

SMS News

A JOURNAL OF SCHOOL NEWS, VIEWS AND IDEAS

Volume- III

September-December 2002

No. 3

EDITORIAL BOARD

CHIEF EDITORS

AMRITA SINGH AHUJA XI B
ADITYA CHAWLA XI E

ASST. EDITORS

POOJA CHAWLA XI E
CHAYAN KAUSHAL IX E
RUCHIKA JUNEJA IX C
GUNJAN BATRA IX C

STUDENT REPORTERS

ANKIT BATHLA IX C
SUGANDHA SHARMA IX B

TEACHER FACILITATOR

MS. JYOTI RAMDAS

EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

We are glad to be back amidst you all, with lots of exciting news, candid views and innovative ideas. A host of intra and inter school activities kept us very busy, yet over the past months the days were punctuated by memorable excursions, joyous trips and outings, both educative and enjoyable.

At the onset we would like to congratulate our **Respected** Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal for receiving the Radhakrishnan Award for his exemplary contribution to the field of education.

True to their commitments on greening the environment our young **green ambassadors** have reached another milestone. A small step for those of the Snow Leopard Club, but a giant leap for the SMS family. Friends, we are proud to announce the inauguration of a paper recycling unit in the school premises. This achievement came on the steps of another mega event organised at school *i.e.*, the Annual Inter School Recitation Competition, which was a thundering success as usual. The competition provided a platform for genuine appreciation and rendition of poetry in English, Hindi and Sanskrit.

With great things happening in school and many laurels being won, we are sure that in the coming days there are lot more exciting happenings to be seen. We hope that in the ensuing pages of the Newsletter, you shall have an overview of three months gone by. Happy Reading !

INTER SCHOOL RECITATION COMPETITION

The St. Mark's Inter School Recitation Competition, an annual event was organized on 15 Sept. 2002. With over 1300 students from 25 different schools participating, the event was a mega success. Organized on a long scale, this competition has always infused a love for poetry among the listeners. The day's function commenced with the Head Boy, Mayur Batra sharing his views on the essence of poetry, and he was enjoined by Pulkita Sharma of a Class I. Quoting Mathew Arnold, our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal reflected that poetry is the most impressive and effective mode of saying things. The erudite personalities who participated as judges were Dr. Vikram Chopra,



Prize Winners of English Recitation of class II

Dr. Dabas, Dr. R.P. Malik, Ms. Uma Mani, Ms. Vibha Gadi, Ms. Ira Sehgal and other senior teachers from various schools. The host school won 37 out of 109 prizes for English Recitation (9–1st Prizes, 8–2nd Prizes, 6–3rd Prizes and 14 special prizes). St. Marks Girls School made a clear sweep in Hindi Recitation, followed by St. Mark's Janakpuri. Sachdeva Public School, Pritampura bagged maximum prizes for Sanskrit Recitation.



Prize Winners of Hindi Recitation of class IV



Prize Winners of English Recitation of class X

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

On 3rd Sept. 2002, Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal bestowed the 'Badges of Honour' to the student Council Members of Class XI.

The office bearers are :

Vice Head Girl	Amrita Singh Ahuja	XI B
Vice Head Boy	Sameer Mirani	XI F
Vice School Captain (Girls)	Pooja Chawla	XI E
Vice School Captain (Boys)	Nirmolak Singh	XI E
Vice Sports Captain (Girls)	Harpreet Kaur	XI B
Vice Sports Captain (Boys)	Hansit Singh Premi	XI D



Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal pins the 'Badges of Honour' on the Vice Head Boy, Sameer Mirani (XI F)



Head Boy Mayur Batra (XII E) and Head Girl Srishti Dhawan (XII B) administers the oath of office to the new office bearers of class XI

SPIC MACAY PRESENTATION

Under the patronage of SPIC MACAY, on 23rd Oct., the students of our school had an opportunity to witness an enthralling Kathak Dance Presentation by Deepak Maharaj, the younger son of Birju Maharaj. He was accompanied by the disciples of Birju Maharaj, Sushree Mahua Shankar and Sushree Parana Roy. Ambica Prasad Misraji on tabla and Ghulam Warisji on sarangi were a part of the entourage. The inaugural lamp was lit by the Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal. The audience were treated to a beautiful recital of Shiv Vandana, Upaj, That, Paran, Amad, Tihai and innovative 'Telephone Tihai' composed by Pt. Birju Maharaj. A scintillating Jugal Bandi by three artistes, marked the end of the great recital. Ms. Wahi, our Vice Principal proposed the vote of thanks.

Under the aegis of SPIC MACAY Ms. Saeed Naqvi, the famous journalist and columnist presented a talk on the strength of our composite culture. Students viewed a documentary film 'India' and participated in an interactive session with the Chief Guest. Ms. Naqvi urged students to be ambassadors of peace and harmony.



Mr. Saeed Naqvi participates in an interactive session with the students



Sri Deepak Maharajji alongwith Mahua Shankar and Parana Roy at the dance recital

CANON ART, DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITION

Winners for Canon Art Drawing and Painting Competition

Class VI—A—Surbhi Kakkar, B—Anjali Gambhir, C—Neeraj Taneja, D—Prabhyot S. Nirman, E—Akshay Bhalla, F—Ankur Jindal.

Class VII—A—Kritika Gupta, B—Aman Saini, C—Aashna Narang, D—Mannika Mitra, E—Jagmeet Kaur, F—Ayush Anand, G—Rachita Singh.

Class VIII—A—Surabh Sharma, B—Bhagyashree Dhawan, C—Bhanu Priya, D—Anand Sharma, E—Narkeet Singh Bajaj, F—Ankit Chugh, G—Ayesha Khan, H—Gurleen Hora.

Class IX—A—Jaisleen Jabbra, C—Arnab Majumdar, D—Harneet S. Kalra, E—Anshul Kumar, F—Priyanka Aggarwal, G—Sakshi Gogia.



Prize Winners of CANON-'FUN-DO-ART' Competition

Shalini Gupta of XI won the Consolation Prize at the Sterling Art Competition held at Mata Jai Kaur Public School.

**CBSE
TOP
SCORERS**

According to 10% of country's top scorers, CBSE has awarded merit certificates to the students of Secondary School (Class X) and Senior Sec. (Class XII) for their magnificent performance in the Board Exam.

CLASS X

1. Vikram Vijn for Science
2. Shruti Verma for Science
3. Varun Narula for Science
4. Meenal Chabra for Mathematics
5. Navneet Jain for Mathematics
6. Manik Mittal for Soc.Science
7. Nikhil Sehgal for English

CLASS XII

Ruchika Mahajan
for Political Science



We are proud of Rahul Foteder, a student of the 1998 batch.

His success story begins with his stellar performance at class XII Boards, he then went out to pursue his Engineering course in Petro Chemicals and topped the University. He is the youngest of the Scholarship holders to have qualified for MS degree in Singapore and for an Advanced Course, in Germany. We wish him luck !

TAIWAN—CLOSE TO HER HEART !

Shikha Gupta of class XI C won the 3rd prize at the Essay Writing Competition organized by Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in New Delhi. She received a gift voucher of Rs. 1,500 as prize.

B'S ART

Banik S. Walia of class VIII-A dapples with wet glass colours and creates magic with them. Art is a passion for him and this young artist believes that age is no bar to creativity. He has exhibited his creations at various exhibitions.



Shikha Gupta of XI receives the prize from the Director General of Taipei Centre

PANORAMA

**PRIZE WINNERS OF THE ST. MARK'S INTER SCHOOL RECITATION COMPETITION
HELD ON 15.09.2002**

NAME OF THE STUDENT	POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	POSITION
CLASS I (ENGLISH)		CLASS X (ENGLISH)	
Chanvi Singh	II	Poorva Verma	I
Special Prizes		Special Prizes	
Pulkita Sharma		Priyanka Chandra	
Simran Malhotra		Divya Sinha	
CLASS II (ENGLISH)		CLASS XI (ENGLISH)	
Prajana Mehndiratta	II	Amrita Singh Ahuja	I
Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia	II	Pooja Chawla	II
Vanya Bhatnagar	III	Special Prizes	
Special Prizes		Nidhi Nair	
Shubhankar Jain		CLASS XII (ENGLISH)	
CLASS III (ENGLISH)		Pallavi Mehta	
Tanmay Dureja	II	Srishti Dhawan	I
Taniya Arora	III	Dheera Anand	II
Special Prizes		Madhulika Saxena	
Shibika Suresh		CLASS I (HINDI)	
Disha Sethi		Rohit Narula	I
CLASS IV (ENGLISH)		Shubangi Nag	
Mehak Juneja	III	CLASS III (HINDI)	
Special Prizes		Special Prizes	
Harshleen Kaur		Sahiba Khurana	
CLASS V (ENGLISH)		Rakhi Aggarwal	
Siddharth Rajan	I	CLASS IV (HINDI)	
Special Prizes		Special Prizes	
Vasundhara Srinivas		Karshni Kharbanda	
Vrinda Valecha		Akshay Madan	
CLASS VI (ENGLISH)		CLASS VI (HINDI)	
Vaibhav Dua	I	Ishita Virmani	
Akanksha Arora	III	Special Prizes	
CLASS VII (ENGLISH)		Anjali Gambhir	
Hitashi Aneja	I	CLASS VII (HINDI)	
Dhananjay Kaushal	III	Kriti Aghi	
CLASS VIII (ENGLISH)		Gurleen Kaur	
Richa Chugh	I	Kanika Bhutani	
Geet Sethi	II	Special Prizes	
Rishab Garg	II	Arisha Jain	
Special Prizes		CLASS IX (HINDI)	
Isha		Special Prizes	
CLASS IX (ENGLISH)		Swati Bhati	
Mansi Gupta	I	Shubhra Sharma	
Sugandha Sharma	II	Neha Bhaskar	
Special Prizes		CLASS VII (SANSKRIT)	
Anisha Singh		Ashu Rai Marwah	
		CLASS IX (SANSKRIT)	
		Special Prizes	
		Shruti Rawal	

LAURELS IN ZONAL COMPETITION

We congratulate the following winners of the Recitation Competition held at the Zonal level by the Delhi Administration.

English Recitation Competition

- Seniors** Pooja Chawla (XI) bagged the First prize.
Abhishek Shaw (XII) bagged the Third prize
- Juniors** Dhananjay Kaushal (VII) Stood I
- Sub-Juniors** Siddharth S. Rajan (VI) Stood I among boys and Vasundhra Srinivas (V) Stood I among girls.

Hindi Recitation Competition

- Sub-Juniors** Simranjeet (V) won I prize
Jasanpreet (V) won III prize

Sanskrit Recitation Competition

- Seniors** Esha Bhatia (IX) won the II prize
Juniors Ashu Rai Marwah (VII) won the II prize

Depicting the splendour and colour of the state of Rajasthan our singers and dancers enthralled the audience with their performances and won the 2nd prize at Zonal Folk Dance Competition. The elegant dancers are :

Geetanjali Malik (VIII F), Aakriti Gupta (VII F), Anshita Taneja (VIII C), Anika Bholia (VIII C), Divya Jain (VII F), Sneha Jain (VIII G), Arunima Dheer (VII B), Shubhneet Kaur (VIII F), Payal Agarwal (VIII F), Tanu Arora (VIII G), Sakshi Sharma VIII B, Aastha Sahni (VII G), Nidhi Taneja (VIII F), Aditi Mishra (VII F), Aashna Narang (VII C), Aayushi (VIII H).

The Singers are :

Mahima Srivastava (VII C), Aditi Sharma (VI C), Ishita Virmani (VI C), Mehak Verma (VI C), Swati Verma (VIII G), Aakriti Raswant (VIII G), Aakriti Aneja (VIII F), Mansi Grover (VIII G), Bharya Goswami (VIII F), Nikita Bhatia (VII F), Sanchi Sethi (VIII F), Ridhima Sahni (VIII F), Latansha Raichandani (VI C).

PANORAMA

Prize Winners of the Zonal Patronic Song Competition held on 4th Sept. 2002, (Girls Jr.) and (Boys Jr.) won the **2nd** Prize in their respective category.

(Girls Jr.)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>
Akankasha Arora	VI C	Meena Tandon	VI D	Aafreen Sarfraaz	VIII B
Utra Malhotra	VI E	Hitashi Aneja	VII E	Arpita Nandwani	VIII F
Apoorva Bhatnagar	VI C	Kriti Aghi	VII E	Surbhi Garg	VIII A
Gazal Mehta	VI F	Rashi Khanna	VII A	Tanubha Sarin	VIII H
Somya Zutshi	VI E	Aditi Ramdas	VII F	Sakshi Taneja	VIII H
Garima Chopra	VI F	Gurleen Gandhi	VII F	Punya Singla	VIII H
Chhavi Trivedi	VI E	Nimisha Sethi	VII E	Surpreet Khurana	VI C
Shubhani Malik	VI E			Mehak Verma	VI C

(Boys Jr.)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>
Rishabh Garg	VIII B	Sameer Kaushik	VIII E	Shivam Sagar	VI F
Abhay Vats	VIII G	Tushar Sindhwani	VIII G	Tilak Dadhich	VII B
Karan Kohli	VIII B	Gaurav Narula	VIII E	Arjun Thukral	VII B
Ish Abbi	VIII G	Nakul Yadav	VI C	Akshay Arora	VII B
Hashpreet Mehta	VIII B	Aman Suneja	VI C	Bhavya Arora	VII E
Harshvardhan Rai	VIII G	Akshay Kumar	VI C	Saran Mittal	VIII G
Ravi Shankar	VIII E	Daaman Kohli	VI F	Mudit Madhura	VII B

COMPETITION AT ZONAL LEVEL HELD ON 22ND SEPT.

DANDIA DANCE was presented at the zonal level on 22nd Sept. and the school stood 2nd place in the Cultural Fest. The winners are :

Anjul Garg	IV G	Kanika Kesvani	IV B	Surbhi Khurana	IV D
Nayan Hajela	IV B	Khushboo Chopra	IV A	Alisha Jhalani	IV C
Shruti Shridhar	IV F	Tanya Gogia	IV A	Shreya Madan	IV C
Ameet Kaur	IV C	Himani Arora	IV E	Priyanshi Handa	IV C
Apporva Kochar	IV F	Vaishali Passi	IV G	Vanshika Tuli	IV C
				Aashna Kansra	IV B

YET ANOTHER BIG WIN !

At the Zonal Sanskrit Competition organized by the Delhi Sanskrit Academy from 21 Oct. to 30 Oct., our students put up an excellent performance at the Shloka Sangeet and Shlokochharan, winning the 3rd prize and cash awards of Rs. 1,200 for each of the above events and Rs. 600 for Quawali along with a Special prize of Rs. 100, for Sanskrit Speech and Rs. 200 for Sanskrit Recitation.

The winners are :

I. Shloka Sangeet

(Girls Group-Singing)

Esha Bhatia	IX D
Shruti Rawal	IX G
Shweta Jaitly	IX A
Swati Sharma	IX F
Anisha Kochhar	IX G
Swati Verma	VIII G

II. Shloka Charan

(Boys Group Singing)

Abhishek Bhardwaj	VI F
Shivam Sagar	VI F
Nishant Bhatia	VII E
Ashu Rai Marwah	VII E
Akshay Batra	VIII A
Rishab Garg	VIII B

III. Quawali

Ashu Rai Marwah	VII E
Ish Abbi	VIII G
Karan Kohli	VIII A

Esha Bhatia	IX D
Swati Sharma	IX F
Shweta Jaitly	IX A

IV. Sanskrit Speech

Ankit Bathla	IX C
--------------	------

V. Sanskrit Recitation

(Girls Solo Singing)

Esha Bhatia	IX D
-------------	------

* * * * *

The Delhi Sanskrit Academy awarded merit scholarships for students of IX and X for securing above 90% in the subject. The scholarship holders of our school are :

Angad Manchanda	X G
Ayush Kumar	X F
Dhruv Sexena	X G
Divya Sinha	X F
Gaurav Passi	X G
Shilpa Anand	X G
Neha Chhabra	IX C
Kamal Girdhar	IX C
Latika Mittal	IX C
Jayant Anand	IX C
Sombir Palit	IX C
Gunjan Batra	IX C
Parul Gulati	IX C
Ruchika Juneja	IX C
Radhay Shyam Bansal	IX C
Rashi Singh	IX D
Esha Bhatia	IX D
Smriti	IX D

Utkarsh	IX D
Rohit	IX D
Ashish Goyal	IX D
Anu Rathi	IX D
Anshul Kr. Jain	IX E
Ankit Anuja	IX E
Chayan Kaushal	IX E
Prochi Bogra	IX F
Divya Aggarwal	IX F
Shruti Rawal	IX G
Rajat Yadav	IX G
Ritu Gupta	IX G
Sakshi Gogia	IX G
Sumit Setia	IX G

* * * * *

Great Moment for both teacher and student ! Dr. (Mrs.) Jyoti Kiran Hajela (teacher) and Isha Bhatia (student) participated in the Meera Padavali Pratiyogita organized by Meera Model School Janakpuri on 29th Oct. and won the 1st prize in their respective category and the Running Trophy for the school.

* * * * *

On 29th Aug., at the Sanskrit Zonal Recitation Competition held at S.K. Vidyalaya, Anshu Rai Marwah of VIII and Esha Bhatia of IX received Second Prize in their respective category.

* * * * *

INDOORS

✍ An intra class English Solo Singing Competition was held on 19th Aug. for classes I and II. The prize winners are :

Class I—Shubangi Nag I, Chetna Puri II, Arpat Sondhi III, Pulkita and Amardeep Pahwa (Cons.)

Class II—Prathmesh Vaidya I, Mohan Bajaj II, Mridul Khatri III, Samarjit Kalra and Kanika Chawla (Cons.)

✍ On 29th Aug., an inter house folk dance competition was held for class II and IV Gandhi House with its colourful Punjabi Dance was the winner for class II and Nehru House team was the winner of class IV with their Rajasthani folk dance presentation.

✍ Dr. Morepan in association with SHARP designed a Unique Healthy Holiday Programme for classes I to V. The prize winners are

(1) Akash Jaitly (VC) 1st Prize, (2) Dishpreet Saluja (II A) 2nd Prize, (3) Priyanka Thakkar (IV E) 3rd Prize

The other winners were Aatish Mathur IV F, Karan Kapoor IV F, Siddharth Aggarwal III D, Ishaan Sahni III F, Rishabh Lamba II H, Neha Sikka V D, Angad Singh Hora, Sheenam Bhalla I D, Kishan Keshwani II B and Siddhanshu Sood V F.

✍ The Inter House Debate Competition was organized for Classes VI, VII and VIII at 29th Oct. The winners were Daaman Kohli (VI), Dhananjay Kaushal (VII), Mayank Dhingra (VII), Divya Rathi (VIII), Gaurav Narula who spoke for the motion. Chhavi Trivedi (VI), Pankhuri Sharma (VII) spoke against the motion. Kushank Goel (VI) and Abhinav Bhalla (VIII) were judged the best interjectors.

✍ Teachers Day Celebrations—The day's events began with great zeal and enthusiasm. The day's highlight was the impressionable message given to the teachers by our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, quoting the words of Aristotle a great student, of a great teacher Plato, she elucidated the role of a teacher. Students of class XII donned the mantle of responsibility for a few hours and acted as teachers. Our capable student teachers are :

Mayur Batra, Pallavi Mehta, Dheera Anand, Karan Wahi, Pragun Ahuja Shrumit, Sulabh Mehra, Bharat Sethi, Yatinder, Ankur Jain, Sandeep Kapoor, Preeti Vashishth, Pooja Kapoor, Divya Sethi, Ritika Behl, Shreya Ahuja, Isha Vaid, Mansi Soni, N.K. Arvind, Sugandha Mathur, Richa Arora, Nitika Batra, Anshu Malhotra, Supriya Gandhi, Rahul Bholra, Bhavya Rajan, Ishu Tayal and Manik Anand.

✍ Janamashtami was celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety. The auspicious lamp was lit by our Principal Ms. A. Aggarwal, followed by depictions from the life of Lord Krishna. The cradle bearing the Lord was endearing to all at school.

✍ The month of October ended on a light note with the inter house skit competition. Patel House made a clean sweep of most of the prizes including that of the Best Skit. The Prize Winners are :

Gaurav Narula (VIII E), Hitashi Aneja (VII E) for the Best Actor and Best Actress. Varun Monga (VI E), Kshitija Kashyap (VII C) for the Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress, Aditi Ramdas (VII F) for the Best Narrator. Dhananjay Kaushal (VII G), Neha Anand (VIII B), Kunal Sachdeva (VII F), Geet Sethi (VIII G), Rishabh Garg (VIII B) won Consolation Prize.

QUIZ BUZZ

- ✍ The Maggi Quiz Contest was held on 27th Sept. and Gaurav Malik of IV D and Priyanka Gulati of VI D were declared the winners.
- ✍ Marquiz 2002 with the theme 'Heritage Quiz' was held on 23rd Oct. The winning house for the Junior Category was **Shastri House** and team was represented by Medha Bansal VI C, Tilak Dadhich VII B, Adit Jain VII C. **Nehru House** was the winner in the Senior Category, they were represented by Sugandha Sharma IX B, Karan Kohli VIII B and Anurag Jain IX C.
- ✍ Central Institute of General Knowledge and Intelligence conducted an All India Test for all schools in the month of Sept. Sanjay Dhawan of Class VIII and Kritika Relan of class II won Silver Medals in the Senior and Junior Category respectively.
- ✍ At the All India G.K. Examination conducted by EMATS Belgaum in the month of Oct., Dhananjay Kaushal of VII G, scored above 99% in the Junior Category and Nikhil Safaya of X B scored above 98% percentile in the Senior Category.
- ✍ Manik Mittal, Alok Jaywant and Amit Khatri of class XI participated very well in the CBSE Heritage India Quiz held on 7th Sept.
- ✍ Garima Sehgal and Anshu Malhotra of class XII A participated in the District Level Gandhi Quiz, and scored 91%, despite negative marking.
- ✍ Students from classes VIII to XII participated on the Apollo Health Quiz, the first of its kind in India, on 17th Sept. and scored well. Students and teachers received merit certificates and momentos.
- ✍ Six teams representing classes VIII to XII participated in the Open Quiz held on 16th Sept., by the Hindu Group of Publications.
- ✍ Amit Khatri XI E and Ashwin Gopal of XII E participated in the Inter School Quiz held on 23rd Sept. at Queen Marys and received merit certificates.
- ✍ Mata Jai Kaur Public School organized an Inter School Maths Quiz on 25th Sept. Ankur Gupta and Karan Kohli (VIII B) and Ansul Jain (VII D) participated very well and the school team was among the 6 top scorers.
- ✍ Sombir Palit of IX C and Ayush Kumar of X F won the 3rd prize at the Science Quiz held at Mata Jai Kaur Public School on 27th Sept. They also received a cash prize of Rs. 750.
- ✍ Nishi Aggarwal, Swati and Mayank of class X represented the school at the Sterling Heritage Quiz on 23rd Sept. and scored well.

VARIETY

- ✍ 25 students of classes IX and XI participated in the Folk Dance Competition on 3rd Sept.
- ✍ Students from VI, VII and VIII participated in the Inter School Group Song Competition held on 17th Sept. at Maharaja Agarsen School.
- ✍ Students of our school participated in the ENACT—One act play competition and presented 'Identity' at Siri fort Auditorium on 1st Nov. The students braved an unruly audience and poor accoustics and staged the play very well.
- ✍ Students of the school participated in the ITL Dwarka Patriotic Song Competition and received appreciation.
- ✍ At the Scroll Making Competition held at Darbari Lal DAV School on 3rd Sept. Harkeet Singh, Swapnil Pathak of VIII A, Akansha Sethi and Mansi Bhutani of XII C represented the school in the Junior and Senior Category.
- ✍ Two creative children Abhimanyu and Khusboo of class VII G participated in the Inter School Pot Decoration Contest at Lancers Convent and won the second prize.
- ✍ The tiny tots of class I participated in the Inter School Talent Festival organized by YMCA, on 30th Oct. The western dance performed to feet tapping music was very endearing.

PEN WONDERS

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in New Delhi organized an Inter School English Essay Writing Competition to promote better relations between India and Taiwan. The prize winners of our school are

Shikha Gupta (XI) III prize
Category A

Divya Rathi (VIII) V prize
Category B

They won book gift Vouchers worth Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 500 respectively.

The students of our school excelled in an Inter School Essay Writing Competition organized by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti

and Darshan Samiti, to celebrate "World Food Day" on 16.10.2002 our prize winners are :

Ayush Kumar (X) I prize
Shalini Gupta (XI) II prize

An International Essay Writing Competition, was organized by AVANTIKA, an NGO and our students excelled in Essay Writing.

The winners of cash award :

Karandeep Choudhary II C
Vidhusi Sharma III G
Raghav Hans VII E
Chirag Grover VII E
Harleen Kaur VII A

Those receiving **Gold Medals** are

Gitesh Duggal II A
Himanshu Puri II G

Bhoomika	IV G
Shivani Manga	VIII H
Sonam Bajaj	IX C
Megha Chopra	X F
Shalini Gupta	XI C
Niharika	V F

The **Silver Medals** were won by

Sachit Anand	II E
Mayank Batheja	IV D
Rahul Gupta	VII F
Shipra	X B

Bronze Medals were won by

Arshdeep Bakshi	III E
Aanchal Chanana	V H
Ruchika Ahuja	VII E
Akash Bhatia	X G

ORATORICAL VICTORIES

- ✍ Our school team consisting of Jasveen Kaur of class X and Pallavi Mehta of class XII participated at the H.T. Pace Foundation debate on 24th Oct. and ranked fourth among 35 participating teams. They received the Encouragement Prize and a cash award of Rs. 200 each as a book gift voucher from Teksons Bookshop.
 - ✍ At the Maharaja Agarsen Inter School Debate held on 17th Sept. Abhishek Shaw of class XII B won the Best Interjection Prize for his deft handling of questions.
 - ✍ Mata Jai Kaur Public School, Ashok Vihar organised an Inter School Hindi Debate on 24 Sept. 2002. Mansi Gupta of class IX won the first prize speaking against the motion and Sugandha Sharma of class IX received the Best Interjector prize.
 - ✍ At the Inter School Debate held at N.K. Bagrodia Public School, Pallavi Mehta of XII A won the second prize and a cash award of Rs. 750.
 - ✍ Soumya Jain of XII B and Shikha Monga of XII D participated in the Annual Debate held at Lancers Convent and won the Running Trophy for the school. Soumya Jain received the 3rd prize for individual performance.
 - ✍ An Extempore Contest was organized by Sivanda Bal Chyawan Prabha for classes III-VIII on 27th Nov. The prize winners are
Geetanjali Malik VIII, Aditi Ramdas VII, Medha Bansal VI, Jatin Arora V, Vasu Bhardwaj IV, Shibika Suresh III.
 - ✍ Participating in Bros Aloysius Inter School English Recitation Competition at Mount St. Mary's School, Siddharth Rajan of class V won the First Prize and Mehak Juneja of class IV won the second prize. The school received the Best School Trophy.
-

MORE SUCCESS STORIES

- ✍ Mata Jai Kaur Public School organised a Science Symposium on 27th Sept. Our School won the Best School Award and the Running Trophy. The students who brought laurels were : Pooja Chawla of class XI E who won the 1st prize and a cash award of Rs. 2000 for Paper Presentation.
Sombir Palit of IX C along with Ayursh Kumar of X F won 3rd prize and cash award of Rs. 250 for the Science Quiz and Arjun Thukral of VII B performed well in the poster making competition.
- ✍ New Delhi YMCA, had organised an Inter School Talent Festival, which was held in the Heinz Auditorium, from Oct. 28 to 30'2002. Our students won the first prize in Western Vocal (Group) Category. The names of the winners are as follows :
Neha Misra XII, Jasmeen XII, Dheera Anand XII, Ish Abbi VIII, Anjali Oman IX, Anisha Kochar IX, Aditi Ramdas VII, Gurleen Gandhi VII, Raashi Khanna VII, Karan Wahi XII, Rohit Kulkarni IX, Harshwardhan Rai VIII.

CAREER COUNSELLING SESSIONS, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

✍ An interactive session with the Indian Institute of Aeronautics was organized for class XI. The session was presided over by Mr. C.P. Singh, Deputy Director and visited by Ms Monika Tiwari, PRO and Ms. Kheya Mukherji, Counsellor.

✍ Wigam and Leigh College (UK funded) had a counselling session with students of class XII and emphasised on right career choice and SWOT analysis.

✍ On 27th August, our teachers Mrs. Neeta Sethi and Mrs. Jyoti Choudhary attended a lecture on Scientific management and Manpower Planning by Dr. M.C. Sharma, lecturer Bhagat Singh College. The same teachers also attended a programme on B. Studies and Accountancy held at DAV Public School, Vikaspuri from 23rd to 25th August.

✍ INTEL launched "Experience and own a Computer Program" at school, on 1st Oct., for students of classes VII-XII. Various advantages of Pentium 4 micro processor was discussed and an INTEL Creativity Centre has been created at the School's Audio Visual Room.

✍ HT conducted a workshop on paper cutting on 3rd Oct. at school and Mr. Suresh Kumar, resource person demonstrated creative uses of paper.

✍ A Personality Dev. Workshop was organized by IQF for class XI by Dr. Arjun Badlani, Director IQF. The interactive session opened up avenues of self dev. and introspection of self worth.

✍ Ms. Simon C. Hsich, Director, Information Divn, Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre at New Delhi, visited our school on 10th Sept. and interacted with students of VIII, IX and XI to

promote better cultural ties between Taiwan and India. The documentary film shown to the students enabled them to know the myriad vistas of Taiwan's culture.

✍ An orientation workshop for senior maths teachers was organized by Laxman Institute for Academic Excellence at Laxman Public School, Hauz Khas, on 9th Nov. Our teachers Mrs. P. Sethi, Mrs. M Jain and Mrs. R. Mathur attended the workshop conducted by Prof. V.P. Gupta (HOD Maths of NCERT) and Dr. S.C. Gupta.

✍ On 22nd Nov., an Economics Seminar was organized by our teachers Ms. Harinder Kaur and Ms. Shalini Kansra at school for class XII. The guest speaker was Mr. S.K. Aggarwal, Reader in Dept. of Economics, Rajdhani College.

✍ On 14 and 15 Nov. a free eye check up was conducted by experienced doctors. Organized by Borche and Comb, it benefitted the students of classes IX and X.

CAMPS, TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

During months of Aug. and Sept. excursions were organized for different classes to very interesting destinations.

Classes III, IV and V visited the city of World Wonders and forts—Agra and also enjoyed unravelling the glorious past of Fatehpur Sikri.

Classes VI and VII took themselves off to the hill station of Rajasthan—Mt. Abu and visited the Dilwara Group of Temples, Nikki Lake and enjoyed sights from the highest peak of the Aravallis.

Classes VIII and IX discovered that Jodhpur, as a blue city was rightly named. From the splendour of Umaid Bhavan Palace to the dazzling sand dunes, everything held their eager attention.

Class XI and XII soaked in the beautiful wonders of Goa beaches and experienced an awe in visiting the famous Bom Jesus Church, Cathedral and shopped for cashewnuts and spices. The cruise in a ferry on the Mandovi River was an enthralling experience.

The students of classes IV and V alongwith three teachers Ms. Vipin, Ms. Vohra and Ms

Sharmestha went for an exciting trip to Hidden Valley about 8 km from Chandigarh, on 9th Nov. Three days were packed with activities like rappelling, camel safari, trekking, air shooting, bullock cart riding etc. The students even learnt to make upla from cowdung. Bonfire as a special attraction captivated the young adventurers.

Children of the Exploration Club of IV and V visited a Fire Station on 20th Oct. The young explorers were thrilled to watch the firemen put on mock fires and were also shown the working of a Fire Brigade.

GREAT ATHLETICS FEATS

The students of our school participated in the Zonal Athletic Meet held at Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School. The students who did us proud by winning prizes in various events are :

Sr. Girls (4 x 100 mts. Relay)

Prashansa Bassi, Jasmine Lamba and Megha – they won the Bronze medal.

Sub. Jr. girls

Kripy and Ayushi won the Bronze medal for Long Jump and Shotput respectively.

The relay team won the Bronze medal. Asheesh Dewan won the bronze for 400 mts.

In the Primary Section

Manjyot won the third prize for Frog Race. Raminder won the 2nd prize for marble race and Aashish Babbar won the third prize for sack race.

ZONE XVII TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Junior Boys section of our school won the Winners Championship Trophy at Ganga International School. The sub junior boys and sub junior girls won the Runners up trophy.

The winners are :

Junior Boys : Anurag Jain (IX C), Ankur Dongra (IX D), Prateek Badhwar (IX B), Rohit (IX D)

Sub Jr. Girls—Komal Spall (VIII H), Priya Nagpal (VIII H), Kanika (VI A), Priyanka (VIII H), Ritika (VIII H).

Sub Jr. Boys—Aman Jain (VIII H), Vikesh Goyal (VIII H), Tanuj (VIII A), Prateek (VIII A)

The sub junior team defeated Pratibha Vikas School. The team members were Ankur, Anurag and Prateek.

In the (Sub Jr.) boys category our team were declared runners up.

The team consisted of Aman, Prateek, Vikesh and Tanuj.

BADMINTON

The Sr. Girls team of our school were declared the runners up in Zonal Matches. The winning team consisted of Tanu Kapoor and Harpeet Kaur.

The Sub. Junior boys were the champion in the category. The winning team consisted of Madhur Arora and Pankaj Kapoor.

The Sub Junior girls were declared the winners in their category, the team players were Tanvi Thareja and Krippy Kakkar.

FOOTBALL

Delhi State CBSE Football Tournament

Our school Junior Football team secured III place in the Delhi State Football Tournament. The winning team consisted of :

Ankit Mehta (Captain) Simranjeet Singh, Akshay Chawla, Karan Buddhiraja, Sahil Sagar, Jaspreet Bhuee, Shashank Sridhar, Shaurya Sharma, Neeraj Batra, Harmandeep Singh, Gaurav Deep Singh, Siddharth Chitkara, Jatin Sethi, Atul Yadav, Aashish Diwan and Vishal Khurana.

The senior school team defeated Ganga International School by 3-2 in the final match, scorers were Sahil Rally (2), Sumit Silwal (1).

The junior team defeated Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School, Muniarka by 4-0 in the final match (Scorer-Gaurav deep)

At the Jatin Bedi Tournament the school entered the Quarter Final by defeating Prabhu Dayal Public School in the League match by a score of 4-0.

CRICKET

At the Parle-G Inter School Cricket Tournament, our school team defeated :

Ganga International School and won by 4 runs. The man of the match was Hansit S. Premi.

We won against St. Angles School by 6 wickets The man of the match was Kunal Narang.

We defeated Bosco Public School and won by 3 wickets. The man of the match was Vaibhav Khetarpal.

At the Namdhari Cup Cricket Tournament our school defeated DAV Dayanand Vikas by 3 wickets. The man of the match was Karan Wahi.

Our school team defeated Delhi Cricket Academy by 9 wickets. The man of the match was Karan Wahi.

The school team defeated Salwan Public School at the Suba Ganda Singh Memorial Tournament and won by 104 runs. The man of the match was Samant Singh.

We won against Saviour Convent by 24 runs. The man of the match was Hansit S. Premi.

We played against Renal Public School and won by 38 runs. The man of the match was Nikhil Mahajan.

A match was played between our school and Ramjas Day Boarding School and we won by 7 wickets. The man of the match was Hansit S. Premi.

Congrats !

Prateek Badhwar has been selected by govt. of NCTD (Directorate of Education Sports Branch) for the National Level Coaching Camp of Volley ball.

CAMPING IS FUN !

Every year our school organises educational trips, but this trip was different from the others. It was organized for 3 days and 2 nights. We left for Chandigarh on 9 November. We reached Chandigarh at 12 : 30 p.m. We were then taken to a farm called the Hidden Valley. The most exciting part of this camp was that we stayed in tents. We slept in sleeping bags. The food was delicious. We were taken for air shooting. We also had a lot of fun with rappelling, camel safari, bullock-cart riding and enjoyed making uplas from cow-dung. We were also taken for long treks and despite the distance, we enjoyed every bit of it. The bonfire was a star attraction of the camp and all the students had a wonderful time dancing around it and playing games. On the last day, we were taken for sight seeing to the city. The Rock Garden, Pinjore Garden, Sukana Lake and other interesting places captivated the campers. As we boarded the train we realised that we had lost count of time during the three days of adventure. My friends and I am looking forward to fun-filled moments of camp sites and trips once again.

Siddharth Rajan

V-B

MY TRIP TO JODHPUR

It was a dream come true for us when we got an opportunity to explore old forts and palaces and to unravel the wonders of the past. All these were possible on our trip to Jodhpur. Our stay in the exotic Umaid Bhawan Palace was memorable.

It was amazing to see houses painted blue. I had heard that Jodhpur is the 'Blue City' but I discovered that Jodhpur is actually called the 'Sun City'. On further investigations, we got to know the secret behind the –blue houses was that people there, were devotees of Lord Krishna and blue is Lord's colour. The blue colour also reduces the high temperature and during rainy days keeps mosquitoes away. The special attraction was the visit to the sand dunes.

The markets of Jodhpur had so much to shop-exquisite jewellery, leather wear and embroidery work that nobody could resist shopping.

The excursion was so enthralling and we came back with heavy hearts, but with beautiful memories etched in our minds.

Sugandha Sharma

IX-B

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT : AN OVERVIEW

It was the great privilege for class XI-A to attend a workshop based on Personality Development conducted by Dr. Arjun Badlani, Director IQF. This workshop proved to be very successful because it helped us to decide our future, while we possess the freshness and energy of youth. There were many questions asked and the answers to them were given in a perfect manner. The message given was 'The greatness within, will always seek perfection, anything lesser will always create dissatisfaction.' We also learned never try to know your destiny but to create it because we are the creators of our own destiny. We must realize that a single thought within us can become an action and that can lead to a habit, which can formulate a character. So, character basically is the sum total of all the tendencies acquired through repeated thoughts and actions. Through the interactive session the students were able to analyse their behaviour pattern and also realise that it is important to develop a sense of self worth.

Subhagi Arora

XI-A

from the desk of
RUSKIN BOND

21 November, 2002

To
The Students of
St. Mark's Sr. Sec. School,
Meera Bagh, New Delhi.

Dear Friends and Readers,

Some time back I promised to visit
your School and meet those of you who enjoy
reading books. Your teacher, Ms. Geeta Royan,
has told me a lot about you. Circumstances
prevented me from visiting Delhi during the past
year, but the next time I am in the city I will
come and spend the day with you at St. Mark's.
I know many of you have read my stories, and
will have interesting questions to put to me,
about writing, about books, and about other things.
Tell them, my warm good wishes go out to
all of you. Take good care of yourselves.

Sincerely,
Ruskin Bond

THE SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY

The Annual Science Exhibition was organized on 20th and 21st Sept. 02 at school premises. The main theme of the exhibition was 'Science with Indigenous Technology and sustainable Development. Around 200 models based on various sub-themes, Food and Agriculture, Environmental Management, Health and Nutrition, Transport and Communication. Energy sources—utilization and conservation etc. were presented. Over 200 students displayed their models and deftly handled all scientific queries. Parents who visited the exhibition were impressed by the skill, confidence and scientific temper of the young minds. Students from Home Science and Computer Science also displayed their projects. Some of the prize winning models were Canon by Anshul Garg (VI), Hydraulic Pressure by Divya Choudhary (VII) Penny shot by Abhinav Bhatia and Chetan Sashtri X, Adhesive Force by Sonashree and Shallu Singh (XI) and Accident Preventor by Vanni Mehta and Sibi Rajan (XI).



Our young scientists explain the technique of the 'Working Model'



Proud Display of various models at the Annual Science Exhibition

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle paper

A major breakthrough in conserving our natural resources has been the recycling of paper. The Eco club has taken up this project on a war footing and set high standards to meet the challenge. The recycling plant was inaugurated by Ms. Naini Jayseelan, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, on 4 Sept. 2002. From the onset of its launch the machinery had been put to its optimum use by students and teachers. The process of sorting, rag chopping, beating, sheet formation, launching, pressing, drying, cleaning, sizing and finally cutting the sheets of the required sizes is an ongoing process at the recycling lab. The GIGO principle *i.e.*, Gold In, Gold Out is the strong belief of the Eco club members and they are confident that with the co-operation of all at school, the project will be a success. The Chief Guest Ms. Naini Jayseelan and distinguished guests Ms. Srinivasan and Mr. Katju from Development Alternatives



Our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal addresses the gathering at the inauguration of the Paper Recycling Unit at school

also visited the composting site and participated in the tree plantation drive. The school has the honour of being designated as a lead school in Eco club activities and has received a sanction of Rs. 2000/- as additional grant for the paper recycling activities from the Department of Environment.



Our students make 'wealth out of waste' at the Paper Recycling Unit

Chief Guest, Ms. Naini Jayseelan, Sec. Ministry of Environment visits the Vermi Composting pit at school



INTACH KIDS FOR TIGERS

An Audio visual show was organised by INTACH KIDS FOR TIGERS on 14 Nov. for classes VI to VIII. Through the programme, the role of the Tiger in the food chain, was highlighted and the need for the conservation of the species emphasised.

GREEN AMBASSADORS AT JUNGLE-BOOGIE WEEK

Jungle Boogie Week was organized by the INTACH. It consisted of various competitions like-essay writing, report making wherein our students Manvi Sareen VIII B and

Prerna Bajaj VI B participated to expand their horizons of creativity.

ECO CLUB STUDENTS AT ENVIRONMENT PAVILION

On 18th and 19th Oct. the students participated in the "Perfect Health Mela" at Talkatora Garden and displayed eco-friendly products at the Environment Pavilion.

CELEBRATE A WONDERFUL CRACKERLESS DIWALI

This was a message sent out by the eco-club students to all and they presented a street play to sensitize the students on the issue.

NATURE LOVERS ON A TRAIL

The dept. of Environment organized Poster making competition and a Quiz at Asola Bhati Sanctuary. Karan Kohli of VIII B and Kanushree Garg of IX A participated in the nature quiz and won the third prize.

ECO CLUB TEACHER AT A TRAINING PROGRAMME

Ms. Niru Magotra attended a training program for Eco Club Incharges at India Habitat Centre on 25th Nov. Ms. Naini Jayseelan, Secretary (Environment) praised our school for its efforts to make it a zero garbage zone and its success with paper recycling unit.

PHOTO FEATURES



Prize winners of the Inter House Skit Competition



Winning Team of Shastri and Nehru House of the Marquiz 2002 along with the Chief Guest Mr. Rajat Mukerjee, a noted director



Gandhi House proudly display the Winning Trophy for Inter House Folk Dance Competition



Dandia Dance (a Prize Winning item of the Zonals) being presented on Children's Day



They did us proud ! The Jubilant Jr. and Sr. Football Team who are C.B.S.E. and Zonal Champions



The winners of track, field and court events

PHOTO FEATURES



Dappling in the glorious beauty of Goa—Class XII students with our Principal, Ms. A. Aggarwal and the teachers.



Blending with the past—Students of III, IV and V at Fatehpur Sikri



'Fun Day Out' for our primary students at Mughal Sheraton



The young adventurers of class IV and V enjoy a birds eye view of Hidden Valley



'Rappelling was fun' for the campers at Hidden Valley, about 8 km from Chandigarh