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NEWS IN BRIEF

- The school celebrated its 61st Annual Sports Day on Saturday, 31st October
- A cycle rally for school students for spreading awareness on a healthy environment and fuel saving was taken around the city on Sunday, 24th October
- A school team led by the Principal, Mr. SV Kumar, along with staff members and students visited Aitchison College, Lahore, Pakistan, from Thursday, 11th to Monday, 15th November
- The General Knowledge quiz for the Senior section was held on Tuesday, 9th November
- The Phulkian House nite was held on Wednesday, 17th November
- The Children's Day was celebrated in the school, belatedly, on Friday, 19th November
- A cricket match between the Staff and Class XII was played on Wednesday, 24th November
- A Parents-Teachers meeting was held on Saturday, 20th November

... FOR THE **GLORY OF THE GAME-** THE 61st ANNUAL SCHOOL SPORTS' DAY

The school celebrated its 61st Annual School Sports Day on Saturday, 30th October.

The programme was held in the school stadium and was attended by students, staff and a host of eminent people and dignitaries. The Chief guest for the occasion was Lt Gen HS Panag, PVSM, AVSM (retd.), Member, Armed Forces Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, with the status of a High Court judge



The Principal with the Chief Guest
and other dignitaries

The programme commenced at 3.00 pm with the March Past by the three houses, led by the school Equestrian team and the martial school band in wake. This was followed by the Chief guest declaring the Meet open and the release of balloons by prep school children, firing of gunshots, lighting of the torch (the lighting of the torch is a special privilege given to the best athletes and sportspersons of the school. This year, the honour was shared by the Sports Captain, Gyananjan Kaur, and major athlete of the school, Balraj Singh)

Next in line were the mandatory track and field events which included an Old students' race, too (which has long been a part of the tradition). Subsequently, school students put up slickly-performed PT exercises and yogic (by junior school children) and gymnastics feats and a colourful cultural entertainment act entailing the Punjabi 'Sammi' folk dance and rhythmic gymnastics by the middle school girls, besides a fencing and Tae-kwon-do display. A notable feature of the programme, of course, remained the re-union organized of the old students' Golden and Silver jubilee batches of 1960 and 1985, respectively, a worthy follow-up to a practice started last year by the school.

Two major presentations were made during the ceremony. First, Heena Sidhu, an old Yadavindrian of the



**Cultural performances form an integral part of the show
-Middle school girls performing a Punjabi folk dance**

ICSE:2005 batch and a gold and silver medalist in shooting in the recently concluded Commonwealth games, who was the Guest of Honour for the evening was, duly, honoured for her remarkable achievements. Second, the school also marked the occasion by presenting a cheque of rupees one lakh and twenty-five thousand to Tsering Yangdol, daughter of late Stanzin Muthip, an old student, who recently, passed away in the tragic cloudburst at Leh. The amount has been collected and contributed by the school students and staff.

Later on, the Chief guest handed over the prizes and trophies to the winners and in his short, but inspiring, speech congratulated the winners, appreciated the efforts and hard work put in by the children and exhorted them, too, to take up Defense services as a career. The evening concluded with a spectacular and dazzling display of fireworks. The programme was savoured and appreciated by all present.

The final medal tally was-
I-Phulkian House - 583½ points
II-Dhaniram House - 503 points
III-Mohindra House - 356½ points

MS. HEENA SIDHU'S SPEECH (EXCERPTS)-

"Honourable Chief Guest, Principal Sir, members of the staff, distinguished guests and dear students. First of all, I would like to thank the Principal for giving me this opportunity of attending this function. I have spent twelve years of my life in YPS and will always have a special place for it in my heart. When I left this school in 2005, I had never, in my wildest dreams, imagined that after five years I would have the privilege of addressing you all in my capacity as a member of the Indian Shooting squad.

For those who only believe in academic performance and not sports, I have my experiences to share. As a young girl, I used to see other fellow students of mine who were good athletes, cricketers, swimmers, hockey or football players and would wonder how do they do all that! It must be a wonderful feeling to be talented in a sport and win medals.

And so I tried my luck in almost every sport I could.(And) It was the year 2006 that I started with my own pistol as a sport and after that there was no looking back..... It was in August, 2007, that I was selected in the Indian Shooting squad....

.....Once I got into the team, I practiced under my then coach, Csaba Gyorik, and won a bronze in my maiden competition. Over these three years I have worked hard, improved my scores, and am still learning.....

.....So, ladies and gentlemen, all I want to say is that every child is special and everybody has a special talent which just needs a little exploring.....

.....Today, as I work with my psychologist, mental trainer, physiotherapist and a coach, as a team, to get more medals for India, I only keep one feeling in my heart. When I stand on the podium and see the tricolor go up, the National Anthem playing in the background,..... the cold metal around my neck feels warm and soft, and this is the feeling that will always keep me going! "

AN EVENING TO REMEMBER- THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

The Junior school celebrated its Annual Entertainment programme on Saturday, 23rd October. The school choir welcomed the audience with soulful notes, which marked the beginning of the entertainment show. The Prep school students danced into everyone's hearts as they sang of 'Togetherness in Happiness'. In 'Grandpa's Farm', the students spiritedly enacted farm animals. The first play of the evening 'The Magic Mirror of Health' promoted the idea of a fit and healthy generation. The tall trees that you see today, were also saplings one day, was the eco-friendly message in the play 'Saving our Earth'. Class V marched in with élan and took a bow, with equal ease, in their adaptation of the classic, 'The Sound of Music'. The 'Raas leela' and the Russian folk dance showcased a true blend of the



A play being enacted

oriental and the occidental. One portrayed the childhood antics of Lord Krishna and the other, staged moves displaying Russian squat work and fancy stomping. The Junior school magazine, 'Fledglings' was released on this red letter day amidst loud cheer. Mr. Stanley Vinod Kumar, Principal, applauded the efforts of the students. The Chief guest for the evening, Mrs. Neena Dhundia, Principal, Kaintal Public School, Patiala, in her speech gave a well- deserved pat on the students' back. The concert came to a close with Mrs. Amrit Rawel, Head, Junior school, delivering the vote of thanks to the students and staff for making the show a resounding success. The concert successfully showcased young talent and left the audiences asking for more.

Mrs. Swati Rai

SHEDDING AWAY THE 'BLUES'- THE PHULKIAN HOUSE NITE

The night of Wednesday, 17th November, saw a lot of hustle and bustle around the junior school amphitheatre-the reason being, the Phulkian House nite. It was a scene worth- capturing as a number of nervous girls hurried to give last touches to their make-up, the boys scurried around looking for scarves, as the charts were passed around in anxiety and as I, in the middle of all the chaos and yelling, stood observing. Well, all this was a part of the preparations being made for the various acts that were going to be put up that evening.

The amphitheatre began filling with students, staff and guests at about 5:45pm and the show started precisely at 6pm. The Chief guest for the evening was Col (retd.) Karminder Singh ,a prominent old Yadavindrian . The Phulkian house song opened the show, with a group of seven students singing. It was followed by the English play, a hilarious, yet emotional, display of an ogre and his cook's life.

'My Immortal ' ,an English song ,was beautifully sung by Aastha Verma right after.



The English Play

The amphi-theatre roared with laughter as the Punjabi skit tickled our funny bone while sending out a social message as well. As the audience was still re-living the dialogues, Sukhpal sang a Punjabi number, 'Ranjhana', which became an 'instant hit' with the audience . Four choreography items followed the song- Gyan Anjan's solo contemporary dance, Yadawinder's

solo break-dance, Sukmani's solo classical and a contemporary group dance.

The Chief Guest was then invited to say a few words of wisdom to the Yadavindrians. The show concluded with everybody's (at least our Punjabis') all-time favorite colorful 'Bhangra', with boys and girls ending the show on a happy and successful note. All our hard-work, running around, stressful evenings, screaming and shouting had finally paid off; it all came down to one evening of joy.

**Mannat Sidhu,
XI Accounts**

THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE HOUSE NITES COMPETITION-

- Best English Play- Miss Civilization (MH)
- Best Actor- Mohak Sood(MH)
- Best Supporting Actor- Manbir Singh(DRH)
- Best Promising Actor- Aastha Verma(PH)
- Best Folk Dance- 'Bhangra'(DRH and MH)
- Best Group Dance- 'Dandiya'(DRH),Spanish dance(MH) and 'Marewa'(PH)
- Best Skit-'Zimewar Kaun' (DRH)
- Best Filler –Shandra(DRH) and Sukhpal(PH)
- Best Music Solo- Ayush Puri and Sahejbir Singh
- Best Western Music Band- DRH
- **Most Enjoyable Nite-PH**

"IT'S NOT EVERYDAY YOU SEE THE PRINCIPAL DANCE"-

THE CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Children's day was celebrated in the school on Friday,19th November(14th November being a Sunday).The programme was held in the School amphi-theatre.

The programme began with a dance performance by the Prep school teachers on some peppy dance numbers. And ,hereby, the ball set rolling!

The next in line was a performance by Junior school teachers who were seen engaging in traditional games of Hop-scotch, kite-flying and skipping(on a Punjabi folk song).Then the Middle school teachers read some funny pieces of news on some channels we had, hitherto, not

heard of! What was that- Times Then, Star Minus and above all, YPS Goodtimes!!And then there were our



The relevance of this picture is in the title of this piece - **Spot Sir, Spot Ma' am ... spot other boisterous staff members!** talented teachers putting up an instrumental performance.

Up next was another performance by Junior school teachers-this time a specially-designed 'Qawwali' portraying the 'Yadavindrian' behavioral traits.

The show would have been incomplete without a 'Bhangra' and Giddha' performance ,and ,lo and behold, here we had one by some vigorously –driven Senior school staff members. And what became the highlight of the show was the Principal, Mr. SV Kumar, and Mrs. Helen Kumar also joining in the dance(and ,believe it, to our surprise, despite their southern antecedents , Ma'am and Sir danced splendidly well!).

And thus the scintillating show came to an end. We thank the staff for regaling us and making our day!

**-Seerat Brar,
XI Arts**

IPSC CULTURAL FESTIVAL

A team of fifteen school students ,escorted by two staff members, visited Daly College, Indore, to participate in the IPSC Cultural Festival-2010 held from 16th to 18th October. The team participated in four events- Vocal and Western solo, Western orchestra, Tango dance and Classical dance. The team ,on the whole, performed well and Arsh Bansal, X, secured the third position in the Western solo round.

IPYA CYCLE RALLY

School students of IAYP (International Award for Young People) participated in a cycle rally on Sunday, 23rd October, to spread awareness among the people about a healthy environment and saving fuel. In all, thirty students, along with five teachers, participated in the event. The rally went all over the city (skirting the school, Fountain Chowk, Railway crossing -22 Thapar College, Dukhniwaran Sahib road, Railway crossing-21, Baradari gardens, Sheranwala Gate, Lower Mall road, NSNIS) and, finally, back on the Stadium road.

It was an enriching exercise for children who are being sensitized on a number of issues during their involvement in this highly informative programme .

TELL TEN-

With the onset of winter, some sounds surface (especially as you go to bed at night and are trying to sleep) which, somehow, had remain suppressed during the summers . Well, some such sounds are compiled below-

- Ticking of clock
- Screeching of a night cricket
- The rumbling (and intermittent whistling)of a passing train
- Playing of music at a night function coming, perhaps, from a distance
- The drone of the muffled motor of refrigerator
- Snores from a near by room
- Barking of dogs in the your (or, may be, the neighbouring) street
- Stick-stomping by night watchman(if you have one in your colony)
- Vehicular traffic passing(with intermittent honking of horns) from a high way nearby
- Crackling of fire from the hearth

A TRAIL TO PAKISTAN- VISIT TO AITCHISON COLLEGE, LAHORE

With the breaking of the dawn of Thursday, 11th November , came our time to embark on our much-awaited tour to Aitchison College , Lahore, Pakistan. We were a group of eight students –Aditya, Samarpal, Harsimrat, Inderpratap, Manbir, Jaideep, Tajeshwar and myself(Ankit) -accompanied by the Principal, Mr. SV Kumar, Mrs. Helen Kumar , and School Sports' Incharge and physics teacher, Mr. BB Duggal .We were visiting the prestigious institute in Pakistan to be a part of their 125th Founder's Day.

We started at 5 o' clock in the morning and ,on the way, had breakfast at the famous ' Haveli' restaurant near Jalandhar. At 11 am ,we reached the Wagah border where we were received by our designated team escort and, later, at the College, we were warmly welcomed by the Principal, Aitchison College, Mr.FS Aijazuddin and the Headmaster, Junior school.

After resting for a while we, in the evening, went to explore the famed city of Lahore ,about which we had heard a lot.We visited the famous Anarkali Bazar and admired its splendour

The next day, 12th November, we were taken for local sight-seeing . We got the opportunity to see the



imposing Lahore Fort ,the Badshahi Mosque, Maharaja Ranjit Singh's tomb (which was ,anyway, closed for renovation) and the Mir Lahore museum. The next day, we attended a musical evening ('Shikwa Jawab-e-

Shikwa') at the school which was followed by a formal dinner.

The next morning of 13th November was going to be a special one for us as we attended the 125th Founder's Day of Aitchison College, the main purpose of our visit. We got the opportunity to march as a special contingent during the March past ceremony. We also had the privilege of meeting and sharing views with some prominent personalities like the Governor of Punjab and former Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Jamali.

One also needs to mention that, during our visit, we also visited the birth place of Guru Nanak Dev ji at Nankana Sahib.

We were, finally, given a formal farewell through a splendid evening dinner on the last day of our stay by the entire school community.

The next morning, after breakfast, we left the place with many pleasant memories safely lodged in our minds of this beautiful trip.

**Ankit Singla,
XII Arts**

WORDSMITHS

.... MY SCHOOL DAYS

It is rightly said that time and tide wait for none. It's our job to hold the hands of time and move ahead with it. It was the 1st of February, 2003 (the day Columbia space shuttle met with a disaster) that I first stepped into this school as a boarder. Little did I know that this place would soon become my second home away from home, and it would be so difficult for me to leave it when the time comes. But, now, I realize, it is time to leave school.

I look back at all the wonderful years I spent here in the school. I see myself learning and improving all the while, whether it was in the classrooms or on the play fields. And, I know, this would not have been possible without all the loving and caring teachers I had, who were always there to support, help and guide me.

The boarding life was equally fascinating! Getting up early in the morning for PT or giving one or the other reason for being late for breakfast, returning to the boarding after school, then going for games, sitting and

watching inter-house competitions in the amphitheatre and, sometimes, being a part of them. And how can I forget running around in the rain and even trying my hand at art, sketching and painting. I will, certainly, never forget the Stadium and the corridors we used to run and walk in! These are some of the special moments and places I would always relish!

At school, I got the opportunity to be a part of some great celebrations, meet different kinds of people and to adjust in different kinds of circumstances. But, above all, perhaps, I learnt how to take victory and defeat in equal stride, the successes and the failures...the punishments and the appreciation.

My association, and the memories, of the school have bound me to it forever. Today, I stand to step out and face the world with conviction and confidence. I wish the time comes to a standstill and remains frozen, but then I am reminded of the famous lines of Robert Frost-

“The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep “

**Jaskirat Ranu,
XII (on the verge of passing out)**

EXAMINATIONS- A NECESSARY EVIL

Even the angels cry aloud before the examination! But it is only man who, repeatedly, takes this assault!! Well, this may sound philosophical (and true) to some ears. But, at the end of the day, examinations are a reality of the day (rather, it always has been).

Examinations is an age-old practice of assessing a student's performance. Dronacharya had also held examinations for his students. God had tested the devotion of Ibrahim. But the modern system of examination, to think of, is the gift of the British rule.

Examinations have come in for a lot of criticism in recent decades and have been a subject of intense debating. Students have been known to take the exercise with a pinch of salt. Even one segment of the teachers

vouchsafe that this is not the correct way of evaluating a child's performance. Seminars, committees and commissions have devoted enough time discussing the pros and cons of the practice.

But, the fact is that the caravan still goes on. The practice cannot (and should not) be discarded. One, we do not have a viable alternative, at present, and also because, eventually, it does give us an estimate where the child stands. It gives the child the opportunity to learn and rehearse all he/she has done in the class over the year and makes him/her more prepared to take on the challenges of life. It teaches him to work hard and reinforces the values of devotion, discipline and dedication. So, finally, one can easily say that examinations may be considered an evil, but then they are a necessary evil.

Jaya Kaushik
VIII-O

SPORTS NEWS

- School swimmers participated in the Punjab State Swimming Championship held at Sangrur from 23rd to 26th October. The results were as follows-
 - * Rohit Garg-3rd in 200m Butterfly and 4x100m Free Style Relay
 - * Rajabhan Singh-2nd in 50m and 100m Free Style and 3rd in 4x100m Free Style Relay and 4x100m Medley Relay
 - * Pritampal Brar- 3rd in 4x100m Free Style Relay
 - * Nitashinder Kaur-3rd in 50m,100m and 200m Breast Stroke
 - * Jasmine Sohi-1st in 400m Free Style, 4x100m Free Style Relay and 4x100m Medley Relay and 2nd in 100m and 200m Free Style
 - * Saleena Dhaliwal-1st in 4x100m Free Style Relay,2nd in 400m and 3rd in 200m Free Style
 - * Akansha Bajaj-3rd in 200m Butterfly
- * Jasmine Sohi also participated in the Women Festival (Swimming) held at the Mohindra College Swimming pool from 19th to 21st October. She secured the 3rd position in the 400m Free Style and 4x100m Free Style relay races.
- The School Soccer team participated in the IPSC Soccer tournament held at Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok, from 1st to 5th September. The team performed well and Marco ,XI, was selected for the SGFI National games
- The School basketball team participated in the IPSC Basketball (boys) tournament held at Man Public School, Delhi, from 4th to 8th October. The team won a match against Dashmesh Academy and performed well in other matches ,too.
- Manikpreet Sandhu,XI Science, and Mukhtiar Singh, XP, participated in the National Tent Pegging Championship and Horse show held at Fatehgarh Sahib from 16th to 22nd September.
- Final house positions in the inter- house cricket matches (seniors)- I-MH,II-DRH,III-PH
- The following school swimmers participated in the 56th National School Games held at Solapur, Maharashtra, from 11th to 15th November- Rajabhan Singh, Pritampal , Rohit Garg, Sikander Bhangu, Rushil Kapoor, Shahzad Jeji, Karan Singh, Nitashinder Kaur, Saleena and Akansha Bajaj
- Result of the cricket match played between the staff and class XII on Wednesday, 24th November- Batting first , staff scored 163 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in the allotted 20 overs. Mr. Rajiv scored 91 and Mr. Vishvas Das scored 14 runs, respectively. Gurpreet, Vinay and Bikramjit took 2 wickets each.
In reply, class XII achieved the target in the 20th over for the loss of 8 wickets. Gauravjit and Gurjot scored 37 and 29 runs, respectively. Mr. Parveen Sharma took 2 wickets.
Class XII won the match by 2 wickets.

POETS' CORNER

A FRIEND

A friend is one who tells you the truth
Regardless of the cost,
A friend will help you find the things
You'd given up as lost

A friend is one who will never put you down,
Or make you feel alone
He'll smile and try to comfort you
'Cause together you have grown

When you think you're on your own
And wish you had a helping hand
Remember a friend is the one
When you cry will, always, understand

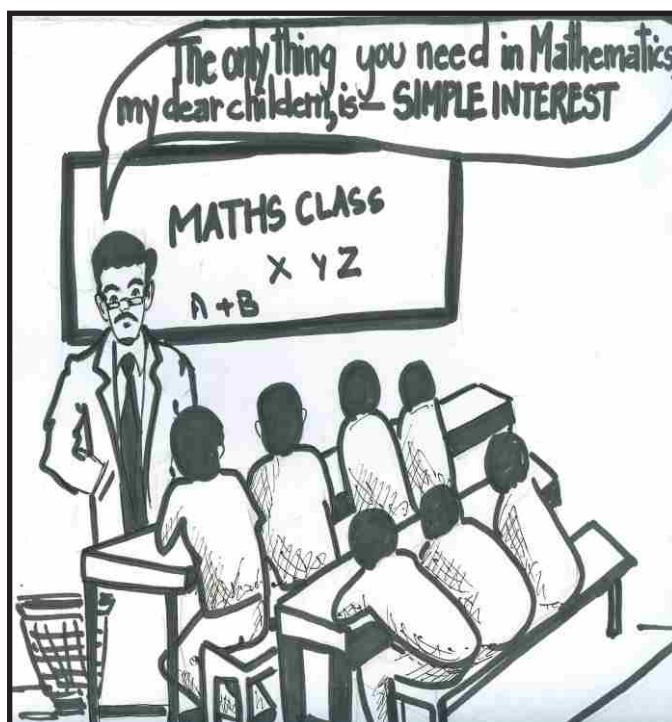
Because the world is full of people
Who will, laughingly, pretend
But, when it's said and done
You're lucky, if you've a friend

Guneev Sidhu
IX-O

My Best Friend's Wedding -

Well, not exactly our best friend. Our teacher, our colleague. Ace adventurer and Psychological teacher, Mr. Parminderjeet Singh (the 'Most Eligible Bachelor', as he was, officially, declared on the occasion of the Teachers' day, last year, not to forget the spot-poll conducted on when he would get married!) , finally, tied the knot with Ms. Jaspreet Kaur on Sunday, 30th October. 'Merry' and 'marry' don't go hand in hand, Sir, they say, and, they also say, a husband, sometimes, rather than 'the better half', becomes 'the batter-ed half.' But, we do not wish anything of this sort for you, Sir!.....Wishing you a very happy, long and prosperous married life!

PUN INTENDED



CAMPUS NEWS

- Result of the Inter-house General Knowledge quiz for the Senior section held on Tuesday, 9th November-
I-MH, II-PH and III-DRH.
The Mohindra House team comprised of Shubham Mittal, Sehajbir, Parneet and Aditya Singh
- The following students/staff member were awarded certificates for completing their Basic Mountaineering course from the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Allied Sports, Manali, in the month of June-
A-grade certificate- Mr. Parvez Job, Harsimran Singh, Nishinder Singh (was also a member of the Best Rope of the entire course), Paramveer Nagra, Parbhjot Singh and Yogesh Jindal
B-grade certificate- Viren Verma and Arminder Singh
Mr. Parminderjeet Singh was awarded A-grade certificate for successfully completing his Advance Mountaineering course

THE INTER –PUBLIC SCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENT-

- The School Cricket team(seniors) participated in the IPSC Cricket tournament held at Raj Kumar College, Rajkot, from 22nd to 27th October. The team were declared the winners.

The school team won the first and the second match against Yadavindra Public School, Mohali, and Delhi Public School, RK Puram, New Delhi, respectively, to reach the quarter –finals where it played against Daly College, Indore. The semi-final match was played against Modern School, New Delhi. The school team won by 7 wickets. And, finally, the school team went on to win the final match where it was pitted against the host team. In this match, Yadavindra Public School made a total of 255 runs in 39.5 overs whereas the Rajkumar College team were all out for 88 runs in 22.4 overs. The match was won by 161 runs.



Karan Kaila ,X, was declared the Man of the Match in all the matches except the semi-final match where Gurjot Chahal ,XII, was the Man of the Match. Karan was also declared the Man of the Tournament.

- The School U-14 Cricket team attended the IPSC tournament held at Scindia School, Gwalior, from 25th to 30th October. The team were declared the runners-up.

The first three matches were played, and won, against Mayo School, Ajmer, Yadavindra Public School, Mohali, and the host school, Scindia School. In the semi-final match, the school team defeated MNSS, Rai, to reach the finals where it played against Modern School, New Delhi. In this match, the team were all out for 79 runs while Modern School made 159 runs in 30 overs.

THE INTER- PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT-

- The school team participated in the IPSC Athletic tournament held at Punjab Public School, Nabha, from 9th to 11th November.

Following were the achievements-

- Nishinder Pal Singh- Gold in Shot put(a new Games' record) and Silver in Javelin throw
- Sikanderjeet Singh- Gold in Discus Throw(a new

Games' record) and a silver each in Hammer Throw and Shot put

- Harnoor Chahal- Gold in Discus Throw, Silver in Hammer Throw and Bronze in Javelin Throw
- Hassan Abdal Dhanoa- Silver in 800 m and 3000 m and Bronze in 1500m races
- Harkirat Singh- Gold in 100m and Silver in 200m races
- Ashish John- Gold in 200 m and Silver in 400m Hurdles
- Kudrat Kang- Gold in Discus Throw and Bronze each in Shot put and Hammer Throw
- Divmehar- Bronze in 5km Walk
- Khushveen- Gold in 200m race
- Shehzad Sidhu- Gold (a new Games' record) in Shot put
- Vireet Randhawa- Bronze in Discus Throw
- Arsh Bansal- Bronze in 200m race

The following students have been selected for the Nationals in the following events-

- Sikanderjeet Singh- Discus Throw
- Nishinder pal Singh- Shot put
- Harkirat Singh- 100m and 200m races
- Harnoor Chahal- Discus Throw
- Hassan Abdal Dhanoa- 800m race
- Kudrat Kang- Shot put
- Khushveen -200m race
- Akhileshwari- 3000m Hurdles
- Ashish John- 400m Hurdles
- Arsh Bansal- Triple Jump
- Seerat Brar- Discus Throw
- Shehzad Sidhu- Shot put

The Nationals will be held from 3rd to 5th January, 2011, at Pune

- THE INTER- PUBLIC SCHOOL HOCKEY (U-19) TOURNAMENT-

The school Hockey team (U-19) participated in the IPSC Hockey tournament held at MNSS, Rai, from 31st October to 3rd November. In the first two matches, the team played against, and defeated, Mayo College, Ajmer, and Sainik School, Chittorgarh, by 4-2 and 12-0, respectively.

In the semi-final match, the team won against Daly

College, Indore by 5-0. In the final match ,it played against MNSS, Rai, but lost by 0-5. Harshdeep, Paramveer and Harkanwal scored 6,5 and 4 goals, respectively, during the tournament.

The school team were declared the runners-up of the tournament

The members of the team were- Gurcharan , Bikramjeet, Prabhjot,Pritpal, Paramveer, Vishavjot, Harkanwal, Saurabh, Manwattan,Sukhpal, Maninderpal, Jobanjeet, Harshdeep, Gursewak (class X), Sukhraj, Jaskirat, Harpreet and Gursewak (class VIII)

Gurcharan, Bikramjeet, Prabhjot and Pritpal were members of the IPSC team and played for the SGFI Nationals held in Madhya Pradesh.



Young minds groping for answers!

In The Passing -

A recent study divulges that the bosses can be most easily impressed and persuaded (for a promotion, may be!) at 11 am.Well....just a thought, Stanley Sir,I know you are terribly busy but, may. .. I.... just barge in your office today at this time ?

second was the fill in the blank round, the third was the visual round and the last was a mixed- bag round. Direct questions were put to each group and, in case, a group was unable to answer, the question was passed. No negative marking was taken into account.

The Principal, Mr SV Kumar, The Bursar, Col Dutta, and the Head, Junior School, Mrs. Amrit Rawel, were elated to see the young ones answer questions which, perhaps, sometimes, even adults find difficult to do.

We are proud of our kids and wish them a bright future as they are all set to step into the Junior School now.

Mrs SK Gill

THE PREP SCHOOL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

“Give me some sunshine, Give me some rain And give me a good chance to grow.....” -This is what Kindergarten kids seem to be saying!

Along with the class presentations and cultural activities , this year we introduced another chapter to our curriculum _'The General Awareness Quiz'. On 22nd November, two students from each section of Prep II were selected and three teams were made O, N and E.

The quiz comprised four rounds. The first round was the customary question and answer round, the

WE'VE GOT MAIL-

• “Dear Mr. Stanley,

I thank you for affording me the opportunity to come back to my alma mater for the 61st School Sports' day and the Golden jubilee celebrations of our class passing out. The visit was emotional, nostalgic and very enjoyable!

It was heartening to see the children perform various feats and activities which in our time were unknown. That is awesome progress. I wish the staff and students God speed in the years ahead.May I request that my good wishes be conveyed to them,as well as my gratitude for a day well spent.

Brig SS Sidhu “

- “To
Mrs. Helen Kumar,
Yadavindra Public School, Patiala
October 6,2010.

“Dear Mrs. Helen Kumar,

At the very outset I wish to thank you for the lovely evening me, my wife and my son had with you... .. As I had mentioned to you I wrote to Air Marshal KD Singh ,first, congratulating on his promotion, and then taking him back to 1950 ,re-counting an incident.

Air Commodore Mehar Singh (better known as' Baba') belonged to Patiala and he was the first pilot who landed a Dakota at Leh . He also used to take a jeep in the Dakota and evacuate people from Pakistan during the partition and this is why he came to be known as ' Baba',a saint as one would say...

.....After he was suspended,he resigned and a little while later, he joined the Nandas...

....During one of his trips from Delhi to Jammu ,because of fierce sandstorm ,all the airfields in the region had been shut down. Due to this, he tried to land the aircraft on the clay bed of the Yamuna.Unfortunately, the plane caught fire crashed and everybody aboard the plane perished . His body was identified from the 'Kara' he was wearing (as all Sikhs do).At his funeral in Patiala,a four aircraft fighter from Ambala flew overhead and gave a flying salute to this brave and famous pilot.....

.....With warm regards to you and Sir,

Yours sincerely,

**Wing Commodore (retd.) KS Jaijee”
(Old Yadavindrian)**

- “To
The Principal,
Yadavindra Public School, Patiala
October 6,2010.

Respected Sir,

With due respect I would like to suggest some measures that can help us improve our environment.

(a) Our school should implement a rule that within the radius of ten kilometers of the school building, no child can come on private vehicles –neither himself/herself and nor with parents. Children, generally, take pride in the fact that big, luxury cars (and ,sometimes ,with bodyguards) are coming to pick them up from the school. But then , studying in a school like YPS is the biggest pride.

(b) The subject ,introduced by the School Board , and made compulsory by a stricture of the court, 'Environmental Education', is not fulfilling its purpose. We ,students, get project files to complete and while sitting in our air-conditioned rooms we find ourselves writing that CFC is a harmful gas for the environment.Why don't we get the homework of planting trees across the town and then nurture them. This will, surely, help the cause of environment in the real sense. All these steps,if implemented, I feel ,can set an example for other individuals and institutes,as well.

**Yours sincerely,
Vir Harjinder Singh Gill,
XI Humanities**

The school collected and contributed rupees Sixty thousand to the SOS village, Rajpura,a charitable organization working for the welfare of under-privileged children.The following students were rewarded in the presence of Mr. Lakhwinder Sareen, incharge, SOS village, in school assembly for making the maximum contribution-

-Japneet Kaur(XI Accounts), Sejal Garg(VIN) and Aryaman Kaushik (VI)

Besides this, one of our parents, Mr. Harbhajan Singh, has shown great generosity and adopted a girl child from the village.He will be sponsoring the education and general upkeep of the child.

MUSINGS OF A WAY FARER

There is a chill in the morning air and as the sun sets at eventide, the rickshaw pullers and street vendors park their contraptions at convenient stops and huddle around a leaves-and-twigs bonfire to garner whatever warmth it can offer. Patialvis savour the pleasant weather as they relish the culinary delicacies the season becomes awash with.

For YPS, it is nearer to the end of another academic year, but not before some spectacular presentations and functions. October-end was witness to a slick and impressive Annual Sports Day, once again organized with the panache the Yadavindrian has become known to exhibit on such occasions. A week prior saw a superb Junior School Concert, which was embellished with songs and dances: the highlight was an abridged version of Robert Wise's evergreen Musical "**The Sound of Music**", reliving for many adults the transformation of Capt Von Trapp by the effervescent Maria. The items put up at the show left the audience spellbound. It is worth noting that almost the entire Junior School and Prep Section took part in preparing and putting up the show. One could call it blowing one's own trumpet, but, as the audience will vouchsafe, once again the Yadavindrians have risen to the occasion to perform splendidly.

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October brought sadder moments too. YPS suffered the loss of another OY, Gurinder Singh Tiwana (YPS:1986 and father of OY Gurmandeep S.Tiwana of the 2007 batch) on 23rd October. The killer this time was hypertension. Is it because humans are living life at too fast a pace and are becoming vulnerable to a host of



Late Gurinder Tiwana

diseases which many years back were virtually unheard of ? One needs to sit back and ponder whether it isn't time we harked back to having "time to stand and stare". May be if the rat race eased up a bit, much sense would prevail and we could live healthier lives.

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The concept of the moments of renewing energy inputs and expressing appropriate greetings at various times of day has many Indians misuse terms used by the English to identify dining activity and protocol of greetings. For an educated native of England (South England, to be precise, if phonetics were to be used), who would set the norms for etiquette and manners in the dining place, the first meal of the day is breakfast which, as the name suggests, is ending a long night of fasting. It could be anytime from around daybreak to midmorning and is invariably "hearty" and "filling". Then follows lunch, a light meal which may be taken around noon time or thereafter; and then comes dinner, a major meal, which could be taken at anytime after lunch (around 2.00 p. m.) upto early evening (around 7.00 p.m.), and could be preceded or succeeded by afternoon tea. The last meal is supper, a light meal before the Englishman would like to retire for the night.

Then come the greetings : it is "Good Morning" till lunch time or around 1.00 p.m., whichever is later. Good Afternoon is the greeting almost till sunset time (remember, it is afternoon, and NOT evening, tea). Sunset or twilight means evening has set in, and Good Evening will be in order if you are meeting someone, but it will be Good Night if you are parting for the night. The greetings could continue almost till 2.00 a.m. Only thereafter could one revert to "Good Morning".

One hopes this gives the reader a better perspective of how greetings in English could be used. The attempt to Indianise their usage leads to warped expressions which often appear out of context.

BOOK REVIEW -

'The Songs of Blood and Sword'-Fatima Bhutto

This pretty, young and petite member of the Bhutto family of Pakistan (an aspiring politician and a poetess of modest proportions, too, with a book or two of poetry to her credit) in this book (which rivals the release of her aunt, Late Benazir Bhutto's, posthumously-released revised autobiography, 'The Daughter of the East'), makes her first brush with non-fiction (though her detractors wished she hadn't, and doesn't!) Written with the double motive of berating her late aunt, Benazir, and exposing the truth behind her father, Mir Murtaza Bhutto's (Benazir's brother) death, the book, to begin with, briefly traces the lineage of the Bhutto family (don't miss the idiosyncrasies of the earlier Bhutto ancestors), the rise and fall of the flamboyant Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (don't miss some, surprisingly, wise quotes by him, too!), the repressive and autocratic rule of Zia-ul-Haq, the country's fling with a succession of short-lived democratic governments before, once again, unwittingly, giving in to the military regime of General Pervez Mushharaf in 1999. But amidst all this butchery, bloodshed and betrayal, what remains the mainstay of the book is a daughter's unquestionable and undiminished love for her father. Though it is fourteen years that the author's father was gunned down, allegedly, at the behest of the then government headed by his sister, he still remains the same inspiring force for Fatima Bhutto as he was then. The portions dealing with her father's death have been described most evocatively, movingly and effectively.

A book replete with love, emotion and gore and a disturbing account of the upheavals of Pakistani politics—a politics of dissension and opportunism—the book can easily be recommended for students of classes for XI and XII for its reasonably good writing, vocabulary and expression (though juvenile, at times) and historical value.

(The book is available in the school library)



FOUR WAYS OF LOOKING AT

California Redwoods

- Record Holders- These are the tallest trees in the world and shall continue to be so for many a millennia
- Story Tellers- Many carvings on the barks of these trees tell us about the natives
- A Source of Pride- These thousand of years old trees are the heart and soul of the Californians
- Symbols of Strength- These awesomely strong trees have survived centuries of storms, earthquakes and forest fires

WHOSE SILHOUETTE IS IT, ANYWAY?

Recognize a person through face, voiceand even footsteps-well, quite easy! But ever tried knowing a person by his silhouette? Well. whose silhouette is this, anyway??



ANS : MR. BE GORDON

NATURE'S DIARY



It was appropriate to have captured on camera this Wagtail, as this bird is commonly called , at this time of the year, as it is most often sighted when the season changes-at the advent of winter and at the advent of summer. An insectivorous bird with a large variety of kith and kin, Wagtail is more often found in tropical countries like Australia, and India, too. And the name?(Wagtail! Quite a lilt in it!). Well, ,quite obviously, the name comes from the bird wagging its tail, continually.

This picture was taken in the School stadium in the early hours of the morning with the aid of Sahejbir and Parneet,X.

- BY MRS. MIMI RANI BAJPAI

PICK ON ONE

- Why does Mrs. Simrat never go glum?-
- (a) She is a member of a secret Laughter club
(b) She thinks the last line of Robert Frost's poem was,...'Smiles to go before I weep !'
(c) She knows it takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown
(d) Well, this is the way she is - spreads happiness wherever she goes!

WRITE AND WRONG-HOWLERS

- I fell on the road after an accident and the blood overflowed
- " I wish to tell you, father, that my accident was held on 22nd September
- Leaves fall off in autumn leaving the wooden branches of the tree bare
- The tiger was popular in the village for killing people
- (To Sir and an old student)-'Sir, when did you pass away from the school?'

A WHOLE NEW WORD-

Prophecy-a statement that tells what will happen in the future-The third prophecy for Macbeth by the witches was his becoming the king of Scotland

FAUX PAS

- Education ends when studies do

SUBJECT MATTER

Which subject goes into a 'depression'?-ECONOMICS

OBITUARY

We deeply regret the sudden and untimely demise of **Mrs. Tamandeep Kaur** , mother of **Gurnoor Singh**, VII N, and wife of **Mr. Jaidev Singh** (an old student of the school of the ICSE:1982 batch) and **Mrs.Harbeer Kaur**, mother of **Chandandeep, VII N**, on Thursday,21st October , Tuesday,26th October, respectively due to dengue and heart stroke. We convey our heart-felt condolences to the bereaved families and pray for peace of the departed souls.

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