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EDITORIAL

Etching that special something!

Life is a journey dotted with eventful phases, some of which bring sweet joy of fulfilment and delight while others make us morose and crest-fallen. But both have their own significance in shaping up the goals of our objectives... throughout this wonderful journey one thing that remains unchanged is our individual spirit. A spirit that thrives deep in our inner self, a spirit which paves directions during achievements or defeats, a spirit that conveys a unique power to defy destiny in our own wonderful way and helps us to be just at the right place at the right time...

And where do we get this spirit from?... we obtain it by our 'attitude'. It is said that our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we 'react' to what happens... having a positive attitude and being calm and composed even in direst adversities etches that spirit in us and ultimately opens the floodgates of joy and happiness and makes each day of our lives... one to remember... forever!

WE LEAVE A MARK AT CELESTA

USE WHAT TALENT YOU
POSSESS THE WOODS
WOULD BE VERY SILENT
IF NO BIRD SANG
EXCEPT THOSE THAT
SANG BEST

In keeping with our school's tradition and in accordance with the Rhyme "All that you do, Do with your might, Things done by half, Are never done right," Aakshi Sharma, Karshni Kharbanda, Nayan Hajela, Sreejoni Nag, Jatin Arora, Garima Chopra, Jigyasa Juneja, Romit Puri, Aastha Gill and Mudit Malhotra along with their Music teacher Mr. Rohit Pramanik and Team leader Ms. Lakshmi Srinivas participated in Celesta International 2007



First among equals

organised by City Montessori School, Lucknow from Dec. 16 to Dec. 21, 2007. This five day festival had more than 40 entries from many countries of the world and various parts of India. These high level competitions are judged by eminent artistes and experts in their respective fields. The cultural teams of different countries and schools blend in this event to evolve a combined global culture. Our students participated in all seven events namely, Orchestra, Traditional Group Dance, Art and Painting, Collage, Choral singing, Choreography and Dramatics. The uniqueness of this event is that the same 10 students have to compete in all seven events, implying that they have to be true all rounders. The items presented this year were a Choreographic presentation on Gautam Buddha's early life to depict 'agony, ecstasy and harmony,' a traditional group dance displaying the folk culture of Bengal with Mahishasuramardhini as the backdrop, a spell binding Orchestral treat, Choral singing at its best in which the four nuances of vocal music- Bass, Soprano, Tenor and Alto were rendered simultaneously with practised ease and skill and a spectacular play "TWILIGHT ZONE" carrying a message about awareness and acceptance of DYSLEXIA - a learning disability and ALZHEIMER'S-a degenerative nerve disorder. It was indeed a magical moment when our play was awarded the First Prize in the Dramatics category which was judged by Mr. Dinesh Khanna of National School of Drama and Urmila Thapriyal, a Dramatist from Lucknow. Our students were equally jubilant when they were declared the runners up in the Choral singing category which was judged by Mr. Sanjay Bhatnagar of Air Delhi and A. Basant, a composer from the city of Shayari and Ghazals.

A TRIP DOWN THE WORLD OF BOOKS

Continuing with our tradition of developing language skills and inculcating the habit of reading good books in our students we celebrated 10 Dec. to 15 Dec. 2007 as the "Book Week" in collaboration with Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd.

The Book Week was inaugurated and declared open by the Chief Guest, Ms. Kamlesh Mohindra, an educationist and a writer of children's literature, with award winning stories, several mystery fictions and short story collections for children to her credit. Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd. was represented by Ms. Loena Srivastava, Branch Manger, Delhi.

The highlight of the Book Week was mass participation of students from classes I to XI in interesting and fulfilled book related activities and competitions like story telling session with the renowned author Ms. Kamlesh Mohindra, Self Introduction, Picture Composition, Read and Narrate a Story, Draw and Paint a story book or cartoon character, narration of Panchatantra Tales, Word Power, Quizzes, Making a Mini Newspaper, Read Aloud, Extempore, Vocabulary Enhancement, Know an Author, Book Review, Know Idioms and Phrases and Interaction with an author of student members of the Odyssey Club and an exhibition of books by Scholastic India. The Book Week culminated with a Prize distribution and Book Fair.



Book Week Inaugurated

BOOK WEEK



Ms. Shayoni Basu, Director editorial Team - Scholastic India being welcomed by the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal



Our young journalists (Class V) - trying to put together a Mini Newspaper



Sarathak Phore narrating a story



Ms. Loena Srivastava being welcomed by V. Principal Ms. R. Sethi

BOOK WEEK



The Proud Prize winners - Book Week



Shresth Babbar (IV-C) takes the audience to the 'World of Panchtantra'



Enthusiastic participants of Book Quiz (Class V)



A story telling session in progress with Ms Kamlesh Mohindra

AN AWE INSPIRING PERFORMANCE

Under the aegis of SPIC MACAY, the students witnessed an enthralling Dance Recital by Guru Singhajit Singh ji and Smt. Charu Sija Mathur ji. Guru Singhajit Singh ji introduced and briefly acquainted the students with the various forms of the Manipuri dance.

Before each item he explained every little detail so that the students would enjoy it more. Charu ji was accompanied by Beena Devi as a dancer, Sana Tumba Devi as the singer, Sanaiyaima Singh and Naoba Singh as the two drummers and on the flute by Jagan Nath Ghoshal ji. Charu ji and Beena Devi started the recital by Ras Leela, a colourful rendering of a holi episode of Radha and Krishna. Then the two drummers mesmerized the audience with Tung Cholum. They played the drums and danced at the same time and their movements ranged from soft to extremely vigorous ones. It was followed by 'Kaliya Daman' by Beena Devi and 'Terana' by Charu ji. It was a pure dance composition. The finale was 'Dhol Cholum' presented by Sanaiyaima Singh and Naoba Singh. The two drummers received a standing ovation from the audience. The programme came to an end with an interesting question-answer session between the students and Guru Singhajit Singh ji. It was indeed an awe inspiring and magnificent experience for the young students.



Dance performance by Smt. Charu Sija Mathurji



Manipuri dancers at their best

YOUNG ASTRONOMERS

We not only study about the Earth but the stars and planets too. Our Astronomy Club under the 'NCR - Probe Programme : Meteorological and Environmental Education for Schools' being conducted by JNU, received the following meteorological instruments :-

1. Dry and wet bulb thermometer; and minimum and maximum fixed thermometer - for measuring temperature.
2. Rain Gauge - to measure amount of rainfall.
3. Anemometer - for measuring wind speed.
4. Mercury Barometer - for measuring atmospheric pressure
5. Stop watch - for measuring time.

The reading of the instruments which is taken in the morning and afternoon by the students is sent to JNU on a monthly basis. The aim of the programme is to make the students interested in meteorology and also to make them aware of the various factors affecting the weather/climatic conditions of a given region. Our young astronomers set up a telescope in the school premises to observe the Sun at different timings on 15.1.2008. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities like concentrating the sun rays on a small spot and burning it.



Astronomers in the making - Using the telescope

OUR CRICKETERS DO IT AGAIN

Our young cricketers once again proved themselves when they won the Anuj Sahai Mathur U-17 Cricket Tournament, organized by Vishal Bharti Public School, Paschim Vihar at DDA Sports Complex Paschim Vihar in January 2008. Akash Chaudhary (VIII A) was declared the Man of the Series while Manik Khattar (1XC) was the Man of the Match. Best Bowler of the Tournament was Yatin Malik. They defeated Ramjas School in the finals. Congratulations to the winners!



Our Victorious Cricketers (Under 17)

OUR STUDENTS SHINE IN PROCOM

Procom Prize distribution ceremony was held on 21.2.2008 for the eighty two students who were adjudged winners in 08 categories like Colour, Puzzle, Aptitude, Computer etc. They received prizes from the Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principals Ms. V. Wahi and Ms. R. Sethi.



Proud Winners of Procom - Science quiz



The computer wizards - Gold Medal winners in Computer Quiz

KOLKATTA BONANZA !!

We...Kshitij Jhamb (XI), Kush Jain (IX), Mani Makkar (VIII) and Shibika Suresh (VIII) got once in a life time opportunity to represent our school in the National All India School Quiz held at Pailan World School in Kolkatta from 9-13 December. It was a great experience for all of us. We were divided in groups of two in the senior and junior teams respectively. Our junior team thrashed their opponents in the prelims and reached the semi-finals whereas our senior team lost out in the prelims by just 1 odd mark. During the trip we met and became friends with some of the brightest minds in India and we were fortunate enough to witness a scintillating quiz from which no one could take their eyes off. We all were quite contented with our performance and returned with loads of knowledge and memories to cherish.

RESULTS OF PROCOM

COLOURS' QUIZ			APTITUDE QUIZ		
POSITION	NAME	CLASS	POSITION	NAME	CLASS
FIRST	MEHAK MUKHEJA	1ST C	FIRST	SHIKHAR JUNEJA	3RD B
FIRST	SHREYA AGGARWAL	2ND G	FIRST	PRAGYA KEDIA	4TH F
FIRST	DIVYA DUA	3RD G	FIRST	AMAN SHARMA	5TH F
FIRST	TAMANA MITTAL	4TH B	FIRST	NIHARIKA JAIN	6TH E
FIRST	ADITYA KUMAR	5TH E	FIRST	SANYAM JAIN	7TH E
FIRST	PRATEEK BAJAJ	6TH F	FIRST	SAMARTH RAI SETHI	8TH F
FIRST	SABHYA DHINGRA	7TH A	FIRST	NIKHIL MITTAL	9TH A
			FIRST	AADHAR GARG	10TH C
			FIRST	KSHITIJ JHAMB	11TH F
			FIRST	SUGANDHA GOEL	12TH F
PUZZLE'S QUIZ			COMPUTER QUIZ		
FIRST	RAADHICA WASAN	1ST C	FIRST	SUJATA MAHAJAN	3RD C
FIRST	HARDIK DUA	2ND E	FIRST	GARVITA SHARMA	3RD D
FIRST	SAKSHI KHANEJA	3RD E	FIRST	JAIRAJ SINGH	4TH B
FIRST	SIMRAN GARG	4TH D	FIRST	DIVESH RAWAT	5TH A
FIRST	VINAY SINGLA	4TH F	FIRST	RAGHAV ARORA	6TH F
FIRST	SIMRAN PREET	5TH C	FIRST	KASHISH GROVER	7TH F
FIRST	SRISHTI BANSAL	5TH E	FIRST	MANI MAKKAR	8TH B
FIRST	HIMANSHU LAKRA	6TH E	FIRST	AKASH KALYANI	11TH F
FIRST	SANYA AGHI	7TH H			
ENGLISH QUIZ			SCIENCE QUIZ		
FIRST	RIDDHIRUP BERA	1ST B	FIRST	SIDDHANT MALHOTRA	3RD D
FIRST	ANUBHAV GUPTA	2ND C	FIRST	APURV CHAUDHARY	4TH A
FIRST	AMISH AGGARWAL	2ND F	FIRST	SHANTAV JATAV	5TH F
FIRST	SHIKHAR SURESH	3RD B	FIRST	AMAN PANWAR	6TH A
FIRST	YASHASWI GUPTA	4TH G	FIRST	PRIYANKA PAHUJA	7TH C
FIRST	YASHU MAHAJAN	5TH A	FIRST	SURABHI INAMDAR	8TH F
FIRST	PRANAV VERMA	5TH C	FIRST	PAYAL PUNN	9TH C
FIRST	JYOTSNA ARORA	6TH A	FIRST	AKANKSHA GUPTA	10TH E
FIRST	VISHANK TAYAL	7TH B	FIRST	PRANAY BHARDWAJ	11TH F
FIRST	KASHISH KOHLI	8TH C	FIRST	DEEPALI GUPTA	12TH E
FIRST	ARSH MARWAHA	9TH A			
FIRST	PUNEET SINGH	9TH F			
FIRST	TARUN GUPTA	10TH A			
FIRST	JATIN BAWEJA	11TH E			
FIRST	ARSHIA JAIN	12TH E			
MATHEMATICS QUIZ			G.K. QUIZ		
FIRST	MEHAK BANSAL	1ST A	FIRST	RAHUL PANDE	1ST F
FIRST	KARAN ARORA	2ND D	FIRST	MANAV PRABHAKAR	2ND A
FIRST	RITIK GOSVAMI	3RD G	FIRST	SIDDHANT MALHOTRA	3RD D
FIRST	LAKSHAY ARORA	4TH C	FIRST	ISHAN ARORA	4TH C
FIRST	ABHISHEK GUPTA	5TH B	FIRST	PULKIT JAITLEY	5TH D
FIRST	CHARLIE THAPLIYAL	6TH A	FIRST	NIHIT SETHI	6TH C
FIRST	NISHANT GUPTA	7TH G	FIRST	MANI MAKKAR	8TH B
FIRST	MANI MAKKAR	8TH B	FIRST	PRIYANKA MAKKAR	9TH B
FIRST	LAKSHAY KHERA	9TH E	FIRST	ABHISHEK RAINA	10TH D
FIRST	AKANKSHA GUPTA	10TH E	FIRST	KARTIK SRIVASTAVA	11TH F
FIRST	SAMYAK JAIN	11TH C	FIRST	APARAJITA DAS MUNSHI	
FIRST	SHEFALI DUHAN	12TH F			

SEMINAR ON INTEGRATION OF SPECIAL CHILDREN

The Forum of Public Schools (Regd.) had organised 'Discovery' - a one day seminar on education for special children and their positive integration in the class room on 25 Feb. 2008 at India Habitat Centre. The resource persons for the seminar were renowned Psychiatrist Dr. Samir Parikh and well known Psychologists Dr. Meghna Hazuria Gore, Ms. Geetika Kapoor and Ms. Geet Oberoi.

Ms. A. Aggarwal, Ms. R. Sethi, Ms. Anita Gupta and Ms. M. Mehta from our school attended this seminar and gained valuable insights on mainstreaming; integration and accommodation of special children into schools.

PRIZE WINNERS - BOOK WEEK 2007

CLASS I - SELF INTRODUCTION

- I GAURANG ALAGH
- II SAATIVIK BHATNAGAR
- III YUKTA ANAND, HERSHNEET KAUR
- SPL. RIDDHIRUP BERA
KABIR SINGH KHURANA

CLASS III - READ & NARRATE

- I SHIVANGI SINHA
- II LAKSHIT JINDAL
- III SEJALGOEL
- SPL. PARAS PRUTHI
RIYA NAGPAL
AASTHA NAGPAL

CLASS IV - PANCHATANTRA TALES

- I ARPIT SINGH AHLUWALIA
- II SHRESHTH BABBAR
- III KARTIKA KUMAR
- SPL. ARUL
GUNEET DHIMAN
SAKSHI THAKUR

CLASS V - QUIZ ON CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- I TANYA GUPTA
HIMANSHU PAHWA
- II ABHINAV SOOD
ALIND SINGH
- III SAKSHAM MAHAJAN
NAMRATA SHARMA
- SPL. PARICHAY, SIDDHANT
ADITYA .S, MANVEEN K.
SHUBH, DHRUV.G.
SHANTAV

CLASS VI - EXTEMPORE

- I AYUSHI SHARMA
- II GAGANDEEP
- III AYUSH MALIK
SARTHAK KATHURIA
- SPL. SIDDHARTH SINGH
ANSHUL BHATIA
HIMANSHU GROVER

CLASS VII - VOCABULARY ENHANCEMENT

- I RAVIT MALIK
- II AKSHAT ARORA
- III K.P.JAYARAM
- SPL. PURU KWATRA
ALISHA CHHABRA
PAMPOSH PANDITA
MOHIT MEHTA

CLASS II - PICTURE COMPOSITION

- ANANDITA BHAGAT
- PRANAV SINDURA
- ABHINAV SACHDEVA
- SAPAN GUPTA
- MANSI MARWAH
- MANDEEP SINGH

CLASS III-DRAW A STORYBOOK CHARACTER

- AMARDEEP SINGH
- MUSKAAN PANDYA
- RASHIKA SARDANA
- SIDDHARTH
- YASHMEET S.KAUNSAI
- RAVJOT K.NARULA
- KHYATI NARANG
- SHREYA SHARMA
- ARSH TAYAL
- ANUJ PAWAR

CLASS IV- WORD POWER

- DEEPANSHI MAKAR
- KANIKA KARWAL
- TEJASVA KALRA
- GEETANSHI DHAWAN
- MAYANK SHARMA, PRAGYA MADAN
- SAUMYA VERHWANI, RAHUL GROVER

CLASS V - MAKE A MINI NEWSPAPER

- GAURAV KALRA, SAMIKSHA MAKOL
- HARSHITA SHOKEEN, HIMANSHI MANGWANA ,
- MEHAK CHAUHAN, ABHINAV NAGPAL
- TAJINDER ANEJA, NAMIT CHAUDHARY
- PRANAV VERMA, RANDHIR SINGH
- SONAL, PAARAS GIROTRA
- PRATEEK RAHLAN, ABHISHEK GUPTA
- ANISHA BAJAJ, AKHIL KHARBANDA
- SRISHTI BANSAL, NIKITA CHAWLA
- MANMEET KAUR, DIKSHA SOLANKI
- PALAK HAJELA, DAVINA MATHEW
- DHRUV, VAIBHAV BAWEJA

CLASS VI - READ ALOUD

- NAVNEET ARORA
- ISHMEET SINGH
- MRIDUL VIRMANI

- SARTHAK BHATNAGAR
- ANSH GARG
- MOHIT GULATI

CLASS VII - KNOW AN AUTHOR

- VANSHREE GARG
- PRAJNA MEHNDIRATTA
- DISHPREET SALUJA
- SHUBHANKAR JAIN
- SALIL ARORA
- PALAK AHUJA
- AAKSHI BAJAJ

CLASS VIII - KNOW AN AUTHOR

- I SAHIBA KHURANA
- II NIDHI NAGPAL
- III MANMEET KAUR
- SPL. SONIKA VYAS
DISHA JAIN
SHUBHAM SHARMA

CLASS IX - IDIOMS & PHRASES

- I HARSHLEEN KAUR
- II GARV MALIK
- III SHUBRA
- SPL. K.P.SHIVARAMAKRISHNAN
ASHISH GWASIKOTI
ANUJ JAIN

CLASS XI - QUIZ ON SHAKESPEARE

- I AAKRITI HANDA
TUSHAR KASHYAP
- II PREETI PHONGAT
RAGHAV HANS
- II PRANAY BHARDWAJ
KANIKA CHAWLA

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A YOUNG SKATING CHAMPION

Dhairya Taneja, a student of class IV is indeed a skating champ and has made the school proud by winning a Gold Medal in Rink Race and another in Roller Hockey and a bronze medal in Artistic Skating in Feb.2008 at Dr.Sahib Singh Memorial Sports Festival 'Swabhiman-2008', held at Ganga International School, Hiran Kudana.

BOOMER'S CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP FOR TINY TOTS

Boomer's organized Cricket Tournament for tiny tots studying in classes III to VI. This tournament is organized in four zones. Our school represented the West Zone. Our school reached the finals and defeated Guru Nanak Public School, Hari Nagar by 28 runs. In the well fought finals we lost to Ryan International School, Ghaziabad by 1 wicket.

VOLLEYBALL IS OUR FORTE

The Junior Girls Volleyball team won the Volleyball Tournament held at N.C. Jindal Public School, Punjabi Bagh. They defeated the host school and bagged the first position.

Our team comprised of Sanya Chugh, Aastha Ajmani, Rashi Grover, Shweta Sharma, Harleen Kaur, Palak Khurana and Meher Bakshi.(Class IX)

MULTIMEDIA QUIZ CONDUCTED

We do not restrict ourselves only to our country and our culture. So, our Inquisitive Club took a step further into the world of quizzing. A Multimedia Quiz on Mythology was conducted for classes VI to VIII on 29.1.2008. The participants as well as the audience were enthralled and excited to have the opportunity to learn more about the Hindu, Greek, Roman and Chinese mythology.

CLASS VIII - BOOK REVIEW

- ADITI NANDA
- SRINATH A.NARAYANAN
- SURABHI INAMDAR
- MANASTHA GARG
- TANYA KHANNA
- TANIYA ARORA
- KRITI RAI

CLASS XI - IDIOMS & PHRASES

- AKASH KALYANI
- SHARMISTHA
- MAYANK NARULA
- PIYUSH SUKHIJA
- RAGHAV HANS
- KHANAK NANGIA

CLASS XI - QUIZ ON POETS

- MOHAK GUPTA
- AAKSHI SEHGAL
- TUSHAR SAREEN
- KUNAL MALHOTRA
- AKSHAY KUMAR
- DIVYA AGGARWAL

PLAYERS OF SEPAK TAKRAW MOVE AHEAD

Our students participated in V Delhi Sepak Takraw Championship 2007-08. In the Sub Jr. category students of class VIII secured the second position. Members of the team were Bhuvan Kapoor, Shivam Sheel, Akshay Madan, Arun Sirari and G.Abhilash. 4 teams participated in the Senior and Sub Jr. Boys category. The students of class VII were introduced to this game for the first time and it was a great learning experience for them.

NCC PM'S RALLY

In PM's Rally 1300 cadets from different schools participated in Mass P.T. Display in which 22 Cadets from our school also participated. It was held in Delhi Cantt. Garassic Parade Ground on 28 January 2008.

OUR STUDENTS DO IT AGAIN

Ramakrishna Mission had organized a 'Value Based Educational' Competition and our school competed in a large number from classes VI to XII. We were appreciated for the good participation and received the Special Prize from the organization. At a prestigious gathering organized at the Mission premises on 12.1.2008 to commemorate Swami Vivekananda's Birth Anniversary, the school was felicitated. The students who received prizes and meritorious certificates are Pratishtha Sharma (8E), Sanya Khurana (8E), Parul Ahuja (7D), Tanya Arora (8E), Garima Baweja (6A), Kritika Gandhi (6A), Aditi Ramdas (12F), R.Sandhya (12D).

ODYSSEY AND BOOKWORM MEMBERS WATCH MOVIES

To strengthen the will to read more and read good we have Readers' Clubs, 'Odyssey' and 'Book Worm'. The members of "Odyssey" viewed a movie "Five Children and It" which was based on a book by the same name by Edith Nesbit. The session began with teachers sharing information about the author and her classic book "Five Children and It" (1902) which is a part of trilogy based on psammead (i.e. sand fairy). The movie was about five children who visit their uncle's house. There, they accidentally find a sand fairy who they befriend and call 'It'. 'It' granted the children one wish everyday. The movie was a good one which emphasized on love, relations, magic and emotions between a family and 'It'. While viewing the movie, everyone felt that "Anything can happen if you really believe in it". The Bookworm members were transferred to another world when they watched 'Charlottes Web'. It made them realise that even animals have feelings.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING HAPPY?

I'll bet if you ask anyone today whether they are happy, the answer you'll get by a majority will be "NO....nothing so special to be happy about"...well!!! Why??... why is everyone waiting for something "happy" to happen to them so that they feel happy. Why can't they cherish life as it is and derive happiness from tit-bits of their everyday life?... why is it that everyone ignores the small joys and its derivatives while hoping for some 'real' thing to happen to them (like becoming a millionaire overnight!!!) and thus 'sorting' all the happiness for that one day (if at all it comes...) and being clumsy all their life. Well don't restrain yourself from being happy... go ahead and be happy right now. Fill up yourself with joy...take some time out each day and focus on all the beauty around you and you'll be surprised to see that this way you'll be surrounded by more and more beauty and happiness in your life each passing day.

KSHITIJ JHAMB, XIF

MY EXPERIENCE AS THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

The year 2007 came with plenty of surprises for me. After the previous school captain left the school, everybody talked about the new School Captain's selection. 20 April, our school's birthday, well, came to me as my birthday too. I wasn't really born that day. Yes, I was made the School Captain for the academic year 2007-08. That day onwards, I've again felt my unnoticed attachment with my school, a feeling that used to be years back when I played Cricket from my school. Each day came with new responsibilities. It was not an ordinary badge, but an honour. Trying to do my bit, be it looking after the discipline at every assembly, to taking care of the school's functions. People started recognizing me, just like I had started noticing a whole new self. Earlier, just like the other kids, I occasionally used to make fun of the other office bearers, who put their mind, heart and soul into their responsibilities, but this one event changed my life completely. In all it was a wonderful experience for me and a great chance to pay my regards to this school who has made me what I am today, an ordinary human being, ready to step into the challenging world outside.

AKSHAYCHAWLA

INITIATION INTO THE WORLD OF BOOKS

Thirty students of class II attended the 'Habitat Children's Book Forum' at India Habitat Centre on 9.2.2008. They enjoyed the activities based on the delightful books of the famous author Dr.Seurs. The programme was conducted by well known children's writers Ms.Deepa Aggarwal and Ms.Devika Rangachari.

QUIZZING IN BOOK WORM CLUB

The Book Worm Club comprising of the tiny tots met in the Audio-Visual room to try their skills at Quizzing on books on 7.3.2008. It consisted of various rounds namely 'Identify the Story', Name the Author', 'Odd One Out etc. The students enjoyed all the rounds and participated enthusiastically. The winners were given books as incentives to inculcate good reading habits and to develop their love for books which is fast on the decline among the younger generation. The meeting culminated with best wishes for all the children in their new session.

LEARNING THROUGH POTATO

'Learning through Potato'- a programme by children on 7.2.2008 at the World Book Fair was organized by the Bachpan Society for Children's Literature and Culture in association with the National Book Trust, the event had a special relevance in light of the fact that the United Nations has officially declared 2008 as the International Year of the Potato to raise awareness about the importance of the vegetable in particular, and of agriculture in general, to tackle the global problems of hunger and poverty. Riya Sharma (IIIA) of our school who participated in a play staged by children emphasizing the supremacy of potato among vegetables, was a great entertainer.

SHARING AND CARING CONTINUES

The zealous volunteers of 'Goonj', yet again endeavoured to spread the festive cheer among the poor and needy by sending contributions comprising woollen clothing in 20 sacks to Goonj, an NGO working for poor and destitute people all over India. It was a small step of providing them some relief and comfort during the approaching winter.

SEMINAR- TOYS FROM TRASH

Three teachers from our school. Mr.Sachin Arora, Ms. Sudha Chand and Ms. Subhra Thukral attended a lecture cum demonstration on "Toys from Trash" by Prof. Arvind Gupta, at the National Science Academy on 28-2-2008 on the occasion of Science Day, to mark the C.V.Raman discovery on Raman Effect. Prof. Arvind Gupta was awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for popularisation of Science by Prof. Yashpal. In his award speech he showed a few toys that he had made from trash such as a simple motor, pencil fan, magnetic levitation etc. It was an enriching and learning experience indeed.

TEACHERS ATTEND WORKSHOP

Centre for Studies in Economic and Social Reconstruction organized a National Seminar on 'Concerns and Crisis in Education' which was attended by Ms.V.Wahi, Ms.R.Sethi, Ms.A.Gupta and Ms.R. Anand at India International Centre, on 2.2.2008. After the inaugural address by Sh.S.C.Tripathi, many eminent educationists like Sh.K.M.Acharya, Special Secretary, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, Sh.Arun Kumar Rath, Secretary, School Education and Literacy, Govt. of India, Prof. J.S.Rajput, Former Director of NCERT, Sh.S.L.Jain, Chairman, National Progressive School Conference and Sh.Hari Dang, President, the Third World Education Centre Society, addressed the problems faced by society due to the current education system. The focus of the speakers was human resource development through education and the main issues which arose from this were access, equity and quality of education. Quoting the world leaders, it was stressed that 'Education is Energy, and Education is Empowerment'. Apart from moral education, peace education was also suggested to be a part of the curriculum.

The session was concluded by quoting Rabindranath Tagore, who once said, 'I do not teach, I create a learning environment'.

AN ENRICHING WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

Ms.D.Dutt and Ms. A. Mehta, our English teachers attended a workshop on 7 and 8 December 2007 at India Habitat Centre organized by Orient Longman Pvt.Ltd., conducted by Mr. Mario Rinvalucru who has authored number of books on NLP (Neuro Linguistic Pragmaming) and humanising large classes. The aim was to make classroom teaching more interactive and effective and his teaching techniques emphasized on the various aspects of intelligence. Overall it was an enriching and a great learning experience.

TEACHER ATTENDS TRAINING PROGRAMME

Mr.Dhanveer Kharola, our Physical Education Teacher, participated in a training programme 'Premier Skills' conducted by British Council of India, Premier League, AIFF ad ESPN. The course was held at D.P.S., R.K.Puram, from 4th to 9th Feb.2008. The programme was meant to train young coaches to promote Football. 38 coaches from Delhi and NCR who participated in this course were trained by four coaches from England. They were trained about the various techniques of this game in a simplified manner and topics like diet, nutrition, injury and prevention, medicines etc. were also discussed.

VIPASSANA CAMP

Students of Class IV and V accompanied by Ms.M.Meena, Ms.D.Dutt and Mr.D.Kalra attended a 3 day Vipassana Meditation Camp near Chattarpur from 7 to 9 March 2008. It was conducted under the able guidance of Mr. Apoorv Lochan. The children were taught 'Anapana' i.e meditation through breath control which enhances concentration power and will help them to be focussed. A fixed time-table was given to the children for the whole day to maintain regularity. They were exposed to certain creative activities and games too and sufficient counselling was provided. The students returned much more confident and peaceful.

LIFE BEYOND DYSLEXIA

'Dyslexia - not such a great problem that we can't deal with!' That was the theme of the symposium attended by Ms. M.Mehta and Ms. B. Taneja at the Indian Islamic Cultural Centre, Lodhi Road on 06.2.2008 organised by the Times of India in association with Delhi Learning Disabilities Association and Orkids. -

The Guest of Honour was Smt. Renuka Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister of State for Woman and Child Development, along with the Panelists - Mr. Amol Gupta and Ms. Deepa Bhatia of the film - 'Taare Zameen Par', the special invitees Ms.Daman Duggal, Principal of Vivek High School, Chandigarh, Dr.Shelja Sen, Clinical Psychologist, Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science and Research. Ms. Kate Currawalla, President, Maharashtra Dyslexia Association. Ms. Geet Oberoi, Founder President, Orkids Multidisciplinary Clinic and Special Guest Mr. Susmit Sen, Founder Member Composer and Lead Guitarist of Indian Ocean, a Dyslexic. All shared their views on dyslexic children and how different sources like family, peers, school, professionals can affect these children. Also certain relaxations provided by CBSE and also National Institute of Open Schooling were discussed. Over all it was a very good experience. At the same time it was an eye-opener too to many different facilities introduced which can be introduced at the school level eg. combination of oral and written examinations, option of NIOS along with regular school etc.

A TENNIS CHAMP IN THE MAKING

Kanishka Arora, VII B, represented Delhi state in the School National Games in Lawn Tennis in U-14 yrs. Girls category in Mumbai and won the gold medal. We are indeed proud of this young tennis champ.

AN INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR ODYSSEY MEMBERS

The members of Readers' Club 'Odyssey' had an interactive session with the eminent author and winner of numerous national awards, Dr. Devika Rangachari on 14.12.2007 as part of the Book Week. The author shared her experience and spoke about her published works as well as her upcoming books. She answered queries of the students related to story writing and insisted on visiting good libraries in Delhi. The Odyssey members enjoyed the thought provoking session with the author and it did instil in them an urge to read more. It opened the windows of reading to the young readers.



An interactive session with Dr. Devika Rangachari

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED

Patriotic spirit came alive when we celebrated Republic Day with great zeal and fervour. The tricolour was hoisted by Ms. A. Aggarwal, Principal, which was followed by a speech of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, delivered by Arsh Marwaha, a student of class IX. Group songs 'Mera Mulk Mera Desh' and 'Yeh Hai Naya Hindustan' very aptly described the feelings of every Indian. The students dressed up in colourful costumes of various states presented the Indian sentiment of "Unity in diversity" very beautifully. The celebrations came to a close with a very well choreographed number based on the song "Bharat humko jaan se pyara". Students dressed in orange and green dresses with tricolors in their hands gave a very mesmerizing performance leaving the students patriotically charged.



Spreading the message of Nationality



We sing to express our patriotic feelings



The proud winners of the coveted Mr & Ms SMS Titles

FAREWELL TO CLASS XII

The session has come to an end. The realisation dawned with the Farewell given to the outgoing class XII. The students of Class XI made elaborate preparations to welcome and entertain their seniors.

After a scrumptious lunch, everyone assembled to witness a show put up by the class XI students.

Teachers also graced the occasion by their presence and conveyed their good wishes. Some of the class XII students shared their cherished memories on this occasion. As per convention the event concluded with the selection of Mr. and Ms.SMS. After three rounds, the selection was made amidst stiff competition. The coveted titles were bagged by the following students:-

MS.SMS REEMA MALHOTRA,
MR.SMS TILAK DADICH

1st Runner Up RASHI KHANNA
1st Runner Up KARAN KAR PUNJ
IInd Runner Up ADITI RAMDAS
IInd Runner Up VARUN ANAND

The day's proceedings ended with a message by the Principal to the Board examinees giving them her best wishes for the future.



Bhangra in full form - Class XI students



Boys hip hop to entertain class-XII



Jesus was born in a manger

CHRISTMAS CHEER ALL AROUND

'Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way..... sweet carols playing in everyone's heart, small children filled with excitement, bells ringing merrily and ribbons swaying in the air!! Everyone was in the festive mood, especially the young souls of our school. To mark the oncoming of Christmas, the school reception wore a very festive look and was brightly decorated. 'The Story of Nativity' was enacted by the students of class V. The choir enchanted the audience by the rendering of carols 'Santa Claus is coming to town', 'Joy to the world' and others which filled the air with merriment and joy. The little Santas reminded all of Father Christmas. The Guests of Honour, participated in a candle lighting ceremony followed by the distribution of the Christmas cake. A good way indeed to bring in the new year!!



Santas galore



Children with their gifts on Christmas



A Christmas party in progress

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Our school was honoured by the august presence of Reverend Mason from Mission Christ International, on 6.12.07. He arrived during the morning assembly, and held the students captivated by his short, inspiring speech. Throwing light on the true meaning of Christmas, he said, "If we confess our sins unto God with a true, humble heart, he will forgive you." He then talked of the parable of the Prodigal Son to drive his point home. He also gave some diaries of Psalms and the New Testament to be distributed among the students. After a silent prayer, the students moved to their respective classes, having gained a spiritual mindset and a heart at peace.



Making merry at Christmas



Angels come down to mark the birth of Christ



Christmas means celebrations

CELEBRATIONS GALORE



Lohri being celebrated

Come January and students and teachers of class VII were all set to celebrate the harvest festivals - Lohri, Pongal and Makar Sankranti with full zest and fervour. A colourful programme was presented by them on 11.1.2008. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr.Sanjiv Tomar, SHO, Paschim Vihar. The programme was graced by the presence of the Chairman Mr.T.P.Aggarwal, Principal Ms.A.Aggarwal, Vice Principals Ms.V.Wahi and Ms.R.Sethi. The Chief Guest and the members of the Management lit the bonfire and the school compound came to life with the beautiful Bhangra presentation. The programme concluded with a message of love, brotherhood and peace by the Principal. The Road Safety Club organized a Poster-making competition on the theme - Traffic rules for the students of classes VI, VII and VIII to increase an awareness of traffic rules and road safety.

The following winners were awarded by the Chief Guest Mr. Sanjeev Tomar.

Class VI

- I MANISHA GUPTA, VIF
- II SAKSHI DAGAR, VIF
- III SARTHAK KATHURIA, VIF

CLASS VII

- I ANVITA KAPOOR, VIIH
- II RYTHEM LUTHRA, VIIH
- III SHIVYA NANDA, VIIH

CLASS VIII

- I SONIKA VYAS, VIIIC
- II RAKHI AGGARWAL, VIIID
- III JATIN KUKREJA, VIIIB



Pongal being cooked



Rakhi Aggarwal (Class VII) received a prize from Mr Sanjeev Tomar



A Folk Dance of Tamil Nadu to welcome Pongal.

BASANT WELCOMED



Goddess Saraswati being honoured on Saraswati Puja



Manav Prabhakar, Tanisha Gupta, Rashi Mehan (Class II) speak about Basant

Basant Panchami was celebrated at school to mark the beginning of the spring season. On the auspicious day our tiny tots of class II showed their reverence for the Goddess of Learning and Wisdom, Saraswati. The pageantry of colourful dances and devotional songs added a traditional flavour to the events. All good things were ushered into the school by the "Saraswati Puja" rendered by our Chairman Mr.T.P.Aggarwal, Principal, Ms.A.Aggarwal, Vice Principals Ms.V.Wahi and Ms.R.Sethi.



Class II students - Our little flowers welcoming Basant



Nature in full Bloom

PHOTO FEATURE



Rahul choudhary (X-D) & Nayan Hajela (IX-C) - Young scientists in the making - III Prize Winners in 'Inter school Model Making Competition'



The Puzzle Quiz Winners at PROCOM



Kanishka Arora (VII B) the Tennis Champ.



Class III students - Drawing Cartoon Characters

PHOTO FEATURE



Proud Winners of Quiz on Poets of 18th & 19th Century - Class XI



Trying to make new words (Class - IV)



Setting the stage on fire-class XI



Class XI girls dancing to Punjabi folk.