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EDITORIAL

'Let peace prevail on earth'-The message of Christmas, of peace and goodwill, is still reverberating in our hearts. In this time of unrest, conflict and violence, the word peace holds special significance. Peace is not just a feeling or a state of mind. It is life itself. Peace is our religion. It is a way of life with which we can create paradise on earth. Some people may define peace as the absence of war; but peace is a light which guides us to a harmonious life. It leads us out of the tunnel of war and terror to a place of love, trust and bliss. We must remember that force has never brought about peace. To attain peace, we have to change our perception about our fellow beings. A change has to come, a change in our minds, a change in our views. We have to see earth and its living beings as an integrated body; and all human beings as our brothers and sisters. It's time we stopped wars and started spreading love because love is the greatest power. We cannot achieve peace by giving out Nobel Peace Prizes every year to distinguished personalities. We have to take initiatives on our own to spread the message of "Sarvebhavantusukhina, sarvesantuniramaya", meaning that let everyone be happy and lead a prosperous life that is free of disease, pain and suffering.

RECOGNITION- INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

The 19th of November saw our school being felicitated with the International School Award at Hotel Taj President, Mumbai. The award function was attended by our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal and the Global Co-ordinator, Ms. G. Rajan. Mr. Rob Lynes, Director, British Council, India, presented the trophy to the school. The International School Award has been accredited to us in recognition to the activities organised by the school with an international dimension throughout the academic session of 2011-2012. The school is now entitled to use the British Council-International School Award logo on all its publications, letterheads, prospectus, school website etc., for the next three years.



Mr. Rob Lynes, Director British Council, India, giving the International School Award to our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal and Global Co-ordinator, Ms. G. Rajan.

The award is a perfect testimony to the school's excellent teamwork. The other dignitaries who graced the event were Mr. Peter Beckingham, the Deputy High Commissioner of UK to India and Ms. Sam Harvey, Director, British Council, West India.

BONDING OVER BOUNDARIES

WE HOST ITALIAN DELEGATION

Our school played host to a nineteen member delegation from IT Deledda, Trieste, Italy. The delegation of fifteen students and the four teachers, Ms. M.Cristina Simeoni, Ms. Adriana Fazzini Giorgi, Ms. Rosita Strona and Ms. Grazia Tossi, were warmly welcomed by the school management, the staff, the host students and their families. During their ten day stay from 10th October to 19th October, they were a part and parcel of every activity the school organized. They thoroughly enjoyed watching the Folk Dance Competition by the students of Class 2. They were taken for Dilli Darshan by the members of the school's Heritage Club. Their visit to the Kingdom of Dreams was spectacular as they experienced the different states of India.

The visit to the Embassy of Italy, New Delhi, to meet Ms. Angela Trezza, Director, Italian Embassy Cultural Centre and Ms. Antonia Grande, Dy. Director, Italian Embassy Cultural Centre, was another milestone. The delegation from Italy also witnessed the culmination of the UN WEEK celebrations at the school. During their stay, the Italian students attended classroom teaching to get an idea about the education system in India. They also witnessed a quiz on Italy, which was an Inter Class Activity for students of Class 11. It was a truly magnificent student exchange programme as both, the Italian students as well as the Indian students, have become friends forever.



Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, alongwith our Principal and Vice-Principal, felicitating the delegates from Italy.

OUR SWEDISH ASSOCIATION



The group in Sweden with Global Co-ordinator, Ms. G.Rajan

A ten member student delegation from our school, comprising of Aashima Chugh(IXD), Sanjana Choudhary(IXB), Kartik Arora(IXC), Dev Soni(IXD), Tejasva Kalra(IXF), G.Vignesh(XB), Vaibhav Baweja(XE), Aagosh Saluja(XF), Palak Arora(XE) and Veronica Kapoor(XA), toured Sweden as part of a student exchange programme. They were escorted by Ms.G. Rajan, our Global Co-ordinator. The delegation visited Ebba Pettersson Privateskolan, Gothenborg and John Bauer Gymnasiet, Ystad during their two week stay in Sweden. The exchange programme was a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about the Swedish lifestyle, education system, cuisine and the country on the whole. The highlights of the exchange programme were a visit to the island of Marstrand, Ale's Staner, the Apple Garden with the beautiful motif of 'Save Mother Earth', a trip on an antique tram, the visit to Malmo, a city known for its architectural development and last but not the least, the visit to Copenhagen to see the Little Mermaid.

DELEGATION FROM SINGAPORE

As part of the ongoing Global Program we hosted an 8 member student delegation, led by teacher co-ordinator, Mr.Raj, from Millennia Institute, Singapore, from 23rd to 29th November 2012. The students were hosted by their student counterparts, giving them an opportunity to experience the Indian lifestyle. The delegation also attended classes in our school and hence, got a glimpse of the Indian education system. A visit to Agra to see the mesmerizing beauty of the Taj Mahal was also arranged for the delegation from Singapore. One of the most important highlights of the program was when the delegation was invited to attend the Mehndi Ceremony by one of the host families. The guests remarked-"It was truly a cultural exchange program as we learnt so much about the different aspects of India".



We welcome our guests from Millennia Institute, Singapore.

WE SET THE STAGE ON FIRE!!

Theatre is our forte and we also believe that it is the most powerful form of teaching.

Our young Theatre Brigade did their school proud by winning the Semi-Finals of the ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL 2012, organised by the British Council and Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority, in association with Manchester Metropolitan University. It was no mean achievement for us as we were one of the 42 schools selected from over 180 schools from all over India to enact a self scripted play on the theme - "India – UK: A Modern Fairytale". Our school students showcased "All the World's a Stage- Your Highness". We were among the eight finalists selected to perform in the finals at Kolkata. Kudos to the young actors and their production team! The acting team consisted of – Palak Hajela (XE), Shantav Jatav (XB), Gaurav Kalra (XB), Aman Gupta (IXA), Raghav Aggarwal (XF), Mridul Virmani (XID), Manushi Arora (IXD), Navneet Arora (XIA), while the production team comprised of Aayushi Arora (IXF), Guneet Dhiman (IXC) and Aman Khatri (IXB). The play was directed by our Educational Supervisor, Ms. Ritika Anand.



'All The World's A Stage- Your Highness'

INTER CLASS ENGLISH PLAY COMPETITION- CLASSES III,IV & V



The play 'China Dog' in action(ClassIVD)

It gives us immense pride to declare that the primary section put up a grand show by staging 21 different plays during the Inter Class English Play Competition. It was possible only because of the sheer hardwork and dedication of the students and teachers alike and the co-operation of the parents. It all began on 07 September with the 3rd standard students putting up 7 different plays like 'Beauty is Beast', 'The Demon and the Dancer', 'Chocolates in your Dreams too', 'One Coin Short', 'I Want Another Mother', 'Many Moons' and 'Silent Woody'. All the plays were appreciated and the Best Play award was shared by students of III G and III F. This was followed by a show put up by the students of class IV on 22 September, as they presented 9 different plays. The plays presented by them were 'The Princess's Mouse', 'Rice Cakes', 'The Christmas Eve', 'The China Dog', 'The Bishop's Candlesticks', 'The Story of a Boy', 'Kama Vs Yama', 'Shakuntala' and 'Villa for Sale'. The judges were impressed by many of the performances and encouraged the students. The award for the Best Play was shared by the

students of IV F and IV I who presented 'The Story of a Boy' and 'Villa for Sale' respectively. The gala event continued as the students of class V presented 5 plays on 30 October. Their performances included 'Holka Polka', 'Oliver Twist', 'Susan and her Brothers', 'Twelve Little Pigs' and 'The Nosey Parker'. All the plays were appreciated and the best play was bagged by students of Class V C who presented 'Holka Polka'. (Details of individual awards on page 20).



They made their presence felt on stage during the Inter-Class Play Competition for class V.

MOMENTS OF GLORY AT CELESTA 2012

Deepika Matange(XIB), Tanya Singh(XID), Mridul Virmani(XID), Shibangi Nag(XIA), Inderpal Singh(XF), Akshit Gupta(XE), Shantav Jatav(XB) and Cheshta Kamran (XB), led by Ms.L. Srinivas and Mr. B. Lazarus, attended CELESTA 2012- A Cultural Fiesta for World Unity, held from 2 November to 6 November, at City Montessori School, Lucknow. They made their presence felt by winning the II Runners Up trophy in Dramatics for their play 'CHIKITSA- HEAL THE WORLD' and a special prize for overall performance. Traditional Group Dance, Choreography, Orchestra, Art & Painting and Collage were the other events in which our students participated. A special mention was made about the oratory skills of our team during the feedback session. Participation in CELESTA 2012 was not just a competition but a wonderful experience in cooperation, communication and collaboration for all concerned.



Our team made its presence felt at Celesta 2012.

WE SHINE AT CONFLUENCE 2012



The proud smiles of the winners at Confluence 2012.

10 students, led by two teachers, Ms. A. Arora and Ms. S. Bagga, participated in Confluence 2012, held from 08 to 11 November 2012, at City Montessori School, Lucknow. The seniors participated in a chain of events like 'Opera House', 'Page Tech', 'Word Truce', 'The UN Crusades' and 'Designing a World Flag' while the juniors participated in 'Rhythmic Taal', 'Magical Fingers', 'Bits & Bytes' and 'In a Nut Shell'. It was a proud moment when the students brought accolades to the school by winning the First Prize in 'Opera House' for their play 'The Summoning of Every Man'. The play was enacted by the senior team comprising of Shrreya Behl (XE), Aayushi Arora (IXF), Aman Khatri (IXB), Tanya Dhawan (XF) and Lakshay Arora (IXB). The junior team won the First Prize in 'In a Nutshell' and the team comprised of Manav Prabhakar (VIIC), Mandeep Singh (VIIE), Urvi Goel (VIIC), Mansi Marwah (VIIC) and Acchyt Jolly (VI A). Urvi Goel and Acchyt Jolly also won the Third Prize in 'Magical Fingers'.

EUREKA INTERNATIONAL 2012

A team of 10 students from classes V and VIII, alongwith the teacher, Ms. S. Suresh, went to Lucknow to attend EUREKA INTERNATIONAL 2012, organised by City Montessori School, Anand Nagar, Lucknow from 24th to 28th November. The students participated in a variety of events which included collage making, poster making, zero-carboncity campaign, quizzes, radio playwriting and multimedia presentations. The highlight of this year's event was the tree plantation drive and the release of numerous sky lanterns. Delegates from around 60 teams from the country and worldwide also created a ribbon of unity with their handprints. The students had an enriching experience as they got to interact with students from the neighbouring countries. The team comprising of Sarthak Sachdeva (V-A), Divyanshi Arora (V-C), Sanah Malik (V-C), Laqshyaa Saluja (V-C), Ishika Chauhan (V-D), Manya Pahwa (VIII-D), Siddhant Malhotra (VIII-D), Shikhar Suresh (VIII-A), Ruchira Madan (VIII-F) and Simrat Singh (VIII-B) received a certificate for the "Best Attired Team" during the event.



Our Young Team all set to perform at Eureka.

FOOTLOOSE



Students of Class II in their vibrant form presenting 'Ghoomar'

The Inter Class Folk Dance Competition for Class II was held on 12 October, 2012. The parents of the participants were invited to witness the scintillating folk dances from 8 different states of India, which enthralled the audience. A delegation from Italy, headed by Ms. Christina, also attended the function. Our Educational Supervisor apprised the audience about the Education System of India. In the end, the Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, congratulated the parents who have such talented children. The winners were students of class II F, who presented the Bhangra Dance from Punjab and the Runners Up were from class II D, who presented the Zemi Dance from Nagaland.



The prize winning Zemi dance performed by students of class II D

VIDUSHI UMA SHARMA MESMERISES ALL

Under the aegis of SPIC MACAY, our students witnessed a Kathak Dance Recital by the renowned artist Vidushi Uma Sharma on 27th September, 2012. The Septuagenarian left the audience awestruck by her performance. She commenced the recital with a 'Vishnu Vandana' followed by some pure techniques of Kathak. She then explained 'Kavit'- a story rhythm through Prahlad's tale. She went on to mesmerize the young audience with the famous 'Krishna Yashoda' anecdote and 'Marich Vadh' from Ramayana and ended the recital with the most endearing 'Sawal-Jawab', a fusion of tabla and her footwork. It was indeed a performance that the students will always remember very fondly and with awe.



Kathak Dance Recital by Vidushi Uma Sharma.

U.N. WEEK CELEBRATIONS

For the second consecutive year, we celebrated UN week, a week-long event to familiarize the students with the United Nations & its role in maintaining world peace and co-operation among different countries of the world. The event included activities such as card making, poster making, speeches, quiz etc. The event commenced with the competition 'Know the UN' wherein the students of class 7 delivered marvelous speeches on the various organs of the UN. The students of class 5 beautifully expressed their feelings for a peaceful world in the form of a greeting card, while class 6 students worked together in teams of 3 and came out with beautiful collages on-'World heritage sites'. Ms. Rineeta Naik, UNIC, was very impressed with the efforts of the students. In addition to this, the judges appreciated the magnificent display of knowledge about specialized bodies of the UN by class 8. The students of class 9 presented 'Power Point Presentation' and the students of class 11 delivered famous speeches by the members of the UN General Assembly. The event culminated with a multimedia quiz on UN for class 10. The chief guest for the culmination ceremony was Mr. Ramesh Kumar Jalan from the United Nations Development Program, who encouraged the students and gave away the prizes. In a nutshell, it was indeed another marvelous endeavour by our school.



Our Chairman, Mr.T.P.Aggarwal and our Principal, Ms.A.Aggarwal, greeting Mr.Ramesh Kumar Jalan from the United Nations Development Program.



The winners of 'Poster Making' competition during UN Week.

THE WORLD THROUGH THE LENS

Roshni Khatri (XI-A) has made the school proud by winning the Third Prize in the photography competition at the 9th International Youth Fest' 2012, organised by City Montessori School, Lucknow. The theme of the competition was pain/ anguish. She also brought laurels to the school by winning the Second Prize in the ASIS International Essay Writing Competition, organised by SM Sains Alam Shah Science School, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The theme of the competition was "Patriotism: A Global Perspective". Roshni has been awarded with a cash prize of 200 U.S Dollars and a certificate.



Roshni Khatri brings laurels to our school.

WE BAG THE AEC GOLD AWARD



The team that made the AEC Gold award possible

It was a proud moment for our school as it was conferred with the AEC Gold Award in recognition for its outstanding achievement in developing innovative and beneficial online learning projects among the students in Asia and Europe. The award is for the online collaborative project – 'Windows to the Past - A Glimpse into our Heritage'. Students and teachers from over twelve countries worked together to share the rich heritage of their countries. The countries that were actively involved were Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Finland, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sweden, Singapore, Italy, Germany and of course the host country, India. This project lasted for six months and covered different aspects of heritage-cuisine, monuments, legends, traditions to name a few. The website www.windows2dpast.webs.com was designed by the students to showcase and present the heritage of their country in the most creative manner. The Gold Award carries with it a cash award of 2000 Euros for the school alongwith certificates for all the students involved. The students were led by our Global Project Co-ordinator, Ms. G. Rajan ably assisted by teachers Ms.R.Kohli, Ms.S.Arora and Ms. A.Vohra.

'WAVES' OF CREATIVITY

There is no friend as loyal as a book.'- Ernest Hemingway.

Nothing is as precious as books and nothing expands your horizons and keeps you entertained at the same time as nicely as books do. With such a belief in mind, Cinedarbaar and the National Book Trust, India, organised 'Qitaabe', which was a celebration of National Book Week, in the Capital. The aim was to promote and encourage book reading and literature among the masses. The activities were centered around books and literature.

Waves, a compilation of short stories written exclusively by children in the age group of 13 - 17 years and published by Cinedarbaar, was launched. 'Waves' was the result of extensive workshops organised by Cinedarbaar and NBT for school students on creative writing and our students, Kirti Suri(10C) and Aishwarya Bajaj(12A) were among the privileged few to be selected for the workshops and later contribute their literary piece for the book. It is definitely a proud moment for the students as well as the school as they become a part of an anthology.



Aishwarya Bajaj(XIIA) & Kirti Suri(XC) at the book release by NBT.

WE CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



. Singing glory in the name of Lord Rama.

Diwali was celebrated on 09.11.12 in the school premises with great enthusiasm. The students of class III, dressed up in colourful attire, presented 'Sampoorna Ramayana' in which the scenes of the childhood of Sri Ram, swayamvar, exile, victory over Ravana and his return to Ayodhya were depicted. Around 200 students participated in the event, which was witnessed by their parents as well. The programme was very pleasing to the eye and ended with a pooja and aarti.

ANTI CRACKER CAMPAIGN

Earth Saviours Eco Club of our school once again spread the message of celebrating an eco-friendly and cracker free Diwali. The members made various power point presentations, which were shown to the students through Smart Class boards. They talked about the perils of bursting fire crackers and suggested the idea of celebrating Diwali online. A street play was also staged alongwith the Diwali rally in the neighbouring areas as part of the anti cracker campaign.



Our students creating awareness through their Anti Cracker campaign.

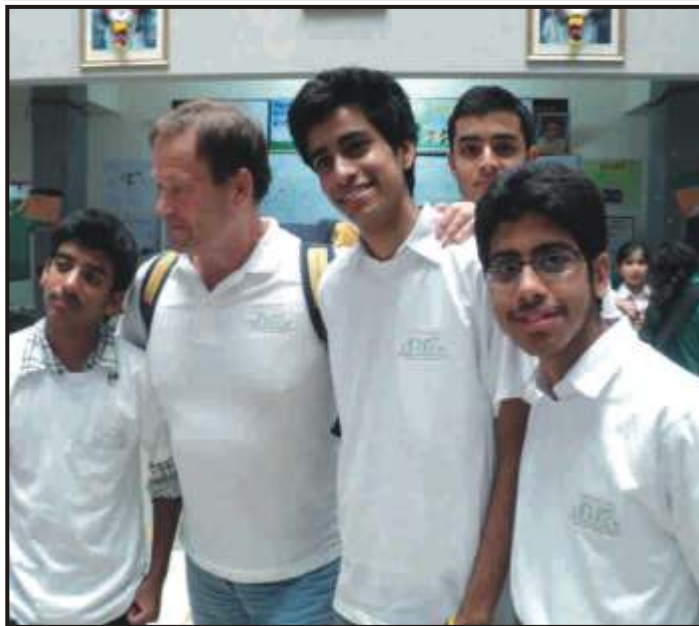


Spreading the message of 'Ahimsa' during Gandhi Jayanti.

HOMAGE TO GANDHIJI

Class I students of our school celebrated Gandhi Jayanti to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi- The Father of our Nation. A skit was presented depicting the life of the great freedom fighter and social reformer. Children recited poems and sang patriotic songs too. Our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, highly appreciated the performance and confidence of the little children. She encouraged them to follow the righteous path of Gandhiji. A slide show on Bapuji was also shown to the children. Some children also went to other classes to recite poems. All the activities were organized to enlighten them about the life and principles of Gandhiji.

TETRA PAK AMBASSADORS



Our conscious young team with Sir Robert Swan (OBE).

Sarthak Kathuria (11C) and Kartik Butani (10B) were selected as the 'Tetra Pak Ambassadors' through a competition where they gave their ideas on how to make tetra pak carton recycling fun and how to preserve Antarctica through a 2 minute video. They were amongst the privileged 29 students selected from different parts of India. They went to Pune and their trip started off with meeting the other ambassadors and discussing different ideas on how they can create a better environment with the efforts they put in. They visited the Trash Festival in a school in Pune where they attended different workshops, eco-stalls and much more. They got a chance to meet Sir Robert Swan, OBE, and the first person ever to have walked on both the poles. He told them about his expeditions to Antarctica and how, we the citizens of the Earth, are doing injustice to the Lonely Planet. They were then taken for the prize distribution ceremony where the best videos from the ambassadors were to be awarded by Sir Robert Swan. Sarthak Kathuria (11-C) was awarded the Special Jury Award. On the last day they visited the Takwe Tetra Pak plant where they were practically explained how Tetra Paks are made, including the pressing, printing etc. It was a nice learning experience for both of them as they learnt the basic needs for waste management.

TETRA PAK RECYCLING

Our students collected 15 kg tetra paks and sent it to DLF Links for proper recycling. It may be noted that this collection was made by the active efforts of all the St. Markians. The school doesn't have a canteen, so the students actually got them from their homes. It has been ingrained in their minds that proper disposal of tetra paks is necessary for a clean environment.



We do our bit for Mother Earth



Our Green Ambassadors in the lap of nature.

BACK TO BASICS

Eco Club members were taken for a day's trip to Navdanya at Mehpa Village, Meerut, on 03.11.12. The day started with the tour of the fields where crops are grown using organic methods only. The students enjoyed seeing various vegetables in the fields and were delighted to pluck chillies, brinjals, amlas, guavas and many more! While taking a tour of the fields, students learned innovative and new methods of crop production like mixed cropping, crop rotation, irrigation methods and adding manure. It was a good experience to see how jaggery is made. The students got a taste of village life and food and also got to see the vast difference in rural and urban life. Finally they were told about the importance of seeds and seed banks and why Navdanya is working towards seed sovereignty.

ENTREPRENEURS IN THE MAKING

Our school does not lag behind when it comes to lending a helping hand. In a project initiated by the British Council, the school started an enterprise named 'Nirmaan-Creating Opportunities' in August 2012. The project was undertaken by 15 students of classes IX and X and were guided by Ms. M. Kang and Ms. M. Verma. Under this project, they provided employment to the economically weak housewives interested to earn money by making sling bags. The school provided them with all the material and they stitched the bags at home. These bags were sold to the students, parents and teachers by regularly putting up stalls in the school premises. Thus, the profit we earned was handed over to the ladies and we were successful in our stride to help them.



Our share in the making of the society.

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE- AQUAGUARD MACHINES INSTALLED IN GOVT. SCHOOLS



Helping society is our responsibility.

Availability of clean, drinking water is a major issue in most of the govt. run schools. Our students felt that water is a dire necessity for survival. Translating this thought into action, the students of classes VI, VII and VIII initiated a project wherein they collected money from their classmates and teachers and installed Aquaguard Water Purifiers in three schools namely, Govt. Sr. Sec. School for Girls, Ambica Vihar; Govt. Sr. Sec. School for Boys, Ambica Vihar and Govt. Sr. Sec. School for Boys, Jwala Puri.

The students not only funded the project but were also present at the time of installation of these machines. The efforts of the students and their sensitivity was acknowledged and appreciated by the Principals and students of these schools. The group leaders were Manav Prabhakar (VIIC), Sabyasachi Chand (VIIC), Siddhant Malhotra (VIID), Radhika Aggarwal (VIID) and Aastha Nagpal (VIID).

SHRAMDAAN

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"- Mahatma Gandhi
Following the maxim of Mahatma Gandhi, more than sixty student volunteers of our school participated in '**SHRAMDAAN**' to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti. Attempts were made to spread Babu's thoughts through the medium of banners. Keeping up the Gandhian spirit, student volunteers put in a commendable effort and initiated a cleanliness drive in the nearby areas. True homage was paid to the Father of the Nation by these young people who performed this selfless service not just with their hands but also with their hearts.



Our students setting an example for the society.

SANSKRIT RECITATION COMPETITION

Sanskrit is one of the oldest languages of India and Sanskrit Poetry has always been the finest method to convey our thoughts in the best possible manner. To keep the interest alive in the language, Inter Class Sanskrit Recitation Competition was organized for the students of Classes VI – VIII on 5th October 2012. The students performed delightfully, resulting in a very hard hitting competition amongst them. The winners were as follows:

I -Pratishtha Verhwani(VIG);

Tanvi Khanna (VII G) ;

Shambhavi Gautam (VIII E)

II—Shikhar Suresh (VIII A); Sujata Mahajan (VIII C) :III—Manya Pahwa(VIII D);Anidhya Bharti (VIII F)



Winners of Sanskrit Recitation Competition.

QUIZ ON NASA



The winners of Quiz on NASA.

JET TOY AND SKIMMER CHALLENGE

SAE-INDIA, Northern Section, organized SAE-NIS AWIM (A World in motion) Skimmer and Jet Toy Delhi NCR Regional Olympics on 17 November 2012, at Narsi Banquet Hall, Gurgaon. Under the guidance of Ms. S. Chand, Hershneet Kaur Kang (VI B), Kabir Singh Khurana (VI B), Akshit Gupta (VI E) and Mukund Bhalla (VI F), participated in Jet Toy category. Their toy cars were tested for maximum distance covered, maximum time taken, speed and accuracy. They won the Best Accuracy Championship award.

In the Skimmer category, Nitigaya Dutt (V D), Ishika Chauhan (V D), Siya Bajaj (V E) and Devanshi Sharma (V F) participated in the Skimmer Challenge under the guidance of Ms. S. Kalsi. Their skimmers were tested for maximum distance covered, time taken, aesthetic sense and overall sportsmanship. They won 2 awards - Best Aesthetics Award and Overall Sportsmanship Award. It was a great learning experience for the students as they had hands-on experience of fabricating and racing their toys. They were awarded the certificates by Mr. J.V. Rao, Chairman, Society of Automotive Engineering-Northern Section.



Jet Toy and Skimmer Challenge winners.

RENDEZVOUS WITH THE TAJ

30 Students of Class V went on an excursion to Agra and Fatehpur Sikri on 18th and 19th September, 2012. Students enjoyed the fun filled activities such as constructing a Mughal Tree, clicking photographs and locating the sites with the help of clue cards. They were also taken to a Marble factory where they learnt about the art of 'Inlay work on Marble'. On the whole it was a memorable experience, which enhanced the knowledge of the students about art, architecture, history and culture of the Mughal Era.



Class III students soaking in the beauty of the Taj

STUDENTS AT THE PINK CITY

An educational tour to Jaipur was organized by the school for the students of classes III and IV. The extensive guided tour of Jaipur city, with a visit to its fort and museum, added a great deal to the children's knowledge of historical background of the city. It acquainted them better with the rich heritage of India. The students stayed at Choki Dhani Village Resort. They visited Amber Fort, Sanganer Block Printing factory and Jantar Mantar. Various activities were organized at these places that combined a verbal presentation and an element of photography. They also learnt nuances of block printing and blue pottery. During the overnight stay at Choki Dhani, the students enjoyed the Rajasthani Fair and witnessed the amalgamation of music and dance.



Class IV travel enthusiasts at Jaipur.

WE ARE THE GUEST EDITORS AT TOI



Ria Nagpal (XIA) and Sheryl Kuttickal(XIIH) in conversation with the Ustad.

Our Principal, Ms.A.Aggarwal, was the Guest Editor of Times of India (student edition) dated October 31, 2012. She, along with her team consisting of two student editors, Ria Nagpal (XIA) and Sheryl Kuttickal (XII H) and Ms.G.Rajan, visited the TOI office on October 30, 2012. The special edition was a team effort with contributions from students of classes 9 to 12. The articles written by students covered a wide range of topics from Cloud computing to the latest apps, Adele, to our own school band and Mary Poppins to James Bond. The highlight of the issue was the interview of Ustad Amjad Ali Khan taken by the student editors, Ria Nagpal and Sheryl Kuttickal. It was a once in a lifetime experience for everyone involved.

OUR EDITORS IN CONVERSATION WITH USTAD AMJAD ALI KHAN

Adjustment in life is the greatest ibaadat- says Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, the Sarod Maestro as he speaks to Sheryl Kuttickal and Ria Nagpal.

Ria Nagpal- It is said that your name was changed from Masoom Ali Khan to Amjad by a sadhu. Could you please let us know more about this?

Ustadji- When I was young, there was this sadhu who used to visit my father as he was very fond of his music. One day, the sadhu asked me my name. When I told him my name as Masoom, he said that from that day, I would be known as Amjad. After that day, I didn't see the sadhu again.

Sheryl- How true is the story that the Sarod was the invention of your family?

Ustadji- Yes, it is very true. Sarod was known as Rubab, an instrument that still exists in Kashmir and Central Asia. My forefathers came from Afghanistan and they modified Rubab to Sarod. Sarod is a Persian word meaning melody and music.

Ria- Had you attended formal schooling, how would it have affected you today?

Ustadji- I went to Modern school for a couple of years. I found the atmosphere in school so very different all because I had lived in a very traditional culture at home. If I said Namaskar at home I had to say Good Morning in school. I used to perform even then and would miss quite a few classes. But my Principal, Mr. M. N. Kapoor, was very kind and supportive. Infact, he once said that I would not be able to pass in Maths ever (I was very weak in Maths) and he would be able to fail me never..as he knew that I would be playing Sarod all my life. In 1963, I visited USA for two months with a group of dancers and musicians. When I came back from the States, I couldn't continue school. Yet, I feel whatever little time I spent in school, I learnt a lot. Most importantly, I learnt to face the world so I would advise everyone not to neglect school as it is an integral part of life.

Sheryl- Is classical music a dying Art?

Ustadji- No, it isn't. It is a misconception. The truth is we don't have great classical musicians the way we had fifty years ago. Classical music is always for a limited audience. It is like the sun while the other forms of music are the rays of the sun...in our country we have not been able to balance classical music with the other forms....but, I believe, we have many, many youngsters who are very talented musicians so there is no question of classical music being a dying art.

Ria- Would you like to share your experience at the Stanford university?

Ustadji- Brilliant it was!!! taught Indian Classical music to people who were already musicians. My class was known as Indian Classical Music- a way of life. I taught them the difference between the two styles of music.... I have always felt that Western music has discipline...150 musicians creating symphony is incredible..

Ria- Did you ever ask your sons to follow your dreams?? Were you responsible for them to become musicians?

Ustadji- When Ayan and Aman were twelve, they came and asked me who should not play Sarod out of the two..I answered that I am a Guru not God...if both of them play the Sarod, it means it is God's wish...if both of them are blessed with sound and rhythm, then it's God's decision...I believe my wealth is music and that is what they have inherited.

Sheryl- Your moment of pride and joy.....

Ustadji- When I see my students become responsible and when we three, I and my sons, play together is always a proud moment for me. The most joyous moment for me was when I became a grandfather. Our son has been blessed with twins.

Sheryl- Moment of embarrassment

Ustadji- When my sons were just nine and were performing in London, they couldn't perform well...I was suffering from fever. My sons felt bad that they had embarrassed me and that was the day when they realised what music means to me...

Ria- Your Message to the student community

Ustadji- There should be more tolerance, less anger and more compassion, too... To achieve your goal in life, you need to be patient and tolerant. If you learn to control your anger, you can do many good deeds. Humans behave like animals these days. We need to prove that we are humans. My father used to say, "Adjustment in life is the greatest ibaadat". Collectively, we should create a peaceful world for our generations to come.

VEDIC MATHS WORKSHOP

A workshop on Vedic Maths was organized for the students of class XII (Science and Commerce stream). A great scholar in Vedic Maths, Mr. Rakesh Mishra headed the workshop. It was an hour long fulfilled workshop where various tricks to ease out the calculations and to increase the speed and accuracy were discussed. This was then followed by a mini aptitude test. In the end, a short career guidance session was also conducted, which helped the students to identify, plan and pursue their career options to a great extent.

MATHS WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

A workshop was organized by Jodo Gyan at the Heritage School, Rohini. Ms. S. Sethi and Ms. M. Bose attended the same. It focused on guiding teachers to teach Maths, especially 'Numbers' and 'Number Sense', through activities and play-way method. Use of various tool kits like Ganit Mala, Dice, Ganit Rack and Blocks were demonstrated.

ECONOMICS WORKSHOP

An Economics session was organised for students of class XII, on 21.11.12. Mr. S.K. Agarwala, who is an Ex Associate Professor – Deptt. of Economics, Rajdhani College (DU), was the guest lecturer. The main highlights of the discussion were value based questions, questions related to reasoning, numericals etc. Many doubts and queries of the students were clarified. The entire session was very informative and enlightening, both for the students and Economics teachers.

EXCELLING IN ROBOTICS

Our students participated in the Inter School Robotics Challenge held on 31.10.12, at The Shriram School, Gurgaon. Around 50 schools participated in the event, which had 3 levels, Junior, Middle and Senior. A quiz on general Maths and Robotics was held. Our school bagged the II Runners-up prize in the quiz. The overall experience of the event was exalting and inspiring.

HEALTH IS WEALTH

34 students from primary and middle wing participated in 'Harmony – School Festival', organized by Heart Care Foundation of India on 07.11.12, at the MTNL Perfect Health grounds, Constitution Club, Rafi Marg. The students participated in various competitions such as Poster cum Slogan Writing, Health Model Display cum Demonstration, Folk Dance and Quiz on Non-Communicable Disease. Kalbelia Folk Dance performed by the students of class II won the Third Prize.

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO 'SAVE THE GIRL CHILD'

30 students of our school participated in 'Save the Girl Child' rally on 21.11.12, which was organized by 'Lions Club'. The participating students carried placards and banners within 2 kms area of the school to sensitize the common citizens towards their duty to save the girl child and to place them on an equal pedestal as boys. We hope to continue our efforts in this direction in future also.

PLANETARIUM IN SCHOOL

Portable Digital Planetarium shows for primary students were organized from 17.9.12 to 20.9.12. Shows like 'Puppy on the Moon' for classes I & II and 'Dhruv Tara' for classes III-V were organized for the students. All the shows were customized class wise and this helped the students to relate their knowledge with the real sky. Each show was evaluated by a follow-up quiz and the students won attractive prizes.

AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION

As a part of "TATA Power Club Energy", TATA Power organised an educational and awareness program on conservation of electricity for students of classes VII and VIII on 27.11.2012. The students were sensitized towards the adverse effects of excessive and unrestrained energy consumption and basic practices towards energy conservation were discussed. They were advised to monitor their electricity bills and pass on this information in their neighbourhood too. Quiz and poster making competitions were also conducted for some classes.

WINNERS YET AGAIN!

An Inter School English Debate Contest was held at S.S.Mota Singh School, Guru Harkrishan Nagar, on 21.11.2012, on "Social Networking – Communication at its Best". Out of 14 participating teams, our team bagged the II prize. Anish Sharma (XIIF) spoke for the motion and Aakriti Kumar (XIID) spoke against the motion.

A WORLD IN MOTION

32 students of Class V of our school actively participated in AWIM workshop conducted by SAE on 12th October, 2012 in the school premises. The students designed skimmers with different shapes of sails. The judgement was made on different parameters like the speed and the distance covered by the skimmer. It was a fun filled activity for the children where they worked independently using their logical skills, creativity and scientific ability.

INTERACTION WITH AN ANIMAL ACTIVIST

Ms. Aakriti, an animal activist, came to our school on 09.11.2012 and addressed the members of Companimals Club. She emphasized on anti cracker Diwali as animals get scared and injured due to bursting of crackers. She gave a presentation and suggested measures that can be taken during Diwali to help animals at large.

SMS FAMILY READS TOGETHER

'A nation that reads, is the nation that leads!'

Our school strongly believes in this adage. To foster reading habits and to make it a pleasurable and an enriching experience, the school had organized a programme 'One Nation Reading Together', on 30.11.12. The entire school, that is, the management, office staff, teachers, students and helpers read books from 12 to 12.30 p.m.

OUR JUDO CHAMP

Yastika Kalra, of class VIII E, participated in CBSE North Zone Judo Championship, 2012-2013 from 27th to 30th September, 2012, at I.S. Dev Samaj Sr. Sec School, Chandigarh and won the Bronze Medal. More than 40 schools participated in the event. Congratulations to our champ.

TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP

Yugein Behal(VIII F) won the second prize in Taekwondo Championship at 6th Invitational Inter-school Taekwondo Championship 2012, organized by Global Martial Art Association held on 3rd & 4th September, 2012.

VISIT TO KINGDOM OF DREAMS

Students of classes VI to X, alongwith their teachers, visited the world of unparalleled imagination – The Kingdom of Dreams, at Gurgaon. This fabulous Kingdom brings to life a blend of India's art, culture, heritage, craft, cuisine and performing art, all with the technological wizardry of today. The students were then taken to the 'Culture Gully' and the 'Nautanki Mahal' where the students of classes VI-VIII witnessed 'Zangoora – The Gypsy Prince', a Bollywood musical extravaganza, while those of classes IX and X saw 'Jhumroo', which was a musical tribute to the legendary singer, Kishore Kumar. The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the sound, light, video, animation, special effects, aerial choreography, stunt and magic involved in the shows.

WORKSHOP ON THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Around 25 students of class X attended a workshop on the US Presidential Elections on 10th October, 2012 at the American Centre, New Delhi. It was hosted by Mr. Donald Maynard, the cultural officer working at the US Embassy in India. It was an interactive session, which threw light on the US Presidential Elections that were held on 6th November, 2012. The electoral process was explained in detail with the help of videos and presentations. Time to time, Mr. Maynard highlighted the difference between the way political leaders are elected in India and the U.S. The session stressed upon the role of Vice Presidents, the political campaigns, presidential debates etc. Students were rewarded with T-shirts and bags for their thought provoking questions and answers.

A VISIT TO U.N. INFORMATION CENTRE

25 students of class XIIA, alongwith Ms. S. Malik, visited the UN Information Centre at Lodhi Estate, on 04.9.12, to attend an interactive session on United Nations. The students saw short films, which highlighted the present day activities and concerns of the United Nations. The films were based on themes like involvement in disaster affected regions, peace keeping operations and protecting rights of children. A highly informative question- answer session was conducted by Ms. Rineeta Naik and Dr. Sharma, Chief Librarian at UNIC, shared tips on accessing information from UN archives. The session concluded with the UN representatives sharing information on UN in India and career prospects for students in UN. On the whole it was a thought provoking and educational experience.

INTER HOUSE MATHS QUIZ

To mark Ramanujan's 125th birth anniversary, the students of classes VI to VIII participated in an Inter House Maths Quiz on 01.11.12. The quiz consisted of eight interesting rounds to test the logic, concepts, accuracy and speed of the participants. The winning members belonged to Gandhi House comprising of Anshika Gandhi (VIIC), Kaushik Kaul (VIIC) and Muktesh Sharma (VIC).

Classes IX to XII also participated in the Inter House Maths Quiz on 20.11.12. Before the quiz began, a small documentary on the life of Dr. Ramanujan was shown to the students along with the videos on the importance of Fibonacci numbers and Golden Ratio in nature. The team from Patel House won and the team members were :Manan Jain(IXF), Abhishek Bansal(XF), Yashasvi Mittal(XIE) and Anurag Mishra (XIIF). The second prize went to Nehru House, whose members were – Gautam Girotra (IXB), Ayush Gautam (XB), Saatwik Nagpal (XIF) and Kishan Keswani (XIIF).

QUIZ ON WEST BENGAL

They say that 'Questioning' is the best way to acquire knowledge. In order to make the students aware of the rich culture of the states of India, a quiz on West Bengal was held for the middle section. The quiz was conducted in all the sections simultaneously with the help of the Smart Class system on 8th October, 2012. There were seven rounds, each round consisting of 4 questions. Everybody felt that they were enriched with regard to the history, geography, literature and the culture of West Bengal after this quizzing session.

QUIZ ON THE SEVEN SISTER STATES OF INDIA

An Inter House Multimedia Quiz competition on 'Seven Sister States of India' was held for students of classes VI-VIII. It was a great learning experience for the 900 students who learned about the culture, cuisines, personalities, tourist spots, sobriquets and festivals of the states of East India.

QUIZ ITALIA

On October 12, 2012, the final round of the Quiz on Italy was conducted. The jubilant winners of the preliminary round participated in the final event. A sum total of six teams along with delegates from Italy as the audience experienced the informative quiz on culturally and architecturally rich Italy. The winners were :- Deepansh Duggal (XI F) , Utkarsh Garg (XI E), Anuj Kishore (XI B) and Yukti Wadhwa (XI A).

G.K. QUIZ FOR CLASSES I AND II

An Inter-House quiz on general knowledge for students of classes I and II was conducted in the school on 2nd September, 2012. There was a written round and two students from each house were selected for the final round, which was held on 3 October, 2012. The children participated enthusiastically. There were questions for the audience too, so everyone got a chance to participate and the winners were jubilant.

CBSE HERITAGE QUIZ

Prateek Ralhan (XD), Pranav Verma (XD) and G. Anubhav (XD) participated in the XII CBSE Heritage Education and Heritage India Quiz 2012. It was an insight into the beliefs, values, history and socio-cultural contexts of our country. The quiz, initiated in 2011, is an Inter School Quiz which has been conceptualized by the Board with the objective of creating awareness and appreciation in the student community towards the rich cultural heritage and diversity of our country. The event was held in DLDAV School Pitampura on 21.11.12.

QUIZ ON LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS

The Inter School Round of The Limca Book of Records Quiz, 2012, was held on November 7, 2012 at St. Thomas' School. Six students from our school participated in the event, which saw participation from over 100 schools of Delhi. It was an opportunity for the students to enrich their knowledge.

A QUIZ ORGANISED BY LIC

The students of our school participated in an Inter-School Quiz Contest, which was conducted by LIC on 4th September 2012, on general awareness about insurance, insurance companies etc. There were four preliminary rounds and the school with the highest score was sent for the final round. It was a good exposure for the students as they expanded their knowledge on insurance and related fields.

INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION

20th Inter School Debate Competition for the Father Peter Memorial Rolling trophy was held at St. Francis De Sales, Sr. Sec. School on 29.9.2012. The topic for the debate was “**Vision 2020, A Dream Unattainable**”. Anish Sharma of Class XII F spoke against the motion and won the third prize along with a certificate and cash award.

LITERARY WEEK AT APEEJAY

Apeejay School, Pitampura, organised a literary week from 8 – 15 October, 2012 in which our students participated with great zeal. The events were – Literary Characters Come Alive, Quiz MOS, Debate, Becoming that Scientist and Hindi Speech. All the students displayed their talent with great passion.

UNBOX 21 MONITORING VISIT

As a part of Unbox 21 project (Use of commercial games in teaching of Science) Mr. Tim Rudd (University of Brighton, U.K) and Mr. Baldev (Imagine Education, U.K) visited our school on 3rd September '12 to monitor the progress of the project. They interviewed the students of class VII-C and observed them when their teachers Ms. A. Sapra and Ms. M. Pathak and interacted with them in order to share views regarding UNBOX 21 project. This was followed by Focus group discussion and individual interactions with the teachers from schools like JNV, Nagaland; JNV, Solan; K.V, R.K. Puram; K.V, Vigyan Vihar and Vishal Bharti Public School.

WE REACH THE THIRD PHASE OF UNBOX - 21

The third phase of Unbox-21 project was held in New Delhi. Unbox-21 project is a unique British Council Project on using commercial digital games in Science lessons. Mr. Bryan Berry, Director of Science Learning Centre, Bristol and Dr. Tim Rudd from Brighton University, shared their perspectives on this project. There were discussions on how the project can be improved further and what more can be added to the partnership to make it more sustainable. Two teachers, Mr. Kenley Thomas from Lydiard Park School and Mr. Philip Harwood from Writhlington School, visited our school and were taken on a tour of the school to see classrooms in action.

ESL WORKSHOP BY CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Two teachers, Ms. R. Kohli and Ms.L. Manoj, attended a workshop conducted by Cambridge University Press on the topic 'Teaching and Testing Language Skills Effectively' at India International Centre on 8 Nov'12. The workshop was conducted by two eminent educationists, Ms. Rajni Badlani and Ms. Urmila Guliani. The workshop focused on the strategies English teachers need to use to enable their students to communicate effectively in English. It also addressed the issue of the wash back effect and the tasks and activities to be used in the classroom to maximize the effect.

ENGLISH WORKSHOP

Planet Edu, affiliated to the University of Cambridge, organised a training session for a group of 20 teachers. Ms. Payal Mathur, faculty member of Planet Edu, enlightened them with the skills required to train the students for the ESOL Cambridge Exam. The activity based session was very effective and all the queries related to the exam were answered.

CAREER COUNSELLING WORKSHOP

Ms.A.Singhal and Ms.R. Mathur attended 'Gyanodaya', a Career Counselling workshop on 06.11.12 at Alliance Francaise, organized by JUMP, Centre for Career Development. It was presided over by Mr.Satish Jha, Ex Technical Advisor to our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh and the Guest of Honour was Prof. Dinesh Varshney, Dy. Dean, Students Welfare, South Campus. They gave a firsthand bird's eye view of the changes in Delhi University and the various new courses introduced and to be introduced in the next session. It was indeed a very enriching and an eye opening seminar that will enable the teachers to answer many queries of the students regarding the courses and subjects they should opt for after completing school.

A Career Counselling workshop was organized for the students of classes X and XII on 26.11.2012 . Mr.Jitin Chawla, a renowned career counsellor, conducted the workshop in two sessions. The first session was for class X, wherein he talked of the criteria one should keep in mind while choosing the right stream in class XI. It was really an eye opener for the students. The second session, that was for class XII, revolved around the new courses introduced in Delhi University and the various career options that can be open to them after class XII. He asked the students to look beyond the stereotyped courses as there are a number of new avenues which are more interesting. It was a fruitful session.

VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS

Around 20 students of classes IX, X and XI of our school participated in a video conference with Al-Sadiq-Grammar School, Quetta, Pakistan on 25 September 2012. Religion, beliefs, faith, marriage, life after death, careers and professions, women empowerment and cricket were some of the areas concerning the discussion. The focus of the conference was to highlight the similarities and take into account the variations between the two countries. It was an invaluable experience for all of us. The dialogue, entirely driven by the students themselves, was superb. They were very confident and articulated their points of view with great clarity and directness.

SHRISHTI GHAI DOES IT AGAIN

Shrishti Ghai of class XII E participated in Table Tennis District level Competition held from 13th to 15th October, 2012. She bagged the silver medal in both Junior and Youth category. Yet another feather in her cap!

WE CLINCH THE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

Our school organized Interschool Skating competition on 3rd and 4th September 2012. 13 Schools from all over Delhi participated in different events. The competition was held in three categories of quads, inline and adjustable skating. We won the overall championship by stealing 120 points. The I Runners Up were Shah International School with 53 points and the II Runners Up position was bagged by St. Mark's Girls Sr. Sec. School with 46 points.

REFLECTIONS

CHANGING FACE OF FESTIVITY

India, as we all know is a culturally diverse country. We celebrate every festival with equivalent zest and zeal. The season of festivity makes our country look happy, alive, colourful and united. However over the past few years, there has been a drastic change in the way we celebrate them. The celebration of our values and traditions has given way to pomp and extravagance. The family get togethers have become a mere formality turning these occasions into a marathon to outshine each other. We are making many efforts to make India a better country but in this race, it is losing its ethnicity, not realizing, that this is what our country is known for. Festivals give us a reason to rejoice and an opportunity to spend time with our loved ones, which is very difficult to earn in today's time. The importance of festivity needs to be revived within the hearts of people. Let us all give it a thought and work towards bringing back the glory of our festivals in the coming years.

Ria Nagpal (XI A)

ART OF LIVING

Mahatma Gandhi has rightly said "Learn as if you were to live forever. Live as if you were to die tomorrow" But breathing is just not living, living is discovering the purpose we are born for and making a change in some else's life. Setting a goal is actually the most important aspect of life. For this, we need to discover ourselves first. We need to prioritize our interests and aptitude and thereby select a goal. But this is not enough. Desires become strong when they are accompanied by definite direction and determination. On the other hand, most of the people lead an aimless life. The reasons may be the fear of failure or a pessimistic attitude which makes us look only at the obstacles that hinder our progress. Such people repent heavily in the long run. We need to look at the brighter side of life by developing a positive attitude towards everything we do. Setting a goal in life and being determined to fulfill our goal is the real art of living. A person who knows the real meaning of art of living is a peaceful optimist and a determined person. His life is organised and he knows his ability. He does things for the betterment of his companion and helps them in need. Thus a winner in life doesn't do different things, he does things in a different way.

Ishan Arora (IXA)

MY EXPERIENCE AS AN ENTREPRENEUR

Being a part of the 'NIRMAN ENTERPRISE' has been a wonderful learning experience. Throughout the project, we did various activities like surveying markets, organizing meetings, interacting and coordinating with the ladies and in the final stages, SELLING THE BAGS. It was a huge success as we got an overwhelming response from the parents and students. This enterprise not only helped in imbibing within us great marketing skills, inter-personal skills but also boosted our confidence. I was very fortunate to be a part of this project as it supported a great social cause. I would like to thank our Principal ma'am and our teachers, who constantly encouraged us. I would also like to thank and appreciate the hard work done by those ladies. Without their goodwill and cooperation, this would not have been possible. Last but not the least I would like to thank all the parents who supported us wholeheartedly. When the women (who stitched the bags) got their payment, they were ecstatic. The smiles on their faces gave us immense pleasure and satisfaction. It was a great experience and I look forward to be a part of such initiatives in future as well.

Himanshi Malik(X-A)

TETE –A-TETE WITH A WRITER

On September 8, 2012, students of Class IV of the Book Worm Club were taken to the Habitat Centre for an interesting and informative session organized by Habitat Children's Book Forum. Anita Roy, writer and editor at Young Zubaan books, narrated Norton Juster's Classic master piece 'The Phantom Tollbooth', in a fun filled way. She talked about the book after which she gave them a small assignment where in they had to write interesting plots for a story. Anita Roy encouraged all the students to read more books to enhance their Reading, Writing and Listening skills.

OUR FOOTBALL CHAMP ACKNOWLEDGED

Our school football team went for a tournament at Laxman Pulic School, Hauz Khas, on 21.12.12. The match was against Vinay Nagar Bengali School. Both the teams played well and it was tough competition. One of our team members, Siddhant Magow of class XA was awarded the 'Player of the month' with a cash prize of Rs.500 for his good defensive duties.

CRICKET MANIA

Our school participated in the Ramjas Interschool U-19 Cricket Tournament held at Ramjas Sports Complex. Our school team reached till the semi-finals defeating Sardar Patel School and Bosco Public School. Two of our players, Mayank Rajpal(XI) and Kartik Verma(XI), also got the coveted Man of the Match award for their superb knocks of 54 and 84 runs respectively.

Another shining star of our school is **Abhinav Nagpal(XF)**, who was selected in the 15-15 **National Cricket Championship** held at Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. He represented Delhi state Team in the U-16 Cricket Championship.

UN WEEK 2012-RESULT

I	II	III
CLASS V - GREETING CARD		
Vishruti Priyanshi (VA)	Kartik Jain (VD)	Ishita Saxena (VA)
CLASS VI - COLLAGE MAKING (TEAM EVENT)		
(VIG)	(VIC)	(VID)
Rahul Pande	Palak Sachdeva	Raghav Bansal
Jhanvi Madan	Vanshdeep Singh	Ritik Makkar
Vanshika Sethi	Manya Jain	Shrishti Thakur
CLASS VII - KNOW THE UN (ORGANS OF THE UN)		
Siddharth Bajaj (VIID)	Devansh Gulati (VIIB)	
	Aanandita Bhagat (VIIG)	
CLASS VIII - KNOW THE UN (SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UN)		
Ashneet Singh (VIII B)	Harpreet Singh (VIIE)	Sakshi Khaneja (VIII G)
CLASS IX - POSTER MAKING		
Rushali Sethi (IXD)	Anubha Chawla (IXB)	Shriya Seth(IXA)
		Mansi Topa (IXA)
CLASS IX - POWER POINT PRESENTATION (TEAM EVENT)		
(IXC)	(IXB)	
Mayank Sharma	Deepanshi Makkar	
Mayank Rawal	Mayank Anand	
CLASS X - QUIZ (TEAM EVENT)		
Kamakshi Bisht (XB)		
Srishti Bansal (XB)		
CLASS XI - SPEECH		
Srishti Jain (XIE)	Anshul Bhatia (XID)	

INTER CLASS ENGLISH PLAY COMPETITION RESULT

CLASS III

BEST ACTOR:

1. .Aparna Kalra	III A	2. Garvit Singh	III E
3. Tashmeen Kaur	IIIA	4. Piya Pathak	III F
5. Poulina Banerjee	III B	6. Arshpreet Kaur	III F
7. Vidur Narula	IIIC	8. Subhaav Sharma	III G
9. Radhika Ahuja	III C	10.Dhruv Kumar	III G

DIALOGUE DELIVERY:

1. Aparna Kalra	III A	2. Abhinav Warriar	III E
3. Hardik Garg	III B	4. Piya Pathak	III F
5. Poulina Banerjee	III B	6. Subhaav Sharma	III G
7. Aryan Marwah	III D	8. Dhruv Kumar	III G

SPECIAL PRIZE:

1. Kritika	III A	2. Tamanna Mohan	III A
3. Divanshi Thakkar	III A	4. Kanav Nijhawan	III A
5. Sunpreet Kaur	III A	6. Tanmay Agrawal	III B
7. Priyanshi Goel	III B	8. Ayush Rawat	III B
9. Manan Minocha	III C	10. Lakshay Mahajan	III D
11. Kanav Chopra	III D	12. Jatin Sachdeva	III E
13. Anusha Malik	III E	14. Siddharth Shanker	III E
15. Nitya Mahajan	III F	16. Mudit Bhutani	III G
17. Tanvi Wadhera	III G		

STAGE PRESENCE:

1.Vidur Narula	III C	4.Nandik Dawar	III F
2.Yajat Dayal	III F	5.Piya Pathak	III F
3.Divit Chawla	III F	6.Subhaav Sharma	III G

CLASS IV

Best Actor (Male)-

Prashant Choudhary	IV E
Sparsh Pahwa	IV D
Bryan Rose	IV I
Sarthak Sahni	IV B
Aryan Ahuja	IV F
Sarthak Gaba	IV F

Best Dialogue Delivery-

Dhiren Chawla	IV G
Diksha Arora	IV C
Poorva Narang	IV I
Muskan Malhotra	IV I
Tanisha Banga	IV B
Kulraj Bhasin	IV F

Special Prizes-

Kashvi Ahlawat	IV H
Ridhima Bhatia	IV C
Vedansh Vij	IV C
Anshika Sharma	IV E
Priyanka Marwah	IV F

Best Actor (Female)-

Lakshita Malik	IV A
Pearl Lamba	IV G
Gaurika Gupta	IV H
Chahak Chanana	IV H
Harjas Kaur Matta	IV C
Manasvee Tariyal	IV I

Best Stage Presence-

Arnav Baluja	IV G
Shaunika Shokeen	IV E
Dhruv Gupta	IV E
Ishita Arora	IV C
Siddharth Suri	IV D
Arnav Vadan	IV G

Siddharth Verma	IV B
Rounak Gupta	IV H
Japneet Kaur	IV F
Aakriti Dadhich	IV D
Shantanu Verma	IV C

CLASS V

Best Actor(Male)-

Sanskar Gupta(V F), Kartik Jain(V D), Jatin Bansal(V E), Nischay Vij(V A),

Best Actor (Female)-

Nitigaya Dutt(V D), Prerna Rajput(V F), Divyanshi Arora(V C), Lakshaya Saluja(V C)

Best Dialogue Delivery-

Devanshi Sharma(V F), Raunak Kapoor(V F), Manpreet Kaur(V C),Ishaan Tyagi(V E), Charanjot Kaur(V E), Supreet Arora(V A)

Best Stage Presence-

Vishesh Malik(V F),Khushi Jain(V D) ,Yug Gautam(V F), Sanah Malik(V C) , Sneh Bedi(V E), Shivam Marwah(V E) , Ishita Saxena(V A), Vanshika Pujani(V A)

Special Prizes-

Mehak Malhotra(V F) , Pavan Naidu(V D), Supriya Arora(V C) ,Abhishek Dutt(V A) , Sneha Sharma(V D), Hardik Kohli(V C), Ishaan Tyagi(V E), Paarth Wadhawan(V D)



The young readers' brigade at India Habitat Centre

TODAY'S READERS ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

A group of 16 students from classes IV, VI and VII participated in fun filled activities organized by the Habitat Children's Book Forum on 07.11.12, on the occasion of its 9th Birthday. The activities included – 'Show and tell your favourite picture books' for students of class IV and a 'Literary Quiz' for students of classes VI and VII. These activities were coupled with a Book Parade and a Poetry Enactment. Our school got a special recognition and a gift for being very regular in all the events organized by the Book Forum and for its enthusiastic participation.

HERITAGE WALK @ HAUZ KHAS VILLAGE

30 students of Heritage Club, accompanied by two teachers, Ms. P. Minocha and Ms. V. Lala, visited Hauz Khas Village for a Heritage Walk organized by INTACH, on 13.10.12. The highlights of this area were the 13th Century reservoir and the renowned buildings, Madrasa and the tomb of its royal founder, Firoz Shah Tughlaq. Several other pavilions, tombs and mosques built during the time of other Delhi Sultanate rulers are also found in the surrounding park. It was an enriching and valuable experience for both teachers and students alike.



Members of Heritage Club visit Hauz Khas village



Our NCC cadets in Darjeeling

ALL INDIA TREKKING CAMP

17 Directorates from all over India attended the Kanchan Surya Darjeeling Bagan Trek from 25th Sep. to 4th Oct.2012. 57 Cadets from Delhi Directorate attended the trekking camp and successfully completed the total trek distance of 42 km from Sukha, Siliguri to Phuguri and then back to Sukha from the other trek. Four students of our school, Sakshi Dagar (XIE), Manisha Gupta (XIC), Vrinda Bhatnagar (XIA) and Bhavya Bhardwaj (XIA), attended the camp and participated in all the cultural celebrations.

CHAMPS ON WHEELS



The winners of South Delhi Open Skating Championship.

Students of our school participated in South Delhi Open Skating Championship 2012 on 27th and 28th October 2012, and won the following prizes:

Adjustable Race

Krishpreet Singh	4A Gold
Sanah Malik	5C Gold
Ridima Kapoor	5E Silver
Kirti Chugh	4A Bronze
Dikshita Khandelwal	8G Bronze

Quads Race

Konaark Berwal	2H Silver
Nehal Gupta	3E Silver

Inline Race

Nimit Goel	4H Gold
Madhur Sharma	3D Bronze

A CHAMPION YET AGAIN- DHAIRYA TANEJA

The North Delhi CBSE Skating Tournament was organized at Summer Fields Public School, Kailash Colony, from 5 to 7 October 2012. Our students participated in the tournament and Dhairya Taneja of class IXE won the Gold Medal in 1500 mts and 1000 mts race. She also participated in CBSE National Roller Skating Tournament under age group 14 to 16 years, held from 18-22 November 2012, at DAV International School, Amritsar. She achieved the First position in Rink Race-11(1000 mts race) and was awarded the Gold Medal. We are proud of our young champ.



Our Gold Medalist in CBSE National Roller Skating Tournament

WE CELEBRATE GURU NANAK JAYANTI

Guru Nanak Jayanti, birthday of the first guru of the Sikhs, Sri Guru Nanak Dev, was celebrated on 27.11.12. The audience was mesmerized by the soulful Shabad Kirtan presented by our young pathis. The recital made the entire atmosphere peaceful and everyone sought the blessings of the Guru.



Our young Pathis create a spiritual atmosphere with their Shabad Kirtan

THE BUDDING SCIENTISTS

V.N.Bengali Sr.Sec.School, Sarojini Nagar, had organized a Science Exhibition to commemorate their Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. The following students brought honour to the school:

Science activities - I prize Nischay Vij (VB), Somay Handa (VE)

Conservation of Natural resources – Consolation prize Rohan Attri (IXB), Kashish Bansal (IXB)



Our students scientific bent brings them prizes.

GANIT UTSAV

Rukmini Devi Public School organized 'Ganit Utsav', a mathematical extravaganza, on 30.11.12 to celebrate Srinivasa Ramanujan's 125th birth anniversary. 47 prestigious schools of Delhi participated in the event. Maanvi Mudgil (VIIB) and Anurag Batra (VIIB) of our school bagged an appreciation prize for their Power Point presentation on 'Mathematics in Nature'.



Roshni Khatri(XIA) & Sarthak Kathuria(XIC) at Young Filmmakers' Festival.

THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FILM MAKERS' FESTIVAL 2012

Roshni Khatri (XI A) and Sarthak Kathuria (XI C) of our school participated in the International Youth Film Makers' Festival 2012. They made a movie on the theme, 'India: A Myriad of Tradition, Culture and Art Forms', to be presented during the festival. The festival, organised by Expressions India, was a two day event. It was held on 30th and 31st October 2012 at the National Science Centre. On the first day of the festival, the screening of the movies made by the participating schools took place. The second day was extremely knowledgeable and enriching for the students as they got an opportunity to explore the world of media. Various dignitaries like Col.A.Raj Kapoor, of Fauji fame, Ms. Sonal Kalra and experts from Doordarshan guided the students by sharing the experiences of their lives and conducting workshops. This provided a great platform to the children to showcase their works and hone their technical skills.

BACK TO SCHOOL: BY ATELIER

We were privileged to witness 5 plays of different genres during the ACT Campus Theatre Festival 2012, organized by the Atelier Theatre group for Delhi University students, under their 'Back to School' programme. The parents, teachers and students were enthralled by 3 street plays, "Aap Seditionist Hain", "Handicapped" and "Satyamev Jayate" performed in our school on 03.11.12 by different college groups. These street plays were high on energy, with strong social messages.

There were 2 stage performances on 07.11.12. The two theatrical productions, "Laal Pencil" and "Park", addressed serious social issues but in a lighter vein. The message conveyed by these plays reached out to the students in an effective way.



Burning Issues brought to the fore through Theatre.

SMS HOSTS OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

TEAM Tennis conducted the II St. Mark's Open Junior Tennis Tournament during the Dussehra break. All school students, winners of the previous event and players from Delhi and NCR participated in various categories. More than 150 students took part in events like Under 8 Rally & Aptitude, Under 10 Rally & Aptitude, Under 12, 14 & 16. The Aptitude Test, which is a Skill based event, was organized for players competing for the first time. Winners and Runners-up of this week long event received trophies, certificates and exciting prizes. Winners in different categories were:

Under 8 Aptitude Test

1st Dhananjay Chawla(II D)

2nd Himanshu Nandal(III A)

Under 10 Aptitude Test (GIRLS)

2nd Shaunika Shokeen(IV E)

Under 10 Aptitude Test (BOYS)

1st Arush Sobti(IV A)

3rd Rishabh Singh(III B)

Under 10 Rally

Winner: Prateek Yadav(IV I)

Runners up: Aryan Ahuja(IV F)

Under 12

Winner: Ishant Dabas(VI B)

Under 12 RALLY

Winner: Swaraj Sharma(VI G)

Runners up: Vikunt Gupta(VI D)

Under 16 APTITUDE TEST

Winner: Shubham Yadav(VII F)

Under 18 Boys

Runners up: Rohan Garg(VIII G)



Champions at the SMS Open Tennis Tournament.

ZONAL ATHLETICS MEET



Our athletes -Our pride

Our school participated in the Zonal Athletic Meet held at St. Sophia Public School, from 1 st to 6th Nov'2012. The students of our school gave an excellent performance as they won 6 Gold and 1 Bronze medal. Mehul Mittal (XI C) ,Abhishek Lakra (XI E), Saurabh Maithani (XII G) , and Shashank Makkar (XII G) won the Gold medal in 4 x 100 m Relay race, while Aditya Goyal (XII D) won a Bronze medal in 800 m race. Mehul Mittal did the school proud by winning the Gold in 100m and 200m race. Our students also participated in CBSE Athletic Meet held in Salwan Public School, Rajender Nagar. Abhishek Lakra, Mehul Mittal and Aditya Goyal were also part of the cross country race organised by Bosco Public School.

ZONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Junior Boys' Volleyball team defeated St. Froebel School in the finals of the Zonal Volleyball Tournament and won the championship. In the Sr Boys' Category and the Sub Jr. Boys category, we were declared the 1st Runners-Up.

The Junior Boys' Volleyball team comprised of:- Aayushman Parashar (X C), Sidharth Sharma (X D), Kawaljeet Singh (IX E), Kartik Jain (X E), Aditya Lakra (X D), Mayank Otwar (X C), Arnav Kohli (IX F), Mayank Ajmani (X D), Dhruv Makol (X A), Akhil Bajaj (IX D), Varun Kumar(IX A) and Rishabh Aggarwal (IX E).



Sub Jr. Boys Volleyball Team- Runners-up at Zonal level

IT'S A HATRICK AT THE ZONAL FOOTBALL



Sr. Football Team- Winners at Zonal Football Tournament

Our school hosted the Zonal Football Tournament from 8th to 19th October, 2012. 32 teams participated in each category (Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior). The Senior Boys' team of our school defeated Ganga International School and won the championship. The team comprised of : Parth Dabas (XII D), Rohit Bhatia (XII A), Dhruv Dhawan(XIIH), Mayank Goyal (XII G), Aditya Goyal(XII D), Pranshu Rattan(XII G), Utkarsh Bhardwaj(XII H), Naman Mittal (XII B), Kunal Mohindru (XI A), Rahul Sethi(XI C), Lakshay Khurana(XII A), Himanshu Lakra(XI E),

Abhishek Lakra(XI E), Mehul Mittal(XI C), Prateek Arora(XI C) and Sahil Sareen(XI E).

The Junior Boys' team of our school defeated Bosco Public School in the final and won the championship. The team comprised of Dhruv Dabas(X F), Siddhant Magow(X A), Chirag Chawla(X F), Arjun Chopra(X D), Jai Kumar(X C), Sarim Ansari(X D), G.Anubhav(X D), Aashish Aggarwal (X A), Nikhil Titra(X E), Kabir Basi (X C), Sarthak Dewan(X E), Krishna Durga(IX F), Sagar Shokeen(IX E), Charit Midha(IX A), Arul Dahiya(IX B) and Mohit Kochhar(X B).

The Sub Junior Boys' teams of our school defeated Shah International Team and won the championship. The team comprised of Aryant (VII A), Shikhar Suresh(VIII A), Aman Bansal(VIII A), Sanchit Sikka(VIII B), Jasmeet Singh(VII B), Lalit Kumar(VIII B), Bhavya Jaggi(VIII G), Kartik Vashishth(VIII C), Mayur Chauhan(VIII F), Simrat Singh(VIII B), Vaibhav Arora(VIII D), Kirit Sethi(VII C), Siddharth Sharma(VIII D), Jatin Kansra(VII E), Tarun Jain(VII E) and Amandeep Singh(VIIID).

ZONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our students participated in the Zonal Basketball Tournament held at Bosco Public School from 1st to 6th September, 2012. The Sub Junior Girls' Basketball team defeated S.P. Road Govt. School in the finals and won the championship. The Sr. Boys, the Sub Jr. Boys and the Sr. Girls were declared the II Runners-Up. The Sub Junior Girls' team comprised of:

Sanya Batra(VII F), Tanya Batra (VII F), Sanya Arora(VII F), Jyoti Maurya (VII F), Shambhavi Gautam (VII E), Surbhi Gulati (VII F), Kritika Kapoor (VIII G), Ananya Chawla (VII F), Ruchira Madan (VII F) and Yastika Kalra (VIII E)



Basketball Sub Jr. Girls- Champions at Zonal level.

OUR GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM'S MAIDEN VENTURE



Our first ever Girls' Football Team.

Our school introduced football for girls this year to show their sporting skills. 16 girls got an opportunity to attend the CBSE North Zone Football Championship U – 19 years, which was held at Pragati Public School, Dwarka on 5 November 2012. It was definitely an experience to cherish.

OUR SHUTTLE CHAMPS



Junior Girls -II Runners-Up

Students of our school participated in the Zonal Badminton Tournament, which was held at SKV, B-3, Paschim Vihar and was conducted by Delhi Administration (Zone XVII) for the year 2012-2013 from 28th August to 7th September. Our senior girls emerged champions against SMS Girls Sr. Sec. School, the Sub Junior Girls defeated SKV, B-3 Govt. School and our Senior Boys emerged winners against Little Angels School.

The members of our winning teams are as follows:

Sr. Girls

1. Somya (XIE)
2. Nikita Bansal (XIIA)
3. Nitika Satija (XIIE)
4. Shairen Chawla (XIID)
5. Saniya Satija (XIIC)

Sr. Boys

1. Jayan Juneja (XIIE)
2. Ashish Behal (XIIE)

Sub Jr. Girls.

1. Sanya Shingari (VIII B)
2. Chinmayee Verma (VIIF)
3. Zubia Khan (VIID)

ZONAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Sr. Girls and Jr. Boys Zonal T.T. champs.



Sr. Girls and Jr. Boys of our school won the Table Tennis Championship at Zonal Level held from 28th to 29th August, 2012. The Senior Girls team comprised of Shrishti Ghai (XII E), Shivani Wadhwa (XII C) and Aanchal Bhayana (XII E). The Junior Boys team comprised of Anmol Malhotra (IX A), Rishabh Kumar (IX D), Prajwal Singhal (IX B) and Sanat Kumar Arora (IX B).

OUR RISING TENNIS STAR

Ishant Dabas (VIB), has done the school proud by bagging a number of medals in various Tennis Tournaments. He has played both at state as well as the national level and has achieved great success. He plays U-12 and U-14 category and has been a part of tournaments like the AITA Talent Series, National Ranking Tournament, Independent Tennis Cup and Rising Star Open Tennis Tournament. Ishant continues to be the shining star of our school.



Our National Level Tennis player, Ishant Dabas.

PHOTO FEATURE



Invoking Goddess Durga for a spiritual start to the Folk Dance Competition.



Class II students in the Haryanvi flavour.



The all time favourite 'Kalbelia Dance' spreads its radiance.



Students performing Dhanuchi dance.



Bangla Dance by our cute little girls.



Bihu Dance brings with it the flavour of Assam.

PHOTO FEATURE



The Bhangra Fever enralls all and walks away with the winner's trophy during Inter -Class Folk Dance Competition.



'Sita Haran' in action



Sita Swayamvar.



Lord Rama with Sita, Laxman & Hanuman after 'Lanka Dahan'.



'Thumak Chalat Ramchandra Bajat Paijaniya'.

PHOTO FEATURE



The Winners of 'Best Dialogue Delivery'-
Class IV Inter- Class Play Competition.



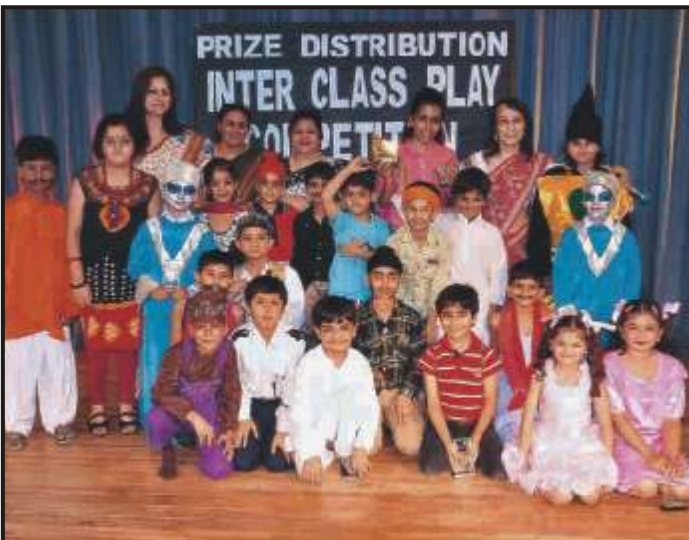
'Special Prize Winners'(Class IV) with their trophies.



The calm Bishop unmoved by the Convict's threat.



'Twelve little pigs' performed by class VE.



'Chocolates in Your Dreams Too' (IIIF) adjudged the Best Play.



Winners of 'Best Stage Presence' class III.

PHOTO FEATURE



The play 'One Coin Short'(IIIIG) in action.



'Holka Polka' performed by class VC.



'Susan and Her Brothers' presented by Class VF.



'The Nosey Parker' performed by students of class VD.



'Villa for sale' adjudged Best Play (class IV)



The delegates from Singapore enjoying our rich heritage.

PHOTO FEATURE



The Winners of 'Know The UN' competition during UN Week.



Sub. Jr. Boys Football Team- Winners at the Zonal level.



Winners of Quiz on Italy.



Jr. Boys Football Team – Champion at Zonal Level.



Jr. Boys- II Runners Up at Zonal Badminton Tournament.



The Badminton Champs at Zonals(Sr. Girls).

PHOTO FEATURE



Our Chairman and Principal greeting Ms. Rineeta Naik, UNIC



The members of Students' Media Society at the Literary Festival organised by NBT.



Our Debating Champions receiving their trophies.



The II Runners-Up of Inter School Robotics Challenge.



Our students with their hosts at Ystad, Sweden



The proud winners at the Jr. level of Zonal Volleyball Tournament.