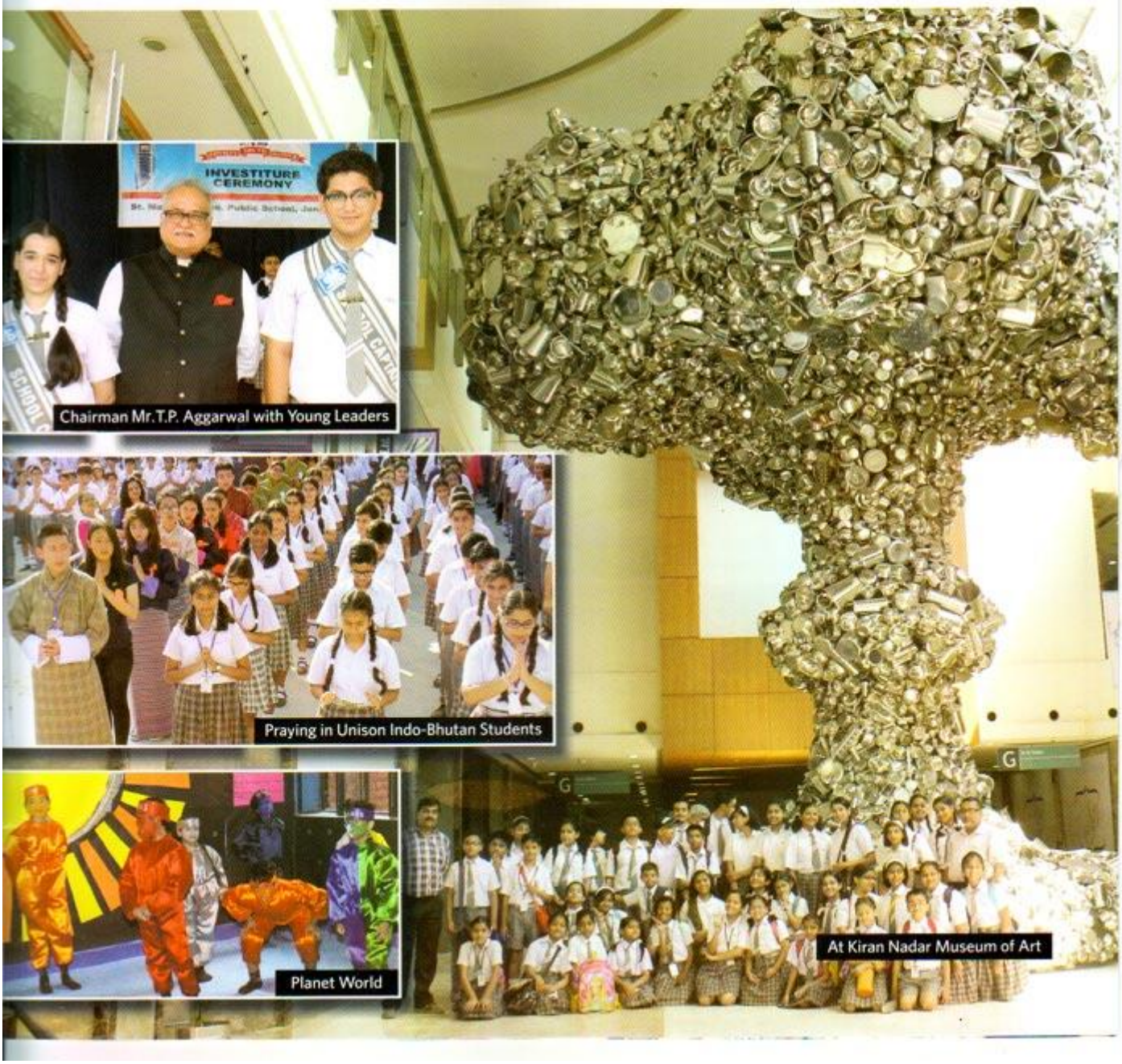
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From the desk of Editor

Every Indian recounts his country's heritage with pride, not without reason. History testifies - Indian subcontinent was the 'Crown Jewel' of the world. Her abundance was acknowledged in various facets -be it as fountain of knowledge, cultural diversity, natural resources, spirituality and religion, etal. therefore, it was not surprising that she had eager visitors swarming from across the globe, aspiring to gain from the chosen pursuit. This magnificent land had never disappointed the seekers, masquerading as philosophers,students, globe trotters, traders or overtly as conquerors or plunderers.

Ever wondered why our country today appears no more than a pale shadow of that glorious past! Why have we bucked the trend of the past and consider the reverse to be true? It is now considered, to prosper in any field, one has to step out of the boundaries of our country and look up to the outside world. It is because we no longer consider our heritage being of any worth. It has become a trend to ape our brothers across the globe. We accept only those they certify. It was, therefore,not surprising that Yoga got acceptance in our country after it gained popularity outside our country. Similarly, even though we are aware of Ayurveda and its therapeutic virtues, it is yet to gain wider acceptance in our country because our brothers across our border are yet to unequivocally profess its worth.

The whole world is worried about global warming and its adverse effects caused by 'modern' man. If only we had continued practicing on the footsteps of our ancestors, who taught us to live in harmony with nature, this would never have been our concern. The malice of violence that is spreading rapidly across the globe would not have become chronic had the teaching of many religions that took birth in our land were meticulously followed. We have to accept our rich cultural diversity as an asset , our spiritual leaning, 'Service before self'. Today we tend to be selfish never looking beyond our vested interest and losing the national perspective. It is time for us to reverse the trend because the wake up call is already ringing.

It is in our interest that to stop further deterioration and irreversible disintegration we put our heads together once again in nation building so that we can again attain the glorious past and attract visitors for gaining mutually.

INDO-BHUTAN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Strengthening our ties with our neighbours

Student Exchange Programmes' initiative embarked by our school is with a motive to provide our students with a global outlook and to prepare them to face the challenges in the New Millennium. In continuation with our quest, this year we had an Exchange program with our immediate neighbour, the Himalayan Nation – Bhutan. Eight students from Bhutan visited India for a seven day trip to experience the Indian culture from 24 to 30 August'15. The students were formally welcomed during the school assembly on 25 August, where they got an insight of our school. They were taken on a conducted sightseeing tour of Delhi to have a firsthand experience of the historical wealth of the capital of India. Our esteemed guests were also introduced to the Indian pedagogy, when they attended Maths class. The trip was enlivened with music & dance in which we share a great history. No visit is complete unless the visitor is exposed to the cuisines of the host. Our guests were not disappointed in this aspect also, as they not only sampled Indian Cuisine but even got expert advice in putting together a couple of Indian dishes. The students while staying with their host families also learnt about Indian tradition and culture.



Bonhomie Transcending Borders



CBSE RESULT OF CLASS XII FOR SESSION 2014-15

SCIENCE STREAM TOPPERS



Maaz Ahmed 95.6%

Shubham Bansal 96 %

Rishabh Kumar 96.6 %

HUMANITIES STREAM TOPPERS



Anmol Bhogal 94.4 %

Twinkle Sharma 92 %

Yashi Kamboj 87%

COMMERCE STREAM TOPPERS



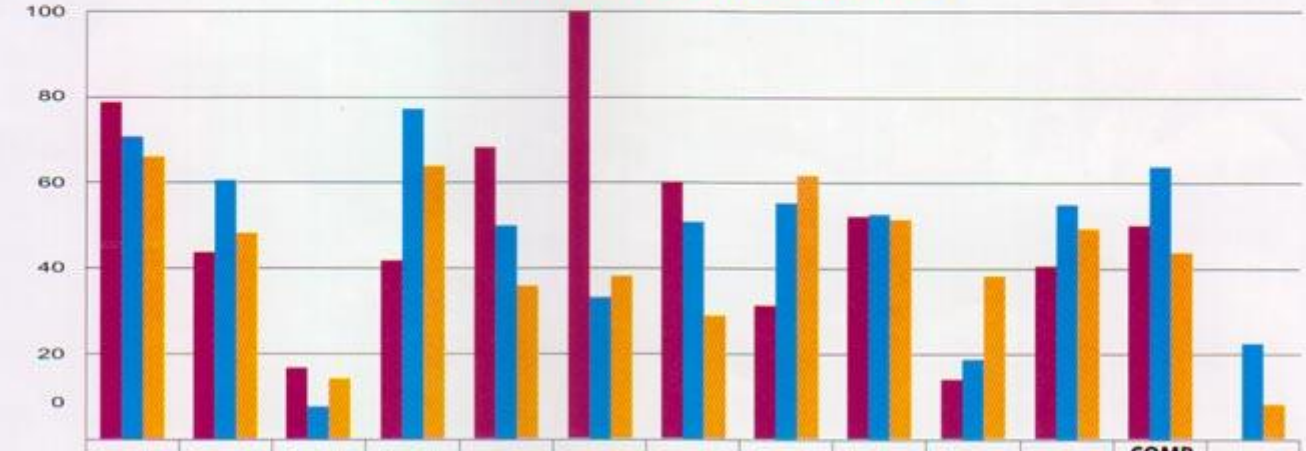
Anjali Negi 93.4%

Yashica Babuta 95.6 %

Sanchita Bhatia 93.6 %

Parikshat Khanna 93.4%

COMPARATIVE RESULT 2013-15 CLASS - XII (A1+A2)



	ENG	BST	INFO	P.SC	ECO	PHY ED	MATHS	PHY	CHEM	BIO	ACCT	COMP SC	PSYCHO
2013	78.5	43.7	16.6	41.7	68.2	100	60	32.8	52.1	14.2	40.6	50	0
2014	70.78	60.56	7.69	77.41	50	33.33	50.68	55.26	52.63	18.75	54.92	63.63	22.58
2015	66	48.1	14.4	63.9	35.9	37.9	29	61.5	51.3	38.1	49.4	43.6	8.3

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

SMS Janakpuri held the formal ceremony conferring authority and responsibility to the Office Bearers on three days. The ceremony for the senior office bearers was held on 13 May. The ceremony began with unfurling the school flag by the school Chairman **Mr. T.P. Aggarwal** followed by school song. Head Boy Siddharth Saha, Head Girl Udita Chatterjee along with School Captains, Sports Captains and House Captains were pinned badges and sashed by the Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, Principal **Ms. Rama Sethi** and Vice Principal **Ms. Alka Kher**. The students' council took the pledge to hold the school motto of Loyalty, Truth and Honour in high esteem. Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal laid emphasis on the need to become more focused in their goals and to inculcate leadership quality to become a better person in life. Principal Ms. Rama Sethi reminded them that with position comes responsibility towards themselves and towards their school and peers. On the morning of 31 July 2015, the ceremony of Vice-officebearers was held. The newly elected student council marched in procession to the stage. The Vice Head Boy, Vice Head Girl, Vice School Captains, and Vice Sports Captain along with other members of the council were pinned badges by the School Manager **Mr. Rahul Aggarwal**, Principal and Vice Principal. The Head Boy and Head Girl administered the oath of office and the members of council were administered the school pledge. On 08 Aug the ceremony of junior office-bearers was held. The Head Boy, Head Girl and Disciplinary incharges of primary section took the oath of office with a promise that they would carry out their duties with integrity, faith and excellence. Bestowing the students with rights and duties makes them responsible and confident. Learning to shoulder responsibilities in a disciplined manner makes them conscientious and dependable citizens of the society as they grow up. The selected council members were as follows:

SENIORS

Head Boy	Siddharth Saha, XII-C	**Head Girl**	Udita Chatterjee, XII-D
Vice Head Boy	Bhavya Chauhan, XI-E	**Vice Head Girl**	Muskaan Tyagi, XI-E
School Captain	Tanmay Kochar, XII-C, Mansi Batra, XII-B		
Vice School Captain	Rohan Sethi, XI-B; Apoorva Puri, XI-D		
Sports Captain	Paras Gupta, XII-B; Mansi Tomar, XII-E		
Vice Sports Captain	Yugal Matta, XI-C; Darpan Goel, XI-E		
House Captains	Anchal Gupta XII-B (GANDHI); Keerat Pal Singh, XII E (NEHRU); Aditi Sharma, XII-B (PATEL) & Parth Trehan, XII-B (SHASTRI)		
Vice House Captains	Vidisha Kaushal, XI-B (GANDHI); Maneet Singh, XI-C (NEHRU); Jahanvi Dutt, XI-D (PATEL) & Anushka Gupta, XI-B (SHASTRI)		
Discipline Incharges	Rahul Beer , XII-C; Jaspreet Singh, XII D; Anshita, XII-D; Harsh Beniwal, XII-A ; Vardha, XII-A; Parneet Kaur, XII A & Tanisha Dadhwal, XII-C Anubhuti Sinha IX-A; Aditya Vashisth IX-B; Ansh Kher, IX-C; Jahanvi Shori IX-D; Bhavya Gupta IX-E & Aadhya Arora, IX-F;		
Vice Discipline Incharges	Rachit Dubey, XI-A ; Nitesh Singh, XI C; Archit Gupta, XI B; Shubham Sachdeva, XI-C; Tanya Keswani, XI-F; Nisha Sharma, XI E & Liza Mittal, XI-D;		

JUNIORS

Head Boy	Nischay Juneja, VG	**Head Girl**	Suhani, V-A
Discipline Incharges	Saksham Chhabra, VA; Daksh Kuttan,VA; Ansh Singh, VA; Anubha Suhag; V-B; Gursimar, V-B; Abhinav Chopra, V-C; Akshita, V-D; Prashansa Sharma, V-E; Sanya Khera, V-E; Sahaj Sahni, V-E; Saina Bajaj, V-F; Hardik Mehta, V-G		



Junior Office Bearers



Science Quest -'Splendors of Science' was held on 22 August 2015 in the school premises on various themes related to Physics, Chemistry and Biology. The main aim was to instill scientific temperament and nurture inquisitive behaviour amongst all our students. Various experiments, exhibits(static and working) and tableaus were put up at Senior and Junior level. They reaffirmed the fact that Science does not endorse blind belief in anything but contradict and explore both optimistic and futuristic ideas till knowledge is acquired. The need to look beyond the second hand knowledge from books by expanding quest, meaning and purpose with participation and implementation was very well established by restructuring and reorienting knowledge beyond the set patterns of curriculum. Dream big - a knowledge based insight into various career opportunities and concepts of Psychology- like emotional, perception, projective techniques, intelligence and unconscious mind were the new inclusions in this Quest at the Senior level. The primary wing students demonstrated live experiments bringing out fun associated with science. Smoke rings, floating water, disappearing glass, floating pin, bouncy bubbles, water candle, fire proof balloons, floating eggs and sparkling explosions were some of the major highlights in this category. Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Principal Ms. Rama Sethi, Vice Principal Ms. Alka Kher, Educational Supervisor Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia, parents and the visitors had a word of special appreciation for the efforts and in-depth knowledge of the participants.



MATHS QUEST

Maths Quest was conducted from 18 August 2015 - 21 August 2015 for Classes VI-XII. Students participated with full enthusiasm in various activities, be it Maths Paradox or Tessellation or Mathematical Art or Mathematical Maze. Intermingling of Maths with daily life was seen through these activities. The 'Icing on the Cake' was 'Mind Binder' (Rubik's Cube - 3X3, 4X4, 5X5). Mega minx was solved with great excitement. Senior students showcased their talent by creating videos on mathematical facts named as 'Fact-o-Reals'. Students of Class XII actively participated in 'Cracking the Code' – a very challenging relay round. Overall it was a good learning curve for all the students and the efforts were made to develop deep interest in the subject amongst the students. The winners were

Class/Event	I Prize	II Prize	III Prize
CLASS VI / MATHS PARADOX	Tamanna, VI-F	Soumya Srivastava, VI-D	Gul Tomar, VI-A
CLASS VII / TESSELLATIONS	Riyansh & Shruti, VII-B	Harsh Negi & Vishal, VII-G	Saumya Gupta & Utsav, VII-A
CLASS VIII/ MATHEMATICAL ART	Disha, VIII-D	Jashandeep, VIII-B	Pranshu, VIII-E
CLASS IX / BRAIN BLOGGER	Bhavya, IX-E	Shagun, IX-E	Vivek, IX-F
CLASS X/ MIND BINDERS	Pranav, X-C	Aniket C, X-C	
CLASS XI/ FACT-O-REALS	Isha Gupta & Bhavya Babuta, XI-C	Shubham Aggarwal & Devaraj Poti, XI-B	
CLASS XII/ CRACKING THE CODE	Parth , Paras, Prajwal, Nipun, XII-B	Siddharth, Harshit, Yashita, Neeraj, XII-C	Ila, Pooja, Harshita, Aditi, XII-B



GLOBAL VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

Our school won First prize in the Secondary School Category this year in the Global Virtual Classroom web-designing contest, supported and sponsored by Give Something Back International (GBSI), Dallas, USA, for their website 'Rhyme & Rhythm'. Our students participated in this contest to design a website in collaboration with Liberty High School, Missouri, USA and Liceo Giulio Cesare, Rome, Italy .



In House Cultural Emissaries

The citation mentioned that their project, on the website designing, demonstrated outstanding creativity, through collaboration and helping focus on innovative use of technology. The learning experience gained while working with students of other cultures during the project is also bound to help the students to be 'Global Citizens' of the world, as well as helping them develop some skill sets needed in the workplace of tomorrow. In recognition to the outstanding contribution , the organizers gave monetary award, a plaque to the students and will also provide one year scholarship in their name to educate a disadvantaged student. The proud and enthusiastic participants of our school are as under.

NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS
Akshita Sulklen	XII-C	Nisha Sharma	XI-E	Garima Rajput	X-C	Vanshika Harjai	X-D
Aman Grover	XII-E	Vidisha Kaushal	XI-B	Ishita Dhir	X-A	Mayank Shukla	XI-A
Sidak Arora	XII-E	Sarthak Kumar	XI-B	Kavya Narang	X-D	Shubham Sachdeva	XI-C
Abhishek T.	XI-E	Aastha Kedar	XI-C	Mahima Narang	X-D		
Dipen Gupta	XI-D	Aayushi Bhatnagar	X-A	Sakshi Taneja	X-E		
Isha Gupta	XI-C	Ananya Raj	X-C	Shreya Jain	X-D		

MODEL UNITED NATION-2015

K.R. Mangalam World School organized Model United Nations Conference from 21 to 23 August. The conference was inaugurated by Ms. Sanjana Manahtala representative of UN Information Centre for India and Bhutan. KRMUN was a better opportunity to empower students to find their voice, enrich their academic spirit and give them the tool they needed to excel. The participants were grouped into eight committees. Each committee discussed two agendas. Our students' representatives in the competition were:



Our representatives at MUN

NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS
Mahima Narang	X-D	Isha Garg	X-A	Sakshi Rautela	XI-C
Aman Sachdeva	X-B	Tanya Keswani	XI-F	Simran Dhingra	X-B
Nikita Rana	XI-F	Roopal Dhiman	XI-F	Mankirat Singh	IX-C
Ankita Sharma	X-A	Kanishka Madaan	XI-F	Deepali Babuta	IX-B

The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI) hosted 'On the spot Inter School Painting Competition' on 23 April 2015 at TERI University, Vasant Kunj. The winners from our school were:-

Ekansh Verma, VI- D II Prize, Certificate and Gifts **Vansh Kumar, VI-B** III Prize, Certificate and Gifts

AQUA – THE WATER FESTIVAL

As part of 'Aqua-The Water Festival' On the spot painting Competition was organized by St. Marks Senior Secondary School, Meerabagh on 26 August. **Ekansh Verma**, VID and **Aditi Pandey**, VIII-C of our school were awarded III Prize in their respective category.

ELIXIR OF LIFE

The 'Elixir of Life' - Photography Competition was conducted by St. Marks Senior Secondary School, Meerabagh for Classes XI and XII on 26 August. **Saarthak,** XI-E won III Prize

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Our school organized "Creative Writing Competition" on 13 July 2015 for Classes VI-XII. The topics were 'The thing that scares me the most' or 'Think about something you are not allowed to do but wish you could'. The purpose of the competition was to develop creativity in the students and to stimulate their ability to think innovatively.

Class	I Prize	II Prize	III Prize
XII	Aditi Sharma, XII-B	Parisha Bajpai, XII-C	Rahul Beer, XII-C
XI	Nitya Prabhakar XI-A	Parul, XI-B	Diksha Barrot, XI-E
X	Garima Rajput,X-C	Vidhi Grover, X-A	Mahima Narang, X-D
IX	Saloni Verma, IX-D	Gaurav Gandwani, IX-C	Disha Narula, IX-B
VIII	Palak Aggarwal, VIII-B	Vansh Babbar, VIII-F	Meenakshi Talwar, VIII-A
VII	Stuti Mittal,VII-F	Utsav Sharma, VII-A	Anandita, VII-A
VI	Srishti Narula, VI-E	Ojasv Vakra, VI-E	Rishi Kumar, VI-D

STATE LEVEL EXHIBITION AND PROJECT COMPETITION

State level Science Exhibition and Project Competition (SLEPC) was held on 13 and 14 August 2015 at Thyagaraj Sports Complex, Sri Ganganath Marg, INA Colony New Delhi, under INSPIRE Award Scheme for Session 2014 – 15. Medha Sharma of X A exhibited her model 'FINDER based on remote sensing' & Mitali Arora of IX A displayed methods for 'reducing carbon foot print' as their initiatives for a better nature friendly life. Around one thousand exhibits were put up with various themes based on energy resources and various other scientific technologies.

INTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE EXHIBITION

It gives us great pride to report that the model 'Multi-Purpose Project' created by **Lakshay Mittal** and **Priya Bisht** of X-E won 1st prize at the Inter-school Science Exhibition held at St.Mark's School, Meera Bagh on 26 August amongst 18 exhibits from various schools Their model was immensely appreciated by the judges and the visitors.

IRC OPEN LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL ROBOTRONICS

Junior team and Senior team from our school participated in IRC Open League International Robotronics Competition held at Shri Ram School, Aravali, Gurgaon on 9 August. The Junior team was represented by Ojasvi (VI-E), Parv (VI-E), Ekansh(VI-D) and Karan(VI-F). The Senior team was represented by Nelson Paul (X-A), Dhimant (X-C), Rajat Sharma (X-D) and Gobindpreet Singh (IX-F). Both the teams bagged **third position** and received Bronze Medal and a Certificate of Merit.

MUSIC

Zone 18, Vikaspuri, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi had organized Zonal Cultural Activities. Our students had participated in various categories of Music and Singing Competition. The students of our school who secured prizes were as follows:-

Category	Venue	Date	Name	Prize won
Light Singing	Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Mitiala	21 August	Sakshi Taneja, XE	I Prize
Classical Singing	Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Mitiala	21 August	Sakshi Taneja, XE	II Prize
Classical Singing	Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Mitiala	26 August	Tanmay Singal,VIE	III Prize
Instrumental Music	Rainbow English Sr. Sec. School, Janakpuri	18 August	Dipen Gupta,XIE	Consolation Prize

SHAKESPEARE COMETH

To commemorate the 451st Birth Anniversary and honour the world's all time great playwright and poet William Shakespeare our school organised a Quiz, based on his life and works, on 23 April and Re-telling of Shakespeare's plays on 24 April. The students of IX-X standard displayed immense knowledge about the Bard of Avon while answering the Quiz. The students of XII standard put forth remarkable presentations such as the Twelfth Night, Macbeth, Othello and others. The clarity of presentation, complete involvement and range of their understanding was the hallmark of the event.

The winners of the Quiz were :

Medha Sharma	X-A	I Prize
Chhavi Garg	IX-B	I Prize
Parul Kataria	X-A	II Prize
Konark Sharma	IX-C	II Prize

Winners of Re-telling of Shakespeare's Plays were :

Udita Chatterji	XII-D	I Prize
Mansi Batra	XII-B	II Prize
Aditi Sharma	XII-B	III Prize



Quizzing in progress



Aditi Sharma XII-B Retelling the Classic "Romeo & Juliet".

PAINTING COMPETITION

IFAW-WTI Animal Action Education (AAE) 2014- Young Achievers Award

Result of **All India Painting Competition -2014** under the aegis of IFAW-WTI Animal Action Education (AAE) on the theme 'Paint your world of Animals' was announced on 24 April 2015. 25 Art work from 12000 entries received from across India were shortlisted as finalists for being conferred IFAW- Young Achievers Award. **Hardik Sharma** of IX-A was amongst the 10 proud recipients of the IFAW- Young Achievers Award, after being selected by the renowned artist Subhra Chaturvedi as Consolation Prize Winner.



Hardik Sharma

Bridgestone and Galaxy Motors hosted 'On the spot Painting Competition' on 19 April 2015 at Galaxy Motors, Tilak Nagar. The students enthusiastically participated and brought laurels to the school. Prize winners were :-

Jasmine Verma	**III-D**	Ist prize (Gold Medal)	**Ekansh Verma**	**VI-D**	Ist prize (Gold Medal)
Suhani Singh	**II-C**	IInd prize (Silver Medal)	**Nitin Malik**	**VI-D**	IIIrd prize (Bronze Medal)



Budding Artists - Suhani and Jasmine

SOLO SINGING COMPETITION



The first piece of music a child hears is a lullaby from his/her mother and then on music becomes an integral part of his being. Our budding singers of **Classes II-V** got an opportunity to showcase their talent when they participated in the Solo Singing Competition. The students sang melodious compositions of famous singers and pop stars.
The winners of the competition were:

	I Prize	II Prize	III Prize	Consolation	Consolation
II	Parth Katoch, II-B	Suhani Singh, II-C	Srijan Saini, II-C	Driti Gupta, II-F	Pranavi Chibber, II-E
III	Bhavya Kumar, III-D	Disha Arora, III-A	Kavyani, III-E	Jiya Maini, III-F	Lavanya Kapoor, III-A
IV	Jaskirat Kaur, IV-F	Maitreyi Mishra, IV-A	Dishti Kaushik, IV-E	Gunjan, IVE	Samarth Sharma, IV-D
V	Aayush Sharma, V-G	Nischay Juneja, V-G	Suhani, VA	Disha Goyal, V-B	Nehal Sharma, V-C



G. K. QUIZ

An Interhouse, G.K. Quiz Competition titled 'Quizitive' for **Classes VI to VIII** was held in the school premises on 26 August. Four teams representing the four Houses showcased their IQ by promptly and correctly answering questions related to varied topics - literary, science and technology etc. Patel House emerged as winner and Gandhi House were runners up.
The members of the two teams were the following:

1st Prize : Patel House - Srijan (VI F), Anshuman Roy (VII- G), Arya Jha (VIII C)
2nd Prize : Gandhi House - Raghav (VI D), Khushboo (VII F), Ishmeet (VIII D)





Winners and Runners-up of GK Quiz

CONCOUR FESTIVAL

Our students proved their mettle in the Concour Festival – an intellectual experience of learning organized at St.Thomas School, Dwarka on 05 and 06 August in various categories. On 05 August **Sayyam Thapliyal**, V-F won II prize in Poster Making. **Anubhuti**, IX-A held the audience spell bound with her Kathak dance performance and won II prize. **Samdeesh Mahajan** and **Parul Kataria** of X-A won third prize in debate competition Flip Side. On 06 August **Suhani**, V-B and **Ishanika**, V-A spoke for and against, respectively, on the topic 'Advertising creates artificial need' in the Inter School Debate competition consisting of teams from 23 schools. Their augments and eloquence outperformed and outshined all their competitors and their team won the I prize.

ADVERTISING CREATES ARTIFICIAL NEED _ (For the motion)

Is your child going to school without having Kelloggs and milk? He will not be able to study at all. Kelloggs vociferously promotes cereals before coming to school, but tell me is there time to have that? Wouldn't we want to spend those precious 5 to 7 minutes sleeping rather than eat milk and cereal.

Good Morning and welcome to the world of advertisement- a glamorous and false world!!!

I would not be exaggerating if I say that advertisements can make a bald man buy comb – that is its power. Advertisements have infinite power to influence our purchases and create artificial needs. How often we have seen them pushing new 'latest and greatest' technology, making us to think we need it. We buy these products without even considering that there is not enough software available to use these technologies so as to justify incurring such huge investments. We never think that the existing audio visual system minus these technologies does provide us the required entertainment.

The treadmill came in and out went the park, the fresh air and the occasional bumping into old friends. No doubt we have got a better exercise option, but don't you think everything is turning out to be very individualistic and eating up on our 'us' time. Moreover, in a country like ours where the percentage of illiteracy is very high, enticing advertisements actually mesmerize any potential customer in believing the message conveyed as gospel truth. The public swallows the message – 'hook, line and sinker', go ahead and purchase the product even if later it is going to remain unused in their home. The point to be noted is the advertisements cost the companies a lot of money. Naturally, they get added to the cost of the product, making it expensive. We end up buying an expensive product that we may not actually need in the first place or it might not be that great at all. Let me cite one example of how advertisements destabilise a common mans monthly budget. A household may need a kilo of washing powder a month. The company provides an offer of a bucket for the purchase of 4 kilos of the same product. The customer even if doesn't need a bucket fall for the offer; ends up buying 3 kilos of extra 'Surf Excel'. We children are one of the main targets of these advertisers. They know that children can force parents to buckle to their demands. Therefore, it is common to see toys being clubbed as free along with various products. It is but natural for any child to get attracted to these toys. In order to get the toy free of cost, we children force our parents to buy the product. But then there are no free lunches in this world. The so called free product is charged in the overall rate. Dear Friends, watch out for these gimmicks being played out in the commercial arena by these advertisers.

I can go on and on but I am not an advertiser. I sincerely believe that I have been able to put across the ugly facet of advertising that needs to be watched out whenever it comes across. This will go a long way in avoiding pitfalls that are embedded – because we cannot wish away advertisements or a world without them! We only have to be wiser.

- Suhani, V-B (Abridged)

ADVERTISING CREATES ARTIFICIAL NEED _ (Against the motion)

Through word of mouth or through internet – glorification of products have been going on since ages. Nothing can move without advertisements. While coming here I noticed posters announcing about today's activity – well my friends this is advertisement itself.

For me, advertisements are a source of information. I believe in my intellect, so do most of us – we can differentiate between need and greed. Without them we would have been in the dark about the very many facets or qualities of a product. Advertisements only use all communication mediums to bring across various solutions or advancements available. I believe, advertisements are a tannoy system of communication whereby a message is broadcast far and wide but it is not necessarily meant for all citizens who hear it. So, can we blame advertisements if we foolhardily intercept these messages, which in the first place were not addressed to us? It is left to the intellectual quotient of every citizen to discern, i.e. to adopt or ignore the message. How then can you blame advertisements for being responsible for creating artificial need? It is like blaming the mirror for one's own lack of flattering beauty.

Science fictions imaginatively lays out a design plan and then lo! The scientists get into action. Let me cite an example. Before the advent of Walkman or today's mobile phone music was confined to the four walls. Sony made music portable and today's mobile phone clubbed phone, camera, music system, and radio into a single unit – that too quite small to fit into our palm. Before the mobile phone entered the scene there might have not been a need for these facilities to be portable but we cannot deny that a latent desire did exist which prompted the innovators to design such a product and offer.

It is through advertisements customers are benefitted in getting competitive rates. By the way, who amongst us does not like to save on our purchases? Manufacturers or traders find it difficult to exploit the customers by monopolizing the product. Snapdeal, Flipkart, Amazon – does it strike something? These E-tailers in today's world have made the brick and mortar retailers price their product more competitively to remain in business. It is through advertisements we know availability of a product at a farther place at a cheaper rate. Without them we would have been at the mercy of the neighbourhood sellers. Our geographical area of shopping thus does not remain confined to city, state, or national boundaries. Thanks to advertisements – we know the availability of the product at any part of the world and can obtain it from source which may not only be economical but we are able to source products or services which is unavailable locally. Indirectly, advertisement over the period has by itself become a fledging industry thereby providing new niche in allied fields – like photography, screen printing, block printing, copy writing, modelling – manifold increase in employment opportunities. Wow! Isn't that by itself a sufficient cause to see ads survive such misplaced allegation?

On a personal note my friends and I think even the wise jury will agree – in the evening when my mom is watching those 'Ekta Kapoor' serials and those 'ads' come in – what a relief it is – from those devilish and exaggerated story lines. At that moment the limca ad is just the perfect breather, it quenches my sanity.

- Ishanika, V-A (Abridged)



Kashika Kamra 11th C Student of the Year



Winners of Concour Festival Debate Competition



Performance by Medha & Parul



Special Assembly by Class V-B



Special Assembly by Class V-C



Winners of Shakespeare Quiz



Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal congratulating 'Drona' of our handball team

संस्कृत श्लोकोच्चारण प्रतियोगिता

दिनांक 31.8.15 को सैंट मार्क्स पब्लिक स्कूल में अन्तर्कक्षीय संस्कृत श्लोकोच्चारण प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। इस प्रतियोगिता में छठी, सातवीं व आठवीं कक्षा के छात्रों ने भाग लिया। प्रत्येक कक्षा के लिये पाँच पुरूस्कार निर्धारित किये गए। निर्णायक मंड़ल तथा शिक्षानिर्देशिका महोदया नें कार्यकम की बहुत प्रशंसा की। दसवीं कक्षा के छात्र छात्राओं नें कार्यकम का संचालन किया। उन्होंनो संस्कृत गान एंव नृत्य प्रस्तुत किए। निर्णायक मण्डल के रूप में गुरू विरजानन्द, गुरूकुल के मुख्य श्री धनंजय दत्त शास्त्री एंव श्रीमति आदर्श बहल नें मंच को सुषोभित किया एंव पुरूस्कार निर्धारित किए। प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम, द्वितीय, तृतीय एंव सान्त्वंना पुरूस्कार रूप में छात्रों को ट्राफी दी गई।

पदक विजेताओं के नाम :–

VI	सृष्टि	.	Ist (VI C)	VII	महक	.	Ist (VII C)	VIII	ऐश्वर्या	.	Ist (VIII A)
	उदय	.	IInd (VI B)		अंशिका	.	IInd (VII B)		आस्था	.	IInd (VIII A)
	दीपिका	.	IIIrd (VI A)		अमिशी	.	IIIrd (VII C)		कृष्णा	.	IIIrd (VIII B)
	गुनिया	.	सान्तवना (VI C)		कोमल	.	सान्तवना (VII B)		गान्या	.	सान्तवना (VIII D)
	उदय	.	सान्तवना (VI A)		निशिया	.	सान्तवना (VII C)		कोमल	.	सान्तवना (VIII B)



षष्टी कक्षा के विजयी छात्र



अष्टमी कक्षा के विजयी छात्र

संस्कृत कार्यशाला

रचना सागर प्रा० लि० के तत्त्वाधान में 11.8.15 को द्वारका सैक्टर 12 में बालभारती पब्लिक स्कूल में प्राथमिक, माध्यमिक व उच्चतर माध्यमिक कक्षाओंके लिये एक संस्कृत कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। इस कार्यशाला में संस्कृत भाषा का वर्तमान समय में दशा व भाषा शिक्षण की आधुनिक तकनीक के विषय पर चर्चा की गई।

इस कार्यशाला में संस्कृत विषय को अधिक सरल और रोचक बनाने के संबध में सभी शिक्षकों व संचालिका महोदय ने अनेक सुझाव प्रस्तुत किए। कार्यकम की संचालिका श्रीमति गुलाटी जी ने बहुत ही रोचक ढ़ंग से कार्यकम को संचालित किया। खेल खेल मे संस्कृत छात्रों को कैसे सिखाई जाये – इस विषय पर कीड़ाओं के माध्यम से विषयों का प्रस्तुतीकरण सिखाया गया। हमारे विद्यालय से संस्कृत विथाग की दोनो अध्यापिकाओं श्रीमति उषा लाल तथा श्रीमति सुमन वशिष्ट नें भाग लिया। शिक्षकाओं को प्रमाण पत्रों से सम्मानित किया गया।

तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय	–	मुझे अन्धकार से प्रकाश की ओर ले चलो।
असतो मा सद्गमय	–	मुझे असत्य से सत्य की ओर ले चलो।
मृत्योर्मामृतं गमय	–	मुझे मृत्यु से अमरत्व की ओर ले चलो।

SOS BAWANA

To ingrain a sense of responsibility towards humanity, 23 students of Classes VI to X were taken to SOS village, Bawana, on Saturday, 11 July 2015. 'SOS village' has been at the service of children in need, for more than four decades. Bawana Children's Village is the second Children's Village in India established in 1974. Our students interacted with the inmate children. Our students carried gifts for the children of the village, and felt gratified when the inmate children accepted them happily. The visit was an overwhelming and enriching experience.



Feeling elated - Joy of Giving

ADVENTURE CAMP TO PANGOT

'Life is full of adventure.
There is no such thing as clear pathway' - Guy Lalibente

Thirty budding adventure enthusiast of our school participated in an adventure camp at Pangot (Nainital), organized by Ed Terra Adventures. The entire programme was divided into six modules where the students learnt about leadership, first aid, participated in outdoor adventure activities (such as rappelling, Terra Terra or Zip lane and obstacle course) communication, wilderness survive and become more environmental conscious. Overall the adventure camps made them more independent beings and appreciate nature in its totality. The participants had a regiment exposure in learning outdoor activities set in wilderness. It trained the students in value adaptation, tenacity and collaboration for overcoming challenges.



In the Lap of Nature

SPIC MACAY

Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, charm and gaiety to life and everything associated with it. The school hosted a flute recital by the renowned artist **Pt. Rajendra Prasanna** under the aegis of SPIC MACAY on 21 April 2015.

Pt. Rajendra Prasanna, a legend in the field of instrumental music is from Banaras Gharana and was disciple of Great masters like Hafeez Ahmed Khan and Sarfaraz Hussain Khan, recipient of many awards and honours including UP Sangeet Natak Academy (1995) and Grammy Award certificate. Sh. Rajendra Prasanna started the programme with a sweet melodious 'Alap' which transcended across the hearts of the audience. His interaction with the students was very heart warming. The students sang 'Saare Jahan Se Achha' along with the tune of his flute. The performance mesmerized the audience. The atmosphere came alive with the jugalbandi of flute and tabla in which the students also participated enthusiastically.



Pt. Rajendra Prasanna and his troupe

VISITS

KIRAN NADAR MUSEUM OF ART

40 students drawn from Classes III to XII visited Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, located at the South Court Mall, Saket, on 16 May. The museum has a rich repository of wide-ranging works by established artists from modern and contemporary art. The museum provided a glimpse into the thoughtfully accumulated collection, which has works that are iconic and represent pivotal landmarks of development in Indian art. The students were shown different amazing works of 30 artists like Raza, Subramanyan and Ram Kumar. The works were just amazing pieces of varying sizes, some occupying a whole room, from scrap metal, cardboard, burnt wood, twigs, staples and tiles. There is also an amazing exhibit in an elevator, where there are projected images on the three panels that gives the visitor a feel of movement both upwards and downwards, as it takes one through a series of images of passing through different floors. Also a must see was the tree made of vessels and a yesteryear replica of Mumbai's Dharavi Slum. It was a wonderful experience for students and the visit was well worth!

VISIT TO MOTHER DAIRY

Industrial visits play an important role in enlarging the scholastic vision of the students as it is application of theoretical knowledge. With this endeavour, our school organized a visit for 78 Business Studies students to Mother Dairy plant at Patparganj, New Delhi on 19 May, 2015. The students were informed that the Mother Dairy is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Dairy Development Board and is engaged in producing milk and milk products. It has a capacity of producing ten lakh litres of milk and twenty thousand litres of ice cream every day. The students were shown a documentary film on procurement, standardization and distribution of milk to various outlets, which was followed by a chaperoned tour of the processing area of the plant and relishing the products – milk and ice cream



A Selfie at Mother Dairy

SWACHH ABHIYAN

Inspired by the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' initiative of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi - the Eco Club students of Classes III-V embarked on Cleanliness Drive around the school premises to keep the school clean and encourage everyone to ensure the same.

Shramdaan was done to inculcate the importance of clean and green surroundings in our students and to make them appreciate and protect the beauty of their natural surroundings. We at SMS Janakpuri encourage the students to maintain cleanliness and upkeep of their classroom; daily, as a part of Shramdaan.



Setting an Example

EARTH DAY

Making a difference.....

Earth Day was celebrated at our school to reaffirm, and remain, being consciously aware of our existence as only a thread within the web called Nature and not the Creator. The events organized were a conscious effort to mould the young minds in developing compassion and thoughtfulness towards all species on Mother Earth and earnestly pledge to return the habitats back to them, which hitherto had to bear the brunt due to the human quest for technology and modernization. The activities included pledge taking, power point presentations on green energy, posters on endangered flora and fauna, story writing, documentaries, know a plant, nature craft and creation of meaningful items from trash and special assemblies by students. The occasion was also a launching board for motivating our young Eco Crusaders to generate awareness amongst citizens around them that



Class Assembly by V-E

education is not meant to be money spinning machine but a tool for creating tolerance and peaceful coexistence with faith in unity in diversity with other life forms.

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

'Look deep into nature, and then you'll understand everything better'

We need to focus on preserving the natural co-existence and make our younger generations realize the importance of conservation and raising public awareness as a whole. Vasudha, the Environment Club, in its endeavor to connect with nature organized a Tree Plantation Drive in the locality of B-2 Janak Puri Park with its eco-warriors planting saplings of various varieties. The drive was flagged off by Principal **Ms. Rama Sethi** and Vice- Principal **Ms. Alka Kher**. The activity of 'planting saplings' successfully sowed the seed of 'Give Back to Nature' in the young minds.



Our 'Green Finger' Candidates

PROJECT SEARCH AND TERI-TETRA PACK INITIATIVE

STEP (Sensitizing Training & Empowering Peer) programme is one of its kind of leadership & confidence development programme for school students. **Paarth Madaan** of Class VIII-F was selected for this five day programme at Goa along with seven other students drawn from reputed schools across Delhi. He underwent training activities to learn and empower himself. He presented a project on 'Right to a happy childhood' which envisioned creating awareness on child sexual abuse through plays, pamphlets and workshops for parents of students during Parent Teacher Meeting.

BOOK WEEK

'Everyone is a reader ; some just haven't found their favourite book yet'

A Book Fair was organized in our school by 'Scholastic' on 18 April, 2015 in the school premises. An overwhelming response was received from students and parents. A wide range of books, drawn from all the disciplines of education, was displayed. The week preceding the Fair, students were given class wise sneak preview of the books on display, so that they had unhindered opportunity to pick books of their liking and add it to their 'shopping cart'. Fiction saw the greatest takers. A lucky draw was organized by the scholastic group for the book lovers. The highlight of the event was the Classroom Challenge Activity that drew maximum readers to the book stall to grab the title for their class. Class V-C having the most incredible readers received a hamper consisting of books for their class library and the Class was also conferred with a Certificate from Scholastic.



Declaring it open(Bookweek)

HRIDAY'S INNOVATIVE HEALTH PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

An interactive anti-tobacco session in support of having 85% pictorial warnings on tobacco products was organized by 'Hriday' Society for student peer leaders of Classes IX to XII on 29 April. The session was informative and raised awareness amongst participants on the ill-effects of tobacco, and effective control to lower consumption amongst youth through the screening of short video film and power point presentations. Hriday has also organized a signature campaign for appealing a strong and effective COTPA amendment bill and submitted 20,000 signatures to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

On 01 May, six students, Vaishali, IX-A; Harsh Bhandari, IX-D; Rachit Dubey, XI-A; Gautam Bhayana, XI-A; Rushali, XI-B and Mannat Sachdeva, XII-E, accompanied by teacher coordinator, Ms Anupam Ganesh joined the Press Conference jointly organized by 'Hriday' and PHFI, with the support of WHO Country Office at India Habitat Centre, to present the youth perspective on the Campaign.



Moving towards a healthy society

FRENCH FESTIVAL-FESTIVAL D' AVIGNON

The French Department of our school organized French Festival to celebrate the Festival of d' Avignon on 11 August. It is an annual art festival held in the French city of Avignon every summer in the courtyard of the Pope's Palace as well as in other locations across the city. The programme began with a song and dance performance 'Sur le Pont d' Avignon' meaning- On the bridge of Avignon.This was followed by a comical play 'Astrix and Obelix'. The highlight of the event was the play based on French Revolution. The festival concluded with the Baroque and Jester dance.

The effort of the students was appreciated by our Director **Ms. Anjali Aggarwal.**











Dramatizing French Revolution

INDEPENDENCE DAY — SALUTING THE SPIRIT OF INDIA

On 14 August 2015, 69th Independence Day was celebrated in our school with full patriotic fervour. On this occasion St.Markians' showcased a colourful spectacle of India vision through their performance. The programme started with flag hoisting by our Chairman **Mr. T. P. Aggarwal**, Principal **Ms. Rama Sethi**, Vice Principal **Ms. Alka Kher** and Educational Supervisor **Ms. Inderpreeet Kaur Ahluwalia**. Students of **Class X** presented a patriotic song (with the underline theme being saluting our motherland). The students of **Class V** presented a musical ballet depicting different facets of our glorious freedom struggle. The participants held the audience spellbound and also energized them with patriotic fervour.

Indian spirit, besides patriotic fervour, also encompasses human values. So our school thought it befitting to handover the pooled effort of all St Markian's to the representative of SOS Village. The Chairman conveyed our sincere gratitude to Shri. Avinash Sapru, Regional Head, Institutional Relationship and Donor Services, for accepting Rs. 3,17,167/- Cheque, as our collective concern for the wellbeing of the inmates of SOS Village.











Expressing solidarity with a noble cause

ENGLISH POETRY RECITATION

'To memorize a great poem, is to make a friend for life'

Inspired by the above quotation, the talented St. Markians competed in the English Poetry Recitation Competition- Class V on 15 July, Class IV on 22 July and Classes VI - VIII on 31 August 2015. The students came up with vivid and thought provoking poems of all genres; and exhibited enthusiasm, zeal and zest in their effort. It was an enriching experience for the children while portraying the thematic elements of their poems. The students of Class V recited on environmental awareness, lyrical ballad, social issues, world peace etc., Class IV poems were on friendship, beauty of nature, humour in life, science fiction etc.. VI - VII recited poems on human emotions, humour, etc. and the students of Class VIII recited renowned poems of the great poets like William Shakespeare, Yeast, Blake etc. The Principal, Vice Principal, Educational Supervisor and the judges gave tips to the students for even better performance in future.

Class	I Prize	II Prize	III Prize	Consolation Prize	
IV	Diya Chawla, IV-D	Gunjan Sharma, IV-E	Shifa Hussain, IV-C	Maitreyi Mishra, IV-A	Dishti Kaushik, IV-E
V	Sanya Khera, V-E	Nischay Juneja, V-G	Sahej Sahni, V-E	Ayush Sharma, V-G	Prashansa Sharma, V-E
VI	Sneha Gautam, VI-E	Bhavya Grover, VI-D	Dev Bahl, VI-D	Arnav Singh,VI-E	Manisha Verma, VI-E
VII	Suhani Monga, VII-A	Aksa Anujan, VII-A	Rajanshu Arora, VII-C	Anandita, VII-A	Sankalp Singh, VII-E
VIII	Chirag Wassan, VIII-A	Arya Jha, VIII-B	Aditi Sachdeva, VIII-C	Gunjan Sachdeva, VIII-A	Dhwani,VIII-E



HINDI POETRY RECITATION

Students of Classes V and IV participated in the Intra class Hindi Recitation Competition on 15 July and 22 July, respectively. The themes for class V were environmental awareness, lyrical ballad, social issues, world peace etc. and for Class IV were humour, human values, environment and pollution, our festivals etc. The students recited the poems with great confidence and expression. The following students were the prize winners:

Class	I Prize	II Prize	III Prize	Consolation Prize	
IV	Sehaj Garg, IV-E	Aatman Yadav, IV-E	Harshit Dubey, IV-D	Simarpreet Kaur, IV C	Rajnandini, IV-E
V	Mayank Grover, V-E	Abhishek Thakur, V-F	Tanya Joshi, VG	Kanishka, V-C	Disha Goyal, V-B





Winners of Class IV English Recitation



Winners of Class IV Hindi Recitation

SHORTENING DISTANCE

A virtual interaction session was held on 24 April 2015. A group of sixteen students along with their mentors shared their views on education, culture and community of their respective societies through Video Conferencing with Nene Heavens's Group of Schools, one of the schools being "Sound School" USA. They also had an in depth discussion on online learning and its significance. This entire session was led by Ms. Archana Tyagi, our Global Project Coordinator accompanied by the Computer teacher Ms. Monika Uppal. The participants from our school were :

Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class
Mitali Arora	IX-A	Mahima Narang	X-D	Himani	XII-A	Samdeesh	X-A
Konark	IX-C	Vidisha Kaushik	XI-B	Vardha	XII-A	Aman Grover	XII-E
Aadya	IX-F	Nisha Sharma	XI-E	Dipin Gupta	XI-D	Roshini	XII-E
Srishti Bahl	IX-A	Nischay Mohanty	X-B	Shivani Gupta	XI-D	Sakshi Taneja	X-E

MYSTERY SKYPE SESSION

A group of sixteen students from Classes X and XI alongwith their teacher Co-ordinators Ms Archana Tyagi and Ms Monika Uppal had a 'Mystery Skype Session' on 24 July 2015 with the students of Brazil .The identity and location of the participating schools were not revealed to the participants of both the classrooms. The Mystery Skype provides an engaging and interesting way for classrooms across culture to decipher each other's location. Students used their map skills and communication skills to guess the location of the other classroom, thus providing a two way communication to build on each other's cultural awareness, critical thinking and geographical knowledge. Our classroom consisted of:

Karthik M Panikar, X-A	K Pulkit, X-A	Anant Singhal, X-B	Ojas Sethi, X-A
Priyanshu Batheja, X-B	Akual Chawla, X-A	Aman Sachdeva, X-B	Sahil Uppal, IX-E
Samdeesh Mahajan, X-A	Garima Rajput, X-C	Dhruv S Negi, X-B	Dipen Gupta, XI-E
Divij Malik, X-B	Shivam Gupta, XI-E	Mahima Narang, X-D	Roshini Amb, XII-E

FUTURE CHANGE MAKERS - FELICITATION CEREMONY

The **Teach India Programme** school chapter was an initiative by the Times group in collaboration with British Council. It commenced in 2013 and our school joined hands in May 2014. The summer cycle, started in May 2014, was successfully conducted followed by the winter cycle in January 2015. On 23 April 2015, to recognize the efforts of the future change makers, who helped people achieve their aspirations, a convocation was held at Ghalib Auditorium where our students were awarded and applauded by Deputy Commissioner (New Delhi) and other eminent guests from the Times group and the British Council.

SUMMER CYCLE

Mansi Batra, XII-B
Prabhdeep Kaur, XII-B
Keerat Pal Singh, XII-E
Aastha Kedar, XI-C
Jaspreet Kaur, XI-C
Kashika Kamra, XI-C
Vidisha Kaushal, XI-B

WINTER CYCLE

Jaspreet Kaur, XI-C
Pragya Gambhir, XI-C
Akshita Sehra, XI-C
Mandeep Kaur, XI-E



Felicitating Young Mentors - 'Teach India' Team

BADMINTON

Our school Badminton Team competed in the Badminton Zonal Competition held at G.B.S.S.S. No.1, C-Block, Janak Puri on 12 August and secured **Second Position**. The members of the Team were as follows -

Devansh Pathak, IX-D Yugal Matta, XI-C Yash, XI-D Lovish, XI-C

SWIMMING

Swimming Zonal Meet was held on 10 August for boys and 11 August for girls at Government School C4E Block, Janakpuri

BOYS – Senior Boys Category

Name/Class/Section	Event	Position
Aman Grover, XII E	Freestyle 100m	I
	Freestyle 50m	II
	Butterfly 50m	I
Madhav Arora, XIE	Breaststroke 100m	II
Lavish Jaggia, XI C	Breaststroke 100m	III

Junior Boys Category

Name/Class/Section	Event	Position
Sarthak Kedar, IX A	Butterfly 50m	I
	Breaststroke 50m	II
	Backstroke 50m	I
Saurav, IX C	Butterfly 50m	III
Anshul Mehar, IX A	Breaststroke 50m	III
Bharat, IX C	Backstroke 50m	III
Akshat, IXD	Breaststroke 100m	III
Anshul, IXA	Breaststroke 100m	II
Sarthak Kedar, IX C Saurav, IX C Anshul Mehar, IX A Akshat, IXD	Relay 4X 50m	II

Sub Junior Boys Category

Name/Class/Section	Event	Position
Gautam Joshi, VIIIE	Breaststroke 100m	III

GIRLS -- Junior Girls Category

Name/Class/Section	Event	Position
Khushi Maheshwari, IX A	Butterfly 50m	II
	Backstroke 50m	III
Gehna Sahni, IXE	Breaststroke 100m	III

Sub Junior Girls Category

Name/Class/Section	Event	Position
Stuti, VII A	Breaststroke 50m	III
Akshita, V D	Breaststroke 50m	II
Stuti, VII A Akshita, V D Harshita, V A Rishika Singh, VII A	Relay 4 x 50m	III

SCOUTS AND GUIDES CAMP

Scouts and Guides Camp was organized by Mr. I.P.Arora, Commissioner, State Head quarters, Hindustan Scouts and Guides at MHDC, Saraswati Bal Mandir School from 16 to 20 May. In this camp students actively participated in plethora of activities such as skating, self defence training, yoga, bonfire etc. **Gul Tomar**, VI-A was declared as Best Scout and **Divya Tiwari**, V-G as Best Guide. Overall it was an enriching experience for the students.



Yoga activity at Scouts and Guides Camp

JUDO

Zone 18, Vikaspuri, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi had organized Zonal Judo Competition from 17 August to 19 August at Kamal Public School, Vikaspuri. Our students had participated in various categories.
The students of our school who secured prizes were as follows:-

Name	Wt. Cat.	Position	Name	Wt. Cat.	Position
Dhurv Soin, V-G	Below 20 kg	Bronze Medal	Loveesh, V-C	Below 30 kg	Bronze Medal
Mudra Rawat, VII-D	Below 32 kg	Gold Medal	Vanshika Bhardwaj, XII-A	Below 44 kg	Bronze Medal
Tanmay, VII-E	Below 35 kg	Bronze Medal	Vanshika Garg, X-E	Below 56 kg	Silver Medal
SaumyaVirmani, VIII-F	+ 44 kg	Gold Medal	Srishty Saxena, X-E	Below 61 kg	Gold Medal
Dishita, VIII-F	+ 44 kg	Silver Medal		+ 61 kg	Silver Medal

HANDBALL

RAJIV GANDHI STATE AWARD...A PROUD MOMENT

Seventeen handball players of our school made all of us proud when they received the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi State Award for their contribution in Handball from Hon'ble Chief Minister **Mr. Arvind Kejriwal** on 22 May, 2015. This award is conferred upon those players who have achieved meritorious position in National and State level during preceding year, on the recommendation of Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi. The award consists of cash prize Rupees One lakh sixty two thousand and merit certificates. The awardees were:

Janvi Kalra	VII-A	Nimisha Setia	VIII-B	Aishwarya Lenin	VIII-B
Shagun Kumari	VIII-D	Muskan Kandwal	VIII-D	Tripti	VIII-D
Anjali Solanki	X-B	Muskan Aggarwal	X-B	Anushka Gupta	X-B
Cicelia M Thomas	X-E	Harshita Joshi	X-E	Darpan	X-E
Tapsi Goel	VIII-D	Mansi Tomar	XI-C	Srijla Bagai	XII-A
Meghna Kandwal	XII-B	Swabhi Gupta	XII-C		

Three of our Handball Team members - Anjali Solanki, Harshita Joshi and Cicelia Mohan Thomas, sweetened the great honour bestowed by the State Government by getting selected to represent Delhi Team at the 29th Federation Cup Handball Championship by A.P Handball Association at Gudur (A.P) from 12 to 15 July. Our School Handball Coach **Mr. Yogesh** was nominated as Coach of Delhi Team. The Delhi Team secured Fourth position in the Championship. However the performance of Anjali and Cicelia was noticed by the selectors of Indian Handball Team and they were selected to play for India in the 6th Asian Women's Youth Handball Championship held at IGI Stadium, New Delhi from 27 August to 3 September.

Keep It Up Anjali and Cicelia!

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

21 June was declared as International Yoga Day by the United Nations, with the aim to raise awareness on the many benefits of practicing yoga. NCC girl cadets of our school participated in the Yoga Day Celebration held at Bharti College Ground. The participants performed Yoga with immense enthusiasm and zeal. The half - an - hour programme commenced at 7 a.m., helped spread a positive energy all around.

NCC CAMP

Two NCC girl cadets Sanskriti Sharma, XB and Kriti Chawla, IXA of our school participated in the ten days NCC camp organized by 5 Delhi Girls BN in NCC Garrison Ground Delhi Cantonment. The camp laid stress on Yoga. These cadets also participated at the International Yoga Day Celebaration at Rajpath on 21 June 2015.

SKATING

Kushagra Bhatia of Class VIII-B represented our School in 12th Roller Sports Race, 2015 organized by Delhi Skating Association on 9 and 10 May at Chilla Sports Complex. He competed in 2 events - 300M Race and 500M Race and secured **2nd** and **3rd position** respectively.

Kushagra Bhatia also competed in the 500 mtrs event in Lal Bahadur Shastri Roller Skating Championship organized by Delhi Skating association on 26 July held at Yamuna Sports Complex and secured **2nd position.**

The following students of our school participated in the Dynamic Roller Sports Championship at DDA Sports Complex, Sector 11, Dwarka on 14 May and secured prizes as mentioned against their respective names.

NAME	Event	Prize	NAME	Event	Prize
Satvik Krishan, II-C	200 mtrs	2nd	Vansh Arora, V-F	400 mtrs	3rd
Tamish Gupta, V-B	400 mtrs	1st	Sparsh Jindal, VIII-A	400 mtrs	1st
Sahej Sahni, V-E	400 mtrs	1st	Kushagra Bhatia, VII-B	400 mtrs	2nd

Skating Zonal Competition was held in Indira Ideal School , Janakpuri on 30 July. The following students brought laurels for themselves and our School.

NAME	Event	Prize	NAME	Event	Prize
M. Lavanya, I-E	200 mtrs	1st	Kushagra Bhatia, VIII-B	400 mtrs	2nd
Yuvraj Vasal, III-C	200 mtrs	3rd	Sparsh Jindal, VIII-A	400 mtrs	3rd
Himanshi Pandey, V-E	300 mtrs	2nd	Kanika, IX-C	300 mtrs	1st
Sanjam, VI-A	400 mtrs	3rd			

COMPUTER GAMING

In a vibrant and growing country, change is omnipresent and learning never stops. Our country being one, such new learners need a wide range of experience to meet the challenges of dynamic work environment. Keeping this in mind, the school organized a workshop on 'Computer Gaming 'on 10 August. This workshop provided training to the students and a platform for an interactive dialogue wherein students learnt to develop Personal Computer games on a given theme.



Computer Gaming

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY WORKSHOP

The Classroom Activity workshop was conducted on 12 & 13 May 2015 for the students of Class XII by **Mr. Sahil Sayal**, a School Alumuni of our School. The main focus of the workshop was on Goal Seeking and Time Management. Mr. Sahil extensively covered the topics for the session by correlating with practical experiences, which could be easily comprehended by all the participants. The students found the workshop very useful as the methods suggested were adaptable in real life situations.

SUBJECT CAMP

Subject Camp was organised for Classes XI & XII by Study Mate (HT) from 23 July, 2015 to 28 July, 2015 by Experts in Economics (**Ms. Manju Arora**), Maths (**Dr. Rajni K. Sharda**) and Physics (**Mr. Brajesh Trivedi**). It was a 2 hour session on each day, on various subject topics, such as National Income, Measures of Variation, Trigonometry and Application of Semi- conductor. The session was very interactive for the participating students.



Physics Workshop By Mr.Brajesh Trivedi (Studymate)

DIY - ELECTRONICS

A six days summer camp workshop on Do It Yourself - Electronics was organized by our school from 20 May to 27 May. The workshop gave our 54 budding innovators from Classes VII to X an opportunity to hone their technical expertise in innovation under the guidance of a group of well experienced IITians. The participants gained exposure in basic concepts of electronics, circuit designing, uses of switches, relays & semiconductors and the art of prototyping.

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL ATTITUDE

The Entrepreneurial Attitude session was organised for the benefit of Commerce students of Class XI with the support of a renowned publication house on May 14, 2015. The focus of the Resource person of the session, **Mr. Pritam Ahluwalia**, was the personal and professional life ahead of the students, by encouraging them to raise their queries on further studies and career prospects in the chosen field. His response, drawn from his rich experience in the field, enlightened the students on the career prospects as commerce professionals. It was an enriching experience for the budding professionals, who were proactive and took keen interest during the entire session.

BASKETBALL

Zone 18, Vikaspuri, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi had organized Zonal Basketball tournament from 19 August to 22 August at Brain International School, Vikaspuri. Our Junior hoopsters secured **Third Position**. The team members were:

Tushar Khanna, X-E, Dikshu, X-D, Sudhanshu Sharma, X-E, Karan, X-D, Ansh Kher, IX-C
Navdeep, X-A, Pranav Jaggia, X-B, Paras Sachdeva, X-D, Dhimant, X-C



Our Junior Hoopsters

IN-SERVICE TEACHER'S TRAINING

• TEACHER'S DEVELOPMENT: A MOTIVATIONAL WORKSHOP

The Motivational Workshop was conducted by **Mr. Saurabh** on 15 May 2015 in collaboration with Ratna Sagar for teachers of Classes VI to XII. The teachers got an insight into new innovative ways of relationship building between Disciple and Facilitator. Mr. Saurabh also laid emphasis on how to make teaching effective through real life experiences and examples. The facilitators had a participative discussion and realized the inner joy of teaching.

• EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IN CLASSROOM

Mr. J.K. Gangal in collaboration with Srijan publications held a workshop on May15, 2015. Mr. Gangal presented the topic "Effective communication in classroom teaching" for entire staff and facilitated teachers through his rich experiences, as he was the former Educational Director of K.V.S and Director of the Centre for Creativity and Human Resource Development. The main focus of the workshop was that - As a teacher one needs to emphasize on facilitating verbal as well as non-verbal communication in the classroom. The Effective Communication Workshop was an interactive session designed to give the tools to communicate effectively and making impactful, persuasive and confident communication.

• COMPUTER SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT

A session on Basic Computer Applications was conducted for entire staff on 15 and 16 May, 2015 by our Computer Science Department. The main focus of the session was to enhance the basic computer skills of the teachers. The session covered various routine applications such as downloading CBSE circulars, uploading of CCE marks and gaining proficiency in the handling of Entab Software. The workshop was extremely helpful and informative.

• INTERACTIVE SESSION ON TEAM BUILDING

Appellate Authority part of In-service training for entire staff- an Interactive Session on Team Building was conducted in our School on 16 May 2015 by **Mr Ranjit Majumdar** by HT Pace (Hindustan Times). The main topic of discussion in the workshop was on Team Management and on Goal Achievement. The methods explained in the workshop helped the Team members to recognize their strengths and weaknesses. The workshop gave an insight in understanding the qualities required to be a Team Leader, as well as the importance of building the requisite qualities in each team member and encouraging them to achieve the chosen goal effectively and efficiently, with cooperation of all the team members. The topic was engaging and was well presented through audio-visual aids.

• USING ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE ENGLISH FLUENCY IN THE CLASSROOM

A workshop - "Using Activities to Promote English fluency in the Classroom" was conducted in our School on 16 May 2015 by **Ms. Neelam Sanwalka**, in collaboration with Pearson Publication for teachers of Primary section and English department. The participants found the workshop inspiring, communicative and effective. The activities and games learnt by the teachers will surely facilitate them to improve the fluency of English language amongst the students. The methods taught for improving the listening, speaking and reading skills were excellent. Overall the experience was very educative for all the participants.



Ms. Neelam Sanwalka promoting English fluency

COMMERCE TEACHERS FOUNDATION

Prof. D.K. Goel, an eminent author, presided over the Commerce teachers workshop held in Alchon Public School on 4 July 2015. Two teachers of our school attended the same to update themselves regarding the vital changes in relation to inter disciplinary questions and for professional enrichment of fellow commerce faculty members.

ORANGE PLANET

The Cambridge Foundation School, Rajouri Garden organized a live workshop on Planetarium Education -K12 in their school premises on 17 July 2015. Two teachers of our school actively participated in that live workshop.It was very informative on the concepts of Constellations and their location.

INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITIONS

Students of our school portrayed their excellence in oration and speaking skills by winning Rolling Trophy, I prize and Best Speaker prize in Inter School Debate Competition organized by S.S. Mota Singh Model School, Paschim Vihar on 26 August, 2015. The winners were :-

Aditi Sharma, XII-B - Best Speaker **Siddharth Saha, XII-C and Aditi Sharma, XII-B** - Ist Prize and Rolling Trophy

YWCA DEBATE

Siddharth Saha and Harshit Jain of Class XII-C participated in the 23rd YWCA Inter School Debate Competition held in YWCA Auditorium Ashok Road on 17 July. It was a high voltage debate on the topic 'I fear a day when technology will surpass human interaction; we will have a generation of idiots.' Our speakers' eloquent arguments displaying tremendous fire power, and well supported by facts and reasons had awed the audience and judges. Our school team was declared the Best Team and lifted the Rolling Trophy. **Harshit Jain was awarded the Best Speaker certificate and cash prize of Rs. 5000/-.**

YWCA DEBATE - AGAINST THE MOTION



I had a terrible nightmare the other night. I was in a new surrounding, though it was crowded but still I felt isolated, secluded from all my belongings- my mobile phone, my laptop, my tablet and all this made me realize how far I was from my country, my family where my heart lies. Though it was short lived, but did give me a lesson that in today's world technology is a necessity. Some people conceive it to be a drug. Most of my worthy opponents might share the same view but I'd say it's like the sun, it's like the wind, it sustains but not spoil us.

And then there is Facebook and other such social media sites. You know, yesterday only I had a nice conversation with my aunt on messenger. She puts up in Canada. If the hours luckily match, we even video chat on Skype. Calls and audio messages on Whatsapp are just too frequent. It never felt to me that we were five seas apart.

But NO! These things are just so bad because they only ask us for our name and Date of Birth when we are willing to give everything away. SURE! They do provide connectivity but how can we get satisfied by just conversing with our knowns. A chat with a stranger will be so more exciting and when your aroused hearts will break you'll just end up blaming technology. IT is yet another example especially for India, the leading country in this sector.

On what grounds is this wide network of Call Centers and Service Centers build? LIVE HUMAN INTERACTION? No, Technology. Preposterous it would be if the basis would have been Live Interaction. But my worthy opponents will never recognize this fact; so obsessed in their own world.

Have you ever considered the life of a very shy or a special person? How hard his life would be to not be able to talk to anyone, by choice or by fate. Internet and smart phones are a blessing for them as they don't have to fear anyone.

Dear friends and Madame Chairperson, give it a thought. Technology is not burial ground for human interaction rather a breeding ground for a stronger "connection", with each of our loved ones. No matter in which corner they might live in but our wishes for their well being will reach in the blink of an eye. Limited capabilities are a metaphorical glass which will soon be shattered by the cold yet soft hammer of technology.

- Harshit Jain, XII-C

SOCIAL MEDIA IS SPOILING THE MINDSET OF PEOPLE

Biologically, human beings have absolute control over their senses. They can direct their mind and body in whichever way they want. Fascinating machinery, isn't it? Nevertheless, despite knowing this common fact, how can we blame social media for spoiling the mindset of people? I mean, if humans can dominate their own actions, how is a non living mobile application supposed to change the way a person thinks? According to me, it is not social networking sites that are spoiling the mindset of man. It is the man himself who is misusing this gift of technology. These social networking sites were meant to connect people with some old friends, rejoice with far-off relatives and moreover, for business and office use. But, in the present scenario, people have mistaken these media with some sort of time-pass. They have 'intentionally' developed a habit of checking their phones each minute- even if there's no message! It is true that today's generation is turning out to be lazy and inactive due to the habit of texting. But the question is, "Who is at fault?" Is it whatsapp or facebook? Those stationary mobile applications, bereft of any form of life? Certainly not. It is the people themselves who are to be blamed for misusing this technology and spoiling their own lifestyles. I don't think that blaming the bloodless applications will help us conceal our addiction. It is just another excuse to hide our own mistakes. So, in my opinion, it is not the social media that is spoiling the mindset of people, it is the people themselves who are overusing this useful technology.

- Diksha Luthra, X-B

"Progress is impossible without change
& those who cannot change their minds
cannot change anything"
- George Bernard Shaw

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