

E-NEWSLETTER

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We are presently living in an absolutely new world with new norms, new ways of life and a new era altogether, but that shouldn't take away from us people, moments, achievements, celebrations that we all hold dear. This e-newsletter is from the BC era, before corona and this is certainly one of those things that we all hold dear. Not just because it carries news of the last quarter of the academic session 2019-20, but also because this is a memoir of the time when we could meet, greet, celebrate and rejoice together. It also gives us great pleasure to tell you that this is the first digital newsletter you are reading and we will continue to apprise you with the events of the school until we meet again because we know that nothing can replace the joy of holding the newsletter in your hands, seeing your names, your photographs and your achievements and then treasuring it for records.

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Editorial



FESILE FERVOUR



The primary students celebrated the festival of Christmas Experience the magic and wonder of this beautiful festival of Christmas with the show- Magic & Wonder. The event was graced with the presence of Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, Director Mr.R. Aggarwal, members of the Managing Committee and parents. The celebrations started with Carol singing and the story of the birth of Lord Jesus Christ. It was followed by the dances and 'The Grinch who stole Christmas', a musical play.

Christmas Celebrations – Magic and Wonder

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

The 71st Republic Day was celebrated in all its solemnity and grandeur by the students of classes VI to VIII. The students pledged to uphold the honour and integrity, diversity and uniqueness that is 'India'. The Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal shared her views and welcomed the distinguished guests, invitees and parents. She asked all the students to be responsible so that they can perform their role as good citizens. The school auditorium reverberated with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm.

The students brought the stage alive with their passion and love for our motherland. The theme this year was 'Tagore: The Renaissance Man of India.' Tagore was a patriot, poet, novelist, short story writer, essayist, playwright, educationist, spiritualist, painter, lyricist, composer and singer – a rare set of distinctions and an unbelievable conjunction of talents. His creative works, which still influence billions of people globally, are a matter of pride for the people of India. Inspiring skits, a choir with foot tapping numbers and beautiful dances were the highlights of the day depicting the life and great achievements of the bard of Bengal. The mesmerizing performances enthralled everyone.





BASANTPANCHAMI CELEBRATIONS

Basant Panchami marks the arrival of spring. It was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the students of Classes I and II on 30 January, 2020. The children came dressed up in yellow clothes and also brought coloured food for lunch. They worshipped Goddess Saraswati and chanted shlokas to seek her blessings for more knowledge and wisdom. The students enlightened everyone about the relevance and the mythological significance of this festival. An art competition was also held for the students and they drew pictures on the topic 'Nature'.





The festival Holi symbolizes the celebration of colours in Nature in the spring season. But unfortunately, like other festivals, Holi has become commercialised and yet another source of environmental degradation. To generate awareness amongst students to celebrate an eco friendly Holi, Eco club members made organic colours using, henna, turmeric, amla, gram flour and dried flower petals. This was followed by a talk on harmful effects of chemical colours.



Brainfeed School Excellence Award

We received the prestigious School Excellence Award from the Brainfeed magazine. The award is in recognition of our outstanding education practices and our contribution in creating global leaders. We are applauded for our innovative and creative practices, sports education, co-curricular activities and much more. The award is also for our innovative approach and committed efforts in grooming young learners with the skills for life.

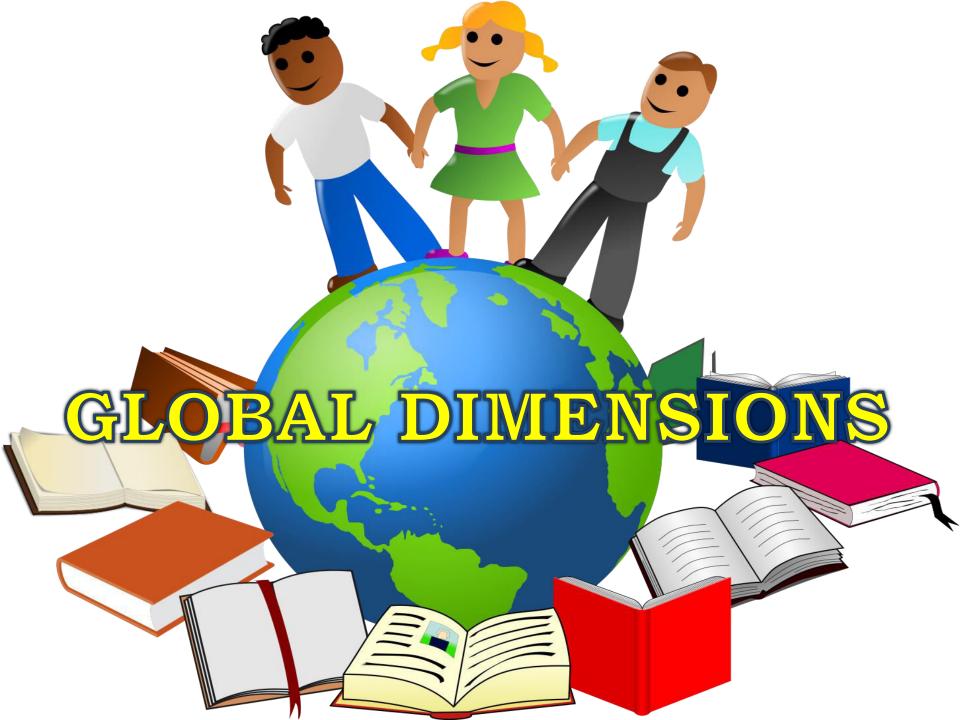




What does it take to be a champion-desire, dedication, determination, concentration and the will to win. It is rightly said that talent wins games and teamwork wins championships.

A big round of applause for our school as it lifted the Overall Championship Trophy (Zone 17) for the academic session 2019-2020. The sports stars as well as their mentors were felicitated by our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal & Vice Principal, Ms. R. Anand.

Overall Championship Trophy (Zone 17)





A 7 member Portuguese student delegation accompanied by two teachers, Mr. Carlos Rolo and Ms. Louisa and Principal Mr.Fernando De Costa from Escolade Caneças, Lisboa, Portugal, one of our valued connections visited our school from 9 to 19January 2020. During their 10 day stay, the delegates got an insight into the practices and methodologies used in our school as they went on a school tour, visiting classrooms, meeting teachers and students that gave them a feel of Indian classrooms. They also enjoyed Delhi sightseeing besides a trip to Goa, Rajasthan and Agra.



Delegation from Escola De Canecas, Lisboa, Portugal



A delegation comprising of 10 students from Gimnazija Ptuj, Slovenia, along with their Principal, Mr. Bostjan Seruga and teacher, Mr. Igor Seruga visited our school from 15 to 24 January 2020. They started off on their Indian experience with a 5 day trip to Agra, Jaipur and Ranthambore and finished it off with sightseeing of major landmarks in Delhi. On 22 January the school had the privilege to welcome H.E. Dr. Marjan Cencen, Ambassador of Slovenia to India and H.E. appreciated the culturall programme organized in his honour. The delegation took back with them souvenirs, gifts and some fond memories of their brief stay in our country.



Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal presenting a memento to H.E., Dr. Marjan Cencern, Ambassador of Slovenia

Delegation from Gimnazija, Ptuj, Slovenia



20 students accompanied by two teachers from College Emile Verhaeren, St. Cloud, Paris, France, visited our school from 25 January to 1 February, 2020 for a cultural exchange program. The students stayed with their Indian buddies that gave them an idea of the Indian family structure as well as the lifestyle in India. During its stay in India, the French delegation visited Agra, explored Delhi and its historical and cultural lineage. They attended workshops on yoga, Indian cuisine, dance and rangoli making. The formal event had Ms. LAIDIN Maryline, Attache For Cooperation in French Language, French Institute of India, as the Special Guest of Honour. The event included exchange of mementos and a bonanza of cultural performances from students of both the schools.



Delegation from College Emile Verhaeren, St. Cloud, Paris, France



A delegation from Kustengymnasium, Neustadt, Germany comprising of five students along with a teacher, Ms. visited us from January 18 to January 25. The delegation enjoyed Indian hospitality as it stayed with Indian families. The German students and the teacher not only enjoyed tasting Indian cuisine but also shopping and sight seeing in Delhi. A trip to the historical cities of Agra and Jaipur to see the beautiful Taj Mahal as well as Hawa Mahal was like the icing on the cake for the Germans. In our school, the delegates attended various workshops of which the workshop on Indian cuisine was the most interesting for the guests.



Delegation from Küstengymnasium Neustadt, Germany



A group of 13 students along with 2 teachers from Gymnazium S.V. Frantiska z Assisi, Zilina, Slovakia visited our school from 10 to 17 December 2019. They did some sightseeing in Delhi, visited Nirmal Hriday, an old age home run by the Missionaries of Charity and also went on a one day tour to Agra to see the magnificent Taj Mahal. The formal event was graced by H.E. Mr. Ivan Lančarič, the Ambassador of Slovakia to India. Students of both the countries presented a glimpse of their culture through songs and dances. It was also a matter of great honour for the Indian and Slovak delegations to be invited by H.E. Mr. Ambassador of Slovak Republic for dinner.



Delegation from Slovakia

SERVICE BEFORE SELF





Once again, we all came together to reach out to the SOS Children's Villages that supports children, young people and families throughout India. Our school has always been one of the topmost contributors pan India to the SOS Children's Villages. The students who were the highest contributors this year are: Bhumicka Addalti (6D), Avisha Gupta (1G) and Charvy Yadav (3F). Class 4 E contributed the highest amount.

Contribution of Rs. 5,34,000/- to SOS Children's Villages of India



The fourth edition of UMANG - Celebration of Life, an event for the lesser privileged children of the society, was organized on the 28 December, 2019. The organizing team, comprising of student volunteers from Grade XI, not only raised funds for the event but also planned and executed various activities to make the day a memorable one for the participating children. The day started with some music and dance that helped the children beat the extremely cold weather followed by yoga exercises. After the morning refreshments, the team of student volunteers organised an Art Competition for the children who were divided into three groups. Sports activities were also organized followed by an elaborate lunch.

This was followed by the Prize Distribution Ceremony. Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal along with Director, Mr. R. Aggarwal gave away the prizes to the winners in art and sports. In her concluding remarks, Principal, Ms. Aggarwal, addressed the children and congratulated them for being part of the event. She also congratulated the organising committee for its relentless efforts in spreading happiness all around. Each child left with a gift hamper, a certificate from Team Umang, lots of happy memories and a promise to come back again for Umang 2020



UMANG – Celebration of Life for the Lesser privileged children

Parivartan – Imparting Computer Literacy



Our school has taken up an initiative to help non computer literate parents to become familiar with the world of computers. A team of 10 students and 10 parents, led by computer teachers, Ms. V.Lamba and Ms. S.Bhatnagar, commenced the project in April 2019 and concluded it in December 2019. The parents were given an opportunity to learn the basics of computer like Paint, Notepad, MS-Office and Internet, so that they can support their children and help them to use computers in an optimum way. This endeavour has made the parents confident enough as they now feel at par with the tech savvy world.



Our celebrations truly begin when we share our love with our less fortunate brethren. Our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal spent time with the underprivileged children from the neighbouring slum areas who are a part of Project Vidyarambh, which aims to impart basic English language communication skills to them. She explained the story behind birth of Lord Jesus and the true message of Christmas to the children. Our student volunteers handed gifts to all the learners who are a part of Project Vidyarambh and spread the festive cheer.

Contributions Made to:-

- Gurukul- an old age home run by Earth Saviours Foundation
- Goonj- NGO
- Sai Old Age Home in Nihal Vihar
- All India Confederation for Blind in Rohini









Sharing and Caring



Hindi Olympiad

National Level Hindi Olympiad was held in our school. After the results of the Olympiad were declared, a prize distribution ceremony was held for all the winners at NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi on 10 January, 2020. Chaitanya Sareen (IV C) of our school won the First Prize. He received a cash amount of Rs. 2500/- a Gold trophy and a certificate of appreciation by the well known Hindi poets.



Road Safety Painting Competition

Delhi Traffic Police organised a painting competition related to road safety in the month of December for middle section at Punjabi Bagh traffic park. Nandini Dhimar(VIII E) won the First prize in Delhi. She received a Rs. 5000 gift voucher and a certificate from Commissioner of Traffic Police on 17 January, 2020.



Orange Global Olympiad



526 students from classes I to IX appeared in Orange Olympiad. 307 students qualified for National level exam. 103 students of our school received medals and rank certificates. Angel Arora (IV C) won a scholarship of ₹1000 for scoring 99.77 percentile in Astronomy. She is the school topper of Orange Global Olympiad as she scored full marks in the subject. She got first rank in the school as well as amongst other participating schools. She has qualified for OGO's National Level Examination for the same subject.

Book Week was celebrated from 17th to 20th Dec'2019, to share the wonder and magic of books, to enhance the literary skills and inculcate good reading habits in students. Class I enjoyed a story telling session with the author Mr. Sanjay Muttoo and class II had a story telling session with Ms. Simi Srivastava. The primary students participated competitions such as 'Recitation Competition, Quiz on Fairy Tales and Story Books, and Draw and Colour a Fairy Tale Character, Create a book cover etc. A Quiz on Books and Authors, Read Aloud Competition, Know your Proverbs, Quiz on Books and Authors and Vocabulary Games were some of the activities for the secondary students. Students of Class IX - XII participated in Book Review, Understanding Phrases and Quiz Idioms and on Shakespeare. The Odyssey Club members met the famous author Ms. Vaijayanti Tonpe and got many tips to write well. The week long extravaganza, full of fun and learning ended with the prize distribution ceremony on 24 December, 2019. The Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal encouraged the students to be avid readers throughout their lives.







BOOKWEEK



"Achievers are not born talented, but they possess the 'I can do it' attitude."

Our school has always believed in motivating students and paving the way for them to be more confident and successful with every passing year. The Annual Award Ceremony for primary students was held on 18 and 22 February 2020.

The students from grade I onwards received their merit certificates and medals after they were chosen through an intensive selection process that comprised of a written test and a personal interview. The Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principals, Ms. R. Anand and Ms. A. Gupta bestowed the meritorious students with medals and certificates. It was a proud moment for both the award winners and their parents when they walked up to the dais to receive their awards.



ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY

Award Ceremony - FilmIt India



Filmit is a multi-cultural project that aims at nurturing cultural understanding, care and concern amongst school children through the exciting experience of making and sharing films. Teacher incharge Ms. S. Bhatnagar along with 6 students attended the award ceremony of FilmIt India 2019-20 conducted by INTACH on 6 February, 2020. They won two awards in the following category: Green Film – Trash Management -Save the future made by Anurag Madan and Pranay Chopra (VII B) and Best Unique Storyline – Half Saree Ceremony created by Lakshmi Pujitha and Parv Choudhry (VII C)

Theatre creates an environment where people are able to think about the issues raised and examine the consequences of the issues. It also helps people to incorporate the messages into their own thinking. It's a mirror, a sharp reflection of society. The Atelier Theatre Group, as a part of Act11- their Campus Theatre Festival across five states, presented two short plays by the theatre societies of DU colleges. One of the plays was Sapno Ka Bojha by the theatre society of Janki Devi Memorial College. The play targeted the growing issue of Delhi's garbage disposal, hardships faced by the ragpickers and what measures can we, as individuals, take to lighten their burden so that they, too, can dream.



Atelier Theatre Festival

Some of the MUN's & Debates in which our students

received awards and recognition are:

- **DELHI PEACE SUMMIT**
- **❖ JMC MUN**
- CHARCHA MUN BY RAJDHANI COLLEGE
- **❖** MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL MUN
- KNOW YOUR CONSTITUTION







Model United Nations



76 Students from classes 6 to 12 got an opportunity to visit INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION (ISRO). They were taken to the launch pads and the station controlling the launch. The students also visited Chennai, Mahabalipuram, crocodile farms and Paradise beach, Pudducherry.



Visit to ISRO – January 2020





"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."- Dr. Seuss

We bid farewell to yet another batch of class XII students. This year the Citation Ceremony took place on 30 January followed by the Farewell party on the 3rd of February 2020. The event commenced with a motivational address of the Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal. While the students of class XI entertained their outgoing seniors with a medley of melodious songs and enthralling dances, class XII students shared their nostalgia which was enthusiastically hailed. The Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principals Ms. R. Anand and Ms. A. Gupta along with all the teachers blessed the students and extended good wishes for their future endeavours.



Class XII Citation & Farewell

Farewell to Ms. K. Mehta





We bid farewell to Ms. K. Mehta after 30 years of valuable service in our school. The farewell began with the felicitation by our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal followed by our Vice Principals sharing their experiences of the nostalgic moments shared with her. A colourful programme with songs and dances was presented by the teachers, while students walked down memory lane remembering her lessons as well as the guidance that she gave them at every level.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Old students' Association of our school 'ATOOT BANDHAN' organized ADVITYA, on 1 February, 2020. It was attended by the Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principal, Ms. R. Anand, teachers and ex St. Markians. Many ex-students showcased their respective talents. There were dance performances, melodious songs accompanied by a live orchestra. Some poetry and rap songs heightened the enthusiasm of the audience. The cherry on the cake was the "FASHION SHOW", the last, but the most dazzling and enchanting. The event hosted was a roaring success with a full house.



School Super League

Maeher Kaur Arora, Class 6 & Harsh, Class 9 were awarded with a Lenovo Tablet each for being the School Topper in the School Super League Competition. The competition conducted by Times NIE School Super League in association with Byju's Learning App tested students in Math and Science. The test was conducted in two categories - Juniors comprising students of class 4, 5 and 6, and Seniors comprising students of class 7, 8 and 9.

HT Pace Award

Aashvi Ahlawat and Manya Jain of Class VII A participated in HT Pace Contest Quiz No. 608 and 609 respectively in the month of February, 2020. The quiz was sponsored by Penguin Books. The results were declared the following week. Manya won the second prize and Aashvi won the consolation prize in their respective quiz. They were handed over the prizes by the Vice Principal, Ms. R.Anand.

C.V.Raman Quest 2019

Sangeet Kumar Mishra,8A, received a cheque of Rs.6000 for winning the C.V.Raman Quest 2019 organised by K.R.Mangalam World School.

Silver Zone French Olympiad 2019-2020

Students of Class 6 participated in Silver Zone French Olympiad 2019-2020. We are extremely proud of Nayva Agrawal (6A), and Manasvi Kansotiya (6D),1st rank holders who bagged a trophy, gold medal, a cheque of Rs. 1000 along with a special achievement certificate. Mansha Marwah (6D), is 2nd rank holder and received a silver medal along with a special achievement certificate. Pradyuman Sapra (6A), secured the 3rd rank and received a bronze medal as well as a special achievement certificate. Aryan Sharma (6A), Gary Kapur(6D), Ashmeet(6H), Divansh Gupta (6B), SakshamThapar(6H), YashasviGoel(6B) and Aditya Sharma (6A) received participation certificate. All the students were felicitated by our Principal, Ms.A.Aggarwal and our Vice Principal, Ms.R.Anand.

Saviours Environment Quiz

With an aim to infuse Green Culture in school children and to sensitize them towards alarming issues pertaining to Mother earth, an organization named Saviours conducted an Environment Quiz for Classes III to XII in the school in the month of November, 2019.Kriday Sharma (VA) got Rs.1100 cash prize for getting 4th Rank at National level.

The students who received National Merit are:-Kriday Sharma VA (Rank 4), Anshika Jain III, C (Rank 9), Dhriti IIIC(Rank 11), Eeshvi Bhola III, F (Rank 12), Cunnan Ravichandran V E(Rank 10), Amey Aggarwal VC(Rank 11), Mannat Sachdeva VC(Rank 11), Suyash Kumar XI H(Rank 14). School Rank was achieved by Janwee Thapliyal VA (School Rank 1).

Project Scoolstars

Our school in association with Scoolstars started a project for the students of our school. Project Scoolstars opened up new opportunities for school students to showcase their special talent to the world from the comfort of their homes. Students uploaded the videos and photos of any co-curricular activities they were good at. There were around 70 different categories like dance, music, art, craft, dramatics etc. to recognize, nurture, develop and showcase their talents beyond academics. 65 students of our school were felicitated on 5 February 2020 in a ceremony. Our principal Ms. A. Aggarwal congratulated the students and motivated them to participate more in such activities.

Chitrakala and Gita Shlokas Recitation competition

Ishita Sriram (9C) and Revti Arora (8F) participated in Swami Vivekananda Chitrakala and Gita Shlokas Recitation competition. Ishita won the First Prize in the Senior Category while Revti won the Consolation Prize in the Junior Category. Our Principal, Ms.A. Aggarwal and Vice Principals, Ms.A. Gupta & Ms.R. Anand congratulated the two girls for their remarkable feat.

Inter School Art Competition

Samaira (5F) &Surbhi(6H) won a Consolation Prize in the Annual Inter School Art Competition organised by St. Mark's School, Janakpuri.

"Celebration of Diversity"

We believe learning openness and appreciating differences is important to many aspects of modern life. This is why we organised "Celebration of Diversity" for students of classes I to VII, an event that had students participating in many activities such as ball throw, lacing, pattern making, tracing the sensory path, poster making and tactile board.

District Road Safety Competition

Nandini Dhimar (VIII G) won the III Prize in Painting Competition at the District level held on 10 December, 2019 and Parth Batla (VII B) won the II Prize in Extempore Speech. They received a gift voucher of Rs. 750/- and Rs. 1,000/-, respectively with a certificate from ADCP traffic police, Delhi.

Kathak Dance Recital by Dr. Uma Sharma

Under the aegis of Spic Macay, we had the privilege of witnessing a Lec-dem by Padma Bhushan Dr. Uma Sharma, Kathak exponent, on 29 November, 2019. She was accompanied by Shri Madhav Prasad ji as the vocalist, Shri Mubarak Khanji on the tabla, Shri Mustafa Khalid ji on the sitar and her two disciples Ms. Sukriti and Ms. Anushka.

Workshops / Seminars attended by Teachers & Students

- HINDITEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP
- WORKSHOP ON 'TEACHERS AS LEADERS'
- WORKSHOP BY MICROSOFT
- WORKSHOP ON YOGA
- WORKSHOP ON INTELLIGENT CURRICULUM
- STORY TELLING WORKSHOP
- ❖ INNOVATIVE CHALLENGE WORKSHOP
- ❖ NEED FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING
- MOTIVATIONAL WORKSHOP
- WORKSHOP ON YOGA

Workshops / Seminars attended by Teachers & Students

- WORKSHOP BY NIIT UNIVERSITY
- ❖ WORKSHOP ON 'ARTS INTEGRATION IN CLASSROOM'
- ❖ THE PENGUIN ANNUAL LECTURE BY MS. SUDHA MURTY
- INDIA INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONCLAVE 2019
- WORKSHOP BY SONY BBC EARTH
- ❖ WORKSHOP ON EMPOWERING MIND POWER
- IN-SERVICE ART WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS
- **COMMEMORATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**
- 'ONE NATION READING TOGETHER' EVENT
- ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON 'CLEANLINESS OF RIVER YAMUNA'
- ❖ PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA 2020
- SPARKLE WITH DEBATING SKILLS



JUNIOR SPORTS DAY



School Games Federation of India

Table Tennis Champ

Prabhneet Singh (IX H) went to Vadodara from 4 to 9 January, 2020 for table tennis under 14 category organized by School Games Federation of India and won a silver medal for the same.

Skating

Nimit Goel and Rishabh Gupta have won the Silver Medal at the 65th School National Games Roller Hockey 2019 (U19 Boys) held in Karnataka.

Cricket

Aryan Dogra, 12 D, Sports Captain, has been selected to play for the **Delhi Under-19** Cricket team in the National School Games to be held at Jajjhar, Haryana. So, another Shikhar Dhawan in the making!!

Delhi State Gymnastics Competition

Vernika Sharma (IF) of our school won a Gold Medal in Delhi State Gymnastics Competition in under 7 years category held on 11 December, 2019 at Indira Gandhi National Stadium, Delhi.

Delhi State I.T.F. Taekwon-do Championship 2019

Tvisha Rajora (III G) won the Bronze medal in 26 – 30kg weight category (Female - below 15 years) at the 31st Delhi State I.T.F. Taekwondo Championship 2019, held recently at Thyagraj Indoor Stadium, INA, New Delhi".

Yoga Championship

Vansh Kapoor (IV C) participated in the 1st National Yoga Championship 2019-2020 organized by Arya Yoga Association on 7 and 8 February, 2020. He won a silver medal in 9-11 year age group. He also won a bronze medal in the Artistic event of the same.



