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## EDITORIAL

I asked God -

Why do flowers smell so sweet?

Why does the sky spread like a blue sheet?

God answered -

It is love, my dear.....

You'll find it every where.....

I asked God again

Why do I see blood all around?

Why are there corpses on the ground?

God replied -

When hatred reigns

Then love drains ....

Let's revive love again,

and bring an end to

agony and pain....

It's time to rise and unite against the fanatic terror that lurks over all. Let's all believe in the power of love that can move mountains, an act that can turn enemies into friends. Kindle the candle of love in every heart, across all boundaries of religion, caste and creed. Let us give a terror free world to our children - the call of the hour.

## WE PRESENT 'RANG-TARANG'

The evenings of 8th and 9th of November 2008 came alive, as we held our Cultural Fiesta - 'rang tarang', presented by the students of Senior Section and the Primary Section respectively. It was an opportunity for students to showcase their creative talent. At SMS we believe in the overall development of the students and so we provide equal opportunities to all students to come forward and hone their talent in varied fields. Approximately 1000 students participated in the various programmes.



DCP Sharad Aggarwal lighting the inaugural lamp at Rang Tarang



The Chief Guests for the senior and the junior functions were the Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. Sharad Aggarwal and Dr. Bijender Singh, MLA respectively. They were escorted by the Chairman Mr. T. P. Aggarwal and the Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal. The evenings were a perfect fusion of music, dance and colour. There were folk dances from the states of Punjab, Haryana, Bengal, Kerala and Maharashtra alongwith the classical dance forms Bharatnatyam and Kathak. That music and dance have no borders was showcased through the Chinese Fan Dance presented by our students. Music ranged from the traditional Sufi to western beats. The colourful costumes and the colour splash by the students created a beautiful rainbow. The graceful movements of the students made the ballet 'Sainani' very memorable. The little ones brought alive the various forms of Sri Krishna. They also presented Hans Christian Anderson's immortal classic 'The Wild Swans.' There were beautifully choreographed pieces depicting the celebration of womanhood as well as thought provoking and humorous skits. Parents appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed the programme.



Dr. Bijender Singh M.L.A. being welcomed at Rang Tarang



The mesmerizing Western Dances Presented by the primary students



Classes I and II presenting the 'The Wild Swans'



## GLIMPSES OF rang tarang



A Bengali Wedding



"Sainani" - the ballet in progress



'The Award Function' - the play in progress





A Bharatnatyam dance by Class III - Glimpses of India



Class II students put on their dancing shoes



Our little musicians at their best.



'The Comedy of Horrors' in progress



Celebrating Womanhood - a choreography





Music and Dance have no borders - A Chinese Dance being presented by classes IX and X



Saraswati Vandana presented at Rang Tarang



A Western Dance by classes IV and V





'Lakh Roop Tere' the facets of Lord Krishna by Class V

## STUDENTS FELICITATED

The meritorious students of Std.X and XII (CBSE Results) who were awarded with trophies during Rang Tarang were

**Toppers of class X**  
 AKANKSHA GUPTA (95.4%)  
 EIRA KOCHAR(95.2%)  
 NIMISHA SETHI (94.4%)

**Seven students who scored 100% in Maths**

Abhijeet Khanna	Eira Kochar
Shubhangi Srivastava	Akanksha Gupta
Mayank Khera	Prabhakaran Singh
Parul Jain	

**Toppers of class XII**

Science	ABHISAAR SAINI (92.6%)	Commerce without Maths	CHANDAN BANSAL (81%)
Commerce with Maths	HARLEEN KAUR (93.6%)	Humanities	RASHI KHANNA (86.6%)

Mudit Kalra did us proud by scoring 90.2% and topping the exam in Delhi Region in the physically handicapped category.

**Subject wise toppers also awarded**

Home Science	PREETHIKA MALHOTRA (83%)	Physics	ABHISAR SAINI (97%)
Informatics	MONICA JUNEJA (79%)	Chemistry	ABHISAR SAINI (98%)
Economics	MUDIT KALRA (97%)	Biology	NUPURKHURANA (88%)
Phy.Ed.	MAYANK DHINGRA (88%)	Accountancy	GEETIKAJAWA & ANKUR MALHOTRA (96%)
Comp. Sc.	SANYA NAGPAL (95%)	Business Std.	VIPUL JINDAL (97%)
English	ARSHIA JAIN (92%)	Pol.Sc.	RAASHI KHANNA (95%)
Maths	RUPINJEET & SUGANDHA GOEL (99%)	Psychology	RAASHI KHANNA (92%)



Eira Kochhar taking her prize from DCP Sharad Aggarwal



Mudit Kalra receiving his prize for excelling in the Physically Challenged Category



## CONGRATULATIONS

Our Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, is a multifaceted personality. Besides being keenly involved in the field of education and philanthropy he is actively involved in the field of media and entertainment. Recently, he won the elections a second time, with a thumping majority for the post of President of Indian Motion Pictures Producers Association (IMPPA) and Chairman of Chamber of Motion Pictures Producers. He is also the Chairman of Film Maker's Combine. His interaction with innovative minds and the world wide exposure he has is sure to have a positive and creative impact on all of us. We wish him all the best.

## YOUNG LEADERS IN THE MAKING

The Investiture Ceremony for the year 2008-09 was held on 04.9.2008. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Chairman Mr. T. P. Aggarwal, Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and the Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi.

The newly appointed Office Bearers took oath of honesty and sincerity, led by the Head Boy, Satvik Pathak.

The Vice Head Boy and the Vice Head Girl are Tarun Gupta (XIE) and Devashree Sharma (XIB) respectively. The Sports Department have Harbeer Bassi (XIE) and Cheshta Uppal (XIE) as their leaders while Bhanu Nangru (XIE) and Nimisha Sethi (XIB) are the Vice School Captains.

The Vice Captains of Shastri House are Dhruv Gupta (XIB) and Anubha Misra (XIE), Jatin Arora (XIG) and Ritika Mehndiratta (XIA) are the Vice Captains of Gandhi House. The Vice Captains of Patel House are Siddharth Rajan (XIC) and Aashima Khosla (XIC) while Nehru House Vice Captains are Siddharth Pruthi (XIE) and Simar Kaur (XIC).

Discipline Incharges also got their badges of honour on this day. The Editorial team who took the responsibility of the School Newsletter are:-

Sreejoni Nag (XIC) elected as the Chief Editor while Ankita Nagpal (XID), Prachi Grover (XIC), Eira Kochar (XIB) and Aradhana (XIE) are the Co-Editors. The Reporters are Mani Makkar (IXC), Shibika Suresh (IXD), Tanya Arora (IXB), Disha Sethi (IXD), Aashima Bansal (IXA) and Rajeshwari Bansal (IXC).

The ceremony concluded with a few words of advice and encouragement by the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal.



The senior office bearers



## STUDENTS WITNESS KATHAK AND LEARN PUPPETRY

Under the aegis of SPIC MACAY our students witnessed an awe inspiring and mesmerizing Kathak dance recital and Lecdem by Pandit Rajendra Gangani on 16 Oct. 2008. The performance began with 'Shivstuti' that comprised of 'Abhinaya' and 'Mudras', followed by 'Laykari' and 'Ganesh Paran'. He then performed on a 'Bhajan' by Surdas and then a 'Kavit' based on the 'Govardhan' episode from 'Krishna Leela'. The finale was a stupendous 'Toda' and 'Jugalbandi' with the 'Tabla'. Accompanying him on the tabla and sarangi were Sh. Mohit Gangani and Sh. Ayub Khan, respectively. Sh. Samiullah Khan was the vocalist and on the parand was Ms. Swati Sinha. On 21 Oct. the students got the opportunity to attend a Lecdem by the renowned puppetier Sh. Dadi Pudumjee. He made a successful attempt to arouse the interest of students in the art of puppetry. He not only enlightened the students about nuances of puppetry but also demonstrated some of his skills. It was a delight to see inanimate objects come alive. Both were indeed good learning experiences for the students.



Rajendra Gangani's Kathak recital as part of Spic Macay



Dadi Pudumjee showcasing his talent

## Dussehra and Durga Pooja celebrated

Come October and with it comes festivals. Durga Pooja was celebrated with enthusiastic participation on 3 Oct. 2008. The School Reception was beautifully decorated with a huge idol of Goddess Durga. The festivities began with a 'Maha Aarti' that was attended by the Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and the Educational Supervisors alongwith students and teachers. There was a special assembly which showcased the significance of the Dussehra celebrations throughout the country with elaborate depiction of Durga Puja. The cultural extravaganza consisted of the slaying of Mahishasura by Durga, Dhunuchi dance and a traditional Bengali folk dance in praise of the Goddess. The Vice Principal addressed the students and encouraged them to abide by the values taught by these religious festivals.



Celebrating Durga Puja - Mahishasura being slain



## SINGING COMPETITIONS

**"Sing with me, sing for the years,  
Sing for the laughter 'n sing for the tears,"**

Singing evokes the temple of the soul and our school has always organized singing competitions to recognize the talent. But, the 'Inter-class Group Song competition for III class, also tested the coordination, team work and presence of mind. Held on Sep.9 in the basement, the competition was judged by Mr. Ajay and Mr. Rocky. There were seven teams competing for two prizes. The maximum number of participants per team was 16. The first place was bagged by III G for 'Happy Song' and the second place was bagged by III F for their song 'Rivers of Babylon'. Our Principal appreciated the efforts of the participants as well as their teachers. It was an enriching experience for the young budding singers.

An Inter Class Solo Singing Competition was organized on 20 September 2008 for Classes I & II. 28 students participated in this competition in which they sung melodious songs. The winners of the competition are as follows :

Class I	Class II
I Sneh Bedi, IE	Pratishtha Verhwani, IIE
II Vishruti Priyanshi, IC	Parth Sharma, IIB
III Ishita Saxena, IA	Gaurang Alagh, IIC

Special Prize winners were Aryan Dogra (IB), Sachmeet Kalsi (ID), Siya Bajaj (IE) Rashmeet Kaur (II E), Jhanvi Madan (IID) and Utpreksha Solanki (IIA).

## READ ALOUD COMPETITION

**"Reading of books is like a conversation with the finest men of past centuries, a solitary reflection and true enjoyment".** To inculcate in the students the habit of good reading and reading right a Read aloud Competition was organized for classes III to V on 28.11.2008. The participants were judged on the basis of their expression, confidence, diction and clarity. The following students emerged as the winners :

CLASS III	CLASS IV	CLASS V
I RASHI MEHAN, IIIB	SHIKHAR JUNEJA, IVB	LAKSHAY KAPOOR, VD
II GIAN K.MATTA, IIIC	PRATEEK ARORA, IVD	AAYUSHI GOEL, VB
III AMAN GOEL, IIIB	SIMRAT SINGH, IVB	SHRIYA SETH, VB

### CONSOLATION PRIZE

1. NEHAL BATRA, IIIF	RIYA NAGPAL, IVC	MAYANK RAWAL, VA
2. SIDDHARTH BAJAJ, IIIA	AASTHA NAGPAL, IVD	HARDIK TARA, VF
3. SAPAN GUPTA, IIIF	IVNEET SINGH, IVB	BHAVYA SIKKA, VG
		RUSHALI SETHI, VC

## QUIZ MANIA FOR LITTLE SPARKS

Mind boggling quizzes were held for the little ones of classes I, II and III on 19, 20 and 21 November respectively. The seven teams, each group named after the colours of the rainbow, had to answer questions on varied topics appropriate with their age. They had mind boggling questions spaced out in eight rounds.

Class I had rounds like 'Mixed Bag', 'Visual Treat', 'Identify the Comic Characters', 'Identify the Monuments' etc.

Class II - 'Famous Personalities', 'Famous Places', 'Insects', 'Kitchen Items' etc.

Class III - 'Name the Personalities', 'Musical Instruments', 'Dances and their States' etc.

Winners were :-

Class I	
I Prize -	Nitigaya Dutt Chaudhary and Vanshika, IE
Runners up -	Laqshyaa Saluja and Ishan Agrawal, IC
Class II	
I Prize -	Gaurang Alagh and Tanmay Chopra, IIC
Runners up -	Rahul Pande and Naman Sharma, IIF
Class III	
I Prize -	Manav Prabhakar and Mandeep Singh, IIIA
I Runners up -	Hitanshi Narang and Aman Kapoor of IIIE
II Runners up -	Maanvi Mudgil and Pranav Sindura of class IIIC.



## ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

An interactive learning programme on road safety was conducted by M/s. Toyota for classes I to V from 15 Sep. to 23 Sep. 2008. It was a five day programme to impart education to the students on traffic safety through virtual simulation. Trained instructors used various methodology to educate the children on road safety. There were fun activities like computer games, puzzles, card games and board games to make learning on road safety more effective. There was an interactive course for the students of class V at the end of which the children participated in quizzes and won exciting prizes. Each student was given a kit which had books on road safety and a CD with games related to the same.

## AWAKENING

Since it is time to awaken the society towards the threat AIDS poses, an NGO, Missio, organised an event - 'Awakening 2008', where our students participated in an essay writing and singing competition. It was an enriching experience as the students not only competed, but took part in an interactive session too in which they learnt the need to spread awareness and inculcate values of acceptance of AIDS victims. They won many prizes too.

Singing - 1st prize- Sreejoni Nag XI C

Essay writing.

- III Prize- Apaarajita Pandey X D

III Prize - Jatin Arora XI G

## 'DEBATING MATTERS' IN INDIA

'Debating matters', a UK based debating competition was conducted for the first time in India. Our school team comprising of Aashima Khosla, Devashree Sharma, Jatin Arora, Siddharth Rajan, Sreejoni Nag and Tarun Gupta, were fortunate to be a part of it. We reached the 'semi-regionals' held at the British Council, through an 'online elimination test'. Schools selected in a similar manner from the North Zone competed in groups of two at this level. From our team Siddharth Rajan and Devashree Sharma debated on the assigned topic - "Man not machines should go to space," while the others supported them in the cross-questioning round. After an interesting debating session, we awaited the results. Each one of us had a tough time fighting our patience as we were the last to debate and our results came at the end too. Our anxiety went up a level, each time a winning team was announced and then came our name! It was a moment of satisfaction, relief, pride and ecstasy for all of us. We only hope to perform better in the upcoming finals at the regional level.

## We excel in E-Mats All India G.K. Test

The Emats All India G.K. Test' conducted for classes IV to X gives a right exposure to students' inborn curiosity and power to learn. We are proud of Lakshay Arora of class VC, who could make it to the top three positions at the national level. He was awarded with a book and a certificate.

## 'ECLESIA', THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA ON A WINNING SPREE

We started off with the Inter School Orchestra Competition. Schools falling in our Zone (West B, Zone XVII) participated in the event. Our school emerged the winner of the competition. We finally qualified for the Intra District Orchestra Competition (State Level) after winning the Intra Zonal level, that was the second round of our journey. On 1 December 2008 our school came up as the proud winners of the final competition. Nine schools participated in the Inter District level from all corners of Delhi.

The proud winners were:-

JATIN ARORA, XIG  
PULKIT CHHABRA, XIA  
ARUN SIRARI, IXD  
SHUBHAM SAREEN, IXD  
SAKSHAM GULATI, XF  
SARTHAK KHERA, IXE  
SURAJ ANEJA, IXE

KASHISH GROVER, VIIIF  
SAMARPIT KALRA, VIIIF  
RACHIT NARANG, VIIIF  
MRIDUL KHATAR, VIIIF  
K.P. SIVARAMAKRISHNAN, XD  
SACHIT ANAND, VIIIF  
NITIN GROVER, IXC

## GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATED

Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated by the students of class III on 03.9.2008. The Mandap was decorated with flowers and diyas. The Chairman Mr. T. P. Aggarwal and Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal performed the puja followed by a dance performance devoted to Lord Ganesha. In the end Ganesh Visarjan was shown by the students chanting 'Ganpati Bappa Moreya' and dancing in colourful traditional costumes.

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN SKATING

Dhairya Taneja, a young champ of class V has proved her mettle in Skating and has emerged a winner in Inter School Skating Meet 2008-09 organized by Directorate of Education Sports branch, Chhatrasal Stadium from 21.11.2008 to 23.11.2008. She bagged the first position in Rink Race-1 (300 mtrs.), Rink race -11 (1000 mtrs.) and Road Race - 1500 mtrs. held at Remal Public School Rohini. She was awarded a cash prize as well.



## WORKSHOP - HOW TO MANAGE AGGRESSION

### 'Anger is brief madness' - Horace

Curbing this anger and aggression is the need of the day. So, Max Pro-Social Peer Moderator Program on Aggression Management was held at Max Hospital on 16 and 17 October 2008. The programme was organized by Psychiatric Department of Max Hospital, headed by Dr. Samir Parikh, Psychiatrist. Ms. M. Mehta, our Guidance Counsellor, alongwith 3 students Uday Anand (IXD), Mani Makkar (IXC) and Parkhi (XIE) attended the programme, which covered topics like aggression becoming a serious threat to the society, its causes etc. The aim of this programme was to educate 3 students from various schools, about management of aggression, so that they can act as Representatives / Moderators of the programme at school level and educate other students about the same. The programme concluded with a competition based on Power Point Presentation on Aggression Management, in which we bagged the first prize. An 'On the Spot Poster Making Competition' was also conducted on Aggression Management on 19.11.2008 for class VIII.

The winners were :

- I Vanshree Garg, VIIIB
- II Priyanka Pahuja, VIIC
- III Sahil Gandhi, VIIIA
- Cons. Dishpreet Saluja, VIIC
- Ayush Bhatia, VIIIB

## TRAINING PROGRAMME

Three students Rishabh Bhandari (IXF), Shivam Chhabra (IXA) and Samiksha Verma (XIC), participated in Max Peer Moderator Programme on Study Skills organized by Max Health Care on 07.11.2008. The speakers were Dr. Sameer Parikh and Dr. Puneet who guided about the various study skills, study techniques, relaxation techniques etc. The programme aimed at creating awareness in schools about how to deal effectively with Examinations so as to lower the rate of suicide/depression among students, by imparting 'Study Skills' and converting studies into fun by making 3 'Moderators' - 2 from class IX and 1 from class XI, who would further train their schoolmates.

## Aggression Management-Booster Seminar

A Booster session of Aggression Management as part of Max Pro-Social Peer Moderator Program was conducted on 28.11.2008. Two of our students, Uday Anand (I X D), and Parkhi (XIE) alongwith the Guidance Counsellor Ms.M.Mehta, attended this session. They discussed the various activities that took place under the Peer Moderator Programme at school level like Poster-making competition for class VIII, via PowerPoint Presentations.

## SEMINAR - DELHI FOOTPRINTS

A group of 21 students, of classes XI and XII along with 4 teachers attended Delhi Footprints 2008, a Seminar by Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication on 22.11.2008. The Seminar aimed at spreading awareness about Citizen Journalism, a concept wherein citizens themselves become Journalists, for it is believed that people can be awakened from their deep slumber of ignorance by means of the fourth pillar of our society - MEDIA. The prominent guests included Mr. Ashutosh of IBN - 7, Mr. Habibullah, Chief Information Commissioner, Ms. Soni Sanghwan, Editor of Metro Now, RJ Anil of Meow, RJ Simran of Radio City etc. The students took an active part in the interactive session and won prizes too for being inquisitive and interactive.

## Workshop on Memory Enhancement

Pearson Longman had sponsored "Know and Grow with Derek" session on 19.11.2008 at WWF India Auditorium. Teachers from 50 schools of Delhi participated in this session. Ms. A. Gupta, Educational Supervisor, attended this session and shared a few insights on how to make classroom teaching more interactive.

## English Teachers attend Workshop

Ms. A. Mehta and Ms. S. Arora, attended a workshop conducted by Scholastic India Ltd. at India Habitat Centre on 27.11.2008. Ms. Preminda Langar, currently teaching at Sri Ram School, who conducted this workshop emphasized on various skills to be implemented for effective teaching of English. The workshop was interactive, interesting and a good learning experience.

## TEACHERS ATTEND COMMERCE WORKSHOP

CTA- Commerce Teachers Association organized a workshop on 22-11-2008 for Commerce & Accountancy teachers. It was attended by Ms. Harinder Kaur and Ms. Mansi Verma. The CBSE syllabus, application based questions, how to improve the performance of weak students in Business Studies and 'HOTS' related problems were discussed. It was very enlightening indeed.



## EXPRESSIONS

### MY FEELINGS ON BECOMING THE VICE-HEAD BOY

As the names of the Office Bearers were being called out, my anxiety level rose with every name. The nervousness and tension was worth it as I was in for a treat. My name was the last one to be called out "Vice Head Boy of St. Mark's - Tarun Gupta". I was so ecstatic, that I ran down the distance amidst all the cheering, clapping and congratulations from my friends. Amongst all the happy moments of my life, this was the coolest one!

TARUN GUPTA, XI E

### THE WIND

A strong gush, a whistle and squeaks at regular intervals....  
She extends her hands to the trees.  
Hoping to grab a leaf or two,  
They seem so appealing,  
Their branches trying to reach out to her.  
Instead she catches sight of the birds soaring high in the sky.  
Flapping their wings with all their might.  
To fly against the wind.  
The clouds bring a smile to her face,  
She claps her hands with glee.  
She spots a portrait up in the sky, much like her,  
And throws her head back and laughs.  
She was a picture, nearly five years old,  
Her hair swaying in perfect harmony,  
And her ribbons fluttering in the strong wind,  
Producing a rhythmic pattern.  
A strong gush, a whistle and speaks at regular intervals.

NITIKA BHATIA, IX F

### WAR AND PEACE

People fight against each other,  
Not realizing enemies  
are their own brothers.  
There are disputes between two nations  
causing a rift in their relations  
Today war has a new definition  
It has become a topic of discussion  
But does this problem have any solution?  
Is this what we call a civilization?  
Or is it under consideration?  
It is impossible to persuade mankind,  
To do something to change their mind?  
Its high time he realizes  
Or it would be too late  
Man has to abolish war  
Or war will abolish him.

- AAKANKSHA BAJAJ, XID

### HOW I HELPED MY FRIEND WHEN SHE GOT INJURED

It was a hot summer evening. We were playing in the neighbourhood park. Some were on the seesaw and others on the slide. Many children were running around trying to catch each other. There was laughter and giggles all around. Suddenly, my friend Jigyasa fell down and cried in pain. Her leg had a big cut and it was bleeding. I took her to my home which was near by and washed the wound with clean water. Then I cleaned it with Dettol and cotton wool. I applied some antiseptic cream and covered it with cotton pad to keep away the germs. She thanked me and went to her home happily.

- JHANVI MADAN, IID

### E-PALS PROJECT ON GLOBAL WARMING AND ITS EFFECT ON PENGUINS

We, the students were really happy when we came to know that we have been chosen to form an educational association with students of North Shore Middle School in U.S.A. We have sent the introductory letters about us to them and we have got a good reply. We have become their e-pals. We discussed about our families, culture and the Indian lifestyle. They also told us about their culture and their lifestyle. It was a golden opportunity to gain information about them. Now, we are going to start making presentation on the given topics. We have already sent some slides on the effect of Global Warming on Penguins.

Prateek Bajaj, VII F  
Pritika Kukreja, VII A

Rohit R. Banerjee, VII D  
Akanksa Goyal, VIII C

### READING A BEST SELLER

It all started when Mrs. Geeta Rajan, our class teacher, suggested to us, the idea of having a book reading exercise with a group of students from Cortland City High School, New York, United States. By mid September, we started reading- the globally acclaimed novel 'The Kite Runner' by Khaled Hosseini. In class, we often discussed with our teacher about what we understood from the text as we read the book. The students from Cortland High meanwhile deliberated about the book through blogs. Two students of our class - Kunal Malhotra and Manmohan Singh compiled all our efforts and have created a website under the guidance of our Class teacher, where our feedback about the book is posted. The link to the site is [www.webstarts.com/kiterunnersms](http://www.webstarts.com/kiterunnersms). It has been an enriching experience for us.

Students of Class XI A



## STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR SCIENTIFIC TEMPER

City Montessori School, Lucknow, hosted 'Quanta 2008', in which 54 teams participated, 19 from foreign countries. In all 22 countries were represented. The programme consisted of breathtaking competitions through multi disciplinary events like Debates, Collage, Maths and Science Quiz, Mental Ability etc. Students of class XII proved themselves and won the second prize at the Acta Mathematica Quiz (Karan Baweja and Jatin Baweja). They also reached among the top eight in the Astronomy Quiz (Kshitij Jhamb and Ranjan Singhal), Mental Ability (Jatin Baweja) and Stage Round of Science Quiz (Karan Baweja and Kshitij Jhamb).



Our students at Quanta

## INTER HOUSE MATHS QUIZ

Bertrand Russel said, **'Mathematics rightly viewed possesses not only truth but supreme beauty'**. To prove it right an Inter House Maths Quiz for classes VI - VIII and IX - XII was held on 12 September 2008. All the students were quizzed on basic understanding of concepts, Number Theory, History of Maths etc..

In the Junior level (VI-VIII), Patel House was the winner. The team comprised of:-

Raman Arora, VIC  
Akshat Bhardwaj, VIIA  
Prayanshu Sharma, VIIC

In the Senior level (IX-XII), Gandhi House was the winner and the team comprised of:-

Kriti Rai, IXC  
Divya Goel, XC  
Jatin Arora, XIG  
Srikunj Dalmia XII D

The following students won audience prizes :

Ayush Malik, VIIC      Tejinder Pal Singh, XC  
Garv Malik, XC      Tushar Nagpal, XC



Inter House Maths Quiz Winners



## WE EXTEND A HELPING HAND

We extended a helping hand to the victims of Bihar flood. The fury of the Kosi river rendered about 3 million people homeless. An urgent appeal was made to the St. Mark's family through Goonj, an NGO that works for the underprivileged sections of society for providing succour in the form of rations for people in flood ravaged Bihar. Within a short span of 2 days, the school was able to collect 1435 kg of rice, 845 kg of pulses and approx. Rs. 30,000/- in cash for the disaster affected people.



School's contribution to Goonj for Bihar flood victims

## A TRIP TO RAJASTHAN - OUR CULTURAL HUB

The school organized an educational trip to Rajasthan for the students of classes VIII & IX in the month of September. The students were given an extensive guided tour of Meherangarh Fort in Jodhpur. They also visited the Umaid Bhawan Palace and the Mandore Gardens which acquainted them with the rich heritage of Rajasthan. Once in Jaisalmer, the students had a life time experience of visiting the Sam Sand Dunes. The vast expanse of rippling sand, the breathtaking view of the sunset, the camel ride and the peppy folk dancers left everyone mesmerized. It was an architectural treat to visit the spectacular and beautiful havelis, the impressive Jaisalmer Fort and the Jain temples with the citadel. The trip was very enjoyable, knowledgeable and enriching experience for one and all.



Students at Jaisalmer



## DOON HOSTS - WE LEARN

Mani Makkar (IX) and Kush Jain (X) participated in the Quiz 'Wizard-2008' hosted by Doon Public School in collaboration with NIE on 06.9.2008. It was a general quiz wherein the students were tested in various fields like literature, dance, music, sports, politics etc. through the Smart Assessment System followed by a multimedia quiz. It was indeed a learning and enriching experience for all the participants.

## WORKING FOR SOCIETY

Abraham Lincoln had said, "With malice towards none; with charity for all." This is the maxim our school believes in. So, we work together to inculcate in our students the love for society and the need to give back to the less fortunate ones in our little way. We celebrated 'Children's day' in the right spirit by gifting warmers to the children of 'Angels', a small initiative run in the slum areas of Vikas Puri, on that special day turning it even more special for them.

## N.C.C. RALLY

The Delhi Directorate organized an All India Firing (T. L. C.) Camp from 23 Sep. to 3 Oct. 2008 at Garrasic Parade ground DGNCC Delhi. 17 Directorates from different states attended the camp in which 1 100 Cadets took part. From Delhi, 40 Cadets were selected, in which 2 of our cadets, Urvashi Sharma and Richa Bhardwaj attended the one-month camp. They received items like sarees, shoes, track suit, uniform etc. amounting to Rs.5000/- and Rs.1200/- as incentives from the Delhi Directorate.

## STUDENTS EXCEL

674 students participated in 'ASSET 2008' (Assessment of Scholastic Skills through Educational Testing), which is a skill based assessment test developed on international lines, organized in the month of August 2008. Three students were awarded for their outstanding performance in the following categories :

Manav Prabhakar, IIIA

Outstanding Performance in English

Paurav Gulati, IVF

Outstanding Performance in Maths

Mayank Rawal, VA

Outstanding Performance in Maths

24 students were awarded Certificate of Distinguished Performance and 77 students were given Certificate of Creditable Performance.

## DIWALI CELEBRATED

The students of class VIII celebrated Diwali in its full fervour on 24-10-2008. The celebration began with the invocation of Lord Ganesha that was presented in the form of Ganesh Vandana. It was followed by a 'Nukkad Natak' which showed the irony of modern-day Diwali celebrations and at the same time gave a strong message to celebrate a smoke-free Diwali by saying 'No to crackers'. The programme culminated with 'Laxmi Pujan' performed by our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal.



Say 'No to Crackers' - through a Skit

## WE REMEMBER MAHATMA GANDHI

To commemorate the birth anniversary of the Father of our Nation, Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated in our school on 1-10-2008. His inspirational ideologies and principles of life were highlighted in the speeches delivered by the students. The speeches motivated the students to follow the path of truth and non-violence.



## GLIMPSES OF rang tarang



Students of class I presenting a Haryanvi Dance



The spirit of festivity brought alive through Bhangra



'The Award Function' -showcasing true love





Class IV students showcasing Indian culture



Girls dancing at the Bengali Wedding



Invoking the blessings of Ganesha - Ganesh Vandana





Qawwali by Class I



Rabindranath Tagore at Shanti Niketan



Dancers dancing to the tune of Ekla Chalo





A Maharashtrian dance by Class V - Glimpses of India



'Hori Khere Raghuwira'



The flavour of Awadh brought alive by students of Classes VI and VII



## PHOTO FEATURE



Devashree Sharma and Tarun Gupta-Vice Head Girl and Vice Head Boy



Nimisha Sethi and Bhanu Nangru - Vice School Captains



Bhanu Nangru Receiving his badge



Kanika Chawla XII F - Head Girl



Dhairya Taneja at her skating best



Celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi