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Saint Claudine Thevenet
(Mary St. Ignatius)
Foundress of the Congregation of the
Religious of Jesus & Mary



Blessed Dina Belanger
(Marie Ste-Cecile De Rome)
Religious of Jesus & Mary

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In the words of John Dewey,
"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

I wish to state that you, young people are still moulding your future. To a large or lesser extent you come under the influence of parental and school authority. The development of your self-discipline and moral growth is the full responsibility of all of us, student, parent and school alike.

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you'll never cease to grow."

This year 2011 I.C.S.E. topper secured 95% marks. Strong will power can move mountains. It can work miracles. So, work with full dedication, devotion, confidence, patience, strong determination and above all faith in God to reach the pinnacle of all glory & to achieve this, the Staff of Hampton Court put in their very best effort with dedication.

An institution is known by its tradition and values. This institution has a legacy of rich traditions, a sincere and dedicated effort is being made to provide broad and value based education to the children. Great stress is laid on all round development of their personality, so that they are able to face, the challenges of life with great confidence.

School spirit is built up within the school itself. The first leaders of the school and the first students play a vitally important part in so organizing their actions, thoughts and aspirations that a school spirit emerges. We had the reunion of the 1981 Batch. Pupils have, for the most part, given off their best and have not only maintained, but have enhanced our school's reputation. The ex-students shared their reminisces with our students.

The Management proudly introduces the 11 and 12 classes for Science and Commerce streams. The process of development is a continuous process. It is a journey and never a destination. The school shall endeavor to keep on marching ahead, further enhancing the facilities to keep in tune with the changing times.

As children of God, we are called to be people of hope. People who love and work for peace and justice in our world. I know well that happiness is in little things. The source of happiness is within us. I wish you all the joy of being happy!

"Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal".

End each day with thoughts of peace. Begin each day with thoughts of peace. Continue thinking thoughts of peace throughout your precious day and happiness will be yours.

God Bless you

Sr. Lucy D'Souza



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School Song

Light of Hope and Glory!
Hampton Court we hail thee.
Guiding us in duty-
Leading us "onto the stars"
Year by year you teach us
To face life courageously -
Shining bright like a "torch in flame"
Holding high "Honour and Truth!"
With joy in our hearts we pledge
Ever to be true to thee!

Light of Hope and Glory!
"Alma Mater" we love thee
Keep out hearts pure and free
Living your "values" gladly.
Jesus and Mary you give us
The "Key" to Happiness.
By giving our best to others
In loving Service and Care!
With joy in our hearts we pray
May God bless our School.
"Alma Mater" Forever!

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"As you go around the merry go round in life, you must taste success, as you get to play only one round".

The year 2011, like the previous years, was an eventful one for Hampton Court. The school once again, had its moments of glory for having achieved 100% Results in the ICSE Examinations, with Saumya Vaish scoring 95%, setting a new record. In this period of evolution, the overall results are a 'good motivator' for the Staff and the Management. However, it is necessary to say that there is no room for complacence or self satisfaction. A great deal more is required to scale 'newer heights'.

The Editorial Board has per tradition mapped the genuine style and presentation of the yester years. We are sure our predecessors would glare and agree at the quantum of qualitative research, innovative designing, painstaking documentation, colourful photographs; making this publication the hallmark of many celebrated contribution, worthy of any bookshelf.

The year 2011, was full of activities in which we students "aimed for the stars" and put in their very best in all that they did. The students participated in a variety of competitions, like the Inter-school Drawing, Painting, Singing, Quiz Competitions, etc.

We should discipline our life; Self-discipline channelizes our energy, forwards a positive path and motivates us to move towards perfection. It helps us to excel in what we do. Diligence, Honesty towards achieving our goals and unflinching determination is a ladder to success.

Our achievements become easier when we realize what our goal or motive is. We should explore our creativity and originality. Our achievements become easier when we realize what our goal or motive is. We should explore our creativity and originality. Our talents are varied, each one of us has a great potential.

Time is the most precious commodity, yet most of us live our life as if we have all the time in the world. As the year draws to an end, we should focus on our priorities and mission. A successful person channelizes his energy and his strength to achieve his goal. We all are endowed with unique talents and special abilities. It is up to us to awaken and concentrate on developing our skills.

So, let us not live a life of regret or defeat. Resolve to work and take control of our life.

"The tragedy of life is not death, but what we let die inside us while we live".

"Life is not a dressed rehearsal. Live it with dignity, pride and craze". Dream bigger dreams.

The Editorial Board extends its thanks to all the students and Teachers for the contribution of their articles. A special note of thanks to our Principal Sr. Lucy D' Souza, for her innovative ideas and inspiration in giving this magazine a new look.

- Alisha Dhiman XB

SCHOOL REOPENS







"The invariable mark of a dream is to see it come true".

The School reopened on the 7th March for Classes I-X and on the 10 th for Classes L.K.G. and U.K.G.

In life, many thoughts are born in the course of a moment, an hour, a day. Some are dreams, some visions. Often, we are unable to distinguish between them. However, not all dreams are visions. Visions are messages from the Great Spirit, each for a different purpose in life. To have a vision, one must be prepared to receive it, and when it comes, to accept it. Thus when these inner urges become reality, only then can visions be fulfilled. The message is simple: commitment precedes vision.

A new Session began with a new vision and each one got geared up for new challenges and results.





HOLY mass 2011

"I implore you in God's name, not to think of Him as hard to please, but rather as generous beyond all that you can ask or think".





This year the Holy mass was celebrated on the 12th March. The priest Rev. Abraham, invoked the Lord's blessings for each one of us. He said that with Perseverance, Dedication and Discipline, a child can form his personality. It is very important to pray in our lives as with faith we can overcome the biggest hurdle in life. More knowledge of God leads to a higher form of worship. We must remember that "For however devoted you are to (God), you may be sure that he is immeasurably more devoted to you". Father Abraham prayed for a successful year.





INVESTITURE CEREMONY



"Your role as a leader is even more important than you might imagine. You have the power to help people become winners."

On the 26th March we had our Investiture ceremony, the most prestigious occasion of our Institution. This occasion has always been a solemn affair. This year, Mr. Tejveer Singh, Deputy Director Senior, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, presided as the Chief Guest for the ceremony. On this day new Captains, Vice-Captains and other prefects are handed over responsibilities and they get an opportunity to handle and prove their loyalty towards their Alma Mater.The new leaders were handed over Flags and badges by the Chief Guest and the Principal.







Aniket Chaudhri was elected as the Head Boy of the School. As Captains, the Leaders inspire their juniors to be diligent, sincere and loyal towards the institution. This day is very special for them, and a moment of pride for each of them. They acquire leadership qualities and learn commitment towards their school.

The key to successful Leadership today is influence not authority.







Career Counselling

In today's fast running life, we must setup a career for ourselves. As students of class IX & X, we must be very sure about what we have to opt for in the coming future and set our aims accordingly. So, to help us in the making of our goals more cleaner, a career counseling was held in our school on 30th August, 2011. It was conducted by Mrs. Rajni Jauhari. She had come all the way from Delhi, to conduct this workshop. She was an experienced counselor and had been counseling children for seventeen years.

The counseling started at 09:30 a.m. in the morning. First of all, she gave her introduction to us and then began the counseling. At the beginning, she asked us to write about our goals and aims. We were shown eight video clipping and after every clipping, we had a discussion, in which we discussed the moral drawn from each clipping. We also discussed our dislikes in the clippings.

In between all these activities, we all also had some fun. We played some games, which were very interesting. The counselor, did not let us get bored, as all the things she spoke, seemed very interesting to us. She captured our attention very smartly. We were also told about the eight centre of intelligence in our brain. We all were able to grasp something or the other from this session. It was a great centre of learning for all of us. Thanks to our Principal Sr. Lucy D' Souza for making us learn and have a clear knowledge about our career and our future.

- Rituraj Dhoundiyal, Class IX





SEMINAR by Sr. Lucy

The task of an excellent teacher is to stimulate "apparently ordinary" people to an unusual effort. The tough problem is not in identifying winners: it is in making winners out of ordinary people.

A Seminar was conducted by our Principal Sr.Lucy D'Souza on the 4th March 2011, to inspire the Teachers to set targets for themselves and their students. Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler while teaching the students in the class. Good education is like a savings account; the more you put into it, the richer you are along with your students.

The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind.









SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS

A teacher's purpose is not to create students in his own image, but to develop students who can create their own image."

A seminar was conducted by Father Mario Susai for the teachers who must have a close communion with God and make their service a vocation and not a profession. Before understanding a child, it is very important to understand yourself. "Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire."





SEMINAR for Parents



On the 30th March 2011 our Principal, Sr. Lucy D' Souza, organized a Seminar for the Parents on parenting tips for the adolescents and children of today's generation. "Discipline is a symbol of caring a child. He needs guidance. If there is love, there is no such thing as being too tough with a child." We must teach our children to dream with their eyes open. It is very important to be a friend to your child and comfort him. Sister spoke to them about Parental pressure. There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One is roots; the other, wings.





SCHOOL PICNICS





Every school arranges picnics for its students. The students were very happy as they would have a free day to enjoy themselves. They were all looking smart and cheerful.

Picnics give the students a break from their studies. After enjoying a picnic, they feel fresh and show their interest towards studies with renewed excitement.

Classes L.K.G. and U.K.G. visited the pine retreat for their picnic. Class III went to Dhanaulti, Classes IV, V and VI went to Buddha Temple and Classes I and II went to Company Garden. They all relaxed and played exciting games. A feeling of togetherness developed in the students.











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ENGLISH ELOCUTION

"Poetry is an expression of life."

On 28th April, the junior School participated and the classes U.K.G. to Class IV presented their poems. Elocution is one of the best ways to build up one's speaking abilities.

Reciting a poem is a skill, where the children build up their confidence and overcome stage fright. For the all-round development of a student, a lot of hard work, patience and time are needed to get the best expression and to excel in it.

Elocution does not merely refer to the recitation; it also involves the selection of an appropriate poem and then rigorous practice to articulate each and every word precisely.

The judges for the day were Miss Ritika and Miss Shabina, who are the English teachers of our school. The poems were very expressive and it was clear that the participants had spent long hours practicing.

"Poetry is language at its most distilled and most powerful."

Effective communication, through spoken language, reforms your personality.

On 29th April, the other two groups presented their poems. The first group was of classes V to Class VII. They presented a variety of poems.











Mrs. Jaswinder Kaur Garg was the Judge for the day. The second group comprised of classes VIII, IX, and X. The audience experienced a battle of words. All participants were extremely well prepared and beautifully rendered literary pieces ranging from humorous works by Roald Dahl and Gerald Durrell to deeply stirring poems by other famous poets.





Parent Teacher Meeting

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HELPER'S DAY





'There is no substitute for hard work'

This day is celebrated in our Institution to make our Helper's realize how important they all are in the progress of our Institution. A day to express our love and gratitude for them. Ist May is known as May Day and is observed all over the world. The Helpers play a very significant role in the society.

Our students greeted the Helpers with cards and flowers.

A short entertainment programme was staged for them and a short skit was put up by the senior students to show the importance of labour in our life. The students also depicted the hardwork and selfless service done by our helpers.

The Helpers immensely enjoyed the games organized for them and the winners won many prizes. Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls.

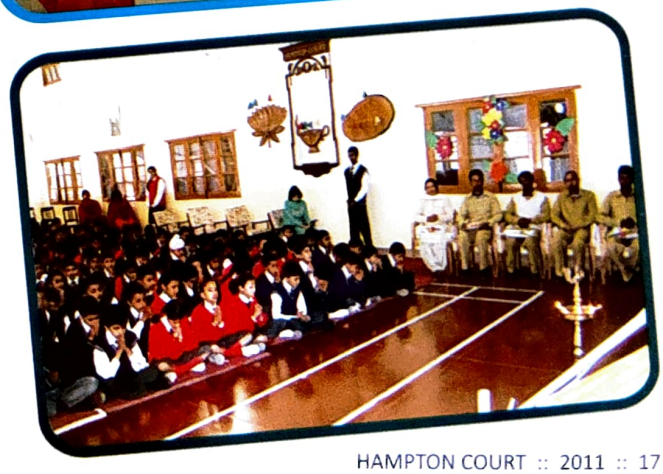
Our Principal, Sr. Lucy D' Souza presented tokens of appreciation to them.

If a task has once begun.
Never leave it till it's done.
Be the labor great or small.
Do it well or not at all.

Sr. Nirmala proposed a Vote of Thanks and said that every labour that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance.

The daily grind of hard work gets a person polished.















DEBATE AND DECLAMATION 2011

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Debate and Declamation are like a game where speakers present their arguments by persuading one another. Men have been debating one another since the beginning of time when the serpent first debated with Eve the benefits of eating a certain fruit in the garden.

"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it". This quote does boggle our mind, for it activates all our thought processes.

One such similar activity that sets our brains on the run and a much awaited one is the 'Inter House English Debate and Declamation Competition.' The judges were Mrs. Usha Singh and Ms. Shabina Puri.

The first half of the Session proceeded with the Declamation Competition. All the houses had prepared themselves well in advance for the day. Each team had geared up itself with two speakers from classes VI and VII. The youngsters spoke with a lot of zeal and zest. The winner house was the Encounter House while the trophy for the best speaker was bagged by Praful Bhandari of the Endeavour House.

The second half of the program continued with the Inter House Debate Competition. Participants of classes VIII, IX and X were chosen. Each team had two participants one for the motion and the other against the motion. The topic for this years Debate was "Is Nuclear Power the best Solution for World's Energy Needs."

Some participants who had come up for the 1st time on the stage did not show even the slightest of hesitation. They orated their thoughts in the most fluent, efficient and confident manner. Where ever they were questioned by their opponents or the audience they made it look as easy as a cake walk. The performance marveled all the audience.

The Best Speaker trophy was bagged by Suneha Thakur of the Enterprise House. The winners who won the Shield for the highest Score was the Endeavour House and Runners Up was the Enterprise House.



Annual School FETE





The most important and long awaited activity of the school is the Annual School Fete, which was held on 14th May, 2011. This year too, there was an excitement and thrill seen amongst the students and teachers, who decided about the various stalls to be put up during the fete. The Hamper sheets were contributed by the students and there were many attractive prizes. The invitations were put up as Posters to invite the residents of Mussoorie.

Finally, the Fete was inaugurated by Prof .Dr. A.S. Ramachandra from Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration. All the teachers had their individual game stalls, which they had decorated attractively. There were food stalls which included delicious, flavorsome, vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes. There was a Jam Session for the students and each one of them tapped their feet on latest chart numbers. At the end of the day the winners of the Lucky Hampers were announced. There were many mega prizes and consolation prizes which were given away by to the lucky winners. At every call of the draw, the thrilled, smiling faces of the winners were seen.

It was a very successful event and the co-operation of the entire Staff and students made this day memorable.





FANCY DRESS

COMPETITION 2011

«CLASSES L.K.G. & U.K.G.

"Creativity Displays God's Creation"



The theme for this year Fancy Dress was Gods Creation. Students of classes L.K.G. & U.K.G. participated in it.

They were divided into one of the God's creation like- mountains, birds, animals etc.

The judges for the event were Mr. Harjeev Singh Dugal & Mr. Neeraj Pant.

The little one's excitement knew no bounds. They were all prepared well of the day. One by one they took turns to express themselves what ever they were dressed up as.

Parents were also invited to witness the occasion. Most of them had shown their zealed enthusiasm in getting their tiny tots prepared for the event.

The programme was summed up by an action song. "All Things Bright & Beautiful" sung by all the participants of classes L.K.G. & U.K.G.

Lastly, few words about the fancy dress were spoken by our Principal Sister Lucy D' Souza & one of the Judges Mr. Harjeev Singh. He was glad to see such an extravagant programme being put up by the teachers and students. He appreciated the effort's put in by them.













CLASSES I-III

DANCE COMPETITION





Dance is a very old form of entertainment and recreation. It is also being used as a therapy for various ailments. To provide students with a welcome break, the School Management decided to organize a dance competition for Primary Classes (i.e. classes I to III) on 23rd June 2011.

The competition was presided over and inaugurated by the Guest of honour our Principal, Sr. Lucy D' Souza. It was judged by our very talented Ms. Nandini Singh, a dedicated teacher of our kindergarten section and our two ex-students of 2010 class X Batch Ms. Saumya Vaish and Ms. Jaspreet Kaur. Parents were also invited to grace the occasion.

The students danced to the tune of old Hindi songs (remixes). The parents enjoyed the show and appreciated their children on the stage. They were overjoyed and surprised to see them dance so well. The competition was divided into three categories. Group one for class I, Group two for class II and group three for class III. The prizes were bagged by classes I-B, II-A, II-B (tie) and class III B respectively.

In the end, our Principal Sr. Lucy D' Souza and our Judges praised the young budding stars for their marvelous performances. The programme was a huge success due to the team effort of our primary section teachers alongwith Ms. Tulika Panwar, the dance teacher.

INTER CLASS T★LENT CONTEST

"Life consists not in holding good cards, but in playing those you hold well." That's what talent is.

The Talent Contest for the Juniors of CJM, Hampton Court was held on 25th June 2011. The two judges for this great event were Mrs. Rekha Singh our Senior Science Teacher who has a keen interest in Music and Dance and Mr. Kuldeep Parate our Senior Mathematics Teacher who is an active initiator of all activities.

The contest was held in two groups. Group I comprised of classes IV- A and IV - B. Group II was of classes V-A and V-B. The show had an inventory of versatile participants, singers of both western and hindi lyrics, dancers of western as well as Indian numbers. Mimicry, mono-acting that impelled the judges hold their pens to choose the best among all.

As the show throbbed with the tiny contestants playing guitar and casio, the audience too swayed in their music. The talent show was a combination of the mind blowing music, dramatic footwork, acts varied from amazing invocation by participants' supple movements to the torrent of intricate dance steps. The ambience of the extravaganza displayed not an invented urbane energy but a genuine gust from the heart.....from the heart of all the performers.

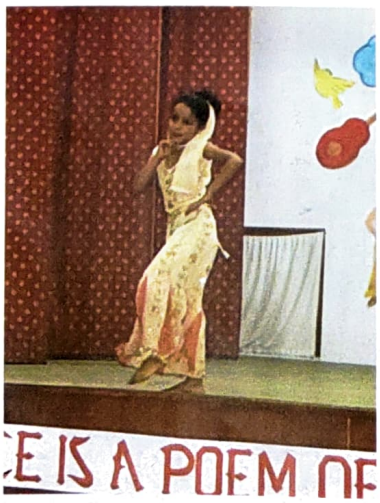
"Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best".

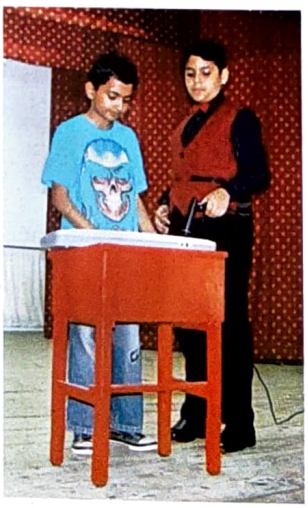














Examinations











INTER HOUSE Dramatics

"Drama is something people go through everyday. Change of character is nothing more than mood swings".

"... Ideas still possess a certain power," and it is precisely this power that has enabled our students to excel in different curricular and co-curricular fields. One of these activities is Dramatics.

The real object of the drama is the exhibition of the human character.

The Inter House Dramatics has had a long tradition in the school and saw all the four houses putting up exciting and interesting























performances. The Judges for the event were Mr. Neeraj Pant, Our senior Physics teacher and Mr. S.C. Rout, Senior Mathematics teacher, in Central School for Tibetans, Mussoorie.

The Endurance House staged the "THE WRONG MAN "by Danny Morrison, Endeavour House the "Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, Encounter House "The Game of Cards" an abridged version of Alexander Pushkin's 'Queen of spades" and the Enterprise House's play was "The Dear Departed" by Stanley Houghton. There was tremendous team spirit and co-ordination seen amongst the participants and the House mistresses. All actors put up a commendable performance but Sahil Sonkar of Endeavour House stole the show winning the Best Actor in the competition and Suneha Thakur won the best actress award.

Dramatics in the school has a bright future with fresh talent pouring in. The First position went to the Endeavour House followed by the Endurance House in the Runners up position.



Foundress DAY

"How Good God Is"



How very true are these words for us. It is here that Hampton Court stands out; retrieving that hour when our Foundress St. Claudine Thevenet had a vision, that someday, the seeds that she had sown would reap a rich harvest. So it has for years and will continue to do so while God shows us the way. Like the wise man that built his house on solid ground, so too, is our School's foundation laid on strong moral values laid down by our Foundress. It is to her that we owe where we are and what we are today.

Like every year, this year also we celebrated our Foundress Day with the class assemblies from Classes VI to X, which started a week before. Each class staged their







assemblies based on the values of our Mother Foundress St. Claudine like Forgiveness, A Giving Heart, Gratitude, Service to God, Love for humanity etc.

Children also participated in the various activities held for them like Drawing Competition for the Primary Section and classes VIII to X, Quiz for classes I to V and Paragraph Writing for classes VI & VII. The winners of each competition were awarded prizes and certificates on the Feast Day, i.e., on 30th July, 2011 by our Principal, Sister Lucy D'souza.

On the 30th of July, we celebrated our Foundress Day by paying tribute to our Mother Claudine Thevenet. The programme commenced with the lighting of the Diya by our Principal and Superior, Sister Lucy D'Souza along with the other Sisters of the













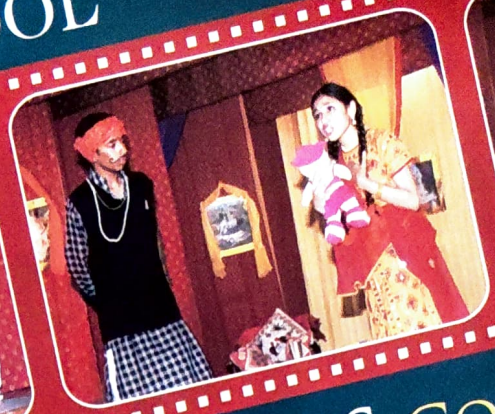
Community. A prayer service was conducted by the teachers in which each one prayed for the Sisters' good health and prosperity which made the atmosphere quite serene. It was a Eucharistic celebration for all. Children made the celebration more entertaining with the songs and dances. A play named "Gift of Mother Foundress" was also staged by the children. Teachers sang a song "We Just Call to Say We Love you" to express their loving gesture towards the Sisters. The programme concluded with the motivational words of our Principal Sr. Lucy D'Souza and a vote of thanks proposed by the Head Boy.





INTER SCHOOL HINDI DRAMATICS COMPETITION













Our Indian Society has its foundation in the customs, tradition and culture. There is a lot of impact of superstition and myth which influences the women in our society. This was the theme of the Competition. The Judges for the day were Mr. O.P. Dwivedi and Mr. Sudhir Gairola.

"A happy girl is the future of our country."



The hand that rocks the cradle, the procreator, the mother of tomorrow; a woman shapes the destiny of civilization. A girl, who is promising, hopeful, is gloomy and in despair. Such is the tragic irony of fate, that a beautiful creation such as the girl child is today one of the gravest concerns facing humanity. By the age of 18, girls have received an average of 4.4 years less education than boys.



CJM Dehradun, CJM Waverly, St. Lawrence , St. Agnes and our own school participated in the Competition and staged skits to show the discrimination between boys and girls in our Society. Lack of education denies the girl child, the knowledge and skills needed to advance their status.

Every skit was praiseworthy because of the characters that enthralled the audience with their excellent performance. The hall was full of applaud for the participants, who brought out the theme very well.



Finally the Winners were CJM, Dehradun and the Runners up were CJM,Hampton Court.

"Educate a man, you educate one person, educate a woman, you educate a complete family."

Independence Day

Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better.
- Albert Camus











The midnight of August 15, 1947 is memorable for every Indian on this earth, as it is the time, when India gained Independence from the mighty British. Since then, the red-letter day is celebrated with pomp and gaiety, across the length and breath of India. Cultural programe and flag-hoisting ceremonies are the pre-dominant affair of every school, every school indulges themselves in remembering the heroes of the freedom struggle and pays homage to them.

In our school no academic work is done on Independence Day, but all the students and staff members would be present in the school to celebrate the day. A sort of social gathering is arranged in our school, wherein cultural programs are organized. The flag hoisting ceremony took place and the flag was hoisted by the head of the institution Sr. Lucy D' Souza. Students sang the National Anthem and paid respect to their flag and vowed to uphold the sovereignty of the country. After that we had a Hindi speech by Mrs. Surekha Kandari, who gave brief history about - How we got Independence? Then we had few dances by classes V, VI and VIII. Vande Matram was staged by class V 'Suno Gaur Se Duniya Walo' by Class VI and 'Mera Rang De Basanti Chola' by class VIII. All of us enjoyed every performance. Then we had power point presentation by Sir Ashish and Sir Kuldeep where they showed about India's economic and political development.



MOTHER GENERAL'S VISITATION



On the 14th of October, Superior General Reverend Mother Angeles Alino and Sr. Monica Joseph, visited our Institution. They were given a very special welcome by the staff and students. Reverend Mother General and Sister Monica lighted the ceremonial lamp.

The reverence for the deep is based on the symbolism of the journey from darkness and ignorance to light and the knowledge of the ultimate reality 'tamaso ma jyotirgamaya!' Over the years various rituals and customs were woven around an oil lamp, and to express this, our Senior girls presented a Diya dance.





Mother was very happy to see the Indian culture and appreciated the colourful costumes in the Folk dance of Rajasthan.

She interacted with the students and visited every classroom. The Staff had a get together wherein she shared her experiences with each one of us.

"More knowledge of God leads to a higher form of worship."







Sister Monica presented a power point presentation portraying the services done by the CJM congregation in Rome and other parts of the world. The teachers shared the vision of our Foundress St. Claudine Thevenet, who felt a close communion with God. The interior disposition that she desired to arouse in her sisters was to "perform all the actions with the goal of pleasing God, and by a principle of faith." It was a pleasure to have them amidst us.





DINA'S DAY FEAST







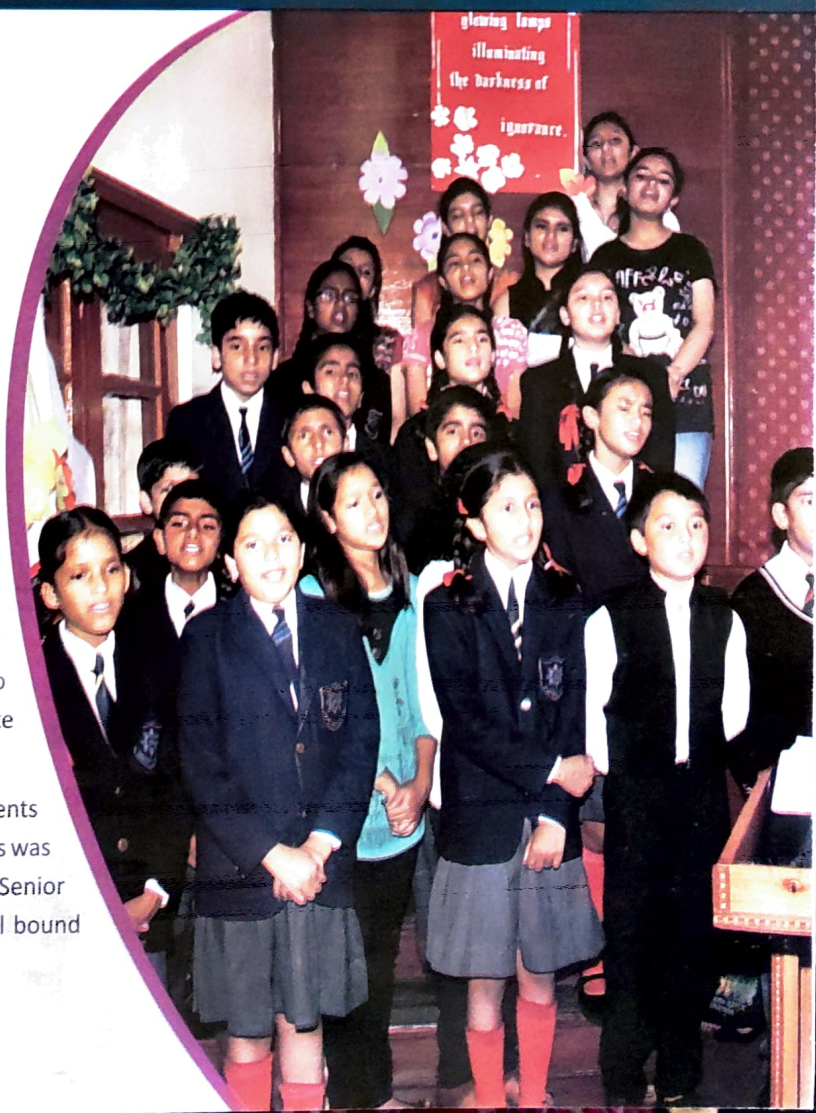




"Teachers are like candles they get consumed themselves to light the way for others."

TEACHERS' DAY





5th of September is celebrated as Teachers' Day in the memory of our second President, Dr. Sarvapalli RadhaKrishnan. It is a day when the students show their gratitude towards the teachers. We are always thankful to them and as an expression of thankfulness we celebrate teacher's day in India every year on 5th September.

The program began with prayer service, where the students asked God to shower his blessings upon our teachers. This was followed by the dances, songs and skit performed by our Senior and Junior students. All the teacher's enjoyed the spell bound performances staged by the students.



The most exciting part was the games. The students had organized different games for the teachers and the winners of the games were awarded. All the teachers enjoyed these fun filled exciting games.





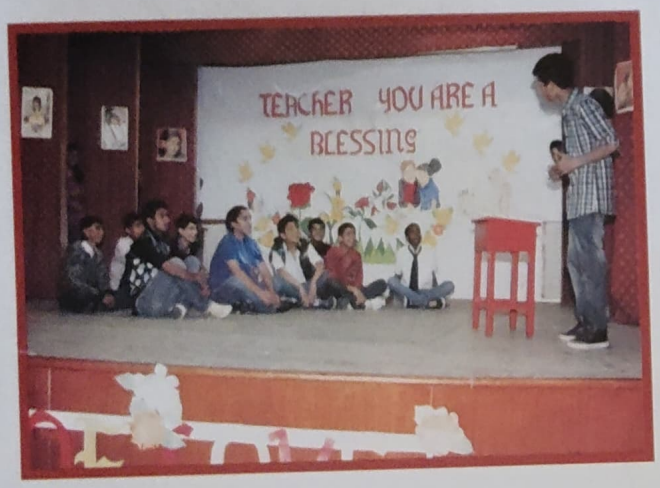


If you think that is all then, you are mistaken. A sumptuous meal hosted by the Sisters was awaiting to express their love and thoughtfulness. Teachers' services and commitment in the school was appreciated by presenting them a gift, a token of love.

The program was concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms. Pooja. It was a memorable day, not only for the teachers but also for the students.

- Shivani Dangwal, Class IX









Marathon













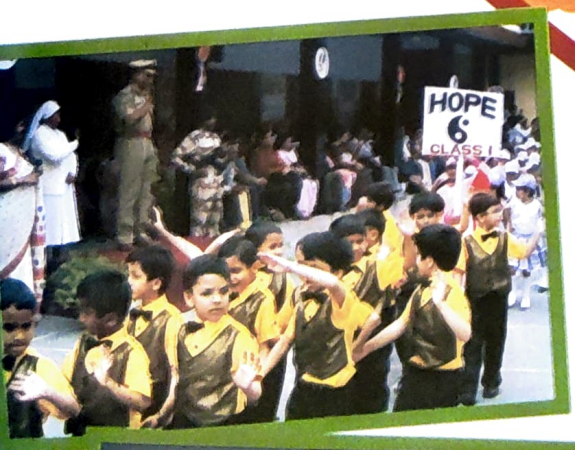


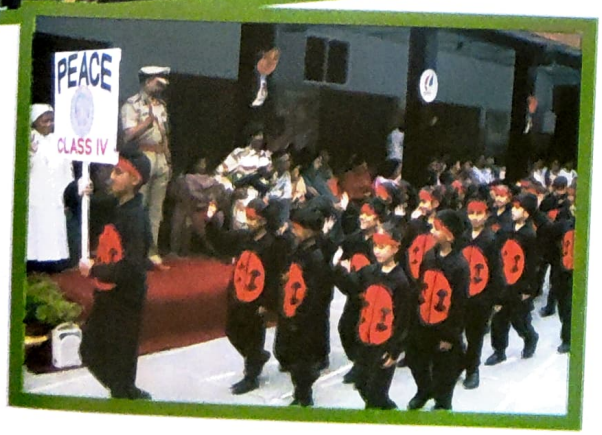




Annual P.T. & Drill Display







Exercise should be regarded as a tribute to the heart.

The Annual P.T. Drill display was held on the 30th of September, 2011. This year's theme for the P.T. Drill displays was "Unity is strength"

The Annual Meet was declared open by the Chief Guest, Mr. Satyendra Kumar, Commandant, I.T.B.P, Mussoorie. The March Past by all the four houses set the pace for the show.



"The greatest wealth is health."









The students performed a variety of drills. Each class was ready with its colourful display. A tremendous co ordination was visible amongst the students, when they performed the Yogasanas, Gymnastics and Karate.

The show concluded with the display of the Senior girls which finally merged into the Grand Finale. The day came to an end with the whole School singing the School song and the National Anthem.











Exhibition

"Creativity is thinking up new things. Innovation is doing new things."
- Theodore Levitt



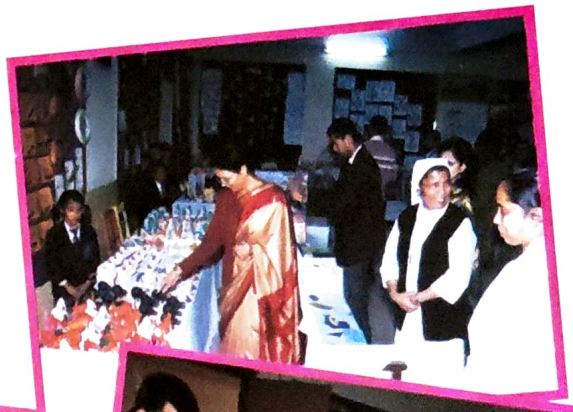


The Art, Craft, and Science Exhibitions were held on 23rd September,2011. Mrs. Rajni Aikant, a well known Hindi teacher of our School was invited as the Chief Guest to inaugurate the Exhibition. There were intricate models, delicate glass paintings, clay models and lots more, in which the effort, talent and creativity of the students could be seen. The students presented many experiments through their hand-made models, in the Science Exhibition. The Chief Guest Mrs. Rajni Aikant, was highly impressed by the exhibition, especially with the science working models and appreciated the whole effort of the students, who had worked very hard under the able guidance of their teachers.

The principle goal of education is to create students who are capable of doing new things, not simply of repeating what other generations have done children who are creative, inventive and discoverers. With this aim the teachers and students strive very hard to live up to the highest level of creativity.

"The world is but a canvas to the imagination." - Henry David Thoreau











Sr. Lucy's Birthday



"It's another day for you. God added another petal to your flower of life and wished that it may bloom for ever."

On 26th September 2011, we celebrated the birthday of our Principal, Sr Lucy D' Souza. She inspires many, with her thoughts and actions, so on this special day we all came together to make a special wish for her. You're thought about more often than you probably can guess, and thoughts of you just naturally bring smiles of happiness. Now, that it's your birthday, may each and every warm thought, bring a wish for all the best in life, and all your favourite things.

"If there's something that you're dreaming of then may it all come true, because you deserve it all...HAPPY BIRTHDAY."





Field & Track Events

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."

The Field and Track events were held on 23rd September, 2011. It was a day of true sportsmanship, when all the four Houses assembled and pledged to have a fair play. The athletes were being motivated by their Captains, Vice- Captains and House Mistresses to give in their level best and score the goal. The participants performed beyond expectations and ran with full vigour and enthusiasm. They were bringing in medals for their houses and being cheered by the House members.









Sports ideally teach discipline and commitment. They challenge you and build character for everything you do in life.

It was terrific to watch the young athletes determined to win and proud of their achievements. Defeat was dreaded, but they were not bitter about it, rather faced it with a smile.

Everyone has the desire to win, But only champions have the desire to prepare.











They only had one aim, to bring glory to their house. Their enthusiasm was commendable and for them participation mattered the most. The Class X students participated in the RUN FOR UNITY.







TOUR
» TO JAIPUR



Sometimes, you get to live through experiences that change the course of your life and remain with you till the end of your days. They are such experiences that can be recounted to other countless times and still remain as fresh as ever.

For the students of Classes IX and X, the tour was the one we anxiously waited for. The day of 16th of October finally arrived when the students of class IX and X were all packed to set out for their once-in-a-lifetime venture to explore the beauty of 'The Pink City of India', Jaipur and 'The exciting world of rich Indian Heritage', Akshardham, New Delhi

We left school on the 16th afternoon and headed for Delhi, boarding the Shatabdi Express. At night, we caught the train to Jaipur. Next morning, on reaching Jaipur, we boarded the A/C coach to drive to our Hotel Clark's Amer. On our way we saw the beautiful scenic beauty of the city. After checking into the hotel, we had our breakfast and went to visit Jaigarh. The fort was at the cliff top. Here the Rajput ruler's built in throne perches like an eagle's nest on the







battlements. The location was superb. The fort sprawled over its own hill in a valley protected on all sides by rugged mountains. We saw the biggest canon in the world. The Jaiwana armory section, Rainwater harvesting system and the underground tanks and wells. Then we returned to the hotel for lunch, after which we visited the City Palace Museum, and enjoyed the puppet show there. In the evening we were given time for souvenir shopping. We returned to our hotel after shopping, enjoyed the music and the Jam Session.

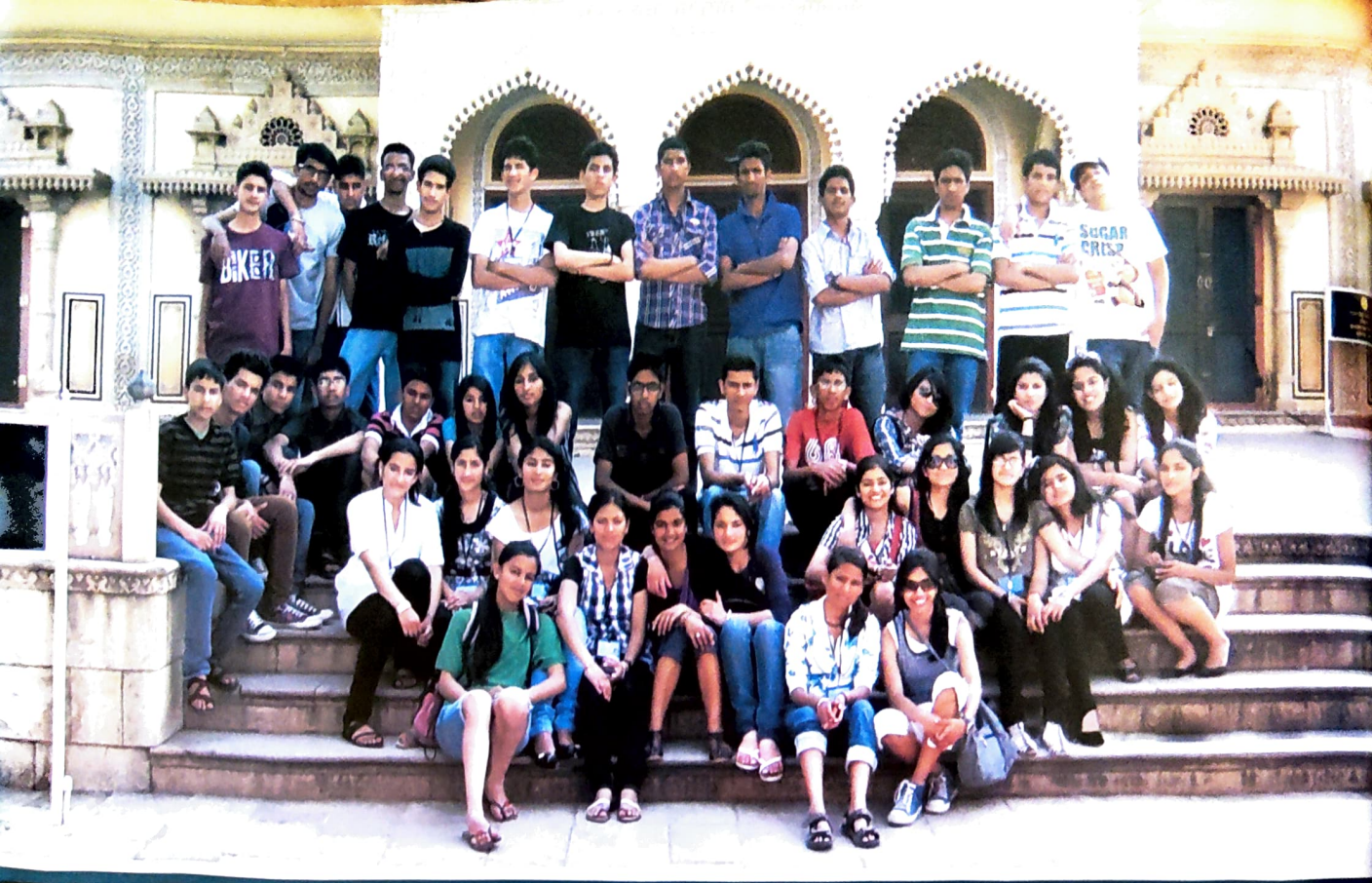
On the 18th of October, we had our breakfast and drove to Jaipur Airport to board the Flight for Delhi. This was the most awaited moment and we all enjoyed this thrilling Air Experience. On reaching Delhi, we went to Akshardham,















a world of rich Indian Heritage. The main temple and the awesome sculptures are a feast for the eyes. The boat ride in Sanskriti Vihar gave us an exhilarating experience, of our rich heritage. The Sahajanand, the Robotix and the film all presented a galaxy of Indian values. In the evening we entered the world's largest step-well and witnessed the musical fountain, which is an ode to the changing cycles of life, depicting Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh. After our visit to Akshardam, we reached the New Delhi Station to board our train to Saharanpur. On our way to the station we halted at Mc. Donald for dinner.

On the 19th morning we reached Mussoorie and with this our journey was over. The four days spent were truly remarkable and memorable experience for each one of us. The things we say are unforgettable and the fun we had could have been enjoyed nowhere else, and for this, we express our most sincere gratitude to our Principal Sr. Lucy D' Souza for organizing such a wonderful tour, and for giving us the opportunity to have the experience of a lifetime. We also heartly thank Sister Susie and the teachers Ms. Rekha, Ms. Dilawar for their care and concern, Mr. Neeraj and Mr. Kuldeep for their guidance and lastly Mr. B.S. Rawat for his sense of humour. They truly did contribute towards the most incredible moments of our lives.

- Alisha Dhiman, Class X B

Children's Day







"Every child is a new thought of God"

Though Universally Children's Day is on November 20 every year, India celebrates it on November 14. This date marks the birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister and an important part of India's collective memory. Known as "Chacha Nehru" (Uncle Nehru) by children across India, he did much during his time in office from 1947-1964 to advance primary education and establish institutions of higher learning. Due to Nehru's love towards children, he was bestowed upon with the endearing title of Chacha Nehru. Children are like buds in a garden. He regarded children to be the future of the nation and citizens of tomorrow. Hence, a tribute is paid to this great personality by celebrating his birth anniversary all over India. Teachers also get involved, and perform songs and dances for their students.

It is a much awaited activity for all the children. The programme began with the intentions by the teachers for their students, which was followed by a hymn. Many foot tapping numbers were presented by the Teachers, which won the cheer and applaud of the students.

The pursuit of truth and beauty is a sphere of activity in which we are permitted to remain children all our lives.

Children's Day is seen as a day for the kids to engage in fun and frolic. Though the schools are open on this day, children, however, do not wear uniforms and don colorful and informal dresses to school. The day serves as a reminder to all Indians about committing to the education and welfare of the children thereby contributing to the progress of the nation - a small step that Nehru had started.

Christmas Celebration

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

Jesus was born to Mary, assisted by her husband Joseph, in the city of Bethlehem. According to popular tradition, the birth took place in a stable, surrounded by farm animals

CJM Hampton Court had their Annual Christmas Play "Come let us adore Him" on the 9th November, 2011. The programme commenced with a short prayer invoking God's blessings and a passage read from the "Holy Bible," relating to the birth of Christ.











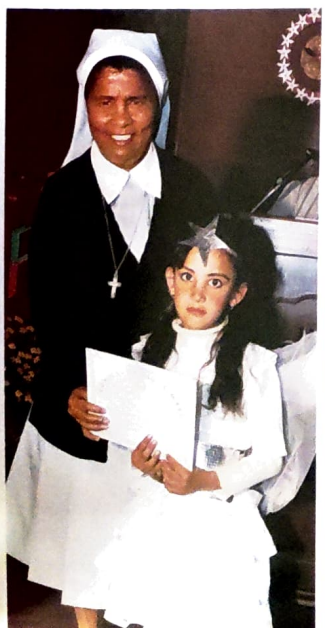
It was a treat for the audience to witness the Christmas carols sung by the School choir which truly brought alive the Christmas message of peace and goodwill. These carols synchronized well with the various episodes enacting the birth of Christ.

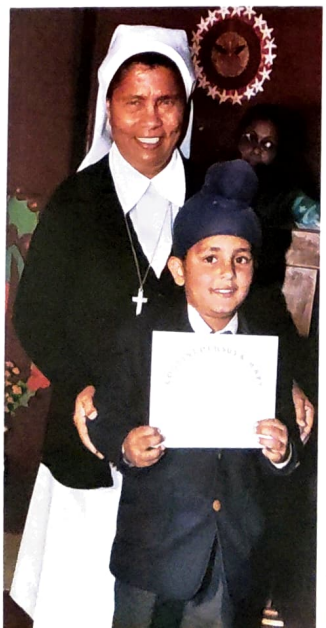
Christmas is the day that holds all time together.

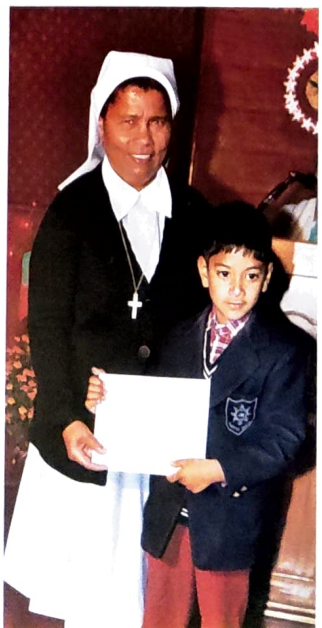
Students were awarded certificates for their virtues, conduct and other performances. The programme concluded with a lot of fun and frolic and each one exchanging greetings for Christmas. Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day.















Convent of Jesus & Mary, Hampton Court

EX- STUDENTS REUNION

8 TO 10 OCTOBER 2011

ORGANISED BY THE BATCH OF 1981

Most of us have spent our entire childhood at Hampton Court. Our foundation was laid at Hampton Court. How could we forget our Alma mater; and so we were there!

Honestly, most of us feel that there was never a boarding school like Hampton Court, nor is there any at present, and we are sure that there can never be a boarding school like what Hampton Court was.

We also take this opportunity to appeal to the Principal and all concerned, to look into converting Hampton Court into a 'Boarding School' once again, and to form an 'Alumni Association'.

Since, Hampton Court did not have an Alumni Association till now; some of the ex-students came forward and arranged the 'Ex-Students Reunion' from 8 to 10 Oct. '11. This was an initiative of the batch of 1981.

27 of us met (including 21 from the batch of 1981), many, along with their families, enjoyed and re-lived our childhood once again.

We do not have enough words, to express the joy of all friends who were part of 'The Reunion' of Ex-Students of Hampton Court.





Most of the people arrived on 8th Oct. 2011.

There was a formal programme with audio-visual presentation, speeches and high tea at Hotel Nand residency on 9-10-11. This was followed by dinner.

On 10-10-11, the school extended a warm welcome to us. We can never forget how we were allowed to get in lines along with other children and attend the special assembly held for us.

The assembly, along with prayers, souvenir presentation by ex-students to the Principal and teachers, dance presentation by present students, audio-visual presentation by school, speeches by the Principal and some ex-students, the samosa / biscuits tea break; all gave us an emotional high and further bonding.

We found what we wanted at school; our childhood. We all re-lived our childhood once again. We all will cherish the reunion moments forever.

Ramesh Mittal & Manish Agarwal
(Batch of 1981)







Ex-students visit Hampton Court School to mark 30th reunion

Mussoorie, October 10

More than 25 former students from Convent of Jesus and Mary Hampton Court School (1981 batch) today paid a visit to their Alma Mater along with their families to mark the reunion celebrations and reminisces of their days in school.

Former students from Convent of Jesus and Mary Hampton Court School attended the Annual Reunion Celebrations in Mussoorie on Monday.

(A Tribune photograph)



Ex-students visit Hampton Court School to mark the 1981 Batch, Reunion

Ajay Ramola

Mussoorie, October 10

More than 25 ex- students from Convent of Jesus and Mary Hampton Court School (1981 batch), today, paid a visit to their Alma Mater along with their families to mark the reunion celebrations and reminiscent the days in school.

The ex-students were ecstatic to meet Mrs Dilawar, one of the few teachers left from their school days, and thanked her for imparting quality education and laying the foundation stone of their careers.

They also pledged financial assistance to the girl students from the economically weaker sections of Society, willing to study in the school.

The Principal of the school Sister Lucy welcomed the ex-students by organising a special assembly for them. She said it was indeed gratifying that the students still carried the memories of the school in their hearts even after 30 years and chose to return to the roots along with their families.

The present-day students also presented a dance number in honour of the ex-students.

Ramesh Mittal, the coordinator of the reunion celebrations, addressed the gathering and thanked the school.

Ex-students Naveen Jain, Harsukhpal Singh, Rajesh Sikka, Mahesh Sharda and Rahul Singh also asserted that the efforts were on to unite the former students under one platform so that a close connection is established for a lifetime.

Amit Sandilya also said plans were on to form an Alumni Association, officially.

Rahul, who came from Canada for the occasion, said the Alumni Association also planned to introduce number of scholarship schemes for the students in the field of academic and sports in the near future.

They also presented mementos to the Principal, Sisters and the Staff.

The Jesus and Mary Congregation that were running the Waverly school in the town took over the charge of the school in 1922 and established Hampton Court as a preparatory school. The school was upgraded to class X and from next year, 2012, it will become an Inter College. Some of the famous alumnis of the School are eminent authors Ruskin Bond and Bollywood singer Lucky Ali.



'Nothing is more excellent than knowledge and there is no Treasure like knowledge.'

Inter House Quiz 2011



The Inter House Junior and Senior Quiz 2011 were held on 13th September. The students of classes IV to VI and VII to X participated in the contest on behalf of their respective houses.



The winner of the Juniors Quiz Competition was Encounter House and the Runners up trophy was taken by the Endeavour House.

In the senior category the trophy was won by the Endeavour House and the runners up was won by the Enterprise House.

The students of classes IX and X conducted the event. Questions were asked on various topics related to Science, History, Geography, Sports, Current affairs, Entertainments etc. to test their General Knowledge.



The power point questions with both audio and visual aids were liked much by all the participants and gave a positive response.

Each round of quiz was followed by the audience round where the students were very excited to answer and this brought a lot of excitement among all present in the hall.

The Chief Guest Sr. Lucy D' Souza motivated the students with her words of inspiration.

"Strength of mind is exercise not rest."

HOUSE REPORTS

Enterprise House
YELLOW HOUSE



"Many of life's failures are people who do not realize how close they were to success when they gave up".

One long, yet too short year has passed and its time to leave my responsibilities of a Captain of Enterprise, or Yellow House, which is the colour of the Sun, and fulfill my other responsibilities, towards life.

The Inter House activities, be it sports or the stage activities are a great source of confidence for one and all. It prepares each one of us to face the bigger stages with lots of confidence and true spirit. These activities help to develop the hidden talents in a student.

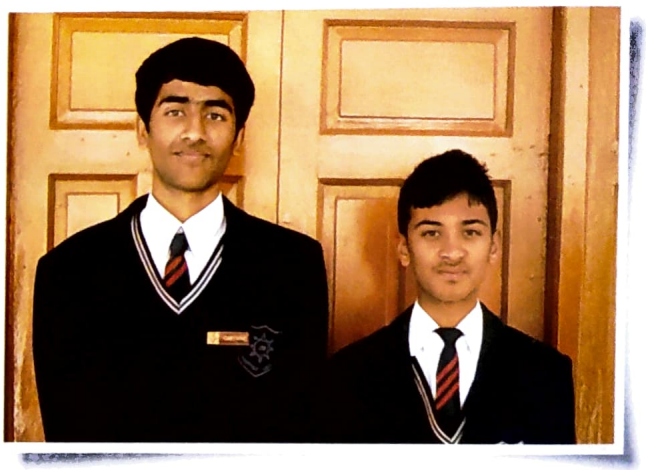
As a Captain, I have observed that most boys and girls in our house are capable of achieving great heights. However it is their attitude that prevents them from doing their best. Each one must realize that he can only succeed if he or she has set a goal and a steady determination to achieve it.

I would like to thank my House mistress Miss Ritika and all the other house teachers for building us up and also our Vice Captain Khushboo Negi, who has contributed immensely towards our House. With these words, I hand over my charge and pray for the excellence of my house.

"If the task is once begun, never leave it till it's done. Be the labour great or small, do it well or not at all."

- Pratishtha Pant
Captain, Enterprise House

Encounter House
RED HOUSE



Winners don't do different things, they do things differently.

The year 2011 proved to be a turning point in my life when I was handed over the responsibility of becoming the Captain of "The Encounter House".

It was great pleasure to handle one of the crucial tasks which was allotted to me. I loved playing a significant role in all the activities occurring in the school.

But as every vehicle is not run by a single wheel, I too wouldn't be able to do so. I would like to thank my House Mistress, Ms Nandita, my vice Captain Rishab Negi and other members of the house to help me accept such a challenge.

Our house has been always known for the undying spirit and I am sure my house will keep the flag flying.

Our house is best known for naughty and energetic children, but those were the children who took our house to the second position amongst the four houses.

At last I would like to conclude with a quote:

"Champions are not supernatural, they just work for that one more second, when everyone else quits ....."

- Khatib Ahmed
Captain, Encounter House

Endeavour House

GREEN HOUSE



"Hard work is the key to success".

We can only be victorious by our hard work and determination. The year 2011 was a turning point in my life, full of challenges, as I was elected the Captain of my house, i.e., The Endeavour House. It was a challenge for me and that day I promised that I will surely put in my best effort to make my house the best. It would not have been possible without the support and guidance of my House Mistress, Mam Rajneesh along with the other house teachers including Mam Rekha, Mam Meghna, Mam Sheeba and Mam Surekha. The Vice-Captain of the House, Abhay Raj, also supported me in this task.

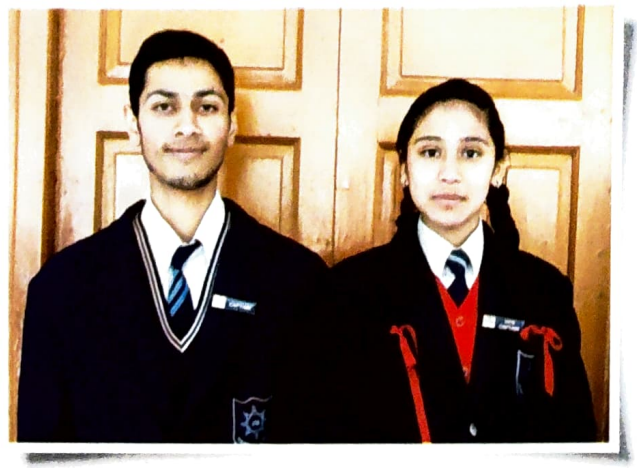
The year 2011 has been a shining year for my house. From the beginning of the year my house performed the very best. The first event which was held in the school was the Inter House Debate and Declamation. The Endeavour House did a splendid job and secured the first position in both Debate as well as Declamation. The following event was the Inter House Dramatics. In this too, our house bagged the first position. It was due to the tremendous effort put in by Mam Rekha and the other house teachers that we won the trophies for Debate and Dramatics. Not only in these activities but the Endeavour House performed their best in Sports too. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks to my house members because it was due to their effort and hard work that our house won so many trophies and was also the Champion House for the fourth time this year. I owe my special thanks to Saurav Sonkar, Sahil Sonkar and Pratap Kandari who are awesome sportspersons and their dedication and sincerity towards the sports activities has surely led the house towards victory.

Last, but not the least, I would like to thank our Principal Sr. Lucy D'souza and the staff members for giving me an opportunity to be the Captain of the Endeavour House. I wish and pray that the torch of success led by me will be led in the future, by my juniors.

- Kanchan Lohani
Captain

Endurance House

BLUE HOUSE



"Endurance means the ability to continue".

It gives me an immense pleasure in presenting my house report to you all. It is said that "life is like a flowing stream which gets its direction from the banks of the river". I too was even guided by my house teachers after being appointed as a Captain. The Year 2011, has been very challenging after being given the responsibility of leading the Endurance House, i.e., Blue House. With our House Master Sir Kuldeep Parate's able guidance, I was able to accomplish all the tasks and it was a great experience. I was encouraged and supported by my house teachers "Ms. Dilawar, Ms. Shalini, Ms.Veronica and Ms. Geetanjali and even my house students.

In the Inter House Dramatics we bagged the 2nd position. Though we were not able to achieve the 1st position, yet I can assure you that my House set an example for others in team work and we were proved to be a good competitor to other houses. We won a number of trophies all because of students' team work and specially Shubham Bist, Shubham Kaintura and Irfan Khan, who always worked hard and encouraged the others. I would even thank our house Vice-Captain Saiba Saifi, Social Service leaders Tanisha and Gautam for always being helpful.

A message for my juniors "Good character is the best property which one could leave behind for the coming generation, so do good to be remembered in a positive way in future".

I hope Endurance House will always be successful and on the top. Last, but not the least, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks to Sr. Lucy D'Souza and the staff for appointing me as a Captain and I hope I stood up to all your expectations. I would like to end my report with this quote **"Teamwork is less 'me' and more 'we'".**

- Sandeep Gaur
Captain

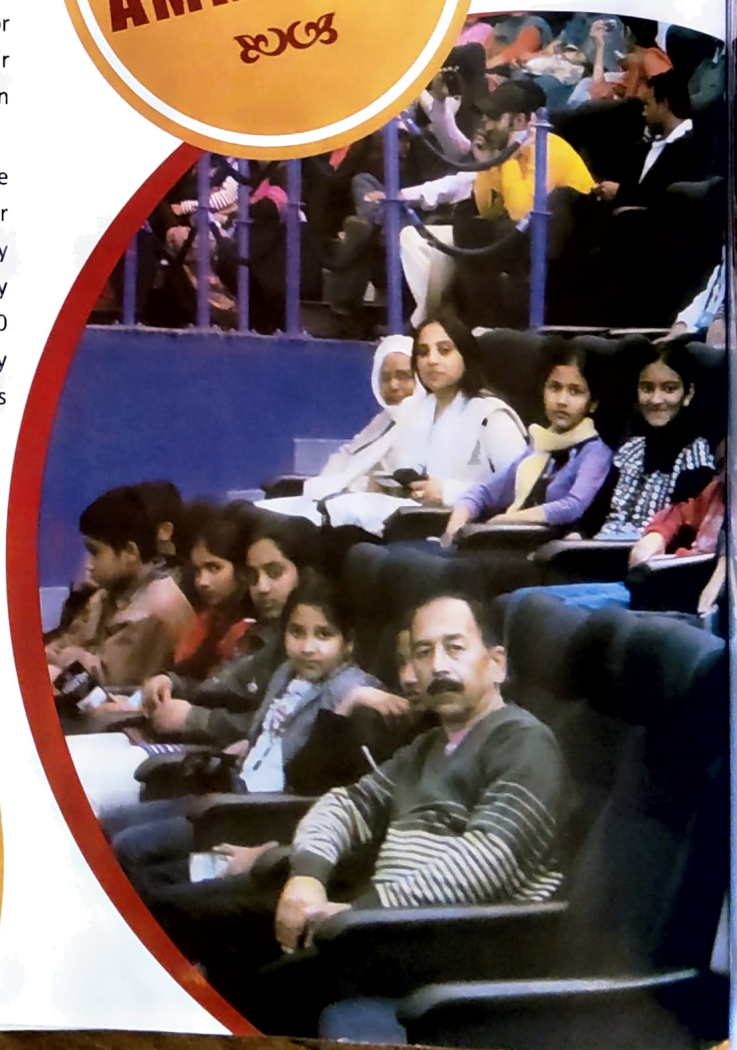


TRIP TO AMRITSAR

The last day of the session, 28th Nov, had been a much awaited one for the students of class VII. They had been eagerly waiting for their trip to Amritsar. At sharp 19:30hrs, the train set out for its designated time of departure. Under the able guidance of Sir Rawat, Sister Bridget and Ms. Shabina a group of twenty seven students set off for the journey to Amritsar.

There was a lot of excitement, hustle and bustle in the compartment. Within no time the students were allotted their respective berths for the night. Each one of them had an early supper and the students were instructed to sleep so that they wake up early the next morning. The next morning around 7:40 am all the students were lined up for their exit from the Railway Station towards their lodging at "The M.K. Hotel". The students











were instructed to freshen up within one hour in order to be ready for their breakfast. Surprisingly all were seated patiently and obediently with a bright sparkle in their eyes waiting for the events of the day to begin. The ambience of the hotel was simply breathtaking and of course the buffet laid was no less tempting.

By 10:0 clock all were ready for The Pushpa Gujral Science City, Jalandhar. It took 2 hours to reach the spot. Definitely an amazing city in itself, sprawling over a thousand acres. A learning centre that a budding scientist would love to discover. We began our expedition with a show on fighter planes in the massive Digital Planetarium. Later on the students were taken to watch different shows like the 3D followed by the Laser Show and The Flight Simulator which gave the children a wild ride with flying experience of a realistic world. The next spot was the land of the monsters of the past i.e. The Dinosaur's Park. How can we forget to mention The Virtual Reality, Cyber Space and fun Science Galleries which were all equally astonishing? Each one was simply one of its kind. The city was definitely an Emblem of Pride for Punjab.

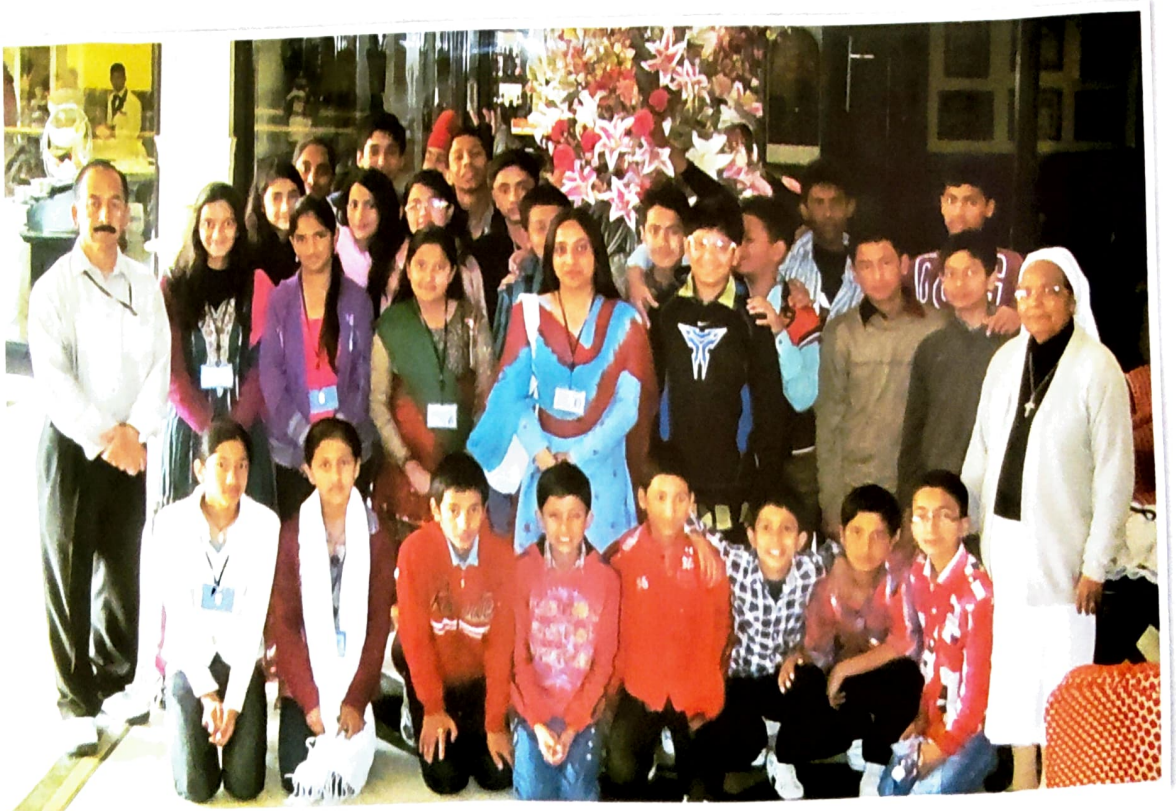
All reached back to the hotel, late in the evening. Although the fatigue of the train and consecutively the bus journey had slackened the energy level of the students but they were still in high spirits. After a good delicious dinner they were in their rooms ruminating over the day's activities and planning for the next day.

The next morning after having a quick bath and breakfast, all geared up for the holy shrine "The Golden Temple". The very first glimpse of it left us awestruck as it is built in pure gold. The



solemness and pious atmosphere of the temple had instilled a feeling of peace in our hearts and mind. Soon after, we moved to another historical place, "The Jallianwalah Bagh." The marks of the gunshots and the well of death which had swallowed many innocent lives on that fateful day when General Dyer had ordered to open fire on the huge gathering present in the premises of Jallianwalah Bagh instilled in us a sense of gratitude for those who had died.

After a quick lunch they left for "The Wagah Border". A distance of nearly 2 km to finally reached the spot. There was a huge crowd which was seated for the evening ceremony, which began with the hoisting of the tri-colour flag on our side of the border and the Pakistani flag on the other side of the border, followed by a kaleidoscope of folk performances presented by the students from different schools of Punjab. The atmosphere resounded with the slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai. We returned back to the hotel for a quick lunch to board the train. Although, students boarded the train with a heavy heart, but had fond memories and a wonderful learning experience of being together with their friends.



Sr. Nirmala's Farewell





Only in the agony of parting do we look into the depths of love.

- George Eliot.



The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be the beginning.

Sr. Nirmala, departed from Mussoorie, only to employ herself to glorify her next institution as she had done here. Her dedication, towards her work, had been quite evident during her term at Hampton Court. She personally interacted with the teachers and the students, squeezing time from her compulsive schedule to plan and make amends for the growth of the Institution.

She was a leader, mentor, and a friend to all of us. May the Lord Almighty grant her good health and happiness in all her endeavours.

Happy Birth Day



Sr. Susie



ENVIRONMENT DAY

"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect".

Forests cover one third of the earth's land mass, performing vital functions and services around the world which make our planet alive with possibilities. In fact, 1.6 billion people depend on forests for their livelihoods. They play a key role in our battle against climate change, releasing oxygen into the atmosphere while storing carbon dioxide.

Forests embody so much of what is good and strong in our lives. Yet despite all of these priceless ecological, economic, social and health benefits, we are destroying the very forests we need to live and breathe.

Global deforestation continues at an alarming rate -- every year, 13 million hectares of forest are destroyed. The World Environment Day is observed every year on the 5th of June.

The World Environment Day 2011 theme is Forests: Nature at Your Service.

The purpose of this theme is to see that special importance is given to forests by different countries. In fact, this is the reason why the United Nations has declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests.

Tree-planting and clean-up campaigns may be undertaken to make sure the entire world makes an effort to maintain a green and clean environment.

To make the world a better place to live in, World Environment Day (WED) 2011 is a good time to initiate ideas and find solutions on environmental issues.

Doesn't knowing this make it so much easier to see the forest from the trees!





TREKKING TRIP TO CHAKRATA

"Fill your life with as many moments and experiences of joy and passion as you humanly can. Start with one experience and build on it."

- Wieder Marcia

There was a trekking trip on 7th April, 2011, organized by our Principal, Sr. Lucy D' Souza, for the students of Class VIII . Chakrata known for its serene environs and pollution-free atmosphere is situated at a distance of 98 kms from Dehradun at an elevation of about 7000 ft (2118 mts). Mr B.S. Rawat, Ms. Seema Deogam and Ms. Nandita Chakraborty accompanied us for the adventurous expedition. On the way we enjoyed the Virgin forests of conifers, rhododendrons and oaks,a vast dense forest, dotted with attractive villages of the Jaunsari tribe, which were very fascinating. It was a long and tiresome journey and we reached the camping area at 4:00 p.m. After having tea and snacks we went for a walk to the Deoban forest situated nearby. Deoban offers a panoramic view of the Himalayas stretching from Kinnaur to Garhwal and Kumaon.

In the evening we pitched our tents and had our dinner. It was very cold and we then had bon-fire to make us warm. The best part was that we were provided with lanterns as that area had no electricity.

"The joy of life consists in the exercise of one's energies, continual growth, constant change, the enjoyment of every new experience."





Next day, we went to see the Tiger Fall which is 5 kms from Chakrata by foot. It is a beautiful water fall, falling from a height of 50 mts. converging into a small pond which creates an enchanting effect in the scenic surroundings. It is in the north east of Chakrata and is at a height of 1395 mts above sea level. Roaring, gushing water, thickly forest and a beautiful view makes it an ideal place for enchanting outing. We were served lunch, under the shades of trees. We then returned back to Kanasar, our camping spot.

We visted the Budar Caves, the next morning and walked up the hill to reach the top. Ashoka Pillar Rock Edict built in 450 B.C. at Kalsi represents the post-warfare era when king Ashoka converted himself to the Buddhist faith. The edicts ever aimed at the moral elevation of his people. An edict at Kalsi made up of quartz is 10ft in length and 8ft in breadth. This spiritual site is preserved by the National Archaeological Department as this edict has great historical significance.

We got back to Kanasar, as after Lunch we were to depart for Mussoorie. Our Principal, Sr. Lucy D'Souza and Sr. Susie were there to have lunch with us. It was a great surprise for each one of us, to see them. After Lunch we boarded the bus and reached Mussoorie at 11:00 p.m. safely.



STAFF PICNIC

Learning is pleasurable, but doing is the height of enjoyment.

The Staff went for a picnic on 8th December, 2011 to Forest Research Institute, Dehradun.

Established in 1906, the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, is one of the oldest institutions of its kind, and acclaimed the world over. The Institute's history is virtually synonymous with the evolution and development of scientific forestry, not only in India, but over the entire Indian sub-continent.

Set in a lush green estate spread over 450 hectares, with the outer Himalaya forming its back drop, the Institute's main building is an impressive edifice, marrying Greco-Roman and Colonial styles of architecture, with a plinth area of 2.5 equipped laboratories, library, herbarium, arboreta, printing press and experimental field areas for conducting forestry research, quite in keeping with the best of its kind anywhere in the world. Its museums, in addition to being a valuable source







of scientific information depict the study and development of termite control measures. The control of insect pests of Sal, shisham, Teak and Babul, rank among the foremost achievements of the Entomology Division of the Forest Research Institute. Similarly, many pioneering works have been accomplished in the field of Forest mycology and pathology. Forest nurseries over the country nave benefitted immensely, producing quality seedlings using insect-pest and disease control practices pioneered at this Institute.

The Teachers found the visit very informative as they learnt about Social Forestry, Cultivation techniques for Bamboos,Eco-rehabilitation of the central Himalayas of U.P. and the utilization of wood and development of non-wood forest products.

After the vast expanse of information we played a few games. The winners were given away prizes. The recreation ended with laughter and jokes shared by all.

We also visited the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, which was formerly named as the Institute of Himalayan Geology. It was renamed as the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology in memory of its founder- the late Prof. D. N. Wadia, (F.R.S. and National Professor), in appreciation to his contributions to geology of the Himalayas. The Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology carries out basic research in Himalayan Geology and related fields which includes geodynamic evolution, mountain building processes, geo-environment and mineral resources.

Now it was a time to fill up the growling stomach. We were served with delicious dishes at Moti Mahal Restaurant. The day passed and we boarded the bus with all the beautiful moments of the day, in our minds.



BOARD RESULTS 2011

Topper	**Saumya Vaish**	**95%**
Highest in English	Jaspreet Kaur	(95)
Highest in Hindi	Saumya vaish	(95)
Highest in EVS	Neha Nazmeen	(96)
	Vanshika Bhatt	(96)
Highest in History and Geography	Saumya Vaish	(94)
Highest in Mathematics	Saumya Vaish	(96)
Highest in Science	Saumya Vaish	(94)
Highest in Computer Applications	Saumya Vaish	(94)
	Vanshika Bhatt	(94)
	Saheb Singh	(94)



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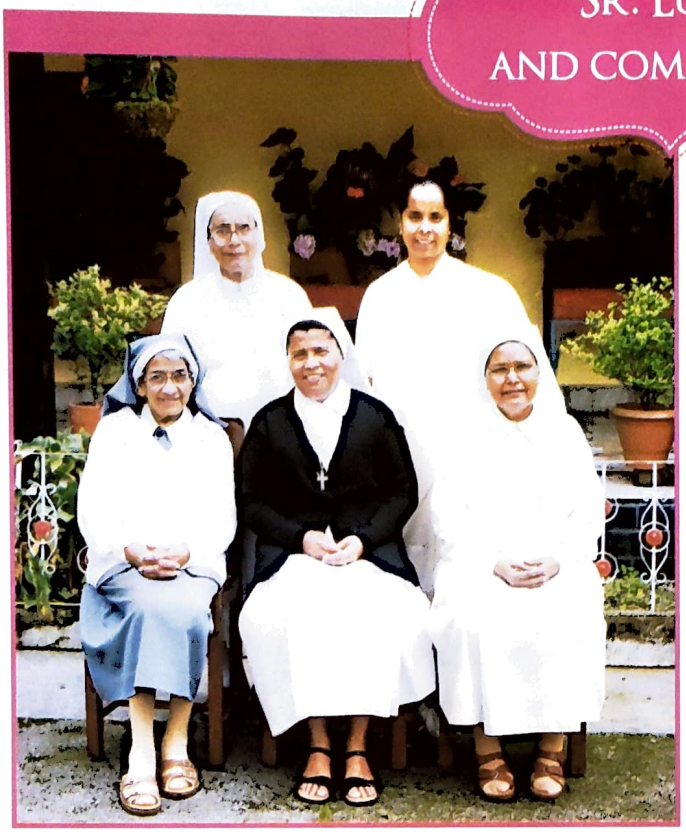


FAMILY ALBUM

Sr. Lucy (Principal) with her Teaching Staff



Sr. Lucy and Community



Our Helpers



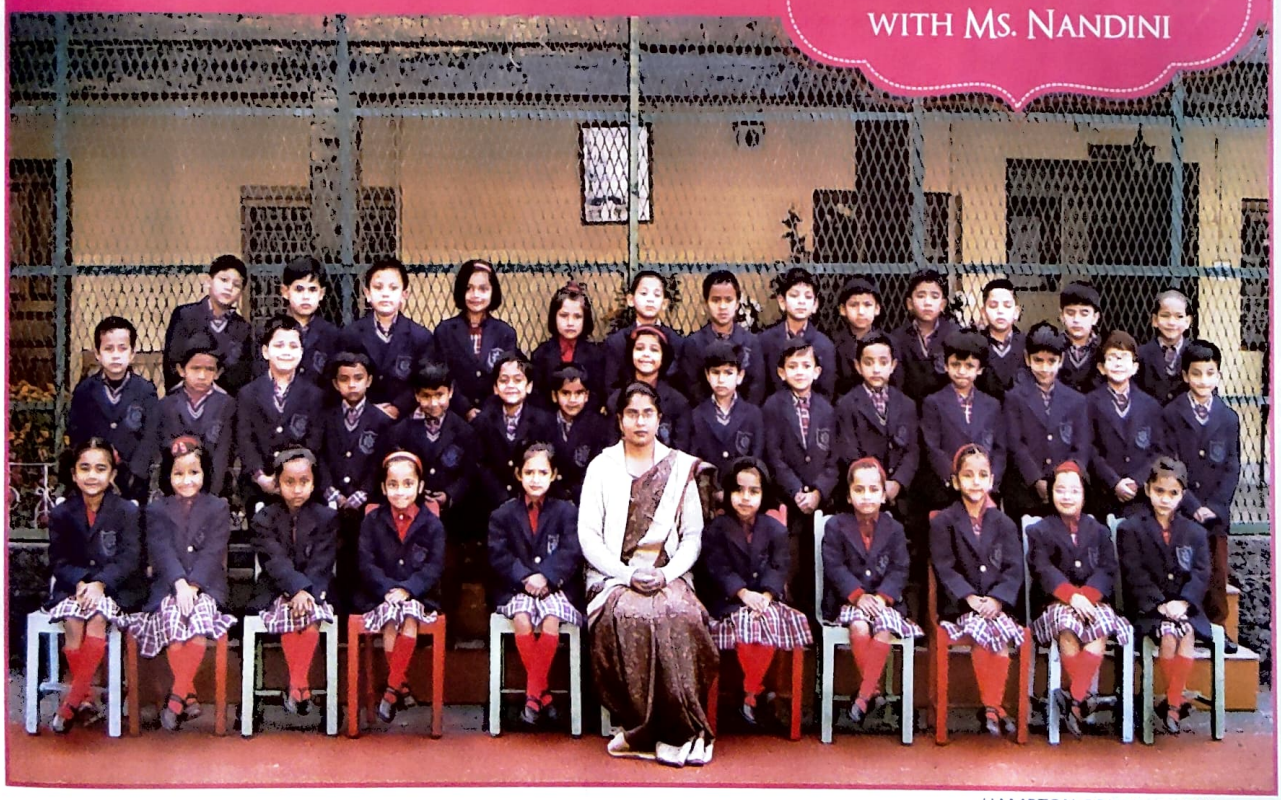
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with Ms. Meenu



Class - UKG
with Ms. Nandini



Class - I A
with Ms. Meghna



Class - I B
with Ms. Seema



Class - II A
with Ms. Geetanjali



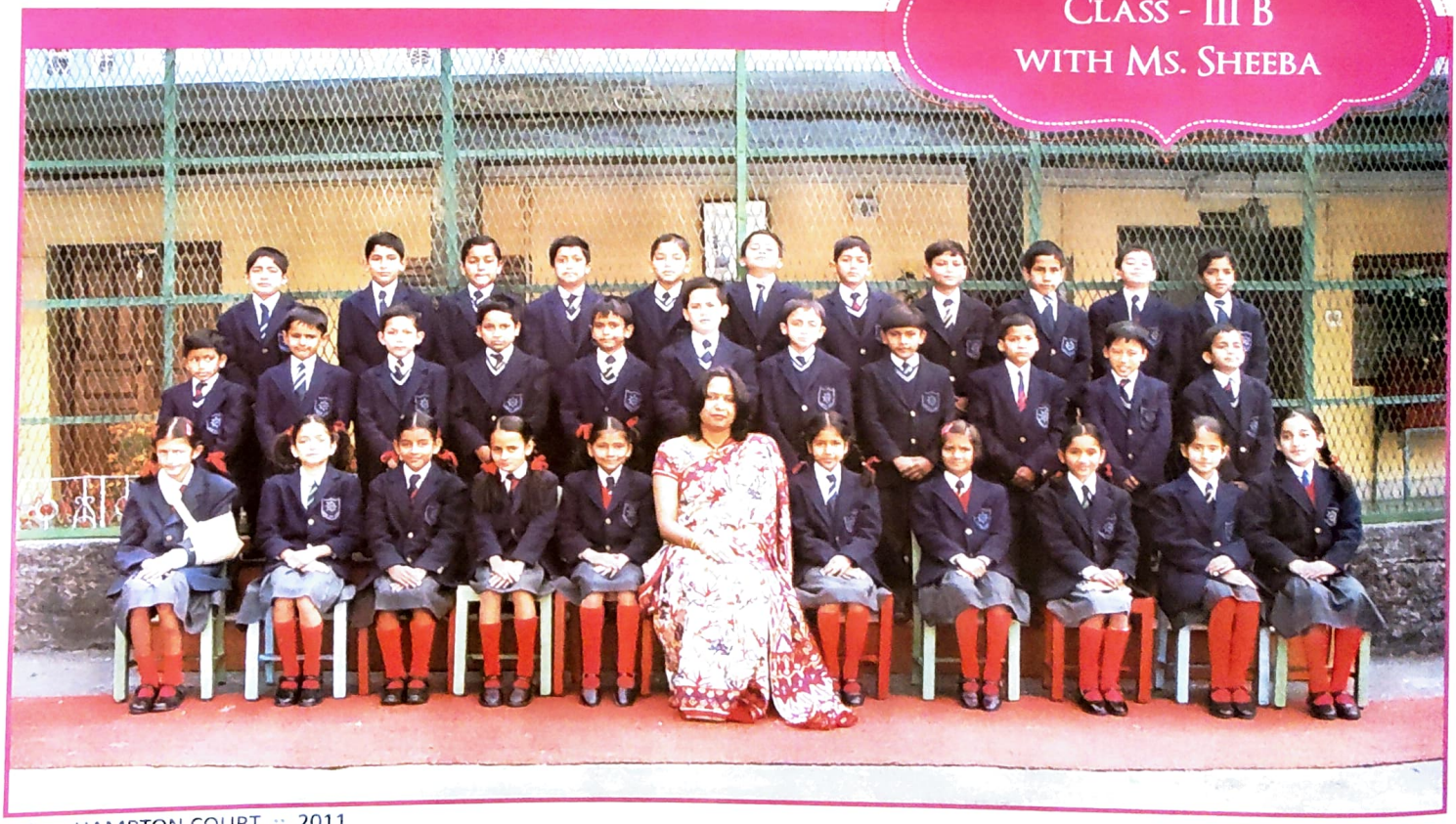
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Class - III A
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Class - III B
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Class - IV A
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Class - IV B
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Class - V A
with Ms. Veronica



Class - V B
with Ms. Rajneesh



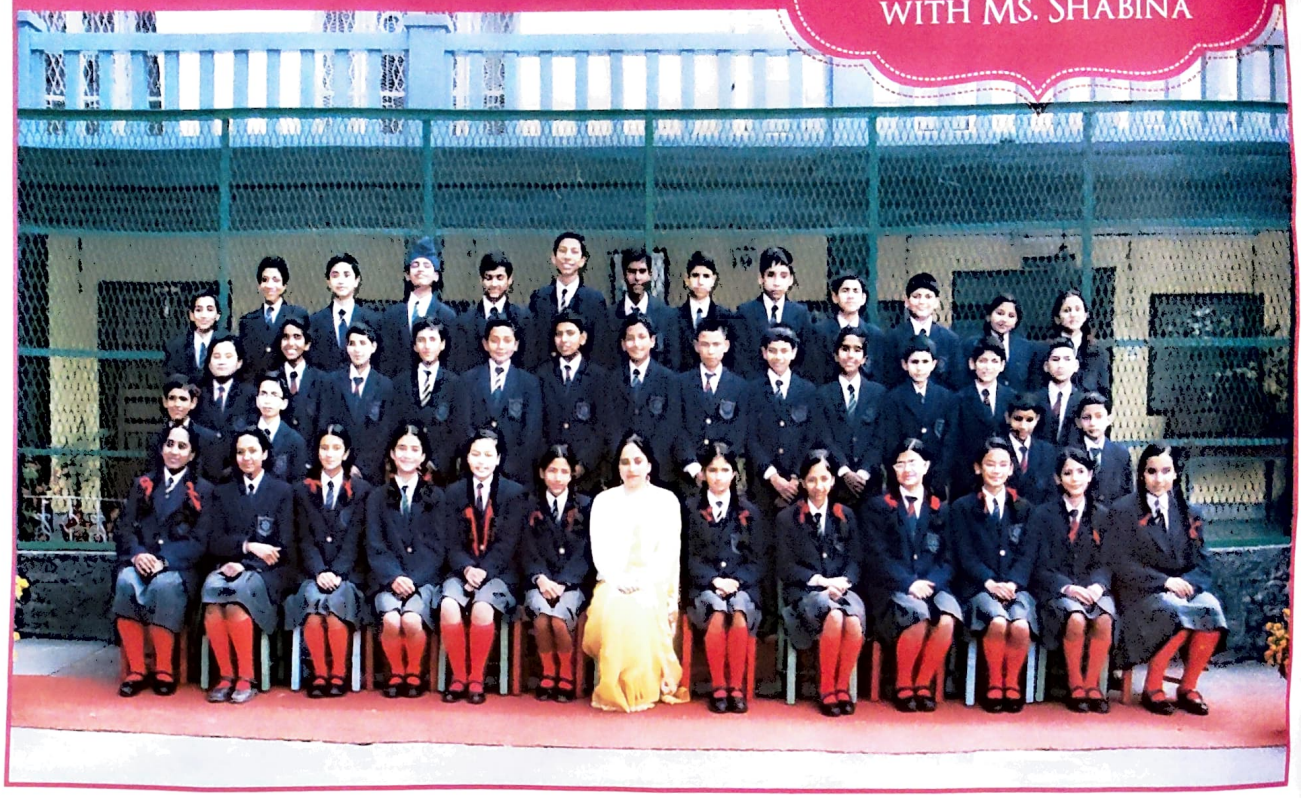
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Class - VII
with Ms. Shabina



Class - VIII A
with Ms. Seema



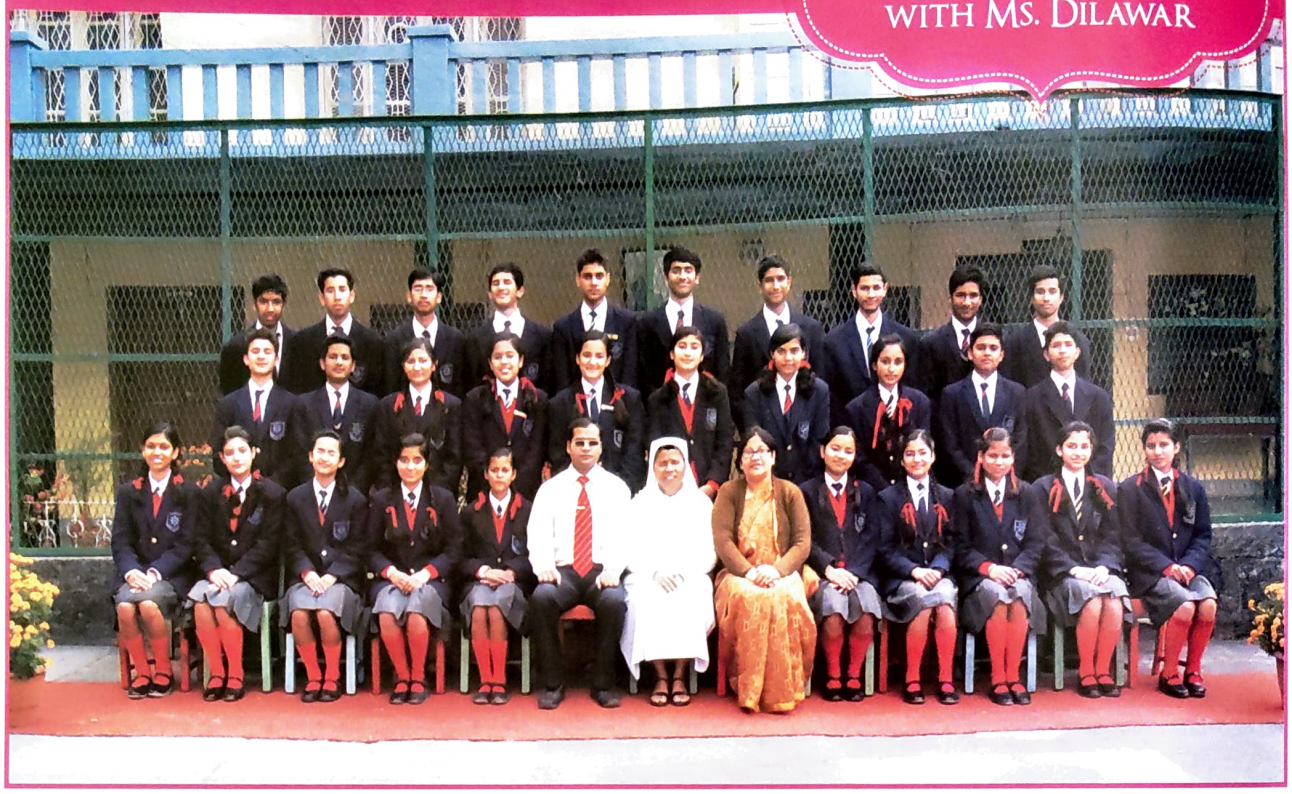
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Class - IX
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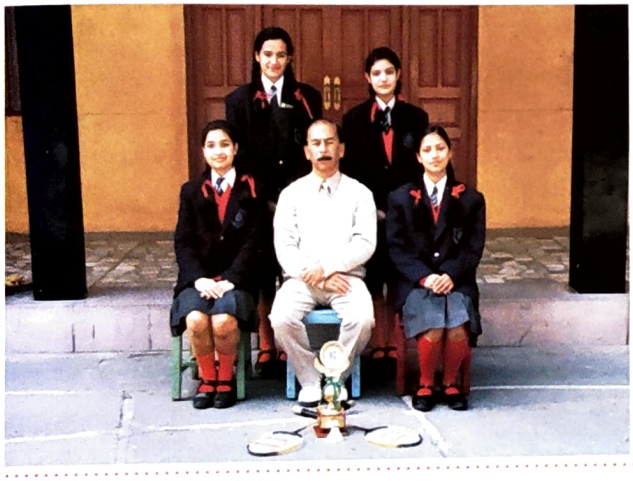


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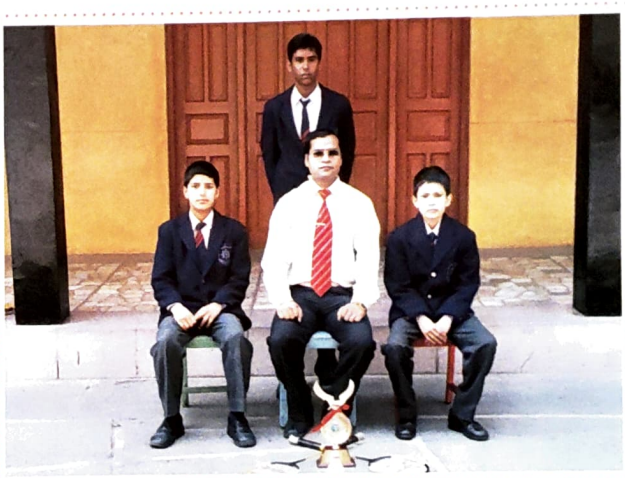




Mr. Neeraj with
Sr. Boys Badminton Team (Green House)



Mr. Rawat with
Sr. Girls Badminton Team (Green House)



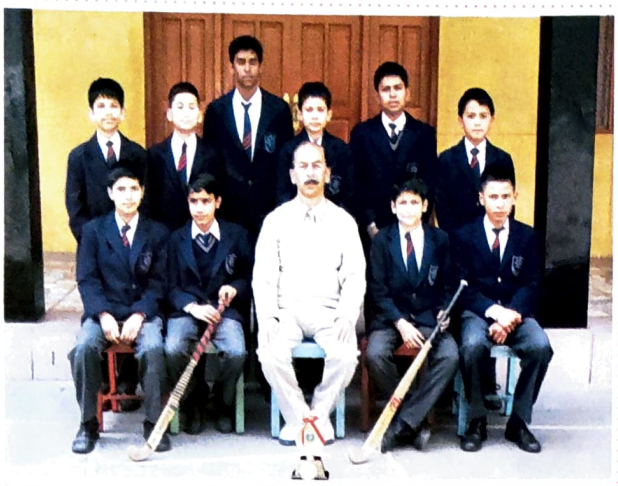
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Mr. Rawat with
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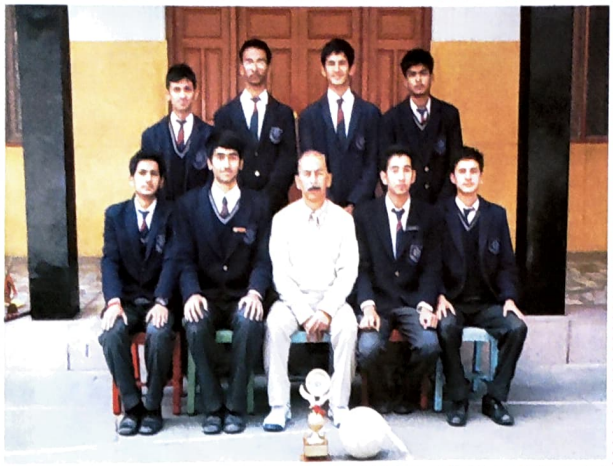
Mr. Kuldeep with
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Mr. Rawat with
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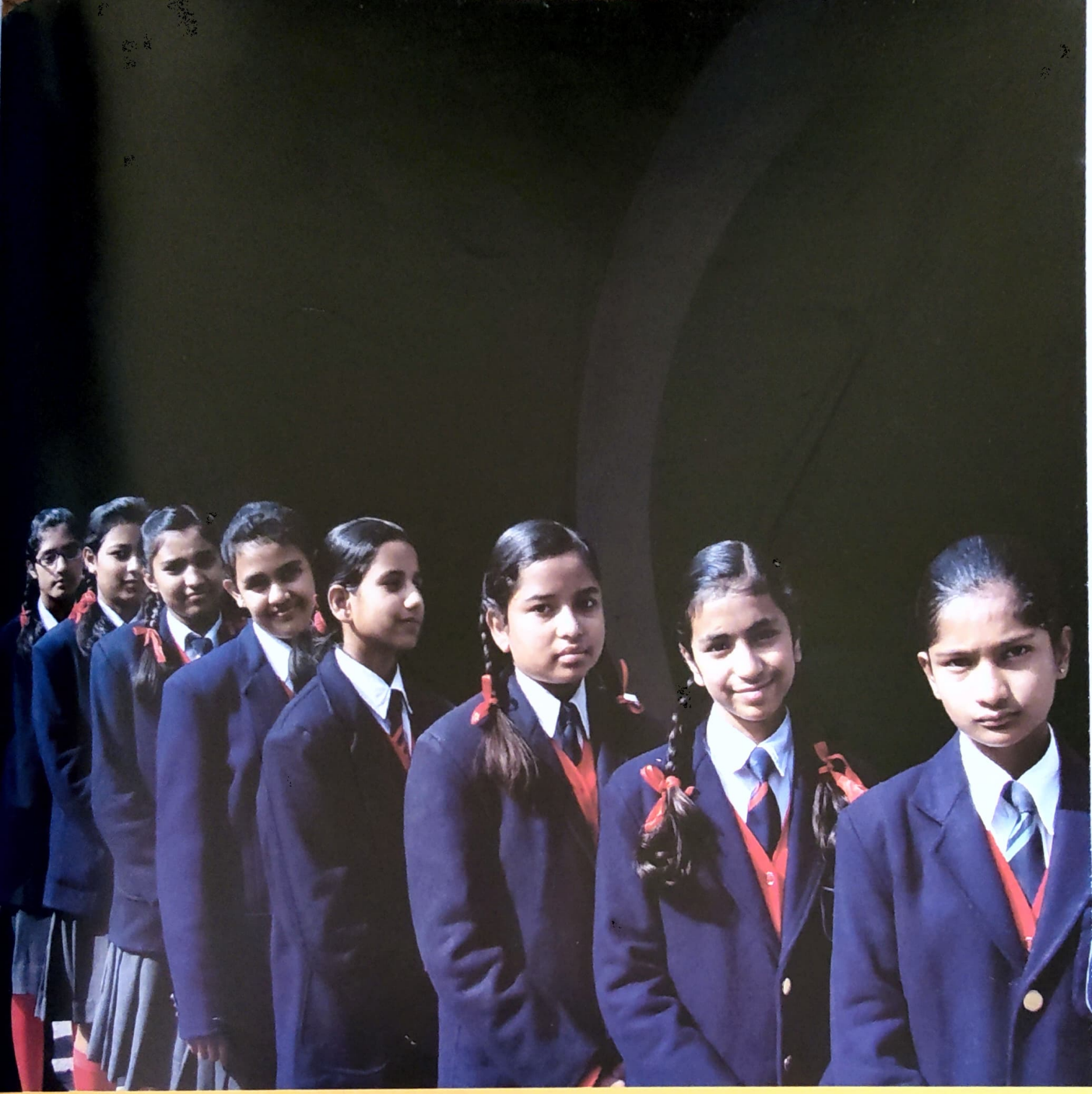
Mr. Rawat with
Sr. Boys Hockey Team (Green House)



Mr. Ashish Uniyal with
Sr. Boys Table Tennis Team (Green House)



Mr. Rawat with
School Hockey Team



CONTRIBUTIONS

THE FOREST OF PANAMA



Jack had planned to visit the forest of Panama as he lived on an island near it. The island had a small city which was different from the rest of the world. It was away from the busy and noisy life of the countries. The children had not studied as they did not go to the school, as a fact, the island did not have a school. The children played day and night and enjoyed the life of the quite forest. Sometimes the children went to the Forest of Panama to observe the beauty of nature. But only children who were big enough to row the boats went to the forest.

Jack had waited three years to go to the forest and today he was going to fulfill his wish with his friend Mike. They had made a beautiful boat and were ready to go to the forest for three days. They had packed their food and necessary things. Then, early morning they left for the forest. Jack was not an experienced boatman so he rowed first in the calm waters. Mike rowed when the huge rocks came in the way.

At noon, they reached the forest. The coconut trees at the coast were very important to the people who came there. It was said that the people drank the water from the ripe coconuts. Jack claimed a tree and plucked the coconuts. After some time they drank the water. It was very sweet and cool. Then they ate the lunch and went for a walk in the forest. They did not know that this would be the worst walk of their lives.

Mike led the way cutting the bushes and Jack followed. They had gone a little into the forest when the sun started setting. Mid way to the centre of the forest, Jack did not want to go back, so they continued. After some time, there was darkness all around. Night had fallen over two boys. They decided to go back. As they turned, they saw that all the tress looked alike. They had lost their way!

Jack had just taken a step forward when something bit him in the leg. Mike saw that it was a snake! If the poison spread in his body he would be dead. Jack first felt nothing, and then the worked started to shine. Then darkness, complete darkness. He could only hear Mike say, "I will get help! Don't worry!" After that not a sound was heard. Mike had fainted seen that the sun was totally set. He ran as hard as he could to get to the boat. After about fifteen minutes, Mike saw a footprint on the wet ground. He was happy, and he ran faster.

After a while, he saw another footprint. He realized that he was going round and round in circles. He fell down on his knees and fainted. Next morning, Jack was in his senses. He realized that the snake was may be a weak one. He tried to get up but soon realized that his leg was paralyzed. Meanwhile, Mike had reached the boat after regaining his strength. He immediately went to get help.

After one more day, Jack was discovered wounded by the people. His leg was badly hurt and he needed medical attention. His leg had to be cut off and walked with the help of crutches now. The miracle was that he did not die even after being bitten by a rattle snake. This was because the poison spread only in his leg. His life was saved. The forest of Panama which had spoiled his life was now his best friend. He and Mike now became the rescuers of people who got lost in the forest. Jack also became the fastest boatman in the boat races. When Jack was asked about how he felt, he said, "After everything was over I realized that every cloud has a silver lining!"

Shikhar Walia

Class X B

The Foolish Man



1. Considers money as an end in life
2. Lives only to eat
3. Just lives in the present
4. Strives for higher standards of life
5. Looks and work for seasonal pleasure

Rinkita Rawat
Class VII

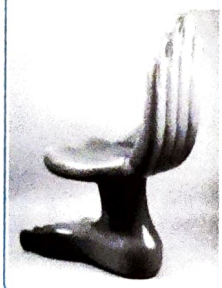
The Wise Man



1. Considers money as a means to life eternal
2. Eats to live
3. Looks towards the future
4. Strives for the higher values of life
5. Looks and works for inner peace

Rinkita Rawat
Class VII

Make It Large



It is the way, go on the way
It is a goal, achieve the goal
It is the time, utilize the time
It is the desire, fulfill the desire
It is your life, make it large.....

Rinkita Rawat
Class VII

The Cherry Tree

I have a garden of my own
Where I love to work alone
I have to sing all day
For my mind is away
In the land of fairies
Full of pixies
That's the land I see
Up in the Cherry Tree.

Ruhani Singh
Class I B



COMMON MAN, IS NO LONGER A COMMAN MAN

"The philosophy of the common man is an old wife that gives him no pleasure, yet he cannot live without her, and resents any aspersions that strangers may cast on her character".

A common man will never get a monument except for his tombstone and the only accolades he will receive are those from his family and friends.

Yes, George Washington was heroic but what about the soldiers that served him? Did they not share the same mad courage that would cause someone to stand up to a seemingly unbeatable foe?

The world has progressed, from huts to castles, from radio to television and laptops, from bullock carts to Ferrai, from messengers to mobile phones, the list is infinite but ask yourself honestly, has the common man progressed and what has the social distinction given him? The answer will obviously be 'No', the common has not progressed.

The common man often asks himself may be even God, that why has he to suffer all the social evils of the society like unemployment, terrorism, corruption, bribery, price rise etc. He is the one who helps his masters, to climb up the ladder of social status, but at last he is the one to suffer.

- There are millions of qualified people to register off unemployment all over the country, while a minister's son or daughter is the 1st one to get a high payment job. Thousands of students do not admissions in colleagues, institutes but the minister's son or daughter is the 1st one who without qualifying the test gets through.
- Children lose father and women lose their husbands, terrorists do not spare even the religious places and the hospitals. Thousands of people are dead in which common people rank 1st. Peace is reduced to an illusion. Death and destruction follow closely on the heels of hatred and lead to wars. Hypocrisy creates gaps between people.
- Bribery is surely spreading like cancer in the society, threatening the common man. We today stand the tenth most corrupt nation in the world. We find the ticket collector or a lineman, demanding to be bribed for allotting berth or rectifying a telephone connection, though it comes in their line of duty.
- Now lets talk about price rise shopkeepers under weigh or under measure the items. He often sells the stock in black market. Goods are sold at high prices to the common man, those who can afford, purchase luxurious items and others experience starvation.

- It is a pity that even after 65 years of Independence, most of the Indians are leading a slave's life. Children have to work when the pay of one man and woman is not enough.
- In the modern world where the cunning selfish people thrive and hard working conscientious people suffer, this statement is truly denied by me that a common man is no longer a common man, he is a common man and will be a common man forever.

Suneha Thakur, Class X-A

Can We Eradicate Corruption? The Views of The Youth

Today, when India is free, these officials represent all government department are very close to the most corrupt business man who are too unscrupulous to let any opportunity of amassing profits slip. This collision broadens the vase of the vicious circle and corruption spreads 'like a wild fire to engulf the entire society'. The political and social guardians depend only too much on the richer communities and they look indulgently on while these communities hold the entire society and the government to ransom.



Corruption starts at the top and percolates down to the whole city. Such corruption cannot be confined to the towns alone. It is a white spread in villages where the dishonest officials and the traders carry the germs of corruption.

Kshitiz Baloni, Class V B



One would say that corruption in India has an ancient lineage; it is sanctified by tradition. The author of the Arthasastra made some remarks on the government officials of his time which are relevant even today. "Just as it is impossible not to taste the honey or the poison that finds itself at the tip of the tongue, so it is impossible for a government servant not to eat up at least a bit of the king's revenue."

Arnav Singh Panwar, Class V B



Corruption is the package of deal, taking and giving for greed which is not good, and this is thriving in our country. Hunger, greed etc. are the mothers of corruption. Corruption is the major cause for the downfall India's economy. Corruption is a big threat which is spreading like rumors all around and innocent people who have been left alone in the streets are trapped.

Corruption has brought hunger and greed in many people as well as the public servants, police officers, traffic policemen etc.. Corruption includes bribery, theft, cheating in exams, addition of alcoholic substances etc.

Today, India is day by day corrupting and we have to stop it by joining our hands. The policemen asks for bribe to leave the criminals and the traffic police demands bribe for accidental cases and even breaking of traffic rules, if there is an emergency.

Now, we all people of India should write and all decide to remove this evil threat from our country and improve the situation of the poor people and make our country democratic, in it's true sense.

Jatin Likhwar, VIII-B

Corruption is today a world-wide phenomenon. In our own country some people in the high positions have been charged for it.

A corrupt person is termed immoral, dishonest and unscrupulous in his dealings. His disregard for honesty, righteousness and truth results in his alienation from society. He is treated with contempt. But as erosion of values leads to decadence, remedies for the social malaise elusive and so no amount of contempt can eradicate corruption which is a symptom of decadence.

Corruption is the most virulent when crises everywhere threaten the very existence of the society and the faith in life is shaken. It has always been there like a leech, but when the system grows weaker and the boot founder's get bolder by draining its victims of the last drops of their blood.

The older the system the weaker it grows and fails to solve the riddle of life that grows more complex every day. So men lose faith in it and let it drift down.

Sanchit Jhaldiyal, Class V B

St. Paul brings out an important aspect of freedom. Freedom is not only freedom from, but also primarily a freedom for. Meaning, it is not enough to be freed from foreign domination but our freedom should forge us for service



Corruption is the main evil of the society. After Independence many people in India have nothing to eat. It is making rich people richer and poor people poorer. Corruption means giving a bribe, taking a bribe and ministers are taking money of people and saving it in foreign banks accounts which is also know as black money. They take money for expensive materials and strong materials but put cheap and weak materials instead because of which buildings collapse. For votes they bribe people with rupees in order to win elections which is illegal. One more movement has started with the name AADHAR which issues smart cards to people. Corruption destroys the country from inside. Get the corruption out and make a peaceful and corrupt-free mother India. I love my India.

Shivansh Pande, Class IV B



Corruption in India has risen to a new level and so it should be controlled. But many countries cannot do it as they are not democratic but our nation is a democratic country and so we have to raise our voice against it.

One person cannot do anything as when the whole country is united and get together then only the country can over come it. Anna Hazare as raised his voice against this crude deed.

Mahatma Gandhi had said that "Happiness depends on what you can give, not get," but we only take and take and do not give anything in return for our country.

Anna Hazare raised his voice against corruption. Let us try to control it within our means.

Satchit Nagpal, Class VIII B

The House In The Woods



It was the first day of my summer vacation. My uncle was coming to my house. My friend, Sam was also very happy as we both knew that my uncle was a detective in olden times when he was young. He had solved a lot of cases. When my uncle usually comes home, he tells us about his adventure in London.

I live on the far end of 14th Park Street. Sam's house is just two blocks away. My uncle would reach home in about two hours. So I and Sam went to an Ice-Cream parlour to buy Ice-Creams and cold-coffee. Then we went to a cyber-café to take out some information related to my class project.

After about three hours, I went to my home and found out that uncle had still not reached home. So Sam and I rushed to the railway station. His train had arrived an hour ago. But uncle was nowhere to be seen. Suddenly my phone rang out. I picked it up. A mysterious but well-known voice was heard from the other end. It was my uncle's voice. He told me that he had been kidnapped and was being taken to the house in the middle of the forest. After that there was complete silence.

I picked up my bike and few torches and food, and I rushed with Sam towards the woods. I knew that the task wouldn't be easy. I pedaled furiously but at the edge of the woods, I knew that we had to go on foot. But suddenly, I saw a truck come from nowhere. I remembered the road that led to the house.

We waited for the truck to stop and climbed inside it. Then the truck took us straight into the gate of the house. As we climbed out silently, we saw that all the guards had guns in their hand and the barrels were pointed straight at our faces.

We were tied securely and taken to my uncle. We stayed there for two days without food and water. Then one man called the three of us out. Their leader united us and told us to run. But as we turned back, we saw that they would kill us. I thought if I could run into the trees, I would escape. But my uncle, to my surprise, did not move a step. I realized the plan. I ran as fast as I could. As all the guns were pointed at me, my uncle hit a quick punch on the leader's jaw and snatched the rifle.

With the leader hostage I escaped safely. I called the police and got the man arrested. I came to know that they were terrorists. This was my most thrilling experience in my life as a child. I will never forget it.

Shikhar Walia, Class X B

Self Disicpline The Foundation For Success

No personal success, achievement, or goal, can be realized without Self Discipline it is singularly the most important attribute needed to achieve any type of personal excellence, athletic excellence, virtuosity in the arts, or otherwise outstanding performance.

RIPE APPLE



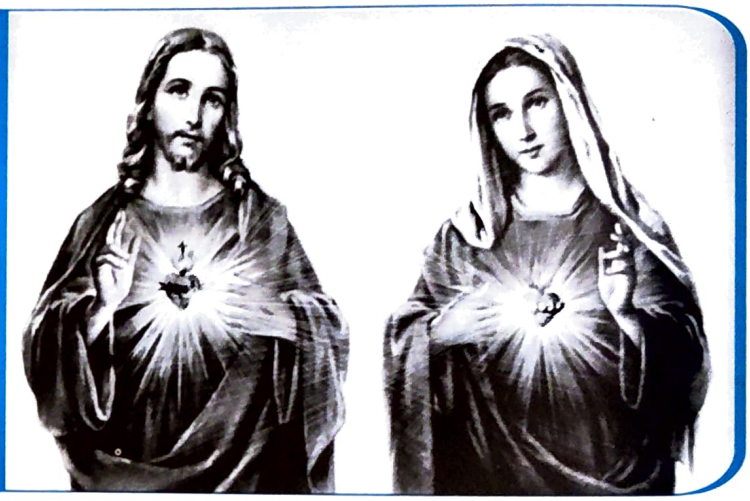
The orchards
Like a fairy lord
With apples ripe
On every hand.
If they were rubies
We'd pluck a fortune
From the air.
I have no apples
Left to eat;
And oh, they are
So crisp and sweet.

Priya Kandari, IV B

GOD

We are nothing, all things are God
God made us, he made food,
he made books, he made hills,
he made love,
he made us for doing good things.
God made everything for us,
We are nothing at all,
All things are God.....

Rinkita Rawat,
Class VII



The Hostage

One day I went to the market with my friend Peter. It was a hot sunny day and we ate ice-cream and then did the shopping. My mother had told us to go to the bank and get the money. While we were taking the cash, two men with black masks and AK-47 rifles in their hand entered the bank and told us to give all the money. Many people, along with Peter and me were held captive by the men. One man had his rifle aimed at us and the other started putting all of the cash in a bag near him.

A man who revolted was shot dead right in front of us. We were not having anything to defend ourselves and on of the man shouted aloud that they were going to kill all the people in the bank, including us and nobody will survive. When inquired, one of them told aloud that they were of a terrorist group and wanted to spread terror in the country.

After collecting the money, one by one they started shooting the people. We realized there was no way out. Suddenly, Peter sprang upon the man closest to him and tried to snatch his gun. The man was much faster. Quickly stepping aside, he shot Peter in the head. Peter crashed to the floor. I was full of anger and jumping upon the man, I also tried to snatch his gun.

This time he was taken by surprise. He could not do anything and I snatched the gun. I knew the barrel of the other man's gun was pointed at me, I quickly jumped aside. A bullet flew over my head. I shot the man in the head and held the other one captive till the police came to rescue him. The police praised me for the bravery.

This was the incident when I felt joy and satisfaction of having avenged my friend's death and I feel regret as I could not do anything to help him from the terrorist.

DIVYA ANEJA
CLASS X B

What Is Self Discipline ?

It is the ability to control one's impulses, emotions, desires and behaviour. It is being able to turn down immediate and instant gratification in favour of gaining the long-term satisfaction and fulfillment from achieving higher and more meaningful goals.

To possess it, and he able to make the decisions, take the actions and execute your game plan regardless of the obstacles, discomfort, or difficulties that may come your way.

Certainly, being disciplined does not mean living a limiting or a restrictive lifestyle. Nor, does that mean giving up everything you enjoy, or to relinquish fun and relaxation. It does mean learning how to focus your mind and energies on your goals and preserve them until they are accomplished. It also means cultivating a mind set whereby you are ruled by your deliberate choices rather than by your emotions, bad habits, or the sway of others. Self discipline allows you to reach your goals in a reasonable time frame and to live a more orderly and satisfying life.

Gautam Sharma

Class IX

LOVE



Love is an angle, which can make a man fly,
And take him to the sky,
Can make him sad.
Love is a rope, which has no scope,
Love is an atmosphere, which is not present everywhere,
Love is a great fun,
Everyone has his turn.

Rinkita Rawat
Class VII

MOTHER



M - Motivator of good traits.
O - Omnipresent during the tough times
T - Tutor throughout life
H - Harvester of good values
E - Engineering the personality of her child
R - A Role model for her child

Rinkita Rawat
Class VII

Examination



Examination is a big botheration ,
To the Indian Nation
While their occupation is cultivation.
Still they go to school and learn Division,
Addition, Multiplication and Subtraction.

Pragati Panwar
Class III B

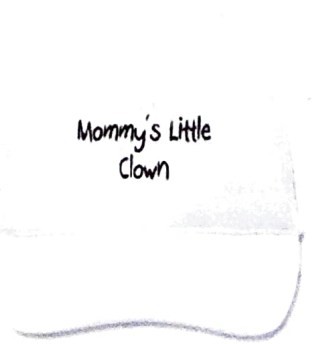
HAPPINESS



I am happy when I see a rainbow
I am happy when I get in the rain
I am happy cycling around my home.
I am happy when I celebrate my birthday
I am happy when I watch Tom and Jerry
I am happy all the time.

Piyush Khanna
IV A

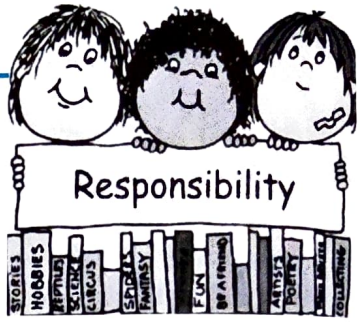
THE SAD LITTLE CLOWN



The sad little clown
Just couldn't smile.
His friends knew why
But after a while.
They fixed his trouble
And in one-two-three
That glad little clown
Cloud smile merrily!

Aanchal Verma
Class IV B

Let's Be Responsible



Terrorism, Insurgency and extremism are different means to spread violence in society. India being a very big country is one of the main sufferer. Our country is the house of different philosophies. Despite of such a diverse country, we as Indians have been able to live peacefully for so many centuries. The recent bomb blasts have once again brought the question, that are we a weak nation and the answer is No. However we Indians as a whole have a sense of responsibility.

The constant terror attacks in various cities have raised another issue; can we stop such attacks? The answer is yes. By being a little more responsible and vigilant as civilians, let us decide to make this country, the world's best place to live.

Kshitiz Mittal, Class III B

Smoke



How poisonous is the smoke!
It is harmful for the insects, human beings and trees,
The earth is crying for losing the population and greenery
The diseases like cholera and asthma are increasing
How poisonous is the smoke!
Because of plants dying, we wan't food,
And balance in Nature also gets disturbed,
And we will also die,
How poisonous is the smoke!

Ankur Kandari, Class VII

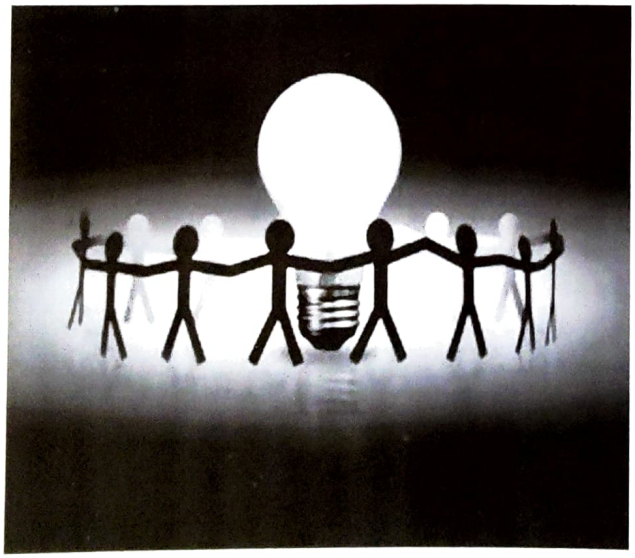
MY FRIENDS



Beyond the world I see my friends, shining brightly,
Like the sun which always,
Give us the power of love.
Like the stars, giving light of their own,
To the moon, twinkling like crystals, in the sky.
Friends, who help in my little deeds,
To God, I pray, for such friends,
Beyond the world, I pray success for my friends.

Nikhil Singh
VIII

A LARGE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT?



Ever visited "Taumatawhakatangiha ngakoa uavotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwe nvakit natahu"? That's a hill in New Zealand with the longest place-name!

There are only four words in the English Language which end in "dous" Tremendous, Horrendous, Stupendous and hazardous!

The dot over the letter 'i' is called a tittle!

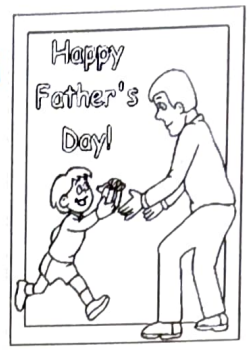
Mansi Joshi, Class VI B



A TEACEHR

A teacher is the one who loves everyone
She scolds us for our good, the whole day and night.
Explaning to us what is wrong and right.
But give our side
Memories of a teacher stays with us life long.
But the excellence of a teacher can never be forgotten.
Because she is considered
As a second parent.

Thoughts On Fahter's Dau



Recently we celebrated Father's Day
But I don't have to wait for a special day
To tell my papa, I love him
My papa is like a big brother to me.
I can always talk to him about things,
Which make me happy or sad,
My hopes and dreams.
When I feel like crying, he tries to make me feel better.
I wish that all children in the world could have a father like mine.

Naman Dabral
Class V B

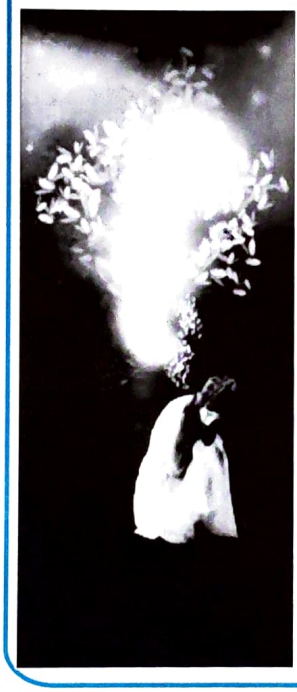
MY BROTHER AND I



When I get lazy
My brother goes crazy,
When I get up late
from bed,
His face turns
suddenly red,
When I wear my best
dress,
He says it is a miss,
But even then I'm
aware
He's my brother.'Best'.

Gauri Dangwal
Class IV 'A'

A DREAM



At twelve O' Clock my father went out for a walk in the park. I was alone in the house. I was going to bed. The cool breeze was blowing in my room. It was raining very heavily. I was frightened and was not able to sleep. I thought I would watch T.V. I watched Goosebumps. I heard strange noises outside my window. I quickly went to my bedroom and forced my self to sleep.

I had a dream. In my dream I was playing with my friends . A Kangaroo caught me in its pouch .I cried, I was very frightened. I started running to save my life.Then, I woke up and found that I was wrapped up in my blanket not in a Kangaroo's pouch.

Ruhani Singh
Class I B

MY COUNTRY



My country is Bharath,
It is filled with kindness and honesty.
My country has only one region,
It is humanity itself.
In my country rivers of peace flows,
Ganga which flows from God Shivas head
Brahmaputra which starts from the Mishim hills
Yamuna which starts from the Mt. Kamet
I have seen the coconuts of Kerala
I have seent he sweet apples of Kashmir
I love my country.

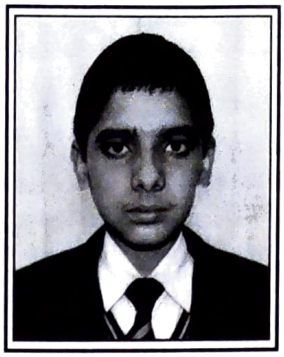
Gauri Dangwal, Class IV 'A'

- **INDIRA GANDHI** -"To be liberated, woman must feel free to be herself in the context of her own capacity and her personality".
- **JAMNALAL BAJAJ** -"Sacrifice is he deep root of the banyan tree of Swarajiya. Pure ends can be achieved only through pure means".
- **MARTIN LUTHER KING** -Martin Luther King gave many inspiring Lectures in the USA. He was arrested many times. But like Gandhiji, he always followed the path of non-violence and asked his followers to do the same. He fell victim to a bullet in Memphis on 4th April, 1968. When Martin Luther visited India, he said 'I am not a tourist, I have come on a pilgrimage to pay homage to the land of Mahatma Gandhi'.

Prabal Kanojia, Class V B

हिन्दी विभाग

सम्पादकीय



विद्यालय पत्रिका 2011 का यह संस्करण अभिभावकों तथा विद्यालय परिवार के समक्ष प्रस्तुत करते हुए मैं गौरान्वित महसूस कर रहा हूँ।

हमारा विद्यालय हैम्पटन कोर्ट, जो कि बहुत ही सुन्दर, प्राकृतिक छटा बिखेरती हुई पर्वतों की रानी मसूरी के मध्य में स्थित है, उसी विद्यालय के पावन प्राँगण से इस पत्रिका को अभिभावकों एवं छात्रों के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किया जा रहा है।

मैं अपनी प्रधानाचार्या सिस्टर लूसी डिसूजा एवं समस्त शिक्षकों का आभारी हूँ जिन्होने मुझे इस पत्रिका का सम्पादन करने के योग्य समझा और साथ ही मैं अपने सहयोगी छात्र–छात्राओं को भी धन्यवाद देना चाहूँगा जिन्होने मुझे इस कार्य को करने में भरपूर सहयोग दिया।

मैं विद्यालय परिवार को कोटि–कोटि धन्यवाद देना चाहता हूँ जिन्होने छात्रों की प्रतिभा तथा रचनात्मकता को उभारने हेतु प्रस्तुत पत्रिका में उनके अनुभवों तथा रचनात्मकता को स्थान दिया। आशा है उनका यह प्रयत्न भविष्य में हमारे समाज को नक्षत्रों के समान दैदीप्यमान लेखक कवि तथा रचनाकारों की एक पौध तैयार करेगा तथा अपनी महक से देश और समाज को मंत्रमुग्ध करेगा। इन्हीं शब्दों के साथ मैं पुनः विद्यालय परिवार तथा अपने सहपाठियों को धन्यवाद देता हूँ।

ऋतुराज ढौंडियाल, कक्षा– नौ



सेमिनार

हम सब बच्चों का कोई ना कोई सपना जरूर होता है। हर कोई अपनी जिन्दगी मे कुछ न कुछ बनना चाहता है जैसे डॉक्टर, इन्जीनियर आदि। हमें अपना सपना पूरा करने के लिए अभी से मेहनत करनी चाहिए मगर हम मे से कुछ बच्चे ऐसे है जो यह सोचते है कि वह अपना सपना पूरा नही कर सकते क्योंकि उनका उत्साह बढ़ाने वाला कोई नही होता। सेमिनार मे हम ये ही सब सीखते है कि किस तरह से हम अपना सपना पूरा कर सकते है। हमारे स्कूल मे हर वर्ष कक्षा नौ व दस का सेमिनार होता है। इस बार यह सेमिनार दिनॉक 29.03.2011 को था। इस सेमिनार मे फादर हमे मोटिवेट करने, दिल्ली से आये थे। हम सभी को यह सेमिनार बहुत पसन्द आया और हमने फादर से बहुत कुछ सीखा। वह एक अनुभवी व्यक्ति है और कुछ अनुभव अपनी जिन्दगी के उन्होने हमे भी बताए।

इस सेमिनार के द्वारा उन्होने हमे बताया कि हमे हमेशा सकारात्मक सोच रखनी चाहिए, इस दुनिया में कुछ भी असम्भव नहीं, बस उस चीज़ को पाने का जज्बा होना चाहिए। बहुत से बच्चे है जो अपनी भविष्य के बारे में नकारात्मक सोच रखते है क्योंकि उन्हें हर टीचर और अपने माता–पिता से बार–बार यही सुनने को मिलता है कि वह किसी काम के नही, ऐसे बच्चों के लिए उन्होने कहा कि सकारात्मक सोचो और अपना भविष्य सुधारने के लिए अभी से मेहनत करनी शुरू कर दो।

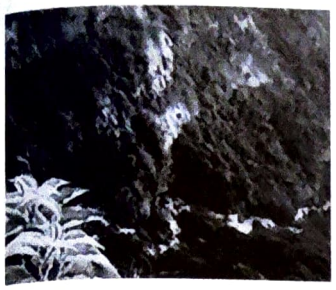
Time Management के ऊपर भी उन्होने tips and tricks दी, वो हमें जिन्दगी भर काम आएगी। Time Management बहुत जरूरी है, यह बात तो हमें हमारे टीचर भी समझाते है।

"By failing to plan, one plans to fail". यह वाक्य भी उनके मोटिवेट करने का तरीका था। हम सब पेपरों के वक्त अपने आप को बहुत stressed कर देते है जिससे हम पपर से पहली रात को बीमार हो जाते है Tension की वजह से, यह क्यों होता है और इससे कैसे बचा जा सकता है यह भी हमने सीखा।

यह सेमिनार हम सब के लिए एक "सफलता की कुन्जी" की तरह था, जिससे हमने बहुत कुछ सीखा। सेमिनार हर विद्यालय मे होना चाहिए जिससे बच्चों का उत्साह बढता है।

शुभॉगी दौलाखॅडी, कक्षा– दस 'ब'

लाल टिब्बा की "ट्रेकिंग"



हमारे विद्यालय में प्रधानाचार्या की अनुमति से 18 मार्च को लाल टिब्बा की ट्रेकिंग का कार्यक्रम निर्धारित किया गया।

18 मार्च को सुबह दस बजे कक्षा दस "अ" और "ब" के छात्र, छात्राएँ विद्यालय के दो अध्यापक और दो अध्यापिकाओं के साथ लाल टिब्बा के लिए रवाना हुए। रास्ते में हम हँसते–खेलते हुए गए। लन्ढौर बाज़ार से होते हुए हम मलिंगार पहुँचे। वहाँ हमने तिब्बतियों का डेमो देखा जिसकी दिवारों पर बड़े ही सुन्दर चित्र बने थे। वहाँ से आगे चलने पर काफी चढ़ाई थी। वहाँ से पहाड़ों का दृश्य बहुत सुहावना था। आगे चलकर चार दुकान में हमने आराम किया और आगे बढ़ने पर हमें रास्तों पर बहुत ही सुहावने प्राकृतिक दृश्य दिखाई दिये। तेज़ घूप के साथ पेड़ों के कारण ठन्डी हवा भी चल रही थी। दोनो तरफ तरह–तरह के पेड थे। बुरांश का वन और ऊँचे–ऊँचे पेड़ देखकर बहुत ही अच्छा लगा। बुरांश के बड़े–बड़े लाल रंग के फूलों से पेड़ भरे हुए थे। चिड़ियाँ चहचहा रही थी।

आगे चलकर कब्रिस्तान मिला जिसमे बीसवीं सदी के मरे हुए लोगो की कब्रे थी। वहाँ बैठकर हमने मिल–बाँटकर खाना खाया। उसके बाद हम सिस्टर बाजार के लिए निकले। वहाँ कुछ दुकाने थी और एक बड़ा चर्च था और चर्च के बगल मे एक छोटा सा मज़ार भी था। वहाँ से वापस चार दुकान आदि होकर हम लंढौर बाजार पहुँचे। वहाँ से सब अपने–अपने घरों के तरफ निकल गए।

दोस्तों के साथ "ट्रेकिंग" पर जाने का एक अलग ही आनन्द आया। हमें इतनी स्मरणीय और अच्छी ट्रेकिंग हमेशा याद रहेगी। सचमुच वह बहुत ही रमणीय स्थल था।

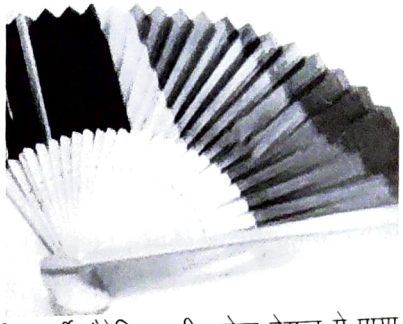
ईशा बहुगुना, कक्षा–दस 'अ'

लड़का और काँटेदार झाड़ियाँ

एक लड़का एक दिन गेंद खेल रहा था। खेलते–खेलतें उसकी गेंद टप्पा खाकर झाड़ियों में घुस गई। लड़के ने झाड़ियों में से गेंद निकालने की कोशिश की। गेंद तो निकल गई आई लेकिन, उसके दोनो हाथ झाडियों के काँटों से छिल गए। लड़का दर्द से करहाने व चिल्लाने लगा। रोता–सुबकता घर पहुँचा। उसने अपनी माँ को सारी घटना बताई। उसकी माँ ने उसे समझाया "तुम्हारी सबसे बड़ी भूल यह थी कि तुमने काँटेदार झाड़ियों को इधर उधर हटाए बिना ही गेंद निकालने की कोशिश की। नतीजा यह हुआ कि उनकी रगड़ लगने से तुम्हें खरोंचे लग गई। यदि तुमने पहले एक हाथ से झाड़ियों को मजबूती से पकड़ लिया होता तो तुम्हें काँटे न चुभते।" जो कुछ करो अपनी पूरी शक्ति से करो।

उर्वषी काला, कक्षा– नौ

नेचर वॉच पंखो में इन्द्रधनुष



मध्य अमेरिका के नजदीक पूर्वी कैरेबियन द्वीप सेन्ट वेसन्ट मे पाया जाने वाला सेन्ट विसेन्ट तोता अपने रंगों के कारण इतना खूबसूरत दिखता है कि पश्चिमी देशों के चिड़ियाघरों में स्थित बर्ड सेक्शन इसके बिना अधूरे लगते है।

यह लम्बा और आकर्षक तोता हरे व तांबई रंगों मं पाया जाता है। दोनों ही रंगों के तोतों मे नीले, नारंगी व पीले रंग के धब्बे पाए जाते है। ऊपरी परों के नीचे बने यह रंग बिरंगे धब्बे उड़ते समय आसानी से देखे जा सकते है। व्यस्क सेन्ट विसेन्ट तोते की सिर से लेकर पूँछ तक लम्बाई 40 सेन्टीमीटर तक होती है। नर व मादा दोनों में कोई अन्तर नही होता। पर्वतीय ढलानों के वर्षा वनों में पाये जाने वाले यह तोते अपने पसंदीदा भोजन (फल, बीज और कलियाँ) के लिए पेड़ो की डालियों पर झूलते दिख जाते हैं। यह पेड़ो के तनो या शाखाओं से कोटर बनाकर रहते हैं।

अकसर जोड़े या झुण्ड मे पाए जाने वाले यह तोते तेज, अप्रिय व कर्कश आवाज मे चीखते तथा पंखों को झटकेदार अन्दाज में हिलाते हुए सधे अन्दाज में उड़ते है।

हिमांशु असवाल, कक्षा– छ

मानवता



मानवता का अर्थ आज मुझे है जानना
क्या मानवता का अर्थ है,
मानवता को पछाड़ना
है यदि यही मानवता तो
नहीं है मुझे जानना
क्या मानवता का ही है दुश्मन मानव
है यदि इसका अर्थ यही
तो कितना मुश्किल है
मानवता को है वही जो मानवता को पहचाने
मानवता की पहचान से ही
अपनी पहचान बनाए।

रूचिका रावत, कक्षा – 7

भ्रष्टाचार : एक व्यापक रोग

आधुनिक युग में मनुष्य के जीवन में अनेक परिवर्तन हुए हैं। मनुष्य–जीवन जैसे –जैसे विकसित होता गया, उसमें स्वार्थ की भावना पनपती गई। भ्रष्टाचार दो शब्दों के मेल से बना है – भ्रष्ट तथा आचार अर्थात 'पतित तथा भ्रष्ट आचरण'। स्वार्थ में मुनष्य इतना लीन हो जाता है कि वह गलत आचरण कर बैठता है। भ्रष्टाचार ने मानो समस्त विश्व को अपनी चपेट मे ले रखा है। इसका दायरा भी अतयन्त विस्तृत हो गया है। मिलावट, रिश्वत–खोरी, चोरी, कालाबाजारी, लूटपाट आदि भ्रष्टाचार के विविध रूप है। कई नेता करोड़ो रूपयों का घोटाला करते हैं। बच्चों को सदाचार, नैतिक मूल्य, ईमानदारी आदि का पाठ पढ़ाना होगा, तभी समाज से इस बीमारी का समूल नाश हो पाएगा और खुशहाली का वास होगा।

विनोद सिंह नेगी, कक्षा – सात

मुझे मत काटो भाई



नहीं काटना मुझको भाई
मैने तुम्हें छावं दिलाई
सूरज ऊपर जग चढ जाता
राही यहाँ बैठे सुस्ताता।
मीठे फल वह मेरे खाता
बदले में क्या कुछ दे जाता
सेवा की है, की भलाई
नहीं काटना मुझको भाई।
मुझे उगाओ मेरे पास
पूरित हो जीवन की आस
कण–कण में सुन्दरता आई
नहीं काटना मुझको भाई।

निखिल सिह, कक्षा – आठ

पाँच बातें

1. सच बोलो।
2. सब के साथ प्रेम से रहो।
3. सत्य की राह पर चलो।
4. किसी से घृणा मत करो।
5. अपने साथ–साथ दूसरों का भला सोचो।

निकिता नेगी

मदर टेरेसा



नीले बार्डर की साडी में लिपटी दुबले–पतले और छोटे से शरीर वाली मदर टेरेसा एक महान हस्ती थी। वे करूणा, दया ममता और त्याग की मूर्ति थी। उन्होने माँ शब्द के गौरव को चरितार्थ किया। उन्होने अनाथ और बेसहारा बच्चों तथा बूढ़ों को माँ का प्यार दिया। विश्व भर में उनके लिए आश्रम तथा विद्यालय खोले। मदर टेरेसा का जन्म युगोस्लाविया के अल्बानिया में 27 अगस्त, 1910 को एक वास्तुशिल्पी के घर में हुआ। वे तीन बहनों में से सबसे छोटी थी। मानव जाति के प्रति की गई अमूल्य सेवाओं के लिए 1962 ई0 में मदर टेरेसा को पदम् श्री की उपाधि दी गई।

आषीश पवाँर, कक्षा – सात

कम्प्यूटर की महिमा



एक बार हमसे बोले,
हमारे दोस्त पंडित प्यारेलाल जी,
कम्प्यूटर का बटन दबाओ,
जो चाहे सो पाओ।
हमने आव देखा न ताव,
कम्प्यूटर का बटन दबाया
बोले महात्मा गाँधीजी के बारे,
मे कुछ बतलाओ।
कम्प्यूटर बोला वे नाश्ते में,
दस अन्डे खाते थे
आधा मुरगा कच्चा ही चबा जाते थे,
उनके पास चीन के बड़े–बड़े हथियार थे,
वे बड़े खूँखार थे।
हमने कहा शर्म नही आती
गाँधी जी के नाम पर कलंक लगाते हो,
कम्प्यूटर बोला तुम महात्मा गाँधी जी की जगह
चँगेजखाँन का बटन दबाते हो।

श्रेया जागुरी, कक्षा – एक

अद्भुत समानता लिंकन और केनेडी की

लिकंन और केनेडी दोनो अमेरिका के प्रसिद्ध राष्ट्रपति थे। हालांकि केनेडी, लिंकन से सौ वर्श बाद पद पर नियुक्त हुए पर बहुत कम लोग जानते है कि दोनो में अद्भुत साम्य था।

1. लिकंन ने सन् 1860 में पद संभाला और केनेडी ने 1960 में। ठीक सौ वर्ष बाद।
2. इन दोनों वर्षों में अमेरीका 'गृह युद्ध' से पीड़ित था।
3. लिंकन के सचिव का नाम केनेडी और केनेडी के सचिव का नाम लिंकन था।
4. दोनो के सिर के पीछे से गोली चलाई गई।
5. दोनो ही शुक्रवार के दिन अपनी पत्नी की उपस्थिती मे मारे गए।
6. लिंकन की हत्या करने वाला बूथ सन् 1839 में जन्मा था और केनेडी का हत्यारा ओसवाल्ड सन् 1939 में जन्मा दोनो ही दक्षिण के थे।
7. बूथ लिंकन पर थियेटर से गोली चलाकर गोदाम म प्रविष्ट हो गया, जबकि ओसवाल्ड केनेडी पर गोदाम से गोली चलाकर थियेटर से भाग गया।
8. दोनों ही हत्यारों ली हाखे ओसवाल्ड और जॉन वाईलक्स बूथ के नाम अंग्रेजी के 15 अक्षरों से बने है।
9. लिंकन और केनेडी के समय के उपराष्ट्रपति का नाम जॉनसन था।
10. दोनों के नाम लिंकन और केनेडी में सात–सात अक्षर थे।

जयकृत शर्मा, कक्षा– सात

हंसो-हंसो



सिपाही इन्सपेक्टर से:– सर! ये बिल्कुल झूठ है कि मैं उस चोर से डर गया था।

इन्सपेक्टरः– फिर गाड़ी के पीछे क्यों छिपे?

सिपाहीः– जी, मै कुत्ता देखकर छिपा था।

सोनू राजू से:– राजू ये तू रोड के साईड में लेटकर क्या कर रहा है?

राजूः– सुसाइड

सोनू'– तो बीच में लेट न

राजूः– डर लगता है.....

माँ बेटे से :– तेरे रिजल्ट का क्या हुआ

बेटाः– मिस ने कहा कि इस क्लास में एक साल और लगाना पडेगा।

माँः– साल तो चाहे 2–3 लगाओ पर फेल न होना।

टीचरः– सन्नी, तुम स्कूल रोज देर से क्यों आते हो?

सन्नीः– इसके पीछे सड़क पर लगा साइन बोर्ड जिम्मेदार है

टीचरः– कैसे?

सन्नीः– उस पर लिखा है, सावधान आगे स्कूल है ..... जरा धीरे चले।

मिलंद जोशी और मानसी जोशी

कक्षा– छः 'अ' और 'ब'



कितना मूर्ख है इंसान

जिस टहनी पर बैठा है,

उसी को काट रहा है।

क्या वह नही जानता

पर्यावरण है जीवन आधार।

फैलाकर चारों ओर प्रदूषण

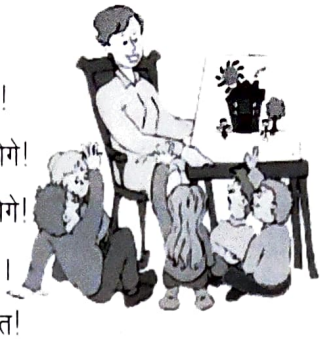
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मैने किया है यह संकल्प

पर्यावरण बचाएँगे।

अंकुर कण्डारी, कक्षा – सात

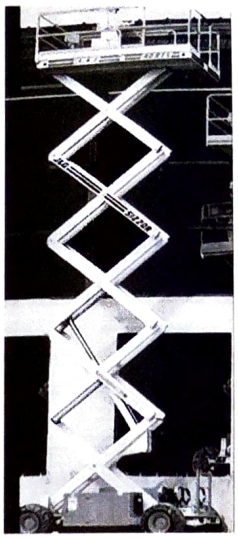
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टीचर को करिए प्रणाम!
इससे बनते बिगड़े काम!
टीचर पर विश्वास लाओगे!
जीवन की खुशियाँ पाओगे!
वो बच्चा होता होशियार।
जो टीचर की मानता बात!
पढ़ोगे–लिखोगे सन्त बनोगे!
सुख पाओगे बेअन्त बनोगे!
मिलकर करते है टीचर को नमस्कार!
आपस में है टीचर के लिए परस्पर प्यार।
प्रशान्त की अरदास है आज!
टीचर हमारे सिर का है ताज।
आओ मुर्शद से करे प्यार।
टीचर, टीचर धन्यवाद।

सूरज पंवार, कक्षा–सात

प्रकृति का रहस्य



छोटी सी एक नदी में है पानी की बूँदें हजार
वैसे ही इस प्रकृति में छिपे है रहस्य हजार
गगन क्यों दिखता है नीला?
कोयला क्यों दिखता है काला?
रंग–बिरंगा होता क्यों फूलों का हार?
क्यों है मुख्य दिशाएँ चार?
क्यों पत्ते हैं यूँ हरे–हरे, क्यों समुन्दर में है लहरें?
क्यों पर्वत है यूँ खड़े?सोच–सोच कर गयी मैं हार,
पर समझ ना पायी मैं,
इस प्रकृति में छिपे रहस्य हजार।

निकिता नेगी, कक्षा– आठ 'ब'

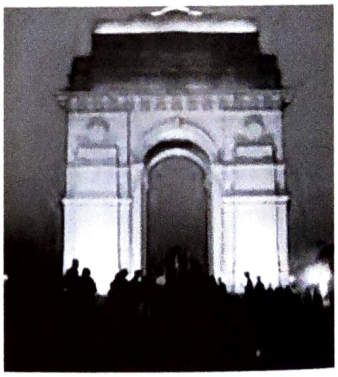


बिल्ली और चूहा

बिल्ली ने चूहे से पूछा,
क्यों डरते हो भाई ?
पास आओ जरा मुस्काओ,
देखो मैं क्या लाई।
चूहा बोला बिल्ली रानी,
बातें तेरी मैंने जानी,
मीठी बातें बताएगी,
चट मुझे कर जाएगी।

प्रिया कन्डारी, कक्षा– चार 'ब'

मैं जाता हूँ दिल्ली



चूहें ने चुहिया से कहा कि छाता और छड़ी दो,
लाया था जो बड़े सेठ के घर से वह पगड़ी दो।
मटर–मूँग जो कुछ घर में है, वही सभी मिल खाना,
खबरदार तुम लोग कभी बिल से बाहर मत आना।
बिल्ली एक बडी पाजी है, रहती हैं वह घात लगाए
न जाने कब किसे दबोचे, किसको चट कर जाए।
सो जाओ सब लोग लगाकर दरवाजे पर किल्ली
आज़ादी का जश्न देखने, मैं जाता हूँ दिल्ली।
दिल्ली में देखूँगा आज़ादी का नया ज़माना,
लाल किले पर खूब तिरंगे झन्ड़े का लहराना।
अब न रहे अंग्रेज़, देश पर काबू हैं अब अपना
पहले जहाँ लाट साहब थे, राष्ट्रपति है अपना।
घुमूगाँ दिन–रात करूँगा बाते नही किसी से,
हाँ फुरसत जो मिली, मिलूगाँ मैं प्रधानमन्त्री से।
गाँधी युग में कौन उड़ाए चूहों की अब खिल्ली
आज़ादी का जश्न देखने, मैं जाता हूँ दिल्ली।

मयंक कोहली, कक्षा– तीन 'अ'

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