

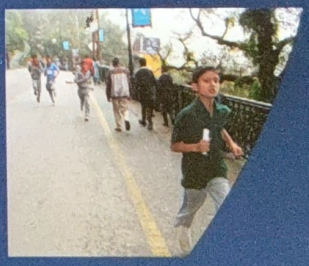
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(Mary St. Ignatius)
Foundress of the Congregation of the Religious of Jesus & Mary



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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

It is rightly said that the more we learn the greater is our awareness .The search for knowledge can not be limited. The ideology of our School is to strive for excellence in all spheres of education through improvement by weaving the threads of enterprise, knowledge, experience and ideas into a fabric that can be called enlightenment. Determination is the base of all efforts. A determined mind can conquer anything.

Once again, we had an excellent result for the I.C.S.E. with Neeraj Nautiyal topping with 97%. To achieve this, the Staff of Hampton Court put in their very best effort with dedication. We spend plenty of time in planning lots of things like activities , games, etc, and we plunge into action to execute what we have planned and keep ourselves busy with various schedules. To reach to the completion of any task that we begin we need commitment, which is the essence of all our efforts.

The Management proudly introduced Class 11 for the Science and Commerce streams.

Education confers humility, endows one with the authority to command, that will entitle one to affluence. With the help of charity and compassion this affluence can be made fruitful, and by this means, happiness in this world and peace in the next can be won. The father, the mother and the teacher are the three primarily responsible for moulding the future of the country.

The sign of a person who has had an education is 'good manners'. The objective of education should be impressed on the children's minds. Children learn academics in school, but to learn the human culture they have to have a healthy home environment where the virtuous qualities such as compassion and kindness, love and respect, forbearance and forgiveness, sharing and caring are inculcated as a natural day-to-day way of life. Then we can expect a well-educated cultured youth to step out from our Institutions. The influence of parents on the children's minds is very significant. It is actually the primary and dominant influence on the child's personality and behaviour pattern. Parents have the primary responsibility to mould the character of the children. Too much freedom should not be given out of excessive affection. The father and the mother must supplement at home, the training given by the teacher at school. It can help our children capture true wealth and realize the inherent value of their potential.

Let our good work so shine for others to see, and glorify God, upholding the motto of our school **"Light of Hope and Glory"**.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people. Remember that the Lord will give you as a reward what he has kept for His people."- **Bible.**

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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Editorial

'Its lack of faith that makes people afraid of meeting challenges, and I believed in myself.'

Patience, will power, determination, courage and confidence are the sterling qualities of the mind which are indispensable in the struggle of life. In CJM Hampton Court every student aims to reach higher goals in life, and works diligently to achieve it. The year 2012, was full of activities and once again our students accepted challenges and came through, victorious. In these troubled, uncertain times, we don't need more command and control; we need better means to engage everyone's intelligence in solving challenges and crisis as they arise.

EDITORIAL BOARD

Sitting L to R :
Ms. Nandita
Sr. Lucy D'Souza
Ms. Dilawar
Standing L to R :
Alisha Dhiman
Sandeep Gaur
Suneha Thakur
Medha Kumari



Our students participated in various competitions like the Frank Anthony Memorial All India Debate Championship, Capta Caelum in Wynberg Allen School Mussoorie, Essay Competitions, Inter School Debates and many other arts, and added laurels to the Institution. All these, I believe would spur higher growth and enterprise in our students.

Remember that, "Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for. It is a thing to be achieved."

Our yearly magazine highlights events, activities and academic prowess and achievements. In this edition, we have tried to capture this year's excitement and activities. I do hope that the magazine articles encourage many more students to use it as a platform to express their creativity. They have freely expressed their views and ideas.

The Editorial Board extends it's thanks to all the Students for the contribution of their articles. Thanks to our Principal, Sr. Lucy D' Souza, for being a source of inspiration for each one of us, and giving us ideas for the novelty of this issue, of the School Magazine.

- Suneha Thakur, XI





HOLY mass 2012

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you".

This year, the Holy Mass was celebrated on 10th March, 2012. Father, Jesus invoked the blessings of God, for our institution. The Holy Mass commenced with a prayer by Father, followed by the choir and Bible reading by Miss Nandini Singh.

Then, Father Jesus gave a short sermon about the gift of Holy Spirit like love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness and faith. The atmosphere became more serene when the choir sang praises of God and his blessings.

The Holy Communion was followed by the Eucharistic celebration.

Father, Jesus prayed for the institution, Sisters, Staff and the Students. He also prayed for another eventful and successful year of the school.















SEMINAR

BY SR. LUCY

The new Academic Session began with an enlightening Seminar conducted by our Principal, Sr. Lucy D' Souza.

"The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts."

She shared her views in education and the role of teachers. Students don't remember what you try to teach them, they remember what you are. Moral and ethical knowledge is the concept on which value education is based. Any education system that lacks these two cannot be termed as good. The reason behind such a thought is that, without morality and without ethics, no student, in a real sense, can be considered to be healthy in mental and physical terms because, for it, self-control and good character are essential. A person who is not a moralist and who does not differentiate between right and wrong cannot rise to the essential level of a true student.

She stressed the point that in order to strengthen morality and ethics in students, the introduction of religious education is very important. This kind of education brings the values of forbearance, tolerance, and reverence in one's character. In turn, these values are an indivisible part of ethics. As a Teacher of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary it is the duty to develop high morals and strong character in the students.

The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change.

SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS by Mr. Wilson

We all have a constant stream of thoughts going through our minds. Often the thoughts are about what we don't like about our life, and most of the time we're not even truly conscious of these thoughts, yet they are creating our future experiences! Consciously practicing affirmations is a way to re-train your mind to think differently and to focus on what you want. Affirmations are positive, present tense and personal. For example, if you are not happy with the job that you have, you could create an affirmation like this:

I am working in a career that I love, with wonderful co-workers and an excellent salary.







You can create positive affirmations for any area of your life you want to improve, whether finances, health, career, relationships or self-esteem.

What are the principles for creating powerful affirmations?

There are 8 principles. The playful images of "ordering from the cosmic kitchen" and the Cosmic Chef are used to remind you to have fun with this process!

1. **Decide what you want.**

   Get a notebook, journal, or just a piece of paper and start writing down what you want: a wonderful relationship, better health, more slender body, increased prosperity, greater self-acceptance, a new job, etc.

2. **Make sure your affirmations are positive, present tense, and personal.**

   Use words like "I have... I receive...I am..."

3. **Include words that convey positive, energetic feelings.**

   "It's fantastic that... I am delighted to.....I am so happy and excited that...."

The Universe responds to your FEELINGS along with your words.

4. **Let go off your timeline and trust the timing for delivery of your cosmic orders.**

   You may think you're ready for that romantic relationship, but the Universe knows that your perfect partner has some more development to go through before you meet. So be patient! Trust the process.

5. **Let the Cosmic Chef decide HOW your affirmations will be fulfilled.**

When you set a goal, you create a list of tasks to get you to the goal. In contrast, with affirmations, you say and feel them with faith and then let them go. Often your order will be fulfilled in ways you could not have imagined!

6. **Allow your Inner Wisdom to guide you in the right balance between action and allowing.**

   There are times when you can just say your affirmations and what you want will manifest with no effort on your part. At other times, there will be some action by you needed. Let your Inner Wisdom guide you.

7. **Believe that you deserve a wonderful life.**

   This one may require some affirmations by itself! Too often, people carry feelings of "not deserving" because that's what they were taught in childhood. Be willing to believe that you deserve a wonderful life!

Achievers 2012



TOPPERS



Neeraj Nautiyal : 96.6%

English	:	92
Envt	:	95
HCG	:	90
Maths	:	100
Science	:	94
Computer	:	100





Shikhar Walia : 93.4%

English	:	88
Hindi	:	92
Envt	:	92
HCG	:	80
Maths	:	96
Science	:	92
Computer	:	99



Kanchan Lohani : 92.6%

English	:	88
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Envt	:	92
HCG	:	90
Maths	:	83
Science	:	88
Computer	:	96







The Annual Prize Day 2012

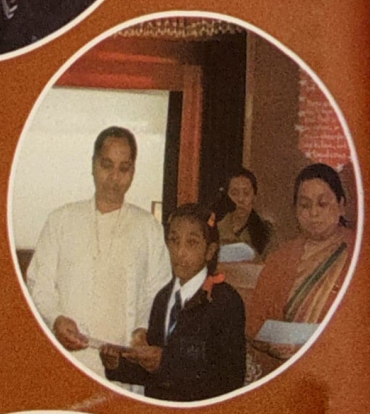
Success is the good fortune that comes from aspiration, desperation, and perspiration.

The School Annual Day was held on 29th March 2012. Our Principal, Sr. Lucy D'Souza presented awards to the meritorious students, who had performed academically well in their studies, as a reward for their hard work. In addition to that, the certificates were also given for Good Conduct, Helpfulness and Sensitivity to the Need of Others, Endeavour and other values which build up a child's personality. True happiness is not made in getting something. True happiness is becoming something. This can be done by being committed to lofty goals. We cannot become something without commitment.















Class X Parent Orientation Programme

It is felt that parents play a vital role in the educational system and they need to fully co-operate with the school, honour its rules and procedures for the full flowering development of their wards. Our Principal, Sr. Lucy D' Souza addressed the parents emphasizing on being alert & aware of the changes brought in the education system and to be in touch with the school & co-ordinate for the smooth functioning. Sister in her speech asked the parents to encourage their children for self studies & not to send the children for tuitions. She asked for the co-operation of parents to abide by the discipline, rules & regulations to generate a healthy atmosphere which is crucial for the progress of the school. Parents in turn shared their concerns about raising adolescents in the present environment.

Art and Creativity Workshop for Teachers

"Good design is a great combination of common sense, unusual imagination, clarity of purpose, aesthetic insight and a deep reverence for the love of life."

A Creative Craft Workshop, an initiative by Pidilite Industries Ltd.,was held for the Junior teachers. This was to build in awareness, knowledge and skill in the field of Art & Craft. Arts and crafts comprise a whole host of activities and hobbies that are related to making things with one's hands and skill.

"Creative Craft" has been rechristened "Creative Minds". Creative Minds has a larger mandate - not only to further the cause of Art & Craft but also to enrich the learning experience in other subjects. Creative Minds will help students Dream, Imagine, Observe and Create. In doing so it provides students with the opportunity to challenge their own creativity and convert class room learning into workable concepts and models. Our teachers have benefitted from this effort.

Our Teachers got an opportunity to make Glass Painting, Reverse Glass painting and stroke work, Canvas and Ceramic Work, Fabric Painting etc.

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"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy".

School Picnics

It is rightly said without refreshment life becomes monotonous.

Every year our school organizes picnics for various classes in the junior wing. This year our little ones of LKG and UKG went to the PINE RETREAT situated just a few yards away from our school campus as its easier for the little ones to reach there. They had a fabulous time playing various games and enjoying the panoramic beauty of the area with sumptuous food.



Classes I, II & III went to LAKE MIST situated on the Kempty Road in Mussoorie.The children had awesome boat-rides and enjoyed the scenic beauty of Mussoorie. The food was delicious and they played games with full enthusiasm. As usual it was a memorable day for the little ones.



Classes IV, V & VI went to the FUN VALLEY located on the Haridwar Highway. The war, climate was conducive to the amusements related to water. The children frolicked around in the water and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. They enjoyed the various rides offered and the food too was highly appreciated.

The next year, children will again look forward for such exciting picnics.



















INVESTITURE CEREMONY

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.

The new academic session begins with the opening function of 'The Investiture Ceremony' in the school. The investiture ceremony was held on 30th April 2012. The Children were quiet enthusiastic because of they were carry their new responsibilities. This year, Hampton Court has given the platform to form Head Girl and Head Boy of the school which was the first time in the school. It was the day when the school gave the prestigious portfolios to class X and XI. This time, the candidates were selected by votes. The school elected 12 students on the Investiture day.





Commander Prashant Mehrotra, Indian Navy, was the Chief Guest of the day. He expressed his views about the role of leaders and their importance. Investiture ceremony gives the opportunity to Captains and Vice Captains of the school to prove themselves as the best leaders, who can lead the school in the positive direction. Mr. Mehrotra and Sr. Lucy did the honour by giving the badges and flags of their respective houses.

The Student Council took the oath of performing their duties to the best of their abilities. The oath was administered by Mr. B.S. Rawat. The prestigious portfolios were awarded to the following students :

Head Girl	:	Kanchan Lohani
Head Boy	:	Sandeep Gaur
Games Captain	:	Saurav Sonkar
House Captains	:	Alisha Dhiman
		Neeraj Nautiyal
		Prabhjot Singh
		Suneha Thakur

Thus, the day ended with smiles all round as we cheered our new prefects.











HELPERS DAY





"WORK IS WORSHIP"

We should regard each work as important. It makes our life progressive. Helpers Day is a day to recognize and respect the help, care and support that we receive from our helpers. Every year, Helpers Day is celebrated in our school on 1st May, 2012. On this day, we organize a function in the school hall. Our Principal, Teachers and Students give a warm welcome and invite our helpers. Children welcome them by presenting bouquets and cards. Then they are invited to light the ceremonial lamp. A prayer service is conducted for the health and happiness of the helpers.

We stage a cultural programme performed by the students. They enact a short skit respecting the dignity of labour. Many entertaining games were organized for the helpers. They all enjoyed a lot. Then prizes were awarded to the winners and gifts to all by our Principal. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dayal Singh.

In this way this day was celebrated with full enthusiasm which made this day very special for ever.



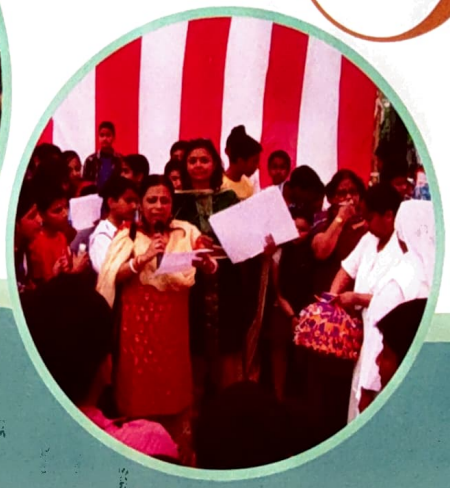






School Fete







The biggest and long awaited activity of the school is the Annual School Fete. It was held on 12th May, 2012. The Committee responsible for the activity decided about the various stalls to be put up during the fete. The Hamper Sheets were given to the students and teachers to sell off the coupons for the fete. The teachers worked on the invitation charts which were put up as posters.



The Fete began with the bright and sunny day. It was inaugurated by Mr. Satish Kumar, Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Mussoorie.

All the teachers had their individual game stalls, decorated with colourful charts, streamers and balloons. There were food stalls, which included tasty vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes.

There was a Jam Session for the students and each one of them tapped their feet on latest numbers. The students from various schools of Mussoorie were invited for School Fete.

By the end of the day, the winners of the Lucky Hampers were announced. There were four big prizes and ten consolation prizes which were awarded by our Respected Principal Sr. Lucy D' Souza, to the winners.

It was a very successful event and the Sisters, Students and Teachers co-operation made this day a very memorable one.









ENGLISH ELOCUTION

"Poetry is an expression of life."

Effective communication, through spoken language, reforms your personality.

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.

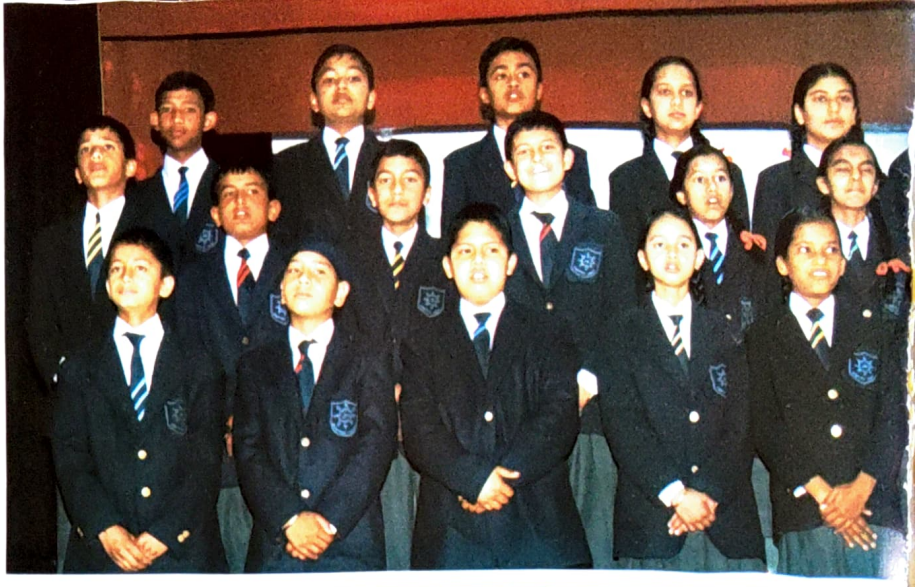
Elocution does not merely refer to the recitation; it also involves the selection of an appropriate poem and then rigorous practice to articulate each and every word precisely.

The judges for the day were Sister Rani and Miss Ritika. The poems were very expressive and it was clear that the participants had spent long hours practicing.

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. Vijay lakshmi Sabharwal and Ms. Neeta Rawat were the Judges for the day.









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

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.





Career Counselling











In today's fast developing world, we all need to stand united and face the world, as no man can face the world alone with its ever coming challenges and after effects. To explain the benefits of being united and working as a team, a workshop was conducted by Mr. Ravi Shankar. He was a well experienced Counsellor and has been counseling since the last ten years.

The counseling started at 09:30 am in the morning and he first introduced himself. We all started up with a word game in which we had to begin with a word and another word would be related to it. We began with word "theatre" and so on came words like direction, actors, script writers etc, all related to theatre.

Then we played a game in which students were supposed to stop with an action which depicts the main theme. One by one all got united and at last two member groups with ten members each were left. These games were very interesting and did not let us get bored, as Mr. Ravi Shankar had captured out attention very smartly. It was a great experience witnessing a workshop and we all understood that how important it is to "work all together". Thanks, to our Principal Sister Lucy D' Souza, for giving us this opportunity to be a part of this workshop, which was a learning experience for each one of us.

- Suneha Thakur



DEBATE & DECLAMATION 2012



Debates and Declamations are two forms of oratory argumentation. They are commonly employed as tools for educators as well as a means for structuring formal discussions. While debates require two or more parties for execution, a declamation requires only one speaker. Both require considerable skill in rhetoric and reasoning, as well as clear and confident oral presentation.

In the Debate and Declamation competitions, speakers present their arguments by persuading one another. Very interestingly debating one another is a habit since the beginning of time when the serpent argued with Eve about eating the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden.

The most important tactic in an argument, next to being right, is to leave an escape hatch for your opponent.

The first half of the Session proceeded with Declamation Competition. All the four houses had prepared themselves well. The two Judges were Mrs.Rakashri Roychoudhury, Senior English Teacher from Wyenberg Allen School and Mrs. Sharmila Mohapatra, English Teacher of our own institution.

For the Declamation Competition each team had geared up itself with two speakers from classes VII and VIII. The debut speakers spoke with a lot of zeal and zest. The winner house was the Encounter House and the trophy for the Best Speaker was won by Avantika Dabral of the Encounter 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 **"Social Networking- is it really making us social?"**

The participants had come up for the 1st time on the stage and did not show the slightest hesitation. They orated their views in the most confident, fluent, and efficient manner.

The Best Speaker was bagged by Khushboo Negi of the Endeavour House. The winners who won the Shield for the highest Score was the Endeavour House and Runners Up was the Encounter House.

Flaming enthusiasm, backed by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success.





INTER HOUSE DRAMATICS





"Drama is theater, life, an escape from life, happiness, and sadness all rolled into one".

There was more than a regular excitement and enthusiasm in the students of all the four houses of CJM Hampton Court, for the most awaited event, The INTER HOUSE DRAMATICS COMPETITION 2012. The students get opportunities to









showcase their talents in this activity. The actors toil very hard to prove their best with a healthy spirit of competition. The show began at 09:30 a.m. and the Judges for this great event were Ms. Kamal Handa, Senior English Teacher and Head of the English Department in Mussoorie International School, Mussoorie and Mrs. Helena Singh, Director of New Life Center, Dehradun.

The first house to begin the programme was 'The Endurance House. 'They staged the play "The Secret Papers", followed by Endeavour House's "The Happy Man," Enterprise House's "The Dear Departed" and Encounter House's" Uncle Barnaby."

All the plays were very entertaining, well presented and appreciated by the audience.

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

At the end of the programme the first position was bagged by the Encounter House (Red) and The Runners-Up Cup was awarded to the Endurance House (Blue)









DANCE
COMPETITION-2012

"As our life becomes more and more artificial and we live more second hand, we feel a growing need for that direct contact with life, which is felt in DANCE."





Every emotional state tends to express itself in movement. We can not find a single ancient mystery in which there is no dancing. To prove it true, the CJM, Hampton Court organized an Inter Class Dance Competition for the classes I – IV, on 30th June, 2012.

The judges for this event were Ms. Seema Deogam, Senior Geography Teacher and Ms. Pratibha Agarwal, Senior Economics Teacher. Parents were also invited to witness the event.

The theme for this event was Folk Dances. The participants danced on to various forms of folk dances projecting the unity in the diversity of Indian traditional and cultural ways, to celebrate in a simple yet pleasing manner, brining each and everyone in close contact with nature and inner happiness.

The Competition was divided into four groups. Group one for class I, where boys and girls performed on two different Punjabi folk dances i.e. Bhangra and Gidda. Here girls outshined the boys.

Group two for classes II – A & II – B, who performed on Garhwali and Jaunsari folk dance forms. Group three for classes III – A & III – B, who performed on Gujarati and Marathi folk dances. Group four for classes IV – A & IV – B, who performed on Nepalese and Assamese folk dances. The prizes were bagged by class I – girls, II – B, III – A & IV – B.

The parents enjoyed the dance performed by their children and appreciated it. In the end Ms. Pratibha spoke encouraging words for the efforts put in by the participants and appreciated them, so that they could continue to pursue Dance as a hobby to shape up a brighter future. Our Principal Sr. Lucy D' Souza praised the participants and wished them good luck.

The programme was a success, which was made possible with the team efforts put in by all the respective Class teachers along with Ms. Tulika, Dance Teacher. A special thanks to the parents of the participants who sportingly supported to the requirements for the competition.

"To dance means to be new, to be fresh at every moment, as though one had just issued from the hands of the God."

















FANCY DRESS COMPETITION 2012

The theme for this year's Fancy Dress Competition was professions and attires of different states of India for classes L.K.G. & U.K.G. which was held on 29th June,2012.

These types of activities are to motivate the little ones to overcome stage fright and face the audience confidently.

The programme began at 9:00 a.m. on 29th June. Parents of both the classes were invited to witness the show. The judges for the programme were Ms. Anna Dilawar, Senior Hindi Teacher CJM, Hampton Court & Ms. Shalini Singh, History Teacher CJM, Hampton Court.

The programme began with the lighting of Diya by both the judges alongwith our honourable Principal Sister Lucy D' Souza.

The Fancy Dress began with the tiny tots of class LKG. They were dressed as different professions i.e. Defence, Miss India and Doctor. According to the names they were called upon to the stage to give away their message. They were very excited to speak come on the stage.

Next was class UKG dressed in the attire of the different states of India, displaying the spirit of Unity and National Integration. They were also coming up on the stage according to their names and speaking few lines in state dialect. Some children sang songs of the respective States. They were looking very smart in different dresses i.e. wearing Rajasthani Pagri and Gujarati Dhoti. There was a lot of excitement among the children. They were admiring each other dresses.

At the end,both the classes sang a short Hymn "This is the day that the lord has made". After the song, prizes were announced and few words of motivation were said by Ms. Shalini.

Then our honourable Principal spoke a few words about the mutual co-operation between the parents and the teachers. She said that parents had shown active participation in preparing their children for the competition.







Inter-CJM Mehandi & Salad Preparation

The lamp burns bright when wick and oil are clean & spreads the brightness all around. To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it.

Every year, the school organizes an Inter-CJM competition for the encouragement of students. It enhances the confidence in the children and motivates the children for creativity and conceptualization. This year, the inter-CJM Mehandi and Salad Preparation competition was held on 31st August 2012. The participating schools were CJM, Dehradun, St. Agnes School, Dehradun CJM, Waverly, Mussoorie, St. Lawrence School, Mussoorie and CJM, Hampton Court, Mussoorie.

The competition was judged by Ms. Sonal Aggarwal, Member, Rotary Club, Mussoorie and Mr. Raman Bhatia, Chief Sous Chef, Jaypee Hotel, Mussoorie. All the participants did really a marvelous job and presented their creativity beautifully well.

CJM, Dehradun emerged as winner in Salad preparation, whereas the host school Hampton Court captured the first position in Mehandi Preparation. Overall winner trophy was claimed by CJM, Dehradun. Ms. Sonal Aggarwal and Mr. Raman Bhatia distributed the trophies and certificates to the winners. The competition was a successful event under the guidance of Sr. Lucy D' Souza, Principal, Hampton Court.



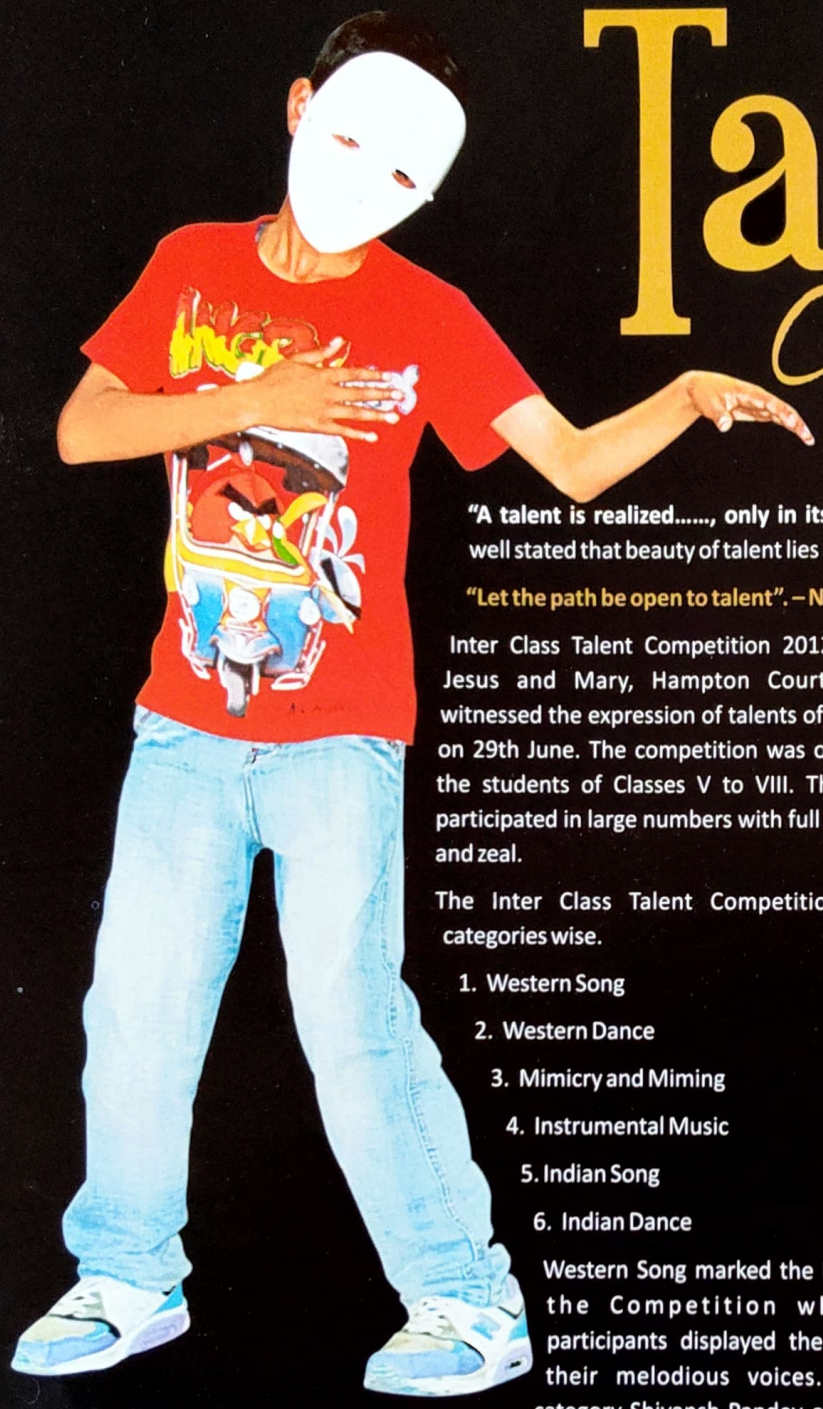








Interclass Talent Contest



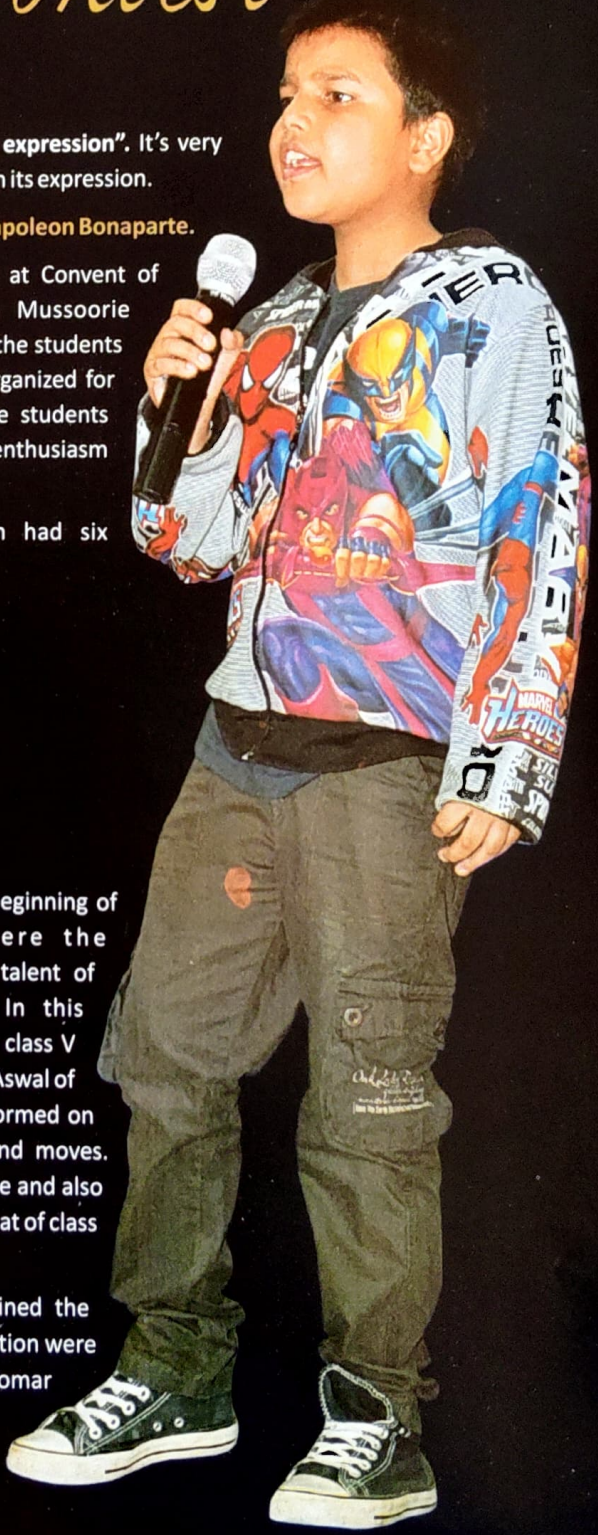
"A talent is realized....., only in its expression". It's very well stated that beauty of talent lies in its expression.

"Let the path be open to talent". – Napoleon Bonaparte.

Inter Class Talent Competition 2012 at Convent of Jesus and Mary, Hampton Court; Mussoorie witnessed the expression of talents of the students on 29th June. The competition was organized for the students of Classes V to VIII. The students participated in large numbers with full enthusiasm and zeal.

The Inter Class Talent Competition had six categories wise.

1. Western Song
2. Western Dance
3. Mimicry and Miming
4. Instrumental Music
5. Indian Song
6. Indian Dance



Western Song marked the beginning of the Competition where the participants displayed the talent of their melodious voices. In this category Shivansh Pandey of class V bagged the 1st prize, Vinayak Sharma of Class VIII stood 2nd and Himanshu Aswal of class VII – B came 3rd. In the Western Dance category the students performed on various English Songs and impressed the audience with their sways and moves. Shivankar Joshi of Class VI – A impressed both the Judges and students alike and also secured the 1st position, Manjot Singh V stood 2nd followed by Vaibhav Rawat of class VII – B.

In the next category of miming and mimicry the participants entertained the audience with their hilarious acts. In this category the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position were bagged by Akhil Bhandari V, Shivansh Nautiyal VII – B and Adwitiya Vijay Tomar respectively.

Instrumental Music Category saw an array of melodious tunes played on Casio and Guitar. The winners in this category were Ansh Grover VI – B who

stood 1st followed by Gideon Joseph VIII and Prerna Anand VI – B. In the Indian Song category Hindi film songs were mostly sung but a performance which stood out from the rest was one by Manmeet Singh of class VII – A who sang a Punjabi folk song. The winners in this category were Vaishali Pundir of class VII – B, Manmeet VII – A and Siddhant V.

Last but not the least was an amazing display of beauty, and colourful attires in the category of Indian Dance. The students performed with full enthusiasm. The winners were Akshita Gupta VI – B, Shardha Dangwal VII – A and Karan V.

This competition was adjudged by Mrs. Sharmila Mohapatra who is an experienced English Teacher in the middle school and Ms. Vandana Singh, our primary teacher.

The show proved to be a great success as the audience including the teachers and judges enjoyed it. It was also a great platform for the students to showcase their talents and shed their inhibitions.

TALENT DISPLAY













Frank Anthony Memorial

All India Inter-school Debate Competition-2012

(Stage I- Category II)

On 16th April 2012, Mussoorie International School hosted the Frank Anthony Memorial English Debate Competition selection Stage I of Category II. The Event Conveners were Mrs. S. Roy and Ms. K Handa. The student emcees were Tanvi Jain and Neelam Mohan. The garlanding of the portrait of Maa Gayatri and Gurudev was done by Mr Randhawa, the Chairperson and Mrs. P.Peter, Our Principal, followed lighting of the lamp by Mr. Majumdar, Our Headmaster and three honorable Judges. Then Neeyati Mittal vice cultural Captain led the prayers and recited Gayatri Mantra three times. The participating Schools were:

1. Sanskar International School, Dehradun
2. Convent of Jesus and Mary, Mussoorie
3. Swami Hariharanand Public School, Haridwar
4. Modern School, Rishikesh
5. St. Mary's Convent, Nainital
6. All Saints' College, Nainital
7. Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie
8. Mussoorie Public School, Mussoorie
9. Summer Valley School, Dehradun

The Chairperson of the event was Dr. H.S. Randhawa, Associate Professor of DAV (PG) College and English Coordinator of IGNOU Dehradun. The Moderator was Mr. J.K Majumdar, Headmaster, Mussoorie International School. The Judges were:

- Mr Jashvir Chaudhary, Deputy Headmaster and Proctor, Selaqui World School, Selaqui.
- Mr Qamar Alam, Senior English Faculty, Carman School, Dehradun
- Mrs Manju Singh, Senior English Faculty, Waverely Convent, Mussoorie.

The Topic as per the rule of the Council was given to the students around 9:30am all the participants prepared the debate in the School Library. All the participants spoke well and followed the norms of the event. The final results of the Event were:

- Best Speaker Trishangi Taragi (All Saints' College)
- 1ST Runner-up- Khushboo Negi (Convent of Jesus and Mary, Hampton Court)
- Best Team- Convent of Jesus and Mary, Hampton Court
- 1ST Runner-up Team- All Saints' College, Nainital.

The winning team and the Runner-up team and also the best speaker and 1st runner up speaker were presented with the Certificates sent by the Council. The event ended with the national anthem.





INTER HOUSE Quiz 2012

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

The Inter House Junior and Senior Quiz 2012 were held on 26th October, 2012. The students of classes IV to VI and VII to X participated in the contest on behalf of their respective houses. Our Principal Sister Lucy D' Souza was the Chief Guest for the event.

There were visual rounds on Science, Current affairs, Sports, English Spell power and Audio rounds.

The only source of knowledge is experience.

In the Junior Quiz Competition, Encounter House was the winner with Endeavour House as Runner's up. In the Senior Group Encounter House was the winner and Enterprise House bagged the Runner's up position.







Special Assemblies











FOUNDRESS DAY 2012

Claudine Thevenet was a woman called by God to form the congregation of the Religious of Jesus & Mary.

To do everything in order to please God seems to have been the goal of her life.

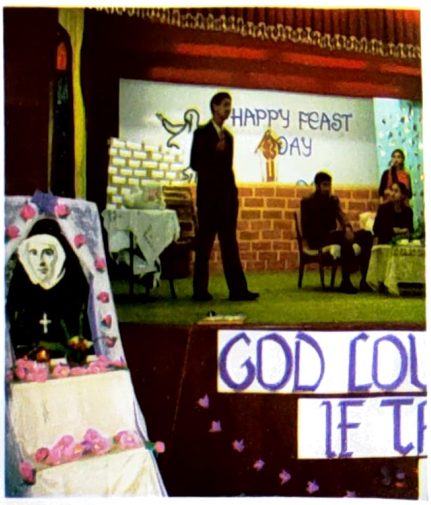
This constant search for God's will in order to lead a life worthy of Him and to please him in everything was to give her that deep spiritual in sight which would enable her to read the signs of the times and their discern. God's plan in order to give a full and complete response to His call; such was the life which was to make her worthy to join the saints and with them to inherit the lights.

On 19th July, 2012 Foundress Day Celebrations began with the class assemblies from classes V to XI. Each class staged their assemblies based on the values of our Mother Foundress St. Claudine like XI Faith in God, X Serve Humanity, IX-A loving family, V- Hope for the world, VIII Values for life, VII A Thanks to God, VII B loyalty to God and fellowmen, VI- A With my whole heart, VI-B Love and Care.

Children participated in the various activities held for them like Drawing Competitions for the Primary Sections and Classes VI to VIII, Quiz Competitions for classes III V and paragraph Writing for classes IX to XI. The winners of each competition were awarded prizes and certificates on the Feast Day i.e. on 31st July, 2012 by our Principal Sister Lucy D' Souza.









On 31st July, 2012 the Feast of our Mother Foundress was celebrated. 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. Children made the celebration more entertaining with the songs and dances. Teachers sang a song "Happy Feast Day To You" to express their loving gesture towards the Sisters. Finally, the programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks proposed by our Principal Sister Lucy D' Souza.

Every evening I turn my worries over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway.











THE INDEPENDENCE DAY 2012

"Freedom awakens hope"

The Independence Day was wonderfully celebrated in CJM Hampton Court. The Tri-colour Indian Flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest Sr. Lydia.

This was followed by the National Anthem sung by the entire school.

Then there was a short programme in the School Hall. The programme began with a prayer service, wherein students enlightened each one present in the Hall with lines from the Holy Books of various religions as they are a source of inspiration for each one of us and a part of our integrity.

Ms. Surekha Kandari delivered the Hindi speech which reminded us of our leaders and invoked the feeling of patriotism in our hearts.

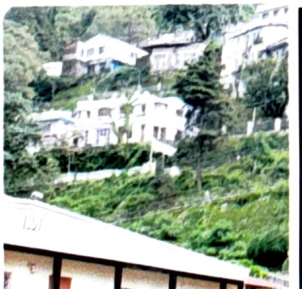
There were melodious patriotic songs sung by the Music Club and dances prepared by the students under the guidance of the dance teacher Ms. Tulika Panwar.

The Chief Guest Sr. Lydia addressed the students with her loving and encouraging words. She inspired each one of us to love our country and live up to the spirit of freedom. Her presence was highly appreciated by the CJM, Hampton Court family. The programme was concluded by the School Anthem sung by all the members of the CJM, Hampton Court family.













PROVINCIAL Visitation

The Provincial Sister, Sr. Rose visited our Institution and the students of Class XI organized a Special Assembly to welcome her. The theme of the Assembly was Charity and Compassion towards others.

Sister addressed the gathering and said that "Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, it's at the end of your arm, as you get older, remember you have another hand: The first is to help yourself, the second is to help others. Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

She added by saying that it's a privilege for the students to study in a CJM School where special emphasis is laid on Value based education.

She interacted with the Staff and Students. It was a great moment to have her amidst us.









Provincial Visitation



DINA'S DAY FEAST

"Love and let Jesus & Mary have their way"





Dina Belanger's life was short but of extraordinary spiritual intensity. It was indeed a fruitful life. She was a gifted musician and while cultivating the intelligence and developing her talents she was also growing intimacy with the Lord. On August 15th, 1923 Dina entered the novitiate of the Religions of Jesus & Mary.

31st August the Junior School began their special class assemblies on the occasion of Dina Belanger's Feast. The Classes II to IV staged their assemblies depicting the virtues of Dina Belanger. It was four days assemblies where the following values were shown.

Class II A & B - 'Work is Service'

Class III A & B - 'Let me have your way'

Class IV A - 'Let love grow'

Class IV B - 'God dwells in us'

Each class performed a skit followed by a song and concluded with a thought.



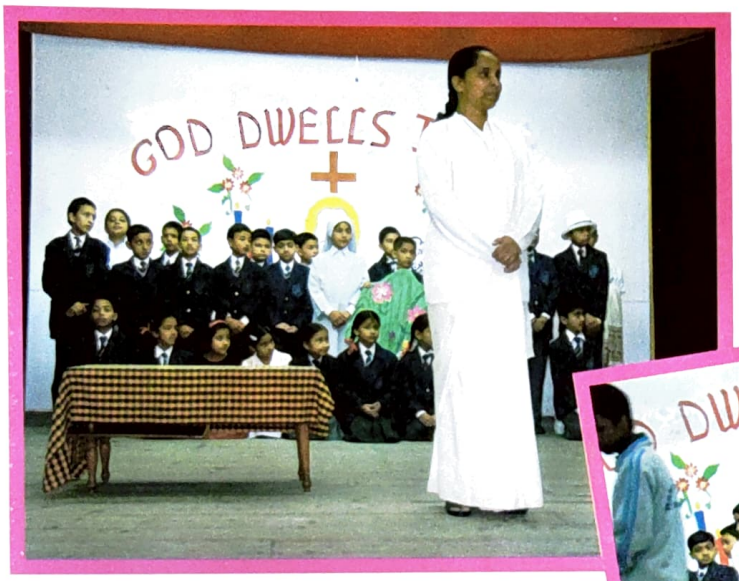


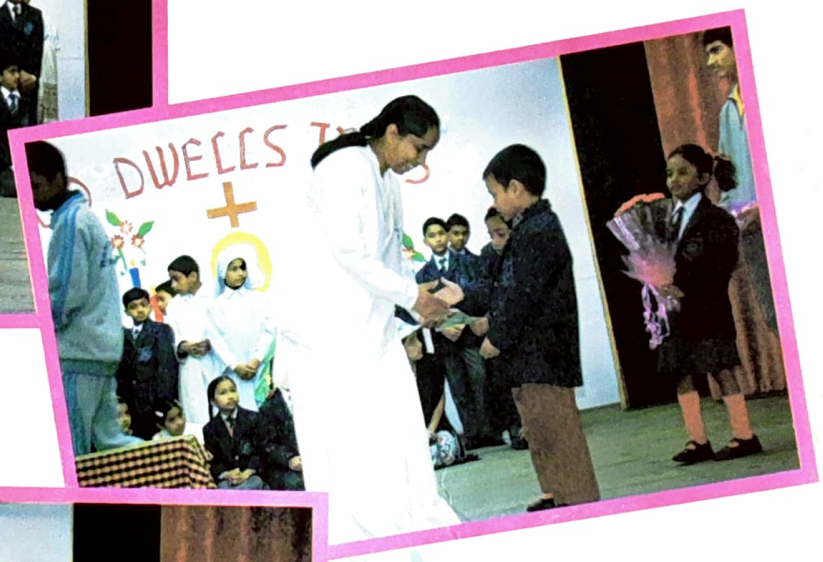


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SR. SUSIE

We knew that God truly loved us a lot when he gifted us with you. You are the most beautiful gift anyone has ever been gifted with. We love you a lot. On your birthday, we wish that God blesses you abundantly and fills your heart with more love. Happy Birthday to our dearest Sr. Susie. Let this new year of your life be special, full of precious moments, bright emotions, full of happiness and joy! Let Love follow your footsteps everywhere you go!!!







TEACHERS' Day

As every year, this year also 5th September was also celebrated as Teachers' Day in the memory of our second President, Dr. Sarvapali Radha Krishnan. This is a day when the students all together make our teachers feels special for their hard work and dedication.

We began our program with the blessings of God to be showered on our teachers, sung by the choir, in their loud and melodious









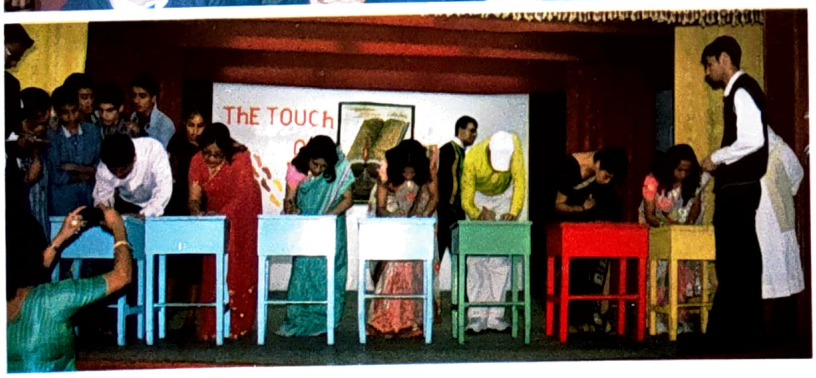
voices. One by one, each class performed dances which were really appreciated by the teachers.

Later class XI boys performed a skit on the title "CID" where Saurav Sonker, Archit Goel and the others played their parts well, and made every teacher burst out with their loud laughters. The students had organized games for the Teachers in which they participated with immense excitement.

In the afternoon after the program Lunch was hosted by the Sisters. The teachers were gifted a gift, as a token of love and appreciation. The program was conducted well and Ms. Nandita Chakraborty proposed a Vote of Thanks and praised us for organizing such a wonderful program.







The vigor of the drill display gives the coordination and synchronization, which helps in accompanying rhythm, togetherness and unison. The drills were wildly cheered by the parents and all present there. The sports day turned magnificent with the presence of Alumni of batches 1972-85. Some of them were Ramesh Mittal, Manish Aggarwal, Ajay Ramola, Abhay Veer Singh Sodhi and many more. The ex-students also testified their power with the young blood of Hamptonian boys, but were disappointed not to overcome the younger generation.



















Commandant Anil Kumar Phool expressed heartfelt gratitude to Sister Lucy D Souza and praised the students. Champion House Trophy and cake was bagged by the Enterprise House. The beautiful memories of this colourful day will be imbibed in the beautiful hills of Mussoorie.













happy Birthday



Sr. Lucy's Birthday

May you live a long life
Full of gladness and health,
With a pocket full of gold
As the least of your wealth.
May the dreams you hold dearest
On your Birthday will come true,
May the kindness you spread,
Keep returning to you!

Youth is the gift of nature, but age is the work of art. It seems such a great day to say that you're a real masterpiece! Happy Birthday!

No matter how old you are, there's always something good to look forward to. Wishing the best of blessings and good luck on your Happy Birthday!

May everything happy
and everything bright
be yours on your birthday
from morning till night.
And then through the year
may the same thing hold true
so that each day is filled
with life's best things for you!

















ART AND CRAFT, SCIENCE AND VALUE EDUCATION

Exhibition

"I cannot teach anybody anything. I can only make them think"

It was a feast for the mind and eyes at Convent of Jesus and Mary, Hampton Court on Friday, 28th September, when students displayed their creativity. Students from LKG to Class VI participated in the exhibition. There were a large number of items on display showcasing the knowledge and aptitudes of students. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Shri B.S. Rawat, PTI, CJM Hampton Court. Our School is a firm believer in educational innovation to facilitate all-round growth of the children with easy and effective learning.

The continuous observation of the vivid expressions of the young minds are displayed in this exhibition through models and is an extension of an effort to present the hundred thousand colours and moods of the children once again through their work. The uniqueness and originality of this exhibition becomes extraordinary as it recounts through words, objects and images the complex reality of an experience of young minds.

The students of Classes VII to XI are grouped into hobby clubs. The Science Club Exhibition made the students familiar with the contribution of Science in the Social and economic progress of













our country. The teachers helped the students to develop a scientific outlook and an interest for Science. Various informative modals, charts, and innovative projects were prepared by the exuberant learners. This year a new club was added, as 'The English Literary Club' which took an initiative to showcase the talents of the students, who displayed their creative skill of writing.

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."

What is 'Value Based Education'? Character oriented education that instills basic values and ethnic values in one's psyche is called 'Value based Education'. But the prevalent system of education is not character-oriented but information-oriented. This makes one selfish, self-conceited, irrelevant and cynical. It sharpens the reason but hardens the heart. It lays no emphasis on basic values such as truth, love, humanity, compassion, forbearance and justice. Students of CJM Hampton Court depicted different values through Charts and models.



Marathon



















Field and Track Events

Participation in track and field offers a versatile selection of competitive athletic events that involve many combinations of strength, speed and endurance. On the 29th September, 2012, athletes representing the four houses participated in THE FIELD AND TRACK EVENTS. The School Games Captain took the oath and our Principal declared the track and field events, open.

The track and field events are conducted for excellence in youth-athlete development. Track and field is also one of the few sports to be enjoyed worldwide. The sport is also called simply "athletics." Outdoor tracks are 400 meters around, while most indoor tracks are 200 meters around. Outdoor sprint events include the 100 meter, 200 meter and 400 meters.

Track events involve running on a track over specified distances. There are also relay races in which teams of athletes run and pass on a baton to their team member at the end of a certain distance. The athletes of the four respective houses participated with vigor and excitement, in true sportsman spirit.

It was a proud moment for the participants to receive their medals and certificates from their parents, who were present to grace the occasion.









HOUSE REPORTS

ENTERPRISE HOUSE

I take my guide, the hope of a Saint:
In crucial things, unity;
In important things; diversity;
In all things generosity.

The world of cynicism settles down like dust and unto dust it remains. But the light shining from the dust makes it crystal, the Yellow Crystal and let not the light from the Yellow Crystal blind you as Enterprise House, the House that made it to the position of the Champion House, this year.

Being the Captain of this great house for this year, has given me immense joy. 2012 turned out to be a fruitful year for the students of Enterprise House. Due to the hard work and diligent efforts put in by the members and students of the house, our teamwork and general co-operation have finally borne fruit. After all, standing first definitely means something to feel great!

'Light a candle in the dark to radiate a new vision'

Alongside academics, the students of Enterprise House gave their best to make remarkable achievements in the field of co-curricular activities. We retained championship in Table Tennis, Junior Football while achieving the second position in Cricket, Badminton and Senior Football Tournaments.

I would like to thank my House Master Mr. Rajender Singh Bangari, the Vice Captain Shivani Bhandari and all other teachers for their support, guidance and effort which kept us going on.

All the good things come to an end and it has been a pleasure to lead the students of the Yellow House.

"If the task has once begun, Never leave till its done. Be the labour great or small, do it well or not at all."

- Neeraj Nautiyal



ENCOUNTER HOUSE

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, do more and become more, then you are a true leader".

The year 2012 has proved to be a turning point in life when for the first time I was handed over the responsibility of becoming the Captain of "The Encounter House". The whole year was full of challenges and responsibilities, where we had numerous opportunities to prove ourselves. Our symbol 'The Shield' inspires each member to conquer obstacles and achieve success whether it is academics or co-curricular activities. The beginning of the year was marked by a victory in Dramatics in which our house stood first. Another cup was registered in our account by grabbing the inter House Football and Hockey Tournament Cups.

"Fields are won by those, who believe in winning".

In sports our house was a good competitor as compared to others, while each and every member in their respective field tried their level best to achieve success. I specially thank our House Master Mr. Neeraj Pant and our other teachers who always supported and encouraged me to lead my house with confidence and strong will power. I also thank my Vice Captain Gautam Sharma for standing beside me in every Triumph and Disaster.

I also thank our Principal Sister Lucy D' Souza who placed her trust in me and gave me this wonderful opportunity.

"Do the best you can with what you possess. Though it isn't much, yet it could be less; He invites defeat who gives up to sighing but the battle is won if you keep on trying".

- Suneha Thakur



ENDEAVOUR HOUSE

"Start by doing what is necessary then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

It was a great experience to lead a house which, is full of enthusiasm and commitment. The house did not stand up to its expectations as we stood third overall and missed the Champion Trophy by a very small margin. The greatest achievement being a captain is to hold the family (Endeavour House) together, to lead the house and to ensure that each member of the House feels an integral part of this family.

2012 was a year for good and bad performance, both. We were the winners in the Junior as well as Senior Boys Cricket and Junior and Senior Boys Hockey Runner's up and also table tennis runner's up and not to forget our prestigious win in the Debate. This report is incomplete if I don't mention the invaluable contributions of numerous people. I am indebted to the House Master Mr. Kuldeep, Ms. Dilawar, Ms. Ritika, Ms. Tulika, Ms. Seema Shah, Ms. Nandini for always encouraging and guiding me.

I would place on roll my thanks to Khushboo Negi, Vice Captain for her tremendous contribution.

In a very special way I would like to thank Neha, Bulbul, Sophia, Kanchan, Sandeep, Shubham, Saurav for their invaluable support. My sincere thanks to all the Members of the Endeavour House and my batch mates without whose motivation and support it wouldn't have been possible to lead such an enthusiastic lot.

In the end I would like to conclude by penning down few words that have always inspired me:

"Consult not your tears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfilled potentials. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed at but with what is still possible for you to do".

- Prabhjot Singh



ENDURANCE HOUSE

"The path from dream to success does exist,
All one needs is the vision to find it,
The courage to get onto it,
And perseverance to follow it."

When I took over as the captain of Endurance House, it was a challenge for me. This year witnessed the blue flag of Endurance House flying high despite many obstacles. There were many exemplary performances in academics, sports, dramatics, debate and declamation, etc, which personified the motto of the House.

"He conquers who endures"

Throughout the year, the house students showed exemplary performances both on stage and on the field. Our first achievement was the Inter-House Dramatics when my house stood on the 2nd position. Though not the first position still it was satisfying for me as it set an example of hard work and team spirit in front of us. The crowning glory of Endurance's this year, was the huge success in the March Past. Like the past four years this year also the house maintained its best performance in the march past.

"Goals that were once aspired for, are now achieved. Dreams that were dreamt are now a reality."

Before winding up, I would like to thank my House Master Sir Ravinder Rajput, our Senior teacher Ms. Nandita and the Vice Captain Shubham Joshi for their support and also I would like to thank my house teachers Ms. Meenu, Ms. Surekha, Ms. Ritu and Ms. Seema Deogam.

Special thanks to our Principal Sister Lucy D' Souza for her guidance and the school Captains Sandeep Gaur, Kanchan Lohani, Saurav Sonkar and Suraj Bhan who always lend a helping hand towards me and my house. I wish all the best for the future of my house.

"Life consists not in holding good cards, But in playing the ones you hold well....."

- Alisha Dhiman





Reunion

Alumni Meet 2012





"For many of us, our fraternity was one of the most valuable parts of school life. It was a place where we made some of our first and best friendships; from where we had an opportunity to know the world and ourselves a little better."

The alumni meet was held on 4th October 2012 at 3 PM in the school premises. It is a big day in the history of Hampton Court to put a step forward in the formation of the Alumni Association, 2012. It is all initiated by Principal Sister Lucy D' Souza and the Ex students of Hampton Court.

An Alumni Association is a students association which is formed by the Ex students of the institution. The Alumni functions as an organization and provides the students with different kinds of support. An alumni association preserves and carries on school traditions.

The Alumni function began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by our esteemed Sr. Lucy D' Souza, Principal, Hampton Court, Mussoorie, honorable Mam Dilawar and the ex students Mr. Ramesh Mittal and Mr. Manish Agarwal.

Sr. Lucy, Mam Dilawar, Mr. Ramesh Mittal, Mr. Manish Agarwal, Mr. Ajay Ramola, Mr. Ajayveer Singh Sodhi expressed their views on this memorable day. The senior students of the school presented a dance, to rejuvenate the audience.

"Memory is a way of holding on to the things you love, the things you are, and the things you never want to lose."

The ex-students had a lot of fond memories to cherish and share. They beautifully compiled their sweet moments in the form of



power point presentation to go down the memory lane. It was a wonderful presentation which can not be expressed in the words.

The ex-students presented a token of love to the Principal and all the teachers of the school. Mr. Manish Aggarwal presented a running All-rounder Alumni trophy to Sr. Lucy for the ISC students. The programme concluded with a Tea party.

EX- STUDENTS REUNION

The name "Hampton Court" rings a bell whenever we hear it. Such has been the impact of this prestigious institution in our lives.

Rightly so, some of us came forward to try and form the Alumni Association. Thus, came up the second Ex-Students Reunion from 3 to 5 October 2012.

The School's Annual Sports Day on 3-10-12, was well attended by the Ex-students with families. The Tug-of-war between the Ex-students and the current senior students was very interesting and was well won by the current senior students !

The school also extended a warm welcome to us on 4-10-12. Around 30 Ex-students met up; and most of them attended with families. The oldest Ex-student was from the 1968 batch from Australia. There was a formal session with prayers, souvenir presentation by ex-students to the Principal and teachers, dance presentation by present students, audio-visual presentation by the Ex-Students, speeches by the principal and some ex-students, and a tea break.

This year, the Ex-Students instituted the 'Sir Gordon Running Trophy' for the most deserving student of the year, which would also carry an annual cash prize.

The Reunion Party was held at Hotel Brentwood, where around 75 people attended (including wives and children).

An initiative was also started to invite registrations from the Ex-students to form the Alumni Association, and for which we have received over 30 forms.

We hope to continue on this journey for years to come, and are ever grateful to our Alma mater; "Hampton Court" !!

Ramesh Mittal & Manish Agarwal
(Batch of 1981)





The Tribune News

Hampton alumni to sponsor scholarship for student

Ajay Ramola

Mussoorie, October 5, 2012.

More than 25 former students from different batches of Convent of Jesus and Mary School, Hampton Court, pledged to sponsor a scholarship for the most deserving and needy students during their reunion celebration function on the school premises yesterday.



The ex-students also donated a running trophy in memory of late Sir Gordon, a popular sports teacher of the school, who was close to the students of the school. The trophy will be given to the student of the year on annual basis.

The Principal of the School, Sister Lucy, welcomed the former students and commended their effort of forming an alumni association of the school. She further said it was indeed a big day in the history of the school.

Sister Lucy further said she was hopeful that the alumni association would help in promoting and encouraging a positive image of the school.

The proposal of naming Ramesh Mittal as the president of the association was also put forward in the function here. The rest of the executive body will be constituted later after consultation with all former students.

Students of the school presented dance and cultural items on the occasion.

Trevor Dias, a former student from the 1968 batch, said for him it was like coming home as he had spent his early years in the school. He commended the efforts of forming the alumni association by the former students, especially from the batch of 1981.

Bharat Baweja, Prashant Anand, Manish Aggrawal, Navin Jain, Pawan Raj, Jatinder Luthra, Sanjay Verma, Pankaj Sharda, Ajaybir Singh Sodhi, Abhishek Aggarwal, Amit Sandilya, Vinay Kasana and others were present on the occasion.

Farewell to Ma'am Dilawar and Sir Rawat



Welcome, everyone, to this very special occasion. And a bitter-sweet occasion it is to us.

It's very sad to be saying goodbye to Mr. B.S. Rawat who is closing twenty years of dedicated service in this institution. Sir, joined the Hampton Court family in the year 1992, and since then he has successfully fulfilled his mission of training our students in a skilful manner in sports. For twenty years, he has had the privilege of serving our great Institution with duty, honor, courage, commitment, vision, tenacity, and spirit that all of us, his male and female colleagues, value so much. He has pursued the career and lifestyle of a disciplinarian, making sincerity the main meaning in his life. At the rare moments off our duty, we found warm words that strengthened us. He became our friend, our guide, advisor with whom we were able to share happiness and troubles. He has been a valuable asset to our Institution.

We will be missing you, Sir, a lot. We will be missing your sense of humor, your ability not to lose your head in a difficult situation, your friendliness, your open-hearted personality, your good nature. For you, this moment is crucial: you have to alter many things, which is not easy, in order to get adjusted to your new life

I, thank everyone for giving me an opportunity to speak and take this memorable moment to wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. You will explore more horizons, and I am sure you will find new opportunities and pleasures in your new life.

- Ms. Ritika



Never Say Adieu

"Happy trails to you, until we meet again.
Some trails are happy ones,
Others are blue.
It's the way you ride the trail that counts,
Here's a happy one for you."

Dear Sister Principal Lucy, Sisters, Teachers and my dear Students!

It's a day of mixed emotions. Of happiness and sorrow for each one of us. One sided , we are very heavy heart that Dilawar Mam is departing from us after serving Hampton Court fraternity for a very long period of 35 years. On the contrary, we are happy that Ms. Dilawar will enjoy her precious time with family and friends and live her own life. She will cherish sweet moments with her old parents, son Micheal and daughter Josephine.

Mam joined Hampton Court 35 years ago. She is the witness of the gradual development and progress of CJM Hampton Court. Her husband Mr. Dilawar was also a teacher in Hampton Court. Mam will have endless memories of the school. The biggest evidence was Mam's remembrance by the ex-students during the Alumni Association get together since last two years.

Ms. Dilawar has been committed towards her duties. She is a very humble, polite, sincere and down to earth human being. She has always been helpful to each of the staff members, students and teachers. The biggest quality of Mam is to speak to everybody with respect and due regards irrespective of his/her designation, status or level. She is always very soft and mild with everybody.

"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand."



At this emotional moment, I am speechless to express my emotions and sentiments. The words are not sufficient to express myself. We, the Hampton Court family wholeheartedly wish Mam Dilawar a very happy, healthy and successful life ahead. May God bless her with long life. It is our humble request to Mam Dilawar to be associated with Hampton Court family in future to share her vast experience and wisdom, with each one of us.

"Goodbyes are not forever.
Goodbyes are not the end.
They simply mean I'll miss you
until we meet again!"

Once again, I wish Mam Dilawar all the best for her future. God bless you, Mam.

- Ms. Rekha Singh





Farewell is like the end, but in my heart is the memory and there you will always be.

As we all know that we have gathered here for a very special occasion, the farewell of our very dear teacher, Mam Anna Dilawar. She has dedicated her life in serving this institution. Your motherly care and affection has helped us to build our inner strength.

Your motivating words have always been a great source of inspiration. We are inspired every moment by your presence and you will remain in our hearts forever. You have always lent a helping hand towards each one of us whenever we needed a guide or a mentor. In times of depression your words of advice were the beautiful pearls that decorated our lives.

Mam it's very hard to say good bye to you. On behalf of this entire School I wish you success, good health and peace of mind, for your future. Thank you Mam for all that you have done for us.

Love is missing someone whenever you're apart, but somehow feeling warm inside because you're close in heart.

- Kanchan Lohani, Head Girl

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

Today with a heavy heart I stand before all of you to say god –bye to Sir Rawat, who has played a very important role in my life. Sir has been my friend in my hard times, a guide when I was indecisive and a teacher who coaxed me to strive for higher goals.

He was the one who helped me sharpen my sports skills. I owe my success to Sir Rawat for becoming the School Games Captain, for two years. His expert advice for all the students will remain with us and of course his sense of humour.

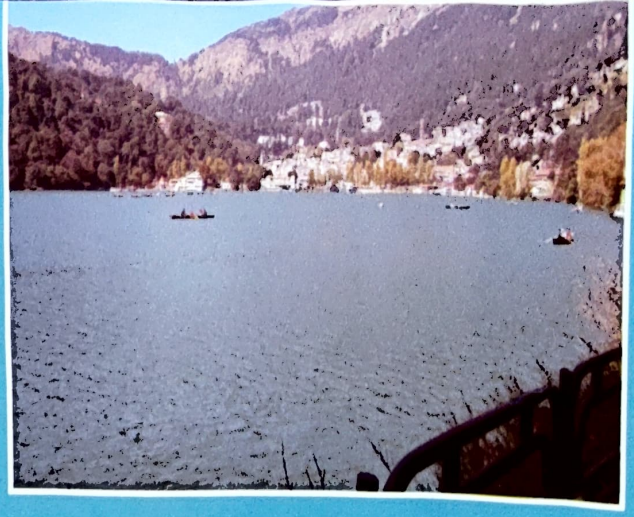
No matter what we become or what we do in life, we will always remember that Sir has been instrumental in shaping our lives. We will never forget the best years of our lives which we spent in his able care and guidance.

He will always be a part of this School and a part of this institution and with me forever.

In the hope to meet

Shortly again, and make our absence sweet.

- Saurav Sonkar, Games Captain



TRIP TO JIM CORBETT and Nainital

To inculcate appreciation for the rich cultural and Biographical richness and diversity of our country, outstation tours are organised for students on regular basis.

"Travelling is like talking with people of other centuries."

A much awaited one for the students of classes VII and VIII. They had been eagerly waiting for their exciting trip. The train set out for its designated time of departure. Under the able guidance of Sir Rawat, Ms. Dilawar, Ms. Rekha, Ms. Sharmila and Ms. Dechen.

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 was instructed, to sleep ,so that they would wake up early the next morning. The next morning all the students were lined up for their exit from the Railway Station towards their lodging. Surprisingly all were seated patiently and obediently with a bright sparkle in their eyes waiting for the events of the day to begin. The students eagerly awaited their visit to the Jim Corbett National Park.

Come forth into the light of things, let nature be your teacher.

Jim Corbett National Park is the oldest national park in India, named after the hunter-turned-conservationist Jim Corbett who played a key role in its establishment—was established in 1936 as Hailey National Park. Situated in Nainital district of Uttarakhand the park acts as a protected area for the endangered Bengal tiger of India, the secure survival of which is the main objective of Project Tiger, an Indian wildlife protection initiative. Bengal tigers, although plentiful, are not easily







spotted due to the abundance of camouflage in the reserve. Thick jungle, the Ramganga river, and plentiful prey make this reserve an ideal habitat for tigers who are opportunistic feeders and prey upon a range of animals. We unfortunately could not spot any. Jeep Safari is the most convenient way to travel within the national park; jeeps can be rented for park trips from Ramnagar. We enjoyed the Jeep Safari.

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. "Nature is a good name for an effect whose name is God"

The next spot was Nainital which is known for its scenic beauty and snow-clad peaks of the Himalayan ranges. Surrounded by lakes, it has many sight-seeing spots. It is believed that Nainital figures in some ancient myths of India. In the Manas Khand of the Skand Puranas, Nainital Lake is called Tri-Rishi-Sarovar, hinting at the story of three sages (or rishis), Atri, Pulastya and Pulaha, who, upon finding no water in Nainital, dug a large hole at the location of the present day lake (sarovar = lake) and filled it with water from the holy lake Manasarovar in Tibet. According to lore, a dip in Naini Lake, "the lesser Manasarovar," earns merit equal to a dip in the great lake.It is also believed that The Naini Lake is one of the 64 Shakti Peeths, or religious sites where parts of the charred body of Sati (Parvati) fell on earth while being carried by Lord Shiva. The spot where Sati's eyes (or Nain) fell, came to be called Nain-tal or lake of the eye. The goddess Shakti is worshipped at the Naina Devi Temple on the north shore of the present day lake.

We witnessed the Naini lake, a natural freshwater body, situated amidst the township of Nainital in Uttarakhand State of India, tectonic in origin, is kidney shaped or crescent shaped and has an outfall at the southeastern end. Then we visited the Naini Devi Temple which is located on the northern shore of Naini lake. The presiding deity of the temple is Maa Naina Devi represented by two Netras or eyes. Flanking Naina Devi are the deities of Mata Kali and Lord Ganesha.

This excursion was a fun filled educational experience geared towards increasing our awareness of the world around us.





STAFF PICNIC

The Staff of CJM Hampton Court visited Visited Vishranti Resorts, located on the fringes of the protected Sal forests, west of Dehradun and deep in the Doon Valley. These majestic cottages exude the charm and aristocracy of yesteryears. Nestled in 23 acres, with nothing but nature for company, Vishranti has a cricketing legacy inherent in its sprawling and beautifully landscaped grounds. The exhaustive library of books and music, tasteful aesthetic décor and ambience, mouth watering delicacies served up by the chef and the flora and fauna of the estate is reminiscent of a royal lifestyle.

True silence is the rest of the mind; it is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment.



The idyllic cottages are designed in the style of a countryside bungalow with sloping roofs and wide verandahs to from where one can indulge in the inherent serenity of the immediate environment. The organic farm and plantations, the floriculture project and the exotic bird aviary provide for endless pleasures and a tryst with nature. Every moment spent at Vishranti abounds with recreational options that may be suitable for a plethora of individuals, ranging from the adventurous to the relaxed.

We gained knowledge of the exotic bird species in the sanctuary, learnt the intricacies of agriculture and floriculture, while enjoying a gripping read from the vast library.

We enjoyed the Vishranti dining experience of a varied cuisine, specially prepared by the Chef. The emphasis is on fresh produce from the plantations and farmlands to specifically choose vegetables that are grown in-house. Every one captured the beauty in their cameras to make the moments memorable.

Far from the madding crowd, where you can be alone, but never lonely; where the company you keep, is the company you chose; where time stops, even it's for just a while.





CHILDREN'S DAY

Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man.

- Rabindranath Tagore



On 14th November, 2012, Children's Day was celebrated in our Institution. The programme began with short prayer service. This day marks the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

On this day, Teachers, commit themselves to the welfare of their students and in this manner pay their homage to this great









Leader by living up to his expectations. It was a fun-filled day for the students. The teachers made the day special, as they had a lot of surprises lined for them. All the cultural items were organized and performed by the teachers. So the day had the theme 'With love - from teachers to students'.

It brings a smile on our face when we see one on our students!





Christmas Day



Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.

In many parts of the world, Christmas is the day when people celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, two thousand years ago. People who remember Christmas as a religious holiday celebrate the birth of Jesus and his coming into this world. To them, he is recognized as the Son of God and the Savior of the world. According to the Bible, Jesus was born in a manger because there was no room for him and his parents, Mary and Joseph, in an inn. Today, people often attend church, organize family gatherings, and decorate their homes with Christmas flowers and Christmas trees.





People feel the giving spirit and donate their time and money to worthy causes, or serves the needy. The festival of Christmas conveys Jesus' message of love, tolerance and brotherhood. It's a celebration of humanity and mankind. Though Christmas is a primary festival of the Christian calendar but still it has a special significance in everyone's life. It is celebrated as a universal festival through out the nation. In India this festival has a special importance, since India is known, for its unity in diversity, worldwide.

The Nativity Play of the birth of Jesus Christ was staged by the students of Classes 5,6,7.

There's more, much more, to Christmas than candlelight and cheer; it's the spirit of sweet friendship that brightens all year. It's thoughtfulness and kindness, its hope reborn again, for peace, for understanding, and goodwill to men! Let us keep Christmas beautiful without a thought of greed, that it might live forevermore to fill our every need, that it shall not be just a day, but last a lifetime through, the miracle of Christmastime that brings God close to you.











OBITUARY

Sister Rosa Silveir
(1929 - 2013)

"Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them."

On 28th January, 12.10 am, Sister Rosa peacefully left for her Heavenly abode.

She served in several of our Communities, especially in Hampton Court; she looked after the boys (boarders) for 15 years. She returned once again to Hampton Court and was very faithful towards her duties.

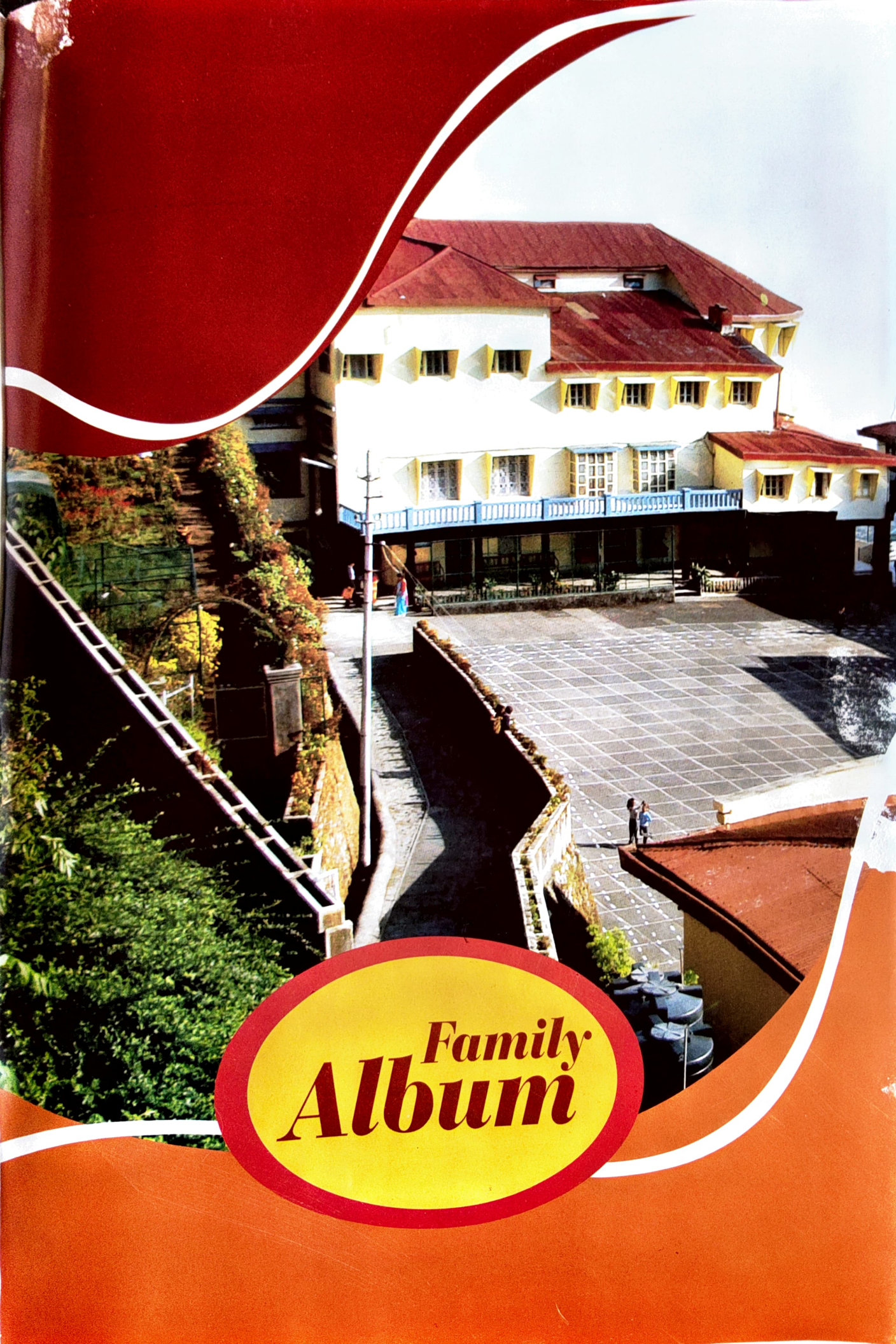
"If you live close to God and His infinite grace, you don't have to tell; it shows on your face."

She was a source of inspiration for the Staff and students of CJM Hampton Court.

We are very grateful to you dear Sr. Rosa for all your selfless, dedicated services which you have rendered to the Institution. She was loved and is missed dearly by everyone.

May her Soul rest in peace!





Family Album

Sr. Lucy (Principal) with Her Teaching Staff



Sr. Lucy (Principal) and Community



Our Helpers



ICSE 2013 Batch with Teachers



Class - LKG with Ms. Vandana



Class - UKG with Ms. Meenu



Class - I with Ms. Seema Shah



Class - II with Ms. Geetanjali



Class - II with Ms. Meghna



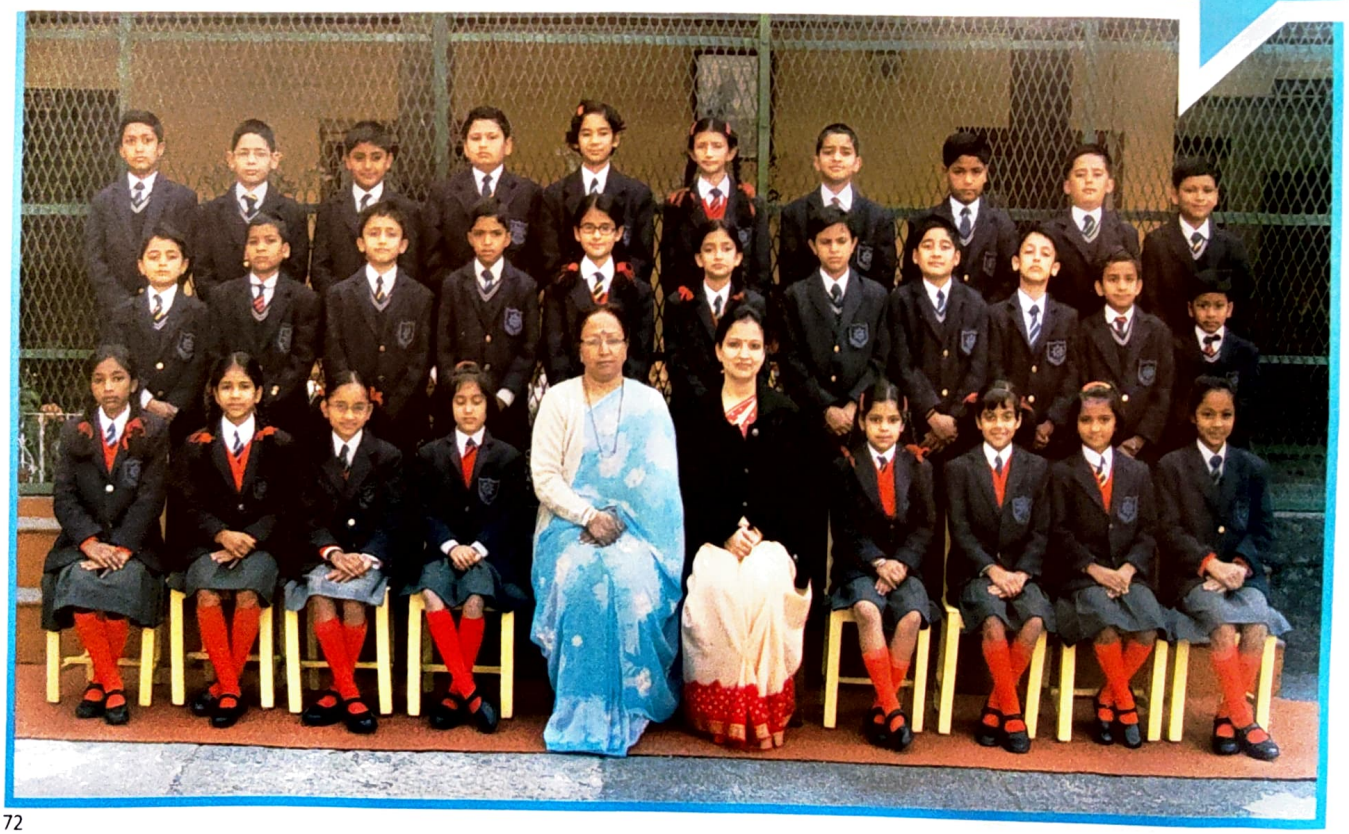
Class - III with Ms. Dechen



Class - III with Ms. Nandni



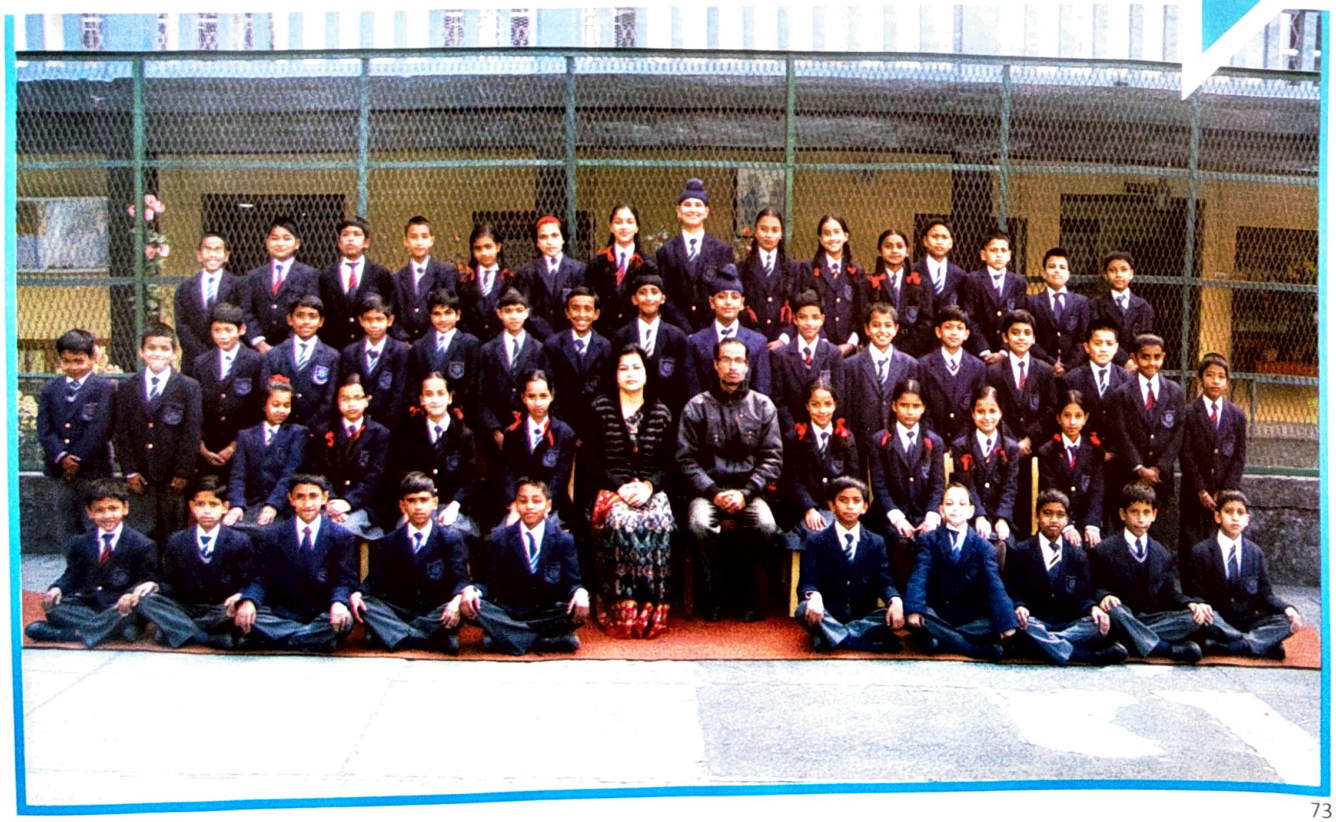
Class - IV with Ms. Neeta



Class - IV with Ms. Ritu



Class - V with Ms. Ritika



Class - VI with Ms. Shalini



Class - VI with Ms. Seema Deogam



Class - VII with Ms. Rekha



Class - VII with Ms. Sharmila



Class - VIII with Ms. Anna Dilawar



Class - IX with Mr. Neeraj Pant



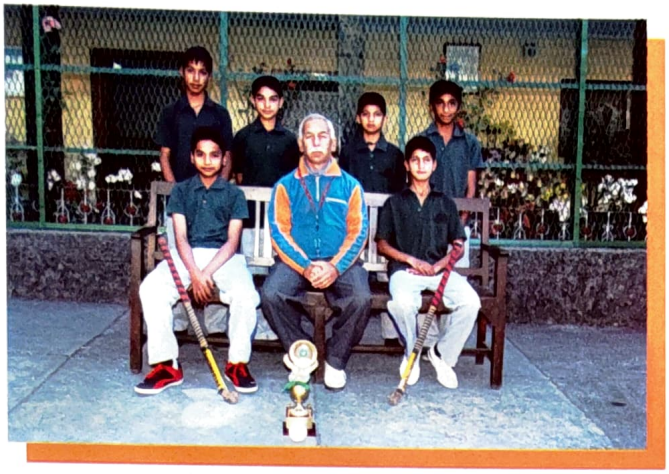
Class - X with Ms. Nandita



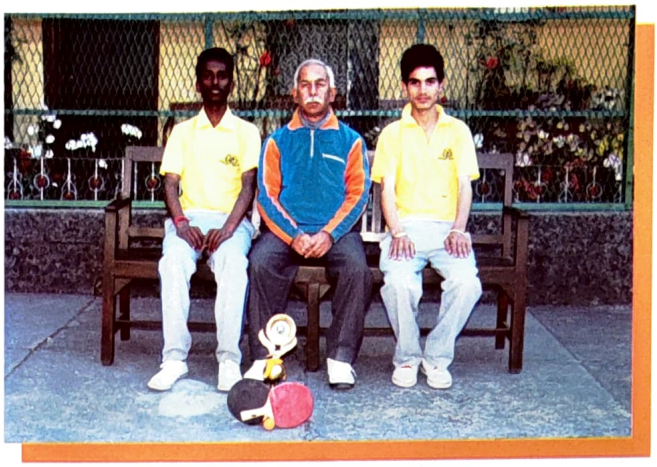
Class - XI with Mr. Kuldeep



WINNERS



Sub-Junior Hockey Team
(Green House)



Senior Table Tennish Team
(Yellow House)



Junior Hockey Team
(Red House)



Senior Hockey Team
(Red House)



Junior Cricket Team
(Green House)



Senior Cricket Team
(Green House)



Senior Football Team
(Red House)



Junior Football Team
(Yellow House)



Inter School Marathon Team
(Girls)



Inter School Marathon Team
(Boys)



School Hockey Team
(Seniors)



School Hockey Team
(Juniors)

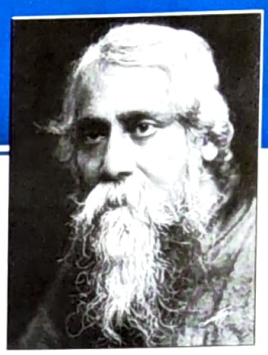




CONTRIBUTIONS

The Multi Faceted Genius

-RABINDRANATH TAGORE



May 7, 2012 marked the 152nd birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore the winner of the Noble Prize for Literature in 1913. Tagore is the most outstanding name in literature. The arrays of skills in his repertoire were poet, novelist, short-story writer, essayist, playwright, educationist, spiritual philosopher, cultural relativist, orator, composer, songwriter, singer and artist. He was a great achiever and was the founder of the institution Visva-Bharati at Shanti Niketan. His active literary career extended over a period of sixty years. He mused, he wrote, travelled and talked untiringly.

Born in Jorasanko, Kolkata on May 7, 1861, his father Maharishi Debendranath, was the power behind the Bhramo Samaj. Affluent and aristocratic culture surrounded him and he grew up keenly alive and awake to the world around him. He had no regular schooling, nor did he go through the usual academic grind. At the age of fifteen, he had begun to appear in print.

Shanti Niketan, an Ashram for cultural and spiritual realization was set up by Tagore and later grew to be the Visva-Bharati University. Shanti Niketan was the focal centre of a new experiment of living relationship. Rabindra Nath Tagore was the most prominent figure in the cultural world. The National Anthem of India ,"Amar Sona Bangala..." are the best of his compostions. Tagore's music has left an impact in Bollywood too.

Let us remember the revered poet by reading his poem Gitanjali a collection of devotional songs, Purity Life of my life, I shall ever try to keep my body pure, knowing that thy living touch is upon all my limbs.

I shall ever try to keep all untruths out from my thoughts, knowing that thou art that truth which has kindled the light of reason in my mind. I shall ever try to drive all evils away from my heart and keep my love in flowers knowing that thou hast thy seat in the inmost shrine of my heart. And it shall be my endeavour to reveal these in my actions, knowing it is thy power that gives me strength to act.

-ALISHA DHIMAN
CLASS – XI



Interaction With The Canadian Author

This year, the morning of 15th October, was one of the most memorable mornings of the year. At around 11:45 am, classes 10th and 11th, mere over whelmed to have Mr. Robert Hutchison the famous writer of Switzerland and Mr. Ajay Ramola Journalist and ex-student amidst them. Actually, Mr. Robert Hutchison had visited Hampton Court to propogate and introduce us to his famous novel, "Garden of Fools". Which is a heart touching kook and speaks of the construction of the Ganga Canal. In a 20 minutes talk with Mr. Robert we came across the whole story of the canal, which was interesting and heart touching. The canal was constructed by a famous engineer Proky Kotli in 1854, when he realized that the people of Uttar Pradesh were badly affected by the drought faced by them in 1837-38. It was constructed in 1854 and is 530 km long. It serves the people of U.P. and is located between Haridwar and Kanpur. It's construction was not an easy job, and Mr. Porky had to face many difficulties during it's construction. This novel written by Robert Hutchison is simply a home age, paid to Mr. Porky Kolti for his extraordinary work.

After Mr. Robert was over with his talk we had a short question-answer session in which the students inquisitively inquired about the construction of the canal. This way we ended up with a Vote of Thanks and presentation of a Souvenir to Mr. Robert Hutchison for sparing his precious time and enlightening us with the construction of the Ganga Canal through his book "Garden of Fools".

-Medha Kumari
Class XI

WHO IS A TEACHER?



Blessed are you, "TEACHER",

For you do whatever it takes

To make our future bright'.

Teachers mould the lives of their students with their influence. A student may forget what his teacher taught: events, dates, formulas and experiments, sums and rules etc. but he can never forget the lessons of honesty, truth, respect equality, care and concern.

A teacher is the one that comes to work when he/she is sick; teaches a class of students that do not want to learn; has a special place in his/her heart for every child who is not her own; understands the struggles of those who face difficulties and above all never takes the students for granted.

It is the teacher who feels proud when the students become successful in life. It is he/she who accomplishes the student in each and every small task; it is he/she who has been with a class for a year and says good bye to those students and gets ready to welcome another batch of students for the oncoming year. A teacher is the one who makes this world a better place to live in because he/she was important in the life of a child.

A teacher has a heart, full of compassion, encouragement and patience. He is always ready to accept the challenges, regardless of the obstacles. He is someone who sees potential and has belief in us. A teacher celebrates with us on our success, and praises God for the lovely students on this earth.

Dear Teacher, thank you for your dedication and hard work.

-Suneha Thakur
XI

TRUE FRIENDSHIP



"True friends are like diamonds, precious and rare. False friends are like autumn leaves lying everywhere".

True friends are the one who accompany us in happy as well as tough moments. They are the ones who not only guide us on the right path but they also stop us from following the wrong path. Since ancient history, in India we are well known with the stories associated with true friendship, for example the friendship bond between Lord Krishna and Sudama.

True friends are the siblings which God has granted us. It is he, with whom we like to discuss things which we would never discuss with our relatives as well as other associates, as we have complete freedom with them. He is the one to pinpoint our weakness, and speaks bluntly about things which we may not hear from our relatives etc. The friend is invaluable and enriches our life's lives with happiness. Thus life's battle is half own if we have a true friend beside us.

- Suneha Thakur
XI

World Trade Organisation

The world trade organization is an organization that intends to supervise and liberalize international trade. The organization officially commenced on January 01st. 1995 under the Marrakesh Agreement, replacing the General agreement on Tariffs and trade (GATT) which commenced in 1948. The organization deals with member states and countries adhere to WTO agreement which was representatives of member governments and ratified by their parliaments.

WTO's current Director General is Pascal Lamy, who, leads a staff of over 600 people in Geneva Switzerland.

Following are the current addition in WTO:-

Albania (8 Sep. 2000). Angola (23 Nov, 1996), Austria (1 Jan 1995), Australia (1 Jan 1995), Belgium (1 Jan 1995), Brazil (1 Jan 1995), Canada (1 Jan 1995) Egypt (30 June 1995), France (1 Jan 1995) Estonia (13 Nov. 1999), Indonesia (1 Jan 1995).

Objectives

- International Trade is a liberal environment.
- Principle of non-discrimination i.e. no member country should discriminate between the member of WTO. Thus, each member country is expected to provide most favoured treatment to every other member country in international trade. This is known as the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) principle.
- Reforms in agriculture trade:- It help in reduce import tariffs on agricultural commodities and giving subsidy to various sectors including agricultural sector.
- Greater access to Foreign investors:- This aspect is known as Trade Related Investment Measure or TRIMS
- TRIPS:- The agreement between the members nations on the issue is known as (Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights) e.g. If India takes a patent right of production the seeds of 'Basmati Rice' , then any other trading nation cannot produce the variety of paddy seeds.

ANSHIKA MALL
Class XI

"The first and most important step towards success is the feeling that we can succeed".

- The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their altitudes of mind.

William James

- All external events are inherently neutral until you respond mentally and assign an emotional content to them.

Dr. Walter Doyle Staples

- Service is the rent you must pay for the space you occupy here on planet earth.

Dr. Walter Doyle Staples

- What you think of yourself is much more important that what other think of you.

Seneca

- One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety nine who have only interest.

John Stuart Mills

- He who cannot change the very fabric of his thought will never be able to change reality.

Anwar Sadalt

- The highest possible stage in moral culture is when we recognize that we ought to control our thoughts.

Charles Darwin

- Destiny is not a matter of chance; It is a matter of choice; It is not a thing to be waited for, It is a thing to be achieved.

William Jennings Bryan

BY: NEELAM KUMARI
CLASS – XI



We Learn

With criticism We learn to condemn
With hostility
We learn to fight
With ridicule
We learn to be shy
With shame
We learn to be guilty
With encouragement
We learn confidence
With praise
We learn to appreciate
With fairness
We learn justice
With punctuality We get success.

-NEELAM KUMARI
CLASS – XI



Incredible And Amazing Facts About India

- The world's highest cricket ground is in Chail, Himachal Pradesh. Built in 1893 after leveling a hill top, this cricket pitch is 2444 meters above sea level.
- India has the largest no of post offices in the world.
- The Indian Railways is the largest employer in the world. It employs over a million people.
- Until 1896, India was the only source of diamonds in the world.
- The Baily Bridge is the highest bridge in the world. It is located in the Ladakh Valley between the Dras and Suru rivers in the Himalayan mountains. It was built by the Indian Army in August 1982

-BHUMIKA LOHANI
CLASS – VIII



My Birthday

B is for birthday , A birthday for me
I for inviting my friends to tea
R for returns of the day
T for the thank you I have to say
H is for happiness, wished for me
D for dreams of what I shall be
A is for age, my birthday will tell
Y is for years, when I'll try to do well.

-DEVESH BADONI
CLASS III – A

It's All Up To You



One song can speak a moment,
One tree can start a forest,
One smile begins a friendship,
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One vote can change the nation,
One candle can wipe out darkness,
One laugh can conquer gloom,
One step must start each journey,
One hope will raise our spirit,
One touch can show you core and One life can make the difference.

YOU SEE, IT'S UP TO YOU!

- PRAFUL BHANDARI
CLASS – VIII

What Does Mother Mean To Me



M - is for the million things she has given me

O - means that she often the best

T - is for true she has taught me

H - is for a heart of forest gold

E - is for eyes shining with love

R - is the right advice, she gives

-ANKUR KANDARI
CLASS – VIII

SOMETIMES



Sometimes miracles aren't miraculous,
Sometimes success isn't successful,
Sometimes we talk but never speak,
Sleep but never rest,
We love but never are loved
Struggle but never achieve
Eat but never feed,
Chase but never reach,
Preach but never worship,
Search but never find.
Amidst all this you find yourself,
Alone in a corner, looking for help,
But the main act is to never give up,
It won't be long and times up.
You can move a mountain,
You can drown a sea,
You can dry a river,
You can lift the Earth,
And still not break a sweat.
YOU'RE ALL THE WEAPONS YOU NEED, YOU SEE, SO GO GET, YOURSELF !!!!!!

-ABHINAV BERMOLLA
CLASS VIII

Indian Words Accepted In English Dictionary

- Guru- a teacher
- Nirrana- a state of perfect happiness
- Juggernaut- an overwhelming force that crushed everything in its path.
- Pandit- a learned person
- Kebab- roasted meat
- Curry- a spicy dish
- Jodhpurs- long riding breeches
- Bungalow- a small house
- Bindi- a dot marked on forehead by Hindu Wives.

-AVANTIKA DABRAL
CLASS VII – B

My Pet



I have a pet dog at my home.

His name is Jiffy.

He is black with white spots all over.

He loves to lick milk from his pot for breakfast with some bones to eat.

For lunch he loves to eat meat with bones to keep him busy in afternoon.

In the evening he plays with me.

Now, I miss him very much but when I go home He will once again purr with happiness.

His bark still rings in my ears when I am alone.

-ABHINAV DABRAL
CLASS – I

We Are Proud To Call Ourselves INDIANS

- India never attacked any country in her last 1000 years of history.
- 'Zero' was given to the world by 'Aryabhatta' who was an Indian.
- Before 1896 India was the only source of Diamond in the world.
- The value system, the decimal system was developed in India in 100 BC.
- Indian students are still considered as the best all over the world.
- We Indians only taught non – violence to the world by 'Bapu'.
- 78% of doctors in USA are Indians.
- Mukesh Ambani would be the richest person in the world by 2014.
- India was once the richest empire in the world also known as 'Golden Bird'.
- Algebra, Trigonometry, Stoichometry, Quadratic, Equation came from India only.

This is only the visible part of the iceberg, if I would have went upto the death the list would be endless. But is it the same India we see today??? Then my answer would be NO that means we are still not able to explore our potential otherwise we could do wonders!!! So let's work together and make Bharat a developed, happy and prosperous country.

I hope you all enjoyed reading it.

-Naman Dabral
Class VI – A



My Birthday

- My birthday is on 9th October.
- On my birthday, we offer Puja to God and decorate the house with balloons and stickers.
- I also take the blessings of my parents on my birthday.
- In the evening I invited my friends and relatives come to my house and we have a grand party.
- I cut a beautiful birthday cake on my birthday.
- My mother cooks many delicious food items on my birthday.
- I look forward to celebrate my birthday every year.

-ABHRANEEL CHOUDHURY
CLASS – I

My Mother



- My mother is the most important person in my life.
- My mothers name is Mrs. Arti Pant.
- She is a teacher.
- She loves me a lot and cares for me.
- She brought me to this wonderful world.
- She carried me for 9 months, went through a lot of pain and gave birth to me.
- She helps in my studies and takes care for all my needs.
- She cooks delicious food for me.
- She takes care of our family.
- She teaches me good manners.
- My mother is the bests mother in the whole world.
- I love my mother very much.

-PRANJAL PANT
CLASS – I

I Am A Tree



I am a little green tree,

Don't cut me.

If I don't hurt you,

Why you hurt me.

If you will cut me,

Then I will die.

You can't breath,

I am not telling a lie.

-Jatin Panwar
Class II B



Butterfly

Everyone loves a butterfly They are as beautiful and graceful

They are symbols of love and rebirth

They bring good luck

They encourage us for freedom.

-ABHINAV DABRAL
CLASS – I

MY PARENTS

I love my parents. We go for shopping together. Mummy buys me the fruits. Papa buys me the toys. I help my mummy and papa.

-Alankrit Bisht
Class I





A Recipe To Impress A Teacher

If you want to impress a teacher,

Follow the following recipe.

Take a table spoon of tidiness

Mix it into a number of manners,

Add a large quantity of 'Please' and 'Thank you'

Mix fifty grams of smiles and a quarter kilo of silence.

If you add talking to it, make sure I is not loud And avoid it when teacher is there.

Take a slice of cake and spread good handwriting jam over it

Eat this before breakfast and see how pleasant your teacher is.

-RAGHAV SINGHAL
CLASS – I

Books Want To Say Something

Books want to say something, Birds chirps in books

Fields flow in books

Waterfall sings in them

They tell us about angels. There is a kingdom of Rockets

In books there is voice of science

How much big world of books

Books contain a variety of knowledge You want to go in this world?

Books want to say something

They want to stay with you.

-AYUSH KANDARI
CLASS II B



Life Experience

Away into this world we are sent, To complete our own circles and Find out what they meant,

To experience something spectacular and true.

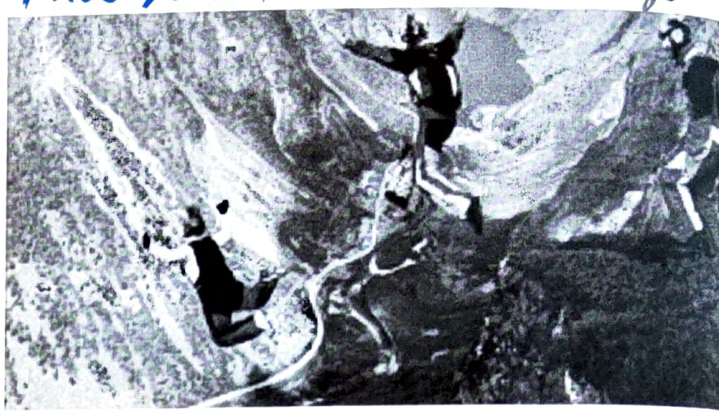
The simplest things, like the sky being blue

Not knowing the answers, but asking why,

Falling over our own feet, we continue to try.

- GULABSHA BANO ANSARI
CLASS X

Face Your Fear With Courage



The greatest achievement of a human is to face his or her fear. If you can face your fear with courage, you can do anything in this world. There is a very interesting story about this topic.

Once upon a time, there was a man; his name was Narendra, one day he was coming back from his shop and he saw a troop of monkeys on one side of the foot path. He was very afraid because in his young age his father had told him never to go near a monkey otherwise it would harm him. He started running and the monkeys started chasing him. When he was about to faint, he saw a saint who was sitting under a tree. The saint said us stop! He stopped. The saint advised him to face the monkeys and look into their eyes. The monkeys fled away. Narendra was amazed by this event. He asked the saint how could it be possible. The saint replied that if we face our fear with courage we can do anything in this universe.

-YASH KUMAR VERMA
CLASS VII – A

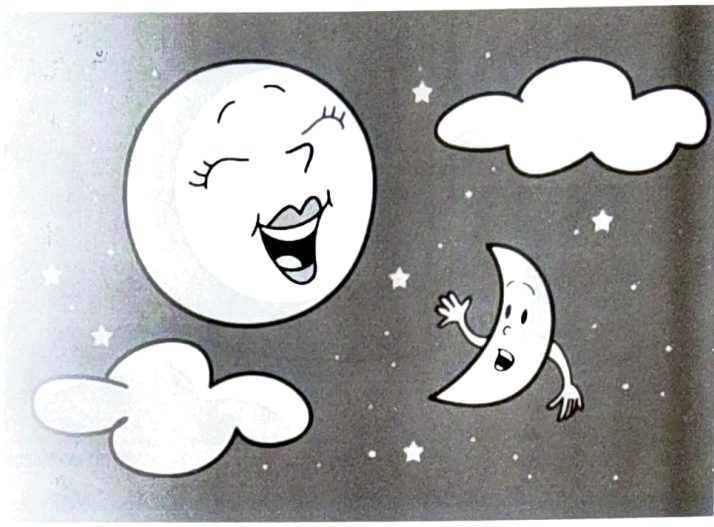


On aiming high it must be borne in mind that the tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy is in having no goal to reach.

It isn't a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. It is not a disaster to be unable to capture your ideal, but it is a disaster to have no ideal to capture. It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Not failure, but low aim is a sin.

- GULABSHA BANO ANSARI
CLASS – X

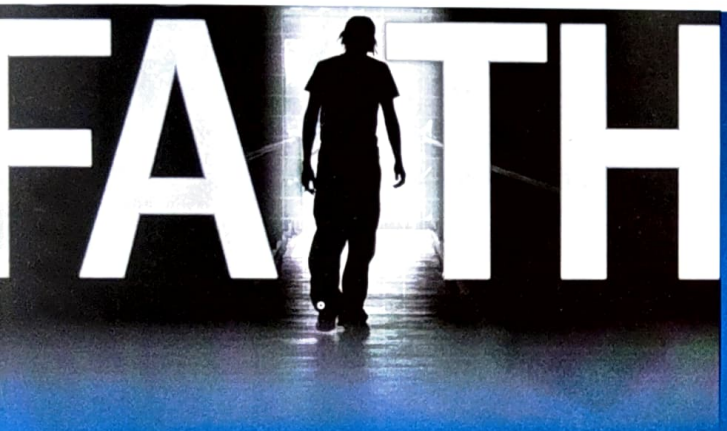
The Moon And Her Mother



One day the moon asked her Mother to make a beautiful dress which could fit her. The Mother replied how can I make a dress which could fit you. Because you always changes your shape. One day you are new Moon then a Full Moon and then neither one nor the other.

MORAL:- CHANGING PEOPLE ARE NEVER SATISFIED.

-Mayank Vijay Tomar
Class II A



- Faith, mighty faith The promise sees
  And looks to God alone
  Laugh at impossibilities.
- When we launch our faith in God,
  Then for us nothing is impossible.
- Faith is the knowledge within the heart,
  It never depends on proofs.
- When God brings you to the edge of the Cliff,
  Trust him, either He will catch you
  When you fall or teach you how to fly.

-GULABSHA BANO ANSARI
CLASS X

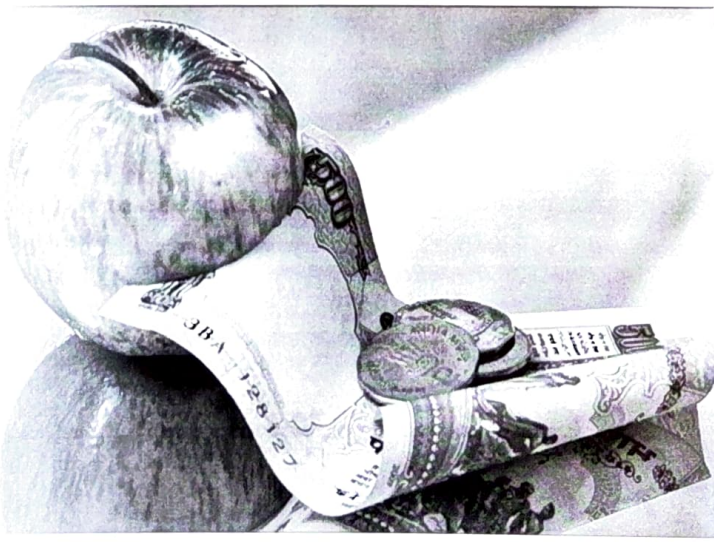
Health Is Wealth

"Health is Wealth" A healthy person can work with efficiency to earn wealth. The man who is not having a good health spends lot of money on medicines and doctors he is never cheerful.

But we have to take care to have good health. Healthy body always depends on the healthy mind. For maintaining good health we should always be away from the bad habits like smoking, drinking and drug addiction.

We should have morning walk regularly, light exercise in fresh air and a walk after dinner. We should not be jealous of others. We should always eat healthy food. We should always develop the habits of cleanliness to keep ourselves healthy.

- Arpit Lekhwar
Class – I



Does Television Erode Our Values And Culture



T.V. an 'Idiot Box'! I don't think so, I'm sure many of us will agree that the television plays an indefinable role in our lives and helps to relax one's mind, may be just for 45 minutes.

Doesn't every object in the universe have a positive and a negative side to it? Sure it does.

Satellite television's is a gift to mankind in the 'n' number of channels that is provides, to educate entertain, make us aware, and to update us! If we say television erodes Indian values, how can we forget that our values, our culture are not so weak or devoid of richness that it can be washed away so easily. If correct values are sown in the garden of our minds right from the very start they do not abandon us with such ease. Let's take the 'Vedas' which are not less than 4000 years old, and to say that 25 or 30 minutes of this so called 'invader' will erode our heritage is ridiculous. Correct me if I'm wrong but don't you think we are connecting television to the negative terminal of our mind's battery. Think about the 'Discovery Channel', "National Geographic'....., they are the ones that flood us with knowledge to be lapped up with fun and fascination.

T.V. enlightens, us by telling us how very important every aspect is of nature, humanity, science and technology channels like BBC, Star News, CNBC, etc., impart awareness informing of what goes around on this beautiful Blue Planet.

We cannot shut the window to the world that shows us intoxicating beauty beyond human imagination and general knowledge in a variety of ways.

If we blindfold ourselves against a rational outlook, I'm afraid we are going to see this world in a completely topsy turvy manner!

- Shruti Baloni
Class XI



"Teenagers should be free to do what they like."

"A positive attitude is not a destination, it is the way of life"

Right from early times till today in the 21st Century, man is trying to acquire more and more knowledge about the world around him and its resources. I am entirely for this topic, as I feel we, the modern teenagers, are pampered! Teenagers as I say are more worldly-wise than their parents because what they gained from the society is not very much as compared to what the modernized teenager experiences today!

"We" the teenagers know more than our parents about the world because we are experiencing new things, which our ancestors may not have even dreamt of, and this is all due to the new scientific techniques. Teenagers feel their parents do not understand their efforts in achieving success. They feel that they should rely on them and support them in every possible way.

Parents on the other hand have a fear that their teenagers may hurt themselves in trying out new ways of doing things. The teenagers feel this parents have no trust and confidence in them. There should be a better balance created by the two generations.

Therefore, teenagers would be happy if their parents could rely upon their children because they are the future of this country. In this way we get a better balance in our views that will make us positive personalities, and be out of our shell created by the fear of our parents.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their Dreams".

- Shruti Baloni
Class XI

the Haunted Mansion



My final exams were going on, and very soon it was time for my winter vacation to begin. This year my family and relatives had planned to spend a month at our bungalow in Goa. Me, my sister and cousins were very excited about the excursion and had started making provisions for the trip.

It had been years since we all had keen together and this time I didn't wanted to miss the opportunity. It was the first day of my winter vacation and we all were ready for the outing. My father had hired a Scorpio with a chauffeur and we enthusiastically headed towards our destination.

As the place was far off, we rested in a hotel for a night and next day were ready for the remaining journey. The journey was awesome and full of enjoyment. Finally, after a tiring journey of two days we reached the bungalow at night, enjoyed the dinner, which was already prepared by the cook, and then let ourselves on the beds.

The next morning, we all gathered at the dining table for breakfast, where we planned for the day's routine. As we all had never seen Goa before, we decided to visit some renowned beaches and churches of Goa. The whole day was full of surprises and we enjoyed the beauty and serenity of Goa.

While we were returning home, I heard my parents talking to a stranger. He was bewaring them from the bungalow opposite to our bungalow, calling it haunted, and mysterious, I quickly unfolded everything to my cousins and sister. We all decided to enquire everything about it from our parents. The next morning, we all went up to our parents to enquire about the Mansion. They reacted in a weird manner and sais, "shut up! Enjoy yourselves, and do not get into all this."

We silently moved towards our room and decided to visit the mansion that very night and know about the reality of the mansion. That night we went to our beds a little earlier and waited for our parents to go to sleep.

At around 12:00 a.m. we quietly got up, gathered necessary items like torches, lamps, knife, rope etc. and silently slipped away from the bungalow. The atmosphere around the mansion was very scary and mysterious. Four of us slowly moved towards the main door and with lots of fear, quietly opened the door. A large group of bats and owls flew above and started hovering over our heads.

With a scarly scream we all entered the Mansion. Darkness had covered the whole Mansion and so we quickly looked for our torches and lamps. After lighting them, we started investigating, the Mansion when to my horror a skeleton espoused me and on seeing this, my cousin fainted after giving of short squeal. That very moment the windows of the Mansion started banging and the curtains danced in horror. While all this was happening I suddenly realized that the skeleton espousing me was artificial. I quickly explained it to my cousins and sister and consoled them, that something fishy was going on.

All of a sudden the floor of the room cracked and we all fell down, in a dark and suffocation room. Gathering our senses we got up and found that the room was a kind of store infused with gold and diamonds.

Seeing all this, I had a slight idea of why all this was happening and what was going on. I let it out to others and they too agreed with me.

According to me, the ghosts of the Mansion were none other than some ferocious people, who were using the Mansion for storing the looted jewellery.

Without losing any time we figured out a plan to catch hold the muggers and meanwhile called for the police. We went into the room which was thought to be the most haunted, as we knew that the robbery's would be there.

As soon as we entered the room we saw three ghosts heading towards us. I quickly took the lamp and hit it hard on the head of one of the ghosts. We repeated it twice and in a minute or two the three so called ghosts were under our arrest. We tied the three with a rope, and waited for the arrival of the police.

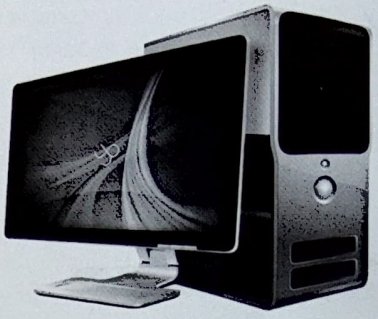
After an hour's wait the police turned up at the scene and the three men were arrested. On further investigation the men confessed that they were there since four years, and were using the Mansion for keeping their looted jewellery. The police thanked us and decided to honour us with an award for our bravery. We too welcomed them and were very jovial with our work.

Till everything got ever it was about 04:00 a.m., so we speedily headed towards our bungalow.

The next morning, when everyone gathered at the dining table, we told our parents about what all had happened the previous night. After we completed our story, the first reaction of our parents was, "Really? Is it so?"

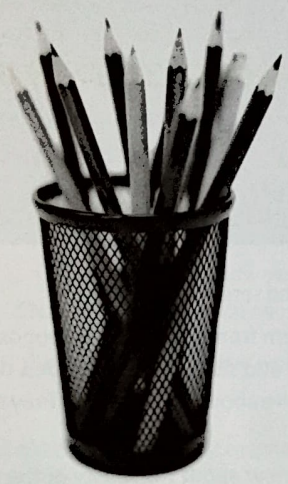
-MEDHA KUMARI
CLASS XI

My Computer



I have a computer. I love my computer. I play games in computer. I listen music on my computer.

-Alankrit Bisht
Class – I



Pencil

It runs fast

I always wish it lasts....

Till my writing comes dear,

There is no need to fear;

I want my pencil to be the best,

As it gets me good marks in my test.

I have a beautiful pencil which I can use as a stencil.

-AYAAN PANWAR
CLASS II – B

An Apple A Day Keeps The Doctor Away



An apple is a very healthy fruit. There is a popular saying 'an apple a day usually red, yellow or green in colour.' They are of different shapes and sizes.

They usually grow in hilly regions. Apples are good sources of vitamins. They are useful fruit. Their pulp is used for making juice, jams etc. They are good for health.

- AANCHAL RAWAT
CLASS II – B



People Who Protect Us

Policemen protect us from robbers and thieves. They maintain law and order. Every neighbourhood has a police station. Fire fighters come to our rescue in red-coloured fire engines.

They are the people who protect us and help us feel safe.

-Qais Shah
Class – I



I will do more than belong I will participate

I will do more than believe I will practice

I will do more than teach I will inspire

I will do more than care I will help

I will do more than dream I will work

I will do more than give I will serve.

- HARSHITA SINGH
CLASS VIII

Love

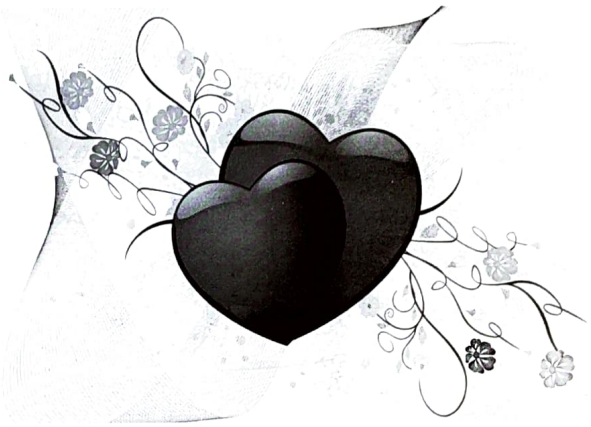
Love is so powerful because being loved causes one to love oneself.

Nothing – Contributes to the self-image more than being loved by another.

When the words, "I love You" are expressed to you for the first time, your world blossoms, your heart glows with inspiration, confidence and thoughts of the mountains you can move.

It's more than an emotional kick suddenly you like yourself more than you ever have before.

- HARSHITA SINGH
CLASS – VIII



Our Greatest Fear



Our greatest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our greatest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so other people won't feel insecure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us, it's in all of us. As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates other.

-HARSHITA SINGH
CLASS VIII



My World

Sky is dark Moon is bright Stars are twinkling People are sparkling Love and care is everywhere There is no sadness in this world People are loving Children are caring No matter how much sadness is there will be All are united and divided we will fall.

- SONALI SEMWAL
VII B

Our Nature

- God has given us a very beautiful gift as a nature, were we live were we breath and feel fresh.
- We have got very beautiful flowers, plants, lakes, seas, mountain these are all God gift of nature.
- Because we get something from that like we get oxygen from trees, from plant and animals we get food from seed we get oil by crushing it.

- Tarushi Goel
Class III A



Our National Flag



Three colours in the Indian Flag Saffron, White and Green.
I would like to tell you, to me what they mean.

Saffron is for courage, for people strong and brave.

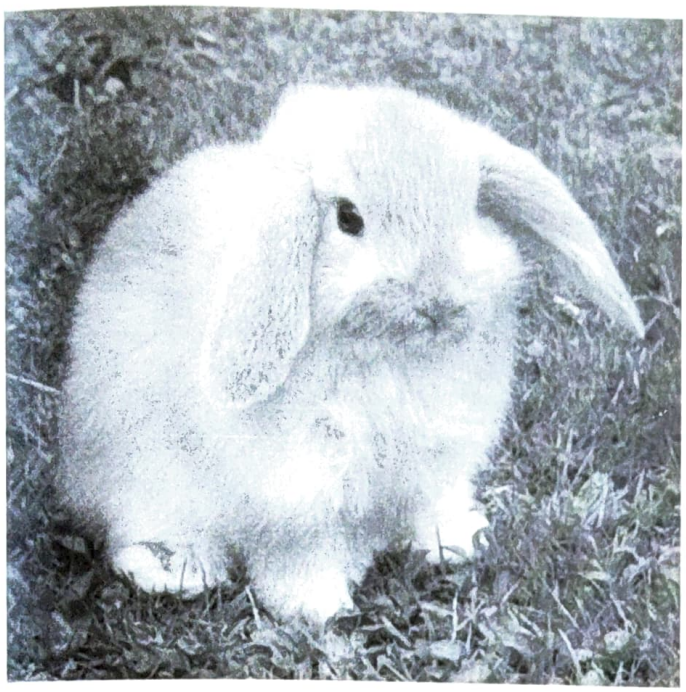
White is for purity, for peace which we crave.

Green is for prosperity, for my country to grow

To be ahead of others and never o be slow.

-SHRIYANSHI DANGWAL
CLASS II B

Hello Mr. Bunny Rabbit



Hello Mr. Bunny Rabbit

Will you have some tea?

Oh! No thank you not for me

I'd rather have a carrot

But I won't have tea.

-SHRIYANSHI DANGWAL
CLASS II B

The Naughty Puppy

It was my birthday on the 5th of September. All my friends wished me in the morning. Then we played a lot and had a lot of fun. I had a party in the evening. My friends came and gave me gifts. The gift I liked the most was a puppy given to me by my friend Tenzin Gyalpo. I named it Snoopy. It was brown and had a white patch on its body. Snoopy started liking me. When I went to have a bath he followed me in to the bathtub and so we had a bath together.

I remember our first day together. I had gone to play with my friends and when I returned home, I saw that Snoopy had upset my bed and torn my quilt. I yelled at him. Then I settled my bed and we both went to sleep together.

-RUHANI SINGH
CLASS II B



MOM

Mom is such

A special word

The loveliest

I've heard ever.

A toast to you

Above all the rest

Mom you're so special

You are simply the best.



-SHAKTI JARIAL
Class VIII

TO MY DAD



Dad, you're very special

You mean so much to me

There aren't many Dads like you

Who gives so selflessly.

When life has turned my world

Completely inside out

You're always there to lean on

I know without a doubt.

Whenever things go wrong

And I don't understand

I know that you will be there

To lend a helping hand.

The years have brought a touch of grey.....

..... some lines upon your face

But to me there's not another Dad

Who could ever take your place.

-SHAKTI JARIAL
Class VIII



BE TRUTHFUL

The story begins when I and my friends were playing in the classroom. One was bowling the over and I was batting. The ball was suddenly hit very tightly by me and it hit the window.

All the children came back to the class to see the broken window. Two jealous boys reported to our Class teacher. Our class teacher saw the broken window and reported it to the Principal.

Our Principal came to the class and she was very annoyed. She asked us "Who has done this?" But we three did not utter a word. So she took us to her office and called our parents. Our parents came to school and enquired about the matter.

We were very afraid that our parents would scold us. Our Principal asked us for fine. Our parents gave the fine and took us home. They scolded us and beat us. Then when we three met at school we decided that we should speak out the truth to our Principal.

When we spoke the truth to our Principal she was very happy that we were honest and she forgave us. She returned the fine. She advised us to be honest and always speak the truth to the people.

The moral of the story is "Always speak the truth". We must remember that our Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi spoke the truth as it is the truth that prevails.

-ARYAN SEMWAL
Class VII A

A teenager had just passed his driving test and was eager to drive his father's car. One day his father agreed to allow him. He asked him to stop and drop him at a place that was 18 miles from home before he took the car for servicing. The father then wanted his son to pick him up at four in the afternoon so that they could go home together.



The boy dropped off his father and took the car to the garage and went to watch a film. Losing track of time, he continued to watch the film until 6 p.m. Afraid of his father as he would scold him for being late and would never give him the car again, the boy collected the car and arrived at the appointed place and said – "Dad, I'm sorry I'm late, but it took the mechanic longer than usual to service the car." "Son I phoned the garage, the car was ready at 4 p.m." The boy looked down. "I'm sorry, I went to watch a film, said the boy." "Son, I'm very sorry but not for you. I'm angry with myself. Where did I go wrong as a father? Why did you have to lie to me?" "Take the car home and I will introspect as I walk back."

The boy trailed behind his father, imploring him to sit inside the car, but his father continued walking silently, soul-searching all the way back home.

Distraught, the son pledged to never lie again to his parents.

We all need to do is to examine ourselves. Have we gone wrong somewhere? It is impossible to change others, but we can change ourselves.

Take responsibility of your actions, bring a change and feel the change come within.

-AMANDEEP JAKHMOLA
Class VIII



POLLUTION

In recent years, the problem of pollution has become very acute. It is the industrialized west that takes this problem seriously, because it is suffering from its injurious effects. In India, sufficient attention has not been paid to it so far. If we do not tackle this problem now, future generations will suffer from the harmful effects of pollution. This problem assumes different forms such as Air, Water, Soil, and Noise Pollution which results from the greed of man for getting more and more money. Trees have been cut down, or an unprecedented scale and large production by industrialization has assumed gigantic proportion. So, the main cause of air and water pollution is misbalanced industrial growth, deforestation and urbanization. The owners of industries dump waste material on the surface of the earth or in rivers. So water is polluted and the waste on the earth produces different poisonous gases which pollute the air. On the other hand forests have been cut down and new cities and industries have been established in its place. The cutting of the forests cause "The Green house effect." That results in the heating of the earth's surface which has serious consequences for life on their planet. As a result generations to come are likely to suffer from a number of incurable diseases. Timely measures must be taken to prevent the "Green house effect." Trees and plants turn carbon di-oxide (Co2) into oxygen but when they are cut down, the air is not purified. Deforestation also causes soil erosion. The rich soil is either washed away by water or blown away by wind.

Artificial fertilizers are used to maintain its productivity. Water pollution results in the outbreak of cholera and gastroenteritis in a number of places causing suffering and death on a large scale. Water pollution has assumed alarming proportions and urgent steps are needed to control it. As a youth I feel it's a joint responsibility to curb pollution.

-PRANJALI PANWAR
Class VIII

A STICH IN TIME SAVES NINE



Meaning of Proverb:- The meaning of this age old proverb is quite literal. It means that we must attend to things well in time, so that we can save ourselves a lot of trouble later on, if it becomes unmanageable. Similarly, if small problems are not attended immediately they could lead to major problems.

Advice:- As one immediately attends to a small hole in one's pocket with a stitch, which if left unattended could develop into a tear, leading to nine stitches at a later date. Similarly if we postpone attending to minor day to day problems, they do not disappear. They come back to us in a much more gigantic form. A small breach in a canal, if not attended on time not only breaches the entire embankment, but also destroys large cities and villages. Kingdom's can be lost by neglecting to replace such a small thing as a nail in a Horse Shoe.

As most of us have heard a saying- "For want of a nail, the shoe was lost, for want of a shoe, the horse was lost, for want of a horse, the rider was lost, for want a rider, the battle was lost, for want of the battle, the kingdom was lost."

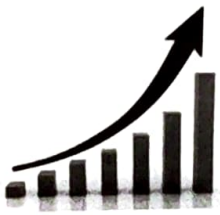
This is the most practical and sound advice, that is given by our elders including parents and teachers. However we overlook the small details, which is the cause of major, problems at a later date.

Proven by History:- History is replete with examples validating the above saying. Had Germany got a honorable settlement after World War I, the configuration and destruction of the World War II could have been avoided.

Conclusion:- Therefore, we must attend to even minor problems immediately and not postpone action for a later date, which may be, a little too late. This is a sound piece of advice that is relevant even today and would always stand us in good stead in our life. We can ignore this to our own peril.

-GULABSHA BANO ANSARIE
Class X

Rising Prices



The prices of daily use articles are raising everyday. The rates of sugar and edible oils have been increasing very steeply. Other necessities of life have also registered a big increase in their prices. The consequence of this unchecked rise in prices has been disastrous for the people. The wage earners have been hit hard by this rising trend of prices.

There are several causes for this continuous price rise. Firstly, the population of the country is increasing while the agricultural and industrial production is not keeping pace with it. The inevitable result is that the demand for various goods has increased. Secondly, unscrupulous businessmen create artificial scarcity by hoarding goods and selling them in the black market. Thirdly, there are occasional droughts in some parts of the country resulting in shortages and floods in other parts of the country consequently resulting, rise in prices. Frequent strikes and lockouts adversely affect the industrial production. The hike in the price of oil products from time to time contributes to the rise in prices by pushing the cost of production up and also increasing transport charges of goods.

The government has been trying to hold the price line. It has taken over the wholesale food grain trade. Rationing system has been introduced to assure the supply of food grains, sugar and edible oils to al the people. Consumer co-operative stores and super bazaars have come in to stabilize prices. The results however, have not been very encouraging. The government has now armed itself with powers to detain the hoarders and black marketers without trail under the Essential Commodities Act but this too has not shown any tangible results. The correct remedy is to increase production both of agricultural and industrial goods. The immediate need of the country is to have consumer resistance movement which should see that the retailers and the wholesalers reduce their margin of profit. This may be beneficial for the common man, who suffers due to the rise in prices.

-HRITHIK RAWAT
Class VIII

THE FOOLISH MAN

- Considers money as an end in life.
- Lives only to eat.
- Just lives in the present.
- Strives for higher standards of living.
- Looks and works for seasonal pleasure.



THE WISE MAN

- Considers money as a means to live life eternally.
- Eats to live.
- Looks towards the future.
- Strives for the higher values of life.
- Looks and works for inner peace.

-HARSHITA SINGH
Class VIII



This story pertains to the period when terrorism in Punjab was at its peak. The people in the state lived under the shadow of terror, let loose by mercenaries from across the border. There were daily incidents of murder, bomb blasts and other heinous crimes committed by these misguided elements. The people lived in constant fear for their lives and property. The police were constantly publishing photographs of dreaded terrorists and offering handsome rewards, to the person providing information for their capture dead or alive.

One fine day a clean-shaven, muscular built gentleman walked into the studio located in civil lines, the main commercial market of Hoshirapur, carrying a medium size suitcase. He requested the photographer for a passport size photograph, which he wanted to affix on his visa application. He told the photographer that he had to leave for Delhi the very next day and hence, the photograph would be required by late evening, positively. He had to depart for Delhi. The photographer was initially reluctant, but seeing a hundred rupee note thrusted into his pocket, he agreed. He immediately set about taking the photograph and reassured him about the same being ready by six p.m.

No sooner had the strange gentleman left the shop, than the photographer's friend Col. A.K. Singh, a soldier in the Indian Army walked in, carrying the local daily newspaper. After the usual exchange of pleasantries, Col. Singh thrust the newspaper into his hands, expressing his anxiety over the deterioration of the law and order condition in the state. On the cover page was a photograph of a terrorist, whom the police suspected to be behind the latest spurt of terrorist activities. The photographer was taken aback, for the photograph bore a striking resemblance to the stranger who had just left the shop. He immediately told Col. Singh as to what had transpired.

Col. Singh heard him intently, and instructed him to call the local police immediately. The telephone lines were dead. It was then that the Col. took charge. Fearing the worst, he instructed all the shopkeepers to immediately vacate the building. The word spread like wildfire and within no time the entire commercial center wore a deserted look, as everyone scampered for safety.

Col. Singh then very cautiously moved towards the suitcase and with deft fingers opened it. There was indeed a time bomb set off to explode within a minute. With trembling fingers he set about defusing the deadly device. Time seemed to stand still, as the timer in the device seemed to make a deafening sound as it itched away. We all held our breath in apprehension. The device was defused and we heaved a sigh of relief. The police reinforcement had reached by then and they took the awesome briefcase into their custody. By now Col. Singh had become as instant hero. Press photographers crowded him trying to record his picture and statement in their video cameras. The grateful residents offered him a cash reward for his exemplary act of bravery, which he politely declined for he had just done his duty.

The future of the country can never be in peril, till we have such soldiers who are ready to sacrifice their present, so that we can live a happy tomorrow.

-RASHIKA SHARMA
Class X

LIFE IN SPACE



The night was cold, a thick fog hung outside, which I could see from my window. In the moonlight, the fog appeared like clouds descending on the earth. How I wished I could go out and be amongst the clouds, but there I was trying to catch some sleep, which was eluding me. My mother had just put me to bed wishing me sweet dreams, but sleep was away from me.

I paced the floor up and down, ditching the shawl to myself and switched on the Television to see if there was any interesting programme on the channel. The 'Movie Mars Attacks' was being aired, of which I had read good reviews. It was an exciting movie about strange unpredictable creatures from Mars landing on Earth. They were welcomed by the American public, to be later annihilated by a mere misunderstanding of releasing a pigeon, as a gesture of peace. The wanton destruction they brought about, ultimately to flee on hearing a typical classical music. The movie kept me spell bound. After it was over, I stretched myself on the bed and fell fast asleep.

While I was sleeping in my bedroom someone knocked at the door. I woke up to see before me a strange looking boy, with two antennas like objects sticking out of his head over a hairy body. His owl like round eyes resembled the alien characters, I had just seen from Mars. I screamed in fright, but he said something in an alien language and gesticulated with his hands, indicating that he meant no harm. I stared at him in disbelief unable to even scream. Sensing that I was frightened, he gave me a translator to put on my ears that would allow me to understand his language. I hesitatingly agreed and learnt that he indeed had come from Mars. He wanted to take me to his friends and show me his planet. I politely refused, telling him that my Mathematics exam was the very next day and hence could not oblige. He extended his hand in friendship, but I chose to do Namaste instead. Though he sounded friendly, I was scared for I knew not what would offend him.

He talked about life in Mars, telling me that it is much bigger than our planet earth, having its own solar system. They do not eat for they survive on noble gases that are in abundance. Hearing that I was impressed and he continued to brag about the superiority of his race. I bore with it for quite sometime. However, unable to take it any longer, I politely requested him to let me sleep for I had to wake up early to attend school.

He reacted with alacrity. Snatching the translator from my hand he pointed his gun at me and in a flash I was flames. I screamed with all my might, "Help, Help, this boy from Mars has killed me". I suddenly felt a splash of cold water on my face. Opening my eyes I saw my mother peering down at me, "What's the matter son" said she. How relieved I was to realize, that it was all but a dream!

-GULABSHA BANO ANSARIE
Class X

Experience Is The Best Teacher



We have all heard of the proverb **'Once bitten twice shy.'** This itself exemplifies how well we learn from our experience. Personal experiences leave an unforgettable impression on our minds that are long lasting and invaluable. Like a teacher it teaches us lessons which are very true and we can ignore them at our risk. Experience could be good or bad at times. It could be good like helping a person in need, and could be bad like losing money on an investment. The most important thing is that, what we learn from our experience. We can be benefited from our good experience while at the same time steer clear from those which are harmful to us. If we ask a child not to play with a match box for it car harm him, it will probably have no impact on him but once he has scorched his hard by the match stick, he will never in his lifetime forget this lesson. Thus we learn from our personal experiences, rather than by hearing the advise of others, or by reading about them in books. It is however a Wiseman who learns from the experience of others like his parents, teachers or those elder to him. He also profits from books that are a virtual treasure house of knowledge and full of experience for others. The biography of great statement, proverbs and folklore are a gold mine of knowledge with which we can enrich ourselves. It is indeed unfortunate to find people learning from bitter experiences in their practical life, such as old truths like **"All that glitters is not gold." "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush", and "Honesty is the best policy."**

We learn from everything we do. In fact life is a great journey of learning. We learn patience and forbearance when faced with adversity. We learn to act with courage and wisdom to face danger from which are outcomes of our mistakes. It is however unfortunate, that some of us learn this lesson, very late in life. Thus, we find many people ignoring the simple dictum of **'health is wealth'** to later regret it when their life becomes a wretch.

"Life is brief – a little hope, a little dream, wrong deed and then goodnight." In this short span of life we should therefore, not only learn from our own experience but should also profit from the experience of others. This would save us from many a pit fall and the unnecessary labour that goes with it which is akin to **'inventing a wheel.'**

-SONAM GOYAL
CLASS X

Impact Of Fashion On The Students



The knowledge of yourself will preserve you from vanity.

Today's generation is becoming a great problem for their parents. They are very fashionable and love to pull up their sleeves and make spikes. They want to buy all fashionable things to show to their friends. They want to show off. They want to be the most popular boys and girls in the school and roam around in bikes. Students want to be the Don of the School by bullying their juniors. The parents are very disturbed about it. Our elder's say – **"Less fashion more studies".** Be focused in life towards your goal.

The person who does more fashion is not liked by anyone and the person who studies more is liked by all. The person who is less fashionable and has no bad habits can concentrate and focus on studies with a better mind.

Those who focus on studies get a better job. So we should not concentrate on other things but focus and concentrate towards studies. I feel we should only focus on our studies and carve a niche for ourselves in life and then go in for fashion and glamour.

-SUSHANT RANA

CLASS VII A



Men And Women
Should Have Equal Rights

Men and women should have equal rights in the areas of speech, education, respect and the right to vote. They should be given their rights so that they have the same social, economical and political status. It has been a cultural belief of many religious that women exist to be housewives and mothers; these beliefs give women limited roles. They are considered inferior to men in terms of intellect this has underestimated women's talents hearing them with a **'Label of inferiority'**. These women do not seek to be superior to men, nor to they want to work eight or ten hours a day like men, they only seek to get the right to get. Even though there are many "machos" who consider that women belong to the kitchen, that they only should take care of the children and from time to time be taken out to a restaurant, women have taken control over things and have begun to impose their authority. Women are hard-working, responsible, intelligent and above all they think twice before taking a decision. This is one of the reason that have made women become Presidents, Prime Ministers, Members of the Parliament, Managers or leading figures in Mass Media and many other fields. Men should recognize that women never forget their duties at work and at the same time at home. A long time ago, the majority of people believed that men should work harder than women because they are responsible financially to feed and support their families. Most available jobs required muscles more than anything else. This theory was active because there were no choices. A Woman's main task was to bring up their children and look after their homes and families. Now, they have many choices and opportunities and they can do anything and get involved in all areas. Attaining justice, happiness and success illustrate how women have gained over the years to become equal to men. Justice is probably the most significant factor that shows why men and women have to be equal. For example, when men wake up every morning and go to their jobs, women stay at home to clean and cook and look after the children. They can be frustrated, with this kind of a monotonous life. This is unfair because women can be just as useful and helpful outside their homes. Women now are able to go and find a good job, so that they can support their families and find satisfaction outside the home. Moreover, together men and women can raise their children in a better atmosphere. Happiness is another factor for being equal. Women were not happy because all felt they couldn't live without their men folk, and they couldn't be independent to have a life of their own, even if they wanted to. Satisfaction is extremely important to make life easier and better. For instance, women are now happier than before because they are independent, can live by themselves, can raise their children, all alone. Women can also financially support their husband and families. Furthermore, self-esteem is really important for women because in this case they can give and sacrifice more. Men and women have to believe in themselves to be happy. Now, when it comes to equality in the workplace, pay should reflect each individual contribution to the job, and gender shouldn't affect how much one is paid. In recent decades, that paying fields have pretty much evened out, may be with a few exceptions. Both genders should be treated with equal respect, that's a basic human right. In matters of basic human rights of course males and females are equal.

-YAUVANIKA BUNKER

CLASS VIII

IT WAS EXACTLY AS HE HAD SAID IT WOULD BE .....



I was walking down the road returning from a late night show, there was not a soul in sight. It all seemed rather strange, for never had I seen the highway so deserted. I tried to shrug off the eerie feeling that persisted, but Alas! To no avail. Everything was the same as I had always seen trees, streets, etc. What it was I could not fathom? It paced the whole atmosphere. It made me feel so strange; one could probably take it as an instinct, innovation or gut feeling. I somehow felt that I must just disappear from the scene, which made me feel unusually different. As they say, curiosity hills the cat, hence I suppose it got the better of me and I walked along, braving the danger of the unknown.

The strange feeling intensified with each step. I became suddenly aware of a physical presence. The force seemed to be like a magnet drawing me towards it. It seemed to have completely immobilized my limbs and cast a hypnotic spell over me. The clouds moved away and in the moonlight, I saw just before me a large no descriptive object which seemed to have materialized from nowhere. It was oval in shape, with beautiful coloured lights emanating from it. On the top of the circular object was a dome shaped protrusion. It seemed to be the epicenter of this object. I had seen an eyewitness account of flying saucers coming from outer space in the news yesterday itself, but had shrugged it off as fiction. Here was I, standing before an actual flying saucer.

I felt as If I was under scrutiny. I saw the lights dim a wee bit and the lower/structure slide open. An escalator emerged from the hatch like opening. What followed there after is difficult to describe in words. A weird looking creature, spherical headed, which seemed to rotate in all direction, atop a long slender body emerged before me. It seemed to posses all eyes, ears and mouth, nose everything, but difficult to trace. The tentacle like arms and tubular legs completed the picture. Strange though it may seem, it appeared intelligent, as it propelled towards me with considerable speed, as if in a hurry.

Before, I could do anything, the apparition stood before me with an object, which looked like a scanner. I felt as if I was being subjected to some scientific examination. My image appeared on a gigantic screen and I could see my internal organs pulsating. Keeping my fingers crossed, I shouted at it. The creature turned around as if suddenly disinterested and glided back into the space craft with a whirring sound and the escalators slid back, the lights blinked and the spaceship rose and was gone within a second.

I stood there dumbstruck. I pinched myself to make sure that I was in my senses. I rubbed my eyes and looked around, everything was there just as before, the fields, the trees, and only that creature was nowhere to be seen. The eyewitness's words rang loud in my ears, for it was exactly as he had said it would be.

-SHIVAM GOSWAMI
CLASS X

God Helps Those Who Help Themselves



Somebody has said, it truly – "God helps those who help themselves". Sometimes, we pray to God for helping us in studies, games etc. We depend on God. The one who prays and depends completely on God and thinks that God will help even if he doesn't do any labour..... Is very incorrect!

It's true, once, there was a boy named John, he never studied. It was exam time and in the evening he prayed that – "God, please help me for my exams" and he never studied that evening because he had true faith in God that without any effort God will help him.

He was in the examination hall, papers were distributed, John was happy for "God will help him". He saw the question paper but nothing clicked in his mind. He was thinking and thinking what to write, but nothing clicked in his mind.

Time paced fast and the exam was over. John failed and he was very sad.

So, we saw in the story that God only helps those who help themselves.

This was John. If once, he had studied, he would not have failed; rather he only made God responsible for building up his bright future, without his own effort.

Indeed it's truly said, "God helps those who help themselves".

-RAJ BIJALWAN
CLASS VIII

MY TEACHER TOOK MY IPOD

My teacher took my iPod
She said they had a rule
I couldn't bring it into class
Or even to the school.

She said she would return it,
I have it back today
But then she tried my headphones on And gave a click to play.

She looked a little startled But after just a while
She made sure we were occupied
And cracked a wicked smile.

Her body started swaying, her toes began to tap. She soon was grooving in her seat
And rocking to the rap.

My teacher changed her mind She said it's now okay
To bring my iPod into class She takes it everyday.



-PRANJALI PANWAR
Class VIII

Friendship



He that is the friend indeed
Will help you in times of need
If the sorrow will take you, he will weep.
If you stay awake, he cannot sleep,
Thus of every grief in heart
He will be the one not to be a part
These are certain signs to know
Faithful friends from fluttering foe.

-ABHINAV BERMOLLA
Class VIII

Winners Vs Losers



WINNERS

1. The winner is a part of Solution.
2. The Winner always has a plan.
3. The Winner says "Let me do it for you".
4. The Winner says "It may be difficult"

LOSERS

1. The loser is a part of the Problem.
2. The loser always has an excuse.
3. The loser says, "That's not my job".
4. The loser says, "It is impossible".

-VINOD NEGI
Class VIII

Everyones Best Friends



Dogs have been bred and trained over centuries. Both ancient and modern civilizations have realized their values as helpers and companions. Dogs have been bred for special purpose eg. To chase and retrieve game on a hunt, as draft animals, guard dog or as guides like,

- **Bloodhound:** - is a gentle dog who enjoys the company of people. It has a keen sense of smell and is used as a tracker of criminals and missing persons.
- **Lhasa Apso:** - is a breed in Tibet and kept watching for temples. Greatly respected, it was never sold but given as a gift.
- **Pekingese:** - was once held sacred in China and only Royal personages were allowed to own it.
- **Siberian Husky:** - is people-friendly and does not like to be left alone.

Some breeds of dogs have earned themselves a nickname owing to their characteristic behavior.

Weimarnaer	-	Greynost
Great Dane	-	Apollo of Terrier
Lhasa Apso	-	Lion Dog of Tibet
Saluki	-	Royal dog of Egypt
Aikedale Terrier	-	King of Terrier
Papillon	-	Butterfly dog
Dalmation	-	Plum Pudding Dog

-HIMANSHU ASWAL
Class VII B

My Strange Act



Sometimes, strange things do happen. I used to think about this lightly but a strange incident which befell me brought me into thinking about it.

One day, I was walking down the Mall road when a sight amused me. A person was running like hell and was almost humping into everybody. I was right in-front of his speeding body but I did not care to move. He bumped into me, was about to fall but he balanced his body. He turned back and smiled at me. He was in a real hurry. After sometime a motorbike stopped and he got onto it and went on. Just then, I saw that his wallet slipped out of his pocket. I ran and picked it up. It was a brown wallet with **'VERSACE'** inscribed in bold letters. It was just like my wallet. I ran after that bike and to my luck it stopped. Just as I was close enough, it started again. I cried, "Uncle, your wall....." He took no notice. They started to speed up. I was not able to catch up, 'I wasn't a superman!'

After this he stopped near the Rialto Cinema. He went inside and I ran after him. As he moved out from the bike he was walking easily, now. I cried "Uncle". As these words escaped from my mouth, I fell down. The wallet slipped out of my hand and opened up on the ground. I got up quickly and lifted it. I looked at it and I was shocked.

Anybody would be, why? Because on the right side of the wallet, there was my photo and on the left side my family photo.

I was really lucky. I needed that wallet as I was going to the bank to deposit money. I said "Thank you God"!!

-ABHAY RAJ
CLASS X

It's Up To You



One song can spark a moment,
One tree can start a forest.
One smile can begin a friendship,
One star can guide a ship at sea.

One vote can change the nation,
One candle can wipe darkness.
One laugh will conquer gloom,
One step must start each journey.

One hope will raise our spirit,
One touch can show you care.
One life can make a difference,
You see, it's up to you!!!

-ABHINAV BERMOLLA
Class VIII

Computer Un-friendly



I know it's the rage but I haven't caught on
I can't seem to get it. What the hell is com?

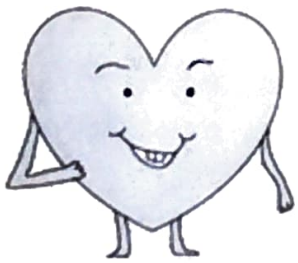
I consider myself an intelligent female;
But won't someone tell me how I get my e-mail?

I have heard all the jargon but my brain is like wax
I need some assistance how do I send a fax?

I have been told to quit trying and I just consider it My mouse even says I am a computer illiterate.

-PRANJALI PANWAR
Class VIII

Take Heart



Success follows those who never give up. Despite failures, handicaps and difficulties, those who continue to tread the path they have chosen, reach their goals and become achievers.

William Rudolph was the 20th of 22nd children. She was born prematurely and her survival was doubtful. When she was four, she contracted double pneumonia and scarlet fever which left her with a paralysis of the left leg. At the age of nine, she removed the metal leg brace she was dependent on and began to walk without it.

By 13, she had developed a rhythmic walk which doctors said was a miracle. That same year she entered a race and stood last.

For the next few years she participated in every race. She was last and the people told her to quit. One day, she actually won a race and then the other. Eventually ,this little girl, who was told she would never walk again, went on to win three Olympic gold medals.

So now for the moral: **You must do the thing you cannot do and remember, the finest steel gets sent through the hottest furnace.**

"WINNERS NEVER QUIT, QUITTERS NEVER WIN".

-SATCHIT NAGPAL
Class IX

Dreams: Can They Channelise Your Life?



Dreams can channelize our life in many ways. Dreams are not the key of success, it includes our hard work. Whereas dreams can be a perfect path to guide us for our future. Every person has a dream, whether it is for a good or bad future. Each one of us differs in many qualities, choices and in the same way we never dream alike. There is a story related to prove that dreams can channelize our life. One day a man was sleeping in his house. He had a beautiful dream that he won a Nobel Prize. The man was none other than the famous scientist Albert Einstein. We do not say that dreaming to win a Nobel Prize, makes a successful person. Albert Einstein had a dream that he won a Noble Prize, he worked hard for it. He practiced, worked day and night to be the famous scientist and to win a Nobel Prize. Like Albert Einstein we can dream whatever we want, whatever we would like to be, but that must include our hard work and the interest in fulfilling the dream. Being dependent on what we dream makes many persons think that what we had a dream and the same will happen in our life. But no, god helps those who help themselves. In the same manner we can fulfill our dreams, if we want. Our hard work will fulfill and make our dream come true. Dreams will someday make us a successful and famous person. An interest and belief in ourselves will fulfill our every dream. We should not be dependent on others ideas and so work with dedication to achieve our goal..

- BHUMIKA
Class VIII

DISCIPLINE



D - Develop Confidence
I - Introspect Action
S - Sincere Attempt
C - Contractive Attitude
I - Independent Opinion
P - Patient Hearing
L - Love All
I - Implement Decision
N - Neglect None
E - Elate Yourself

-VINOD NEGI
Class VIII

Mother To Son



Well son, I will tell you:
Life for me has not been a crystal stair
It's had cracks in it.
And spinters
And board torn up.

And place with no carpet on the floor-bare
But all the time
I have been climbing on
And turning corners.

And something going in the dark
Where there has been no light.
So, boy, don't you turn back
Don't you sit down on the step
Cause you find it kind of hard.

Don't you fall now?
For I am still going, honey
I am still climbing
Life for me has not been a crystal stair.

-DEEPANSHU ASWAL
Class III A

JOKES

- DRAWING MASTER: Deepak, I asked you to draw a ring but you have drawn a square, Why?
  DEEPAK : The ring is in the box, Sir.
- TEACHER: Vineet, where is America?
  VINEET: I don't know sir.
  TEACHER: Stand up on the bench.
  VINEET: Sir, still I can't see America.
- Santa was asked to make the Passive Voice of "I made a mistake".
  He wrote, "I was made by mistake".
- HUSBAND: (To wife) You called me a dog?
  WIFE: No
  HUSBAND: I have heard you saying.
  WIFE: You may be mistaken.
  HUSBAND: You always change your statement.
  WIFE: Anyway, stop barking.
- TEACHER: Why are you late, Sonu?
  SONU: Sir, there was a sign board on the roadside.
  TEACHER: What do you mean?
  SONU: The sign read "Go Slow, School Ahead".
- YOGESH: Satish, why don't you get yourself married? Do you not find some good girl?
  SATISH: I did find one, but she too was looking for some good match.

-YAUVANIKA BUNKER
Class VIII

luck Is Very Important In Our Life



I Surbhi Chauhan, the student of class X would like to express my views for the topic that Yes, "There are people, who accomplish their task, not because of talent but luck". Luck cannot be defined in a word and we can say that luck is neither a quality nor a property. Luck cannot be expressed in a big speech but it can be expressed in this manner that people having a good luck and are hardworking will always succeed in their life but some people are slightly opposite as they are having a bad luck and are hardworking than in their case, they may or may not be successful in their own life.

By this we come to a conclusion that hard work and luck go hand in hand as well as if both the kind of people are putting the same amount of hard work but one of them has a good luck charm but the other don't have a good fate than, the person having a better luck will succeed. So luck is an important path to success.

We all have heard a tale about a rabbit and a tortoise. In which the slowest tortoise won the race between him and the rabbit though the rabbit was swifter. It was because of the over confidence of the rabbit and the luck of the tortoise. The tortoise won the race. Cinderella got her prince charming, as because of luck. If the godmother by Cinderella's luck would not have reacted there to help her then what would have happened? If Snow white would not have reached the house of the dwarfs, the prince would not have come from that way and kissed Snow white. Then what would have happened in the life of Snow White? These incidents happened all because of her fate and luck.

Let's take an example of two people A and B. Both of them were the toppers of their college. Both of them had put in the same hard work for their IIT exams and had passed it with good ranks. They had topped in every exam but after 10 years when both of them met in a re-union A was leading a luxurious life but B was leading a life full of struggles. Then, what do you all think is the reason for such a difference? The answer is 'Luck'. I would conclude by expressing that **"Luck is very important factor in our life."**

-Surbhi Chauhan
Class X

"Smoking is injurious to Health"



"Cigarette smoking is injurious to health" – every packet of cigarettes carries this warning. Scientists have proved that smoking a cigarette shortens the smokers life by 5 ½ minutes. Yet very few are able to kick up this habit. The harmful effects of smoking on the person smoking are: heart problem, asthama and other breathing problems. Tobacco harms a person's health in many ways. Cigarettes, cigars, etc. are all stuffed with tobacco. Women in developing countries have also taken smoking in big way. Smoking is United Nations, most developed countries, cinemas, theatres, aircraft, buses, healthcare facilities and several other places of public congregation.

Today about 45 per cent of Indian adults are addicted to smoking. Smoking is merely treated as a normal activity and with some people it has become a part of their life-style. Wherever one goes one will find people smoking freely, as a fashion.

Smoking can also cause harm to the health of the non-smokers who happen to be around and have no means to protect themselves against passive smoking.

The senior smokers encourage the youngsters to smoke by offering them a free puff to have a taste of it. It being so, the practice of painting warnings saying **"No Smoking Please"; "Danger – smoking prohibited area"**, etc, can hardly have any effect. Smoking in public violates the rights of others, who may not be comfortable towards it but are hesitant to ask the smokers, not to do so. The great volume of cigarette smoke poisons the atmosphere exposing all smokers and non-smokers to dangerous and killer diseases. Smoking in public places must be banned. It causes discomfort and leads to health hazards among the people. Therefore, smoking in public places must be treated as an offence against the state. The Government must enact legislation to ban smoking in public places in India, immediately.

-PRAGYA RANA
Class VIII

Social Networking Sites Are A Medium Of Youths Change

"Man does not make circumstances, circumstances make man".



Science is a boom for man. Social networking is one of the booms of sciences. Social Networking has affected the youth of today tremendously. The Internet, which is a worldwide collection of computer network, provides access to the communication services and information resources to millions of users around the world. It has also made a tremendous revolution of users around the world. It has also made a tremendous revolution in the field of science and technology. But, it depends on the youth whether the Social Networking and interest has affected them in a positive manner or in a negative manner.

People say modern generations have really changed the way of living, as compared to the old ages. But according to some people the modern generation has not all changed the way of living, but if they have changed, that also in a negative manner. There are many advantages of using internet like, we can get information and provide information. We can also access data graphics sound and sent through E-mail. We can chat with our friends through face book and can find jobs according to our requirements.

But today's youth is so much engaged in social networking and face book that they have no time to spare on their family. They have become ignorant towards their family. As a result, the bonding between the patients and the child has diminished. Social networking has resulted in generation gap. Sitting on sites for hours have changed the thinking of today's youth. As in the older days one son cared for his parents. For him/her the words of his parents were stubborn marks on stone. Like Shravan Kumar who carried his blind parents on his shoulders. Would our generation do this?

They will rather try to ignore their parents, which indirectly leads to the increasing of old age homes. Through face book today's youth find their old friends share their knowledge with each other. It plays a vital role in the field of communication. It (face book) connects all the people globally who are linked with computers. But some of today's youth is using the face book in a negative way. They sit on face book chatting with their friends for hours which result into wastage of time. And affect their studies indirectly. They have lost their interest in studies because of these social networking sites.

"Social Networking Sites are a boon and on the other side a curse. Now, it depends upon today's youth to use these networking sites as a boon or as a curse for their future."

-RAKSHIT
Class X

God Helps Those Who Help Themselves



Somebody has said it truly – "God helps those who help themselves". Sometimes, we pray to God for helping us in studies, games etc. We depend on God. The one who prays and depends completely on God and thinks that God will help even if he doesn't do any labour..... is very incorrect!

It's true, once, there was a boy named John, he never studied. It was exam time and in the evening he prayed that – "God, please help me for my exams" and he never studied that evening because he had true faith in God that without any effort God will help him. He was in the examination hall, papers were distributed, John was happy for "God will help him". He saw the question paper but nothing clicked in his mind. He was thinking and thinking what to write, but nothing clicked in his mind.

Time passed fast and the exams were over. John failed and he was very sad. -So, we saw in the story that God only helps those who help themselves. This was John. If once, he had studied, John would not have failed, rather he only made God responsible for building up his bright future.

"God helps those who help themselves"

-Avantika Dabral
Class VII B

Friendship



Friendship demands sacrifice,
Selfishness destroys friendship.
True friendship takes time to
Build up and an effort to keep.
Friendships are put to tests,
And they grow even stronger.

True friends do not want to see,
their friends hurt.
Friendship, is built on kindness,
Understanding and self sacrifice.

Trust and confidence, are the
Foundation stone of all friendships.

-Surbhi Chauhan
Class X



The Storm At Sea

The furious storm at the sea, I remember,
When I was afraid to talk,
but could only murmur.
The waves were so high,
They could make anyone cry;
They made a crash on the rocks,
And a splash on the docks.
Then our boat got caught in a whirlpool,
And I acted like a fool;
I jumped into the water,
This made me shiver,
I went round and round,
I thought I would be drowned.
Then came a ship to help me,
They were happy to see me,
The furious storm at sea,
I still remember,
When I was afraid to talk,
but could only murmur.

-Shikhar Walia
Class XI

10 principles for Peace of Mind..



*** Do Not Interfere In Others' Business Unless Asked:**

Most of us create our own problems by interfering too often in others' affairs. We do so because somehow we have convinced ourselves that our way is the best way, our logic is the perfect logic and those who do not conform to our thinking must be criticized and steered to the right direction, our direction. This thinking denies the existence of individuality and consequently the existence of God.. God has created each one of us in a unique way. No two human beings can think or act in exactly the same way. All men or women act the way they do because God within them prompts them that way. Mind your own business and you will keep your peace.

*** Forgive And Forget:**

This is the most powerful aid to peace of mind. We often develop ill feelings inside our heart for the person who insults us or harms us. We nurture grievances. This in turn results in loss of sleep, development of stomach ulcers, and high blood pressure. This insult or injury was done once, but nourishing of grievance goes on forever by constantly remembering it. Get over this bad habit. Life is too short to waste in such trifles. Forgive, Forget, and march on. Love flourishes in giving and forgiving.

*** Do Not Crave For Recognition:**

This world is full of selfish people. They seldom praise anybody without selfish motives. They may praise you today because you are in power, but no sooner than you are powerless, they will forget your achievement and will start finding faults in you. Why do you wish to kill yourself in striving for their recognition? Their recognition is not worth the aggravation. Do your duties ethically and sincerely.

*** Do Not Be Jealous:**

We all have experienced how jealousy can disturb our peace of mind. You know that you work harder than your colleagues in the office, but sometimes they get promotions; you do not. You started a business several years ago, but you are not as successful as your neighbor whose business is only one year old. There are several examples like these in everyday life. Should you be jealous? No. Remember everybody's life is shaped by his/her destiny, which has now become his/her reality. If you are destined to be rich, nothing in the world can stop you. If you are not so destined, no one can help you either. Nothing will be gained by blaming others for your misfortune. Jealousy will not get you anywhere; it will only take away your peace of mind.

*** Change Yourself According To The Environment:**

If you try to change the environment single-handedly, the chances are you will fail. Instead, change yourself to suit your environment. As you do this, even the environment, which has been unfriendly to you, will mysteriously change and seem congenial and harmonious.

*** Endure What Cannot Be Cured:**

This is the best way to turn a disadvantage into an advantage. Every day we face numerous inconveniences, ailments, irritations, and accidents that are beyond our control. If we cannot control them or change them, we must learn to put up with these things. We must learn to endure them cheerfully. Believe in yourself and you will gain in terms of patience, inner strength and will power.

*** Do Not Bite Off More Than You Can Chew:**

This maxim needs to be remembered constantly. We often tend to take more responsibilities than we are capable of carrying out. This is done to satisfy our ego. Know your limitations. . Why take on additional loads that may create more worries? You cannot gain peace of mind by expanding your external activities. Reduce your material engagements and spend time in prayer, introspection and meditation. This will reduce those thoughts in your mind that make you restless. Uncluttered mind will produce greater peace of mind.

*** Meditate Regularly:**

Meditation calms the mind and gets rid of disturbing thoughts. This is the highest state of peace of mind. Try and experience it yourself. If you meditate earnestly for half an hour everyday, your mind will tend to become peaceful during the remaining twenty-three and half-hours. Your mind will not be easily disturbed as it was before. You would benefit by gradually increasing the period of daily meditation. You may think that this will interfere with your daily work. On the contrary, this will increase your efficiency and you will be able to produce better results in less time.

*** Never Leave The Mind Vacant:**

An empty mind is the devil's workshop. All evil actions start in the vacant mind. Keep your mind occupied in something positive, something worthwhile. Actively follow a hobby. Do something that holds your interest. You must decide what you value more: money or peace of mind. Your hobby, like social work or religious work, may not always earn you more money, but you will have a sense of fulfillment and achievement. Even when you are resting physically, occupy yourself in healthy reading or mental chanting of God's name.

*** Do Not Procrastinate And Never Regret:**

Do not waste time in protracted wondering " Should I or shouldn't I?" Days, weeks, months, and years may be wasted in that futile mental debating. You can never plan enough because you can never anticipate all future happenings. Value your time and do the things that need to be done. It does not matter if you fail the first time. You can learn from your mistakes and succeed the next time. Sitting back and worrying will lead to nothing. Learn from your mistakes, but do not brood over the past. DO NOT REGRET. Whatever happened was destined to happen only that way. Why cry over spilt milk?

Success ...



What do you want to be in your life?
A sword, or a blunt knife.
If you work hard,
You will enjoy the Golden Years,
Your life would be free from tears.
If you don't work hard,
Then life will be full of struggles,
Make a start today,
So that you over come all those puddles.

-Shrishti
Class X

Knowledge Is Amusing

- **FORTNIGHT** comes from 'Fourteen Nights' (Two Weeks).
- **POP MUSIC** is 'Popular Music' shortened.
- **MOPED** is the short term for 'Motorized Pedaling'.
- **BUS** is the short term for 'Omnibus' that means everybody.
- **DRAWING ROOM** was actually a 'withdrawing room' where people withdrew after Dinner. Later the prefix 'with' was dropped..
- **NEWS** refers to information from Four directions N, E, W, and S.
- **AG-MARK**, which some products bear, stems from 'Agricultural Marketing'.
- **QUEUE** comes from 'Queen's Quest'. Long back a long row of people as waiting to see the Queen. Someone made the comment Queen's Quest..
- **JOURNAL** is a diary that tells about 'Journey for a day' during each Day's business.
- **TIPS** come from 'To Insure Prompt Service'. In olden days to get Prompt service from servants in an inn, travelers used to drop coins in a Box on which was written 'To Insure Prompt Service'. This gave rise to the custom of Tips.
- **JEEP** is a vehicle with unique Gear system. It was invented during World War II (1939-1945). It was named 'General Purpose Vehicle (GP)'.GP was changed into JEEP later.
- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- The most common name in the world is Mohammed..
- The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with Asia, America, Australia, Europe
- The strongest muscle in the body is the **TONGUE**.
- **TYPEWRITER** is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- Women **BLINK** nearly twice as much as men!!
- You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- Wearing **HEADPHONES** for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- It is physically impossible for **PIGS** to look up into the sky.
- The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- Each **KING** in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David Clubs - Alexander the Great, Hearts - Charlemagne Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
- What do bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common? Ans. - All invented by women.
- A **CROCODILE** cannot stick its tongue out.
- **A SNAIL** can sleep for three years.
- **All POLAR BEARS** are left handed.
- **BUTTERFLIES** taste with their feet.
- **ELEPHANTS** are the only animals that can't jump.
- In the last 4000 years, no new **ANIMALS** have been domesticated.
- **STEWARDESSES** is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- The human **HEART** creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.
- **RATS** multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over million descendants.
- People say **"BLESS YOU"** when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops for a millisecond.
- If you **SNEEZE** too hard, you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die. So good it is to bless a sneezing person.

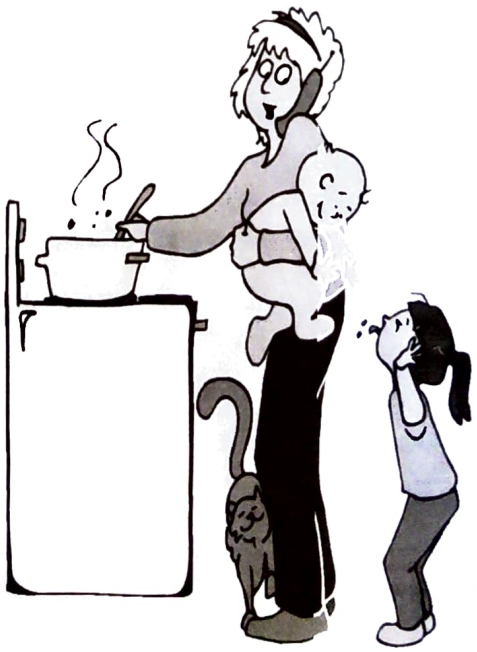


जीवन के रहस्य

जीवन युद्ध है	–	संघर्ष करो,
जीवन चुनौती है	–	सामना करो,
जीवन कर्तव्य है	–	निभाते रहो,
जीवन पहेली है	–	हल करो,
जीवन गीत है	–	गाते रहो,
जीवन सुअवसर है	–	उपयोग करो,
जीवन आशीर्वाद है	–	ग्रहण करो,
जीवन एक प्रतिज्ञा है	–	पूर्ण करो।

माँ

घुटनों से रेंगते–रेंगते,
कब पैरों पर खड़ा हुआ।
तेरी ममता की छाँव में,
जाने कब बड़ा हुआ।
काला टीका, दूध मलाई,
आज भी सब कुछ वैसा है।
मैं ही मैं हूँ हर जगह,
प्यार से तेरा कैसा है?
सीधा–साधा, भोला–भाला,
मैं ही सबसे अच्छा हूँ।
कितना भी हो जाऊँ बड़ा,
'माँ'? मैं आज भी तेरा बच्चा हूँ।



सीख

तू को छोड़ो तुम और
आप सभी से बोलो,
मान–सम्मान सभी का होता
यह बात कभी न भूलो।
उम्र में छोटा भी यदि कोई हो
पद में भी यदि हो कोई कम
तब भी आदर से उसे पुकारो
मान उसे दो और स्वयं भी मान पाओ।

–शक्ति जरियाल
कक्षा आठ



माँ



तेरी तस्वीर के सामने खुदा की हर बंदिश छोटी दिखती है,
तेरी दुआ और प्यार के सिवा इस दुनिया में हर चीज बिकती है।
आज तक अपने लिए खुदा से भी कुछ नही माँगा,
सिर्फ मिल जाये माँ तेरे आशीष की घनी छाया।
अपनी नादानी से खुदा को पाने का हर तरीका अपनाया,
आखिर में सिर्फ तेरी तस्वीर में जन्नत के जहाँ को पाया।
जब भी हार जाता है यह मन और होता हताश, निराश,
माँ! तुझमें दिखती है जिन्दगी को पार लगाने की आस।

–शक्ति जरियाल
कक्षा आठ

इस तरह न

इस तरह न कमाओ कि पाप हो जाए,
इस तरह न खर्चो कि कर्ज़ हो जाए,
इस तरह न खाओं कि मर्ज़ हो जाए,
इस तरह न लुटाओ कि गरीबी आ जाए,
इस तरह न बोलो कि कलेश हो जाए,
इस तरह न चलो कि बहुत देर हो जाए,
इस तरह न भागो कि सब पीछे छूट जाए,
इस तरह न सोचो कि चिन्ता हो जाए।

–शक्ति जरियाल
कक्षा आठ



अमूल्य वचन

- कुदरत (प्रकृति) कादर (प्रभु) के कारण है, जैसा कला, कलाकार के कारण।

–(निरंकारी बाबा जी)

- अपने अहंकार पर विजय पाना ही प्रभु की सेवा है।

–(महात्मा गाँधी)

- प्रेम करने वाला पड़ोसी दूर रहने वाले भाई से कहीं उत्तम है।

–(आचार्य चाण्क्य)

- बैरी भी अद्भुत कार्य करने पर प्रशंसा के पात्र बन जाते है।

–(सन्त सोमेश्वर)

- युवक नियमों को जानता है, परन्तु वृद्ध मनुष्य अपवादो को जानता है।

–(ओलिवर वेंडेल होल्क्य)

–हर्शिता
कक्षा आठ

मेरी बहना



मेरी बहना संभल के रहना,
कुछ तो चुप रहना सीख।
चुप रहने में सदा भलाई,
कहते हैं यह सभी गुंसाई।
तू ही मेरी नेता है,
हमारे घर की अभिनेता हैं।
तू आगे हम पीछे हैं,
यह डगर कभी टूटे न,
तू मुझसे रूठे न।
करते हैं हम यही दुआ,
जरा संभल कर रहना मेरी बहना।

–मनिन्दर सिंह
कक्षा तीन 'अ'

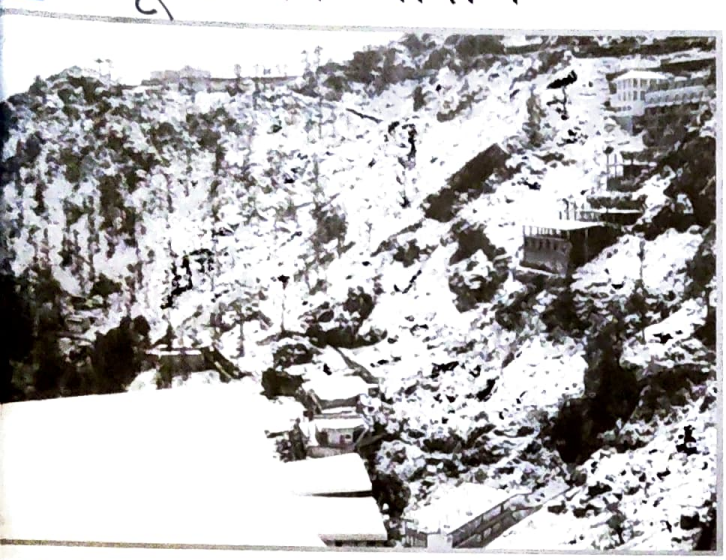
एक कविता हर माँ के नाम



घुटनों से रेंगते–रेंगते,
कब पैरों पर खड़ा हुआ।
तेरी ममता की छाँव में,
जाने कब में बड़ा हुआ।
काला टीका, दूध मलाई,
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मैं ही सबसे अच्छा हूँ।
कितना भी बड़ा हो जाऊँ बड़ा,
"माँ"! मैं आज भी तेरा बच्चा हूँ।

–श्लोक गोयल
कक्षा तीन 'अ'

मसूरी का मौसम



मेरा शहर मसूरी
हैं पहाड़ों की रानी।
जाड़ों में यहाँ दिखती हैं
चारों औरं बर्फ सुहानी।
गर्मियों की मत पूछो बात,
ठंडी हवा चलती दिन–रात।
वर्षा में बिजली कड़कती,
पानी बरसात जोर से।
जैसे किसी ने खोल दिये,
बहुत से नल आसमान से।

–मनिन्दर सिंह
कक्षा तीन 'अ'

हमारे शरीर के अंगों का महत्व



- ऑलपीन का सिर होता है पर बाल नही होते हैं उसी तरह कुर्सी की टॉगें होती है पर फुटबॉल नही खेल सकती है।
- कंघी के है दाँत मगर वह खाना चबा नही सकती, गला सुराही का पतला है किन्तु न गाना गा सकती।
- जूते के है जीभ मगर वह स्वाद नही चख सकता है, ऑखें रखते हुए नारियल कभी न कुछ देख सकता है।
- है मनुष्य के पास सभी कुछ ले सकता है सबसे काम, इसीलिए सबसे बढ़कर वह पाता है दुनिया में नाम।

–मयंक कोहली
कक्षा चार 'ब'

नन्ही चिड़िया क्या कहती है

नन्हीं चिड़िया क्या कहती है
सुबह सवेरा होने पर
माँ मुझको उड़ जाने दो तुम
मै उड़ जाऊँगी फर–फर
थोड़ा ठहरो नन्ही चिड़िया
अभी तुम्हारे नन्हे पर
थोड़ी ठहरी नन्ही चिड़िया
और उड़ गई फर–फर–फर।

–अभिनव बरमोला
कक्षा आठ



महाकवि तुलसीदास



हिन्दी–साहित्य में सूर और तुलसी अपने–अपने दृष्टिकोण से अद्वितीय हैं। काव्य–कला की विविधता और जन–मानस पर प्रभाव की दृष्टि से तुलसी का स्थान सर्वोपरि है। मुगल सम्राट अकबर एवं जहाँगीर के काल में तुलसीदास जी विद्यमान थे।

तुलसीदास आदर्शवादी धार्मिक कवि थे। उनके रामराज्य का वर्णन आदर्श राज्य की कल्पना है। तुलसीदास की काव्य रचना बहुत विस्तृत है। रामचरित्रमानस–सा महाकाव्य किसी अन्य कवि का नही है। उनके काव्यों की विविधता, शास्त्रीय ज्ञान, सरसता एवं राम के आदर्श चरित्र की स्थापना उन्हें लोकनायक सर्वश्रेष्ठ कवि सिद्ध करती हैं। वे हिन्दी–साहित्य–गगन के सूर्य है। तुलसीदास महान विद्वान और उत्तम साहित्यकार थे। उन्होनें अपने जीवनकाल में लगभग 20 पुस्तकें लिखी थी।

तुलसीदास राम–काव्य धारा के जहाँ प्रतिनिधि कवि हैं वहाँ लोक–कल्याण एवं समन्वयात्मक दृष्टिकोण के सच्चे उपासक हैं।

–ऋशभ थापा
कक्षा आठ

चूहे की सगाई



- चूहे ने कोट सिलाया
  गले में बांधी टाई
  पहन मखमली टोपी सिर पर करने चले सगाई
- चूहिया रानी बड़ी सयानी
  जीन्स पहनकर आई
  आँखों में था काला चश्मा
  जीन्स पहन के वह इतराई।
- चूहे पान्डे पगड़ी बांधे आए जब मंडप में
  चू–चू की धुन में चूहों ने बजाई थी शहनाई।
- बिल्ली के आने का डर था
  डरे हुए थे सारे कभी–कभी तो दिख जाते थे
  दिन में सबको तारे
  पर चूहे–चूहिया ने हंसकर जयमाला पहनाई
  पंडित जी ने मन्त्र उचारा
  झटपट हुई सगाई।

–तरूशी गोयल
कक्षा तीन 'अ'

जलेबी का पत्र

प्रिय सखी रसमलाई,

मीठी सी नमस्ते! यह पत्र मैं आपको अपने घर विवाह में आमंत्रित करने हेतु लिख रही हूँ। मेरी पुत्री इमरती का विवाह पेठा गढ़ निवासी श्री लड्डू कुमाई के पुत्र गुलाब जामुन के साथ तय हुआ है। इस मीठे अवसर पर दूल्हा व दूल्हन को आशीर्वाद देने के लिये मीठी दुनिया के सुपर स्टार श्री रसगुल्ला खान व रबड़ी जिन्टा आ रहें है।

कृपया आप भी इस समिष्ठान कार्यक्रम में आकर यहाँ का वातावरण और भी चिपचिपा बनाने की कोशिश करें, भगवान करे आपके ऊपर यू. एस. ए. की मक्खियाँ भिन्न भिनायँ।

आपकी बेहद चिपचिपी सखी जलेबी देवी।

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चुटकुले



• बच्चा (डैडी से):

डैडी, रावण कौन था?

डैडी: (बच्चे को डॉटते हुए)– अरे इतना भी नहीं मालूम, तू स्कूल में क्या पढ़ता है?

टेबल से महाभारत उठा ला मैं अभी बता देता हूँ।

• अभिषेक (शुभम से): देखा मैने तुझे अँधेरे में भी पहचान लिया

शुभम– तभी तो सर तुम्हें उल्लू कहते है।

• सोनू– हम जल्दी ही अमीर हो जाएँगे

पापा– वह कैसे?

सोनू– कल मेरे टीचर पैसों को रूपये में चेंज करना सिखाएँगे।

• घमन्डी दोस्त एक गरीब दोस्त से बरसों बाद मिला और कहा,

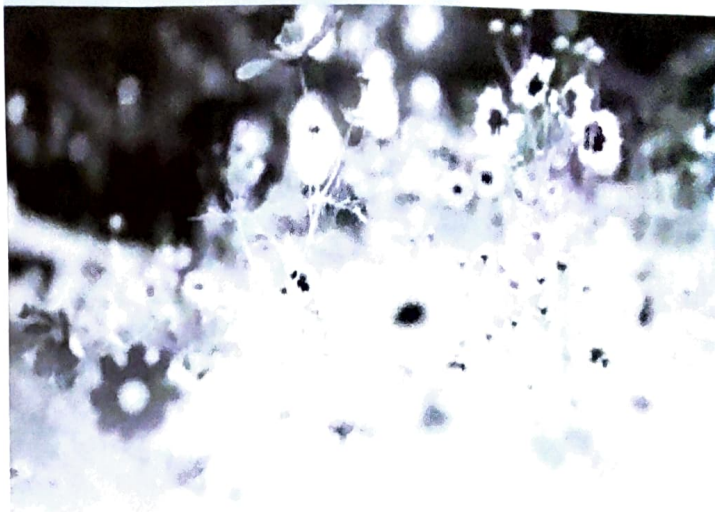
तुमने मुझे नही पहचाना?

अमीर दोस्त– मैं गधो को नही पहचानता

गरीब दोस्त–लेकिन मै पहचानता हूँ।

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हिन्दी - अच्छी....



हिन्दी अच्छी लगती है
फिर भी नम्बर कम आते हैं
इंगलिश से तो डर लगता है
गणित के सपने आते है
रात भर मैं सो ना पाँऊ
ये सब मुझे डराते है
इतिहास, भूगोल के बारे में
अब मैं तुमको क्या बतलाऊँ
Co_2, CO, O_2 ये सब मुझे उलझाते है।

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राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गाँधी

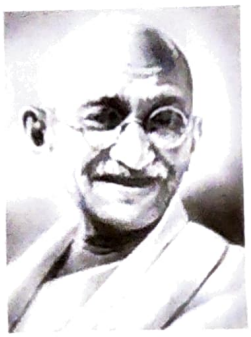


जो लोग केवल दूसरों के कल्याण क लिए ही जन्म लेते हैं, जीवन का एक–एक क्षण जो परोपकार में लगा देते हैं और जिनको जागते–सोते दूसरों के हित का ही ध्यान रहता है, ऐसे बहुत कम ही लोग संसार में दिखाई देते हैं। महात्मा गाँधी उन में से एक थे।

महात्मा गाँधी का अपना नाम मोहनदास था। उनके पिता करमचन्द्र थे और गाँधी उनकी व्यावसायिक जाति थी। इसलिए उन्हें मोहनदास करमचन्द कहा जाता है। स्वतन्त्रता–संग्राम के पिछले नेताओं में सबसे आयु में तथा अनुभव में बड़े होने के कारण वे बापू कहलाते थे। नए देश के निर्माण में उनका सबसे प्रमुख हाथ था, इसीलिए उन्हें राष्ट्रपिता कहा जाता है।

गाँधी जी एक ऐसे ज्योतिपुंज थे, जिन्होने अनेक दीपकों को प्रज्वलित किया। आज गाँधी जी हमारे मध्य में नही हैं, परन्तु उनके कार्य सदा प्रेरणा देते रहेंगे। हतारा जीवन सादा परन्तु विचार उच्च होने चाहिए, यही गाँधी जी के जीवन से हमें बड़ी प्रेरणा मिलती है।

–विनोद नेगी
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प्यारे बापू

प्यारे बापू तुम्हें प्रणाम, जग में अमर तुम्हारा नाम
भारत पर था संकट भारी, दया दृष्टि फिर हुई तुम्हारी
सत्य अहिंसा को अपनाया, भारत को आजाद कराया
छुआ–छुत को दूर भगाया, ऊँच–नीच का भेद मिटाया
बना दिए बिगड़े सब काम, प्यारे बापू तुम्हें प्रणाम।

–श्रीयांसी डगंवाल
कक्षा दो 'ब



श्री कृष्ण

दुनिया के हैं भगवान
कृष्ण जिनका नाम।
कृष्णा है सबसे सुन्दर
और है मेरे मन के अन्दर।
लिखा उन्होने दास अवतार
कभी बने राम
तो कभी बने श्याम।

राम बनकर प्यार पाया
कृष्ण बनकर दुलार पाया।

मेरे मन को साफ किया
अपना उसमे नाम लिखा।

पावन जो धाम किए
गोकुल उसे नाम दिए।

मेरे मन मे नाम लिखा जो
कहते है सब कृष्ण उनको।

–सोनम गोयल
कक्षा दस

पानी है अनमोल

पानी कभी न बेकार बहाना,
पानी की एक–एक बूँद बचाना,
जब पानी की कमी होती है
जरूरत भी पूरी नही होती है।
जल स्त्रोत है घटते जाते,
कुएँ तालाब सूखते जाते,
वर्षा का जल संग्रह करना,
बेकार उसे बहने न देना।
नल की टोंटी खुली न छोडो,
आते संकट से मुहँ न मोडो,
बड़े, बूढे और बच्चे, अभियान चलाओ,
पानी बचाओ! स्ब जन पानी बचाओ।

–राघव सिंघल
कक्षा एक

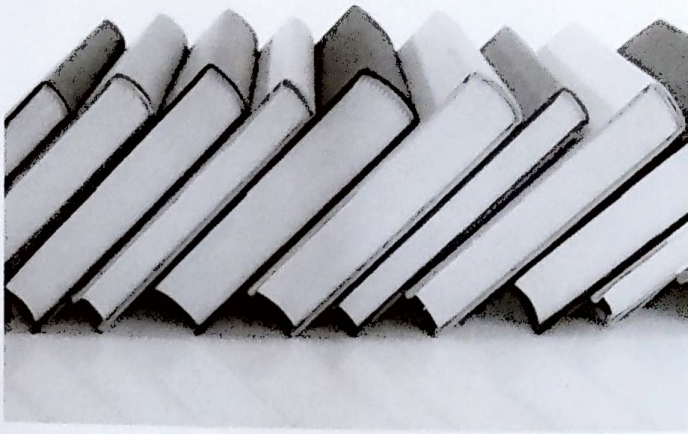
मेरा विद्यालय



है हमे जान से भी प्यारा
हैम्पटन कोर्ट हमारा
सबसे सुन्दर सबसे प्यारा।
जो भी यहाँ पढ़ने आता
इसे कभी न भुला पाता
पहली कक्षा से हम आते
द्धादश कक्षा पास करके जाते
न भूलेगें हम स्नेह जो यहाँ है पाया
यह लिखते–लिखते मन मेरा भर आया
सदा फूले–फले यह गुलशन हमारा
याद रहेगा हमें सदा यह हैम्पटन कोर्ट हमारा।

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किताबें कुछ कहना चाहती हैं



किताबें कुछ कहना चाहती हैं.....
किताबों में चिड़िया चहचहाती हैं
किताबों में खेतियाँ लहलहाती हैं।

किताबों में झरने गुनगुनाते हैं
परियों के किस्से सुनाते हैं
किताबों में रॉकेट का राज है।

किताबों में साइंस की आवाज़ है
किताबों का कितना बड़ा संसार है
किताबों में ज्ञान की भरमार है।

क्या तुम इस संसार में नहीं जाना चाहोगे?
किताबें कुछ कहना चाहती है
तुम्हारे पास रहना चाहती है।

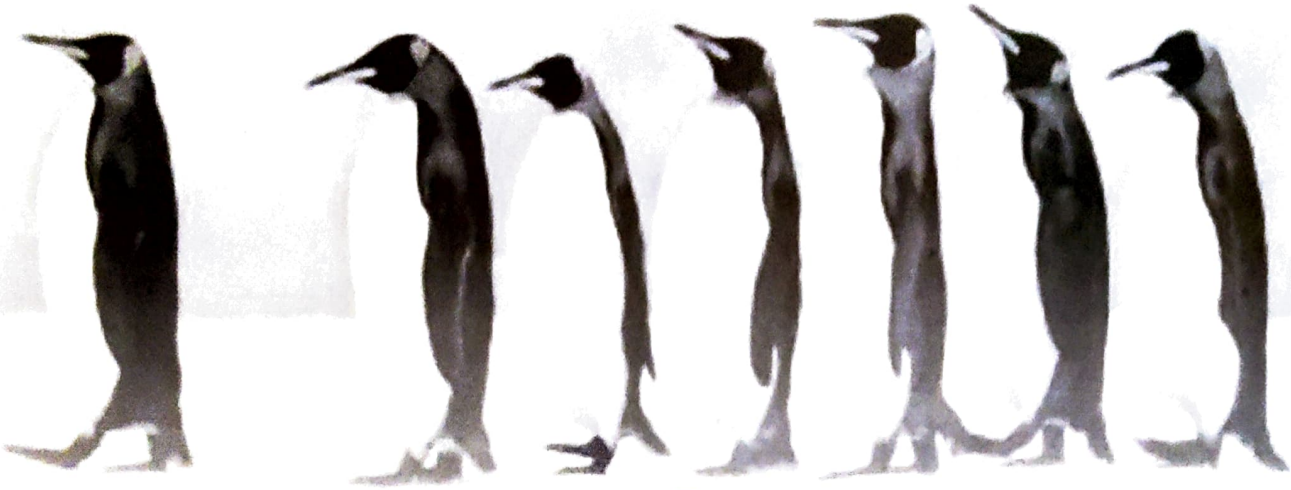
–अखिल कण्डारी
कक्षा पांच

चिड़िया रानी

चिड़िया रानी आती है
मीठे गीत सुनाती है।
सबको पास बुलाती है
सबका मन बहलाती है
मेरी प्यारी चिड़िया रानी फुर्र–फुर्र कर उड़ जाती है।

–अनविक्शा नेगी
कक्षा एक





लीडर और हम

कैसे कहा जाए कि इलैक्शन नही होता बस ठीक आदमी का सलैक्शन नही होता
होता है पाँच साल में एक बार सामना
फिर उनसे हमारा कनैक्शन नही होता तकरार और झगड़े हमारी है खूबियाँ
चोरों में कहीं कोई फ़ेंक्शन नही होता
जो लीडरों को आदमी की शक्ल में लाए
अफसोस ऐसा कोई इजैक्शन नही होता
हम रोते है चिल्लाते है मर जाते है दोस्तों संसद में बैठे लोगो पर रिएक्शन नही होता।

–मोहम्मद आमिर
कक्षा– एक

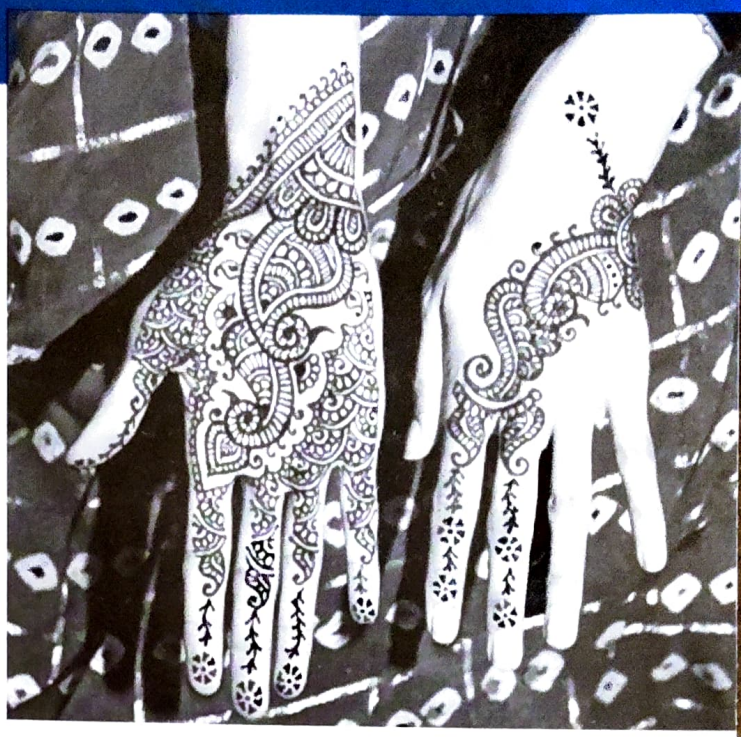
भावना को समझें



मनुष्य जब भावना से प्रेरित होकर कोई काम करता है तो वह क्षुद्र बन जाता है और दुख पाता है। वहीं जब कोई बडी भावना लकर काम करता है तब उसे आनन्द मिलता है, शान्ति मिलती है। जो क्षुद्र भावना से काम करते हैं उनका क्या होता है? उनका पथ क्या है? जो बड़ी भावना से प्रेरित होकर चलते हैं वे क्या करते हैं? अनेक को एक करते है। उनका रास्ता क्या है? मनुष्य अपने को छोटा बनाता है। अंततः वह देखता है कि पिता जो है वह भी अपना नहीं है, माता जो है वह भी अपनी नहीं है, सहोदर भाई–बहन भरी अपने नहीं हैं। उसके बाद शरीर और प्राण भी लड़ाई करेंगे। वे भी एक नही तो कोई अपना नहीं है। जब मनुष्य की दुनिया में कोई अपना नही है तब भीतर हाहाकार शुरू हो जाएगा। शान्ति नहीं रहेगी मरने से पहले ही वह मर जाएगा। तो जितना दुख है उसके पीछे कारण क्या है विश्लेषण और जितना सुख है उसके पीछे कारण क्या है? संश्लेषण यह जो संश्लेषणात्मक गति यानि अनेको को एक बनाने का प्रयास है, यही है साधना। यह इस भाव को छोटा बनाने के लिये नही है। तुम्हारे लिए तुम्हारा मैं का भाव उतना ही प्यारा है। इसलिए दूसरों से व्यवहार करते समय दूसरों के मन की भावना को समझ ले। दूसरों का मन क्या चाहता है? दूसरों की आत्मा क्या चाहती है? यह समझ लो और उसके अनुसार व्यवहार करो।

–अखिल कण्डारी
कक्षा पाँच

मेहन्दी रचाना एक कला



मेहन्दी एक प्रकार में अपनी एक कला है जिसे कुछ लोग ही जानते है। मेहन्दी एक ऐसी चीज़ है जिसको न तो किसी ने बनाया है और न ही किसी ने इसका अविष्कार किया है, यह तो एक कुदरत की देन है। मेहन्दी किसी रसायनों से नही बनती बल्कि यह तो एक पेड होता है जिससे मेहन्दी बनाई जाती है।

मेहन्दी की शुरूआत सबसे पहले राजस्थान मे हुई थी। मेहन्दी आज इतनी प्रसिद्ध हो गई है कि इसे हर त्यौहार और हर उत्सव मं लगाया जाता है। अब कोई शादी होती है तो दुल्हन के हाथों व पैरो में मेहन्दी लगाई जाती है।

मेहन्दी लगाने के अलग–अलग ढंग होते है। कोई इसे सीख से लगाता है तो कोई हाथ से पर आजकल सब इसे एक प्लास्टिक का कोण बनाते है और उसमें मेहन्दी डालकर उसे लगाते है। आजकल बाजारों में भी सड़को के किनारे मेहन्दी लगाने वाले बैठे रहते है। दिल्ली में कई स्थानों पर मेहन्दी का मेला लगता है जिसमें अलग–अलग स्थानों से लोग आकर अपनी मेहन्दी की कला प्रस्तुत करते है और वह चाहे तो कोई भी उनसे यह मेहन्दी लगवा सकता है व उनसे मेहन्दी की कला सीख सकता है। मेहन्दी शादी में सबसे ज्यादा महत्व रखती है क्योंकि अगर इसे नही लगाते तो दुल्हन को अधूरा कहा जाता है।

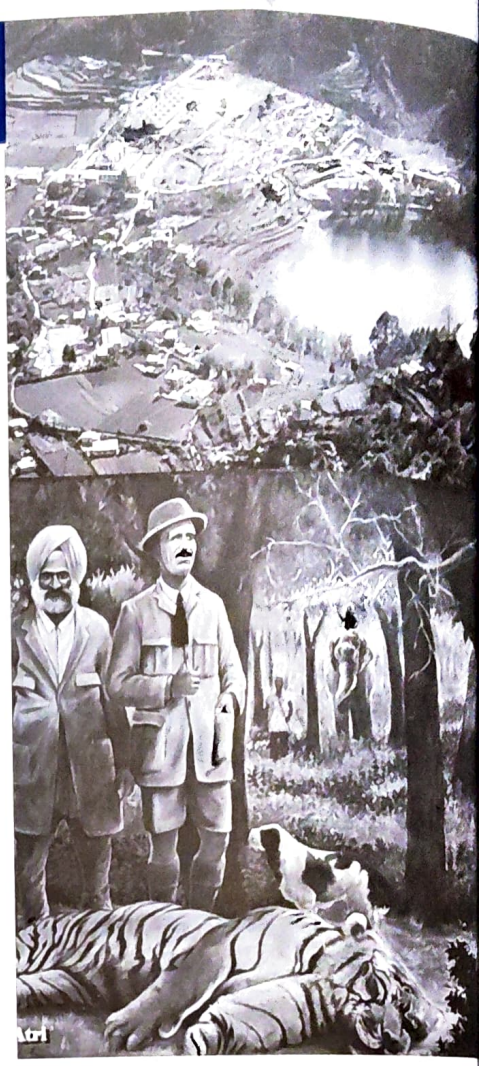
आजकल मेहन्दी केवल हाथों व पैरों को सजाने के लिए नही होती बल्कि यह मेहन्दी जो सिर में भी लगाई जाती है ताकि बाल सफेद न हो क्योंकि मेहन्दी बालों के लिए बहुत अच्छी होती है, यह बालों को काला भी और लम्बा भी बनाती है।

पहले मेहन्दी लगाने के लिए थोड़ी मेहनत करनी पड़ती थी पर आजकल के जमाने में कुछ मेहनत नही करनी पड़ती। यह तो बाजार में कही पर भी थोड़े पैसों में मिल जाती है। मेहन्दी लगाने के लिए अलग–अलग सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हो रही जैसे आजकल कुछ किताबें मेहन्दी पर आ रही है जिससे हम देखकर मेहन्दी लगा सकते है। अब तो चिपकाने वाली मेहन्दी भी बाजार मे उपलब्ध होती है।

मेहन्दी लिए प्रकार से एक आसान और सरल तरीका है उसी प्रकार से यह सुन्दर व खूबसूरत है कि जिसमें न ही कुछ सीखना पड़ता है इसलिए मेहन्दी एक बहुत ही सुन्दर कला मानी जाती है।

–भूमिका लोहानी
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शैक्षणिक भ्रमण (2012)



प्रतिवर्ष सी. जे. एम. हैम्पटन कोर्ट स्कूल विभिन्न कक्षाओं के विद्यार्थियों के लिए शैक्षणिक भ्रमण का आयोजन करता है। इस वर्ष भी विद्यालय द्वारा नैनीताल एवं कॉर्बेट नेशनल पार्क का शैक्षणिक भ्रमण का कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया था। इस यात्रा मे कक्षा सातवीं एवं आठवीं के विद्यार्थी तथा श्रीमती ऐना दिलावर, श्रीमती रेखा सिहं, श्रीमती शर्मिला, मिस डेचिन एवं श्री बी. एस. रावत सम्मिलित हुए।

17 अक्टूबर 2012 की शाम हम सभी लोग अपने विद्यालय प्रांगण में जमा हुए और वहाँ से अपनी यात्रा का शुभ आरम्भ किया। रात्रि 10:45 की ट्रेन से हम काठगोदाम के लिए रवाना हुए।

दूसरे दिन प्रातः 7 बजे हम काठगोदाम पहुँचे। रेलवे स्टेशन से हम बस द्वारा अपने होटल पहुँचे। नाश्ता करने के पश्चात् हम सभी कॉर्बेट संग्रहालय देखने गए। वहाँ हमे पक्षियों एवं विभिन्न प्राणियों के अवशेष देखने को मिले तथा उनके बारे में इस ज्ञानवर्धक भ्रमण के पश्चात् हम गर्जिया मन्दिर गये। यह वहाँ के प्राचीनतम् मन्दिरों में से एक है। तब तक हमें बहुत जोरों की भूख लग चुकी थी। अतः हम बस से सीधे होटल पहुँचे। जहाँ हमने स्वादिष्ट भोजन का लुफ्त उठाया थोड़ा विश्राम करने के बाद हम सभी पैदल सैर करने के लिए चल पड़े। वहाँ का दृश्य बड़ा ही मनमोहक था।

शाम के वक्त, भोजन से पहले हमने अपने होटल में वन्यप्राणी से संबंधित फिल्म देखी। इस फिल्म से हमें विभिन्न प्रजातियों के शेर एंव उनकी जीवन शैली की जानकारियाँ प्राप्त हुई।

अगली सुबह हमें 04:30 बजे जंगल सफारी के लिए उठा दिया गया। हमने हिरण एवं मोर जैसे जानवरों को विचरण करते हुए देखा। हम सभी ने बाघ के पद चिन्ह भी देखे। कुल मिलाकर यह हमारे लिए बहुत ही रोमांचित करने वाला अनुभव रहा। होटल मे नाश्ते के बाद हमने स्वीमिंग पूल में तैराकी का आनन्द उठाया। जिसके बाद हमने दोपहर का भोजन किया और नैनीताल के लिए रवाना हो गए। नैनीताल अपनी सुन्दरता, स्वच्छता एवं शान्त वातावरण के लिए प्रसिद्ध है। होटल पहुँचकर हम सभी लोगों नेक तरो–ताजा होकर डी. जे. नाईट का आनन्द उठाया। आखिर कार काफी देर तक नृत्य करने के पश्चात् हम इतने थक चुके थे कि भोजन करते ही हम सोने चले गए।

20 अक्टूबर की सुबह नाश्ते के प्च्चात् हम सभी नैना देवी मन्दिर के दर्शन के लिए निकल पड़े। देवी के दर्शन के बाद हमने वहाँ के बाजार में थोड़ी खरीदारी की। उसके बाद दोपहर के भोजन का आनन्द लिया और मसूरी के लिए रवाना हो गए।

इस शैक्षणिक भ्रमण के यादगार पल हमेशा हमारे दिलों में बसे रहेंगे। हम सभी अपनी प्रधानाचार्या सिस्टर लूसी डिसूजा को धन्यवाद देना चाहते है जिन्होने हमारे लिए इस साहसिक एवं ज्ञानवर्धक भ्रमण का आयोजन किया। हम सभी विद्यार्थी अपने शिक्षक–शिक्षिकाओं के भी आभारी हैं, जिन्होने इस भ्रमण के दौरान हमारा खूब ख्याल रखा।

–रिंकिता रावत
कक्षा आठ

"सुविचार"

1. इस आस्था का कोई मूल्य नहीं जिसे आचरण में न लाया जा सके।
2. सार्थक कला रचनाकार की प्रसन्नता, समाधान और पवित्रता की गवाह होती है।
3. एक सच्चे कलाकार के लिए सिर्फ वही चेहरा सुन्दर होता है जो बहारी दिखावे से परे आत्मा की सुन्दरता से चमकता है।
4. अधिकारों की प्राप्ति का मूल स्त्रोत कर्तव्य है।
5. निःशस्त्र अहिंसा की शक्ति किसी भी परिस्थिति में सशस्त्र शक्ति से सर्वश्रेष्ठ होगी।
6. आत्मरक्षा हेतु मारने की शक्ति से बढ़कर मरने की हिम्मत होनी चाहिए।
7. वीरतापूर्वक सम्मान क साथ मरने की कला के लिए किसी विशेष प्रशिक्षण की आवश्यकता नही होती। उसके लिए परमात्मा में जीवत श्रद्धा काफी है।
8. क्रूरता का उत्तर क्रूरता से देने का अर्थ अपने नैतिक व बौद्धिक पतन को स्वीकार करना है।
9. नारी को अबला कहना अपमानजनक है। यह पुरूषों को नारी प्रति अन्याय है।
10. स्वच्छता, पवित्रता और आत्मसम्मान से जीने के लिए धन की आवश्यकता नहीं होती।
11. जहाँ प्रेम है वही जीवन है, ईर्ष्या–द्वेष विनाश की ओर ले जाते हैं।
12. प्रेम और एकाधिकार एक साथ नहीं हो सकता है।
13. प्रतिज्ञा के बिना जीवन उसी तरह है जैसे लंगर के बिना नाव या रेत पर बना महल।
14. निर्मल चरित्र एवं आत्मिक पवित्रता।

साफ–सुथरा घर

इधर उधर कूड़ा मत फेकों, चीज बिखेरो नही फर्श पर,
दीवारों को करो न गन्दा, छुओ चीजें सोच–समझकर,
पायदान से जूते पोछो, साफ सुथरा रहे सारा घर,
सभी पड़ोसी खुश हो जाते, सफाई खूब देखकर।

–श्रीयांसी डगंवाल
कक्षा दो 'ब'



Newspaper Clippings

छात्रांओं ने दिखाया जोश, जुनून और जज्बा

मसूरी। कांवेंट ऑफ जीजस एंड मेरी हैंपटकोर्ट का वार्षिकोत्सव उल्लास के साथ मनाया गया। इस मौके पर स्कूली बच्चों ने मैदान में बहुरंगी छटा बिखेरी। कराटेबाज छात्रों ने हैरतअंगेज करतबों से अभिभावक मंत्रमुग्ध हो गए। बुधवार शाम को वार्षिकोत्सव का उद्घाटन बतौर मुख्य अतिथि आईटीबीपी के डिप्टी कमांडेंट अनिल कुमार ने किया। इससे पूर्व डिप्टी कमांडेंट ने स्कूल के मार्च पास्ट की सलामी ली। छात्रों द्वारा योग, देसी-विदेशी नृत्य, ऐरोबेटिक्स और कराटे का प्रदर्शन किया गया। कराटेबाज छात्रों ने मार्बल ब्रेकिंग, ट्यूब ब्रेकिंग समेत कई हैरतअंगेज करतब दिखाए। प्रिंसिपल सिस्टर लूसी डिसूजा ने सभी का आभार व्यक्त किया।

हेम्पटनकोर्ट के वार्षिकोत्सव में दिखाए कई कमाल

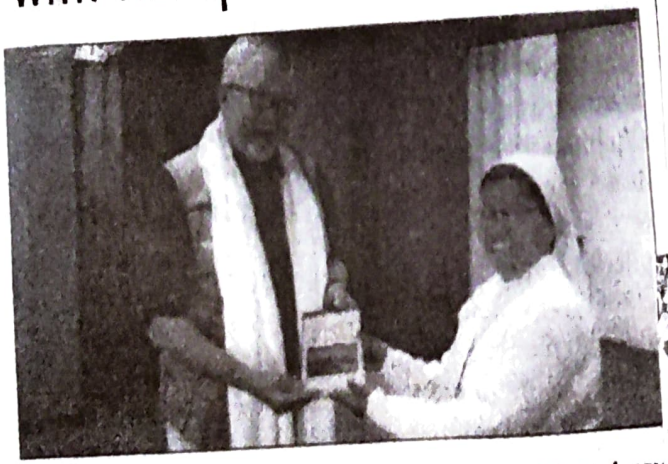


अंग्रेजी लेखक राबर्ट हचीसन ने बांटे अनुभव

मसूरी। 'गार्डन ऑफ फूल्स' के लेखक राबर्ट हचीसन ने हैंपटन कोर्ट स्कूल में अपनी नई किताब की कहानियां छात्रों के साथ साझा की। उन्होंने किताब के प्रमुख पात्र प्रोबो कौटली के जीवन से प्रेरणा लेने की सीख दी।

अंग्रेजी लेखक राबर्ट हचीसन अपनी नई पुस्तक के विमोचन और स्कूल की एल्यूमिनाई एसोसिएशन के कार्यक्रम में मसूरी पहुंचे थे। उन्होंने कहा कि वे मसूरी को अपना दूसरा घर मानते हैं। छात्रों ने राबर्ट से कहानी से संबंधित कई प्रश्न भी पूछे। स्कूल की प्रधानाचार्य सिस्टर लूसी ने शाल ओढ़ाकर उनका स्वागत किया। इस अवसर पर रेखा सिंह, ऐना दिलावर आदि मौजूद थे।

Canadian author interacts with Hampton Court students





Robert Hutchinson presents his latest book to Sister Lucy in Mussoorie on Monday.

मसूरी में मंडेवार हैम्पटन कोर्ट स्कूल के अभिभावक के आयोजन पर रॉबर्टसन हचीसन अपनी नई पुस्तक

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Hutchison also advised the students interested in engineering that they should take inspiration from the life of Cautely and should show same kind of commitment towards work they envisage in future that only them mankind als

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Canadian author interacts with Hampton Court students

Ajay Pandey

Mussoorie, October 16

Robert Hutchison, Canadian author of book 'Garden of Fools', today interacted with the students of Convent of Jesus and Mary Hampton Court School and shed light on the life of Proby Cautely, the builder of the Ganga canal, here that still irrigates the Ganga-Yamuna doab.

The programme was organised by the Alumni Association and the school administration to inculcate the habit of reading among the students.

The Principal of the school, Sister Lucy, presented a bouquet and Anna Dilmour presented a shawl on the behalf of the association to the author.

While addressing the students, Hutchison said he was inspired to write a book on Proby Cautely while he was working for his other book titled 'Raja Of Haroli'.

Proby Cautely was a man on the mission and accomplished the rare feat of building the Ganga canal from Haridwar despite severe opposition.

He further said Cautley was the son of a humble village clergyman in England. He became an East India Company cadet and arrived in India in October 1819 at the age of 17. As a young artillery lieutenant stationed at Agra in 1825, he was transferred to the Bengal Engineers and began work on restoring the Eastern Yamuna Canal. At 23, he knew nothing about canal engineering but managed to learn quickly.

In 1826, while stationed at Saharanpur, he made his first visit to Mussoorie, where he met District Magistrate Captain Frederick Young. He helped Young find new township by constructing Mussoorie's first water supply system. In 1831, Cautley acquired Dunbarnie Cottage on Bhacker Hill, marrying Fanny Bacon in All Saints Church on the Cattle Hill estate in 1838.

During the Great Famine of 1837-38, he was devastated by the agony of people who were dying and decided that the only way to overcome famine in the north was to harness the water of the Ganga for irrigation. Such a project had never been attempted before so the national hazards were thought to be insurmountable. The sanctions found approval of the Governor General Lord Auckland and Cautley was provided with a small budget to survey the canal route from Haridwar to Kanpur. However, as the work progressed, obstacles were thrown in his path and because of the stupidity of subsequent administrators, he had to fight for every inch of the canal. The stress broke his marriage and his heart, while the workload almost killed him until finally in April 1854, the 630-mile canal was inaugurated amid great fanfare. Shortly afterwards, Cautley returned to England. Queen Victoria presented him with a knighthood. His canal, acclaimed as the world's mighty engineering wonder, continues to function, battling endless of the plague of budget in the Doab. Sadly, Sir Proby Cautley has been forgotten. "It was the story of his personal perseverance and his betrayal which compelled me to write a fictional account based on factual research work on the life of the great man that forced him to write the book," added Hutchison.

The students posed several questions on the occasion and asked why the book was titled 'Garden Of Fools'. Hutchison, responding to the question, said from a garden where fools tried to try him at every step, the Cautley's canal transformed the doab into a garden of plenty and breadbowl farmers however from the fact of the northern India, therefore it was titled 'Garden Of Fools'.

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ART Gallery



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