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## EDITORIAL

Stress! Anxiety! Depression! Don't these words seem very familiar and much talked about especially among the youth? Yes, they seem to have become the keywords in defining 'life' for them. Many age old techniques of stress reduction, calming the senses, anger management etc. have become the call of the day and one can see the shift towards yoga, meditation and other such techniques. A shift towards spiritualism is obvious today-as it helps people to be more calm and stable- fortified to face the onslaught of the present stressful times. Even the west is attracted to Indian spiritualism, a path to set at peace a wavering mind and to build nerves of steel which is one of the challenges the youth is faced with. This brings to mind the words of Swami Vivekanand "My faith is in the younger generation, the modern generation, out of which will come my works. They will work out the whole problem, like lions".

## BOARD RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Our Students have done it once again and proved themselves at the Boards by achieving a 100% result in class X and a 99.6% in class XII with 289 and 282 students appearing respectively. In class XII, Sanjay Dhawan of the Science Stream brought laurels to the school by scoring 94.6% and Sagar Nagpal of the same stream carved a niche for himself by scoring a 100% in Maths.



Nakul Yadav, Karan Baweja, Vikas Garg, Rajat Grover,  
Aanchal Marwah of class X scored 100% in Maths

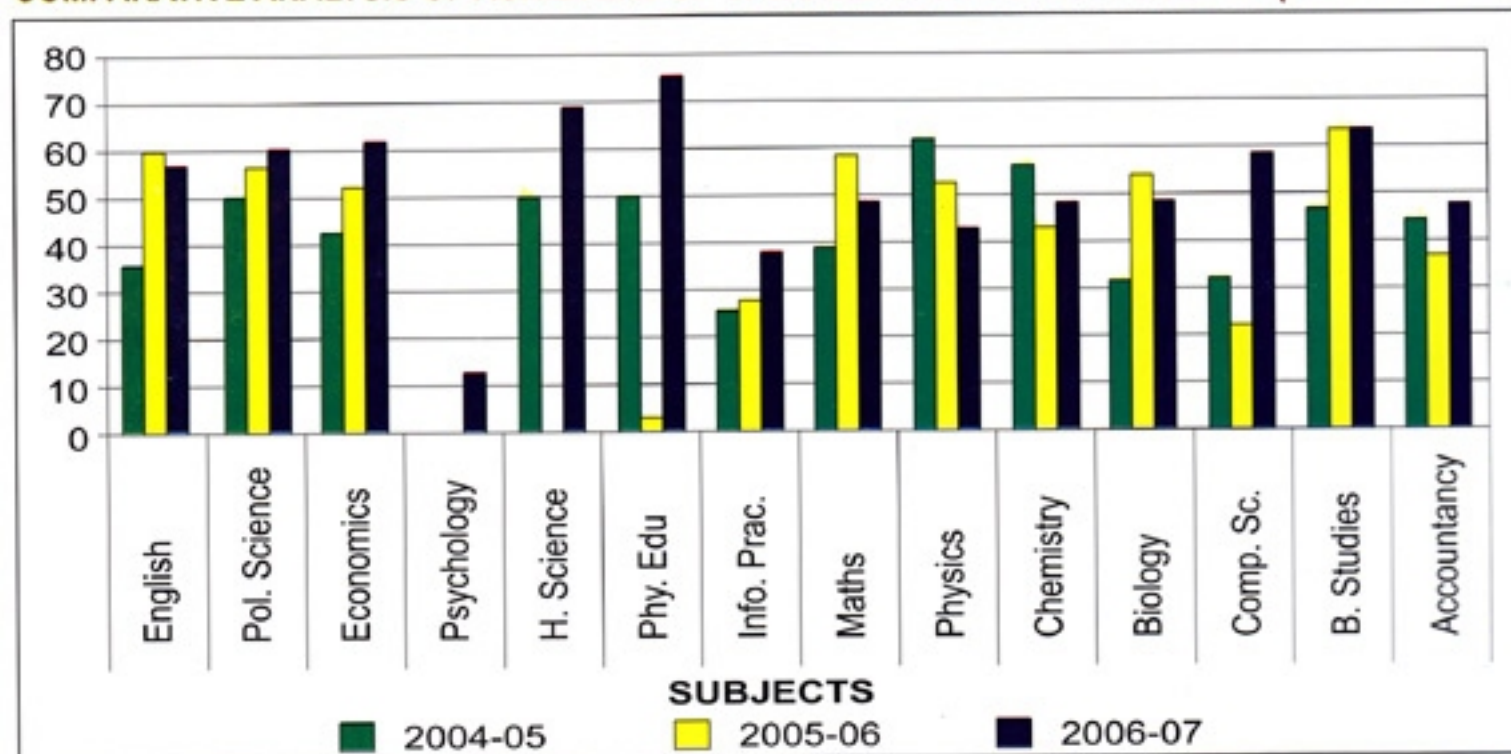


In the Commerce stream (with Maths) Ankita Aggarwal topped with 93.4% and Chandni Rai with 88.4% in Commerce (without Maths). Sakshi Malhotra did the school proud by scoring 87.8% in the Humanities stream.

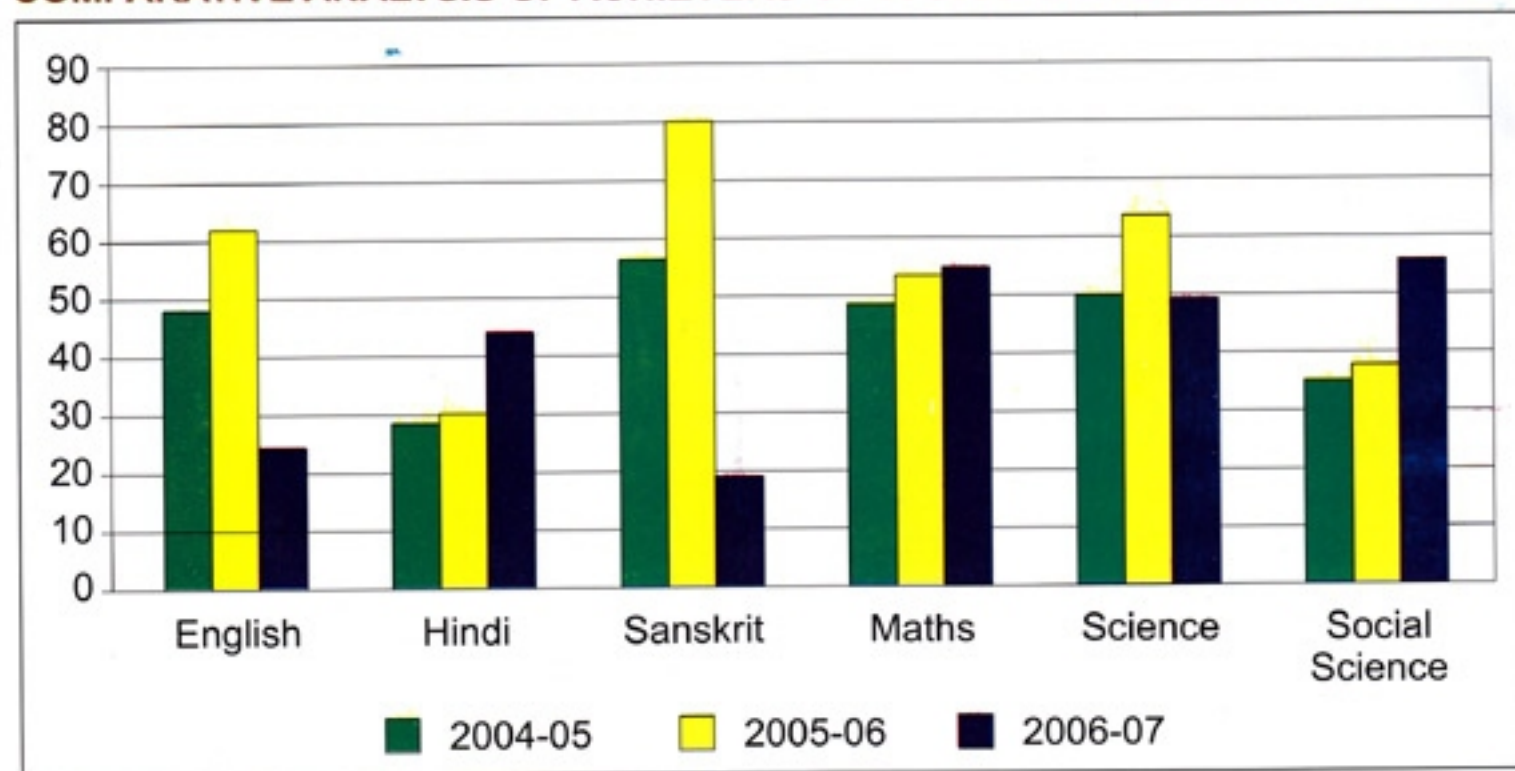
In class XII we had 88 students who scored distinctions in all 5 subjects. In class X Medha Bansal proved her mettle and topped with a 95.2% closely followed by Mehak Arora 94.8% and Chhavi Trivedi with a 94.2%. Five students Karan Baweja, Rajat Grover, Aanchal Marwaha, Nakul Yadav and Vikas Garg proved their Mathematical genius by scoring a centum in Maths. Karan Baweja also scored a centum in Social Science alongwith Khanak Nangia. 86 students of class XI scored distinctions in all 5 subjects, doing the school proud.

Here is a comparative study of the A Grades scored by our students in the past three years 2005, 2006 and 2007. The CBSE awards the A1 grades to the first 1/8th of the students appearing in the boards, the next 1/8th as A2 and the next 1/8th as B1 and so on.

### COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ACHIEVERS OF 'A GRADE' IN CBSE FOR CLASS XII (ALL STREAMS)



### COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ACHIEVERS OF 'A GRADE' IN CBSE FOR CLASS X





## ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

As the tiny tots gear up to step into formal schooling, it's important for their parents to have an insight into the curriculum and cultural activities planned for the forthcoming session. Thus an Orientation Programme, to welcome the new parents of students of class I was organised on 22nd March 2007. The Principal, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal addressed the parents and stressed on the inculcation of high ideals, discipline and moral behaviour in the students. She desired to establish co-operation and close contact with the parents in order to develop a conducive atmosphere for better education. This was followed by a short cultural programme presented by the students of class I. At the end of the programme parents interacted with the respective class teachers of their wards.



Invocation to Lord Ganesha by class V at the Orientation Programme



A gypsy dance to entertain the parents



A western dance performance by class IV



The choir group of class I



A Punjabi dance by class III



Young actors in the making of class I



On the same lines another Orientation Programme was organized for the parents of class VI students, on 24th March 2007. It was an attempt to make the parents aware of the rules and regulations of the school and the changes in the examination pattern in the middle and senior classes. After an invocation to Lord Ganesha, performed by the students of class VI, the parents were addressed to by the Principal. The colourful dances performed by students of classes IV, V and VI aptly showcased their exposure to various cultural activities during their tenure in the primary classes.



A Bengali dance by students of class V



Class V students singing at the Orientation Programme

## PROCOM - WE SHINE AGAIN!

PROCOM QUIZZES were hosted all round the year in various categories and the winners of each category appeared in the final round and proved their worth in all of them. We bagged the first Position at the National Level and were presented with a trophy, certificates and gifts at a prize distribution ceremony organized at St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri, by PROCOM INFORMATICS SYSTEMS. The following students won prizes in the respective categories :

SHIBIKA SURESH, (VII A)	G. K. QUIZ
LAKSHAY ARORA, (III C)	MATHS & SCIENCE
YATIN SALUJA, (VI B)	COMPUTER
SRISHTI BHATIA, (IV A)	ENGLISH
DISHA SETHI, (VII D)	PUZZLE QUIZ
SONALI GIROTRA, (I G)	COLOUR QUIZ



The proud Procom winners hold aloft the coveted trophy

## OUR FOOTBALLER GOES INTERNATIONAL

Bhuvan Kapoor of class IX F, went to play an International Soccer Tournament in the under-14 category which was held in US (Ohio) representing India, which is indeed a great feat. In Bhuvan's words, "We stayed at John Carroll University which was one of the biggest universities of US. We played three matches which were against Proshottas, US and a state of Argentina. Our team gave a good competition to them. We visited the largest amusement park known as Cedar Point. We stayed there for five days. Though the tournament was won by Proshottas. I learned a lot from my experience and I will try to improve my skills".



Bhuvan Kapoor ( IXF)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR SCHOOL

Our school completed 17 years of dedicated service in the field of education on 20 April this year, and took a firm and determined step towards its 18th year. The school flag was hoisted by the Chairman Mr. T. P. Aggarwal accompanied by the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. Veena Wahi and Mr. Garg, member of the Management Committee to the mellifluous rendering of "HAIL ST. MARK'S" - the school song, by all present. The cake cutting ceremony, by the tiny tots of the primary section, provided an appropriate backdrop for the auspicious moment. The pinnacle of the occasion was the investiture ceremony in which 22 office bearers were sworn in with renewed fervour and gusto. All the scholarship recipients of the previous academic year, as well as the high level performers in various subjects, were rewarded and appreciated on this memorable day. Meritorious students were awarded with the '**Best student award of the year**' sponsored by Times of India, Hindustan Times, Indian Express and The Statesman. This day leaves all of us proud and privileged to be a part of this institution.



Mohit Gulati of class V winning the Best Student Award for 2006-2007



Mani Makkar (VII) receiving The Best Student Award from the Chairman and Principal

### OFFICE BEARERS (2007-2008) SENIOR WING

<b>HEAD BOY</b>	Tilak Dadhich, XII F
<b>HEAD GIRL</b>	Deepali Gupta, XII E
<b>SCHOOL CAPTAIN (BOY)</b>	Akshay Chawla, XII E
<b>SCHOOL CAPTAIN (GIRL)</b>	Aditi Ramdas, XII F
<b>SPORT CAPTAIN (BOY)</b>	Gurpratap Singh, XII A
<b>SPORT CAPTAIN (GIRL)</b>	Mehak Awatramani, XII D

<b>HOUSE</b>	<b>CAPTAINS</b>
GANDHI	Gina Parti, XII E
SHASTRI	Krippy Kakkar, XII F
PATEL	Arushi Gambhir, XII F
NEHRU	Reema Malhotra, XII

### SENIOR DISCIPLINE INCHARGES

Varun Anand, XII A, Harleen Kaur, XII D, Prema Ahuja, XII C, Rashmi Khanna, XII A, Aanchal Jain, XII B, Anuradha, XII C, Meeta Gulati, XII E, Sugandha Goel, XII F, Ashu Rai Marwah, XII F, Kritika Sethi, XII D, Gayatri Chhabra, XII B, Aditi Chadha, XII D



Deepali Gupta (XIIE) Best student of class XI in 2006-2007



Vasundhara Srinivas of IX proudly holds the Best Student of the Year Award



## WE CELEBRATE THE 60<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY

"You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom. You can only be free if I am free." We, in India, strongly believe in the above maxim. So, 15th August 1947 is a date people remember and celebrate with great enthusiasm with a spirit of belonging to the motherland and a feeling of patriotism. After 60 years of freedom India has risen to exhilarating heights and we in school celebrated and rejoiced too. After the hoisting of the flag by the Chairman, Mr. T. P. Aggarwal, the programme began with the famous speech 'Tryst with Destiny' by Jatin Arora of class X. It was followed by a patriotic song 'Tum Samay Ki Ret Par' by the students of class IV. The students then presented a symphony on the famous song 'Maa Tujhe Salaam'. The members of the SMS band not only assisted them but also enhanced their performance. This was followed by a dance sequence by the students of class VI depicting the concept of 'Unity in Diversity' - a speciality of this vast, beautiful country called India. On this occasion, Ms. A. Aggarwal, the Principal, addressed the students. She congratulated every one on the sixtieth Independence Day and raised the already high spirit of patriotism.



Raising the spirit of freedom



A dance depicting 'Unity in Diversity'



A Symphony- Maa Tujhe Salaam



## PATRIOTIC FERVOUR RINGS IN THE AIR

Patriotism was the theme for the Inter House Group Song Competition for class IV. The colourfully dressed children sang enthusiastically with love for the motherland in their hearts. There was a variety of songs, all sung with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. All the songs highlighted love for the nation, unity in diversity and the cultural heritage of our country. It was touching to hear the little children rendering songs that instilled oneness and patriotism deep in everyone's hearts. The judgement was a herculean task but ultimately one group had to win. So it was Shastri House who walked away with the First Prize for their song 'Lakshaye na ojal hone paye' with Gandhi House winning the second prize for the song 'Tum samay ki ret par'. The students who won the first prize were Guneet Dhiman - IVA, Mahima Seth - IVA, Garvit Garg - IVA, Alisha Sahija - IVB, Kanishk Jain - IVB, Prakshi Goel - IVB, Ayushi Goel - IVB, Swarnima Yadav - IVB, Manjot - IVC, Monal Nasa - IVC, Rahul Grover - IVD, Jwisha - IVD, Kanika - IVE, Sparsh - IVE, Vinay Singla - IVF, Bharat Kawatra - IVF, Shiwang Bakolia - IVG, Yashaswi - IVG and Sahib, IV D.



Song depicting the cultural heritage of India (class IV students)



We are proud to be Indians ( class IV)



## YOUNG SHOULDERS - GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES

Each one talks of rights and privileges but have we ever thought for a moment what our contribution is. It's time to realize - "Every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty". So, an investiture ceremony was held to induct class XI students into the School Student Council to make them adept at shouldering greater responsibilities in life. Students were presented their badges by the Chairman Mr. T. P. Aggarwal, Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and the Vice Principal Ms. R. Sethi. The new Editorial Board was also given their badges of honour.

### VICE HEAD GIRL

### VICE HEAD BOY

### VICE SCHOOL CAPTAIN (Boy)

### VICE SCHOOL CAPTAIN (Girl)

### VICE SPORTS CAPTAIN (Boy)

### VICE SPORTS CAPTAIN (Girl)

Chhavi Trivedi, XI B

Satvik Pathak, XI E

Vaibhav Dua, XI F

Ishita Chaddha, XI C

Shobhit Dagar, XI C

Jigyasa Juneja, XI D

### VICE HOUSE CAPTAINS

### GANDHI

Shubhani Mallik, XI C

### SHASTRI

Daaman Kohli, XI B

### PATEL

Karan Baweja, XI J

### NEHRU

Vidhu Mutreja, XI C

### DISCIPLINE INCHARGES

1. Nakul Yadav, XI E

4. Bushra Khan, XI A

2. Nikit Bhutani, XI F

5. Tanya Singh, XI G

3. Akarshak Sarna, XI F

6. Neha Kaul, XI B

7. Akriti Handa, XI F

10. Khanak Nangia, XI E

8. Aanchal Marwah, XI D

11. Apoorva Bhatnagar, XI C

9. Kanika Chawla, XI F

12. Sahil Batra, XI E

13. Arshna Monga, XI E

## SOLO SINGING CHAMPS

To discover the singing talent among our little ones, a solo singing competition was organized for classes I and II with a difference. The judges were students of class 12, Rashi Khanna (XII A), Kshitij Makkar (XII D) and Divya Jain (XII C) who found it a very novel learning experience. The Principal and Vice Principals were also present to encourage the children.

The tiny tots sang beautifully and enthralled everybody. The students who won prizes were :

I PRIZE Kabir Singh, I E

Lush Gulati, II D

II PRIZE Yukta Anand, I G

Siddharth Aghi, II D

III PRIZE Pratishtha Verhwani, I E

Ridhi Chhabra, II B



Vaishali (IIG) showcasing her singing talent



Kabir Singh, Mukta Anand, Pratishtha Verhwani, Lush Gulati, Siddharth Aghi, Sidhi Chhabra- proud winners of Solo Singing competition with student judges



## SCHOLARS 2006-2007

Class	Name of the student	Position	Class	Name of the student	Position
I A	Manav Prabhakar	I	VIII G	Priyanka Makkar	I
I D	Riddhi Gupta	II	VIII B	Srishti Jain	II
I A	Siddharth Bajaj	III	VIII C	Harshleen Kaur	III
II C	Siddharth	I	IX A	Eira Kochar	I
II A	Shrey Manocha	II	IX B	Surbhi Batra	II
II D	Siddhant Malhotra	III	IX F	Shailza Chawla	III
III C	Lakshay Arora	I	<b>Science</b>		
III C	Ishan Arora	II			
III E	Deepanshi Makkar	III			
IV C	Shivangi Arora	I	XI F	Sugandha Goal	I
IV B	Aneesha Bajaj	II	XI F	Arunima Sheer	II
IV D	Nikita Sareen	III	XI B	Mohit Mittal	III
V C	Mohit Gulati	I	<b>Commerce</b>		
V A	Riya Nagpal	II			
V A	Lakshay Suri	III			
VI B	Vanshree Garg	I	XI C	Anuradha	I
VI H	Mohit Mehra	II	XI D	Harleen Kaur	II
VI C	Shashank Makkar	III	XI C	Prema Ahuja	III
VII B	Mani Makkar	I	<b>First 3 toppers of class XI-A, which is a combined section of Humanities &amp; Commerce without Maths.</b>		
VII C	Karan Chopra	II			
VII B	Pratika Saini	III			
			XI A	Raashi Khanna	I
			XI A	Bhavya Arora	II
			XI A	Preetika Malhotra	III

The top ten students who were in Merit List in Class X and have also secured above 80% in Class XI are entitled to **Full Free Concession** in Class XII as well. Their names are as under :

Deepali Gupta	XII E	Sugandha Goel	XII F	Anuradha	XII C
Aanchal Jain	XII B	Harleen Kaur	XII D		

## A NEW COURSE INTRODUCED

The new session 2007-08, began with the introduction of a new stream for class XI, '**Financial Market Management**'. This is a new course started by CBSE, which will equip students to venture into the vast field of share trading, online marketing etc. An orientation programme for the same was organized on 08.04.2007, in which the students and parents had many queries as a few were apprehensive about the scope of the new stream. The resource person, Dr. Balbir Singh, Retd. Professor( D.U.), explained the course curriculum, details of each subject and addressed the most important issue of the scope of the stream. He also presented some research finding and data pertaining to it. The students and parents attended the orientation programme in good number and actively participated by asking questions. CBSE took a positive step to equip the teachers which an in-depth study of the various dimensions of the Financial Markets, its scope in producing successful financial planners and wealth managers of the future, by organising a six-day workshop (16 to 21 April 2007). Our senior teachers attended the workshop .

## HERITAGE QUIZ

The CBSE Heritage Quiz at the Zonal level was held on 18.08.2007. Kshitij Jhamb, Karan Baweja and Jatin Baweja of class XI participated in the written quiz, which covered a large gamut of subjects pertaining to the Indian Panorama. They learnt a lot in the process and the results are keenly awaited.



## SPELLING COMPETITION HELD ON 26.04.2007

The primary students of our school showed their skill and won the following prizes

### I PRIZE

Kavisha Bhatia (I B)  
Arpit (II B)

Siddhant Malhotra (III D)  
Lakshay Arora (IV C)  
Shivangi Arora (V C)

### II PRIZE

Rahul Pande (I F)  
Riddhi Gupta (II D)  
Ananya De (II D)  
Yuktika Sehgal (III F)

Siddharth Bose (IV D)  
Abhinav Sood (V D)

### III PRIZE

Tanshq Babbar (I F)

Muskaan Pandya (III D)  
Shikhar Juneja (III B)  
Ishan Arora (IV C)  
Himanshi Malik (V C)

In the middle section the following students stood first

Poushali Bannerjee (VI A), Lakshay (VI B), Jaskirat Narula (VI C), Achintey Nanda (VI D), Chetan Puri (VI E)  
Monica Kapoor (VI F), Pamposh Pandita (VII A), Ridhima (VII B), Kritika Relan (VII C), Shruti Malhotra (VII D)  
Kriti Dhingra (VII E), Prashant (VII F), Gautam Rai (VII G), Nikita Sethi (VII H), Mohitosh Mondal (VIII A)  
Vrinda Chhabra (VIII B), Yogendra Bhardwaj (VIII C), Rajeshwari (VIII D), Aashima Bansal (VIII E), Sanya Sikka (VIII F)

## MARQUIZ 2007

Aldous Fluxley said, "The smallest fact is a window through which the infinite may be seen". This is precisely why students love quizzing. "Space - The Final Frontier" was the theme chosen for MARQUIZ-2007 - An Interhouse Quiz Competition for the seniors which was held on 24th July 2007. The quiz organized and conducted by the 'Inquisitive Club' members of the school, was a Multimedia quiz punctuated with an enriching verbal round, during which the participants, audience and the Quiz Master had a meaningful transaction of information. Quizzing, this year too, as in the past, was more a learning process, than an assessing event. Gandhi House students lifted the trophy after a close tie with Nehru House.

### WINNERS

### GANDHI HOUSE

Priyanka Makkar, IXB  
Mayank Khera, X-F  
Kshitij Jhamb, XIF  
Manek Sharma, XIIE

### RUNNERS UP

### NEHRU HOUSE

Karshani Kharbanda, IXC  
Prachi Grover, XC  
Aakarshak Sarna, XIF  
Aanchal Jain, XIIB

## EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME !

One day we were informed that we had to judge a Solo Singing Competition. We were left baffled for a moment. We as judges! We are still students and can only be participants. But the experience transformed us to a new world, a world we had only dreamt of.

We realized later we were the chosen ones and so were obliged and realized the responsibility we had to shoulder. We were amazed to see so much talent and confidence in the tiny tots and we could not help but compare ourselves to them. It was a Herculean task judging them as each one was better than the other. For us each one was a winner as we realized that participation was more important than winning.

It was indeed a learning experience for us as we learnt the lesson of life. It is very necessary to be fair and impartial in life. We are really grateful to our school for giving us this coveted opportunity that few can experience at our age.

**RASHI KHANNA, XII A, DIVYA JAIN, XII C**

## HINDI RECITATION

To bring the students close to their own language and to inculcate a love for Hindi, an Inter Class Hindi Recitation Competition was organized for classes VI to VIII. The winners:

### CLASS

### I PRIZE

### II PRIZE

### III PRIZE

VI

Ansh Garg

Sarthak Kathuria

Mridul Vermani

VII

Kritika Relan

Sakshi Suri

Gagandep Kaur

Danish Girdhar

Mehak Bajaj

VIII

Nonica

Sparsh Chhabra

Saurabh Maithani

Parul Ahuja

Niharika Kapoor

Tavleen Kaur



## WE PROVE OUR METTLE AT INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

★ **VIBRATIONS** - a razz-mat-azz of competitions, organized by Bal Bharti Public School, Dwarka, on 27 and 28 April, saw our students participating in Debates, Essay Writing, Quiz, Enact A Proverb and Enactment from Panchantantra and walking away with prizes in many. The winners: Manav Prabhakar ( II A) and Kunal (II C) bagged the first prize in Panchantantra. Apoorva Sharma ( V E), Palak Hajela (V F), Ishaan Arora (IV C), Dev Soni (IV F), Sakshi Sondhi (V F) won the First prize in Enact A Proverb.

In the debate Ruchika Hirna (IX F) and Ashima Gujral IX E, won the I & II Prize (For & Against) respectively for debating on 'Real Life Heroes Are Real Life Heroes of Politics'.

★ **RACHNA 2007** - an Interschool event organized by Bal Bharti Public School, Rohini, was taken by storm by our students who participated in various activities and walked away with the following prizes.

In Character Dramatization - Shubhankar Jain (VI) won the I prize.

In Enact a Proverb - Ishaan Arora, Dev Soni, Palak Hajela, Sakshi Sondhi, Apoorv Sharma won the III prize.

Enact a Scientist - Anish Sharma (VII) bagged the III prize.

Graffiti - Ruchika Singh, Pranav Korla and Jasvinder Singh (X) won the I prize.

★ **WORDSWORTH** - Siddharth Rajan and Aadhar of Class X won the I prize in 'Verse - a - Tile' organized at Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar. Siddharth recited the poem and Aadhar gave him company on the guitar.

★ **INTER SCHOOL HINDI RECITATION COMPETITIONS** were held at Doon Public School, Paschim Vihar, on 20. July 2007. Ishaan Arora of Class IV C and Shubhankar Jain won the first prize in Hindi Recitation and Sanskrit Recitation respectively.

★ **GANDHI SMRITI AND DARSHAN SAMITI** - organized an Inter School Elocution competition on 2.8.2007 on the subject 'Global Warming-natural occurrence or human intervention'. Raashi Khanna, XIIA expressed her views convincingly on the role of human activities leading to global disaster and was adjudged the best, receiving the special commendation prize from the Jury, a citation and a cash award. The school received the trophy for the same.

★ Students of our school, participated in '**PULSE-2007**', an Interschool event organized by Bal Bharti Public School, Pusa Road. They participated in various events like Poetry Recitation, Maths Project, Hindi Essay Writing, Street play etc. and won the following prizes :

Slogan Writing Competition - Mayank Goel (VII) and Neha Mittal (VIII) won 1st prize.

ADVIT - Tanya Mehra, Disha Sethi, Deepika, Divyani Pahwa, Sarthak Khera, Samarth Rai (Class VIII) won the 3rd prize.

## CAMPING - BUILDING A HEALTHY BODY

We believe in the maxim 'A healthy mind should reside in a healthy body' and so students of classes IV & V were taken to Dreamland island, Damadama Lake near Sohna for an overnight camp on 15 and 16 March 2007. They were involved in many activities like Burma Bridge, Rock climbing, River crossing and Rappelling. A trek in the morning was an enjoyable experience. A Treasure Hunt gave an exciting finish to the camp. The place, the ambience and the arrangements were to the utmost satisfaction of all. The students were so enthralled that they did not want to return home. If students of classes IV and V were adventurous then why should students of classes VI to VIII be left behind? So, a group of 6 teachers alongwith 52 students went to attend a camp, Kamp Kalsi, from 22 May to 26 May 2007, in a place called Padampuri near Nainital. They were involved in a number of activities which each and every student enjoyed thoroughly. Responsibilities were given to the students which helped in building up their confidence. The best adventure was a night march 'A Trek into a Jungle'. It was a wonderful experience and a memorable one too and all came back rejuvenated.

## AWARENESS ABOUT OBESITY

Year 2007 is dedicated to the "Pace year of Good Health" by HT PACE and so a workshop was organized on 17.07.2007 for students of class VIII on "Childhood obesity". Dr. Danny and Ms. Khyati from Dr. Shikhar Sharma's Nutria-Health Clinic conducted this workshop, in which the students were informed about good food habits and the ill-effects of junk food on our body.



## A CAREER PROGRAMME

Choosing a stream, before one embarks on a career path, often brings with it some confusion and proves to be a herculean task for both the students and parents. With a number of people to advise and the fear of a wrong decision lurking at the back of one's mind, this time in a student's life is of paramount importance. To ease out this process, a Career Assessment Programme was planned for classes X and XI which was carried out by IMS Learning Resources, a well known Educational Consultancy Agency, in the school premises on 8 April, to orient the students and parents for the same. Ms. Payal Krishnan, Counselling Psychologist from IMS Learning Resources, addressed the audience and explained the need for career assessment, its future implications and procedure.

Following the seminar assessment, counselling sessions were held from 11 July to 13 July 2007, for the students and parents as well, by the Counsellors from IMS Learning Resources. These counseling sessions focused on communicating the results of the assessment done, its implications and helping to ease out the process of decision making for a stream / career. The profiles prepared showed the analysis of the students' interest, aptitude and personality as evident from the assessment. 132 students from classes X and XI participated and were surely benefitted.

## ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

"Of all those arts in which the wise excel, Nature's Chief masterpiece is writing well".

To inculcate in the students the art of writing and writing well and to prepare them to face the world outside school, an Inter class Essay Writing Competition was organized for classes IX to XII on 23rd April 2007 and the students wrote about contemporary and burning topics of today. The winners were

### CLASS IX

Harshleen Kaur	I	IX D
Ashima Gujral	II	IX E
Bhavuk Arora	III	IX B

### CLASS XI

Karan Baweja	I	XI F
Aakriti Handa	II	XI E
Aditya Singh	III	XI B

### CLASS X

Vriti	I	X F
Prakriti Dua	II	X A
Pranav Korla	III	X G

### CLASS XII

Rashi Khanna	I	XII A
Aakriti Gupta	II	XII E
Reema Malhotra	III	XII E

## A TRIBUTE TO THE POETS

To make the students aware of the outstanding works of the poets, Inter class English Recitation Competitions were held for classes I to XII. The winners were:

### I PRIZE

CLASS-I Parth Mada, IE

### II PRIZE

Nikita Arora, IE

### III PRIZE

Manas Mehta, IC  
Harshleen Kaur Chadha, IC  
Rashi Mehan, 2B

### CONSOLATION PRIZE

Rahul Pande, IF,  
Mansi Marwah, 2A, Gian Kaur Matta, 2C  
Rashi Aggarwal, 3D, Riya Gupta, 3A  
Arpit Singh Ahluwalia, 4F  
Aayushi Arora, 4B  
Tanya Gupta, 5C, Rishi Suri, 5B,  
Tajinder Aneja, 5D

CLASS-II Maanvi Mudgil, 2C

Manav Prabhakar, 2A

CLASS-III Shikhar Juneja, 3B

Shikhar Suresh, 3B

Paras Pruthi, 3C

CLASS-IV Kartika Kumar, 4D

Ginny Madan, 4D

Shreshth Babbar, 4C

CLASS-V Jyotsna Gupta, 5A

Apoorv Sharma, 5E

Palak Hajela, 5F

CLASS-VI Charvi Singh, 6F

Pulkita Sharma, 6B

Naman Bhagat, 6E

CLASS-VII Dishpreet Saluja, 7C

Anish Sharma, 7C &  
Prajna Mehndiratta, 7E  
Mani Makkar, 8B

Disha Sethi, 8D

CLASS-VIII Shibika Suresh, 8A

CLASS-IX Aparajita Pandey, 9G

Mehak Juneja, 9D

Harshleen Kaur, 9D

CLASS-X Pranav Korla, 10G

Vasundhara Srinivas, 10A

Siddharth Pruthi 10E

CLASS-XI Varun Monga, 11E

Tushar Kashyap, 11E  
Garima Chopra, 11D  
Anuradha, 12C

Nishtha Bathla, 11C

CLASS-XII Gina Parti, 12E  
Pankhuri Sharma, 12D

Priyanka Mongia, 12E



## RESULTS OF HANDWRITING COMPETITION

CLASS	I PRIZE	II PRIZE	III PRIZE
I A	Mehak Bansal	Shruti Kejriwal	Akshit Gupta
I B	Samarth Khatri	Sejal Arora	Geetansh Sachdeva
I C	Harshleen	Raadhica Wasan	Gaurang Alagh
I D	Dipika	Vanshika	Saatwick
I E	Prakriti Bindani	Sambhav Kumar	Mahak Lala
I F	Sanya Kapoor	Rahul Pande	Ritik Gulabrani
I G	Deepali	Tanvi	Ria Bhatia
II A	Kashish Nanda	Manav Madhur Prabhakar	Priyanjali Handa
II B	Arpit Supta	Lavish	Naman Garg
II C	Chimayee Verma	Gian Kaur Matta	Anubhav
II D	Riddhi Gupta	Tanima Bhatia	Karan Arora
II E	Arpit Mukheja	Ritik Sehgal	Japsimran
II F	Manit Arora	Lakshay Singh	Sanchit Nanda
II G	Parth Jain	Tarun Jain	Nikhil Shokeen
III A	Vaishali Arora	Riya Gupta	-----
	Radhika Aggarwal	-----	-----
III B	Akansh Gupta	Annie Osan	Shikhar Suresh
III C	Ayush Arora	Manav Goyal	Varun Bakshi
	---	Rashika	-----
		Janhvi	-----
III D	Sushmit Naish	Shambhavi Gautam	Siddhant Malhotra
III E	Aman Sharma	-----	-----
III F	Ayati Nagpal	Mehar Arora	Piyush Sikka
III G	Divya Dua	Ankita	-----
IV A	Aayushi Mehta	Ayush Chauhan	Manmeet
IV B	Shriya Seth	Aanchal Goyal	Tushar Vashisht
IV C	Mayak Sharma	Aashima Chugh	Khyati Kakaria
IV D	Kanika Ahuja	Anushka Maggo	Lakshay Kapur
IV E	Deepanshi Makkar	Kanika Karwal	-----
		Tejasva Kalra	-----
IV F	Hardik Tara	Harkirat Kaur	Pragya Kedia
IV G	Yash Arora	Parul Gupta	Charit Midha
V A	Sakshi Luthra	Dashmeen Kaur	Dhruv Makol
	Jyotsna Gupta	-----	
V B	---	Tanya Dhawan	Himanshu Saini
V C	Tushar Chandra	Shivangi Arora	Paaras Girotra
V D	Mehak Chauhan	Aman Kapoor	Praneet Kaur
V E	Srishti Bansal	Manmeet Kaur	Himanshi Mangwana
V F	Saksham Mahajan	Palak Hajela	Param Tandon

## FUN AT THE MOVIES

The students of class VII being the subscribers of Times of India, were the coveted ones to be a part of the film festival organized by the Times Group. They immensely enjoyed watching their super heroes - 'Harry Potter-4' and 'Superman Returns' on the big screen.

## STUDENTS ATTEND SYMPOSIUM

Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, organized an Indo Japanese Symposium on 07.08.2007, to celebrate 50 years of Indo Japanese ties. Our school team consisting of Pritika Malhotra XII A, Monica Juneja XII A and Mohit Bajaj XII A presented a Power Point presentation on ASEAN - to develop relations for East Asia Policy. Their presentation was appreciated by the Jury and the novelty of the presentation with original costumes was well received.



## IN SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMMES

★ "Education is a never ending process" and so we at school are always learning and improving ourselves To equip ourselves with the latest developments in dealing with children who suffer from learning disabilities, our teachers, Ms. Simran and Ms.S.Wadhwa attended a seminar on '**Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder**', organized at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital on 22 April. A panel of experts in the field of psychology covered various aspects like Assessment of ADHD, Drug Management, Problems faced by such children and management of these problems. It was indeed an enriching and educative experience.

★ **An orientation Programme of Master Trainers** was conducted by CBSE for Mathematics & Science teachers from 3 to 5 July 2007 at NCERT campus. Our teachers Ms. Saranpreet Kaur and Ms.Monica Sen attended this programme, which discussed aims of education and salient features of NCF 2005. The syllabus and textbooks were discussed and analyzed. A review and critical analysis of class XII textbook was done chapter wise. Various topics like how to move beyond the textbooks, constructive approach, critical pedagogy, evaluation strategy were discussed. The programme ended with feedback, observations and suggestions by the participants. Two teachers Ms. Shubhra Thukral and Ms. L.Srinivas from the Senior Secondary Section attended an Orientation Programme for Master Trainers in Mathematics & Science, conducted by NCERT from 9th July to 13th July 2007. The programme was attended by 50 schools all over Delhi and was found highly informative, educative and enriching. A conscious effort by all concerned to shift towards 'creative' and 'constructive' approach in teaching and learning process was highlighted. The new heuristic method emphasized in National Curriculum Framework 2005 is a welcome change according to all teachers involved in the programme

★ The Department of Science and Maths of NCERT organized an **Orientation Programme** from 16.07.2007 to 19.07.2007 for Chemistry, Science and Maths teachers at senior secondary stage, on the use of new text books. Ms.Ritu Verma, Ms. Deepti Prabhakar, Mr.B.Tangri and Mr.S.Punn attended the programme and they took a feedback of class XI and XII NCERT textbooks and pointed some printing errors and mistakes. There was a class for an hour on environment protection projects too. The resource persons highlighted the National Curriculum Framework 2005.

★ Ms. A Arora and Ms. S. Malik, participated in the **Teachers Training Programme on Media Literacy for Drug Use and Prevention** jointly organized by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (regional office for Asia) and the Indian Express group on 09.08.2007. The startling statistical figures showed that a very large number of adolescents resort under peer pressure, for experimentation, or simply to appear cool. The harrowing effects of drugs on the body and mind were highlighted. The role of the media was discussed and debated. It was concluded that in order to safeguard our young children from drug abuse it is necessary to educate and guide them, jointly by parents and teachers.

★ **Creating Awareness Towards Environment**-Ms. M Pathak and Ms. S. Kaur, teachers of SMS attended the Global Teachers Training Workshop conducted at Indian Social Institute, Lodhi Road by the Indian Environmental Society on behalf of Ministry of Environment for lead Eco Club Schools on 13th and 14th Feb. as well as on 7th and 19th March 2007. Theoretical and practical sessions related to atmosphere, soil, water and land were held. The workshop also involved field work and Data entry Programmes. For a hands on experience, a Globe Instrument Kit was also provided.

★ **The Dept. of Environment** organised a one day seminar on **CDM (Clean Development Mechanism)** on 15 March, which was attended by Ms. Hema Pant. The programme presented the Master Plan proposed by different departments for a clean and green Delhi. The main participating Departments were MCD, DMRC, NDMC, DJB, DDA, PWD, TRANSCO, Forest dept., Transport Dept., World Bank etc. It was an awareness programme highlighting the ways and means for making Delhi an environment friendly place to live in.



## WE HAVE A FETISH FOR SPORTS

The zonal competitions for various games were held in the month of August and around 100 schools participated. Our students showed their feat in sports and walked away with trophies in many categories.

The students who excelled are :

### Badminton

- Sr. Boys (Runners up) : Vaibhav Dua XI, Shivam Sagar XI, Aditya Sethi XII.  
Sr. Girls (Winners) : Krippy Kakkar XII, Ashmeet XII, Jigyasa XI.  
Jr. Boys (Winners) : Tejinder Pal Singh IX, Nirav Tyagi IX, K. P. Jayaraman IX, Ujjawal IX.  
Jr. Girls (Runners up) : Saloni Chandok IX, Anjul Garg IX, Karshni Kharbanda IX, Manmeet Kaur IX.  
Sub Jr. Boys (Runners up) : Jayan Juneja VII, Yash Kumar VII, K. P. Jayaraman VII.  
Sub Jr. Girls (Winners) : Shairen VII, Nikita VIII, Somaya VI, Sanya Satija VII, Prachi Kalra VII.

### Football

- Sr. Boys (Runners up) : Pranav Maggo XII, Munish XI, Shobhit Dagar XI, Dushyant Yadav XII, Gautam Vaid XI, Mudit Arora XI, Sahil Chopra XII, Udit Mitra XII, Gurupratap Singh XII, Salil Awasthi XI, Bhuwan Anand XII, Satwik Pathak XI, Jatin Dabas XI, Akarshak Sarna XI, Aditya Singh XI, Gurpreet Singh XI.  
Jr. Boys (Winners) : Deepanshu Ahuja X, Harshad Marwaha X, Bhuvan Kapoor IX, Varun Garg X, Uday Bhambri X, Apoorv Bhardwaj X, Shivam Kapoor IX, Siddharth Rajan X, Piyush Karnani IX, Lakshay Bhambri X, Subhash Arora X, Shivam Sheel IX, Dheeraj Gandhi X, G. Abhilash IX, Garv Malik IX.

### Table Tennis

- Sr. Girls (Runners up) : Aarushi Gambhir XII, Parul Jain X, Latansha XI.  
Jr. Boys (Runners up) : Ankit Baluja X, Sumit Baluja X, Tushar XI.

### Volleyball

- Sr. Girls (Runners up) : Aditi Chadha XII, Mehak Awatramani XII, Jigyasa XI, Aanchal XII, Soni XII, Divya Bhambri XI, Divya Aggarwal XI, Dalima X.

## TWIN TRIUMPHS - FOOTBALL

A 5-member team comprising of Gurpratap Singh (XIIA), Udit Mitra (XIIF), Jasdeep Singh (XIIF), Sahil Chopra (XIIF), and Vinayak Pandey (XIIF) participated in Five-a-Sided, Under 19. Football Tournament from May 25th to June 1st, 2007 and seized the top spot by defeating the team of Modern School, Barakhamba Road by a whopping 7-1. Vinayak Pandey scored the highest goals in the tournament (11) and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 1000 and the team was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 3500 for their victory. The same lot of budding sport stars again brought laurels to the school by winning the under-22 football tournament organized by Punjabi Bagh Club from June 15 to June 21 by getting the best of 18 other teams. The team was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 4000. Great going boys! Continue to storm your way to the top.

## A TETE A TETE WITH FIFA PRESIDENT

Our football lovers of classes IV-XII were overjoyed to meet the FIFA President, Mr. Joseph Sepp Blatter, the AFC President, Mohammad Bin Hamman and Mr. Priyaranjan Das Munshi, the head of the AIFF. It was a great privilege to greet these honourable people of the House of Indian Football. The students received T-Shirts with a photograph of Mr. S. Blatter and caps of AIFF. A moment to cherish!

## FOOTBALL FEVER GRIPS

Around 60 children from our school went to see the International Football Match between India and Cambodia organized by ONGC. It was the opening match of Nehru Cup 2007 on 17 August, which was opened by our newly elected President Ms. Pratibha Patil. India won the match by 6-0 from Cambodia. We really enjoyed the match and cheered the team. It was a great experience for all of us to watch all the stars of the Indian football team.

**Piyush Karnani & Shivam Kapoor, IX F**



## RESULTS OF SCIENCE EXHIBITION

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>EXHIBIT</u>	<u>NAME OF STUDENTS</u>
V	SPECIAL PRIZE	WEATHER	Shristhi Bansal, VE Tanya Dhawan, V E Shivangi Arora, V C Sakshi Sondhi, V F Shantav Jatav, V F Aashish Aggarwal, V A
VI	I	RAIN WATER HARVESTING	Deepansh Duggal, Utkarsh, VI E
VII	I	WASTE MANAGEMENT	Vibhor, Harjot, VII E
	II	ECLIPSE	Shairen Chawla, Sarojini, VII F
	CONS	HYDROPHONICS	Nimrit, Charu, VII D
VIII	I	WRITING WITH ELECTRICITY	Rishabh, Sparsh, VII D
	II	IMPURE WATER CONDUCTS ELECTRICITY	Sanchit, Amit Kaushik, VIII C
	CONS	ANEMOMETER	Varan, Rishabh Bhandari, VIII D
IX	I	ELECTRONIC WAVE MACHINE	Arsh Marwaha, Karan Soni, IX A
	I	HYDRAULIC LIFT	Apurva Pandey, Kamakshi Jain, IX D
	CONS.	SEWAGE TREATMENT	Nayan Hajela, Mehak Juneja, IX C
	CONS.	PROBIOTICS	Kush Jain, Sahil Arora, IX E
X	I	APPLICATION OF RAIN WATER DETECTOR	Abhishek Rana, Rahul Chowdhary, X D
	I	SMOKE PURIFIER	Akanksha Gupta, Karan Gupta, X E
	CONS.	AUTO MANURING	Urvashi Gupta, Veronica Kauralia, X C
	CONS.	CATHODIC PROTECTION	Navneet Rana, Raunaq Kamboj, X F
XI	I	WATER JET	Satwik Pathak, XI E
	I	ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING	Vaibhav Dua, XI F
	CONS.	WELDING MACHINE	Rahul Kaul
	CONS.	TEA TESTER	Vipul Jain, XI F

## MATHS

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>EXHIBIT NAME</u>	<u>NAME OF STUDENTS</u>
VII	I	CONGRUENT FIGURES	Anish, Akshit Bagga, VII C
VIII	I	(a-b) <sup>2</sup>	Dikansha, Harshit, VIII D
	II	PYTHAGORAS THEOREM	Aman Mangla, Gaurav Soni, VIII B
IX	I	PYTHAGORAS THEOREM	Sakshi Jindal, Riti Pandya, Prabhat Pandey, IX G
X	I	CLINOMETER	Siddharth Pruthi, Naman Choudhary, X E
XI	I	TRY THIS PATH, ROLLE'S & LAGRANGE'S THEOREM	Akash Kalyani, Nabarun Kantipal, XI F

## STUDENT WINS AN ONLINE SCIENCE CONTEST

Mani Makkar of class VIII has done the School proud by winning two of the Online Science Contests, organized by [www.joilearning.org](http://www.joilearning.org). This site is about an expedition into the Indian Ocean where scientists are performing experiments to see the effect on the ocean by change in weather patterns.

## NIE WORKSHOP FOR CLASS V

A workshop was organized in which Mr. Sushil Kumar taught the students the 'Art of Mask Making'. While Ms. Silky taught the students the 'Art of Rakhi Making'. The students enjoyed the workshop as they actively participated in the same.



## QUEST 2007

Science is not everybody's cup of tea, but if learning goes hand in hand with fun everything is possible. That was the aim of 'Quest 2007' a creative scientific extravaganza spanning half a week from 16 to 18 August. It was a grand collection of competitions ranging from science quizzes, debates to an exhibition of working models put together by the creative genius of the students. Quest -2007, kickstarted for class VI on 14 August 2007 with the visit to Nehru Planetarium. The students and the teachers were shown an amazing presentation on "The Solar System". Many facts and mysteries about the Solar System were unfolded. This was indeed a small step to enhance the scientific temper amongst the students.

### Day 1 -

#### Science Debate

An Inter Class Science Debate was organized for classes XI and XII. The contestants had to speak on the topic - 'Science Boosts Security'. Each of the participants gave his best shot. The judges, especially praised the high confidence level in the participants. It was indeed a quest in the scientific minds of the contestants that enthralled the audience. Gina Parti (XII E) was adjudged the Best Speaker for the motion, Daaman Kohli (XI B) the best speaker against the motion, and Arushi Gambhir (XII F) the Best Interjector



Gina Parti (XII E) Best speaker of the Science Debate



Saurabh Maithani(VIIB) and Uday Anand (VIIF)  
winners of the Science Quiz (Middle Section)

#### Science Quiz

"Your knowledge, My knowledge, Our knowledge" - an Inter House Science Quiz was organized for classes VII to XII. The quiz was conducted in two sessions for the respective classes. Four teams, named after famous scientists, Pascal, Newton, Galileo and Scrodinger consisted of two students each. The quiz comprised of eight rounds with questions ranging from scientific instruments, scientists, day to day scientific phenomena etc. The experiment analysis round was the most appreciated one.

Some questions for the audience were also a part of the event. It was an enriching experience for all the participants as well as the audience. Nupur Khurana (XII E) and Tanya Raghuvansi (XI E) of Shastri House were the winners. In the middle section Saurabh Maithani (VII B) and Uday Anand (VIII F) of Gandhi House emerged winners.

### Day 2 -

**One Minute Scientific Demonstration** - organized for classes IX and X was all about playing magical tricks with simple scientific principles hidden behind them. Unbelievable activities like invisible ink, egg in a bottle, magnetic duck, coin in a well etc. were displayed. The magnetic duck was the centre of attraction and indeed a lot of hard work and research had gone into the efforts of the students. It was indeed a magical experience for the audience.

#### The winners were:

I Bhanu Mangru X G, II Noopur Verma X A,  
I Anurag P. Jaywant IX C, I Shweta Sharma IX G, II Lakshay Khara IX E

#### Know a Scientist

To introduce the students of class VI to the great scientists and their contributions in the field of science, 'Know Your Scientist' was organized. Students spoke about their favourite scientists, their life and their achievement. Great scientists like Einstein, Rutherford, Newton, Galileo, Abdul Kalam etc. were spoken about. The students who emerged winners were : Anaya Arora (VIF), Pulkita Sharma (VIB), Mridul Virmani (VIE).



## Power Point Presentation

An Inter Class Power Point Presentation Competition was organized for classes VII and VIII. The participants had to make a presentation on a given topic. Class VII got miscellaneous topics while class VIII had to make on 'Global Warming'. The participants as well as the audience were really energetic and enthusiastic. The presentations were explained and the audience was guided all through.

The winners were I prize VII - Scattering of light - Prajna and Sanyam VII E

Special prize VII - Cars - Shubhankar Jain and Manmeet VII D

I prize VIII - Mani Makkar and Karan Makkar VIII B

## Day 3 -

## Science Exhibition

The grand extravaganza 'Quest' culminated with the main event 'The Science Exhibition'. Students from class V onwards participated in the event. Most of them made working models which were for practical purposes. It was a fabulous opportunity for students to give vent to their scientific genius as they came together to make it a huge success. For the first time models related to Maths and Commercial Art were included along with Science.

The students gave wings to their imagination to produce some extra - ordinary models on topics from Clinometers and spin your luck to glass painting and hydraulic lifts to satellite communication to hydropower. Important topics such as rain water, energy, heat, rain water harvesting, congruency etc. were the highlights of the exhibition.

The panel of judges for the event was:

Classes V to VIII **Science** : Ms. Nishu Sharma, Ms. Kiran Anand **Maths**: Ms. Deepti Prabhakar

Classes IX to XII **Science**: Ms. Shakuntala Dutta, Ms. Renu Kaul **Maths**: Ms. Monica Som



The enthusiastic scientists of class V



Students explaining the working of models to the judges.



Lakshay Khera, Bhanu Magru, Noopur Verma, Shweta Sharma and Anurag P. Jaywant- Proud winners of One Minute Scientific Demonstration



Vaibhav Dua (XIF) explaining his model to Mr.T.P.Aggarwal, Chairman and Ms. A.Aggarwal, Principal



## STUDENTS ATTEND VIPASSANA CAMP

A 36 member team comprising of 33 students of class 10th and 3 teachers were introduced to 'Vipassana' - a process of self-observation, during a 3 day meditation camp from 13-15 April. To start with, an overview of the entire schedule was given on the first day which included the aim and purpose of the camp. The duration of each meditation session was gradually increased and the students soon fell into the rhythm of observing their natural breathing to concentrate. The camp ended on a creative note when different groups of students, guided by their teachers, enacted short plays based in the precepts of the Vipassana followers. The team came back enriched, recharged and cleansed after a soothing experience, in a natural setting. To continue with the process 16 girls of class X along with 2 teachers attended this camp from 10 August to 12 August where they learnt 'Aanapana' the process of self observation.



A trip into spiritualism- students at the Vipassana camp

## DISCOVERING INDIA AT GOONJ

"School to School", an initiative of the NGO GOONJ is supporting thousands of rural and slum schools by turning the wastage of urban school children into a resource for them. The idea is to sensitize urban students about the needs of their less fortunate counterparts. Through Pratibimb, an annual interface event, GOONJ brings urban and rural children together from across the country to know each other better. This was the second time our school attended this event and we were yet again overwhelmed by it. The venue of the event was Rajghat. We handed over twenty sacks of material to the NGO consisting of notebooks, books, clothes, school bags etc. The event started with the filling up of the form which contained certain situations and we were asked to write our opinion if we had to face the same situation. We were given twenty five minutes to do so. Then Mr. Anshu Gupta gave the newcomers a brief introduction. After this, we had a warm up session with the Delhi University volunteers - a group of 4 to 5 boys heading a group named "Step for change". We were subsequently divided into four groups having different names and were asked to enact socially relevant topics like child labour, rights of women, environment conservation etc. with our rural counterparts. After lunch, we had an interactive session with the rural children and SMS Goonj volunteers interviewed children from Kashmir, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Assam etc.

It was very sad to know that many of them did not know their birth date, or what a Birthday means, many have become so used to a life of hardships that they do not dream otherwise. They have talent which requires honing and due recognition. Some to them are good singers, dancers and actors. Their day starts with work and ends with work. They do not have time to play or study. Many small children work in factories and live in very bad conditions. After the session, we wrote our feedback and gave them to the GOONJ volunteers. And then, at 4:00 p.m. we left wiser with empathy in our hearts. After attending this meet, our commitment of helping them has become stronger and we would love to make their childhood colourful by filling colours of love, friendship and happiness in every possible way.

by Aparajita Pandey, IX G with inputs from Nayan Hajela, IX C Maneet IX A, Sahib X G and Aman VIII E.



Working for a social cause- Students at Pratibimb



## DANCING TO THE TUNES OF FOLK LORE

The Spirit of spring and harvest came alive when our budding dancers came alive to the alluring folk songs at the Inter School Folk Dance Competition based on harvesting organized by the Haemophilia Federation of India at the Air Force Golden Jubilee Auditorium on 17/04/2007. The Chief Guest, Mr. Yoganand Shastri, Hon'ble Health Minister of Delhi, encouraged and congratulated all the students who had participated. Our students who presented a Punjabi folk dance and secured the II position making the school proud were Manmeet of class VIII and Karshni Kharbanda, Aakshi Sharma, Akshita Khurana, Aditi Joon, Aditi Rawat, Akanksha, Dilpreet, Ashish, Simran, Rupinder, Mansi, Aman, Simrat, Vipul, Mayank and Ankit of class IX.



Proud winners of Inter School Dance Competition

## EDUCATION AND FUN GO HAND IN HAND

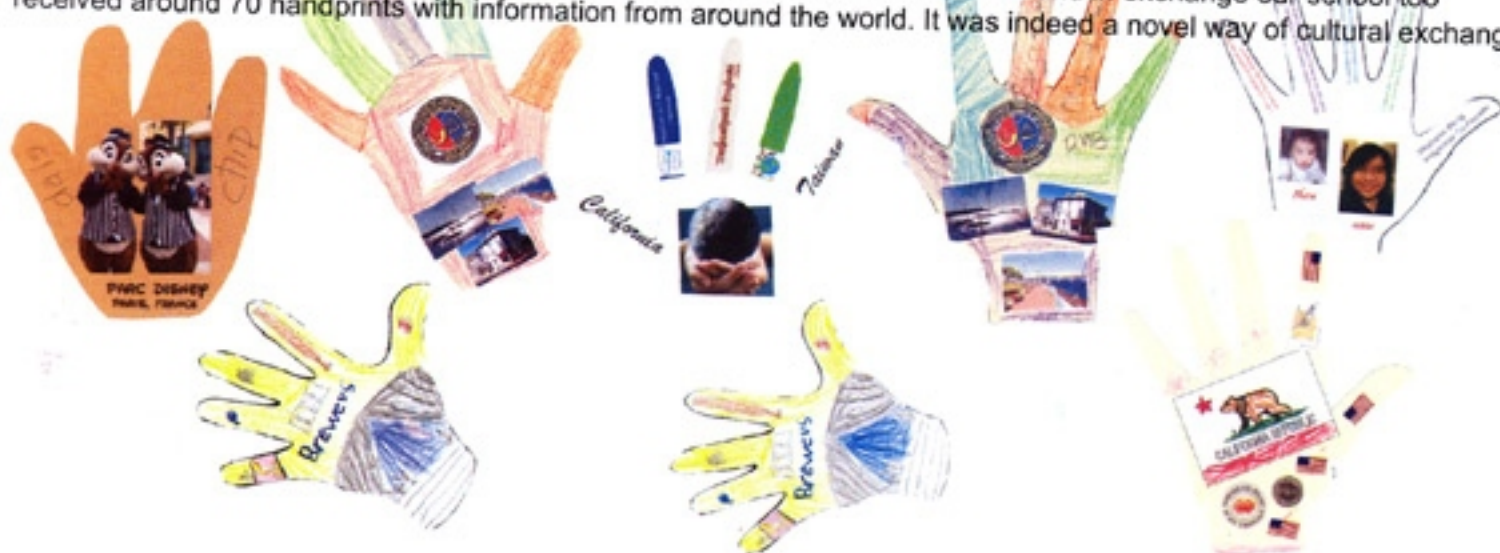
Students of classes IV & V were taken for an overnight educational tour to Jaipur on 16th and 18th August 2007 respectively. The students had a memorable experience visiting the Birla Mandir, Handicrafts Emporium and the Amer Fort. They were impressed by the breathtaking architecture of the fort, where they also learnt about the history and the style of living of the kings of Rajasthan. Apart from being an educational trip, it was full of fun and frolic. The students understood the principles of companionship and camaraderie, and returned to Delhi more confident and knowledgeable. For the students of class VIII, IX and X it was a memorable trip to Goa. The cathedrals and the beaches were simply mind blowing. The visit to Aquada Fort, Dona Paula and even the local market was magnificent. It was with a heavy heart that the students boarded the train to return home.



Class V at Jaipur- fun with education

## THE SCHOOL GOES GLOBAL

Our students of class XI to XII were part of a global project 'Hands Around the World'. They made colourful hand prints and wrote information about themselves, their school city and their country. Some even wrote about the Indian culture, the national symbols and festivals. Around 125 handprints were sent to the U.S and in exchange our school too received around 70 handprints with information from around the world. It was indeed a novel way of cultural exchange.





## A SKATING CHAMP

Dhairya Taneja, a student of class IV G is a skating champ and has made the school proud by winning awards and medals at various competitions. She began training way back in 2003. August 2004 gave her the first opportunity at Talkatora Skating Rink for the 'Adjustable Skates' category and there was no looking back after that. She has participated in various competitions organized by different agencies and also at CBSE and National levels. She has to her credit 21 medals - 3 gold, 5 silver and 13 bronze and cash awards. Her latest feat this year has been a gold and bronze for the Road Race and Rink Race respectively in the Delhi State Open Championship by Roller Skating Association Federation of India.



Dhairya Taneja (IVG)

## Success a journey - not a destination



Karan Kohli (XIIF)

In keeping with this maxim Karan Kohli (204<sup>th</sup>), Rishabh Garg (522<sup>nd</sup>), Nidhi Gupta (1944<sup>th</sup>), Ajay Chatwal (2072<sup>th</sup>), Sumit Gupta (4520<sup>th</sup>) and Akshay Verma (5045<sup>th</sup>) were the six students selected by the prestigious IIT-JEE of our country. Some who made it to the Delhi College of Engineering are, Ankit Aggarwal, Bhavesh Relan, Karan Kohli, Rishabh Garg, Navneesh Nigam, Akshay Verma, Sumit Gupta, Nikhil Gupta, Ashish Koul, Ankit Sablok, Jayant Nasa and Pranav Halder. Two students have qualified in Medical Colleges too Sanjay Dhawan (UCMS, Delhi) and Shweta Bansal (CET, Karnataka). The Management and staff of the school are proud of them and wish them all the best in their future ventures.



Sumit Gupta (XIIF)



Rishabh Garg (XIIB)

Neha Sethi passed out of school in 1998. After a Masters Programme in International Business from Symbiosis she worked with Contract Advertising Agency, Bangalore and the Taj Hotels Resorts and Palaces and achieved great heights in all her endeavours as Deputy Manager, Marketing Services. She has two awards to her credit already. She received the first award on 22nd July 2007 from Her Highness, Hemlata Raje, (Maharani of Jodhpur) for Outstanding Achievement in Marketing. On August 6, 2007, she received her second award, from Mr. Ratan Tata, for outstanding contribution in Grand Places Marketing Initiative at the 'Taj Award for Business Excellence' Event.



Neha Sethi (A Pass out of 1998 batch) receiving an award from Maharani of Jodhpur.

## 'SPIC MACAY CONVENTION' - AN ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE

The seven of us, Mili Nakra, XI B Rachita Singh XII F, Purva Arora, Aanchal Batra, Nupur Khurana, XII E, Jayati Mehra, XII A and the teacher incharge Ms. Kavita Mehta, attended the 23rd National Convention of SPIC MACAY in the sprawling campus of Jammu University from 18th to 23rd June. The convention was attended by about 600 people from all over the country. Premiering of some art films, performances by great artists, daily three-hour long intensive workshops, an overnight concert and the unforgettable very - early morning yoga sessions constituted a hectic but exhilarating schedule. The intensive workshops, included learning art, music and dance from the experts themselves. At the end of the four of these workshops, we performed on-stage, exhibiting all that we had learnt. Some of these intensives were Kathakali, Khayal vocal, Yoga, Puppetry, Sankavadyam, Purulia Chau, Bharatnatyam etc. We also attended a talk on Dogri Literature by Smt. Padma Sachdeva and a discussion on 'the relevance of heritage in the 21st century' by the masters - Smt. Saswati Sen, Sh. Guruppa Chetty ji and Shri Fahimuddin Dagar ji. The overnight concert on 22nd July comprised of five vocal performances, the most distinguished of them undoubtedly being the one by Ustad Abdul Rashid Khan ji and Sh. Bala Murali Krishnan ji who sang Carnatic vocal. The same uplifting spirit brings us back home, to India, making us realize how truly enchanting our own culture is.



## PHOTO FEATURE



Srishti Bhatia (IVA) winning at Procom



Lakshay Arora (IIIC) winning a prize at Procom



Students exhibit the masks they have made



Students of class V exhibiting collages



Sakshi Suri, Ansh Garg, Sarthak Kathuria, Mridul Vermani and Gagandeep Kaur- proud winners of Inter Class Hindi Recitation competition (class VI)



Dishpreet Saluja, Prajna Mehndiratta, Anish Sharma (class VII)- Prize winners of English Recitation competition.



## PHOTO FEATURE



The proud scholarship awardees



Class X had a wonderful time in Goa



Students of class III exhibit their creative efforts



Camping at 'Kamp Kalsi' students of VI to VIII



## PHOTO FEATURE



Taking the oath of responsibilities - the class XI Student Council



Aditi Ramdas (XIIF) being presented her badge



A proud moment for Meeta Gulati ( XIIE)



Vidhu Mutreja receiving her badge



The proud Editorial Board

### ATTENTION OLD STUDENTS!!

'ATOOT BANDHAN', the Old Students Association is organising a get together for its old students on 28 October 2007 from 9 am to 11 am. Come, register and be a part of 'Atoot Bandhan'.