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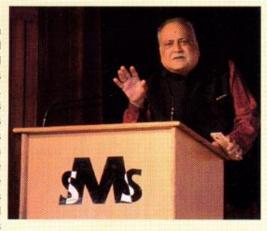
#### LOYALTY TRUTH AND HONOUR





#### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

20th April, 2015 was a proud day for all of us at St. Mark's School, Meera Bagh, as we entered the 25th year of our foundation. It is with pride and pleasure that I reflect upon the years gone by and express gratitude and appreciation to all those responsible for bringing the institution to its current position, where it stands tall amongst the top schools of Delhi. Over the last 25 years, we have been striving to deliver the best in class education by nurturing talent and shaping future leaders. St. Mark's has not only scaled great heights in academics, activities and sports, but has also left a mark on the global arena. Our school culture focuses on excellence, team learning and innovation which is critical in the development of young minds. It gives me immense satisfaction when I see young St. Markians making a mark in every field of life. This accomplishment is a result of the combined effort, hard work and commitment of our staff, students and all stakeholders including parents



and the community. We look forward to many more magnificent years of achievements. I would like to once again congratulate the Principal, teachers, all staff members and pupils of the school on our 25th Anniversary.

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#### EDITORIAL

As time passes, things change everyday, and today's a beautiful reminder of why it can only get brighter... 25 glorious years have passed in the blink of an eye. As we look back and wonder, it amazes us to recall the long distance that we have covered together, on our path to success. Our school has progressed by leaps and bounds, on its way to becoming a premier global institution. World-class amenities, coupled with the dedication and hardwork of everyone who is a part of this institution has paid rich dividends, taking us to greater heights and beyond. The journey that we have had over these joyous years has been one of a kind. We celebrated every event with great fervour and have overcome all roadblocks and obstacles. Never did we stop working towards our goals. And this culminated in us being where we are right now, basking in the glory of these

25 years, which have brought us innumerable joyous and successful moments. Hail St. Mark's!

Lakshay Arora

Co-Editor (2014-15)



There are moments that make you feel happy, contented, successful and yet they leave us misty eyed. These are moments that you treasure for a lifetime. 20 April 2015 was the moment of the year for all St. Markians. A moment to rejoice, a moment to reminisce, a moment to cheer and a moment to celebrate. It was the 25th Foundation Day of our school and the festivity and fervour could be seen right from the walls of the school to the twinkle in the eyes of one and all.

The celebrations began with the unfurling of the school flag by the Chairman, Mr T. P. Aggarwal and all of us giving chorus to Hail St. Mark's. This was followed by a cultural program. Ms. A. Aggarwal, Principal, welcomed the Special Guests of Honour, Mr. Ashok Chand, Addl. Comm. of Police, Mr. Manu Malik, Income Tax Commissioner, Faridabad, Mr. Jyoti Kalash, Resident

Other dignitaries who attended the occasion were Mr. Tibor Kovacs, Director, Hungarian Information Cultural Centre, Ms. Saima Syed, First Secretary, High Commission of Pakistan, Ms. Megha Srivastav, Head of Operations, High Commission of Malta, Ms. Livleen Kahlon, TERI, Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar, Sec. Gen., CUCAI. Members of the Managing Committee, the PTA and Old Students' Association also attended the event.

The music and dance performance by our students stirred the excitement of the audience that comprised of the dignitaries, students, staff, alumni and members of PTA. Be it the speech or the poem by the students or the video where the staff members who have been in the school for 25 glorious years, each took us through the time that has brought our school to this glorious

What more!! The event was streamed live and had around 36000





#### Nostalgia Looms Large

20° April 2015 this time out was twice the fun, five times the splendour, ten times the prestige, and twenty five times the grandeur. The 25° Anniversary of our school was celebrated with unmatched vigour and joy, and a huge part of it all was A Trip Down Memory Lane. An exhibition set up by the teachers and students of the school took everyone 25 years back from where we started to where we are now. It covered every aspect of the school-ranging from academics to sports, literature to art & craft, theatre to environment, excursions to cultural exchange programes- the exhibition had it all. It enabled everyone present to live, and in quite a few cases relive, every little event that has taken place in this 25 year journey that St. Mark's has had. It was a joy to behold to see the delight on all the faces that went through the exhibits- the management, the teachers, and most importantly, the students- past and present. The alumni was utterly delighted to see all the exhibits, as nostalgia, happiness and memories came rushing in. And as for the current crop of students, they got a fair idea of what their seniors had been up to in their school years and the kind of legacy they have left behind. Certainly a tough act to follow, but our students were filled with refreshed vigour and zeal to succeed on being taken back into the realms of the past, ready to face the future with their best efforts.





#### ITS PARTY TIME FOLKS

No birthday celebration is complete without the cake cutting ceremony and with the school turning 25 years old, we couldn't have done with cutting just one cake. Yes, each class had its own cake and each student could feel the excitement of the 25" birthday celebrations. The students spent the day in complete merriment.



#### ALUMNI SPEAK

Congratulations today is such a big day for the whole of St. Mark's family, this school and all the time spent here is exceptionally special and will always be. Loads of love & good wishes.

Roshni Khatri (2014-15)

I wish my school a very happy birthday. I hope it sees many more years of success and glory. The school has given me a lot, my confidence, my abilities, my personality, all comes from here. I am very fortunate to be a part of this wonderful journey, thank you for everything St. Mark's. I miss everything about you.

Ria Nagpal (2013-14)

Hey St. Mark's! Wish you a very happy 25th! Hive very far or I would have surely come. You have been shaping the future of hundreds of students every year, and indirectly the future of this country. I hope you are proud of that. I came as a toddler, like a mass of clay and my teachers have shaped me beautifully into the man! am today. The world may see me as what! have become, but truth is, they see what St. Mark's has made me. I can never thank you enough, St. Mark's. I love you.

Gary Malik (2011)

BITS-Pilani Graduate and Stand-Up Comedian

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very happy to hear that my school has completed 25 years of its foundation. I am in another part of the world and this news brought back all the memories. My school has helped in making me who I am today, shaped me as a person and supported me in all endeavours. Wishes to everyone who is a part of this beautiful institution. Congratulations St. Mark's on our silver jubilee.

Sagar Nagpal (2006-07)



The morning assembly, the free periods, scolding at not doing the homework and fear of getting the answer papers after the exams, I still see all of this in my dreams. I wish I could be a child again and relive my school days!! A very happy Silver Jubilee to SMS, Meera Bagh.

Cheers to the beautiful and unforgettable memories!! Karan Kohli( Batch of 2007)



## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

For the second time in a row, our school won the International School Award for outstanding development of international dimension in the school curriculum. The International School Award is a British Council accreditation scheme rewarding schools with a notable global element in their curriculum. We did eight international projects on diverse topics such as authors, environment, heritage, music and many more which received the participation of schools from almost fifteen countries. The projects also received the support of diplomats of various countries, H.E. Mr. Abdul Basit, High Commissioner of Pakistan, H.E.Shri Malay Mishra, Ambassador of India to Hungary and officials from the United Nations.

#### GAME JAM TITANS - 2015

2 teams comprising of 5 students each from our school participated in Game Jam Titans 2015 organised by NASSCOM and MIND BOX, held at Modern School, Barakhamba Road, on 17 August 2015. Over 80 schools participated in this event and our students, under the supervision of Mr. N. Gupta, secured the first position. The team comprising of Aayush Sharma (XII F), Kashish Bansal (XII F), Shelly Gupta (XII F), Tejasva Kalra (XII F) and Neehal Taneja (XII F) were awarded medals and will be attending the NASSCOM GAME DEVELOPER CONFERENCE 2015 to be held in Pune from 5 - 7 November, 2015. The second team comprising of Kartike Pushkarna (XI F), Pritish Seth (XI E), Pulkit Jhanji (XI E), Jatin Narula (XI F) and Yugein Behal (XI E) made it to TOP 5.

#### NORTH EAST FILM FESTIVAL

Of the 300 short videos on North-east, depicting culture, trade, beauty of the region made by students from all over the country, the video 'An Uncut Diamond' made by our students made it to the top 25. The students, Manav Prabhakar (X C), Himanshu Gupta (XI D), Rohan Garg (XI E), Mandeep Singh (X C), Hardik Bharti (X C) and Mayank Negi (X C) along with the teacher in charge Mr. N. Gupta, participated in the screening of the best 25 videos and also in the panel discussion. The team was appreciated for its effort and each member received a certificate for their endeavour.



Our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal and Global Co-ordinator, Ms. G. Rajan, being presented the International School Award



Our Gaming Warriors flashing their victorious smiles!

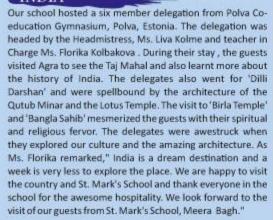


This team of budding directors made it to top 25 all over India.

## **GLOBAL DIMENSIONS**



#### INDIA



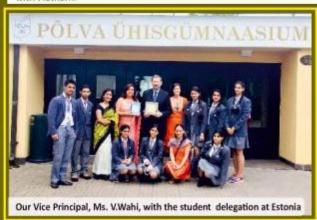
## ESTONIA

An 8 member student delegation comprising of Arsh Arora (XII D), Kulpreet Kaur (X F), Mehar Kohli (X E), Riya Sharma (XI B), Sarthak Phore (XI C), Sanya Arora (X G), Muskaan Kathuria (X E) and Sanya Shingari (XI D) of our school went for a cultural and educational exchange program with Polva Educational Gymnasium, Polva, Estonia. The delegation was led by Ms.V. Wahi, Vice Principal and Ms. A. Vohra, teacher incharge. During the exchange program, the delegation attended a workshop on Indo-Estonian Friendship, experienced the natural beauty and rich heritage of Estonia by touring Karilasti, Taevaskoja, AHHAA science centre, Polva Youth Centre and attending a Song Festival. The delegation had an inspiring interactive session with the Mayor of Polva, Mr. George Pelisaar. Later the delegation toured Tallinn, Helsiniki and Istanbul. The highlights were the visit to the Old City in Tallinn, the Royal Castle in Helsinki and the Blue Mosque in Istanbul. Some of the most memorable moments were when the delegation took the ferry ride to Helsinki and the boat trip around the Bosporus in Istanbul.



#### VIETNAM

In its endeavour to promote friendship across countries, our school initiated an exchange program with Experimental Secondary School, Hanoi, Vietnam. Eleven students - Ashit Kedia (XA), Mankirat Singh (X B), Naireeka Narula (XA), Parth Khurana (X B), Namisha Chugh (XI C), Muskaan Pandya (XI D), Sarthak Phore (XI C), Anjali Banerjee (XI D), Tejaswi Dabas (XI F), Sanya Kumra (XII D)and Parul Gupta (XII D) accompanied by Global Coordinator Ms. G. Rajan and Director, Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, visited Experimental Secondary School, Hanoi. In a special workshop for teachers, researchers and Principals of different schools in Hanoi, Director, Mr.Rahul Aggarwal spoke on the various activities that our school specializes in. The students attended a few English classes and performed a lively dance for the students and faculty of Experimental Secondary School. During their stay in Vietnam, the delegation toured the city of Hanoi and visited Halong Bay and NinhBinh. Boating on a bamboo boat, kayaking and spending a couple of days in a cruise were some major attractions. One of the major objectives of our international program is to teach the skills of diplomacy to our students by meeting diplomats of various countries. Our delegation was privileged to meet H. E. Madam Preeti Saran, Indian Ambassador to Vietnam at the Embassy of India, Hanoi. Ms. Saran interacted with students from both the schools and applauded the efforts of our school in promoting ties with Vietnam.



## **GLOBAL DIMENSIONS**

#### AUSTRIA

#### Symposium on Butterflies

Four students of our school, Rohan Garg (XI E), Jatin Singh (XI E), Aastha Nagpal (XI C) and Rashi Aggarwal (XI C) accompanied by teacher incharges Ms. R. Anand and Ms. M. Pathak, attended the 1° International Symposium on Butterflies in Science and Arts held in Villach, Austria, the Butterfly Capital of Austria. The symposium was hosted by Perau Gymnasium in Villach in cooperation with "Plant a Butterfly" project. The focus of the symposium was to engage teachers in finding out possibilities of incorporating basic topics on butterflies in the subject biology or any other subject of high school students. Furthermore, it was to promote awareness on butterfly conservation, protection and promotion of these "charming, charismatic and endlessly fascinating insects". Students participated in a number of activities from self-introduction to power point



presentations. But the highlights were the talk on the local population of European butterflies by Ms. Birgit Zechman from Dobratsch National park and the Skype session with Mr. Claude Sinner, who is based in Florida U.S.A. about his project Label butterflies.com. Mr. Sinner encouraged children to be more tech savvy and, of course, make conditions conducive for the butterflies. The students visited Dobratsch National park, Ossiah Lake and the medieval towns of Gmund and Friesach. The delegation also toured Prague, Vienna and Venice during their trip to Austria. The students visited the Prague Castle, an ancient symbol of Czech Republic and the largest ancient castle in the world and got a chance to learn about the monarchy. The delegation also went to the famous historic Charles Bridge that crosses the Vltava river. They couldn't have missed the Old Town Square which is the oldest and most important square of Old Prague.

# IEARN IEARN

Our delegation at the iEARN conference, Austria

A delegation of 8 students Manas Mehta (IX G), Himank Gupta (IX D), Tanishq Juneja (IX B), Pratishtha Verhwani (IX E), Nikita Arora (IX C), Mehak Bansal (IX C), Vanika Dang (X B) and Japsimran Kaur (X D) along with their teacher incharges Ms. M. Ghosh and Ms. A. Arora from our school went to Austria to attend the '10 years of IEARN – Austria' held in the picturesque town of St. Poelten. The five day conference starting from 5 July, 2015 to 9 July, 2015 was packed with various events. It was flagged off with the walk to the city centre. On the second day, the participants from the various countries introduced themselves and discussed their contribution in connection with the management of waste and different ideas about recycling. The conference was addressed by the Vice Mayor of the city Mr. Franz Gunacker who encouraged them to work for a better world. Our students showcased many

innovative and useful products that they had made from the waste materials. The work of our students was highly appreciated. On the third day the delegation toured Vienna, the beautiful capital of Austria. A community lunch was also organised wherein members of all the countries presented delicacies from their cultures. The various schools also showed power point presentations and expressed their ideas on waste management and discussed plans for future. The event ended with a dance performance by the Indian students and a farewell dinner with various dignitaries and friends of iEARN Austria.

#### MALAYSIA

Six students – Chirag Jhamb (XII E), Nishant Vashist (XII E), Paurav Gulati (XIE), Khyati Kakaria, (XIIE), Yukti Dua (XII B) and Grace Kalra (IX F) and two teachers – Mr. S. Arora and Ms. S. Kaur of our school attended the S<sup>II</sup> Next Scientist Camp, 2015 from 27<sup>II</sup> July to 1<sup>II</sup> August, 2015, which was organised by Sekolah Sultan Alam Shah, Putrajaya in collaboration with the National University of Malaysia. The aim of the camp was to strengthen the bond between Sekolah Sultan Alam Shah and the four foreign schools namely – St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, India; National Institute of Technology, Japan; St. Michael's Sr. High School, Japan and Kokusai Gakuin Junior



Scientists in the making at Malaysia

and Sr. High School, Japan, through cultural sharing and science innovation. Students and teachers were given certificates by Prof. Dr. Shahrim H J Ahmad (Dean of Faculty of Science and Technology) and Associate Prof. Dr. Wan Aida Wan Mustapha (Head of PPSKTM). The group explored Malaysia by seeing the beauty of Twin Towers and Musical Fountains at Kuala Lumpur, mosques at Putrajaya and Sunway Lagoon.

## **GLOBAL DIMENSIONS**

Strengthening our bond with buddies from Singapore.

#### SINGAPORE

A group of ten students – Aman Sirari (XI F), Rohan Suri (XI D), Ayati Nagpal (XI C), Aanandita Bhagat (X F), Ria Bhatia (IX D), Payal Bhatia (X F), Rohit Bagga (IX F), Prabhsimran Bajaj (X C), Gaurang Alagh (IX G) and Harshita Sabharwal (IX E) along with teacher incharges Ms.P.Minocha and Ms. H. Pant visited Millennia Institute, Singapore from 03 to 10 August, 2015 as part of a student exchange programme. It was a great honour for the delegation to be part of Singapore's 50 years of Independence. The presentation and performance of our students was highly appreciated. Our delegation visited Parliament House, Supreme Court, War Memorial, Gardens by the Bay, Sentosa Island and Universal Studios. The hospitality showered by our friends from Singapore was amazing and we look forward to welcome them in the month of November.

## RHYTHM & SOUL



Hargun Singh(VI H) in a melodious mode

#### A MYSTICAL MORNING

On 5" August 2015, under the aegis of SPIC MACAY, the students had a life time experience of witnessing a Mohan Veena recital by the most acclaimed Maestro, Pandit Vishwa



The recital that held the audience spellbound

#### SOLO SINGING CLASS VI

A Solo Singing Competition for Class VI was held on 29" July in our school. Many students of Class VI participated and sang nice melodious numbers which had the audience swaying and tapping their feet. The winners were :I Prize – Yajat Dayal (VI F), II Prize – Diya Sharma (VI G), III Prize – Dhwni Dang (VI E) and Consolation Prizes were won by Samridhi Huria (VI H), Hargun Singh (VI H) and Shreya Sharma (VI B).

Mohan Bhatt. The Chairman of the school, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, accompanied Pandit Vishwa Mohan to light the lamp. It was a moment to be cherished by all present. He commenced his recital with the 'Alaap Swaroop' of the "Nat Bhairav Raga" and then went on to enthral the students with "Vilambit Laya". He involved the students by making them chant in chorus "Ekgun, Dogun,.....till Athgun". He then played "Gat in Drut Teen Taal" which left everyone spellbound. Finally, he mesmerised the students by playing a piece from his Grammy Award Winning Album "A Meeting by the River". He made the students sing with his recital which was indeed an awe inspiring moment. He was accompanied on the tabla by the young and extremely talented Shri Pranshu Chatur Lal, grandson of the Legendary Tabla Wizard Late Pandit Chatur Lal and son of Pandit Charanjit Lal. As the school celebrates the Silver Jubilee Year, it was indeed a magnificent and the most delightful gift for the students to watch Pandit Vishwa Mohan dazzle and enchant every one with his recital.



# RHYTHM & SOUL





Waltz dance by class VE

#### MANTHAN

On 14th May, 2015 Manthan - an Inter Class Dance Competition was held at our school. It was a fusion of both Western and Indian dances wherein Class IV students performed Indian dances such as 'O Re Cheraeya', Rangeelamaaro', 'Jai Ho', 'South Indian', 'Rang De Basanti', 'Taal Se Taal Mila O', 'Nagaara' and Class V students performed different forms of Western dances like 'Gangnam Style and Kolaveri Di', 'Salsa', 'Beyonce', 'Barn Dance', 'Waltz', 'Free Style', 'Robotic and Hip-Hop' and 'Mixed Style'. All the dances were appreciated and applauded by the judges and the parents. The Winners trophies were bagged by 'Jai Ho' (IV C), 'Gangnam Style and Kolaveri Di' (V A) while 'Rangeela Maaro' (IV B), 'Salsa' (V B) and 'Mixed Style' (V H) won the Runners Up Trophy.







Brides for Seven Brothers' by class V D

#### Another Milestone Covered!

With the declaration of Class XII Board result (2014-15), our students were beaming with joy. Dhruv Dabas of Commerce stream topped with 95.8%, Siddhant Magow and Abhishek Bansal topped in the Science stream with 95.6% and beating his peers was Dhruv Makol who scored 95.4% in Commerce Without Maths. Palak Arora topped with 97.2% in Humanities stream and did her school proud. A total number of 967 distinctions were secured in various subjects of every stream and 95 students secured distinctions in all five subjects. The highlight of the result was Ashima Malhotra and Twinkle Pawar who scored a perfect 100 in Political Science, Palak Arora who scored a 100 in History and Palak Hajela who scored a 100 in Sociology. 59 students secured aggregate of 90% and above. The Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, congratulated the students and teachers of the school.



#### Class X Result 2015

The students of our school excelled in Class X results of 2015. 13 students i.e. Aryan (XA), Ankita Behl (XA), Muskan Goel (XA), Parth Vashist (XB), Siddharth Chugh (XB), Jahnavi Seth (XC), Sanchita Gupta (XC), Sujata Mahajan (XC), Rashi Aggarwal (XD), Riya Gupta (XD), Vaishali Arora (XD), Lakshit Jindal (XG) and Sushmit Vaish (XG) attained perfect 10 CGPA and topped the list. They are closely followed by eleven students who scored 9.8 Grade Points. Out of 279 students, the total number of A- Graders in various subjects are as follows: English-112, Hindi-87, Sanskrit-34, Mathematics-102, Science-88, Social Science-147.



#### PAVING WAY FOR THE NEW COUNCIL

The Investiture Ceremony was held at our school on 13° May, 2015 with great enthusiasm. It was a solemn occasion where the new office bearers were invested with responsibilities with the hope that they will discharge their duties to the best of their abilities following all the rules and regulations of the school. The occasion was graced by our Principal, Ms. A Aggarwal, Vice Principal Ms. V. Wahi and Educational Supervisor Ms. R. Anand. The new members of the student council are Suasha Girdhar (XII E) and Mayank Sharma (XII F) - Head Girl and Head Boy, respectively. The School Captains are Ishaan Arora (XII C) and Vidushi Khanna (XII C). The Sports Captains are Aman Chhabra (XII C) and Dhairya Taneja (XII D).

Other members of the council are:- House Captains Gandhi - Dev Soni (XII D); Nehru- Aayushi Arora (XII E); Patel- Sanjana Choudhary (XII E); Shastri- Soumya Verhwani (XII E) All the Office Bearers took oath and pledged to abide by the school rules.



Taking the pledge of obeisance to Loyalty, Truth and Honour

NVESTITURE CEREMONY- SR.COUNCIL



The Senior Student Council was invested with their duties and responsibilities on 14 August, 2015 by our Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal and Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal. The excitement of the new student council was palpable as they marched forward to get their badges, with their heads held high, ready to hold the school motto of Loyalty, Truth and Honour in high esteem. Thereafter, an oath taking ceremony was held where the office bearers pledged to diligently shoulder their responsibilities. The new members of the senior student council are Shikhar Juneja (XI E) and Riya Gupta (XI F) - Vice Head Boy and Vice Head Girl, respectively. The Vice School Captains are Shiva Narang (XIC) and Manya Pahwa

(XIE) and the Vice Sports Captains are Shikhar Suresh (XI C) and Yastika Kalra (XI D). The Vice House Captains are -Gandhi - Rohan Garg (XI E), Shastri - Shivangi Stuti (XI A), Patel - Shresheth Chhabra (XI C) and Nehru - Jatin Singh (XI E). The Discipline Incharges are Shivam Juneja (XI D), Pratyaksh Yadav (XI F), Varun Bakshi (XIC), Paras Pruthi (XI F), Muskaan Pandya (XI D), Sujata Mahajan (XI F), Ruchira Madan (XI B), Aman Solanki (XI A), Vansh Vohra (XI C), Anjali Labh (XI C), Jahnvi Grover (XID), Shreya Sharma (XIB), Pratistha Vij (XIB), Kavya Anand (XI C), Aastha Nagpal (XI C), Paurav Gulati (XI E) and Rashika Sardana (XI A) The Editorial Board of the School newsletter consists of Chief Editor - Riya Nagpal (XI D); Co-Editors - Siddhant Malhotra (XI F), Anjali Banerjee (XI D), Lepakshi Gautam (XI C) and Yuktika Sehgal (XI D) and Reporters - Tushar Mohan (IXB), Riddhirup Bera (IX C), Kavisha Bhatia (IX C), Aman Vohra (IX F), Manas Mehta (IX G) and Geetika Jhanji (IX A) Some other students of the school were also felicitated on this occasion. The Hindustan Times 'Best student' awards for the academic session 2014-15 were bestowed upon Riddhima Choudhary (V A), Aakriti Dadhich (VII E), Tushar Mohan (IX B) and Shivangi Stuti (XIA).

# MEERA BAGH Tender shoulders taking on heavy duties: The Junior Council

#### IR. COUNCIL

"Leaders are not born but are made with the experiences of life." To inculcate leadership qualities in students and to give them exposure of the functioning of an administrative body, the Junior School Cabinet was formed at our school and their investiture ceremony was held on 13 August, 2015. The Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal, Ms. V. Wahi and Educational Supervisor Ms. A. Gupta bestowed the badges on the office bearers. The Principal in her speech congratulated the newly elected office bearers. She emphasized on the importance of instilling discipline and values. The new members of the Junior Student council are Harshal Dutt (V A) and Khushi Mishra (V F) – Head Boy and Head Girl, respectively. The Vice Head Boy and Vice Head Girl are Bhavya Alagh (IV B) and Vani Baluja (IV B), respectively.

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BEST STUDENTS OF THE YEAR 2014-15





RIDDHIMA CHOUDHARY (VA)

AAKRITI DADHICH(VIIE)



TUSHAR MOHAN(IXB) MOST COMMITTED EDITOR



SHIVANGI STUTI(XIA)



LAKSHAY ARORA(XIIE)



SHAMBHAVI PRABHAKAR(XIID). RIYA NAGAPAL(XID)

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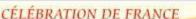




SHASTRI HOUSE

NEHRU HOUSE

GANDHI HOUSE





competitions on 10" July 2015. Class VI participated in 'Faites une carte de vœux', Class VII participated in 'Faites une affiche sur la France', Class IX and X participated in 'Racontez - moiune histoire'. The students participated very enthusiastically and had put in a lot of efforts in showcasing their talent and knowledge of French language and culture. The event began with a dance on 'Ma Philosophie' and 'Alors on danse'. Various other activities like a choir song (Rien de Rien) followed by poetry recitation were also held. A tribute to Coco Channel was given by Chhavi Wadhera of Class X. through her presentation. The event ended with the prize distribution ceremony for various other competitions held. In Class VI the winners for Greeting Card Competition were: I Prize – Ashmeet Kaur (VIE), II Prize – Tanvi Wadhera (VIE) and III Prize – Mohak (VIA). In Class VII the winners for Poster Making (La France) were: I Prize – Maahir Kohli and Tejas (VIIG), II Prize – Sachkeerat Singh and Shubham Khanijo (VIIC), III Prize – Mehar Singh and Pulkit S. Gahlawat (VIIH) and the Consolation Prize was won by Akshat Bhandari and Akshit Goel (VIIA). In Class VIII the winners for Poster Making (Le Monde Francophone) were: I Prize – Sanah Malik and Simran Vohra (VIIIC), II Prize – Srishti Arora and Purnima Sethi (VIIIF), III Prize – Sanskar Gupta and Abhinav Arora (VIIIC) and the Consolation Prize was won by Khushdeep Singh and Ritesh (VIIIC). In Class IX the winners for Racontez moi – une histoire were: I Prize – Priyanshu Ahuja (IX B), II Prize – Kavisha Bhatia (IX C) and III Prize – Khushboo Juneja (IX B). In Class X the winners for Racontez – moi-une histoire were: I Prize – Maanvi Mudgil (X D), II Prize – Gianaur Matta (X C) III Prize – Ananya De (X C) and the Consolation Prize was won by Siddharth Bajaj (XD).

#### QUEST-2015

Our school celebrated Science Quest from 17 to 24 August, 2015. The Quest involved various events for all classes. It gave students an opportunity to discover new scientific ideas and to know how science is involved in our daily life. It imbibed the scientific temperament among the young minds and helped them develop a scientific and logical approach to life. The interest of the students was clearly evident from their active participation in events like 'Know Your Scientist', 'Science behind nature', 'Debate', 'Puzzling Fun', etc. Students also participated in the Science and Maths Exhibition where they displayed various models. Students developed an analytical mind set and learnt to question everything before coming to a conclusion. Such events will definitely go a long way to usher in a new era of future inventors. Overall it was a great learning experience for the students.



# QUEST RESULT MATHS EXHIBITION

POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	EXHIBIT NAME		EVENT : PUZZLING FUN	
E	BHAVYA TANEJA (VID)	EQUIVALENT FRACTIONS	POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS/SE
	HARJI SINGH (VIG)		1	YUGANSH DHINGRA	VI D
- 11	HETAL GAGNEJA (VIG)	GEODESIC DOMES	11	MOHAK GOEL	VIA
ш	PRATHAM AGGARWAL(VIA)	EXPLAINING GEOMETRY WITH MAGNETS	ш	LAKSHAY MAHAJAN	VI D
10	GAURIKA GUPTA (VIIH)	<b>CURVE STITCHING</b>		<b>EVENT: PUZZLING FUN</b>	
11	SACHKEERAT SINGH (VIIC)	APPLICATION OF MATHS	POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS/SE
		IN CYCLE	1	ADITYA ANAND	VIIG
III	SHIFALI DUTT (VIID)	MATHS AND	II	MUKUND SARDA	VII E
		ARCHITECTURE	101	SARTHAK GOYAL	VII D
1	KASHISH KOUL (VIIIB)	NAPIER'S RODS			
П	YASH AGGARWAL (VIIID)	SAFE CONSTRUCTIONAL	EV	ENT : KNOW YOUR SCIENTIST	
	YASHIKA MITTAL	PRACTICES	POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS/SE
111	DIVYANSHI ARORA (VIIIE)	CONVERTING BAR	30	ADITYA JAIN	VIIB
	PARTH NAGPAL (VIIIB)	CHART TO PIE CHART	11	GARVIT VERMA	VIIB
10	ACHHYUT JOLLY (IXE)	THINK & TWIST		SHAUNIKA SHOKEEN	VIIF
	VIVAN MALIK		Special	KASHVI	VII D
ALC:	RAGHAV BANSAL (IXA) KUSHAGRA PURI (IXG)	VEDIC MATHS	Prize	YUGJEET S.	VII G
Ш	MEHAK BANSAL (IXC)	PASCAL'S TRIANGLE		<b>EVENT: SUDOKO</b>	
	NITIKA TALWAR (IX G)		POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS/SE
			1	RAGHAV KUMAR	VIII D
	CONSOLATION		II.	GITANSH BHOLA	VIII B
	KAVISHA BHATIA (IXC)	PROBABILITY	111	MUSKAN GULATI	VIII A
	PRATISHTHA VERHWANI (IXE)				
1	MANAV PRABHAKAR (XC)	FIBONACCI SEQUENCE	P	OWERPOINT PRESENTATION	
	MANDEEP SINGH		POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS/SE
11	ANANYA DE (XC)	CD SEXTANT	1	SAARANSH MARWAH	VIII E
	KABIR NAGPAL (XB)			RAHUL ARORA	
Ш	CHINMAYEE VERMA (XG)	GEOMETRY IN	11	ISHAN AGRAWAL	VIII B
	SANYA ARORA	ARCHITECTURE		NISCHAY VIJ	
Ü	NAINA SHARMA (XID)	EXPLANATION OF 3D	III	NITIGAYA DUTT	VIII C
		GEOMETRY		ABHINAV ARORA	
	MEENAL SETHI (XID)				
	ARUL KUMAR (XIIF)	GOLDEN RATIO	LES	SER KNOWN MATHEMATICIAN	
	ROHAN ATTRI (XIIF)		POSITION	STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Ш	RIYA NAGPAL (XID)	ANCIENT CALCULATION	1	VIDHI HATTAR	IX B
	JAGRITI WADHWA (XID)		II	TANMAY CHOPRA	IX B
			Ш	RAADHICA WASAN	IX C
EVI	ENT : SCIENCE BEHIND NATU	JRE			
POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS/SEC		ONE MINUTE ACTIVITY	
1	TANMAY AGRAWAL	VI G	1	RAUNAK SINGH	IX G
11	SANYA BEHERA	VI C	П	YUKTA ANAND	IXA
111	DISHA DHINGRA	VIF	111	MUKUND BHALA	IXE

## QUEST RESULT

#### SCIENCE EXHIBITION

		COLUMN PART PART	10111014		
OSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	EXHIBIT NAME	POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS/SEC
1	BHAVYA NEGI (VID)	WALKING DINOSAUR	1	MATHS QUIZ	xc
Ш	TAMANNA MOHAN(VIC)	VACUUM CLEANER		KAUSHIK KOUL	
111	ISHAN SINHA(VID)	INNOVATIVE ENERGY		HIMANSHAK CHAWLA	
		SAVING COOLER	H.	KABIR NAGPAL	XI FX B
1	HARSH BABBAR (VIIB)	HYDRAULIC BRIDGE		MANKIRAT SINGH	
	ANIT KAUR (VIID)	WATER USED AS			
		HYDRAULIC		MATHS QUIZ	
		FLUID	POSITION	STUDENT NAME	CLASS
0.0	KULRAJ KAUR BHASIN (VIIA)	ELECTRICITY GENERATOR	E	JAHNAVI SETH	XI F
Ш	MANAV KALRA (VIIC)	HOME MADE A.C.		SUSHMIT VAISH	XI E
	RAGINI SHARMA (VIID)	WATER LEVEL	16	YUVRAJ ARORA	XI C
		INDICATOR+ALARM		ARYAN	XI E
81	HARSHIT BEHL (VIIIB)	SOLAR BAG	101	SIMRAT SINGH	XI C
11	SANAH MALIK (VIIIC)	ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE		SIDDHARTH CHUGH	XI F
111	DEVANSHI MEHTA (VIIIB)	IQ RAISER			
1	ASHISH TANEJA (IXD)	WATER WEIGHT	P	OWERPOINT PRESENTATION	
		MACHINE	POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS/SEC
п	PARTH ARORA (IXE)	HOLOGRAM	1	ANUSHRUTI SINGH	XI F
311	MANAN GOEL (IXD)	JCB TRUCK		RIYA GUPTA	XI F
	ADITYA CHOUDHARY		11	RITVICK PANT	XI E
1	BHARAT KWATRA (XD)	SUPER COOKER		ASHNEET SINGH	XI E
П	HARDIK BHARTI (XC)	MOBILE BASED DOOR			
		LOCK OPENER		MENTAL ABILITY QUIZ	
	SAMARTH KHANNA (XB)	GENERATION OF	POSITION	STUDENT NAME	CLASS
		ELECTRICITY	42	PARUL GUPTA	XII D
	VARUN BALANI(X-B)			DEVANSH KAMBOJ	XII D
III A	NGADDEEP SINGH BHASIN (XC)	ENERGY FROM SHOES	IE	MANAN JAIN	XIIE
1	SHIKHAR JUNEJA (XIE)	HOVERCRAFT		HARDIK MALIK	XIIE
	PAURAV GULATI (XIE)				
П	MANIL DAYMA (XIE)	RUBEN'S TUBE		DEBATE	
	MOKSH MARWAH (XIE)		EUTH	ANASIA : IS MAN PLAYING GOD	•
Ш	PRATEEK CHOPRA (XIE)	BLOOD CIRCULATION	POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS/SEC
	AYUSH JAIN (XIE)		1	MAANVI MUDGIL	ХD
	MISCELLANEOUS		11	SIDDHARTH BAJAJ	XD
j	MANAN JAIN (XIIE)	HANGMAN GAME	SPECIAL	MANSI MARWAH	хс
		DEVELOPED	PRIZE		
	MAYANK RAWAL (XIIE)	IN C++			
II	PULKIT JHANJI (XIE)	FIRST PERSON SHOOTER		SCIENCE QUIZ	
		GAME	POSITION	STUDENT NAME	CLASS
	PRITISH SETH (XIE)	IN UNITY SOFTWARE	10	AROOZ SUMAN	XIIE
	8 8			ISHAN ARORA	XIIF
			W		XIIE
			46 3	KSHITIJ PRAKASH SRIVASTAVA	ALLE

#### WORKSHOPS

#### WORKSHOP ON SEX EDUCATION

A workshop on sex education was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015 for the teachers of classes VI, VII and VIII. The teachers were sensitized towards the physical, sexual and emotional maltreatment of the children, which may result in many developmental issues and psychological disorders. Making a support group structure to reinforce parenting skills and monitoring the child's well being was the agenda of the workshop.

#### ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

An Orientation Workshop was organized on 29 April 2015 as part of 'Friends for Change: Conserving Green Spaces 2015', by Disney India and CMS, at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts Auditorium, New Delhi. It was attended by Ms. S. Kaur from our school. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss ideas for redeveloping an identified green space and clarify queries with regards to the project and its execution.

#### ENGLISH WORKSHOP

Training and development are vital in the process of teaching and learning and there is a continuous need to update the teaching skills. A workshop on innovative methods of English Teaching was organized and conducted by Ms. A. Aggarwal, Principal of our school, on 16th May 2015. It was attended by the teachers of the primary wing and English teachers teaching classes VI – XII. The session was quite informative and full of fun – filled activities for teachers. It was certainly a great learning experience.

#### INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

A hand on workshop on Information and Communication Technology for the teachers was conducted in our school on 15° and 16° May 2015. In this era of technology, teachers need to be updated with the latest developments in the education sector. Keeping this in view teachers were taught simple and effective ways to handle word documents and the internet. Preparing question papers and collection of information, preparing power point presentations etc. were taught to them. The tips were really beneficial for the teachers as it helped them understand how to handle and use computer skills to their benefit.

#### WORKSHOP ON HOW TO HANDLE CHILDREN

A workshop on 'How to Handle Children' was conducted by the Guidance and Counseling department of our school on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 and was attended by more than 40 teachers from classes VI to XII. Emphasis was laid on sensitizing the teachers about bullying, special need students, slow learners, conduct, behaviour and the various interventions related to the role of a teacher.

#### COMMERCE WORKSHOP

Ms. M.V. Manchanda and Ms. J. Anand, teachers of our school attended a Commerce Fraternity Meet organised by Goyal Brothers Prakashan on 16° May 2015, at PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The resource person was Dr. Balbir Singh (Author of Accountancy Books for XI and XII class students). The key areas discussed were "Companies Act 2013 and rulings of 2014" and "Project Work in Accountancy and Business Studies". The workshop was interactive and made interesting by giving examples from the experiences of the author. It was a great experience for the attendees as the seminar enhanced their knowledge.

#### WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

5 primary teachers, Ms. S. Kaur, Ms. A. Jain, Ms. D.K. Gill, Ms. P. Dhingra and Ms. P. Singh of our school attended a workshop titled "Opening Doors for Education of Children with Special Needs" on 25 May 2015. The workshop, held at Amity University Campus, Noida, was conducted by Dr. Jitendra Nagpal, Consultant Psychiatrist and Co-ordinator, VIMHANS, New Delhi and Dr. Jayanti Pujari, Director AIRS. The workshop was all about 'Inclusive Education' emphasizing that all students, regardless of their strengths or weaknesses, should be part of the school community. The teachers were made aware of variety of instructional strategies that can be used as per the child's needs. The teachers were also guided to collaborate with parents and special education teachers to understand the need of individual children and then provide them the best teaching approach. A short movie "Make a difference" – by Elizabeth Bollard was shown to the teachers.

#### ACCOUNTANCY WORKSHOP

A workshop on Accountancy i.e. "Knowledge Sharing Meet" by C.A. Dr.G.S. Grewal and Mr.R.K. Khosla was held on 17" July 2015 at Tecnia Institute of Advanced Studies and was attended by Ms. J. Anand of our school. Around 125 teachers from different schools of Delhi attended the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to equip teachers with the changes in the syllabus and question papers for the examinations in 2016. Since the Companies Act is changing on a daily basis such workshops are certainly a good teaching-learning experience.

#### WORKSHOP FOR INTRODUCING VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS

On 16"July 2015, C.B.S.E, in collaboration with NSE, conducted a workshop in Bal Bharti Public School, which was attended by Ms. A. Sapra and Ms. I. Barua from our school. The resource person was Mr. V.V. Prasada Rao, Director of Vocational Studies and Edusat. Around 200 teachers from different schools of Delhi and NCR attended the workshop. The main objective of the workshop was to introduce FMM (Financial Marketing Management) so that the students are well equipped with Skill development.

#### MEMORY ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP

A workshop on Memory Enhancement was held on 12 May, 2015 in our school for Class VIII. Mr. Deepak Chaubey made the students familiar with the 'law of association' and 'image construction' for the sharpening of their intellect. He left the students amazed and gathered a big round of applause for his skill of memory retention.

#### WORKSHOP ON CYBER CRIME

A workshop on Cyber Crime was organised for students of grades IX to XII in our school. The resource person was Mr.Rakshit Tandon, an Indian computer security expert. Speaking extensively on Safe Internet Surfing and the aftermath of the various crimes committed on cyber space, Mr. Tandon left the audience spell bound by citing several real life examples, thus leaving everyone thoughtful about the importance of safety on cyber space.

#### CAREER COUNSELING WORKSHOP

A workshop was conducted for commerce students of classes XI and XII by our school on 12 May and 14 May 2015. The resource persons of the workshop were Mr. Vivek Wankede from Edumentor and Mr. Amit Poddar from T.I.M.E respectively. Mr. Wankede discussed various courses which students can opt for after class XII with special emphasis on management courses, while Mr. Poddar laid special focus on NLU (National Law Universities) and IPM (Integrated Programme in Management). They gave tips to crack entrance exams and motivated the students to prepare for these when they have sufficient time right now. In the end, he gave a test to the students to check their aptitude. It was an enriching experience for the students as their queries were also solved after the session.

On 21" July, 2015, a workshop on Career Counseling for Class X was conducted by Mr. Jitin Chawla. The workshop was to guide the students how to choose their options (Science, Commerce, Humanities) after Class X and then later to choose their Career as per their aptitude and personality. They were explained about the wider choice of careers after 12" and the various subject combinations for different careers. It was quite a beneficial workshop for the students.

On 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2015, he conducted the workshop for students of Class XII. The two hour workshop gave an insight about various career options available after Class XII. These included the more sought after ones like B.Sc., B.Com, BBA, BMS and also, the lesser known but equally well paying professions in the hospitality sector, interior designing, architecture and fine arts. Information related to free online courses was also shared and attending the workshop motivated the students to correctly choose a career and also to work hard to achieve their goals.

#### PEER MODERATOR PROGRAMME

Four students Himank Gupta (IX D), Geetika Jhanji (IX A), Gauri Dev (X A) and Divyansh Singh (X F) of our school participated in Pro-Social Peer Moderator Programme on Risk Behaviour Management organized by Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Science of Fortis Hospital, Shalimar Bagh on 29" July, 2015. The students were taught skills and strategies to identify, analyze, manage and review risks in a way that prevents detrimental lifestyle choices such as drug use, unhealthy relationship patterns, aggression, defiance or self harm. The workshop focused on life skills such as critical thinking, decision making and effective communication skills to resist peer pressure, as well as educating fellow students about healthy self concepts and adaptive coping mechanism.

Three students, Jatin Singh (XI E), Mehak Bansal (IX C) and Saatvik Bhatnagar (IX B) also attended a workshop on Aggression Management on May 5, 2015. The workshop trained the students to become peer trainers for classmates and junior students by understanding the reasons for their anger and to learn effective techniques to manage and constructively channelize their energies, without being a threat to themselves or others. Effective communication, empathy and assertiveness were the life – skills imparted to students to aid them in their endeavour.

#### 7<sup>TH</sup>EDUCONVEX LEARNER CENTRIC EDUCATION

On 18°April 2015, Ms. S. Banerjee and Ms. M. Bose, attended the '7°EduConvex, Learner Centric Education' in the Air Force Auditorium, New Delhi. The eminent panelists, Prof. M.M. Pant, Mr. D.C. Pant, Mr. John Kerr, Mr. Jack Rivers, Ms. Shivani Kapoor and Ms. Pooja Goyal, discussed about various issues like learner centric and personalized learning programmes, gaining practical insights for creating plans for implementation of personalized learning framework, removing maths phobia, modern day parenting and handling gifted children. The workshop concluded with all the speakers agreeing unanimously, that the goal of education should not be to build careers only but also making the learners 'good' and 'caring' human beings.

#### WORKSHOP ON COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION

Two teachers, Ms. V. Lamba and Mr. N. Gupta, attended a 3 day workshop on 8 August, 16 August and 22 August, 2015, organised by IIIT-Delhi with the support of Google India. It was conducted by the computer science faculty from IIIT-Delhi, IIT-Delhi and Google. The resource persons were Prof. Pankaj Jalote, Director, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Delhi and Prof. Naveen Garg IIT, Delhi. It was attended by around 100 teachers from different schools of Delhi. The motive of the workshop was strengthening and improving computer science education in schools. The workshop was enriching and informative.

#### QUIZ ON TOURIST PLACES OF INDIA

Keeping the motto "Your knowledge, My Knowledge becomes Our Knowledge" the Inquisitive Club conducted an Inter House Multimedia Quiz on 'Tourist Places of India' for the students of classes VI to VIII on 27 August 2015. It consisted of various rounds like shrines, hill stations, lakes, beaches, heritage sites, etc. The class teachers were the quiz masters and it was thoroughly enjoyed by the students. Overall it proved to be a learning experience for the students and teachers.

#### POSTER MAKING COMPETITION – EARTH DAY

As part of the environmental awareness programme, National Museum of Natural History organised a National Level "Poster Making Competition" with the theme "It's our turn to Lead" on 22" April 2015 i.e. the Earth Day, to select the winner for Young Environmentalist of the Year Award – 2015. Seven students from classes IX and X of our school got a chance to showcase their talent in the competition.

#### WITNESSING A PLAY

10 Students of Class V and VI, accompanied by their teacher incharge, went to Shri Ram Centre, Mandi House, on 21 August 2015 to watch a play titled 'Bahut Purani Nayi Kahani', presented by the students of Ramjas School, Pusa Road. In this play the story of 'The Little Red Riding Hood' was woven into the many concerns of our present complex society and dealt with the position of the girl child in the Indian society.

#### CELEBRATING SHAKESPEARE

Our school celebrated the birth anniversary of the Bard of Avon – William Shakespeare, by showing the movie 'Twelfth Night', to senior students. It was followed by a questionnaire based on the same play. The students who excelled in the questionnaire were Geetika Jhanji (IX A), Saatvik Bhatnagar (IX B), Pratishtha Verhwani (IX E), Rashi Mehan (X A), Ananya Chawla (X B) and Namita Goyal (X D).

#### ELECTRONICS WORKSHOP BY COOL JUNK TECHNOLOGIES

A six day Electronics Workshop was held in our school from 15th May 'to 21th May 2015. 40 students from classes VII to X participated in this workshop. Students learnt major components of electronics and conducted around 46 experiments. They got knowledge of different logic gates and transistors. It was really a wonderful exposure for all the students. All the students were awarded with Cool Junk kits and certificate of participation.

#### A VISIT TO HUNGARIAN INFORMATION AND CULTURAL CENTRE

Five students from our school, accompanied by their teachers incharge visited the Hungarian Information and Cultural Centre on 30° April 2015, to view the rich array of wild life and nature photography from the Bakony Mountains and Lake Balaton regions of Hungary. The photographs were captured by a passionate photo artist and forester Mr. Jozsef Mesterhazi. The animal portraits and spectacular wild life images were able to sensitize viewers towards conservation issues and the beauty of our natural world.

#### HUMMING BIRD INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD EXAM

Humming Bird International Olympiad Exam 2014 – 2015 for Classes VI to X was held recently in our school. In English Olympiad, Mansi Marwah (IX-C) got the I position at the National Level and received a tablet and a gold medal, while Kartike Pushkarna (X-A) got the III position at the National Level and received a wrist watch and a gold medal. In Maths Olympiad, Riddhirup Bera (VIII-C) got the III position at the State Level and received a wrist watch and gold medal. Our school received more than 20 Gold medals in various subjects.

#### LITTLE STARS ART FEST

Varun Sethi (IX-A) of our school participated in Little Stars Art Fest, organised by Booklings, which was held on 26° April 2015 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. He won second position in mixed media on topic wildlife. Around 1000 students from different schools of Delhi participated in this art fest.

#### ART BASED ANTI – BULLYING WORKSHOP

The guidance and counseling department organized an art based workshop on Bullying for the students of classes VII and VIII on 27 August, 2015. The resource person for the workshop was Ms. Aditi Kaul, who is an art based therapist and a counseling psychologist. She made the students aware of the various forms of bullying, the short and long term effect of bullying and various strategies to counter bullying. It was a learning experience as art was used as a medium by students to express and communicate their thoughts and feelings.

#### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

3 students from Class VI (session 2015-16), who participated in Kellogg's contest in the session 2014 – 15 have won a ₹ 25,000 scholarship from Kellogg's. They are Nikhil (VI D), Rupanshi Mehra (VI E) and Ishaan Hans (VID).

#### SPEAK OUT LOUD

Ms. A. Aggarwal, Principal of our school, was invited to an open discussion about women security and safety on 9<sup>th</sup>May, 2015 at Siri Fort Auditorium in the program-'Speak Out Loud', organized by TBI (Think Beyond Imagination) online. The aim was to raise the issues which are hampering the growth of Indian women and affecting their security. There was sharing of views, experiences and suggestions during the event. The open discussion helped all to see how, as individuals, one can contribute towards realizing the goal of seeing INDIA SAFE FOR WOMEN. The parents also got a platform to talk freely about their concerns for the safety of their daughters. To drive the point further home, Nirbhaya's parents were invited to this forum wherein they spoke to the audience. The other speakers were Ms. Manju Oberoi (Senior Lawyer, Delhi High Court); Ms. Chitra Tripathi (News Anchor – India News Channel); Dr. Samir Parikh (Psychiatrist); Ms. Veena Anand (Ex-MLA); and our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, who spoke about values which have to be inculcated in the younger generation.

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY FORUM OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ms. A. Gupta, Educational Supervisor, Ms. G. Rajan, Global Coordinator, Ms. M. Madan and Ms. Rooma, teachers of our school attended the Annual Conference organised by Forum of Public Schools on 2 May 2015. The theme of the conference was Visualizing Transformation: Diverse Learning Curve. The key speakers at the conference were Mr. J.S. Rajput, eminent educationist, Mr. R.S. Sharma, Head, CIET, NCERT, Major D.P. Singh, Kargil War hero and Ms. Geeta Dharmarajan, Founder Director, Katha. Each session at the conference was enriching where the speakers emphasised on the need for 'out of the box' thinking and innovative teaching learning methodology. The session by Ms. Geeta Dharmarajan, which was chaired by Ms. A. Aggarwal, our Principal, emphasised on giving space and liberty to students while Major D.P. Singh spoke about making every child realise that he is his own boss.

#### INTERNATIONAL WHITE CARE DAY

Our school extended a helping hand to the Indian Association for the Blind by contributing Rs. 7,500 collected through sale of flags provided by IAB. It was a voluntary donation aimed at supporting the education and rehabilitation of visually challenged people.

#### C.B.S.E. CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

Six students namely, Kabir Singh Khurana (IX B), Jasmine Kapoor (IX G), Sanya Batra (X G), Siddharth Aghi (X B), Sushmit Vaish (XI E) and Jahnavi Seth (XI F) of our school participated in a C.B.S.E. Capacity Building Training Program on 'Personality Development' at Moolchand Medicity on 4 August, 2015. The workshop focused on importance of personality development, interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, interpersonal communication and anger management. There were many activities, power point presentations and students were also given reading material to share the information in their respective schools as peer assessors.

#### CHAT WITH A DIPLOMAT

Six students of Class XII of our school, along with teacher incharge Ms. S. Malik participated in a "Chat with a Diplomat", an initiative organized under the aegis of American Centre, on 22 May 2015. The students posed a series of questions to Mr. Jon Armiger (the diplomat who presided over the discussion) pertaining to Indo-US relations, impact of India's refusal to sign nuclear non-proliferation treaty on these relations and steps that can be taken by democracies to combat international terrorism.

#### MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Two students Pratishta Verhwani (IX E) and Vanshika Yadav (IX C) participated in Model United Nations organized by K.R. Mangalam School, VikasPuri from 21 to 23 August 2015. Pratishta as a delegate of Namibia debated in favour of "Right to Privacy in a digital age" and to end discrimination based on sexual orientation in Human Rights Council. Her debating skills impressed the editorial board and she was given a "special mention" on stage. Vanshika represented Om Prakash Chautala in a committee dealing with Mandal Commission report and spoke in favour of including "jats" in reserved category on day 1 and day 2. She represented Ms. Mamta Banerjee on day 3 and lodged a strong protest against Land Acquisition Bill - 2015. She was duly recognized in the MUN Newsletter. It was an enriching experience for the students.

#### INDIA EDUCATION SUMMIT 2015 CONFERENCE

The Second India Education Summit 2015 conference organized by Business World on 28 May 2015 and was attended by two teachers Ms. B. Taneja and Ms. S. Bhatnagar, of our school. The Summit highlighted the tactical and strategic initiatives taken by the government in the field of education and the steps taken to make a conducive investment landscape in the Indian Education Sector. It also focused on the use of technology in the system and putting the Indian higher education on the world map and building, scaling and sustaining skill development in the present generation.

#### 'ENGAGE ME' FORUM 2015

'Engage Me' Forum 2015 was held in Hotel Radisson Blu, PaschimVihar on 3" July 2015. It was attended by Ms. V. Lamba and Ms. M. Som. The main point of discussion was about learning through digital content delivered through technology which enables 'Smart Learn Class Tablets' and After – School solutions. The professionally developed interactive content was based on the academic curriculum and unique layered pedagogy of 5 Es i.e., 'Engage, Enquire, Experiment, Expand and Evaluate'. In this seminar it was stressed that weaving technology into the system would transform the world into a classroom without boundaries.

#### GENERAL BODY MEETING OF ATOOT BANDHAN

The General Body Meeting of 'Atoot Bandhan' - the Old Students Association of our school was held on 10" May 2015. It was attended by the President – Ms. A. Aggarwal, Secretary – Mr. Siddharth Khatri, Joint Secretary – Ms. Richa Chugh, Treasurer - Mr. Bhavesh Garg, teacher coordinators and other members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. New executive members of the Association were elected and forthcoming events for the upcoming session were planned.

#### AEROPLANET

The students of Class I of our school went for a picnic to 'Aeroplanet', Dwarka on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015. They engaged themselves in various physical activities like dry river crossing, Burma bridge crossing, rope climbing, etc. For many of them it was a first experience of being inside an aeroplane, especially the cockpit. The students had a splendid time and it was indeed a memorable trip.

#### DIGITAL WELLNESS ONLINE QUIZ

On 1° July 2015,250 students of classes VI to XI of our school participated in the Digital Wellness Online Quiz organized by Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, as a part of the Digital India programme launched by Mr. Narendra Modi.50 students cleared level 1 and have become eligible for the next round which will be shortly announced by the Government. The quiz helped the students learn about internet security and net etiquette.

#### WORKSHOP ON MAKING AND BREAKING IRON

Twenty students of Class VIII along with the teachers Ms. N.V. Punj and Ms. I. Barua attended a workshop on 'Making and Breaking Iron' at the Innovation Space Centre at National Science Centre on 28" July 2015. The session was conducted by Mr. Dinesh Malik, Education Officer, Innovation Space. The students were supposed to dismantle an electric iron and then put it back together in working condition. The workshop was informative and motivated the students to use memory and handle electric equipments safely.

#### WORKSHOP BY CARTOON NETWORK

Cartoon Network held a workshop for students of Classes I and II on 7" August, 2015. The aim was to promote the programme, 'Adventure Time'. Various activities were held and prizes were given. It was greatly enjoyed by the students.

#### QUIZ ON IMPORTANT PERSONALITIES OF THE WORLD

24 students of Class IX and X participated in an Inter Class Quiz on Important Personalities of the World, held on 20° July 2015 in our school. The participants were asked questions on a wide range of topics including politics, sports and entertainment, focusing on activists such as Nelson Mandela, sports personalities like Mikael Phelps and celebrity entertainers like Oprah Winfrey among others. It was an informative session for the participants as well as the audience. The top position was bagged by the team comprising of Saatvik Bhatnagar (IX B), Acchyut Jolly (IX G), Sonali Girotra (X B) and Hitanshi Narang (X E).

#### PSE ACTIVITIES FOR CLASSES I TO V

Project Spoken English (PSE) activities for classes I to V were conducted on 30 July 2015 in our school. The activities helped the children to become more confident in speaking English. It also helped to develop children's interest in learning new skills and concepts as well. The topics were Class I – Picture Composition, Class II and III – Describing a Toy and Class IV and V – Advertising an Object. The winners were given prizes in each class.

#### HOBBY CLUB ACTIVITIES

Students of Class I made birds using paper plates on 22<sup>rd</sup> July 2015. The paper folding and colouring activity was greatly enjoyed by the children. Prizes were also distributed to encourage and appreciate the efforts of the little ones.

Craft is fun and can turn old newspapers into beautiful flowers. The students of Class II made flowers by folding paper and pasting circles and ribbons. They made marvelous mobiles by putting together their creative efforts.

On 22<sup>st</sup> July, the students of **Class III** were taught how to make a Newton's disc to demonstrate how the seven colours blend to become white. They also understood the formation of a rainbow and the component colours of sunlight. The kids enjoyed these science based activities and gladly took back their discs home.

Students of Class IV were asked to draw, colour and label the lifecycle of a butterfly and also the structure of a leaf. This encouraged them to utilize their imagination and their skill to develop their artistic talents in a particular field.

'Card Making' activity was organized for the students of Class V. Students were told to make a greeting cards for Independence Day. They were encouraged to write messages and quotes about their motherland. Students made beautiful cards along with the messages. The best cards were selected and displayed in the classes.

#### FAREWELL TO MRS. KAUSHIK

Our school bid a very touching and emotional farewell to Ms. P. Kaushik (TGT Hindi). This was the first formal farewell of our school. The day began with a special assembly where she was honoured by the students and given a plaque by the Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal. Students from the classes she taught presented handmade cards as a token of their love and respect. After school at 2:15 p.m. Ms. Kaushik was bid a very warm and emotional farewell by the entire staff with songs, speeches expressing each one's sentiments and feelings. Ms. Kaushik too expressed her gratitude and spoke of her eventful journey in our school. She will be missed by one and all.

#### ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

"Writing essays, prose and fiction is a great way to be self – indulgent." To enhance this skill an Inter class English Essay Writing Competition was held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015 under two groups, classes IX and X and Classes XI and XII. The following students emerged good writers.

Class IX - I Prize - Tanmay Chopra (IX B), II Prize : Aditya Roy (IX D) and III Prize - Yuvika Dhingra (IX B).

Class X - I Prize - Ridhi Sachdeva (X F), II Prize: Gauri Dev (X A) and III Prize - Paridhi Chandra (X A).

Class XI - I Prize - Supreet Kaur (XI E), II Prize : Lepakshi Gautam (XI C) and III Prize - Shikhar Suresh (XI C).

Class XII - I Prize - Bhanvi (XII A), II Prize Jasveen Kaur (XII E) and III Prize - Aishwarya Garg (XII A).

#### FILM IT TECHNICAL WORKSHOP BY INTACH

Three students - Gaurika Gupta (VII H), Deepank Shokeen (VIII A) and Gitesh Narang (VIII A) along with teacher in-charge Mr. N. Gupta of our school attended Film It Technical Workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Intach Office, Lodhi Road. Mr. Ankit and Shriya, leading short Film makers of India, gave valuable tips on how to make short films with special emphasis on camera settings and angles required for the videos. Students were asked to make videos on the spot and a few videos were shown to the students to make them understand the nuances of film making better. The resource person also explained the use of the software Windows Movie Maker for video editing.

#### LIVE JAM BREAKFREE TOUR

On 29° July, 2015, the LIVEJAM group performed for the students of class VIII and XI of our school, with the vision to transform young minds through music onto a path where they understand the importance of saying NO when it is required to accept themselves as they are, without falling under peer pressure. The students enjoyed the programme a lot and were motivated and inspired by first person experiences that were shared by the team. Overall a very transforming event.

#### INTER-CLASS HINDI RECITATION COMPETITION

Poetry is plucking at the heartstrings and making music with them. An Inter-Class Hindi Recitation Competition for classes VI-IX was organised on the 10th of August, 2015. The competition was a treat for the judges as the participants recited some wonderful compositions on Patriotism (Class VI), Environment (Class VII), Burning Issues (Class VIII) and Humour (Class IX). The poems were recited with great voice modulation, confidence and precision. The judges for the event were Mr. T.P. Singh (Retd. PGT), Mr. Sarvjeet Gandhi (SBV Janak Puri), Mr. Narpal Singh (GBSS School) and Mr. Sunil Kumar (GBSS School).

The winners in Class VI were:

| Prize - Hardik Garg (VI E), | Prize - Udit Kumar (VI D), | II Prize - Manmeet Singh (VI A) and Consolation Prizes were won by Sharanya Jayachandran (VI B), Tamanna Mohan (VI C) and Kritika (VI A).

The winners in Class VII were:

I Prize – Mehar Singh (VII H), II Prize – Sparsh Pahwa (VII A), III Prize – Ronak Goyal (VII C) and Consolation Prizes were won by Sharan Vaid (VII D), Ishita Arora (VII E) and Aryan Ahuja (VII G).

The winners in Class VIII were:

I Prize – Nitigaya Dutt (VIII C), II Prize – Kashish Kaul (VIII B) and Prerna Rajput (VIII D), III Prize – Khushi Jain (VIII B) and Consolation Prizes were won by Kashish Kumar (VIII A), Devanshi Sharma (VIII C) and Sneh Sharma (VIII D).

The winners in Class IX were:

I Prize — Aman Vohra (IX F) and Hershneet Kaur Kang (IX G), II Prize — Acchyut Jolly (IX F), III Prize — Khushboo Juneja (IX B) and Yuvika Dhingra (IX C) and Consolation Prizes were won by Muktesh Sharma (IX A), Raghav Bansal (IX A) and Sanya Gakhar (IX D).

#### ENGLISH RECITATION COMPETITION (CLASS II)

An English Recitation Competition for Class II was held on 18 August and the theme was 'Animals'. All the participants recited the poems with expressions and clarity as if they were pouring out their own thoughts in front of an audience. The winners were I Prize – Samarth Kohli (II A), II Prize – Pradyuman Sapra (II E), III Prize – Jaskirat Singh (II A) and Consolation Prize was won by Aanandita Behl (II B), Jaisna Kandpal (II C), Aditya Jhamb (II D), Niharika Gupta (II E) and Rachita Luthra (II F).

#### INTER – CLASS HINDI DEBATE COMPETITION

We are the citizens of a country that is the birthplace of the fourth-most widely spoken language of the world - Hindi. While the nation prepared for the upcoming National Hindi Diwas, an Inter - Class Hindi Debate Competition was organized for classes X and XI, on 10 August, 2015. The theme for the debate for class X was 'Takniki Shiksha Vidyarthiyon ke liye Sahayak' while the theme for class XI was 'Sanskaron ka Anana Pichdhapan hai'. The event was judged by Mr. Prahlad Singh, senior Hindi scholar and Mr. Anil Kumar. The competition aimed at developing love for the language amongst the students and enhancing their speaking, interjecting and competitive skills. The winners were: - Best Team: Gauri Dev (For) and Rashi Nehan (Against) (X A); Sanya Batra (For) and Sanchit Nanda (Against) (X G). Jai Prakash (For) and Shivangi Stuti (Against) (XI A); Paras Pruthi (For) and Sujata Mahajan (Against) (XI F) Best Speaker: Shrey Malhotra (X C), Yashita Gupta (X F) and Shivam Khurana (XI E) Best Interjector: Raghav Jhanwar (X D) and Mohit (XI A) Consolation Prizes: Hitanshi Narang (XE), Lakshay Singh (XD), Anjali Labh (XIC) and Ameesha Mehta (XIC).

### E BEFORE SELF

#### WE REACH OUT TO THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

A massive earthquake devastated large parts of Nepal and killed thousands of people and rendered many more homeless. Our school extended a helping hand to the affected people and sent relief material including dry rations like -flour(1030 kgs), rice(500 kgs), sugar(280 kgs), milk powder, oil, pulses, spices and utility items like bed sheets, soaps and tarpaulins through the NGO-GOONJ.

Our school also contributed a cheque of Rs. 2,04,632 (Two Lakhs Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Two Only) towards Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the aid of earthquake victims and handed over the same to Mr. P.K. Bali (Under Secretary), Prime Minister's Office.

#### OUR SUPPORT STAFF COMPLETES 'PROJECT SPOKEN ENGLISH' SUCCESSFULLY

12 members of the support staff completed 'Project Spoken English' successfully. Project Spoken English was run under the aegis of Teach India, an initiative by the Times of India.The teachers, who were student volunteers, taught the members of support staff, the basics of spoken English to make communication easy. They were awarded with certificates by the Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal and the Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal. Shivangi Stuti (XI A) and Saumya Verhwani (XII E),student Volunteers, were recognized for their outstanding contributions to 'Teach India' programme.



#### EARTH DAY

## **ECO BUZZ**

Earth is a reservoir of resources needed by humans to sustain life. However, over a period of years, we have exploited these resources. Our school conducted a lot of activities for children from Class I to Class X to make them understand more about our mother Earth. Children made butterfly garden and collage, paper bags and greeting cards with nature as their theme. Children of class IX and X participated in Nature Quiz and learnt facts about it. The Eco Club children also attended a workshop on Bio Medical waste by Mr. Mohit Bhatia. The winners in Class I and II for Draw and Colour a picture of a forest were I Prize - Misbah (I-D), Rachita Luthra (II-F), II Prize - Bhrigu (I-E), Vanya (II-C), III Prize - Harman (I-A), Sanya Mogha (II-A) and Consolation Prize - Samarth Suri (I-B), Kashvi (II-D) and Muskan (II-E). The winners in Class III for Speak About any animal / bird were I Prize-Arnav Ahuja (III-A), Tarnish Mitra (III-B), Prakriti Jaiswal (III-C), Parv Choudhary (III-D), Rajveer Singh Dheer (III-E), Tanish Khattar (III-F) and Arshpreet Kaur (III-G) II Prize - Aashvi Ahlawat (III-A), Riddhi Sarda (III-B), Suhani Jain (III-C), Parishi Nagrath (III-D), Harman Singh Bhalla (III-E), Vani Goel (III-F), Staleen (III-G). The winners in Class IV and Class VI for Butterfly Garden were I Prize – Aastha Sukhija, Mouli Saluja, Vivek Pasricha and Shreshth Dang (IV-B) and Kritika (VI-F), II Prize— Kanisha Khurana, Aarti, Harshni and Tisleen (IV-G), Himanshu Nandal(VI-A) III Prize - Taranjeet, Madhay, Pratham and Thia (IV-G) and Yajat Dayal (VI-F) and Consolation Prize was won by Tanvi Wadhera (VI-F) Manjot of Class IV-C won the I Prize for making a Greeting Card. The winners in Class V for Chart on birds of India were I Prize - Rishan Batra (V-C), II Prize - Dishant Goyal (V-D), III Prize - Hitarth Gulati(V-H) The winners in Class VII for Paper Bag Making were I Prize – Shubham Khaneja (VII-C), II Prize – Divyansha (VII-E), III Prize – Mukund Sarda (VII-E). The winners in Class VIII for Collage Making were I Prize - Sejal and Sanya Sachdeva (VIII-D), II Prize - Ishan Aggarwal and Parth Nagpal (VIII-B), III Prize -Simran Kaur and Juhi (VIII-B) and Consolation Prize was won by Aditi and Jahanvi (VIII-E) The winners in Class IX and X for Science Quiz on Nature were Varun Sethi and Bhanu Nayar(IX-A), Joshua and Atishey (IX-B), Sakshi Goyal and Riddhirup Bera(IX-C), Aditya Roy and Manan Goel (IX D), Kabir Singh and Himanshu Goyal (IX-E), Rashmeet and Rahul (IX-F), Gaurang Alagh and Meherjeet Singh (IX-G), Anurag Rawat and Abhinav Gupta (X-A), Tarushi Pathak and Parth Khurana (X-B), Mayank Negi and Gorika Pathak (X-C), Lakshay and Shivam(X-D), Tushar and Rhythm (X-E), Anandita Bhagat and Kartik Kapoor (X-F) and Sambhav Kumar and Tanya



#### VAN MAHOTSAV

On 8th August 2015, on the occasion of Van Mahotsav, the Principal of our school, Ms. A. Aggarwal and Educational Supervisor, Ms. R. Anand, encouraged the boy scouts to plant trees and told the children about the benefits of planting trees. There were 14 scouts and they planted saplings in the school premises. They were really enthusiastic while planting the saplings and also promised to take care of the saplings which they have planted.



#### TREE PLANTATION

He who plants a tree, plants a hope for the future.

The Earth Saviours eco club children went for a tree plantation drive in GG block of Vikas puri and also in the main market. The market association president welcomed the children and guided them for the tree plantation. They then went to the GG block and planted saplings in two of its parks. The children also shouted slogans in favour of tree plantation. The residents of the locality were very happy with the tree plantation drive and gave refreshments to the children once the trees were planted.



## **ECO BUZZ**

#### AQUA - THE WATER FESTIVAL

'Aqua - The Water Festival' was held on 26 August 2015 in our school. It was an Inter School Competition among the three branches of St. Mark's and the competitions included - A Photography Competition on the theme 'Water -The Elixir of Life' (Classes XI and XII); Painting Competition (Classes VI, VII and VIII) and Model Making Competition on the topic 'Conservation and Usage of Water' (Classes IX and X). Children were shown movies on the theme Water and Wildlife and it was a great way to understand the importance of water. The students who won in the Painting Competition were Class VII - II Prize - Anit Kaur (VII D), Class VIII - I Prize - Sanah Malik (VIII C) and II Prize - Ritesh Jalutheria (VIII C). The students who won in the Model Making Competition were II Prize - Jyoti Gogia and Khushboo Dhall (X D) and III Prize - Satvik Arora and Srishti Jain (XF).







## Night Sky Observation

On 21" May 2015, a group of 17 students and 4 teachers of our school went for 'Night Sky Observation' to camp 'Mustang' near Gurgaon. It was an evening full of fun, frolic, adventure and learning. Students participated in adventure activities, and activities on astronomy. They observed Saturn, its rings, Jupiter and its moons, Venus and various constellations. Students participated in 'Treasure Hunt'. Certificates based on the performance throughout the year



## **FESTIVE FERVOUR**



#### EID CELEBRATIONS

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The students of Class IV of our school celebrated Eid on 17 July 2015. The Eid the second half the celebrations began with a Qawwali followed by a sufi dance depicting the devotion and love for Allah. The students discussed the importance of this then displayed the true meaning of Eid pious through a play. Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal festival. and the parents who witnessed the celebration were all praises for the lovely programme. The Eid celebration culminated with the distribution of



students also had a Rakhi making activity where they made beautiful Rakhis and

The Sufi magic brought on stage with

on Raksha Bandhan. In

Flag Hoisting during Independence Day celebrations

A soulful Qawwali performed by class IV students.

SAARE JAHAN SE ACHCHA,

HINDUSTAN HAMAARA

We celebrated the 69"Independence Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. The celebrations began with unfurling of the national flag by our Chairman, Mr.T.P. Aggarwal and Principal Ms. A.Aggarwal, followed by National Anthem. Geetansh Sachdeva (IX B) delivered an inspiring speech remembering our leaders and martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the sake of our country and at the same time encouraging the youth to devote themselves to the service of the nation. This was followed by a cultural programme including a patriotic song, orchestra, contemporary and folk dances by students of classes IX and XI, expressing their emotions beautifully at this proud moment. The Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, complimented the students for their patriotic fervour and inspired all to work for the betterment of the nation.

Dancing for unison during Independence day celebrations

The Orchestra strumming some heart stirring patriotic numbers

## LET THE DRAMA BEGIN



Charlotte's Web(Class V H) From the heart touching folktale to the fantasy of a love story, from the fits of laughter to misty eyes, theatre is the art that unites the two worlds of fiction and reality. The students of our school once again took away the breath of the audience by showcasing their artistic sides. And we are not talking about some professional actors who took to the stage but about the students of Class 5. The Inter Class English Play competition for Class 5 was held on 27 July. The extravaganza was indeed a treat for everyone as they watched plays from quite a few genres. Some of the plays were 'Who Died First', 'Lucy and a Ring a Ding a Ring', 'My Fair Lady', 'Pepper, the Phantom Pet', 'Sherlock Holmes', 'The Miracle Merchant', 'Ransom of Red Chief' and 'Charlotte's Web'. Each play was thoroughly enjoyed and applauded. The award for the Best Play was bagged by the students of V-F for 'The Miracle Merchant' and the Runners up award was won by V-C for 'My Fair Lady'. From the backstage nervousness to the rounds of applause, from the nail biting moments to the delight of victory, from the

honourable speeches to the wait which seemed to be never ending, it was a perfect experience that one could crave for. To sum it up all, it was a great event which left everyone asking for more. The winners are as follows:- Best Actor: Mahir Verma (VA), Gurnoor (VC), Nehad Khan (V C), Aryan Arora (V D), Dhruv Arora (V E), Alex Rose (V E), Falkeet Singh (V F), Khushi Mishra (V F), Riddhi Raswant (V H) and Prabhshabd Kaur (V H) Best Dialogue Delivery: Kabir Jain (V A), Ridhima Choudhary (V A), Kayna Leekha (V B), Ishita Sriram (V D), Niharika Mahajan (V D) and Vedant Dutt (V D) Best Stage Presence : Jannya Bahra (V A), Pearl Gupta (V A), Moksh Chawla (V B), Chaitanya Ahuja (V C), Gurnoor (V C), Aaron Rose (V D), Piyush Jain (V E), Vibhor (V E), Dhruv Arora (V F) and Saksham Bhatia (V F) Special Prizes: Maitri Narayani (V B), Harshal Goyal (V B), Rishan Batra (V C), Kanishka Bhatia (V D), Bhumi Sinha (V F), Daksh Batra (V G), Tanish Chopra (V G), Mishti Jain (VH), Ayush Rana (VH), Samaksh Sachdeva(VH).

#### ENGLISH PLAY COMPETITION FOR CLASSES VI AND VIII

The wonderful thing about plays is that they always leave an impression on you. We experience a cascade of thoughts while we allow ourselves to be lost in the world of the story. An Inter-class Play Competition was held for the students of class VI and VIII on 12 August 2015. Various plays from different genres, comedy, adventure, plays adapted from classic, contemporary literature, etc. were presented before the audience. The young actors of class VI and VIII enthralled the parents as well as the judges with their magnificent performances. Some of the plays presented were 'Heidi', 'Mother's Day', 'All the World's a Stage – Jahan Panah', 'Bank Robbery', 'Nobody Famous', 'The Mayor of Caster Bridge' and 'The Seven Cream Jugs'. The awards for the Best Play was won by 'All the World's a Stage - Jahan Panah' (Class VI) and 'Nobody Famous' (Class VIII) The winners were: Best Actor (Male): Krish Minawala (VI H), Harji Singh Anand (VI G), Ishan Sinha (VI F) and Nischay Vij (VIII B) Best Actor (Female): Sonakshi Dey (VI A), Prithika Ghosh (VI D), Sakshi Bansal (VI H), Dhwani Dang (VI E), Priyanshi Goel (VIC), Sanah Malik (VIIIC), Kashish Koul (VIIIB), Divyanshi Arora (VIIIE) and Prerna Rajput (VIIID).

Best Dialogue Delivery: Krish Minawala (VI H), Sherin Arora (VI H), Vibhor Sharma (VI F), Ashish Chugh (VIII A) and Prema Rajput (VIII D). Best Stage Presence: Hardik Garg (VI E), Saumya Tiwari (VI B), Nandik Dawar (VI F), Khushi Jain (VIII B), Ishika Chauhan (VIII B) and Manpreet Kaur (VIII F)



## **OUR VICTORIOUS OUTINGS!**

#### TAGORE INTERNATIONAL -ANNUAL LITERARY FEST

It is indeed a matter of great pride that the students of our school, lifted the Overall Champions' Trophy for the second consecutive year. On 6" August 2015, the students participated in the Annual Literary Festival: 'LIFE' organised by Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar. Dev Soni (XII D), Shikhar Suresh (XI C) and Shambhav Gautam (XI C) participated in 'VERS-E-STYLE' (Poetry out loud). They presented the poem "I AM AN ORDINARY MAN". Riya Nagpal (XI D) and Jagriti Wadhwa (XI D) participated in 'TOONART'. Hardik Tara (XII C), Mayank Anand (XII A), Pragya Madan (XII C) and Shiyam Khurana (XI E) participated in 'SPOTLITE' (Group Enactment) and won the second prize in the event. They presented the adaptation of the story 'A MAN WHO HAD NO EYES".



The winners of 'Life- A Literary Festival', receiving their trophy



The winners at Linguaffair 2015 with their certificates and trophies

#### LINGUAFFAIR 2015- A LITERARY FEST

The students of our school participated in 'Linguaffair 2015-A Literary Fest' organized by Lancer's Convent Senior Secondary School from 4" to 6" August 2015. It comprised of a posse of activities like debate, short-skit, poetry writing and recitation and a radio programme. The children showcased their marvelous talent and bagged trophies in the following categories:

Might of Words (A debate) - Aayushi Arora (XIIE) was adjudged as the 2nd Best Speaker

An Awakening (A short skit presentation) bagged the 2nd Prize. The participants were Muktesh Sharma (IX A), NitikaTalwar (IXG), Manas Mehta(IXG), Kritika Ghai (IXE) and Nikita Arora (IX C).

#### BD MEMORIAL COMPETITION-2015

The primary students, alongwith students of classes VI, VII and XII, participated in the XIIIth BD Memorial Competition held at Cambridge Foundation School, on 29th and 30th April, 2015. More than 25 schools participated in various events held during the competition like Aabra ka Dabra, Eulogizing a Nation, Wedding Alacarte, My Nation My pride, Navras Abhivyakt Poetry and Mascot Mania, Science Amalgam, Folk Song – a medley. All the participants showcased their inherent talents. Mannat Sachdeva (I C) and Nyonita Chawla (I D) bagged the Third Prize in the event 'AABRA KA DABRA'. Priyanshi Goel (VI C), Vidur Narula (VI H) and Hardik Garg (VI E) brought laurels to the school by winning the Second Prize in 'PANTOMIME'. Kashish Bansal and Ishan Arora of class XII F won the Second Prize in 'MASCOT MANIA'. It was indeed a proud moment for our school.

#### GVC MERIT AWARDS

24 students at Secondary level (classes VIII - XII) and 8 students at Primary level (classes V - VII) of our school brought International recognition once again when they were awarded Merit certificates in Global Virtual Classroom Web Designing contest 2014-15. The students of Secondary level were the proud recipients of the Special Recognition for Academic Merit and Helping Focus Merit Certificates for the extensive website on the topic Food Clothing and Shelter while Primary level participants were awarded the Special Recognition for Exceptional Multimedia and Collaboration Merit Certificates for the compact website on Celebrations. The contest which is sponsored by GSBI (Give Something Back international) based at Dallas USA, is a free online collaborative learning project that fosters creativity, cross cultural understanding, helping others and teaches IT and website design skills amongst students working together from around the world. The contest aims to enhance abilities required for the 21st century such as: cross-cultural communication, collaboration and technology skills. The Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and Vice Principal Ms. V.Wahi gave away the certificates and congratulated the participants and the Teacher Coordinator Ms. L. Srinivas. The Participants at Secondary Level were: Ishan Arora (XI), Arsh Arora (XI), Muskan Dua (X), Jahnvi Grover(X), Riya Nagpal (X), Anjali Labh(X), Kritika Kapoor (X), Vaishali(X), Khyati Narang (X), Lushin Kataria (X), Lepakshi Gautam (X), Shivam Juneja (X), Namisha Chugh(X), Kartik Vashisht (X), Yastika Kalra (X), Avleen Kaur (X), Divyanshu Shokeen (IX), Hitanshi Narang (IX), Harshita Luthra (IX), Namita Goyal (IX), Raghav Jhanwar (IX), Achhyut Jolly (VIII), Pratishtha Verhwani (VIII), Tanmay Chopra (VIII). The participants at primary level were: Vaani Bhatnagar(VII), Sanah Malik (VII), Chaitanya Arora (VII), Muskan Goel (VII), Nischay Vij (VII), Sarthak Sachdeva (VII), Khushi Jain (VII),Poorva Narang (VII).



#### 'YAADEIN'

23 August 2015 turned out to be an enthralling and amazing event organised by the alumni of our school for everyone present. A Talent Show, by the Ex-St. Markians for the Ex-St. Markians. Attended by the Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, other faculty members and nearly five hundred exstudents, it was a rocking affair. While Mehak Malhotra memerised the crowd with her enchanting melodies, Shivraj made everyone laugh with his mimicry. Akshit Gogia, Archit Manchanda, Karan Kohli, Deepika Matange, Shibangi Nag and Nikita Sareen won everyone's heart with their lyrical numbers. K.P. Sivaramakrishnan dazzled all with his recital of some Bollywood numbers on the synthesizer with Saksham accompanying him as a percussionist. To add colour to the event were dance numbers by Veronica, Manmeet, Sanya Chugh and Urvashi. The icing on the cake was the 'Stand Up Comedy by Garv Malik. The credits of the roaring success of this event go to Richa Chugh, who did the promotions along with Ms.R.Anand, Ms. R. Verma and Ms. K. Mehta and the other executive members of 'Atoot Bandhan', the OSA. The event culminated with everyone singing the school song 'Hail St. Mark's!'. A wonderful gift by the



INTER CLASS SANSKRIT RECITATION COMPETITION



An Inter Class Sanskrit Recitation Competition for classes VI, VII and VIII was conducted on 25 August, 2015. The children recited beautiful poems of eminent Sanskrit scholars. In Class VI the winners are I Prize - Kapish (VI B), II Prize - Nishka Olhyan (VI H), III Prize - Prerna Lochab (VIB) and Consolation Prize was won by Divyam Kapoor (VI A), Jatin Goel (VI A), Arushi Mathur (VI B) and Vidhur Narula (VI H). In Class VII the winners are I Prize -Himanshu Joshi (VII E), II Prize - Sarthak Sahni (VII E), III Prize - Prashant Choudhary (VIIE) and Consolation Prize was won by Ikshvaku Rastogi (VII C), Vrinda Midha (VII D) and DevangshiBhattacharjee (VII E). In Class VIII the winners are I Prize - Sia Bajaj (VIII D), II Prize - Pavan Naidu (VIII F), III Prize - Arzoo (VIII C) and Consolation Prize was won by Dhriti Juneia (VIII A), Vibhor Grover (VIII A), Prerna (VIII C) and Anshika Kapur (VIII C).

#### SPIC MACAY - 38D INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Four students of our school- Aayushi Goel (XII D), Aishwarya Garg (XII A), Prakshi Goel (XII D) and Simran Kanwar (XII D) along with teacher in charge Ms. K. Mehta attended the 3rd International Convention of Spic Macay in Mumbai from 31" May to 6" June 2015. It was indeed a great learning experience for the young girls. They had the opportunity to witness the performances of great maestros like Pandit Birju Maharaj, Smt. Girija Devi ji, Smt. Sujata Mohapatra, Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma - to name a few. The girls learnt 'Kathak' from the famous Kathak dancer Smt. Prerna Shrimali.It was a treat to watch Shri Adoor Gopala Krishnan's movie 'Kathapurushan' followed by a question and answer session with him. Other



mesmerizing performances were 'Kabir' by Shri Shekhar Sen and a lecture demonstration by Dadi Padamjee. It was a convention they will remember throughout their life and an experience they would like to share with all.



#### TREKKING CAMP TO MANALI

Delhi Bharat Scouts and Guides organised a trekking camp to Manali from 26th May to 30th May, 2015. It was attended by 5 students - Aneesh Gupta (VIII F), Vidur Narula (VI H), Paarth Wadhawan (VIII F), Parv Arora (VIII D) and Nitin Kharbanda (VIII F) of our school and were escorted by Mr. R. Manchanda. Around 35 children from different schools of Delhi participated in this camp. The students trekked 30 kilometres upto the Jogi falls and then went to Vashisht Kund. They also visited the Hidamba Temple. They had a wonderful experience in Manali enjoying the soothing nature. Apart from this the children gained confidence and it inculcated a spirit of teamwork in them.

#### VISIT TO PLACES OF WORSHIP (CLASS II)

Students of Class II visited the places of worship in Delhi on 26 and 27 August, 2015. We all know that learning takes place outside the classroom as well as inside it. Visits are highly valuable educational experiences and this visit was a way to gain knowledge about religion as they visited a temple, a gurudwara and a church. The students enjoyed this knowledgeable trip and on returning to the school poured out their feelings into colours by making beautiful drawings about their visit.



#### HERITAGE WALK

On 31st July, 2015, 41 students of classes VI to VIII accompanied by teacher incharges Ms. P. Goel and Ms. T. Negi went for a Heritage Walk to Hauz Khas Fort. The walk was organised by INTACH. Hauz Khas was built by Ala-ud-din Khalji. During the walk the students saw many monuments including a water tank, an Islamic seminary, a mosque, tomb and pavilions built around an urbanized village.



Revisiting our glorious past.

#### MANDELA DAY 2015

Ten students of classes XI and XII along with their teacher Ms. A. Arora of our school visited the India International Centre to celebrate the Nelson Mandela International Day on his 97° birth anniversary on 18° July 2015. The event was organized by India International Centre, Gandhi Peace Foundation, United Nations Information Centre and Working Group on

alternative strategies. The students marched from the Gandhi King Memorial Plaza to Deshmukh auditorium and saw a short film on the life of Nelson Mandela which gave an insight into his achievements. Ms. Kiran Mehra Kerpalman, Director of UN Information Centre of India and Bhutan JNU & General Secretary, African Studies Association of India also emphasised that Mandela was not just a leader of South Africa but a global leader too. Finally, H.E. Mr. France Morule, High Commissioner of South Africa described Mandela's love for children and how he spent his birthday with children. He also explained the similarities and differences between Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela. Prof. Ajay Kumar Dubey, Chairperson, Centre for African Studies. gave the message of U.N Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, urging people to make their individual contribution in spreading peace. Shri Satyabharti Pal, Former Indian High Commissioner to South Africa, addressed the audience with his

#### FILM IT CONTENT WORKSHOP

memories of Mandela.

Three students of our school, Ishan Agarwal (VIII B), Khushi Jain (VIII B) and Mehar Singh (VII H) along with their teacher, Ms. P. Minocha, attended the Film It Content Workshop on 24° July 2015. It was organised by INTACH and conducted by Mr. Feisal Alkazi. Students were given valuable tips on how to make interesting one minute films on various aspects of our heritage. Students were asked to suggest ideas for topics on which they would like to make films. Some good films made by students were also shown.

# INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MS. SUNITA WILLIAMS

On 20° April, Tarushi Pathak (X-B), Mankirat Singh (X-B), Gorika Pathak (X-C) and Rahul Pande (IX-F) of our school got an opportunity to interact with the famous astronaut Ms. Sunita Williams at the American Centre. During the interactive session students asked Ms. Williams about her life, parents and how they can become astronauts in future.

#### ROCKET LAUNCH AT NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE

On 24" July, 2015, 20 students of Class X along with teachers Ms. N.V. Punj and Ms. I. Barua of our school attended a workshop on 'Rocket Launch' at the Innovation Centre, National Science Centre. The students learnt the principle behind rocket launching and made replicas of rockets which they later launched successfully. It was a fun filled learning experience. 20 students from Class VII also attended a session in Innovation Space Centreat NSC on 28 August, 2015. Students learnt how to make rockets. It was a wonderful hands on experience. Students were divided in groups and were trained. Towards the end students launched the rockets individually. It was really an enlightening session.

#### INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

N.C.C. 1 Delhi Girls Batallion organized a Yoga Day activity on 21 June, 2015 at C.R.P.F. School, Rohini. 25 girl cadets of our school attended this programme with A.N.O. Ms. P. Sharma. It was definitely a proud moment to be part of this programme that has brought yoga on the international forum and to spread the benefits of yoga among the youth



## A FIELD DAY

#### WEST DELHI ATHLETIC MEET

The athletes of our school won 5 medals in West Delhi Athletic Meet 2015 held at NSIT, Dwarka, New Delhi on 19 August, 2015. More than 100 schools participated in this event. Vivek Sehrawat (X G) won two Gold medals in 100 m and 200 m and was also declared as the 'Best Athlete' (Under – 16) of this meet. Rinky Nayyar (X E) won two Bronze medals in 200 m and 400 m and Diksha Mudgil (IX A) won a Bronze medal in 400 m.

#### ROSHANARA CLUB OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Ranveer Singh (VII I) won the Roshanara Club Open Tennis Tournament in the Boys U - 12 category which was held from 18 August to 22 August, 2015 at the Roshanara Club.



#### 6TH DR. SATYA PAUL CHESS TOURNAMENT

An Inter – School Chess Tournament was organized by A.P.J. Public School, Pitampura from 4 – 6 August, 2015 in which Vaishali (XI E), Aryan (XI E), Yogeet Wadhera (XI A), Rahul Grover (XII D) and Aashita Sethi (VI G), of our school participated. The first round was a "BYE", then the second round was played with K.R. Mangalam School, G.K. II, followed by the third round with Mount Carmel, Anand Niketan and fourth Round with Mount Carmel, Dwarka. The final fifth round was against A.P.J. Public School, Faridabad. Our school won the first and the fifth round, while the fourth round was a draw.

#### KARATE - DO

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

Shreya Sharma (VI B) of our school participated in the 11th All India Independence Cup Karate — Do Championship held from 22 to 23 August, 2015 at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi and was awarded a Black Belt and won a gold medal in the Kata Event for the Sub-Junior (10-12 years age) category.



# Rinky Nayvar(XE), Vivek Sehrawat(XG) and Diksha Mudgil(IXA)



#### CHESS GENIUS

Aashman Gupta (III A) of our school won the second prize in the Delhi State Chess Championship 2015 in Under 7 category held by Delhi State Association. Kudos to him for his feat!



#### HCL INTER SCHOOL TENNIS CHALLENGE

70 schools from all over Delhi and NCR participated in HCL Inter School Tennis Challenge in association with Mahesh Bhupati Tennis Academies held from 27 July, 2015 to 2 August, 2015. The **Under – 15 (Boys) team** of our school comprising of Swaraj Sharma (IX A), Prateek Yadav (VII D), Ranveer Singh (VII I), Aryan Ahuja (VII G) and Abhitav Gupta (VIII D) were the **Quarter finalists**. The **Under – 15 (Girls) team** of our school comprising of Mehak Gupta (VII B), Muskaan Goel (VI B), Yaashna Kapoor (VI A), Aakriti (VII E) and Rose (VI A) were the **Pre – Quarter finalists**.

## A FIELD DAY

#### BADMINTON CHAMPS

Manan Shingari (VIII F) is the Delhi State winner in the Doubles U – 15 and semi – finalist in Singles in the badminton competitions held from 25 July to 2 August, 2015 at the Ludlow Castle. He also participated in the All India Junior Ranking Tournament held at Dehradun from 5 to 10 August, 2015. Our students also participated in Zonal Badminton Tournament held at Bosco Public School, Paschim Vihar from 20 July, 2015 to 11 August, 2015. The Sr. Girls team that won the championship comprised of Mariyam Khan (XII D) and Sanya Shingari (XI D). The Jr. Boys team were the First Runners – Up and the team comprised of Nikhil Shokeen (X B), Manan Shingari (VIII F) and Hitesh (X E).Manan Shingari (VIII F) and Sanskar Chopra (VIII E)

also participated in PNB METLIFE Chaaji Memorial All India Sub

Junior Ranking Badminton Tournament 2015 Boys Singles (U – 15) at Thyagaraj Stadium, held from 22 to 27 June, 2015. The tournament was orgnaised by SARA Foundation under the Aegis of Delhi Capital Badminton Association. Sanya Shingari (XID) was also a part of the Delhi State Tournament held from 25 July to 2 August, 2015, till the pre – quarter round. She also participated in All India Junior Ranking Tournament held from 5 to 10 August, 2015 at Dehradun.

#### HANDBALL ZONALS (2015-16)

The Handball team of our school participated in the Handball Zonals held at Jhabban Lal D.A.V. Public School from 26 August, 2015 to 2 September, 2015. 18 schools participated in this tournament under various categories, wherein our Junior Girls Team secured the First Position in the Zonals. By defeating Sant Nirankari Public School in the finals. The winning team comprised of Rinky Nayyar (X E), Parnika Kapoor (X C), Nitya Sachdeva (X C), Sanya Batra (X B), Tanya Batra (X G), Prabhsimran Bajaj (X C), Mansi Aggarwal (X A),

#### SKATING CHAMP

Abhishek Nair (V H) participated in the Summer Open Roller Skating Championship held on 26 April, 2015 at Remal Public School, Sector 3, Rohini. He won a Gold medal and Silver medal. He also participated in the 33° Delhi State Open Roller Skating Championship which was held on 11 April, 2015 at Vidya Jain Public School, Sector – 6, Rohini in which he bagged both a Silver medal and a Bronze medal. In the North India Skating Championship, which was held on 27 and 28 August, 2015 at Talkatora Stadium, the Girls and Boys Skating team of our school participated. More than 16 teams participated in this event and our Girls team won the overall Championship and our Boys Skating team won the Bronze medal.

#### NORTH INDIA SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

The U - 12 Boys team comprised of Taranveer Singh (VIII C), Nimit Goel (VII A), Divyam Behl (VIII C), DhruvBansal (VII A), Arshpreet Singh (VII A), Rao Vishwaditya (IV B), Saksham Narang (VII F), Hrayank (VII I), Lakshay Malik (IV D) and Manmeet (VII F) The U - 12 Girls team comprised of Tammanna Mohan (VI C), Jiya Mittal (VI C), Nehal Gupta (VI B), Mansha Shamar (VI B), Shivalika Jamwal (VII C), Vaibhavi (V G), Ekantika (V D), Garima Jain (VI A), Yashika (VII F), Vanshita Bhandari (V D) and Charu (V D).

Handball Champs

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#### ZONAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT (2015 – 16)

Zonal Table Tennis Tournament was held at Doon Public School from 20 July to 2 August, 2015 in which Sub Junior Boys of our school won Meera Bagh won 2<sup>-6</sup> position (Runners Up Position) against Bhatnagar International School, G.D. Goenka School, Bosco School and played in the finals with Indraprastha School. The students who played were Anirudh Chhitwal (VIII A), Prabneet Singh (V C), Rishabh Singh (VI E), Anurag Garg (VII F) and Shivay Vinayak (VII A).

# RESPONSIBILITY ON DESERVING SHOULDERS



















Mehak Bansal(IX C) showing Pascal's Triangle.























