

# HERITAGE WEEK

It is truly said- "People's relationship to their heritage is the same as the relationship of a child to its mother." It is imperative for us to identify with the importance of the beautiful cultural heritage that we all inherit from our ancestors. On 17 April 2014, our school celebrated Heritage Day with great vigour. The students of the junior section dressed up in the traditional attire of different Indian states and gave information to their friends about the state they represented. The monologue of the participants in the classroom educated the students about the diversity of our culturally rich country. Every state of India has a tale of its own. From the separation of Bengal to the annexation of Sikkim, the students did not just provide information about these states, they emoted their stories, their pain and their enigma. Three students were selected as winners from each class on the basis of their presentation and costumes. An educational workshop for the students of class IV was also conducted in the auditorium. The workshop was hosted by Mr. Vikramjeet Singh, Senior Manager at Software Technologies. The insight provided by him left the students craving for more. It was an interactive and informative session. To further mark the day, the students of class III visited the Red Fort to have hands on knowledge and a glimpse of our glorious past. It helped the students ask questions about their past and to know how everything came into existence.



Representing different states in vibrant costumes are the students of class II.



Winners of the GK Quiz.

# INTER HOUSE GK QUIZ

An Inter House GK Quiz was conducted for classes IV and V on 23 July 2014 at our school. There were four teams with six participants from each house. The quiz was divided into four rounds on the topics Science and Technology, Current Affairs, Language and Literature and the Natural World. Students participated in the quiz with great zeal. The quiz, apart from testing the knowledge of the students in different areas, incorporated team spirit in them.



## POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

The 'JOIE DE VIVRE' experience one gets when dabbling with different colours is unparalleled. To herald a refreshing start to the new academic session, our school organized a Poster Making Competition for class IX, based on the theme' I love my Delhi'. Posters depicting Delhi's rich infrastructure, heritage and architecture provided a cognitive element to this event. The students seemed to be on a talent-exhibiting spree as they donned the artist's hat. All thoughts and emotions sublimated into fine art pieces as our dilettantes accentuated their magnum opuses by adding strokes of varied hues to paper. With the creative quotient at its zenith, the aesthetic vibe prevailed all over . Our young Picassos who stunned all with their imagination were :

IX A Gunjan (I) Priyanshi Bhatia (II) Chavi Sharma (III)

IX B Devanshi Dembla (I) Sukriti Behl (I) Vidushi Gupta (II) Aarti Bansal (III)

IX C Mansi Gupta (II) Bhavneet Kaur (III)



The beautiful works of the winners.

## A TRIBUTE TO G.B. SHAW AND MUNSHI PREM CHAND



Our young maestros proving their mettle on stage.

Drama is life with the dull bits cut out. In education, it acts as a vehicle for exploring the relationship between knowledge and action. Keeping the same view, our school organized an English and Hindi Play Enactment on 28 July 2014. The parents were invited to watch the plays presented by the students of each section of classes VII and VIII. The plays of Munshi Prem Chand were staged by the students of class VII and that of G.B Shaw by the students of class VIII. The costumes of the children were authentic and they infused life into their enactment. Amidst huge applause, our Principal Ms Sheena Kalenga praised all the participants for their brilliant shows and encouraged them to participate in such extra-curricular activities.



Recreating the magic of G.B. Shaw and Munshi Premchand on stage.



# PLAYS ON FRACTURED POEMS

Our school organized a dramatic representation of Revolting Rhymes written by Roald Dahl by the students of Class IV on Wednesday, 20 August 2014. The function was attended by the Principal Ms. Sheena Kalenga, the Vice Principal Ms. Shergill and the parents of all the participants. Roald Dahl retells classic fairy tales using rhymes and revolting twists to give them an interesting edge. The unique, surprise endings filled with surprises transform the classic fairy tales with a "happily ever after ending" into tales with wicked twists and turns and fill them with fun and excitement. The original happy endings of the fairy tales were replaced with wicked wit. Dramatic, unimaginable endings were given to five of children's favourite fairy tales. These rhymes in form of plays were enacted perfectly on stage by the students. Plays presented by the different sections of Class IV were - IV A - Little Red Riding Hood in which Little Red Riding Hood collects wolf skin coats... IV B - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in which we see how Snow White becomes a beautiful leader of a gang of gambling dwarfs... IV C - Jack & the Beanstalk wherein Jack learns a lesson that taking a bath daily pays off and makes you wealthy... IV D – Cinderella which has a very exciting end as pretty Cinderella refuses to marry the prince for whom chopping off human heads is just a game... IV E - The Three Little Pigs wherein the three pigs along with the wolf lose their lives and are sadly killed by little Red Riding Hood... Students looked ravishing in beautiful costumes and they performed brilliantly. Apart from some great performances, the beautifully prepared props added an extra life to the play. Bright and colourful sets enhanced the presentations. Students performed with great zeal and enthusiasm. The excitement of performing fairy tales brightened up their faces. Their talent was applauded by the parents. Our Principal, Ms. Sheena appreciated the students' performances and the efforts put in by the teachers. She thanked the parents for sparing their precious time and for being supportive.



Our budding actors on stage mesmerizing the audience with their endearing performances.



Our young soubrette bewitching the spectators with their performance par excellence.



# FRENCH NATIONAL DAY

Le Quatorze Juillet on the 14th of July is celebrated as the National Day of France. We, at St. Mark's Girl's Sr. Sec School, celebrated this day with great enthusiasm. The French Department conducted a few activities on this day to

help the students of classes VI-IX understand the relevance of this day. The students actively participated in all the activities assigned to them. Each student wore a French flag to express her excitement. The day began on a positive note as class VI made beautiful collages on the famous things of France, whereas class VII students participated in a Quiz on France. Class VIII wrote about the 'Prison of Bastille' and 'French Freedom Fighters'. Class IX made PowerPoint presentations on varied topics related to France and presented them in their class. The celebrations amplified when a group of students performed a French song 'La maison où j'ai grandi' for the classes. The event was wrapped up with the national anthem of France and a video on French Revolution. The French Department was exhilarated to celebrate this day with great joy and festivity.



Rendition of a French song.

### WORLD OF WORDS

"That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet. "- Jhumpa Lahiri Indeed, books are miracles. They wash away from the soul the dust of everyday life. They not only add to our knowledge and broaden our horizon, but also help us to cope up with discomfort and aggravation. In order to inculcate this wonderful and healthy habit of reading amongst students, our school recently organized interesting and informative activities for them. Titled 'World of Words', the first activity was a Scrapbook Making Activity organized for the students of classes VIII to X from 8 July to 10 July 2014 wherein the students read novels

assigned to them during the summer break and made an interesting compilation of their favourite characters, scenes and dialogues in a colourful and lively scrapbook in the school. The second activity was held for the students of classes VI and VII from 28 to 31 July 2014. Titled 'Myths and Legends', the activity was a remarkable collection of legends, folklores and related pictures presented by the students creatively. The ideas of the children were interesting and innovative, and impressed the teachers. Our avid readers and the budding authors of tomorrow exhibited their outstanding talent through these activities and showcased their zeal, passion and love for books.



Broadening their horizons while exploring the world of words.

### PPT PRESENTATION ON "FUTURE GADGETS"

"Dreams and Imagination are behind inventions."

Keeping this thought in mind, the students of class XII-A prepared and presented a power point presentation on Future Gadgets for classes XI and XII on 17 July 2014 It was an informative and interactive presentation which gave students an inside view of the future inventions. It depicted how the imaginations of the inventors help them create such innovative creations which helps us live a more comfortable and convenient life.



## VEGETABLE VENDOR ACTIVITY



The essence of a market scene recreated in class.

Fun learning is a fundamental concept and works wonders if implemented well. The teachers of our junior most class, Seedling, certainly have been thinking on these lines and thus manage to come up with novel ideas to make education a complete joyride for the kids. Our young angels got a whiff of freshness in their mundane routine and were pleasantly surprised to see their teachers in the guise of a vendor. The essence of a market scene was captured and recreated by their teachers in the 'Vegetable Vendor Activity.' Amidst such an authentic setup, the tiny tots improvised on their psycho-motor skills as they learnt to identify the various types of vegetables shown to them. This spectacle demonstrated the necessity of such basic activities from time to time.

### **PUPPET SHOW**

A Puppet Show was organised for the students of Seedling on 30 July 2014. The story of "The Enormous Turnip" was narrated to the children. The dramatic performance engaged the children and the beautifully set backdrop mesmerized them. The puppets attracted the young children and it was an enjoyable experience for all. The story was portrayed in an interesting and innovative manner that captivated the imagination of the students.

# INTER CLASS RHYME COMPETITION

'Verses open new vistas of imagination in the young minds.' Keeping this in view, an Inter Class Rhyme Competition was held on 5 August 2014. The participants recited spell binding rhymes with confidence. The audience was enchanted and applauded their friends for their great effort. The judges appreciated all the participants and declared the winners.

Student's Nam	e Position	Class
Simrat Bhatia	l I	Sapling A
Japliv Kaur	II	Sapling C
Ishita Chatterjee	III	Sapling A
Mitali Sikka	III	Sapling C
Avni Goyal	<b>Consolation Prize</b>	Sapling B
Saamya Ghai	Consolation Prize	Sapling D



Young paladins of the Rhyme Dramatization.



## WORKSHOP AT GOOGLE, GURGAON

In today's fast paced world, computers are an integral part of our lives . Its need and usage is so vital that it can't be overlooked. To keep abreast with the times and to incorporate latest technology in education, Learning Links along with Google organized a workshop for teachers to share, inspire and empower them to meet their needs as well as those of the students through technology solutions. Four of our teachers –Ms Vaneet, Ms Handa, Ms Monika and Ms Sandhya attended the workshop which was an enriching experience for them. The session aimed at sensitizing the teachers on how technology can help to explore creativity and also aid in critical evaluation. The organizers enlightened the peer educators to be efficient googlers by using handy applications like Google drive and G+. All in all, it was learning with fun.



Our teachers undergoing an activity at Google, Gurgaon.

### THEATRE WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS



Our teachers putting their thinking caps on for the Theatre Workshop.

Acting is not a state of being but a state of appearing to be - Noel Coward SMGS in its relentless pursuit to keep its teaching fraternity abreast with the nuances of life and teaching technology organised a two day theatre workshop on 17 and 19 May 2014 under the Ageis of ATELIER. The two day session encouraged the teachers to use theatre in education and make teaching learning process fun and effective. It focussed on relationship building, team work and leadership. The workshop also encouraged the teachers to trigger the senses of the students and motivate them to give a creative outlet to their repressed emotions. The session left the teachers inspired to stir the imagination of the students and channelise their potentialities in the right

### MATHS WORKSHOP

St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School organised a workshop for mathematics teachers thereby updating them with the developments in the field. Dr. S.N. Chhibber from Delhi Association of Mathematics Teachers addressed the teachers. Two teachers from our school Ms. Monika and Ms. Manpreet attended the workshop and the experience was definitely enriching.



Our teachers sharing the rich experience of the resource person.



# SEMINARS AND WORKSHOP

## DISASTER MANAGEMENT

When an earthquake comes, are you ready? When a flood comes, are you ready? When crisis strikes, are you ready?

These were the mind-blogging questions to which the students of class IX were subjected in a Disaster Management Workshop held on 23 July 2014 at our school. The workshop was held under the aegis of the District Disaster Management Authority, DDMA (West). A batch of 65 students along with 5 teachers attended the workshop which had its focus on First aid at the time of crisis and it also helped in generating awareness about the do's and don'ts during any unforeseen disasters. The students were provided with hands on experience of how to conduct CPR on any casualty and they were also taught how to carry seriously injured casualties by means of feet stretchers, two hands and four hand seats. The students engrossed themselves thoroughly in the workshop as they were made to do these first-aid measures themselves. The ways to tackle a situation where generally people are clueless, were a source of enlightenment for the students attending the workshop. The minute details shared by the personnel, which if practiced on a daily basis at our homes ward- off big mishaps, were quite helpful for the students. Such workshops are a welcome change for the students as they not only prepare them for the worst but also spread awareness among their kith and kin.

# WORKSHOP AT SANSKRITI SCHOOL

Eight avid readers of our school got an opportunity to meet the acclaimed writer, Andy Cope on 18 July 2014 at a workshop held by Scholastic at Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri. Andy Cope is a children's book author who has written books that have won many awards such as the Redhouse Children's Book of the year, Stockport Book Award, Nottingham Book Award, etc. He is also a teacher and trainer in positive psychology. The interactive workshop helped the students to understand the importance of positive thinking in one's life. The writer who is an equally good orator encouraged the students to become 'go- getters' in their lives rather than 'mood hoovers' with a negative attitude. The workshop enabled the students to learn a lot about the art of living a brilliant life.

## **DISNEY-FRIENDS FOR CHANGE WORKSHOP**

Modern technology owes ecology an apology. To promote the conservation of urban greenery and to encourage kids to be agents of change in their community, Disney India has partnered with CMS to launch 'FRIENDS FOR CHANGE: CONSERVING GREEN SPACES', an eco-friendly project. An orientation workshop for the same was organized at the India International Centre on 15 April 2014. The session aimed at providing a platform to children and families to take positive action for their communities. Two of our teachers Ms. Shruti and Ms. Komal attended the workshop which encouraged them to restore and revitalize urban green spaces.

## CAREER COUNSELLING WORKSHOP

### "You are an advanced life form."

On the 16th of April 2014, it was these words that inspired the students of our school to chase their dreams. The school hosted a Career Counselling Workshop for classes IX and X which was in association with JUMP. It was conducted by a renowned educationist and motivational speaker Mr. Jitin Chawla. It is said that a good sense of humour initiates an interaction more easily than any other quality. The students listened to Mr. Chawla with immense gravity but at the same time were in fits of laughter. He told the audience how each one of them had a different persona and hence was entitled to a different career choice. He provided for a variety of, what many may call, exotic career options which most Indian students leave unexplored. Choosing what one wants to do in life is the most tedious task, thus, it was extremely helpful for the students to receive such guidance at a time when they are at the peak of perplexity.

# BOOK WEEK

"To sit alone in the lamplight with a book spread out before you, and hold intimate converse with men of unseen generations – such is a pleasure beyond compare."

"There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully as those we spent with a favourite book" - Marcel Proust. Books aren't made of pages and words, they are made of hopes, dreams and possibilities. To let our children have a feel of this fanciful world of books, our school organized a Book Week for its pre-primary, primary and senior classes from 4 August to 8 August with the aim of inculcating the habit of reading in children. All the classes had different activities for their students. The children of Seedling gave a special visit to the school library where the teachers presented a live story narration for them. They enjoyed it as it was their first encounter with the characters of various books. A Rhyme Dramatization Competition was organized for the students of class Sapling and they presented many amazing rhymes with full enthusiasm. The grandparents are the back bone of any family and their stories are the most memorable ones. Keeping this tradition alive, one grandparent from each section of Class I was invited to narrate a story to the kids. Later on, the students used their imagination to make beautiful drawings based on the story. The girls of class II were highly energetic as they made scrap files about themselves. They wrote each and everything about their interests, likes and dislikes, hobbies and various other aspects of their personality. Later on, people from the Scholastic visited their classes for the Story Narration session. It was a wonderful experience for them. Class III was not left behind as the students brought a prop and they spoke a few sentences about their favourite story character. Class IV girls were in high spirits as they had the Library Mascot Making Activity which they performed very well. They gave special names to their mascots. Class V students penned down a story on their own and their imagination had no limits. The budding writers also drafted the book covers for their stories giving full swing to the artist in themselves. The students of Class VI dressed up to enact their favourite characters. They were seen portraying Lady Macbeth from Shakespeare's Macbeth, Swami from RK Narayan's Malgudi Days, Portio from Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice, Arthur Conan Doyle's character Sherlock Holmes and many others. The students of Class VII participated in a remarkable interactive activity "Sell a Book". The students are divided in groups had to prepare the book cover, slogans and pamphlets for the book they wanted to advertise and sell to VIII standard girls. The students of Class VIII were shown a powerpoint presentation on the writers who have penned mystery novels with detectives as the lead. Later they were asked to complete a detective story. The students of Classes IX-X learnt to make a cartoon strip. Also, Class IX girls had Situational Extempore. The students of Class X were shown powerpoint presentation on Ruskin Bond and then they were tested for their awareness about the author. The students of Class XI did Blog Writing. By the end of an exciting week packed with activity, the students learnt that reading books not only empowers each of us but also tickles our thinking. "Books....are like lobster shells, we surround ourselves with them, then we grow out of them and leave them behind as evidence of our earlier stages of development."

Event Story Narration By	Name	Class	Event Character	Name	Class
Grandparents	Aashi Jain Ipshita Dahiya I-B	I-A	Dramatization	Stuti Gandhi Nihita Bhandia	III-A III-B
	Drishti	I-C		Rudrakshi Dogra	III-C
	Tanusha Kukreja	I-D		Mannat Nimbedkar	III-D
	Ojasvi	I-E		Aaseen Pandey	III-E
Scrapfile On				Rashika Johar	III-F
Themselves	Samishka Arora	II-A	Library Mascot		
	Khanak Bhujwani	II-B		Janvi Chhabra	IV-A
	Simrat Kaur	II-C		Mokshita Gautam	IV-B
	Aashka Chadha	II-D		Kajal	IV-C
	Nitpa Mehta	II-E		Bhavya Sharma	IV-D
	Palak Garg	II-F		Shrabya Kadel	IV-E

Class

Event Book Cover	Name Sanskriti
	Anchita Bhutani

Book Cover	Sanskriti	V-A	Situational		
	Anchita Bhutani	V-B	Extempore	Shruti Kharbanda	IX-A
	Surat Kaur	V-C		Kajal Gupta	I IX-B
	Niravani Gautam	V-D		Shranya Prabahkar	II IX-A
Dress Up					
And Enact	Ashmita (I)	VI-A	My Name Is Bond	Mansi	X-B
	Chanmeet (II)	VI-B		Shreya	X-B
	Akanksha (III) VI-B			Saloni	X-B
	Aastha (III)			Beenet	X-A
				Diksha	X-A
Sell A Book	Bhumika Attrri VIIC			Kajal	X-A
	Jhanvee Khanna	VIIC		Taniya Gupta	X-C
	Vidhi Nagpal	VIIC		Shruti Sharma	X-C
	Khushi Shokeen	VIIC		Vanshika Arora	X-C
	Jasreet Oberoi VIIC				
	Khushi KhattarVIIC		Blog Writing	Charu Jain	XI-A
	Aarushi Choudhary	VIIC		Radhika Malhotra	XI-A
	Taranpreet Kaur	VIIC		Ishika Thukral	XI B
				Drishti Jain	XI C
Be A Detective	Kritika Grewal (I)	VIII-B		Prerna Singhal	XII-A
	Jahnvi Kumar (II)	VIII-C		Simran Oberoi	XII-B
	Shruti Gupta (III)	VIII-B		Aarushi Chhabra	XII-C

Event

Class

### K.R. MANGALAM

The students of our school participated in Confluence 2014 hosted by K.R. Mangalam World School from 6 May to 10 May 2014. There were various events that took place over these few days ranging from Newspaper Designing to Website Designing. Our students participated in this event with full zest and their industriousness paid off when they were rewarded for their excellence and applauded in front of the gathering. The students' diligence had a major role to play in bringing laurels to the school. Due to their creativity and confidence, they were able to win the competitions and create a space for themselves in the crowd.

WINNERS:		
Event	Participants	Prize
Trade Fiesta	Fiesta Ankita Baluja( XII C)	
	Kamalpreet Kaur (XI B)	
	Prakriti Gianey (XII B)	
	Shivani Singh (XII B)	
Art Stylisme	Garima Bhatia (XII A)	П
	Kirtee Kaul (XII A)	
	Tina Goyal (XII A)	
Fusion Mania	Mannat (IX B)	1
	Tithi (IX A)	
Sanskrit Kahani Vachan	Mahima Gupta (X B)	

Name

# PRAKRITI AND SANSKRITI UTSAV

"The central task of education is to implant a will and facility for learning; it should produce not learned but learning people. The truly human society is a learning society, where everyone learns together."

The history of world is full of men who rose to the occasion and proved themselves by sheer force of faith, bravery and tenacity. Our school always cherishes these youngsters and encourages them to explore their true potentials by awakening their passions and cultivating their talents. The students of our school recently participated in the Sanskriti and Prakriti Utsav held at St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh, where they not only proved their mettle but strode ahead with full confidence leaving everyone in awe of them. The following students set the stage on fire with their resolute focus and determination-

Painting Competition

Aayushi Singh - XI C Special Prize

#### PRAKRITI UTSAV WINNERS

Know an Indian Bird Diya Kaushik - IV A Special Prize Dhanee Bawa - IV B II Prize Collage Making Sharvi Sharma -VII B Special Prize Kanika Sethi-VII B Special Prize

### SANSKRITI UTSAV WINNERS

History Comes Alive Niharika Khurana - V B Special Prize Gunshita Varun - V A Special Prize Know Our Country

Harshita Kohli - VI A II Prize ChahatNihalani - VI A III Prize

### SANSKRIT WEEK WINNERS

WINNER	CLASS	WINNER	CLASS	WINNER	CLASS
World Puzzle		Punya Rai	VII	Pragati	VIII
Aditi Sharma (I)	VI	Ria Kapoor	VII	Ishita Nagpal	VIII
Sunidhi Pareek (I	I) VI	Manika Rajpal	VII	Aarti Behl	VIII
Afreshem Kaur (I	II) VI	Quiz		Creative Writing	
Story Making a	nd Enactment	Mehak Bhasin	VIII	Shivani Kaul	IX
Mahima	VII	Riya Vij	VIII	Pavitra Naidu (I)	Х
Maitreyi	VII			Rashi Bansal (II)	Х

### INVESTITURE CEREMONY

S. No	Position	Name of Student	Class
1	Head Girl	Nandini Kaushik	XII C
2	Vice Head Girl	Priyal Sobti	XI C
3	Senior Captain- Nehru House	Vidhi Grover	XII B
4	Senior Captain- Shastri House	Preet Kaur	XII B
5	Senior Captain- Gandhi House	Niharika Grover	XII C
6	Senior Captain- Patel House	Kirtee Kaul	XII A
7	Senior Vice Captain- Nehru House	Eshwin	XLA
8	Senior Vice Captain- Shastri House	Khyati Kumar	XI C
9	Senior Vice Captain- Gandhi House	Ankita Luthra	XI B
10	Senior Vice Captain- Patel House	Darshpreet	XI A
11	Junior Captain- Nehru House	Akshita Dev	VC
12	Junior Captain- Shastri House	Aarza Kaur	V B
13	Junior aptain- Gandhi House	Khushi Dagar	VC
14	Junior Captain- Patel House	Tanya Soni	V A
15	Junior Vice Captain- Nehru House	Dhanee Bawa	IV B
16	Junior Vice Captain- Shastri House	Bhavya	IV D
17	Junior Vice Captain- Gandhi House	Sakshi Shukla	IV A
18	Junior Vice Captain- Patel House	Bhoomi Singh	IV E
19	Sports Captain	Ustat Kaur	XII B
20	Sports Vice Captain	Supriya Malhotra	XI A
21	Eco Club Captain	Arushi Mishra	XI C
22	Eco Club Vice Captain	Pratishtha Budhiraja	ХС
23	Discipline Incharge	Divita Bawa	XII A
24	Activity Incharge	Gurkirat Kaur Walia	XI B
25	Activity Incharge	Himani Khatri	XI A
26	Activity Incharge	Deepali Arora	ХВ
27	Activity Incharge	Himani Arora	ХА
28	Animal Welfare Club Incharge	Harleen	XII B
29	Animal Welfare Club Incharge	Vidhi Grover	XII B