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FOLK FESTIVAL

Folk dances of India are known worldwide for unfolding their style, rhythm, colour, choreography, costumes and song. Indian culture with its diversity presents the most varied number of folk-dances, but with all of them signifying a strong unifying bond of the cultural unity of India. This 'Unity in Diversity' was beautifully showcased in the Folk festival at our school on 16 November, 2005. The competition, held in Sub-junior, Junior and Senior categories, had Ms. Neena Kumari, the Education Officer of Zone-XVII, District West B as the Chief Guest. Mr. T. P. Aggarwal, Chairman of our school graced the occasion.

Editorial

Dear Readers,

As 2005 draws close to an end, with the blink of an eye, we will see the curtain rising to usher in a 'Bright New - 2006'. The optimists among us will remember the stardust in the cloudy sky and of course, the pessimists will only see the overcast sky. Yet it is time to do some inward thinking and come to terms with reality - that there are changes in our educational curriculum which have left their imprint, and yet there are some areas which have been neglected. The introduction of the grading system and internal assessment has on the whole been welcomed. The fact that Maths is being made more enjoyable through Maths Laboratory activities has brought a smile on many student's faces. Of course the reading time now available for Board examinees has been appreciated too. The improvements in the educational arena may encourage us to feel complacent but the sobering thought that so many children in our country even today do not have primary education is distressing. Those who are pragmatic would rather see an India free of Child Labour and exploitation. Let the child in each of us have such freedom - for to quote Rousseau; 'Man is born free, but is bound in chains everywhere'. There is nothing more endearing than an eager little face of a child full for hope. Let the new year herald hope, joy and peace in the hearts of one and all.



Our Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal welcomes the Chief Guest, Ms. Neena Kumari, Education Officer, Zone XVII

PHOTO FEATURE



Welcoming the guests with the inaugural dance

The audience was the proud parents of the participating children who got to see glimpses of the Bihu, Bhangra, Lavni, Naga, Kalbelia, Dandiya, Ghoomar, Kaikottikal, Kajari, Himachali, Bhojpuri and Bhatiyali dances.



The ethnic beauty of the eastern state of Bihar is depicted through this Bhojpuri Dance



The Dandiya Raas is special to the colourful state of Gujarat - feel the beats !

In the Sub Junior level, the Dandiya Raas, (Nehru House) won the 1st Prize where as in the Junior category it was the Maharashtrian dancers (Shastri House) who walked away with the honours. The Kalbelia dance of Rajasthan (Gandhi House) which is identified with vigour and vibrancy won the coveted top position in the Senior category

This cultural fiesta was also complemented by two powerful plays - 'Shakti -The Girl Power 'and 'Terrorism Today'. The honourable judges- Ms. Manisha of Bal Bharti Public School, Rohini, Mr. Ved Prakash Sharma of Doon Public School, Paschim Vihar and Ms. Mukta Pillai of St. Martin's School, Paschim Vihar had a tough time performing their duty.



Recreating the 'magic of the hills'- the dancers from Himachal Pradesh



SPIC MACAY brings Kathakali to the home grounds-
A marvel by masters

A TALK BY SHRI NAMWAR SINGHJI

Under the aegis of SPIC MACAY on 22nd November, 2005 our students had the golden opportunity to listen to Dr. Namwar Singhji, an eminent Professor of Hindi in JNU. He is a student of the legend himself, Shri Hazari Prasad Dvivedi whose name has been written in golden letters in Hindi literature.

He spoke about the 4000 year old heritage which we Indians have inherited. The students were made aware that heritage is not received, it needs to be earned with one's own hard work. Our Indian heritage is so unique that tourists from abroad come and partake of its wealth.

He felt that education should not be restricted to the classroom but should be extended and students should be taken out so that the youth of India is well conversant with its past and its heritage.

It was indeed an enriching experience for the students who would like to render their heartiest thanks to SPIC MACAY for this inspiring opportunity.

SPECTACULAR KATHAKALI DANCE

The students of our school had the opportunity of witnessing Kathakali Dance Recital by the eminent Guru Sh. Sadanam Balakrishnanji on 18th November, 2005. Under the aegis of SPIC MACAY the lecture demonstration was awe inspiring and educative. Guruji started the performance by displaying all the Ragas through his dance movements and facial expressions. It was followed by depicting the various mudras. He moved on to present 'Nrithya' followed by 'Chulliyattam' and 'Illigiyattam'. The students sat mesmerized throughout his enthralling performance. The finale was a story from Mahabharata performed by two of his disciples, Kumari Ashita Mohanan and Kumari Sreeruma Mohan. They performed in complete kathakali costumes and the elaborate make-up. Guruji also answered questions asked by the students. He was accompanied by Sadanam Radhakrishnanji as the vocalist, kalaamandalam Unnikrishnanji on 'Chenda' and Sadanam Muruka Jyotiji on 'Maddalam'. The chutty make up for the artistes was done by Margi Ravi Kumarji and Sh. P.G. Pilla compered the performance. The eminent artistes were welcomed with floral garlands and felicitated by our Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal.

A WALK WITH SH. RAMJI NARAYAN

Opportunity knocks our door only once in our lifetime and we should grab it with both hands. Hence the enthralling opportunity to view a mirror reflection of our unique heritage was grabbed by the students of our school. On 23rd Nov. 2005 thirty students under the aegis of SPIC MACAY visited Tughlaqabad Fort in the esteemed company of Shri Ramji Narayan, who is an economist by profession, but a renowned scholar with a great aptitude for archaeological information. He educated the students about the scientific methodology behind the establishment of the Fort, which was built by Ghiasudin Tughlaq in the year 1320. The students also visited the tomb of Ghiasudin, his son and his wife. They realized how technologically advanced our ancestors were. The students were made aware of a brand new definition of "ancestors". The people whom we inherit something from are our archeological forefathers. Students visited the palace areas including the ruined gathering hall and were amazed to see the underground cellars used for storage of food. They were a bit fatigued after the long walk, but their enthusiasm did not wane. On the whole, the trip was very educative.



An Interactive session with Dr. Namwar Singh who believes in the strenght of 'our rich virasat'

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

The Annual Sports Meet of our school was from 25th - 27th October 2005. Various games like Football, Volleyball, Cricket, Badminton and Table Tennis were well played and the four competing houses lived up to the spirit of true sportsmanship. The juniors wearing their house colours enjoyed every moment of the Athletic event. The Sub-Junior category were not far behind in making new records and breaking old ones set by their predecessors. The grand finale of the sporting activity was on the 27th with the Athletic Meet for the Seniors. It was a pleasure to see the thrill and joy at every track and field event. The 'Championship Trophy' was lifted by Gandhi House. Akshay Chhabra - the Head Boy took home 'The Best Player' trophy. The Principal gave away the medals for various games and athletic events. She congratulated the winners and appreciated the participants.



Our young cricket champs proudly display their medals on the Annual Sports Meet

Special trophies were awarded to the best players in various events.

Table Tennis. Anurag Jain, Simrandeep Singh and Ankit Baluja were awarded the Best Players trophy in Sr., Jr. and Sub-Jr. categories respectively. Among girls, Shubhneet (Sr.), Aarushi (Jr.) and Parul Jain (Sub-Jr.), were the best players.

Volley ball, Tarun Bhambani was the best player in Srs., while Rohit Shokeen and Aatish won the trophies among Jrs. and Sub-Jrs. respectively. Among girls Richa Chugh (Sr.), Mahek (Jr.) and Sanya Chugh (Sub-Jr) won the best player awards.

Athletics. The best player awards were won by Jaspreet Singh Bhui (Sr.), Vikas Gulati (Jr.) and Manik Khattar (Sub-Jr.), among boys and Meeta Gulati (Sr.), Charvi Sardana (Jr.) and Puneet Kaur (Sub-Jr) won the awards among girls.

Football, The best player awards went to Atul Yadav (Sr.), Sahil Chopra (Jr.), and Lakshay Bhambani (Sub-Jr.).

Badminton. The winners were Sahil Sangar (Sr.), Aditya Sethi (Jr.) and Tajinder Pal (Sub-Jr.), and among girls Ginni Ghosla (Sr.), Aditi Chaddha (Jr.) and Saloni Chandhok (Sub-Jr) were the winners.

Cricket. The trophies for the Best Players were received by Nikhil Mahajan (Sr.), Shashank Sharma (Jr.) and Akshay Chopra (Sub-Jr.).



We are the sports champs declare the Gandhi House with their Trophy aloft



The Nehru House marching contingent is impressive indeed!



'East or West' Our juniors are at their best on Sports Day

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET



The girls doing their best at the Shotput field event.



Our senior table tennis winners along with our Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and Headmistress Ms. R. Sethi.



Gold, Silver and Bronze, they won them all at the junior Relay Race

FOOT BALL FEVER

On the 20th October, 2005, our senior football team was jubilant as they won the CBSE North Zone I Championship after having won all the three matches in the league stages. They gave a spirited performance and were victorious as they defeated Pragati Public School, Dwarka. The scorers were Akshay Chhabra, Shashank Sridhar and Saurabh Rattan. With this the team qualified for the ALL INDIA CBSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT. The tournament was held at Burnpur Riverside School, West Bengal. Over 12 teams from different parts of the country participated in this tournament and alongwith the host school and the Indian High School, Bahrain, we made our mark at the ceremonial match. Our team displayed wonderful skill, coordination, fitness and team spirit. Our team battled for the quarter final round alongwith Shah Satnamji School, Haryana, and although we gave our best the rival team outmatched us in skill, stamina and endurance. The visit and the matches played were an experience by themselves. Our football team was treated to beach football which was a unique experience.



You can't stop these boys when they start running
The "Three Legged race" winners.



Our senior football team celebrate Football Magic at the C.B.S.E. tournament.

'DURGA PUJA' AT SCHOOL

Our school celebrated Durga Puja in a graceful manner. The students of the primary classes, dressed up as Durga and Mahishasura presented a dance programme depicting the victory of good over evil. The school premises were decorated in accordance with the festival. Shubhankar Jain of V-D explained the importance of Durga Puja and described the traditional celebrations. Girls of the primary section performed a dance on the beats of drums with 'dhunuchi' in their hands.



The dancers with the dhunuchi sway to the musical beats at the Durga Puja celebration.



'Good triumphs over Evil'- is the message conveyed through this ballet

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



The might of Hanuman conquers the people of Lanka.

Diwali the festival of lights was celebrated by students of class I on 28th October, 2005. During the special assembly the scene of '**Bharat Milap**' was dramatized on the stage by the tiny tots:- Parth (I-F) acted as Ram, Paritosh (I-C) acted as Lakshman, Yastika (IB) played the role of Sita and Abhishek (IC) and Shubham (ID) were Bharat and Hanuman respectively. '**Laxmi Puja**' was done by the Principal, Vice Principal and the Headmistress on this occasion. A message was given to all the students '**Say No To Crackers**'.



Manthara renders words of "Unwisdom" to Rani Kaekai



The Lankan army of Ravana.

THE BEST ORCHESTRA

The students of our school, who participated in the Inter District Cultural Competition in Orchestra organized by the Directorate of Edu., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, on 08.11.2005, were appreciated by one and all for their enthralling performance. They were the proud first prize winners. The Convenor of the Inter District Competitions appreciated the school band.

The proud winners are Jatin Arora (VIII F), Aadhar Garg (VIII F), Tanuj Kumar (VII E), Saksham Gulati (VII E), Sandeep Gulati (VII E), Ria Malhotra (IX E), Ritika Dhamija (VIII F), Mehak Verma (IX C), Ridhima Sahni (IX C) and Shibika Suresh (VIB).



Making Melody comes easy to the girls

SANSKRIT SCHOLAR

Kamal Grover of XI C had secured 97% in Sanskrit in class X Board exam held in March'2005. She received an award and cash amount of Rs.500/- from the Sanskrit Academy.



Top scorer at CBSE in Sanskrit
Komal Grover (XIC) receives accolades



Our boys mesmerize the audience with their music.

STATE LEVEL SCIENCE EXHIBITION

The Science model, Electromagnetic Induction Bridge, made by Abhinav Gupta and Manav Gulati of XII F was displayed at the 'State Level Science Exhibition'. It was judged second in the public school category and has been selected for the 'National level Science Exhibition'. The first and third positions were bagged by Happy Model School and New State Academy respectively.



Abhinav Gupta and Manav Gupta of XII F display their prize winning 'EMI Bridge' science project.

SCIENCE QUIZ COMPETITION

ZONAL SCIENCE QUIZ COMPETITION was organized in September, 2005 at Govt. Sarvodaya Co-Ed. Vidyalaya, B-4, Paschim Vihar. A team of three students - Sombhir Palit XII-B, Jayant Anand, XII-B and Rishabh Garg, XI-B represented SMS. Twenty teams from different schools participated in the Science Quiz Competition. After giving a tough competition to other teams, the students of our school bagged the second position at the Zonal level.

ASSET: A NATIONAL TEST FOR SCHOOLS

516 students from our school participated in ASSET (Assessment of Scholastic Skills through Educational Testing) organized by Educational Initiatives Pvt. Ltd, Ahmedabad. 21 students had shown remarkable performance and were awarded with certificates.

Creditable, Distinguished and Outstanding. The examinations were conducted to test the understanding and the conceptual learning, not just rote memorization and results gave feedback on how students faced the test and results were compared to their peers across the nation.



Achievers at Assets Exams - they are the school's assets

OUR SCHOOL GOES INTERNATIONAL

Our school had an international guest from Sweden -Elvis - the cute little moose and the school welcomed him with open arms. As a part of an international project, Elvis a little moose, had been sent by the students of Ebba Petterson School, Gothenburg Sweden. The moose which came as a symbol of love and friendship, was not only given a warm welcome by the school but was also taken around the city by the students. The students also wrote a diary maintained by Elvis. After a week long stay at our school, Elvis left for Hong Kong. It was indeed a wonderful week for every one at our school. Another, international feather to the cap of St. Mark's is that the paintings made by twenty of its students have been selected to be displayed in a Global Art Exhibition to be held in southern Oregon- USA. These painting would be put up for sale and the proceeds would go to the Mother of Peace orphanage in Mutoko, Zimbabwe. Our school also holds the distinction of being host to the paintings sent by students from the US. These painting were displayed in the school premises. The students whose painting were selected are:-
Gunjot Singh-VIIG, Tanya Arora-VIIE, Kamakshi Jain-VIIG, Kriti Rai -VI C, Sakshi Aggarwal -IX B, Sonal Kumar - VIII F, Jatin Kukreja -VI C, Srithi Jain -VII B, Dikansha Chaudhary -VI F, Kashish Goel -VI F, Surbhi Balia -VIIIG,



Mehak Mahajan -VIII G, Guneet Singh - IV B, Sanyam Jain -V A, Jyotsana Arora - IV A, Anya Arora -IV D, Angad S.Hora -IV D, Sathrik S. Nagpal -IV C, Shubham Chopra -IV A, Vanya Bhatnagar -V A,

BOOST TO THE HEALTH OF OUR SCHOOL

Students participated in competitions organized by MTNL in the month of October, in the Perfect Health Mela 2005. In the Junior category our school bagged the II position in COLLAGE MAKING and I position in AEROBICS.

HEART CARE FOUNDATION OF INDIA jointly with the MCD organized Perfect Health Mela from 21-30 October. Two students of class XI (Disha Kharbanda and Priya Singla) participated in the Rangoli making competition.

Two students from class VI (Mitali Baxi and Kritika Goswami) participated in Collage Making. Students of Class V (Sanyam Jain and Pamposh Pandita) also participated in Collage Making and won the II prize.



Our winners of the MTNL Health Mela in a jolly mood!

MY SCHOOL

Some schools are big, some are small
But mine, I think is the best of all.
I remember the day, I joined the school
The rooms were big and very cool
The teachers were nice and kind to me
The school was buzzing with activity
I still insist and so do the rest
That of all the schools,
My School is the best.

PULKIT MALHOTRA V-F

OH! INVISIBLE

I can't see you but I can feel you.
I don't know why but I believe in you.
Some people say that you are nowhere.
But I feel you everywhere.
You have different names.
But the meaning is the same.
Some call you God,
Some call you Lord,
There are different ways for remembering you,
I think these are different mediums for reaching you,
Oh! Invisible where are you,
I am searching for you.

TANYA CHADHA VIII-B

FRIENDS

Everyone in this world
Needs to have a friend
Who understands us,
Who shares with us,
Who will always assist us,
Who will always care for us,
In whom we can have faith
Who will always trust us
Who will let us forget
Every grief and pain
Ah, that is a true friend indeed.

VISHAL MENON XI-B

SHAKE & MAKE

Shake Shake Shake
Will you make make make
A mango shake?
What a tasty shake!
I want to drink a mango shake
Cake Cake Cake
Will you make make make
A Chocolate cake?
What a beautiful cake!
I want to eat a chocolate cake.

NIHIT SETHI IV-D

A BETTER INDIA

A country where there is unity
A country where there is no enmity
A country where people always share
A country where people love and care
A country where people serve the needy
A country where people are not greedy
A country where people reach out to others
A country where people live like brothers
Yes, that country can be INDIA
If we join our hands in unity
Without any difference in caste,
Religion and community!

NIHARIKA JAIN IV-B

WHO ARE BOYS?

Boys are really wild,
You can see them always fight.
They are never kind to anyone,
They play pranks and have fun
They just want to play and play,
Be it a few hours or the whole day.
They try to be very smart,
but for their kind information
They are not
They are as proud as peacocks.
That is why,
They keep their brain always locked

SHOURYA VATS IV-C

RULES OF SCHOOL

Come to school in time.
Go for prayer in time,
Go to school neat and clean,
Wish teachers whom you meet,
Throw no paper on the ground,
In your class you must not play.
Do your home-work everyday,
When you want to leave the class,
Never forget to take the pass,
Follow, follow every rule,
For discipline in the school.

RACHIT NANRAY V-C

A school is not a factory.
Its raison d'être is to provide
opportunity for experience.

--J. L. Carr

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is silent, Friendship is loud.
It silently comforts when sad times are near
It loudly cheers when good times appear
Friendship is forever, but starts in the past.
It develops a history as it goes along
It builds a strength with which to carry on.
Friendship is sweet
But may have tough moments.
It constantly grows in sharing and caring
It grows in forgiving and enduring.
Friendship is invisible but can still be touched
In the hearts and mind there it always exist
In the words and in the actions
It will shine for all to see.

SAKSHI ALAGH

XI-G

THE LOVELY MOONLIGHT

I walked home one night,
the stars shone so bright
though at a great height
they presented a beautiful sight
Yes, the lovely moon Light.
My feelings did excite,
as I imagined a knight
With his armour shining white
in the calm and quiet night.
Yes, in the lovely moonlight.
As a cloud shadowed the moon
It gave me a sudden fright,
there was dust and darkness
and it was gone
yes, the lovely moonlight.

KRITI KHANNA

V-H

MY EXAMS

I studied all the night,
Because the finals were near,
I got no sleep but my thinking was clear
I knew all the answers
My marks would be the best,
But I failed any way
Because I slept through the test.

TARANDEEP HANDA

V-B

**"Those who get lost on the
way to school will never find
their way through life"**

TIME

Time is a treasure
It is too precious to lose
Work hard and make it's best use
Lose it and it won't come back
Run you must on this track
Time is wealth, Time is money
Make hay while it is sunny.
Time once gone is fortune lost
And only you will have to pay the cost,
Be vigilant and be on your guard
Your labour will surely bring your reward.

TANYA CHADHA

VIII-B

A FUN FILLED CLASS XI-A

We are the babes and hunks of XI-A
Our style, attitude and music makes others sway
As for winning we give others no way
We are unstoppable, we are unbeatable
We are the guys and gals of XI-A
Our class is filled with a few lovely fools
Some are hot and some are cool
Divya gets irritated and gives away her monitorship
But Akshay always boasts about his leadership
Then comes Hitti, Manika, Disha, Ankita, and Megha
whose minds are very sharp
Whereas Puneet, Manish, Akash and Kashish do
disturb the class
Some of the time Kritika is crazy
And at times Pooja, Ritsheen and Shreya are lazy.
Shivani and Esha are engrossed in their books
Ankita as the prettiest is known for her looks.
Taniya is very artistic.
Sweet friends Purnima, Nitya and Bhawna are fantastic
Kunal and Akhil are football freaks
Neha and Prerna have chubby cheeks
Puniya is always ready for a fight.
Priya and Rashmeet are considering a diet
Shilpa is very sober and cute. She has a heart of
gold and never is rude.
Garima and Monika are loving and sincere
Aakriti's complexion is very fair
Nikita has an amazing hairstyle and
Spars always has a smile.
Eshpreet is short and moves like a rat
But in our class, we dont have a cat.
We are God's masterpieces, we will rule
We are class XI-A, popular wild and cool.

Eshpreet Kaur

XI-A

**"Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire."**

William Butler Yeats

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

ENGLISH WORKSHOP

Ms. Abha kakkar, Ms. Rachna Marwah and Ms. Anu Mehta - English teachers of our school attended a workshop on 17th NOVEMBER, 2005 AT SAI INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, LODHI ROAD. The workshop started with a presentation by Ms. Uma Mani, Chief Publisher and author of Macmillan's revised edition of New World Interactive English. This was followed by a real treat - a workshop with Mr. Barry John of Imago Theatre in Education. He stressed on drama being an effective methodology for teaching all subjects. He divided his session into the following sub-sessions:- Physical warm-ups, vocal warm-ups, playing with Gibberish, putting language into situations and the art of improvisation. The workshop proved to be interesting, and thought provoking for all the participants.

WORKSHOPS AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL

Two workshops were held in the British Council for the teachers of the Primary Level and the Middle School on 8th and 9th Nov.2005. On first day the emphasis was on developing an interest for 'words' and 'books' in the children right from the beginning. A few easy and interesting activities were shown and then done practically by all the participants. These can be effectively used to improve the quality of creative writing in not only the children of the Primary Level but also the senior students.

The second day was devoted to poetry. It was about how poetry can be turned into an interesting tool in teaching grammar in any language. Various forms of poetry such as **CONTRAST POEM, CINQUAIN, DIA MANTE, BLOTZ POEM** etc; can effectively be used to explain the parts of speech as-well-as learn their usage in proper manner. The teachers who attended the workshops were Ms.Madhu Parna Ghosh, Ms. Dimlee Dutt, Ms.Uma Korla and Ms. Bhavneet Kaur.

WORKSHOP BY HT PACE

A Workshop was held for children by Ms. Pooja and Ms Radha sponsored by Hindustan Times-Pace group. The students were taught to make Kites and paper folders. Children enjoyed this activity. They came up with some good work on the same, but paper folders were the best among them. A befitting gift for them on Children's Day.

ECO CLUB WORKSHOP

The annual Eco-Club Workshop was organized jointly by the three lead-eco-club schools on 17th November, 2005 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The venue was DAV School, Vikaspuri. The occasion was graced by the Sr. Scientific Officer, Dr. Sabat (Department of Environment) and over 45 attached schools invited by the lead schools participated in the same. The highlight of the event was auditing the water factor in one's own school during which it was discussed how we can discipline ourselves and prevent water wastage.

On similar lines, other environment related issues like energy, solid waste, Biodiversity etc; and how they can be managed in school was discussed. The programme ended with the teachers coming up with their own innovative ideas and techniques being used to promote environment awareness amongst the children.

NIE WORKSHOP

A workshop was organised by **The Times of India** for students of Class VI in October under the guidance of Ms. Kaveri who taught students to make paper bags from old news papers. She emphasized using environmental friendly things.

CREATIVE WRITING

A workshop for **creative writing** was organised by Ms. Vandana Tandon for students of Class VII. Her way of conducting the workshop was appreciable. She made an animal from the teacher's chair and asked students to write about it in an interesting manner.

WORKSHOP ON STENCIL-MAKING

The Times of India Group held a workshop on stencil Making on 7th Oct. The Stencils were made by the children under the guidance of an expert. The expert gave an interesting talk and then showed them how to make beautiful and colourful stencils from colourful pictures of magazines and newspapers. The children found it easy and interesting.

GUIDANCE

In this competitive era, students of class XII need to be counseled about better future plans. To facilitate that a career workshop was conducted by Dr. S.K. Acharya who shared his academic and professional experience and guided the children as to how to take the right path to achieve their goal.

HAPPENINGS

'THE EXHIBITION', GANDHI, KING, IKEDA.

30 Students from class X had the rare opportunity to visit an exhibition on 23rd October, 2005. It was organized by the joint effort of Gandhi Bhawan, Delhi University, the Times Foundation and Bharat Soka Gakki. The exhibition, Gandhi, King, IKeda - A legacy of Building Peace was created at the behest of Morehouse College, U.S.A. It focussed, on three individuals of incredible stature whose lives articulate the message of peace - Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Daisaker Ikeda'. A total of 18 panels had been exhibited and they introduced the students to the personalities and focussed on different aspects of their life and struggle. They also described the significant moments of each life with the roles played by their respective spouses. The exhibition was an eye opener and the students learnt a lot about the personalities.

PSE ACTIVITY

Project Spoken English was conducted for classes I, II and III on 14th November, 2005, on children's Day. The children participated enthusiastically with zeal and vigour. The themes of the various activities held were based on the great leaders of India. The activities conducted in various classes are as follows:-

Classes I and II - two children per section were asked to dress as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr Rajendra Prasad and two other students were asked to speak a few sentences on both the leaders. Additional information was provided by teacher and then the students attempted a Cross word Puzzle.

Class III-Two children per section were asked to give a speech on the 3 leaders. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam

Some information about the personalities was given by the teachers which was followed by a quiz for the children.

OZONE DAY

To mark the Ozone Day on 16 September 2005, a film called Jijivisha was shown at our school. The film was shown to the Eco-club members as well as to classes VI and VII and was highly appreciated by one and all. It had a tremendous impact on the young minds which made them put forth many question to Ms. Ruchika Mohanty and Mr. Nitin from 'We For Yamuna'. The students were saddened by the fact that the mighty Yamuna has been transformed into a gushing drain in Delhi and pledged to follow the 3R's- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle as a small effort on their part to reduce environment pollution.

WORLD TOURISM DAY OBSERVED

The members of Heritage Club observed World Tourism day on 27th September, 2005. The activity was for all the members of the club who were divided into groups of three and were allotted various classes from class III onwards. These groups spoke about the various heritage sites and provided the classes with interesting information. The feedback got from the respective classes was tremendously good. It was reported that the children spoke very well and provided adequate information.

INTER CLASS NEWS READING COMPETITION

An Inter Class News Reading Competition for classes IX to XII was held on 21st and 22nd November, 2005. There were a total of 25 teams with two participants in each team. The teams had a logo and a name for their new channel. A newspaper and 15 minutes time was given to every team to edit and prepare news on the following topics:- National, International, Local, Art and Culture and Sports. Five minutes were given to each team to finally present their news report. The winners were:-

Garima (Class IX F), Mohit Rathi (Class IX F) Aditi Ramdas (Class X E), Arushi Gambhir (Class X E)
Shweta Bansal (Class XI F), Sameer Kaushik (Class XI F), Udita Bansal (Class XII E),
Anuradha Sembri (Class XII E)

ZONAL RECITATION

On 26-10-2005 Surbhi Batra (VIII F) and Chintal Gupta (IXF) won the 2nd and consolation prize respectively in the Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition.

PACE THEATRE FESTIVAL

The young dramatists of our school made their presence felt in the **PACE- INTERSCHOOL ZONAL THEATRE FESTIVAL 'THE MISSING GIRL'** supported by **UNFPA**, under the guidance of the eminent Theatre personality Feizal Alkazi, by winning the II runners up trophy for staging **SHAKTI -THE GIRL POWER**, a fusion play on the raging issue- 'Declining child sex ratio in India'. Their performance was a shining example of toil, tenacity and talent which again is how one would describe Alkazi and his team. The school team comprised of Vasundhara Srinivas, Ashima Khorla, Sreejoni Nag, Roohneet Kochar, Medha Bansal, Shivam Saggar, Daman Kohli, Mudit Malhotra, Garima Chopra, Gazal Mehta, Shubham Malik, Aditi Ramdas, Aakriti Gupta, Divya Jain, Mita Gulati, Sarang Mittal, Swati Verma, Divya Rathi, Geet Sethi, Hitashi Aneja, Pooja Khanna, Mansi Gupta, and Ankit Bathla,. Mr. Harminder, Mr. J. Charles, Ms. R. Dutta and Ms. L. Srinivas were the teacher facilitators.

A Proud Win!

YMCA, New Delhi organized THE ANNUAL INTER SCHOOL THEATRE FEST, KOSHISH on 20th October, 2005 at YMCA Auditorium. Our school was declared the IInd Runners Up among 15 participating schools. The students lived up to the excellent standards set by the school. The Theme: Terrorism Today was very convincingly portrayed through the play which was an enacted by the following students:-

Gaurav Narula XIC, Richa Chugh XIB, Vishal Khurana XIC, Luv Marwah XIC, Siddharth Rajan VIII G, Geetanjali Malik XIC and Shubankar Jain VD.

The team was commended for their impressive performance, by the panel of judges and alongwith the trophy the troupe received a cash award of Rs.2,000/- with merit certificates.



Another feather to our caps -
The School drama group with the YMCA Trophy.

WE DO IT AGAIN

The students of our school, proved their mettle by bagging the Trophy for the Best Performances and The Rolling Trophy at the Inter-School English Play Competition, 'MASQUE' held on 23rd September, 2005, organized by Rukmini Devi Public school, Pitampura.

"Women are the backbone of our society" was the message conveyed through "Identity- a play staged by the young enthusiastic dramatists of our school

The proud recipients of the Rolling Trophy were Ashima Khosla, Abhinav Bhalla, Sarang Mittal, Sneha Jain, Gaurav Narula, Geet Sethi, Shubhani Malik, Ria Malhotra, Aditi Ramdas and Divya Rathi. They stood a head and shoulder above their contenders, according to the eminent judges.

WE WIN AT LUCKNOW

Fourteen students of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh participated in Odyssey - the Lit Fest organized by CMS Lucknow. They competed at the junior and the senior level in various competitions such as "All the world's a stage", 'Dramatization of Poetry', Turncoat debate, Half a minute etc. It was a matter of pride that in the senior category "All the world's a stage" they won the Consolation Prize (IV position) amongst 60 teams from all over India and abroad. They presented a humorous skit "The comedy the Horrors" written and directed by a student of the school. They were appreciated for the originality of the script and their acting abilities. In Half-a-minute, in the senior category Mansi Gupta (XII) walked away with the Consolation Prize. She was commended for her excellent hamming. On the whole it was a great experience for the young students to have been given such a platform to display their talents in various literary fields. Also, it turned out to be a good opportunity to interact and share their thoughts with students from various schools of the country. An invigorating and stimulating experience for all the participants.

INTER HOUSE FOLK DANCE COMPETITION

An Inter House Folk Dance Competition was held on 29th Sep. 2005 for class I in which the Folk Dances from various states of India were presented. The runners up trophy was won by Patel House for depicting the lively splendour of Haryana and Shastri House bagged the First prize for their excellent performance with the dance from Uttar Pradesh.



Patel House with their Runner's up Trophy



Our tiny tots of Shastri House proudly lift the trophy at the Inter House Folk Dance Competition.

MATHS QUIZ

The Inter House Mathematics Quiz was organised on 7th and 8th of September for Junior and Senior category respectively to inculcate more interest of students in the subject. In Senior Category Gandhi House won the first prize and in Junior Category- Shastri House won the 1st prize. The winners :

Juniors category

- (1) Shaliza Chawla - VIII - F
- (2) Ashima Gujral - VII - G
- (3) Gaurav Soni - VI - C

Senior Category

- (1) Ayush Jindal - IX - C
- (2) Aniket Handa - X - D
- (3) Akshay Verma - XI - E
- (4) Smriti Pathak - XII - E



'Mathemagic' with numbers at the Inter House Maths Quiz.

'INDIA QUIZ'

New Era Public School organized The Saraswati Memorial Annual Inter-school Festival, on 5th Oct. 2005. Two students, namely Saurabh Maithani (Class V) and Madhur Handa (Class IV) of our school had taken part in the India Quiz Competition. There were around thirty schools that had taken part. The competition began with a written round, in which only six schools qualified for the main Quiz Event. Our school team were amongst the toppers. In the main event there were seven rounds-2 direct rounds, Audio round, Visual round, current affairs, live round and rapid fire round. Eventually, at the end of the quizzing session, our students bagged the 3rd position. They were awarded certificates, gifts and trophies.



Quizzing their minds on the Maths Quiz.

MAGGI QUIZ

Maggi Quiz contest was conducted for the students of classes 4,5 and 6 on 6th September, 2005. All the students present in the class participated in the written round. The scorers later participated in the oral round. The quiz master was prepared with his volley of questions and our teams of students reciprocated with an equal zeal and accuracy. PRATIKA SAINI of class VIA and SARANG KOTWAL of class IVA were declared the winners. Overall, it was a nice learning experience for the students.

IN CONVERSATION



In conversation with Sir and Ma'am, Sombir Palit and Sugandha Sharma - represent the Student Council.

When you started this school, did you ever think that it would grow into such a huge institution?

Principal: Whenever one starts anything new, one does it with noble intentions. If the intentions are good, the consequences are always better. The institution as it is today, was a dream we saw long ago.

Can you share with us some special moments in your life that you deeply cherish?

Principal: There have been many such moments. Every time I meet an old student of our school doing well in life, I feel very happy and motivated. The glow of happiness in a child's face is my biggest reward.

What has been the biggest challenge in your life?

Chairman: Starting the school way back in 1975 in Janakpuri, was a big challenge. But since then many more challenges have been faced and overcome.

What are your future plans for the school?

Chairman: We have lots of plans for the future. Currently I am focusing on structural expansion. We plan to build a huge air-conditioned auditorium as well as a gymnasium.

What message would you like to give to students of today?

Chairman: To be an achiever in the present competitive world, it is important to work hard.

Principal: My advice to the students is to live their life to the fullest. Work hard and contribute to the growth of society. If your intentions are good, you are bound to reap success.

From the edit team:- The conversation that we present today is an effort on behalf of the entire Class XII to tell our management how important they have been to us. In a few months time, we will be leaving the school, in search of a destiny and fresher goals. All that we shall carry with us will be the rich treasures accumulated over 12 years of schooling, full of memories- some sweet, some sour, some salty but none bitter.

JUNIORS ARE OUTSTANDING

Central Institute of General Knowledge Learning conducted an examination at the national level for over 565 schools and our juniors did us proud by scoring over 95% and receiving gold and silver medals for their performances alongwith merit certificates. Although the students of the high school and the middle school also performed well by scoring percentages above 80, our juniors overshadowed all others. The young achievers are: Riya Gupta, Shreshth Chhabra, Shreya Manocha, Ameesha Mehta, Arushi, Hitesh Wadhwa, Ivneet Gambhir, Kushal Shokeen, Muskaan Shah, Nitin Bhatia, Prachi Chopra, Ritik Goswami, Rohan Gilani, Shikhar Juneja, Shreya Malik, Vaibhav Arora, Yash Grover, Yashmeet Kaunsal, Yashwardhan Verma, Pulkit Jhanjhi, Paritosh Nayyar, Rashika Sardana, Riya Nagpal, Sujata Mahajan, Vansh Goel, Vansh Vohra, Deeksha Chhabra, Mayank Shaw, Muskan Kakkar, Muskaan Pandya, Kartika Pushkarna, Muskan Dua, Priyank Makhija, S. Sharan Longani, Vansh Arora, Deepanshu, Rohan Garg, Divyanshu Sharma, Yuktika Sehgal, Arsh Tayal, Harshita Kacodia, Shivam Shah, Shivangi Sinha, Siddharth, Saksham Bhagat, Divyansh Chibber.

HAPPENINGS



'Say no to crackers'. Have a Happy peaceful Diwali.

TRIP TO MOUNT ABU

An educational trip was organised for class VI students, to the beautiful hill station of Rajasthan. Mount Abu. It was a three day trip. During the stay students were taken to various places of historical & recreational interest like Achalgarh fort, Dilwara temples, Nakki lake. Toad Rock, Sunset point etc. In the evening bonfire was lit & children enjoyed dancing around it. They were accompanied by teachers.

EXCURSION TO GOA

Students of XI and XII had a wonderful time exploring the beaches and the church in Goa. The high point was a ferry boat cruise down the Mandovi river to the Arabian Sea to the accompaniment of Goan music and traditional folk dances.



The boys have the 'soccer feet' and we gave them their shoes!

ANTI CRACKER CAMPAIGN

The schools 'Snow Leopard' Eco-Club embarked upon its Anti Cracker Campaign by making the Eco Club members wear "Say No TO Crackers" badges. A banner was also hung up outside the school gate to make the people aware about the hazards of bursting crackers. On 28.10.05, the Eco club members staged a street play during the assembly. The message was clear "SHUN CRACKERS AND HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY DIWALI". A speech was delivered by a club member on the same topic.

INTER ZONE FOLK SONG COMPETITION

Seventeen girls of class IX of our school emerged victorious by winning the 3rd prize in senior category in 'Inter Zone folk Song Competition'. The competition was held on 26th October, 2005 at Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi.

The participants are-Latansha Raichandani (IXC), Surpreet Kaur Khurana (IXC), Mehak Verma (IXC), Ria Malhotra (IXE), Harshmeet Kaur (IXB), Nancy Narang (IXA), Akanksha Kohli (IXE), Karishma Rai (IXE), Preeti Yadav (IXE), Shruti Gupta (IXB), Akshi Beriwal (IXF), Somya Mehta (IXB), Nandni Sehgal (IXB), Mili Nakra (IXB), Karuna Gandhi (IXC), Chhavi Trivedi (IXC) and Apoorva Bhatnagar (IXC)

A JOYOUS TRIP TO THE HILLS

In the month of September, the students of classes VII to X had a fabulous excursion to Simla. It was a respite for everyone from the heat and humidity of Delhi. The attractions were the visit to the Mall, the amusement park and other places where the students had a wonderful time. A great trip for everyone!

MAGIC WITH PAINTS

At the Inter School On-the-Spot Painting competition organised by St. Mark's, Janakpuri, on 19.11.2005, Sanyam Oberai (II-D) and Tejasva Kalra (II-D) of our school won consolation prizes while Pooja Khanna (XI-B) won the third prize in the Seniors category

SINGING MUSE

Rohit Kulkarni of our school has forayed into an avenue few would dare. The concept of one-man band was well handled by this multi faceted musical prodigy by playing the electric guitar and the keyboard in tandem and simultaneously delivering sonorous vocals. He brought to life the popular band numbers of 'Pink Floyd', 'Metallica', 'Deep Purple', 'Eagles' and 'Elton John' among others. A noteworthy achievement indeed! Let the music play, Rohit.

DONATING SHOES FOR A CAUSE

The soccer lovers and fervent players among certain underprivileged children are grateful to some of our students who have donated generously by giving shoes to the boys who want to play football but cannot afford the shoes. Keep up the good work, children!

PHOTO FEATURE



Our Headmistress Ms. R.Sethi lights the torch at the Junior Sports Event



A career counseling Interactive session with class XII.



Painting for a cause-Our young artists involved in the Art Exchange programme



Making Magic with Music- Rohit Kulkarni(XIIA) forays into a unique concept of 'One Man Band'



Students of Class XI chill out at Goa.

PHOTO FEATURE



Shastri House dance group celebrate their win at the Inter House Folk Dance Competition.



Welcome to 'She Land'- Land of Peace and Joy -Interschool Theatre Competition



Gandhi House bags the Best Troupe in the Sr. Category with their Kalbelia Dance

PHOTO FEATURE



Shaurya Sharma of XII-D celebrates the moment as the "Best Player" of the year.



Young Judo and Lawn Tennis winners with their laurels. We are proud of them.



They did us proud by scoring over 95% at the Central Institute of General Knowledge and Learning



We are proud of CBSE winners (Football)



Watch us getting to the winning post with our sacks!

PHOTO FEATURE



The lively dancers of Maharashtra dancing to the rustic beats.



The splendour of the desert state of Rajasthan is shown through this vibrant dance.



Bengal - the endowed state with a distinct culture is projected through the dance of the state.



The timeless beauty of 'God's own country' is represented in the dance form.



There is a dance to mark every event in the region of Kutch.