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EDITORIAL

Fear, what is fear? The dictionary says that is an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that something is dangerous, likely to cause pain or a threat. It is difficult to face it. What is needed, rather than running away or controlling or suppressing or any other resistance, is understanding fear. That means, watch it, learn about it, come directly in contact with it. We must learn about fear and not how to escape from it. When one's mind is made up, fear diminishes. Knowing what must be done does away with the fear. We must reflect upon the fact that fear stifles our thinking and action. It creates indecisiveness that results in stagnation. The first duty of man is to conquer it, he cannot act till then. Don't allow fear to overpower you, allow love and courage to take over you. Love comes from the centre; fear always comes from the periphery to be dominant. Look deeply into anything that makes you afraid. You will be surprised that if you look deeply into anything that makes you afraid, it will disappear. There is nothing to fear in the world. If you believe so, you can rejoice in the freedom it brings.

LEXICON

"A person who reads many books, lives a million years before he dies; while a person who reads none, lives only one."

'Lexicon'- a celebration of literature was organized by St Mark's Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh from 18 January 2013 to 22 January 2013. Our school participated in it. Various competitions like Character-dramatization, Extempore, Quiz on Books and Authors, Recitation, Debate, Plays, etc. gave the addicts of literature from classes I-XI an opportunity for participating and widening their vistas of knowledge. The competition was tough as twenty-two schools took part in this event. The enthusiastic and effervescent students won accolades for their wonderful performances and brought laurels to the school by winning various competitions. It was a proud moment when our school lifted the trophy for the best performance. (*Result on Page No. 17)



Our Vice Principal Ms Shergill accepting the running trophy of Lexicon from the Chief Guest. Our Chairperson Ms Anjali Aggarwal and the Vice Principal of St. Marks Sr. Sec. Public School also graced the stage with their presence.

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CELEBRATIONS



Christmas - Time for Revelry.

Christmas

December brings joy and celebration to the heart. To mark the festivity, our school organized a Christmas party for the students of Seedling to class VI. Myriad activities were performed to bring cheer to all. The children were enthralled to see the tricks of the magician in the Magic Show. To make the day more exciting, the students played games like Passing the Parcel, Run to the Favourite Symbol etc. The main attraction for the toddlers was the arrival of Santa Claus with lots of gifts and balloons. They thronged around him and were given candies. The students of class II also presented a play to give an insight into the life of Lord Jesus. The play covered the different phases of Christ's life, starting right from his birth till his crucifixion and then resurrection. It was a visual treat for the audience.



Celebrating the spirit of enfranchisement on Republic Day.

Republic Day

Our school celebrated Republic Day on 24 January 2013. Our Principal, Ms. Sheena hoisted the national flag. It was followed by the national anthem and a patriotic song presented by the school choir. The senior girls of classes VII, VIII and IX presented a spell binding dance performance wearing colourful costumes. It was followed by a speech on Republic Day by Simrran of class XI. 24 January is also 'National Girl Child Day'. Shivangi Arora of class XI gave a speech on 'The Importance of Girls in Society' and also vocalized the need to improve the condition of girl child in our society. Our Principal Ms. Sheena addressed the students and urged the girls to feel proud of being an Indian. She motivated the girls to achieve their goals in life and also to feel proud of being a girl child.



Decked up in yellow, the students of the school celebrate Basant Panchami.

Basant Panchami

The festival of Basant Panchami is celebrated every year to mark the beginning of the spring season. On this day, goddess Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, music, art and culture is worshipped. The students of our school celebrated this festival with great enthusiasm. The students of class X performed the Saraswati Vandana, which is a tribute to the goddess for bestowing us with knowledge. Our Principal Ms. Sheena Kalenga addressed the students highlighting the festive spirit of Basant Panchami and reminding them of the fervour attached to the festival.



ACTIVITIES & COMPETITIONS

Social Science Power Point Presentation

The students of class IX participated in the Inter Class Social Science Power Point Presentation Competition which took place on 11 Dec 2012 in the school library. The presentation covered imperative topics which often go unnoticed in our day to day routines. The students thoroughly explained such topics and succeeded in imparting the audience with valuable information. These topics included Inflation, Working of the Police, India vs. the USA, The Insurance Policies, etc. The competition was judged by Ms. Anjali Handa and Ms. Shikha Chugh, who congratulated the children for their overwhelming and informative performances which, in every positive way educated the students and made them wise and better informed. The winners of the competition were as follows :

- 1st - Priyal Sobti and Shruti Balyan- (IXC) Hurricane Sandy,
- 2nd - Kritika Kanda and Jasleen Kaur Malhotra (IXC) - Why Should and Should not We Trust Our Leaders?
- 3rd - Chaandi Malhotra and Kamalpreet Kaur (IXA) - FDI



Winners of Class IX Social Science Powerpoint Presentation.

Science Powerpoint Presentation

Students of class X of our school participated in the Science PowerPoint Presentation Competition on 13 December 2012. There were twelve groups in all with two students in each group. Each group displayed their best efforts and proper usage of ICT Tools. The main aim of this competition was to keep the students abreast with the current scientific issues. Some of the topics selected were Secrets of the Deep, Welcome to the Future, Smart Materials, God's Particle and How Asteroids Can Save Mankind. The winning teams were :

Name Of Students	Class	Position
1. Bhavya Khurana	XC	1
Ria Madhwani	XC	1
2. Aakarsha Handa	XC	2
Namrata Pandey	XC	2
3. Anuradha Batra	XC	3
Nitika Arora	XC	3



Winners of Science Powerpoint Presentation.

Brain Storm

The students of classes VI – X of our school actively participated in the Brain Storm. Each class was divided into four teams and the class teachers conducted the quiz with the aid of the smart class. The students participated in the event enthusiastically and exhibited excellent team spirit. They were drilled with mind boggling questions dealing with General Awareness, History, Science, Political Science and Geography. The quiz not only tested their awareness but also aptly fulfilled its rightful duty of enhancing the knowledge of the students and broadening their wisdom.



Our young quiz masters enthusiastic to answer the questions.



Inter School One Act Mystery Play Competition

Albert Einstein had rightly said- 'The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysteries.' Our school organised a splendid Inter School One Act Mystery Play Competition on 14 December 2012. Reputed schools from all over Delhi participated in the competition and made it a grand success.

The esteemed judges at the event were Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, an educationist, actor and film maker; Ms. Vandana Tandon, a theatre enthusiast; and Ms. Shivita Mathur, a lecturer at Jesus and Mary College. The judges were bewitched by the talent of the students whose performances were truly scintillating. There wasn't a dull moment throughout the day, as one after the other, each play wowed the audience. Truly, those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the Earth are never weary of life.

Through their portrayal of characters and events, the talented students who gave each other a tough competition proved that

drama isn't when the actors cry, but drama is when the audience cries. The best play trophy was bagged by Springdales School, Dhaula Kuan for the play 'And Then There Was One'.

1. The Best Actor Award was bagged by :- • Anshul Bhatia and Ria Nagpal of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh • Raabiya Mairici and Vridhi Taneja of Springdales School, Dhaula Kuan
2. The winners of the special prizes were :- • Shivangi Arora of St. Mark's Girls Sr. Sec. School, Meera Bagh • Shivanshi Dhall of St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janak Puri • Kritarth Sethi of SS Mota Singh Sr. Sec. Model School • Usman Zafar of Springdales School, Dhaula Kuan • Dhruv Sinha of Springdales School, Dhaula Kuan
3. The Best Narrator Award was won by :- • Devanshi Malik of St. Mark's Girls Sr. Sec. School, Meera Bagh



A still from the mystery play 'The Sixth Sense'.



Winners of the One Act Mystery Play.

Martyr's Day

30 January 1948 is an ominous day of Indian history when the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi was shot dead by a Hindu fanatic named Nathuram Godse. To remember this fateful day, class IX students of our school took out a rally on 30 January 2013. They made numerous posters and banners to spread the message of peace and harmony among the people in the neighboring areas. The rally conducted by 'The Art of Living' was a new experience for the students. There were around 38 girls escorted by two teachers of the school.



Remembering the great works of the great man the students of our school take out a rally to mark Mahatma Gandhi's teachings.



Volunteer For A Better India

With love serve one another. With this aim in their mind, the students of classes VIII-X became a part of community service which was initiated by 'The Art of Living'. The main objective of the Campaign: 'Volunteer for a Better India' was to encourage the students of our school to give at least one hour to their nation by making community service - a way of life. The students interacted with senior citizens at home as well as in the neighbourhood, spending quality time with them and gaining practical knowledge from their elders in return. To gauge the interest and to comprehend their retention, the 'Idea Competition' was held. All the participating students were given idea cards in which students had to write their ideas of serving the nation. The best card was adjudged by the school teachers and the best idea was awarded with a certificate. A Self - Defence Workshop was also conducted by 'The Art of living' on 15 Feb 2013 for classes IX & X. The workshop was a novelty for students and a unique experience which is the call of the hour and dire need for girls in the present times. The main idea of these activities was to impart value based education to the children.



Reaching out to our elders with love and regard.

Humming Bird Maths And Science Olympiad

International Humming Bird Education Olympiads for Maths and Science was conducted to bring out the mathematical and scientific skills of the students. It was an MCQ based examination and our students came out with flying colours. Damini Yadav of class VIII secured second rank and Yashika Aggarwal of class I secured third rank at the All India level. Following is the list of the winners :

S.No	Student	Class	School Rank	National Rank	Awards
1	Yashika Aggarwal	I	1	3	Mobile phone
2	Bhavika Khurana	I	2	9	Wrist watch
3	Janvi Chhabra	II	1	37	Wrist watch
4	Nirvani Gautam	III	1	22	Wrist watch
5	Yashika Kaushik	V	1	49	Wrist watch
6	Kajal Gupta	VII	1	41	Wrist watch
7	Damini Yadav	VIII	1	2	Digital camera
8	Anisha Bajaj	VIII	2	48	Wrist watch
9	Manisha Rani	X	1	46	Wrist watch



The proud winners of 'Humming Bird Maths and Science Olympiad".

30th Aryabhata Inter School Mathematics Competition

"For the things of this world cannot be made known without the knowledge of mathematics." – Roger Bacon. The mathematics genius Aryabhata made substantial contributions in the field of mathematics. Recognizing the need of the hour to carry forward the legacy of the great mathematician, the girls of our school of classes V and VIII participated in 30th Aryabhata Inter School Mathematics Competition 2013 held on 2nd February 2013 conducted by Summer Fields School. The students wholeheartedly participated in the competition. Its main objective was to cultivate a positive and scientific approach towards Mathematics.

Clerihew Writing

"Creativity is an inherent trait which glorifies with constant application". Instilling our belief in the above statement, our school holds class activities at regular intervals to enhance the skills of our students. Following the same tradition, an Inter-Class Clerihew Writing Competition was held for the students of class IV. The class teachers gave some interesting topics to the students on the spot. The topics ranged from 'Rockstar' to 'Jerry the Mouse' on which our students made interesting rhyming lines and also drew wonderful drawings pertaining to their topic. The activity was enjoyed by the students and the best writings were awarded.



Inter Class English Recitation Competition



Winners of the Inter Class English Recitation Competition.

'Poetry is the universal language which the heart holds with nature and itself.' An inter Class English Recitation Competition was held for classes II and III on 7 March 2013. Three participants from each class participated. The students' rendition of the poem ravished the senses of the listeners and was a pleasure for soul and mind. The competition was judged by Ms. Vaneet and Ms. Isha. Bhavya Sharma (II-D), Gurleen Kaur (II-D) and Himani Sharma (II-D) bagged the First, Second and Third prize respectively in class II. Anushka Gupta (III-C) and Devanshi Singh (III-D) bagged the First and Second position in class III. The third position in class III was shared by Niharika Khurana (III-D) and Harshita Pruthi (III-B)



With a spark in their eyes and quest in their mind, the cherubims of our school participating in the Fairy Tale Quiz.

Fairy Tale Quiz

There is much we can learn by reflecting on the stories heard in our childhood. Magical characters such as Pied Piper, the Talking Frog and the Fairy Godmother are likely to remain in our imagination for a lifetime. They are clearly more than entertainment for children. The students of class Sapling had a trip to Fairyland through their quiz on Fairy Tales held on 7 December 2012. The quiz had five rounds which covered a number of fairy tales. Children were assessed on their knowledge about characters and incidents and facts related to Fairy Tales. The young ones enjoyed the quiz and participated with great zest. The quiz enhanced their knowledge and increased their craze for fairy tales.



Our dancers who bagged the trophy for their dance performance portraying 'Save the Girl Child'.

Save The Girl Child

'Let each and every girl child bloom.' Keeping this in mind, Childreach International, an NGO working for the welfare of children, organized a dance competition "Ek Kahani Dance Ki Zubani" an initiative by 'My School My Voice', to awaken the masses to the plight of girls in today's world. The motive was to sensitize people about this grave issue. Our students of class X presented a dance on this extremely sensitive and thought-provoking issue with lots of emotions and grace. The song 'Sapne Dekhe Hai Maine' by Shubha Mugdal that clearly states the aspirations of a girl child was brought to life by our students. They won the Second Runners Up Trophy in the competition.



Business Quiz

The aim of education is to impart knowledge not of facts but of values. With this view, the Commerce Department of our school organized an Interactive Business Quiz on 27 December 2012. The Business Quiz comprised of two written and three oral reciprocative rounds. The first two written rounds were based on the logos and taglines of famous companies across the world. The next three interactive rounds were based on interesting facts about the business world, current affairs related to our economy and identifying the personalities who paved the way for the developing and developed economies of the world. This quiz was a great success and inculcated practicality in our education system. The following were the positions bagged by the young business minds of class XI.

Position	Name Of Students
1	Savleen Rajpal Anisha Gupta Diksha Bhasin
2	Devanshi Malik Ishita Sharma
3	Vidhi Malik Simran Virmani

Orientation Programme

As the spring breeze brings in new beginnings for the entire world, we all gear up for a new start and fresh times. To welcome the bright, new, bubbly seedlings to their alma mater, our school organized its Orientation Programme on 15 March 2013. The best of the school was presented on a platter for the parents to perceive the best for their wards in the upcoming associative years at the school. The Orientation programme was lined up with short and sweet colourful items. The parents who were full of hopes and vivid aspirations for their wards in the school were subjected to a treat that transported them to a world of fantasy. A foot tapping Tamil dance with Ganesh Vandana, a Korean dance and the



A Korean dance in action during the Orientation Programme adaptation of Roald Dahl's famous children's story 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', left the audience Wonder Struck. The show was and-out-and-out success proclaiming the immense success of our school in all these years. The programme culminated with the address of the school Principal Ms. Sheena Kalenga, who elaborated on the rules and regulations, ideologies and expectations from parents towards the school, building a relationship based on understanding and cooperation.



A Tamil dance that mesmerized the spectators.

Intach's Delhi Eco Ambassador

It was a moment of honour and pride for our school when one of our talented student Aarushi Mishra of class IXC was selected as the Delhi Eco Ambassador by INTACH. She became the proud winner of the Essay Writing Competition which was held during the Heritage Week Celebrations. She participated in 'Harit Sankalp' which is an achievement undertaken by INTACH and INTACH UK Trust. This programme aims at promoting appreciation, exploration and conservation of India's national heritage.

Aarushi wrote her feature on Asola Bhatt Wildlife Sanctuary. Her floral tribute to nature was so much appreciated that she is selected as one of the regional winners from Delhi. Bravo!



Aarushi Mishra IXC



International Olympiads of Maths, English and Science



Winners of the International Olympiad.

Like every year, the school conducted International Olympiads for various subjects to sharpen the skills and enhance the literacy standard of our students beyond their regular academic curriculum thereby giving an edge over others. These Olympiads were organized by Silverzone. The school toppers are:

S.No.	Students	Class	Rank	Olympiad
1	Namrata Gulati	IV	1	English
2	Krishna Tivrawal	I	1	Maths
3	Sehaj Bhatia	II	2	Maths
4	Gunjan Mahawar	VI	3	Maths
5	Shriya Gupta	II	1	Science

Dramatics Week

'Drama is life with the dull parts cut out.' To add a dash of fun, the school organized the 'Dramatics Week' for the students of classes VI to X in the month of December. An extravaganza of English and Hindi plays was presented before the parents. Classes VI, VII, VIII and X presented English plays based on Greek mythology, comedy, satire and mystery respectively; whereas; class IX presented Hindi plays written by famous dramatists. The plays such as 'Mind Your Language', 'Race on Race', 'The Revenge', 'Subhagi', 'Ek Tha Gadha', 'Alladad Khan' and 'Kathputli' won the hearts of many. The audience was awestruck by the spellbinding performances of the budding artists. The event was a grand success and the efforts of the teachers and the students were applauded by the Principal and the Vice Principal as well as the parents.



Our artists enacting in 'Civilizing Father'.



Our home production of 'Swami and Winston'.

Workshops

Workshop on Career Counselling

The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it. - Mother Teresa

Choosing a career can be very confusing! There are just so many options that one may feel one needs to know 'What's out there', in order to make an informed decision. With this vision, the school organized a Career Counselling Workshop for the students of class X on 30 January 2013. Students and their parents attended an enlightening session with Ms Asha Nayar, a well known career counsellor. She acquainted the students with the steps involved in setting up a career plan through an enriching power point presentation. It was followed by an interactive session which satisfied the curiosity of students and parents with regards to various career options available for different streams. The session was quite informative for both - the parents as well as the students.



Workshop on Exam Anxiety

Months of February and March have great significance in a student's life as it is the exam time. Most of the students experience stress at this time of the year. With a vision to help the students of our school in dealing with exam anxiety, an enlightening session was conducted by Ms. Vandana Tandon on 28 January 2013 for the students of Class XI. She guided them about how to identify the symptoms of anxiety and suggested a number of ways to handle stress. Students also performed a few exercises which can help them reduce stress. Along with that, they shared their problems with her and she apprised them of the solutions which will help them in overcoming exam anxiety.

Teachers Workshop By Intel

A workshop for teachers was organised in the school's computer lab on 29 December, 2013. It was conducted by two trainees from Intel, namely Ms. Sheeraz Muzaffer and Mr. Nebu Abraham. The workshop that started at 9:00 a.m. and continued till 2:30 p.m. was attended by 50 teachers of our school. It was a hands-on computers workshop, starting with an introduction to Intel Education Initiatives and giving the teachers practical experience on working with Windows, MS Word, MS Excel, MS Powerpoint, Adobe Basics and PDF Convertors.



Intel Workshop for teachers in progress.

Fabric Painting Workshop

HT Pace organized a workshop in collaboration with Hobby Idea's for the students of class IV. They learnt painting handicrafts, t-shirts, table cloth etc. using fabric stencil and Hobby Ideas Fabric colours kit or Hobby Ideas Pearls. The workshop was a learning experience for the students as they learnt innovative skills that added all the more colours to their creative insights. The workshop also brought out hidden talent of the students as they coloured and decorated their old handkerchiefs and t-shirts and turned them into art works.



Our little designers flaunting their work after the Fabric Painting Workshop.

Workshop on Cartoon Making

It is very rare that a cartoon does not catch the attention of a person. Cartooning is a good way to present your thoughts. A serious issue which is presented using a cartoon is more thought provoking than a written article. Keeping this point in mind, our school organized a Cartoon Making Workshop for the students of class V on 31 January 2013. In the workshop our students learnt how to sketch different moods of human nature. They enjoyed this fun-filled activity a lot as they made various cartoons portraying different moods and feelings.



Happy to show their Caricatures, the students pose for a picture.





National Science Day

Science Exhibition-cum-Workshop

28th February, 2013
Auditorium, Delhi Secretariat

Organized by
Department of Environment & Forests, Govt. of Delhi

Promoting Science Culture
Brightly





Workshop on Study Skills

Efficiency is the ratio of output to the input. To improve efficiency of our students in studies, the school organised a Study Skill Workshop for the students of class XI. 'How to study' is a skill which can be learnt. Ms Ira Sehgal conducted a 40 minute workshop for the students of class XI on 7 December 2012 and apprised them of the various techniques that can improve their efficiency and concentration. Students interacted with her and discussed about the problems they face while preparing for exams. Ms. Sehgal emphasized upon developing a habit of making a personalized question bank which would facilitate a better comprehension of the topic. It was an enriching experience for the students. The workshop was indeed very helpful as it suggested techniques to improve their learning ability.



Workshop on Study skill in session.

LIFE MEDIA CLUB

According to a famous saying- "We have not inherited the Earth from our forefathers; we have borrowed it from our future generations." All are aware of the destruction caused to biodiversity by humans and the immediate need for conserving it. Humans are the only ones responsible for the reckless cutting of forests and depletion of natural resources, and therefore, we should only take a step forward to conserve it. This very fact was highlighted by the student members of the Life Media Club. Moreover, the brutal night of 16 December when the entire Delhi was taken aback by the vicious gang rape of a 23-year old in a moving bus, was criticized in a video made by a student member. This incident has thrown light on the inefficiency of the Delhi Police and the government. No society can progress till the woman of that society is safe. Thus, our students have criticized the gruesome act, creating awakening amongst their peers. Apart from that, they made a video on the much hyped 'Dooms Day'. The Mayan calendar clearly suggested that the world would come to an end on 21 December 2012. Many people were full of anxiety and fear. Some dreaded the Dooms Day while some were pretty excited about it. The student members of 'Life Media Club' threw light on this aspect of life as well.



Our Student members of the 'Life Media Club'.

Mathematics Talent Test

Manavsthal School conducted the Mathematics Talent Test for classes VI to XII in the month of January 2013. Five students each from classes VI to XI of our school took part in the competition. A total number of 64 schools participated in this event this year. The main objective of the test was to test the intellect of the students and their knowledge about mathematical skills. Our students participated with full enthusiasm and brought laurels to our school.

S.No.	Class	Name Of Participant	Result
1.	VII	Kajal Gupta	Bronze Medal
2.	VII	Rhythm Bharadwaj	Bronze Medal
3.	VII	Sahejpreet Kaur	Participation Certificate
4.	XI	Manjishtha Tanwar	Participation Certificate
5.	XI	Shalu Gupta	Participation Certificate



TRIPS AND VISITS



A snapshot of our young aspirants after their wonderful experience at Parle G Factory.

Parle G Factory

HT PACE, organized an educational excursion to the Parle G Factory for the students of class IV. The students were shown a short documentary on the history of the factory and various processes involved in the making of confectionaries. The students took a detour of the factory from inside, where they saw biscuits being made. It was a wholesome learning experience for our students who were given goody bags at the end of the visit to make their experience a lifetime memory.



Our little buds enjoying their excursion at the Delhi Zoo.

Visit to the Zoo and India Gate

Our school always motivates educational and informative trips and picnics. Under co-curricular activities, the students of our school not only have projects on papers or charts, but they are also escorted to different worth visiting places where they can view and appreciate the panorama of nature, wildlife or places of historic importance. On 8 December 2012, the tiny tots of Sapling went to visit the Delhi Zoo and the India Gate. They were fascinated on viewing a variety of wildlife like snakes, tigers, elephants, etc. The sight of the animals filled them with joy. Later, they went to take a view of the India Gate. They sat on the grasslands in front of the monument and enjoyed their picnic.



Our students enjoying rides.

Fun 'N' Food Village

Change is the spice of life. Keeping this in mind, the school organized an annual picnic for classes IV and V which was held at the Fun 'n' Food Village. The enthusiastic students were superbly excited to embark on their fun-filled journey to their destination on the bright, sunny morning of 13 February 2013. The air was brewing with excitement as the strength of two hundred girls reached the vicinity of Fun 'n' Food which reverberated with the shouts of 'hip-hip hooray'. Students took to swings as fishes take to water and enjoyed the umpteen thrilling rides from a giant wheel to the swirling eagle. A perfect welcome was given to our students which was further complimented with a sumptuous meal served in the scenic cottages of the Fun 'n' Food Village. Reinvigorated after a hot and healthy lunch, the girls were immediately transported to another fun-filled trance as they were asked to hit the dance floor. Teachers as well as students had a gala time and the magical moments became even more splendid when the best dancers were given away prizes for their dance performances. The day concluded with all the students getting ice-creams. The picnic was enjoyed by everyone with great aplomb and they were left looking forward to the next picnic.



Trip to Jaipur

"If you cannot enjoy life, you cannot live life", how true the sound of these words seem and the teachers of our school lived up to the same spirit when they went on a joyful trip to Jaipur in December 2012. All the teachers alongwith the Principal Ms. Sheena Kalenga and the Vice Principal Ms. Sabina Shergill went for a two day trip to Jaipur. Those were two days when our teachers had unlimited fun by letting their hair loose and forgetting everything in the medley of shopping, eating - out, going places and simply relaxing. The visit to the Chowkhi-dhani resort all the more enhanced the wonderful experience. It was a trip whose memories would be etched in the minds for years to come. After being immersed in absolute pleasure, the staff of SMGS was invigorated and fully prepared to take on the challenges of the concluding session.



Teachers of the school relaxing in "'Choukhi Dhani', the village resort.

ECO CLUB

Visit To The Garden Of Five Senses

The Eco Club students of classes VIII to X of our school alongwith the students working in the AEC Global Project-'SENSES' visited the Garden of Five Senses on 22 December 2012 . They were accompanied by their Eco-Club Teacher Incharges , Ms. Anjali Handa and Ms. Shikha Makkar . The visit to the garden was a treat for the "senses" as it is not just a park but specially designed to appeal to all five senses. It is a great place to unwind and recharge oneself , stimulating one's sensory responses to the environment.

The Garden , constructed on a 20-acre area, is a haven for botany lovers as it is adorned with hundreds of exotic plants. There is a Solar Park with sundials and solar car track . A number of sculptures and murals have also been set up in the garden This eco-friendly garden, rejuvenated the senses of our nature lovers.



With smile on their faces, the students pose for a perfect picture at Garden of Five Senses.

Visit To Crafts Museum



Students having great experience and fun at the Crafts Museum

The appreciation of art is probably the only thing that distinguishes humans from other animals. Creativity; whether in the form of writing, dance, music or craft; makes ones very existence meaningful. So, the students of class VII, accompanied by their teachers visited the Crafts Museum at Pragati Maidaan on 20 February 2013. The enthusiastic students had a gala time observing the innovative art and craft of our rich cultural heritage, including the beautifully carved stick figures on the walls, the Stone Chariot of Hampi, etc. The artistic children were mesmerized by the lively tribal dance of Chattisgarh . The girls also enjoyed dancing to the beats of the tribal dance. They were wrapped in wonderment to see young men and women drawing beautiful sketches. They also saw some beautiful sculptures of Gods and Goddesses, thus enriching their knowledge about India's history. At the end, the girls shopped to their heart's content which included handicrafts, the neatly woven shawls, show pieces, etc. They had a merry time learning about the art of our culture.



Visit to The Hauz Khas Complex in Hauz Khas Village



The students appreciating the harmony in nature.

The Eco Club students of class IX and X of our school as well as some of the students working in the AEC Global Projects 'The Green Volunteers' and ' (Natural) Wonders of the World' visited the Hauz Khas Complex that houses a royal lake, a mosque and a fort, on 23 January 2013. They were accompanied by their Teacher Incharges, Ms. Anjali Handa and Ms. Jeetu Bhalla. The main aim of this nature trail was to explore the captivating Hauz Khas Village that is no less than a wonder. Situated in South Delhi and built over the ruins of the city named Siri, the village is an attractive place to visit. The students got an opportunity to see the ruins of the forts and spend some time near the lake. Truly, the visit had an ennobling effect on them as they had a sneak peek into their rich historical past and enjoyed nature's bounty.



Paper recycling in progress

Paper Recycling

"An idea that helps create something good out of nothing."

Paper is required and used for anything and everything one can think of. Recycling of paper not only saves trees and minimises pollution, but also reduces the waste problem by utilizing waste paper. It is with this mission that our school installed the TARA Mini Paper Recycling Plant on 28 February 2013 with support from the Department of Environment, NCT Delhi. Our Vice Principal, Ms. Sabina Shergill, the Eco Club Teacher Incharges, Art Teachers and about 20 students of class IX received training for the recycling of old paper. The students themselves would now be involved in the recycling process, which helps in understanding the various resources and efforts put in for making paper. To promote the idea of paper conservation, they would use the sheets made by recycling waste paper for making folders and file covers,

eco friendly bags, posters, invitation cards etc. The TARA Mini Paper Recycling Plant is an appropriate system to turn waste paper into paper for all purposes. The plant is based on an effective and yet simple technology, with which even a child can turn waste paper into valuable products. It is a self contained system for recycling small quantities of waste material i.e. upto ten kg per day. Thus, working on a paper recycling plant demonstrates the concept of recycling waste into 'wealth'.



National Science Day

It is very well said by Ralph Emerson that- "Bad times have a scientific value. These are occasions a good learner will not miss."

Keeping the same in mind, eight students of class IX and X of our school along with their teacher in charge Mrs Shruti Sharma went to Delhi Secretariat on 28 February 2013 to attend the Workshop-cum-Seminar on the occasion of National Science Day. The theme of the workshop was Genetically Modified Crops in Food Technology. The Chief Minister of Delhi, Mrs Sheila Dikshit inaugurated the function and was felicitated by the Secretary of Environment, Mr Sanjeev Kumar. Additional Secretary of Environment, Mr Sandeep Mishra, Senior Science Officer, BC Sabata and Director of Environment, Mr Anil Kumar were amongst the other members present at the workshop. Mr Sanjeev Kumar added to the glory of the function by delivering a lecture on the importance of National Science Day. Mrs Sheila Dikshit encouraged the students to participate in exhibitions and also promised to provide financial support to all those schools who would conduct the activities concerning environment conservation and welfare. A scientist from CSIR namely Dr. Anita was also present and gave a lecture on 'Climate Control'. The students enhanced their knowledge about the latest development in the field of agriculture and were also sensitized about the ways they could conserve their environment.



The aspiring scientist honing their scientific skills.

World Sparrow Day



Our eco club volunteers making an attempt to conserve sparrows on 'World Sparrow Day'.

The students of our school celebrated World Sparrow Day along with Sheila Dikshit at her residence in New Delhi on 20 March 2013. On this occasion she expressed her concern over the declining number of house sparrows in the city. Three students and one teacher from our Eco Club 'Keshology' participated in the sparrow conservation programme. At the event, a student emphasized on rapid urbanization that has created obstacles in the habitat of birds. The house-sparrow species is an important bio-indicator, and danger to its number is a matter of concern and debate. The programme ended with an exhibition and the release of a booklet about Sparrow Conservation for Delhi by the CM. It helped our students to understand the need to preserve the endangered species in the city and create awareness regarding the same. The conservation mission will be continued in the school premises with related activities such as bird nest making, keeping water and food containers for the house sparrows, etc.

Khelo Safe Holi

'Nature always wears the colour of the spirit.'

Keeping this in mind, the Eco Club of our school 'Keshology' organized a rally on 11 March 2013. The main agenda of the rally was to spread awareness about playing Holi with safe and herbal colours. It also highlighted the harmful effects of using chemical colours and the wastage of water. Twenty-one students of Class V enthusiastically participated in it. They were accompanied by Ms. Vani Rohilla, Ms. Stuti and Ms. Shruti. The students had prepared colourful posters and placards with slogans. Through these posters, the students promoted the idea of celebrating Holi with homemade natural colours and flower petals. The rally turned out to be a great success and the students were appreciated by their audience.



Let nature colour your life with its colour Holi this Our students encouraging the use of herbs to make colours.



A Nature Trail To Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary, New Delhi

'There is nothing permanent except change'. However, the change we are facing in today's world, is very alarming. We witness habitats being lost, climate being changed and biodiversity being destroyed. The adverse effect of these changes is extremely severe on many species of birds and butterflies in Delhi. Thus, there is an urgent need to maintain a balance between the development and the environment.

In a crucial initiative to create awareness among the young generation on the conservation of nature, our eco club members of class VIII visited Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary on 12 March 2013. Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the few manmade sanctuaries in India, conserving the eco-heritage of the country's oldest hill range, the Aravallis. The field tour to the sanctuary was guided by Dr. Ahmed, who imparted vast knowledge to the students about the variety of trees and birds in Delhi.



Dr. Ahmed imparting knowledge to the nature lovers at Asola-Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary.

Annual Eco-Meet cum Exhibition



Giving their contribution and understanding the need to conserve nature-the students attend the annual Eco Meet.

Four students of classes VIII and IX along with their Eco-Club Teacher Incharge, Ms. Anjali Handa, attended the Annual Eco Meet organised by the Department of Environment on 12 Feb 2013 at the Talkatora Stadium. The meet was a cultural get-together graced by the presence of H'onable Chief Minister Smt. Sheila Dikshit. It aimed at creating awareness among the students and teachers of schools and colleges from all over Delhi. The various aspects of nature, their importance and further their depletion due to human activities were portrayed through street plays, songs and dance drama. Our Chief Minister, Ms. Sheila Dikshit, talked about the alarming changes in climate and also encouraged young students to develop their ideas for a better India. The students also saw an exhibition of various eco-friendly items, visited the stalls put up by Clean- India and Green Leap Delhi, and bought a few saplings. It was a nice learning experience for our students, an eye opener towards conservation of environment, increasing their sensitivity towards nature and love for Mother Earth.

A Date with Natural history

On the pleasant day of December 27, 2013 our school organised a trip to National Museum of Natural History for class VIII. The National Museum of Natural History, an institution devoted to environmental education, derives its strength principally from theme-based exhibition galleries, experimental resource centers such as Discovery Room, Activity Room, and educational and out-activities, with the intention to depict the country's rich natural heritage and history. The zealous students got a chance to polish their knowledge about dead and existing animals. They were shown a short documentary which inspired them to save the environment and conserve the resources. The students came back with a handful of seeds with an aim to grow more plants and save the planet. The students found the museum a good source of knowledge and enjoyment.



A Visit to National Museum.



Learning is fun

Adventure Camp

An adventure camp was organized in our school on 13 March 2013 for classes IV to VI. It was a fun-filled camp which encouraged the students to participate in various activities like Rappelling, Wall Climbing, Hurdle Crossing and Flying Fox etc. It aimed at developing the physical and mental strength of the students. Delicious food was served to the students. After the activities, there were dancing and game sessions for both the students as well as teachers which included balancing the body on the chairs. It was learning-cum-adventure for the students.

SPORTS ARENA

Inter School Lawn Tennis Junior Tournament

“Sports is the essence of life.” Walking on the footsteps of the Indian Tennis star, Sania Mirza, the students of classes I-V of our school participated in the Inter School Lawn Tennis Junior Tournament from 26 December to 28 December 2012 held at Knight’s Lawn Tennis Academy, Dwarka, New Delhi.

The students who brought laurels to the school are :

Name	Class	Position
• Pragya Rawat	V-C	1
• Agampreet Kaur	III-D	2
• Prerna Sabharwal	V-C	3
• Karman Nagpal	V-C	1
• Ghanishtha	IV-C	2
• Nirvana Gautam	III-D	3
• Parul Yadav	V-C	1
• Vidhi Nagpal	V-A	3



Winners of Lawn Tennis (Junior).

Tennis Tournament

“A healthy mind lives in a healthy body.” Well, to be a healthy person , sports is an essential part of life. Sports boosts up stamina, improve immunity. It revitalizes body and refreshes and rejuvenates one’s mind. Keeping this thing in mind, our school participated in the 1st Team Tennis Inter School Tennis Tournament which was held from 11to15 feb. 13 at Modern School, Vasant Vihar.

The students who brought laurels to the school are :

Name	Class	Position
• Preet Kaur	X-B	3
• Suyasha Gautam	X-B	3
• Ishmeet Kaur	X-C	3
• Nancy Yadav	IX-A	3
• Gurbani Arora	XI-B	3



Winners of Lawn Tennis (Senior).

Participants : Jr : Janvi Kumar, Vanshika (VIC), Amisha Banvi (IVA), Akanksha Chaudhry (IVD), Kritika (VIII-B).

Sub Jr. : Karmal Nagpal(VC), Sanchi Maurya(VIIC), Prerona Sabharwal (VC), Bhairavi Yadav (VIA), Jhanvi Malhotra (III-B), Tasisha (IVD), Agampreet Kaur (IIID), Nirvani Gautam (IVC), Parul Yadav (VC), Pregya Rawat (VC), Ghanishthti (IVC)



First Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Leg Cricket Championship 2013

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

A very famous quote which means that with the regular curriculum, sports play a vital role to refresh our mind and soul. To inculcate this value in our students, the school participated in the First Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Leg Cricket Championship 2013 held at Rajiv Gandhi stadium, Bawana from 8 February-10 February 2013. Our participants proved their mettal and bagged the II position in the Leg Cricket Tournament.

The winners are as follows:

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| • Niharika Grover | X-A | • Ankita Baluja | X-A |
| • Vidhi Grover | X-A | • Ustat Kaur | X-A |
| • Hanupriya Nangia | X-A | • Simi Nagpal | X-A |
| • Akansha Choudhary | X-C | • Rashima Taneja | X-B |
| • Nidhi Rathee | X-D | • Prakriti Gianey | X-A |
| • Geetika | X-C | • Hitarthi Kohli | X-D |
| • Mahima Negi | X-D | | |



Winners of the Leg Cricket Tournament.

A Teacher who Made a Mark

Pratima Bhandari, the Skating Coach of our school, was a part of the Master's Athletics Championship held at the East Vinod Nagar Sports Complex, Delhi ON 17 MARCH 2013. She bagged the I position in the 1500 mt. and II position in the 5000 mt. race.



Ms Pratima

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LEXICON WINNERS

NAMES	CLASS	PRIZE	NAMES	CLASS	PRIZE
CLASS 1			CLASS 10 AND 11 FANTASY PLAY ALICE IN WONDERLAND		
PURVA GAUR	1 E	1 PRIZE	ARPITA SHARMA	10 B	1
MANNAT KAUR	1 A	CONSOLATION	MANNIKA		
CLASS 2			AISHWARYA		
DHANE BAWA	2 B	3 PRIZE	VINAYLAI		
HIYA CHAUDHARY	2 E	CONSOLATION	HIMABSHI DAYAL	10 C	
CLASS 3			PRERNA PANDEY		
PRANJAL KAUSHIK	3 A	2 PRIZE	GARIMA BHATIA		
ANCHITA BHUTANI	3 A	3 PRIZE	PRANJALI	11 C	
YASHIN AGGARWAL	3 C	SPECIAL PRIZE	ANISHA PANDA		
CLASS 6 CHARACTER DRAMATIZATION			KAMYA MARWAH	10 D	
KRIKA GAREWAL	6 B		SIMRAN SEGAN		
ISHIKA BANSAL	6 A		NIHARIKA GROVER	10 A	
CLASS 7 LIVE EXTEMPORARY			AKSHITA		
ARPANPREET KAUR	7 B	3 PRIZE	GUNEET KAUR		
			SANYA WASON		



EXPRESSIONS

My Father

Spectacles on his eyes, smile on his lips,
Beard on his face, sparkle in his eyes,
Praise for his charming face-That's my father, my father.
Who taught me to write, who taught me to walk,
Who always made me enthusiastic to do something-
That's my father, my father.
But lost somewhere in my dreams,
Went somewhere from where he couldn't come back.
Now, only locked in my heart and near me in a photo frame.
I write letters to him-But there is no reply. Why?
Because he's in heaven, seeing us from clouds.
There's my father, my father. A sparkling star in the sky-
That's my father, my father.
Bhumika Attri (V-C)

Love The Elders

Love and cherish your elders,
Their presence can do wonders.
A tree without roots does not stand confidently,
Elders are the roots of our family,
They always think of our well being;
Love them, they too are human beings.
They spend their lives toiling for us, chasing their boss or
catching a bus.
Can we say "Thank you for being a good human being,"
But what can a small 'Thank you' do?
They do not need money or anything new,
But a little love from our side will do
We will get a lot of blessings
And will keep them joyous too.
Neha Lakra (X-B)

God's Creation

In this beautiful world of God,
We come alone and leave alone.
The things that we possess,
We can't take them
And the ones that we make,
We can't save them.
What a vicious circle is made by God!
First a man commits crime
Then says, "Sorry my Lord".
But when it comes to second time,
The same story is left behind.
Still it's God's heart that forgives us all
And saves humans from the fall.
It is the mighty king's history
That binds us in a mystery.
Although we keep searching a lot,
In our hearts we know that it is 'God'.
But we, humans, have polluted the world
And flooded it with our mind's dirt.
Our meanness is spreading all around,
Melting the poor Earth's ground.
But it is God who will stop this slaughter
And look after his beautiful daughter (earth).....
Mitansha Chopra (XII-B)

The Dark Side

Cuddled like a baby in its mother's womb
I wait for the life that lies ahead
from my origin to my tomb.
It's strange about my death, very little do I know.
Those vibrant petals that please your eyes
Say that all I do is blossom and bloom.
Beauty is a deception; glory, nothing.
Every moment passes with the thought of my impending doom.
Spring indicates life and colour.
I grow, blooming, enjoying my new life;
Just then, I'm plucked as a gift for his cover
In a moment, I feel like I've been stained with a knife.
Lifeless, those petals of mine, bruised by thousand feet.
The feet are of those who say I'm flawless,
Their one step stops my heart beat.
If such not be my fate, then autumn brings melancholy,
Oblivious of when death knocks on my door.
The trees bid farewell to me
"Goodbye dear flower, which one I boro!"
It's queer how death is looked down upon
Foolish it is to believe, that death unleashes the dark side
Death arrives like the break of dawn
Frees our soul and takes us where all worlds collides!
Damini Yadav (IX-B)