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## **ANNUAL DAY**

A beautiful synthesis of dance and music from our rich heritage together with the zeal and enthusiasm of over one thousand students and the result was pure magic! This was the underlying mood of the Annual Day festivity at school on 6 and 7 November 2004. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Arvinder Singh Lovely, Hon'ble Minister of Education, NCT Delhi, Mr. S.K.Sharma, Jt. Secretary Lok Sabha, Ms Mohinder, Regional Director of Education, Mr. Sajjan Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament was the Chief Guest on 7th November. The other guests included Mr. Ashok Chand, Dy. Comm. of Police (Special Cell), Mr. Mahinder Kumar, Councillor MCD and Ms. Tirkey, Dy. Director of Education.

## **EDITORIAL**

Dear Readers,

Schools are always regarded as temples of learning, but today when some of them are revisited, we find, erosion of values. It is easy to blame it on an erring student or simply dismiss it by saying that the whole system is defective. Little do we realise that the system is created by us and if anything goes wrong we are responsible for it. The 'we' stands for society on the whole. So, for a student, it would mean his immediate family and the extended one that he shares with his peer group in schools and associations. If there is "diminishing value" of morals, it is not because the child is bad but rather he has not been taught to use his discretion in knowing right from wrong. With the invasion of various gizmos and gadgets, life might have become easy, comfortable and trendy but somewhere along the line, these mechanical devices have taken the place of the human factor. So, children do not communicate with parents, teachers or elders but instead listen to programmed instructions that only provide information and do not develop a sense of reasoning. Therefore, it is not strange that students take pride in defying rules and regulations and breaking the code of ethics. Hence we cannot afford to ignore the change in the tide of events or overlook the rise of negative thinking among the youth. It is time responsible adults paid attention to students and helped them solve problems by overcoming the identity crisis.



Mr. Arvinder Singh Lovely, Hon'ble Education Minister, NCT Delhi, being felicitated by our chairman Mr.T.P.Aggarwal

The classics of old, the evergreen 'Sound of Music' and the fantasy world of 'Wizard of Oz' was brought to life through musical skits. So emotive were the characters that the audience kept guessing, whether Dorothy and the scare-crow would find their way to the Emerald City. Our students of Class IV really had audience singing along with them as they joyously danced to the notes of DO- RE ME. Vibrant dancers from the different states of India swayed to the rhythm and beats of traditional music, unique to each region. The vibrance of the hills of Kumaon, the vigour and the tribal richness of the state of Chattisgarh, the ethnicity of Bengal, and the lively fishermen's dance of Maharashtra were all presented in beautiful coordination by the students of the junior and the senior classes.



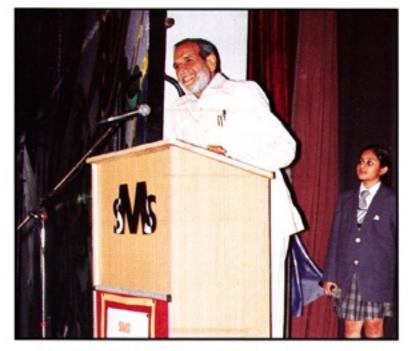
Mr. Ashok Chand (IPS) Dy. Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) lit the inaugural lamp on 7th Nov.

## **ROAD SAFETY CLUB**

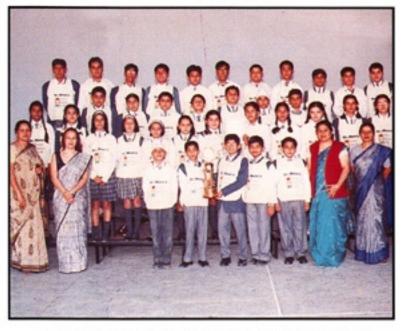
With the objective to make students conscious about the significance of traffic rules as a maxim for a safe life, our school launched a Road Safety Club with the motto 'Learn and Teach to respect traffic rules.' The formal inauguration was presided over by Mr. M.K. Meena (DCP), Mr. SS Sandhu (ACP Traffic) and Mr. Anuj Sharma (Inspector Traffic). This was followed by the Oath taking Ceremony. Then the student members of the club distributed pamphlets among the public to sensitise them on the issue. The display of the safety signs and bill boards by the enthusiastic students was appreciated.



Our principal Ms. A.Aggarwal welcomed Mr. M.K.Meena, D.C.P., at the launch of the Road Safety Club at school



Mr. Sajjan Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, addressed the gathering on Juniors Annual Day function



Crusaders of the Road Safety Club were awarded 'School of the Year Award'



Road Safety Club members take their message to the masses

## HONOURS ON TEACHERS DAY

It was a proud Teacher's Day for all of us when the Headmistress Ms. Rama Sethi, was awarded the S.Radhakrishnan Memorial National Teacher's Award, for her contribution to the fields of education, literature, art and culture by the all India Freelance Journalist and Writer's Association. The prominent people who graced the occasion were the Industry minister Mr. M. Singhal and the former Education Minister Dr. Narendra Nath.

#### WE ARE PROUD OF THEM!

Ms. Kavita Mehta (P.G.T. English) and Ms. Sunita Punn (P.G.T. Biology) were honoured by the Lions Club on Teachers Day for their excellent contribution to the field of education and active support to the growth and development of the school.



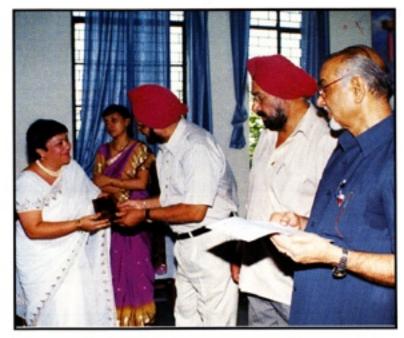
Ms. S.Punn, (P.G.T. Biology), being honoured on Teacher's Day

## **FIRE PREVENTION WORKSHOP**

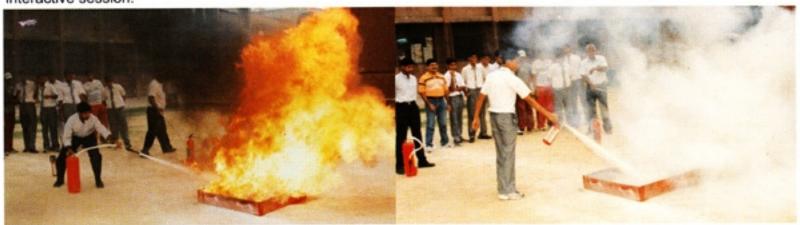
'Prevention is better than cure' and prevent a fire, so you don't have to fight one; was conveyed to the students of our school by Mr. Fakir Chand, from the Institute of Fire Engineering, conducting a workshop on 9th Oct. 2004 in the school premises. The session was followed by a demonstration of fire extinguishers and an educative film on causes of fire and means to extinguish them. The students made learning interesting by participating in an interactive session.



Our dynamic Headmistress Ms. Rama Sethi, being honoured with the Radhakrishnan Memorial National Teacher's Day Award 2004



Ms. Kavita Mehta (P.G.T. English), being honoured on Teacher's Day



' Situation under control'- the Fire Safety Workshop

We live upto the traditions of the educational norms- Fire Safety Workshop

#### RAMAKRISHNA MISSION

For the second consecutive year our school won the First Prize for the maximum participation and the 2nd prize for the highest number of prizes won at the 'Sharda Devi Quiz Competition' organized by the Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi. We swept to victory, scoring over ninety six participating schools and among 30,000 participants. The school received a trophy, a citation and cash award at a formal prize distribution ceremony held on 26 Sep,2004 at the Ramakrishna Mission.

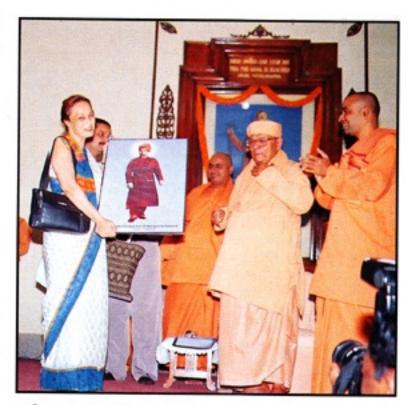


We are winners again! For the second consecutive year, our school lifted the Best School Trophy at the value based education quiz conducted by Ramakrishna Mission

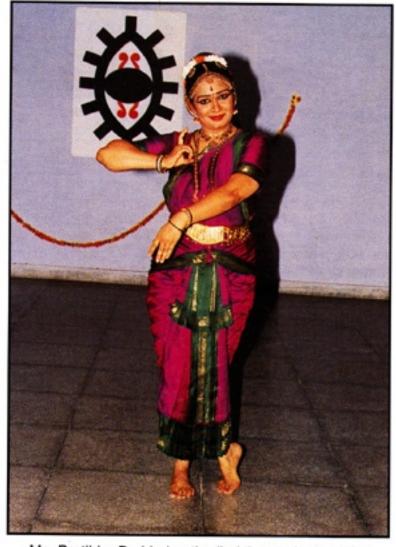
#### SPIC MACAY

On 30 October 2004, we had the opportunity of witnessing a mesmerizing Bharatnatyam Dance recital by Ms. Pratibha Prahlad. The programme was organized under the patronage of SPIC MACAY during Virasat 2004.

She commenced the programme with an invocation and later presented a scintillating rendition of Bharatnatyam, in which she depicted all the 'avataars' of Lord Vishnu. Her excellent lecture demonstration was a fascinating experience for the students who learnt a lot about feet and hand movements and facial expressions of the Bharatnatyam dance. The programme concluded with an informal interactive session with the students. She was accompanied by Sh. Rajagopalji as the vocalist, Sh. Keshvamji on Natrangam, Sh. Shiv Kumarji on the mridangam and Sh. Chakrapaniji on the violin.



Our principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, receives the trophy and citation from Swami Gokulananda of the Ramakrishna Mission



Ms. Pratibha Prahlad enthralled the students at the SPIC MACAY function at school

#### SOS

'Service before self is a difficult motto to live upto but the students of our school are keen to adopt this as a guiding principle. They want to make their association with SOS a lasting one, so they have donated generously to this cause.

The school took up the cause enthusiastically and each student made a good contribution. The students who made significant contributions were Aayush Dutt (I-C) and Nikita (X-F).

The classes which made significant contributions were I-C and VIII-D. Our school made an overall contribution of Rs. 2,43,600/- to the SOS society. Our chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal duly presented the cheque to the SOS representative Mr. Pawan Vajpayee.



Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal presents the cheque to the SOS representative

## REPORT BY ANKIT BATLA

SOS gave me the fabulous chance to meet the President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. I along with 10 children from the SOS village and the International founder of SOS visited the Rashtrapati Bhavan. After many security checks we got the opportunity to meet the great man himself. It was truly marvelous. On reaching there, we were served snacks in a royal way and then began the countdown to meet a person who is truly versatile, knows a number of languages and is a great pioneer in the field of nuclear science. We interacted with him for an hour. Though we were pressed for time he took us for a stroll in the Mughal Gardens. This is a meeting I shall always remember and cherish.

Ankit Bathla- XI C



The SOS family becomes an extension of our SMS family

## SCIENCE EXHIBITION

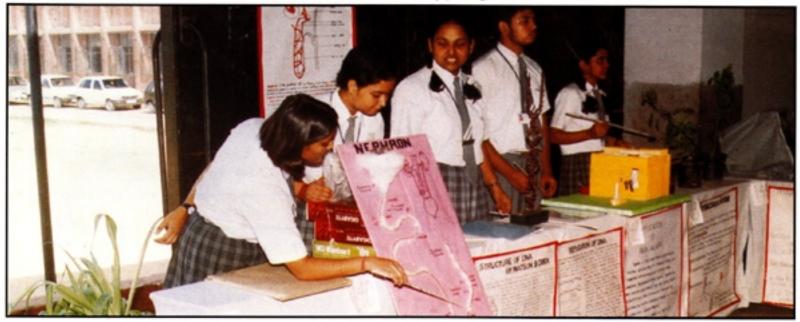
Recent trends in science and technology was the main theme of the science exhibition held on 13th September for Classes V to XII. The scientific temper, attitude and awareness of the students was manifest in their models and exhibits addressing various issues relating to the energy crisis and industrial pollution. Our young scientists created a remarkable impression on the judges. The effort of the students was commendable and some of the prize-winning models were selected for the Inter-zonals.

## They were: -

- Fork lift made by Saniya Afrid(V-G)
- · Welding Machine made by Nitika Neeraj (VII C)
- Hyper conductor tunnel by Abhinav Gupta (XI B) and Anurag (XI-B)
- Paper Mache by Dhananjay Kaushal (IX-D) and Rohit Sikri (IX-E).



Budding young scientists at the Annual Science Exhibition



Our scientists explain the 'facts of science' at the Science Exhibition



Our principal Ms. A.Aggarwal listens patiently to our budding scientists at work

## LAURELS INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

- \* 'The School of the Year' Running Trophy was awarded to our school at the inauguration of the Annual Road Safety Exhibition 2004 at the Traffic Pavilion, Pragati Maidan. The school's Road Safety Club was appreciated for it's efforts in promoting awareness of traffic rules, in the august presence of Mr. S.Reghunathan, I.A.S. Chief Secy., Govt. of NCT Delhi, Dr. K.K. Paul, Commissioner Traffic, Mr. Qamar Ahmed, Jt. Commissioner Traffic, Mr. Meena DCP Traffic, Mr. P.C.Hota, DCP Traffic, other police officials and Principals of various schools.
- Our tiny tots of Classes I and II did us proud by winning the First prize at the Prayer Recital and Dance Competition organized by Vishal Bharati Public School, as part of 'Fun and Frolic Day' on 10 Oct.
- \* Namrata Kochhar(IXC) and Divya Mathur (XE) represented the school at a Science Debate Competition (Zonal Level) on 20 Sept, voicing their opinion on 'water problems could be solved by interlinking rivers.' They won the Third prize among 14 participating schools.
- \* Two students Surbhi Batra (VII F) and Nakul Yadav (VIII C) participated in the Zonal Hindi Recitation Competition at DAV School, Mianwali Nagar. Surbhi won the First prize.
- Showing their culinary talent Pankhuri Khullar and Charu Raichandani of Class XII A won the first prize at an Inter School Sweet Delicacy Competition organized by DAV Public School, Paschim Vihar.
- \* The Best School Trophy for Excellence and Promotion of General Knowledge among students was awarded to our school by 'Emats' who organized the All India General Knowledge Test 2004. The top scorers of our school were:-Sanjay Dhawan(XA), Karan Kohli(XB), Dhananjay Kaushal(IXD) and Garv Malik(VI C).
- \* FAO and Gandhi Smriti Darshan organized an Essay cum Elocution Competition on World Food Day, Oct 14 for Classes IX to XII. The theme was 'Biodiversity-Conservation and Food Security'. Aditi Ramdas of IXD was the winner and her essay was chosen for publication.



Our tiny tots do it again by winning the Best School Trophy at the prayer recital competition

- \* At the Zonal Art competition conducted in the month of September Aditi Roy (Class V C) bagged the 3rd prize for her creativity and deft handling of colours.
- \* The Rotary Club of Delhi(South Central) organized an Inter School Dance Competition on 20th Sept. at Apeejay School, Sheikh Sarai. Our school presented a Marathi Folk Dance and won the 3rd prize.
- \* A general knowledge test was conducted by Central Institute of G.K. on 15th September 2004. 732 students participated in the contest and all of them successfully cleared the exam with meritorious percentages.



We did it again! Winners of the Inter School Dance competition organised by Rotary Club

In the Avantika Essay Writing Competition the following

students were awarded				
DEESHA UPPAL		XI	50/-	
CASH				
SARANSH GUPTA	X	50/-		CASH
RYTHEM GUPTA	IV	50/-		CASH
SONAM BAJAJ	XI	GOLD		MEDAL
NISHTHA SHARMA	XI	SILVER		MEDAL
SUBHRA JYOTI	XII	SILVER		MEDAL
SHREYA GARG	VIII	SILVER		MEDAL
SHEENA MARWAHA	IV	SILVER		MEDAL
SHUBHAM ARORA	1	SILVER		MEDAL
MANVEEN KAUR	II	SILVER		MEDAL
VIBHOR	III	SILVER		MEDAL
VIBHUTI AGGARWAL	XI	BRONZ	Έ	MEDAL
KANIKA BANSAL	XI	BRONZ	Œ	MEDAL
UDITA	XI	BRONZ	Œ	MEDAL
PRATEEK VOHRA	XII	BRONZ	Έ	MEDAL
NILANSHU	VI	BRONZ	E	MEDAL
PRATEEK RATHEE	V	BRONZ	Œ	MEDAL
HARDIK MALIK	1	BRONZ	E	MEDAL
PALAK HAJELA	II	BRONZ	Έ	MEDAL
RICHA KATARIA	XII	APP.		BOOKS
GEET SETHI	X	APP.		BOOKS
PAMPOSH PANDITA	IV	APP.		BOOKS
SAHAJ	1	APP.		BOOKS
RIYA KHURANA	II	APP.		BOOKS
GARIMA SINGH	III	APP.		BOOKS

#### WORKSHOPS

- \* A safe Diwali is a brighter Diwali believe the students of our school. They participated in an 'Anti-cracker' campaign on 10 and 11 Nov. The message was well received at it was interestingly presented through a parody.
- \* The students of Astronomy Club 'Galaxy' went for their night observation to Nuh, about 60 km from Delhi on 19 Oct. This study session consisted of a variety of activities as a part of the schedule. The interactive multimedia presentation exhibited the astronomy equipments, after which the 'deep sky' observation of Nebulas, Star clusters and Globular clusters followed. The students were treated to a naked eye observation of constellations and stars of Sirius, Winter triangle, Pleidus, Orion, Nebulas, Perseus, Double cluster and the Milky Way Galaxy. A wonderful experience indeed! Remarked the members of Galaxy.
- \* Spear heading its cause for a safer environment, the Eco Club continues to work relentlessly. The teacher coordinator Ms. Niru Magotra attended a workshop for Eco-Club teachers of lead Eco Club schools on 13th Oct. at Delhi Secretariat. Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Ms. Sheila Dixit, the workshop and interactive session that followed outlined certain objectives. The significant cause being to create awareness among students and to sensitize them on environment conservation.
- \* A career counseling session was held on 8 Sept. for Class XII and the topic discussed was 'The Road to IIT'. The philosophy, scope and content of IIT-JEE was discussed and valuable tips on exam preparation were given. The students were advised not to ignore the vital syllabi of Class XII examination, but to assimilate it as a part of the Curriculum Vitae of IIT. Students were also encouraged to update the subject content with changing times.



Prof. James, resource person expresses his viewpoint at the English Workshop hosted by our school



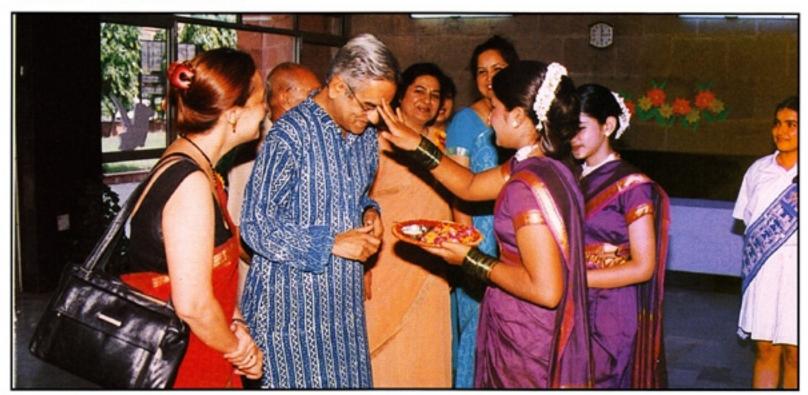
An interactive session at the Effective English Teaching Workshop

## **EFFECTIVE ENGLISH LEARNING**

Our school organized a workshop on 'Effective English Language Teaching' on 25th Nov.2004. The Workshop was organized under the aegis of M/s. Ratna Sagar Pvt. Ltd. Father Francis M.Peter and Prof. James Mason conducted the workshop. The two resource persons currently teach in Loyola College, Chennai and have a number of ELT workshops to their credit. The workshop was attended by teachers from around 40 schools of New Delhi. The 80 odd participants had an enriching experience when they were given valuable tips about how to make Grammer easy and interesting for the students. Some problems in teaching English were also ironed out by the two guests.

The Annual Inter School Recitation Competition is an ideal platform for keeping alive the dying art of poetry recitation. Like the former years this year too the mega event saw an impressive participation of over 34 schools from all over Delhi. The event was adjudged by a panel of eminent personalities from the field of literature and art. The Special Guests of Honour were Mr. Prayag Shukla, Art Critic, Poet and Editor of NSD's annual magazine 'Rang Prasang' and Mr. Rakshat Puri of the Poetry Society of India. The competition was held in English, Hindi and Sanskrit simultaneously at various venues in the school. The grand finale was the prize distribution. The prizes were sponsored by Ratna Sagar Pvt. Ltd., Suman Prakashan Pvt. Ltd., Goyal Bros. Prakashan, Navdeep Publication and Arya Publication.

Our school made a clean sweep by securing the maximum points in all the three categories, but as per traditions the host school is not in the running for the Championship trophy so it was graciously given to the school securing the second highest points which was St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh. The first five positions were secured by St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh(436 points), St. Mark's Girls School, Meera Bagh(214 points), St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri(148 points), St. Cecilia's Public School, Vikaspuri(88 points) and Bal Bharati Public School, Rajinder Nagar(84 points).



Mr. Prayag Shukla, art critic and poet our Special Guest of Honour receives a traditional welcome



Jubiliant winners of the St. Mark's Girls School with the Best School Trophy



'Proving their mettle', the winners of Class V (Hindi) at the Inter School Recitation



Christina and Chanvi did us proud at the Annual Inter School Recitation (English)



Happy winners of Class II (Hindi) at the Inter School Recitation



Pulkita of class III winner at the Inter School Recitation competition (English)



Proud winners of the Inter School Recitation Competition



Prizewinners of Class XII (English) at the Inter School Recitation



Happy winners of class VI (English) at the Inter School Recitation Competition



Class IX made a mark at the Annual Inter School Recitation



Enthusiastic and participative audience cheering the winners



Proud winners of class VII (Hindi) at the Inter School Recitation Competition



The smiles on their faces denote their pride and joy winners of class IX (Hindi) at the Inter School Recitation Competition

The Best School Trophy in each language was won by :-

## **ENGLISH**

St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh 228 Points

## HINDI

St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh 168 Points

## SANSKRIT

St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh 040 Points



Faculty and proud winners of our school's Hindi Department who lifted the trophy for the maximum prizes



A hat trick by the English Deptt. of our school receives the Best School Trophy for the third consecutive year



The joy is written large on their faces, for they are winners of class V (English)

# OUR PRIZE WINNERS OF INTER SCHOOL RECITATION COMPETITION HELD ON 17.09.2004

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	Vikrant Mahajan	III	III	Niharika Jain	1
	Ekam Kalra	Special Prize		Simran Malhotra	III
III	Pulkita Sharma	II	IV	Vanya Bhatnagar	1
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	Anish Sharma	Special Prize	M	Annellia Dender	0
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	Vasundhara Šrinivas	Special Prize	IX	Kriti Aghi	!
	Pranav Korla	Special Prize		Gurleen Gandhi	!
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	Aakanksha Arora	Special Prize		Harshvardhan	iii
	Vaibhav Dua	Special Prize		Kanika Goyal	Special Prize
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	Sugandha Sharma	III	VII	Roohneet Kochar	Special Prize
	Sweta Jaitley	Special Prize			
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			VII	Roohneet Kochar	Special Prize
			VIII	Daaman Kohli	
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			X	Sanjay Dhawan	Consolal Date
				Geetanjali Malik	Special Prize

## **EXPRESSIONS**

## MY MOTHER

My mother loves me and I love my mother very much. She likes to wear jeans and suits. When I go to school she gives me my lunch. My mother wants me to work and play. She is the best mother in the world.

Arnit Manchanda I-E

## **FATHER**

F is for friendly nature
A is for admirable intelligence
T is for excellent teachings
H is for hugs and kisses
E is for endless love
R is for religious bent of mind

Aditi Nanda V D

## GOD

God is everywhere,
He is present in every body.
Be it animals or birds,
We must love every one.
Let's take an oath,
We will not hurt any one.
We will love every one and spread
Happiness everywhere.
Let God give us strength
So that we love every one,
And everyone loves us.

Raminder Kaur - VI A

## PROMISE OF A FRIEND

When you are sad I will dry your tears. When you are scared I will comfort your fears. When you are worried I will give you hope. When you are confused I will help you cope. And when you are lost And can't see the light, I shall be your beacon Shining ever so bright This is my oath. I pledge till the end. Why, you make ask? Because you're my friend!

THANK YOU. FOR BEING MY FRIEND.

Aditi Joon VI E

#### MATHS

Oh! Maths, Oh! Maths
Every where it's Maths
Profit goes with loss
Trigonometry goes with Geometry
Multiplication gives division
And so on and on it goes
Unchecked!
With all this it is packed
I scratch my head from morning
till night,
I shy away from it's very sight
God in you I place my trust,
For to do well in Maths is a must!
At last I manage to do well
For hard work does help one to excel.

Hemanshi Kalra- V F

## SWEET HOME

Some houses are big Some houses are small Some houses are wide Some houses are tall So many houses Where ever I roam But the very best one Is my sweet home.

Palak-1 F

## **HEAVEN OF HAPPINESS**

In my opinion friendship is a heaven of happiness. You have heard- A friend in need is friend in deed. This phrase expresses the soulful feeling of a person about his friend.

It's pleasure to have a friend who always helps you solve your problems.

Friendship is one of the most precious things in the world.

Dhruv Dhawan- IV B

## MY GRANDPARENTS

I live with my grandparents. My grandparents names are Mrs. Neena Kumar and Mr. Ramlal Kumar. I love my grandparents. My grandparents make breakfast when I go to school. My grandparents play games with me when I return.

Kartika Kumar- I A

## MY BIRTHDAY

My birthday is in November. I have a nice party on my birthday.

I wear new clothes. All my friends come to my party. They bring nice gifts for me. We all enjoy ourselves. I look forward to my birthday every year.

Guneet Dhimaan- I B

## MY FIRST FRACTURE

It was a horrible experience, which I had never dreamt of. It happened on 22 September i.e. on Wednesday, oh! I can't forget that day. During our games period,. our class was playing Football in the school ground when one of my friends kicked the ball and took my leg along with him. I fell onto the other side and then there was severe pain. First my friends thought that I was joking but then they realized that I was really in pain. They carried me to the Medical Room and my father was called. I was then taken to the Hospital where it was found that I had fractured my leg.

I was told by the doctor to take complete bed rest for one and a half months. For that time I was lying in the bed passing my time studying a bit, listening to music and in the evening my dad and me used to play guitar and sing along. It was a horrid time in bed and was very difficult for me.

Rohit Kulkarni 
XI A

## KAVNEET A FRIEND

Wise enough to speak She was not exactly a defeated piece Though she was loved by everyone But she did not like the peas

She had a sweet little dream To meet Jazzy B And thinks all the time About him day and night

Next to her choice came Fardeen God knows will she see him Is the question she thinks? When she eats a piece of bean

She has a lot of friends Who follow different trends? But she is the one who is simple But without a dimple.

By: Jaisleen jabbara XI-F

## ENTHUSIASTIC EXPERIENCE

Some experiences are unforgetful. They bring joy to our life. The Inter School Dance Competition organized by the Rotary Club was one of these experiences. It was held at Apeejay School, Seikh Sarai. It was a great honour for us to participate in this competition because many schools of Delhi and near by states were also participating. We were representing our school performing a Marathi Dance. When the results were to be declared, we were anxious. But our luck worked and we won the third prize. Our school received a trophy and we were given bronze medals. We were overjoyed.

Written by: Karshni Kharbanda VI-C

## INTERVIEW WITH WAHI MA'AM

Some students appeared for a written test for the post of Head Girl/Head Boy. I was one of them. The only good thing about the test was that I answered all the questions honestly. The answers were not perfect but practical. I went with a lot of confidence but when I reached Ms. Wahi's office and was asked to wait, I felt the confidence in me fading away. I felt so nervous! I went inside and was impressed with mam talking so politely. I answered her questions with full zeal and vigour. It was mam's gentle words that helped me tide over the crisis.

By: Renuka Vig XI-A

## MY AIM

My aim in life is to touch the stars, To pluck them, to swing with them To enjoy but work hard My aim is to touch the stars.

Surbhi Batra VII F

## BUTTERFLY

So beautiful, So nice, So sweet and so shy, So lovely when I fly, Who am I? I'm a butterfly.

Shibangi Nag III - D

## **EXPRESSIONS**

## INTER CLASS ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

An Inter Class Essay Writing Competition was held for classes IX to XII to sharpen writing skills and set young imaginative minds to work.

The winners

## IX

ADITI RAMDAS (IX D)	- 1
GEETIKA JAWA (IX B)	11
ARUNIMA DHEER (IX B)	II
AANCHAL BUDHIRAJA (IX B)	111

X	
NIPUN DHAMIJA, (XC)	1
URVIJA VARSHNEY, (XB)	II
AKANKSHA SHARMA, (XF)	II.
GEET SETHI, (XG)	III
SAKSHI MALHOTRA, (XG)	III

XI	
KAMAL GIRDHAR, (XIC)	- 1
HARISHIT LAL, (XIG)	1
SHUBHRA SHARMA, (XIC)	II
NIRUPMA VYAS, (XIE)	III

XII	
SACHIN GOYAL, (XIIF)	1
BHARTI BHARDWAJ, (XIIG)	1
VIVEK MALHOTRA, (XIIF)	II
MOHIT ARORA, (XIIB)	III
SHUBHRA JYOTI, (XIIB)	Ш

A Paragraph Writing was held on 27.9.2004 for Classes IV and V to help students improve their writing style and encourage good penmanship. The winners are: -

IVA	JIVTEJ BHASIN
IV B	ANANYA ABROL
IV C	BHAVNA SHARMA
IV D	PAMPOSH PANDITA
IVE	RISHABH GANDHI
IV F	NIHARIKA PAGORE
IV G	SAHIL GANDHI
IV H	AAKSHI BAJAJ
IV I	AAKRITI KUMAR
VA	MAYANK SETHI
VB	SAMARTH GARG
VC	SRINATH A.NARAYANAN
V D	SAMARTH RAI SETHI
VE	AANCHAL KAPOOR
VF	KARAN CHOPRA
VG	DIVYANI PAHWA

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A Newsreading Competition was held for classes XI and XII on 30.9.2004 with the objective to promote awareness amongst students on the significance of newspaper reading. The activity also helped the students improve their skills of public speaking. The winners are: -

XI BEST TEAM Vinni Gosain, Neha Chhabra (XI C), BEST SPEAKER Neha Chhabra XII BEST TEAM Jatin Anand, Ekta Arora (XII E)

## POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

To mark the inauguration of the Road Safety Club a poster making competition for classes V to VIII was organized.

The winners were:

## V & VI

- I- Manmeet Singh (V A)
  II- Aditi Roy (V C)
- II- Aditi Roy (V C)
  III- Tavleen (V C)

Special prize-Sakshi Bhalla VI B & Manastha V C

## VII & VIII

- I- Avneet Rajat (VII E)
- II- Radhika Banerjee (VII E)

III- Rahul Kaul (VII C)

Special prize Roohneet Kochhar (VII E) Special prize Soumya Mittal (VIII A)

#### MONEY

Money can buy books but not knowledge Money can buy toys but not joy Money can buy jewellery but not beauty Money can buy plants but not their growth Money can buy house but not a home Money can buy eatables but not an appetite Money can buy all visibles but not the invisible Money can bear many fruits but not a child.

Tanuj Kumar VI-B

#### SPORTS ROUND UP

## FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS OF SMS- DO IT AGAIN

Our football team displayed a brilliant performance and added yet another feather to our Crown by bagging the third position at the north zone CBSE football tournament held in Chandigarh from 19 October to 23 October. The members of the winning team headed by Ankit Mehta were Prateek Rathore, Gauravdeep, Harmandeep, Arjit Chadha, Ankit Mehta(Captain), Karan Budhiraja, Akshay Chhabra, Ashish Dewan, Atul Yadav, Siddharth Chitkara, Shashank Sridhar, Saurabh Rattan, Mandeesh Cheema, Ashish Kaul, Akhil Dixit and Shobhit Dagar.

# A PROUD MOMENT FOR OUR YOUNG FOOTBALLERS

The football team of our school did us proud once again at the SWABHIMAN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT held at Ganga International School (27-29 November). They defeated Motibagh No. II by 1-0 and G.B.S.S.S. New Police Llines by 2-1, putting up a brilliant show and secured the second position. The team was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 3100. The team members were Prateek Rathore, Gauravdeep, Harmandeep, Mayank Srivastav, Ankit Mehta, Karan Budhiraja, Akshay Chhabra, Ashish Dewan, Atul Yadav, Shashank Sridhar, Saurabh Rattan, Dhananjay Kaushal, Sahil Chopra, Ashish Kaul, Akhil Dixit and Shobhit Dagar.



Deepak Mittal of Class IV-A has made a mark for himself in Nationals (CBSE) held at Nagpur in Roller Skating

## ZONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

In the Zonal Volleyball tournament for senior boys we defeated Ganga International School, DAV School, Mianwali Nagar and Bosco Public School to secure the II rank.

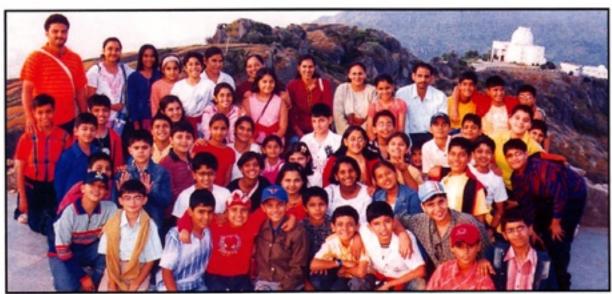
# VICTORY AT SMT. VIDYAVATI ALAG MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Our Volleyball team participated in Smt. VIDYAVATI ALAG MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT and emerged winners in one of the matches.



Our jubiliant football players at the CBSE North Zone finals

#### TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS



'Fun and frolic' at Mt. Abu

#### TRIP TO KERALA

Students of classes VIII and XI had a wonderful time when they visited God's own country, Kerala as a part of the school excursion. The students got an opportunity to visit Cochin, Munnar, Thekkady and Kovalam. It was really a spicy treat for the students, as they not only went to the Spice Gardens but also the hills of Munnar. Apart from these, they had the privilege to visit Periyar Sanctuary and last but not the least, Vivekananda Smarak at Kanyakumari.

## EXCURSION TO SHIMLA

Our school had organized an adventurous and informative trip to Shimla for Class XI and XII. While on the way they stopped at Chandigarh to visit the Pinjore Garden. When they reached Shimla, it was the beginning of a fruitful experience. They climbed a long way to reach an amusement park and even visited Kufri, Naldhera and at the exotic mall enjoyed shopping.



Donning the traditional Himachali caps our students of Class XII celebrate the magic of hills

## VISIT TO MT. ABU

Students of Class VI and VII accompanied by six teachers went on an educational trip to Mt. Abu. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They visited the famous Dilwara Temples and were awestruck seeing the magnificent sculptures. They also visited Toad Rock, Guru Shikar, Nakki Lake and the Bramhakumari Peace Park. They observed the beauty of the setting sun at the Sunset Point, which was a rare sight. They had a gala time at the bonfire, dancing and singing to the tune of popular numbers.



Class VIII & IX unwinding in 'God's own country'

## **GOA GALORE**

The students of Class X went on an educational trip to Goa in the first week of October. It was a fun loving extravaganza along with a good learning experience for many. The children learnt to be independent and responsible. The visit to the various beaches was enthralling and to the churches was an eye opener. The beauty and gardens of the churches amazed and captivated all.

#### CONGRATS FROM CBSE



## केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

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Dated 22.11.2004

DEPUTY SECRETARY (ADMN 11)

No. 46/Admn 11/0.1% MC/2004

Dear Principal.

Dear Principal,

The Board awards certificate of Merit in each subject to the top 0.1% of the successful candidates in order to recognize their merit and outstanding performance at its Secondary School and Senior School Certificate Examinations.

I am glad to inform you that the following student (s) who has/have passed Secondary School/Senior School Certificate Exam' 2004 from your school has/have been awarded the certificate of Merit:-

ROLL NO.	CANDIDATE'S NAME	FATHER'S NAME
6144579	ADITYA GABA	PARDEEP GABA
6144600	ANKITA BANSAL	ARVIND BANSAL
6144687	TUSHAR ANAND	ASHWANI ANAND
6144711	TANVI NAYYAR	SANJEEV NAYYAR
6144749	PARUL GULATI	ANIL GULATI
6144828	SUNNY CHHABRA	MANOHAR LAL CHHABRA
6144847	ANNU MALIK	SATISH MALIK
6144851	BHAVYA AHUJA	KEWAL KUMAR AHUJA
6233309	MEENAL CHABRA	RAJ KUMAR CHABRA
6233327	GHANSHYAM BANSAL	BRAHMDUTT BANSAL
6233329	NIKHIL KHERA	HARISH KUMAR KHERA
6233330	NIKUNJ KHANNA	ASHOK KUMAR KHANNA
6233339	KANIKA BHUTANI	PRAKASH LAL BHUTANI
6233389	RIPSY WASON	PARVEEN WASON
6233418	SIDHARTH ARORA	AJAY ARORA
6233434	PRIYA SETH	ANIL KUMAR SETH

The above student(s) may be asked to contact directly the Dy. Director of Education (Scholarship), Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT Delhi, Lucknow Road, Timar Pur, Delhi-110054 for National Scholarship or National Prize of Rs. 100/- and a Merit Certificate according to their eligibility.

Your Co-operation in the matter will be highly appreciated.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

With best wishes,

(YDG RAJ SACHDEVA)

The Principal ST. MARK'S SR. SEC. PUBLIC SCHOOL MAIN ROAD MEERA BAGH **NEW DELHI** Pin: 110041

## INTER HOUSE FOLK DANCE

An Inter House Folk Dance Competition was held on 4.10.2004 at our school premises for Classes I and III. The students showcased various folk dances from the states of India. In class I Shastri House won the I prize for depicting the traditional dance form of Goa, for Class III, Gandhi House was adjudged the winner for their excellent performance with the Bengali Folk Dance. The participants were: -

NISHANT VISISHT, GINNI MADAN, TUNISHA CHAUHAN, APOORVA MANCHANDA, SWARNIMA, KANIKA, BHOOMIKA, ANMOL, AARTI, PARTH SIGNH, PRATYAKSH & SPARSH DHINGRA.

Class III Gandhi House

ANUSHRUTI CHHABRA, SHURTI TIWARI, SIMRAN MINOCHA, SHEFALI ANEJA, SANYA DUA, VANSHIKA KHANDELWAL, GAGANDEEP ARORA, TUNISHA KANSRA, SHIBHANGI NAG, MANVI SABHUJA, KASHISH ANAND & YUKTI GROVER.



At the Inter House Competition our young dancers dance to the 'Dandiya beats'

## PSE PLATFORM

"THINK IN ENGLISH SPEAK IN ENGLISH" is the maxim of the PSE promoters of St. Marks, Meera Bagh, whose constant endeavour is to encourage and promote 'Spoken English' in the school campus. Project Spoken English took of in the month of April with interesting activities for the primary section followed by a well chalked out series of activities for the secondary and senior section in May. Some of the activities were in the form of Group discussion. problem solving, extempore, Interpret proverbs, fun with words etc. 'Best Speaker of the Month' badges were given during every PSE activity alongwith the prizes to the winners of each event planned for the month. The ultimate aims of PSE PLATFORM is to equip the students with excellent communication skills and in the process enable them to shed their inhibitions about speaking in the campus language. Four PSE promoters per section of each class have been selected and entrusted with the task of monitoring the progress inside and outside the classroom during school hours. They emphasize on "WHEN YOU ARE IN SCHOOL ENGLISH IS YOUR

"WHEN YOU ARE IN SCHOOL ENGLISH IS YOUR TOOL"

#### REPORT ON JUNIOR BOOK CLUB

The Junior section of the Reader's Club organized a variety of activities to inculcate good reading habits among children. The students were told of the importance and the pleasure of reading. Book reviews were presented by students in their individual manner expressing their opinion and sharing their experiences of reading the book. To familiarize students with the style and presentation of stories competitions were held on story telling and giving appropriate endings to stories told. This was a peep into the magnificent world of books covering various types of reading material from fairy tales, adventure stories to autobiographies.

## ST.MARKS' FAMILY READS TOGETHER

The "Whole World Reading Together" was conducted successfully in St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, on 03.12.2004. An activity for 33 minutes, everyone present in the school participated with full enthusiasm. Even the Class IV employees of the school were included and they took to reading seriously. It was indeed a wonderful time wherein everybody dropped everything and took to reading. Some students from the Primary Wing were awarded Certificates for Excellence in Reading.

## SUCCESS OF 6 NOV.

The pleasant chill of November received a balm by the senior section of our school who celebrated their Annual Day on the 6th Nov. The sequence of events for the special evening began with an Invocation Dance presented by the students of Class VIII. They were soon joined in by the vibrant dancers from the regions of Gharwal, Kerala, Maharashtra and Bihar, Our spirited girls of Class IX presented a creative dance 'The Celebration of Life'. Continuing on the notes of folk and tribal music came the dancers of Harvana and Chhatisgarh from Classes VI & VII. Our young scientists from Classes VIII & IX depicted the positive aspect of life as they made roses bloom from ashes. The fantasy world of the 'Wizard of Oz' was brought to life by the histrionics of our students from primary and middle school. The divine force of the holy trinity and the rhythmatic change of Indian seasons were presented in a Choreography item by the students of Classes VII and VIII. Our energetic dancers of Classes IX to XII brought the magic and the mood of the beautiful land of Punjab as they danced to the beats of the Dhol.



Ms. Mohinder, Regional Director of Education, lights the inaugural lamp on 6th Nov.

The foot tapping beats and the scintillating music mesmerized the audience as they watched young dancers bring forth the lively magic of 'Western Dances through the Ages'. Complimenting the beautiful choreography was the innovative lighting techniques and the very attractive dance costumes. Our senior students put on their dancing shoes and danced away their blues. Whether it was the Polka, the Jive, the Fox trot, the Waltz, the Twist, the Salsa or the Rock 'n' Roll, our young dancers seemed so professional, with their coordination and elegant style that the audience was left spellbound. After this western dance we are sure that we will have more recruits to the dance classes.



A candid moment for Roses of success!

There was not a moment to be lost and no one could get bored because our curtain items which brought excellent fillers like the musical Lochinvar, the poetic 'I am an ordinary Man' a rib tickling parody, 'Shakespeare Murdered' and a hilarious 'Cricket commentary'. The school orchestra rocked the evening with their scintillating music. Deftly handling all musical instruments our students of the school band showed their excellent coordination.

The annual report was presented by our school Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal. The audience applauded the meritorious students who received prizes for their performance in academic and general proficiency. The various toppers for the Board Examination (X & XII) were also appreciated.



'Unity in Diversity' is the message they want to convey



A silent prayer or one said in a group has the same power, believe our students as they present the Invocation Dance



There is merriment in the air as the dancers from Bihar swing to the Bhojpuri notes



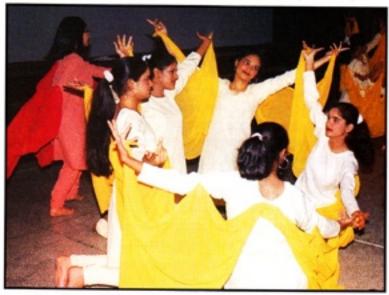
Our scientists at work charm the audience with their song and dance



Saurabh Basantani, topper in the Science stream (Class XII) receives the trophy from Mr. Arvinder Singh Lovely



'Picture perfect moment' for our creative dancers



Girls of Class IX present the 'Celebration of Life'



Priya Seth (top scorer) in Chemistry at the Class XII Boards



Sameeksha Jain, topper (Humanities) for the Class XII Boards



Richa Jain (top scorer) in Biology at the Class XII Boards



Nikhil Khera, topper of the Commerce stream being commended by the Hon'ble Minster of Education, Mr. Arvinder Singh Lovely



Ripsy Wason (top scorer) in Economics for Class XII



A little tease and a lot of joy is what the Haryanvi dancers of Class VI & VII bring to us



Our 'young merry dancers' jive to beautiful music



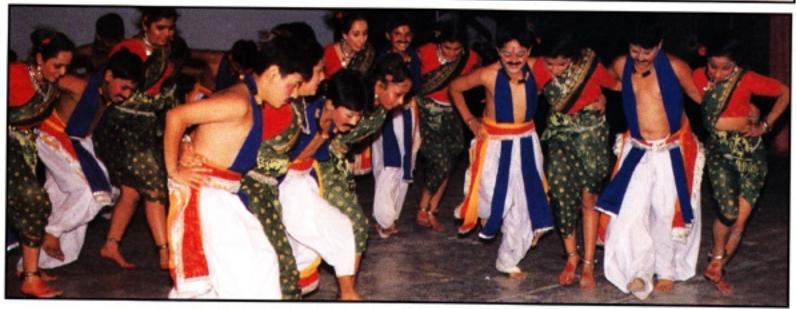
'Milavati Ram' a satire through the medium of Quwali



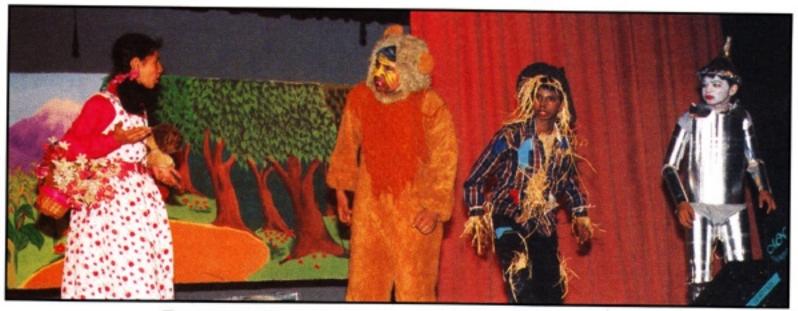
Bringing before the audience the rhythm and joy of dancing the Polka



'Beat the dhol' and see if you can stop us from dancing 'The Bhangra' from Punjab



The tribal music is earthy and the tribal dance of Chhatisgarh is divine



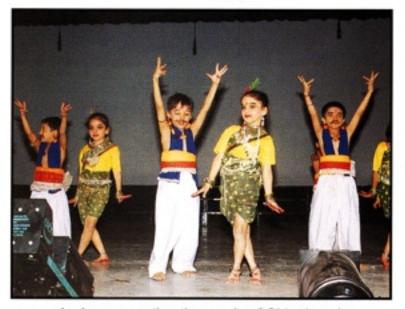
The complaining lion in conversation with Dorothy in the 'Wizard of Oz'



Stepping into their parents' shoes, the little ones present 'Mummies and Daddies'

## PERFECT PRESENTATION BY THE PRIMARY STUDENTS

November 7 was a special day for our primary section as they were celebrating their Annual Day. The mood was jubilant and spirits were high because the students had prepared a wonderful cultural bonanza showcasing various aspects of music and dance. The day's festivity began with the Invocation Dance rendered by Classes IV and V wherein they paid their respects to the Almighty and invoked His blessings. Mera Bharat Mahaan opened up a chapter on patriotism where the children of Classes I and II sang and danced to patriotic notes. Close on it's heel were the vibrant dancers from the coastal state of Maharashtra represented by Class III and the tribal dancers of Chhatisgarh from Class I.



Juniors recreating the magic of Chhatisgarh

The Dancing Dolls of Class II endeared themselves to all while their friends, from both Classes I and II, thanked their parents through a special musical, 'Mummies and Daddies'.



Together we can and will make a difference

How could one forget the ethnic portrayal of the Bengali Dance and the fun and vigour of the Haryanvi Dance presented by Class IV. A spoonful of sugar was sung by our tiny tots of class I as they swayed to the beautiful music. A favourite classic 'Sound of Music' was wonderfully recreated on stage by our talented students of class IV who also brought in scintillating music through the Orchestra. Holi a festival of colours was celebrated by a group of wonderful dancers of Classes III and IV through the folk medium and the Choreography of Krishna Leela added divine magic. Students of Class III were very determined and showed their sense of purpose as they presented the musical bouquet 'together we can do it'. A delicious spread of our rich, cultural heritage was well appreciated by the audience who cheered the participating students.



'Dancing Dolls' fill the moments with a cheerful song



The Juniors present the 'Divine Charm' of Lord Krishna



Invoking the blessings of the Almighty, the Invocation Dance presented by the junior students



All rounders of the Junior Section receive their proficiency prizes



Winner of the proficiency prize at the Annual Day function



Singing together with joy in 'The Sound of Music'



Bringing back to life the classic 'Sound of Music'



The ethnicity of Bengal comes to life at the Juniors Annual Day



Synchronizing folk music and dance



Young dancers from the coastal land of Maharashtra