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## EDITORIAL

A gush of adrenaline rush, a thumping heart of tension, a pressure to perform and an amalgamation of hard work, team spirit and commitment – that's what sports offers! Sports is the perfect getaway to learn the virtues of life. It not only keeps one healthy but brings vigour to the mind and soul. The practical problems of life – taking an important decision, analyzing the depth of a situation and learning how to deal with failure becomes easy for a sports person. Important life skills like discipline, concentration and confidence are some of the bounties of sports. All children should learn and enjoy some sport from an early age to absorb a plethora of attributes. Sports acts as that vast umbrella which takes underneath not only different games but also the herculean task of uniting the world. Various nations which participate in global sports events see it as an apt platform to showcase different talents as well as spread goodwill and harmony.

## SYNERGY – AN INTER SCHOOL GAMES AND SPORTS FEST

Synergy- Inter School Games & Sports Fest was organized from 2 November 2015 to 6 November 2015. The inauguration ceremony was graced with the presence of eminent personalities such as Mr. Raghuvinder Shokeen, M.L.A, Ms. Asha Aggarwal, Arjuna Awardee and Deputy Director of Sports, Mr. Sharad Kaushik, International Volleyball player, Mr. A.N. Sharma (Coach of Virender Sehwag) and Mr. Aashish Bhardwaj, Sports Journalist. 26 schools from Delhi participated in nine varied games such as Cricket, Handball, Skating, Football, Basketball, Tennis etc. Synergy not only brought the best sporting schools of the city together but also helped in imparting lessons on team spirit and camaraderie. The tally of points revealed that our school was the winner with a grand total of 92 points but as per rules, the host school was not eligible for the Championship Trophy, it was won by Montfort School while St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh won the Runners Up Trophy. As Shikhar Dhawan, Opening Batsman, Indian Cricket Team and alumni of our school, said in his message- 'The young enthusiasts did display the true spirit of sportsmanship'.



And thus the meet was declared open!!!





## SYNERGY 2015

The inaugural ceremony commenced with a march past by the budding sportspersons of all the participating schools and was followed by the torch lighting ceremony. The torch was carried by some of our National sports achievers, Sanya Shingari, Dhairya Taneja, Yastika Kalra, Manan Shingari and Vivek Sehwat, who brought it to the Chief Guest, Ms. Asha Aggarwal. The oath taking ceremony was followed by various cultural programmes such as Orchestra, Drill, Aerobics, Yoga and Indian Classical Fusion. The formations and the coordination exhibited mesmerised the spectators. The spellbinding fusion of Kathak and Bharatnatyam dance rightly set the ball rolling for the matches which followed. Synergy was sponsored by Navdeep Publications Pvt.Ltd., Srijan Publishers Pvt.Ltd., Ratnasagar Pvt.Ltd., Bookmate Publishers and Jayna Sports.



March-past during Inauguration Ceremony



Yoga – the union of mind, body and soul



Synchronization is Perfection



Fusion of Kathak and Bharatnatyam



# SYNERGY 2015



Montfort School lifts the Champion's Trophy for Synergy 2015



Synergy Runners' Up Trophy lifted by St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh

## BASKETBALL

The passionate basketballers added the colours of hardwork, talent and teamspirit to Synergy. Matches started with the boys team of Montfort School, Apex Public School, Army Public School and Heritage School reaching the semi-finals and in the final, Montfort School won the Gold Medal by defeating Army Public School. The girls team of Mira Model School, Queen's Valley School, Montfort School and our school reached the semifinals from where Queen's Valley School and our school moved ahead into the finals and Queen's Valley School won. Our school players - Sanya Batra (X-G) and Tanya Batra (X-B) played exceptionally well with Sanya turning out to be the highest scorer in the series.



The Basketball boys' team of Montfort School and Army Public School ready to battle it out in the finals

## HANDBALL

The boys team of MRV Public School, Apex Public School, Army Public School and Gen. Raj's School reached the Semi-finals. The final round was between MRV Public School and Apex Public School and MRV Public School emerged as winners. The girls team of Army Public School, St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh, St. Mark's School, Janakpuri and our school reached the semi-finals. St. Mark's School, Janakpuri and our school reached the finals with St. Mark's School, Janakpuri emerging as winners. Sanya Batra (X-G) scored a hatrick and Parnika Kapoor (X-C) gave an outstanding performance.

## TABLE TENNIS

The excitement during the table tennis matches was palpable as the girls team of our school, Srijan School, St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh, & Bosco Public School reached the semifinals. The final match was between Srijan School and St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh, in which Srijan School won the match. The boys team of Bosco Public School, Lancer's Convent School, Mount Abu School and Srijan School reached the semi-finals. Bosco Public School won the Gold Medal by defeating Mount Abu School in the finals. Our young talent Prabhneet Singh (V-C) gave a wonderful performance in all the matches he played.

## BADMINTON

There was active participation from various schools in badminton and it was Montfort School, Bosco Public School, K.R. Mangalam School and our school that reached the semi-finals. The final match was between our school and Montfort School and Montfort School emerged as winners. Manan Shingari (VIII-F) of our school played brilliantly. The girls team of our school, St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh, Montfort School & Mount Carmel School reached the semi-finals. In the final match Montfort School emerged winners by defeating Mount Carmel School.

## VOLLEYBALL

The boys team of Mira Model School, St. Cecilia's Public School, Heritage School and our school reached the Semi-final round. The final match was between Mira Model School and our school with Mira Model School bagging the Gold Medal. Arunabh Anand's (X-F) performance was outstanding. The girls team of Little Angels School, Mira Model School, S.S. Mota Singh School and Heritage School reached the semifinals. Mira Model School defeated S.S. Mota Singh School in the final round.



Our school Volleyball team with their Runners' Up Trophy



# SYNERGY 2015

## SKATING

In Roller Skating (U-16) our school won Gold-Medals in both boys inline and girls inline & also silver medals in boys Quads and girls Quads (U-16). Vanika Dang (X-B) was outstanding in the 300 mts event race. The finishing done by her was excellent. In the boys category Nimit Goel (VII-A) won the gold medal in the 300 mts race.



Our skating champs



The victorious smiles of the cricket champions

## CRICKET

Everyone knows the level of madness and enthusiasm involved during a cricket match. The ground of our school witnessed the same zeal during the cricket matches held during Synergy. The first being our school against Heritage School, Rohini wherein Arnav Singh (X-A) was declared the Man of the Match for taking 3 wickets. The second match was between our school and K.R. Mangalam World School, Vikaspuri and our school won. Chirag Chopra (IX-

A) scored 13 fours and 4 sixes in his 94 run knock. The final match was won by our school as we defeated Mount Abu School, Rohini. Aryan Dogra (VIII-A) scored a half century to take the team's score to 172 in 20 overs and Arnav Singh (X-A) bowled beautifully by taking 4 wickets in 4 overs.

## FOOTBALL

The first round of football had four evenly contested quarter finals in which Mamta Modern School, Army Public School, Cambridge Foundation School and our school prevailed. The tournament got even more interesting as the teams battled it out in the semi-finals, where Army Public School thumped Mamta Modern School and our school won the other semifinal defeating Cambridge Foundation School. The final between the our school and Army Public School was a match everybody looked forward to. All the players put up a spirited performance with Army



Our Football team.

Public School registering a 2-0 win over our school. Though each player played to the best of his ability, the highlight of the tournament turned out to be Prashant Khurana (IX-A) of our school who displayed outstanding capability.

## TENNIS

In the boys Category, Montfort School, Srijan School, K.R. Mangalam World School and our school reached the semifinal round and Srijan School won the Gold Medal by defeating our school. In Girls category St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh, Srijan School and our school reached the semifinal round and St. Mark's Girls' School, Meera Bagh, emerged winners. Urvi Goel (X-D) of our school gave an outstanding performance.



## TRIBUTE TO THE BRUNNERS-THE HUNGARIAN ARTISTS



Dr Rajiv Lochan, Director, National Gallery of Modern Art, admiring our students' works



Art historian, Dr. Kapila Vatsayan, with our Principal, Ms A. Aggarwal and Director Rahul Aggarwal

To commemorate its 25th year of excellence, our school organized 'Danube meets Ganges- A Duna és a Gangesztalálkozik', an Indo-Hungarian Art exhibition as a tribute to the brilliance of Elizabeth Brunner and Elizabeth Sass Brunner, the Hungarian artists, at Balassi Institute - Hungarian Information and Cultural Centre, New Delhi from September 1 to September 11, 2015. The students of our school reproduced some of the paintings by the Brunners. **Mr. Attila Veizer**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Hungary, New Delhi inaugurated the exhibition. Among the other dignitaries present were **Dr. Kapila Vatsayan**, leading Indian scholar, art historian and the founding director of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Delhi, **Ms. Shanay Artemis Hubmann**, Deputy Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Austria, **Ms. Alessandra Bertini Malgarini**, Director, Italian Cultural Institute, **Dr. Rajeev Lochan**, Director, National Gallery of Modern Art and **Ms. Sonalika Sahay**, one of the super models, to name a few.



Mr. Attila Veizer, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Hungary being greeted by our Principal.



Meet team of artists who recreated the works by the Brunners



## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

### LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Life Empowerment Awards for Schools for the year 2014-15 were announced by Expressions India, a C.B.S.E empanelled agency. Ms. A. Aggarwal, our Principal, was felicitated with the 'Exemplary Leadership Award' in the Principal Leadership for Outstanding Endeavours category. This award was for Ms. Aggarwal's leadership skills in promoting excellence in all facets of education in the school. She received the award from Mr. Rajat Sharma, one of India's prominent journalists and Mr. Vineet Joshi, the former Chairman of C.B.S.E.



Our Principal being felicitated with the Exemplary Leadership Award



Dr. Ludmila Dimitrova, Governor of Bulgaria, releasing the collaborative book 'A Priceless Treasury'



### BOOK RELEASE - A PRICELESS TREASURY

As part of its 25th year celebration, our school released the collaborative book 'From Asia to Europe - A Priceless Treasury' at the 12th ASEF Class Net Conference held in Sofia, Bulgaria. The book was released by Dr. Ludmila Dimitrova, Governor for Bulgaria in the presence of Ms. Leonie Nagarajan, Director, Education Department, Asia Europe Foundation and Ms. A. Aggarwal, our Principal. 'From Asia to Europe - A Priceless Treasury' is a book written by around 75 students from 25 schools of 17 countries on topics ranging from personalities, culture, cuisines, travel to art and architecture around the world, truly a collaborative effort.

### NASSCOM GAME DEVELOPER

A group of 5 students: Aayush Sharma (XII F), Kashish Bansal (XII F), Shelly Gupta (XII F), Tejasva Kalra (XII F) and Neehal Taneja (XII F) along with Mr. N. Gupta and Ms. A. Sapra attended the Nasscom Game Developer Conference 2015 held at Pune from 5-7 November, 2015 with their game titled "Deception". The game was appreciated by various Game professionals from gaming companies like Microsoft, Ubisoft, Nazara, Zynga games etc. The students also got some valuable suggestions to improve their game further.



The young gaming champs making their presence felt at NASCOM, Pune.



## GLOBAL DIMENSIONS

### GETTING TO KNOW GOETHE IN GERMANY

A ten member student delegation headed by Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal and accompanied by Ms. G. Rajan, Head, International Affairs and Ms. R. Pasricha, teacher in charge, visited Klosterschule Rossleben in Germany from 21 September to 8 October. Located in Rossleben, Thuringia, Klosterschule combines traditional virtues with applied modern pedagogy to raise students to become persons who can cope with life and take responsibilities. The group was welcomed by Ms. Edith Flores Wolff, Coordinator of the exchange, Mr. Gernot Groppler, Principal, Mr. David Lucius Clarke, Head, Boarding School and Ms. Juliane Thaler, teacher in charge. The delegation then visited Weimar wherein they met **Mr. Hellmut Th. Seemann, President, KlassikStiftung Weimar** and **Mr. Rigobert Möllers (Ministry of Education, Thüringen)** to attend a week of intensive and fully packed program on Weimar Classicism. The students learnt about intellectuals such as Johann Wolfgang Goethe, Johann Gottfried Herder, Friedrich Schiller, and Christoph Martin Wieland and also about life in Germany in the 18th century. In Frankfurt, the students witnessed the celebration to commemorate the reunification of Germany. They also visited the Heidelberg Castle, the University and Beethoven's home in Bonn, the Cathedral and Chocolate museum in Cologne and the Altstadt in Dusseldorf.



Mr. Hellmut Th. Seemann, President, Weimar Klassik Foundation, being felicitated by our Principal.



Our delegation at Slovenia

### SLOVENIA

It is imperative in today's world to create global citizens who understand transnational features and with this purpose our school strengthened their bond of friendship with Slovenia through an exchange program. The two schools decided to express their friendship in words, so our school worked again on a book with Gimnazija Ptuj, which will be released in January, 2015. The 6 member delegation, along with their teacher incharge, Ms. S. Arora, visited Ptuj from 27 September to 7 October 2015. The students experienced the education system there as well as their normal life. They visited other places in Slovenia such as the capital, Ljubljana, Lake Bled, the Skocjan Caves and saw the beauty of the Julian Alps. The students also took a short trip to Venice and Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. The delegation also met the Indian Ambassador to Slovenia, H.E. Sarvajit Chakravarti and Mr. Stefan Celan, the Mayor of Ptuj. The students made lifelong friends.

### WE HOST MALAYSIANS

Our school hosted a delegation of 6 students and School Counselor, Ms. Noor Alsah from Sekolah Sultan Alam Shah, Malaysia from 30 October 2015 to 8 November 2015. The delegation was given a traditional Indian welcome in our school. They attended classes in school and also got a chance to experience the cultural heritage of India when they visited the Qutab Minar, Lotus Temple, India Gate and various other landmarks of Delhi. They also visited Agra and Jaipur. As part of the Educational programme 'GREEN DELHI', they visited Yamuna Biodiversity Park and learned about the flora and fauna of India.



Malaysian delegates being given a formal welcome



## GLOBAL DIMENSIONS

### 12TH ASEF CLASSNET CONFERENCE IN BULGARIA

Ms. G. Rajan, Head, International Affairs as well as our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, attended the 12th ASEF Class Net Conference held in Sofia, Bulgaria. Several workshops on the theme of the conference 'Coding 4 Education' were conducted. About 33 online collaborations, many based on coding, have also been proposed. ASEF ClassNet is a part of the Asia Europe Foundation that works to bring schools from the 51 ASEM countries together.



Ms. G. Rajan, Head, International Affairs, at the AEC Conference, Bulgaria

## RHYTHM & SOUL



The Sufi Magic

### QAWWALI RECITAL BY YOUSUF KHAN NIZAMI

Under the aegis of SPIC MACAY, our students witnessed a Qawwali Recital by Yousuf Khan Nizamiji. He was accompanied by Khawaja Hassan Nizamiji, Zeeshan Nizamiji, Afreen Nizamiji and Sufia Nizamiji as the chorus. On the 'Dholak' was Hamsar Nizamiji and on the 'Tabla' was the thirteen year old, Farmaan Nizamiji. They commenced the programme with an invocation to God "Allah Hu" and ended with the famous and the most popular of 'Sufi qawwalis' "Dama Dum Mast Kalandar." This captivating and spellbinding rendition will always remain embedded in our memory for a long time to come.

### SOLO SINGING

Primary classes had an Inter Class Solo Singing Competition and the students put forth enthralling performances and sang a variety of songs. The incredible confidence and zest of the young participants of classes I and II was evident as they sang hit numbers like Country Roads, By the rivers of Babylon, Beautiful Sunday and many more. The young maestros were applauded by one and all and the winners were **Class I - I Prize** – Bhriagu Chitkara (I E), **II Prize** – Rupashi Nagi (I D), **III Prize** – Saamy Ghai (I C) and **Special Prizes** were won by Jasmine Kaur (I F), Mihir (I B), Manat Sachdeva (I C) and Kashvin Kaur Bakshi (I F). **Class II - I Prize** – Mansha Marwah (II C), **II Prize** – Marilyn Judith Lazarus (II B), **III Prize** – Anshi Jindal (II B) and **Special Prizes** were won by Dhriti Mondal (II D), Rachita Luthra (II F), Raghavi Tohan (II G) and Sukhman Singh (II A). **Class III - I Prize** – Harshit Malhotra (III G), **II Prize** – Arshpreet Kaur (III G), **III Prize** – Soham Batra (III F) and **Special Prizes** were won by Harman Singh Bhalla (III E), Anushka Dutta (III D), Deeshita Bahri (III A) and Prakriti Jaiswal (III C). **Class IV - I Prize** – Revti Arora (IV A) and Tanya Negi (IV E), **II Prize** – Dhruvika Manoj (IV A), **III Prize** – Yash Khanwani (IV D) and **Special Prizes** were won by Sanchita Sharma (IV B), Palak Mahajan (IV E), Thia Marwah (IV G) and Mouli Saluja (IV B). **Class V - I Prize** – Khushi Mishra (V F), **II Prize** – G. Krithika Meenakshi (V G), **III Prize** – Gurnoor (V C) and **Consolation Prizes** were won by Vibhor (V E), Bhavini Pande (V B), Tanush Royal (V B) and Aaron Rose (V D).



The Winners of Solo Singing Competition – Classes I to V



## RHYTHM & SOUL



Garba Dance



Garhwali Dance

### BHARAT KE LOK RANG

They say the world was once plain 'black and white'. Then, one day, God created India. This colourful spirit of our incredible India was celebrated through a Folk Dance Competition, 'Bharat Ke Lok Rang', held on 19 September, 2015 in which Class II students exhibited their dancing talents swaying to rhythmic music, wearing authentic costumes and jewellery. Folk dances like bamboo dance, Kumaoni dance, Garba and Lavani won the audience's heart. The power packed 'Bhangra dance' by students of II A won the First Prize and 'Kalbeliya dance' performed by the students of II B and 'Sambalpuri dance' of II F won the Runners' Up Trophy.



Lavani Dance



Bamboo Dance



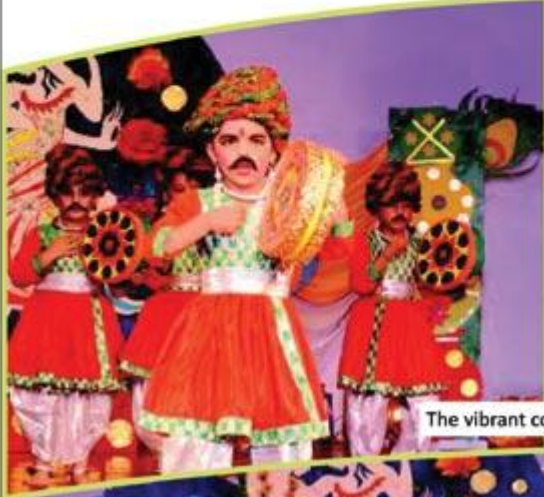
Sambalpuri Dance performers lifting the Runners' Up trophy



## FESTIVE FERVOUR

### JANMASHTAMI

Class I students celebrated the earthly appearance of Lord Krishna by presenting a mesmerizing show titled 'Kanha Ke Rang' on the occasion of Janmashtami Celebration on 4 September, 2015. They showed Krishna in almost all aspects as the adorable, mischievous son and a romantic lover. The little devotees performed various dances with zeal and enthralled the parents and guests equally.



The vibrant colours of Janmashtami Celebrations



Krishna and his Ras Leela in progress



Gopikas with their little Krishna



'Prabhat Pheri' during Guru Purab'

### GURU NANAK JAYANTI

Guru Nanak Dev Ji's birthday was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> November by the students of the Primary wing. The students took out a Prabhat Pheri, which was led by the 'Punj Pyaare' in the school premises. The atmosphere reverberated with the shabads sung by the little children. The Kirtan was followed by Anand Sahib and Ardaas. There was serenity all around and the celebrations culminated with the distribution of Karah prashad.



Praying for goodwill of mankind



# FESTIVE FERVOUR

## DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

With festivities around the corner, the students of Class V presented a dance-drama on 19 October 2015. They left no stone unturned to mesmerize everyone with their beautiful performances portraying snippets of Durga Puja, Dussehra, Navratras and Diwali. The show was witnessed by parents and members of the Managing Committee. The efforts of the students were highly appreciated.



Dancing with joy!



Mahishasura Mardini – Durga power



Sita swayamwar in progress



Evil personified-Raavan in action

## DIWALI MELA

On the eve of Diwali, Perna Niketan Sangh (an NGO working for polio afflicted slum children) and Muskaan (an NGO working with differently abled children) organized a Diwali mela in the school. Colourful diyas, candles and eatables like muffins, pickles, biscuits and spices were sold. The students and the staff members thronged the stalls to purchase the goodies.



'Worshipping Durga- The Epitome of Woman Power'



Our shopaholics at Diwali Mela



LET THE DRAMA BEGIN...



## CHARACTER DRAMATIZATION

On September 1, Class II students participated in a Character Dramatization Competition. The tiny tots, dressed in beautiful costumes, portrayed characters from English stories and fairy tales.

An Inter Class Character Dramatization Competition was held for Class I on 27 November, 2015 .They portrayed various story characters like Cinderella, Snowwhite, Angulimal, Beauty, Beast, Gretel, Fairy God Mother, etc. The following won prizes :-

**I Prize** – Rupanshi Nagi and Nyonita Chawla (I D), Rohan Kathpalia and Aditi Dabas (I D), **II Prize** – Mannat Sachdeva and Saamya Ghai (I C); **III Prize** – Janhwee Thapliyal and Mehak (I B) and **Special Prizes** were won by Daksh Gupta and Reet Chawla (I F), Reet Anand and Punya Kochar (I E), Anaaya Khurana and Mansha (I E) and Jiya Goel and Mohd. Fawaz (I A). The winners of class II were-

**I Prize** – Kirandeep Kaur and Jania Marwah (II F), **II Prize** – Arnav Pahuja and Tanisha Malik (II A), **III Prize** – Navya M. Warriar and Darshbir Singh (II E). **Consolation Prizes** went to Ananya Kapoor and Devansh Gogna (II C), Bhuvi Bathla and Samiya Sabnani (II F), Muskan and Harnoor Kaur Matharu (II E), Sukhman Singh and Pratham Saluja (II A), Ranveer Handa and Viraj Tanswar (II C) and Tushar Yadav and Marilyn Judith Lazarus (II B). The characterization of Angulimala and Lord Buddha, Rumpelstiltskin and the Miller's daughter and Queen and her magical mirror, stood out.



**BACHPAN 2015, A THEATRE FESTIVAL**

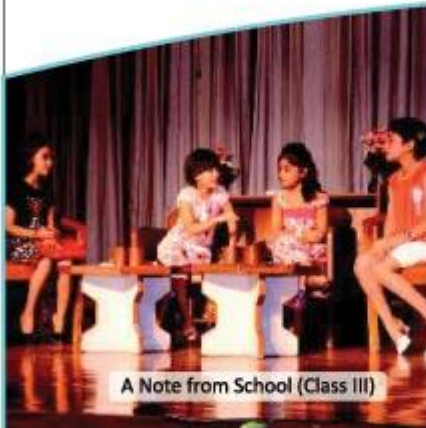
Day 1 of the Zonal Round of the 5th episode of Bachpan 2015, a children's theatre festival was organized by Atelier Theatre Group and hosted by our school on 1 October, 2015. Other schools also participated in this non – competitive presentation of plays. Gyan Mandir Public School, Naraina Vihar presented 'Ek Tha Gadda, Urf Aladad Khan', Bal Bharti Public School, Dwarka presented 'Andher Nagri Chaupat Raja' and our school presented 'All the World's a Stage – Jahapanah'. Our school's play was selected to be shown at the Grand Finale held on 14 October, 2015 at Kamani Auditorium.





# LET THE DRAMA BEGIN...

## INTER CLASS ENGLISH PLAY COMPETITION (CLASSES III AND IV)



A Note from School (Class III)



Is he dead?- (Class IV)



Madness prevails in Crazy Court

### *"All the world's a stage and all men and women, merely players"*

In September the students of classes III and IV delved into the world of fiction, fable and drama by participating in the Inter Class English Play Competition. Class III presented English Plays like 'A Note from School', 'Rice Cakes' and 'Alice in Wonderland'. The plays presented by Class IV were 'Is he dead?', 'Puss in Boots', 'Danny-The Champion of the World' and 'We Want Our Mother Back'. 'Tangled Up Feet' presented by Class III C won the award for the Best Play. The Runners' Up Trophy was shared by III A and III F for their plays 'The Small Wonder' and 'Fairy Godmother's Assistant'. **The winners in Class III were :-**

**Best Actor (Male)** – Parv Choudhary (III D), Syan Kapoor (III C), Agumvir Singh Virdi (III C)

**Best Actor (Female)** – Shreya Salhotra (III A), Aashvi Ahlawat (III A), Nikita (III F), Ojasvini (III F), Nishita Behl (III D) and Prakriti Jaiswal (III C)

**Best Dialogue Delivery** – Himank Berwal (III A), Harman Singh Bhalla (III E), Tanish Khattar (III F) and Mayank Aneja (III C)

**Best Stage Presence** – Saksham Kapoor (III A), Nirvan Dhingra (III A), Raunak Verma (III E) and Ridhima Mittal (III E)

### **Special Prizes – Mehak Dhall**

(III B), Gauhar Wason (III B), Harsh Malhotra (III G), Mahak Kadyan (III C) and Ritika Gupta (III C)

In class IV, **'The Hunch Back of Notre Dame' (IV A)** bagged the **Best Play award** and the **Runners' Up Award** was won by **'Matilda' (IV C)** and **'Crazy Court' (IV F)**

Individual prizes were won by :-

**Best Actor (Male)** – Aditya Soni (IV B), Manan Agarwal (IV A), Daksh Dadhich (IV A), Rudraksh Chahal (IV F), Udeyvir Singh (IV F) and Devesh Marwaha (IV C). **Best Actor (Female)** – Vani Baluja (IV B), Revti Arora (IV A), Kashish Seth (IV F), Khushi Kannojiya (IV E) and Mannat Gogia (IV C). **Best Stage Presence** – Tejpreet Singh (IV D), Revti Arora (IV A), Avleen Kaur (IV E) and Simran Dimri (IV C). **Best Dialogue Delivery** – Manan Agarwal (IV A), Daksh Dadhich (IV A), Dhruvika Manoj (IV A), Naitik Aggarwal (IV C) and Suhani Bajaj (IV C). **Special Prizes** – Vedika Kapoor (IV B), Yash Khanwani (IV D), Rashi (IV G), Anushka Mehta (IV A), Raj Kaushik (IV F), Tanya Negi (IVE) and Kaushaank Sachdeva (IV E)



'Tangled Up Feet' – The proud winners of Inter Class English Play Competition (Class III)



'The Hunch Back of Notre Dame' (Class IV) Best Play Award Winners



## SERVICE BEFORE SELF

### GANDHIGIRI IN ACTION

**"The Best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. - M.K.Gandhi**

Around 70 students of Class XI led by office bearers of Class XII paid homage to the spirit of Father of the Nation by performing Shramdaan to clean the nearby localities in Meera Bagh on 2 October, 2015. This initiative of translating Gandhiji's vision of a Clean India into a reality has been supported by St. Markians for the past few years. This year, the students also spoke to shopkeepers selling eatables and persuaded them to use dustbins.



### COME LET'S SPREAD A SMILE THIS FESTIVE SEASON

On the eve of Durga Puja and Vijaydashmi celebrations, the students of our school collected toys and games. More than 30 sacks of toys were handed over to the Goonj representatives on 17 October, 2015 as gifts for less fortunate children in Anganwadis in rural areas.



## SERVICE BEFORE SELF



Its business time for Nirmaan Enterprises

### EDUCATION THAT PAYS FOR ITSELF 2015

Six students of Nirmaan team – Shikhar Juneja (XI E), Divyansh (X F), Mansi Marwah (X C), Riya Nagpal (XI D), Anjali Labh (XI C) and Mandeep Singh (X C) along with teacher incharge, Ms.M.V.Manchanda, attended the 9th Annual Conference on Sustainability and Innovation in Education held at KIIT World College, Gurgaon from 19 November, 2015 to 21 November, 2015. The organizer, Teach a Man to Fish, an international NGO, works with schools across the world to set up educational and profitable school businesses. Around 300 delegates from 26 countries attended the workshop. It was a great platform for knowledge sharing and for showcasing and displaying the products produced by 'Nirmaan Enterprises', the school initiative.



A step forward towards computer literacy- PARIVARTAN

### PARIVARTAN

Learning is not bound by age and it becomes a lot more meaningful when it is for the welfare and nourishment of all. Keeping this in mind we took an initiative for some non computer literate parents to become familiar with the world of computers. The seed was sown three years back in 2013 and the Parivartan team feels proud to complete the third batch successfully. The team of 10 students and 10 parents was led by two computer teachers of the school, Ms. V. Lamba and Ms. S. Bhatnagar. The project which concluded in Nov. 2015 gave parents an opportunity to learn the basics of computer like Paint, Notepad, MS-Office and Internet, so that they can support their children to use computers in an optimum way.

### YET ANOTHER SOCIAL INITIATIVE 'VIDYARAMBH' STARTS

On the auspicious day of Saraswati Puja on 21st October, 2015 the student volunteers of class IX initiated 'VIDYARAMBH'-an effort aimed at imparting basic literacy skills in English language to student learners of nearby slum areas within our school premises. The student learners were taught basic values and social skills before they began by tracing writing patterns on worksheets. The learning experience was made enjoyable with activities and Educomp modules.



The beginning of an educational journey.



## SERVICE BEFORE SELF



Our students with Goonj volunteers

### VISIT TO GOONJ

On 29 September, a group of 30 students along with teachers in charge, Ms. M. Parashar and Ms. A. Jain went to the processing unit of Goonj, located in Sarita Vihar. The students got a hands-on-experience in sorting and packing of clothes to be given to our less fortunate brethren. As a part of 'Cloth for Work Campaign', local people receive these clothes in lieu of work done like building a pond, well or bunds, etc. Some clothes are also given as 'Rahat' material in times of disaster to various parts of India. Students could assimilate that everything is useful and there should be no waste.



Spreading warmth

### CONTRIBUTION OF WINTER CLOTHING TO GOONJ

The students and staff members collected winter clothing consisting of jackets, shawls, blazers, cardigans, socks and gloves for our less fortunate brethren. 42 sacks of above mentioned clothing articles were contributed to Goonj on 27 November, 2015 under Project Raahat for the benefit of poor and homeless people who face a lot of hardship during harsh winters.



Our contributions to animal shelter

### A VISIT TO FRIENDICOES

A day trip was organized to 'Friendicoes' (an NGO working for the welfare of stray dogs) on 21 October, 2015 to sensitise the students towards the plight of stray animals. Eleven students of Class V accompanied by teacher incharge, Ms. A. Misra went and donated dry food items to the NGO.



# THE LEARNING CURVE

## COMMON WORKSHOP ON ASKING MORE AND BETTER QUESTIONS

Ms. B. Taneja, attended a workshop at Sanskriti School on 'Asking More and Better Questions in Classrooms' on 21 September, 2015. The workshop was conducted by Mr. John Zola (USA based), International Education Consultant. The goals were to provide regular opportunities for students to engage in 'critical thinking' and promoting 'student voice' in the classroom as they learn to contribute thoughts and ideas.

## MANAGING BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS IN ADOLESCENTS

The National Convention of School Counselors on "Managing Behaviour Problems in Adolescents" organized by ICTRC on September 24, 2015 at India International Centre was attended by teacher, Ms. G. Kaur and Guidance Counselor, Ms. H. Mutreja. The objective of this convention was to equip school counselors / teacher – counselors with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitude to bring up adolescents as mentally healthy individuals as they need proper guidance, support of caring adults and good role models.

## GLOBAL TEACHER ACCREDITATION

Ms. G. Rajan, Head, International Affairs, has received the British Council Global Teacher Accreditation. The British Council and Cambridge Education Foundation work together to deliver the GTA programme to promote a global dimension in the school curriculum through the development of innovative, equitable and sustainable school partnerships. Ms. Rajan, under the guidance of her mentors, Ms. Meera Balachandran, Director, Education Quality Foundation of India, Ms. Rekha Pandey, Resource Person, British Council and Ms. G. Chandra, PGT, wrote her action research plan on – 'How effective are school exchange overseas programmes in developing the skills of collaboration and cross cultural awareness in senior students?'

## WORKSHOP FOR COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

A workshop on computer programming was conducted by codechef.com in association with our computer department for Classes VIII to XI on 6 October. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Anup Kambalia, Core member of Code Chef Founder Team. The workshop spread awareness among the students that programming is not just about learning a computer language but is more about developing logic for problem solving skills. It was followed by a brain storming session wherein students solved different puzzles. The winners were awarded with code-chef T-shirts

## FACE TO FAITH TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

With an idea to change the world through meaningful dialogue between young people across the world, the Tony Blair Faith Foundation organized a teacher training workshop under its Face to Faith programme, on 5 October 2015. The workshop, which was attended by Ms. R. Kohli, focused on improving dialogue between young people of all faiths and also those who have none. The workshop was facilitated by Ms. Sandhya Gupta and Ms. Ghanpriya, Face to Faith Co-ordinators. The dimensions of an ideal dialogue were discussed and how it can be used in both video conferences as well as Team Blogging, which is their latest project. There was also a skype session with Mr. Ian Jamison, Head of Education, TBFF.

## SESSION ON ROAD SAFETY

Aman Kapoor (X D) and Mohit Agarwal (X D) attended a session on Road Safety with Dr. Muktesh Chander, Special Commissioner, Delhi Traffic Police at India International Centre, Max Mueller Marg. Ideas for better road safety, sent by various schools, were presented. The participating schools were asked to form teams of 10 students to further work on their idea and the same were assessed. Since observing Road Safety is the call of the hour, members of the Police department spoke to all the students of senior classes and enlightened them about the laws, which generally the students do not abide by and were told about the repercussions that would follow if rules are broken.





# THE LEARNING CURVE

## WORKSHOP ON ORGAN DONATION

On 9 October, 2015 students of classes XI and XII attended a workshop on 'Organ Donation'. Dr. Muneet from 'Mohan Foundation' (NGO) sensitized the students towards a highly sensitive issue of organ donation. She highlighted the type of organs that can be donated, time and place of donation and names of the hospitals that handle these. The students understood what brain death was and how donation can benefit many patients especially in the case of eyes, as blindness is increasing at an alarming rate. Dr. Muneet urged the audience to spread awareness about gifting a life.

## WORKSHOP ON STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Mr. N. Gupta attended a Master's Trainer Workshop on Staying Safe Online at Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIITD), New Delhi on 7th and 8th October. The workshop was organized by CBSE in collaboration with IIIT Delhi. It was a practical oriented training programme about understanding the privacy and security issues on Social Media. The resource person was Dr. Ponnuram Kumaraguru (PK), Assistant Professor, Founding Head Cyber Security Education and Research Centre (CERC). The workshop inspired the teachers to be Safe Online while working on the Social Media Sites.

Senior teachers of our school also attended a workshop on 'Staying Safe Online' at school premises. It was a practical oriented training programme about understanding the privacy and security issues on Online Social Media. The resource person was **Mr. Naveen Gupta (PGT-Computer Science)**. The workshop inspired the teachers to be safe online while working on the social media.

## MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

A Mathematics Workshop held on 17 October was attended by Ms. S. Kalsi and Ms. S. Suresh. The workshop generated interest for Mathematics and encouraged enquiry based learning among students. The mentor, Ms. Veena Raizada stressed on encouraging learners to think and talk Maths. The teachers present from different schools exchanged techniques in experimental and participatory learning.

## SMART CLASS REFRESHER SESSION FOR TEACHERS

A Smart Class Refresher Course was conducted by Ms. Jacqueline Anthony, from Educomp, for all teachers in which they were updated with the latest version and features of the system and their queries were resolved.

## PANEL DISCUSSION

Expressions India (CBSE Empaneled agency) organized a Panel Discussion – Every Child Matters : Emerging Constructivist Paradigm on 31 October, 2015, which was attended by Ms. H. Mutreja, Guidance Counselor. The Chairperson was Prof. Kavita Sharma, President South Asian University, New Delhi and Co – Chairperson was Prof. J.L. Pandey, Former Prof. and Head, Dept. of HSS, NCERT. Around fifty Principals, teachers and counselors from various schools across India attended this discussion which laid emphasis on sensitization for holistic development.

## WORKSHOP ON YOUTH AND ADOLESCENT ISSUES

On 28 October, 2015, a workshop on Youth and Adolescent Issues was organized for the students of Class X. The resource person, Ms. Kay Painter from 'Overcome's Harvest Net' highlighted various adolescent concerns and choices to be made in relationships, especially emphasizing on the aspect of pure love and the sad picture of immorality and abuse in our youth due to lack of mentoring.

## MICROSOFT INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR MEET

Ms. G. Rajan, Head, International Affairs was one of the 110 educators selected from all over India as a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert to attend a three day meet from 2 to 4 November, 2015 to learn more about technology and its use in classroom teaching. She got hands on experience in using softwares such as Sway, Mix, Kodu and Minecraft.

## WORKSHOP FOR NCFM – NPLAT EXAM

On 24 November, a workshop for classes VIII, IX and X was held for NCFM – NPLAT exam conducted by National Institute of Securities Market (NISM) every year. The resource person was Mr. Nitin Ambardar, from Bajaj Capital. The purpose of the workshop was to inculcate financial discipline among students and making them aware about wealth management, retirement schemes, insurance policies, banking, etc. They were informed about the SMART goals i.e., how to make Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely goals. Overall the workshop was informative and interactive.

## CAREER COUNSELING WORKSHOP

An informative session about various career avenues in the world of Economics, Finance and Management was held on 7 October, 2015 for the students of Class XII (Commerce / Humanities stream). The resource person, Ms. Garima Sharma, presented various undergraduate degree options to students looking for an international education right here in India through ISBF (The Indian School of Business and Finance), which is one of the select few institutions worldwide that has been given affiliate centre status by the University of London. She also highlighted the importance of Letter of Recommendation and Statement of Purpose. The workshop ended with a question answer round wherein students asked questions related to work, study plan, cost of studying, summer school, scholarships, etc.

## RAMJAS DEBATE

*"Reading maketh a man, conference a ready man and writing a full man."*

Our young guns brought us laurels once again as Suasha Girdhar (XII E) and Sanjana Choudhary (XII E), by now a pro in debating, were awarded a Special Prize for debating on the topic 'Parents Know Best' held on 15 October, 2015 in Ramjas School, Pusa Road.



# THE LEARNING CURVE

## **KELLOGG'S WORKSHOP**

Kellogg's organized a workshop for Class V on 25 November wherein they showed a power point presentation to the students explaining the need for healthy breakfast. They had an interactive session regarding healthy eating habits. Kellogg's packets and wrist bands were given to all the students from Classes III to VI.

## **ELT WORKSHOP**

An Orient Blackswan teacher empowerment workshop held on 28 November, 2015 at Radisson Blu Hotel, Paschim Vihar, was attended by Ms. S. Suresh, Ms. S. Arora, Ms. P. Rose and Ms. N. Agrawal of our school along with 22 teachers from different schools of Delhi. The resource person was Dr. Samson Thomas (Assistant Professor of English and foreign language trainer in University of Hyderabad). He emphasized the use of glossary and dictionary, reading and grammar. During the workshop they introduced 8<sup>th</sup> edition of New Gulmohar text book.

## **OBSERVING VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK**

Corruption needs to be eradicated to ensure the prosperity of a nation and guarantee quality life to its citizens. Our school observed Vigilance Awareness Week from 26 to 31 October 2015 under which activities reflecting the theme "Preventive Vigilance" as a tool of Good governance were organized. Students of classes 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> participated in slogan writing competition on the topic "Preventive Vigilance". Students of class IX and X highlighted the role of alert citizens in preventive vigilance through plays and class XI participated in debate on the topic "Preventive Vigilance sin-quo-non for Equitable growth". Students of class XII expressed their views on how Right to Information Act can deter corruption giving example how RTI is making government more accountable and transparent in its functioning.

## **NEXT GENIUS MATHS OLYMPIAD**

Next – Genius, the Online Critical Thinking Olympiad was conducted on 23 August, 2015, wherein 20 students of Classes XI and XII participated. Lakshay Arora (XII E) figured in the top 5 percentile and Kashish Bansal (XII F) in the top 10 percentile among the 18000 participating schools all over India. Their remarkable performance has made them eligible for a 100 % Tuition Fee Scholarship at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts. The following students also scored the top 10, 20 and 30 percentile making the school proud: Aryan Nandal (XI E) has scored the top 10 percentile, Lakshit Jindal (XI D), Akhil Bajaj (XII E) and Manan Jain (XII E) have scored the top 20 percentile while Sushmit Vaish (XI E) and Mayank Rawal (XII E) have scored the top 30 percentile.

## **PROJECT 'THE CLEAN MONUMENT' BY INTACH**

On 24 November, 2015, four students, Geetansh Sachdeva (IX B), Raghav Bansal (IX A), Pratishtha Verhwani (IX E) and Sachmeet Kalsi (VIII A) went to Hauz Khas Monumental Complex as part of the project 'The Clean Monument' by Intach. The students cleaned the complex and saw the Hauz Khas Lake which was a sight to behold. They made posters, wrote articles and pledged to keep monuments clean.

## **VIDEO CONFERENCE ON PEACE**

Fifteen students participated in a special Video Conference facilitated by the Tony Blair Foundation (Face to Faith) with Mr. Jeremy Gilley, Founder Director, 'Peace One Day', as the Special Guest. The other schools that participated in the V.C. were City Montessori School, Lucknow; SMP Islam Al Azhar 9, Indonesia and Hasad High Primary for Girls, Jordan.

## **VIDEO CONFERENCE-GVC**

A Video Conference scheduled for the members of GVC 15-16 at secondary level on November 3, 2015 was attended by 18 students from classes IX and X. In the one hour session, the students of our school along with the teacher coordinator, Ms. L. Srinivas, interacted with their team mates from St John's Anglican College, Brisbane, Australia and their Teacher coordinator Mrs. Sharon Singh. Mrs. Astrid Ruiz, Teacher Coordinator from Liberty High School Missouri USA also joined the conference. During this meet voting status for topics put up in EDMODO was discussed. Also allotment of technical and creative duties to the students was announced. Filling out the Journal in our Google site, updating progress of work by each school in October was also highlighted.

## **'ONE NATION READING TOGETHER'**

On 27th Nov.2015, our school in association with Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd., participated in 'One Nation Reading Together', an annual event, where children in schools across the country spent 40 minutes, reading for fun and participating in other activities that celebrate reading as a pleasurable and enriching experience. The 'Reading pledge', written by the celebrated and award - winning author, Sudha Murthy, was also taken

## **HOLIDAY CARD EXCHANGE ACTIVITY**

Holiday Card Exchange Activity was held in Class V on 23 November, 2015, where students made cards for various school children of different countries. The cards were then selected and sent to three schools in Taiwan, two schools in Russia, two schools in U.S.A., one school in Ukraine and one school in Moldova.

## **COMMUNAL HARMONY WEEK**

As part of Communal Harmony Campaign Week (2 November to 6 November, 2015) the students of our school initiated a number of activities which included sale of flags, class discussions and poster making competitions with the objective of spreading the message of peace and harmony. This sensitized the youth regarding the need for promoting communal harmony, national integration and fraternity.



# THE LEARNING CURVE

## THE READING CHALLENGE PROGRAMME BY BRITISH COUNCIL

The British Council organized the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> edition of their workshops under the Reading Challenge Programme. Activities like Alphabet monster, petals game, role play and Treasure Hunt were conducted. An activity, 'Tell me about your book', was also held. The third workshop of this programme was organized on 7 October and the activities aimed at improving the thinking skills as well as the vocabulary of the students. In the 4<sup>th</sup> workshop, the primary students designed the cover page of their favorite book. The students participated enthusiastically in all the activities. 91 students were awarded gold medals and a participation certificate by the British Council. Special prizes were given to 12 students: Yuvika (I A), Kriday Sharma (I B), Siddh Gumber (I C), Ayushi Butola (I E), Reet Anand (I E), Lavaanya Singh (II D), Aryan Sharma (II F), Etaarh Sharma (II F), Dhruv Kapoor (III E), Suryansh Vohra (IV D), Pratham (V D) and Jaskirat Singh (V D), who did exceptionally well in the programme.

## INTERACTIVE COUNSELLING SESSION FOR OVERSEAS ADMISSIONS

In an effort to create awareness about overseas admissions, the Guidance and Counseling Department along with PAC ASIA, organized a series of interactive sessions and workshops for the students of classes XI and XII. The first ice – breaking session took place on 28 October, 2015 in which the speaker Mr. Dhruv Mohan introduced study abroad trends and shared exciting career avenues in Humanities / Commerce / Life Sciences and Engineering. In the second session the speaker Mr. Pawan Solanki focused on admission process, visa rules, cost and various other factors related to admissions in universities of Australia. In the third session the speaker Mr. Nitin Wadhwa explained the global perspective of various courses in the U.S.A.

A counselling session was also organized for the parents and students on 20 November, 2015 where six International Career Advisors from PAC ASIA answered all the queries of the parents and students.

## NATIONAL GENIUS SEARCH EXAMINATION 2015

### "Feast for Intellect. Now and Forever"

Enjoying success requires the ability to adapt. Only by being open to change will you get the true opportunity to get the most from your talent. The students of classes IV and V participated in National Genius Search Examination – 2015 (NGSE) that focuses on assessment for learning. The students performed extremely well, won many prizes and enjoyed their success by qualifying the MAINS while a few of them appeared for the ADVANCED. The students who won the medals were Bitabhay Biswas (IV H), Vishwesh Kumar Gupta (IV A), Ashmit Gupta (IV E), Harsh (IV G), Ananya Sharma (IV A), Ishita Goel (V D), Sanya Behera (V C), Antariksh Goel (V C) and Hetal Gagneja (V G). In all our students received 4 Advance Certificates of Merit and 11 Advance Certificates of Participation along with 58 Mains Certificates of Excellence and 57 Mains Certificates of Participation.

## ART COMPETITION BY FABER CASTELL

Faber Castell organized an Art Competition on 30 September for classes I to VIII. Students made beautiful under water scenes with shells, mermaids, scuba divers, submarines, under water animals and fish on the topic 'The World Under the Sea'. The winners were: Tejas Aggarwal (I A), Navya Aggarwal (II A), Mannat Sachdeva (I C), Saanvi Arora (IV C), Prakriti Jaiswal (III C), Madhav Verma (IV G), Lavanya Behl (V F), Vishakha Aggarwal (VI E), Kartikay Jaiswal (VII C), Sanah Malik (VIII C), Vishruti Priyanshi (VIII E), Lakshpreet Singh (VIII A).

## G.K. QUIZ

"Quizzing challenges the brain, making it smarter and more alert."

An Intra Class G.K. Quiz for classes I and II was held on 28 September. Topics like nature, sports, famous personalities, monuments, leaders of India were covered in various rounds. Children participated with great zeal. Prizes were awarded to the following: In Class I - I Prize - Divit Bajpai (I A), Mohd. Fawaz (I A), Adhyayan Gupta (I B), Devank (I B), Pratyush Goyal (I C), Anmol Chauhan (I C), Nyonita Chawla (I D), Parv Arora (I D), Sakhipreet Kaur (I E), Vansh Goel (I E), Reet Chawla (I F) and Tatvayay Garg (I F); II Prize - Sukhjot Singh (I A), Jaskeerat Singh (I A), Kriday Sharma (I B), Lavika Dhamija (I B), Mannat Sachdeva (I C), Saanya Ghai (I C), Lavya Gupta (I D), Shreyansh Khandelwal (I D), Parth Chhabra (I E), Ojas Gulati (I E), Kartik Gupta (I F) and Namandeep Singh (I F). In Class II - I Prize - Navya Agrawal (II A), Abhishek Gupta (II A), Tushar Yadav (II B), Suhail Ansari (II B), Yajat Kumar Gupta (II C), Devansh (II C), Dhriti Mondal (II D), Vansh Sood (II D), Niharika Gupta (II E), Pratham Dandoria (II E), Shaurya Garg (II F), Mugdha Mohanty (II F), Jayna Batra (II G) and Raghavi (II G); II Prize - Saksham Gupta (II A), Agamjot Singh Kalsi (II A), Harlean Seth (II B), Aanandita Behl (II B), Ritik (II C), Nivedita Sharma (II C), Laavanya Singh (II D), Pratyasha Gumber (II D), Ankush Yadav (II E), Navya M. Warriar (II E), Kirandeep Kour (II F), Mohit Arora (II F), Bismandeep Singh Sohal (II G) and Savya Purohit (II G).

Being abreast with the latest happenings across the globe is the need of the hour. Keeping the same in mind, a G.K. Quiz was held for classes IV and V. The final round was held on 20 November, 2015. All the students participated in the Preliminary Round and two top scorers from each house were selected for the Final Round. Prizes were given away to:

**Class IV** - Lakshay Bansal and Dhruv Singhal (IV A), Kushagra Dubey and Bhavya Alagh (IV B), Pragya Singh and Simran Dimri (IV C), Yash Khanwani and Arpita Jain (IV D), Navya Sharma and Avleen Kaur (IV E), Shaurya Gaba and Udeyvir Singh (IV F) and Gurnoor Kaur and Kanisha Khurana (IV G).

**Class V** - Niyati Mishra and Ridhima Choudhary (V A), Tanish Goyal and Rudransh Anand (V B), Gurnoor Kaur and Drish Sahni (V C), Sagar Nagpal and Piyush Goel (V D), Tanisha Malik and Navyansh Tuteja (V E), Vaibhav Gupta and Yash (V F), Tanish Chopra and DakshBatra (V G) and Konaark Berwal and Shardul (V H).



## ECO BUZZ



The Magical Tap on display at CMS Vatavaran

### ZONAL SCIENCE EVENTS

Our students participated in various science events like Slogan Making, Poster Making, Science toons, Quiz and Science Exhibition at the Zonal level. Manan Goel (IX D) and Aditya Chaudhary (IX D) won the third prize for their model J.C.B Truck in the Science Exhibition held at Govt Co ed. Sr. Sec. School, Baprola on 10 September, 2015.



Experimenting is fun!

### SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Students of classes III, IV and V had an innovative learning experience when they attended a Science Festival held at Thyagaraj Stadium on 18 September, 2015. They participated in various science activities which included workshops on Robotics, Aero Modeling and various hands on and fun filled lab activities like bubble mania, acid base analysis, stomp rocketry, mission to Mars, cast your own planet, etc.



Our students at CMS Vatavaran for Water Auditing Workshop

### VISIT TO CMS VATAVARAN

Students of classes IX and X along with their teachers, Ms. S. Chand and Ms. N.V. Punj, attended a workshop on 'Water Auditing' at New Convention Centre on 9 October, 2015. The resource person, Ms. Ranjita Menon, Programme Director – Environment Education, CSE effectively explained various techniques to conserve water. Our students performed various activities and put up their exhibit, celebrating water festival.



## OUR VICTORIOUS OUTINGS...

### WE ROLL IN THE ROLLING TROPHY

Our students bagged the Father Peter Mermier Memorial Rolling Trophy in the Inter School Debate Competition held on 30 September at St. Francis De Sales Sr. Sec. School, JanakPuri. Suasha Girdhar (XII E) and Aayushi Arora (XII E) spoke For the Motion and Against the Motion, respectively and won the Runners' Up trophy with a cash prize and a merit certificate. Sanjana Choudhary (XII E) won the Best Interjector Trophy with a cash prize and a merit certificate.



Our Debating Champs



### SPEAKER OF THE YEAR

In an attempt to shape the society of tomorrow by the medium of its forums and skill development techniques, Maverik Ventures, organizes Speaker of the Year contest annually and 20 students from our school participated in the preliminary round of the contest held on 11 October 2015. The students were made aware of the theme, Water-The Elixir of Life, and each student spoke on the given theme. There were two segments to the competition at the school level. The first segment was a personal interview and the other was the Speak Shoot, which was recorded for judgment purposes. The students expressed their views on the topic and gave creative ideas. In the process, they also learned to respect things which they take for granted in their lives. In the end the students with Best Idea and Best Vision were awarded. They were, Prithika Ghosh(VI D) and Sanskar Chopra(VIII C). All the participants are eagerly awaiting the results as the selected students will compete in the finals to be held at National Science Centre, in the month of January.



Manav Prabhakar(XC) and Bharat Kwatra(XD) excelled in Film Making at Youth Festival organised by Apeejay School

### YOUTH FESTIVAL

Manav Prabhakar(XC) and Bharat Kwatra(XD) excelled in a Film Making Contest and were awarded the First Prize during the YOUTH FESTIVAL organized by Apeejay School, Pitampura from 12 to 17 October, 2015. Harshit Bahl(VIII B) also made his presence felt in the same event by winning the second Prize in Robo War. Commendation certificates were given to Soumya Verhwani(XII E) and Ishan Arora(XII F) in Debate, Sanah Malik(VIII C) and Ritesh Jalutheria(VIII C) in On The Spot Competition, Keshav Nagpal(X G), Aniket Chauhan(X D), Sushmit Vaish(XI E), and Kushal Shokeen(XI E) in Maths Quest, Abhinav Arora(VIII C) and Arshpreet Singh(VII A) in Super Science Genius, Vaani Bhatnagar(VII D) in Animanía, Gitansh Bhola(VIII B) and Nitika Talwar(IX G) in Kavita Lekhan Pratiyogita.

### PANCHTATVA- ENVIRONMENT FESTIVAL

Students of our school participated in Panchtatva – An Environment Festival, organized by DPS, R.K. Puram, in the month of November. It was a program to sensitize the students towards their role in tackling global environmental challenges at grassroot level. Around 21 students participated in a variety of off site events that included photography, video-making, logo-designing, poetry writing and collage making. Our students also participated in the dance competition where they gave a performance on Elements of Nature. For the students, it was a way to realize their responsibility towards earth. The participants of Green-o-tisement; Manas Mehta (IX G), Tushar Mohan (IX B), Riddhirup Bera (IX C) and Acchyut Jolly (IX F) won the third prize for making a video on green practices.



The budding film makers



## A FIELD DAY



Yastika Kalra (11 D) -The Bronze Medalist at CBSE National Judo Championship

### NORTH ZONE C.B.S.E. JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP (2015 - 16)

Yastika Kalra Judoka (XI D) participated in the C.B.S.E. North Zone – I Judo Championship (2015-16) which was held at G.D. Goenka Public School, Jammu from 6 October to 9 October, 2015. Teams from 57 schools participated in this tournament. Yastika bagged a bronze medal in the under – 19 below 55 Kg category.

### YOGA INTER SCHOOL COMPETITION

Six Students of our school bagged prizes in the Inter School Yoga Competition, held at Angel Public School, Vasundhara Enclave on 7 November, 2015. Ten schools participated in this competition under various categories. In **Under – 11 Category** – Dhruv Kumar (V D) and Hansika Chhabra (V D) secured the first place and Ishaan Arora (V E) secured the third place. In **Under 14 Category** – Mayank (VI C) and Disha Verma (VI H) secured the first place. Kudos to the young winners!



Winners of Inter School Yoga Competition



Rishabh & Prabhneet making SMS proud

### TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Rishabh Singh (VI F) and Prabhneet Singh (V B) participated in the District Table Tennis Tournament, South West Delhi, which was held on 5 and 6 November, 2015 at Bosco Public School, Paschim Vihar. Prabhneet Singh won a gold medal in Kids category and a Bronze medal in Cadets Category. Rishabh Singh won a Silver Medal in Cadets category.

### KARATE - DO CHAMPIONSHIP

Nitigaya Dutt(VIII C) participated in the 11th All India Independence Cup Karate – Do Championship held on 23 August, 2015 and bagged the second position and a silver medal.

### 13<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL INTER DISTRICT JUNIOR ATHLETICS MEET-2015

Vivek Sehrawat (X G) represented the West Delhi District Athletic Team in the 13<sup>th</sup> National Inter District Junior Athletics Meet – 2015 held at Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) from 5 – 7 September, 2015. Mr. V.S. Solanki, P.G.T (Phy. Edu) was selected to be the **Coach** of the West Delhi District Athletic Team.



Vivek Sehrawat being felicitated by our Chairman, Mr. T. P. Aggarwal



## A FIELD DAY

### CONCORD INTERNATIONAL

Our school participated in a Football tournament held at CMS, Lucknow from 22 to 26 November 2015. The team was awarded with Second Runners Up in the 7-a-side category and was also adjudged the Most Disciplined team of the tournament. In the opening match, our school defeated Tiny Tots Sr. Sec School, Faizabad by a score of 5-0 where Prashant Khurana of class 9 scored a hattrick. The team consisted of the following students- Jatin Kansra (X E), Jasmeet Singh (XD), Lakshay Singh (XD), Manjot Singh (X D), Kuvam Sehgal (XE), Pawan Gidwani (XB), Ishaan Sachdeva (IX E), Muktesh Sharma (IXA), Prashant Khurana (IXA), Sarthak Sachdeva (VIII), Prithu Sharma (IX), Aditya Roy (IXE), Ashutosh Bansal, Hrithik Sondhi (XF), Prithvi Yadav (VIIF), Ankit Kotnala (VIIF)



Our footies with their trophy for the Most Disciplined Team

### IT'S A HATRICK IN BASKETBALL ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The basketball team (Junior Category) brought laurels to the school by winning the Zonal Championship fourth time in a row. Our school defeated SKV, SP Road by 16-0 in the Final match. The Junior team comprised of Sanya Batra (X G), Tanya Batra (X B), Jyoti Maurya (X G), Sanya Arora (X G), Simran Vohra (VIII C), Surbhi Gulati (X D), Ananya Chawla (X B) and Parnika Kapoor (X C). Following the same legacy, our Sub Junior team also secured the first place in Zonal Championship defeating St. Mark's Girls Sr. Sec. School. The Sub Junior team comprised of Sanah Malik (VIII C), Navya Aggarwal (VIII D), Sakshi Kocchar (VII B), Purnima Sethi (VIII F), Nishtha Gulati (VIII C), Anshika Kapur (VIII C) and Hargun Kalra (VIII C).



Basketball Champs

### ZONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

U-14 and U-17 Zonal Cricket Tournament (2015-16) was held at GRM School, Ranholla and Ganga International School, Hiran Kudna respectively. 18 teams of Zone XVII participated in the tournament. The U 17 Cricket team of our school emerged **Champions** by defeating Ganga International School in the final by 6 runs. The team comprised of Kushank Arora (X E), Madhur Saini (X G), Samarth Bhatia (X E), Keshav Nagpal (X G), Arnav Singh (X A), Chirag Chopra (IX A), Prahlad (IX E), Parth Sharma (IX C), Acchyt Jolly (IX F), Raunaq (IX F), Siddharth (IX F), Kabir Vohra (IX D), Tarun Kumar (IX D), Jasnoor Singh (IX F) and Paarth Madan (IX E). The U 14 Cricket team secured **Second position** in the tournament as they defeated Pioneer Convent School, Govt. School A - 6, Paschim Vihar and Govt. School, Multan Nagar. The team comprised of Aryan Dogra (VIII A), Ayush Saini (VII E), Nischay Vij (VIII B), Lakshpreet Singh (VIII A), Jaskaran Singh (VIII B), Pratham Jain (VIII D), Prateek Nanda (VII G), Ayush Bannerjee (VI A), Nikhil Kumar (VIII D), Abhinav M. Warrior (VI D), Deepank Shokeen (VIII A), Vaibhav Kapoor (VII G), Parth Dhawan (VII H) and Saurish Mahajan (VI G).



Zonal Cricket Champs



# SMS CHRONICLES

## ENGLISH AND HINDI RECITATION COMPETITIONS



Poetry Recitation Winners Class III and IV



Poetry Recitation Winners Class IV

Inter Class English Recitation Competition for Class I and Classes III to V was held. While the theme for the tiny tots of **Class I** was **Mother**, the theme for **Class III** was '**Humour**', for **Class IV** '**Nature**' and for **Class V** it was **Peace and Harmony**. The judges appreciated the confidence of the participants while they were judged on various aspects of Art of Recitation like expression, voice modulation, pronunciation, proper intonation.

**The winners were**

**Class I - I Prize** – Saamya Ghai (I C), **II Prize** – Mannat Sachdeva (I C), **III Prize** – Mansha (I E) and the **Special Prizes** were won by Nyonita Chawla (I D), Aditi Dabas (I D), Pratham Kapoor (I F), Ridhima Gupta (I F) and Mihir Narula (I B) **Class III – I Prize** – Parnika (III C), **II Prize** – Anurag Madan (III E), **III Prize** – Raunak Verma (III E) and **Special Prizes** were won by Riya Chopra (III F), Raaghav Kapoor (III B) and Staleen (III G).

**Class IV – I Prize** – Neha Mongia (IV A), **II Prize** – Aastha Sukhija (IV B), **III Prize** – Suhani Bajaj (IV C) and **Special Prizes** were won by Manan Aggarwal (IV A), Naitik Aggarwal (IV C) and Kashish Seth (IV F). **Class V - I Prize** – Gurnoor (V C), **II Prize** – Mahir Verma (V A), **III Prize** – Bitabhay Biswas (V H) and **Special Prizes** were won by Hiya Wadhwa (V B), Ridhima Choudhary (V A) and Ridhi Raswant (V H).

Classes IV and V had a Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition on 20 November. The theme for Class IV was '**Humour**' and for Class V was '**Patriotism**'. **The winners in Class IV – I Prize** – Rashi (IV G), **II Prize** – Vani Baluja (IV B), **III Prize** – Tanya Negi (IV E) and Shreshth Lamba (IV B) and **Special Prizes** were won by Simran Dimri (IV C), Aseem Talwar (IV A), Daneet Kaur (IV D) and Udeyvir Singh (IV F). **The winners in Class V – I Prize** – Utkarsh Pant (V D), **II Prize** – Gurnoor (V C) and Ridhi Raswant (V H), **III Prize** – Harshal Dutt (V A) and **Special Prizes** were won by Prabhshabd Kaur (V H), Nishita Gupta (V G), Rishan Batra (V C) and Tanush Royal (V B).



Poetry Recitation Winners Class I



Poetry Recitation Winners Classes III and IV



Tejas Aggarwal (Class I-A)



Poetry Recitation Winners Class I



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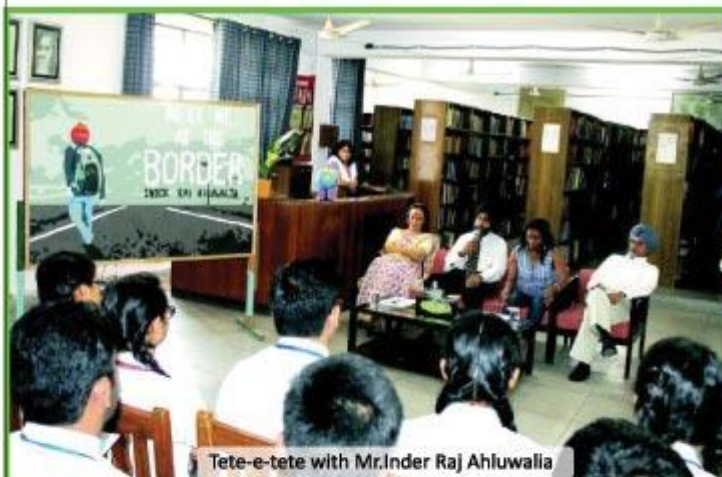
Learning the art of Pottery



Learning the skills of Embroidery

### CRAFT AWARENESS PROGRAMME

A Craft Awareness Programme was organized in our school from 18 to 20 November, 2015 by the Government of India, Ministry of Textile. 105 students of our school participated in various crafts like Madhubani Painting, Terracotta, Jewellery making, Embroidery and Block painting under very experienced and talented artisans. On the last day of the workshop, students had several competitions including a quiz and a speech competition. There were appreciation prizes to reward the students for their wonderful attempts.



Tete-e-tete with Mr. Inder Raj Ahluwalia



The tiny tots at Gurudwara

### INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH THE AUTHOR MR. INDER RAJ AHLUWALIA

The students of our school had the privilege of meeting Mr. Inder Raj Ahluwalia, the author of the book 'Meet Me At the Border', on 26 October, 2015. He is an internationally renowned travel and aviation journalist who has been recognized several times over as the 'most – awarded', 'most – honoured' and the best travel journalist in the world. He has interviewed over 100 eminent personalities on tourism perspective. He shared his wonderful experiences as a travel writer and the students were thrilled to know more about him, his profession, his life as well as more about travel journalism as an interesting career option. The interactive session was very informative and his anecdotes left everyone spellbound.

### VISIT TO RELIGIOUS PLACES (CLASS I)

The students of Class I visited a temple, Gurudwara and a church on 7 October, which sensitised them about the customs of different religions. They prayed to seek the blessings of God for their friends, family and school.



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Tirthan Camp- In the Lap of Nature

### TRIP TO TIRTHAN VALLEY – THE MOTHER RETREAT

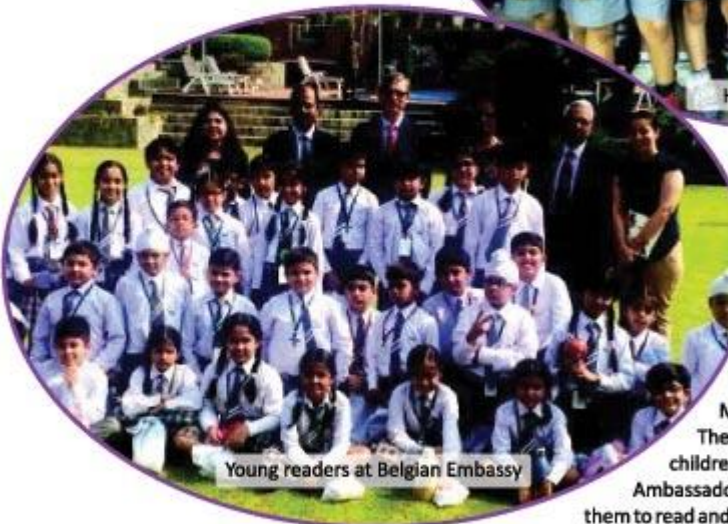
67 students of classes VII to XII, along with their teachers in charge, attended an adventure camp located in the lap of majestic Tirthan Valley, Himachal Pradesh from 6 to 12 October. The students enjoyed both physical and mental activities like treks, river crossing and rappelling along with daily sessions of 'Memory Enhancement'. The highlight of the trip was visit to Jalori Pass (at about 11,000 ft.) and Gaedhar Waterfall. They had a wonderful time which made them more confident, independent and responsible. The students returned with a bagful of memories and fresh garden fruits, especially the exotic 'Japanese Fruit'.

### EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION (CLASS V)

An excursion was organised on 3 September 2015, for Class V to familiarise them with various historical places of Delhi. The students visited Red Fort and religious places like Bangla Sahib Gurudwara, Sacred Heart Cathedral and Birla Mandir. The students enjoyed exploring the rich heritage of India.



Historical excursion for class V



Young readers at Belgian Embassy

### A VISIT TO BELGIAN EMBASSY

A group of 40 primary students along with teachers, Ms. S. Kalsi and Ms. S. Sethi, went to the Embassy of Belgium for a book launch on 6 November, 2015. The exclamation mark should be towards Rakshas! 'Mujhe Mat Khao', 'Laal' and 'Nanhi Kangaroo' which were translated from Dutch to Hindi by Ms. Arundhati Devasthale and the same were released by the Guest of Honour, Mr. Kuntia, the Secretary, Ministry of Education.

The programme started with a quiz on Belgium. The children performed exceedingly well and interacted with the Ambassador of Belgium, H.E. Mr. Jan LUYKX, who encouraged them to read and enhance their spectrum of knowledge.



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## UN WEEK CELEBRATIONS

UN Week was celebrated and students of Class VI participated in 'Know the UN' activity in which they spoke about its various agencies. Students of Class VII participated in Poster Making Competition on the theme 'International Peace'. Class VIII students made Power Point Presentation, Class IX students had a Chart Making Competition on the various 'Agencies of UN' and 'Know The UN', Class X participated in a 'Quiz' and Class XI students wrote essays showing the role of the UN in the modern world. **The winners were :-** **Class VI – Know the UN (Speech) - I Prize -** Tanmay Agrawal (VI G), **II Prize -** Radhika (VI C), **III Prize -** Sanchit Saxena (VI G) and **Special Prizes** were won by Aditya Wadhwa (VI A) and Anagh Aditya (VI B). **Class VII – Poster Making Competition - I Prize -** Aakriti Dadhich (VII E), **II Prize –** Sachkeerat Singh (VII C), **III Prize -** Mukund Sarda (VII E) and **Special Prizes** were won by Nehal Nagpal (VII E), Udish Rawal (VII B) and Srishti (VII D). **Class VIII – Power Point Presentation - I Prize -** Divyanshi Arora and Vishruti Priyanshi (VIII E), **II Prize –** Abhishek Dutt and Somay Handa (VIII E) and **III Prize** was won by Nischay Vij and Ishan Agarwal (VIII B). **Class IX – Chart Making Competition - I Prize -** Tript Kaur, Khushi Bhasin and Prakriti Bidani (IX D), **II Prize –** Jasneet Singh, Pranshi and Neha (IX E), **III Prize -** Vidisha, Sanya Aggarwal and Sanya Kapoor (IX A) and **Special Prizes** were won by Manya Jain, Yashmita and Shristi Thakur (IX C). **Class IX – Know the UN (Speech) - I Prize -** Rohit Bagga (IX F), **II Prize –** Sanya Gakhar (IX D), **III Prize -** Pratishtha Verwani (IX E) and **Special Prizes** were won by Rashmeet Kaur and Hershneet Kaur (IX G). **Class X – Quiz on UN - I Prize -** Mansi Marwah and Jaspreet Singh (X C) and **II Prize** was won by – Hitanshi Narang (X E) and Mayank Negi (X C). **Class XI – Essay Writing Competition - I Prize -** Lepakshi Gautam (XI C), **II Prize –** Divyanshu Sharma (XI E), **III Prize -** Vatsall Sharma (XI F) and **Special Prizes** were won by Vaishali Arora (XI F) and Rashi Aggarwal (XI C).

## CONSTITUTION DAY

The Constitution of India is an integral part of our heritage bequeathed to us by the founding fathers of our Nation. "We the people of India" are the trustees and custodians of the values enshrined in our Constitution. These sentiments were expressed by the students of Classes I to XI through myriad activities undertaken by them on 26 November, 2015. The activities included dramatization of life and achievements of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, banner-making, collage making, poster making and essay writing on the theme of Nationalism.

## INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Peace is the manifestation of human compassion. So, let's take a step ahead and unite together to make a powerful world.

On the occasion of the International Peace Day on 21 September 2015, several activities were organized for the students to sensitize them about non-violence, hope, unity and bringing them closer to a more peaceful world. There was a Poster Making competition, Paper Folding competition, Making Greeting Cards on the theme 'World Peace'. Other students sang various songs on Peace as they marched with banners, placards, posters etc. Many students spoke on how various religions have contributed towards peace and the future steps which can be taken in today's turbulent times to reestablish harmony. The students made beautiful scrapbooks, newspapers, newsletters, collages, charts and even presented talk shows and skits



The Quiz Wizards of class X during UN Week



Winners of PPT Competition class VIII



We learn about the 'Living Document'



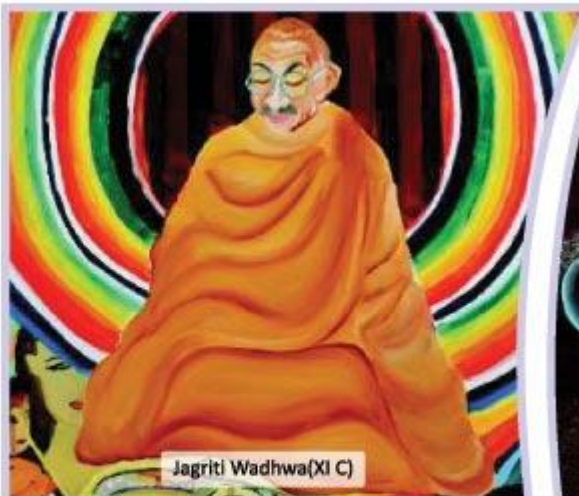
Hoping for a Peaceful World



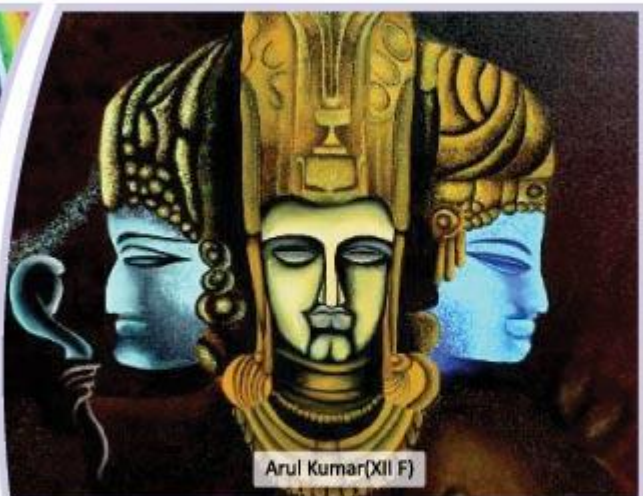
Praying for a Peaceful World



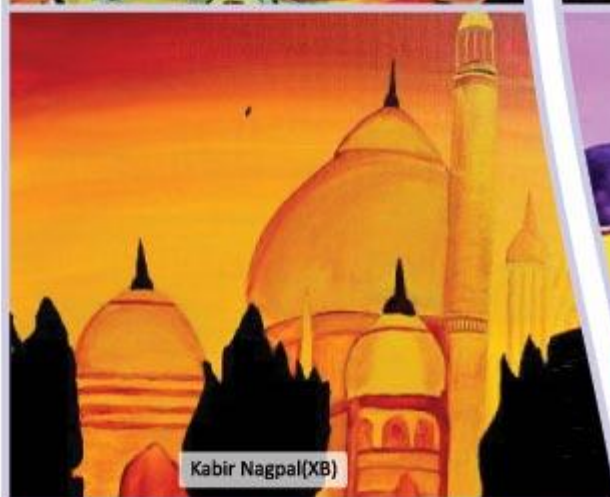
## REPRODUCTION OF THE PAINTINGS OF THE HUNGARIAN ARTISTS



Jagriti Wadhwa(XI C)



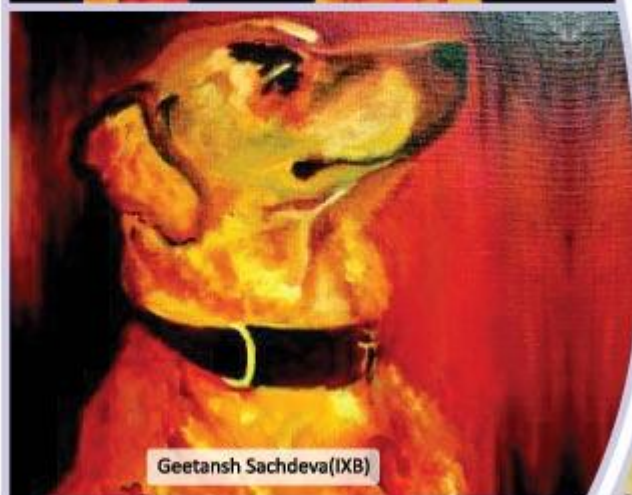
Arul Kumar(XII F)



Kabir Nagpal(XB)



Mihir Bhasin(XB)



Geetansh Sachdeva(IXB)



Nikhil Titra(XII B)



## PHOTO FEATURE



Mr. David Lucius Clarke, Head of Boarding School, Klosterschule Rossleben , being felicitated by our Principal.



Our team at Germany



Our delegation with the Indian Ambassador H.E. Mr Sarvajit Chakravarti and Ustad Johar Ali Khan, Indian Violinist



Mr. Jyoti Kalash, Resident Commissioner of Nagaland, being greeted by our Chairman Sir and Director



Col. Pillai, Shauraya Chakra awardee, sharing a laugh with our artists



## PHOTO FEATURE



The Winners of Reading Challenge Program



Winners of G.K. Quiz



Merit Holders of National Genius Search Examination





## PHOTO FEATURE



The Winners of Solo Singing Competition Classes I-IV



Winners of Hindi Recitation Competition



The Crooners of Class-II with their trophies



Proud winners of English Recitation Competition Class II



## PHOTO FEATURE



The Winners of Best Actor (female) award Class IV



'Fairy Godmother's Assistant' got the Runners' Up trophy in Inter Class English Play Competition(Class III)



'Crazy Court' adjudged Runners Up during Inter-Class English Play Competition (Class IV)



Performers of play 'Matilda' being awarded with Runners' Up Trophy



Winners of ' Best Dialogue Delivery ' Class IV , English Play Competition



The Merit Holders of Next Genius Maths Olympiad



## PHOTO FEATURE



The energetic Bhangra performance bagged the Winners' Trophy in 'Bharat Ke Lok Rang'



The Kalbellee magic won everybody's heart



Winners of Art Competition by Faber Castell



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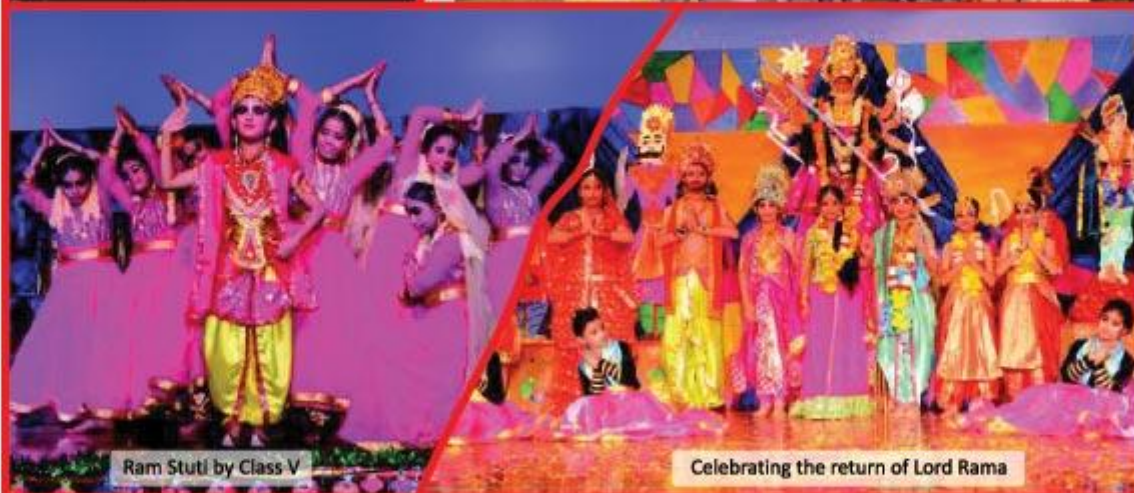


Our students at Science Festival



Spreading glee by making diwali cracker free

Winners of Speech competition during U.N. Week.



Ram Stuti by Class V

Celebrating the return of Lord Rama



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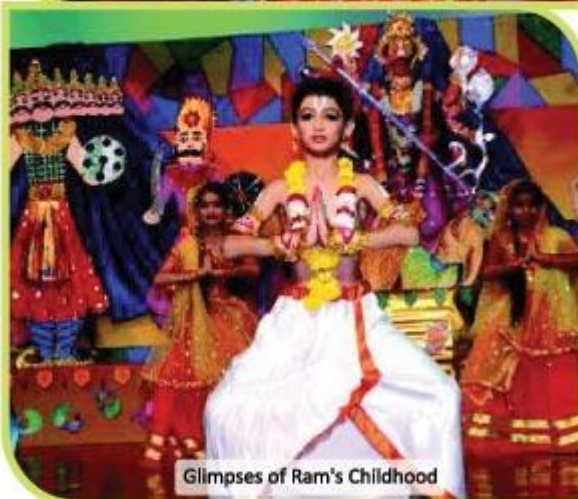
Radha and Kanha on the dance floor



Janamashtami celebrations



Lakh Roop Tere- Krishna Ashtami



Glimpses of Ram's Childhood



Jai Hanuman!