhamaka" that "Dhawan" made at "Dhaka", representing India in the under 19 category is news today. We wish him all the best for the future.

TIMES SPORT

The Times of India, New Delhi, Saturday, February

Dhawan anamaka drowns Dhaka
Left-hander Slams Second Ton Of Tournament; India In Super League

Shikhar Dhawan leads India into Super League



ONCE AGAIN IN NEWS



Prateek Badhwar

Prateek Badhwar of Class-IX represented Delhi State as a captain in the 49th Sub-Junior National School Games held at J.N.S. Stadium in (Chennai) and secured III position.



India's Shikhar Dhawan (left) cuts en route his knock of 120



Champions of the Annual Sports Day - Nehru House Celebrates