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EDITORIAL

SCHOOL LIFE, a life full of colours, fun and frolic, humour, passion, enthusiasm, learning and discipline will someday become a sentimental collection - A Memory. The events that are taking place in our lives will become mere impressions. The moments that we are living today will be left to live as reflections.

Rushing through the school gate, laughing with your friends, wishing teachers, attending classes, last minute preparation for exams, the nail biting 3 hrs. in the examination hall, school trips and excursions, teachers appreciating and scolding you at times, winning trophies, certificates and awards - these will be some of the most cherished moments of school life. It's a storehouse of knowledge, knowledge as wings to man's life and a ladder for his ascent. It is a place where children are encouraged from their earliest years to master every kind of learning, be fair to themselves and to others. Let us make the best use of this medium and remember.....

"School life is not about twelve years; its about a unique and unforgettable time."

WE HOST STUDENTS FROM SHANTINIKETAN



The Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, extends a hearty welcome to Ms. Bodhirupa Sinha, Principal, Path Bhawan, Shanti Niketan

A group of 12 students from Path Bhawan School which is under the renowned Vishva Bharati University (Shantiniketan) visited our school, alongwith 2 faculty members Ms.Sujata and Mr. Avik Ghosh and their Principal, Ms. Bodhirupa Sinha from 02 August 2009 to 05 August 2009.

The University at Shanti Niketan was the brain child of the 1st Indian Nobel Laureate, Rabindranath Tagore. It means Abode of Peace. In Shanti Niketan they believe in promoting co-existence of man and nature. A cultural programme was presented by our students to welcome the guests. The students from Path Bhawan too presented a song and dance performance 'Ritu Rango' - based on seasons. The next day the visiting group celebrated the Vriksharopan Ceremony (Tree Plantation) alongwith our Eco Club members. This was followed by a beautiful ballet 'Shyama', performed by the students of Path Bhawan.

Thereafter they interacted with our students and even taught them how to make Rakhis for the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. They enjoyed the food of Delhi and the sight seeing in particular. It was a privilege to have this group of students from the eastern part of India. It was a wonderful learning experience indeed proving that distances don't really matter!



Our friends from Shanti Niketan enthrall the audience



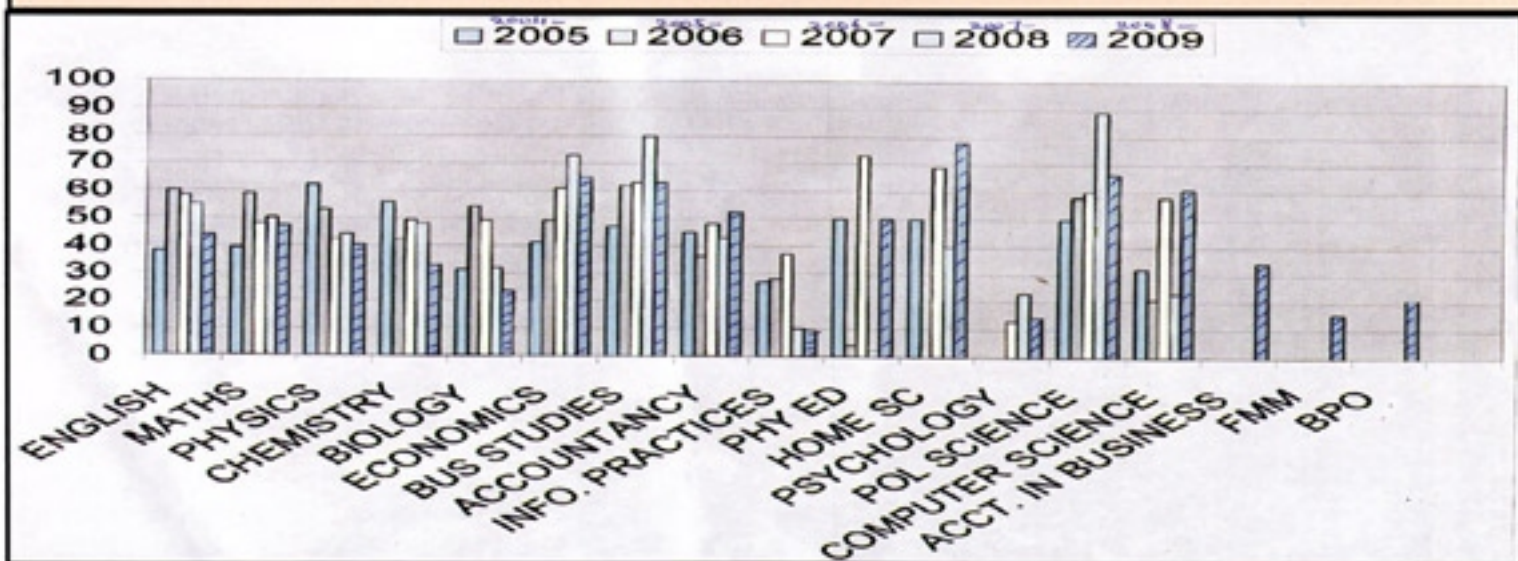
A boy of Path Bhawan performs as part of the Cultural Exchange.

C.B.S.E Results 2009

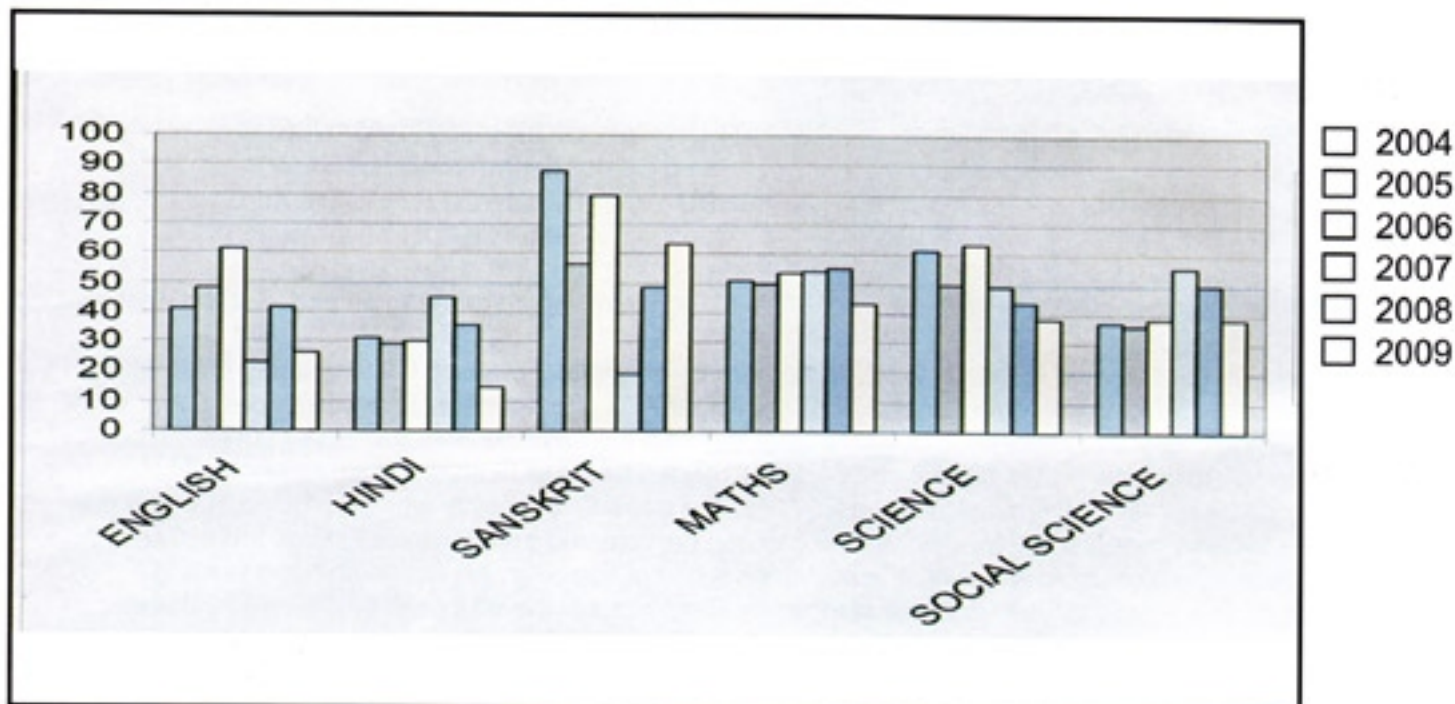
The class X and XII students achieved a 100% result in the AISSE 2009 and AISSCE 2009. In the class X, Ashish Sawhney scored the highest aggregate of 95% with Megha Handa following closely with 94.4%. Harshleen Kaur Pahwa stood third with 94.2%. In the class XII, Madhuri Gakkhar scored 88.2% and topped the Humanities stream. Mihir Bhambri and Radhika Banerjee stole the show in the Science stream with 92.8% and beating her peers was Himani Goel of the Commerce stream with 93.6%. Khushboo Gupta scored 86.6% in Financial Market Management.

Students of class X brought laurels to the school by scoring 99% in Maths as well as Sanskrit. In English the highest marks scored were 96% with a score of 97% being the highest in Science. In Social Science and Hindi, the highest marks scored were 98% and 95% respectively. In class X one hundred and eleven students scored distinctions in all five subjects. In Class XII, sixty four students secured distinctions in all five subjects.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF GRADES



A Comparative Analysis of A Grades in Class XII



A Comparative Analysis of A Grades in Class X



We pledge our dedication to our school - The Senior Office Bearers

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATED

The Foundation day i.e. 20th April, was celebrated with zest, where all witnessed a colourful programme. The event began with the hoisting of the school flag by the Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and the Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi. It was followed by the Investiture ceremony as it was the right moment to confer on the students responsibilities that will help them emerge as better citizens. Tarun Gupta (XII E) and Devashree Sharma (XII B) were the Head Boy and Head Girl respectively while Bhanu Nangru (XII E) and Nimisha Sethi (XII B) were selected as School Captains. The Sports Captains are Harbeer Passi and Cheshta Uppal of class XII E.

The House Captains

GANDHI	JATIN ARORA,	XII G	PATEL	SIDDHARTH RAJAN,XII C
	RITIKA MEHNDIRATTA,	XII A		ASHIMA KHOSLA,XII C
SHASTRI	AADHAR GARG,	XII D	NEHRU	SIDDHARTH PRUTHI,XII E
	ANUBHA MISRA,	XII E		SIMAR KAUR,XII C

Scholarships to the meritorious students were the highlights of the event, which came to an end, with an encouraging message from the Principal.

Various fun filled activities were held in the classes for the primary students. For class I, it was a day full of enjoyment as the students came to school in colourful clothes. They participated in a talent show and won prizes. Other students made beautiful greeting cards for the school's birthday. They enjoyed the day and played various games. The students of class II drew pictures of their school and coloured them. The class III students wrote about 'An Adventure in School'. The students of class IV wrote poems about SMS. For class V, an activity was conducted in which they penned down their 'Best Moments in St. Mark's.' All the children participated enthusiastically in all the activities and prizes were awarded to the deserving students. It was indeed a day of learning and fun going hand in hand. The BEST HOUSE trophy for the last session was bagged by Patel House and was proudly claimed by them.

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

Previous Class	Name of the student	Position	Present Class
I A	Abhinav Arora	I	II F
I D	Dhriti Juneja	II	II E
I B	Isha Aggarwal	III	II B
I C	Supriya Arora	III	II C
II F	Rahul Pande	I	III G
II G	Acchyut Jolly	II	III B
II B	Parth Sharma	III	III C
III A	Manav Prabhakar	I	IV E
III C	Maarvi Mudgil	II	IV C
III F	Sapan Gupta	III	IV G
IV B	Shikhar Suresh	I	V D
IV B	Shikhar Juneja	II	V C
IV F	Arsh Tayal	III	V A
V C	Lakshay Arora	I	VI F
V C	Ishan Arora	II	VI A
V E	Deepanshi Makkar	III	VI B
VI D	Shivangi Arora	I	VII A
VI C	Tanya Gupta	II	VII B
VI D	Nikita Sareen	III	VII F
VI E	Himanshi Malik	III	VII D
VII B	Mohit Gulati	I	VIII B
VII B	Saatwik Singh	II	VIII B
VII F	Sakshi Dagar	III	VIII F
VIII B	Vanshree Garg	I	IX B
VIII D	Shruti Malhotra	II	IX B
VIII D	Rishabh Lamba	III	IX C
IX C	Mani Makkar	I	X C
IX D	Karan Chopra	II	X D
IX A	Aashima Bansal	III	X A



The Head Girl - Devashree Sharma XII B



Bhanu Nangru XII C - the smiling School Captain

Humanities		Position	
XI A	Kanika Juneja	I	XII A
XI A	Ritika Mehndiratta	II	XII A
XI A	Kunal Malhotra	III	XII A
Science			
XI B *	Eira Kochar	I	XII B
XI E *	Anubha Mishra	II	XII E
XI F *	Mayank Khera	III	XII F
Commerce			
XI C *	Prachi Grover	I	XII C
XI D *	Nupur Verma	II	XII D
XI C	Sameeksha Verma	III	XII C
Financial Market Management			
XI G	Lavanya Aggarwal	I	XII G
XI G	Shweta Bhalla	II	XII G
XI G	Mona Bansal	III	XII G

The top ten students who were in the Merit List in Class X and also secured above 80% in Class XI are entitled to Scholarship in Class XII as well.

Their names are as under:-

XII B	Akanksha Gupta
XII E	Mansi
XII E	Parkhi
XII B	Eira Kochar
XII E	Anubha Mishra
XII F	Mayank Khera
XII C	Prachi Grover
XII D	Nupur Verma

YOUNG ARTIST EXCELS

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Govt. of India, celebrated Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas on 20.8.2009 in the Auditorium of Delhi Secretariat. The programme started with prize distribution for Poster Making and Essay Writing Competitions held for Eco Club members. Prateek Bajaj of class VIII F received the Consolation Prize of Rs. 5000/- and a Certificate from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Ms. Shiela Dixit. The programme ended with a brief workshop on Renewable Energy Resources.



Prateek Bajaj VIII F receives his award from the Chief Minister



Young Shoulders Great Responsibilities -
The Junior Office Bearers

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

"We believe in training them young to shoulder responsibilities." The Investiture Ceremony for the Junior Wing was held on 27 August. The occasion was graced by the presence of Vice Principal, Ms. Wahi. The young Office Bearers received their badges and then took an oath to carry out their responsibilities with utmost sincerity. Addressing the students, Ms. Wahi spoke of the tasks ahead for the young Prefects. She laid stress on the importance of good conduct and the need to hold on to the right values. The Junior Office Bearers for the session are

HEAD BOY	ARSH TAYAL, V A
HEAD GIRL	JAHNVI SETHI, V G
VICE HEAD BOY	MANAV PRABHAKAR, IV E
VICE HEAD GIRL	MANSI MARWAH, IV D
SCHOOL CAPTAIN {BOY}	SHIKHAR JUNEJA, V C
SCHOOL CAPTAIN {GIRL}	RIA NAGPAL, V D
VICE SCHOOL CAPTAIN {BOY}	MANDEEP SINGH, IV E
VICE SCHOOL CAPTAIN {GIRL}	MANVI MUDGIL, IV C
HOUSE CAPTAINS	
GANDHI	SHAMBHAVI GAUTAM, V G
NEHRU	SHIKHAR SURESH, V D
PATEL	PARAS PRUTHI, V E
SHASTRI	ANNIE OSAN, V E
VICE HOUSE CAPTAINS	
GANDHI	PRIYANJALI HANDA, IV E
SHASTRI	RASHI MOHAN, IV A
PATEL	SHREY MALHOTRA, IV B
NEHRU	DAKSHITA SAHNI, IV B



Siddharth Sarma appreciates the elocution skills of our students

AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH AN AUTHOR

On 12th August 2009, members of Odyssey Club (Middle school) had an interactive session with Mr. Siddharth Sarma, a journalist, writer, avid traveller and an Associated Copy Editor with 'Outlook Money'. The session was interactive and informative. Members asked several questions about his debut novel 'The Grasshopper's Run'. He elaborated all about his novel, his childhood, and his inspiration for being a writer. He encouraged children to read and write. The members really benefited by this interesting interactive session.



Principal, Mrs. Anjali Aggarwal, welcoming Siddharth Sarma

KAVITA DWIBEDI ENTHRALLS ONE AND ALL

'Dance is a fusion of harmony, rhythm, melody and aesthetic expressions'. Under the aegis of SPIC MACAY the students had the opportunity to witness an enthralling Odissi Dance Recital by Kavita Dwibedi on 20.4.2009, which was a perfect example of dance in its purest form. She began the performance by enlightening the students about the various classical dance forms of India, specially Odissi. The first performance was 'Mangla charan' followed by 'Pallavi' a pure dance form, 'Abhinaya' in which she depicted the story of 'Salbeg' a devotee of Lord Jagannath and culminated the performance with 'Moksha'. She was accompanied by Sh. Praful Kumar Mangraj on 'mardal', Sh. Gopinath Swain on the violin, Sh. Prashant Kumar Behera as the vocalist and Ms. Kaveri Behera on the 'manjeera'. It was indeed a stupendous performance which the students not only enjoyed watching but also an eye opener for them as they learnt a lot about the Odissi Dance form, the various body positions and mudras and also about Lord Jagannath.



Kavita Dwibedi - enthralls the audience



Vice Principal Ms. V.Wahi felicitating Kavita Dwibedi

A CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS AND RECESSION AT SINGAPORE



Indian students with their Singaporean friends flanked with the Principal of Millennia Institute. Six students along with a teacher Incharge took part in a Cultural Exchange Programme with Millennia Institute in Singapore. The object of this exchange was to give exposure to the students about the educational system as well as to strengthen the ties of friendship between the two countries and the two schools. They were cordially received and shown around the school campus by the Principal of Millennia Institute, Mr. Tan Chor Pang. They attended two classroom sessions- Management and Economics which proved to be a great learning experience. They toured around Singapore with teachers and students of the Institute. They visited the Singapore Zoo, Science Centre, the Concert Hall Esplanade, the popular Sentosa Island where they were enchanted by the Dolphin show and the underground aquarium. They interacted with the students there and learnt about the mixed culture of Singapore and told them about Indian traditions. They exchanged Souvenirs too. The accompanying teacher Ms. Geeta Rajan presented them with mementos as well as our National Flag and in return received their school mascot. Our students made many friends with whom they are in constant touch and are looking forward to their visit soon. Our students feel highly obliged to have been selected to represent our country and raise the banner of St. Mark's on an international platform. The students who were part of this delegation were :- Aashima Kholas (XII C), Jatin Arora (XII G), Sreejoni Nag (XII C), Siddharth Rajan (XII C), Nupur Verma (XII D), Prachi Grover (XII C).

OUR STUDENTS AT A CLIMATE CAMP IN DENMARK

Our school has been a pioneer Eco School in the capital and added yet another feather to their cap by attending a Climate Camp at Sonderborg, Denmark which was organized by Bright Green Youth from 8 to 11 Aug. 2009. The four day camp was a great learning experience for the fifteen students who were part of it. The students were grouped with students of other countries and had to create ideas to combat the deadly phenomenon 'Global Warming'. They had to innovate ways and means to implement their ideas. In their process of innovation they were assisted by engineers and officials from 'Siemens', 'Danfoss Universe' and 'The University of Denmark'. The youthful ideas would now be discussed in COP 15 when the political leaders and UN officials would meet later this year.



Mani Makkar performing an experiment while the Royal Prince of Denmark looks on.



Garv Malik and Garvit Arora in conversation with the Royal Prince and the CEO of Danfoss Universe

The opening ceremony of the camp was a proud moment for all St. Markians when Mani Makkar got the opportunity to be part of the 'Red Carpet' for the Crown Prince of Denmark. Garv Malik and Garvit Arora, two other students got the honour of interviewing Vibeke Vinter, Head of MS Action Aid, one of the co-sponsors of the camp. By participating in the BGY camp, we have proved that we can make a big difference to the society and the environment.

The students who were part of this delegation and the accompanying teacher are :

1. Arsh Marwaha	XI B	9. Kashish Grover	IX B
2. Aparajita Pandey	XI A	10. Sanyam Jain	IX C
3. Srishti Jain	XI B	11. Kritika Relan	IX A
4. Chirag Khatri	X E	12. Dishpreet Saluja	IX A
5. Disha Sethi	X E	13. Garvit Arora	XI A
6. Kashish Goyal	X F	14. Garv Malik	XI B
7. Sanchit Goyal	X D	15. Mani Makkar	X C
8. Jayan Juneja	IX B		

The Team Leader was - Ms. Geeta Rajan

OUR DELEGATION IN SINGAPORE



Our enthusiastic delegation at National Junior College, Singapore

It was a proud moment when a twelve member delegation from our school successfully initiated an ongoing Cultural Exchange Programme with National Junior College, Singapore. Their visit to the 40 year old institution in the city which was inaugurated by the country's mentor minister Lee Kuan Yew was from 1 August to 8 August 2009. The members of the delegation were, Vanshree Garg, Shubhankar Jain, Guneet Kaur and Radha Bhola of class IX, Shibika Suresh, Taniya Arora and Sharad Dargan of class X, Nayan Hajela, Kush Jain and Akshit Pathela of class XI, Siddharth Pruthi of class XII and Ms. Lakshmi Srinivas as the team leader.

The first day in NJC began with introduction to the school during assembly when our National Flag and school memento were handed over to the Vice Principal Mrs. Poon. The delegates attended classes in various subjects and demos of traditional dance music forms. The members of our delegation reciprocated with impressive State representations of Kashmir, Punjab, UP, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Nagaland, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka and Delhi followed by Power point presentations titled 'Bharat Darshan', 'Dilli Darshan' and 'Democracy in India'. Our students showcased their talent in music. Immaculate arrangements were made for the sight seeing trips to Merlion Park, Orchidarium, China Town, Orchard Road, Singapore Science Centre, Water Plant, Sentosa - Dolphin Show, Oceanarium and 'Sounds of the Sea' a brain child of the French Physicist Yves Pepin. An added experience was a visit to the house of an Indian family settled in Singapore for more than 50 years.

The cherry on the icing was the National Day Celebration of Singapore at National Junior College on 7th August (9th August is the actual National Day) to which the St. Mark's delegates were invited when the Twinning Programme was initiated between the two schools. Vice Principal Mr. Low Chun Meng addressed our delegation and it was an exchange of goodwill, mementos and a pact to keep the programme ongoing with a visit by the host school National Junior College, Singapore to St. Mark's School.

WE EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO PRERNA NIKETAN SANGH

"No greater charity can be bestowed upon humanity than right knowledge and right action". So, the students and staff of our school, extended a helping hand to Prerna Niketan Sangh, Basti Vikas Kendra, Dwarka. This institution supports about 54 children and also educates many other slum children, under the aegis of Ms. Meenu Saxena. The students contributed various provisions like Rice (350 kg), Flour (250 kg), Pulses (80 kg), Vegetable Oil (150 litre), Sugar (180 kg) and other groceries alongwith cash of Rs. 17,000/- for the 10 day residential camp for physically challenged children from 07.5.09 to 17.5.2009. Students of the school also visited Prerna Niketan Sangh on 12.5.2009. It was a learning experience, as they learnt the art of agarbatti making and chalk making from the inmates of Prerna Niketan. They formed groups with the children of Prerna Niketan and presented short skits on themes like 'Honesty is the best policy', 'Corruption in India' etc. This visit left a deep impact on the students and they pledged to continue to help the underprivileged children of Prerna Niketan Sangh.

PRATIBIMB

The following students of classes V and VI accompanied by Ms. Parashar attended Pratibimb, an annual school to school interactive session organised by the N.G.O Goonj at National Bal Bhawan on 22nd April 2009.

Paurav Gulati	V C	Diksha Chawla	VI A
Shivangi Stuti	V B	Lakshay Arora	VI F
Arsh Tayal	V A	Aayushi Arora	VI C
Mayank Sharma	VI G		

In 'Pratibimb' the students of our school interacted with the under - privileged rural children and understood their problems. Twelve sacks of clothes and stationery were also handed over to the underprivileged.

WE HELP STUDENTS GLOBALLY TOO

Bethlehem Central Middle School, New York, USA held an ART AUCTION in the month of May. Our school sent some of the best art work by our students for the noble cause. The money collected has been donated to African Reflections Foundation : Team Rafiki. It will be brought over to Tanzania in August, with a group of volunteers who will use the money to improve impoverished schools, providing them with desks, blackboards, books and sanitary bathrooms. The names of the students whose work was auctioned-

Stuti Gupta, Kriti Gupta, Megha Suri, Gaurav Singh, Kritika Dua, Harsheen Kohli, Prateek Rathi., Karshni Kharbanda, Saryu Jindal, Deeksha Sharma, Prateek Bajaj, Kareena Arora, Vansh Mehta, Roohneet Kochhar, Karan Chawla, Pallavi Wadhwa, Megha Suri, Mansi Goel

OUR WORK HELPS SPONSOR STUDENTS

Six of our students won the Easter Competition held by Bright Green Youth where they were asked to draw pictures showing environmental problems. Their drawings were printed into stickers and sold in different schools in Denmark. The money raised was used to sponsor students from Africa, Hungary etc. the names of the students are Palak Gupta, XIIC, Garima IXE, Nayanpreet, Karshni Kharbanda, XIA, Kashish Goyal XF, Aakanksha XIA.

EXCLUSIVE ONLINE PROJECT BY COMMERCE STUDENTS

When the entire world was experiencing 'Recession', twelve of our Commerce students got an opportunity to do an online project 'Business and Recession' with the students of Singapore, Hungary, Germany and Hongkong. The students researched extensively on Aviation, Automobile, Real Estate and IT industries and shared their knowledge with their counterparts. The twelve students who very enthusiastically participated in the project were Samiksha Verma XIIC, Ayush Budhraj XII D, Ankita Nagpal XII D, Simar Kaur XII C, Roopnayan Alagh XII C, Nikhil Puri XII C, Siddharth Rajan XII C, Nupur Verma XII D, Prachi Grover XII C, Aashima Khosla XII C, Sreejoni Nag XII C and Jatin Arora XII G. Out of these twelve students, six students got an opportunity to visit Millennia Institute, Singapore.

SKATING - A PASSION

Dhairya Taneja, student of class VI, participated in Delhi State Roller Skating Championships - 2009 organized by Delhi Skating Association, affiliated by RSFI and achieved first position in Rink Race - I (300 mtrs. Time-Trail), Rink Race-2 (1000 mtrs), held at Pitampura DDA Sports Complex, from 23.4.2009 to 26.4.2009. She was awarded Gold Medals in the competitions.

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

STUDENTS OF ASTRONOMY CLUB ATTEND WORKSHOP

"The tarry heavens above me fill the mind with ever new and increasing wonder and awe" - Our students are always ready to explore and learn. So, a group of eight students of our Astronomy Club went to St. Columba's School, to attend a workshop from 22nd to 26th May 2009. There were 4 sessions based on Advance Solar Observation, Total Solar Eclipse and Radio Astronomy. All sessions were interesting and informative. The last session concluded with Career Counselling in the field of Astronomy and the future of humanity in space.

Earlier a group of eight students had gone to Sariska for the Astronomy Club Meet from 17th to 19th April 2009. There were two sessions based on 'Astro Photography' and, 'Deep Sky Observations'. Both the sessions were very interesting and informative. Students also had an opportunity to visit the famous 'Sariska Tiger Reserve' which was a unique experience in itself.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

A workshop on Medical Emergencies was conducted on 6th and 7th July 2009 for the teachers of classes I to VI and VII to XII respectively. The workshop which was conducted by Mr. Ojas S. Walia from St. John Ambulance Brigade, emphasized on situations such as students fainting during assembly/sports period, lab accidents, fire and first aid. It gave all an insight into how to handle an emergency in the classroom and the play field. The workshop was extremely enlightening and was appreciated by all.

A workshop was also organized by Forum of Public Schools (Regd.) on 19.8.2009, at Sachdeva Public school, Pitampura. A Resource team from Expression India comprising of renowned doctors conducted the workshop on "Handling Medical Emergencies in School". Principals and teachers from various schools attended this workshop. Mr. Vikas, Ms. Preeti, Ms. Sharmishtha and Ms. Nishu attended the workshop and found it very illuminating and helpful. Ms. Sharmishtha and Ms. Nishu, attended the workshop and found it to be very illuminating and helpful.

CONTROLLING AGGRESSION - THE NEED OF THE HOUR

Indian Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health held a National CME on 02.5.2009 at the National Science Centre, Pragati Maidan, based on the theme "Aggression and violence in school going children - emerging issues and challenges". Dr. Vijay Chandra, Regional Advisor, Mental Health WHO, was the Chief Guest. Many eminent speakers like Dr. J.L. Pandey, Dr. Aroona Broota, Ms. Meenakshi Lekhi and Dr. Deepak Gupta were present. Ms. M. Som and Ms. P. Arora, our teachers attended this programme, in which causes for aggression and behavioural problems were identified. Guidelines on improving classroom behaviour and inculcating respect and discipline were suggested.

STUDENTS ATTEND WORKSHOP

A workshop was conducted by Ms. Surbi from Hriday for students of classes VII, VIII and IX on 11.5.2009. The importance of Food Pyramid was discussed with the peer leaders of each class. There was an interactive session with the students on variety, balance and moderation of foods. The importance of physical activities for a healthy lifestyle was emphasized.

STUDENTS ATTEND EXHIBITION FOR PEACE

On 6 July 2009, 16 students of classes VII, VIII and IX accompanied by Social Science teachers Ms. S. Malik, Ms. P. Arora, Ms. V. Lala and Ms. P. Minocha, visited Technia Institute for Advanced Studies for an exhibition organized by Bharat Soka Gakkai on the topic 'Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World'. This exhibition focused on the power of each individual especially children and youth to contribute in the creation of peace. Overall it was an enriching experience for both teachers and students.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS

Orientation programmes were conducted for the parents of the new batch of students in Classes I and VI on 23/03/09 and 25/03/09 respectively. The Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, talked about the hopes and expectations of parents as well as the rules regulations of the school. She also said that we at St. Mark's seek to make education a gradual process of self awakening rather than a mere collection of facts.

The teachers also gave their respective subject related tips and suggestions in order to empower children to achieve academic excellence.

The programme for Class VI culminated with a beautiful array of items presented by the middle section like the pongal dance, songs of peace and liberation and Rabindra Sangeet. The last item 'Vande Mataram' was appreciated a lot by the parents. For the parents of Class I, the students of Class II spread the colours of basant by their item based on Basant Panchami. The students of class I presented a Haryanvi Dance. The Western Dance was enchanting. The programme was very well compered by Supriya and Sarthak.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED

'Let me die, if die I must, in the lap of free India'.

That was the fervour among the students when they celebrated Independence Day on 13.8.2009.

The Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal unfurled the National Flag which was followed by a speech by Ashima Gujral. The students of classes IX and XI presented two patriotic songs. The Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal and the Chairman conveyed to the students how to face the current challenge of Swine flu which has engulfed the nation and not to panic. Being the energetic youth of the nation it is their responsibility to confront the challenges and be dutiful citizens.

Various activities too marked the auspicious day. For students of classes I and II - a Patriotic Song Competition was held, while class III students had to draw and paint National Symbols. Students of class IV had to write a paragraph on the topic "What will I do for my Nation" and class V had a Quiz based on the topic "India my country". The response of the students was praiseworthy. Prizes were given to the winners of the respective activities.

INDO - SWISS FRIENDSHIP

We at school believe that the world indeed is a global village and we are a part of it and so we participated in a Quiz organised at Banyan Tree School, Lodhi Road on 23rd April'09 as part of Indo - Swiss Friendship Cup. 11 schools participated and our school was represented by 3 students : Naman Bhagat (VIII D), Shantav Jatav and Prayanshu (IX G). The Quiz was followed by the screening of a documentary depicting the sports, culture and landscape of Switzerland.

The Embassy of Switzerland organized the 'Friendship Cup 2009' to mark 60 years (1948-2008) of Indo Swiss Friendship. Many students of Class VIII prepared Project Files on Switzerland, highlighting the unique aspects of the country and identifying similarities and differences with India. Project Files of three students Jyotsna Arora (VIII A), Chanvi Singh (VIII F) and Rohit Raman Bannerjee (VIII D) were selected as the top three. These students alongwith their teacher Ms. S. Malik were invited to Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar on 4th and 6th August 2009, where Jyotsna gave a power point presentation on Switzerland and received a Certificate of Appreciation and a memento.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT

Prateek S. Suri, student of class IV A started learning Karate at the age of 6 years. A keen learner and consistent performer, he's been winning various competitions since then. He won the First position in All India Seiko-Kai-Karate-Do Championship in May 2009. Also ranked 4th KYU and awarded the Brown Belt in May 2009, he won the First position in 9th Delhi State Karate-Do Championship Kad Fight and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 2500/- Skating is his other interest and he won the third position in Skating in Jan. 2009.

N.C.C. CAMP

1 Delhi Girls Bn (Kashmiri Gate) organised an Advanced training camp at Gurgaon Women's College during the summer vacations. 400 cadets of different schools and colleges participated in that camp. 22 Students of our school attended this camp. They were imparted training in Drill, Firing, First Aid, Weapon training, Games, Civil defence etc. The unit organised firing competition, debate competition, drill competition, cultural competition, line out area competition, etc. Our school won the Best School trophy in line out area competition and stood third in the firing competition. Riti Pandya from Class XI won a gold medal in solo singing. Urvasi Sharma won a silver medal as the best cadet and Mahima Nagpal won a bronze medal in debate. All the cadets participated in the camp with zeal and enthusiasm.

A FILM SHOW ON ADVANCING TECHNOLOGIES

Students of class VIII alongwith Science teachers went to see the film show "2020-Future under Construction" at National Science Centre, on 29.8.2009. The film highlighted emerging technologies which shall change our lives (Nanotechnology, Hydrogen Fuel).

EXPLORATION CLUB IN ACTION

The students of classes IV and V of the Exploration Club were taken to various religious places on a visit. First to St. Gregorious Church where they were shown around by a member of the Church. Then to a Gurudwara adjacent to the Church where they were shown the Holy book of Sikhs. The last stop was the Sanatan Dharam Mandir. The trip reiterated the fact that India is a secular country where various religions co-exist peacefully.

MOVIE TIME FOR STUDENTS

HT PACE organized a movie show for students of classes IV and V on 29th and 30th April 2009 respectively. The movie shown was 'Jumbo'. Children found the movie exciting and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

WE ARE 'GREEN CONSUMERS'

Earth Day was celebrated on 21 and 22 April 2009. All the new and existing members attended the first meeting of the academic session 2009-10 of the 'Eco Club' where everybody took a pledge towards becoming green consumers and reducing their ecological footprints. A small documentary on Environment, and a Power Point presentation on the Eco Club was shown to children. Students of various classes participated in activities such as making book marks and best out of waste. They made posters on Safe Diwali and Holi. They realized the importance of conservation of natural resources and the generation of minimum waste. Our 'Green Mark's Society' too on the occasion of Earth Day did its bit for the mother earth. The Green Ambassadors made 236 bags from old newspapers and promised to bring more hand made paper bags and encourage their usage. They propagated the message 'Only Paper Bags for us'.

The 'Green Mark's Society' took a step forward in the same direction to say 'No to Plastic' as we believe in saving the environment and spreading the message. So, the 'Green Ambassadors of "Green Mark's Society" visited the neighbourhood market and distributed paper bags made by them from old newspapers. They spoke to the shopkeepers about the harmful effects of plastic bags.

A workshop on Green Consumerism was organized by TARA on 13.4.2009 to sensitize teachers towards reduction of ecological footprints and inculcating the same in the students. The Eco Club teachers attended this programme.

CBSE Regional Science Exhibition was organized by Indraprastha World School, Paschim Vihar, on 10 and 11 August 2009. The theme was "Science and Technology for Global Sustainability". Various models highlighting Energy Conservation, Disaster Management, Conservation of Natural Resources and Mathematical Modeling were exhibited.

Navneet Rana (XIIB) and Priya Jyoti (XII B) of our school participated in this exhibition. They impressed the judges with their knowledge and conceptual application.

STUDENTS HONoured BY DELHI SANSKRIT ACADEMY

Two students, Mani Makkar (XC) and Aditi Nanda (XA) were awarded Scholarships of Rs. 500/- each by Delhi Sanskrit Academy, on 17.5.2009, for securing above 96% in Sanskrit in the academic year 2008-09.

TURN COAT-A DEBATE WITH A DIFFERENCE

An Inter Class Turn Coat Competition for classes XI and XII was held on 19.8.2009. It was a kind of debate but with a difference. The participants were given the topics on the spot. Each participant had to speak for one minute 'for' the motion and 'against' the motion. It was an enlightening experience for most of the speakers. The winners were :

I PRIZE

Mukul Rawal, XI D

Sameeksha Verma, XII C

II PRIZE

Vijeta Handa, XI F

Nikhil Puri, XII C

ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

"Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man and writing an exact man". To emphasize on writing and writing well, an Inter Class English Essay writing competition was held for classes IX-XII. The topics were 'Gender Discrimination' for class IX, 'Environmental Issues' for class X, 'Relevance of Literature in today's times' and 'Politics in India' for classes XI and XII respectively. The following students excelled:-

CLASS IX

Sabhya Dhingra	I	IX E
Jivtej Singh	II	IX A
Shruti Malhotra	III	IX B

CLASS X

Mani Makkar	I	X C
Varan Beriwal	II	X D
Bhavik Goel	III	X E

CLASS XI

Riti Pandya	I	XI B
Tanvi Lamba	II	XI F
Akanksha Chitkara	III	XI A

CLASS XII

Sameeksha Verma	I	XII C
Mayank Khera	II	XII F
Aashima Khosla	II	XII C
Aakarsha Mahajan	III	XII B
Palak Gupta	III	XII C

UPCOMING CHILD TALENT AWARDED

Shreya Sharma of class VA was honoured on the eve of International Women's Day, as an upcoming child talent by Smt. Suman Krishnakant, who is the wife of our country's ex-Vice President, at a ceremony organized by Nation Care Newspaper.

Shreya Sharma who has successfully completed 7 levels in the Brain-O-Brain Abacus programme was also recognized for her talent in many other fields.

WE BAG 'VISION 2009'

Our students brought laurels to the school when they bagged the Rolling Trophy at the inter school competition 'Vision 2009' organized by Lancer's Convent School from 28 July 2009 to 30 July 2009.

It was an amalgamation of competitions from oratory to theatre to music. The young singers and musicians bagged the first prize leading the school to victory. The participants of the events were :-

MELODY MEDLEY

Parth Dhall	XI A
Aakshi Sharma	XI G
Manpreet Kaur	XI A
Ashmeet Kaur	XI A
Mudit Bajaj	IX B
K.P. Jayaram	IX A
Simrat Kaur	IX C
Yuvika Arora	IX C
Vritika Jain	IX E
Utkarsh Bhardwaj	IX C
Utkarsh Puri	IX D
Priyanshu	IX G
Arun Sirari	X C
Sarthak Khera	X E

JOURNO JAB

Manmohan Singh	XII A
Kunal Malhotra	XII A
Sanya Rawal	IX A

THEMATIC THEATRE

Vanshree Garg	IX B
Shubhankar Jain	IX B
Samarth Mahajan	IX B
Pamposh Pandita	IX C
Vanya Bhatnagar	IX C
Rishabh Sethi	X A
Radha Bhola	IX B

QUIZZICAL QUEST

Ria Nagpal	VIII A
Anya Arora	VIII F

TURN COAT

Rishita Sachdeva	XI C
Piyush Kalra	XI B

ST.MARK'S QUIZ

**"It's strange how much you've got to know,
Before you know how little you know."**

An Inter House Quiz was organized for classes IX to XII on 24.8.2009 and 25.8.2009 respectively, based on the themes 'India- a Kaleidoscope' and Entertainment. Different aspects of India were covered in 8 rounds like 'Identify the Dance forms', 'Books and Authors', 'Indian Culture' etc. for classes IX and X. Gandhi House was the winner followed by Shastri House and a tie between Nehru and Patel House. The participants of the winning team i.e. Gandhi House were:-

Saurabh Maithani, IXC

Shrishti Manocha, IXC

Srinath, XC

Pratika Saini, X A

The quiz for classes XI and XII covered various areas of entertainment like Hollywood, Bollywood, Television, Music and Media. The first and second positions were bagged by Nehru and Shastri House respectively. The members of the winning team ie Nehru house were-

Karshni Kharbanda, XI A

Akshay Talwar, XIC

Medha Sharma, XIIB

Pushp preet Singh, XII G

CONTACT ESTABLISHED WITH SCHOOL ABROAD

A contact was established with St. Patrick School, Carlisle, P.A., USA during the summer vacations for future projects and exchange programmes, which was initiated by our school teacher, Ms. Anjali Misra.

A TEST OF SCIENTIFIC TEMPER

"Every great advance in Science has issued from a new audacity of imagination." A "One Minute Experiment" activity was conducted on 20.8.2009, as a prelude to 'Quest' for class VI. Children showed a number of one minute experiments with day to day things and explained the scientific phenomenon and principles behind them. The first prize winners were :-

Shelly Gupta and Mayank Sharma of class VIG

Class VII students prepared display boards on "Food and Adulteration" to increase the awareness among people regarding adulterants and their effects.

A 'Power Point Presentation' competition too was conducted on 21.8.2009, for students of classes VIII & IX. They presented the topic 'Energy in the Nucleus' and 'Genetics' respectively. Efforts of the students were appreciated. The first prize winners were :

Lakshay and Siddharth of class VIIID

Prayanshu Sharma and Ravit Malik of class IX G

TEACHER ATTENDS HT PACE MEET

HT PACE conducted the Annual Teachers' Meet on 25.03.2009 in the Taj Palace Hotel which was attended by Ms. U. Korla, on 25.03.2009. The Director of HT PACE Ms. Anoopurna Sehgal gave presentations on the last ten years of HT PACE. Our school was among the first ten schools to be the subscribers for the introductory subscription of HT PACE in the year 1998.

A play 'Bade Aadmi' directed by Ms. Anuradha Dhar was staged. It was a satire on the facade of the modern life. It was an audio-visual treat.

RESULTS OF HANDWRITING COMPETITION

The Handwriting showcases a man's character!

A good handwriting always leaves a good impression on others and so a handwriting competition was held to emphasize on the need of a good handwriting.

I		II		III	
I A	Lakshita Malik	Sidhant Katyal		Arush Sobti	
I B	Bhavya Chopra	Shifali Dutt		Harmeet Singh	
I C	Gauri Mittal	Krish Kumar		Shantanu Verma	
I D	Ronak Goel	Kartikey Jaiswal		Garvit Verma	
I E	Siddharth Dhingra	Prashant Choudhary		Anshika Sharma	
I F	Arnav Kumar	----		----	
I G	Aditya Anand	Japneet Kaur		Dhruv Saini	
I H	Kritika Sharma	----		----	
I I	Gaurika Gupta	Muskan Gupta		----	
I J	Muskan Malhotra	Poorva Narang		Gyandeepika Banga	
II A	Ishita Saxena	Akshita Talwar		Shreyas Sah	
II B	Vibhor Grover	Manya Singla		Isha Aggarwal	
II C	Manpreet Kaur	Divyanshi Arora		----	
II D	Siya Gautam	Sneha Sharma		Akshay Gupta	
II E	Rahul Arora	Dhriti Juneja		Atharv Malhotra	
II F	Kanishka Gupta	Aditya Katyal		Vishesh Malik	
II G	Ashish Chugh	----		----	
III A	Hershneet Kaur	Kabir		----	
III B	Harshita Bisht	Tanishq Babbar		----	
III C	Sanya Kapoor	Srishti Abrol		Bhavesh Sethi	
III D	Gaurang Alagh	Chirag Mahna		Neha Khanwani	
III E	Ritik Makkar	Riddhirup Ebra		Rashmeet Kaur	
III F	Akshit Gupta	Samarth		Yash Kumar	
III G	Prachi Gupta	Divita Aggarwal		Shristi Vaisha	
IVA	Zubia Khan	Pragati Ostwal		Arpit Gupta	
IVB	Sanya Arora	Aman Goyal		Avleen	
IVC	Sivgun Kaur	Aman Goel		Chhavi Wadhera	
IVD	Ishita Arora	Khushboo Dhull		Mansi Marwah	
IVE	Aniket Goyal	Manit Arora		Kartik Bhatia	
IVF	Hardik Luthra	Angaddeep Singh Bhasin		Tanisha Gupta	
IVG	Kanika	Khushboo		Arpit Mukheja	
VA	Shreya Sharma	Pratyaksh Yadav		----	
VB	Namisha Chugh	Muskaan Pandya		Shreya Manocha	
VC	Ankita Behl	Rashika Sardana		Yashmeet	
VD	Riya Nagpal	Sanjit Sikka		----	
VE	Muskan Shah	Garvita Sharma		----	
VF	Gurleen Kaur	Riya Gupta		----	
VG	Shambhavi Gauta	Arushi		----	
Ist Prize Winners of other classes					
VI A	Radhika Juneja	VII A Shivangi Arora		VIII A Devanshu Jain	
	Ishaan Arora	Himanshi Mangwana		Bharat Gandhi	
VI B	Sanjana Choudhary	VII B Aayushmaan Parashar		VIII B Anmol Kapoor	
	Jasveen Kaur	Dashmeen Kaur		Mohit Gulati	
VI C	Manushi	VII C Srishti Bhatia		VIII C Akanksha Goyal	
	Arshpreet	Ekam Kalra		Sarthak Kathuria	
VI D	Khyati Kakaria	VII D Himanshi Malik		VIII D Tanveet	
	Navya Mahajan	Sakshi Luthra		Shibangi Nag	
VI E	Aayushi Goel	VII E Megha Raheja		VIII E Kashish Anand	
	Dev Soni	Rishu Suri		Vaibhav Raj	
VI F	Shriya Seth	VII F Urvi Marwaha		VIII F Shreya Lamba	
	Deepanjali Arora	Takshi Jain		Himanshi	
VI G	Tashika Arora				
	Maghav Goyal				

SPELLING COMPETITION

Spellings are the backbone of any language. If you can spell words correctly half the battle of mastering a language is achieved. An Inter Class English Spelling Competition was held for all the students from classes I to XII to inculcate in the students the love for the language and an urge to read books. The winners were :

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|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| I Aditya Madan, I B | Dhriti Juneja, II E | I Pamposh Pandita, IX C |
| II Shifali Dutt, I B | Sarthak Sachdeva, II C | II Vanya Bhatnagar, IX C |
| Shubham, I F | Nitigya Dutt, II E | I Mani Makkar, X C |
| Dhruv Gupta, I E | | II Shibika Suresh, X E |
| I Yatharth, III G | Ananya De, IV E | I Nikhil Mittal, XI B |
| II Rahul Pande, III G | Mandeep Singh, IV E | II Aparajita Pandey, XI A |
| Dipika Verma, III A | | Aashish Sawhney, XI E |
| Siddhant Sharma, III B | | Tanvi Lamba, XI F |
| III | Vineet, IV B | I Aanchal Gupta, XII B |
| | Abhinav Sachdeva, IV A | Perna Khurana, XII F |
| | Manit Arora, IV E | Prabhakaran Singh, XII F |
| I Ameesha Mehta, V C | | II Kunal Malhotra, XII A |
| II Shikhar Suresh, V D | | Eira Kochhar, XII B |
| Rashi Aggarwal, V C | | Devashree Sharma, XII B |
| | | Samiksha Verma, XII C |
| I Layan Vardaan, VI F | Shivangi Arora, VII A | Tarun Gupta, XII E |
| Lakshay Arora, VI F | ----- | Naman Choudhary, XII F |
| II Deepanshi Makkar, VI B | Veronica Kapoor, VII A | |
| Yashaswi Gupta, VI C | | |
| I Shobha Chawla, VIII B | | |
| Naman Sharma, VIII B | | |
| II Garima Baweja, VIII A | | |
| Sachin Chadha, VIII D | | |

IS GANDHIGIRI BETTER THAN DADAGIRI

In this world we find both kinds of people living- hooligans and those who follow the path of truth and non-violence. In such a scenario it becomes very difficult to choose between Gandhigiri and dadagiri.

Dadagiri is bullying people in order to get work done. It is a weapon of the weak and people with physical strength usually adopt this method. On the other hand Gandhigiri is following the teachings of Gandhiji, that is Ahimsa and Non-violence. Gandhigiri is a way of hurting the conscience of the oppressor and making him realize his mistakes. Following non-violent methods, speaking the truth, forgiving the sinner is the essence of Gandhigiri. It is rightly said "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

Though it is very difficult to follow the Gandhian way of life but that is the right way. Bullying others is not ethical. This message is rightly delivered in the movie 'Lage Raho Munnabhai' where Sanjay Dutt followed all Gandhian methods to solve his problems. This method is difficult but victory is definite.

Gandhigiri is the only way to spread love in this world. If this method is adopted worldwide there would be peace everywhere and probably terrorism would come to an end. If you wish to spread love and a feeling of brotherhood amongst the people - Gandhigiri is the answer.

'STORY TELLING - AN ART'

A Story telling Workshop was held on 10.4.2009 in our school which was organized by Ratna Sagar Pvt. Ltd. The resource person was Ms. Deepa Aggarwal, who has authored a number of books for children. She has about forty books in English and Hindi to her credit. Her series of picture books 'Little Friends' with titles like 'Lippo goes to the park' and 'Squiggy goes to school', published by Frank Educational Aids is extremely popular with beginner readers. Her recent titles include 'Caravan to Tibet', 'Folktales from Uttarakhand' and 'The Mango Birds'.

She spoke about various styles of story telling belonging to different countries and also from the different states of our country. To name a few - Kamishibai - a Japanese way of storytelling and Rajasthani Phad which has a screen with a full story and the relevant pictures are highlighted. It was quite an interactive and interesting workshop and concluded with the performance by the teachers of classes I to V with a story from their respective classes.

ENGLISH RECITATION COMPETITION

'Poetry is emotion put in measure; the emotion comes by nature, but the measure can be acquired by art'.

To master the emotions and the measure we organize Inter Class Recitation Competitions for the students of classes I to X. For classes I to V, VI to VIII and IX and X, English Recitation Competitions were held on 31 July, 12 August and 13 August respectively. For classes I to V the recitation was theme based like Childhood, Animals, School, Holidays and My Country respectively. For Classes VI to X thought provoking poems were given importance. These competitions gave the students an opportunity to showcase their talent.

The winners were :-

CLASS I

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. ISHITA ARORA, | I C |
| 2. GAURI MITTAL, | I C |
| CHAHAK CHANANA, | II |
| 3. LAKSHITA MALIK, | I A |

CONS. PRIZES

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|------------------|------|
| HARSHIT GUPTA, | I H |
| GAURIKA GUPTA, | II |
| DIVYANSHI ARORA, | II C |
| HARSHIT BEHAL, | II A |

CLASS II

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|-------------------|------|
| 1. PALVI BATRA, | II B |
| 2. SANSKAR GUPTA, | II F |
| 3. SANAH MALIK, | II B |

CLASS III

- | | |
|--------------------|-------|
| 1. KABIR KHURANA, | III A |
| 2. PRACHI GUPTA, | III G |
| 3. HERSHNEET KAUR, | III A |

CONS. PRIZES

- | | |
|------------------|-------|
| MANAS MEHTA, | III C |
| NIKITA ARORA, | III F |
| MANAV PRABHAKAR, | IV E |
| KULPREET KAUR, | IV F |

CLASS IV

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|--------------------|------|
| 1. MAANVI MUDGIL, | IV A |
| 2. CHHAVI WADHERA, | IV C |
| 3. GYAN KAUR, | IV G |

CLASS V

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. SHIKHAR SURESH, | V D |
| 2. PARAS PRUTHI, | V E |
| 3. RIYA NAGPAL, | V D |

CONS.

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|-----------------|-----|
| RIYA GUPTA, | V F |
| SHIKHAR JUNEJA, | V C |

CLASS VI

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|--------------------|------|
| 1. SUASHA GIRDHAR, | VI C |
| 2. GINNI MADAN, | VI A |
| 3. ISHAAN ARORA, | VI A |

CLASS VII

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. SHREYA BEHLL, | VII F |
| 2. SHIVANGI ARORA, | VII A |
| 3. TANYA GUPTA, | VII B |

CLASS VIII

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|-------------------|--------|
| 1. SAKSHI SETHI, | VIII B |
| 2. MIRZA ASLAM | VIII A |
| 3. KASHISH ANAND, | VIII E |

CLASS IX

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|---------------------|------|
| 1. MEHARJEET KAUR, | IX B |
| SHAIREN CHAWLA. | IX E |
| 2. VANYA BHATNAGAR. | IX C |
| 3. RAVIT MALIK, | IX G |

CLASS X

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. NIHARIKA KAPOOR, | X A |
| 2. MANMEET KAUR, | X E |
| 3. PRATISHTHA KHANDURI, | X F |

REUNION OF OUR OLD STUDENTS

Our Old Students' Association 'Atoot Bandhan', organized a dance party for the members of the Alumni. This event was held on 19.7.2009, at Jazz Café, Café Morrison, South Extn., New Delhi. The members of the Alumni, including the school Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, some of the senior teachers and about 103 ex-students enjoyed a fun-filled evening of music, dance and dinner. The event was a great success with a good turnover. The Alumni Governing Body is planning to organize more memorable and enjoyable events like this.

THEATRE-WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS

"Drama is the best medium of expressing our emotions."

An eight-day Theatre Workshop was held for our students by the Yatrik Theatre group. 36 students from classes VIII, IX and XI participated in this workshop along with the teacher facilitators Ms. P. Minocha and Ms. R. Kohli. Legends like Ms. Joy Michael, Mr. Prakash Bhatia and Ms. Swaroopa Ghosh conducted the workshop and worked on different arenas of theatre. The students were made aware of the technical as well as creative aspects of a play. They were taught how to improvise a scene, how to modulate and project their voice. Mr. Neeraj worked upon their diction and clarity of voice. Mr. Siddharth Bhatia was present for the last 2 days of the workshop where in a play was developed and was enacted by the students on stage. It taught them how we can communicate through actions and expressions.



Students of classes VIII, IX and X at the theatre workshop.

STUDENTS ATTEND CAMP 'ANUBHAV'



The avid listeners taking instructions at the adventure camp.

'A sound mind lives in a sound body'.

In line with this maxim we organise various camps for the children. A group of 32 students along with 3 teachers attended the camp 'Anubhav' during the summer vacations at Padampuri near Bhimtal. They were captivated by the scenic beauty of that place. The activities during the course of the 3 day camp consisted of Trekking, River Crossing, Rappling, Shooting, Water sports (rafting) and Night Trekking.

It was an exciting and enriching experience for the students as the activities really boosted their confidence level.



River rafting - an unusual experience

JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATED WITH JOY AND FERVOUR

The spirit of festival came alive when budding children of class I participated in the Janmashtami celebrations on 12 August 2009. A wonderful cultural programme was presented by the tiny tots. The programme started with a small kirtan and dance. The Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, the Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, accompanied by Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and Educational Supervisor Ms. R. Anand performed the 'puja'. The birth of Lord Krishna was depicted in small scenes which was followed by 'Makhan Chor' Dance, 'Ras Lila' and 'Geeta Updesh'. Children were beautifully dressed up as 'Radhas', 'Krishnas' and 'Gokulvasis'. The Principal Ms. Aggarwal addressed the students on this occasion.



Sri Krishna (Alizama Khan I C) with his friends at play.



"Lord Krishna is born" - Manasvee (I J) rocks the Cradle as Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, Ms. V. Wahi and Ms. R. Anand look on.



Sri Krishna (Alizama Khan I C) being reprimanded by Yashodha (Kannan Batra I C)

AN EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION DOWN HISTORY

An educational trip to Amritsar was organized for students of class V, on 28 and 29 August 2009. They were given an extensive guided tour of the Jallianwala Bagh and the Golden Temple. They were made aware of the religious history of the place and also the patriotic fervour in the people of Punjab. The students also witnessed the Retreat Ceremony and Parade by BSF Jawans at Wagah Border. The trip was an enjoyable and knowledgeable experience for the students as well as the escorting teachers. Our students were also given the honour of running with the National Flag at the Wagah border.



An honour indeed to hold aloft our National Flag



Visiting Sri Harminder Sahib

A Visit to the Rashtrapati Bhawan



The Rashtrapati Bhawan leaves students spellbound.

70 students of class - V were taken on a visit to the Rashtrapati Bhawan. They were escorted by four teachers. This visit was organised by HT Pace. It was indeed an interesting and fruitful outing for the students as - well - as the teachers. A guide showed them around the Rashtrapati Bhawan and were shown the various halls namely Darbar Hall, Ashoka Hall and Banquet Hall where the Civil awards, Gallantry awards and functions are held respectively. There is a wonderful statue of Lord Buddha with his 1001 hands. It was presented to the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad by the Government of Vietnam. Various museums and the statues of all the previous Presidents of India were also shown. Overall, it was indeed an interesting and informative visit and the students surely gained a lot.

A VISIT TO A FIRE STATION



Students watch the working of the fire brigade

Our students of classes I, II and III and 6 students of V F of Exploration Club were taken to the Fire station Meera Bagh. They were shown the working of the fire brigades, different type of fire bus services and were also told on how to prevent fire mishappenings and what to do if there is a fire. In all it was a great learning experience for all of them.



Use of face mask during a fire being demonstrated.

TEACHERS HAVE FUN

Just before we broke up for the new session, a get together was organized for the teachers and all had great fun and enjoyed themselves and were rejuvenated for the coming session.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Teachers play games too



Tanya Gupta VII B - Scholarship holder



Arsh Tayal (VA) being felicitated by Mr. T.P. Aggarwal for academic excellence



Karan Chopra X D receiving the scholarship for academic excellence in IX from Mr. T.P. Aggarwal



Ashima Bansal receiving the scholarship for academic excellence in Class IX

PHOTO FEATURE



Prachi Grover - XII C - Proud Scholarship winner



Manav Prabhakar IV E - Felicitated for academic excellence



The Winners of English Recitation - VI - VIII

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Shikhar Suresh - Best Student of the year



Harshpreet Kaur and Shrishti Mittal - Appreciated by E - Pals for writing to President Barack Obama



Manav Prabhakar, Priyanjali Handa and Mandeep Singh (IV E) Proud winners of Abacus at State Level

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Patel House - Overall Champions - 2008 - 09



The 15 member delegation with their escort teacher at Copenhagen.



Siddhartha Sarma holds up his book - Grasshopper's Run

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Jatin Arora XII C - Proud recipient of Best Student of the Year Award by Statesman



Nikita Sarin - VII F - Best Student Award Recipient by NIE



This is a letter addressed to each one of you on the occasion of Diwali

Dear friends,

Diwali is celebrated with great enthusiasm all across the nation. As soon as Diwali comes, one can hear the sounds of firecrackers exploding from all directions. Firecrackers are known to cause air pollution as well as noise pollution and are extremely harmful for senior citizens and small children.

Pets such as dogs and cats also suffer a lot on account of firecrackers as animals have a more sensitive sense of hearing than humans. Just think about those poor stray dogs looking for a shelter all the time during Diwali, entering the driveways of our homes, so helpless, and at the same time, suffering because of humans.

It is quite clear that firecrackers can cause hearing loss and sleeping disturbances, but did you know that they also cause High Blood Pressure and Heart Attacks. We are aware that due to air pollution people come down with all sorts of respiratory problems such as asthma and bronchitis.

Sometimes, due to incorrect usage, these firecrackers become the cause of painful burns and also, deaths. I sometimes laugh when I see people burning hard earned money beneath the mask of crackers.

We all know the ill-effects of Firecrackers. But still, the majority of people burst crackers.

Keeping Global Warming in mind, I would say that now the time has come that we should not reduce, but completely STOP the 'entertainment' through crackers.

Just think about the poor little children who are forced to make firecrackers in Sivakasi. Just because you want to burst these firecrackers these unfortunate children slave away in horrible conditions for long hours. How can you burst firecrackers with a clear conscience when you know how they are made? If you are a parent how can you condone child labour? If you are a child yourself how can you even think of encouraging it? It is the duty of each right thinking human being to prevent child labour.

DIWALI IS THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND SPREADS HAPPINESS, PROSPERITY AND LOVE. I appeal to you to celebrate it with love in your hearts for one and all. Therefore, Let each one of us take a pledge this Diwali to say **NO to firecrackers.**

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