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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Phulkian House, Mohindra House and Dhaniram House Nights were held on Saturday 3rd, Wednesday 14th and Saturday 24th September, respectively.

The Teachers' Day celebrations were held on Monday 5th September

A Parent- Teacher meeting was held on Friday, 9th September

The Principal's Cup (Swimming) was held on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th September, and the Inter-House Swimming competition was held from Friday 16th, to Thursday 22nd September.

The Principal's Cup Cross Country Race was run on Sunday, 18th September

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STARRY NIGHTS, HOUSE NIGHTS-

The month of September witnessed the three jam-packed House nights with each House trying to surpass the benchmark set by the other.

The judges were for all three House Nights were Mrs. Amrit Rawel, Head, Junior School, Mrs. Helen Kumar, Co-ordinator, School Resource Centre, and Mr. CS Rathore, former staff member of the School (except the Dhaniram House night where Mr. Diljit Singh, School Dean, judged in lieu).

THE PHULKIAN HOUSE NIGHT- Saturday, 3rd September

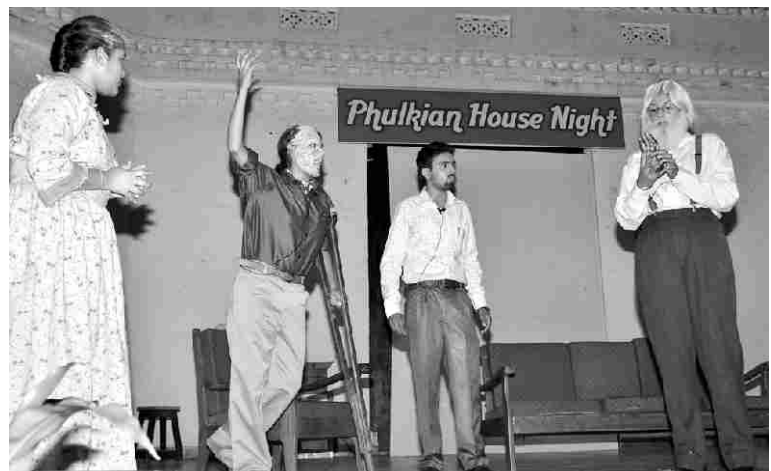
The Phulkian House were the first to present their night on 3rd September. The Chief Guest for the evening was Col Bhuvanesh Sharma, an alumnus of the School and, presently, Director, Sushila Devi Public School, Patiala. The show began with the House song followed by the English play, 'The Monkey's Paw' (the theme for English plays, this time, was horror), which left everyone getting goose-bumps. Next in line, was the Punjabi skit, highlighting some social evils prevalent in our society. The contemporary fusion dance, after this, left everyone mesmerized and asking for more!! The soulful musical fillers left a remarkable impact. The House night also included a Bengali folk dance and, the very obvious, the foot-

stomping 'Bhangra'. The night ended with everyone having a gala time at the jam session and the dinner thereafter.

THE MOHINDRA HOUSE NIGHT- Wednesday, 14th September

Following the Phulkian House Night was the Mohindra house Night on Wednesday, 14th September. The Chief Guest for the evening was Mr. Manpal Tiwana, old Yadavindrian and a well-known theatre personality.

The programme, opened with the House song followed by the English play, "The Promise" which left the audience amazed... and horrified. Next was a Punjabi skit showcasing the nuances of school life, while at the same time teaching the lesson of valuing time. Scintillating singing and dance performances were in continuation with a Rajasthani folk dance performance and the exuberant 'Jindwa'. Mohindrians enjoyed themselves by dancing, too, prior to a sumptuous dinner.



...Rise of the Occult- Phulkian House's play, 'The Monkey's Paw'

**THE DHANIRAM HOUSE NIGHT-
Saturday, 24th September**

The last in the series was the Dhaniram House night held on Saturday, 24th September. The Chief Guest was Col Ravi Singh Brar, an old student of the School. Another prominent old Yadavindrian, Lt Col JS Bakshi was the Guest of Honour for the occasion.

The night started with the English play, 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare, presented in the form of a musical. The Punjabi skit presented revolved around the theme of corruption and, vividly, brought out the present state of affairs of our country. Among the dance performances were 'Lavani', the folk dance of the state of Maharashtra, a contemporary dance performance and, of course, the vibrant 'Bhangra',



Middle School girls enthral with a dance performance

our very own folk dance.

The evening rounded off with a sumptuous dinner.

- Seerat Brar, XII Arts

RESULTS

Best Play-

- I- 'Macbeth'(DRH)
- II-'The Monkey's Paw'(PH)
- III-'The Promise'(MH)

Best Actor-

- I-Manikpreet Singh (DRH)
Sumeet Rathore(PH)
- II-Ravneet Kaur (DRH)
- III-Mannat Sidhu(PH)

Best Dance (Folk/Classical)-

- I-Rajasthani Dance(MH)
- II-Bengali Dance(PH)
- III-Lavani(DRH)

Best Dance (Any other form)-

- I-Fusion Dance(MH)
- II-B-Boys Hiphop(DRH)
- III-Fusion Dance(PH)

Best Filler-

- I-Patiala Rap (Yuvraj and Alam-DRH)
- II-Duet-(Komal and Sukhmani-PH)
- III-Prabhjot(MH), Azam (PH) and Ayush (DRH)

Best Skit-

- I-'Waqt Di Kadar'(MH)
- II-'15th August' (DRH)
- III-'Pagal Khana Banam Mera Bharat Mahaan'(PH)

Most Enjoyable Night-

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| I-DRH | II-PH | III-MH |
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IS IT A CO-INCIDENCE?

Is it a mere c-idence or nature's planned way that it, always, rains when the School is holding its Principal's Cup and inter-house Swimming competitions. One remembers heavy downpours, winds wheezing and, sometimes, even tents turning turtle, most of the years when the competition was being held.

One also remembers, the dark evening and the IPSC Swimming Meet being hosted by the School at NSNIS, exactly three years back, when the fury of nature was unmatchable. Should we call it a double whammy, a double delight, or a perfect case of water, water, water everywhere!!

'TIMES' GONE BY...

(From School Newsletter archives)
September, 1987

(Feedback from parents after the maiden Parent- teacher meeting in the School)-

“Very good idea, meeting the teachers and all, but the timing should be earlier in the morning. That way we won't have to miss a day at the office - Mr. RK Bansal
It will enable parents to know the progress of the children , for otherwise children don't tell anything - Mr. Shalinder Bhalla
Can't say anything. I am still experimenting with this whole idea- Mrs. Rajbirinder”

It was wonderful exchanging views with the teachers about the boys. The teachers were so courteous and open that I didn't even feel that it was a parent- teacher meeting
-Mr. Manjit Bharadwaj”



WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS HELD DURING THE MONTH-

RADIO DRAMA AND JOCKEYING -

has taken a new turn since the advent of the FM Radio. Better sound quality and variety has taken over the music player in our homes and cars alike. The School organized a preliminary workshop to apprise the students on different facets of



this skill. It was followed by voice -testing and selection of some of the students for an advanced three- day workshop on Drama script- writing and production. This will be a part of an inter-school drama competition across north region.

THE CAREER COUNSELLING WORKSHOP -

Future ahoy!- what two sessions of career counselling can do for you...

Being in Class ten, maintaining the precarious balance between the present and the future is like walking on the tight rope- you have to carefully tread in the middle and not let



either side get the upper hand. Being a teen who isn't yet sure of what to expect of life, relief came in the form of the Career Counselling workshop.

With winning charm and exceeding friendliness, the Resource people guided us through different careers we might choose for ourselves- some which we had heard of and others that took us by surprise. But in the end, the message became clear as crystal- ' Do what you love, and make money out of it '

Thank you, sirs and madams, it was a wonderful treat listening to someone who wants us to listen to ourselves...

-Jashanjit, XE

BREAKING BARRIERS- EXCHANGE PROGRAMME TO JAPAN

Chahat Sharma and Sanna ,XI, are currently attending an Exchange programme in Japan under the auspices of YFU (Youth for Understanding), an organization that arranges and conducts exchange programmes to improve understanding and promote acceptance of different cultures.

Chahat and Sanna write to the Principal about their experiences in a strange, but friendly, country. Excerpts from their e-mails-

• "Sir,

My Area Representative says it may take some weeks but... she will try her best to find a suitable family. Till that time me and my host family are having a nice time together and are happy to be with each other. Today we had a big typhoon in this area, but everyone is fine... My school here is going to have a Fest tomorrow. Well, it is very different from what we have but, at the same time, is very nice. Thank you very much for your wishes.

Yours sincerely,
Chahat

• Respected Sir,

How are you? Hope everything is fine. I just wanted to thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity. Japan is a very nice place and people are also very kind and good. I have joined Minato Sogoh High School here. It is a good school and, here, I have joined club activities, too. I have started learning Japanese and am enjoying it

I am, gradually, becoming familiar with their culture as well. My host family is very sweet and we have adjusted well with each other. I have been telling my friends and others about my great school and country! Many people here want to visit India and know more about its culture.

Sir, we will be in contact. Please pay my warm regards to Sangeeta ma'am and all the teachers. I miss YPS a lot.

Yours sincerely,
Sanna"

FRANKLY SPEAKING-

Jara Gerrits from Netherlands is also, presently, attending an exchange programme in the School under the aegis of YFU (Youth for Understanding), studying in class XI. We conducted a short interview with her-

Q. What is the duration of your stay in India?

A. I am going to be here for nine months. I came in July and will leave in March, next year.

Q. What do you have to say about our country and our School?

A. YPS is a big school and here there is a lot to do besides studying. Students and staff are, generally, helpful and willing to help.

Q. We saw you participating in and doing the ethnic, 'Bhangra' on the Teachers' Day, last month. How well have you taken to the Indian, and in particular, the Punjabi culture?

A. The culture of this country, though, very different from our country, is rich and enjoyable. And this is one reason I came. I, especially, like the food here!

Q. What features of your country would you like to incorporate here and vice versa?

A. I would like to see India a little more developed in all aspects. Similarly, I would like to see some variety of India's culture and people being a part of Holland.

Q. What do you hope to take away at the completion of your stay?

A. I hope to take away a number of good and pleasant experiences and many unforgettable memories.



SPORTS NEWS

FENCING CHAMPIONSHIP

• Jasserat, XO, participated in the Open State and Nationals Fencing championship in the U-17 category and won a gold and a bronze medal, respectively. She won two gold medals in the School state, too.



• Ishtkeerat Singh, VI N, also participated in the National, Open State and School state championships in the U-14 category. He won a gold in the former and two gold medals in the latter.

SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP

School shooters participated in the Punjab State Inter School Competition held at SAS Shooting range, Mohali, on 3rd and 4th September. The results were-

- Ekambir Singh- scored 580/600 points and won a gold medal in the ISSF category.
- Achal Pratap Singh- scored 551 /600 points and won a bronze medal in the ISSF category
- Sukhbir Singh Harika- scored 366/400 points and secured a gold medal in the NR category.

SWIMMING COMPETITION

School swimmers participated in the Patiala District Swimming Championship held at MLKM Swimming pool, Patiala, on 18th August. The results are as follows-

- Rajabhan Singh- 1st in 50m and 100m Free style
- Pritampal Singh-1st in 50m Breast stroke
- Nitashinder Kaur - IIInd in 100m and IIIrd in 50m Breast stroke
- Karan Brar- IIInd in 100m Free style
- Shazad Jeji - ISt in 100m Free style and IIIrd in 50m Breast stroke
- Gurleen Kaur- IIInd in 50m Back stroke and 50m Free style and IIIrd in 50m Back stroke
- Saleena-IIIrd in 100m Breast stroke

- Vibhuti Syal- ISt in 200m Back stroke
- Karan Garg- ISt in 50m and 100m Back stroke and IIInd in 50m Butterfly
- Aakansha Bajaj- IIIrd in 50 Butterfly
- Jasmine Sohi- ISt in 100m, 200m and 400m Free style
- Aayushi Saluja- ISt in 50m Free style and 50m Back stroke and IIInd in 100m Free style
- Sohinoor Jeji- IIIrd in 50m and 100m Breast stroke
- Hiralpreet Kaur-IIIrd in 100m Free style
- Harrai Singh-IIIrd in 50m Breast stroke

School swimmers also participated in the Punjab School Swimming championship held at Jalandhar from 9th to 11th September. The results were as follows-

- Rajabhan Singh-ISt in 50m Free style
- Nitashinder Kaur-IIInd in 200m Breast stroke
- Jasmine Sohi-ISt in 100m,200m and 400m Free style and 4x100m Medley relay
- Saleena Dhaliwal- IIInd in 200m and 400m Free style and in 4x100m Free style
- Vibhuti Syal-ISt in 100m and 200m Back stroke and 200m Individual medley and IIInd in 4x100m Medley relay
- Akansha Bajaj-IIInd in 200m Butterfly and IIIrd in 100m Butterfly
- Aayushi Saluja- IIInd in 50m Back stroke and IIIrd in 50m Free style

ROLLER SKATING

Akshit Saini, XP, and Sifatjot Singh, VIII E, participated in the Open District and the School District Roller Skating Championship. In the Open District, Akshit won three silver medals in the Races and one silver medal in the Roller hockey. Sifatjot won two silver and one bronze medal in the Races while a gold in the Roller hockey.

In the School District, Akshit won two gold medals in the Races while Sifatjot won one gold and one silver in their respective age groups

ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT

The School Athletic team participated in the Open District Athletic Meet held at Buddha Dal Complex, Patiala. The results were-

- Sikanderjeet Singh , XII Arts ISt in Discus Throw
- Seerat Brar, XII Arts ISt in Discus Throw and IIInd in Shot Put
- Vireet Randhawa, XN, ISt in Discus Throw and Shot Put
- Khushveen Sidhu,XN IIInd in 100m and 200m races
- Khushbeen, VIN- ISt in 100m and 200m races and in Long Jump
- Arsh Bansal, XI Science IIInd in Triple Jump and IIIrd in Long Jump
- Gurjeet Randhwa-ISt in 5km Walk and IIInd in 800m and 1500m races
- Navraj Brar-IIIrd in Long Jump
- Nihal Virk, VIII O-IIIrd in 400m race

SOCCER MATCHES

The School Soccer team participated in Soccer tournament held at and hosted by Mayo College, Ajmer, from 10th to 14th September. They won one match against Scindia School, Gwalior, but lost two to Sherwood College, Nainital, and Mayo College.

The School Soccer team played a match against Yadavindra Public School, Mohali, on Sunday, 21st August. The School team won . The score was 5-0. Devender scored 2 goals and Ashish John 1 goal. One was self goal.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The School Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams participated in the IPSC Basketball Tournament held at Yadavindra Public School, Mohali, from 19th to 24th September.

The boys' team won two matches against Mayo College, Ajmer, and Rajkumar College, Rajkot. Manbir Singh was the main scorer in both the matches and reached the quarter-finals.

HOUSE POSITIONS

The final House positions in-

Soccer (U-17):I-MH,II-DRH,III-PH

Tennis (Girls,O-14):I-DRH,II-MH,III-PH

JUNIOR SCHOOL-A CHOC-A-BLOC SCHEDULE

VISIT TO THE PEPSI PLANT-

Students of VN and VE visited the PEPSI factory at Channo village on Sunday, 4th September, escorted by Mrs. Ratna Mala and Mrs. Preeti Sidhu. Before entering the factory, we were asked to wear caps and given a short briefing on the working of the factory. We were divided into three groups and taken into the factory where we got to see how potato chips were made. We were also shown the method of the preparation of the famous 'Kurkure'. We had heard that plastic was used to make them but we saw for ourselves that no such harmful chemical or substance was used in making them- rice, corn and wheat being the main ingredients. After a round of the factory we were served fresh chips and some corn salties which are yet to be launched. In fact, we were the first tasters.

We came back after this. It was an interesting experience to see how our favourite snacks and chips are made.

-Guraashish Ghuman, VN

A VISIT TO A FARMHOUSE-

Junior School arranged a visit to a farmhouse (which is owned by Sehaj Sarao, one of our friends from VP) on Friday, 16th September. The idea came after reading an interesting chapter from our English textbook, 'Daddy Dickens and His Chickens'. Our teacher made the arrangements for escorting two classes- VO and VP- to the farmhouse.

On Friday, we reported early at 7 o'clock in the morning. It took us about fifteen minutes to reach the farm. The bus had to be stopped at the main road for the path to the farmhouse was very narrow.

We were welcomed by Sehaj's grandfather and were served fresh lemonade. Later, the boys got hold of a ball and went off to play, while the girls, too, had a great time. We played video games and got to eat fresh guava, too. Then we went to see the farm animals like cows, buffaloes, dogs and hens. The dogs were barking their heads off but the other animals were quiet. Then, it was time for lunch. And, my God, what a

feast it was! From 'chole-puris' to 'jalebis', it was a fantastic feast! And, then, after picking some fresh guavas from the trees for our teachers and family, we were on our way back. It was an experience, I will not forget for a long time!!

-Raushni Kaura, VO

A TRIP TO THE BAHADURGARH FORT-

Classes IVE and IVO were taken for a one day trip to the famous Bahadurgarh Fort as part of Social studies activities to know more about our rich heritage.

The huge fort which dates back to the Mughal time of Emperor Aurangzeb, is built in red bricks. We were shown different parts of the fort, though many parts have, now, been closed for the public. The main attraction of the fort was a huge water tank which was used to supply water to all parts of the fort in olden times.

We also got a chance to see the Shooting ranges since a large part of the fort has been occupied by the commandoes as the fort, these days, houses the Police Training Academy.

We were also shown places inside the fort where various movies have been shot. We were very excited to see the parts where the recent Bollywood movie, 'Bodyguard' was, recently, shot.

There is a temple, a gurdwara and a mosque, too, inside the premises. When we grew tired of going around the fort, it was time for snacks and then, return. It was, truly, a very interesting experience!

-Harsimar Khatra, IVE



...At the PEPSI plant

TURNING THE TIDE – THE PRINCIPAL'S CUP AND THE INTER HOUSE SWIMMING TOURNAMENT



- The Principal's Cup for Swimming for girls and boys was held on Monday, 13th, and Tuesday, 14th September, respectively. The result was-
I-DRH with 127 points
II-PH with 112 points
III-MH with 84 points
- The Inter- House Swimming competition was held from Friday, 16th to Thursday, 22nd September. The following new records were set-
Raja Bhan Singh -50m Free style in 0.26.28 secs and 200m Individual medley in 2.39.42 secs

Jasmine -50m Free style in 0.33.41 secs and 50m Breast stroke in 0.4647 secs

Vibhuti Syal-50m Back stroke in 0.44.13 secs

Aayushi Saluja-50m Back stroke in 0.42.94 secs and 50m Free style in 0.35.62 secs.

Yahik Goyal- 25m Butterfly in 0.21.78 secs ,50m Back stroke in 0.49.06 secs,50m Free style in 0.38.68 secs and 100m Free style in 1.31.75 secs.

The following were adjudged the Best Swimmers in their respective categories-

Senior Boys- Raja Bhan Singh

Senior Girls- Saleena Dhaliwal

Medium Boys- Rushil Kapoor

Junior Boys- Harrai Singh

Junior Girls-Jasmine Sohi

Sub- Junior Boys-Yashik Goyal

Sub-Junior Girls- Aayushi Saluja

The final House positions were-

I-DRH with 447 points

II-PH with 264 points

III-MH with 208 points

RIDING FOR A REASON – THE IAYP CYCLE RALLY

A cycle rally was organized on Saturday, 10th September, by the School under the IAYP (International Award for Young People) programme. A total of thirty students, escorted by five staff members, cycled to the Samana barrier through various villages covering a total distance of about fifty kilometers. This activity has, lately, become a permanent and regular feature for it not only sends a message of staying fit but also sensitizes the students towards environment protection. The students inter-act with local villagers with whom besides sharing thoughts and ideas, they share food, too, for the breakfast. They learn about their culture, lifestyle, cultivation pattern and experience the freshness of open air, village life and vegetation. This activity covers two sections of the IAYP programme adventure and social service, thus, helping the students in taking a step forward towards the completion of this programme.



WORKSHOPS FOR STAFF –

- The following staff members attended workshops conducted by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination(CISCE) ,in Kolkata, starting in August and continuing well into the month of September-
 - Mr. Parminderjit Singh- Psychology at ISC level
 - Mr. KL Dhiman Accounts at ISC level
 - Mrs. Simrat Malhotra-Sociology at ISC level
 - Mr. BB Duggal- Physics at ISC level
 - Mrs. Helen Kumar and Mrs. Sangeeta Malik- On Stress Management
 - Mrs. Babita John- English Language in the Middle School
 - Mrs. Replinder Kaur- Economics at ISC level
 - Mr. KK Saxena and Mr. Dinesh Thapliyal- Mathematics
 - Mr. JK Saini-Commerce at ISC level
 - Mr. Pervez Job-Mathematics at Middle level
- Mrs. Arshdeep Mangat and Ms Rema Vijayan attended a workshop on dealing with aggression among students held at Siri Fort Auditorium , New Delhi,on Thursday,22nd September.The programme was chaired by renowned Educationist and Psychologist, Mr. Ravindran, and other Resource persons from leading educational institutions across the country addressed the gathering.

Over three hundred counselors and teachers from different parts of the country attended the workshop

- Mr. Parveen Sharma and Mr. Kapil Dev attended two-day workshops in Computer Application and Physics , respectively,conducted by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination(CISCE) at Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The workshops focused on the discussion of the syllabus and the marking scheme to be followed.

STAFF RECOUNTS-

“ The workshop on Stress Management with special emphasis on enhancing management , skills for coping strategy within classroom with discipline and leadership dynamics was attended by me and Mrs. Helen Kumar at Kolkata.

The faculty for the two day programme was Dr. A Senthil Kumaran , Principal Counsellor , Education Excellence CII Institute of Quality , Bangalore.

The programme helped the participants recognize their leadership roles in creating a collaborative school environment.

The Resource person exposed the participants to widely used quality management tools and techniques which can be used to bring change scientifically and systematically.”

-Mrs. Saneeta Malik

WE'VE GOT MAIL

“Respected Principal Sir,

Happy Teachers' Day!!

It gives me immense pleasure to thank you for the system introduced of the prep before the examinations. Initially, I thought it was waste of time as the child should appear for the paper, come back, take rest and start preparing for the next exam. But my perception changed during the Half-yearly examination, this year.

My daughter, Simran Kaur, is in Class VI. As this is her first year in the Senior school, she is very particular about studies. One day she was happy that she had thoroughly prepared for her exam . But, on reaching the School, she realized that she had prepared for her History exam while the exam was of Geography. She was zapped, but she didn't cry or lose her confidence, rather she utilized that hour and prepared for her Geography paper. After preparing, she went to the Vice-principal's office to call me and inform . I replied that I would

bring the books and help her prepare but her reply was ,” Mama, please don't worry . I have , already , prepared for the Geography paper; just wanted to inform you.”

I was surprised at the reply she gave. It was not that she was saying just for the sake of saying, but after looking at the answer sheet, the way she had attempted the paper (just three small mistakes) and scored the best grade, I was really happy . I realized that it is not only for the parents who shape up the personality of the child, but the School plays a major role in confidence-building and especially, in the spirit to fight circumstances.

In true sense, those who educate children well are to be honoured more than parents, for these give only life, those the art of living well.

Kind regards,

Jaskiron Kaur
(Parent)”

TRIBUTE TO TORCHBEARERS – THE TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Teachers' day celebrations, as usual, were held on 5th September. Huge efforts put in by the students to put up a beautiful show for the teachers were more than visible- just a way of showing their gratitude. The programme started with the Prep school kids presenting a wonderful dance performance. This was followed by a small skit put up by the Junior school students on the values that need to be followed and adhered to in education, and the values that make a person successful.

This year, various games were conducted for the teachers by the senior section students-starting from the home-grown 'antakshari' to movie quizzes. The Student body made sure that the teachers had a wonderful time, in every way. The Senior girls, then, presented the lively and colourful 'bhanga' on foot-tapping numbers that was, immensely, loved by the gathering. Various budding musicians of the School also entertained us with their cheerful tunes and one could see happy faces everywhere. The cultural program



Staff and Students share a light moment

ended with the Principal, Mr. SV Kumar, congratulating the students for their efforts in putting up the show and thanking them on behalf of the teachers.

-Sukhmani, XII Arts

INTER-SCHOOL DEBATES AND DECLAMATIONS-

Mannat Sidhu and Srishti Bhatia ,XII, participated in the JK Kate Memorial Debate hosted by Punjab Public School, Nabha. Mannat was adjudged the Best Speaker in the individual category and the School team , over-all , were the runners-up.

In another competition, Shreya Sehgal, XP, and Aashna Duggal, VIIE, participated in Inter- school Declamation Contest held at Pinegrove School ,Subathu, on Saturday,3rd September. The competition was held in both English and Hindi categories. Aashna stood third in the Hindi category and won the bronze medal

Seerat Brar, Tavleen,XII Arts, and Jashanjit Kaur, XE, also participated in the Inter-School debate competition hosted by Maharani Gayatri Devi School, Jaipur.

FOUR WAYS OF LOOKING AT.... ANIMALS

- Our Rich Heritage: The beautiful variety in wildlife that the Indian rain forests have to offer, and the amount of inspiration it has been for artisans- really, our rich heritage doesn't come as much of a surprise!
- Our National Emblem: The four- headed lion is impossibly magnificent and intimidating in presence- another tribute to wildlife
- Totems: Native Americans ,and many other tribes, associate specific animals with special powers, making them the symbols of their tribe and even as titles.
- Religion and Atheism: While Hinduism holds cows and other animals in prestige because they occupy a place of respect in their beliefs, atheism has branched out into animal welfare and is against offering sacrifices of animals.

Jashanjit , XE

THE JOURNEY OF A PEN –

The pen is mightier than the sword... Such beautiful words that have rung true over the centuries. But really, how much importance is given to a pen today?

At a time, if a man held a pen, he was said to be learned. The pen signifies wisdom, thought, knowledge and peace, but the taken-for-granted approach we have towards it has lessened its importance considerably.

From literature to writing peace treaties, the pen has come a long way. Once looked upon with wonder, it is now discarded thoughtlessly. The pen has given us so much- the much-prized sacred literature, our constitution, the declaration of independence, and of course, the

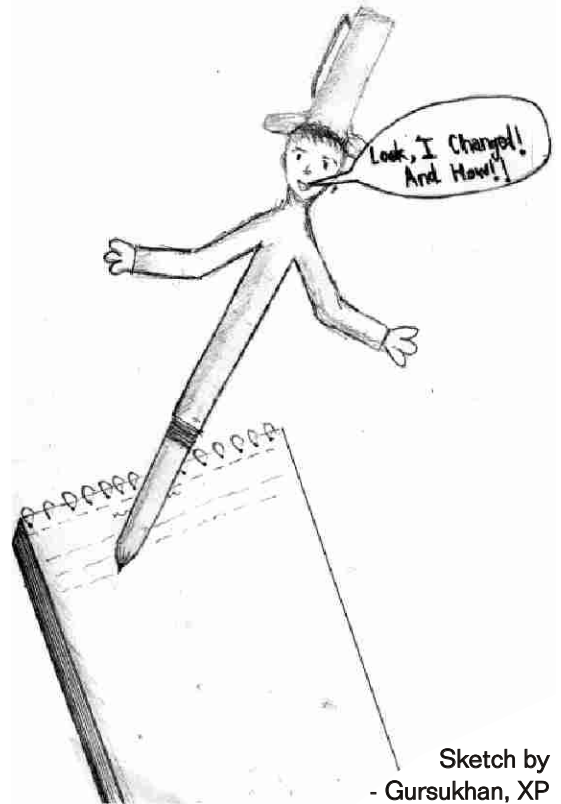
many, many speeches and sermons that have made us want to be better human beings.

Replacing pens with computers has made our life easier- it has reduced work load to a minimum. But the importance of the pen seems to be lost on us.

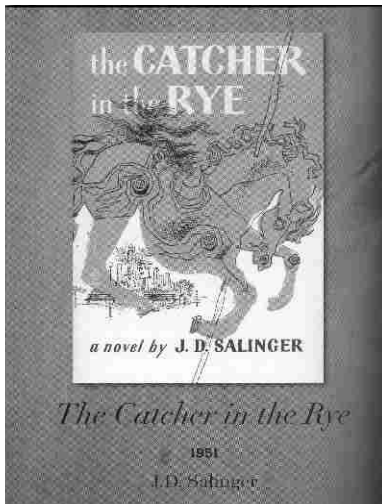
Today, in our ruthlessly commercialized world, the priceless value of a pen has been attached to a price tag. Such a cruel world it is...we respect books because they impart knowledge, but the very pen used to write them is disregarded.

Call me medieval if you will, but I still prefer to write by pen, to give it the importance it deserves.

-Jashanjit Kaur, XE



Fact Stranger Than Fiction-



JD Salinger's, 'The Catcher in the Rye' was just another classic till the night of December 8, 1980, the day Beatles' legend, John Lennon, was assassinated. His murderer, Mark Chapman, when caught and asked the reason of his killing the famous singer, was to reply that he was seeking answer to the very

famous question the book poses, 'Where do the ducks in Central Park go to in the winter?' And, according to him, John Lennon knew where the ducks went in winter, and I needed to know this"!!

Talk of it, and fact is, surely, stranger than fiction!!!

NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION-

Riya Singla, XI Accounts, and Sanil Garg, VIIIIP, will be representing the School at the Youth Leader Competition, 2102, being organized by TGELF (The Global Education and Leadership Foundation), Gurgaon, to be held early next year.

The TGELF takes initiative with the mission of providing opportunities to young leaders. It provides a platform to school students to learn, explore their talent, act on social issues they passionately feel about and, in the process, discover themselves.

The competition will be held in two

categories- A and B for classes VIII and IX and for classes X and XI, respectively.

The two participants will be working on two different tasks. Grade A will work on, 'My Message to a Leader I Admire' and Grade B will work with an NGO for a total of sixty to seventy hours on any social issue.

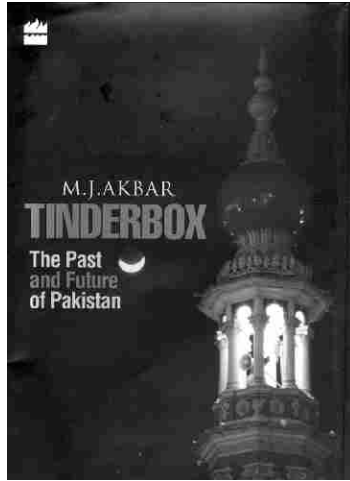
Subsequently, selection will be made by the organisation on the basis of Power Point presentation and other criteria laid out by them. The winners will be awarded the title of 'Youth Leader, 2012' and will be given an opportunity to participate in an international exchange programme, besides presentation of a cash award.

BOOK REVIEW –

'TINDERBOX'- By MJ Akbar

Though mature in content, the presence of the book in the School library justifies its relevance for young readers , too.

The book deals with Pakistan as a nation ,and traces its inception to the seventh century (unlike the early twentieth century as it is , usually, thought). As the title suggests (tinderbox is a box containing material to light fire), the book explores the volatile nature of the country- a country which has been alternating between civilian and military governments and been unable to make up its mind which government it wants. The book runs through the various phases that have dominated the political landscape of the country- starting from the Mohammed Ali Jinnah period to the Bhutto regime , the autocratic rule of General Zia-ul-Haq to the various civilian governments after that and concludes with the present



scenario which is marred by everyday violence and bloodshed. The book, for a while, also speculates on the future of the country which is, rapidly, being denounced as a failed , or at the least, failing state by the international community.

A brilliantly researched book by a famous author(who besides being a journalist has many successful books to his credit) makes for gripping ,as well as, informative reading.

FROM THE BOOK

“Nations are not born across a breakfast table. Their period of gestation is surely one of the more fascinating chapters of history. The undisputable stature of Mohammed Ali Jinnah has led to the notion that Pakistan emerged out of a resolution passed in March 1940 at the Muslim League session in Lahore. The reality is more complicated....”

WRITE AND WRONG- HOWLERS

- The woman would get up in the morning very lately
- Christians believe in lightening candles at funerals
- The portrait was of a woman who hanged on the wall
- In the storm , many houses were destroyed and many trees were shattered
- The vase broke and water flew on the table

A WHOLE NEW WORD -

SINISTER-

Seeming evil or dangerous-There was something cold and SINISTER about him

A NOBLE (AND NOVEL) GESTURE-



Beginning of a New life!

A new initiative of planting trees in the Prep school by parents to celebrate the birthdays of their children has generated a good deal of interest and awareness and an opportunity for teachers to explain the importance and need of planting trees. Parents of Ria Puri, Prep IN, gifted two three year old Palm trees to the School to be planted in the School premises. The initiative was taken to celebrate the birthday of their daughter. The sapling was planted by Ria Puri assisted by the gardeners. The children watched excitedly as the gardener dug the soil to plant the sapling. The parents believe that it is never too early to teach these little ones, who will soon be our future, the need to have a clean and green Earth. Planting trees would ensure that we hand over a clean, green and healthy Mother Earth to our children

-Mrs. SK Gill

NATURE'S DIARY -



- Black Kite is a medium-sized bird of prey
- Can be seen circling and soaring in urban areas.
- Kites are known for their strong stereoscopic vision which helps them in singling out their prey while flying. Even the humans who intrude their nests are recognized and singled out for dive attacks
- They are opportunist hunters and are attracted to smoke and fires, where they expect to catch escaping prey
- One variety is the Small Indian Kite (formerly Pariah Kite). The name 'Pariah' originates from the Indian Caste system but the usage of the word, now, is deprecated. This picture was taken in the School stadium

This feature is by Mrs. Mimi Rani Bajpai.

FAUX PAS



CAMPUS NEWS

HINDI ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Result of the Hindi Essay Writing contest for the Senior school-

I-Seerat Brar, XII Arts; II-Gurpreet Kaur, IXP; Avreet Kaur- IXP

PUNJABI ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Result of the Punjabi Essay Writing contest for the Senior school-

I-Rubalvir Kaur, IXP; II-Ayush Puri, XII Accounts; III-Kittu Bansal, XII Science

NEW ARRIVALS – (New titles in the School Library)

- Jeffrey Archer-Only Time Will Tell
- Suruchi Mohan- Divine Music
- Arjun Rao- Third Best
- Aatish Taseer- Strange to History
- David Baldacci- Hell's Corner
- IK Gujral- Matters of Discretion
- Sumant Dhamija- Jassa Singh Ahluwalia
- Joseph Lelyveld- Great Soul
- Shashi Tharoor- Shadows Across the Playing Field
- Siddhartha Mukherjee-Emperor of All Maladies
- Alice Albinia- Leela's Book
- Deepak Chopra- The Soul of Leadership
- Arvind Adiga-Last Man in Tower
- Amitav Ghosh- River of Smoke
- Tahmima Anam-The Good Muslim

POET'S CORNER

STARS

Stars-stars glittering bright,
In the dull light of the night,
If we keep on staring at you...
It will be a dream come true.

Because for me you keep on crying,
By that usual twinkling sign.
The sign, is lovely though,
It makes farmers keep the plough.
The light which you urge,
Keeps the brightness on a surge

Stars ,you,just keep on gleaming,
Above the faces bright and beaming
For the people who watch you from below
Live like you and begin to glow

-Puneet Rathore, VIIN



Sketch by Simran,XE

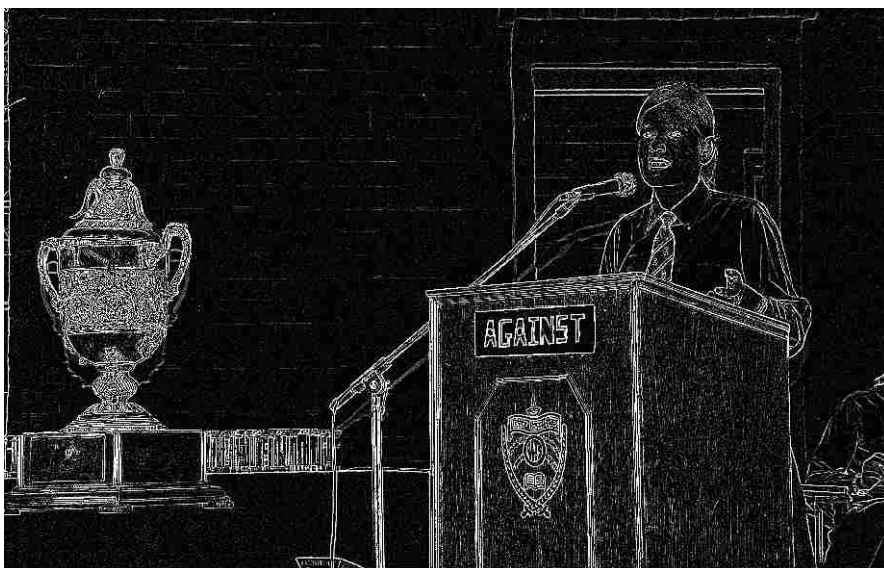
GOOD RIDDANCE?

"Some people cause happiness
wherever they go,
some whenever they go..."

-Anonymous

WHOSE SILHOUETTE IS IT ANYWAY?-

Clue- Has conquered many debates. Holds a plum position in the school.

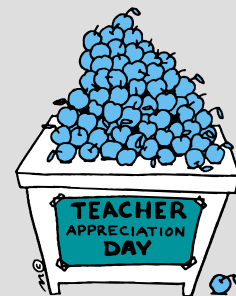


Answer : Mannat Sidhu, XII

EVENT-

A seminar on Higher Education in US will be conducted on Saturday, 29th October, in the School amphitheatre, starting at 5:30pm. The seminar will be delivered by the Honorary Ambassador of Philadelphia Ms. Kanika Chaudhary, and Mr. Shumi Muinde, Director of International Under graduate Admission at Drexel University. Mr. Jatinder Gill an OY and member AICPA will be the Guest Speaker. All parents of students of classes IX and above are cordially invited to attend.

THE LIST OF TEN



The Teachers' Day was celebrated this month. Ten such important days which are celebrated only in India-

- The Teachers' Day
- The Children's Day
- Sadbhawana Diwas
- National Science Day
- National Vaccination Day
- Kargil Victory Day (yes, in commemoration of that quasi-war of 1999)
- Sports' Day (legendary Hockey player, Dhyanchand's birthday)
- Farmers' Day
- Navy Day
- Air Force Day

MUSINGS.....of a wayfarer

One often wonders what the world is coming to - brutality, aggression, anger, violence et al seem to have become the order of the day! What one does not deserve or cannot get lawfully, one tries to acquire forcibly!

An ugly result of this attitude is militancy, and its more virulent form, terrorism. It shouldn't surprise us to observe that hardly anyone is left untouched by this cancer of society.

YPS has recently had its own run-in with terrorism. The 8th September blast at Delhi High Court claimed an old



Yadavindrian, Amanpreet Singh Jolly, as the first victim, Aman, who was a boarder in MH, left YPS in 2008, after passing the ICSE Examination.

At school he was not only an avid cricketer, but was also one of the brighter students in class. One had to be prepared to answer his queries and satiate his curiosity, so keen was he on academics and knowledge. He was aspiring to become an advocate, but destiny had something else in store for him. A promising future was cut short as he took the brunt of the bomb explosion which blew away his limbs: however, his taking the full blast probably saved many other lives. His loss is irreplaceable. As Aman takes his abode in Heaven, one can only commiserate with the bereaved family and pray to God to give his grieving parents the strength and resilience to overcome their grief. May his soul rest in peace!

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The monsoon is in withdrawal mode, and as the month of Aswin (September-October) takes prominence, the festival season sets in. Festivity is in the air, and Durga Puja or Dussehra is due for

celebration. Later, in Kartik (October-November), Deepawali or Diwali will dominate, and as usual, people will waste money on crackers and the like. Accidents will happen, and mishaps take place.

Perhaps, if people found more controlled ways to celebrate the festival, the number of persons suffering burn injuries would come down. Why could we not think of putting the money we spend on crackers to more profitable use, by donating it to worthy causes and help the poor and the suffering? A powerful earthquake has devastated Sikkim and North Bengal. Could we not provide succour to the destitute and extend material and financial assistance to those who no longer have a roof over their heads, or enough food to have even one square meal a day?

One is sure the Yadavindrian will rise to the occasion.

- DS



Colours of Passion...

Be-WITCHING !! Isn't it?
Painting made by Gursukhan, Manroop, Sasipim and Viralpat for the Dhaniram House play, 'Macbeth'



JOYRIDE-

Pleasant are the mornings when one sees students coming to the school on bicycles.



Sketch by Arshdeep, XI Arts

SNAPSHOT



OBITUARY



Chahakpreet Kaur, a student of Prep IIE, passed away in a tragic road accident on 9th September, just a day before her Sixth birthday.

Chahakpreet was a loving and affectionate child who, just like her name, was always smiling. During her brief stay on the Earth, she enjoyed participating in school functions. She was loved by all who met her and now, as one finds, it is becoming extremely difficult for her classmates, young students of Prep IIE, to be able to understand her absence.

May God give eternal peace to her departed soul and strength to her parents to bear this irreparable loss.

Fondly remembered by all!

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RESULTS

Best Play-

I- 'Macbeth'(DRH)

II-'The Monkey's Paw'(PH)

III-'The Promise'(MH)

Best Actor-

I-Manikpreet Singh (DRH)
Sumeet Rathore(PH)

II-Ravneet Kaur (DRH)

III-Mannat Sidhu(PH)

Best Dance (Folk/Classical)-

I-Rajasthani Dance(MH)

II-Bengali Dance(PH)

III-Lavani(DRH)

Best Dance (Any other form)-

I-Fusion Dance(MH)

II-B-Boys Hiphop(DRH)

III-Fusion Dance(PH)

Best Filler-

I-Patiala Rap (Yuvraj and Alam-DRH)

II-Duet-(Komal and Sukhmani-PH)

III-Prabhjot(MH), Azam (PH) and Ayush (DRH)

Best Skit-

I-'Waqt Di Kadar'(MH)

II-'15th August' (DRH)

III-'Pagal Khana Banam Mear Bharat Mahaan'(PH)

Most Enjoyable Night-

I-DRH

II-PH

III-MH