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## EDITORIAL

Today if one opens a newspaper or watches a news channel one sees increasing reports of crimes being committed by young people. It seems that the youth of today is taking to criminal activities in a big way. Statistics show that in the past year more than 63% apprehended by the police were youngsters barely out of their teens.

Crime and youth! Sounds scary-----Doesn't it? But what is it that drives young and impressionable minds to tread this path? The lack of role models in their lives is the inevitable answer. We are aware that parents are the first role models, followed soon after by teachers. They are put on pedestals and soon topple over. So we must realise that inspite of our 'feet of clay' we must continually strive to be ideals worthy of emulation. Not an easy task I agree, but parenting and teaching have never been easy. Being fair in our dealings, extending a helping hand to those in need, being disciplined, moderate in our language and grateful for what we have, are just a few of the values which we must make part of ourselves so that the same is instilled effortlessly into these children. Let us develop a special bond with them - a bond which will help and guide them to walk on the right path.

## LITERARY EXTRAVAGANZA - LEXICON 2006

Come November and our school geared up to host - 'LEXICON 2006' - the literary and language extravaganza. From 02.11.2006 to 06.11.2006, St. Mark's was the most happening place with several activities and competitions taking place simultaneously at various venues. With over 1800 students from 30 prestigious schools participating it was an exhilarating experience.



Vaibhav Dua of X B won the 1st prize in English Debate.



Our proud winners of the primary level



**2 Nov. 2006** saw the inauguration of **Lexicon** and students from classes I to V participated. If poetry recitation was taking place at some venues, there were other students displaying their skills in activities such as Story Telling, Enactment of a Story and Word Power. It was Quiz time for students of class IV while class V got an opportunity to display their creativity by Completing a Story.

**3 Nov. 2006** was for the students of middle classes. Once again there was poetry recitation but with a difference as we had students reciting poetry in the oldest language of the world 'Sanskrit' along with Hindi and English. Apart from recitation, students participated in Extempore, Character Dramatization and Short Play Enactment.

**4 Nov. 2006**, the third day had a host of activities for seniors. There was English Speech, Essay and Book Review for class IX students while students of class X displayed their debating skills both in Hindi and English. Students of class XII participated in English Debate too. Class XI and XII took part in Creative Writing and Script Writing. '19th and 20th century Literature' and 'Indian Literature' were the topics of a quiz for classes XII and X respectively. And last but not the least was 'The Bard's Genius' - a perfect tribute to William Shakespeare when some of his memorable plays were staged by students of class XI.

**6 Nov. 2006** saw the grand finale of 'LEXICON' - for we had the Prize distribution ceremony. The day began on an auspicious note with the lighting of the lamp. The prize winners were awarded trophies by none other than Ms. Antara Dev Sen, author and journalist who was the Chief Guest for the day. Other dignitaries present were Mr. Vikas Bahl, General Manager, Indian Express and Ms. Brinda Malhotra, Business Executive, Indian Express.

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Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal welcomed the audience.



Ms. Antara Dev Sen appreciated the efforts of the students



'Overall Best School Trophy' bagged by St. Mark's Girl's School, Meera Bagh



# GLIMPSES OF LEXICON - 2006



Prize winners of Sanskrit Recitation - Class VIII



Winners of Hindi Recitation -Std. VIII



Our jubilant winners - Std. IX to XII



Std. II students with their trophy for Story Enactment  
'The Little Mermaid'.



Middle School students hold aloft their trophy



Class XI in 'The Bard's Genius' won the first prize



## GLIMPSES OF LEXICON -2006



Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' brought to life by Std. XI



'The Merchant of Venice' - in action at Lexicon.



Manvi Mudgil of Std. I won the 1st prize in English Recitation.



Dev Soni of Std. III won the 1st prize in English Recitation.



Prize winners - Poetry Recitation



Poetry Recitation in Progress.



## OUR PROUD WINNERS

### PRIMARY LEVEL

Std. I	ENGLISH RECITATION	MANVI MUDGIL	I
Std. I	HINDI RECITATION	TANISHA GUPTA	III
Std. I	STORY TELLING	RASHI MEHAN	II
Std. II	ENGLISH RECITATION	FARAZ ARIF	I
Std. II	HINDI RECITATION	SIDDHANT MALHOTRA	I
		RIYA GUPTA	III
Std. II	<b>STORY ENACTMENT</b>	<b>'THE LITTLE MERMAID'</b>	II
Std. III	ENGLISH RECITATION	DEV SONI	I
		SANYA	III
Std. III	WORD POWER	SIDDHARTH BOSE	I
		YASHASVI GUPTA	I
Std. IV	HINDI RECITATION	SAKSHI SONDHI	I
		APURV SHARMA	II
Std. IV	QUIZ	SHIVANGI ARORA	I
		SAKSHI LUTHRA	I
Std. V	HINDI RECITATION	SARTHAK KAHTURIA	II
	COMPLETE A STORY	RIA NAGPAL	I
		NAMAN BHAGAT	III

### MIDDLE LEVEL

Std. VI	ENGLISH RECITATION	ANISH SHARMA	I
		DISHPREET SALUJA	II
	HINDI RECITATION	PRAJNA MEHNDIRATTA	III
	SANSKRIT RECITATION	SHUBHANKAR JAIN	I
		SANYAM JAIN	II
Std. VII	EXTEMPORE	SHAIREEN CHAWLA	I
	ENGLISH RECITATION	DISHA JAIN	I
		DISHA SETHI	II
Std. VIII	SANSKRIT RECITATION	SHUBHAM SAREEN	I
	ENGLISH RECITATION	MEHAK JUNEJA	III
	SANSKRIT RECITATION	AMAN JUNEJA	II
	<b>SHORT PLAY ENACTMENT</b>	<b>'SHAKTI'</b>	I

### SENIOR LEVEL

Std. IX	ENGLISH SPEECH	JATIN ARORA	I
	BOOK REVIEW	SIDDHARTH RAJAN	I
Std. X	ENGLISH DEBATE	VAIBHAV DUA	I (For the motion)
		DAAMAN KOHLI	II (Against the motion)
	HINDI DEBATE	TUSHAR KASHYAP	I (For the motion)
		NAYAMAT SABHARWAL	II (Against the motion)
	QUIZ	JATIN BAWEJA	I
		KSHITIJ JHAMB	I
Std. XI	<b>BARD'S GENIUS</b>	<b>'MACBETH'</b>	I
Std. XI	TURN COAT	ADITI RAMDAS	I
Std. XII	ENGLISH DEBATE	DISHA MANOCHA	I (For the motion)
		ABHINAV BHALLA	I (Against the motion)
Std. XII	QUIZ	RISHABH GARG	I
		KARAN KOHLI	I

### SPECIAL PRIZES

Std. I	STORY TELLING	MANAV PRABHAKAR	
Std. II	ENG. RECITATION	SHIKHAR SURESH	
Std. IV	ENG. RECITATION	PALAK HAJELA	
Std. V	ENG. RECITATION	PULKITA SHARMA , CHANVI SINGH	
	HINDI RECITATION	JASKIRAT SINGH	
Std. VI	HINDI RECITATION	KRITIKA RELAN	
Std. VII	HINDI RECITATION	SANIA ARIF	
	CHARACTER DRAMATIZATION	SHIBIKA SURESH	
Std. VIII	ENG. RECITATION	HARSHLEEN	
	HINDI RECITATION	PRIYANKA MAKKAR	
	SANS. RECITATION	PRIYANSHI HANDA	
Std. XI	THE BARD'S GENIUS	SARVEEN WALIA, PANKHURI SHARMA, AANCHAL SAHNI, HITASHI ANEJA, RICHA, SHIKHA SHARMA, JAYATI GUPTA, PRERNA	

The top five schools with maximum points were - St.Marks Sr. Sec.School , Meera Bagh -369, St Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh-185 , St. Mark's Sr. Sec.School, Janakpuri-148, Rukmani Devi Public School, Pitampura-124 and Lancers Convent, Rohini-82. As the host school did not compete for the overall '**Best School Trophy**' it was won by St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh.



## DURGA POOJA & DUSSEHRA CELEBRATIONS



The Goddess Durga.

29.09.2006 saw an enchanting Durga Pooja celebration at our school. A typical Pooja 'thali' was decorated and the fragrance of agarbattis filled the air. A painting showing Ravana, Meghnath, Kumbhakaran was put alongside the idol of Goddess Durga. This well depicted the celebration of Dussehra alongwith the Durga Pooja. The pooja was accompanied by the blowing of the customary 'Shankh'. This was followed by a ballet performed by primary students.



Dhanuchi dance by Divya Sethi



A demon causing havoc.



Ravana, Kumbhkaran and Meghnad.



Goddess Durga as a destroyer of evil.

## GREEN AMBASSADORS HAVE THE TIME OF THEIR LIFE AT ASOLA BHATTI SANCTUARY

Our Green Brigade comprising 35 students visited the Wildlife Sanctuary at Asola Bhatti situated at Delhi border. They were enthralled to see a number of special birds and insects and a plethora of plant species. The place was initially a mining area which was converted to a green area. The main species of plants were Acacias, Amaltas, Dhak, Papadi. The fauna seen in the sanctuary were Black Bucks, Nilgai, Chinkara, Wolf, Hyena, Egret, Babbler, Wagtails, Munias and Butterflies.



## THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

On Diwali the school wore a festive look. It was celebrated with a lot of fervour and enthusiasm. The traditional pooja was performed and was followed by a ballet presented by students of class I which showcased the life of Lord Rama from childhood till he returned to Ayodhya after 14 years of exile. We had in our midst Ms. Beverley and Ms. Joan Price, special educators from Ohio who interacted with our students as part of an international cultural exchange programme.



The traditional puja in progress.



Lord Ganpati - a symbol of prosperity at Diwali Celebrations.



King Dashratha lamenting at Rama's 'Vanvaas'.



Lakshmana, guarding the sages



May 'Ram Rajya' prevail - A ballet by the little children



## SPECIAL VISITORS FROM UNITED STATES



Our guests from Ohio light the 'Diwali Diya'.

Special visitors, Ms. Beverley Bartczak and Ms. Joan Price from C.R. Coblenz School, Ohio, U.S.A., visited our school. As part of a project 'Where in the World', the two special educators, will visit many schools, see landmarks and learn about diverse cultures around the world. In India, we - the St. Markians - were their hosts. They were special guests at the Diwali Pooja and also enjoyed the dramatized version of 'Ramayana' presented by the students of class I and II. Our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal arranged for their visits to very special schools of students with significant physical and mental disabilities. Their visit was a memorable one which clearly depicted the fact that the world today is truly a 'Global Community'.

## EXTENDING A HELPING HAND



Bonds of love - Rs. 1,88,000 for SOS.

Students of our school showed their commitment towards those less fortunate by contributing in cash and in kind to the NGO 'Goonj'. The NGO 'Muskaan' which works for children with mental disorders, organized a sale of Diwali items in our school which generated an amount of Rs. 67,185. A collection for the SOS organization was also made. A total amount of Rs. 1,88,000 was handed over to the representative of SOS, on the occasion of Diwali Celebrations.

Our student volunteers also came forward and collected a substantial amount of woollen clothes, which were donated to 'GOONJ' so that they could be distributed among the underprivileged to combat the onslaught of the approaching winters.



Showing our concern and love - a cheque for 'Goonj'.



Sacks of woollen clothes for Goonj -



## ASSET (A National Test for Schools)

To make the students of classes III to X, aware of their strengths and weaknesses in particular subjects, a national test was conducted in the school. It was a step towards making education more informative and educative. So, Educational Initiatives (An Ahmedabad - based organization) founded by a group of IIM - Ahmedabad alumni conducted the test ASSET (Assessment of Scholastic Skills through Educational Testing) in English, Maths and Science and optional subjects of Social Science and Hindi for classes IV to IX. It measured the understanding of concepts and skills underlying the school syllabi.

A total of 419 students participated and each got a certificate, a score card and an Analysis Report that highlighted their strengths and weakness in each subject. It also indicated a comparative analysis with students across the country.

The outstanding and distinguished performers were :

Mayank Rawal (IIIA) -	}	Outstanding
Guneet Dhiman (IIIA)		
Siddharth Bose (IIIC)	}	Distinguished
Pranav Verma (IVC)		
Saatwik Singh Nagpal (VC)		
Ishaan Gupta (VIIF)		

## WORKSHOP FOR ECO AWARENESS

The environment, today, is the prime focus around the world and various programmes and seminars are organized. Ms.N.Magotra, attended a meeting on 03.11.2006 on behalf of the Eco Club of our school . It was conducted by the Ministry of environment, and was attended by Eco Club teachers of all lead schools. It focused on motivating children to do their bit for the environment, ways of promoting environment awareness and the problems faced by the ECO Club teachers, . It laid emphasis on field visits and stressed on environment based activities.

## 'ABBRA KA DABRA'- A MAGICAL TREAT.

Magic is fun but this magic show was with a difference as the students of class IV were taught the importance of unity, cleanliness, literacy and healthy living, in a simple and interesting way by Prof. B. Kamesh, the magician. He did so with the magic of his black hat. He even taught the students a few tricks and took their help in his performance. The fabulous show enchanted the students who were thrilled and excited by the magical words '*gilli gilli chu*'

## ENHANCING LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

The Forum of Public schools in association with 'Idiscoveri' Education Pvt. Ltd. organized a workshop on 'Exercising Leadership in Schools' at Bhimtal from 23 Sep. to 26 Sep. 2006. Ms. V. Wahi, Ms. A. Gupta and Ms. R. Anand participated in this workshop. The workshop focused on helping draw up a personal vision and understand the link between achievement and motivation. The programme, unfolded, through a sequence of group tasks, nature based challenges and personal reflection.

## SHIKSHAK BHUSHAN AWARD

Our Hindi Teacher, Dr. U. Pandey, was awarded the 'Hindi Shikshak Bhushan' award and a cash prize for her excellent academic record in Hindi in class X CBSE exams. She received the award from Dr. Namwar Singh, an eminent writer of Hindi Literature, and brought laurels to the school.

## MATHS WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

A Mathematics Workshop was organized for teachers teaching classes I to X on 02.12.2006. It was conducted by Oxford University Press, India, and focused on the new syllabus, the changing trends and methods and use of laboratory aids in the teaching of Mathematics in all classes.

The resource person, Mr. Jose Paul, Former Director, Educational Planning Group, St. Xavier's School, Delhi, has written numerous Mathematics text books. The activities helped teachers to realize the importance of learning by doing.

## 'MASTI KI PATHSHALA'

The viewing of 'Disney Channel' was encouraged among students of classes I to V. It involved the students in some real 'masti'. A few chosen students danced to the song 'pathshala' from the movie 'Rang De Basanti'. The winners were awarded prizes while all the participants received posters.

A clipping of a comedy show 'That's so Raven' was also shown to the students. Questions based on the clipping were asked and those who answered correctly were awarded. The students sang some peppy songs and shared a few jokes.





## INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

- ★ **Aparajita Pandey (VIII)** and **Karshni Kharbanda (VIII)** participated in a Hindi Debate Competition held at Zonal Level by Delhi Admin. on 01.09.2006. Both of them won the second prize.
- ★ **Divya Rathi (XIII)** and **Dhananjai Kaushal (XI)** also participated in a Debate Competition held at Zonal Level by Delhi Admin. Zone XVII on 20.09.2006. The topic for the debate was 'Plastic - a boon for mankind'. 27 teams from various schools participated and Dhananjai was adjudged the Best Speaker (against the motion).
- ★ **Komal Grover** and **Sneha Jain of class XII** participated at the Inter School Debate competition organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan on 19.09.2006. The school team competed for the India Opinion Trophy with 62 other participating schools and won the coveted Third position. Debating on "India at 60 : Force to reckon with" the speakers were very convincing on the topic and confident on the lines of the debate. Kudos to the girls !!
- ★ Our students participated in the Sanskrit Recitation Competition held at Zonal Level by Delhi Admin. on 17.10.2006. Students who won the consolation prizes and a cash prize of Rs. 600/- each were : **K.P. Parasuram (VIII G), Aman Juneja (VIII C), Karan Suri (VIII C), Kunal Singhal (VIII D), Siddharth Aggarwal (VIII F), Sanchit Jolly (VIII F)**
- ★ **Jaskirat Singh (V)** and **Siddharth Pruthi (IX)**, participated in Hindi Recitation under Sub. Junior. and Senior category respectively, held at the Zonal level by Delhi Administration on 30.08.2006. Jaskirat won the First prize while Siddharth bagged the Third prize.
- ★ **Aman Juneja of Class VIII** won the Third prize in Sanskrit Recitation Competition, held at Prabhu Dayal Public School. He received a trophy, and a cash prize of Rs. 500/-.
- ★ The students of class I to XII participated in Brem Dutt Memorial Inter School Competitions (Cambridge Foundation School) held from 31 Aug. to 8 Sep. 2006 and won the following prizes :  
**Manav Prabhakar (Class I)** won the First prize in the Fancy Dress Competition.  
Students of class VI and VII bagged the II prize in the Qawwali Competition.  
**Arush Garg (Class X)** received the Best Performer Award in the One Act Play.
- ★ Our young painters participated in an 'On the Spot Painting' Competition organized by St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri, on 17.11.2006. The winners received trophies and certificates from the Hon'ble Chief Guest Mr. S.N. Lahiri, Professor in College of Art. The winners were : **Manvi Modgill (IC), Ridhi gupta (ID), Sanya Arora (IG), Arul (IIIF), Manisha Gupta (VA), Mayank (VIH), Aditi Roy (VII E), and Danish Girdhar (VIE).**
- ★ Students participated in the Inter School Creative Writing competition organized by Lancer's Convent School on 13.09.2006. **Ashish Sawhney and Sumedha Ahuja of class VIII** won the III prize.
- ★ **Anjali Gambir of Class X** won the second prize in 'Science Presentation' held at Zonal Level by Delhi Admin. on 24.08.2006. The topic of the presentation was 'Biodiversity, its concerns and prospects'. The model was selected for centre level.
- ★ On the occasion of "Hindi Divas," Lancer's Convent organized a character Dramatization competition on 14.09. 2006 in which **Mehak Juneja of class IX** won the first prize.
- ★ **Abhinav Bhalla and Mandeesh Cheema of Class XII** won the First prize in the Science Quiz held at Zonal Level by Delhi Admin. on 20.09.2006, on the occasion of Science Week.

## INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION DAY

Our students participated in the celebrations of the First International Innovation Day on the occasion of the birthday of our Hon'ble President, H.E. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, organized by City Montessori School, Lucknow. They took part in various competitive segments of this event like Creative Idea Contest, Model Making, Poster Making and Essay Writing. Out of more than 1800 excellent entries from all over India and abroad, **Akshay Chawla, XIE**, won the I prize in the Essay Writing Contest (Group C). **Harshmeet Kaur, XD**, was awarded Consolation Prize in the Poster Making Contest.

## OUR BUDDING NEWS READERS !

News reading is not so easy as it seems. A lot of hard work goes into it. To judge the capabilities of our students in the art of news reading an Inter Class News Reading contest was organized for classes IX to XII. Every section was represented by two participants. They were required to prepare a fictitious name and logo for the news channel they were representing. The judges looked for confidence and clarity in the participants. The winners were :

Class IXA	-	Ashima Khosla and Tarun Gupta	Class XID	-	Pankhuri Sharma and Sonakshi Gupta
Class XE	-	Garima Chopra and Aditya Singh	Class XIIC	-	Disha Manocha and Helina Malani



## INTER HOUSE DEBATE

'Debating is all about a good speaker who should be able to change the emotions of the listener'. Keeping this in mind an Inter House English Debate Competition was organized by classes XI & XII on 28.09.2006. Each house was represented by a team of 3 participants - one for the motion, one against and one interjector. The topics were - 'War is born in the minds of men but peace grows in their hearts' and 'Politics in students ! the combination is volatile' for classes XI and XII respectively. The prize winners were

### CLASS XI

For the motion

Priyanka (Patel House)

Against the motion

Hitashi (Patel House)

Patel House was the Best team in both the classes.

### CLASS XII

For the motion

Divya Rathi (Gandhi House)

Against the motion

Richa Chugh (Patel House)

## QUIZZING - A TREAT

The Inter House MARQUIZ 2006 for classes VI - VII was held on 13.09.2006. The theme for the quiz was "The last quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century". As usual, it was a visual quiz with students of the Inquizitive Club as quizmasters. The participants enjoyed the sports round the most and after a number of rounds of pure competitive spirit, Nehru House emerged the winner. It is an undeniable fact that the students' knowledge increased manifold just by participating. It has rightly been said, "PARTICIPATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WINNING". The jubilant winners were : Vritika Jain (VIA), Mani Makkar (VIIB), Karshni Kharbanda (VIIF)

## EXPRESSIONS

### SCHOOL OF MY DREAMS

A school of dreams,  
Should be filled with Chocos and ice-creams.  
Recess should be for an hour,  
And we should be treated like a star.  
Lockers for everyone,  
And no bags weighing a ton.  
Students should wear casuals,  
And accessories like goggles.  
Teachers would attend our classes,  
Of hip-hop, ramba and samba dances.  
We don't want tests,  
The brain-eating pests,  
Please give us some rest.



**SREEJONI NAG IX B**

### BEING IN CLASS XII IS FUN !!!

Class 12, the senior most class of the school ! Wow ! The day one enters class 12, one feels a different sense of pride. The pride of seeing one at the top of a mountain but also sorrow, the sorrow of parting from friends, teachers and school. The bossiness that sets in is fun, but the pressure of boards takes its toll. Class 12 gives one the liberty to make decisions. Moreover, you are not considered a child but treated as an adult. Your decisions are not taken lightly and what fun, they are implemented too. The wrong words you say, are also counted and you need to be more cautious. Teachers are not only friends but strict disciplinarians too . This makes class 12 real fun!!!

**SHWETA BANSAL, XII F**

### EFFECT OF T. V. ON YOUNG MINDS

A recent survey showed that children spend more time staring at the idiot box than studying or spending time outdoors. T. V. has become more influential than one's parents. No doubt there are certain good things on TV, but do you really think one spends time watching all the so-called good things?? The first thing that one watches is either a stupid soap opera or a English movie. Do these impart any sort of knowledge ? Do these do any good to our already contaminated minds ?? There's so much of exposure these days that it is not doing any good. Watching TV prevents the child from going outdoors. The result is a stupid and spoilt couch potato. It's really sad to see the present day situation and by the look of it, the situation doesn't seem to be getting better. Only a drastic change in the current environment can save children from the clutches of the idiot box.

**SIDDHARTH RAJAN, IXB**



**STUDENT EMPOWERMENT**

365 days full of stress, anxiety and worry. All work and no play. Exams, tests, studies, entrances, homework.....

That's the life for today's students and their woes have been enhanced thanks to the system.

It's right time we raised our voices on the issues perturbing us - the major one being Student Empowerment.

India is surely progressing but what about the progress of the Indian education system? Why are we still stuck with the medieval system of rote learning? As students we are constantly pressurized to do well academically but does anyone spare a thought to how much pressure that mounts on us?

Most of our subjects and courses are high and dry and have almost nothing to teach us in terms of practical use and application to our daily lives. The knowledge is only limited to the books. As a matter of fact where do we put to use the fact that the Battle of Panipat was won in the year..... or, how many times a day do you use 'componendo and dividendo' to solve our problems (except in school)?

Today's student seems like an over burdened horse running in a race. There is hardly any time left for us to indulge in recreational activities and hobbies. The present scenario has become highly result oriented where one gets his/her subjects on the basis of marks and not the basis of what they want to do in life.

In a nutshell education should be made more enjoyable where students can breathe easily. We do not want to be beasts of burden or dumb book worms but we definitely do want to be healthy citizens with fully developed personalities.

**Divya Rath, XII B**

**SCHOOL DRESS - A BIG MESS !**

Ugh ! is the word. Who wants to wear the school dress ? The answer is 'No One'. We want to have long nails, shirts out and low socks ! Boys want low-waist pants and spiked hair But, but, but..... Our teachers are standing with their swords on our necks. Everyday we are told to be properly dressed. But still we don't. We know we are wrong in not obeying our teachers, but hey, If not now, then when ? I personally feel that if I am studying hard then I can be a little naughty at times. We all love our teachers. Our intention is not to disobey them. We like teachers to point at us every time as it is their love for us which makes them so concerned Hey- Hey.... If we stop being naughty the teachers will definitely feel bored.

**Chhavi Trivedi -XC**

**I'M PATRIOTIC.....**

I'm patriotic.....Are you???

Why are children made to sing the National Anthem in the early stages of school life?

To instill the feeling of patriotism in our youth..... what I want to ask is, Do we need to instill it ?

Patriotism is not a heavy - duty word for today's youth.

We know what makes us patriotic and we know what our country has done, is doing and will do for us. We, in our own way, know how to repay our motherland.

We do not need selling of patriotism by the unfurling of the Tricolour on national festivals.

We are conscious of our surroundings and we like to keep our country clean.

We make continuous efforts to check the depletion of our resources.

We are returning to our roots. We want to live with our parents.

The gen next, though Tech - Savvy, respects its culture.

We are in sync with our heritage. We enjoy rock music, but still crave for Jagjit Singh's ghazals. We are seen in jeans and skirts, but are not averse to wearing suits and sarees.

I say all this because I'm patriotic and if you agree with any of the above statements I think, SOARE YOU

**Kanika Goyal (XII C)**

**HOBBY CLUB ACTIVITIES**

The primary wing held its third Hobby Club meet on 22.11.2006. This is an occasion for each student to participate and pursue his hobby with full zeal and enthusiasm. The students not only look forward to new exciting activities but the prizes which accompany the winners.

The Exploration Club went exploring to the Traffic Training Park, the students of Handicraft Club made stands out of old newspapers, members of Do Re Me Club enjoyed the world of music, Mathemagic Club students participated in the number games, kids of Cookery Club practiced their culinary skills by preparing fruit kababs, Dramatics Club had an experience with theatre, the little scientists of Experiment Club ventured deep in thought with science experiments, Rainbow Club students painted a colourful world - are a few clubs and their respective activities. Looking forward to the next hobby club meet.



## DANCING EXTRAVAGANZA



Young belles dancing to the tunes of Haryanvi Folk lore.



The proud winners of class VI of Nehru House - The kalbeliya dancers.

Inter house Folk Dance Competitions were held at different levels. The students presented dances of different states beautifully. In sync with the mood of the occasion, the hosts dressed up in Maharashtrian and Kashmiri attire too adding colour and festivity.

The Bengali dance performed by students of class I won the First Prize and in class III it was the Punjabi folk presented by students of Shastri House.

In the Inter House Competition for the middle classes the Kalbeliya dance presented by Nehru House in class VI won hands down and the students of class VIII of the same house walked away with the First prize for their beautiful rendition of a Punjabi folk.



Shastri House students of class III with their trophy.



Bhangra at its best.

## RAIL MUSEUM EXCITES THE TINY TOTS

The tiny tots of classes I to V took an exciting journey to the National Rail Museum where they had an insight into the history and heritage of Indian railways. They were educated about the contribution of railways to the industrial and economic progress of the country. The best and the most exciting part was the ride on the 'Toy Train'.



## SPORTS NEWS

### OUR SPEEDY ATHLETES

The following athletes of our school were the winners at the Athletic Meet held at the Zonal level by Delhi Administration from 16 to 19 Oct. 2006 :

Nishtha, Shristi, Chanvi, Chestha, Puneet and Aanchal won the silver medal in 4x100 mts. relay.

Vikas won the bronze medal in 600 mts. race.

Sashi won the Bronze medal in the 3000 and 1500 mts. race.

Dushyant Yadav won the bronze medal in the 800 mts. race.

Gurpratap, Sushant, Vinayak and Akhil bagged the bronze medal in the 4x100 mts. relay race.

### OUR CRICKETERS WIN

The St. Mark's Cricket Academy won the 5<sup>th</sup> Manav Chopra Cricket Tournament in the under 17 category, held at Ramjas Sports Complex. Our team defeated DAV Model Town by 14 runs and bagged the coveted trophy.

The St. Mark's Cricket Academy also won the D.D.A. Inter School Cricket Cup held at D.D.A. Sports Complex, Paschim Vihar. We defeated the team of Salwan Boys School, Rajinder Nagar, by 56 runs.

### WE CAN VOLLEY TOO

An Inter School Volleyball Championship was held at the Zonal level by Delhi Admin. from 03.10.2006 to 11.10.2006. We won the championship in both Boys and Girls Sub Jr. categories :The winners were:

Girls : Sanya Chugh, Mehar, Aastha, Palak, Sweta, Saloni, Rashi

Boys : Aatish, Akshay, Sanchit, Rythem, Sumit, Samrat, Mohit, Nitin, Arshpreet, Shahnoor, Vipul, Sameer

### OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY OUR BUDDING SKATERS

Deepak Mittal of class VI and Dhairya Taneja of class III participated in the CBSE North Zone Skating Tournament 'under 12' and 'under 10' categories respectively held at Ganga International School from 22.09.2006 to 25.09.2006. Deepak stood second and third in Road race Rink, Rink two Quads, Race and Time Trial while Dhairya Stood second in Time Trial, Road Race and Rink Two Quads Race. Due to their outstanding performance both the students qualified for the CBSE National Skating Tournament 2006-07 to be held in Chandigarh. Deepak Mittal has made the school proud by winning the gold medal at the CBSE National 1500m Skating Championship.

### OUR STUDENTS SELECTED FOR DELHI VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Sanya Chugh and Sanchit Sood have been selected for Delhi State Boys/Girls Coaching Camp. On the basis of the performance during the camp final teams would be selected which will participate in the 29th Sub-junior National Volleyball championship to be held at Dewas (M.P.) From 15.12.2006 to 21.12.2006



Sanchit Sood



Sanya Chugh

### FOOTBALL - IMPACT ON INDIA

A ninety minute game with eleven warriors on each side fighting with their hearts without armoury . It is a game that challenges you to even dare to blink your eyelashes. It's just a game in India but more than that in the other parts. It's a RELIGION, an EXUBERANT PASSION. But then why not in India? Are our minds tangled in a 'cricketish' country? Are we too obsessed with the traditional mindset that we don't even feel the need for a change? Cricketers are treated like 'stars', in our country with all the media always following them in a cat-chase. They are called for high honours, given huge perks, provided with lumps of money and the condition of other young sportsmen? I think it's time we should think about the excitement and the skill which is there in a football match. Take my advice, just try football and I bet you'll thank me afterwards.

KSHITIJ JHAMB, XC



## OUR BUDDING FOOTBALLERS EXCEL

Our students stood III in the Inter Zonal ,Under-17, football tournament, organised by the Directorate of Education. The team comprised of : Lakshay Bhambri, Nikhil Puri, Harshad Marwaha, Siddharth Rajan, Aadhar Garg, Harbir Bassi, Uday Bhambri, Apoorv Bhardwaj, Aditya Singh, Gautam Vaid, Bhuvan Kapoor, Shivam Kapoor and Shobhit Daggar



A football match in progress.

## BEST MIDFIELDER

The school is proud of Shivam Kapoor of VIII A who was declared as the best midfielder in the St. Francis De Sales Football Tournament after his magnificent performance in the same

## SPORTS LIGHTNING STRIKES

At the SAIL India Vision Project for boys in the Under-13 category our students showed innovative methods of playing football with techniques, skill and improvement in stamina. They tested their potential by playing against many schools. Parth Dabas and Manjot Dhiman of class VI are among the top eighteen of the Delhi Schools, in the under - 13 category of the State Football Federation who will represent Delhi in the National Football Championship to be played in Tamil Nadu. Gurpratap Singh of class XI has a good track record in Football with success coming to him at many places and in different events. He has been chosen to be a part of the National Football Team in the under -19 category after a rigorous training at the Dehradun Sports College. He has played against the teams of Punjab, Goa, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Tripura, yet still feels that he has a long way to go.



The 'Masque Parade' on 'Teachers Day'.

## TEACHERS HAVE A GREAT TIME

Yes, it was Teachers' Day. A day to look forward to. It was singing, dancing all the way and the teachers had a great time. The icing on the cake was the 'mask parade'. All teachers walked the ramp donning attractive and innovative masks. Ms. Harinder was declared the winner. A grand and sumptuous lunch was the grand finale to the celebrations.



## A VISIT TO MT. ABU

62 students of class VI visited Mt. Abu in Rajasthan. The beautiful sculptures of the Dilwara Jain temples mesmerized them. Guru Shikhar, Achal Ghar and Om Shanti Bhawan were no less. It was a novel experience for them to learn about the 3 principles taught in the Brahm Kumari Museum. A difficult climb to the famous Toad Rock was enthralling. The misty atmosphere of Sunset Point and the beauty of the Nakki Lake brought them wondrous joy.



Students of class VI at Mt. Abu.

## COMMENDABLE PERFORMANCE AT GEOFEST

GEOFEST - 2006 was organized by City Montessori School, Lucknow, from 05.11.2006 to 09.11.2006 at an International level. This geographical extravagant excursion into the study of the discipline was graced by Ms. Mary Lee Alden, Secretary of the National Geographic Society, Washington D.C., U.S.A. Our school participated in the plethora of events like model making, collage making, geography quiz, etc in the Jr. category and was adjudged the Second Best at the event and received the trophy for the same. The winning team contested with 95 teams at international and national levels and emerged winners. The team comprising of Ritika Kohli and Aishwarya Mittal (IXC), Surbhi Gupta (IXB) and Tarun Gupta (IXA) were escorted by their Teacher Incharge Ms.J.Ramdas.



Our enthusiastic team at Lucknow



Tarun Gupta & Ritika Kohli of class IX - the proud winners at GEOFEST



## A BOUQUET OF PRIZES

Our students participated in various competitions held at D.A.V. Centenary School, Mianwali Nagar. Students won a number of prizes at various levels. Congratulations to the following winners :

Tips & Tricks - I Prize - Riya Gupta, Sujata Mahajan, class II

Draw & Paint - II Prize - Tamanna Mittal, class III

English Recitation - I Prize - Dev Soni, class III

Hindi Recitation - Consolation Prize - Siddhant Malhotra, classII

AD-MAD competiiton - I Prize - Tanya Kesar, Tanishq Nagpal, Ishaan Arora and Faraaz Arif ,Classes II and III

Colour Your dreams - I Prize - Siddharth ,class II

Info Savvy - II Prize - Sanya Arora ,class I

Bits N Bytes - III Prize - Riddhi Gupta, Manav Prabhakar

Group Song - I Prize - Riya Sharma, Shikhar Suresh, Aastha Nagpal, Shambhavi Gautam, Kanika Kawal, Lakshay Arora, Shelly Gupta, Vidushi Khanna.

Solo Dance - II Prize - Mahima Seth.



Ridhi Gupta & Manev Prabhakar, winners of Bits N Bytes and Siddhart for Colour Your Dreams -



Sanya Arora (Class 1) - II prize winner for Info Savvy.

## JADOO OF PURE WATER

The students of classes III, IV and V attended an interactive session with representatives of Eureka Forbes. The session made the children aware about the most crucial problems faced by us today i.e. 'water purification and water conservation'. They explained to the children about how water reaches their homes and the need of purification. Children were also given souvenirs which contained a PH strip which could help them to test the purity of water they used.

Altogether it was an informative and educative session



'Jadoo' of pure water.

## WE EXCEL IN E-MATS

Two members of our 'Inquizitive Club' displayed exemplary calibre by topping the chart in the EMATS ALL INDIA KNOWLEDGE-2006. They not only scored 99 marks and 99+ percentile but are the proud recipients of Merit Certificates too for securing the first positions in their category at National Level. They also won cash awards. Other students also excelled by scoring 98 and 97 percentile. The Merit List :

### Junior Category (V-VII)

	Percentile
1.Kritika Dua (VII)	99 (All India Merit Certificate)
2.Ankit Mangwana (VII)	99 (All India Merit Certificate)
3.Prayanshu Sharma (VI)	99 (Consolation Prize)

### Senior Category (VIII-X)

	Percentile
1.Karshni Kharbanda (VIII)	98
2.Kshitij Jhamb (X)	97
3.Garv Malik	97



## ACADEMIC AWARDS

Delhi Sanskrit Academy awarded Scholarships of Rs. 500/- each to four students of class XI for securing 96% and above in class X, C.B.S.E. exam held in 2005-06. Congratulations to the following students :

Priyanka Rajput (XID), Prerna Ahuja (XIC), Nikita Dua (XIE), Sanchita Sen (XIE).



Prerna Ahuja (II C), Priyanka Rajput (II D), Nikita Dua (II E) and Sanchita Sen (II E).

## THEATRE BECKONS

To inculcate in the students a love for theatre, professional groups were invited to perform in the school. 'Sanskar Rang Toli', a Theatre Education company of the National School of Drama presented "Premchand ke rang, toli walon ke sang" directed by Dr. D.R. Ankur. They staged in a series, two plays of Premchand, 'Lottery' and 'Bade Bhai Sahab' for the students of classes VI to VIII. Both the plays left the audience spellbound.

A step in the same direction was a performance by professionals of the group, PACT. The comedy play titled 'The Imaginary Invalid', originally written in French by Moliere, translated in Hindi to suit the Indian audience, was staged for students of IX to XI. It ended with a question-answer session with the cast of the play. The Director motivated the children to take up theatre as a profession.

Motivated by theatre, the students of class X presented 'Julius Caesar'. It was an enchanting performance as the students put life into the characters and retained the Shakespearean flavour and authenticity and the ambience of the Roman civilization. It was indeed a tribute to the 'Bard of Avon'.



'Julius Caesar' dramatized by students  
- Tushar Sareen (10 A), Varun Monga (10 B),  
Kshitij Jhanab (10 C) & Karan Baweja (10 A).

## OUR YOUNG WINNERS

The students of the Primary Wing participated in Inter School competitions organized by Prabhu Dayal Public School. Chanvi Singh of class V won the II prize in English Recitation and Randhir Singh of class IV won the II prize in Fancy Dress competition. Kunal Sharma of class I bagged the first prize in the Inter School Fancy Dress Competition organized by Cambridge Foundation School.



Chanvi Singh of class V excelled in  
Inter School English Recitation.



## PHOTO FEATURE



Randhir Singh of class IV won the second prize in Inter School Fancy Dress Competition.



Kunal Sharma (Class I) excelled in Inter School Fancy Dress Competition.



Khyati Narang, Sanchita Gupta and Harpreet Singh of class II won in Hindi Recitation



Our young performers - Tanya Kesar, Ishaan, Tanishq and Faraz Arif (Class II)



The Vanar Sena at war -



Little ones in traditional attire



## PHOTO FEATURE



Pulkila Sharma, Himanshu Grover and Chanvi Singh of class V excelled in English Recitation Competition.



Jahanvi Seth, Anjali Bannerjee, Faraz Arif, Rashi Aggarwal and Yastika Katra of class II won in English Recitation.



Kritika Dua and Ankit Mangwana (Class VII) - at proud winners of E MATS.



Nehru House winners of class VIII - Inter House Folk Dance Competition



Class I students of Gandhi House - the proud winners.



Gurleen Gandhi of class XI, the highest scores in Hindi (97%) in class X, CBSE.