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EDITORIAL

Spring time - a time to tango. Spring is synonymous with life, joy and love as well as the new academic session.

It's the time to celebrate and cherish the journey of our lives.... Doesn't the magical view of a child licking an ice cream or rolling in the sand awaken that tinge of nostalgia ? That's the beauty of this time of the year.....

It is the time to appreciate the beauty of nature, the magic of music..., the joy of laughter.... the freedom of a bird or the precious smile of a child. It's the season to rediscover yourself... start afresh... break old bonds...be charged up and running once again. Call forth the joyous, magical child within you - the part of you that really knows how to play and have fun. Imagine the magical child within you connecting to your bigger self. It's a season to fall in love with yourself, Do you still feel that you are too sad, angry, irritated, bored and lonely to enjoy it? Let's face it, life is a roller coaster, learn to enjoy the ride, the more you enjoy it, the better it will turn out to be. Try to bring dancing, laughter and music into your life. Pay attention to the flowers around you. Pass a giggle to those around you and express your joy. Like any new skill, the more you practise, the better you get at it. So start right now.

Let's enter the new session with so much new to learn and new goals to achieve.

ST. MARK'S DELEGATION AT SWEDEN

The Chairman and the Principal of our school take pride in the successful initiation of a new global venture with Jattestenskolan, a reputed school in Sweden. A four-member delegation comprising of Vice Principal Ms. R. Sethi, Ms. G. Rajan, Ms. I. Walia and Ms. L. Srinivas enjoyed true Swedish hospitality when they were state-guests at Grums - an enchanting community near Karlstad, in the neighbourhood of the birth place of Alfred Nobel, from 15 May 2008 to 29 May 2008. The aim of the visit, initiated by Ms. G. Rajan and Mr. Magnus Johansson, Head of School Improvement, Grums was to promote peace, co-existence of man and nature



SMS Delegation with Ms. Irene, the Director of schools, Grums, Sweden

and mutual exchange of teaching methodology. The hosts saw that the visitors were escorted and looked after by different activity groups of the school on a daily basis. Freedom of expression, a stress-free atmosphere and punctuality were some of the features that stood out in Jattestenskolan School as well as in Ebba Petterson School of Gothenburg, Sweden. This visit has resulted in various online projects involving students of both the countries. A student exchange is in the offing too.



Presenting the memento to Magnus Johansson,
Head of School Development, Grums



At the IT Room of Jattestenskolan, Grums, Sweden

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATED

Our school celebrated its eighteenth Foundation Day. The occasion was graced by the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and the Vice Principals Ms. V. Wahi and Ms. R. Sethi. The Investiture ceremony was a grand affair and a memorable moment for all the Office Bearers who took their oath after being bestowed with their respective badges and duties. Trophies, Certificates and Scholarships were awarded to the meritorious students for the academic year 2007-2008. Last but not the least, the tiny tots danced to the rhythm of scintillating music. All the teachers who had been in the school from the very first day were invited on to the stage by the Principal for the cake cutting ceremony. Various activities were organized in different classes to add to the festivities of the day. The day was enjoyed by one and all.



Gandhi House lifting the Best House Trophy



The School's Birthday cake being cut

The office bearers of class XII

HEAD BOY	SATVIK PATHAK, XIIE
HEAD GIRL	KANIKA CHAWLA, XIIF
SCHOOL CAPTAIN (Boy)	VAIBHAV DUA, XIIF
SCHOOL CAPTAIN (Girl)	ISHITA CHADDHA, XIIC
SPORTS CAPTAIN (Boy)	GAUTAM VAID, XIIE
SPORTS CAPTAIN (Girl)	JIGYASA JUNEJA, XIID

HOUSE CAPTAINS

GANDHI	SHUBHANI MALLIK, XIID
SHASTRI	NISHTHA BATHLA, XIIC
PATEL	KARAN BAWEJA, XIIF
NEHRU	VIDHU MUTREJA, XIIC

The meritorious students who were granted scholarships

Previous class	Name	Position
I A	Ridhi Gupta	I
I F	Rahul Pande	II
I E	Mahak Lala	III
II A	Manav Prabhakar	I
II F	Sapan Gupta	II
II A	Mandeep Singh	III
III B	Shikhar Suresh	I
III B	Ameesha Mehta	II
III B	Shikhar Juneja	III
IV C	Lakshay Arora	I
IV C	Mayank Sharma	II
IV C	Ishan Arora	III
V C	Shivangi Arora	I
V D	Nikita Sareen	II
V C	Tanya Gupta	III
VI C	Nihit Sethi	I
VI B	Mohit Gulati	II
VI C	Ayush Malik	III
VII D	Rishabh Lamba	I
VII B	Vanshree Garg	II
VII A	Sabhya Dhingra	III
VIII B	Mani Makkar	I
VIII A	Asmita Sachdeva	II
VIII E	Aashima Bansal	III
VIII H	Shikha Safaya-GS	III
IX C	Mehak Juneja	I
IX B	Priyanka Makkar	II
IX J	Megha Handa-GS	II
IX F	Ruchika Hirna	III
IX I	Marsheneil Koul-GS	III

Humanities

XI A	Bushra Khan	I
XI A	Aakshi Sehgal	II
XI A	Madhuri Gakkhar	III

Science

XI F	Karan Baweja	I
XI B	Mihir Bhambri	II
XI E	Jatin Baweja	III

Commerce

XI D	Nikhil Narang	I
XI D	Aanchal Marwaha	II
XI D	Mehak Arora	III

Financial Market Management

XI G	Tanya Singh	I
XI G	Khushboo Gupta	II
XI G	Priyanka	III

DISCIPLINE INCHARGES

1. Nakul Yadav, XIIE	7. Akriti Handa, XIIE
2. Nikit Bhutani, XIIF	8. Aanchal Marwaha, XIID
3. Akarshak Sarna, XIIF	9. Khanak Nangia, XIIE
4. Bushra Khan, XIIE	10. Apoorva Bhatnagar, XIIC
5. Tanya Singh, XIIG	11. Sahil Batra, XIIE
6. Neha Kaul, XIIB	12. Arshna Monga, XIIE

The students who were in the Merit List in Class X and secured above 80% in Class XI are entitled to Full Fee Concession in Class XII as well. Their names are :-

XII D Mehak Arora	XII E Jatin Baweja
XII F Karan Baweja	XII B Mihir Bhambri

The following students were awarded the 'Best Student of the Year' and 'All-rounder' trophies. Prizes for classes V, VII and IX were sponsored by Times of India while prizes for classes VI, VIII and X were sponsored by Hindustan Times. Class XI trophies were sponsored by Indian Express whereas Statesman sponsored class XII. SHIVANGI ARORA, V MANI MAKAR, VIII PALAK HAJELA, V SIDDHARTH PRUTHI, X SHANTAV JATAV, V AKANKSHA GUPTA, X LAKSHAY ARORA, VI JATIN BAWEJA, XI PAMPOSH PANDITA, VII ROMIT PURI, XI SAURABH MAITHANI, VII PRERNA AHUJA, XII GAUTAM RAI, VII



Jatin Baweja Class XI - Best Student of the year and Romit Puri Class XI - Best All rounder

INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF THE PRIMARY WING

"If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibilities on their young shoulders." - A.V.Buren Keeping the above in view and believing in it, an Investiture Ceremony of the Junior Classes I to V was held on 31.7.2008. The Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and Vice Principal Ms.V.Wahi honoured the Office Bearers by bestowing them with the badges.

The Head Boy is Ishan Arora (VC) and Head Girl is Deepanshi Makkar (VE). The Vice Head Boy and the Vice Head Girl are Arsh Tayal (IVF) and Jahnvi Seth (IVE) respectively. Aman Khatri (VB) and Divya Gupta (VF) are the School Captains while Shikhar Juneja (IVB) and Riya Nagpal (IVC) are the Vice School Captains.

The Captain of Shastri House is Vinay Singla (VF) and Tamana Mittal (VA) is the Captain of Gandhi House. The Captains of Patel and Nehru House are Suasha Girdhar (VC) and Anshul Dhar (VG) respectively.

The Vice House Captains are : Shambhavi Gautam (IVD) of Gandhi House, Shikhar Suresh (IVB) of Nehru House. Paras Pruthi (IVC) and Annie Osan (IVB) are the Vice Captains of Patel and Shastri House respectively.

The Oath was administered by the school Captain, Vaibhav Dua.



The Junior Student Council taking the oath

TREE PLANTATION

The students of Snow Leopard Eco Club along with their teachers Ms. R. Anand and Ms. M. Pathak, went on a Tree Plantation Drive in the month of August. They have adopted a park in Sunder Vihar where they had planted saplings in the previous years too. All the students enthusiastically participated spreading the message, 'Plant trees today for a Green Tomorrow'.



The Eco Club members at 'Plant a Tree Drive'

School hosts 'Shiv Khera... Live'.

A one day talk show by Mr. Shiv Khera, world renowned Author, Educator and Motivator was organized on 25 March 2008. He is known for his numerous international bestsellers - 'You Can Win', 'Living with Honour' and 'Freedom is not Free'. His quote, "Winners don't do different things, They do things differently" is a trademark. Shiv Khera is also the founder of 'Country First Foundation' a trust that has a vision to ensure respect and dignity for every Indian and a mission to bring freedom through education and justice.

The event turned out to be an experience of a lifetime for all the participants as they heard Mr. Shiv Khera live for a full day and noted all his advice, guidance and motivation about attitude, ambition, leadership, teamwork and self esteem. Through the Talk Show, the participants discovered the secrets of success which could make them successful in their respective fields in the long run whether as teachers, students or parents. The participants understood that a progressive society is the basis for individual progress of its people and that they should stop thinking on narrower lines of caste, region or community but move together ahead as Indians.



Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, our Chairman welcoming Mr. Shiv Khera

CBSE RESULTS - ANOTHER MILESTONE COVERED

Our students have once again done the school proud by achieving a 100% result in the AISSE2008. Akanksha Gupta scored the highest aggregate of 95.4% with Eira Kochhar following closely with 95.2%. Nimisha Sethi stood third with 94.4%.

The following students brought laurels to the school by scoring 100% in Maths-Akanksha Gupta, Eira Kochhar, Mayank Khera, Shubhangi Srivastava, Prabhakaran Singh, Abhijeet Khanna and Parul Jain. In English the highest marks scored were 94% with a score of 98% being the highest in Science. In Social Science, Hindi and Sanskrit the highest marks scored were 99%, 96% and 98% respectively. 120 students scored distinctions in all five subjects. It has really been a wonderful result!

On 23rd May, 2008 the declaration of the Class XIIth Board Result was once again a 100% results in the three streams: Humanities, Science & Commerce. Raashi Khanna scored 86.6% in the Humanities stream and did her school proud. Abhisar Saini topped in the Science stream with 92.6% and beating her peers was Harleen Kaur of the commerce stream who scored 93.6%. There were many distinctions in the various subjects of every stream with 54 students securing distinctions in all five subjects. A major feat indeed in the world of Academics. This feature was honorably manifested by Mudit Kalra who scored 90.2% in the commerce stream and topped the exam in the physically handicapped category.



Abhisar Saini -
Topper Science Stream



Chandan Bansal-Topper
Commerce Without Maths



Mudit Kalra topped Class XII
Commerce Stream in Physically
Handicapped category

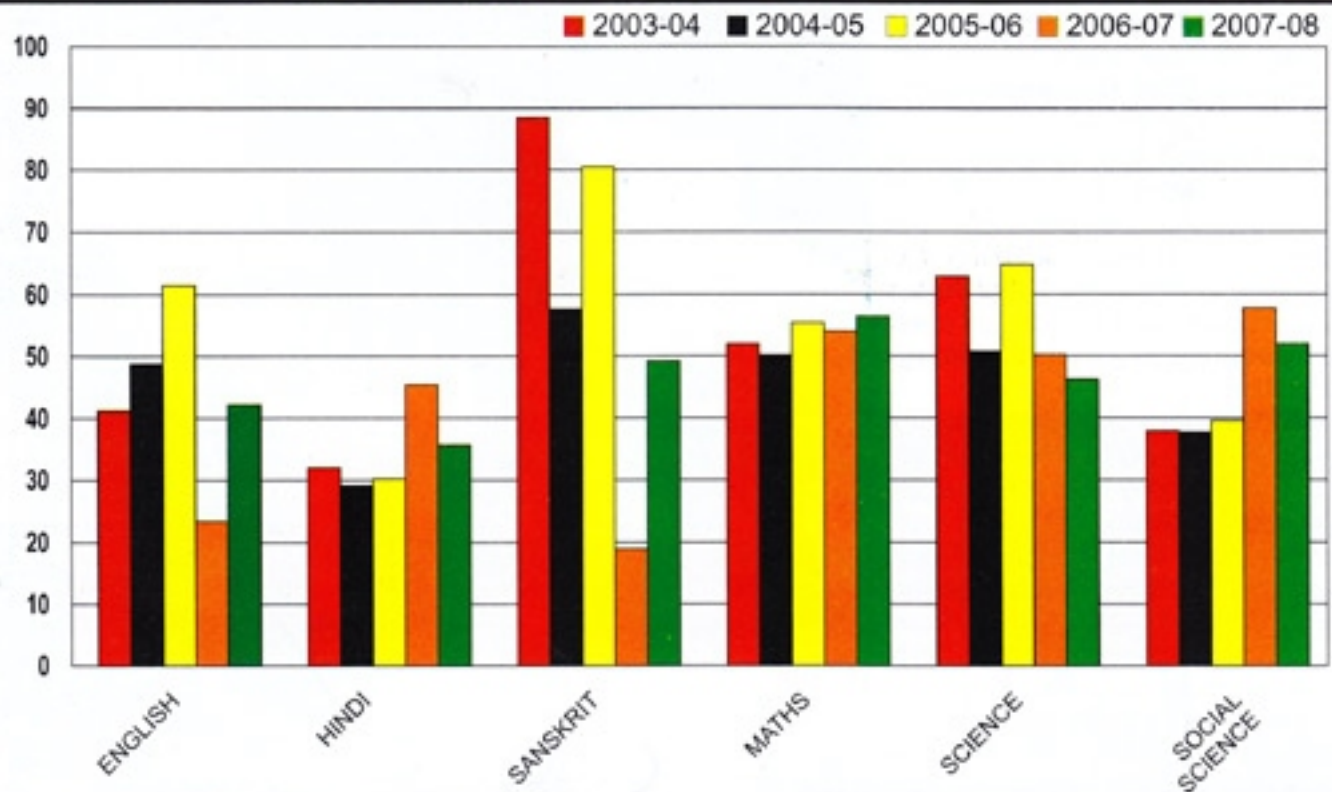


Harleen Kaur -
Topper Commerce Stream

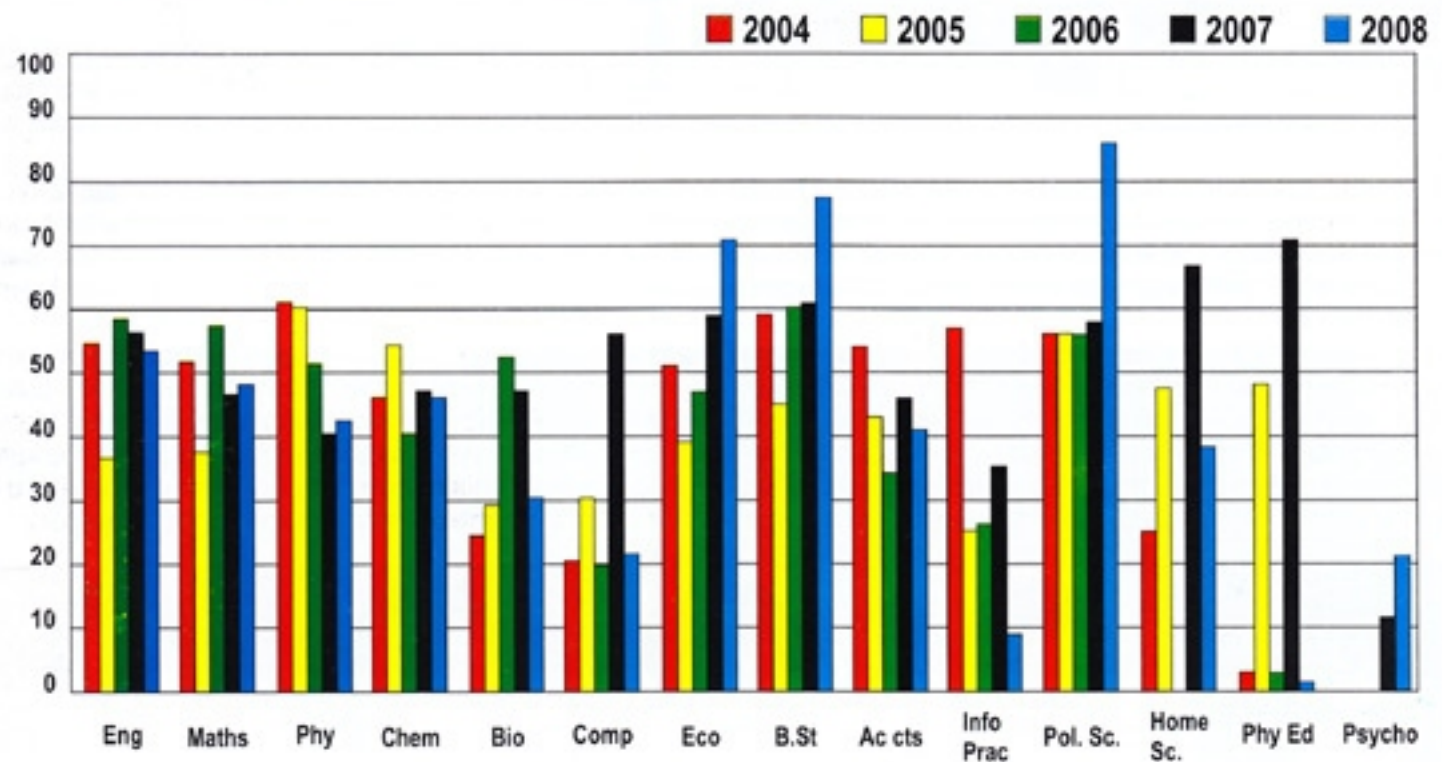


Rashmi Khanna -
Topper Humanities Stream

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF A-GRADE ACHIEVERS IN CLASS X



COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF A-GRADE ACHIEVERS IN CLASS XII



STUDENT TOPS CBSE/ICSE PARIKSHA

It was a great opportunity for me, Simar Kaur, XIC to have taken the CBSE/ICSE Pariksha. I went there with the motive of finding out how well prepared I was in Social Science as this pariksha is held before the CBSE Board Examinations. I was pleasantly surprised when I was informed that I had topped the exam. It was an awesome experience when I walked up to receive my award from the Education Minister, Mr. Arvinder Singh Lovely, at Shah Auditorium. I also received an I Pod and a woofer system. I take this opportunity to thank my teachers for having guided me throughout.

SCIENCE EXHIBITION 'QUEST 2008'



'Quest' Inaugurated by the eminent guests



Mathematical Projects-a great hit with parents

'Men love to wonder and that is the seed of Science' - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

'Go down deep into anything and you will find Mathematics.' - Dean Schlicter

Science and Mathematics go hand in hand. Hence the Science, Computer Science and Maths departments came together and worked on more than 155 projects in various categories from classes V to XII. All the projects were made by students in the school itself. The school reception was decorated beautifully and it motivated the onlookers to think about the two current topics 'Global Warming' and 'Possibility of life on other planets'. The various venues of the exhibition highlighted different themes like Space, The Food Pyramid, Melting of Polar Ice, Green House, Tangrams, Trigonometry and Maths in Monuments.

Prior to the main event many preliminary activities were held. The students and teachers were all charged up for the grand 'Maths and Science Exhibition. We celebrated QUEST from 21.8.2008 to 23.8.2008 with immense zeal and zest. The event started with 'One Minute Experiments' performed by the students of class VI. The budding scientists left the judges perplexed with their simple yet mind boggling one minute activities like moving ice cream sticks, magic with ink drops, sticking glasses on balloons etc. The following students emerged as winners.

I	Nikhil Titra, VIE Pranav Verma, VIE	Intelligent Ducks
II	Anisha bajaj, VIC Prateek Ralan, VIC	Removing coin without wetting hands
III	Ajay Vasan, VIC Amandeep Sabharwal, VIC	Egg in a bottle
Cons.	Shreya Behl, VIE Sakshi Grover, VIE	Sticking glasses on inflated balloons

Class VII combined their art and scientific temperament by putting up beautiful and informative bulletin boards, on the topic 'India and Space'.

The winners were :-

- I Class VII A
- II Class VII C
- III Class VII B

Classes VIII and IX put up a wonderful show with their power point presentations on the topics 'My Favourite Invention / Discovery (Life Sciences) and 'Waste Management'.

The winners were

I	Kashish Grover, VIIF Garvit Arora, VIIF	Stem cells	Cons. Prize Salil Arora, VIIIA Arvind Maniam, VIIIA
II	Nimrit Ahluwalia, VIID Shubhankar Jain, VIID	Insulin	

Topic - Waste management at Global Level

- I Namit Sethi, IXC
Bhuvan Kumar, IXC
- II Kashish Goyal, IXE
Rishabh Sethi, IXE

Cons. Prize
Gaurav Soni, IXB, Mohit Garg, IXB

Inspired by UNICEF's declaration of the year 2008-09 as the 'International year of Sanitation' class XI and XII participated in a Declamation on the topic 'Sanitation - need of the hour'. The winners were :-

I Vaibhav Dua, XIIF, II Devashree Sharma, XIB

Class X students had a separate category of 'Sci-Fun' which again had one minute activities with simple scientific principles but amazing results.

The judges of the events were Ms. S. Datta, eminent author of Science books, Ms. Renu Kaul, Senior Science teacher from St. Martin's Public School, Ms. Ritu Verma and Ms. Poonam Sethi, Senior Science and Maths teachers respectively as well as Ms. A. Gupta (Ed. Sup.)

GLIMPSES OF QUEST



Confident students of Std VIII answered the judges queries



Concern for global warming



Explaining the food pyramid



Aparajita Pandey and Harsh Thareja demonstrating their Sci-Fun activity

THE BEST EXHIBITS OF QUEST

EXHIBIT NAME	POSITION	NAME	CLASS
INVISIBLE INK	I	ASHUTOSH SHAW	V-D
ACID OR ALKALI	II	VINAY SINGLA	V-F
CONSERVATION OF ENERGY	III	TEJASVA KALRA	V-E
SLIDE PROJECTOR	I	MAYANK AJMANI, DHRUV MAKOL	VI-A
CT SCAN	II	DHRUV GUPTA, DHRUV KOHLI	VI-F
HUMAN JOINTS	III	SIDDHARTH SHARMA, MAYANK BATRA	VI-B
PICTOGRAPH	I	CHIRAG CHAWLA, SIDDHANT SAHNI	VI-F
FINDING FACTORS OF A NUMBER	II	PARTH TANWAR, SAKSHAM SACHDEVA	VI-B
BRAIN TEASERS	III	TANYA DHAWAN, ABHAY SHARMA	VI-C
TOYS FROM TRASH	I	KARAN JAGGI, CHRISTINA CHAND	VII-E
DYSLEXIA	II	AKANKSHA KUMAR, AKANKSHA GOEL	VII-C
HUMAN WASTE MANAGEMENT	III	SHREY JOLLY, SARTHAK BHATNAGAR	VII-A
DOUBLE BAR GRAPH	I	SIDDHARTH SINGH, TAVNEET SINGH	VII-D
AREA OF A PARALLELOGRAM	II	AYUSH MALIK, ARCHIT GOEL	VII-C
AREA OF A CIRCLE	III	NIHARIKA JAIN, NAVNEET ARORA	VII-E
WATER JET PUMP	I	AADARSH YADAV, ADITYA GOEL	VIII-A
OPTICAL ILLUSION	II	YATIN SALUJA, SACHIT ANAND	VIII-F
WRITING WITH ELECTRICITY	III	PRAYANSHU SHARMA, LAKSHAY KHURANA	VIII-C
IDENTITY $a^2 - b^2$	I	VANYA BHATNAGAR, VIBHU ARORA	VIII-A
MAPPING OF AN AREA	II	PAMPOSH PANDITA, PALLAVI BHARDWAJ	VIII-A
EULER'S FORMULA	III	DISHPREET SATIJA, CHARU KALRA	VIII-C, D
COMMUNICATION	I	AASHIMA BANSAL, NIHARIKA KAPOOR	IX-A
DENSITY	II	RAJESHWARI BANSAL	IX-C
SAVING ELECTRIC ENERGY	III	SACHIT GARG, KASHISH GOYAL	IX-E
ABACUS	I	VARUN BERIWAL, YOGENDRA BHARDWAJ	IX-D
KALEIDOSCOPE	II	ANUJ BHAMBRI, JITENDRA KATYAL	IX-A
$(a+b+c)^2$	III	PARUL AHUJA, HARSHIT MEHTA	IX-A
MATHS AMUSEMENT	III	DIPALI DUGGAL, PRACHI BAJAJ	IX-E
TURNING TEA INTO INK	I	SAHIL ARORA, SANCHIT GUGLANI	X-E
PICKING UP A GLASS	II	NIRAV TYAGI, ISHANK JAGGI	X-D
LORD KRISHNA'S MIRACLE	III	RUCHIKA HIRNA	X-F
SEPARATE THE BALLS	III	UJJWAL GULATI, VANSHAJ THAKUR	X-D
CLINOMETER	I	ROHAN SOOD, PRABHAT PANDEY	X-F
NEWTON'S DISC	II	LAKSHAY KHERA, KUSH JAIN	X-E
CONE RUNS UP HILL	III	GARV MALIK, TAJINDER PAL SINGH	X-C
SMOKE PURIFIER	I	SIDDHARTH PRUTHI	XI -E
POTATO CELL BATTERY	II	TARUN GUPTA	XI -E
WATER FILTER PLANT	III	RIA GOYAL, JYOTI AGARWAL	XI -E
TRIGNOMETRY TO MODEL CLIMATE	I	AVIRAL MATHUR	XI -B
LOGRITHMIC SPIRAL	II	PRIYA JYOTI	XI -B
CELL PHONE TRACKING	III	NIKHIL PURI, PALAK GUPTA, AASHIMA KHOSLA	XI -C

WORKING FOR A NOBLE CAUSE

A two day interactive programme was held on 28 and 29 August in the school by Goonj, an NGO working for underprivileged children. It was attended by the students of Class V. A special sheet was given to each student to know their views about the village students. Mr. Anshu Gupta, founder of Goonj explained to them the problems and needs of the village students. This was followed by a documentary film that showed the interaction of village students with urban students. It motivated our students to help their rural fellow students by donating clothes, stationery items and inspired them to sponsor mats, skipping ropes, balls, cards, story books, writing pads, etc developed by Goonj out of waste cloth/paper. A competition was also organized to write letters to friends in villages in the form of a poem, drawing or message.

SOS

42 students of classes V and VI visited SOS Village at Bawana on 12 April 2008. They were accompanied by their teachers Ms. S. Malik and Ms. M. Parashar. They interacted with the SOS co-ordinators to know how orphan children come to the SOS village and the scope for their education, career and marriage prospects as well as their integration into society as confident and self reliant individuals. The students visited the family homes to get a clear insight into the lives of these children. They were duly impressed by the simplicity and neatness of these homes which had all necessary amenities. They were touched by the family bonding between children and their surrogate mothers.

Prerna Niketan Sangh

In April 2008 a contribution of books and notebooks was made by our students, to Prerna Niketan Sangh, an NGO which looks after physically challenged children belonging to the poor strata of society. A group of 15 students of Class IX visited the 'Personality Development Camp' for physically challenged children on 13th May 2008. This was organized by the NGO Prerna Niketan Sangh. The students accompanied by their teachers, Ms. M. Parashar & Ms. S. Malik organized a series of activities like art competitions as well as games like Antakshari & Passing the Parcel. The students presented all the children at the camp with hand-made cards with inspiring quotations & small presents like pencil boxes, crayons & steel tiffin boxes. The students also had a fruitful interactive session with children and were very impressed with their positive outlook & their desire to succeed despite the odds. At the end of the visit the students redeemed their pledge to strengthen the ties between St. Mark's and Prerna Niketan.

Goonj

Our students extended a helping hand to Goonj, an NGO working for poor and destitute people all over India, by contributing 25 sacks and 4 cartons of material comprising clothes, stationery items, etc for less fortunate rural counterparts. Amen to the feeling of empathy and love which motivates the SMS family - students, faculty and management alike.

A group of students of class VIII attended 'Pratibimb' a rural urban interface event organized by Goonj, on 22.4.2008 at Bapu Samaj Seva Kendra. The students of the school presented a small skit highlighting the importance of literacy and 'Right to Education for All'. They also spoke about a new empowered India led by educated Indians. The students interacted with a number of rural children from different parts of India and satiated their curiosity with regard to problems faced by these rural children.

WORKING FOR 'ANGELS'

A group of students of classes XI and XII, along with teachers Ms. M. Parashar and Ms. S. Malik visited 'Angels' a small initiative run in the slum area of Vikas Puri by Mr. Sylvester. Angels focuses on curricular as well as extra-curricular development of about 60 slum children and makes the children aware about basic hygienic practices, academics, personality development and trains the youngsters in soccer. Our students posed a myriad of questions to Mr. Sylvester regarding the problems he faced and the requirements of the students. The young members of Angels greeted our students with love and even presented a small cultural programme. Our school presented them with eco-friendly bags and chocolates and promised to provide all possible help to them. A drive has already taken off to help these less fortunate children.

STUDENTS ATTEND VIPASSANA CAMP

Meditation has become a part and parcel of our curriculum. So, twenty seven boys of classes VIII and IX alongwith three teachers attended a 2-day 'Anapana' course at Vipassana Sadhana Sansthan from 8.8.08 to 10.8.2008. They got to know about the 'Anapana' technique in which a person is able to exercise control and improve concentration by concentrating on his breathing because breath is directly linked with different kinds of emotions that we undergo. It was a very fruitful and enriching experience.

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

CAREER COUNSELLING WORKSHOP

Ms. M. Mehta, Guidance Counsellor, participated in a Training Programme organized by Eduexcel in collaboration with Pearl School Business on 24.4.2008 at India International Centre. The speakers were Dr. V. S. Ravindran, Counselling Psychologist and Trainer, Dr. Ashutosh Bhupatkar, Prof. Management and Organizational Studies, PSB, Dr. I. M. Pandey, Prof. IIM, Chairman of Academic Council, PSB and Prof. Ashok Sanghi, Management Consultant. The programme focused on the changing trends in education, different types of career options and also covered the topic 'Entrepreneurship - A novel concept in Career Counselling'.

CAREER PLANNING SEMINAR

We organized a Seminar on "Career Planning" conducted by Ms. Payal Krishnan and Ms. Ridhi Makkar from Applect Learning Systems, co-ordinated by Ms. M. Mehta, Guidance Counsellor of the school, on 19.4.2008. The seminar was conducted for students of classes X and XI along with their parents. Ms. Krishnan spoke about career planning, its importance, steps that one must follow etc. She also briefed everyone about Career Assessment programme, how it helps in deciding upon one's professional stream in future, and how it creates more self awareness. Another Career Counselling Programme for students of classes X and XI was conducted on 11th and 12th July 2008, by Applect Learning Systems Pvt. Ltd. The aim of this programme was to enrich the students about the best suited streams as per their capabilities and the career options. This programme in which the parents also participated was conducted in 2 phases i.e. Group Counselling and Individual Counselling. The entire programme was very informative and successful.

ABACUS WORKSHOP

*The workshop on Abacus conducted by Mr. Ashwani Bansal from ICMAS (International Concept of Maths and System) made us aware how to develop concentration and creativity in children. He explained about ABACUS which is a prominent tool used in the Brain Exercises.

*It helps in improving the memory, audio-visual skills, Arithmetic skills and removes the fear of Maths and helps to improve the speed and accuracy of the students. It can be used for various operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, division LCM/GCF, squares, square roots, cube roots and decimal.

SCIENCE WORKSHOP

New State Academy Sr. Sec. School organized a science workshop on 12.7.2008 which was attended by Ms. S. Chand. The resource persons of the day were Mr. R. P. Sharma, Edu. Officer, who spoke on 'new trends' in MCQ for classes IX and X, motivating students to enjoy and appreciate Science. Dr. Hari Om Gupta, showed Micro Kits and their effective use in science teaching and Dr. Gagan Gupta, showed various activities in the classroom to make Physics teaching more interesting. The workshop was highly informative and it showed how teaching Science can be made more effective.

ART WORKSHOP

Camlin conducted a workshop for Art teachers and art enthusiasts on 15.7.2008. Teachers Ms. S. Pathela, Mr. D. Kalra and Ms. R. Parashar participated in this workshop, which introduced them to a new range of various art related products.

A WORKSHOP FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS

The Oxford University Press held an English Teaching workshop on 30.8.2008, which was attended by Ms. A. Taneja, Ms. M. Ghosh and Ms. H. Kaur. Ms. Shefali Ray, an ELT Consultant, conducted the workshop, which covered key aspects of teaching language skills, grammar, vocabulary, poetry and basic issues of testing and evaluation. It was a great learning experience for all the participants.

SOCIAL SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Social Science Workshop organized under the aegis of 'Forum of Public Schools' at Nav Bharti Public School was attended by Ms. Guninder, Ms. A. Arora and Ms. S. Malik on 9th August, 2008, Saturday. Subject experts from C.B.S.E. Ms. S.S. Rastogi and Mr. Jagdish Bharti highlighted changes in C.B.S.E. Curriculum in Social Science for the session 2008-2009. This workshop provided an excellent opportunity to get an insight into the changes brought about in the Curriculum as well as formulation of examination papers for the session (2008-2009).

TWT - THEATRE WORKSHOP

The Forum of Public Schools organized a two day workshop, on the 9th and 10th of May 2008. Its aim was to enlighten the teachers about theatre and how it can be moving, challenging, beautiful and honest. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Kuljeet Singh, Creative Director of 'Atelier' designing workshops on Creative Teaching and Creative Learning, incorporating Drama and Theatre in education techniques. TWT was an eight hour intensive action packed schedule where the teachers could explore their ability to help children to use their physical, vital and mental faculties to their full potential and make learning an enjoyable and ongoing process. It was an interesting, educational and informative session. The teachers who attended were Deepti Chopra and Anjali Sharma

NUANCES OF DIRECTION

Another workshop was held for teachers from 22 July to 24 July that was focussed at creating awareness about the nuances of theatre and direction and to successfully direct a play when working with students. It was conducted by the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and Ms. Ritika Anand. It was indeed a fruitful and enlightening experience.

SCHOOL SHINES AGAIN !

Our students were once again declared the overall winners of the Procom Quiz Contest at the national level for the year 2007-08. The trophy for the First Prize was bagged by the school for the third consecutive year. The following students won in different categories.

Puzzle - Mrinal Miglani III C

Maths - Parth Sharma, I B

English - Tavleen Kaur, II G

Aptitude - Manav Prabhakar, II A

Puzzle - Ginni Madan, IV D

Colour - Puneet Kukreja, VI B

Science - Mani Makkar, VIII B

N.C.C. RALLY

1 Delhi Girls Bn Kashmiri Gate, Delhi (Army Wing) organized an advanced training camp in Gurgaon Women's Hostel, Haryana, from 21 May to 31 May 2008. 400 cadets of different schools and colleges attended the camp. 17 cadets of our school attended this camp and were imparted training in firing, PT, drill, sports, map reading and first aid. The camp also organized competitions. Two cadets of our school Priyanka Marwah and Rashmeet won 1st and 2nd positions respectively in Debate competition. The aim of the camp was to develop the overall personality of the cadets.

STUDENTS VISIT RED FORT

51 members of the Heritage Club alongwith their teachers visited Red Fort on 15-5-2008, which is one of the most spectacular pieces of Mughal architecture built by Shah Jahan in 1639. Students visited the Moti Masjid, Naggar Khana, Diwan-i-am and Khas Mahal which forms an integral part of the Red Fort.

KANGRA ADVENTURE CAMP

The school organized an adventure training camp during the summer vacations. It was held in Bheer, 20 km from Kangra from 2 June to 6 June 2008. 43 children from VI to VIII with 4 teachers attended this camp. They learnt many activities like rope climbing, rappelling, river crossing etc. They also visited the Monastery there. It was a beautiful experience.

STUDENTS EXCEL IN THEATRE

Our students bagged the First Prize in an Inter-school Competition in the category of "Dramatization of a historical event" held on 7.5.08, organized by Bal Bharati Public School, Ganga Ram Hospital Marg. The participants were

NIMRIT KAUR AHLUWALIA

PARAS BERIWAL

LAKSHAY KHURANA

PRAYANSHU SHARMA

PANKIT ARORA

SAHIL TALWAR

NAVYA CHAWLA

MEHER JEET KAUR

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT

Dhairya Taneja, student of class V participated in a Skating Meet organized by Ryan International School on 29.4.2008. She has made the school proud by winning a Gold Medal in Rink Race-I quads 300 mts.

THE BEGINNING

How do schools function outside India? What is the classroom atmosphere like? These were some questions that kept working on my sensibilities. I was really curious and then got a chance to observe the difference firsthand when I was part of the Teacher Exchange Programme to Grums, Sweden. The difference is not very striking because children are the same all over the world. The difference is on account of factors such as the size of the school, the culture and other external forces.

Our school has of course carved a niche for itself in the home front but wanted St. Mark's to have a name internationally too. That was when I came upon www.epals.com through which I met Mr. Magnus Johansson. And the rest, as they say, is history. Both of us worked together for the 'Webba Webzine' and are currently working for 'Grumsmums'. We are now looking forward to our students visiting each other in the near future. And we are sure that it will definitely happen. After all opportunities don't knock your door twice and once SMS gets an opportunity, it doesn't let it go waste

Ms.Geeta Rajan

WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS

Workshops on various topics were conducted by HT PACE and NIE on 21.4.2008 for students of classes VI to IX. For class VI water conservation with the help of a Power Point presentation.

For class VII, personality development and newspaper usage were talked about.

In class VIII topics on life skills like anger management and time management.

In class IX, a workshop on newspaper craft was conducted.

The students benefited from these workshops which covered a varied range of topics.

A Card Making activity was conducted on 21.4.2008, under the able guidance of Ms. Radha, Consultant from HT PACE. She guided the students and gave them various ideas. She also demonstrated the different styles to make a card look beautiful and colourful.

A WORKSHOP FOR HEALTH AND HYGIENE

A "Mother-Daughter Health-Hygiene Programme" was organized for the students of classes VI and VII on 23 April 2008. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Ritika Lamba from Procter & Gamble, and coordinated by Ms. M. Mehta, Guidance Counsellor of the school. It focussed on helping young girls to cope with the biological, physical and psychological changes they go through during the adolescent period in a confident manner.

WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS OF CLASS XI

There was felt a need to tone down anger among the students of senior students. So, to achieve our aim we organized a workshop on dealing with aggression on 22.7.2008. It was conducted by Ms. Amal Dev, a Clinical Psychologist from Max Hospital. Various topics like difference between assertiveness and aggression, how to control anger and maintain healthy relations etc. were discussed. The workshop ended with an interactive session.

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

We organized a workshop on Personality Development for boys of class XI on 12.8.2008. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Ved Prakash from Procter & Gamble group. The workshop focussed on 'speak good, feel good and look good'. Emphasis was given on good communication skills, positive self talk, self affirmations and how all these affect one's personality.

INTER CLASS ENGLISH RECITATION COMPETITION

An Inter Class English Recitation Competition was held on 21.7.2008 for classes 1 to V. Various themes were taken up by different classes. The themes were class I -Animals, Class II- Family, Class III-School, Class IV-Enjoyment and Class V-Country. Other classes also participated enthusiastically in English Recitation Competitions organised on other days. The winners were:

CLASS I

1. SNEHA SHARMA, I D
2. SARTHAK SACHDEVA, I C
3. NITIGAYA DUTT CHOUDHARY, I E

CONS. PRIZE

LAQSHYAA SALUJA, I C
NAVYA AGGARWAL, I G
DIGYANSHI ARORA, I A

CLASS II

1. MANAS MEHTA, II C
2. PRAVLEEN KAUR, II E
3. RAADHICA WASAN, II C

CONS. PRIZE

PAARTH MADAN, II F
NIKITA ARORA, II E
TRIPT KAUR, II G

CLASS III

1. RASHI MEHAN, III B
2. MAANVI MUDGIL, III C
3. KHUSHBOO DHULL, III G

CONS. PRIZE

CHHAVI WADHERA, III F
PRANAV SINDURA, III C
YASHITA GUPTA, III G

CLASS IV

1. VANSI VOHRA, IV C
2. PARAS PRUTHI, IV C
3. SHIKHAR SURESH, IV B

CONS. PRIZE

ARSH TAYAL, IV F
JAHNAVI SETH, IV E
SAKSHAM BHAGAT, IV F

CLASS V

1. ARPIT AHLUWALIA, V F
2. SUASHA GIRDHAR, V C
3. DEV SONI, V F
2. AAYUSHI ARORA, V B
3. KASHISH BANSAL, V A

CONS. PRIZE

ISHAN ARORA, V C

CLASS VI

1. PALAK HAJELA, VI E
2. SHREYA BEHL, VI E
3. SRISHTI BANSAL, VI E

CLASS VII

1. SHIBANGI NAG, VII D
2. ROHIT RAMAN BANERJEE, VII D
3. NAVNEET KAUR, VII E

CLASS VIII

1. NIKITA SETHI, VIII G
2. VANYA BHATNAGAR, VIII A
3. PRAJNA, VIII E

CLASS IX

1. SAHIBA KHANNA, IX B
2. MITALI BAKSHI, IX E
3. MANI MAKAR, IX C

CLASS X

1. MEHAK JUNEJA, X C
2. HARSHLEEN KAUR, X D
3. SHIVAM SHEEL, X A

CLASS XI

1. JATIN ARORA, XI G & SIDDHARTH PRUTHI, XI E
2. SIMAR KAUR, XI C
3. URVASHI GUPTA, XI E & AVNI DHINGRA, XI G

CLASS XII

1. NISHTHA BATHLA, XII C & VARUN MONGA, XII E
2. GARIMA CHOPRA, XII D
3. APOORVA CHHABRA, XII C

STUDENTS ATTEND A COMIC PLAY

A comic play 'Pepper - the Phantom Pet' was staged by a group of young children in the age group of 7-14 years. It was directed by Ms. Gouri Nilakantan Mehta. The young artists performed very well. The students of classes IV and V enjoyed the short play, which talked about various pet animals as well as about an imaginary pet.

MOVIE DAY OUT FOR STUDENTS

At school studies and entertainment go hand in hand as we believe in over all development of the students. The students of class V, watched the movie 'The Day After Tomorrow' on 24.7.2008. The show was sponsored by N.I.E. Students Education. Children found the movie interesting and exciting.

'EARTH DAY' CELEBRATED

On the occasion of Earth Day, the Inquisitive Club organized a quiz on 'Wildlife' for the classes of middle section to create an awareness amongst the students about the endangered species of the world, the national parks and sanctuaries in India and other animal facts. Since this power point quiz was conducted in the classrooms, 76 teams participated and all the other students enjoyed it as the audience. Bonus points were awarded to the houses of the winners. Besides these a number of other activities for classes VI to IX were conducted like 'Pen Holder Making from Waste' for class VI, 'Making Book Marks for class VII, 'Folder Making' and Paper Bag making' for classes VIII and IX respectively.

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) organized a Poster Making competition on the theme of 'Use Public Transport' in which more than 50 schools participated. Siddharth Dagar, Rajeshwari Bansal and Kashish Goyal of class IX participated in this competition. Siddharth Dagar bagged the third prize and won a cash award of Rs. 1,000/-. He received the award from the Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Mr. Namo Narain Meena, on 22 April 2008 on the occasion of Earth Day celebrations.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Sanjay Dhawan, a student of Class XII, of 2006 - 07 batch, was awarded the title of Amul Vidya Bhushan for outstanding Academic Performance at the Central/State Board Higher Secondary Examinations held in March - April 2007. Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Principal, handed over the prize to him. The prize included a Trophy, a Book and a cheque. He shared his wonderful memories of the school with our Principal. Though he has passed out from our school it was good to know that he still kept himself abreast with all the current happenings of the school via the school website. He is currently pursuing his M.B.B.S. from University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HERITAGE QUIZ

The CBSE Heritage India Quiz 2008-09 was held on 24.8.2008 at Delhi Public School, Rohini. Kshitij Jhamb, Karan Baweja and Jatin Baweja of class XII participated in the preliminary round of the Heritage Quiz.

THE INQUISITIVE CLUB AT WORK

'Confidence never comes from having all answers,
It comes from being open to all questions.'

Students of classes VI to IX had their first Quiz of this academic year on 'Wildlife' and 'Disasters'. The quiz was a multimedia presentation conducted simultaneously in all the sections. It was an Inter House Competition with the respective class-teachers as the quizmasters. The children had a whale of a time answering the questions which were carefully compiled by the Club members. The event was educative as well as fun.

WE WIN AGAIN.

On 29-8-2008 Siddharth Rajan and Jatin Arora of class XI represented our school in an Inter School English Debate Contest at S.S.Mota Singh School, Guru Harkrishan Nagar, and walked away with the II prize as a team.

STUDENT SHINES IN WIZARD HUNT

Devashree Sharma, XIB was adjudged the Third Best Speaker in Extempore Debate in an Inter School competition 'English Wizard Hunt' organized by Jagat Convent Public School on 29.8.2008.

e - Pictionary by Buttercups and Bluebells

Our Primary students are embarking on an English Project called 'e-Books' in partnership with the GHIM MOH PRIMARY SCHOOL, IT CLUB, SINGAPORE. Their first project e - Pictionary is ready. It will certainly enrich students' learning in the English language and improve their ICT skills. The students were trained to work on MS Power Point in May and within fifteen days they came out with an incredible result.

The participating students are :

1. Manav Prabhakar	III-A	7. Devyansh	III-G
2. Mandeep Singh	III-A	8. Shikhar Suresh	IV-B
3. Vineet Kumar	III-C	9. Shikhar Juneja	IV-B
4. Jaspreet Singh	III-C	10. Riya Gupta	IV-A
5. Jasmine Grover	III-E	11. Harshita Kacodia	IV-F
6. Arpit Mukheja	III-E	12. ArshTayal	IV-F

Essay Writing competition

An Inter Class English Essay writing competition was held for classes IX-XII, to encourage the students to develop a flair for writing and writing well. The topics were related to social and globally related issues. The following students excelled:-

CLASS IX

CHIRAG KHATRI	I	IXA
SHIBIKA SURESH	II	IXD
K. VAISHNAVI	III	IXE

CLASS X

RITI PANDYA	I	XD
KUSH JAIN	II	XE
SURMIT BHUI	III	XB

CLASS XI

DEVASHREE SHARMA	I	XIB
AASHIMA KHOSLA	II	XIC
MAYANK KHERA	III	XIF

CLASS XII

KARAN BAWEJA	I	XIIF
KSHITIJ JHAMB	II	XIIF
ANJALI GAMBHIR	III	XIIB

HINDI RECITATION COMPETITION

An Inter Class Hindi Recitation Competition was held on 22-7-2008 for classes VI to VIII. 38 students participated and recited poems of eminent and new poets. The Prize winners were :-

CLASS VI

I SARTHAK SAXENA, VIE
II MANMEET KAUR KOHLI, VIB
III MANVEEN KAUR, VID

CLASS VII

I PULKITA SHARMA, VII B
II PRITIKA, VIIA
III MAYANK JAIN, VIIA

CLASS VIII

I VRITIKA JAIN, VIIIA
II NIMRIT KAUR, VIIID
II SHAIKEN CHAWLA, VIIIF
III SHUBHANKAR JAIN, VIIID

A MAGICAL TREAT FOR CLASS V

'Aabra Ka Dabra' does it ring a bell? Yes, it was a magical bonanza organized by NIE on 21-4-2008 for students of class V. Prof. B. Kamesh not only entertained the students with his tricks, but also related the tricks with everyday life. Thus, he was able to convey a few practical messages to the children. The students were glad and thoroughly enjoyed the magic show.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

An 'Orientation Programme' for the parents of the new entrants was organized on 12.3.2008 at school. The programme was initiated by Ms.R.Sethi, Vice Principal followed by the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, who addressed the parents regarding the rules and regulations of the school. She stressed on the inculcation of high ideals and moral behaviour. 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.

Another 'Orientation Programme' was organized on 20.3.2008 for the outgoing students of class V. The programme started with an introductory speech given by the Vice Principal Ms. R. Sethi followed by detailed information given to the parents by the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal. The programme concluded with cultural items presented by the students. Overall it was a very informative programme which was enjoyed by all. It aimed at informing the parents of the various changes that take place in the curriculum from class VI onwards.

HANDWRITING COMPETITION

To encourage beautiful handwriting in students, a "Handwriting Competition" was held for the students of classes I to V on 23 April 2008. Students wrote in the most beautiful cursive handwriting. They were delighted to participate in the competition. Three students from each section were declared winners.

I	II	III
IA ISHITA SHARMA	ABHINAV ARORA	MINAL ZIYA KHAN
IB RUSHIL MUNJAL	KASHISH LONGIANY	VIBHAV
IC MANVEER	ARUSHI SALUJA	SAINA SURI
ID VIBHOR GROVER	HARDIK KOHLI	SUPREET ARORA
IE NITIGAYA DUTT CHAUDHARY	NAKUL KHANNA	ADITYA KATYAL
IF KASHMITA CHOUDHARY	SNEH BEDI	JATIN BANSAL
IG NAVYA AGGARWAL	DHRUV CHAWLA	SANYA AGGARWAL
IIA MANI NIJHAWAN	AARZOO	KUSHAGRA BEDI
IIB GEETANSH SACHDEVA	AKSHIT GUPTA	ROHIT BAGGA
IIC MANISH WASAN	PAARUG SETHI	BHAVYA GAURI
IID KHUSHBOO JUNEJA	GAURANG ALAGH	KABIR S.KHURANA
IIE BHAVESH SETHI	AISHWARYA BANSAL	SANYA KAPOOR
IIF RAHUL PANDE	ISHIKA KALRA	VANSHIKA YADAV
IIG RIA BHATIA	TANISHQ JUNEJA	BHUMIKA VERMA
IIIA KASHISH NANDA	SHRISTI THAKUR	YUKTI RAWAL
IIIB ARPIT GUPTA	SHIVAM MAKOL	PAYAL
IIIC PRANAV SINDURA	TANYA	LUSH GULATI
IIID NAMITA GOYAL	TANYA SONEJA	SONALI GIOTRA
IIIE HITANSHI NARANG	KARAN ARORA	SIVGUN KAUR
IIIF KANIKA	DAKSHITA SAHNI	PULKIT SHARMA
IIIG BALDEEP SINGH	URVI GOEL	MEHUL MALHOTRA
IVA RUCHI KEJRIWAL	HIMANI MADAN	KINSHUK DUREJA
IVB AKANSH GUPTA	KRIKA GANDHI	SHIVAM JUNEJA
IVC SUJATA MAHAJAN	ANNIE OSAN	RASHI AGGARWAL
IVD MUSKAAN PANDYA	RASHIKA	SAKSHI KHANEJA
IVE AMAN SHARMA	SHAMBHAVI GAUTAM	ADITI NANDA
IVF PARTH VASHIST	TEJASWI DABAS	MOKSH MARWAHA
IVG VAIBHAV GROVER	ROHAN GARG	
	YASHMEET SINGH	
VA VIDUSHI KHANNA	KARAN CHADHA	MAYANK RAWAL
VB SHRIYA SETH	VANSHUL SUNEJA	KRITI
VC MAYANK SHARMA	MUSKAN GULATI	RUSHALI SETHI
VD SHIVAM CHAUHAN	LAKSHAY ARORA	SHIVAM MITTAL
VE VARDAN PURI	LAKSHAY KAPUR	GEETANSHI DHAWAN
VF AKHIL	KANIKA KARWAL	PRAGYA KEDIA
VG MAGHAV GOEL	ARUL	SAMARTH GUPTA
	OJAS TAYAL	

SPELLING COMPETITION

The art of phonetics, and correct spelling has always been a challenge to students studying English language. To promote the importance of accurate spellings, a "Spelling competition" was organized for the students of classes I to V on 28 April 2008. Students with the top three scores were given prizes from each class.

I	II	III
NITIGAYA DUTT, I E	KASHMITA CHOUDHARY, I F	SUPRIYA, I C
DHRITI JUNEJA, I D		SARTHA SACHDEVA, I C
ISHAN, I C		
JASREET KAUR, II C	YATHAARTH SINGH NAGPAL, II F	SEHAJ JAGGI, II E
TANMAY CHOPRA, II C	TANISHQ BABBAR, II F	MANAS, II C
GAURANG, II C	KHUSHBOO JUNEJA, II D	ARSHNOOR, II C
SAARTHA GUPTA, II E	ROHIT BAGGA, II C	SHUBHO ROY, II C
	KHUSHI BHAL, II E	PARTH SHARMA, II B
	SAMBHAV KUMAR, II E	RIDDHIRUP BERA, II B
		KAVISHA BHATIA, II B
ANANYA, III D	ARPIT GUPTA, III B	ARINAV SINGH, III B
MANAV PRABHAKAR, III A		SAPAN III F
SHIKHAR JUNEJA, IV B	JATIN SATIJA, IV G	RIYA GUPTA, IV A
	SHIKHAR SURESH, IV B	RITIK, IV G
	AASTHA NAGPAL, IV D	YASTIKA KALRA, IV E
	JAHNAVI, IV E	MUSKAAN GOEL, IV D
		RASHI AGGARWAL, IV D
		ANSHIKA GANDHI, IV A
LAKSHAY ARORA, V C	YASHASWI, V G	AAYUSHI GOEL, V B
	KASHISH ARORA, V E	SHRIYA SETH, V B
		MAYANK SHARMA, V C
		PRAGYA MADAN, V D

WE CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day celebrations commenced with the Chairman Mr. T. P. Aggarwal unfurling the National Flag followed by the National Anthem. The primary students performed marvellously, with melodious patriotic songs. There were colourful dances, patriotic songs, followed by an extremely motivating and touching speech by our Principal, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal.

The speech highlighted the need of the future citizens i.e. "Us" to wake up and hear the call. She reminded us of our great past and blessed us for a glorious future. The speech concluded with words dedicated to our Motherland.



Students of Class VI - VIII presenting a Choreography at Independence Day.



United we stand, despite all distinctions - the message on Independence Day

MUSKAAN PANDYA MAKES US SMILE WITH PRIDE

It surely was a time to smile as Muskaan Pandya, a student of class IV, won the III prize in 'The Art of Childhood' contest held in Romania. Organized by School No. 1, Seini, Romania, there were 779 entries from nine countries - Listonia, Italy, India, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and Turkey. The jury consisted of prominent people from the field of art in Romania. The picture is reproduced on page 24.



Muskaan Pandya Class IV

JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATED

The spirit of festival came alive when budding children of class I dressed up as Radha and Krishna on account of Janmashtami celebrations on 22 August 2008. The tiny tots enacted scenes such as the birth of Lord Krishna, Lord Krishna and Mother Yashodha, Balroop and Rasleela with Radha and Gopis. All the children performed with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. The Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, accompanied by Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi, Educational Supervisors Ms. R. Anand and Ms. A. Gupta joined the celebrations and the traditional puja



Rasleela in Progress - Students of Class I



'Makhan Chor' with friends

MARQUIZ 2008

"Luck is a matter of opportunity and preparation meeting at one place".

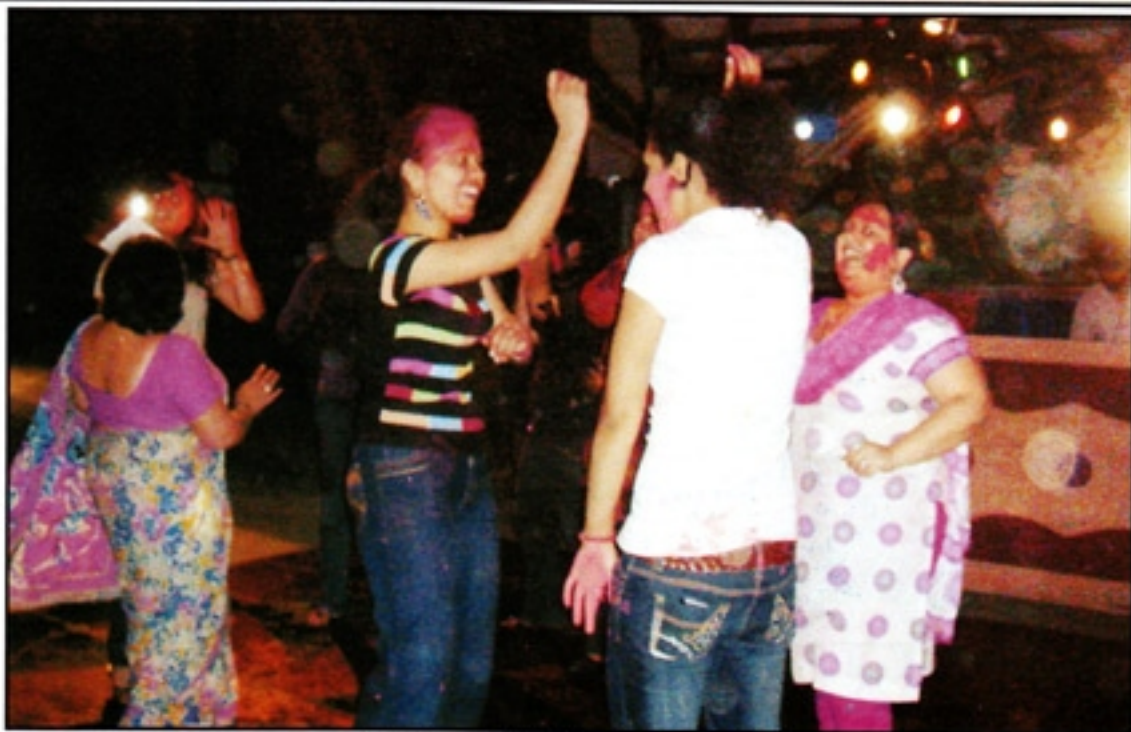
Opportunity and preparation met on 28.7.2008, when MARQUIZ-2008 - an Interhouse Quiz Competition was held for classes IX to XII and Jatin Baweja (XII), Ashima Khosla (XI), Bhavuk Arora (X) and Karan Chopra (IX) of Patel House smiled when they stole the show by their impressive performance and were declared the champions. Nehru House and Shastri House were the I and II runners-up respectively. The Chairman Mr. T. P. Aggarwal, Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi, graced the occasion with their presence. "It is a three-way learning process, among the participants, quiz masters and the audience," said Ms. A. Aggarwal in her concluding speech.



Student Quizzers of today, Masters of tomorrow - Winners of Marquiz

HOLI MILAN

The Old Students Association of our school, 'Atoot Bandhan' organized a Holi Milan' on 21.3.2008 in the school play ground. They celebrated Holi with dry colours, snacks and gujjias. Everyone danced to the music provided by the DJ remembering those good, old days. It was an extremely emotional moment for those who were coming back to the school after a long time. For Lovleen Kaur, of the batch of 2002 it was fun being there after 5 years and meeting her old teachers. The office bearers of Atoot Bandhan were present and saw that all the ex-students had a great time.



The Alumni Meet to Celebrate Holi

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN SKATING

Chirag Mehndiratta, student of class III participated in a Skating Competition - 'Roller Sports Race 2008' held at Sports Complex, on 26 and 27 July 2008. Children from different parts of Delhi participated in this event. Chirag won a Gold Medal in the age category of 6-8 yrs. He had earlier participated in L. B. Shastri Memorial Roller Skating Championship 2008 and had bagged a Silver Medal.

FUN AND LEARNING GO HAND IN HAND

Students of class III went on an educational trip to Agra on 26.7.2008. The children were taken for this trip to see one of the seven wonders of the world- the Taj Mahal and also to be made familiar with the rich heritage of India. The children were first taken to Taj Mahal followed by a visit to the Agra Fort. They also visited the Fatehpur Sikri and Buland Darwaza. and the Dargah of Salim Chisti. It was indeed a learning experience for the students as they learnt to be independent and self reliant.

STUDENTS AT MT. ABU

A team of students of classes VI and VII accompanied by teachers and their Educational Supervisor, visited Mt.Abu in August 2008. They visited Dilwara Temples, Sunset Point, Toad Rock and Guru Shikhar. Overall, it was an enjoyable and a learning experience.

TRIP TO AMRITSAR

Students of class V got an opportunity to visit Amritsar on 7 August 2008. The students had a gala time and enjoyed themselves. The students visited the Wagha Border and were delighted to see the retreat programme. They paraded with the tri colour too. The students visited the Durgiana temple, Jallianwala Bagh and the wonderful Golden Temple. The journey by Shatabadi Express was another wonderful experience.

STUDENTS IN JAIPUR

Seventy Five students of class IV alongwith five teachers visited Jaipur on 1st and 2nd August 2008. This was an opportunity for students to learn about the rich, historic and cultural heritage of Rajasthan. Students stayed at the ethnic Chowki Dhani. In the evening, the students visited the fair and witnessed various forms of folk art like dances, magic shows, puppet shows etc. They also visited the famous Amber Fort and Albert Hall Museum.



Std IV at Chowki Dhani

STUDENTS AT SPIC MACAY CONVENTION

Eleven fortunate girls, of class 10 and 12 got a golden opportunity of attending the 23rd National Convention of SPIC MACAY at Kohima from 12 to 24 June 2008, accompanied by teachers Ms.K.Mehta and Ms. A.Singhal . Many eminent personalities from the field of Music, Dance and Art like Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia, Pt . Vishwamohan Bhatt, Ashwini Bhide, Anjolie Ela Menon etc. came to Kohima and displayed their unusual talent. Students also got the opportunity to learn new skills under the enlightening guidance of Dadi Padamji, Ustad Abdul Rashid Khan, Ustad Fahimuddin Dagar etc. The tour introduced the students to a totally different sphere of life and made them aware of the rich cultural heritage of India. The students were not only mesmerized by the scenic beauty of Kohima but were also ecstatic to learn the nuances of art and culture that our country is proud of.

PATRIOTIC SONG COMPETITION

An Inter House Patriotic Song Competition was organized on 30.7.2008 in two groups. Group I consisted of classes I to III while classes IV and V were in Group II. Each group consisted of four teams. The performance of the students generated patriotic fervour in every one present there. They performed very well. In Group I, Nehru House won the First Prize while in Group II, Gandhi House was the winner.



Nehru House - II Prize winner - Inter House Patriotic Song Competition (IV & V)



Patel House - II Prize winner - Inter House Patriotic Song Competition (I to III)



Nehru House I Prize winner of Inter House Patriotic Song Competition (I to III)

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Siddharth Pruthi - Class X - Best Student of the Year



Mani Makkar VIII - Best Student of the Year



Palak Hajela V - Best Student of the Year



Prema Ahuja XII - Best Student of the year



Lakshay Arora -Best Student of the Year of class IV



Nihit Sethi Best Student of the Year from class VII

PHOTO FEATURE



Class I winners of English Poetry Recitation



Class II winners of English Poetry Recitation.



Nikita Sareen V D - Proud Scholarship Holder



We work for a social cause - Students with the inmates of Prerna Niketan Sangh



Suasha Girdhar (V C) and Paras Pruthi (4 C) Patel House Captain and Vice Captain



The Patriotic fervour in the air on Independence Day celebrations by Gandhi House Students.

PHOTO FEATURE



The Winners of the Power Point Presentation



Muskan Pandya's illustration-III prize in the Art of Childhood Competition



Picnic time at Lake Vanern in Sweden



Theatre Workshop in progress for teachers



The proud Scholarship Holders Classes I - V



The jubilant winners of Class V Inter Class English Recitation Competition