



YPS TIMES

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The new term opened with a workshop conducted for the school staff on Experimental Learning and Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP), on Monday, 25th July.

The resource person was Air Commodore (Retd.) TT Job

The School celebrated the Environment Week from 1st to 6th August

The Inter-house Sports' Quiz for the Senior section was held on Tuesday, 2nd August

The Turn Coat competition for the Senior section was held on Friday, 5th August

The Middle School English Recitation was held on Wednesday, 10th August

The School hosted the IPSC Wall Climbing Tournament from Saturday, 13th August, to Monday, 15th August

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GO, GO WEST THE US (NASA-PHILADELPHIA) TOUR

A group of twenty five students escorted by the Vice Principal, Mrs. Mimi Rani Bajpai and Mr. Dinesh Thapliyal, School housemaster, visited US during the summer vacation, from 5th to 20th July.

The tour was organised and planned keeping in mind the need of exposing the students to an educational, fun-filled trip. The tour itinerary included visits to the city of Philadelphia and other famed places like the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Disney World. The tour was extended to Philadelphia for fifteen students, as there was an official invite from the city officials and the Honorary Ambassador of Philadelphia to India, Ms. Kanika Chaudhary, to visit their prestigious universities. Thus building bridges for admission of students seeking to pursue higher studies abroad and promote cultural exchanges.

The Vice Principal, Mrs. Mimi Rani Bajpai's, opening remarks:

"The tour was designed in a way to ensure that the students do not lose out on any aspect of gaining experience, whether it was taking the roller coaster rides in Disney World, or being a part of the Hall of Fame in the Kennedy Space Centre at NASA. Each moment was filled with curiosity and fascination for the wondrous progress of science and marveling at the incredible creativity of the human mind."

Adish Jain's, IX-P, detailed report on the trip:

"It came as a matter of great excitement for us

as we learnt that we had been selected to be a part of the school trip to US. After going through the visa formalities, we embarked on the journey on 5th July by one of the best airlines, Air France. We had a connecting flight from Delhi to Miami via Paris, where we stopped and shopped a bit. And, finally, we reached Orlando where we settled in a hotel and were allotted rooms with four of us sharing one room.

The next day, we were taken to the Hollywood Studios which were so endearing that I felt like staying there forever. We were supposed to go to the Magic Kingdom next but, unfortunately, it started raining heavily and we had to postpone the visit.

But.... but.... the fun was not over yet! The following day we went to the Animal Kingdom, EPCOT and the Magic Kingdom, where one ride I, specially, remember is The Hulk, which twists the riders seven times around at 360 degrees.

It was on the fifth day of our trip that we visited the Kennedy Space Center Visitors' Complex at NASA. Here we got to know a lot about space and astronauts - how they are prepared and trained, the hardships that they go through and how they survive in space. We also got the opportunity to lunch with a famous astronaut.

The sixth day was more fun-filled as we went to the Coco Beach and the seventh day was meant for a visit to the famous Universal Studios. We also got to see the Hogwarts School of Harry Potter fame and the Sea

World where we saw some rare large killer whales performing dances and other feats.

The ninth day was spent travelling as we had a flight for Orlando to New York and then to Buffalo. But all fun was not over yet as we reached the majestic Niagara Falls and also saw the Canadian side. We came back to New York and visited the Madame Tussauds Studio, shopped at Times Square and went right on top of the Empire State Building on the 90th floor and soaked in the beautiful night view of the whole of the New York city. From here, half the group came back to India and the rest of us went to Philadelphia (I was also one of the privileged ones), the first historic capital of US. There we got to meet the ambassador of Philadelphia to India and some other city officials. We also visited some universities and schools like Haverford School, University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University and the Moore College of Art and Design. No doubt, the visit was highly informative.

Finally, it was time to come back but with a lot of memories safely lodged in our hearts and minds.

Students' Recount:

“In this world of virtue and wisdom, where knowledge transcends umpteen other aspects of life, this NASA-PHILLY Programme gave me an opportunity to gain immensely. The visit to Philadelphia inspired me to study in the field of business and administration in the future.”

Namisha
(Old Yadavindrian)

“Our visit to Philadelphia USA was a great experience. At the university, I just felt this was the dream I had always, wanted to achieve; this was the place I was searching for to study and this was the place I will, finally, come to shape my future in the best manner.”

-Shandhra



Looking Up- At NASA marvelling a mock shuttle



Sahejbir makes a presentation at Moore College

“Let the memories begin.....”

“The words of Disney's theme parks are more than apt for the phenomenal experience we had. The grandeur of the majestic Niagara falls left me transfixed. New York was an eye opener. Be it the thrilling rides (terrifying for some!) or the fascinating astronaut experience at NASA, I relished every moment of the trip.”

-Sahejbir

FACT STRANGER THAN FICTION...

George Orwell in his celebrated book, 'Nineteen Eighty Four' (written in the 1950's) speculates on the economic and political condition of some major countries of the world in the still-to-come year of 1984. As if by a strange turn of events, 1984 turned out to be a difficult year for India with at least three incidents happening of far reaching consequences- Operation Bluestar, the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the Bhopal Gas tragedy. Fact is, surely, stranger than fiction...!

EVERYBODY SAYS, " I AM FINE..."

According to a recent study there's, at least, one lie we all speak everyday. On being accosted by friends if we are well, our answer invariably is- 'Yes, I am!' and, that too, when we are not. So much about morals and morality!!



'TIMES' GONE BY...

(From School Newsletter archives)

**An interview with
Mr. Navjot Sidhu-December, 1987**

- Q. How did you take to cricket?
 A. Well, my father brought me into cricket. He wanted me to be a sportsman. He was the only inspiration I've ever had....
- Q. Who is your idol?
 A. The cricketer I admire most is Mohinder Amarnath. Even as a child he was my favourite...
- Q. Who is your favourite teammate?
 A. Chetan Sharma...
- Q. What role did YPS play in the story of your success?
 A. I owe a lot to YPS, especially Mr. Baveja (a former teacher of the school who passed away a few years back). He guided me well...all my teachers gave me the encouragement and confidence I needed and I am never going to forget it...



WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS HELD DURING THE MONTH-TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME-

[WORKSHOP ON EXPERIMENTAL LEARNING AND NEURO-LINGUISTIC PROGRAMME (NLP)]

The new term began with a workshop for the teaching staff. The Resource person was Air Commodore (retd.) TT Job. Mr. Job is a highly decorated officer who has had an illustrious career in the Indian Air Force and Defence Research and Development organisation. He is currently the Director of Academy of Experimental Learning, Bangalore, which conducts soft skill training for managers with core competency in Outward-bound Experimental Learning and Neuro-linguistic Programming (NLP).

We sometimes wonder why people behave the way they do. We also sometimes, wonder at our own actions and reactions.

All these are related to the way our brain works. NLP is the user manual for the brain. It helps to understand how our brain and those of others work. NLP is useful in reprogramming the brain. NLP has many tools which are extensively used the world over. India has also begun to follow suit.

After attending the workshop, participants would be able to understand and learn from their behavioural patterns, become better team players, get rid of some of their fears and phobias and become more sensitive to team requirements.

Mrs. Sangita Malik

SEMINARS FOR STUDENTS

- A lecture was organised for Class XII students on Friday, 30th July. The lecture was delivered by Major Aashish Swaroop—a Sena Medal Winner, who encouraged and apprised the students of the relevance of taking up Defence Forces as a career. He further made the students aware of the various modalities and channels through which a job can be secured in the Indian Defence Services. A slide show was also shown by the Resource person on the kind of life and the hardships faced by Defence personnel in general. He elaborated on his own experiences in states like Manipur and Rajasthan.

XI and XII students in different sessions. During the presentation, the students were apprised of various prestigious universities abroad such as Cambridge and Stanford in countries like America, Canada and UK. The Resource person gave an in depth knowledge of tests such as SAT, IELTS and TOEFL which are required to be cleared to pursue studied abroad. The presentation concluded with a quiz testing the general awareness of the students. The session was highly enlightening and beneficial.

Kittu Bansal, XII Commerce

- A group of professionals from 'Jamboree', led by Mr. Ajay Titiara, visited the School on Friday, 19th August, to deliver lectures on the TOEFL programme. They addressed the Class X,



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

To celebrate the 64th Independence Day, an entertainment programme was organised in the Junior school on Friday, 12th August.

The programme began with Kanav Mathur's (VN) speech on the hardships that the people of India faced in order to achieve independence from the British rule. Kanav emphasized the role of education in a nation's progress.

This was followed by two songs 'Aye Watan' and 'O India, My India' sung by the Junior School choir with enthusiasm, infusing patriotism amongst teachers and students.

In the end, there was a dance performance, thoroughly enjoyed by all, enacting and recreating how India struggled to get freedom. Students from all classes participated in this enactment, playing characters from all sections of society of



the time - British soldiers, Indian soldiers and Indian freedom fighters. Class I students, too, participated in this item, giving a brilliant dance performance.

-Ms. Avneet Tiwana

SPELL BEE COMPETITION IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL



The Spell-Bee Contest was organised in the Junior School in the first week of August for classes I to V. The competition proved to be an interesting way of testing the students' ability to spell difficult words. There was a lot of excitement amongst us as this was the first time we were about to witness an oral dictation in the form of a competition.

Every class had four participants from each section who were selected on the basis of a spelling test held in the class. In the contest, each student was asked to spell a word and if anyone couldn't spell it correctly, he or she was out of the game. At the end, the game became very interesting when only two contestants were left and the competition grew tough.

The winners from class V were Harika and Kshitij who stood first and second, respectively. From class IV, the first and second positions were bagged by Bhavya and Suryansh. From class III, Khishi and Tanisha achieved the first and second position. Shaurya and Mehtab were first and second from class II and Pavit and Hinam first and second from class I.

Rana Sunjog, IVN

HIGHER WE GO –

THE ALL INDIA IPSC SPORT CLIMBING COMPETITION-

The School conducted the 2nd All India IPSC Sport Climbing Championship on 13th and 14th August.

A total of five schools participated in the tournament. They were-

- Punjab Public School, Nabha
- RIMC, Dehradun
- BRCM, Bahal
- Sainik School, Kunjpura
- The host school, Yadavindra Public School, Patiala

The Opening Ceremony was held on the morning of Saturday, 13th August, with Brigadier DK Khullar, AVSM, as the Chief Guest. Brigadier Khullar has been one of the foremost mountaineers of the country, leading several successful expeditions and is a recipient of the prestigious Arjuna Award.

The tournament was held in three categories : U-13, U-16 and O-16, for both boys and girls. The participating teams enthusiastically competed in the

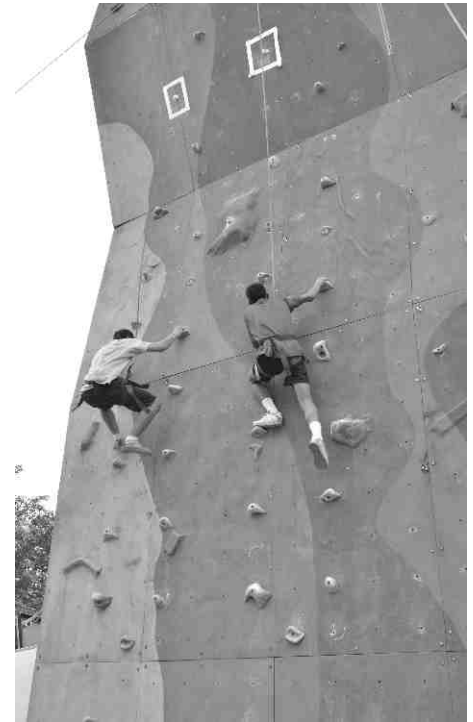
two events that form a part of the sport - Lead climbing and Speed climbing.

The tournament concluded with the Closing Ceremony where School Bursar, Col. KD Dutta, was the Chief Guest, who duly gave away the prizes and appreciated the spirit with which the tournament had been played.

The tournament was won by Sainik School, Kunjpura, and YPS, Patiala, were the runners-up.

Following were the medals won by School students -

- Saurabh Jaiswal
Gold in Speed Event (O-16)
- Kunal Makhija
Silver in Speed Event (U-16)
- Sahilpreet Singh
Bronze in lead Event (U-16)
- Rishav Bindal
Bronze in Speed Event (O-16)
- Sanna Singh- Bronze in Lead and Speed Event (O-16, Girls)



- Aarushi Goyal - Silver in Lead and Speed Event (U-13, Girls)
- Gurjeet Kaur - Silver in Lead and Speed Event (U-16, Girls)

...ATTENDING BASIC MOUNTAINEERING COURSE-



A (Four) midable task!

A group of four students from Class XII, Harkanwal, Manwattan, Harwattan and Sukhman, successfully completed their Basic Mountaineering Course from the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali during the summer vacation. A total of 115 trainees were participating in the course from all over India.

Besides physical activities such as rock-climbing, rappelling, river crossing, self-arrest and roping-up on snow, crevasse-rescue, glacier- travel and arduous treks to high altitude peaks, including one to the Friendship peak at an altitude of 15,500 feet (with all four students, successfully, completing it and reaching a height of 16,000 feet), the twenty-six day course also entailed a written test.

Now, all four students stand qualified for the Advance Course which they will pursue soon.

SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Sikanderjeet Singh, XII Arts, participated in the Open Youth Nationals Athletic Meet held at Ranchi and won a Silver medal in Discus Throw (U-18) with a distance of 52.65m. He also participated in the 23rd North Zone Junior Athletic Championship held at Lucknow and won a gold medal again in Discus Throw (U-18). His distance was 53.87m. He has been selected for the Inter- Zone Athletic Championship to be held at Bhopal in September.

SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Vishal Gaur, Ekambir Mandi and Achalpratap Grewal, XI, participated in the Gun for Glory and Kumar Surindra Shooting Tournaments affiliated to the National Rifle Association of India, held at Pune from 1st to 15th August. The results were-

Ekambir- Team gold and individual bronze
Achalpratap and Vishal Gaur - Team bronze

All three, Ekambir, Achapratap and Vishal have qualified for the trials for the Indian Squad to be held at Pune.

FINAL HOUSE POSITIONS

Hockey (O-14) Boys' matches-		
I-PH	II-DRH	III-MH
Soccer Sub - Junior (U-12)-		
I-DRH	II-PH	III-MH
Soccer Juniors (U-14)-		
I-MH	II-PH	III-DRH
Tennis Girls (U-14)-		
I-MH	II-PH	III-DRH

KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Shubham Mittal, XII, participated in the 6th Punjab State Karate Championship held at Ludhiana and won a gold and a bronze medal.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

School swimmers participated in the Patiala District Junior and Senior Boys' and Girls' championship held at Mohindra College Swimming Pool on 3rd July. Following were the results-

- Rajabhan Singh- 1st in 50m and 100m freestyle

- Pritampal Singh-1st in 50m breast Stroke and 11nd in 100m breaststroke and 200m freestyle
- Roopneet Kaur- 111rd in 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke
- Jessica Singh-11nd in 100m breaststroke
- Rushil Kapoor- 11nd in 100m backstroke and 111rd in 200m freestyle
- Karan Brar- 111rd in 100m backstroke and 400m freestyle
- Karan Garg-111rd in 100m backstroke
- Vibhuti Sayal- 11nd in 100m and 200m freestyle and in 200m backstroke
- Jasmine Sohi-1st in 100m and 200m freestyle
- Saleena Dhaliwal- 111rd in 200m freestyle
- Akansha Bajaj- 11nd in 50m butterfly
- Heeralpreet Kaur-11nd in 50m butterfly and 111rd in 100m backstroke
- Riya- 111rd in 50m backstroke
- Sohinoor Jeji- 111rd in 100m breaststroke
- Yashik Goyal- 1st in 50m and 100m freestyle and in 50m backstroke and 111rd in 50m breast stroke
- Aayushi Saluja-1st in 100m freestyle, 50m backstroke and 200m individual medley and 11nd in 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke

SOCCER MATCHES

The School Soccer team played in the All India Sant Singh Memorial Soccer Tournament held at Pinegrove School, Subathu from 5th to 7th August. The team reached the semi-finals after defeating RMS, Chail, and Punjab Public School, Nabha, but lost in the semi-final to the host school, Pinegrove School, Subathu. Over-all, the team was placed fourth in the tournament.

The School soccer team (U-17) also played a match against Punjab Public School, Nabha, on Saturday, 30th August. The School team won the match by 1-0. Ashish John, IX, scored the only goal. The School team played another match against Yadavindra Public School, Mohali,

on Tuesday, 2nd August. The match ended in a draw. The score was 3-3. Aashish John, Alam and Ishwar scored one goal each.

FRIENDLY FIXTURES

School teams played three friendly matches against Yadavindra Public School, Mohali, on Saturday, 6th August. The match results were-

Tennis-The School team won by 3-1. In Singles, Naunidh and Arnav won while Doubles' teams of Naunidh/Arnav and Naunidh/Yuvtesh won. In girls, Hasan won her match by 3-0.

Hockey-The School team won by 4-1. The goals were scored by Sukhraj, Karanbir, Manvir and Jaspreet.

Basketball- The School team lost. The score was 37-31. Manbir scored 14 and Rajdeep scored 8 points.

SWIMMING COMPETITION

School swimmers participated in the 36th Junior Punjab State Swimming Championship held at Jalandhar from 8th to 10th July. The results were as follows-

- Rajabhan Singh- 1st in 50m freestyle, 11nd in 100m freestyle and 111rd in 4x100m and 4x200m freestyle relay
- Pritampal- 111rd in 50m backstroke and 4x100m freestyle relay
- Vibhuti Syal- 1st in 400m individual medley, 11nd in 200m individual medley, 4x100m and 4x200m freestyle and 4x100m medley relay, and 111rd in 200m freestyle and 200m backstroke
- Jasmine Sohi- 1st in 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle and 111rd in 100m freestyle
- Saleena Dhaliwal - 11nd in 800m and 1500m freestyle, and 111rd in 400m freestyle
- Akansha Bajaj - 111rd in 200m butterfly in the girls' category.
- The Patiala district team were the runners-up

The following swimmers have been selected for the Nationals- Raja Bhan Singh, Vibhuti Syal and Jasmine Sohi.

STAR ATTRACTION VISIT BY MR. OMPURI IN SCHOOL

On Tuesday, 2nd August, school staff and students got a chance to interact with the veteran Bollywood actor, Mr. Om Puri, who was escorted by Mr. Manpal Tiwana, an old Yadavindrian of the 1989 batch to the school.

Mr. Om Puri is not new to the city of Patiala as he traces his birth and lineage to this old city. He did his schooling from the Government High School, Sanaur. Later, he joined the Khalsa College, Patiala. He faced hardships in his initial years as he worked as a laboratory assistant in the day and attended the college in the evening. But he overcame all these bravely. He displayed a flair for acting soon as he did numerous plays and it was then that Mr. Harpal Tiwana, a famous theatre personality of the state, coaxed him to take up acting as a career. He pursued a full-fledged course in acting in the National School of Drama (NSD) for three years and later he was at the Film Institute for two years.

“ Theatre”, he says, “gave a voice to my thinking, my soul and my inner feelings. I got rid of my insecurities”.

Mr. Puri, during his stay in the school,

spent quality time with the staff and the students.

Excerpts from an interview taken by the Editorial Board-

Q. Sir, which is your preferred acting medium, movies or theater?

A. Actually, my preferred medium is theatre. But the thing is that via theatre the impact is less because there is limited audience here. To communicate with people I prefer films. For instance, through the movie 'Tamas' we created overnight awareness which was not possible through theatre.

Q. Sir, what is your take on the new-generation films like 'Delhi Belly'?

A. I haven't seen the film yet, but I will definitely want to see it on the DVD, to find out what its theme is. I am, definitely, not in favour of such films though a lot of curiosity has been aroused about the film by stating that it should not be watched by people. This publicity strategy has made it all the more popular.

Q. What kind of cinema do you like to do?

A. I have done about 250 films that include Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali, South Indian and about 15 Hollywood films. But cinema is not just about entertainment. It is about social and political awareness as well. This is the reason I enjoy the art films. I appreciate Pankaj Kapur and Naseerudin Shah for their serious work.

Q. What do you have to say of the Hindi Film Industry?

A. Bollywood is very cruel. If I would have been a son of a huge film star, I would have got the things easily. One should be clear and it should not be assumed that the moment you enter Mumbai, you will become a star. One ought to take a calculated risk!

Q. What message do you have for the youngsters interested in movies and theater?

A. Firstly, one must complete formal education and then give a serious thought on what drama means to you. It is a very difficult profession. Basically, you should always have a backup!!

Q. Sir, what do you have to say about YPS and its students?

A. This is a great school! When I was young, I always wanted to be a part of this prestigious institution. The environment is of studying and seeing the happy faces of the students, I know that all of you will do extremely well in life.

-Ayush and Seerat, XII



Mr. Om Puri interacts with students

ELEGY ON THE DEATH OF A NEWSPAPER



Last month saw the closure of one of the more popular newspapers of our times, 'News of the World', published in Britain, amidst some controversial allegations of phone hacking. The 'News of the World' was a national newspaper published in the United

Kingdom from 1843 to 2011. It was, at one time, the best-selling English language newspaper in the world, and at closure still had one of the highest English language circulations. Originally established as a broadsheet by John Browne Bell, he had to sell it to Lascelles Carr in 1891. In 1969, it was bought from the Carrs by Rupert Murdoch's media firm, News Limited, reorganised into News International, and was transformed into a tabloid in 1984. 'News of the World' was the Sunday sister paper of 'The Sun'. The newspaper concentrated on celebrity-based scoops and populist news. Since 2006, allegations of phone hacking began to engulf the newspaper. These culminated in a revelation on 4th July, 2011, that, nearly a decade earlier, a private investigator hired by the newspaper had intercepted and deleted the voicemail of missing British

teenager, Milly Dowler, who was later found murdered. Amid a public backlash and the withdrawal of advertising, News International announced the closure of the newspaper on 7th July. The scandal deepened when the paper was alleged to have tapped the phones of families of British service personnel killed in action. Thus, by this, one of the greatest newspapers of all times lost its identity in the world and with their last edition named 'THANK YOU AND GOODBYE', bade farewell to the world in which it had gained so much respect and fame. The newspaper was not only closed as the editors claimed that 'We had lost our way', but it is quite clear that the newspaper had also been a victim of politics.

- Ayush Puri
XII Accounts

HARRY POTTER, LIVING WITHOUT THE 8TH BOOK...

King's Cross Station...platform 9-3/4...
Hogwarts Express...journey into a whole new world of witchcraft and wizardry. Having ruled the best-selling list for years, the Harry Potter series are a legend around the world. With characters like Fred and George Weasley (Double Trouble), Hermione Granger (Miss-Know-It-All), Hagrid Dumbledore and, of course, Harry Potter, any reader (all ages included) would love to die and go to HP heaven. The last movie of the series, 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows', released a few months back, announced the end of Harry Potter. And the experience of watching the movie was bitter-sweet-not looking forward to another book/movie



...even the thought seems depressing!
The thing about the series is not just the fact that it is beautifully written, but also the amount of research and hardwork that has been put into the development

of characters and weird, unheard of words that are, actually, present in the dictionary. Some interesting names-

- Albus in Albus Dumbledore-Albus is Latin for white, which refers to the Headmaster's long white beard
- Dolores in Dolores Umbridge Dolores means pain which refers to the torture she inflicts on her students.
- Lucius in Lucius Malfoy-Lucius is, actually, the real name of the devil
- Nymphadora in Nymphadora Tonks-refers to the word 'Nymph' a water animal, which camouflages itself, referring to her ability to change her appearance
- Lupin in Remus Lupin-Lupin refers

to the moon which is because the guy was a werewolf.

- Passwords made by the Fat Lady-most mean “nonsense” fun, of course!!
- JK Rowling (the author), Daniel Radcliffe (the actor playing Harry) and Harry Potter himself, share the same birthday (31st July)

- On an online quiz to guess the various pronunciations of 'Hermione' (pronounced “Her-my-own-ee”), the funniest one (ranked #1) was “Hermy-one”
- When asked to suggest names for the imaginary 8th book, some entries were-
 - Harry Potter and the

Philosopher's Kidney Stone

- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Not- So- Secret
- Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Ask- Your- Mom
- Harry Potter and the Goblet of Pumpkin Juice

-Jashanjit, XE

MEETING OF MINDS

THE UKEIRI EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The visit of the Principals of Indian Cluster schools during the month of June to their co-partner schools in United Kingdom, was reciprocated by the British cluster schools by sending a team of four of their teachers to usher the association further. This visit aimed to share and assess the progress of mutually agreed projects on various topics.

The team arrived in the city on Monday, 25th July, and visited the School on Wednesday, 27th July, after spending a day, Tuesday, 26th July, at another partner school, the British Co-Ed High School, Patiala. During their stay, the group inter-acted with the school staff and held workshops including one for the



The Principal with the visitors before the School building

students on ICT (Integrated Computer Programme) to encourage students' participation in the forum on the UK cluster schools portals and another with the staff on Geography, where they shared curriculum and lesson plans. Another workshop was held on Readiness to Recycle (which is a part of the UKEIRI project).

Local sightseeing was arranged for the visitors on their last day, which also included a visit to the city markets.

FINGER PRINTS IN GREEN- ENVIRONMENT WEEK IN THE SCHOOL



Emphasizing the fact of living in harmony with nature, the school planned the Environment Week from 1st to 6th August. Students and teachers, together, created awareness for a cleaner and greener tomorrow.

The Environment Week celebrations started with the tree plantation. The Principal, Mr. SV Kumar, also planted trees in a nearby school and addressed the children encouraging them to create a greener, safer and a sustainable future through respecting nature. The senior students of the school also planted trees along with the Bursar, Col. K.D. Dutta. The Bursar also expressed the desire to set up a 'Herbal Garden'. Other activities during the week were poster and scrapbook making on various local flora and fauna. An Environment Quiz was also conducted and the winners were awarded certificates. The AV Room became the most frequented room on 4th August when movies on climate change and pollution were shown to the students to sensitise them about the gravity of the situation.

On Saturday, 6th August, a Green March was organised. The students were seen carrying beautiful handmade posters, banners and placards. Each child, in his own innocent way, tried to create awareness in the area around the school. The onlookers stood for a while to read the slogans and a few appreciated the silent Green March which spoke many thought-provoking ideas.

The Junior School children were also active participants in the Green March.

The Environment Week concluded with this activity but, we are sure, our endeavour to work for a better, sustainable and more liveable future will carry on by leaving finger prints in green!

The result of the Environment Quiz was –

- I- Ayush Puri and Shubham Mittal, XII Accounts
- II- Chetan Goel and Gautam Jain, XN
- III- Akshit Saini and Prashant Jain, XP

-Ms. Monica Singh

Class V in Green March-

Saving our environment should be our pledge. Forests are turning into deserts. Animals are dying and losing their habitat. On Saturday, 6th August, Class V also took part in the Green March organised by the school. I am sure the hundred of charts we had made carrying slogans like "Make the Environment Green, Not Grey", "Re-use the Past, Re-cycle the Present" and "Re-cycle Plastic, It's Fantastic" - must have made an impact on many people passing by, as we carried them aloft on the road. So, all we want is that the whole world should know and make an effort to Go Green!

Mannat Sidhu, VN



FOUR WAYS OF LOOKING AT....Rain

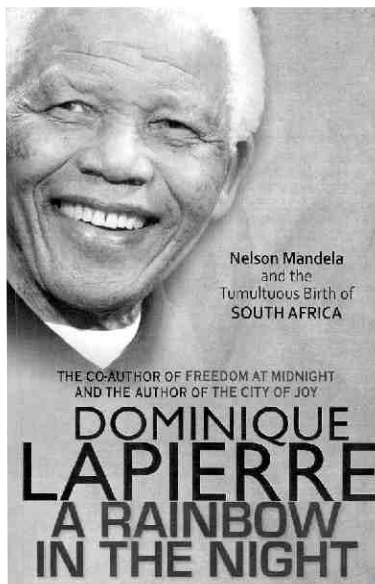
- A relief/blessing- Rain has, always, brought relief when we reeled under the Sun. Thank You, Almighty, for dropping these waters!
- A disaster- Floods-yes, that's what too much rain can bring! An inevitable disaster!
- Omen- It was an old, aborigine belief that the rain brought messages from God and people celebrated when it rained.
- The Rainbow- Getting past the gloomy atmosphere that the looming thunderclouds bring, it is a novelty to see the rainbow stretch across the sky into the horizon

- Jashanjit, XE

BOOK REVIEW

'A Rainbow in the Night' by Dominique Lapierre

The book traces the turbulent and chequered history of South Africa (ever since the first Dutchman set foot there in 1652 to plant lettuce, a medicinal plant to ward off Scurvy), courses its way through the Anglo-Boer war, the momentous role played by Nelson Mandela and his fellow-men against the British regime, then makes its way through the black natives winning independence, and finally, ends with Nelson Mandela assuming the presidency of South Africa in 1994 and the present-day post apartheid times. Written as lucidly as he always does, this book by Dominique Lapierre (who besides being a celebrated writer is a well-known philanthropist too, working on projects, initially, started by Mother Teresa in Kolkata and for the victims of the Bhopal Gas tragedy), makes for a gripping read with its all-pervasive subject and extensive research. The rare, unseen pictures come as a bonus.



During your reading, watch out for the parts dealing with the years spent by Nelson Mandela in the prison at Robben Island (now turned into a much-visited museum) and the subjugation suffered by the native Black population at the hands of the Boer English. The book is available in the School library.

FROM THE BOOK

The winter was icy. The prisoners shivered. To remind them they were kaffirs whose only calling was to be servants, the guards forced them to give up their trousers. In exchange they were given coarse-woven cotton shorts. Mandela protested against this humiliation. It would be his first battle as a lifer. When he

entered his cell on that first day he was overcome with despair. "I was forty six years old, " he was to say, " a political prisoner with a life sentence, and that small cramped space was to be my home for I knew not how long.

WRITE AND WRONG- HOWLERS

- The car collapsed into the scooter.
- When I drove car for the first time, my heart was pumping faster and faster.
- My trainer explained to me all the organs of the car.
- A bullock cart, suddenly, came before me and I had to brake my car.
- The train engine blew as I was filling my water bottle.

A WHOLE NEW WORD -

SPECIOUS- Seeming right or true but actually wrong or false.-The SPECIOUS statements of the witches became the cause of Macbeth's doom.

'CANVAS'SING AGAINST CORRUPTION-

In keeping with the times, the School organi^sed a poster-making competition on the theme of corruption. The contest was open for all classes and was announced on 20th August. An overwhelming response of over three hundred entries were received over the next two days. The best ones were chosen and awarded. They were also put up in the school corridors on the school notice boards.

The following students secured positions in the competition-

Junior School-

- I-Harsimran Sehgal,IVN; Chhavi Kohli,VO; Jayesh Singla,VO
 II-Rana Sanjog Singh,IVN; Grishma Bansal,VE; Rhea Passey,VP
 III-Samar Singla,VE; Gurmehar Kaur,VP
 Consolation prize- Shreya Bansal,VE

Senior School-

- I-Ridhima,XII Arts
 II-Lakshbir,VIIIN
 III-Gurveen Mahi,XI Arts and Puneet Dhaliwal,IXO
 Consolation prizes- Damanjeet, IXE and Akamjot, IXE



NATURE'S DIARY -



This tree (near the Staff car parking) is called 'Bahera' in Hindi and 'Vibhitaki' in Sanskrit, meaning fearless. The tree was, interestingly, avoided by Hindus as they considered it to be the abode of demons.

The tree is a deciduous tree and its fruit is employed in the cure of diseases like dropsy, piles and diarrhea.

This feature is by Mrs. Mimi Rani Bajpai

FAUX PAS



CAMPUS NEWS

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Jara Gerrits from Wierden, Netherlands, and Leonie Herrgesell from Vienna have come to study in Class XI in the School under the Youth for Understanding (YFU) Exchange Programme. They will be staying in the School till March and May, respectively.

ART COMPETITION

Amol Gill, XII Science, won the first prize in the Tagore Utsav Art Competition organised by the British Council Library, Chandigarh, in May, from amongst a large number of participants from various schools and colleges.

ENVIRONMENT QUIZ

A team comprising of Ayush Puri, Jaideep Singh and Aditya Singh participated the Inter-school Environment Quiz held at DAV Public School, Patiala, and secured the second position from amongst a total of twelve schools. They were awarded a cash prize of rupees 1500/-.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS CAMP

Eight students from the School participated in the Combined Annual Training Camp of National Cadet Corps held from 1st to 10th June. The students are- Manmehakdeep, Manveer, Jaskirat, Hanspal, Kulmer, Fatehbir, Atal Dev and Rushil Kapoor

IAYP

The following students have, successfully completed their Silver level under the IAYP programme- Manavjit, Matisha, Harsh, Seerat, Harshvardan, Manwattan, Harwattan, Harkrishan, , Annes, Azam, Imaanpal, Gurpriya, Mannat, Prabhjot, Jasneet, Rishav, Japneet and Arminder.

TURN COAT COMPETITION

Result of the Turn-Coat competition held for the Senior School on Friday, 5th August-
I-Tavleen Kaur, XII Arts
II-Srishti Bhatia, XII Commerce
III-Seerat Brar-XII Arts

ENGLISH RECITATION

Result of the English recitation for the Middle School
I-Mehr Mangat- VIP II-Sanya Singh- VIIN
III-Shreya Sood-VIN

POET'S CORNER

THE DAY IT RAINED

Summers were not in a haste to go,
Yet the Rain was pushing its way through,
They were having a huge fight,
Rain was growing more and more
with might.

After some time, the fight ended,
Summer wanted to be mended,
As he lost from the Rain,
And bore to have some peculiar pains.
Blessings in the form of Rain were
showered on us,
Everywhere there was a fuss.

But we were not bothered with that,
On cosy cushions we sat,
Helping ourselves to coffee and a bun,
Jumping on the puddles and
splashing water,
Was great fun!

Plants were moving to and fro,
Small saplings were in a mood to grow,
Birdies were dancing in the air,
Animals were handling their cubs
with care.

The Rainbow was shining across,
It was so nice to see the ladybirds toss,
Breeze was kissing me on my cheek,
My happiness was on the highest peak.

Suddenly, the Sun came out,
With sudden jerks and bouts.
As it was in a bad state,
What a poor fate?

Then Rain said that His work was done,
And now it was the turn of the Sun,
To shower the place with light,
And to see that, was a wonderful sight.

- Inayat Walia, VIIIIE

(This poem won the third prize in the
Poetry writing competition)

WHOSE SILHOUETTE IS IT ANYWAY?-

Clue- Led a major Environment drive
a few days back.



Ans : Mrs. Monica Singh

OLD YADAVINDRIANS' NEWS

Anchal Verma(ISC:2005) got
married to Mr. Abhinav Sethi
of Chandigarh on 9th July. We,
on behalf of the School
fraternity, wish the newly-
married couple a long and
happy married life.

STAFF NOTES

Mrs. Ashu Saini, Ms. Sunita Kumari, Ms. Ritu Sharma and Ms. Mallika Gupta, an old Yadavindrian and a former Head Girl of the School, have joined the school as new faculty members. Ms. Shashi Sharma has also taken over as the new Matron of Phulkian House. Mr. Amit Kumar, Cricket coach, and Mr. Chajju Singh, Physical Activities Instructor, have also joined the School as regular members of the staff. We wish them a happy, long and fruitful stay in the school.

THE LIST OF TEN

Class VIIN has not one, not two,
not three but as many as ten girls in
the School choir-

- Ragini Singla
- Akansha Goyal
- Amanat
- Ishwarneet
- Kamya
- Navtika
- Parneet
- Parushi
- Puneet
- Saanya



What? 'Class of Crooners', did
someone say??

MUSINGS.....of a wayfarer

As 'Ashadh' marks its presence in mid-June, it heralds the arrival of the Monsoons, the moisture-bearing Trade Winds that are virtually the lifeline of an agriculture-based rural India. The pre-monsoon showers usher in a welcome relief from the scorching summer heat and the dark clouds gathering overhead drench the countryside with the much awaited rains in this rainy season, which is so much an essential part of the Indian environment.

By mid-July, Ashadh has flitted by and 'Sravana' (later followed by 'Bhadra', better known as 'Bhadon'), the month of frolicking, rejoicing and celebrating the joy of living, is at hand: everything has taken on a new hue and vibrant life throbs through Nature. One sees lush greenery every where, and flora and fauna flaunt a fresh look, as if Nature's bath has given all a new lease of life.

'Sravana (or Sawan) and Bhadon as also the months when women young and old, celebrate the Teej Festival, a sort of home coming for the newly married bride, reminding her of her parental home. Paeans of gaiety and songs of joy resound at the gatherings, where

everyone is in a happy mood, dancing and singing with abandon.

But August (Sawan Bhadon) also brings with it excessive humidity, which seems at times to get under one's skin. For those commuting to and from school, it's a trying time to walk or to cycle to school. The four-wheeler is preferred and traffic jams are the order of the day.

The sometimes chaotic scenes at dispersal time could be avoided if car users who come to the school campus to pick up their wards adhered to the golden rule of traffic -- keep to the Left! As the cars exit the main gate after picking up the Junior School students, the movement should be to the Left, towards the roundabout: no car should take a Right Turn at the gate, as then it blocks oncoming traffic. Rather, cars needing to go to the Nalagarh Park Gate should go around the roundabout and then move down past the State Bank to the park gate. This little co-operation from the guardians and / or their drivers who come to pick up their wards will go a long way in smoothening out the flow of traffic in front of the school.



Changing Seasons - The Writer in the Rain

One must also appeal to one and all who use the entry and exit gates be patient, and everyone will get one's turn! Rushing through traffic will gain you at the most a minute or so, but the chaos you create and the risks you run far outweigh any advantage you might have gained. Most importantly, calmness and patience while driving does not lose you anything rather, you build up goodwill.

--Mr. DS



Passion For Painting-



The Hindu festival of 'Janamashtami' was celebrated this month. So, it was very timely to carry this painting on Lord Krishna made by Ridhima, XII Arts, for the newsletter.

MONSOON MAGIC-

It is hard to walk through rain, but then the pleasures are immense.



Sketch by Pulak Goel, VIIE

SNAPSHOT



THE UMBRELLA MEN-

Rain and its devices!!

One of the many August monsoon days!!!

SAT- Classroom training at YPS-

The School, in alliance with Jamboree, Chandigarh, is organizing weekend classes for SAT and TOEFL.

The package includes-

- Approximately 70 hours of classroom coaching
- Approximately 50 hours of testing sessions
- Complimentary training of TOEFL
- Extensive study material
- Counselling session

For any further queries contact
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