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## BOOK WEEK

Reading good books strengthens the mind. The 4th Annual SMS Book Week held from 10 Jan. to 15 Jan. '2005 has indeed been instrumental in strengthening the bond between children and books. Every child is special and has unique talents and abilities that sets him or her apart. Keeping this in mind, students from classes I-XI were invited to take part in book related activities they excelled in. On the inaugural day, we had eminent guests, Ms. Vaneeta Krishnan; Ms. Vijayanti Tompe; Mr. Sanjay Malik; Mr. Ajay Gupta and Mr. Sameer Kapoor to grace the occasion. Ms. Vaneeta Krishnan, who has been working with pre-school and handicapped children for the past

## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Dec. 26 seems like a date etched out in our minds because of our sympathy with fellow beings who lost lives and property due to nature's fury- the Tsunami. In the past, we have battled every natural calamity with grit and determination. Even now we rise to the occasion because we believe that we are brothers in peace and goodwill and also during times of tribulation. Friends, we strongly believe that we can make a difference if we are able to make even a small individual contribution. Rehabilitation has always been a major task for any nation after a disaster and so is it with us in India. It is also important to understand that the efforts are not to be for a short span of time but a continuous one so that we can evolve effective methods for management of disasters. The CBSE has well timed the introduction of Disaster Management into the curriculum so as to create awareness among students with regard to natural calamities. There needs to be a coordination between the school authorities and the educational boards so as to sensitize the students regarding rehabilitation and nation building after a disaster. Like many educational institutions the St. Mark's family has also contributed its bit to help those who have been affected by the Tsunami. It may seem like a drop in the ocean but we would like to assure all those who are suffering that we remember them in our prayers and fervently hope that they get the courage to withstand their tragic losses and the strength to rebuild their future. Let us at this time of national crisis rededicate ourselves to the service of our countrymen.



Proud winners of the creative writing competition



Twenty years enthralled the tiny tots from classes I & II with her stories while Ms. Tompe, who has been the Editor of the popular English magazine, Children's World gave useful tips on Creative Writing to students of classes IX & XI. Mr. Sanjay Malik, Vice President, Marketing, Indian Express, Mr. Ajay Gupta and Mr. Sameer Kapoor, Chief Operating Officer, Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd. emphasized the importance of reading books. Thus, the Book Week started on a happy note with our Principal, Ms. A Aggarwal cutting the ribbon and declaring the Book Week open.



Cutting the ribbon at the 4th Annual Book Week



The great story teller- Ms Vineeta Krishnan enchants the young audience

The students revealed their love for books through activities like 'Tell a Story', 'Read Aloud', Story Enactment', 'Literary Quiz', 'Book Review' and 'Know an Author'



Creativity at large- 'Designing a book cover'



A young story teller

They displayed their artistic talents in competitions like 'Paint a Character', 'Design a Book Mark' and 'Design a Book Cover'. The Creative Writing Competition brought forth a combination of literary and artistic talent. Game shows like 'Playing with Words' and 'World of Words' tested their vocabulary skills alongwith their speed in making words.

The Odyssey Club members had an exclusive interactive session with Ms. Deepa Agarwal, an author of children's books, where they freely asked her questions and got all their queries answered. Thus, the students actively participated in an array of activities during the week and 14 January was the day to acknowledge and reward the sincere efforts put in by our students. To grace the occasion and give away the prizes were our Hon'ble Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, Member of the Managing Committee Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, Ms. Deepa Aggarwal, a writer with more than 25 books in English and Hindi to her credit and Mr. Ashwini Dhar, Regional Director, Scholastic India pvt. Ltd. Our principal Ms. A. Aggarwal also spoke on the occasion and congratulated both the winners as well as the participants. Our Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi proposed the Vote of Thanks.



In the **STORY TELLING COMPETITION** for Class I Ginni Madan won the first prize, Shresht Babbar and Arnit Kaur Manchanda won the second prize while Sanya Kumar and Kartika Kumar bagged the third prize. In the same class in the activity **PLAYING WITH WORDS** The Magenta team consisting of Siddharth Bose, Sahil Malhotra, Chirag Jhamb and Abhijyot Saluja stood first while the Turquoise team consisting of Kriti Sachdeva, Lakshay Kapur, Vishal Dhaliya and Divya Gupta stood second.

In the **STORY TELLING COMPETITION** for Class II Palak Arora won the first prize, Karan Bhola the second and Ekam Kalra the third prize.

In the same class in the activity **PLAYING WITH WORDS** the Scarlet Team consisting of Apoorv Sharma, G Vignesh, Shantav Jatav and Abhinav Nagpal won the first prize while the Maroon Team consisting of Nikita Chawla, Shubh Dhingra, Aditya Nagpal and Akshay Arora stood second.

In the **READ ALOUD COMPETITION** for CLASS III the winners were Punkita Sharma who stood first, Aakansha Goel who stood second and Gagandeep Arora who stood third.

In **PAINT A CHARACTER** Jyotsna Arora, Nikita Verma and Sarthak Kathuria of class III won the first, second and third prizes respectively.

In the **STORY ENACTMENT COMPETITION** for the same class Team B consisting of Chanvi Singh, Anmol Kapoor, Niharika Jain, Somanshu Sarin and Ekansh Narang were the winners

The winners in the **READ ALOUD COMPETITION** for CLASS IV were Shiv Kachru, Nikita Sethi and Vritika Jain who stood first, second and third respectively.

In **PAINT A CHARACTER** Sachit Anand stood first, Jivtej Singh stood second and Sanyam Guglani stood third

In **STORY ENACTMENT** the **Mowgli team** consisting of Sanya Aghi, Kanika Mehta, Anish Sharma, Lakshay Khurana and Prajna Mehndiratta won the first prize.

In CLASS V the winners in **COMPLETE THE STORY** were Saniya Arif, Disha Sethi and Aditi Nanda who won the first, second and third prizes respectively.

The winners in **DESIGN A BOOK MARK** were Dikansha Chawdhary, Manastha Garg and Manmeet Singh who stood first, second and third respectively.

The **Synonym Team** won the first prize in **WORLD OF WORDS**. The team consisted of Mani Makkar, Niharika Kapoor, Kriti Rai and Sparsh Chhabra

In CLASS VI & VII in the **WORLD OF WORDS** the **Ruskin Bond Team** comprising of Nikhil Mittal(VIG), Shruti Sharma(VIG), Vasundhara Srinivas(VIIG) and Shruti Seth(VIIG) were the winners.

## BOOK COVERS- Good efforts by our students



Heena Gandhi(VII)



Drishti Bajaj(VI)



Prachi Grover (VII)



In the **LITERARY QUIZ**, the **Poets** consisting of Eira Kochhar (VIG), Mansi Narang (VIG), Aashish Sawhney (VIIH) and Srishti Jain (VIIH) stood first.

The proud winners in **DESIGN A BOOK COVER** were  
**CLASS VI**  
 Hitesh Taneja (I)  
 Karshni Kharbanda (II)  
 Akshita Verma (III)  
**CLASS VII**  
 Avneet Singh Rayat (I)  
 Urvashi Gupta (II)  
 Saniya (III)

In the **LITERARY QUIZ** for classes VIII & IX the **Fiction team** comprising of Sahil Sidhu (VIII A), Dipen Sharma (IX A) and Aanchal Batra (IX A) won the first prize.

In **BOOK REVIEW** the winners were  
**Class IX**  
 Aditi Ramdas (I)  
 Kanika Bhutani (II)  
 Sugandha Goel (III)  
**Class XI**  
 Ankit Bathla (I)  
 Mansi Gupta (II)  
 Shubhra Sharma (III)

In **CREATIVE WRITING** the following teams won  
**Class IX**  
 I PRIZE Team C  
 Harleen Kaur  
 Nupur Khurana  
 Rashi Khanna  
 Harsimran Thukral  
**Class XI**  
 I PRIZE Team C  
 Kamal Girdhar  
 Tanjot Kaur  
 Neha Chhabra  
 Piyush

II PRIZE Team E  
 Akshay Chawla  
 Kashish  
 Kunal Sachdeva  
 Ravneet Singh Ahuja  
 I PRIZE Team D  
 Deeksha Bhandari  
 Anurag  
 Amita Rajan  
 Prasanjeet  
 Divya Arora

In the **TRAIN OF BOOKS & AUTHORS** the team of **CLASS VIII** comprising of Alik Pahuja, Meghna Thakur, Jatin Dabas and Nikit Bhutani won the first prize.

In **KNOW AN AUTHOR** the winners were Shrivam Sagar, Varun Monga and Radhika Banerjee who stood first, second and third respectively.

In the **WORLD OF WORDS** the Aliteration team consisting of Karan Baweja, Nakul Yadav, Kushank and Jatin Baweja won the first prize.



Aditi Roy (VC)



Bhanu Nangru VII



Sakshi Jindal VI



Shivani Arora VII



Ankita Sondhi VII

Book Cover Credits : Top Left - Arsh Marwaha VI, Top Right - Avni Dhingra VII



## THEY DID US PROUD

'Sri Chaitanya Education Committee with an objective to improve the academic excellence among Indian students conducted a Young Scientist's Talent Test at the National level for the students of classes X and XII. We are very proud of Parmeet Singh of XII E who received the second prize in the class XII category at the All India Level receiving a Merit Certificate and a cash award of Rs. 12,500/-. The following students of class X- Rishabh Garg, Ajay Chatwal, Sonal Kumar, Nidhi Gupta and Jayant Nasa also received Certificates of Merit. The prize distribution was held on 20th February at the IIPA Hall.



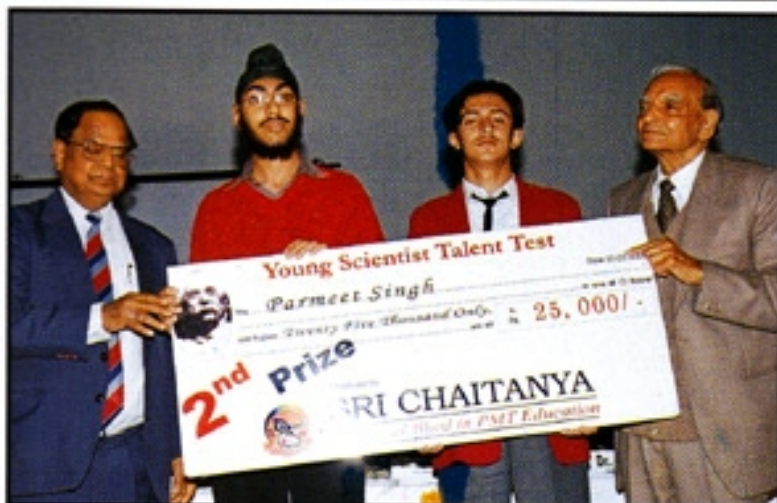
'On the footsteps of great masters'  
Our proud Camlin winners

## KUDOS TO A SINGING STAR

Rohit Kulkarni of class XI A participated in the NIE Pepsi Storm and won the third prize in the Solo Singing category. He remarked that the mega event that was held on 28 Jan. was an experience of a lifetime for him. He says he was thrilled and felt that he could do the school proud with his endeavour. His performance has been adequately covered by the city newspaper The Times of India. Continue with the good effort Rohit!



Rohit Kulkarni being awarded by Sanjeev Vohra of The Times of India



Parmeet Singh (XII E) the proud winner of the Sri Chaitanya Educational Awards

## ART

Camlin Art contest was held this year in our school. Our School won the trophy for maximum number of entries at the Regional Level. Ojas Tayal of Class I won a Commendation prize of Rs. 100/- cash. Dhairya Sethi (IIB) won a third prize of Rs. 200/- cash. The prize distribution was held in National Bal Bhawan. The paintings of the winners were displayed in an exhibition from 20 to 22 January 2005.

**Weekly Children Times** held a Drawing, Painting and Handwriting Contest for classes I to V. The following students of our school won Children Times Award in the Handwriting Contest:-

Anuj Bahal (IE), Shourya Arora (IIC),  
Jyotsna Arora (IIID),  
Tushar Arora (IVC), Mitali Baxi (VF)

The following students won Children Times Award in the Drawing and Painting Contest:-

Vanshika Arora (IC), Mukesh Garg (IIF), Utkarsh Garg (IIIC), Manastha Garg (VC)

The Headmistress of the school, Ms. R. Sethi, won the Gurubramha Award while the Art teacher of the school Ms. S. Pathela, won the Gurubhushan Award.

## SCIENCE QUIZ

The National Science Centre organized an Annual Science Quiz in which over 40 city schools participated. 3 students of our school Dhananjay Kaushal (IXD), Medha bansal (VIIB) and Siddhant (VIB) donned their thinking caps and emerged clear winners in the preliminary round for the quarter finals. It was a good start to the series of science quizzes

## SANSKRIT

### CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Jyoti K. Hajela & Ms. Ranjana Bhardwaj, Sanskrit teachers were appreciated and honoured by the Sanskrit Academy at an august gathering for their excellent results in the CBSE examination.



## QUIZZING

### QUIZZING IN SCHOOL

The Inter House Marquiz was conducted on 19 Jan. 2005. This is an annual event in school and with each passing year the qualitative participation of the students is improving. The content of the quiz covered large vistas of learning about one's own country in an unusual manner. Other than the regular topics of Indian history, culture, traditions and developments in the modern period, the students also researched the various milestones covered by India in different fields and appreciated the contributions of great Indians. The winners in the Jr. Category were:-

- I Shastri House- Rhythem Raswant (VIC),  
Shailza Chawla (VIIF)
- II Gandhi House - Gaganjeet (VIC),  
Vishakha Jindal (VIIF)

The winners in the Sr. category were :-

- I Nehru House- Ashish Pandit (VIII A),  
Dhananjay Kaushal (IXD)
- II Shastri House- Nupur Khurana (IXC),  
Medha Bansal (VIII A)

## SCHOOL PLAYS HOST

Our school being one of the lead schools, organized an Eco Club Training Programme for the Eco Club teachers of the attached schools on 28.1.2005 in collaboration with the Dept. of Environment. The aim of the workshop was to discuss environment related issues and to find ways of motivating and sensitizing children about their environment. The programme began with a welcome address by our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal. The programme included Presentations by Major Semwal from the Ecological Task Force, who enlightened the students and teachers on the greening of Bhatti Mines. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Sunil Pandey from Total Energy Research Institute (TERI), who shared his views on 'waste management'. The programme included a review of the schools' Eco Club activities by the Eco Club incharges. The highlight of the workshop was an interactive session during which the participants clarified their queries from the eminent guests. The programme culminated with teachers being shown the actual vermicomposting, paper recycling process and the sapling bank.



Major Semwal addresses the gathering at the Eco Club Meet hosted by our school

### ECO CLUB MEET 2005

The Department of Environment and Forests organized the Annual Eco Club Meet for the 1500 schools, colleges and various attached bodies on 23.2.2005 at Bal Bhawan, New Delhi. The programme was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi Ms. Shiela Dixit, Minister of Environment Mr. Raj Kumar Chauhan and Ms. Naini Jaiseelan, Secretary Ministry of Environment. In the meet, the lead schools were given certificates of merit by Ms. Shiela Dixit, for their commendable work. She praised the efforts of the schools and children. The Eco Club of our school was commended for its hard work.



## WELCOMING BASANT

Basant celebrations in school started in a colourful and lively manner which befits the mood of the season. The students of class II presented a festival bonanza through which they depicted the celebration of Basant Panchami in the various states of India. The coming of spring brings in joy and merriment as it denotes the beginning of a new season. The programme concluded with the chanting of the shlokas by enthusiastic students who paid rich tributes and homage to the Goddess of Learning Saraswati.



Invoking the blessing of the Goddess of Learning Saraswati

## SAFETY FIRST

Under the aegis of SMS Road Safety Club the 'Up Stage Group' artistes representing the transport department visited our school on 13.1.2005 and performed a 'nukkad natak' for the students highlighting the rules of the road in a very interesting manner. The entire experience was fun and very educative for the students.



'Nukkad natak' brings forth the message of safety for all



Welcoming Basant with grace and rhythm

## CLUBS ARE FUN

The students of classes I to V enjoyed Club activities held throughout the academic year 2004-2005. The Exploration Club explored the traffic park, post office, fire station and a Gurudwara. The Cookery Club made delicious sandwiches, bhelpuri and fruit cream. The Dramatic Club members had fun experimenting with expressions, modulations of voice etc. The Rainbow Club experimented using various colouring techniques and mediums. The Pottery Decoration and Gift Wrapping Club taught children to do things in colourful ways and get ready for the festive season. In the Experiment Club the students learnt magic tricks and played mathematical games. The Fabric Painting Club members learnt the art of block printing. The Mathemagic Club was also fun and taught students that numbers and calculations are not always boring. The Do-Re-Me Club developed the interest of music and dance in children and they displayed their talent in various competitions. These clubs help to break the monotony of studies and the students really enjoyed the activities held during the year.

## OUR COUNSELLOR SPEAKS

Counselling is a facility available to all our school children to promote their psychological, emotional and social well-being. The common problems addressed are:-

- A. Academically related, such as academic under achievement.
  - B. Emotional issues such as low self esteem, anxiety and depression.
  - C. Conduct problems such as aggression and violence.
- Some children found to be suffering from disorders such as ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), Learning Disabilities and oppositional defiant disorder are provided long term psychotherapy and emotional support. Their parents are also called regularly to school for counseling and guidance.
- Career counseling is given to senior students. They are helped to make career choices keeping in mind their interests and aptitude and necessary information regarding Universities, Courses and application procedure is provided to them.



## JOYFUL PICNICS TO FUN 'N' FOOD VILLAGE

All the students from Class I to Class XII had fun and frolic during their Annual picnics at the Fun 'N' Food Village.



Happy picnickers at Fun 'N'Food

Enjoying a joy ride at the picnic spot

'Fun' day out at Fun'N'Food Village

## AN AWE INSPIRING PERFORMANCE- SPIC MACAY

Under the aegis of Spic Macay, there was a Santoor Recital by Pt. Bhajan Soporji on 29.1.2005. He was accompanied by Sh. Sukhmay Banerjee and Sh. Bipul Roy who played on the newly invented instrument the 'sur santoor'. The young students were mesmerized by the Bandish presented by Pt. Bhajan Soporji, who through an active interaction kept the young audience involved in the presentation. It was indeed a wonderful learning experience.



Warmth and honour meted out to Pt. Bhajan Soporji at Spic Macay



Pt. Bhajan Soporji leads the jugalbandi with Sh.Sukhmay Banerjee



## Lending a helping hand

The family of SMS, contributed their bit in providing relief to the Tsunami victims. Moved by the tragedy that affected so many people, including thousands of Indians, the staff members of St. Mark's School, Janakpuri and St. Mark's School, Meera Bagh, contributed Rs. 56,860/- and Rs. 54,566/- respectively to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The management of both these institutions contributed Rs. 42,000/- to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund too. The students added to this effort by contributing over 4200 kg of rice, 2500kg of pulses, 300 litres of refined oil, 200 kg tea leaves, various condiments and stationery items for distribution amongst the needy in Southern India. This collection was forwarded to the Tsunami victims through 'Goonj' an NGO. With the largest ever peace time relief effort under way in three Indian states and the Andamans, this contribution from our school may appear to be just 'a drop in the ocean'. But as Mother Teresa had once said- 'The ocean is now more by at least one drop!'



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**Mrs. Anjali Agarwal**  
**St. Marks Sr. Sec. School**  
**Meera Bagh, Paschim Vihar**

**Dt. - 22/02/05**

Dear Mrs. Agarwal,

I'm writing to express my appreciation and praise for the good work, your team and students have put in to collect the relief material to support tsunami victims under our campaign "RAHAT- Tsunami".

Please convey my sincere thanks to all the branches of St. Marks who have put in their conscious effort to encourage these little kids to contribute for this cause and to all their families who made this a successful and memorable experience.

Thank you once again for the overwhelming response and your interest and work towards motivating staff, parents and the students.

A reputed organisation TRUST HELP in Chennai is actively involve in our distribution network, working effectively in the effected areas of southern India. We'll able to provide you with feedback in the coming two weeks time.

With best regards,

  
**Anshu K. Gupta (Ashoka Fellow)**

Director  
GOONJ..

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**Media link-**

<http://www.outlookindia.com/mad.asp?fodname=20040126&fname=Making&sid=1>



## TEARS FOR TSUNAMI

Its sounds like unheard before,  
people killed and injured on the shore.  
People being killed in tons,  
No food left for the innocent ones.  
Little children full of fears,  
Helpless mothers shedding tears.  
Tsunami is the name of disaster,  
killing people even faster.  
Nobody is to be happy found,  
in depression everybody is bound  
There is nothing at the moment,  
To remove the spectre of this omen.  
This pain still lingers and will be in our heart  
but to our life we cannot put a shutter,  
because our life has to go .

Bhavya Gulati VII-C

## MY EXAMINATION

Whole house is quiet  
All faces are serious  
No TV, No radio, no music  
Friends are not entertained.  
Only flapping of papers are heard  
Books are scattered here and there  
Hot coffee and bournvita are served now and then  
Mummy's worries increase  
And so does daddy's tension  
It is nothing but my examination  
Compiled by RAKHEE AGGARWAL, V F

## CHILDREN'S DAY

In every house  
Be it big or small  
To make life a joy  
Children are wanted by all.  
People say it usually  
That children are a form of God  
But I don't think it's true  
As it is seen to be very odd.  
We have to go to school everyday  
To study and learn  
Alas! Sunday is the only free day  
But then there is homework too much  
Will we children be ever free?  
One day I had this thought  
It was a serious matter  
And it had to be sought  
So I asked my mother  
With tension like a huge tree  
Can't there be a special day for me?  
My mother laughed heartily  
At my woeful way  
She reminded "Of Course, there is,  
Don't you remember, Children's Day."  
I remembered I cheered happily  
I banged the table like a thunder  
It's Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday  
And that is 14 November.  
Compiled by JASKARAN SINGH, VII B

## MY FRIEND

Friend Oh! My friend  
Come and play  
Friend Oh! My Friend  
Please don't go away  
I value your friendship in every way  
This is the only ship  
That has come my way  
Compiled by SOMANSHU SARIN, III B

## THE CHANGING SEASONS

Blowing snow with a hard breeze  
Fine places getting out of crease  
No friends of mine do me tease  
A shivering heart without ease  
Here is a glimpse we can expect  
Showing to us 'Winters effect.'

Sunshine making its way out  
Flora and fauna beginning to shout  
Greenery spread with a quiet twinkle  
Adults and children getting ready to mingle  
Yes, you are right. Its a heavenly thing  
Winter has gone and now its spring.

Rays of sun are falling hard  
Sweat is work's main part  
A burning sensation can be felt  
This thirst can't be dealt with,  
Feeling fresh is just a rumour  
Making itself felt now is summer

Shedding of summer brings a relief  
Wetting with water are lotus leaves  
Cool and cold rain is falling  
With pleasure, nature is calling  
People don't complain now  
That dryness is itching,  
To cool your body now rain is falling.

It's a bit sad that dear rain has gone  
It's effect has now being shown  
Here comes the autumn season  
Flora shed without any reason.

Still, I'm happy that the cycle goes on  
Nature will now be again born  
And people will find pleasure in the changing  
seasons!

Team effort by CLASS XI F  
JAISLEEN JABBARA  
AKANKSHA MARWAH  
KARAN TANEJA  
NENA DANG



# EXPRESSIONS

## LOVE MY EARTH

The place where I took birth  
The earth is green  
But we are very mean  
We destroy greenery  
And also the beautiful scenery  
So let us try to be a little kind  
After all we are saving the earth  
For mankind  
Compiled By PALAK KHARBANDA, VB

## MOTHER

Maa, is a very small word but it is God's great boon for mankind. There is infinite love hidden in it. The first word a child speaks is Maa. She is the one who teaches the child how to walk, how to speak and how to become a good human being. A child may turn out to be good or bad but a mother will always love her child. She wants him or her to do something special in the world. We cannot think of a life without a mother. A mother is the most precious gift given to us by God.  
Compiled by SAKSHI JINDAL, VID

## LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Love is a gift given by God  
Nothing can compete with love  
It may be the love of father and son  
Mother and a son or any other one.

Love is a feeling required by everyone  
It is a blessing we need  
So never deny it.  
Love is an emotion which holds values for me  
And there is nothing else which can change me.

Love at first sight was a experience for me  
It was the time when I was young and free  
The day was Sunday and it was five in the evening  
I was in the garden and the sun was setting

She was standing there alone near a tree  
It was a great opportunity for me .  
I wanted to express my feelings to her,  
But she suddenly disappeared from there.

This was my love at first sight,  
Which appeared to be so bright,  
I wish she were my wife  
That would definitely change my life.

Team effort by  
XI G

NEERAJ BATRA, HARSHIT LAL, APOORNA TANEJA,  
DIMPLE GARG,

## HAPPINESS IS FLEETING

Gone are those days, Gone are those feelings  
When my heart brimmed with Joy.  
All carried away by the notorious waves  
That was the tsunami phase  
Happiness is momentary  
It won't last forever  
My frigate was merrily sailing  
The sails dropped down  
That was the nature's frown  
I realized that happiness is fleeting  
Our life is a pendulum  
Oscillating between happiness and gloom  
We never know, when it may fade or bloom  
Thus we realize that happiness is fleeting  
Live for the moment  
As past is history and Future is a mystery  
Yesterday it was a frightening night  
Today the stars shine bright  
Tomorrow it may be dark or light  
After all,  
Even when winter prevails  
Spring is not far away!

Team effort by: XI B  
Japleen Kaur Lamba  
Jessica Singh

Monika Manchanda  
Nishtha Sharma

## STARS IN THE SKY & STARS IN THE WORLD

Be it joy or sorrow,  
The stars in the sky will shine today  
Burning themselves day and night  
They brighten the universe with their shine  
But the talents of the stars of the world  
Have that glory which lights,  
And makes the whole world bright  
Some serve as role models  
Which makes us cross all the hurdles  
Stars of the sky are glittering balls of charm  
But the stars of the world can be black holes of harm  
At the end we ask this of ourselves,  
How can we reach the stars in the sky  
'By being the stars of the world'  
Comes the reply.

Team effort by:- Class IX B  
Aanchal Budhraj  
Geetika Jawa  
Arunima Dheer  
Pooja Bansal



## EXPRESSIONS

### LIFE- A GAME OF DESTINY

"Lavina Oberoi! You have been chosen as one of the five students to represent the school at the national Science Seminar. Reach the venue at 8 a.m." Lavina's joy knew no bounds. Her dream would be fulfilled. She would meet Dr. Khare, a famous scientist and her idol. Her eyes gleamed. She felt proud and honoured.

She was dying to give this news to her mother. When she reached home, she told her mother and didn't even stop to take a breath. Her mother was happy too. Lavina was very excited and every second seemed like a day to her. In the evening, when she was thinking of the questions she would ask Dr. Khare, her mother called her. She wasn't feeling well and wanted Lavina to sit beside her. She was a cancer patient. Lavina sat there until her father returned from the office. He asked Lavina to go to sleep. She stared in the darkness at night guessing what the next day had in store for her. Her excitement shattered- in a moment.

The next morning, while she was getting ready for the seminar, it was all gloomy around her. She herself didn't know where her enthusiasm, excitement and zeal had vanished. She wasn't able to decide if she should go to the seminar and fulfill her dream or stay at home with her mother whose life could end at any moment. "But father would stay with her", she thought. "But will I be able to forget about her at the seminar?" "What if she wishes to meet me?" "What if her condition becomes critical?" "What if she needs me?" She didn't know the answers to these questions. She had never faced a situation like this in her life before. She now had to choose between her dream and her life. Then she felt "What is the use of fulfilling a dream when my mother is not in a condition to celebrate my achievement?"

She decided to stay at home and sit beside her mother. She never regretted her decision and tried to treasure every moment spent with her mother. Even if she wasn't able to fulfill her dream, she was able to spend more time with the one who taught her to dream!

**JAPLEEN KAUR XI - B**

### COMPLETE THE STORY BY STUDENTS OF CLASS V AN APPRECIATION

The beginning- I woke up with a start and felt a cold breeze blowing. I found myself in the middle of the sea floating on a wooden piece...

### THE LOVELY CASTLE

I soon reached a huge castle with big rooms. There was a room with many eatables like cakes, pastries, ice creams and cookies. I was soon joined by a cat and a rabbit who were bent upon celebrating my birthday. I told them it was not birthday but they refused to listen to me. We started arguing and I noticed that the cat's eye was going to fall out when I told the cat, she began to cry but when we couldn't find it, All of a sudden I was badly shaken up from some where I could hear my mother's voice. I realised it was just a dream.

**SANIYA ARIF**

### ADVENTURE ON THE ISLAND

I reached a beautiful island. There were beautiful gardens with tall banana, mango and apple trees. I kept walking for a long time till I saw some dwarfs playing with each other. They got frightened on seeing me. I told them not to be frightened as I would not harm them. I told them my story and they started crying. Their parents asked me not to cry as I could stay at their homes. After that I was never alone and sad, and we lived as a happy family.

**DISHA SETHI**

### THE BEST DREAM

I reached a beautiful kingdom. A turtle took me around the kingdom of glass. He showed me many mermaids; sea horses. Suddenly I heard someone crying. It was a fairy, she had been making a pretty dress for the queen of fairies and it was lost. We started searching for it and reached a cottage where a child and his parents lived. We soon found the dress in that cottage. The fairy was the happiest person in the world and kept on thanking me. .

**ADITI NANDA**

### READING IS FUN

To enjoy the company of books which are regarded as our best friends, the students of classes IV and V indulge in the wonderful pastime of reading. As members of the Reader's Club they explored various aspects of reading, including silent and loud reading. The model reading was initiated by teachers who encouraged the young learners to read for pleasure.



## SPORTS

### ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

The Annual Sports Meet of our school was held from 20 December to 23 December 2004. The Meet was declared open by the Principal. Ms. A. Aggarwal. The torch was lit by Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi and the school flag was unfurled by the Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi. The students participated in all the events enthusiastically.

The students of class V performed the March Past, who then took oath to take part in the events in true spirit of games and sports. This was followed with the students of class I taking part in 50m flat race followed by many other interesting events like balloon Burst race, Hurdle Sack race, Orange race, Ball-relay etc. Students of classes VI onwards participated enthusiastically in games like Football, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Badminton and Cricket. The Athletic Meet for all the categories was conducted successfully for events like 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 4x100m relay, Shotput, Long Jump etc. on the 23rd.



Gandhi and Patel houses - champions at the Annual Sports Day



Stars of the sporting events

The grand finale of the Annual Sports Meet was the prize distribution ceremony. All the winners of the individual and team events and the best players in each category (games and athletics) very proudly received their respective medals and trophies from the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi.

Gandhi and Patel House' were declared the Overall Champions of the Annual Sports Meet 2004-05.

The 'Best Player of the Year' trophy was bagged by Ankit Mehta of Class XIIF and Ashish Diwan of Class XIA was awarded the trophy for 'Most Outstanding Player of the Year'. One special prize (Track Suit) was given to Prateek Badhwar (XB) for representing Delhi State in National Games.

After the prize distribution ceremony the "Annual Sports Meet 2003-2004" was declared closed by the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal.

### Best Players

#### Football:

Sr. Boys- Harmandeep Singh (XIID)

Jr. Boys- Akhil Dixit (XF)

Sub. Jr. Boys- Shobit Dagar (VIII A)

#### Badminton:

Sr. Boys- Madhur Grover (XID)

Jr. Boys- Aditya Sethi (IXE)

Sub. Jr. Boys- Vaibhav Dua (VIII F)

Sr. Girls- Ginni Khosla (XIC)

Jr. Girls- Krippy Kakkar (IXD)

Sub. Jr. Girls- Shruti Sridhar (VIC)



The smart marching contingents at the Junior Sports Meet



### Table-Tennis

Sr. Boys- Anurag Jain (XIB)

Jr. Boys- Aman Jain (XG)

Sub. Jr. Boys- Ankit Baluja (VIID)

Sr. Girls- Shubhneet (X)

Jr. Girls- Arushi Gambhir (IXD)

Sub. Jr. Girls- Medha Bansal (VIII B)

### Volley Ball

Sr. Boys- Manik Bhutani (XID)

Jr. Boys- Prateek Badhwar (XB)

Sub. Jr. Boys- Siddhant(VIE)

Sr. Girls- Shweta Sethi (XIIF)

Jr. Girls- Mehak (IXA)

Sub. Jr. Girls- Sanya Chugh (VIC)

### Cricket

Sr. Boys- Nikhil Mahajan (XID)

Jr. Boys- Sushant Sharma (IXB)

Sub. Jr. Boys- Saksham Bedi

### Athletics

Sr. Boys- Jaspreet Bhuee (XID)

Jr. Boys- Rahat Narang (VIII B)

Sub. Jr. Boys- Lakshay Bhambri (VIIF)

Sr. Girls- Avantika (XIB)

Jr. Girls- Meeta Gulati (IXD)

Sub. Jr. Girls- Puneet Kaur (VIE)



Gold, Silver, Bronze-the girls take them all

### SPORTS GLORY FOR OUR SCHOOL

At the Annual Prize Distribution function of Zone XVII, Distt. West on 29 Jan. , it was a win-win day for our school. We bagged the coveted overall championship for games (Girls category). Our students also won the Best School Trophy in Table Tennis (Jr. Girls, Sub. Jr. Girls and Sr. Boys), Badminton (Jr. Girls) and Football (Jr. Boys). The runners up trophy in Badminton was also won by the Jr. Girls and Sr. Boys. We received the same accolades for Volleyball, Football and for Folk Dance. The Delhi State Volleyball Association also awarded special prize to Prateek Budhwar of X for representing the Delhi State in the National Volleyball Championship and Shourya Vats of Class III was also appreciated for his achievements in the Delhi State Judo Championship. He has won the gold medal for the same.



They did us proud at various sporting events

### REPUBLIC DAY

The Republic Day celebrations were held in school with national fervour and enthusiasm. The day's programme commenced with the hoisting of the tricolour by our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, our Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and our Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi. The students presented a short cultural programme based on patriotic themes, there was a patriotic song presentation by the students of junior and middle sections. Students of classes IX and XI reflected their opinions on 'I'm proud to be an Indian'. Some junior sports students also received prizes for various events and three students were given prizes of special appreciation for their excellence in various sporting activities. They are:- Shourya Vats(IIIA) for Judo, Deepak Mittal (IVA) for Skating, Kanishka Arora(IVE) for Lawn Tennis. These three students received track suits as special prizes from the school.



## CHRISTMAS TIME IN SCHOOL

Our school sported a colourful look on 23 and 24 December. With a huge Christmas Tree and beautiful decorations at the school Reception. On this occasion the students of class V presented the nativity scene depicting the birth of Jesus Christ and represented the role of Joseph, Mary, King Herod and the three wise men to perfection. Christmas Carols were sung and Christmas Parties were organized for the primary section after school hours. The children had a very good time playing various games, followed by some music, masti and a lot of fun. Students were overjoyed to receive gifts from the Santa Claus.



Christmas means gifts, eats and fun with Santa Claus



It's a season of festivity Christmas celebrations in school

## NATIONAL MATHEMATICAL TALENT SEARCH EXAM

The National Mathematical Talent Search Exam organised by Gurukul Educational Foundation was held on 13 October 2004. The exam was conducted in three groups:-

Group I (for class I to IV)

Group II (for class V to VII)

Group III (for class VIII to IX)

There were in all 880 students from all the three groups. The participants were given certificates and the following outstanding students were felicitated by National Balashree Award:-

Sanjay Dhawan (XA), Ankit Aggarwal (XA), Gagandeep Singh(VIIH), Priyanka Makkar (VIB), Karandeep Singh(IVC), Sanya Dua(IVC), Kovid Sehgal(IVH), Lakshay Suri(IIIC)

The Principal of our school was felicitated by Gurubramha Award, and the Maths teachers received the Gurugaurav Award.

## ANNUAL STAFF PICNIC

The family of our school had a rollicking time on 26th of February when it went for the Annual Staff Picnic to Azad Hind Gram. If the venue was the perfect blend of scenic beauty, art and architecture, then the picnic saw the fusion of music, dance and lot many games. The winners were given attractive prizes which added to the fun and excitement of the day. Truly a spectacular day for everyone who attended the picnic.



## SCHOOL BIDS ADIEU TO XII

On 28 Jan.'2005 the students of Class XI bid adieu to their seniors of Class XII and wished them good luck for their Board Exams. The program commenced with the Invocation ceremony, followed by cultural programmes which were very lively, interesting and beautifully presented with excellent coordination. Students of class XII, Priyanka Chandra (XIIA), Perna Korla (XIIC), Jasveen Kaur (XIIIE) and Ayush Kumar(XIIIE), shared with the audience their experience of school life. The guests were treated to a very good spread of mouth watering dishes for lunch. This was followed by the much awaited event, which was the grand finale of the evening i.e. Ms. & Mr. SMS contest.

The winners of the coveted titles were:-

MS. SMS	NIDHI GUPTA
MR.SMS	RAGHAV MAHESWARI
1st Runner Up	JASVEEN KAUR
1st Runner Up	SHAHBAAZ SINGH
1Ind Runner Up	DEEPANKAR SETHI
1Ind Runner Up	RISHITA MONGIA



A candid moment. Mughal-e-Azam remix at the farewell gathering



A clean sweep! Winners of the coveted titles



Close at the heels! Jasveen Kaur XIIIE and Shahbaaz Singh of XIIIB (1 Runner ups)

The class XII also received mementos from our Principal Ms. A. Agarwal, who wished them the best for their forthcoming Board exams. In her address to the students, she outlined the need to retain the discipline and the true values of our Motto - Loyalty, Truth and Honour, even at the time of test.



Students of Class XIIA along with the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms Veena Wahi and their class teacher Ms Jyothi Ramdas



## PHOTO FEATURE



Students of Class XII B along with the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms Veena Wahi and their class teacher Mr. B.Tangri



Students of Class XII C along with the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms Veena Wahi and their class teacher Ms. Rita Mathur



Students of Class XII D along with the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms Veena Wahi and their class teacher Ms. Gesu Chandra



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Students of Class XIIE along with the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms Veena Wahi and their class teacher Ms Deepti Prabhakar



Students of Class XIIF along with the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms Veena Wahi and their class teacher Ms Vaishali Lamba



Students of Class XIIG along with the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms Veena Wahi and their class teacher Ms Kavita Mehta



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Creative young masters display their creativity



Ms Vijayanti Tompe gives valuable tips on creative writing



Making a mark with Book Marks!



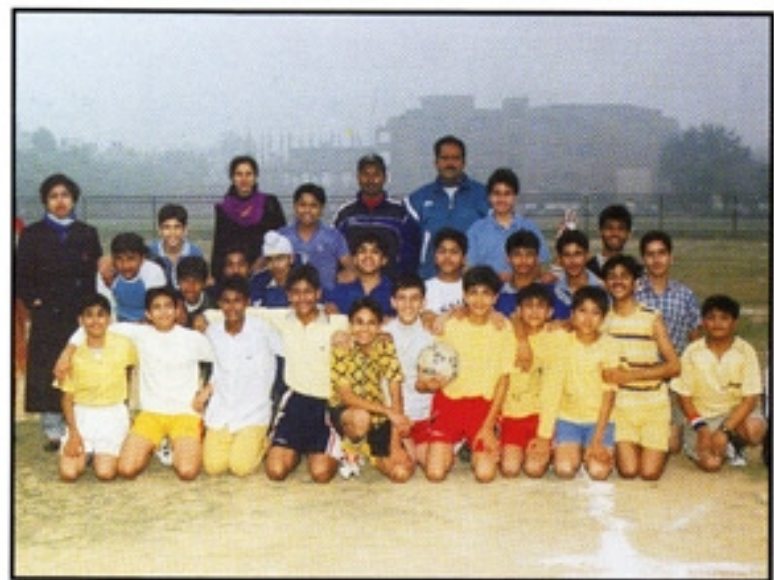
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'They bend it like Beckham'. Our football champs!



On your marks Get Set -----Go  
Three legged race



Jubilant Soccer winners



Young winning athletes enjoying a moment of pride



Our Junior sporting stars