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NEWS IN BRIEF

- ☞ The school celebrated its 63rd Foundation Day on Wednesday, 2nd February
- ☞ The school hosted the Community Lunch on the occasion of the Republic Day, 26th January. The lunch has been, traditionally, hosted by the school for the last many years and intends to bring all sections of the school together under one roof.
- ☞ English Poetry –writing competition for classes VI to XII was held on Saturday, 22nd January
- ☞ The class XII Farewell Party was held on Saturday, 5th February.
- ☞ Middle school Poetry Recitation Competition was held on Friday, 3rd February

A LEGACY TO LIVE - THE 63RD SCHOOL FOUNDATION DAY

The school celebrated its 63rd Foundation Day on Wednesday, 2nd February. The programme started at 9am with the customary Pagal Gymkhana games. These games, unusual but extremely frolicsome and funny in nature, have always been an integral part of this day. These included the Banana Race for the Junior school children, Lemon and Spoon race for the Middle School



Say it with Flowers- The Chief Guest being welcomed at the Fete

girls and the Slow cycle Race for Senior boys. Besides this Chatty-breaking for the Old boys and Musical Chairs for the Old girls of the school were also held. The participants took part in all the games enthusiastically. Prizes were distributed soon after the events.

The exciting round of Pagal Gymkhana games was followed by a mini-fete starting at 11 am. The Fete was inaugurated by Col PS Bohra (retired), an old Yadavindrian. The carnival was well attended by a large number of parents, students and old students. A number of stalls put up by the staff and students like Games and food stalls, another for Tattoo-making and, no doubt, a much-in-demand Request stall. A balloon seller, a merry-go-round and a rickshaw ride gave the occasion the colour of a perfect fair.

A cricket match has always been, traditionally, played between the present and the old Yadavindrians. This time, too, it was played with the usual gusto and a feeling of pride.

One noteworthy feature of the day was a spectacular folk dance presentation from Rajasthan by the famous SPICMACAY group. The performance drew enthusiasts in hordes who felt, thoroughly, regaled and entertained. In accordance with a tradition started last year, differently-challenged children from the Amar Ashram School of Deaf and Dumb Children, Patiala, were specially invited to be a part of the programme.

The day rounded off with a lunch hosted for the staff, members of the cricket teams, old Yadavindrians and other guests and dignitaries.

The programme, on the whole, was admired and appreciated by all in attendance.

The result of the cricket match between the present and the old Yadavindrians -

The OYs scored 287 runs in the allotted 25 overs at the loss of 3 wickets and the present students were able to score 225 runs at the loss of 7 wickets. The OYs won by 32 runs.

All Rounder and the Man of the Match- Vikramdit Ghuman; Best Bowler- Vijayveer; Best Batsman- Robin Dhillon and Best Fielder- Karan Kaila

... RARING TO GO -

THE CLASS XII FAREWELL PARTY

Partings are painful! But, then, they are there!

The passing –out batch of Class XII, ISC:2011, was given a farewell by Class XI on Saturday, 5th February.



Two to Tango- Samman and Jaskirat break into a zig after winning their respective titles.

The function was held in the School Boarding house area.

The programme began at 5:30 pm with the outgoing Class XII students arriving in hordes, immaculately dressed for the occasion, to make their last get-together in the school even more memorable. The evening, formally, began with the jam session where the students danced, jubilantly, to the beat of thumping music. This was followed by a sumptuous dinner in the Central Dining Hall. And, then, came the Presentation Ceremony—perhaps, the most important and the most-awaited part of the programme. The students were invited to the dais, even as their achievements were read out. They were given an opportunity to share a few words with the audience and presented with souvenirs by the Principal, Mr. SV Kumar. The well-thought-of souvenirs were in the form of an Old Students' association's (AYOSA) necktie and a group photograph spanning the complete Class XII which had been, specially, taken for the occasion. An impromptu rendition of a song by students came as a pleasant surprise.

The evening drew to a close with the awarding of the following titles-

Mr. YPS- Samman Verma

Miss YPS- Jaskirat Ranu

The Best Dressed Boy- Apaar Mast

The Best Dressed Girl- Aastha Verma

Mr. Congenial- Harsimran Singh Bhullar

Miss Congenial- Parleen Kaleka

All good things come to an end. But then ,let's hope they give way to better! We wish Class Twelve All the best for their examination and for their life ahead.

For these days will haunt you later,we close this section with these WONDERFUL lines by Thomas Moore (keep these for those later years)-

" Oft in the stilly night

Ere slumber's chain has bound me

Fond memory brings the light

Of those other days around me

Of smiles and tears

Of boyhood years,

The words of love then spoken

The eyes that shone,

Now dimmed and gone

The cheerful hearts now broken "

THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS -

THE INTER-HOUSE MIME COMPETITION

Silence ,sometimes can be louder than words.

The truth of the statement was amply proved at the Inter-house Mime competition held on Wednesday,9th February ,in the Junior school amphi-theatre.

The evening started with Dhaniram House putting up their performance. Their mime ,effectively, expounded the issue of terrorism which is one of the gravest menaces of our present-day world. The act was about a group of people who are incited into communal violence by a politician and are ,finally , brought back to senses by the timely arrival of the apostle of peace,Mahatma Gandhi ,who soothes their frayed nerves and troubled minds with his message of peace and brotherhood.

The next were the Mohindrians to perform. Their act revolved around the ever-relevant theme of victory of good over evil.The performance was woven around a story where a God-sent angel comes , fights and wins over the devil for truth to prevail in the world.

Last, but not the least, were the Phulkian House to put up their performance.The mime was based on the theme of the human soul's continual search for new things and facts. The human soul doesn't get bogged down by the

daily ablutions and keeps going on with its quest. It,always ,strives to move out to unite and become one with the Almighty.

All the three performances were splendid and ,thoroughly, enjoyed and appreciated by the audience.

TEN most often used words/phrases in the school-

- ? Please,open your books
- ? Good Morning Sir/Ma'am(as the case may be)
- ? Be quiet!!!
- ? School Disperse!
- ? May I come in ?
- ? Has the bell rung?
- ? What period is going on?
- ? Work hard!
- ? Can do better (a permanent fixture on report cards)
- ? Tiny tots(can we have some other phrase now, please?)

CAMPUS NEWS

- School students participated in the All India Camlin Colouring Contest held from 5th to 7th December.The results were as follows-
 - Middle section-I-Pulak,VI;II-Simran; III-Palak,VI;IV-Vibhuti-VII
 - Senior section-I-Antarjot-VIII;II-Riya Singla,X;Nehamat-IX;Karandeep-X
 - Consolation prizes-Simran,IX, and Akshita,VIII
- Six students of the school participated in the British Council Know UK Quiz held at the Art Museum at Chandigarh on Saturday, 5th February.The students were-Ayush Puri, Shubham Mittal, Raja Bhan Singh, Manikpreet ,Rishav Bindal and Vanshaj Goel-all from Class XII. They were divided into three teams and the team comprising Shubham and Ayush reached the final and over-all they stood fourth in the competition and ,thus, in the entire North region (excluding Delhi-NCR).

SPORTS NEWS

- The IPSC Tennis team participated in the 56th National School Games 2010-2011 held at Pune from 8th to 12th January, 2011.
The following students of the school represented the IPSC team in the Girls' under 14 category-Puneesha Singla and Jessica, IXE
- Result of the cricket match between the staff of YPS and Punjab Public School, Nabha, on Sunday, 30th January-
Batting first, YPS Staff scored 175 runs for the loss of 4 wickets in the allotted 20 overs. Mr. Amit scored 72 runs, Mr. Dinesh Thapliyal 34 and Mr. Parminder 25 runs.
In reply, PPS Staff were all out for 132 runs in 17.3 overs. For YPS, Mr. Rajiv took 3 wickets, Mr. Amit and Mr. Ramneek 2 each and Mr. Anil Bajaj 1 wicket. YPS Staff won the match by 43 runs.
- The National Track Cycling Championship was held at Punjabi University from 1st to 6th February. **Jashanjit Kaur, XE, won the following medals-**
 - Gold Medal in Individual Pursuit (Girls U-17)
 - Silver Medal in Time Trial (Girls U-15)

..... THEY ARE THE CHAMPIONS

The month of December proved to be a remarkable one as two of our students emerged National champions in two different games.

Dhamanpreet Singh Bhuttar, XII Arts, fetched a gold in the Super Heavy Weight category of boxing in the SGFI Nationals and Sikanderjeet, XI Arts, won a gold in Discus Throw in the Open Nationals held at Bangalore from 1st to 4th December.

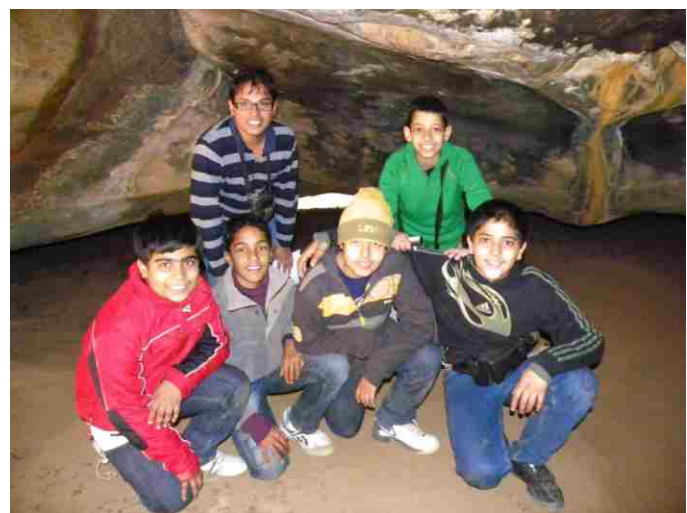
We congratulate Dhamanpreet and Sikanderjeet at this remarkable success and wish them even greater successes in the future. They have, certainly, done the school proud.



..... ATTENDING THE ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE

During the winter vacation this year, in January, along with four other school students, Inderpal Dhillon, Sehaj Chauhan, Parth Vats and Naman Singla -I had the privilege of attending the Round Square conference held at Daly College, Indore, from 7th to 9th January. We were escorted by Mr. Pervez Job.

The theme of the conference this time was-' Can Schools Make a Difference in Reducing Environmental



.... At Bhimbetika near Bhopal

Pollution?' Fourteen schools were attending the conference including schools from Dubai, Thailand, Singapore and Armenia. The students were expected to prepare their presentations on the topic beforehand. Our school team prepared a thought-provoking speech and a power-point presentation on the numerous measures ought to be taken for protecting Earth from the menace of environmental degradation. A group song ' Give me Some Sunshine....' presented by us (with me playing the guitar) also impressed the audience there.

On the final day of our stay, we were given participation certificates and mementos which was followed by a group photograph and then the Principal's dinner. The next day, along with four other schools, we set forth on a journey to Bhopal where we visited the Sanchi Stupa and a historic site where early man

dwelled, excavated by the Archeological Survey of India. On the whole the tour proved to be a rich and enthralling experience.

Uday KP Singh, VIIO

WORKSHOPS DURING THE MONTH

- **The session opened with a two day workshop for the school staff held on Wednesday,12th ,and Thursday,13th January. The workshop was held by Edurite,a company based in Bangalore.producing education softwares for schools all across India.**

The workshop was held separately for the Senior and the Junior school teachers, during which the staff were apprised on the usage of inter-active boards installed in classes last year.The programme was divided into theory and practical sessions to give a better understanding and knowledge to the staff of the boards.The workshop proved to be highly interesting, beneficial and enlightening for the staff.

- **With a view to promote higher education in the USA,Ms. Kanika Chaudhary, Honorary Ambassador of Philadelphia, paid a visit to our school on Tuesday,18th**



January. She had an active inter-action with the senior classes and discussion on the universities of Philadelphia, particularly the Drexel University.

Established in 1891, the Drexel University boasts of a high reputation earned over a hundred years. Philadelphia is better known as an education hub of USA situated between New York and Washington DC. Ms. Kanika told the students about the wide variety of major

courses(over seventy) which are taught at Drexel University. She said," Philadelphia and its region has 101 universities and colleges. We have special departments and courses in Hindi, Sanskrit, Gurmukhi, Indian Classical music, dance, art, culture and yoga."

Later, another seminar was held on Thursday,20th January, at Chandigarh where the Principal and students were invited.

- Srishti Bhatia, XII Commerce

- **A two day Teacher training workshop for English Language was conducted on Friday,21st ,and Saturday,22nd January at the English Language Laboratory.** In this workshop ,organized, specifically, for the English faculty, teachers were given an orientation to the newly-opened English Language Laboratory . Teachers were given a hand-on experience of the software to enhance spoken English skills of the students. The workshop concluded with the hope of putting the new technology to the best use.

This year was one of those rare occasions when the school re-opened on a Friday, and not TUESDAY, as the wont is, after the winter vacation. Traditionally, the school has always,as a practice, re-opened on a TUESDAY. For whatever reason!

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL -

The celebrations began with the patriotic song,'Mere Desh Ki Dharti,' by the Junior school choir.Kanav and Bhanjot spoke about the relevance of the Republic Day. Girls wearing tri-coloured 'duppattas' clad in white suits danced with vigour and enthusiasm to the tune of the National Song 'Vande Matram's re-mix prepared by Mrs. Mamata Yadav. Another dance based on the 'Vande Matram' version by the famous singer, Lata Mangeshkar, was also performed by a second troupe of dancers trained by Ms.Monisha Sharma. The celebrations ended with the children, enthusiastically, singing the National Anthem.

WORDSMITHS -

REPUBLIC DAY: TRANSITION OF INDIA FROM BEING A BRITISH DOMINION TO A REPUBLIC

The Republic Day of India commemorates the date on which the Constitution of India came into force replacing the Government of India Act of 1935. The date, 26th January, was chosen to honour the memory of the declaration of independence of 1930.

Although India obtained its independence on 15th August, 1947, it did not yet have a permanent Constitution. On 28th August, 1947, a Drafting Committee was appointed to draft a permanent Constitution with Baba Bhimrao Ambedkar as its Chairman. A draft Constitution was prepared by the Committee and submitted to the Assembly on 4th November, 1947. The Assembly met in sessions open to the public for 166 days over a span of two years, eleven months and eighteen days before adopting the Constitution. Three hundred and eight members of the Assembly signed two handwritten copies of the Document, one each in Hindi and English on the 24th January, 1950. Two days later, the Constitution became the law of all Indian lands. Its distinguished feature is that it is a flexible federation. It also enshrines the traditional concepts of liberty, equality, fraternity and social, economic and political justice, declaring our nation a **Sovereign Democratic Republic**.

The spirit behind the Republic Day celebrations is to make us feel proud of our culture, languages, traditions, religions.....all of which make India such a wonderful nation! It is this spirit that turns the celebrations all the more interesting. The Republic Day Parade takes place at Rajpath, in the National Capital, New Delhi, where the President views the Parade. State capitals also have their state celebrations. The guest of Honour for the Republic Day celebrations at New Delhi this year was the President of Indonesia, Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

Pandit Nehru's famous words, "At the stroke of the

midnight hour...." on the eve of Independence were a "Tryst with Destiny". The Republic Day reminds us of the importance of these words. It is a people's day and definitely a holiday with a difference. All of us celebrate 'WE THE PEOPLE' from being subjects of an Empire to becoming citizens of a free country.

The day our country became a Republic, the national emblem was also announced- Satyameva Jayathe was chosen as the National motto.

The idea of Republic has been taken from a book named 'Republica' by the Greek Philosopher, Plato, in which he describes an ideal state, ruled by the people. Every single citizen got the right to vote, making our country the largest democracy in the world. On the first Republic Day, Pandit Nehru told his countrymen,

"We are fortunate to witness the emergence of the Republic of India and our successors may well envy us this day: but fortune is a hostage which has to be guarded by our own good works and which has a tendency to slip away if we slacken our efforts."

Tavleen Sekhon, XII Arts

SHOULD LETTER-WRITING BE REPLACED BY E-MAILS IN SCHOOL SYLLABI

In the fast modernizing world, many old traditions are being replaced by new ones. An important instance of this is the letter-writing. People have stopped writing letters and the use of e-mails is fast increasing. Earlier, people would convey their emotions and ideas through letters. This improved their language and vocabulary. It also enhanced their skill of writing, speaking and imagination.

It is noticed that in e-mails, people use typos. This is a method which shortens your words. For example, "How are you?" becomes, "How R U?". This is an insult to the English, or for that matter, any language because words and phrases are in themselves an art. However, e-mail, too, has its advantages. Letters take weeks and, in some cases, months, to reach the correspondent whereas e-mails take minutes. Also, with e-mails, you can send music and pictures to express yourself properly. Supposing, we have a bad handwriting, our letters would be, in such case, illegible, while they could be easily read through e-mail.

I conclude by saying that both e-mails and letters have their own advantages and disadvantages, and which of the two should be in school syllabi? Well, I leave it to you to decide!

Dhannasika, IXP

POET'S CORNER

MEMORIES OF LIFE

Memories are treasures time cannot destroy
The happy pathways of yesterday's joy
For memories of everything shared and faced
Are engraved in the heart ,cannot be erased

This is the time spent with the friends
Which we remember ,every now and then
Some of them will become very special
And without them life 'll be a hollow vessel
Somethings said and some things heard
And answered some questions, without a word
Together we laugh and together we cry
Together we abandon, together we try
Sometimes bitter and sometimes sweet
The relation among friends may never go weak
Friends are the jewels very rare
Who can share everything of heart bare
Come what may, any trouble you face
They will stand by you in life's race
They are the ones who are true to you
And they are the ones who care for you
Don't lose them, about the world you don't care
As someone special they are-someone rare!

Kritika Dhawan, XII Arts
(on the verge of passing out)

PREP SCHOOL-A VISIT TO CATTLE BREEDING FARM

Come December, and it was time for the tiny tots to bid adieu to the Prep school. To make it special, a trip to a Cattle breeding farm was organized.



Five cattle sheds of cows of various breeds and the milking process was a new experience for the children. They played with the young calves and were also allowed to feed green fodder to them.

For the tiny tots it was a place to sing, 'Old Mcdonald Had Many Cows' .While playing there ,they ,suddenly, learnt that animals also do not like noisy children!Their continuous 'Moos' was an indication for us that they were not used to the screams and shouts of the fun-loving Prep school children.

No doubt, the kids loved the place whole-heartedly.

Mrs. Sarabjit Kaur

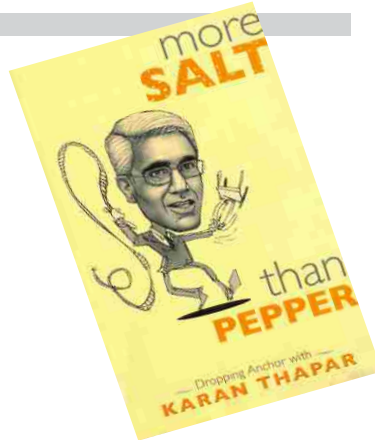
Overheard a class XI student saying, 'This Shakespeare will spoil our English'.

A great playwright, notwithstanding, Shakespeare wrote in old English which has now become obsolete. So, does that mean the relevance of all his brilliant texts is lost? And, does that mean his works should be replaced by more contemporary writings. Well, for one, the editors feel NO, NOT.....NEVER!

BOOK REVIEW-

'More Salt Than Pepper'-Karan Thapar

This compendium of some light- hearted pieces which the author had written for a newspaper(as a Sunday column) and priced at a beastly rupees three hundred and ninety despite its sparse content seeks immediate attention for its fun, humour and sharpness.



The write-ups range from the author's inability to reconcile at being addressed as "Sir" and 'Uncle'(and worse' Sirji' and 'Uncleji'), to his getting all the wrong telephone calls, and still insisting on talking(just not to waste a telephone call) , a fake invitation from the British royalty, Buckingham Palace ,and then move on to his take on conflicting arguments on the Operation Bluestar ,his sudden meeting with Jeffrey Archer(though he failed to recognize the famous author, much embarrassing his ego), his love for London, despair over Afganistan and his dismay at the changing face of Mumbai, his reminiscences of his alma mater, Doon School, his fascination for the newspaper, 'The Hindu' (which he admires for its cosmopolitan nature), his near skirmish with Jayalalitha during an interview and, finally, his candid views on his own profession, journalism- all form a part of this carefully chosen and curiously made selection.

Fine print, well-spaced-out words make for an interesting reading. Go ,make a grab!(And yes, you can forgive the occasional narcissistic undertones and the author's 'I-me- Myself' approach, at times)

(The book is available in the school library)

WE'VE GOT MAIL

? "Dear Sir,
I am an old student of Aitchison College, Lahore.
I have a group photograph of students and staff of

Aitchison College of 1946 which I would like to present to the school.

This is, perhaps, the only group photograph available in India and when I went to Pakistan in 1986 for the Centenary celebration of Aitchison College, I did not find a copy of this photograph since they had removed all group photographs prior to 1947.

I hope you will be kind enough to give me some time so that I can visit you to discuss the presentation of the photograph with you. It will be another link for YPS with Aitchison College, Lahore

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,

Lt Col (retd.) Sardar Karamjit Singh Kalha"

? "Leaving past the memories in the walls and boundaries of YPS, life has moved on for all of us. For me, it has moved to Les Roches, the international school of hotel management. A School which ranks third best among world hospitality schools, situated in southern Switzerland in Valais. Here I have been taught that sky is the limit and stairs of success are hard to climb, but not impossible. As I climb this staircase, I have with me the strongest support of my parents and confidence of my teachers. Les Roches is a way of life, it teaches me each way of being hospitable, it is making me a perfectionist in this global industry and I am happy that I am being transformed into one. From the way of living which I learnt at YPS to the way of achieving success, which I am learning here, the biggest contribution is of my teachers, who have transformed me into what I am today. I feel thankful that I have got the opportunity to study at Les Roches and I am putting in my best efforts to become the best here, because it gives me the opportunity to learn and grow in global environment. It requires hard work, concentration, dedication, physical strength, mental peace and anticipation. Some of these qualities are already in me, while I am building up the others. What I have, specifically, learnt here is to be punctual and welcoming. Thanks to YPS which transformed me into what I am today!

Thanking you,

Jaslanika Bhatia (ISC:2010) "

MUSINGS of a way farer

One's personality and character are moulded in the years one spends growing up in a school. The influence of one's mentors and peers is too deep to be not given due place in a person's growth.

Amongst educational institutions, perhaps public schools play the most significant part. Society's captains and leaders et al have invariably been alumni of reputed places of learning. After all, childhood is the period of development, and what you gain as a child lasts a life time.

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The public school ambience constitutes various components, which together make up the ideal learning conditions. Most prominent is the house system, where one learns the worth of loyalty and discipline. Here it is the Housemaster who shapes your personality. The regimen instills perfection in one's actions and one strives to reach the stars.

But another, lesser known, yet most profound influence also plays a part: it is the **House mother** or **House matron**, who endeavours to provide the boarder the comforts of a cozy home (minus one's natural parents) and looks after the well being and good health of the inmates. One could safely assert that her influence on the young, growing mind is no less and leaves a far deeper impression on the minds of the citizens of tomorrow.

As we look back on our days as precocious youngsters, we should salute these foster - mothers who nurtured us through the years of stumbling into adulthood. It is they who had given us the attention and affection that our temporarily absent parents were unable to provide us.

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This piece would be incomplete if one did not mention the late **Mrs. Inderjit Kaur**, legendary **Housematron** of

'Dhani Ram House' and one who left an indelible impression on Yadavindrians of the 50s and 60s. Of aristocratic lineage, she served at YPS for fifteen years, leaving in Dec.1970. **Mrs. Inderjit Kaur**



succeeded **Mrs. J.Dawson** who, Mrs. Inderjit Kaur incidentally, had been her governess at Klasswala village in Sialkot district (now in Pakistan), where her family originally belonged to. Mother-in – law of **Mr. Ajit Singh Jawanda** (OY and former Principal of YPS), she is survived by her daughters, **Mrs. Simrat Jawanda** and **Mrs. Tripat Sandhu**. She passed away after a prolonged illness on 19th Dec.2010 at the age of 88.

While writing this obituary reference, this writer feels obliged to pay homage to this splendid personage and others of her ilk, who have played the most important role in shaping the future of countless students who have grown in their hands.

- D.S.

STAFF NEWS

Mr. JS Sidhu, Mr. CS Rathore, Mrs. PD Singh, Mrs. Harbans Kaur and **Mrs. Sarabpal Dhillon** retired after putting in a lot many years of dedicated service to the school. We wish them a very peaceful and healthy retired life ahead. At the same time **Mrs Parampreet, Mr. Iqbal Singh, Ms. Ritu Sharma, Mrs. Maninder Kaur, Mrs. Anjum Verma and Ms. Avneet Tiwana** (an old student of ISC: 1996 batch) are new faculty members who have joined the school. We wish them a happy and fruitful stay in the school.

WHOSE SILHOUETTE IS IT, ANYWAY?

We continue with the feature started last month. Can you identify whose silhouette is this, anyway? Someone with something to do with sports



Ans: Mr. BB Duggal

NATURE'S DIARY - Mrs. Mimi Rani Bajpai



WHY SKETCH?... Not even a single crow could be found on the campus to be captured on camera. Well, unfortunately, Crows is just another species of birds whose number is on a decline. Culprit? The extensive use of pesticides is bringing about a decrease in the crow population. And, believe it, our city is one of the worst infested with the problem.

TRIVIA-The Indian House Crow, *Corvus splendens*, is centered in India. A remarkably intelligent bird, it is known to have a long association with humans in mythologies-Greek, Indian and in the tales of Aesop's Fables.

The above sketch is by Amrita Kang, XO

FOUR WAYS OF LOOKING AT a New Year

- It is new year!
- A new beginning :this new year marks the beginning of a whole new decade of prosperity
- New opportunities:a new year is considered the best time to start a new venture and (of course) a new class for us.
- Countdown to Doomsday: According to Nostradamus, the world is going to end next year and it is time to start counting our days

WRITE AND WRONG-HOWLERS

- After breakfast, my mother slept and my grandma started smashing the clothes
- The Fire Brigade came and washed away the fire
- The bulldozer cut the house into pieces
- The poem overthrows light on the misery and suffering of the people.
- Nowadays, girls are more front than boys in all fields

FACT FILE

- Do you know why most school buses are yellow?
- School buses are a special 'School bus yellow' prescribed by the government to these buses because yellow is the brightest colour and easily visible from a distance.

FAUX PAS

· You Need a New Year to Make a Resolution

A WHOLE NEW WORD

Pandemonium-confusion,chaos-Pandemonium broke out in the country in the absence of a rule

SUBJECT MATTER

The subject that always takes the cake- HOME SCIENCE

CORRIGENDUM

In the column, 'We've Got Mail' in the December issue of YPS Times ,the words 'superceded' and 'Commander' were misprinted as 'Suspended' and 'Commodore',respectively, in context with a letter from Wing Commander(retd.) KS Jayjee. We regret the errors.

OBITUARIES

A MAN OF MANY COLOURS

Some people ,forever ,remain alive in your memory. **Mr. Manmeet Singh**, former Fine Arts teacher of the school, who passed away in the first week of December ,last year,was one such person.Mr. Manmeet Singh retired in December ,2003, after spending almost twenty eight long years in the school, having joined in 1975.



Known for his passion and dedication towards his work, Mr. Manmeet Singh was , actively, involved in a various other fields,too,including,significantly, remaining a member of the Rotary club and,later, its president.Not surprisingly, he remained thoroughly alive to social and environmental concerns, a living proof of which are a few trees planted by him which, still, adorn the school campus.

Fun-loving ,gregarious and full of life, Mr. Manmeet Singh didn't lose touch with the school even after his retirement. The Editorial Board,here, have a personal experience to share for he ,regularly, kept a track of the school activities through its Newsletter and insisted on getting a copy of it every month(and ,more often than not, gave a feedback,too).His visits to the school continued till a few years back when he,suddenly, stopped coming. And, then,finally, one got to hear about his demise last month.

The Editorial board,on behalf of the school fraternity,extends its heart-felt condolences to the bereaved family in this hour of grief. May Sir's soul rest in peace!

DIAMONDS...ARE FOREVER

It was with deep regret that we learnt of the sudden and untimely demise of one of our illustrious old students, **Dr. Karan Sher Sidhu (ICSE:2001)** on 2nd February, 2011.

Karan was the only son of Mr. Preetinder Singh Sidhu, himself an old



Yadavindrian of the ICSE:1977 batch. Karan Sher secured 92% in his class X ICSE Examination and, later, went on to complete his graduation in Medicine (MBSS) from Government College, Amritsar, in December, 2008. He was adjudged the Best Graduate of his batch. At present, he was working as Medical officer in Punjab Civil Medical Services at Mansa.

Karan was awarded a Roll of Honour for being the most dedicated young doctor of the district on the occasion of the Republic Day, 26th January, 2011.

Karan will always be remembered and missed by the school fraternity. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray for Karan's soul to rest in peace!

gratitude. Here, I would like to salute and appreciate the parents who brought up their son with such rich values. People, to say, are of two kinds- some preach their virtues and a few express their lives through what they do.

And he was the kind I would like to be!

TRIBUTE FROM 'HIS FIRST MA'AM'-

Mrs. Sangita Malik remembers Karan Sher ...

"Let us so live that

When we come to die

Even the Undertaker will be sorry"

-Mark Twain

Karansher Sidhu ,ICSE:2001,lived by this dictum. An epitome of all that was flawless and infallible, Karan was prim and proper, obedient and diligent in every sense of the words.A very well- behaved boy to the core.....

And that sparkle that reflected innocence in his eyes remains imprinted in our hearts forever.

One incident comes to my mind as I think of Karan Sher. It was one day that I reached home and,to my surprise, saw a packet lying on my table with a heart-warming message— ' To my First Ma'am'.The packet was from Karan Sher to share with me the joy of his having got admission into the Medical College at Amritsar. It was ,indeed, very touching for a teacher who had taught a boy thirteen years ago,still remember her with fondness and

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for the School Annual Academic Day

That counts success every,

And this comes with all the rewards and revelry

Towards the end ... of this February!