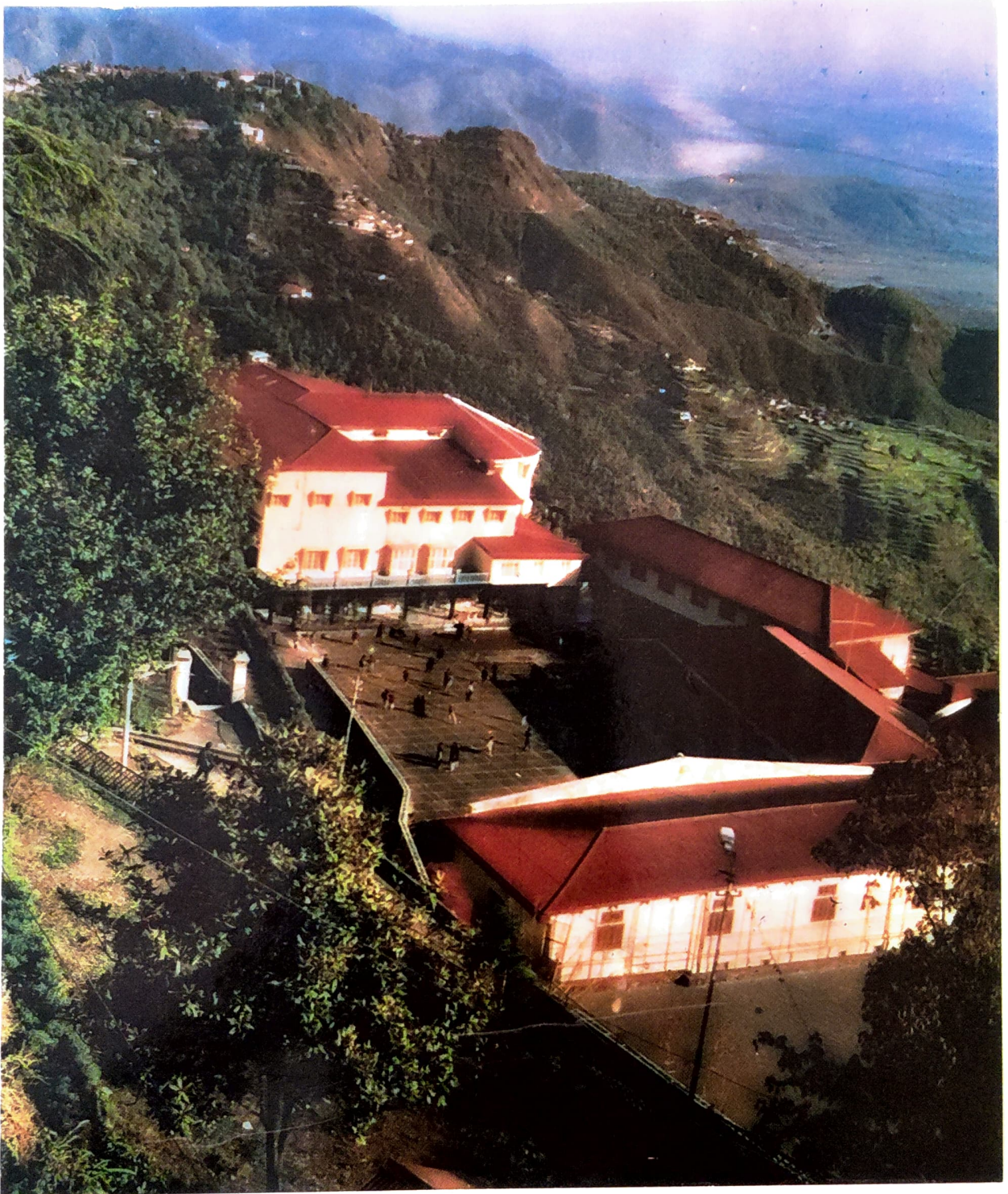




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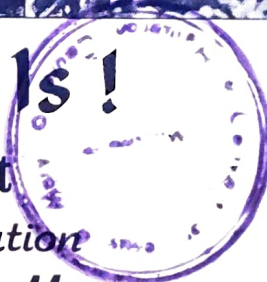
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How Good God Is!

Saint Claudine Thevenet

*Foundress of the Congregation
of the Religious of Jesus and Mary*



Editorial

Hampton Court presents its Annual School Magazine of the millennium. During the seventy-eight years of its long drawn-out history, Hampton Court has always endeavoured scaling newer heights in academic excellence and over-all development of the children.

Hampton Court, which has become a Day School to 'reach out' to the Mussoorie Community has received an overwhelming support of the children, parents and the management. Our emphasis has always been on a value based education system to cultivate a sense of responsibility, belonging and simplicity in children.

We in Hampton Court, deeply feel the necessity of an educational curriculum, which not only develops the child academically -- but also as an individual, who can take up the challenges of the modern day world. While going through the magazine, you will realise that your child is being trained in the same direction -- to become a responsible and a dedicated citizen of the country.

The Editorial Board acknowledges with thanks the contribution of the Staff members, both in the English and Hindi Sections, for motivating the children, to contribute material for the magazine.

--Editor

Principal's Message

*A child is a hope full of promise.
A child is a person, a man or a woman to be.
The joy and life of the family,
The hope of the State and Nation,
Whose whole future rests on the foundation
OF ITS EARLY YEARS.*

Dear Teachers, Parents, Students and Friends,

It gives me immense joy, to share my thoughts, aspirations and also some achievements with you. in regard to the all-round education in Hampton Court. Each new day, is a fresh beginning, another chance, to learn more about ourselves, to accomplish more than we thought we could, to be more than we were before.

During this Academic Session, we the school "Team" or as I prefer to call ourselves, the "Hampton Court family", has worked together, to foster the growth and development of each and every child- in every possible manner. It is a matter of pride, that most of our students have put in, a really good performance- not only in their studies but in all extra-Curricular activities and most of all in their good conduct and general behaviour. We lay emphasis on good character building, and in putting a good foundation, so that this will encourage the zest, for procuring more and more knowledge, in every field of activity. Hampton Court has entered this New Millenium as a High School I.C.S.C. (as a Co-Ed. Day School) and has already been 'updated' to Class VIII.

We also lay great stress on the Values of Concern and Compassion for others especially those, suffering from various types of trials, and less fortunate than us. We try to awaken this 'sensitivity' to the needs of OTHERS, in ourselves and in our students. A child is just like wet clay -to be moulded and shaped into a sensitive "Human being" -- God's greatest "Sculpture in Creation".

I would like to express my deep gratitude and thanks to our Parents, Teachers and Sisters for their constant support, help and availability in all the School Activities, throughout the year.

Finally I would like to convey my special thanks to all the members of the "editorial board", and to all the Staff Members for the trouble that they have also taken, to collect and compile the material for the Magazine. May the loving and protecting Hand of God guide you, and continue to be with you, as you journey through life. Remember, it is only through love and service that we can be happy and make our world a happy place. May God Bless you !

Sr.Sophie

Investiture Ceremony

On 11th April 2000 the School had its Investiture Ceremony. The Student Council for the year 2000 was constituted after being duly elected by the students. Brother William, of St. George's College, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. After the ceremonial lighting of the Divya, hymns were sung and the leaders presented with Honours and their House flags. The Head Girl and the Head Boy took an oath on behalf of the Office Bearers for serving the school to the best of their ability. The Chief Guest, while presenting the badges to the leaders, expressed hope that they would provide direction and meaningful leadership in running the school. Hampton Court, in its 78th Year of its foundation, has maintained the glorious traditions for inculcating values of head and heart, he said. The Students' Council consisted of the following members:-

Head Girl	Gunjan Bhaguna
Head Boy	Sumeet Rawat
Games Captain	Himanshu Bhatnagar
Recorders	Ruchi Rawat and Nupur Singhal
Catholic leader	Abhishek Collinson

Encounter House

Swati Raturi (Captain), Virat Shakti Vardhan (V.Captain)
Udita Rawat (Social Service), Nitin Negi (Environment)
Ajay Singh Gunsola (Games Captain)

Endeavour House

Sudhanshu Rawat (Captain), Tashi Tsering (V.Captain)
Nidhi Janveja (Social service), Manisha Pundir (Environment),
Vinay Tamta (Games)

Enterprise House

Tanushree Dhaundiyal (Captain
, Madhulika Bhatt (V.Captain)
Vaibhav Jindal (Social service), Shivani Gupta (Environment),
Pradeep Rawat (Games)

Endurance House

Disha Khati (captain), Devangi Sharma (Vice Captain),
Rohit Bhandari (Social Service), Gaurav Jarwan (Environment)
Sambhav Rawat (Games)

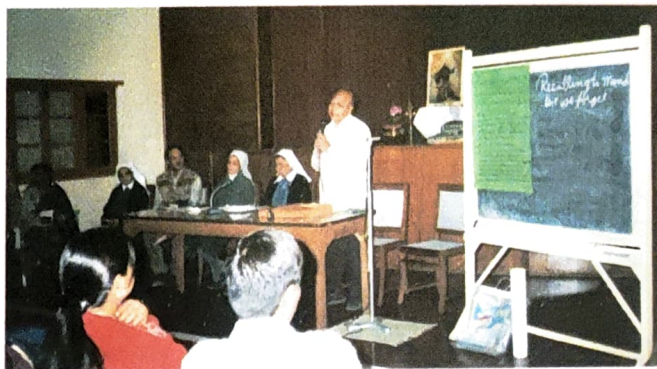
After the Swearing-in Ceremony there was a photo session and a vote of thanks accorded to the Chief Guest for the time that the Chief Guest so kindly accorded to the ceremony.

Ruchi Rawat
Class VII

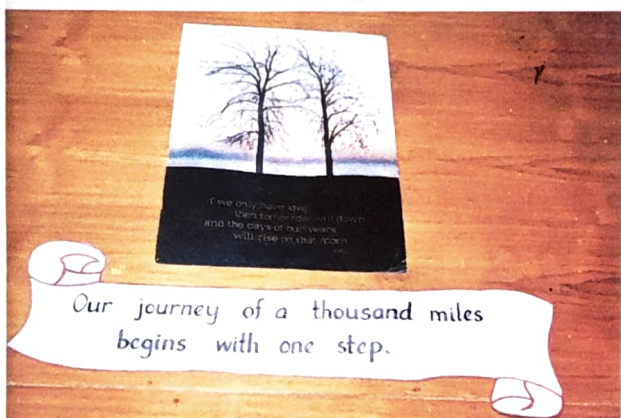
Every tree is known by the fruit it bears – Luke 6:44



Our Prayers



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Reaching Out!

School is a place where the formation of a child's character takes place. Our school is one of the finest schools of Mussoorie. In our school extension programmes with an aim to reach out to the community, social work is carried out, under the guidance of our Principal and Teachers. The aim is to inculcate values of head and heart to make us better human beings.

To begin with we have been trained to handle and manage our own garbage especially the plastics. We segregate our waste at source that is at the kitchen level making sure that plastics, paper and other recyclables do not mix up with other kitchen waste. This waste is then handed over to "**rag pickers**" who earn a living through their sales. We not only manage our garbage, but also help our neighbours by educating them how to handle their waste. On "**World Environment Day**" we invariably clean our school premises and our town by collecting clean plastics etc. We know it very well that garbage is not waste but a resource and can be recycled into different types of products.

We have also evolved a pedestrian technique of '**drip irrigation**' through the use of waste plastic bottles. Two holes are made in its lid and a straw is inserted in one of them and a wick in the other. The air pressure displaces the water to pour out as drops to irrigate the plants. The pits of such plants are heavily mulched with dry leaves to check evapo-transpiration. Every year we save hundreds of trees through the use of this pedestrian technique of 'drip irrigation.'

During the monsoons we plant trees, not only in the school, but also in the town area through our own contribution. The senior citizens provide fencing and tree guards to protect the saplings. The Chinars that we had planted with the senior citizens of Mussoorie last year to commemorate the memory of Kargil martyrs have grown big and strong.

Our school has also pioneered in emancipating the less fortunate children of the rag-pickers who provide invaluable service to the society. There are about 22 children who have acquired the skill of reading and writing. We wait in the evening to assist our Teachers and Sisters to teach these children. Today 8 children have been admitted in the Basic Shiksha Parishad schools of Mussoorie while the grown-ups continue to remain with us acquiring the skill required for reading and writing. We are making all out efforts to eradicate the bane of illiteracy at least among those who are more easily "**reached**".

Nupur Singhal
Class VII

The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for- German proverb

Art Craft and Value Education Exhibition

Our Art ,Craft and Value education exhibition was held on the 29th Sep.2000.The exhibition was inaugurated by Sr.Bernadin ,Sister Superior of Waverley Convent. All the classes had put up their work for the Display which was highly appreciated by the visitors.

Art and Craft are the highest forms of expressing creativity and skill. We have special periods for developing the skill of correct selection and use of crayons, water and oil colours. This not only trains the children in understanding the importance of colours but also helps them in developing co-ordination between observation and presentation. Art also helps in making the fingers subtle and strong so that one can write neatly with correct letter formation.

Craft especially paper cuttings and origamis are taught to the children for putting their ideas into action. Waste material like cans, ice cream cups ,plastic bottles etc. are used for making useful things. The use of aluminium foil used for packing food can be used for creating beautiful paintings. Strings and sutli can be effectively turned for making plant hangers and other utility ware. This activity too helps in building up coordination of finger muscles and the mind.

'Value' education was an added attraction of the exhibition this year. The intent was to reflect the necessity of the values of head and heart, which are equally essential in present times. The technological and materialistic accomplishments have turned human character into the proverbial "**robot**" who is indifferent to human sufferings. Perhaps, it is not merely teaching, but rather practising the values which is more important. The work of the students reflected their inner self and their concern for all those who need it .

The visuals put up on environment by the children reflected their concern and love for nature. The problem of deforestation, garbage and air pollution are issues of national concern and their influence on the students could be seen through their drawings and exhibits.

The Exhibition was over at 3 P.M. with every one present, appreciating the hard work put in by children, and the Teachers in making the Exhibition a great success.

--**Shruti Sharma**

Don't Cut Trees
I am a builder,
I want to cut trees, to make a building.
I am a carpenter,
I want to cut trees to make my furniture.
I am a hotelier,
I want to cut trees, to construct a hotel
But, I am a 'Hampty' girl
I want to save trees.

Manju Bhaguna
ClassIV

ART CRAFT AND VALUE EDUCATION



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THE POWER OF EXPRESSIONS
OF EMOTIONS!



Sr. Angel's Golden Jubilee

A bright day dawned for **Sr. Mary of the Angels**- a day filled with sentiments of praise and thanks giving.

The Chapel looked beautiful with gladioli arranged in vases in a very picturesque manner. It was really most attractive!

A concelebrated Mass was offered in Thanks giving with **Bishop Patrick Nair as the main celebrant.**

The "Davids' Choir" from Dehra Dun, enhanced the occasion, with their beautiful rendering of hymns, well planned and organised by **Sr. Marguerita and Sr. Aloysius.**

The school children put up a delightful programme. A special Prayer Service followed by Jubilee Greetings in song and dance. Then came a number of entertaining items very fitting for "**Golden Memories.**"

After the celebrations all were invited to a grand lunch in the Dining Hall, which had been the Boarder's Refectory.

A beautiful day ended with praise and thanksgiving to God for his Love and Peaceful presence among us. It was indeed a very memorable day for all of us especially the **Jubilarian.**

--The Community

Inspiration

There is a road steep and thorny, and beset with perils of every kind, but yet a road, and it leads to the heart of the universe. I can tell you how to find those who will show you the secret gateway. There is no danger that dauntless courage cannot conquer; there is no trial that spotless purity cannot pass through; there is no difficulty that strong intellect cannot surmount. For those who win onward, there is a reward past all telling ; the power to bless and serve humanity.

--Elena Blavatsky

The Parents' & Teachers' Meeting

The aim of education is to help in developing the innate talents of a child. The parent teacher interaction is of supreme significance in order to bring about quality development in terms of value based academic excellence.

This year the first meeting was held on the 6th. April for Classes Pre-primary to third. Father Hugh, while addressing the gathering, stressed on the emotional needs of a child, as of primary importance in any educational system. He emphasized the need of both parents' participation approach for the balanced development of the young learner. The tendency of a father leaving the entire responsibility of the child on the mother alone is a negative approach, he said.

The second meeting in continuity, was held on the following day, that is the 7th. April 2000. Father Hugh, once again addressed the Parents of the Senior Children asked them to be active participants in the education of their children. He disapproved the casual approach of all the parents usually the father, who only bothered to glance through the report card at the end of the term. Expressing anguish over the decline in children's performance he urged the parents to adapt a conciliatory approach towards them.

Education should not be considered only as a bread winning exercise, but also a character building process he said. Rampant materialism and self centered personality development has led our society into a morass, which for all practical reasons has taken a heavy toll of the present day youth. The first step to overcome this evil, is to make a patient beginning with the children, as a confidence building exercise. It is never too late to make a genuine beginning, he expressed.

Sr. Beatrice and Sr. Marguerita while addressing the parents, asked them not only to help their children in routine assignments but also help them by being patient with them. The hectic activities which have engulfed the present day society need to be curbed by parents for at least one hour a day, so that they may help their children to build confidence in themselves.

The Meeting was well attended, and the talk was translated into Hindi, for those who required to understand, in Hindi. The aim of the meeting for building synergetic bonds between the institution and the parents, was achieved.

**Recorded by:
Reema Luthra**

The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg not by smashing it--- Arnold Glasgow

Oh! India

There is always so much to see
India is like a queen bee
A vast land of magic and rivers
A beautiful country of leaders and givers.

My country is full of meadows and flowers
With huge buildings and tall towers
The sky is full of colourful kites
Which soar and fly at great heights.

My country is famous for charmers and snakes
From the highest mountains to mystical lakes
People from all around the world come
And admire country, saying awesome.

With so much music, love and joy
It's no wonder that it makes everyone enjoy
Oh! My India you are such a gem
A country of everlasting harmony and fame.

Sadaf Ali
Class V

Flowers

Flowers are the most beautiful creation of God. To look at them is a joy for ever. Flowers are of various types and colours, but all of them are very beautiful.

The sweet smell of the flowers makes the air pleasant to breathe. The scent of flowers is used for making perfume. They are also used in making sweet smelling hair oil. Flowers are used for making offerings to God and also to express happiness.

Flowers also provide food to the bees and butterflies. The garden comes to life with their presence. The flowers teach us to be happy always and make the surroundings also pleasant. I like flowers very much.

Ayushi Garg
Class III

A thing of beauty is a joy forever – John Keats

My Best Friend

I have many friends but my best friend is Ananya. She is nine years old. Her father is a teacher. She lives next door to me.

She is the best girl in the class. She is hard working and intelligent. She takes keen interest in her studies. All the teachers speak highly of her.

When the school is over we study and play together. All think we are sisters. She has good habits. She is cheerful, honest and truthful. She is very good in sports also. She has great love and regard for me. She is really a gem. I take pride in having such a nice friend.

Nikita DeMonte
Class III

Computers

The world's first electronic computer was built at the University of Pennsylvania, USA in 1946. Many computers like machines have been built since then. Computers are now much smaller and more powerful and can and are available at very reasonable prices.

Computers today are used in every walk of life. Besides being used in the sphere of science and technology, they are also used in remote sensing, satellite control and in making accurate prediction about weather.

Computer has 'memory' where information is stored. Many functions can be performed but it cannot think for itself. It must be told exactly what to do through commands. Sometimes it is heard of as computer making mistakes like sending people bills for things, which they did not buy. These mistakes are not made by computers but by their operators who are called Programmers. Once a computer controlled rocket was sent into Space by the USA had to be destroyed because of a small mistake in one of the lines of the computer.

Computers are gradually becoming an inseparable part of our life and in the years to come they will be simply indispensable.

Abhishek Sonkar
Class V

The newest thing is the best, but the best friend is the oldest -Ali

How Do We Get Water In Our Homes?

Mussoorie township came into being in 1823 after the defeat of the Gurkhas in Dehra Dun. Captain Young an adventure-loving soldier built a hunting house on the Camel's back road, which marked the beginning of this township. The Britisher who found the climate of Mussoorie salubrious and balmy like their English climate were firmly established by the year 1840.

The problem of electricity and water supply remained uppermost in their minds as every year the number of settlers kept mounting. In the early days the house were built in the vicinity of the springs and water was brought to homes by the Bhisti. The Britisher evolved the technique of 'rain water harvesting' to meet their gardening needs.

The major innovation was made by Mr. John Mackinnon an Irish gentleman who came to India at the age of 23. He was an industrialist and founded the Crown Brewery. He became the Chairman of the Mussoorie municipality from 1857–61. He used the technique of pumping and storing water in tanks to be supplied to homes and public stand posts under gravity. The Douglas Dale Spring on the Barlowganj road is one such example of his early endeavours.

In the west of Mussoorie below the Savoy Hotel he stored water through tapping of springs. This water was lifted to the Savoy reservoir by steam driven pumping sets. Pipe lines connected the water from the reservoir to the low lying areas around Savoy Hotel and the first ever town water supply system was set up. The public stand posts towards the Library Bazaar had enough water to meet the daily needs of the inhabitants.

The present water supply system is based on the same technique but instead of steam run pump sets electricity and diesel run sets are used for lifting the water to Mount Rose and the Gun hill. The total number of springs around the town is seventeen which are harnessed by the same method. The water from there is supplied to our homes through pipes.

Mr. John Mackinnon who was called as the father of the town was a visionary, in the real sense, as he was able to foresee the growth and development of the town. His pedestrian experiment with tank and pipes became the founding stone for the later development of water supplying in Mussoorie. It is an acknowledgement to the great example set by him, that even today the tanks that are being built on the Radha Bhawan are based on the same principle.

Rohit Bhandari, Class VII

Fete Time Fun Time

The very idea of a fete is an exciting one for every child. It gives a rich experience of spending on one's own and also the opportunity for making choice. Fete also provides an opportunity to meet students of other schools for building bonds of friendship and sharing experiences.

All fetes are organised with a special motive. We organise our fete every year for raising funds for the destitute and the poor.

On the 7th May this year we had our fete day. Mrs. Usha Singhal mother of one of our students Nupur Singhal inaugurated it.

The fete began at 10 a.m. The entire school was decorated with buntings and the stalls that our teachers had put up. The stalls varied from "eats" to games and to music. We had a special stall for lucky dip organised by our Sisters in the Hall.

The fete was well attended by the parents, students from Waverley, St. George's College, and St. Clare's Convent School. Many of our students who are studying in Public and Modern Schools were also present.

At 3 p.m. our fete came to an end. We prayed to God for having blessed us with a bright and a sunny day.

Heena Pujari
Class VII

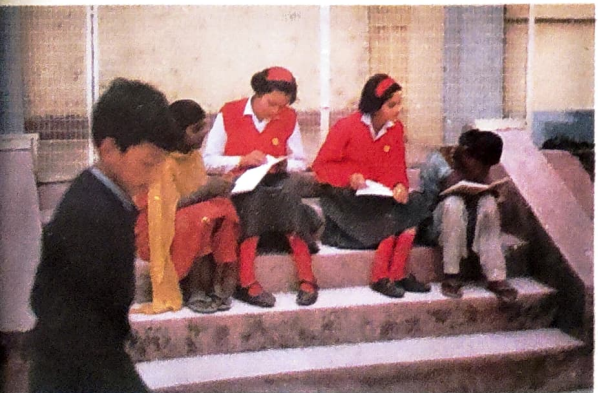
Recipe of Life

Take one kilogram of love
Add exactly 200 grams of smile
As the mixture is ready
Add 4 teaspoonful of trust and
300 grams of sympathy and
200 ml of confidence.

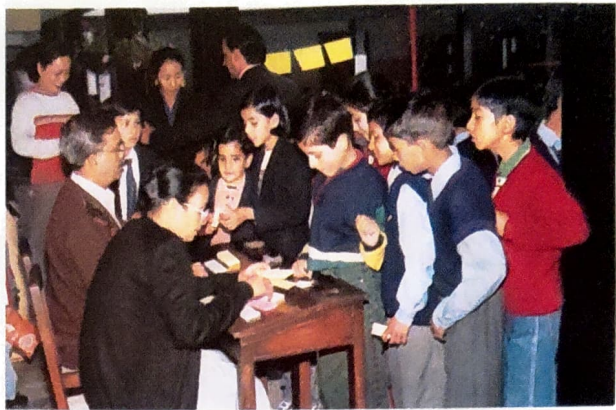
Let the mixture get fermented and thickened
Add equivalent amount of weight and happiness to the above
Keep this mixture in freeze
Sacrifice for some time
After an hour or so cut into equal pieces
Distribute among friends and foes
This is the recipe of life.

Compiled by:
Meenakshi Pundir

Our Sense of Commitment for the needy and the poor



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Inter House Quiz -2000

Our Annual Quiz programme took place on the 1st of July 2000. Our Chief Guests were Mrs. And Mr. Sanjeev Chopra (IAS) Deputy Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration who also happen to be the parents of Sanandan Chopra a student of Class IV. After the ceremonial lighting of the Divya and hymn singing our principal Sr. Sophie declared the Quiz open.

We were asked questions from different subjects like History, Geography, Science, Sports and Games and Current events. Mrs. Shruti Sharma was the reader and Mr. D. Rawat was the time-keeper while Mrs. A. Dilawar kept the scores. The winner of the Quiz was the Endurance House and the two runners up were the Endeavour and the Enterprise Houses. The Quiz was conducted by Mr. Vipin Kumar.

At the end of the quiz Mr. Sanjeev Chopra urged the students to be in touch with the latest. He asked the students to be inquisitive in a bid to look beyond the curriculum books. He encouraged the students for their participation and wished them well for their future endeavours. Mrs. Rashmi Chopra wife of Mr. S. Chopra gave away the prizes to the winning teams.

Sr. Sophie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chief Guest and his wife who had spared their valuable time for the occasion.

Garry Manshaia
Class V

How to find a Leap Year?

A leap year comes after every four years. To find out a leap year, divide the number of the year by 4 ($2000 \div 4$). The number will be exactly divisible by 4. Try it with 1996, 1992 etc.

What is a Lunar Month?

A lunar month is the time the moon takes to travel once around the earth. It is measured from one new moon to the next. It is nearly equal to 29.5 days.

What is a Solar Year?

A solar year is the time the earth takes to travel around the sun. It is nearly equal to 365 days 5 hours 45 minutes and 47.5 seconds or 365.25 days.

Sonam Mahendrawal
Class V

The flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.

--Chinese proverb

My Little Clock

All day long,
My clock sings a song
Tick tock, tick tock
It hangs in my bedroom very gloom
It has two battery cells
Which make it live
It looks very charming
Decorated with beautiful flowerings.
It helps me to wake up,
It helps me to sleep.
I love it very much
And keep it very clean
It smiles at me
And says "What a nice mistress I have."

Devangi Sharma
Class VI

Autobiography of a Coin

I am a coin -- in fact a Rupee coin. I was born in the mint. When I was new my master used to like me due to my shine. My companions also liked me very much, but they were not as shiny as me. When I was three years old my owner sent me to a shopkeeper to buy some milk. Then from the shopkeeper I went from hand to hand. Then I came in the hands of some naughty children. They used to put me in their mouths. I did not like it and used to feel angry with them. One day a child was going to buy something useful when he dropped me. A good boy who used me to buy something picked me up. Since then, I have moved from hand to hand.

At present, I am very old and locked up in a Piggy Bank. I wish that some day I would be taken by the owner of the Bank to the Market so that I may once again reach back to the Mint House.

Poonam Kaintura
Class V

Tailpiece

**Tirelessly benevolent,
Save a friend on evil bent
This is sainthood's perfect song:
Every substitute is wrong- Panchtantra**

A Stitch in Time Saves Nine

The above saying does not mean that a torn dress should be mended at once but it means that if we want to succeed we should not put off doing things.

If we fall sick we should immediately contact a doctor lest we will suffer for a long time. Similarly if we do not pay attention to a small tear in our dress it will widen and gradually it will be completely destroyed.

We should always make an effort to say sorry for our mistakes to save our relationship with others. We are capable of making mistakes sometimes intentionally and sometime un-intentionally. The best remedy is to accept and beg for forgiveness. It is a panacea for any kind of bitterness. Let us all make amends in time to maintain love and understanding.

Tina Kataria
Class Vi

What is Life?

Life is a book -- read it
Life is a painting -- colour it
Life is an examination -- face it
Life is a promise -- fulfil it
Life is a challenge -- accept it
Life is a struggle -- fight it
Life is a song -- sing it
Life is a game -- play it
Life is a puzzle -- solve it
Life is love -- enjoy it
Life is a treasure -- preserve it
Life is the greatest gift of God -- Be thankful for it.

Compiled by :-
Pukhraj Singh
Class V

Do You Know?

The Great Wall of China was built between 246 and 209 BC during the reign of Shi Hieing It. The Wall is about 4,000 miles long and it took 300,000 men to build it in about 10 years. It is thought to be the only man made structure to be seen from outer space. The Wall is built in clay, stone and bricks.

What is the Problem with Plastics?

Plastic is a synthetic substance which is non-biodegradable. It is petrochemical based and can be harmful. Polybags clog drains and litter the country side. They do not allow the water to seep into the soil and thus block natural water channels.

Animals which are left to stray often feed upon them unknowingly resulting in premature deaths. Dead cows in Delhi have been known to carry as much as 40 Kilograms of plastics in their bellies coloured plastic bags are the most lethal as cadmium and lead based chemical dyes are used to colour them. The Food which is carried in them is contaminated which reaches the human body affecting the kidneys and deforming the bones. Each time a bag is recycled it becomes more dangerous. Black plastic bags are the worst, for they are made from plastic which has been recycled many times over.

A simple solution to the problem lies in minimising their consumption ,reusing them and segregating them at source. The plastic once used should be used in making lumber and other utility ware.

Shivani Thapliyal
Class V

Importance of Time

**Wake up! Wake up ! Oh mankind
And feel the Importance of Time,
Once it's gone it's gone forever,
And then you repent because it comes back never.**

**Don't be lazy, don't be late,
For it passes away very quickly,
So wake up! wake up" Oh mankind
And feel the importance of Time !**

Surabhi Pal
Class V

No matter what accomplishments you achieve, somebody helps you.
--Althea Gibson

Helper's Day

1st May is celebrated the world over as "May Day." All the helpers of our school assembled in the hall. They were presented with flowers and programme folders. After the ceremonial lighting of the divya by Mr. Hari Singh hymns were sung. A cultural programme was organised by the children to entertain them. It was followed by games.

Our Helpers are a source of inspiration for all of us, as they do all manual work, required in the school. They are very helpful and often play with us. The reflection of their hard work can be seen in the neat and clean fields, class rooms and our garden.

Their presence around us gives us a feeling of security. We all wish them a long and a happy life.

Gunjan Bhaguna
Class VII

To My Mother

On the roads of life,
Today, I am alone,
Stumbling and falling,
Getting up and walking again.
Learning the ways and mysteries of life.

Not at all afraid
Not finding myself inferior,
No matter how alone I be,
I know you are with me.

The beautiful memories of the past days,
Your teachings, your values,
Each and every word that arose from your heart,
Are impressions impregnated on my mind.

Encountering crisis, rising up ,
confident and determined,
Craving to achieve something
To prove that you've really created a life,
That you've been victorious in the biggest battle
"The battle of life".

By: Anjali Sharma

Teachers' Day

5th September is a day which is celebrated as Teacher's Day all over the country. It is the birthday of the great philosopher, thinker and the second President of India Dr.Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, who himself, was a great teacher.

We also celebrate this day in our school with great enthusiasm. We decorate the Classrooms to welcome our Teachers. The Assembly hall is specially decorated for the day.

The Teachers are ushered into the Hall in the traditional style, by putting a tilak on their foreheads. They are presented with bouquets of flowers: All of them then place the divya around the **Rangoli** symbolizing unity and harmony. This is followed by the singing of hymns.

A cultural programme is organised to entertain the Teachers. It is then followed by games. We make sure that our teachers enjoy every moment of the day. We are grateful to them for all that they do for us. We love them all.

Virat Shakti Vardhan
Class VII

Teachers are Special

**Teachers are special people
Because of all they symbolise
And stand for-**

***Glowing lamps illuminating
the darkness of ignorance.**

***skilled potters
moulding and forming
the tender young minds and hearts
entrusted to their care:**

***devoted gardeners
tending and nurturing
the budding plants
in their garden patch,
helping them to blossom and bloom
through their care and concern;**

***Friends, Philosophers and Guides
and sometimes, Parent substitutes as well.**

Dr.Elaine Ann Charles

You Are The Wealth of Our School!!





WE SALUTE YOU OUR MOTHERLAND!
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Independence Day

On 15th August 2000 we celebrated our 54th.independence day. It was the midnight of 14th.Aug when our first Prime Minister Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru unfurled the tricolour on the ramparts of the historical Red Fort. The last 54 years have been eventful as the nation made an all round progress in all walks of life. In between, the nation had to fight three wars and face unabated violence in the Jammu and Kashmir and the North Eastern States.

On the 15th morning amidst a mild drizzle our chief guest Fr.Stephen unfurled the tricolour. We sang the national anthem in apt attention . Fr.Stephen while addressing the children stressed the need for building a strong country on the basis of equality, love and compassion.

After the flag hoisting ladoos were distributed amongst the children. A cultural programme in which all the classes participated followed it. Mr.Vipin Kumar our teacher expressed concern on the continued violence in Jammu and Kashmir. In an emotionally choked voice he asked all the students present to pray for the school going children of the violence torn state.

A contingent of school children was sent to the Library Point for participating in the main programme organised by the local administration.

Nidhi Janveja
Class VII

India

**India my country is the best
It gives me peace and rest
India has the wonder Taj Mahal
Built in the memory of Mumtaz Mahal.**

**India is the largest democracy
Known for peace and grace.
We stand united in crisis
With bravery to save disgrace.**

Ricky Manchanda
Class III

Football

Football is the most popular game in the world. It is also called Soccer. It is played on a rectangular field. The length of the field is 100 to 130 yards. There are two goal posts at both the ends of the field. There are two squares in front of the post one small and one big. The small square is 5.5 metres long and the big one is 16.5 metres. There are two semicircles on the sides of the centre line. The penalty marks are 12 yards from the goal post. The weight of the full sized ball at the beginning of the game is 396-453 grams. The ball cannot be changed in the middle of the game without the permission of the referee.

Football is played between two teams with eleven players on each side. There is one goalkeeper and ten outfield players. An umpire with the assistance of two line men controls the game. The umpire makes an effort to insure fair play between the two sides. The goalkeeper is supposed to wear different colour shirts from the outfield players so that he can be distinguished from them. There are two halves of 45 minutes each with a five-minute break in between. The teams change over sides after the break.

Soccer has produced some of the all time "greats" in Pele, Ronaldo, Maradonna and a host of other players. It is the fastest field game. I like it very much and one day I shall try to play for my country.

Ajay Singh
Class V

"Make Hay While the Sun Shines!"

Once there lived a grasshopper and an ant. They were good friends. The grasshopper was foolish, but the ant was very wise. The Grasshopper spent the summer season in singing and making merry and did not store anything for the winters. The ant on the other side worked hard day and night. It filled its hole with food. It advised the grasshopper to work, but it had no effect on it.

At last the winter set in. The whole ground was covered with snow. The grasshopper had nothing to eat. He was dying of hunger. So one day he went to his friend, the ant. He requested the ant to lend him some food. The ant said, you are my good friend but you did not pay heed to my advice. You lived without work and now you must live without food. The foolish grasshopper felt sad, and learnt the greatest lesson of his life !

Contributed by :

Vaibhav Wahi

Class V

It is better to be alone than to be with an evil companion- Hadis

My Favourite Game

Games and sports are the essential parts of school education. They help in the physical development of the school children. Without games a man becomes dull, and I never want to be dull, lazy and weak.

I play badminton daily at home with my mother or my friend's. It is my favourite game. It is played all over the world. It is played with rackets and a shuttlecock. We require a court with a net fixed in the centre. Anyone who wins 15 points is the winner. I watch badminton matches on my television. My parents inspire me to practice in order to improve my game.

Arushi Sharma
Class III

New Year Day

Each religion has its own New Year day. Christians' New year begins on January 1st. The Hindu New year begins according to Saka era falling on March 21st or 22nd. Pongal etc. are all new year dates falling on different dates. Losar is New Year day for the Tibetans and the Buddhists. Baisakhi on April 13th is the New Year day in Punjab. People of Delhi can be seen celebrating the New Year throughout the Year.

Akash Aggarwal
Class III

Train

Over the mountains
Over the Plains
Over the rivers
Here come the trains.

Carrying passengers
Carrying mail
Bringing their precious loads
In without fail.

Thousands of freight cars
All rushing on
Through day and darkness
Through dusk and dawn

Compiled by:
Pawan Preet Kaur, Class IV

Sports Day

Games and Sports are an integral part of human life. They are the core of physical education. "Health is Wealth" and for this, no other human activity is as important as playing games.

Well! "Sports day " in Hampton Court is the most outstanding Day— 'much looked forward to' by every one. The most interesting events of the year take place on Sports day. It is these exciting events that are looked forward to, by the children. The grounds were well prepared with fancy decorations and Sports Symbols. Our chief guest Mr.Tarun Sridhar declared the Meet open on "Hampton Villa" field. First, the Oath taking Ceremony took place by the Games captain, then followed the various races, which caused great excitement to the audience and the children. The most interesting part of the event was the giving away of Medals and Certificates to the winners.

The second half of this programme was the P.T. Displays presented by each class. The spectators hurriedly came down from Hampton Villa to witness the rest of the events on the **Hard Court** ground.

It was marvellous to watch the different colourful items performed by the different classes. The items for teachers, parents and ex-students were great fun to all, and added greater excitement to the Sports Day. The most exciting event of the sports meet i.e. the "March Past" followed. This is a form of inter-House competition. The children marched smartly but it was the Encounter House which was judged as the best.

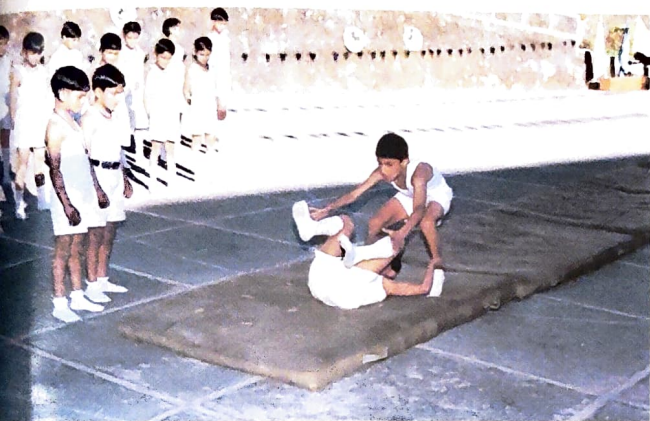
The strength and the progress of each house was measured by the number of medals and trophies won by them. The "traditional cake" received by the Champion House caused a burst of cheering and clapping. "Hip, Hip, Hurray" filled the air once again, by Encounter House!

A brief speech by the Chief Guest and a Vote of Thanks brought this splendid Day to an end.

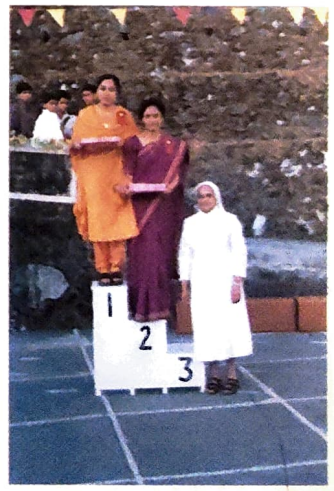
It was a grand success! Thanks to the efforts of Mr.Rawat our Sports master and all our Teachers, Students and "Helpers" who gave invaluable united help and support.

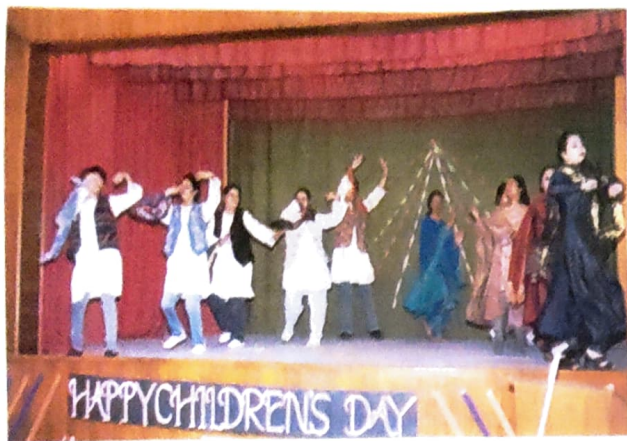
Sr.Greta

He marks--not that you won or lost--but how you played the game—
Grantland Rice



DISPLAY
OF
POWER
AND
TALENT





Children We Love You We Do!

Hurrah! Hurrah! – It's Our Children's Day !

"Love is like a song, floating in the air, its not meant for your pocket, its meant for all to share. So here comes our "Love" for children on their especial day. Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 'How can we forget Jawahar Lal Nehru who loved children very much and had a special place in his heart for them.

The children of today form the future generation. As children, the qualities of love, innocence, purity and warmth are instilled in them which will usher in, a **JUST SOCIETY** and a **BETTER INDIA**.

There is a 'craze' everywhere in the world today, even among the teachers, to look young, to feel young, to be young. On the occasion of children's day on 14th November, we the staff expressed our love by entertaining our children.

We had a special Prayer Service invoking God's blessings upon them. Then a cultural programme was presented by the staff. It was fascinating to watch the teachers acting like the children and to see the children enjoying the show with hearty laughter. All the children participated in different games organised by the staff. They were given prizes as well as chocolates.

And yes without a "jam session" the programme would not be complete!

Sr.Greta

Think it Over

Humanity shows itself in all its intellectual splendour during this tender age as the sun shows itself at the dawn, and the flower in the first unfolding of the petals; and we must respect religiously, reverently these first indications of individuality. if any educational act is to be efficacious , it will be only that which tends to help toward the complete unfolding of this life. To be thus helpful it is necessary rigorously to avoid the arrest of spontaneous movements and the imposition of arbitrary tasks. It is, of course, understood that here we do not speak of useless or dangerous acts, for these must be suppressed, destroyed.

Maria Montessori

How is Man Spoiling the Gift of God?

Rivers, trees, mountains, air are the bounty of God to mankind. For thousands of years these gifts have served the living things. However, the present scenario is not congenial for living things. Every year thousand of plants and animals enter the red book of extinction.

The greed and ambition of man has taken a heavy toll of land, water and forests. There is chaos every where as the population pressure on all these limited resources is mounting up every year. What could be more alarming than the air that we breathe in, is full of poisonous gases and substances. Sewage, industrial effluents and synthetic fertilisers heavily contaminate the water we drink. The overflowing drains choked with non-biodegradable garbage have become fertile grounds for the breeding of disease carrying vectors. The denuded slopes besides being unaesthetic have become prone to disasters in the form of landslides.

The recent Supreme Court's ruling regarding the polluting industries in Delhi have already become a debatable issue. The one million dollar question is what is the answer to this problem? Firstly there have to be regulations for sustainable use of resources, secondly the pollutant that harms the nature in any way should be made to pay and thirdly each one will have to understand the precarious balance between nature and man.

The World Environment Day and the Earth Day are persistent reminders to man of his responsibilities that he has towards nature. Here it becomes all the more important that the children of to day should launch programmes from homes to safeguard the environment. One just cannot overlook the fact that it is the joint responsibility of the present and the future generations to protect and preserve the bounties of nature for posterity. Let us all make small contributions through participation to save our mother earth.

Shobit Aggarwal
Class VI

Don't Laugh

Once a Sikh gentleman was driving a bus. His bus gets stuck in a pothole. An Englishman comes that way riding his motorcycle and inquires as to what has happened ?

The Sikh who happened to know little English answers the Englishman, my bus is not challing, not hilling' only phus, phus karing.

Compiled by :
Ricky and Karanbir
Class III

A Funny Incident of My Life

Our elders love to re-live their childhood. I am still a boy, and I hate this childhood, because all the time, we are made to listen and obey the commands of our elders. We may like them or dislike them; we hardly have a choice. Our elders promise us many things but they never keep them ! A funny incident took place soon after my Uncle got married.

In 1998 my Uncle was married to a beautiful girl. After a year's time ,they had a son. My friends in the village and some Senior boys invited me to a party. My Uncle promised me to organise the party at his expense. Many days went by, but he seemed to have forgotten. I reminded him once again , and he assured me that he would certainly give me some money to celebrate. Meanwhile, my friends kept nagging me in demanding the party.

After getting fed up with their repeated demands, I organised lunch for my friends on a Sunday.I decorated the house beautifully. The boys came wearing new colourful dresses and shoes. They took off their shoes and lined them up outside the entrance of the house. The meal was being cooked. It was some time before it could be ready. We decided to sing songs and dance to the accompaniment of our village music. The house was full of activity, laughter and enjoyment.

Very quietly, I went out of the house, picked up their new shoes and sold them to the shopkeeper .The money was enough to meet the expenses of the party. On my way back home I decided to buy sweets, Dosas and a host of other items to make my friends happy. Everything went off very well, till they asked to leave. They all gave me Rs.50/- each to buy presents for the newly born child. As they All went out and they discovered that their shoes were missing. They looked at me wearing a questionable expression on their faces. They soon grinned at each other, guessing as to what had happened? Unquestionably, they discovered the fact , that they had a party with their money!

My uncle, who had gone out for some work, returned home, and came to know how the party was organised. He thought for a while and with a smile on his face, narrated a similar kind of incident in his childhood. However, realising the embarassment that I had withstood all those days, he took me to the shop where I had sold the shoes. He paid all the money and got the shoes back. He promised me to always keep his word, and since then, he has never let me down.

Sudhanshu Rawat

Class VII

The only things that we keep are those we give away -- Anonymous

How I Celebrated My Birthday

People have various views about birthdays. Some people laugh when someone celebrates his birth as they feel that it marks the shortening of life by one year. However, most of the children wait for this day for one full year.

I also celebrate my birthday with great pomp and show. I invited my friends on my birthday and spent time in eating and chatting.

This year, on my birthday, I decided to do one good thing. I got up early in the morning and went into my garden. I dug a small pit and planted a tree. My father patted me on the back. It was indeed a new experience. I felt as if I have done something creative. I decided that day, that I would always plant a tree on my birthday!

Shivamnath
Class III

My Father

The name of my father is Mr.Rahat Usmani. He works for State Bank of India. My father is a very honest man. He is impartial, God fearing and hard-working.

He gets up early in the morning and prays to God. He always wears neat and clean clothes. He listens to my problems and tries to solve them. At times he takes me to the playground and plays with me. He teaches me good manners and clean habits. He helps me in my studies. He wants me to be a good citizen of the country.

Asad Usmani
Class II

Riddles

- 1.I cannot walk but I convey messages to others, who am I?
- 2.I have four legs but I cannot walk, who am I ?
- 3.What kind of ice is not cold ?
- 4.A gum that cannot stick ?
- 5.A chief with which people clean their noses ?
- 6.A cuit that people eat ?
- 7.A key to play with ?
- 8.A man made of snow ?

Answers: 1-Letter, 2-Chair, 3-Mice, 4-Bubble gum, 5-Handkerchief, 6-Biscuit, 7- Hockey, 8-Snow man.

Compiled by :
Sanchai Juneja
Class IV

The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration

The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration is situated at Mussoorie, which is about 35 Kilometres from Dehra Dun. The academy trains officers of various services like the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and the Indian Forest Service.

The young officers join the academy in the month of September every year after qualifying an examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. There is a lot of activity with the arrival of the officers. The sports complex, which has, tennis, badminton and squash courts are full. Every evening there are various matches among the officers.

In the evenings cultural programmes are conducted by the officers and sometimes cultural troops who come from different parts of the country perform in the auditorium. The officers are taught various subjects and are trained in public administration.

The Academy has a library which has a collection of about one hundred and forty thousand books. It has a well-equipped audio and video library for the latest information on all the subjects. The Academy produces civil servants who are responsible for day to day administration of our country.

Rohan Sridhar
Class III

Pollution

Pollution is a curse on our environment. It is spread from vehicles and industries. The poisonous gases not only harm human beings but also affect plants and animals. The problem of Air pollution is more in big cities and towns than on hill stations.

The ill effects of pollution can be taken care off by planting trees every year. One should walk small distances instead of going by automobiles. People should learn to travel in groups in one vehicle rather than going in separate cars.

I live in Mussoorie, which is full of greenery. Let us all join hands to eradicate air pollution from the plains.

Aishwarya Aggarwal
Class III

I cannot change the whole world but I can change a small part of it –
Kay Florentino

A "Period" Without a Teacher!

Students always welcome a period without a teacher . They feel relieved because there is nobody to check them. Some children get an opportunity to be mischievous. They feel relaxed because there is nobody to assign homework to them.

Of course, there is a monitor in the class to control the students but they do not listen to him, as such chances are rare for students. The students indulge in gossiping. The monitor can only ask them to sit quietly. He cannot force them to obey him. Sometimes the Principal passes by the class. If any student catches sight of her, he warns the whole class and the students start reading their books without making a noise. As soon as the Principal goes away there is again the same gossiping. Sometimes there is a hand to hand fight between two students. There is a free period for all. They forget that they are in the classroom. As soon as the bell rings they prepare themselves for the next period.

Tanushree Dhaundiyal
Class VI

Role of a Telephone in our Lives

Nowadays telephones like other essentials are indispensable. It is the simplest mode for communication with others. What began as a modest invention by Graham Bell has today made the world a smaller place to live in.

There are three facilities provided through phones: International Subscriber's dialing (**ISD**), Subscriber's Trunk dialing (**STD**) and local calling. There are different cables for different places. These wires are connected to the nearest pole from where the connection is provided to the subscriber. Inside the exchange the telephone is connected to Receive link unit (**RLU**) and Main Distribution frame (**MDF**). In RLU they have a green plate from where the telephone works. RLU is a computerised room. There are some pins with which they can close the number while checking. There is a tester with which they come to know whether there is a short circuit or a fault in the line. Sometimes the lines are cross-connected and one can hear two persons talking to each other on our telephone sets.

The Exchange has three indicator lights -- the ordinary, battery and the emergency. In case, if all the lights fail, it means that the exchange has been damaged. The commonest reasons for a break down are lightning and storm! The Exchange is well protected but storms and other natural calamities damage them very often.

Swati Raturi
Class VII

The Selfish Giant

A giant had laid out a beautiful garden for himself. It had flowers that looked like pearls and gems, and had beautiful insects with coloured wings.

The giant had to go away for some days to visit one of his friends. When the giant returned home he found children playing in his garden. He flew into a rage and shouted, "What are you doing here? Who let you come into my garden? It is my garden and nobody can play here."

Before long the giant built a high wall around his garden and fixed a plaque on it **-PRIVATE GARDEN-** strangers not allowed. The giant was indeed very selfish. The children had no place to play now. When the spring came, the whole country side was alive with flowers, buds, insects and birds. The giant's garden had no spring. It was severe winter there. The flowers and the birds thought that the giant was too selfish and so they stopped visiting the garden.

The Giant was worried as the garden was colorless and without activity. He decided to remove the plaque, which had barred the entry of the children in the garden. Early one morning the giant heard the twitter of the little birds in his garden. He jumped out of his bed and was surprised to see the garden full of flowers.

How selfish I have been! Said the giant to him. He had learnt his lesson well and he knocked down the boundary wall that he had made around the garden and said, "O loving children! this garden is yours, not mine ."

The children were very happy to hear this and they started visiting the garden again. The giant welcomed them with a smile and gave sweet fruits to eat. He was no more selfish now. On the other hand he became good natured and generous.

Ankita Trivedi
Class V

Forgive Me!

Boy: "Madam is it right to punish for every mistake?"

Madam : 'No'

Boy: 'Good'. I have not done my home work.

Shivam Nath
Class III

The power of imagination makes us infinite – John Mavice

My Grandmother

My Grandmother is eighty years old. Her complexion is fair and she has wrinkles on her face and hands. She is always dressed in a spotless white saree. In spite of her old age, she is very active. She gets up early in the morning and offers her prayers to God.

Thereafter, she gets busy in other activities of the house. She was my first teacher after I came in this world. She taught me to speak, to stand up and walk. She devotes a lot of her time for me. I am a student of class V. Before going to the school she serves me the breakfast, prepared by my mother. On my return from school she gives me my lunch and inquires from me about my studies and other activities of the school. After I have had some rest, she reminds me to complete my home work.

My grandmother advises me to sleep early. She teaches me good manners. Before retiring to bed, she offers her prayers once more. I love my grandmother very much and she also loves me immensely. I am proud of my Grandmother.

Pranay Negi
Class V

A Song I Like!

Kuckoo bara sits on the old Gum tree
Merry-Merry King of the bush you see
Laugh Kuckoo bara laugh
Kuckoo bara gay your life must be.

Kuckoo bara sits on the old gum tree
Eating all the gum drops you can see.
Stop Kuckoo bara stop
Kuckoo bara leaves some there for me.

Taruvar Vaish
Class III

Patience is power, with time and patience, the mulberry leaf becomes silk.

दयालू लड़का

सर्दियों के दिन थे। सब तरफ कुहरा छाया हुआ था। लोग गरम कपड़े पहने बाजारों में घूम रहे थे। एक स्त्री अपने सुकुमार पुत्र के साथ अपने घर से निकली। बालक की आयु सात साल से अधिक नहीं थी। अभी वे थोड़ी दूर गए थे कि बालक की नजर एक बूढ़े आदमी पर पड़ी जो सर्दी से ठिठुर रहा था। बेचारे के तन पर फटे-पुराने चिथड़ों के सिवाए और कुछ न था। वह गिरजाघर की सीढ़ियों पर बैठा आने-जाने वाले लोगों से भीख मांग रहा था। बालक यह देखते ही अपनी माँ की उंगली छोड़कर उस बूढ़े के पास जा, उसे एकटक देखने लगा। वह उस समय ऐसा चुप हो गया कि उसकी माता ने समझा, शायद वह उस वृद्ध कंगाल को देखकर डर गया है। पर माता के कुछ कहने से पहले ही वह भागकर बूढ़े भिखारी के गले से लिपटकर उसे प्यार करने लगा और माँ से बोला, माँ इसे अवश्य कुछ दो, बेचारा, भूखा होगा। सर्दी से कांप रहा है।

उस बूढ़े के नेत्रों से आँसू टपकने लगे और वह प्रेम से गदगद हो बोला, यह बालक बड़ा होनहार है। अवश्य बड़ा आदमी बनेगा। दीन-दुखियों के लिए इसके दिल में जगह है, इसलिए लोग भी इसके लिए अपनी जान तक कुर्बान कर देंगे। फिर बूढ़े ने उस बालक के सिर पर हाथ फेरते हुए दिल से अनेक आशीर्वाद दिए।

इस होनहार बालक का नाम— मेजिनी था। इसने बड़े होकर अपनी जन्मभूमि इटली को आस्ट्रिया और फ्रांस की गुलामी से छुड़ाकर आजाद किया। महात्मा मेजिनी का नाम आज तक संसार के महापुरुषों में गिना जाता है।

दीन-दुखियों से सदा प्रेम-व्यवहार करना चाहिए।

— वैभव वाही

कक्षा-५

वृक्ष हमारे सच्चे मित्र

प्राचीन काल से ही मनुष्य वृक्षों पर निर्भर है। मानव तुलसी, पीपल, वट आदि की पूजा करता आया है। पेड़-पौधे हमें बहुत कुछ देते हैं और उनकी उपयोगिता के कारण ही मानव जाति वृक्षों की पूजा करती आ रही है। वृक्ष हमें भोजन, वस्त्र, छाया, आवास, लकड़ी आदि देते हैं। हम अपनी आवश्यकतों की पूर्ति के लिए, प्राचीन काल से ही वृक्षों पर निर्भर चलते आ रहे हैं।

वृक्ष हमारे पर्यावरण को स्वच्छ रखने में बहुत ही आवश्यक होते हैं। वृक्ष और वनस्पतियाँ हमें फल-फूल, औषधियाँ, छाया एवं अन्नत विश्राम तो प्रदान किया ही करते हैं, वे उस प्राण वायु का अक्षय भण्डार भी हैं जिसके अभाव में किसी प्राणी का एक पल के लिए भी जीवित रह पाना नितान्त असंभव है। वृक्ष हमारे अन्नदाता भी हैं।

वृक्ष-पौधे हमारी ईंधन की समस्या का भी समाधान करते हैं। पेड़-पौधे हमारे पर्यावरण के भी बहुत बड़े संरक्षक हैं। पेड़-पौधे वर्षा का कारण बनकर पर्यावरण की रक्षा करते हैं। पेड़-पौधे वर्षा के कारण होने वाली पहाड़ी चट्टानों के कारण, नदियों के तटों और माटी भरने से तलों की रक्षा करते हैं। वृक्ष हमें विभिन्न उद्योगों के लिए कच्चा माल, जैसे— कागज, उद्योग, रबड़, माचिस, वस्त्र उद्योगों के लिए कपास देते हैं।

परन्तु इनके महत्व से अनजान मनुष्य आवास, कृषि और उद्योग के लिए आवश्यक भूमि प्राप्त करने के लिए और वृक्षों के उपयोग के कारण बिना सोचे समझे इन्हें काटता गया। पेड़-पौधों का अभाव स्पष्टतः इस धरती पर आबाद समूची सृष्टि की प्रलय का कारण बन सकता है। यदि हम चाहते हैं कि हमारी यह धरती इस पर निवास करने वाला प्राणी जगत बना रहे, तो हम पेड़-पौधों की रक्षा और उन के वन-रोपण आदि की ओर प्राथमिक स्तर पर ध्यान देना चाहिए। पर आवश्यकता है कि वृक्षों के महत्व को समझकर हम पौधे लगाएं, उनकी देखभाल करें और कम से कम पेड़ काटें, नहीं तो मानव स्वयं अपने विनाश का कारण बन जायेगा।

— दिशा खाती,
कक्षा-६

बाल मजदूर

इन मासूम कलियों का
अभी खिलना बाकी है।
इन गरीब बच्चों का
बचपना अभी बाकी है॥

न छीनो इनकी हंसी
जानकर इनकी बेबसी।
न करो इन पर अत्याचार
ये हैं इन्सान, कुछ इन पर दया करो॥

न थमा दुनियां का बोझ
इन मासूम कोमल के सर
सूखी रोटी के लिए
न इनको तू लाचार कर॥

मिटा दूरी अमीरी-गरीबी की,
बना सबको एक समान
तभी न होंगे गरीब लाचार
और न ही होंगे बाल मजदूर॥

— प्राची पण्डित

कक्षा-५

आत्मकथा एक पेन की

मेरा नाम पेन है। मुझे प्राचीन समय में 'कलम' कहते थे। मुझसे लोग अपने विचार प्रकट करते हैं। एक दूसरे के संदेशों को लिखकर प्रत्येक जगह पहुँचाते हैं।

मेरा प्रयोग हर जगह होता है घर में, दफ्तर में। मैं बहुत से रंगों में मिलती हूँ, हरी, लाल, काली, रंगीन आदि। मुझे इस तरह से पैक किया होता है जिससे ग्राहक आकर्षित हो जाता है। अपनी पसन्द के अनुसार ही मेरे को खरीदते हैं। मैं लोगों के सुख और दुख बाँटती हूँ। मेरा काम है निरन्तर लिखना और लिखते रहना। महापुरुषों ने मुझसे बहुत-सी महान चीजें लिखी हैं। कवि मुझ से कितनी अच्छी-अच्छी कविता लिखते हैं कि हर किसी को पढ़ने का मन करता है।

मैं यह कहना चाहती हूँ कि लोग मुझे प्रयोग करते रहें और मेरे बहुत से रूप भी आयें।

— पूनम कैन्तूरा,
कक्षा-५

मेरा देश

मेरे देश का नाम भारत है। भारत एक बड़ा देश है। भारत हमारी मातृभूमि है। भारत की राजधानी दिल्ली है। भारत में अठ्ठाइस राज्य एवं सात केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश हैं। भारत में विभिन्न भाषाएं बोली जाती हैं। भारत के उत्तर में हिमालय पर्वत तथा दक्षिण में हिन्द महासागर है। भारत एक कृषि प्रधान देश है। वाराणसी भारत का सबसे पुराना शहर है। मुझे अपने देश पर गर्व है।

— अनुराग रौथाण,
कक्षा-२

भीख मांगना अभिषाप है

भारत के लिए भिखारियों की समस्या दिन प्रति दिन बढ़ती जा रही है। भीख हमारे देश के लिए एक धब्बा है, व हमारे लिए एक गंभीर समस्या है। हमारे देश में भिखारियों की संख्या बहुत अधिक है और हर रोज बढ़ती ही जा रही है।

यहाँ भिन्न-भिन्न तरह के भिखारी होते हैं। यहाँ कुछ ऐसे भिखारी होते हैं जो बिल्कुल स्वस्थ होते हैं लेकिन फिर भी भीख माँगते हुए नजर आते हैं। साधु, फकीर सब धार्मिक भिखारी हैं। कुछ आलसी लोग, जो अपनी जीविका नहीं कमा पाते। इनके अलावा कुछ ऐसे भी होते हैं जो बहुत बीमार होते हैं उन्हें हमारे स्नेह की जरूरत होती है। हमें उनके लिए कुछ करना पड़ेगा। भारत में कुछ असली साधु भी रहते हैं। ये साधु शान्त वातावरण में अपना समय बिताते हैं। गरीबी और बेरोजगारी कुछ अन्य कारण हैं जो किसी गरीब व्यक्ति को भीख माँगने पर मजबूर कर देता है। जेल से बाहर आने वाले कैदी अपने लिए समाज में कोई जगह नहीं पाते और वो भी भिखारी बन जाते हैं। अपाहिज और कोढ़ी लोगों की कोई सहायता नहीं करता और वह भीख माँगने पर मजबूर हो जाते हैं।

भिखारी समाज के लिए बहुत खतरनाक है। दिन में ये भीख माँगते हैं और रात में बच्चों का अपहरण करते हैं। इसके लिए सरकार को और कानून बनाने पड़ेंगे। दोनों सरकार और भारत के लोगों को यह समस्या सुलझाने की कोशिश करनी चाहिए।

— सुमीत रावत,

कक्षा-७

मेरी सर्दियों की छुट्टियाँ

छुट्टियाँ वह समय है, जब विद्यार्थी साल भर तक कठिन परिश्रम करके अपनी परीक्षा में सफलता पाता है, तो वह अपनी छुट्टियों का बड़ी बेसब्री से इन्तजार करता है। जब विद्यार्थी की छुट्टियाँ पड़ती हैं, तो वह आराम करता है।

मेरी सर्दियों की छुट्टियाँ २८ नवम्बर को पड़ी थी। मैं एक दिसम्बर को ऋषिकेश गई थी। मैं अपने नाना और नानी के घर रही थी। हम दस बजे मसूरी से निकले और १२ बजे ऋषिकेश पहुँचे थे। मैंने पूरी सर्दियों की छुट्टियाँ ऋषिकेश में ही बिताई।

मैंने वहाँ बहुत जगह देखी जैसे स्वर्ग आश्रम, गंगा नदी के पास स्थित है। लक्ष्मण झूला जो स्वर्ग आश्रम के पास है। राम झूला जो लक्ष्मण झूला के पास है और फिर त्रिवेणी घाट जहाँ ऋषिकेश का सबसे बड़ा बाजार है।

ऋषिकेश में मेले भी बहुत लगते हैं, जैसे शिवरात्रि का मेला और पंचमी का मेला। मैंने पंचमी का मेला देखा। वह बहुत अच्छा मेला था। ऋषिकेश बहुत अच्छी जगह है। यह स्थान साधु-सन्तों की जगह है। ऋषिकेश एक पवित्र स्थान है।

हम ५ मार्च को १२ बजे ऋषिकेश से निकले और मसूरी २ बजे पहुँचे। मेरी सर्दियों की छुट्टियाँ बहुत अच्छी तरह से बीती जिनका मैं बेसब्री से इन्तजार कर रही थी।

— मधुलिका भट्ट,

कक्षा-७

पिकनिक

पाँच अप्रैल को हमारा स्कूल हमें देहरादून पिकनिक के लिए लेकर गया था। चौथी कक्षा से सातवीं कक्षा तक के लगभग सौ बच्चे थे। हम स्कूल से सुबह नौ बजे रवाना हुए रास्ते में कुछ बच्चे गाना गा रहे थे। कुछ बच्चे नमकीन वगैरह खा रहे थे। सभी बच्चे बहुत खुश थे। हम रास्ते में दोनों ओर हरे-भरे वनों को देखकर खुश हो रहे थे।

सबसे पहले हम सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया पहुँचे। वहाँ हमने नक्शा छापने की मशीन देखी। उन्होंने हमें नक्शों में अलग-अलग रंगों की रेखाओं का अर्थ समझाया। जैसे नीले रंग से नदी, समुद्र आदि दिखाये जाते हैं। इस तरह हमें बहुत उपयोगी जानकारी मिली।

एक घंटे के बाद, हमें बस द्वारा वाडिया इन्स्टीट्यूट ऑफ हिमालयन जियोलॉजी ले जाया गया। वहाँ हमने अलग-अलग स्थानों पर पाये जाने वाले पत्थरों को देखा। हमें मरे हुए जानवर जिनमें भूसा भरा हुआ था, दिखाये गये। इस प्रकार हमें पत्थरों तथा जानवरों के बारे में बहुमूल्य जानकारी मिली। फिर हमें मधुबन होटल ले जाया गया, जहाँ हम सबने दाल, चावल, रोटी, रायता और पापड़ आदि खाये। खाना खाने के बाद हमें बस द्वारा फारेस्ट रिसर्च इन्स्टीट्यूट ले जाया गया। वहाँ हमें जंगलों के बारे में जानकारी प्राप्त हुई।

शाम को छः बजे हम मसूरी पहुँच गये। हम सब बहुत थके हुए थे, इसलिए घर पहुँच कर जल्दी सो गये।

— सदफ अली,

कक्षा-५

अग्नि शमन

आज के युग में व्यस्त जीवन तथा बहुमंजिली इमारतें तथा आए दिन के नये-नये सुविधा उपकरणों का आना जितना सुविधाजनक चीज है वहीं दूसरी ओर थोड़ी-सी लापरवाही करने पर जीवन भी समाप्त हो सकता है। बड़ी फैक्टरी व स्कूलों में इसका बहुत महत्व है और जरा सी लापरवाही बरती गई तो बड़ी-से-बड़ी दुर्घटना घट सकती है जिससे जान माल की हानि तो होगी ही तथा उत्पादन भी खत्म होता है जिससे देश की उन्नति पर भारी असर पड़ता है।

इसलिए हमारा यह कर्तव्य हो जाता है कि हम अग्निशमन सुरक्षा ध्यान में रखकर अपने तथा पड़ोस तथा इसके हित का ध्यान रखें तथा दुर्घटना से बचे। इसके सुरक्षा के कुछ उपाय सुझाए गए हैं।

१. अपने मकानों, दुकानों, कारखानों में कुछ अग्निशमन यंत्र तैयार रखें उसके प्रयोग तथा जानकारी रखें तथा अग्निशमन अधिकारी से संपर्क रखें।
२. आग लगने पर फायर-ब्रिगेड को तुरन्त फोन करें तथा थाने में आग लगने की सूचना दें।
३. घी, तेल व पेट्रोलियम की आग को पानी से मत बुझाइये तथा मिट्टी और रेत का प्रयोग करें।
४. अगर कपड़ों पर आग लग जाए तो भागना नहीं चाहिए। हो सके तो कम्बल लपेटकर जमीन पर लोटते रहें।
५. खाना बनाने के बाद गैस पूरी तरह से बन्द करें।
६. बिस्तर पर लेटकर बीड़ी, सिगरेट न पिये। लापरवाही से आग लग सकती है।
७. आग लगी होने पर आग ज्यादा न फैले, फायर ब्रिगेड आने तक खिड़की, दरवाजे बन्द रखिये।
८. एसिड पदार्थों को सुरक्षित रखना चाहिए।

आग की संवेदनशीलता को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रत्येक व्यक्ति का सबसे पहला कर्तव्य यह बन जाता है कि अग्निशमन के प्रयास करें। आग एक पल में सब कुछ समाप्त कर सकती है। आग की सूचना मिलने पर अग्निशमन के कर्मचारियों को सूचित करें तथा फोन नं-101 पर अग्निशमन को सूचित करें। अपने को सुरक्षित रख आग पर नियंत्रण करने की कोशिश करें।

— विनय टमटा,

कक्षा-७



PRE - PRIMARY



CLASS - I



CLASS - II



CLASS - III



CLASS - IV



CLASS - V



CLASS - VI



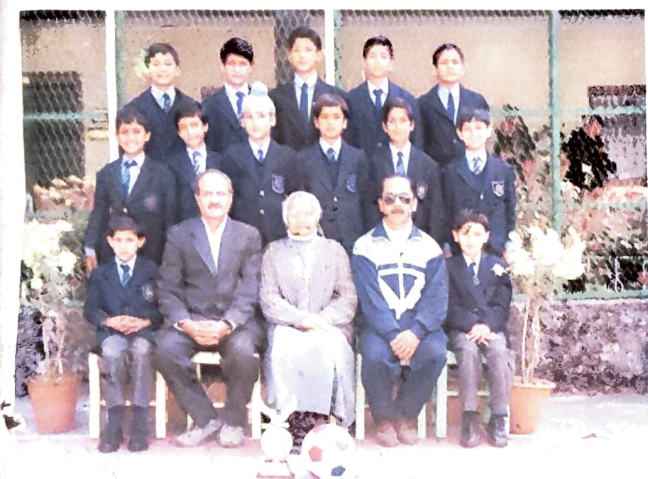
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