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PEOPLE, PLANET AND PROSPERITY

Socrates once said: "I'm a citizen, not of Athens, or Greece, but of the world". One must relate to this significant statement today more than ever because of the recent pandemic that brought us all together in suffering, the violation of peace, education and prosperity in countries like Afghanistan and Ukraine, or simply because we are humans who believe in humanity which transcends all borders.

The 2030 Agenda of sustainable development aims at nourishing the lives of people by reducing hunger and poverty, safeguarding the planet from environmental degradation, making the lives of the citizens prosperous, and most importantly ensuring peace and partnership at a global level. During the past few months, we have been witnessing a complete violation of the last goal. The COP26 summit urged nations to regulate their energy consumption and carbon emissions yet most countries refuse to use renewable resources. All this forces us to evaluate how we visualise a future of this unpredictable world. It's time to believe in humanity again, to support peace rather than war, to support sustainability and the protection of our environment.

"Be the change you want to see in the world"; this maxim by Mahatma Gandhi gives us a ray of hope. One can do one's part so as to take a step in the correct direction, to maintain peaceful relations, doing charitable work, reusing and recycling products and most of all, believing in the power of us because when 7 billion people choose to make the right choices, they hold the power to bring about a change. After all, we all have different aspirations, but one goal: a better world.

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FESTIVE FERVOUR

Dussehra was celebrated online on 12th October 2021 with a lot of religious zeal and fervour. The online celebration, aptly named as **Ram Gaatha**, began with a dance and a message on Dussehra. The iconic scenes from Ramayana such as “Ram-Sita Swayamvar”, “Ram, Sita and Lakshman going to vanvas”, “Sita haran”, “Ram-Lakshman in Panchvati”, “Hanuman burning Lanka” were depicted through a musical play presented by the students of classes 4 and 5. Dances were also performed to introduce Lord Ram, Devi Sita and Ravana. Our Principal congratulated all the participants for putting up a spectacular show. She blessed the students while inspiring them to follow the path of truth.



Shurpanakha in conversation with Ravana



Ram and Laxman meeting Sugreev



The Grand Swayamvar!

Dussehra

Durga Puja

या देवी सर्वभूतेषु शक्तिरूपेण संस्थिता,
नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमो नमः ॥

Durga Pooja is a Hindu festival celebration of the Mother Goddess and the victory of the warrior Goddess Durga over the demon Mahishasura. Our school also celebrated Durga Pooja with great pomp and show but kept the COVID guidelines in mind. Everybody was dressed in their best ethnic attire. The school displayed beautiful effigies of Maa Durga. While some students spoke about the significance of the festival, the wonderful dancers mesmerized all with their performances. It was also a time to seek the blessings of Maa Durga.



Defeat the evil in life with the
blessings of Maa Durga

Students of classes Nursery to II celebrated the festival of Diwali in the school premises. They stole everyone's heart with their mesmerising dance performances. Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal and Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, gave their blessings and wishes on the occasion saying that it is a time that brings new opportunities for everyone to grow and prosper. In order to sensitise our students towards the essence of Eco-friendly Diwali, students indulged in craft activities and made paper plate rangoli and greeting cards with messages to promote Green Diwali .



Seeking blessings for peace and prosperity



Lighting it up the SMS way!



Spreading Festive Diwali vibes with this Garba Performance

Diwali

Christmas

“At Christmas, play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year.” Christmas is a special time to spend with family and friends. It’s the time to offer prayers to the Lord and seek his blessings. The students of classes Nursery to 5 presented a virtual Christmas celebration on 24th December. The show was full of enthralling performances by our little cherubim. The nativity scene, which is synonymous to Christmas, was enacted in the form of a dance drama. The vibrant choir sang Christmas carols. The children, in their bright and elaborate costumes, were a delight to watch. They danced and sang wishing happiness, love and laughter for everyone around emphasizing the true spirit of Christmas. The show was a fabulous presentation and filled the hearts of the audience with immense joy.



Ho Ho Ho!!! Merry Christmas



Christmas magic is in the air!



It's the season to sparkle

Lohri

The students of Pre-Primary and Primary classes celebrated Lohri on 12 January, 2022 in the online mode with great excitement and fervour. The children narrated stories related to the festivals of Lohri, Pongal and Makar Sankranti and also highlighted their importance. They dressed up in traditional Punjabi attire and performed bhangra and giddha on the beats of dhol. The celebration embodied the spirit of brotherhood, unity, gratitude and merrymaking, generating a lot of happiness and cheer all around.



Sunder Mundriye Ho!!!



'Tu hi Nirankaar Nanak'



Every year, Gurupurab is celebrated with much respect and zeal in our school and this year was no different. On 19 November, 2021, the students of classes Nursery to V celebrated the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji online, through a presentation, wherein they recited shabads and talked about the significance of the festival.

Gurupurab

Republic Day

On the occasion of Republic Day, our school released educational documentaries made by students of classes 6, 7 and 8. In line with the ongoing Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – ‘Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat’, students of class 6 made documentaries on Nagaland and Sikkim and beautifully showcased the heritage, culture and traditions of two of the Seven Sisters of the North East. Students of Class 7 presented four visionaries of India – Sardar Vallabhai Patel, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi. They brilliantly enacted the life, political journey and their contributions to the freedom struggle of the country. The students of class VIII celebrated the linguistic diversity of our country. With the objective of familiarizing every child with simple sentences, they presented the history, origin, scriptures and other interesting facts of four Indian languages - Malayalam, Sanskrit, Punjabi and Hindi. Vice Principal, Ms. R. Anand, appreciated the efforts of the students and their teacher-mentors in making the enriching educational documentaries. Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal said, “A truly remarkable way of saluting the diversity of our great nation. I am happy to see my students become excellent story tellers and learn from each other.”



Republic Day

Dressed in white with tri-colour sashes and head bands , students of classes Nursery to V celebrated the 73rd Republic Day by reciting patriotic rhymes, singing songs in the virtual class. It was an attempt to inculcate love and respect for our nation in the hearts and minds of the young children. They were also told about the significance of Republic Day.



Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated every year on 2nd October to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. To pay homage to the Father of the Nation, the students celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with great zeal and enthusiasm. They made posters on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan thus understanding the importance of clean India and how Gandhiji envisaged our country to be.



Gandhi Jayanti

Holi

The Festival of Colours, Holi was celebrated by our students. They presented a video that had some dance performances and also gave information about the festival, its history and its significance. The festival of Holi is incomplete without colours and it becomes more enjoyable when it is healthy and safe. The members of Earth Saviors Eco Club had a workshop on making of organic colours using plant based ingredients.

विद्यारम्भं करिष्यामि सिद्धिर्भवतु मे सदा।।

Basant Panchmi, popularly known as Saraswati Puja, was celebrated on 5 February 2022. Our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, Vice Principals, Ms. R. Anand, Ms. A. Gupta, along with the students and parents, worshipped Goddess Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, art and wisdom. Everyone was dressed up in yellow attire to welcome the Spring season. It was so overwhelming to see the little ones participating whole heartedly in the puja.

Students of Class KG and Class 1 participated in Art and Craft Competition. Class KG had to draw and colour on any one of the topics- Garden Scene or Kite flying. Class 1 students made beautiful sunflowers using handprints.



Basant Panchami



**CELEBRATING
EXCELLENCE**

Accolades for SMS, Meera Bagh

ArdorComm Media in association with AICTE (Under Ministry of Education, Govt of India) & Department of Collegiate & Technical Education, (Government of Telangana) and National Book Trust (Under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) hosted 'New Normal-Education Leadership Summit & Awards 2021" (#ELSA2021) on 1st Oct 2021 at Hotel Radisson, Gurugram. At this august gathering, our school was felicitated for "Contributing Valuable & Exemplary work to the Educational Community". Ms. S. Malik received the token of appreciation on behalf of our school from Major Harsh Kumar, Secretary, NCERT, under MoE, Govt of India, and Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, National Book Trust, Under Ministry of Education.



Our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal has been honoured with 'Dynamic Edu-Leader of the Year Award - World Women Icon - 2022' by Global Triumph Foundation. In a virtual event on the theme - 'Empowering Women : Fostering Entrepreneurship', Ms. Aggarwal was felicitated for her exemplary work in the field of education as well as leading the school successfully even in these challenging times.

Dynamic Edu-Leader Of The Year Award

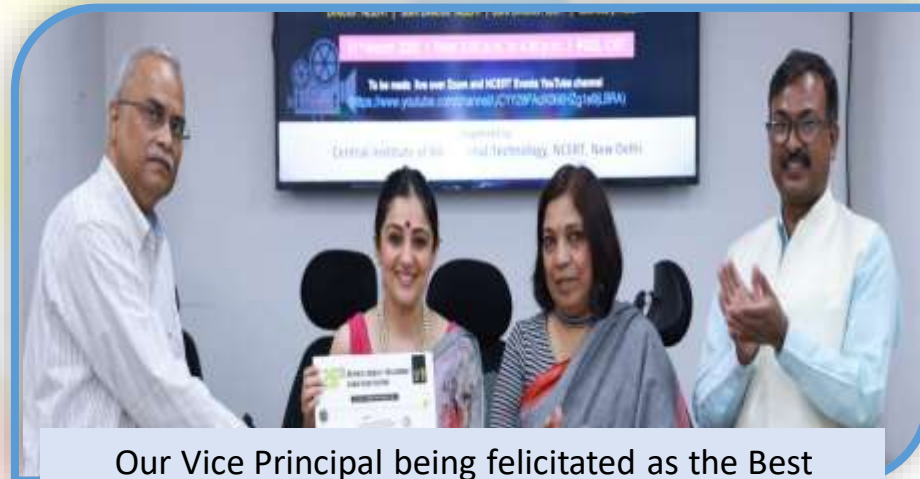
Global Edu Leader Award

A proud moment for our school as our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, has been conferred with the Global Edu Leader Award at the Global Education Summit, Awards & Convocation 2021. Organised by the International Council of Educators of International Internship University to celebrate the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', the award is a recognition for Ms. Aggarwal's exemplary service in the field of education. It is also to honour her for strengthening the bond that exists with schools overseas through remarkable collaboration, communication and cooperation. The award was collected by Ms. G. Rajan, Head, International Affairs, on behalf of our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal.



Ms. G. Rajan, receiving the award on behalf of our Principal

Yet another proud moment for us as our Vice Principal, Ms. R. Anand is felicitated with the Best Teacher Presenter Award at the 26th All India Children's Educational Audio Video Festival (A National Level Competition for e Contents Development). The video, Intelligent Doll, has been awarded for exhibiting creativity in designing, planning and making use of the available resource.



Our Vice Principal being felicitated as the Best Teacher Presenter

Best Teacher Presenter Award

Awards For Mr. Naveen Gupta

Mr. N. Gupta , PGT , Computer Science , was presented with the prestigious National ICT Award, consisting of a medal and citation, by Hon'ble Minister of State, Education, Smt. Annapurna Devi . In another ceremony, he was awarded with a Laptop and ICT kit by Professor Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director NCERT and Prof. Amarendra P. Behera, Joint Director and Head CIET, NCERT. Mr. Gupta receives the award for enhancing student learning by effectively and innovatively integrating technology supported learning into the school curriculum and subject teaching, thereby promoting enquiry-based cooperative-collaborative learning using ICT amongst students.

He also received Dr. Sarvapalli Radha Krishnan Teachers Excellence Award 2021 at the Rastriya Shikshak Samman Samaroh ,organized by Shikshak Kalyan Foundation, New Delhi, in the august presence of Hon'ble Chief Guests, Dr. Subhash Sarkar, Union Minister of State for Education and Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel, Union Minister of State for Law & Justice and other dignitaries on 22nd December 2021 at Constitution Club of India New Delhi.



Mr. N. Gupta, receiving National ICT Award from Smt. Annapurna Devi, MoS-Education





GLOBAL DIMENSIONS

Reviving our Global Connect

As part of a Global Exchange Program, our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal and Vice Principal Ms. R. Anand visited their partner school in Paris - College Emile Verhaeren, Saint-Cloud on 8 October, 2021. A presentation on Indian Art and Culture, which included various styles of painting like Kalamkaari, Gond, Madhubani, Mandala and weaving styles like Kantha, Pashmina, Phulkari, Khadi, Chanderi and Ikkat was given by the Principal and the Vice Principal using the digital media and paintings made by the students of our school. The Principal of College Emile Verhaeren, Saint-Cloud, Mr. Gilles Gazon appreciated the efforts of the Indian students and he thanked St. Mark's for giving them an insight into the vibrant cultural heritage of India. This was followed by a visit to Lucee Santos Dumont School which is a vocational school. The student team of the hospitality sector of this school displayed their excellent culinary skills by organising and preparing a formal luncheon for the gathering. Ms. Aggarwal and Ms. Anand appreciated the team's efforts to give them a taste of authentic French Cuisine. Our Principal also thanked the Principal of Lycee Santos Dumont, Ms. Audrey Fouillard, Mr. Gilles Principal- Emile Verhaeren, his team of teachers Ms. Vanessa, Ms. Marilae and their students. The day ended with making future plans for fostering and strengthening the ties of friendship between India and Paris.



The French students admiring our weave patterns



Our Principal and Vice Principal with their French Counterparts

Three teams comprising of twelve students: Manav Bhatia(XIF), Prabh Vohra(XIA), Shubh Mahajan(XIC) & Gaurang Goyal(XIC); Arshita Barva(XG), Aastha Sukhija(XA), Chitra Garg(XF) & Aseem Talwar(XD) and Vanshita Bhandari(XIA) , Sakshi Shokeen(XE), Vedika Kapoor(XF) & Shreya Salhotra(IXC) participated in the **9TH ONLINE FULLY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (FRSIS) 2021**.

The students won the Platinum Award for their excellent research on Rise of Digital Revolution during the pandemic, Global Economic Consequences of the COVID 19 pandemic and Healthcare Innovations & Mental Health Anxiety Management during the Pandemic. The virtual symposium was organized by the Fully Residential Schools Management Division, Ministry of Education, Malaysia and hosted by Sekolah Seri Puteri, Cyberjaya, Malaysia.



Platinum Awards at an International Symposium

APEC Cyber Academy, Taiwan

Our team, comprising of Kashvi Suri & Rupashi Nagi from Class 7 and Aditya Jhamb, Pradyuman Sapra and Sukhman Singh from Class 8, were felicitated by Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal and Vice Principal, Ms. R. Anand. The team won a stipend of 600 USD from the APEC Cyber Academy, Taiwan, for its excellent work in the project - How we can make the world more inclusive and sustainable. The students worked together to create a new green air purifier to keep the community safer and make the world a better place.



Our Principal addressing the educators

Our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal, addressed educators from Asia and Europe on the topic - "Understanding the Elements of a Holistic Learning Environment: Teaching Practices and Tools". The webinar, which was a part of School Collaboration 2021 under the aegis of Asia Europe Foundation, Singapore, had Ms. Aggarwal speak on various topics such as the domains of holistic development as well as its need for the students. She spoke about experiential learning to interdisciplinary learning, highlighting the importance of self guided learning as well as integrated learning for the holistic development of students around the world. The educators from both Asia and Europe were highly impressed by the buddy system and the meditation sessions that Ms. Aggarwal practices in her school.

School Collaboration 2021

Global Virtual Classroom

An enriching and informative virtual session with Dr. Gorson was held on 19 January 2022 as a part of our Global Virtual Classroom project. The subject, '**Venoms- Be Killed or Be Cured**' was discussed quite in detail. The event was organised by our partner school in the USA. Students were made aware about different venomous animals like jellyfish, spiders etc. and some amazing facts were shared about these creatures. The students thoroughly enjoyed the interactive session.



Let's talk food!



GOOD FOOD IS THE FOUNDATION OF AMAZING FRIENDSHIPS.

Lasting friendships and beautiful memories are created when we connect through food. Students of our school and CENTRE DE FORMATION PROFESSIONNELLE BERNE FRANCOPHONE (Switzerland) came together for an exquisite culinary collaboration wherein the Indian students attempted to recreate Swiss delicacies like pastas and chocolate based delights while their Swiss friends attempted chicken tikka masala and pakoras. It was quite a gastronomical feast. Love for food overcame the language barriers as well as distance of thousands of miles.

Culinary Collaboration



SMS CHRONICLES

Geek <a/> Hertz

Our school organized the 4th edition of **International Annual Computer Tech Fest “Geek<a/>Hertz”** on 17 November 2021. The event received an overwhelming response from 87 schools in Delhi & NCR and schools around the world. Around 1190 students participated in the different online events with almost 600 participating on the day of the finals. A total of 13 events were conducted that included Gamers’ Paradise (Game Designing), Markians’ Gaming League, Web Coders (Web Designing), Lights-Camera-Action (Movie Making), Binary Masters (Programming), Design.apk (Android App Designing), Snapshot (Photo editing), Creative Catchers (Brochure Designing), Junior Techies (PowerPoint Presentation), Imagica (Innovation), Minicomp Wizards (Arduino Applications), and a new additions, B-Plan (Idea Pitching) & Decrypter Dilemma (Treasure Hunt) . In Binary masters, 400 participated in the online competition held on codechef.com. The events were judged by the prominent people from the field: Delhi University, NSIT Delhi, NIIT University, Pearl Academy, Edu next and Singrid corp. etc. **Our school students won the Rolling Trophy as they emerged Winners in many competitions.** Since the host school does not accept the rolling trophy, it is passed on to the next best performing school. The event was sponsored by Edu Next, UPES University, NIIT University, Pearl Academy, Aakash Institute, and Code Chef.



United In Rhythm

'Music and dance connect us to beautiful feelings of love, fullness and unity.'

Students of class Nursery to 5 presented the mega event of the year - United in Rhythm - **लय में एकजुट**

The show commenced with enchanting dances - Bharatnatyam, Lavni, Naga, Mohiniyattam, Bihu, Kathak, Bhangra and Haryanvi to name a few . Some students paid a tribute to the legendary Lata Mangeshkar by singing her melodious songs while there were some who took everyone down the memory lane as they sang songs sung by Kishore Kumar, Geeta Dutt and R.D Burman.

A tribute to the Nightingale of India



Bihu- Icon of Assam



Naga Dance of Chang Tribe



Mary Poppins- A Musical

“Everything is possible; Even the impossible” A musical play ‘Mary Poppins’ based on the book ‘Mary Poppins’ written by P. L. Travers was presented by the students of classes Nursery to Fifth as part of the Annual Day. It was a stage full of rapturous delight. All the students performed excellently and provoked a standing ovation. The children danced in perfect harmony on the song numbers like - A Spoonful of Sugar, Step in Time and Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. It was totally a breathtaking show from start to the finish. It was supercalifragilisticly good fun.



Buying Conversations!!!



Let's Dance- Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious



The Happy Banks Family

Orientation for Nursery and KG



Our Principal addressing the parents during the Orientation Session for Classes Nursery and KG

In order to ensure the students' academic development, along with the school, the parents also need to be involved at every step to keep a track of the progress of their ward over the academic year. While it may not be possible for them to do so everyday, considering they would be busy with their professional lives, the school offers parent orientation programme to discuss various aspects of the students' schooling. Keeping this in mind, our school organized an orientation programme for the Kindergarten parents and students on 19 March 2022.

The orientation was conducted in two slots (9:00am-10:30am) and (11:00am -12.30 pm). Our Principal, Ms A. Aggarwal welcomed the parents and the students and gave an overview of the school. Some important activities, which are going to be conducted in the upcoming session 2022-2023, were also discussed. The parents were also given an opportunity to interact with the respective class teachers of their wards.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

"The essence of great leadership is influence, not authority". On 21 October 2021, our school appointed its new batch of leaders with the hope that they will commit themselves to respect 'Loyalty, Truth and Honour' with their utmost capability and make their peers follow the same path. Along with the office bearers, the **Editorial Board** was also given its new members. Vishwesh Kumar Gupta(XIH) and Bhumi Sinha(XIH) were chosen as the **Vice Head Boy** and the **Vice Head Girl** respectively while Tanush Royal(XIF) and Prabhshabad Kaur Sahni(XIA) were made the **Vice School Captains**. Prabhneet Singh(XIC) and Hiya Wadhwa(XIF) were given the positions of the **Vice Sports Captains**. The **Vice House Captains** (Gurnoor Kaur(XIH), Utkarsh Pant(XIG), Mehak Dhanuka(XIF) Ananya Sharma(XIF)) and the Vice Discipline Incharges completed this diligent group of the new batch of office bearers!



School Vice Head Girl and Vice Head Boy along with School Vice School Captains-
Getting inspiration from the Best

Toast to the ones here...as Memories bring back memories



The class of 1997 celebrated 25 years of passing out from the school. It is rightly said that school is an integral part of your childhood and if you want to revisit childhood, revisit school. The class of 1997 came to school and felicitated the support staff, an integral part of our school. Our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal welcomed them with lots of love and blessings. They also indulged in some fun activities and treated the staff members to a sumptuous lunch.

Indeed, an 'Atoot Bandhan'!

Class of 1997

The outgoing batch of 2021-22 received the much-awaited Farewell after spending two golden years of their school life online. The occasion was graced by the Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal and Vice Principal, Ms. R. Anand. The ceremony started with the warm and affectionate address of the Principal as she wished the students good luck for their future endeavours and urged them to hold on to the St. Markian ethos and values and make the school proud. This was followed by an emotional address by the Vice Principal, who inspired students to remember the school motto and continue to be loyal, truthful and honourable in their life. Mr. Dev Soni, school alumnus, introduced students to Atoot Bandhan ,the Old Students' Association and invited them to join the community. The Head Boy and the Head Girl, along with class representatives, gave emotionally charged speeches about their educational journey in school. Two students from class XII sang a beautiful song highlighting their bond with the school. It was finally time for them to capture this momentous occasion for a lifetime as they posed for a photograph with their Principal, Vice Principal and class teacher. Grade 11 students bid adieu to their seniors by presenting a series of musical performances along with games and fun activities to make the farewell a memorable day for them. The evening concluded with cake cutting ceremony followed by refreshments.



CITATION & FAREWELL

Book Review Competition

To enhance the literary skills and to inculcate good reading habits in students, we organised an “Inter Class Book Review Competition” for the students of Class IX.

The participants were given 2 minutes each to present their views on the books they read and they also answered the questions related to their book. The result is as follows:



I POSITION - Parv Choudhary(9G); **II POSITION** - Shreya Salhotra(9C), Priya Malhotra(9D); **III POSITION** - Bhuvan Chugh(9F) and **SPECIAL PRIZE** - Swaraj Das(9A), Prisha Wadhwa(9B), Anya Tandon(9C) and Agumvir Viridi(9D).

“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it” -Joseph Joubert

A virtual **Inter-Class Debate Competition** was organised for students of Class VI. The aim of the competition was to hone public speaking skills of the students and teach them to be articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions.

They presented their views on ‘**Modern Social Media Makes People Less Socially Active**’. The participants, armed with statistics and data, made their arguments more emphatic with their righteous facial expressions and voice modulation.

The judges appreciated their dedicated preparation, debating skills and confidence.



Debate Competition

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

A Model United Nations conference is a perfect amalgamation of all forms of constructive debate. Kriday Sharma (7A)-Delegate of The St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Mannat Sachdeva (7E)-Delegate diplomacy and consensus to understand the processes of International Politics and Global Issues of United Mexican States, participated in **La Martiniere Girls' Model United Nations**, a three day online MUN in the committee UNSC and intensively debated on the agenda 'ASSESSING THE IMPACT ON THE GEOPOLITICAL STABILITY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA DUE TO THE ESCALATION OF ARMED DISPUTES BETWEEN THE TIGRAYAN PEOPLE LIBERATION FRONT AND ETHIOPIA'. Their views were appreciated and **Kriday Sharma was awarded the Honourable Mention.**

Our students also participated in the 4th online edition of **Jaipuria International Model United Nations**, which was held on 15th and 16th January and gave constructive arguments in the following committees-United Nations General Assembly-Disarmament & International Security, United Nations Human Rights Council and United Nations Children's Fund. The following students won accolades:-

Paarth Bathla(9C): SPECIAL MENTION -UNHRC

Tanmay Anand(9E): HONOURABLE MENTION-UNICEF

Tanishka Manoj(6B): HONOURABLE MENTION- UNGA

Kriday Sharma(7A): SPECIAL MENTION- DISEC



JANUARY JOY

The month of January is all about celebrating and embracing new prospects and opportunities. A myriad of enrichment activities were held online for the students of classes Nursery to VIII from January 10 – January 12, 2022. These activities fuelled learning by stimulating creative thought and helped the children identify and develop their inner talents like creative and public speaking skills. Language building activities like Grammar Games, Read Aloud Competition, Quiz on Books and Authors were held. For the physical well being, Zumba and Yoga sessions were conducted. The importance of healthy eating was stressed through activities like Healthy Fireless Cooking and Fruit and Vegetable Delight. The creative skills of the children were enhanced through Puppet Making, Recitation, Singing, Enactment, Design a Book Cover etc. To give insight into the rich heritage of our motherland, Quiz on India was organized. The children participated in all the activities and thoroughly enjoyed them.



Inter School Competitions

Our students participated in a plethora of virtual competitions during **Rising Spirit – “उत्साह”** 2021, organized by Shah International School on 11th October 2021. The theme chosen was “STEM”. STEM education creates critical thinkers, increases science literacy and enables the next generation of innovators.

Reyansh Dhingra(Nursery B) bagged the Second Position in the event ‘Science Spark -Recitation’.



Our students participated in the competition '**Unlocking The Locked Talent**' organised by Bal Bharti Public School, Dwarka. They participated in the categories:- Dance Competition, Manipulative Maths, Fusion Yoga, Doodle Art. Arshita Dhall and Delisha Popli of Class V received appreciation certificates.

Aryan Madan of Class 7, participated in **ATL TINKER FEST** competition hosted by DAV Rohini . The event was "ADUMBRATE" and the topic was "GAME DRAFTING". Aryan won the **SECOND PRIZE** and made everyone proud. He created an operating system on a block coding platform called "Scratch" and used multiple variables and graphical art for the programming. The Operating System was packed with various features and an Interactive Game.



Inter School Competitions

Students from different classes participated under various categories in **El Jublio & quot;** an International Fest organised by City International school, Jaipur. Following students were awarded with appreciation certificates for their praiseworthy and superior presentations. **Eloquent Titans:** Teghjot Kaur Issar (3E), Ahana Malhotra (3A), Eera Sharma (3B), Anaisha Dalmia (3D), Nabhyanshu Jain (3B) and Ayushi Puri (3B); **Comparison:** Yuvaan Kamra (KG B); **Puppet Fiction:** Samarth Goyal (2A); **Global Dreams:** Adhya Mittal (5F); **Stem Saga:** Charvi Gupta (6B) and **Gracias Warriors:** Sukhman Singh (8B).



Pradyuman Sapra (8 A) ,Archit Jaggi (9 A) and Aarnav Rao (4A) won awards for their fantastic performance in MaxFest 2021. Organised by Maxfort School, Dwarka , **Maxfest 2021**, a virtual Annual Inter School Festival, was on the theme "India First ,Always First".

Inter School Competitions

Our students performed remarkably in “**Genesis – An Online Inter-School Fest, 2021**” organized by D.A.V Public School, West Patel Nagar. The theme of the fest was ‘Rangshala – Vibgyor.’ Aniket Sharma(KG A) won the **THIRD PRIZE** in ‘Get a bird feeder’ , Ashnoor Kaur(IC) also bagged the **THIRD POSITION** in ‘Viva Fashion’ , Eva Chadha(IVA) got a **CONSOLATION PRIZE** in ‘Yoga - A way of life’ and Ayushmaan Goel(VF) won the **FIRST POSITION** in ‘Indian Colours - Essence of Culture’.



Learn-O-Test Olympiad: 13 Students brought laurels to the school by winning various prizes and merit certificates in the field of Computer, Mathematics and Science. Shanaya Saxena (3C) won the **FIRST PRIZE** in Computer Olympiad and was awarded with Merit Certificate, Trophy and Echo Dot. Kiaan Valechha (4B) and Samidh Chhabra (6B) also participated in Computer Olympiad and were awarded with Merit Certificate and a wireless keyboard mouse. Arivv Gupta (3A), Hiral Dawar (3A), Aarna Malhotra (4F), and Samidh Chhabra (6B) participated in Mathematics Olympiad and were awarded with Merit Certificate and wireless keyboard mouse or wireless headphone. Arshiya (3F), Aarna Malhotra (4F), Samit Bansal (5E), Angel Arora(6G), Samidh Chhabra (6B), and Yash Khanwani (10A) participated in Science Olympiad and were awarded with Merit Certificate and wireless keyboard mouse or wireless headphone. The Director, Mr. R. Aggarwal and Ms. A. Gupta (Vice Principal) appreciated the students for their excellent performance in a National Level Olympiad organised by Edunext Technologies.



Inter School Competitions

Mannat Sachdeva and Pratyush Goyal of class VII won the **FIRST POSITION** in the French Competition "**La Publicité Gastronomique en Inde**" (**Ad mad show**) organised by Blue Bells Model School, Gurugram. The students prepared a short advertisement in French, selling the French food product "Camembert" cheese to the Indian audience.



Our school participated in **Synergy 2021**, an Annual Inter-School Fest organised by the Srijan School. The aim of the festival was to assimilate art integrated approach in all its events. The students got an opportunity to creatively imagine, explore, experiment and gain knowledge through activities ranging from dance, art, singing to mathematics, literature, social science, science and commerce. Around 35 students participated in 20 competitive as well as non competitive events and showcased their talent. **Jahnavi Kalra, Udit Goel and Pragya Singh** of 10G made a video comparing Fiction to Film for J K Rowling's Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and bagged the **FIRST POSITION** in the event and **Yajat Dayal(12E)** achieved the **THIRD POSITION** in Canvas Tales for his beautiful creation.

Inter School Competitions



CRPF Public School , Rohini organised **VISTAAR -An Interschool Festival** . Students from classes 6 to 9 participated in various events. Angel Arora (6G) , Pratyush Goyal (7 F) and Pradyuman Sapra (8 A) participated in 'Smart Score - The Mathematical Quiz' which assessed the mathematical skills of the students with a varying degree of difficulty . They won a Consolation Prize . Dishita Kaushik (6B) participated in ' Masterchef Junior', wherein she made Creamy Canapes and was awarded with Third prize. Swaraj Das (9A) participated in 'Waste: A Creativity Challenge' and made a dancing doll using waste material like coconut shells, old decoration items and other such articles. His creation was much appreciated by the judges and was awarded with Third Prize.



इंडियन ऑयल आर एंड डी

इंडियन ऑयल आर एंड डी केंद्र की स्वर्ण जयंती के उपलक्ष पर राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर आयोजित की गई हिन्दी बंध प्रतियोगिता जिसका विषय ' **आज की ऊर्जा की बर्बादी, कल की ऊर्जा की कमी** ' था,! आठवीं कक्षा की हरनूर कौर और सातवीं कक्षा के विद्यार्थी कृदय शर्मा के निबंध को 5-5 हजार के प्रोत्साहन पुरस्कार हेतु चयनित किया गया।



NIRMAAN- THE TALENT RENDEZVOUS

NIRMAAN Enterprise, a business run by students of our school, believes in women empowerment and aims to provide employment to women of economically weaker section. It currently has over 80 students in its team. This year, an online talent show 'The Talent Rendezvous' was organized by the Nirmaan Enterprises. It was an Inter-School event which took place on 28th November, 2021. There were two rounds, the audition round followed by the final live round. The event constituted of three categories- dance, acting and singing. Over 30 students had participated in the event and the spectators got a chance to see some heartwarming and graceful performances. The judges of the event were the alumni of our school who had done wonders in such creative fields. Our Vice Principal, Ms. Ritika Anand also joined us for the final round. Her words of appreciation motivated all the participants. The event was a huge success and a portion of funds collected was given for charity.



GOONJ COLLECTION

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." – Mother Teresa . We at SMS believe in the ethos of sharing. Sharing can change the world; the smallest act of caring has the potential to turn a life around: yes, sharing is caring. As part of 'Odha Do Zindagi' winter campaign, spearheaded by the NGO Goonj, our students collected blankets , jackets, sweaters, mufflers and other woolen articles for our less fortunate brethren for whom the extreme winters are nothing short of a disaster. Keeping the Covid protocols in mind, all the collected material was sent packed and sanitized.



WWF QUIZ (CLASSES VI-IX)

Students of classes 6-9 participated in the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2021 organized by WWF India. It was not just a quiz but also an expedition that introduced children to the wonders of nature to prepare them to take action for a sustainable planet. The theme of this quiz was 'Life on Our Planet: A hope for future generations!' Bismandeep Singh Sohal(8C) and Aryaman Malik(7A) topped at the school level and represented the school at the National Level in the month of November.

RASHTRIYA POSHAN MAAH (CLASS 1-5)

It is rightly said-"Consuming a healthy diet helps to prevent malnutrition in all its form." India is not just fighting COVID-19 outbreak but is also battling existing malnutrition in the country among the underprivileged sections of society. As a part of celebration of "Poshan Maah", the students of primary wing prepared a nutritious meal and shared it with children from the weaker sections of the society living in their neighborhood. This activity enabled our enthusiastic young students to learn about the benefits of nutritious diet as well as the ethos of volunteerism.

VIRTUAL TOUR TO ZOO (KG AND NURSERY)

Students of class KG and Nursery enthusiastically participated in an activity on 29 September 2021 .A virtual tour to zoo was organized for classes KG and Nursery, where everyone observed an array of animals and birds. The students dressed up as their favorite animals and spoke few lines about them. All the students enjoyed and learned some interesting facts about the animals. It was an interesting activity and all the students participated in it with great zeal.

OUR HELPERS ACTIVITY

All the students of Class KG participated in 'Our Helpers' Activity, which was conducted on 21 December, 2021 during the online classes. The students dressed up as their favourite community helpers such as doctors, teachers, policemen, firefighters, barbers etc. and spoke few lines about them too. The activity was very interesting and informative. They participated with full zeal and enthusiasm.

FILMIT INDIA 2021-22

Two of our films have won awards at the Award Ceremony of Filmit India 2021-22. "A Short Film on Recycling" made by Sanvi Gandhi (7E) and Ishpreet Kaur (7B) has been awarded as the Best Film with a message while "The Virtual Tour of Victoria Memorial" made by Yuvika Gogia (7E)and Rishit Rahi (7G) has been awarded for the Best Screenplay.

ART COMPETITION

Art allows the young minds to explore their own thoughts and imagination. To give wings to their creativity and imagination, an art competition was organized for KG - Class 5. As it has been said that every child is an artist, all the students participated in the online Art Competition. The students were given different themes to draw. While class Nursery and KG showed their creations on Kites in the Sky and Flowers in the Garden, Class 1 made an attempt to sketch their Favorite Cartoon Character. Class 2 made a Garden Scene and Class 3 had Seasons as their theme. Class 4 and 5 showed their creation on Superheroes and Indian Festivals.

HARIT UMANG PROJECT

With an aim to promote the five 'R's - Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle, our school has registered for The 'Joy of Green'- The Harit Umang, an initiative of Panasonic India Pvt. Ltd. and Hand in Hand India. As part of Energy Conservation national campaign, Green ambassadors of our school participated in poster making followed by a webinar on 'Hope of Energy Towards Energy'. It was an interactive session creating a better understanding of the issue, particularly on how they can save energy at home and in schools.

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

As a part of CBSE Activity - Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the students of Classes 1 to 5 dressed up and enacted as freedom fighters of India. The students learned in a very innovative and fun filled manner. Through this activity, the students gained an insight into the struggle of these heroes for our Independence.

TALK TIME ACTIVITY

On 21 December, 2021, Talk Time Activity was organized for the students of Class 4. The students participated enthusiastically and came up with innovative ideas. The activity was conducted to boost the confidence of the students as well as to develop good conversation skills in them. Some of the topics given to them were:-Self help is the best help, The best book I have ever read and Things I learned in lockdown.

ORIGAMI WORKSHOP

On 14th December, students of classes 8 and 9 had a session wherein they got to know about the traditional dresses of Japan. On 21st December they had their second session where they got to know how to create origami kimono. They were taught by two wonderful teachers, who were calm and steady and patiently waited for all the students to complete the task of making origami kimono. It was indeed a fun filled, creative and informative session.

TEA BAG ART

Our students - Harman Singh, Pratyush Goyal (class 7) , Marilyn Lazarus & Surabhi Kansal (Class 8) organised a session on Tea Bag Art. They invited Ms. Hemalatha Venkataraman from Ohio, USA , to teach tea bag art to our students. Around 75 students joined the session and learnt the skills of doing the art. Ms. Hemalatha also answered a few questions posed by the young students who were very keen to understand the art and wanted the artist to give valuable tips on the subject.

STORYTELLING ACTIVITY

It is always said ' Best way to teach is by telling a story'. In order to foster the skills of listening and reading, a **Storytelling Activity** using puppets/props was organised for class KG on 26 February. The children dressed up as their favourite character from their selected stories and used puppets and props to narrate the story. Developing communication skills and expanding the realm of their imagination was the main objective of the workshop. They narrated stories like The Ant and the Grasshopper, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, The Lion and the Mouse and many more. Overall, it was a great learning experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

HINDI DEBATE COMPETITION

वाद-विवाद किसी विषय पर चर्चा करने की औपचारिक विधि है, जिसमें परस्पर दो विपरीत विचारों के समर्थक अपना-अपना विचार रखते हैं और एक दूसरे के विचारों का तर्कपूर्ण खंडन करते हैं। इसी औपचारिक विधि वाद- विवाद को ऑनलाइन मंच पर दिनांक 14 फरवरी को कक्षा सातवीं के विद्यार्थियों द्वारा प्रस्तुत किया गया। कल्पना से परे कक्षा सातवीं के विद्यार्थियों ने इस **वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता** में जिसका विषय था **‘विदेश में बसना हर भारतीय का सपना है’** को अपने तर्क के माध्यम से प्रतिद्वंद्वी के विचारों का खंडन करते हुए अत्यंत मनोरंजक बना दिया था, जिसका सभी ने भरपूर आनंद लिया। निर्णायक मंडल द्वारा चुने गए विजेता इस प्रकार है :-सर्वश्रेष्ठ दल - कृदय शर्मा, अमय अग्रवाल; श्रेष्ठ वक्ता (पक्ष) - मान्या अरोड़ा, क्षीराब्धि शुक्ला; श्रेष्ठ वक्ता (विपक्ष) - लोही मल्होत्रा, जान्हवी थपलियाल; प्रोत्साहन पुरस्कार- ऋषित राही, प्रत्यूष गोयल

THE SCHOOL ACTION PROJECT

Saksham Arora and Jayansh Oberoi participated in ‘The School Action Project’, conducted by TERI and **were declared winners.** The project aimed at ‘Promoting Science & Health Communication through Outreach and Capacity Building of School Students and Linked Communities’ and were required to ideate on a ‘product,’ develop it and use it to spread awareness on issues that emerged with the COVID-19 outbreak. Saksham Arora made a jigsaw puzzle on the precautions to be taken to prevent spreading of Covid-19 and Jayansh Oberoi created an online quiz to spread awareness about Covid appropriate behaviour.



Saksham Arora



Jayansh Oberoi

GENERATION GLOBAL VIDEO CONFERENCE

The Generation Global video conference on global citizenship kicked off with an exchange of views about the meaning of global citizenship and our encounters with it. It was agreed that social media has played a huge role in bringing together communities and educating people about different cultures and beliefs. Several international issues like the pandemic, climate change, pollution, mental illnesses and discrimination were touched upon. The possibility of the metaverse helping in multinational connections was also discussed. Lastly, students talked about the effect of globalization on their communities like the fading out of indigenous customs and values. At the end, everyone shared their reflections about the knowledge they have gained during the conference about the interesting topics that were introduced.

Ms. Rooma also attended a Video conference organised for the teachers, by Generation Global. This conference was headed by Ms. Lisa Petro (Quality and Education Head , Generation Global) and attended by many teachers across the globe . It was quite an informative session wherein the two speakers, Ms. Maria Emilia Espejo from PrepaTec Monterrey, Mexico and Ms. Radhika Misra from Our Own English high School. Sharjah Boys' - UAE ; talked about their methods in preparing and motivating students for the video conferences followed by question and answer session.

POETS' APPRECIATION MEET

A Poets' Appreciation Meet was organized on 16th -17th February 2022 for the English department of the school. All the teachers gave presentations and spoke about the life and works of a poet that inspired them the most. With literary geniuses and their passions galore, poets like Robert Browning, John Donne, William Shakespeare, Walt Whitman and the likes, transported us into the realm of imagination and poetry. Our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal and Vice Principal, Ms. R. Anand, also shared their views and spoke about their favorite poets. It was an enriching experience for one and all. A memorable day to collaborate our learnings and broaden our horizons.

SESSION ON MINDSET CURRICULA

Directorate of Education, Govt. Of NCT of Delhi organized a special session on Mindset curricula- Happiness, Entrepreneurship and Deshbhakti, at Thyagaraj stadium for recognized private schools of Delhi on 7 March 2022. It was attended by Ms. H. Kaur, Ms. P. Sharma, Ms. V. Lamba and Mr. R. Manchanda. Chief guest Sri. Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, addressed the gathering with his insightful thoughts and his future action plans for the development of the students of Delhi NCR. Various presentations were shown that were designed on the curricula. The session highlighted on the need to help children become emotionally and professionally sound while being a responsible and empathetic citizen. The aim of this mindset curricula is to integrate harmony , renewed faith and values as a fundamental part of mainstream academic school experience.

Webinars attended by Teachers & Students

- ❖ Unfolding EVS at Primary level
- ❖ Plastic Waste and its effects on human health
- ❖ Climate Change
- ❖ ADHD Awareness
- ❖ Psychometric Assessment for Class X
- ❖ Internet, Covid and Us
- ❖ Promoting Science and Health Communication
- ❖ Entrepreneurial Journey and Skills
- ❖ Preventing Mental Health Problems in school children
- ❖ Digital Regulation and Citizenship
- ❖ Building Resilience
- ❖ Positive Discipline
- ❖ Re-imagining the virtual science journey
- ❖ Hands-on Practical Science
- ❖ Positivity and Happiness
- ❖ Global Citizenship
- ❖ Fostering An Entrepreneurial Spirit at a Young Age
- ❖ Hands on Practical Science in the Digital Age
- ❖ Climate Literacy: Beyond the Written word

GAMES & SPORTS



Shuttle Champs

Our zone organized **Badminton Zonals Tournament** at Bosco Public School in all six categories- Senior Boys, Senior Girls, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Sub Jr. Boys and Sub Jr. Girls. We are proud to say that we won prime positions in all categories :-

Senior Girls- 1st position
Junior Boys-1st position
Senior Boys-2nd position
Junior Girls-3rd position
Sub junior Boys- 1st position
Sub junior Girls- 2nd position



Our young shuttler Yogansh Singh brought us laurels by winning the 1st Prize at the **Delhi State Ranking Badminton Championship - 2021** in Boys Doubles Under 15 Category; held at K D Jadhav Warm Up Hall, Indra Gandhi Stadium Complex, New Delhi. The tournament took place from 15th - 23rd November, 2021. He, alongwith Vidit Dang(class 7) also bagged the first position in the **INTERZONAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT**. The two shuttlers represented Zone 17 under the sub juniors category.

Achievements Galore!!!



Zonal Volleyball

Our school team participated in **Zonal Volleyball tournament** held at two venues. For boys, it was held in Little Angel Public School from 2 November to 4 November and for girls, it was held in St. Frobell School from 20 December to 23 December 2021. Our school team won following positions in respective categories: **Senior boys**- First Runners up; **Junior boys** - First Runners up; **Sub Junior boys** - First Runners up and **Junior girls**- second Runners up.



Our school football team participated in Senior Boys Category of **Zonal Football tournament**, held at Ganga International school, Hiran Kudna on 27 and 28 December 2021, and secured **3rd position**. Our team reached Semi finals and won against GD Goenka School, Paschim Vihar and GBSSS, JJ Colony Nangloi by 4 goals to nil.



Zonal Football

Basketball Zonals



The Champions are all here!!!

Three cheers to our school Basketball Teams as they bring home the medals in the Zonal Championships. While the Sr. Girls won the Championship, the Sub Jr. Girls won the second Position thus getting the Silver Medal. As for the boys, both the Jr. Boys as well as Sub Jr. Boys won the Third Position, hence received the Bronze Medal.



Field Day

Annual Sports Day is an honoured and beloved tradition in our school. However the students had been missing out on their outdoor activities due to the ongoing pandemic. So to recreate the Sports Day atmosphere, the students of Classes Nursery, KG and Class 1 had a 'Field Day' organised on 23rd and 25th of February 2022. The day was filled with outdoor fun activities like- flat race, lemon and spoon race, zig zag race etc., that emphasized on enjoyment and skill. The children derived a lot of pleasure by participating in the various activities. The winners were delighted to receive prizes. Watching the students play gleefully reconfirmed the fact that physical education holds a great value in the development of the children.



Champions in the making!!



K. Srishti (11D), Alfiya (11B), Mehak Dhall (11A) and Khushi Gupta (11H) participated in U-19 category in the **HandBall Delhi State School Games Tournament 2021- 22** and secured the third place.

Prabhneet Singh Narang(XI-C) secured the 3rd position in **Stag Delhi State Table Tennis Championship- 2021**. He will represent the entire state of Delhi in the imminent National Championship.

Aashman (IXC) won the 1st Runner-up Position in the **School Games Federation of India (SGFI)**. He had represented Delhi State in the Under-14 Boys Category.

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Craft Activities during Diwali